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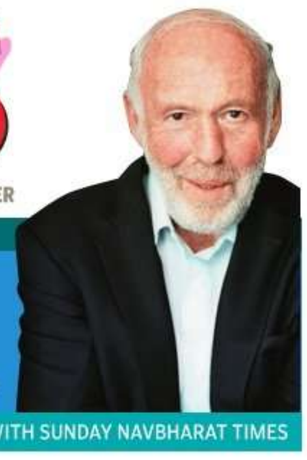

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Man kills mom, 3 kids with hammer, shoots wife & self

A 42-year-old man bludgeoned his mother to death, shot his wife dead and smashed the heads of his three children, before shooting himself at Plahapur village in UP's Sitapur district on Saturday morning. Police said the man, Anurag Singh Thakur, was an alcoholic, which, coupled with financial stress, was a cause of tension and fights in the family. TNN

Groom, 3 others burnt alive in car blast

Four persons, including a prospective groom and an 11-year-old boy, were charred to death and two others were seriously injured when their car's CNG cylinder exploded after an accident in Jhansi Friday night. Six people were going from Eirach to Baragaon for the wedding. **P 13**

Nongrang 1st woman Meghalaya DGP

Idashisha Nongrang, a 1992 batch IPS officer coming from a tribal background, was Saturday appointed the first woman DGP of Meghalaya. Serving as DG of Civil Defence & Home Guard, Nongrang will assume charge from May 20, replacing L R Bishnoi. **P 15**

Poacher killed in Kaziranga shootout

A poaching attempt at Assam's Kaziranga National Park was thwarted Saturday with the killing of a suspected gang member in a gunbattle with forest guards. Sources said 2-3 others escaped. Officials suspected the slain gang member was a "sharpshooter". **P 13**

Left by mom, toddler starves to death

A three-year-old girl starved to death after being abandoned in a forest by her mother, police in Chhattisgarh's Mungeli said. Her body was found after a four-day search in the jungle. It could well be a case of murder, police said, adding cops are questioning the kid's mother. TNN

CM: Shah to be PM in '25 if NDA wins; Modi will finish term: Shah

Modi Will Retire At 75 Yrs By Own Rule: Kejriwal

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New Delhi/Hyderabad: A day after he was released on interim bail by SC to campaign in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections, Delhi CM and AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal fired his first salvo on Saturday, saying PM Modi would retire next year as he turns 75, going by the rule he made for BJP functionaries in 2014, and pass the baton to Union home minister Amit Shah.

"I ask BJP, who is going to be your PM? Modiji will turn 75 on Sept 17 next year. Modiji himself made a rule in BJP in 2014 that anyone in the party who reaches the age of 75 will retire," Kejriwal said at a media interaction.

"So I ask BJP, who is your PM candidate? If they form govt, they will first tackle (UP CM) Yogiji. Then, Modiji's most favourite, Amit Shah, will be made PM. So I want to alert the people of the country, Modiji is not asking for votes for himself, he is seeking votes to make Amit Shah PM. I want to ask Modiji and Amit Shahji, who will fulfil Modiji's guarantees? Will Amit Shah do it?"

Shah immediately responded by saying Kejriwal was unnecessarily celebrating the prospect of Modi hanging his boots after turning 75 and the PM was not going anywhere. "I want to tell Arvind Kejriwal & co and the entire Indi Alliance, you don't have to be happy about Modiji turning 75. This is not written anywhere in BJP's constitution. Modiji will complete his term and continue to lead the nation. There is no confusion in BJP about this," Shah said in the first forthright assertion that PM was not bound by the 75-year cutoff.

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> These people ask INDIA bloc, who is your PM? I ask BJP, who is going to be your PM? Modiji will turn 75 on Sept 17 next year. **Modiji himself made a rule in BJP in 2014 that anyone in the party who reaches the age of 75 will retire...** Modiji's most favourite, Amit Shah, will be made PM... Modiji is not asking for votes for himself, he is seeking votes to make Amit Shah PM —**Arvind Kejriwal**

Kejriwal with Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann at a roadshow in Mehrauli on Saturday

I want to tell Arvind Kejriwal & co and the entire INDI Alliance, you don't have to be happy about Modiji turning 75. **This (retirement at 75) is not written anywhere in BJP's constitution.** Modiji will complete his term and continue to lead the nation. There is no confusion in BJP about this —**Amit Shah**

Yogi will be out if BJP wins LS polls, says CM

PM Modi has embarked on a "dangerous mission" of "one nation one leader" that includes jailing opposition members and sidelining veterans in his own party, CM Kejriwal said Saturday, adding that Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath was next in line, **reports Atul Mathur**.

"I can give in writing they will change the UP chief minister if they win the Lok Sabha polls," Kejriwal said. "They finished LK Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi and Sumitra Mahajan politically. They finished the politics of Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who won the Madhya Pradesh polls for them. They did not appoint him chief minister. They also finished the politics of Vasundhara Raje, Khattar, Raman Singh," he said. BJP responded by saying Kejriwal had thrown out many colleagues and discarded all political principles. **P 2**

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5 KILLED IN DELHI-NCR STORM

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A violent late evening storm, accompanied by gusty winds with speeds of 50-70kmph, on Friday killed five people — three in Delhi, one in Ghaziabad and one in Noida. The storm caused extensive damage to over a hundred trees, which disrupted traffic at many places in the capital and Noida. Several electricity poles also collapsed in areas of Noida and Ghaziabad. In Delhi, two people were crushed by falling trees, while one person was buried after a wall collapsed. The storm, while not cooling the city (maximum temperature was 38.7°C on Saturday), led to the air quality deteriorating to poor | **Reports on P 8**

BJP neta who blew whistle on Prajwal held in harassment case

Mysuru: BJP functionary G Devarajegowda, the first to alert his party last year about sleaze and sexual abuse videos allegedly involving JD (S) MP Prajwal Revanna, was arrested late Friday in a sexual harassment case, **reports Milton Lawrence**.

Devarajegowda, an advocate, was held near Chitradurga and brought to Hassan Saturday. He was remanded in judicial custody for 14 days by a local court.

A woman had filed a complaint on April 1 saying she had contacted Devarajegowda 10 months ago to help sell her property. She claimed he had been regularly harassing her over the phone and abused her this Feb.

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PM mocks Pak nukes: 'Poor quality, no takers'

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Bhubaneswar: PM Modi claimed on Saturday that Congress was trying to instil fear among Indians by emphasising Pakistan possesses nuclear weapons but now "the situation in Pakistan is such that it's not even in a position to handle the bombs they have". "They (Pakistan) are now trying to sell their bombs but are not getting buyers as people know their bombs are of poor quality," he said.

"Because of Congress's weak approach, people in Kashmir suffered from terrorism for 60 years," he said. Later, speaking in Jharkhand and attacking Rahul Gandhi in particular, Modi said the number of seats Congress would win would not even equal Gandhi's age (53).

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IANS

PM Modi during a poll rally in Kandhamal, Odisha, on Saturday

PM targets Odisha CM, who hits back

PM Modi attacked Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik for the first time this poll season, asking, "How can people entrust their kids' future to a CM who doesn't even know names of Odisha's districts despite governing for 24 years?" Hitting back, Naveen accused him of forgetting promises he had made to the people of Odisha. **P 13**

If NDA returns, we will take back POK: Shah

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Hyderabad: Union home minister Amit Shah said on Saturday India would take back Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK) if the BJP-led NDA returns to govt at the Centre under PM Modi.

Shah said leaders like former J&K chief minister Farooq Abdullah and senior Congress politician Mani Shankar Aiyar were talking about showing respect to Pakistan because it's a nuclear power. "Does not Kashmir belong to us? We will act decisively and take back POK," Shah said.

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Amit Shah addressing the media in Hyderabad on Saturday

Kharge to EC: Why no action on BJP netas for remarks?

New Delhi: Taking exception to the language of Election Commission's letter to him, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has written a letter asking why they have not taken action against "blatantly communal and casteist" statements made by BJP functionaries. He said Congress "is on the side of the commission and stands for its strength and independence", but "it is for the officials of the commission to now decide where they stand", **reports Ambika Pandit**.

EC: Voter turnout of 65.7% in 3rd phase

EC said Saturday said that the third phase on May 7 across 93 seats saw a voter turnout of 65.7%, similar to the data updated on its mobile app on May 8. Like the earlier two phases, this time too turnout among men (66.9%) was higher than among women (64.4%). In the first phase, the voter turnout was recorded at 66.1% and 66.7% in the second phase. **P 22**

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Kharge pointed out that the note that he had written earlier this week, even though an open letter, was addressed to INDIA partners and not EC. He expressed "surprise" that EC wanted to respond to this letter while ignoring several other complaints given directly to it.

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Police hunt for 3 men seen on CCTV in murder of philanthropist Jangpura doc

Police are looking for three suspects in the murder of **Dr Yogesh Chandra Paul** (63), who was found strangled in his home in a robbery bid on Friday. While the three, wearing caps and scarves, have been captured on CCTV, police suspect that two more people could be involved.

"Two men were seen entering the house a few minutes after the doctor arrived. But three men were seen exiting the area. It is possible that one man was waiting somewhere in the building. They fled with cash & jewellery," a source said.

A sombre atmosphere prevailed at the doctor's residence on Saturday, where relatives, friends and neighbours had congregated. Paul had been providing free medical care to underprivileged patients for the past two decades and was described by locals as a physically fit individual who walked from his residence to his clinic. "If anyone was ill in the colony, he visited that person's house to examine him or her," said RWA president Kapil Kakkar. **P 10**

After Polls, BJP Will Remove Yogi: CM

Kejriwal Says New BJP Govt Will Send Oppn Functionaries To Jail, But Adds INDIA To Form Govt

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New Delhi: Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal alleged on Saturday that BJP will send all top opposition functionaries to jail if they formed govt and will also end the careers of their own senior partymen to impose "dictatorship" in the country.

In a rousing speech at the party headquarters amidst loud sloganeering, a day after he was released on interim bail, AAP national convener said BJP had ended the political career of some of its own party functionaries and next in line was UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath.

"They ended the politics of Lal Krishna Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi, Shivraj Singh, Vasundhara Raje, (ML) Khattar, Raman Singh…I can give in writing that they will change the UP chief minister within two months if they win the Lok Sabha polls. They will finish Yogi Adityanath politically," he alleged.

"They are going to launch a dangerous mission – one nation, one leader," he added.

In his address that lasted a little over 20 minutes, Kejriwal said he was arrested to send out a message in the country that anyone can be put behind bars even if there was no case against that person.

Kejriwal said not only some of his own party colleagues, but also then Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren and ministers of Trinamool Congress had been sent to jail in the past few months. If BJP won in the parliamentary elections, other opposition leaders like Mamata Banerjee, MK Stalin, Tejashwi Yadav, Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan, Uddhav Thackeray and others would be put behind bars, he warned.

KEJRIWAL SAYS

I have good news. I spoke to a lot of poll experts and concluded that BJP was falling short of a majority and may not get more than 220-230 seats

"But I have good news. I spoke to a lot of poll experts and concluded that BJP was falling short of a majority and may not get more than 220-230 seats. INDIA alliance is forming govt at the Centre and AAP will be a part of it. We will get full statehood for Delhi," Kejriwal said as people raised pro-AAP and anti-BJP slogans.

A big crowd had gathered at the AAP office on Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg on Saturday afternoon to listen to Kejriwal, who spent 50 days in the custody of Enforcement Directorate and in Tihar Jail in the excise policy-linked money laundering case before Supreme Court gave him interim bail to campaign in the elections.

The party had pitched a tent in the small lawn at the office for Kejriwal's address with a large number of people standing on the road outside. People were perched on walls and parapets at the party office to catch a glimpse of the CM.

Countering the saffron party's question about INDIA bloc's PM face, Kejriwal said Narendra Modi was turning 75 in Sept next year and retiring and he was seeking votes to make Amit Shah the next prime minister of the country.

Responding to the BJP's demand for his resignation after his arrest, Kejriwal said he did not step down as chief minister because a conspiracy was hatched to finish his party. "The chief minister's post is not important for me. I stepped down after running the government for 49 days on the issue of ideology," Kejriwal asserted.

"They thought that the party would be finished. But AAP is not just a party, it is a thought. The more they destroy, the more our party will progress," he added.

Kejriwal said no one had expected that he would be able to come out in the middle of the elections, but it happened only because of people's prayers and blessings of Lord Hanuman.

Accusing BJP of inducting "thieves and dacoits" into the party, Delhi CM said PM should learn from him how to fight corruption. "We sent the corrupt to jail and didn't spare even our own ministers. They were sent to jail without the opposition and the media knowing about it," he claimed.

The AAP chief said there were several occasions in the 4000-year-old history of the country when dictators emerged and tried to capture the country but people uprooted them. "Today, another dictator is trying to end democracy in India. I am fighting against it but I want the support of 140 crore people of India. I cannot do it alone, I am begging you for your support," he said.

Rajesh Mehta

CM Arvind Kejriwal with wife Sunita Kejriwal at CP's Hanuman Mandir

Nadda: Oppn knows 'rahega toh Modi hi'

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RAJNATH SAYS

The INDIA bloc, which is unable to decide on its leadership is speculating unsuccessfully about our leadership

The 75-year age cutoff was brought in BJP in 2014 by the larger saffron leadership to phase out veterans who were adjudged to have reached their 'sell-by' political date.

Shah's statement that the 75-year rule does not apply to Modi only confirms what was already known. The decision to 'retire' veterans like Advani reflected the consensus in the Sangh Parivar about the diminution of their capacity to contribute to the cause. In contrast, Modi is seen as the talisman, with his popularity surpassing even BJP's in many parts and sections.

Kejriwal's statements triggered a string of reactions from other senior BJP functionaries as well, including defence minister Rajnath Singh and party chief J P Nadda. "The INDI Alliance, which is unable to decide on its leadership is speculating unsuccessfully about our leadership... INDI alliance leaders do not have even an ounce of the acceptability and credibility that Modi has among people," Singh said.

"Modi is our leader and will continue to lead us in the future," Nadda said. "The leader who has come out of jail also knows that '*aayega toh Modi hi, rahega toh Modi hi*' (only Modi will be voted to office, and he will remain there)".

'Turning point in history, give victory to INDIA'

Atul Mathur & Ridhima Gupta | TNN

New Delhi: There was a buzz in the narrow streets of the historical village of Mehrauli on Saturday evening when CM Arvind Kejriwal took out his first roadshow of the election season urging people to vote for INDIA bloc candidates in the capital to "save democracy".

Jutting out of the sunroof of his black SUV, with Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann comfortably perched on the roof of the car, Kejriwal started the roadshow from Jahaz Mahal, a 16th century monument next to Hauz-i-Shamsi, and ended it near Mehrauli police station where he appealed to people to vote for Sahi Ram, AAP's candidate from South Delhi.

The CM's black SUV was followed by a white SUV, which had Sahi Ram, grinning ear-to-ear, sitting atop the vehicle with folded hands. People showered petals on the stalwarts from the terraces and balconies in the main market. The candidate carried a jhadoo (broom), the party's election symbol, to remind people to press the button next to the symbol on May 25.

Wearing white AAP caps, the party's blue-and-yellow stoles around their necks and carrying huge party flags that occasionally got entangled in the low-hanging electrical cables, the supporters danced to dhol beats on the roadshow. Chhalitoot gaye, Kejriwal chhoot gaye (The jail locks have broken and Kejriwal is free)' reverberated in the area, while 'Mera rang de basanti chola' (colour my scarf saffron) blared from the loudspeakers as the CM's convoy covered about the narrow, kilometre-long stretch in nearly 40 minutes to reach Kalu Ram Chowk, where Mann and Kejriwal addressed the crowd from their vehicle.

Rajesh Mehta

BACK ON STAGE: Kejriwal with Mann during a roadshow in Krishna Nagar

The businesses came to a halt for that duration as shopkeepers, customers and the locals made a beeline for the Kejriwal-Mann gathering. Addressing the crowd near the police station, Kejriwal claimed he was arrested (in the excise policy case) to stop the "good work" being done by AAP govt. "What is my fault that I made good schools, improved health facilities, provided free treatment and medicines, free electricity and bus ride to women? The real politics is when the opposition parties try to outdo each other in developing the country, not stopping the work being done by one," Kejriwal said. He also alleged that he was not provided insulin in jail for 15 days.

EAST DELHI RESIDENT SAYS

Who would have thought that he would get bail and come out to campaign in the middle of the elections? Now only time will tell whether this will change the balance in the elections

Stressing that this was a "turning point" in history, Kejriwal urged people to give victory to all INDIA candidates in Delhi. He also remembered former deputy CM Manish Sisodia and said the now incarcerated minister had changed the face of schools in Delhi and should be honoured by being made the Union education minister.

Then, running almost two hours late, Kejriwal rushed to east Delhi for another roadshow. There, the entire lane in Krishna Nagar market, which sees crowds of shoppers only on Sundays, bore a different look. Blasting patriotic music, the roadshow progressed along the lane decorated in yellow, with huge banners showing Kejriwal coming out of jail and the banner reading "Jail ka jawab, vote se (Respond to the imprisonment by voting against BJP)".

Since the early evening, a huge number of people had gathered at the market, where at almost every corner drummers beat the dhol and local performers danced enthusiastically. "It looks like Diwali. Only then do you expect such a hustle bustle in the market," exclaimed Kiran, who works in a clothing shop as a salesperson.

Meanwhile, Mayur Gupta, 35, another resident of the area, said he was there to get a glimpse of the CM, especially after his release from the jail. "Who would have thought that he would get bail and come out to campaign in the middle of the elections? Now only time will tell whether this will change the balance in the elections," said Gupta.

The roadshow, which started at around 7.30pm, was attended by the CMs of Delhi and Punjab, who were accompanied by East Delhi constituency AAP candidate, Kuldeep Kumar. The roadshow went down the narrow lanes of the market covering around a kilometre in distance and had a large crowd following it.

CM calls meeting of all AAP MLAs today to discuss polls

New Delhi: Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal has called a meeting of all AAP MLAs on Sunday in view of the ongoing Lok Sabha elections. The meeting, said AAP sources, will be held at the chief minister's residence in Civil Lines.

"It is a key meeting and will also see discussions on the Lok Sabha elections in Delhi on May 25," said a party functionary.

Sources said Kejriwal had gone into a quick huddle with senior party functionaries late on Friday after reaching his residence and meeting the family. Since he had a packed schedule on Saturday with visit to the temple followed by a press conference at the part headquarters and two roadshows, he did not have time to interact with MLAs, said a source.

"He is likely to give directions to the MLAs how to take the campaign forward and the issues to be raised with the electorate," said a source.

AAP national convener was granted interim bail till June 1 by the Supreme Court on Friday in a money laundering case linked to the alleged excise policy scam. TNN

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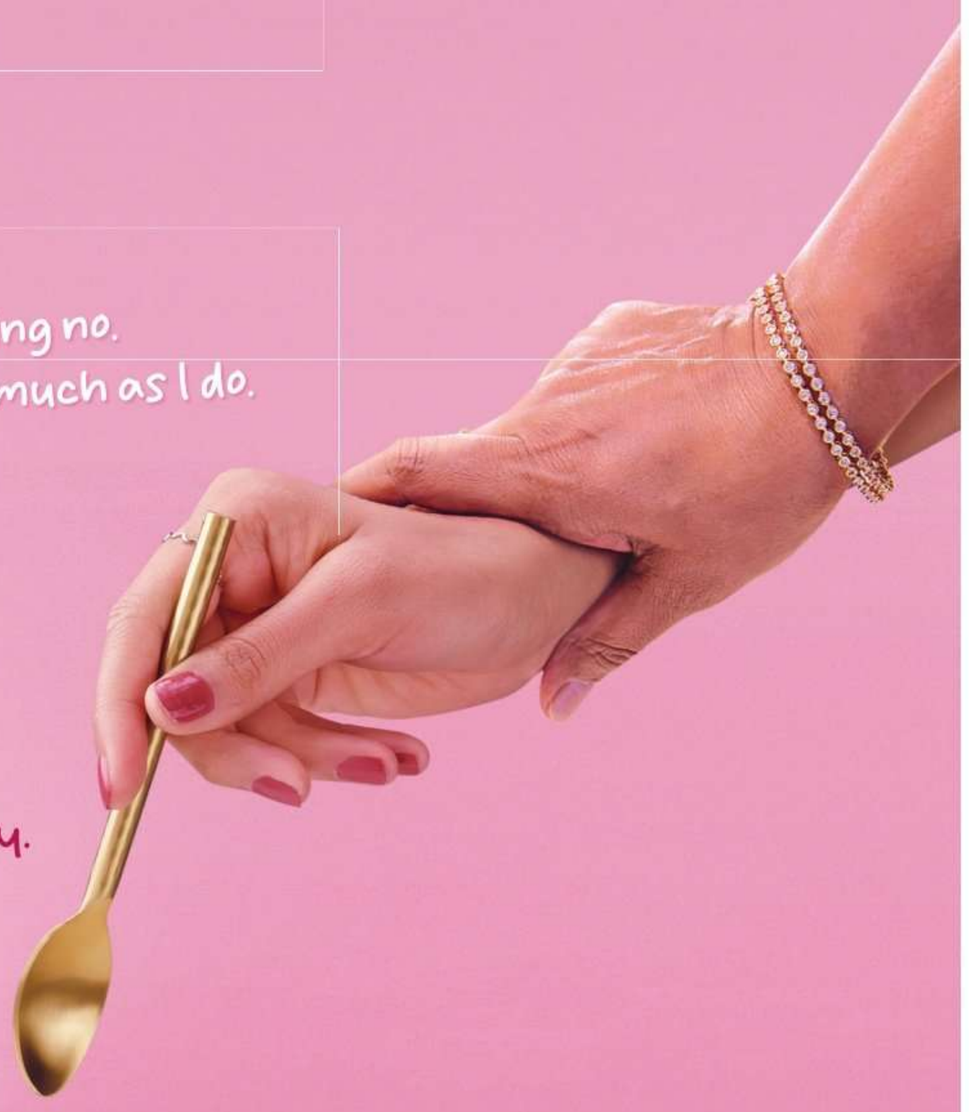

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New Delhi: On Monday, six persons were injured in an escalator malfunction at Kashmere Gate metro station. With escalators now in operation in myriad places, there is a need for awareness about the risks that poor maintenance and mechanical or electrical failure can cause. Escalator incidents can cause severe injuries, including finger entrapment, that require hospitalisation and surgery.

Naman Gupta, a 22-year-old, BTech student, said he used the escalator at the station to go from the Violet Line to the Red Line. "While ascending, the escalator abruptly stopped and then began accelerating in the reverse direction. Those who were using the escalation fell on each other," said Gupta, who suffered several injuries. His ear was severed, and though it was later stitched back in the hospital, the doctor told him that he needed plastic surgery.

A Delhi Metro Rail Corporation official said that the cause of the escalator malfunction was being studied in detail. "To ensure that no unusual events occur on escalators operated by DMRC, all critical equipment, that is, high ridership escalators and high-rise escalators, are kept under regular observation," said an official of the urban rail company. "Additional checks, such as load tests at defined intervals, are being introduced to verify the proper functioning of equipment. Sensitisation of all stakeholders towards safety procedures will be carried out."

Escalator-related injuries continue to be reported across the world and in many parts of India. Though escalators offer a convenient and comfortable ride to different levels in a complex, they can cause severe injuries or death in case of a fall or a mechanical failure. Stumbling or tripping while on an escalator can cause the fingers to be trapped and soft-tissue injuries, bone fractures, bruises, head injuries and spinal damage.

No research has been conducted in India on escalator-related injuries, but a study in the United States said that around 10,000 persons require medical treatment due to escalator-related injuries every year.

Sarvagya Srivastava, retired special director general, Central Public Works Department, said periodic maintenance of the escalators was important to prevent accidents. "Both preventive and routine inspections are needed. In public places, people sometimes fiddle with escalators. Sometimes, they indulge in mischief and throw things into its crevices," said Srivastava.

Srivastava added, "I don't know about the DMRC case, but there is also a culture of outsourcing agencies for maintenance and operation of escalators. Often, such private agencies try to cut corners to keep costs down and don't replace old parts." A PWD official said, "Lifts and escalators are specialised items, so their maintenance is often outsourced to private firms. Cleaning and regular checking of motors are the responsibility of the private contractors maintaining the people carriers."

Accidents also occur when people are careless. They can sustain injuries after losing their balance on escalators because their focus is on their mobile phones. Loose clothing, like saris and dhotis, can get stuck in the moving steps. Standing close to the edge of an escalator or riding the handrail, as some children and youngsters do, can also prove hazardous.

In July 2023, a three-year-old girl's left hand was crushed in the escalator steps in a mall in Howrah, West Bengal. In Kochi, two women were injured in an escalator malfunction at an ayurveda hospital. In Aug 2022 in Hyderabad, 10 students and a teacher were injured in a fall from a malfunctioning escalator.

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Using mobile phones on escalators may lead to injuries

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Escalator injuries

- Finger entrapment
- Soft tissue injuries
- Fractured bones
- Bruises
- Head injuries
- Spinal damage
- Death

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- Handrail entrapments

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May 2024 | Six people were injured after they fell on each other on an escalator due to a technical snag at Kashmere Gate metro station

March 2024 | A toddler died after falling from the third floor of a mall in Raipur after her father lost his grip on the girl while going up on an escalator

April 2023 | A 57-year-old caretaker-cum-liftman was crushed to death as the escalator under repair came crashing down on him in Kolkata

July 2023 | A 3-year-old girl's left hand was crushed when it was accidently caught in an escalator at a mall in Howrah

July 2023 | Two women were injured after the elevator at a private ayurveda hospital in Thykoodam in Kochi collapsed

Aug 2022 | Ten students and a teacher sustained injuries as they fell from an escalator which was malfunctioned in Hyderabad

May 2018 | A 10-month-old baby died after she slipped out of her mother's arms while on an escalator in a shopping mall in Rajasthan's Gangapur. The woman was trying to take a selfie

Aug 2018 | A 2-year-old girl severely injured her foot after it got caught in an escalator at Chandigarh railway station. Inquiry report found that no advisory on using the machine was placed at the site

Dec 2016 | Four commuters were injured after an escalator at Rajiv Chowk metro station suddenly started moving in the opposite direction at a faster pace

Dec 1999 | An eight-year-old girl died at the Indira Gandhi International Airport after an escalator snapped

'CM said framed in false case, violated bail norm'

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New Delhi: A day after coming out of jail on interim bail and asserting that he was implicated in a false case, BJP took exception to Arvind Kejriwal's claim and alleged that the Delhi chief minister has violated the Supreme Court's condition for his release that he will not make any comment on the charges against him.

BJP spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi pointed out that the court has even asked Kejriwal to share his live locations and made it clear that his release from jail has nothing to do with the merits of the case, he accused the AAP leader of 'contempt of court'. The apex court should take note of this, he said.

Kejriwal was released from jail after spending over 50 days following his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate on March 21, 2024, in connection with the Delhi excise policy case.

On his claim that PM Modi wants Amit Shah to succeed him after turning 75 next year, Trivedi said while Kejriwal talks about BJP's succession strategy, the Delhi CM seemingly lacks faith in any of his AAP comrades to step into his shoes, especially given his own legal entanglements on charges of money laundering and being in jail.

Countering Kejriwal's dictatorship barb at Modi and charges against BJP for sidelining its leaders, the BJP spokesperson said, "It was a case of pot calling the kettle black... Kejriwal threw out many of his colleagues like Yogendra Yadav, Kumar Vishwas, Kiran Bedi, Shazia Ilmi, Ashwini Upadhyay and L Ramdas and discarded all principles he espoused while joining politics."

Trivedi also took a jibe at Kejriwal over Pakistani leader Chaudhry Fawad Hussain welcoming his release from jail. In a post on X, Hussain had written: "Modi G Lost another battle #Kejriwal released... good news for moderate India."

Taking another dig at him, BJP said Kejriwal has joined the "elite club of jail-return chief ministers", while hinting at Bihar CM Lalu Yadav and former CMs of Tamil Nadu J Jayalalithaa and K Karunanidhi. Lalu's RJD, Karunanidhi's DMK and Kejriwal AAP are part of the opposition INDIA bloc.

Delhi's 'misfortune' that its CM cannot sign files: BJP

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Hitting back at AAP's convener Arvind Kejriwal, who accused PM Narendra Modi of bringing "dictatorship" in the country, BJP said it was Delhi's "misfortune" that it got a chief minister who cannot sign files and go to the secretariat.

"A decent behaviour cannot be expected of Kejriwal. It is unfortunate that Delhi has got a chief minister who cannot sign a file or go to the secretariat now," Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva said.

Sachdeva alleged that "corruption" was Kejriwal's ideology and AAP was "mother of corruption".

Kejriwal on Saturday accused BJP of "crushing" the opposition parties and its leaders and imposing "dictatorship" in the country. The Supreme Court on Friday granted interim bail to him in a money laundering case with conditions that he cannot visit his office or Delhi Secretariat while being out on bail till June 1.

The apex court has also asked Kejriwal to not sign any official file unless absolutely necessary to obtain the lieutenant governor's sanction during the 21-day interim bail period.

Sachdeva said Kejriwal was just out on bail on a bond of Rs 50,000 but had started "spreading lies".

"His ideology has made Delhi the most polluted capital city and substandard medicines were given to people from govt hospitals, corruption happened in health and education sectors and the biggest plan was to push Delhi's youth into addiction through the liquor policy," the Delhi BJP chief alleged.

He added that Kejriwal needed to think about himself and his party because four of his top colleagues were in jail under corruption charges.

Delhi's chief minister was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate on March 21 in connection with the money laundering case linked to the alleged scam in now-rescinded excise policy.

"People of Delhi will now have to decide whether they want to vote for the 'corrupt' out on bail or for Modi govt, which has written a new definition of development in the last 10 years, benefitting all through its welfare schemes," Sachdeva said.

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Elect Chandolia, choose PM for growth of nation: BJP ministers

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New Delhi: Launching a scathing attack on Congress and AAP, Union ministers Arjun Meghwal and General VK Singh (retd) addressed a public rally in Rohini seeking votes for BJP's North West Delhi candidate Yogender Chandolia. Touted as "Anurodh Rally", the meet was to have been addressed by Union defence minister Rajnath Singh, but he could not attend due to some important reasons and Meghwal and Singh were deployed instead. This miffed the thousands of saffron supporters who began to leave the venue even before the Union ministers spoke.

The party leaders, however, told the remaining people — mostly from the rural areas of the constituency — that electing Chandolia meant keeping Narendra Modi as PM. Counting on the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya and central schemes such as Start-Up India, Meghwal claimed that since 2014 when Modi became PM, India had climbed from the 11th place among the largest global economies to the fifth spot.

"The Lok Sabha elections determine the next PM, so for the country's development, the entire nation once again wants to see Narendra Modi at the head of government. Today we are the fifth largest economy, soon we will be the third largest. This means that country will have more development funds," said Meghwal.

Meghwal pointed out how the nation's internal and external security has also been beefed up and "bombs don't blow in public spaces like they used to during the pre-2014 Congress regimes"

He added that Modi had ensured the internal and external security of the country. Before him, there were rampant bomb blasts and terror incidents would take place anywhere, in Lucknow, Jaipur and Hyderabad. "In such cases, what did the then PM Manmohan Singh ji do? He sent dossiers to Pakistan," Meghwal alleged. "But what did Modi do when we were attacked? Ghar me ghus ke mara, we carried out a surgical strike, an air strike. And internal security is so strong now that bomb blasts have stopped and the terrorists are scared."

Jatin Kumar

Union ministers Arjun Meghwal and General VK Singh (rtd) addressed the rally for BJP's North West Delhi candidate Yogender Chandolia

Without naming the Congress candidate in the constituency, Meghwal attacked Udit Raj, who had earlier won from the same constituency as a BJP nominee. The minister called Raj "anti-Hindu".

Former army chief Singh attacked AAP govt saying that the state govt in Delhi was engaged in corruption instead of working for Delhiites. "Whatever Sheila Dikshit's Congress govt did, not even 10% of that has been done by Kejriwal. Therefore, it is our responsibility now not to elect people who are only involved in corruption," alleged Singh.

He claimed that projects like Eastern-Western Peripheral Road and expressways built under central govt effort had "helped reduce air pollution load in Delhi".

Meanwhile, Chandolia attacked his opponent stating that he had a poor record as an MP. "Udit Raj did not perform well and that is why BJP didn't give him a ticket in 2019," claimed Chandolia, while making a slew of promises, including extending the Delhi Metro line, resolving the outstanding land-related issues and opening a sports university.

BJP star campaigners canvass across city

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: With election campaigning intensifying in Delhi, BJP organised a number of events across the city to impress upon people to vote for its candidates on May 25.

In West Delhi's Dwarka, former sportsman Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, who is currently a minister in Rajasthan govt, addressed a BJP Yuva Morcha conference and said the country's youth were getting new opportunities in India as well as abroad under Modi govt. "Today's youngsters are expanding their business everywhere. India is getting respect; it is providing new opportunities to the youth to progress," Rathore said.

Rajasthan's deputy CM Premchand Bairwa addressed the Yuva Morcha and Scheduled Caste Morcha conferences in East Delhi. He said even the person standing on the last step of the society got the opportunity to progress under BJP govt in the Centre.

Rathore campaigned for the party in Dwarka

In a separate event, another Rajasthan deputy CM Diya Kumari addressed a women's conference in Burari, which is a part of North East Delhi constituency. She was accompanied by area MP Manoj Tiwari, who's seeking a re-election, among others.

Diya Kumari said the women across the country got empowered under Modi govt and were supporting BJP wholeheartedly in this election.

Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva, along with candidate Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, addressed the workers conference of South Delhi constituency. Sachdeva said that this Lok Sabha election was now an opportunity to choose between nationalism and corruption. "People are choosing BJP, which is a symbol of nationalism," Sachdeva said.

"BJP's victory on all seven seats of Delhi is certain, but to make the victory margins bigger, the workers should reach out to every single voter and bring them to the polling booth on May 25," Sachdeva said.

BJP is pitted against the alliance of Aam Aadmi Party and Congress in Delhi this time. While AAP has fielded its candidates on four seats, Congress is contesting on three. Except North East Delhi, no sitting MP has been given the ticket by BJP in the capital.

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Man arrested over dating app murder

Ghaziabad: Police on Saturday claimed to have cracked the murder case of a man whose body was found in DLF Place in the city earlier this week, arresting a 38-year-old man from Delhi.

Faeem of Sambhal, who works as a technician, had met Sakendra, a labourer, on a dating app, police said. But ties between the two soured after a sexual encounter. Sakendra was allegedly blackmailing Faeem with intimate videos.

On May 8, a team from Ankur Vihar police station found the decomposed body of Sakendra in a DLF Place house with its hands and legs tied. Sakendra was the caretaker of the property.

Faeem was booked under Section 302 (murder) of IPC. TNN

Pocso: HC Turns PIL Into Revision Petition

Objects To Trial Court Closing Case Against Two Persons Found With Child Pornography

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New Delhi: In a rare move, Delhi High Court has used its suo motu powers to convert a PIL into a revision plea against a trial court judgment which had closed a case under the Pocso Act against two men accused of watching and circulating child pornography.

The division bench comprising acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora recently observed that though a PIL in criminal matters is not normally entertained, the order passed by the trial court suffered from "manifest illegalities" causing "miscarriage of justice".

The PIL was filed by 'Tulir Charitable Trust' against an order passed by special court-Pocso Shahdara district, Karkardooma.

In Sept 2023, the trial court discharged the accused for the offence punishable under Section 15(2) of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 holding that Section 15(2) of the Act cannot be invoked against the accused in absence of the criteria to determine the children's age in the pornographic videos or photos.

Two men were made accused in the case by the Central Bureau of Investigation after 73 videos involving child sexual abuse material were recovered from their devices.

They were chargesheeted under Section 67B (punishment for publishing or transmitting of material depicting children in sexually explicit act) of the Information Technology Act (IT Act), Section 15(2) (possessing, propagating or displaying pornographic material in any form involving a child) of the Pocso Act and 120B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code.

The court observed that though a PIL in criminal matters is not normally entertained, the order passed by the trial court suffered from 'manifest illegalities' causing 'miscarriage of justice'

As the PIL came up before the bench, it asked CBI whether it was planning to challenge the order. The CBI counsel replied in the negative and informed that the trial with respect to the offence under the IT Act is going on before the trial court.

Following this, the bench, exercising its suo motu revisional jurisdiction, registered the PIL as a suo motu revision petition and issued notice to the two accused as to why the impugned order should not be set aside.

Stating that the trial court ignored the principle that at the stage of framing of charge, the only requirement is whether there is sufficient material on record to presume that the accused have committed the crime, the bench said, "The statements of the two doctors constitute a prima facie view at this stage and the same are sufficient material at the stage of framing of charge for an offence under Section 15(2) of the Pocso Act."

Further, stating that the trial court failed to consider the definition of 'child pornography' provided under Section 2(da) of the Pocso Act, the bench said that only a prima facie inference of involvement of a child is sufficient for any sexually explicitly material to be considered as child pornography.

"In the opinion of this court, it is the definition of 'child pornography' which is of relevance while considering whether Section 15 of the Pocso Act has to be invoked or not. In terms of Section 2(da) of the Pocso Act, any sexually explicit material involving a child or appear to depict a child would fall under the definition of child pornography, thereby suggesting that only a prima facie inference of involvement of a child is sufficient for any sexually explicitly material to be considered as child pornography," the bench observed.

"Therefore, it is settled law that revisional jurisdiction of the High Court can be invoked suo motu in cases of manifest illegality, or in cases where the Courts have wrongly appreciated or refused to appreciate evidence," the bench concluded.

The matter will be heard next on May 21.

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			Government Accommodation	Supply of Water	Supply of Electricity	Telephone	Government Transposrt (Including aircrafts and helicopters)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	KAMALJEET SEHRAWAT	BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.	MAHABAL MISHRA	AAM AADMI PARTY	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Income Tax (self)– 4,31,601/- Income Tax (spouse) 1,02,455/-
3.	VISHAKHA	BAHUJAN SAMAJ PARTY	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
4.	AMIT KUMAR SINGH	RASHTRIYA SURAKSHA PARTY	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.	UMA SHANKAR TIWARI	BHARTIYA MAHASANGH PARTY	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
6.	UMESH CHAUHAN	RASHTRIYA RASHTRAWADI PARTY	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
7.	OM PRAKASH NARAYAN	AAPKI APNI PARTY (PEOPLES)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
8.	CHAMAN LAL VERMA	SAMAJ VIKAS KRANTI PARTY	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
9.	CHARANJEET SINGH	ALL INDIA FORWARD BLOC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
10.	JAYA RAMAN	SARVLOKHIT SAMAJ PARTY	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
11.	DEEPAK SHARMA	BHARATIYA JAN JAGRITI PARTY	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
12.	PRAMOD KUREEL	BAHUJAN NATIONAL PARTY (AMBEDKAR)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Railways- 29,600/-	Nil
13.	MADHU	AKHIL BHARTIYA PARIVAR PARTY	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
14.	MEENA UJJAINWAL	PEOPLES PARTY OF INDIA (DEMOCRATIC)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
15.	RAMESH KUMAR JAIN @NIRBHIK	GAREEB AADMI PARTY	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
16.	AJ RAJAN	NAVARANG CONGRESS PARTY	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
17.	SUNIL MEGHWAL	AMBEDKARITE PARTY OF INDIA	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
18.	ANJU SHARMA	INDEPENDENT	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
19.	KAPIL MARWAH	INDEPENDENT	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
20.	JARNAIL SINGH	INDEPENDENT	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
21.	RAVI	INDEPENDENT	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
22.	RAJIV KANT MISHRA	INDEPENDENT	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
23.	RAM NARAYAN MOHANTY	INDEPENDENT	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
24.	SABIR KHAN	INDEPENDENT	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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S. No.	Name of Candidate	Party Affiliation, if any	GOVERNMENT DUES TO DEPARTMENTS DEALING WITH					Other Government dues, if any
			Government Accommo-dation	Supply of Water	Supply of Elements/ Electricity	Telephone	Government Transport (including aircrafts and helicopters)	
1	Kuldeep Kumar (Monu)	Aam Aadmi Party	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2	Mohd. Waqar Choudhary	Bahujan Samaj Party	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Rs. 53,716/- (I. Tax)
3	Harsh Malhotra	Bharatiya Janata Party	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
4	A. Gopala Krishna	Navarang Congress Party	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
5	Jai Ram Lal	Rashtriya Republican Party	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
6	Jyoti Prakash (Monu)	Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
7	Advocate Manjeet Singh	Rashtra Nirman Party	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
8	Yogesh Chaudhary	Bhartiya Veer Dal	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
9	Lal Singh	Bahujan Dravida Party	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
10	Surendra Singh Basoya	Peoples Party of India (Democratic)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
11	Sanjay	Public Political Party	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
12	Sanjaya Kumar Yadav	Right to Recall Party	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
13	Amit Gupta	Independent	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
14	Arunima Gautam	Independent	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
15	Om Shankar	Independent	Nil	Rs. 12,130/-	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
16	Kuldeep Kumar	Independent	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
17	Manoj Kumar Gupta (Swaraji)	Independent	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
18	Mohammad Irfan	Independent	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
19	Rodash Gupta	Independent	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
20	Vimal Kumar Saxena	Independent	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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Kamala Market all set for revamp, main work after elections

Rajesh Mehta

Work on painting the 73-year-old clock tower has already started

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New Delhi: To improve the facade of the decades-old Kamala Market opposite New Delhi Railway Station, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has initiated the process to paint the 73 years old clock tower and entrance of the complex. Officials said that work for repairing the common area and other sides of this market would be taken up post Lok Sabha election.

"In March, we approved a project for restoring and revamping the entire market to its original glory. While some basic work is ongoing, major restoration work will start after the model code of conduct is lifted. We will take into account the suggestions and objections of all stakeholders and then appoint a contractor for the task," said an official.

Kamala Market is in a state of disrepair as the plaster of the building and pillars in the common area are damaged. Even the floor is broken in many places. Encroachments, haphazard loading and unloading, parking of vehicles only add to the chaos.

As per the project, which is expected to cost Rs 1.2 crore, the market's aesthetics, including signage, footpaths and overall layout, will be revamped using white marble. A new layer of plaster coating will be done after waterproofing the terrace as part of the project. The uniform facade of the market will be developed along the lines of Connaught Place, said an MCD official.

"The project also includes developing a parking area in a planned manner with sufficient space for loading and unloading to avoid congestion," said the official.

After the redevelopment, municipal body will ensure that no encroachment happens in the corridor and it is kept neat and clean. The signage of shops at the market will be of uniform size. Even the painting of the facade will reflect uniformity, said officials earlier.

Kamala Market is situated next to Ajmeri Gate in central Delhi and was established in 1951. At the market, shops were allotted to the refugees who came from Pakistan during the partition, and the place basically aimed to provide livelihood to the partition refugees. The market was inaugurated by the first president of India Dr Rajendra Prasad, and it was named after Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's deceased wife.

MCD to move proposal to give uniform subsidy

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New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) will table a proposal for the distribution of Rs 1,100 per child through direct bank transfer as a subsidy to students enrolled in pre-primary to V classes for the purchase of uniforms in the current academic session (2024-25).

At present, 7,54,347 students are studying in MCD's 1534 schools. This move comes after Delhi High Court's recent direction to provide statutory benefits to all children in a timely manner.

"In the first phase, the education department intends to allocate the funds to the zonal deputy director for 90% of the anticipated amount. However, if the demand is raised by the zonal deputy directors for an additional amount for 100% of the children, then funds will be released accordingly. That means, of the 7,54,347 students, the amount will be allocated to 6,78,912 students in phase I, and it will be Rs 74.6 crore," stated the proposal to be placed in the house for administrative and expenditure sanction.

"During previous years, the MCD approved proposals for allocating 75% of funds to zonal deputy directors in phase I for transferring to the children with bank accounts. Later, remaining funds were issued," stated the proposal.

Even in the high court, the MCD had replied last month that in the 2023-24, of the 7.86 lakh students, two lakh did not receive stationery, uniforms, and notebooks till the end because they did not have an operational bank account.

MCD Commissioner, Gyanesh Bharti, also clarified to the high court that he did not have the authority to sanction more than Rs 5 crore for any project, and unless the standing committee was formed, funds for the current fiscal could not be released.

"To avoid delays in transferring funds to the students with no bank account, we have tied up with banks to hold camps and open accounts for students with Aadhaar. Alternatively, provisions for transferring money through the post office will be made," said an official.

The civic body will table two more proposals for transferring Rs 300 for notebooks and stationery and Rs 120 for school bags in the house on Tuesday to 90% of students in phase I, and it will cost Rs 20.3 crore and Rs 8.1 crore, respectively.

"As far as textbooks are concerned, they have to be supplied by the Delhi govt. As soon as the supply arrives, books will be immediately distributed," said the official.

More changes on table to free up Kashmere Gate

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File photo

PWD is beautifying the area around ISBT

New Delhi: Following a 10-day trial run, Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) has proposed several long-term modifications to the traffic diversion plan to decongest the area around Kashmere Gate Interstate Bus Terminus (ISBT).

The trial, which started on April 29, was executed to test whether some diversions would ease the flow of traffic on Ring Road and address the daily congestion problems on the roads in the vicinity with limited capacities. The project is part of Public Works Department's (PWD) larger plan to streetscape and remodel the area around ISBT.

Under the trial run to manage the traffic merging point on Ring Road, barriers were placed at the ISBT exit, which directed buses to go under Yudhistir Setu and shifted the merging point a little further. CRRI has now suggested to reduce the width of the footpath under Yudhistir Setu, which will create more space for buses. Another key change is the closure of the Nigambodh Ghat U-turn.

To increase the space for buses going towards Pataleshwar Mandir, CRRI has suggested reducing the width of a mostly unused footpath. The changes also include directing buses towards the Shashtri Park DMRC depot on Grand Trunk Road so that the buses coming from Haryana and Punjab don't wait on Ring Road to enter the ISBT and cause congestion.

A U-turn on Ring Road providing a way to the ISBT and further has already been partially closed. Instead, a slip road near Salimgarh Fort has been provided to go towards Hanuman Temple. These arrangements will continue, and the slip road is likely to be divided in the middle to allow both exit and entry points. The traffic police has put up signboards warning the public about the diversions.

The ISBT, situated close to Civil Lines where chief minister, lieutenant governor and several cabinet ministers stay, experiences heavy traffic congestion daily. Yudhistir Setu, carrying traffic from east Delhi areas such as Shahdara and Dilshad Garden, meets Lala Hardev Marg, the main road running along Kashmere Gate metro station and ISBT. The road also caters to trading areas, leading to commercial vehicles stopping for loading and unloading goods.

Before the G20 Summit, lieutenant governor VK Saxena had visited the area to take stock of the situation. Stone sculptures were installed recently at the traffic islands in front of ISBT's exit under PWD's beautification plan.

22-yr-old beaten to death after brawl during cricket match in NW Delhi

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 22-year-old man was murdered following a brawl that began during a cricket match in northwest Delhi's Bharat Nagar on Saturday. The deceased was identified as Vishal, who lived with his family in Bharat Nagar and worked at a cosmetic shop.

Police received a call at 3 pm regarding the incident. A senior police officer said that Vishal's younger brother, Kunal (19), was playing cricket when an argument started with another person. Kunal then called his elder brother, who was at home. "When he reached the ground, he tried to intervene in the fight but was thrashed and attacked by the other group with a bat. Vishal was taken to a hospital for treatment but could not be saved. A case was registered in this regard," the officer added.

Speaking to **TOI**, Vishal's relative, Rajesh, claimed, "A match was going on, and one boy came there demanding to be allowed to join the game midway. When his demand was refused, he started a scuffle and attacked Kunal. Subsequently, Kunal made a call to his brother."

Vishal was married. His kid will turn one-year-old on Sunday. Police have rounded up a few suspects in the case and are questioning them.

Work begins on Dwarka e-way service road

Gurgaon: The Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) has finally kicked off preconstruction activities on the service road along Dwarka Expressway, nearly two months after receiving govt's nod.

An official on Saturday said that work such as site clearance, surface leveling, taking measurements and demarcations is underway at the project site.

"Manpower and machinery are being mobilised by the agency too. We will ensure the timely completion of the project, which will not only improve connectivity but also enhance safety for commuters and pedestrians walking along the Dwarka Expressway," said Arun Dhankar, chief engineer of GMDA. TNN

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No more interim relief for Supertech chief

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A Delhi court has dismissed a plea by Supertech chairman and promoter RK Arora, who sought extension of his interim bail by 90 days more on medical and health grounds.

Additional Sessions Judge Devender Kumar Jangala, in an order dated May 10 stated that based on the medical board's report mandated by the high court there was no compelling reason to extend Arora's interim bail, particularly since no specific date for his alleged surgery had been set by any hospital, whether public or private.

The court dismissed his plea and directed jail authorities to provide necessary prescribed medical treatment to him and allow him to carry medicines, as prescribed by the treating doctors.

The court directed Arora to surrender before the jail authorities by 5pm on May 13.

The court, stating that Arora had already been granted interim bail since Jan 16 this year, noted that the investigation had been completed, a prosecution complaint had been filed, and cognisance had been taken.

Recently, Delhi High Court dismissed the default bail plea of Arora.

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3 Die, 23 Injured As Wind & Dust Storm City

Over 100 Trees Damaged, Traffic Hit; Activists Call For Action To Avoid Such Incidents

Vibha Sharma & Abhay | TNN

New Delhi: Three people lost their lives and 23 sustained injuries after a severe dust storm, accompanied by thunderstorms and rain, hit Delhi on Friday late evening. The storm caused extensive damage to over a hundred trees which disrupted traffic at many places.

Those who lost their lives included Hariom, Jaiprakash and Shireen Ahmed, residents of Rohini, West Delhi and Abul Fazal Enclave I, respectively. While the first two died because of tree fall, Ahmed lost her life after a wall collapsed on her.

A police officer said the first storm-related tragedy occurred around 10 pm on Friday in Sector-16, Rohini. "Hariom, who worked as a labourer, came under a tree that fell because of strong winds. He was taken to a hospital but could not be saved," the officer added.

The second incident took place at 11:20 pm near the Janakpuri flyover, where Jaiprakash, who was on a two-wheeler, lost his life after being struck by a tree branch. Another branch of the same tree damaged a car as well.

Ahmed's father claimed that the wall of a neighbouring building fell on his daughter.

Delhi Police stated that at least six people were injured due to uprooting of trees, whereas 17 were hurt because of partial damage to structures. "Police also received 152 calls regarding uprooting of trees during the storm. Additionally, 55 calls were about the collapse of portions of buildings and structures. The storm led to widespread power outages, with 202 calls received regarding power disruptions in various parts of Delhi," it added in a report.

New Delhi Municipal Council also received several calls related to damaging of 64 trees and uprooting of 14 trees. "We started receiving multiple calls at the control and command centre in Palika Kendra from Friday night. Our teams reached all the 78 sites. The fallen branches were removed at 58 sites by Saturday afternoon," said an official.

The incidents of uprooting of trees were reported from several areas, including Safdarjung Road, Kautilya Marg, Shahjahan Road's Central Verge, Khan Market, IB Colony, Satya Marg, Nehru Park and Lodhi Garden, NDMC stated in its report. All damaged and uprooted trees were grown up and belonged to indigenous varieties, such as neem, peepal, gular, jamun, alstonia, pilkhan, mango, amaltas, ashok and imli.

NDMC officials claimed that due to efforts taken by the council in the last two years to strengthen the roots and trunks of vintage trees, incidents of uprooting could be minimised.

On May 30, 2022, after a severe thunderstorm, over 100 trees were uprooted and 1,058 branches were damaged in Lutyens' Delhi, and all agencies, including Municipal Corporation of Delhi, National Highways Authority of India, the disaster management department and National Disaster Response Force, came together to provide assistance in removing trees.

"We prune trees regularly and provide support to the tilted ones. Treatment for pests is also provided. We keep a tab on trees that need immediate attention. A tree ambulance has been engaged for the purpose," said an NDMC official.

The council also received complaints about damage to windowpanes and doors at various buildings, including Charkha Museum, Tilak Lane School, Charak Palika Hospital, Atal Adarsh Vidyalaya and Indira Niketan.

"At all these places, the repair work will be completed by Sunday," said the official.

The MCD's central control room received 16 complaints of tree felling or uprooting till 6am on Saturday. In a report, the civic body stated that maximum complaints were received from areas of West Delhi such as Tilak Nagar, Paschim Vihar and Subhash Nagar. Reports of tree falling were also received from six other zones. Such incidents occurred at Bakkarwala, Navjeevan Vihar, Green Park, Rohini, among other areas. In the Narela zone, there were reports of waterlogging also, MCD added.

In the central zone, a tree was damaged near Kendriya Vidyalaya in Andrews Ganj and another near Chirag Delhi. MCD could not provide details for them.

Environment activists, meanwhile, recalled the Delhi high court's orders which sought qualified tree arborists, tree ambulances and deconcretisation of trees to check cases of damage to trees during strong winds.

"Despite a court order dating back to 2013, trees continue to suffer from concretisation, resulting in extensive damage and weakening. Efforts to protect them, such as implementing tree ambulances and employing tree arborists, have been slow to materialise. Even the dedicated tree helpline is not very effective. The judiciary should hold accountable the officers responsible for neglecting tree protection in the world's most polluted capital," said activist Bhavreen Kandhari.

Kid dies after wall of Gzb house falls on another's roof

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Ghaziabad: A Ghaziabad resident filed a police complaint on Saturday, alleging the roof of his house caved in during Friday evening's squall, killing his four-year-old son, because of a wall collapse in an adjacent house and sought criminal action against its owner. Two others were also injured in the incident. Another death was reported from Noida because of a shuttering collapse.

ACP (Wave City) Poonam Mishra said a portion of the wall of a four-storey under-construction house owned by Rajesh Chauhan in the Sudamapuri colony collapsed on the roof of an adjacent house around 10 pm last night.

"Shubh, his mother and infant brother were sleeping in a room below. As the roof caved in, Shubh sustained severe injuries. The boy died while his mother and brother were injured," Mishra said.

In their complaint, the family has blamed Chauhan for compromising quality and safety standards while constructing the wall. He claimed the wall was weak and so it collapsed in the squall.

"We have registered a case under IPC Section 304A (causing death by negligence) against Chauhan. Police will assess if there was any negligence while building the wall," the ACP said.

A 50-year-old labourer was also crushed to death and three others were injured when a shuttering of an iron pipe installed for repairing a building in Sector 58 fell on them during the gusty winds on Friday night. The iron pipe had hit Jai Govind Jha of Khoda Colony on the head and he died during treatment. The three others are still recuperating, police said.

On Friday, a dust storm, followed by rain and gusty winds with speeds of 50-70 kmph, hit Delhi-NCR on Friday night after days of scorching heat. Several electricity poles and trees were uprooted in different areas of Noida and Ghaziabad. The incident also disrupted traffic movement in Sector 51 of Noida. Residents of the sector's H block were hit by a night-long outage.

Sanjeev Kumar, a resident of Sector 51, told TOI the storm uprooted at least four electricity poles. "As a result, there was an outage in that block from 9 pm on Friday until Saturday morning. The electricity poles were rusty and collapsed in the wind. We have been demanding the power department to boost the power infrastructure to avoid such unwanted incidents," Kumar said.

(With inputs from Shafaque Alam)

Umesh Kumar

Shubh (inset) was sleeping with his mother when the roof caved in

Air quality drops to poor due to dust load, max temp better at 38.7°C

Times News Network

New Delhi: The city witnessed slight drop in the day temperature and cooler easterly winds towards the late evening. However, the day remained warm and dry.

Despite a yellow alert, no rain was recorded till Saturday night. Due to strong dust storm on Friday night, city's dust load increased leading to deterioration of air quality to poor.

India Meteorological Department (IMD) had issued a yellow alert for very light rain and thunderstorm on Saturday with possibility of further drop in the maximum temperature.

On Saturday, the maximum temperature was 38.7 degrees Celsius, a notch above normal, against 39 degrees Celsius a day earlier. The minimum temperature was 24.9 degrees Celsius, a notch below normal, against 27.7 degrees Celsius a day earlier.

Meanwhile, IMD has recorded 0.4mm rainfall at base station Safdarjung on Friday night which followed the dust storm. Several other areas of the city too recorded rainfall ranging from 'Trace' level to 1.5mm, becoming the first incident of rain this month. So far, city has recorded net 0.4mm rainfall for May which is 94% deficit, while in May 2023, Safdarjung had recorded 111mm rainfall.

According to IMD, there is chance of rain on Sunday. "The city is likely to see very light rain with thunderstorm. The wind speed may reach 30-40kmph which may bring the day temperature down. Thereafter, the maximum temperature will start rising again," said an IMD official.

The maximum temperature today may hover around 38 degrees.

Meanwhile, the city' air quality index, on a scale of 0 to 500, was 239 against 180 a day earlier.

Better signal mgmt improves traffic situation in W Delhi

Times News Network

New Delhi: Traffic police have initiated efforts to reduce congestion in the western part of the city by synchronizing and reassessing the timing of traffic signals at various junctions. This has led to a "notable reduction" in traffic congestion.

378 TRAFFIC-RELATED CALLS IN APRIL, AGAINST 447 IN MARCH

Delhi Traffic Police claimed they had synchronised 60 traffic lights spanning across 20 junctions, primarily in the areas of Dwarka, Nangloi, and Paschim Vihar traffic circles. "By the end of April, there was a notable reduction in congestion reports within the Western Range area," a traffic police officer said.

Data shows that in March there were 447 congestion-related calls, and after the implementation of the project, the calls came down to 378. Last year in April, there were about 453 calls related to congestion.

Police said there were three important highlights of the initiative: streamline traffic flow, enhance safety and optimise commuting experiences for residents and commuters navigating through these busy areas.

Through advanced technology and data-driven approaches, traffic police have synchronized these critical junctions. "Due to this, stop-and-go traffic patterns have been minimized, allowing for smoother vehicular movement and reducing travel time," a senior officer said.

"By coordinating the timing of signals, vehicles experience reduced wait times at intersections, leading to a more continuous flow of traffic. With smoother traffic transitions, the risk of accidents and collisions is mitigated, promoting safer road conditions for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists alike," the officer said.

The officer added that residents and commuters navigating through Dwarka, Nangloi, and Paschim Vihar now benefit from expedited travel, contributing to overall convenience and productivity.

"This synchronization effort aligns with broader planning strategies aimed at fostering sustainable and accessible transportation networks. As Delhi continues to grow and evolve, the implementation of innovative traffic management solutions remains paramount to ensuring the city's livability and resilience," the officer added.

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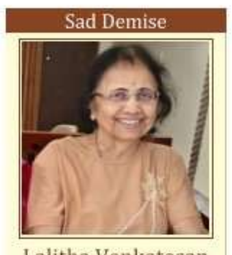

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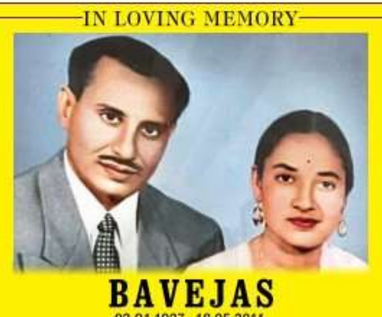

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'Pandemic is long over but my son is still obsessing about infections'

To help readers cope with their anxieties in these stressful times, TOI has launched ***Talk it Out****, a series in which expert counsellors answer your mental health queries. This week's advice is from clinical psychologist* ***Soumali Bardhan***

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My son is an MBBS student. The pandemic is past us but he is still wary of infections. Whenever he comes home from outside, he sprays sanitizer all over himself, his bag, mobile, sofa seat and so on. Any amount of counselling from our side has not helped. It is understandable if he has attended a clinic full of patients, but he is obsessed with this assumed fear of catching infections. Sometime ago, he even had the skin of his hands discoloured due to excessive sanitizer use. Please advise.

— Anonymous

The Covid-19 pandemic has certainly had an impact on people's ideas about contamination and illnesses. It appears that your son is experiencing extreme distress about germs and their potential ill effects on a person's health, leading him to desperately attempt to clean himself and other objects in his immediate vicinity. It also seems that he may be at risk of developing Obsessive Compulsive Disorder which requires both psychotherapy and pharmacotherapy to be treated. I understand the distress you must be experiencing seeing a beloved family member go through this difficult situation. But please keep in mind that professional advice and support generally proves most effective in this regard. You may request him to visit a qualified mental health professional to share his thoughts in a safe space.

I am a 55-year-old man settled in Chennai, who is soon going to retire. My daughter is now 24. I had sent her to the UK for her Masters' degree but she doesn't want to come back to India now. She has found herself a British boyfriend and wants to marry him, which is really disappointing for me and my wife. Our customs and traditions are entirely different. As a parent, I have provided everything she wanted including food, shelter, education and a opportunities for career growth. But she has stopped speaking to either of us now. My relatives enquire about her every time we meet but I have no answer. How do I tackle this situation? Please advise.

— Anonymous

It is normal for you to experience feelings of pain and loss in a situation like this. I also request you to consider taking some solace in the fact that you have successfully completed your fatherly duties and responsibilities towards your child when she needed it. However, it needs to be kept in mind that your daughter is now an adult and has the capacity and right to make her own decisions. It seems that you have two options at present. A) You can choose to consider accepting her along with her life choices. B) You can consider cutting off ties with her if her refusal to follow your family traditions cause you too much distress. Before making a final decision, it would help to analyse the pros and cons for both scenarios. Please keep in mind that no matter which decision you take, it is important not to judge either yourself or your daughter for having conflicting perceptions regarding life. Lastly, as far as your relatives are concerned, you may choose to divulge the bare minimum information that she is focusing on her career.

I am 17 years old and have recently passed my Class XII boards. All I need is to focus on my career now. But I am not able to do so because I am in love with a boy. I am confused whether I should give him time or not? Are there going to be any repercussions if I focus on my love life a bit rather than on studies? If I should not give him time, then how will it be possible to forget him totally? Please help.

— Anonymous

It appears that you have at least partially selected your priority which is to focus on your career. The key here is to balance and compartmentalise between two potentially important aspects of your life — career and romance. One way to achieve this is to fix your daily study schedule which you should adhere to unless there is an unavoidable situation. You also need to clarify to yourself what you consider to be an unavoidable situation. Please keep in mind that the stability of your career is very important for a balanced and productive life, and this will also enable you to keep your social relationships healthy in the long run. Being independent and self-sustaining is something that should not be compromised with at this stage of your life.

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Doctor's Murder: Police Hunt For 3 Men Captured On CCTV

2 More Were Involved; Victim Gagged, Hit With Blunt Object

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New Delhi: Three of the men who killed the doctor in Jangpura in southeast Delhi and robbed his house have been captured on CCTV, police sources said on Saturday, adding that a manhunt had been initiated. The cops suspect that two more people could be involved in the incident.

Sources said that the intruders possibly entered Dr Yogesh Chandra Paul's house around 1.30pm and exited between 3.30pm and 4pm on Friday. "Two men were seen entering the house just a few minutes after the doctor arrived. But three men were seen exiting the area. It is possible that one man was waiting somewhere in the building. They were wearing caps and scarves around their necks," the source said.

The source added that two of the robbers' associates were waiting outside, possibly to alert the men inside the house. "They fled with cash and jewellery from the doctor's residence," the source added.

Paul's wife reached the house between 6pm and 6.30pm, and upon seeing her husband's body, she screamed. She alerted other people, including her son-in-law, who then called his friend, a neighbour, to check on his father-in-law. His friend was not at the residence at the time, and so, called his wife, urging her to reach the crime site quickly. It was she who alerted the cops about the incident.

An eyewitness who saw the body said it was found in the kitchen with a dog leash around the neck. Paul might have been struck with a blunt object, causing blood to ooze out. His mouth had been gagged with a cap. The intruders had also covered his face with a piece of cloth. Blood spots and shoe marks were discovered leading towards the bathroom where the pet dog was found locked in.

A colony resident claimed that the robbers hadn't stolen the doctor's phone, laptop or his bag. "They knew that if they took the phone, they could be tracked," the resident surmised. Meanwhile, the cops are considering using the dog, who was locked in the bathroom by the killers, to identify the accused. Pet dog Molly is currently lodged with some neighbours. "The son-in-law called me and asked to check if Molly was all right. When I opened the bathroom, the dog was whimpering," a neighbour said. Sources said that cops are also probing the role of an insider who could have been acquainted with the dog.

The cops are also investigating whether the attackers had followed the doctor to his home from his clinic. They have retrieved CCTV footage from areas in the vicinity of the clinic.

Rajesh Deo, DCP (Southeast), said on Saturday that there were strong leads in the murder case and the investigation was at a crucial stage. "The post-mortem of the body was done on Saturday and the body was handed over to the deceased's family," Deo said.

Sources said two suspects have been rounded up and questioning was going on. The house where the incident took place has no CCTV cameras installed. A neighbour claimed there had been a burglary in the building where Paul lived in 2017.

Jatin Kumar

The gang fled with cash and jewellery from the house in Jangpura

2 labourers fall to death in Noida

Noida: Two labourers fell from the 10th floor of a building under construction in Greater Noida's Bisrakh on Friday and passed away. Police suspect the two men slipped from the 10th floor and fell. According to cops, Nazim and Rajbul both hailed from Katihar in Bihar and were residing in a rented accommodation in Bisrakh. The incident took place at 4.30pm on Friday when the two men were working in Verona Heights in Bisrakh. Their bodies were sent for postmortem. "The two had been working as daily wage labourers for the past few years. We have checked if safety measures were being followed at the under-construction building. No negligence has been found and no case has also been registered." Arvind Kumar, SHO, Bisrakh police station, said. TNN

People mourn the man who treated poor patients for free

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New Delhi: Dr Yogesh Chandra Paul, who was discovered strangled in his home in a robbery bid on Friday, had been providing free medical care to underprivileged patients for the past two decades. The murder of the 63-year-old, therefore, saddened everyone, and there were tears aplenty at the Jangpura house on Saturday.

"From noon to 1.30pm every day, poor people lined up at his clinic, and Dr Paul readily examined them. He also gave them free medicines," said Mehak Sethi, an advocate who lives on the second floor of the building where **Dr Yogesh Chandra Paul** lived. Even on Friday evening, when his body was discovered, a few women had come to get medicines from Paul.

Virendra, who works in the parking lot of C Block, said that whenever he fell ill, he knocked on the door of Paul, and every time, the doctor helped him with free treatment and medicines. "He never asked for money," Virendra revealed.

Known for his dedication and compassion, Paul was described by the locals as a physically fit individual who walked from his residence in the colony to the clinic. "If anyone was ill in the colony, he visited that person's house to examine him or her," claimed Kapil Kakkar, president, Jangpura Extension Residents' Welfare Association.

The doctor's friend, Anil Agarwal, claimed that Paul never discriminated among his patients. Agarwal and Paul had visited Ayodhya last month accompanied by their wives. "He was a very civil person, a real gentleman," said Agarwal.

A sombre atmosphere prevailed at Paul's residence on Saturday, where family, friends, relatives and neighbours had congregated. Overwhelmed by the tragic turn of events, they couldn't hold back their tears. The loss clearly had a profound impact on everyone present and the collective grief was palpable.

A neighbour disclosed that the doctor loved walking and used to walk to his clinic every day. "Each morning, he carried his medical bag and walked to his clinic. He was a very fit guy. His death is a big shock for all of us," he said.

A NEIGHBOUR SAYS

He loved walking. Each morning, he carried his medical bag and walked to his clinic. He was a very fit guy. His death is a big shock for all of us

The colony residents expressed concern about the increasing number of crimes in the area and the lack of adequate patrolling by police. They plan to stage a protest on Sunday in front of the police post to voice their grievances and demand action.

"There is hardly any patrolling in the area in the afternoon. Even at night, when the area is barricaded, thieves can still target cars. On the day of the murder, the tyres of an SUV were stolen from the area," a resident disclosed.

The area comprises 24-25 blocks, which are covered by over 300 CCTV cameras installed by the residents and shopkeepers. In the more than 3,500 flats there, over 10,000 people live, according to the RWA president. There are several spots through which one can enter the society.

"Police themselves have installed fewer CCTV cameras than we have and those are mostly at the entry and exit points," said Kakkar.

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Feeling of fear: Focus again on elderly safety after killing

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The murder of Dr Yogesh Chandra Paul, 63, in Jangpura has reignited concerns about the safety and security of residents in the city, particularly the elderly. This incident follows a disturbing pattern of crimes against senior citizens.

"There is a feeling of fear among the residents due to the murder," Pawan Gupta, 60, a resident of Jangpura, said on Saturday, a day after the killing of Paul. He said that numerous burglaries and car thefts had been reported in the colony, but added that in spite of such incidents and complaints, police and the authorities have taken no action. The residents also requested police for surveillance but to no avail.

The murder in Jangpura is the latest in a series of alarming incidents targeted at the elderly. Earlier in January, an 80-year-old woman was strangled during a robbery at her residence in southeast Delhi's Jaitpur. Police nabbed two suspects, including a former tenant and a juvenile. In Jan of last year, an 88-year-old woman was killed and her house ransacked in northeast Delhi's Karawal Nagar Extension. She was found with her hands and legs tied and her mouth taped. The intruders had also piled two quilts over her face.

In another incident, a 70-year-old woman was thrashed and then throttled to death by a gang of robbers who forcibly entered her house in east Delhi's Maujpur in June last year, held the woman's husband and tenant hostage and stabbed them several times.

JR Gupta, 80-year-old president of the Senior Citizens' Council of Delhi, revealed that his organisation had repeatedly voiced its worries regarding the security of elderly individuals to Delhi Police. However, the response received from the authorities claimed that this was because of an inadequate police workforce. "The killers often target senior citizens who live alone. They carry out a proper recce before committing the crime," Gupta claimed.

KK GUGLANI (70) SAYS

Snatching and theft have also increased. There are no zebra crossings on the roads. There is a need to do a lot more on the ground

Meanwhile, KK Guglani, 70, of the Senior Citizens' Welfare Council of Sarita Vihar stated that the assault against senior citizens had increased. "Snatching and theft have also increased. There are no zebra crossings on the roads. There is a need to do a lot more on the ground," said Guglani.

Delhi Police claimed that several measures were in place to ensure the safety and well-being of senior citizens in the community. A dedicated helpline has been established specifically for elderly individuals, providing them with a direct line of communication for any assistance they may require. "To maintain a proactive approach, the local police conduct regular visits to the residences of elderly people," a police officer claimed.

Lutyens' Navyug Schools celebrate golden jubilee

New Delhi: New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Navyug Schools in Lutyens' Delhi, where the school's ex-student and the director of Central Bureau of Investigation, Praveen Sood, was present as the chief guest.

Navyug School, Sarojini Nagar, was founded in 1973 by NDMC. Navyug School Education Society was formed in 1991-92 under which 10 more branches of Navyug School were established. All the branches are funded by the council.

Addressing the students, Sood said that five basic elements were behind the establishment of this school— no corporal punishment, education beyond the classroom, dramatics, outdoor activities and gender equality.

NDMC chairman Amit Yadav said that these schools were set up by NDMC with the aim of providing good-quality modern education predominantly to the children of the lower middle income group. "Navyug Schools have been carrying out a pioneer role in building quality education and all-round development of students for more than fifty years. Hence, we are celebrating the golden jubilee event today," he added. TNN

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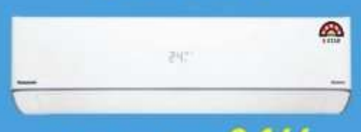

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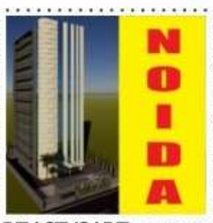

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Modi mounts direct attack on Odisha CM for first time in '24 polls, Naveen hits back

He Doesn't Even Know Names Of State's Dists: PM

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PM Modi arrives for an election meeting in Odisha's Bargarh on Saturday

Bhubaneswar/Balangir: PM Narendra Modi targeted Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik directly Saturday, the first time this election season, asking, "How can people entrust their children's future to

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a CM who doesn't even know the names of Odisha's districts despite governing for 24 years?"

Modi claimed Odisha is controlled by outsiders who have taken over the state in the last five years, undermining elected representatives, and called for a change in guard. He alluded to the increasing influence of V K Pandian within BJD and said Odisha's people should protect the state from further "deterioration".

Speaking at a rally in Bargarh, western Odisha, Modi asked, "You tell me who runs the BJD govt. Do you know the entire govt has been outsourced? There is a super-CM who is above MLAs elected democratically and the CM elected by MLAs. Do you want Odisha to fall into the hands of someone who doesn't understand Odisha? Whose responsibility is it to save Odisha?"

"I have not come here for BJP's benefits. I have come here, requesting you with folded hands. Please save my Odisha. Odisha is getting ruined. Such a great state with great culture and tradition lost 25 years. In the past five years, outsiders have totally captured Odisha," he said. On a two-day visit, the PM addressed three rallies, the others in Phulbani (Kandhamal) and Balangir.

In Balangir, Modi claimed Naveen could not name 10 villages of Kantabanji, from where he has been contesting, without reading it from a piece of paper. "He is cut off from ground realities," the PM said. Saying the end of BJD govt in Odisha was imminent, Modi said, "Gaje Baaje ke saath vida kijiye (Send them packing on a celebratory note)."

Claiming Odisha's culture is in danger under BJD govt, Modi said eminent Odia personalities, such as Veer Surendra Sai, Gopabandhu Das, Harekrushna Mahtab and Biju Patnaik, must be sad seeing the state of affairs. "Odia asmita (self-respect) can't be mortgaged to someone like this," he said, an indirect reference to TN-born Pandian's rise in BJD.

PM doesn't remember his pledges, taunts CM

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Bhubaneswar: Odisha CM **Naveen Patnaik** responded strongly Saturday to PM Modi's accusation that Patnaik couldn't recall the names of the districts in his own state, accusing Modi of forgetting the promises he had made to Odisha's people.

In a video clip released late night, Patnaik said the people of Odisha know well what he remembers, and asked Modi whether he recalls anything about the state. Referring to Modi's statement that a BJP CM would take oath on June 10, Naveen said: "Forget about June 10, BJP can't win Odisha people's hearts even in the next 10 years."

Naveen said though Odia is a classical language, Modi forgot about it. "Sanskrit was allotted Rs 1,000 crore but Odia language got zero allocation. You forgot Odissi music, too. I had sent a proposal twice to accord a classical tag for Odissi music and you rejected it both times," he said.

Pointing out there are many Odia heroes, the names of some of whom were mentioned by the PM in his rallies, Patnaik asked, "Don't you find any of them suitable for a Bharat Ratna. When you distributed Bharat Ratnas, you forgot Biju Patnaik too?" Reminding the PM of his promise of doubling paddy MSP, he said, "You forgot that also."

"You should have built the coastal highway keeping in mind the people of Odisha. Coal is Odisha's wealth. You are taking that. You forgot to revise coal royalties for past 10 years," he said.

Naveen said Modi remembers Odisha only during elections. "Do you remember the promises you made in 2014 and 2019? The people of Odisha remember your promises of two crore jobs, control of prices of LPG and diesel."

BJD's V K Pandian also responded Saturday to Modi, asserting that Odisha under Patnaik was far better governed compared to Gujarat during Modi's tenure, and now.

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Material shows Teltumbde part of Elgar plot, says NIA court, junks discharge plea

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Seeking discharge, Teltumbde's lawyer said that while granting bail, Bombay HC had observed that on the basis of material placed by NIA, it cannot be concluded that he indulged in a terrorist act

Mumbai: In a detailed order rejecting the discharge plea of scholar and activist Anand Teltumbde in the Elgar Parishad case, a special NIA court on Friday said there is material which prima facie reveals his involvement in the alleged conspiracy.

The judge further said the material disclosed grave suspicion in the matter. In a 49-page order, the judge quoted the allegations made by NIA. The judge said it is alleged Teltumbde is a senior member of CPI (Maoist) and working in an urban area, he is in contact with other arrested accused. "Applicant was one of the conveners of Elgar Parishad and Bhima Koregaon Shaurya Din Prerana Abhiyan programme. It is further alleged that in order to further activities of CPI (Maoist) on an international level, he used to attend international conferences under the guise of his academic visits at Canada, Pakistan, USA, France, etc," the judge quoted NIA.

In his plea, Teltumbde, who is now out on bail, had said he had written about 30 books that were freely available in the market and a witness has stated that he has read one of the books written by him called 'Anti-Imperialism and Annihilation of Caste'. The plea submitted in 2022 further said, "This in the face of it is a critique of Maoist ideology and this evidence indicates that the accused is critical of Maoist ideology and in view of this the allegation of the prosecution that the accused is a member of CPI (Maoist) and has been acting to further the agenda of CPI (Maoist) is wholly untrue."

Seeking discharge, Teltumbde's lawyer said that while granting bail, Bombay HC had observed that on the basis of material placed by NIA, it can't be concluded that he indulged in a terrorist act. Opposing the plea, NIA had submitted that documents seized from the accused mentions the ideology of CPI (Maoist) that the united front and arm struggle are two basic weapons for defeating the enemy and to storm and shatter the enemies' position. The prosecution said 'enemy' is used in context of the Indian govt.

Poaching bid in Kaziranga foiled, man shot dead

Guwahati: A poaching attempt at Assam's Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve (KNPTR) was thwarted on Saturday with the killing of a gang member in a gun battle with forest guards, officials said, reports **Kangkan Kalita**. Sources said two or three others in the gang escaped.

A rifle and ammunition seized from the spot suggested the gang was trying to poach a rhino, KNPTR director Sonali Ghosh said. "A few unknown people were walking inside the park illegally. When challenged, they opened fire, after which the patrolling party retaliated. Forest guards later searched the area and found the body of a poacher," Ghosh said. The deceased has not been identified. Officials suspect he was a "sharpshooter hired from somewhere in North-East".

SOLAR STORM BRINGS AURORA TO LADAKH

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A crimson glow lit up the dark 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 strong solar magnetic storms launched towards Earth. Astronomers saw a red glow, which later turned into a pinkish hue, from about 1am Saturday till early dawn. Such events are rare at Hanle as it is located far south, said Dibyendu Nandi, a space scientist at IISER Kolkata. 'These auroral red arcs are likely caused by heating of atmosphere by electric currents circulating between Earth and outer space,' he said

Groom, 3 others charred to death as truck hits car

Jhansi: Four persons, including a groom and an 11-year-old boy, were charred to death and two others seriously injured when their car's CNG cylinder exploded after an accident in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh, late on Friday night. A truck hit the car from behind causing the CNG cylinder fitted on the car's rear side to explode and set it afire.

Six people were going from Eirach to Baragaon for the wedding when the accident occurred. Two of them managed to escape, while four were burnt alive on the spot.

The deceased were identified as Akash Ahirwar (24), the groom, his nephew Mayank (11), Akash's brother Ashish (26), and driver Jay Karan.

"The truck driver fled and a search is on to arrest him," said SP Gyanendra Kumar Singh. TNN

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Where as complaint has been made before me that two accused **1. Naveen (RC)** & **2. Ritu** W/o Ashish, both R/o House No. 256 Ground Floor, Near Pole No. JFPS 208, Mitti Oil Wali Gali, Village Mitraon, Jafarpur, New Delhi have Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **Ct. Case No. 794/2018 u/s 135 Indian Electricity Act** has been registered at **P.S. Baba Haridas Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **1. Naveen (RC),** & **2. Ritu** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **1. Naveen (RC)** & **2. Ritu** has absconded (or is concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **1. Naveen (RC)** & **2. Ritu** of **Ct. Case No. 794/2018 u/s 135 Indian Electricity Act** has been registered at **P.S. Baba Haridas Nagar, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **09.07.2024.**

By Order
Sh. Vinod Kumar Meena
Additional District & Sessions Judge, (South West)
Special Court (Electricity), Court No. 609,
Dwarka District Courts, New Delhi

DP/5536/DW/2024 (Court Matter)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male person (depicted in the photo) namely **Pt. Ram Mohd. R/o Apna Ghar, Ashram Pooth Khurd, Delhi** about **60 years** of age was found dead at **BSA Hospital, Rohini, Delhi** on 02.03.2024 at 21:18:14. In this regard a DD No. **57A Dated 02.03.2024** has been lodged at **PS Bawana, Delhi.** The dead body was preserved for 72 hours in BSA Hospital Mortuary, Rohini, Delhi.

His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, **Age:** Approx. 60 years, **Height:** 5' 5" ft., **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Sky Blue Linning Shirt and Sky Blue Payjama.

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DP/5577/ON/2024

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas a complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Mangal S/o Sh Kalu Ram** R/o Village Khoksa, PS- Jhinjana, District- Shamli UP have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under **FIR No. 527/2023 U/S 393/394/34 IPC.** has been registered at **P.S. Timarpur, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said, **Mangal** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, **Mangal** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused, **Mangal** of **FIR No. 527/2023 U/S 393/394/34 IPC.** Registered at **PS. Timarpur, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **29.06.2024**.

By Order
Sh Apoorv Gupta MM,
Central Distrtict, Room no. 26,
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/5473/N/2024- Court matter

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Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Limited invites E-Tender for "Augmentation of 132 kV Substation Laksar from 3x40 MVA Transformer to 2x40 MVA+1x80 MVA Transformer at 132/33 kV Voltage level" against tender specification No. PTCUL/E-Tender/C&P-I/SS-16/2023-24. The last date submission of e-bid is **30.05.2024 upto 15:30 Hrs.** For more details please visit e-tender website www.uktenders.gov.in (tender id no. 2024_PTCU1_71329_1) and for e-tender notice our website **www.ptcul.org**.

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Letter No. 803/HQPU/PTCUL/ Dated : 10.05.2024 Superintending Engineer (C&P-I)

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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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R.O. No.: 804/HQPU/PTCUL/
Date : 10/05/2024 Superintending Engineer (C&P-II)

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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Sh. Anil Kumar S/o Sh. Suresh Prasad, Tech-III/TMC/L, Vill-Hariari bigha, Post-Eksari, Thana- Silao, District- Nalanda, Bhui Nalanda, Bihar-803117, Mobile No.- 8271847813, is informed that, you are Un-authorize absent from your duty place since **09.06.2023** without any information. Make sure to attend the office of AXEN/TMC/L/AGC within ten days form the date of publication of this notice, otherwise it will be assumed that you don't want to continue your railway service, due to which railway administration will be forced to take ex-parte decision.

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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.

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Sr. Divisional Engineer-I/Northern Railway, New Delhi for and on behalf of President of India invites e-tender on the prescribed form for the under noted work.

Name of work with location, cost of work and Earnest Money	1. Elimination of Level Crossing No. 46 at Km. 77/14-16 between SMK-DWNA station by construction of LHS/RUB 7.00 MTR X 5.00 mtr (By Pushing Method) on DUK section in the section of SSE/W/PNP under ADEN/PNP. 2. Elimination of Level Crossing No. 66 at Km. 112/3-5 between GRA-BZJT station by construction of LHS/Road underpass 7.00 mtr X 5.00 mtr (By Pushing Method) on DLI-UMB section in the section of SSE/W/KUN under ADEN/KUN. 3. Elimination of Level Crossing No. 68 at Km. 119/23-25 by construction of LHS (7.00 mtr X 5.00 mtr between BZJT-KUN on DLI-UMB section in the section of SSE/W/KUN under ADEN/KUN.
Approx. Cost	1. ₹5,57,08,381.08 2. ₹4,83,57,353.41 3. ₹5,32,22,031.09
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Earnest Money should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only. **Note:** FDR or Demand Draft will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter No. 2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016

Completion period	**1, 2 & 3**	12 Months
Date and time of submission of tender and opening of tender		Upto 15:00 hrs. on 04.06.2024 opening of e-tender at 15:00 hrs. on 04.06.2024.
Website particulars, published-tender, notice location etc. complete details of tender can be seen and website where the tender form can be downloaded		Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in**
Similar Nature of work		1, 2 & 3 Construction of bridges/Limited High Subway with Box Pushing/Pipe Pushing method.

Note: All attachments must be self attested by the tenderers and the affidavit should be submitted in the new format attached with tender conditions as per Annexure-XXIV is compulsorily.

No.: 128-W/280/Tender Notice/24-25/W-I (NIT-03, 04 & 05)
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E-Tender Notice No.: 2020242025-41	**Approx Cost (In Rs.):** ₹ 94,08,132.10
Name of Work: Development of park, greenery etc. coral club along with renovation of outside area at coral club Prayagraj.	
Earnest Money (In Rs.): ₹1,88,200.00	**Date & Time of Closing of tender:** 03.06.2024 at 15.00 PM
Completion Period: 06 Months	**Nature of work:** Any Civil Engineering works.

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SN: 1	**Tender No:** 2024-May-02-01	**Approx Cost (₹):** 71,00,000.00
Description of Work: Zone-6: MTJ(Excl)-BFP (Excl), MTJ (Excl)-AWR (Excl), MTJ(Excl)- AH(Excl)-BDB : Repair & maintenance work of various items during the year 2024-25 (01.07.24 to 30.06.25)		
SN: 2	**Tender No:** 2024-May-02-02	**Approx Cost (₹):** 91,00,000.00
Description of Work: Zone-5: PWL(Excl)-MTJ(Incl)& NCR Qtrs & service buildings at PWL & NDLS- Repair & maintenance work of various items during the year 2024-25 (01.07.24 to 30.06.25)		
SN: 3	**Tender No:** 2024-May-02-03	**Approx Cost (₹):** 1,04,98,113.09
Description of Work: Billochpura-Mathura-Alwar-Heavy repairs to various Bridges, Inspection steps, Toe walls & Ballast Retainers etc. under jurisdiction of ADEN-II/MTJ.		
SN: 4	**Tender No:** 2024-May-02-04	**Approx Cost (₹):** 3,26,32,185.49
Description of Work: Replacement of OHT at Mathura (225 KL) & Kosi Kalan (225 KL) & Hodal (180 KL) stations with pipeline arrangements		
SN: 5	**Tender No:** 2024-May-02-05	**Approx Cost (₹):** 104,00,000.00
Description of Work: Zone-3 & 4: IDH(Excl)-BXN (Excl) & IDH(Excl)-BKI) Repair & maintenance work of various items during the year 2024-25 (01.07.24 to 30.06.25)		
SN: 6	**Tender No:** 2024-May-02-06	**Approx Cost (₹):** 98,000,00.00
Description of Work: Zone-7: AGC(Excl)-DHO (Incl), AGC(Excl)-ETW (Excl) and DHO- SRMT-TPO(NG) (Repair & maintenance work of various items during the year 2024-25 (01.07.24 to 30.06.25)		

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IRDAI approval paves way for Reliance Capital sale to IIHL

Subject To Some Regulatory Clearances: Ashok Hinduja-Led Co

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Mumbai: The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India has approved the entry of a third Indian investor, holding 26% in Reliance Nippon Life, Reliance General and Reliance Health insurance companies, a move that clears the way for IndusInd International Holdings (IIHL) to acquire Reliance Capital.

In terms of the deal approved by the IRDAI, Reliance Capital will transfer 26% equity in Reliance Nippon Life and other two insurance companies to Aasia Enterprises, an Indian entity promoted by Ashok Hinduja. After this, Reliance Capital, Nippon Life Insurance, and Aasia Enterprises LLP will be the promoters of the life company.

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IIHL has acknowledged the receipt of approval from IRDAI on 10th May 2024. However, the approval is subject to certain "regulatory, statutory, and judicial" clearances/compliances. "The approval is subject to certain 'regulatory, statutory, and judicial' clearances/compliances. IIHL stands committed to working towards obtaining the same as soon as possible and aims to close this transaction by the NCLT's stipulated date of the 27th of May 2024," the company said in a statement.

IRDAI clearance is subject to approval from other regulatory bodies, a lock-in for the new investor, continuous fit and proper assessment of insurer, promoter, and investors, and a bar on the shares of the insurance company being pledged. The regulator has stated that the approval is subject to the deal being completed in three months.

IIHL, chaired by Ashok Hinduja, placed the winning bid of Rs 9661 crore for Reliance Capital in the bankruptcy process. However, the deal was held up because of the IRDAI approval. The bulk of the value of Reliance Capital lies in its 100% holding of Reliance General Insurance and 51% in Reliance Nippon Life Insurance.

Docs: Lack of sleep big worry, new moms must seek med aid

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The 34-year-old Ramya recently had a baby. Balancing a demanding corporate job, Ramya was experiencing challenges with her new role as a mother, particularly with getting enough sleep. It's a bane that all new parents face but in her case, sleeplessness became so serious it started affecting her mental health.

"I had to finally consult a therapist who helped me to get over the symptoms such as anxiety, mood swings and emotional instability caused by sleep deprivation," she said.

Dr Manju Gupta, consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at Motherhood Hospital in Noida, said sleeplessness is known to be a challenge faced by most new mothers, impacting their physical health, mental well-being, and overall quality of life.

"The good thing is that there is a greater acknowledgement in the medical community and society at large that sleep deprivation is a significant issue for new mothers, not just a normal part of motherhood. In our hospital, we share and even counsel new mothers about coping strategies," she added.

According to Dr Rajesh Sagar, professor, department of psychiatry at AIIMS Delhi, poor sleep can exacerbate physical health issues such as fatigue, headaches, body aches, and weaken the immune system, making it tougher for new mothers to recover from childbirth and manage the demands of caring for a newborn. "It can also impact maternal mental health and breastfeeding and milk supply, as sleep deprivation affects hormone levels and milk production," he explained.

The AIIMS doctor added that sleep deprivation can strain relationships with partners and family members, as new mothers may become more irritable, withdrawn, or emotionally distant and advised timely support to avoid long-term consequences.

Dr Anjila Aneja, senior director, obstetrics, and gynaecology at Fortis La Femme said there is a significant relationship between postpartum depression (depression that occurs after childbirth) and postpartum insomnia (sleeplessness that occurs after childbirth). "If one is not able to cope with it, then it may be advisable to seek medical help early," Dr Aneja said.

Management of sleeplessness after childbirth include lifestyle choices such as going to bed at the same time each night, avoiding sugar or caffeine right before bed, avoiding screen time for one hour before bed and keeping your room free from distractions, like screens or phone alerts, the Fortis La Femme doctor said, adding further that if the lifestyle changes aren't helpful Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) can be advised.

CBT involves helping patients concentrate on changes that are most likely to produce improvements in their sleep.

"As one shoe size doesn't fit all, similarly one type of treatment may not work with every woman. It's important to seek professional help as soon as you start to struggle and prioritise your sleep health before things get worse. Insomnia can last several years without treatment, and it's well worth it for you to invest in better mental and physical health now rather than wait several years for symptoms to resolve on their own," Dr Aneja said.

Kareena gets HC notice for using 'Bible' in title of pregnancy book

Jabalpur: Madhya Pradesh HC has issued a notice to actor **Kareena Kapoor Khan** and six others on a petition seeking registration of a case against her for using the word 'Bible' to name her book on pregnancy, thereby "hurting the religious sentiments of Christians".

Justice GS Ahluwalia issued the order Thursday to serve notices on the respondents — including publishers and sellers — within seven days. The high court wants to know from the actor why the word 'Bible' was used in the title.

The petition was filed by advocate Christopher Anthony, a resident of Jabalpur, in 2022 after the release of the book, 'Kareena Kapoor Khan's Pregnancy Bible'.

"I have urged the court to ban the book and register a criminal case against the accused for hurting religious sentiments as the title includes 'Bible'," Anthony told **TOI**, adding that the case is likely to be listed after vacations in July. TNN

2 docs of Jaipur pvt hosp held over fake organ donation NoCs

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Jaipur: Two doctors of Jaipur's Fortis Hospital were arrested Saturday for alleged involvement in a racket pertaining to fake NoCs for organ donations.

Nephrologist Jitendra Goswami and urologist Sandeep Gupta allegedly ignored the fact that the NoCs attached in transplants were fake, according to Jaipur police.

The duo were in touch with the racket mastermind, identified as one Murteza, said police. The doctors conducted kidney transplants despite being aware that some recipients and the donors from Bangladesh were not blood relations, said officials.

As part of the probe, police have earlier arrested four Bangladeshi nationals, an official of the state-run SMS Hospital, two transplant coordinators and a male nurse of Fortis Hospital.

K'taka man who beheaded minor fiancee held after 36 hours

Madikeri: Thirty-six hours after a man beheaded his fiancee, a minor, reportedly enraged over postponement of their wedding, police arrested him on Saturday even as he was readying to commit another murder in Kodagu, Karnataka, reports **G Rajendra**.

According to superintendent of police K Ramarajan, M Prakash (34), was planning to kill his fiancee's elder sister who had opposed the alliance. She had not attended the engagement ceremony after which Prakash had committed the crime, police said.

After Prakash's arrest, police recovered his fiancee's head from a bush near her house. They also recovered the machete used to kill her.

Meghalaya gets its first woman top cop

Chief minister Conrad Sangma said Idashisha Nongrang made history by becoming the first tribal woman from the state to get the highest post of the police department after breaking the glass ceiling. He also termed Nongrang's achievement as a moment of immense pride for all citizens in Meghalaya

Shillong: Meghalaya got its first woman police chief with the appointment of Idashisha Nongrang as the new director general of police on Saturday. She is set to take charge from May 20 after the present DGP LR Bishnoi retires on May 19, reports **Manosh Das**.

"Breaking barriers and making history, she becomes the first tribal lady from our state to hold this position—a moment of immense pride for all of us," said CM Conrad K Sangma while congratulating Nongrang.

Governor Phagu Chauhan appointed Nongrang after state govt received the approval from Election Commission as the model code of conduct is in force.

Nongrang presently holds the post of director general of civil defence and home guards. She was also SP, East Khasi Hills, some years ago.

Microsoft-backed cloud platform 'will bully Indians to agree with it': Ola CEO

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Bengaluru: Ola founder and CEO Bhavish Aggarwal said that the company will move its workloads to its own cloud platform, Krutrim, as it plans to exit Microsoft's Azure within a week. Ola has been a customer of Microsoft since 2017.

"Since LinkedIn is owned by Microsoft and Ola is a significant customer of Azure, we've decided to move our entire workload out of Azure to our own @Krutrim cloud within the next week. It is a challenge, as all developers know, but my team is very excited about undertaking this. Any other developer who wants to move out of Azure, we will offer a full year of free cloud usage, as long as you don't return to Azure after that!" he wrote on X and in a blog post on Ola.

Ola CEO Bhavish Aggarwal said that the company will exit 'Azure' and move its workloads to its own cloud platform 'Krutrim'

Krutrim, the AI unicorn founded by Aggarwal, has also opened up its cloud platform to enterprises, researchers, and developers for access to AI computing infrastructure, Krutrim's foundational models, and open-source models hosted on its platform. In Jan, Krutrim raised $50 million in a funding round led by Matrix Partners India. Aggarwal said the funding was at a valuation of over $1 billion. This makes it perhaps India's first unicorn in the pure AI space.

Aggarwal's decision to leave Azure was triggered by a recent post on LinkedIn, where he criticised the use of the pronoun 'they' as an "illness." LinkedIn removed the post for violating its professional community policies. Aggarwal expressed his belief that the pronoun issue represents a "woke political ideology of entitlement" that does not belong in India.

"I wouldn't have entered this debate, but LinkedIn has assumed that Indians need to adopt pronouns in our lives, and that we can't criticise it. They will bully us into agreeing with them or cancel us. And if they can do this to me, I'm sure the average user stands no chance. As a founder and CEO, this western DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) system significantly impacts my business as it fosters an entitlement mindset in our professional lives, and I will fight it," he wrote.

With the help of silicone models and photoshop, ma comes to life

Mother's Day can be a sombre experience for those who have lost their mothers. But some people are finding unusual ways to remember them

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Glittering lehengas, elaborate rituals, and sumptuous food. The wedding of Gujarat-based real estate developer Piyush Patel's twin daughters in February last year had it all. Yet, one absence loomed large: that of their mother Daxaben, who passed away months before the event due to a brain stroke. The void was hard to fill, but Patel was determined to plug it a little.

He decided to commission an artist and give his daughters a surprise they'd remember the rest of their lives: a life-size hyper-realistic silicone model of their mother, adorned in a bright turquoise saree, real gold jewellery, and a warm smile. Seeing it, not just the daughters, but many other guests present cried, he recalls. "It was like she was really there, blessing our daughters," he adds. From photographs to pooja rituals, Daxaben's model marked her presence at the wedding ceremony. It sits in their home even today, with fresh clothes and makeup, for occasions like birthdays, festivals, and more.

MODEL MOM

Vadodara-based artist Vibha Patel, who made the statue, says she gets many requests to make silicone models for people who've lost near and dear ones, but they often back out after getting to know the cost. Such models typically cost around Rs 3-5 lakhs to make. While not everyone can afford a silicone model, people are finding different ways of keeping the memory of their late mothers alive. From rings made from strands of their hair that were preserved for years, to using technology to photoshop them into wedding albums, the modes adopted are many.

FRAMED IN

Noida-based digital artist Divyanshu Garg, who goes by the name @ind_cyborg on Instagram, has received multiple such photoshop requests over the last few months. Earlier this year, he received one such request from Ami Kaur, who is from a Sikh family living in Thailand. Kaur's younger brother got married two years ago, but their mother was alive to only attend the engagement, and then succumbed to cancer. As his second marriage anniversary was approaching, Kaur decided to approach Garg to recreate a photograph of the wedding: one with their mother present in it. It was a surprise not only for her brother, but also their father, she adds. In the 'reaction' video uploaded on Garg's channel, there are plenty of tears and long hugs, as they hold the photo. "For a person who has lost their mother, the grieving period is never over. But this really helps. We got many copies made," Kaur says.

MEMORY KEEPERS: Ami Kaur gifted her brother his wedding photo with their late mom edited in. (Left) Artist Vibha Patel (left) with a life-size model of late Daxaben that she made for the family. (Below) A pendant that Dipika got made with her mom's strands of hair

While photoshop technology helped Kaur and her family make their mother a part of a big day, some opt for live paintings of their late moms instead. In a reel that went viral in February, a California-based painter Kim-Vi Tran captured her journey of painting an Indian American bride's late mother into the surroundings. She also added a rainbow behind the late mother, "to remind the couple that she was there, cheering them on," Tran wrote in her caption.

DIFFERENT KEEPSAKE

Some rely on a different kind of technology. Delhi-based artist Preety Maggo started 'Magic of Memories' five years ago, which helps clients preserve a range of remnants — from strands of hair to even drops of blood, umbilical cords, and breastmilk in the form of jewellery. While she has been subjected to online trolling due to the nature of bodily elements involved — which some find 'odd' to preserve — Maggo has stayed the course. She makes jewellery that not only helps children remember their late mothers, but also mothers who've lost their newborns. "I know what it means for people who have only these parts left as memories," she says.

Just last week, Kolkata-based Dipika, herself a mother of two children, reached out to get pendants made with the last remaining strands of hair of her mother. She wanted to keep one for herself, and gift another to her brother, who is getting married later this month. The strands are designed in a manner that spells 'MOM'. Why hair? Dipika says there's a reason behind it. "My mother loved her hair," she says. However, after undergoing a kidney transplant, she had a reaction to some of the medicines prescribed, and started losing her hair, leaving her with no option but to wear scarves. In December, she passed away after battling for her life. Through the pendants, Dipika says she not only wanted to preserve her memory, but also hold on to something that her mother loved a lot. As she waits for the shipments to arrive in order to surprise her brother, she cannot contain her excitement.

As they say, there are as many ways to deal with grief as there are people.

THE SPEAKING TREE

The Misunderstood Mother

In Ramayan, the character of Kaikeyi often evokes criticism due to her pivotal role in sending Ram into exile. However, a deeper exploration reveals a narrative that challenges conventional perceptions of motherhood, says GURUDEV SRI SRI RAVISHANKAR

MOTHER'S DAY

In *Ramayan*, Ram was sent into exile because of his mother Kaikeyi which brought misery to his life. But this is an incorrect perspective. No mother is bad in this world. Kaikeyi means 'one who always gives everyone selflessly.'

Ram was very dear to Kaikeyi. For Kaikeyi, Ram was her 'soul'. She had to bear the wrath of her own son for sending Ram into exile. Kaikeyi sent Ram into exile because she knew that Ram was not an ordinary person. Ram was born for a special reason. Ram had to do a lot of good work in society for establishing dharma, righteousness, for centuries to come.

He was going to be the divine light for many deprived sections of society, who were waiting for a *maryada purushottam*, an ideal warrior who followed truth and had integrity.

Ram, Sita and Lakshman in the forest, a scene from the Ramayan

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When Ram went to Kaushalya to seek permission to go to the forest, she had tears in her eyes. She said to Ram, "If your father has sent you to the forest, then I am the queen, I have more rights, I can undo the exile order and hand over the kingdom to you. I may disobey your father's orders but if Kaikeyi has exiled you to the forest, then you must go to the forest."

Kaushalya knew that Ram was very dear to Kaikeyi and if she sent Ram into exile then Kaikeyi must have done it for some greater good. Such was her faith.

Ram went into exile for 14 years and his life thereafter is an example of extraordinary strength, integrity, humanness, justice and power of the spirit. Under his rule, he brought justice to many people and ended their suffering. He included all sections of society without any discrimination, and he freed the world from the influence of the arrogant demon king Ravan. Now, suppose that only the part of exile is removed from *Ramayan*, then nothing will be left in the entire epic. It would have been a simple story– 'There was a king. He ruled comfortably and then one day he died.' Neither Sita would have been abducted, nor Ravan would have been killed nor Hanuman ji would have been found, nor would any other incident have taken place. Therefore, the most important part of *Ramayan* is the exile of Ram and if seen in this way, the biggest character of *Ramayan* is Kaikeyi because if she had not sent Shri Ram into exile, *Ramayan* would not have become such a work of moral and spiritual inspiration.

Adi Shankara says, "Bad sons are born, but a bad mother has never been born". And it holds true to this day. Being a mother is an emotion. You can have a motherly attitude towards everyone. You can be a mother to all the children in the world who do not have parents. Mother's Day celebrates the patience of all mothers.

A mother is strict with her children so that they do not have to face problems in the future. She does all this out of compassion and love. Just one day is not enough to express gratitude towards mothers, rather it should be celebrated every day of the year. ■

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SM4 Bhardwaj Br. Dhiman, MCA 2 Jun 87/5'7" Wkg S/W Engr MNC in Noida 30+lpa, Gzb based Veg. fmly Caste no bar # 9871884271, 9035117840

Bhubaneswar (Odisha)
Based Very highly Affluent established Business Family is looking for a Odia Brahmin 5'3" and above beautiful and educated Bride for their 29yrs, 5'8", Only Son, studied in Jindal Global Law University. Involved in own venture.
Contact :
9437001358

PQM4 N.Indian Brahmin boy 5'10", 27.6.96, 4.27am, Mumbai. MBA, B.Tech working in MNC Mumbai. Educated family. Professional & employed girls preferable. Contact: 8779844278 sharmakshitij6796@gmail.com

BR Delhi NCR 44/5.7" unmarried, Handsome boy, involved in family business looking for homely, unmarried girl. WhatsApp 9548691054

JAIN

IIT B.Tech ISB MBA 84/171 US Startup Founder, USD 1.5M, US/Dubai Based Affluent Jain Swetamber Family, +919829294900, +919672337659

28/5'10"B.TECH IIT,MBA IIM,Software.Devp.MNC,85 LK+ Father Mfg.Ind'lst Aflunt Family,Only child,caste no bar,no dowry 9272025670

JATAV

MERCHANT Navy Chief Officer, 35 LPA, 28 yrs/5'5", Father Retd. Sr. Govt. Off., Seeks Prof. Qual. B'ful Girl, 9073104347, r.sagar@gov.in

SM4 Jatav Handsome Boy, 33/5'9", Graduate, Govt Service Delhi seeks well edu girl pref Govt Service Delhi. Contact: 9716749488, 9716658896

KAYASTHA

SAXENA 29/5'7" B.Tech., MNC 65+ LPA, seeks cultured B'ful girl (B.Tech/ MBA wkg Lko base family prefd). Upper Cast no bar M: 8318288351

SAXENA V.Fair MCA Feb85/ 5'9"NM,ASOCIATE MANAGER MNC Noida 36Lpa,Nvr.maried young look Fathr Astt.Director Rtd.delhiErlyMarig#9599556675

M4 Delhi NCR bsd Kayastha handsome boy July 83/5'10", graduate, wkg with MNC at Sr. Position. Father & Mother retd PSU Sr. executive. # 8130926927

KAYASTHA groom 32/5'9" divorced. Wkg in MNC. 14 lac+. Fmly is well known in Biradari own house in South Delhi. Contact by text 9810049669.

WANTED bride for 26 y/o boy based in Bangalore for old Delhi Mathur family (only Mathur alliance solicited) Looking for a kind-hearted girl who values mutual respect. Contact: 7838743869

CA BOY 33/5"10' WKNG Manager, Govt.PSU 30LPA.Father Retd. Chief Engr PSU.Seek Good looking edu.girl 8707648604 , 9711488667.

PQSM for NM, BTech, MBA Saxena boy Mar 87/5'9", working in MNC in Paris, France. 9871703407, neelamsaxena24@gmail.com

SRIVASTAVA W'kg, H'som Bachlr MBA Boy Sept 82/5'8", 10 LPA approx seeks Prof. Qual Wkg Girl. Ph 8765455038, 9839625533, p26lko@gmail.com

SRIVASTAVA 32/6' 2" fair Comp. Er boy running own startup company. Father senior govt doctor. Seeks tall fair Kayasth Girl # 9140494912

SM4 Kayasth Shrivastava Boy, Jan 1987/5'9", LLB, MBA, Prominent Advocate practicing Bhopal & Jabalpur High Court, 10Lpa. All Hindu accepted. 9425015986, 9575564006

MATHUR, Jaipur bsd MBA B.Tech fair, 93/5'10", handsome Boy Wrkg MNC in Bglr Seeks PQ Girl Fthr Mthr both Doctors W'app # 9414618676 , 9414618674

JPR (Raj) Bsd Engr. Job USA 35/5'6" B.Tech.(UK) MS (USA) MBA (USA) Seeking wkg USA/ Indian (willing to move USA) upper caste 9414311212

SAXENA boy 35/5'6", Post Graduate, wkg as Managing Editor 14.5 LPA seeks qualified working girl. Cont: 9811612964

SRIV Boy 20/1/91 5'11" BE CS V.Fair Slim s/w Egr Pune Presently in US seeks qlfd tall slim wrkg girl # 9412376454 E-mail: skivri6@gmail.com

HOMELY working girl for separated issueless 38 years/ 5'4" MBA senior manager top MNC 16LPA Email-biodata.in lettectualom357@gmail.com

KAYSTHA 28/5'6" LLB LLM Elite family,Director in newspaper group required kind hearted cultured educated good looking girl #9425025999

SAXENA 32/5'6", B.Tech MNC 24+ LPA (WFH), Own house, seeks cl'd B'ful girl (P.Q. wkg. Lko bsd fmly prfd). Upper Cast no bar M: 9451381067

LOOKING Kayastha girl for Mathur h'some boy Aug. 1987/5'10' BE/MBA Wkg. Sr. Manager 1CICI bank (large corporate sector) 9893764423

SM4 34/166 cm/ 7 LPA Fair Kayasth Boy B.Com (DU) MBA (SIMC), freelance Music Professional Bangalore/Lko Mob- 8400114533

SAXENA Boy from Kanpur, 31Y/5'8"/20LPA/C.A.wkg in MNC at Banglore, seeks a cultured Prof.Qlfd.wrkg Girl. Mo-9305052227, 9984724255

SM for 10.1.1989/6'2"/11.06 AM Lko, Saxena boy LLM (NALSAR Hyd.) well estblshd practice in Lko. Father Retd. IFS Pref. Veg. M: 7380502999

SRIVASTAVA 27/5'-10", B.Tech, MBA(IIM),MS (USA), Data scientist in US govt org. seeks b'ful girl, WhatsApp : 7905791598,7905840616

SEEK b'ful tall PQ Girl all upper cast fmly for h'some KY boy 34/5'11" B.Tech/ MBA Big5 Assoc Dir G'gram 50L+ Father UP Govt Cl-1 Lko # 9935028968

KAYASTHA boy 90born/5-8 ft, IIT MTech, Wkg in MNC NCR, 40LPA, seeking edutd wkg girl from reputed family. #9897074112 (between 7-10 PM)

KHATRI

SM4 Khatri 28/5'4", H'some, well-settled. Engg, B'nessman frm Punjabi, Affluent Industrialist fmly of Ambala. W: 86077-77501

PQM4 M.Tech Khatri h'some Boy 09.5.92/ 6', 11:36 PM, Delhi. Non-Mglk Veg TT. Working in Bengaluru 20 LPA. Family Del based. W'app/ Call: 9958152224.

SUITABLE match for Never married Punjabi Khatri Boy 5'9"/1982, IT MNC 30LPA. W'app or Contact # 7889118488. Email:Leozworld82@gmail.com

KHATRI boy fair 25.08.88/ 5'10" wrkg Sr. Software Eng., Blore (MNC), seeks match from a suitable girl with similar interests. tandonmatrimony@yahoo.com

KHATRI H'some 28/ 5'8" B.Tech(CS), wkg MNC (Germany), Father Sr Ex MNC. LKO, Upper middle, 9415105819, sethsachin@hotmail.com

PQM/ well qualified match(IT,LAW,CA,HR) preferably for Fair H'some boy 1995, 5' 11" B Tech(CS) Sr Software Engineer in reputed company 78LPA M:9478487092

OUR Son is B.E (CSE), LL.B (Both Punjab University) 10-05-1994,5'-5" Approx. Working in Big Four. Father Retired IRS Officer, permanently Chandigarh based, want a PQM of approx same height. WhatsApp: 95307-03174

KSHATRIYA

CHAUHAN Kshatriya Boy in Lko. Dec'1996/5'10" Marine Engineer Reputed Family seeks Professional Qualified Girl M: 9506405575, 79851368447

KSHATRIYA. Tomar 32/5'11" h'some MBA working in Amazon New Delhi. Lucknow twin brothers seeks suitable match. # 9793127325, 7905541988

JADAUN Rajput handsome boy Oct 96 /5'11/ MBA (HR) Deputy Manager ICICI Bank in Delhi. family settled in Delhi. Pref. Jadaun Rajput family, educated cultured girl from Delhi NCR, Contact- 9313374525

SEEKING PQ b'ful girl for Rajput 36/5'8"/MBA/Manager HR/50 Lakh+/h'some boy. Well settled doctor fmly of Lucknow Caste no bar. Call 9910988333

VAISH

CANADA based software Engg. (30) (Innocent divorcee) Govt job. Own house. Looking for Hindu bride. Contact 98375 3444 5

VYSYA

GUPTA(SAHU)- Handsome, 32/5'8" Executive BHEL(PSU) 15-20LPA M.Tech IIT Roorkee. Well educated girl required. Contact 9140297882, 8604594174

BY COMMUNITY

AGARWAL

PQSM4 31,5'8", Singhal, BE, MBA from premier institute, 75LPA plus benefits, affluent NCR based Mob:-9811066165. Eml: agrmatri44@gmail.com

HINDU /Garg/31/5'10"/ B.tech/MBA/CFA/FRM/CMA MNC–Mumbai/ 50L+p.a / Pref. N.Mglk. – Wkg- Unmarried Girl kumargupta1970@gmail.com

PERMANENT Govt Emp.(1900 gradepay), M.Com, 1992,/5.7",Aggarwal boy seeks edu.,wrkg/non-wrkg girl. Father business, 8750187521

M4 Fair 5'10",1991 wkg Mum boy,45Lac+Slry. Decent Fmly. Seeks B'ful, slim,non mglk,wkg girl decnt upprcast fmly 9467213553 tosharadgupta@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

DELHI NCR based boy Height/Age 6ft"/44, MBA/CFA working with Top Investment company seeks educated Bride. Marital Status- legally separated contact @9410065976 or email-vrg446@gmail.com

H'SOME Gupta Boy 34/5 "7" BMS sydnam Mum MBA,Own film production start-up well Stld. Mumbai.NCR affluent Fmly..Seeks PQM 9219660359

GUPTA Boy, Jan 87/5'7", independently runs own business, well settled in Dehradun. Seeks edu girl, #9717722445

SM4 Mittal issueless Divorcee 1980/6'2"/Smart/Fair/Slim B.E. Project Mgr. in L&T Baroda. Reputed LKO based family. Send BHP on WA: 9725661365

SM4 Agarwal Garg Mglk only son 5'7"/33/MCA, Own Hotel b'ness from highly edtd rptd fmly of Udaipur. All Vaishya invited. 9828077724

FAIR h'sm T'totler bansal 30, 9.1994/5'11" B.Tech MBA.govt bank Mngr. H'status Hry bsd fmly.Seeks b'ful N.wkg.931837 2811 skbansal325@gmail.com

IIT/ IIM for Garg 32/5'8", CA & MBA Oxford. Now working in India. May settle abroad. Father CA in Noida. BHP to: 9911586345

SM4 CA Boy 1983 Born Never Married Kansal 20Lcs per year. Contact on Mobile: 9873234506 & Em- meenaagrawal1954@gmail.com

MCA/ BCA Del based Very H'some Mittal boy 31/5'10"/ Tech Lead MNC 25LPA, Seeks fair, Edu, Wrkg Del-NCR caste no bar. Call/W'Ap:9868173081

AGARWAL/GARG
Dec 1996/ 5'8"/ Post Graduate,Smart, Caring and well cultured boy of affluent Real estate business family from Ghaziabad (UP) having Canada PR & doing business in Vancouver (Canada) looking for suitable, beautiful, well cultured, family oriented homely and non-working girl.
Whatsapp/Call@
9350911887
praveen8296@gmail.com

ARORA

NM boy, well off religious family, Nov 1993 5'6" software developer in Canada, currently in India, willing to settle in India 9896331530

BHUMIHAR

SM4 Smart 97/6'1" NCR B'sd Brhmn boy wkg as Sr. Engg, in Maharatna PSU. Seeking Homely bride Born B/W 98-2000 WhatsApp 9717496688

JAT

SM4 S.Delhi bsd boy 37/5'10 MBA(Symb) wrkd with Big4 in India/Doha. Now in Int'l Bank as VP in Canada (PR) seek wkg prof of rptd/edu fmly. Panwar. Kadyan, Dalal. # 9810280462.

RAJPUT

PROF. Qlfd, Tall, Fair, B'ful. Well Edu Girl for Tall, Fair H'some Rajput Boy 28yrs/ 6'2" NYU edu PG, working in USA as Digital Marketing Strategist. Family Settled in Delhi-NCR. Contact: 9811144570, 9818008138

WANTED Educated girl from Decent family for unmarried 29/6'1" Manglik Rajput boy MBA /B'nessman (35 TO 45 LPA). # 6261665857

BRIDE WANTED

Rajput Chauhan boy, 29 Yrs, 5'9", B-Tech & MBA from Top Institutes of India, Only Child, Handsome and hailing from Reputed & Well-Settled family in South Delhi (Ancestral House in UP), Working in Top US MNC in Gurugram, 45 LPA, Veg, Not Smoking & Drinking. Seeking beautiful, cultural, well-educated & professional Rajput / Kshatriya girl. Mob: 9425816588

BY PROFESSION

BUSINESS

HIGH-STATUS respected Brahmin industrialist seeks a b'ful girl for h'some qualified son 30/5'10 based in Delhi/Ncr 7417320177, ks49698@gmail.com

DOCTORS

UP based Brahmin boy 1993/5'11", fair,h'some,MS Optho (Eye Surgeon). Status Reputed famliy. Seeks Medico tall b'ful match.Mob: 9917961666

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.

SM-FOR 6'2", Dec'84 h'sme boy, MBBS General Surgery wkg. in Delhi, Early Marriage & only Seriously interested Call. Cast no bar; M.P. 9826500805, 9826614838

SM for most qualified super-specialist Brahmin, 5'10", 35, tall,handsome,multi talented ,non smoker, non alcoholic, never married doctor, from affluent super specialist, doctors family, no dowry Contact 9669664560,9131069378

MS ophthalmology (2nd Yr) smart Aggarwal boy 28/5'6" UP West b'sd well Edu. Upper Mdl class fmly seeks MS/MD Girl. 9837330797/8936948616

PQM4 h'some cleanshaven sikh boy PG 1988/ 5'-10", well established business, Income 7 figures monthly. Caste no bar. Whatsapp: 9041064104

35YRS/5'8" N.Mglk MBBS MD Psychiatrist, Pvt. job (Punjab) Seeks medico match (MBBS /MD / MS /DM /MCH) Ph: 9518665620, 8168013021

ENGINEERS

DIGAMBER Jain Goyal Delhi / Sept. 98 / 180 boy BE-NSIT, MBA-MDI. Veg/Teet'ler/Non - Smoker Wkng US MNC Consulting Co. Fair Smart, h'some. only wkng girl. # 9654066136

LAWYERS

AGARWAL 1996/5'10" Corporate Lawyer in Top Law Firm of Delhi (from reputed f'mily of Lucknow)seeks Prof Qlfd match. M: 9793700111

BY RELIGION

CHRISTIAN

SM4 Indian Christian Odiya Boy 84/5'9" MBA Wkg MNC Lucknow as Sr. Mngr 28 LPA seeks well Edu. Girl for Early Mrge. 8400942208, 9935169168

HINDU

AVP BTech Vaish boy Sep89/5'5.Wkg American Bank, ~45LPA, own house Hyd.Seeks Profquali girl pref. PhD/teacher/R&D. nirshubhmatri@gmail.com

LOOKING for Bride 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

WANTED a beautiful educated girl for a smart Punjabi Hindu boy 30,2D artist/Video games, trained under Bahubali Art Director drawing 12L/PA.Moving to Canada for education/job.Any Hindu family, caste no bar, No Dowry. 9840445615,9042579919

SM4 Smart Divorced 45/6'2" Khatri, Software Engineer MNC, US Citizen, Son 11, 50% custody. WhatsApp: 9414441467 (Caste No Bar)

NAI B.Tech.boy, well settled business, DOB:Feb-98, height 5'4",earn.18 LPA Father Job/Busi.,looking Qual girl contact 7007691813.

MUSLIM

SM4 Varanasi based Sunni muslim khan boy 28y/5'10" wkg with HDFC Bank. Father Rtd Bank Officer.Cntact:9838371818, makhanazh@gmail.com

SM (Pref. Dr./MBA/Engr. or CA frm rptd. Inst.) for Sunni boy 30/5'11" MBA frm JBIMS wkg as Invst. Banker in JP Morgan Mumbai. 9868517888

SM4 - 29, 5' 9",H'some,Sunni, Industrialist Family. Lukg for b'ful Girl. Caste, Location no bar. Contact: 8920664268, Em: sehar3511@gmail.com

BE/MBA 27/5'7" Wkg MNC BOM 20 LPA,Well edu Guj family, seeks Prof. Qual Shia/ Sunni(Panjetani) girl Mob 8141082124

SIKH

MATCH for Sikh Boy Feb 94/5'11, B.Arch + M.Const Mgt. working in Canada (Can PR) Well educated mid-class Delhi based fmly. W/A 9871193403

GURSIKH Edu match from cultured family for well settled, highly Edu boy wkg with MNC in San Francisco, 5'10"/ 1991, belonging to reputed, well established business family of Gurgaon. Contact 7428997735

SM4 MBA South Delhi Based Gursikh Arora Boy, May 86/ 5'6", NT, Deputy Manager in Tour Co. 12 LPA, Caste no bar 99905-90900. Agency Excuse.

PROF Qual Wkg girl for MBA/ B.Tech, Oct. 88/5-11", turbaned Arora Sikh boy, belonging to edu fmly, wkg as Digital Marketing lead in G'gaon 9899026166

SIKH Handsome boy 5'4"/ 26.05.1991, BA(H) H.M. from Taj Group, Own B'ness Hotel Ind. 22 LPA, Own House, Settle in Delhi Caste no bar.. 9810111244

MATCH for Arora Sikh Boy 27 / 5'7", MS from UCB California, working in USA. Seeking a working Gursikh girl in USA +91 9076323265

GENERAL

CASTE NO BAR

BRAHMIN 34 /5'10 B.Tech IIT MBA IIM working in MNC 75 LPA+ Father Affluent Business, caste no Bar, 9893202325, 9179134562

B.TECH CSE 34/5'5" Apr 5th 1990/10:20am N.Del MNC Ggn 15L+pa afl Punjabi family own House # 9312227413 &14 Lect /Dr/CA/Teacher pref

SM for Brahmin 39Yrs./5'3" Doctor (BPT) Divorce in final Stage, Own B'ness in Jaipur & Goa, own residential property in Gurgaon,Jaipur & Goa seeks b'ful domestic girl, send details W'ap:7030922333

QUALIFIED girl for B.Tech 1989 born 5'8" Yadav boy having own house & well settled in France, legally divorced No issue. 9414047825

B.TECH, Bisa Agarwal, never married manglik boy, oct 82,50lac+ lpa wrkng in delhi seeksPQM, upper caste only, radha.ag1952@gmail.com

WKG Bride for Mgr MNC Ggn 01.07.1985/ N.Delhi/ 5'11". Send BHP: 9871001111

SM preferably Wrkg Delhi/-NCR bsd for PB Hindu boy 30/ 5'6"/ PGDM/ Mngr Pvt. Bank, Upper mid. class fmly. Call: 9810682805, W'App:9871114387 Marriage Bureau Excuse.

SUITABLE Match for Handsome Yadav Boy 30/185. IT Engineer in MNC, Income 30 LPA, Seeking Educated Hindu Girl, No dowry, Caste No Bar. Contact : 9886253418, 8884086991

ALLIANCE invited for PB MBA boy 37/5'7", 30 Lpa from w'rptd b'ness fmly. Seeks w'qlfd b'ful grl. # 9314520152 Em: nkdelhi2023@gmail.com

DECENT Boy [34 - 5'8" - 60 kg] MTech (IIT-K), MH-SET, MSc. 12 lpa; (Veg., marathi, hindu-mochi), Middle class family in Mumbai - Seeking a "DECENT Match"; Caste & Language No bar. 9082807835 (self)

PHD USA IIT boy 89/6' Beng. settled in USA (i140,Greencard) seeks bride slim, beautiful highly Qual below 32 yrs ready to relocate Mob/Wat 9330329889

W'SETTLED 33/5'8" h'some Rajput boy. M.Arch (IIT Kharagpur). 30-40LPA. Owner of well-established architectural firm in Noida. Gen Caste No Bar. 8178094587

SM4 PB Khatri PGDCA nvr married N'mglk 38/5'5 boy wkg Faculty in Institute 3Lac yearly. Seeks delhi bsd girl (34-38) W'ap/ph: 9560500413

BENGALI / Kayastha/ Divorcee / Manglik / 44 /5'8" / BE&MBA /working in MNC Bangalore / well settled, no liability-seeks issueless divorcee / widow, caste no bar #8888808876

KAYASTHA mangilk boy 35yr/6ft. MS&MBA from US working on H1B visa. I-140 approved. Ph:9425024489

SM4 Schedule Cast boy, 1989 /5'6" B.E/MBA(IIM), working in private firm, 41 Lpa. Seeking equ'vlnt qlfd wkg girl. Caste no bar.WAp: 7776911559

35, 5'8",fair rajput, technical officer ministry of health GOI short marriage legally divorced delhi based affluent family call Sangeeta 9868659903,

PQM4 for h'some Himachali Brahmin boy 93/5'8, B.tech (EEE), MBA (Fin. & Mkt.) wkg in reputed bank in Delhi, 20+ LPA. Contact: 8826374563

SM4 h'sm B Tech boy, 26, 5'10" wkg MNC Ggn. Del bsd Pnjbi Khtr fmly. B'ful, intelligent wkg girl, pref. Gurgaon. Cont:9910078252

SM4 Del NCR based Nov 87/ 5'7", BA, LLB, LLM In-house Counsel in top MNC 22 plus lpa seeks b'ful well educated. W'app profile with pics 7838416665

KANPUR Based Industrialist B.Tech MBA, 29 AUG'79/ 5'8" slim homely educated girl Caste No bar Issueless divorcee girls welcome. 9839177695

JATAV Ph.D. boy, Feb 88/ 5'10" reptd fmly Wkg as A.P. at top Pvt. Univ. & own business, income >15L. Seeks Prof. Qual. girl for erly mrrge. #8077659328

BE, MBA, Yadav, Partial Manglik, Divorced, 45 yrs, 5'8", Working in US, seeks Graduate, beautiful girl. Caste no bar. 9993138042

PQM required for Hindu Brahmin boy Dec 1995, 5'-5", Btech, MBA NMIMS, working in reputed MNC at Mumbai. Wapp/call 9327557790

PUNJABI unmarried boy 39, 5'9" B.Tech MS, Wkn MNC 1.00 Crore above Pkg, no dowry, Accept div& wido Cast no bar 9406468858, 9407787050

USA wkg Sr SW Engr, 6'2", Feb 96, BE,MS.S/o Sr Def offr. Seeking alliance from professional Girl in USA/India. 2shankarparvati@gmail.com

PQSM4 92 born , Agrawal boy, BE, MBA from premier institute , 75 LPA plus benefits affluent family M: 9873003809 shrutiagrawal332@gmail.com

MUMBAI VAISHNAV BOY 1985 5'8" MBBS MNC JOB 30LPA BRIDE FAMILY WHATSAPP 9820667431

DELHI bsd Pb,kh,mglk boy all puja'don.5'11"/20.04.91/11:18am /delhi @35-40Lpa.BTech,MBA - IIM Rhtk-17,pref.wkg girl-js: XZTZ3655,9818669189,

GOOD looking & good family background Bride needed for Rajput, 31/5'6", Amazon Executive, 56000 p.m, Caste No Bar. Contact 9205780667, Email: nitindelhi35@gmail.com

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DISABLED/ HANDICAPPED

SM for 100% visually impaired Delhi based Punjabi khatri boy 33/5'11/Post Graduate, Dy. Manger in PSU Bank, Own house. Caste no bar 9871713359

SM4 31/5'10"/12th wkg 3.25Lpa deaf & dumb (totally fit by physic & mind) intelligent one. Same girl accptd. Call: 9811229710

SC/ST

B.TECH MBA boy Feb95/5'6" Wkg MNC Gurgaon 30LPA. Father working PSU. Seeks Prof Qual working girl. #9467339730

SM 4 H'Some B.Tech, M.Tech Boy Wrkg MNC/29Yrs./5'9"/ 32LPA/Parents Retd. Govt job Seeks Qlfd (B.Tech/M.T ech/-MBA Wrkg. girl. # 9015740496

SECOND MARRIAGE

SRIV, Jan 1972, Div., 5'9", V. Fair, Sr Maths Prof. + Own a Company, flat & car in NOIDA, 20L+ pa, seeks homely bride # WhatsApp Only: 98 100 410 30

ISSUELESS Kayastha Widower 51, 5'7" looks much younger Delhi-NCR Sr Mgr 18 lacs mathur.kayastha.matri@gmail.com 9289346204

PQSM4 V.h'som July 84/5'9" Masters USA iless, div Sr Mgr MNC 65 Lpa seeks b'ful wkg hmly girl unmarid /div/ issueles Wapp 6268673568

SM for H'some Jat Boy 5'9" 82 Born, B.Tech, MBA, IT MNC Noida 30 L p.a Divorce, Short Marriage. Seeks Qualified Girl. Contact : 9911583433

SIKH Khatri 37 six Feet, IIT Engineer PhD Abroad Dutch Citizen Working In Europe Issueless Divorcee Short Marriage Non Drinker Chandigarh Family. 8146307566

SLIM Fair Match 4 Arora issueless divorce, 6.1 ft , 18.05.76, 11.55 am GGN Wkg in Pvt. Bank Gurgaon 20 LPA. W/C 9999036781.

PB. Khatri Nov72/5'8 mutual Divorce. highly qlfd, Wkg in Govt. as Officer seek Wkg girl Caste no bar. # 8287698477 Email: molgm@yahoo.com

BENGALI boy IPS Officer around 50yrs/5'11" seeks educated Qlfd. match from cultured family. Call / Whatsapp # 9811555646, 9330696816

SM 4 BR Iless 43, Computer Engg., 5-10", NM, Own IT INST. TT CNB. Send Pics n Biodata : 9899105662, 9953781320. developerstechsb@gmail.com

SM4 Agarwal divorcee boy 43/5.5", BTECH MBA, Wkg US MNC Ggn, 40Lpa, kid in custody of mother, Seeks prof. qual girl. #9354402969, emailtoag2024@gmail.com

SM4, Goel Fair Slim Divorcee Boy, Oct88 H6'2", Wkg MNC Gurgaon, Pkg 60 LAC PA, Seeks Prof Qlyfd Partner, WAPP 9811183191

SEEKING Edu. unmarried Rajput girl for second marriage, issueless, well settled Rajput Engineer 50yrs/6' wkg. in USA 8887662261(WA)

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Cong tried to frighten our own people citing Pak N-bombs: PM

'Held Talks With Terror Groups, But Didn't Give Befitting Reply'

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In Odisha, recalling that India conducted nuclear tests (Pokhran 2) on this date (May 11, 1998), when Atal Bihari Vajpayee was PM, Modi claimed that it was for the first time after Independence that people across the globe looked at an Indian leader with the utmost respect.

India's first nuclear test was conducted by Indira Gandhi's govt in 1974.

Speaking at an election rally at Phulbani, under Kandhamal Lok Sabha seat, the prime minister said: "This was the day when India demonstrated its strength to the world."

He added, "On the other side, there is the thought of Congress party. Time and again, Congress tried to frighten our own country. They say be cautious. Pakistan has atom bombs. These dead people also kill the heart of the country. Congress has always adopted such an attitude."

"Instead of giving them a befitting reply, Congress used to hold meetings with terror outfits. Congress feared annoying vote banks," he alleged.

Later, speaking at Murve Maidan in Simaria, Jharkhand, Modi said the alliance and the local Jharkhand Mukti Morcha-Congress govt was full of corruption.

Accusing the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha-Congress-RJD govt of running an opium industry in Chatra, he said people should not vote for them if they want to secure the future of their children.

"Mountains of cash are being recovered from Jharkhand Mukti Morcha and Congress leaders. I have never seen such an amount of cash in one place. If so much money is there with the PA and his servant, one can imagine the amount of black money held by ministers," he said.

"One leader of the alliance partner has offered to merge with Congress after declaration of the results. It seems that they have understood that by such a merger, they can at least retain the office of opposition leader in Parliament," he quipped.

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BJP supporters at an election rally addressed by PM Narendra Modi in Balangir, Odisha, on Saturday

Shah: If NDA wins, will junk T'gana Muslim quota

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Shah's remarks at an election rally in Chevella, Telangana, were in response to Aiyar's statement that Pakistan has nuclear bomb and therefore a cautious approach has to be adopted.

Shah said late former PM Atal Behari Vajpayee had conducted Pokhran-2 nuclear test. The first was conducted by Indira Gandhi's govt in 1974.

The home minister also scoffed at Telangana chief minister A Revanth Reddy's remarks that surgical strikes on Pakistan "did not even kill a crow". "PM Modi's swift decision had resulted in terrorists in Pakistan getting wiped out in surgical strikes," he said.

Later in the day, he told reporters that after BJP-led NDA forms govt for a third time, it will make sure the 4% reservation for Muslims in Telangana is scrapped.

"The fact is that reservation for Muslims is affecting reservation for other sections, so we will scrap them," he said. He said Congress and BRS are spreading canards that BJP was against reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs. "We never said we will remove reservations for SCs, STs and OBCs," he said in Hyderabad.

On the final day of campaigning for Lok Sabha elections in Telangana, which goes to polls on May 13, Shah said, "Whichever party forms govt, it is AIMIM's Asaduddin Owaisi who holds the steering wheel. Congress and BRS have outsourced him," he said. Shah claimed that of the 17 Lok Sabha seats in Telangana, BJP has an edge in 13 seats and will win 10 seats for sure.

Shah attacks T'gana CM over fake video

Union minister Amit Shah said on Saturday that by posting a fake video of him (Shah) on social media, Telangana CM A Revanth Reddy touched a raw nerve and invited trouble, reports **Sushil Rao**.

"You have meddled with the wrong person. Now, Delhi Police are after you for circulating a fabricated and edited video of mine and that is scaring you," Shah said at a rally in Chevella, Telangana.

Delhi Police had registered a case on April 28 over doctored video showing Shah advocating abolition of reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs, and had issued summons to Revanth to appear on May 1, which he skipped. A couple of days ago, Revanth, who is also party Telangana unit chief, said: "Amit bhai is trying to scare me using his ministry. If a political party produced a doctored video against another party, the party concerned has to complain. But in this case, the complaint was filed by home ministry."

BJP spokesperson Amit Malviya, on the other hand, said the morphed video had been altered to misrepresent Shah's remarks on the issue of reservation for Muslims in Telangana.

BJP in cahoots with WB coal mafia: TMC

Kolkata: Trinamool Congress has alleged that coal smugglers had come to see off Union minister Amit Shah at Andal airport in West Bengal on Friday, reports **Dwaipayan Ghosh**.

TMC general secretary Abhishek Banerjee made the allegation during a road show at Uluberia on Saturday. State minister Sashi Panja also alleged that BJP was hand-in-glove with Bengal's coal mafia. "Many involved in smuggling of coal were seen during departure of Shah," she alleged.

TMC said Joydev was a coal smuggler and listed out names of 16 BJP functionaries who had come to see off Shah.

Joydev, however, said he went to see off Shah as a BJP functionary.

CM Mann plotting with Shah to split AAP after polls: SAD chief

Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann has reached an 'understanding' with Union minister Amit Shah to split AAP into a separate Punjab unit after elections, like Shiv Sena's Eknath Shinde did in Maharashtra, SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal claimed on Saturday. Badal said this while addressing rallies at Sunam and Dhuri for Shiromani Akali Dal's Sangrur candidate Iqbal Singh Jhundan. "Bhagwant Mann has compromised with BJP," Badal alleged. PTI

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Kharge: Puzzled by EC stating not legally bound to publish turnout data

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Asserting that he has certain "misgivings about the language of the letter", **Mallikarjun Kharge** took a dig at EC as he added that he would not press on that issue as he understands "the pressures they are working under".

On Friday, Congress had termed EC's response to Kharge's letter as a "permanent blot on the institution", which is there to "ensure a level-playing field to all political parties".

Kharge, in his letter to INDIA parties, underlined the "inordinate" delay in release of the final voter turnout of first two phases and a jump of around 5.5 percentage points over the initial projection. In an unusual move, EC responded to Kharge's open letter rejecting his allegations around voter turnout data as "baseless."

Questioning EC, Kharge asked on Saturday that "the lack of urgency shown by the Commission in taking action against... statements being made by functionaries of the ruling party that vitiates the electoral process seems puzzling."

"I am also puzzled by the need to write that the 'Commission is not legally bound to publish any voter turnout data at aggregate level of a constituency or state', though it is factual," he added. Kharge said that he is sure that many voters 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.

He concluded by expressing disappointment and said, "It should be our collective endeavour to safeguard democracy and protect the independent functioning of EC."

Kharge hits out at Modi on 'black money to Cong'

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday hit out at PM Narendra Modi and sought to know why his govt did not take any action if, as per his allegation, industrialists Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani were sending black money to the grand old party, reports **Madan Kumar**.

"Finally, the PM has admitted that these two businessmen have black money... then why did you not act against them? Where was the black money coming from? You should reply," Kharge said at rallies in Samastipur and Muzaffarpur Lok Sabha constituencies.

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Superintending Engineer, MMC, HTPS, Kasimpur (Aligarh)

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		Film Studies	-	-	OBC-1
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Commencement of online application for all posts: 15.03.2024

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Maoist blast kills woman in C'garh: A 25-year-old woman was killed when a Maoist pressure IED exploded in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur on Saturday. TNN & AGENCIES

Misleading ads: U'khand court calls Ramdev

Dehradun: The court of Chief Judicial Magistrate Rahul Kumar Shrivastav in Haridwar on Friday issued summons, for the second time in 25 days, to yoga guru Ramdev and his associate Acharya Balkrishna, for failing to appear before court in a case registered by Ayush department related to misleading advertisements of Coronil drug, reports **Pankul Sharma**.

Court fixed the next hearing on June 7.

Registration of will not mandatory in UP: HC

Rajesh Kumar Pandey | TNN

Prayagraj: Registration of will is not necessary in Uttar Pradesh, the Allahabad high court ruled on May 10. On Aug 23, 2004, UP govt made registration of will mandatory. "Will in UP is not required to be registered and no will that is not registered will be deemed void, whether it was executed before or after UP Amendment Act, 2004," court said.

While deciding a reference, a division bench of Justices Siddhartha Varma and Ajit Kumar held that sub-section 3 of section 169 of UP Zamindari Abolition and Land Reforms Act will be void to the extent it provided for registration of will.

HC made it clear that if the will is not registered, it will not be invalid. The division bench made this judgment on May 10, while disposing of a 'reference' sent to it by the chief justice in a petition filed by Pramila Tiwari.

The HC held sub-section 3 of Section 169 of UP Zamindari Abolition and Land Reforms Act, 1950, in so far as it required a will to be compulsorily registered to be contrary to central legislation, Indian Registration Act, 1908, which made registration of will only optional at the end of the testator.

Hence, court held amendment of section 169 (3) of 1950 Act to that extent it required a will to be compulsorily registered void and accordingly struck down the said part. In its May 10 judgment this year, HC made it clear that if the will is not registered, it will not be invalid.

Medico who got admission unfairly can hold degree: HC

'Few Docs, So Cancelling Her Qualification Will Be A Loss'

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Mumbai: The Bombay HC held that a student wrongly gained admission to an MBBS degree course in a top Mumbai college in 2012 as an OBC on a non-creamy layer certificate based on false data and suppression of information, but observing that doctors are needed, it did not cancel her admission as she had completed the course.

"In our country, where the ratio of doctors to population is very low, withdrawing her qualification will be a national loss, as citizens will be deprived of one doctor," said a division bench of Justices A S Chandurkar and Jitendra Jain, noting at the same time that "unfair means" by her parents to secure her admission under OBC category has "deprived another eligible candidate".

"If the medical profession is based on foundation of false information, it will certainly be a blot on the noble profession," HC said, adding how no student should build their foundation on suppression of facts. But HC wanted to strike a balance. It held that the Mumbai suburban collector was justified in 2013 in cancelling the non-creamy layer certificate issued to the student, Lubna Mujawar, as an OBC category candidate.

Lokmanya Tilak Medical College at Sion had then cancelled her admission to MBBS course, in Feb 2014. But HC said due to passage of time and as she, based on interim orders that allowed her to study, completed her course in 2017, should now be conferred with the degree. Under interim orders of this court which were in operation from Feb 2014 onwards, the petitioner completed the course of MBBS and, therefore, it will not be proper at this stage to withdraw the qualification obtained by the petitioner moreso when the petitioner has qualified as a doctor, the court said.

HC said the student gained admission on her father giving false information and not disclosing that the mother worked for municipal corporation as the non-creamy layer certificate entitles students to low fees.

HC directed the student to now pay the fees as an open category student for the course, within three months, and also additionally pay the college Rs 50,000.

TISS student moves HC against 'arbitrary' suspension for attending protest march

TISS research scholar, Ramadas KS, has moved Bombay HC against the institute's suspension order, reports **Yogita Rao**.

He was suspended from the institute for two years and debarred from entering all four campuses, in an order passed last month. In his petition, Ramadas has appealed to the court to set aside the inquiry report of the institute's empowered committee, revoke the suspension order and restore his status as a student. He claimed that he was 'unlawfully, arbitrarily and unfairly suspended by the institute'.

Ramadas asked for withdrawal of public notice issued by the institute on April 20, two days after the suspension order was passed, stating the petition, was 'malicious' and 'defamatory' in nature and 'puts his life and academic pursuits under grave threat'. He said his participation in student life and exercise of constitutional rights was deemed 'anti-national' by the institute.

He was suspended on April 18 after being accused of participating in a protest march in New Delhi in Jan.

No bail to DHFL promoters seeking relief for spending half of maximum term in jail

Refusing to grant bail to DHFL promoters Dheeraj and Rakesh Wadhawan who sought relief on grounds that they had already spent more than half the maximum sentence of seven years in jail, a special PMLA court has said the one year that the duo consumed in stalling their bail pleas has to be deducted from the computation of the time they had spent as undertrials, reports **Rebecca Samervel**. The brothers were arrested in 2020 in a money laundering case in which Yes Bank founder Rana Kapoor and others are also accused.

In Dec last year, Kapoor was granted bail after the judge pointed out that he had spent more than the minimum punishment period of three years, without framing of charges and a trial. In case of Wadhawans, the judge, though, said Section 436A of CrPC does not provide an absolute right of bail and it may be denied where trial is delayed because of the accused.

HC seeks med board report on minor survivor's MTP plea

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Mumbai: The Bombay high court has sought a report from a medical board of JJ Hospital on a plea for medical termination of the over six-month pregnancy of a 12-year-old girl who was sexually assaulted by her 14-year-old brother.

Justices Revati Mohite Dere and Manjusha Deshpande on Thursday directed a medical board to be constituted to examine her and its report to be submitted to a vacation bench on Monday. The girl's mother moved HC to permit MTP as her daughter's pregnancy has crossed the 24-week legal limit for termination.

The petition said on May 2 the daughter complained of stomach ache. At a health centre, the doctor suspected pregnancy and a test confirmed it. The girl told her mother that from Oct, when no one was at home, her elder brother used to forcibly establish physical relationship with her.

He threatened her with dire consequences. On the mother's complaint, an FIR was lodged the same day under IPC and Pocso Act against the son and he was sent to juvenile home.

On May 3, the girl was produced before child welfare committee, Palghar, and sent to a home. On May 4, at J J Hospital it was found that she is "24 weeks and five days" pregnant.

The mother's petition said doctors have opined that there are chances of premature birth, low birth weight, respiratory distress syndrome, electrolyte imbalance and kidney disease. The medical reports indicate there will be major complications in growth of the foetus in the minor's womb and it will endanger both lives. Also, continuation of pregnancy till normal tenure will affect the girl's physical and mental health besides causing more risk to her life.

"The mere age of 12 to 13 is not appropriate to reproduce a child... The minor girl has a right to study and make a career but due to this pregnancy it will be impossible for the minor/victim even to be educated," her petition added.

The mother said she wants her daughter to lead a "normal life without any complications and medical problems".

"...every passing day produces irretrievable changes in the status of the petitioner's daughter and foetus which she carries and... invariably have a direct impact upon the child in the womb as well as the petitioner's daughter," her petition said.

Pilgrims' rush at Char Dham leads to chaos, two lives lost

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Dehradun: A huge crowd of pilgrims was seen at Char Dham shrines on Saturday, a day after the yatra to the Himalayan temples began. Maximum rush was at Yamunotri — around 45,000 pilgrims were reported at the small shrine town on the first day — making it difficult for people to even walk the narrow stretch leading to the temple. Similar scenes were witnessed at Kedarnath, where over 30,000 people turned up on Day 1.

Meanwhile, two pilgrims — Ramgopal (71) of Sagar district in M P and Vimala Devi (69) of Unnao in UP — died after suffering heart attack at Yamunotri on Friday, officials said. On Saturday, pilgrims were stranded at various points from Barkot to Janakichatti, with long queues of vehicles stretching till the early morning hours. The congestion on the trek route itself posed significant challenges for devotees.

Sunil Mandaviya, a pilgrim from Gujarat, said, "We were forced to sit in our car for seven hours without moving even an inch. All our food and water was finished and we had no idea when the traffic would resume."

Area SDM Mukesh Ramola said traffic is being controlled by a one-way system at narrow and sensitive places on Yamunotri national highway. "In order to ensure this, vehicles are being stopped for some time in Damta, Dobata, Paligad, Ranachatti and Phoolchatti, and food and water is being provided for the onward journey in a controlled manner," he said. Uttarkashi district magistrate Mehrban Singh Bisht said on the first day, there was a huge crowd on the Yamunotri trek route due to a large gathering of local villagers and pilgrims from outside. "Things are completely under control on Saturday," he claimed.

However, Anil Kumar, a local taxi driver, said if police and administration do not take effective steps to monitor the situation, it will become difficult for them to drive taxis this season. Shopkeepers in the shrine town had also downed their shutters on Friday, protesting against works left incomplete by the administration.

Badrinath temple being decorated on Saturday. Maximum rush was seen at Yamunotri, where 45,000 pilgrims gathered on the first day

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE No. AGC-ELG-T-05-2024-25 Date:-08-05-2024

E-Tender Notice

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General) N. C. Railway, Agra on behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on line only (E-Tendering) for the following works.
Sr. No. :1, **Tender No.**: AGC-ELG-T-05-2024-25, **Name of work with its location & Completion Period:** Electrification work in connection with provision of trip shed in existing DEMu car shed at Agra. Completion period 08 months, **2.** Approx. Cost of the work:₹1217790.77, For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in** Tenders can only be submitted through web portal **www.ireps.gov.in** up to **15:00 hrs on 31-05-2024** 830/24(DG)

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

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CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

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Tender Documents can be downloaded from Website **www.ireps.gov.in**. For future modification/extensions pl. see **www.ireps.gov.in**.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

All the candidates contesting in the General Election to the Lok Sabha 2024 in the Parliamentary Constituency of West Delhi (WDPC-06) and the general public are hereby informed that the Election Expenditure Register will be inspected as per the schedule given below. :-

1. 1st Inspection – 13.05.2024 (Monday), between 10:00 AM & 05:00 PM
2. 2nd Inspection – 17.05.2024 (Friday), between 10:00 AM & 05:00 PM
3. 3rd Inspection – 23.05.2024 (Thursday), between 10:00 AM & 05:00 PM

Place of Inspection: Room No. 405, Office of the Returning Officer, 06-West Delhi Parliamentary Constituency, Plot No. 03, Shivaji Place, Raja Garden, New Delhi - 110027.

This inspection is necessary as per Section 77 (1) and 78 of the RP Act 1951.

Sd/- **(DR. KINNY SINGH, IAS)**
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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 15th March, 2024

S.O. 1414(E).- Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Freedom League (hereinafter referred to as the JKPFL), chaired by Mohammad Farooq Shah @Farooq Rehmani is indulging in unlawful activities, which are prejudicial to the integrity, sovereignty, and security of the country ;

And, whereas, members of the JKPFL have remained involved in "Supporting terrorist activities and anti-India propaganda for fuelling secessionism in Jammu and Kashmir ;

And, whereas, the leaders and members of JKPFL have been involved in mobilising fund for perpetrating unlawful activities, including supporting secessionist, separatist and terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir ;

And, whereas, the JKPFL and its members by their activities show sheer disrespect towards the constitutional authority and constitutional set up of the country ;

And, whereas, JKPFL is involved in promoting, aiding and abetting secession of Jammu and Kashmir from India by involving in anti-national and subversive activities, sowing seeds of dis-affection amongst people; exhorting people to destabilise law and order; encouraging the use of arms to separate Jammu and Kashmir from the Union of India and promoting hatred against established Government ;

And, whereas, the Central Government is of the opinion that if there is no immediate curb or control of unlawful activities of the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Freedom League (JKPFL), it will use this opportunity to -

(i) continue with the anti-national activities which are detrimental to the territorial integrity, security and sovereignty of the country ;
(ii) continue advocating the secession of Jammu and Kashmir form the Union of India while disputing its accession to the Union of India ; and
(iii) continue propagating false narrative and anti-national sentiments among the people of Jammu and Kashmir with the intention to cause disaffection against India and disrupt public order ;

And, whereas, the Central Government for the above-mentioned reasons is firmly of the opinion that having regard to the activities of the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Freedom League (JKPFL), it is necessary to declare the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Freedom League (JKPFL) as an 'unlawful association' with immediate effect ;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967), the Central Government hereby declares the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Freedom League (JKPFL) as an unlawful association ;

The Central Government, having regard to the above circumstances, is of firm opinion that it is necessary to declare the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Freedom League (JKPFL) as an 'unlawful association' with immediate effect, and accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to sub-section (3) of section 3 of the said Act, the Central Government hereby directs that this notification shall, subject to any order that may be made under section 4 of the said Act, have effect for a period of five years from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

[F. No. 14017/16/2024-NI-MFO)
PRAVEEN VASHISTA, Addl. Secy.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR,
THE UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES (PREVENTION) TRIBUNAL,
COURT OF R-2, GROUND FLOOR, NEW COURTS BLOCK,
HIGH COURT OF DELHI, SHERSHAH ROAD, NEW DELHI — 110503

Re: **Notification bearing No. S.0. 1414 (E) dated 15th March, 2024 issued by the Central Government under Sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 declaring the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Freedom League (JKPFL) as an 'unlawful association'.**

To

The Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Freedom League (JKPFL) along with its leaders, members, factions, wings and front organization as well as that of its principal Office Bearers.

WHEREAS the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") has declared the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Freedom League (JKPFL) as an 'unlawful association' vide Notification bearing No. S.O. 1414 (E) dated 15th March, 2024 which has been published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part - II Section 3, Sub-section (ii).

AND WHEREAS by Gazette Notification bearing No. S.O. 1629 (E) dated 05th April, 2024, which has been published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part - II Section 3, Sub-section (ii), in exercise of powers under Sub-section (1) of Section 5 read with Sub-section 4 of the Act, the Central Government has constituted the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal comprising Hon'ble Ms. Justice Neena Bansal Krishna for the purpose of adjudicating whether or not there is sufficient cause for declaring the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Freedom League (JKPFL) as an unlawful association. The Hon'ble Tribunal has considered the preliminary material placed before it in support of the Notification bearing No. S.O. 1414 (E) dated 15th March, 2024 during the course of proceedings held on 16th April, 2024 and consequent upon such consideration, has directed that a Notice be issued to you under Section 4 (2) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967.

NOW THEREFORE, a Notice is hereby given to you under Sub-section (2) of Section 4 of the Act and you are hereby called upon to show cause in writing within 30 days from the date of service of this Notice as to why your association should not be declared as unlawful and why an order should not be made confirming the declaration made in the above-mentioned Notification bearing No. S.O. 1414 (E) dated 15th March, 2024.

The Objections/Reply/Written Statement along with documents, if any, may be filed/delivered within the statutory period of 30 days from the date of service to the undersigned at his Office in the Court of Registrar-2, Ground Floor, New Courts Block, High Court of Delhi, New Delhi. In case Objections/Reply/Written Statement and accompanying documents are to be filed in regional language, their true English translations be also attached.

You are required to appear before the Tribunal on 20.05.2024 at 04.30 P.M. in Court Room No. 49, First Floor, New Courts Block, High Court of Delhi, New Delhi for further proceedings. Appearance can also be caused through a duly authorised and instructed Counsel/Advocate.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal, High Court of Delhi, Sher Shah Road, New Delhi on this, the 16th day of April, 2024.

(Dr. Ajay Gulati)
Registrar
Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal

DIP No:DIPK-457/24/10.05.2024

We, the couple... Why some Indians are taking pheras around the Constitution

Inspired by the values of equality and freedom enshrined in it, they are opting for a more meaningful ceremony rather than the big fat desi wedding

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Anand Bansode was nervous. He was about to broach a sensitive subject with his fiancé, and wasn't quite sure how she would take it. "Girls usually imagine weddings with a lot of dhoom-dhaam (big celebration). But my idea was something very different," says the mountaineer and entrepreneur. So, when he told Akshaya that he wanted to get married at an orphanage with the Constitution playing the role of a religious text, he wasn't expecting her to jump with joy. But surprisingly she agreed. "She also reads a lot and is very interested in social issues, so she loved the idea," says Bansode, who has also carried the Preamble while scaling the Big 4 mountain peaks.

Indian weddings, as many couples have learnt the hard way, are seldom about the couple, but about their families and society at large. However, some couples are upending the ritualistic aspects of the big fat Indian wedding, focusing instead on their personal ideals, and this impacts the way they conceive the big day that binds them together. The Constitution and Preamble are, for these couples, replacing religious texts and rituals. For some, it stems from their anti-caste perspective, while others object to the gender politics involved.

ANAND BANSODE, ENTREPRENEUR
Our relationship is rooted in equality, freedom, and trust. Those principles are best exemplified by the Constitution. It felt like the most authentic text for who we are

DIFFERENT KNOT: Megha Meghwanshi and Krishna Kumar made seven pledges to each other as they took seven steps, and ended with an oath on the Constitution

Last month, Mamta Meghwanshi and Krishna Kumar got married in a rather unique ceremony. The Rajasthan-based advocate couple had long discussed their desire for a 'samvaidhanik' or constitutional wedding, Meghwanshi says. "We didn't want a phero-wali shaadi where women are confined by rituals." So instead, they started their big day with a small ring exchange ceremony, followed by making seven pledges to each other as they took seven steps and tied the knot by taking an oath on the Constitution. Their unique pledges, drafted with the help of Mamta's father, Dalit activist Bhanwar Meghwanshi, focused on building and maintaining a relationship rooted in trust, equality and friendship. They pledged to act in accordance with the Constitution, treating their partner with the respect and dignity it enshrines. The last pledge was about drawing inspiration from their idols including Jyotirao Phule, Babasaheb Ambedkar, Bhagat Singh and Mahatma Gandhi, whose photographs also adorned the stage atop which they married. Kumar also did not want their day to include sindoor or mantras about how the wife will consider her husband 'pati-parmeshwar'.

"I hope that marriages such as ours make it easier for future couples. After all, it is the Constitution that has emancipated women," says Meghwanshi.

The couple is even trying to register their marriage under the Special Marriage Act (SMA) even though they are from the same caste. "With Hindu Marriage Act, you need a pandit and a copy of the wedding card. So, we opted for SMA," says Kumar. "We're choosing to marry the person we love in the way we want. What's not to be thrilled about?"

Bansode's reasons are similar. "Our relationship is rooted in equality, freedom, and trust. Those principles are best exemplified by the Constitution. It felt like the most authentic text for who we are," he says, adding that they are equal partners at home and at work (they are co-founders of an adventure tourism company). So, on January 26, 2016, the couple, along with their closest family and friends, went to an orphanage, adorned each other with maalas, solemnised their marriage by reading the Preamble and donated ration to the kids at the orphanage.

There are other ways the Constitution is inspiring couples. Vinay Kumar, who has spent the last three years of his life working on creating awareness of the Constitution through exhibitions as well as tote bags and postcards, says the postcards and tote bags have made their way into at least three weddings. Last year, he got an interesting message from a woman about to get married who had been gifted one of his postcards featuring excerpts from the Constitution by a friend. "She was getting married under SMA and they had faced a lot of resistance to their wedding. The postcard, she told me, inspired her to fight for this wedding, reminding her that the document allows her to marry the person of her choosing," says Kumar.

Abi and Devika's love story began at a Constitution literacy campaign

For Abi R and Devika Devarajan, the Constitution was a big part of their love story, so it seemed only logical that it play a central role in their wedding too. The couple first met during a Constitution literacy campaign organised by the district administration in Kollam (Kerala). Both were 'senators' (instructors) during the campaign, and their role was to teach the significance of the Constitution in our society. Their wedding became an opportunity to further their work by highlighting the vision the Constitution upholds.

On October 22, 2023, they tied the knot holding a copy of the Constitution in their hands. The wedding mandapam had pictures of Babasaheb Ambedkar and Jawaharlal Nehru. A huge flex board displaying the Preamble was set up at the entrance of the wedding hall. Plus, for the 1,000-odd guests who had come for their wedding, the couple distributed copies with brief notes on the main articles of the Constitution.

"A casteless, secular society without any discrimination is what the Constitution teaches us," says Abi. Post their wedding, the couple have launched the Constitution Literacy Council, an NGO that spreads constitutional values in schools, colleges, and other organisations.

Not everyone understands this way of thinking, though. For the Bansodes, news of their wedding spread across Maharashtra, leading to support, but also backlash. "People wrote to us and even called us to angrily say that we should believe in this or that religion or that we are against dharma. But our main dharma is India," Bansode says. While Meghwanshi says her father shielded her from any naysayers, her cousin Neeraj Bunker tells TOI that there were relatives who were against it, but they eventually came around, out of a desire to witness their union. "This marriage worked because both the bride and the groom's family were on the same page. In an earlier instance, someone in our family wanted a Buddhist wedding, but the bride's side didn't. So, we had to compromise and keep some rituals."

It's been years since Bansode got married to his wife, but he reminds himself of the wedding all the time. "Even as a child, I would tell my mom I didn't want the kind of relationship I had grown up seeing — where men keep their wives down. Today, anytime I feel my male ego coming up, I remember the wedding and our values. It's important for mindsets, particularly those of men, to change."

Inputs from ***Rajiv G*** *and* ***Shruti Sonal***

Guess who shone at Met Gala? The Indian karigar

Desi celebs highlight labour of artisans who created their saree-gowns. Is putting time over price tags the new trend?

Reshmi Dasgupta

Will Isha Ambani Piramal and Alia Bhatt spark a new trend in event wear after their red-carpet looks for New York's marquee Met Gala this year? The two chic Indians — Isha wearing Rahul Mishra and Alia draped in Sabyasachi — showed off their fantabulously handcrafted 'saree-gowns' to much acclaim. Sabya himself made an appearance in a long, white, hand-embroidered cotton coat and several of his own jewellery pieces.

Marleen Moise/Getty Images

1,965 KARIGAR-HOURS Time spent on Alia Bhatt's Sabya saree

Both ladies had luxuriously long trains behind their sarees, providing a gossamer canvas to show off superlative Indian karigari, with sequins, beads, appliqued butterflies and flowers. By deliberately drawing attention to the karigars' hours of skilled workmanship, these lucent ladies also introduced a new element into the wallet-wringing world of haute couture: time over price tags.

When interviewed on the red carpet, Alia made a huge effort (given her well-documented inability to remember crucial facts such as the name of India's President) to recall precisely how many hours her elaborately embellished outfit 'cost'

Particularly apt since the Met Gala theme this year was 'The Garden of Time', right? Indeed, when interviewed on the red carpet, Alia made a huge effort (given her well-documented inability to remember crucial facts such as the name of India's President) to recall precisely how many hours her elaborately embellished outfit "cost": 1,905 hours by 163 craftspeople. Go calculate *that*, girls! (It's another matter that Alia got it wrong again — it actually took 1,965 hours of work)

Not surprisingly, Ambani's ensemble had much higher karigar-hours: 10,000, according to the reportage by fashion media. The actual number of craftspeople involved in the creation of her saree-gown was not revealed but as the flowers, butterflies, and dragonflies were embroidered using traditional techniques like zardozi, nakshi, fareesha and dabka, at Mishra's "ateliers across several Indian villages", a few hundred hands would be quite a conservative estimate.

With India's winter wedding season still a comfortable six months away, there is plenty of leeway for desi brides to consider whether Alia's 23-ft floral train or Isha's 15-ft 'River of Life' flowing behind her saree are doable for destination nuptials. Time rather than tag is of the essence now, after all.

Sudha Reddy (from the Megha Engineering family) wore a custom-made white Tarun Tahiliani gown and train, worth an impressive 4,500 karigar-hours. Of course, it was the $20 million 'Amore Eterna' 180-carats diamond necklace by Farah Khan Ali and two $10 million solitaire diamond rings — all from her own collection — that drew the most comment as they put to shade the usual borrowed bling of western celebrity attendees from Jennifer Lopez to Cardi B.

Natasha Poonawala, who chose a striking black and white Maison Margiela gown by John Galliano and towering Louboutin heels in 2024, was the one who actually introduced Sabya's sarees to the Met Gala in 2022, wearing a golden printed tulle number, embroidered and embellished with bevel beads, semi-precious stones, crystals, sequins and velvet. And she had paired it with a sculpted golden Schiaparelli corset. But reportage on that Sabya saree did not mention hours.

10,000 KARIGAR-HOURS Time spent on Isha Ambani's outfit

Philanthropy and fashion fuse at the annual Met Gala to create an explosion of creativity, with business and show-business celebrities collaborating with the hottest and coolest couturiers for the fund-raising fiesta. So, highlighting the number of hours craftspeople spent working on their ensembles rather than flaunting seven-figure price tags at such a philanthropic event is a commendable initiative by these prominent Indians.

Last week, at one of the most extravagant weddings of 2024 (so far) in the south of France, Gujarati-origin British fast-fashion billionaire Umar Khamani's bride Nada wore a custom-made white silk Dior gown by Maria Grazia Chiuri. While the price tag was decorously not mentioned, the couture house told Vogue that the gown took 540 hours of intense effort "by three haute couture seamstresses and a pattern maker, under the watchful eye of the first workshop head".

For the 'Indian' wedding (the couple had two ceremonies), Nada's outfit was an ivory Manish Malhotra lehenga ensemble whose details — price and/or karigar-hours — are not available. Supermodel Naomi Campbell also attended the wedding, wearing a lavender chiffon saree-gown with a corseted bustier and

Photo: Alexi Lobomirski/Instagram

marabou feather trim on the pallu-train for the Indian ceremony. Interestingly, at the 2023 Met Gala, Campbell had worn an 'archival' salmon pink Chanel gown in a distinctly saree drape.

Western luxury brands send out periodic subtle messages about the almost incalculable value of their hand-crafted creations by virtue of the factors of time and the skill of those who work ('toil' would be an inappropriate adjective) in their ateliers. The understanding is that machine-made means uniform, fast and infinite, hence identical and affordable products. Hand-made means varied, long-drawn and limited, hence unique and (nearly) priceless masterpieces.

Western design houses have sourced embroidery and other handmade elements from India for decades though they have not exactly been open about the role of desi karigars in their creations. Indian designers and couturiers have also long been reticent if not remiss about the actual hands that create the masterpieces that now wow the world. But cues from the Met Gala 2024 indicate that while desi brides may or may not opt for trains, karigars may finally get their due.

Journey of changing motherhood, kal & aaj

Mrs. Funnybones

TWINKLE KHANNA

As a child in the seventies, I recall my mother's duties being clearly defined. The most important was ensuring we finished the two rotis on our plate. In my sister's case, this was an arduous task as she had to keep poking her younger child's cheek where lumps of masticated wheat were deposited like they were gathering compound interest. The others revolved around completing our homework and the mandatory braiding of hair. Sometimes not satisfied with two pigtails, these plaits were twisted back to the side of our heads and fastened with a ribbon, so we looked more like goats with flapping ears than little girls.

Aside from these daily rituals, we were left to our own devices. This meant we had ample time to chase chickens in a nearby dump or run down the lane to Gopal's shop for sweets on credit. We even had a 'setting' with the juice wala on the beach. Along with selling sugarcane juice and ice-cold colas, he saved us all the bottle caps of Gold Spot. At that point, the most significant event in our lives was the announcement of Gold Spot's famous contest, where bottle caps with Jungle Book characters could be exchanged for a prize.

Like the other mothers of that time, my mother was not particularly bothered by our dubious social activities as long as we didn't argue and performed a decent namaste in front of guests. When I compare what motherhood meant when I was a child to what I have to undertake as a modern mother, it is terrifying.

My initiation into motherhood began in 2002 when my son was born. This was the time when my husband told a visitor that I was unavailable because I was 'milking' and immediately sealed my transformation from a hot chick to a cow. It was also a period when an entire generation of mothers would show newborns Baby Einstein videos to stimulate their brains. It didn't occur to anyone that not only did Einstein's mother not play any videos for her son, but as evident in her letters, she was primarily preoccupied with his appearance instead of his intellect. In her memoirs, Einstein's wife states that just before the genius was about to receive the Nobel Prize, his mother rushed towards him with a comb and said, 'There is nothing I or anyone with the exception perhaps of God can do about your great big darling deformed head. But there is something we can do about your hair.'

Chad Crowe

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Hair, as we have already established, has always been a large part of mothering. Though the mothers of the seventies and eighties often had to moonlight as hairdressers, modern mothers, besides having hairdressing skills, are meant to be therapists, event planners, stylists, educators, motivational coaches, and nutritionists rolled into one. We must also preferably hold down jobs with one hand and our children with the other. We must breastfeed but not have droopy breasts. We must feed them the right combination of nutrients and avoid eating their leftovers to have the waistlines we once had before these creatures turned our wombs into their personal campervans. We must ensure they are entertained, mingle with the right peers, and praise their crooked drawings like we are courtiers bowing to the emperor with no clothes. All this should be accomplished by a method called 'gentle parenting', unlike our mothers who ordered us around like army colonels.

In pursuit of this parenting style, my bedtime routine with my younger one often stretches endlessly as I combat questions like why it matters that you brush your teeth every night, even if those teeth will fall off soon enough. To get her off the iPad, I need to deploy statistics about the surge of myopia in children. In the list of roles a mother needs to play today, I omitted mentioning the largest one, becoming a screen time monitor. Looking at all these children with their heads bent over flickering screens, I can't help feeling a certain nostalgia for a time when our imaginations were our greatest tools. We strained bougainvillea flowers to create tinted water that we applied on cheeks and T-shirts. We turned rainwater-filled potholes into our own French Riviera, where we would set sail paper boats made of newspapers and mark sheets. Today, we are likely to stop our children from playing in muddy puddles and run behind them with sanitiser to attack germs.

While the modern mother does ensure her children are safer than previous generations, I wonder if we are wrapping them in so many layers of bubble wrap that they cannot experience the real world except as a hazy blur. Are we doing them a disservice by raising them in a homogenised, sanitised world where they play the same games online and have the same extracurricular activities? Is that why the current generation, with their similar mannerisms, clothes and interests, all seem like clones of each other?

In the playground of modern motherhood, the seesaw between security and liberty has a prominent place. Too much freedom, and you will be seen as uninvolved. Too little, and you are stifling them. This journey through the landscape of motherhood, kal and aaj, remains unchanged, along with the requisite blame and guilt.

Perhaps this Mother's Day, instead of flowers or candy, I will reserve my present for the future. One day I would like to receive the gift I finally gave my mother. I erased her saintly pedestal of motherhood because pedestals are narrow by nature, and it only takes one twirl to fall. In my forties, I gave my mother the gift of acceptance. I let her know that I didn't blame her for any inadvertent slip-ups. After having my children, I understood that our job as mothers is not to give our children perfect childhoods but to love them dearly and do our best within our inherent limitations.

If I am honest, I haven't given her complete absolution yet. I am holding a bit back until she lets go of a peculiar habit. There has never been a significant event in my life, where my mother instead of being excited about my achievements, has not started fretting about my hair and with a worried frown, reached out to put stray strands in place. On this front, I can safely state that Einstein and I have something in common: Our mothers' obsession with our hair.

There was more that I had to say about motherhood, but by the time I reached the penultimate paragraph, my little one began asking for her screen time password. After negotiating with her, I couldn't quite remember the points for my grand finale.

Clearly, in some cases, motherhood is a journey where someone constantly pulls the emergency chain and halts your train of thought.

INQUIZITIVE

by **JOY BHATTACHARJYA**

1 What, locally called Wànlǐ Chángchéng, was built over many centuries, starting from the 7th century BC by Qin Shia Hian, and is believed to have cost the lives of over 40,000 workers during construction?

2 Which organisation, renowned for its charitable deeds around the world, was started by Paul Harris and his friends in 1905, and got its name because the original meetings would move in turn from one member's office to another?

3 In 1918, HMS Argus was the first warship of which type, often referred to as 'flattops?'

4 Jorasanko in North Calcutta, currently the campus of a university, is the birthplace of which famous Indian?

5 Founded in 1902 with just the name of the city, which legendary European football team got its name from the local

word for 'Royal' and features the royal crown of the country?

6 Which 2021 film, directed by Shoojit Sircar, and a national award winner, was based on the real-life assassination of former Punjab Lt. Governor Michael O'Dwyer?

7 Which social networking service was created by Google employee O. Buyukkokten in his non-project time at Google, and was one of the most visited websites in Brazil and India for a while before being closed down in 2014?

8 There are three basic patterns of fingerprint ridges. Two of them are the arch and the loop. Which five letter word is the third?

9 Which specific place of commerce in the Indian subcontinent, in the news because of a recent show, gets its name from the son of Dhian Singh Dogra, the Prime Minister of Maharaja Ranjit Singh?

10 Which six letter surname, common both in Punjab and Bengal and many other parts of India, derives from the Persian word for "paymaster," and originated from the title for Mughal army paymasters?

ANSWERS

1 | The Great Wall of China
2 | The Rotary International, the parent organisation of Rotary Clubs
3 | Aircraft Carriers (India currently has the Vikrant and the Vikramaditya)
4 | Rabindranath Tagore, Rabindra Bharati University was started there in 1961
5 | Real Madrid (Real means Royal in Spanish)
6 | Sardar Udham, the story of patriot Udham Singh
7 | Orkut, which was Buyukkokten's first name
8 | The Whorl
9 | Heeramandi, from Hira Singh Dogra
10 | Bakshi

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BY LANGUAGE

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DOCTOR match issuless/ never marrid for Dec.91 born 5'8" Tonk kashtriya, MBBS. boy (short time legally separated) Govt.job. 9876635421

PQM4 B.Tech IIM Punjabi, only son, 8.3.93/6', Product Mgr ICICI Mumbai 24 LPA, Father Doctor, Reputed Family. Contact: 9828153485

SM4 very handsome BRAHMIN South Delhi boy of 34 yrs managing family business. Slim, smart, well educated Girl below 30 yrs from a respected family. Send profile at WhatsApp 9810145205.

SM4 Punjabi Khatri boy 38 /5'6" MCA Settled in Kolkata with retired father in posh area seeks homely educated girl.Caste no bar. M: 974854 8593, sckapoor46@gmail.com

PUNJABI unmarried boy 30 Year 5'10" B.Tech MBA-IIM Wkin MNC 40.00 lakh Caste No bar, No dowry. Affluent fmly # 7987144206, 9406468858

SM for Kapoor Boy may 93 / 5'7" MS in Finance Wrkg in Boston Prefd. Edu. Girl Doctor / Engg / IT Profession etc. Cont- Wapp/call 9312637176

Seeking B'ful, Slim, Fair, Working Girl For West Delhi based Punjabi Khatri Manglik Boy, 6'2", 18/04/1990, 3 PM, Birth place Mumbai, BBA, MBA, Industrialist Affluent Family.
Whatsapp / Call: 9899100576/9899063631
matri.delhi2024@gmail.com

SINDHI

NO Dowry M- 9711433945 seeks Qual girl for B.E Mech sindhi boy Sep 86/5'-9" Tiles Business Jabalpur 10LPA bhatia.kishor27@gmail.com

BY NATIONALITY

NRI/ GREEN CARD

US based PQM4 US citizen 42 5'8" B.TECH MBA issueless divorcee Miami based Management Consultant in global firm last three years' average cash compensation US$ 3 million per year who is only child of Delhi based Rajput Punjabi family CNB Mobile / WA 9868577284.

UK based Garhwali boy. MSc-UX. 28/5'6". Product Designer in global bank in London. Seeks Prof Qual girl. Caste no bar. W'App: 9911115509.

SM4 Pnjabi, h'some, teetotaler, 91, 5'11" well sttld New Zealand citizen boy seeks educated girl only from NZ or Australia, No matrimonials pls. 7043404444

MBA Canada PR, Nvr Married 39/5'7" Jain, visiting Delhi May/June, Educated Affluent family, CasteNoBar, WApp 9999802224

PQM for US Based Dr. boy 40/5'8" / GC MPH-JHU Ph.D. MS-Harvard finishing residency starting fellowship Contact: WA 9874316769

SUITABLE Match for Punjabi Sikh Rich/Affluent well Established business family from USA/India Chandigarh Software consultant very smart 5'7" Tall very fair Age-34 Legally divorced in few months Looking for qualified girl followers of Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj Contact: kirpalsant@gmail.com , +1-630-755-5550 USA

BRAHMIN H'some Boy, Nov.92 / 5'10" Veg teetotaller, Investment Professional working in London UK. Seeks well edu, b'full, veg girl from status family. Contact: 9560073922, 9560455460

SAINI sikh cutsurd 6' 1987 B.Tech MBA, MS well placed divorcee, Canada citizen. upper caste Sikh/Hindu qlfd. girl wkg in Canada reqd. 9416247247 rp.singh28@yahoo.com

NRI, Sikh Arora Boy Oct,1990/5'7" B.Tech (DCE), MBA (Vanderbilt University, USA) Handsome, Well Cultured, Intelligent, working in MNC in New York, H1B Visa Residence Manhattan, NY Belongs to Respectable affluent, educated family of Gurgaon Want compatible, educated girl with good values.
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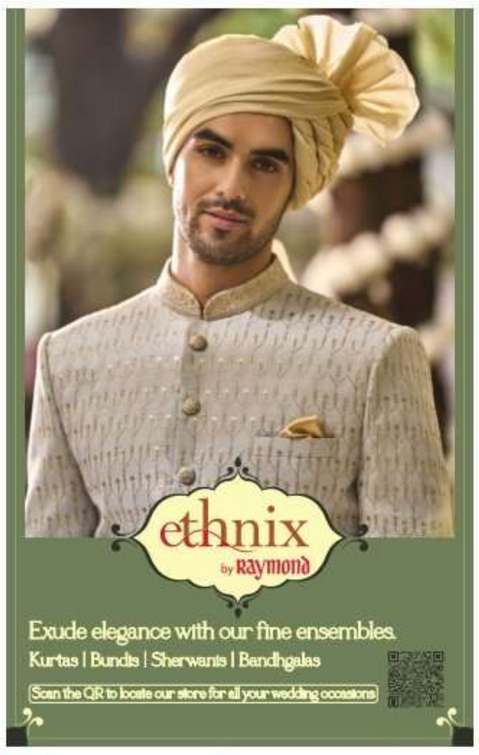

WANTED GROOMS

BY CASTE

AGARWAL - BISA

SINGHAL Girl 5'4"/June 1992 B.Tech MBA(XLRI JAMSEDPR) 24 LPA Pref. MBA Qual. boy in NCR M:7533807993 pooja.singhal1693@gmail.com

MEDICO /IAS/IIT MATCH FOR BEAUTIFUL GUPTA GIRL DOING M.D (PATH) DELHI 5'8"/27YRS/PARENTS DOCTOR. contact WA 7905033539, 9838229922

SM4 smart intl gupta girl 27 /5'6" c.sc MBA from US,Wkg Dubai. PQM boy pref settled in Dubai / USA. 9811448927 shvets1372@hotmail.com

SM4 GOEL MGLK 36/5'3"/ 80KG., GRADUATE FAIR GIRL GOOD MARRIAGE SEEKS WELL SETTLED MATCH CALL 9838507977

B'FUL Slim Agwl H'ly Edu.girl Oct'86/5'4" Professor (AI), Div. (v.short mrrg), Seeks Well Edu & Well Settled Agwl Boy, Pref Delhi/NCR.# W'app: 9625142911

SM4 Well Edu. B'ful, fair, 5.6", 17/11/94 (9:17 am), Manglik girl of High status Goyal family Delhi, seeking well stld Delhi/ NCR Aggarwal fmly 9810032795

PQM4 B'ful NM Bansal Girl Sept. 1990/ 5'/ M.Sc. IITB Wrkg. AVP MNC B'LR 50 LPA Pref. Wrkg. In B'LR/GGN Mrt. Fmly M-9997746861.

PQM4 Well educ B'ful slim fair Goyal 25/5'7" girl of well stld Delhi/NCR Agarwal family seeks veg h'some well educ well stld boy. WA/Call : 9811098808

PQ Match for Mittal Beautiful, Manglik Delhite Girl, 1995/5'5", M.Architect, Working in London Seeks well settled Boy. Contact :- 9811220456

27/5'4' Mangal fair & sweet nature, Masters in Comm Design Ahmedabad, worked MNC Gurugram, Own startup. Father renowned CA, Lucknow based Marwari fmly, seeks well stld Marwari fmly from service/ B'ness Class Earning handsomely. Decent marriage. 8957425388 agmukesh.saa@gmail.com

BRAHMIN

BRAHMIN Widow slim 44 5'5 Phd looking for well educated boy 8955694758

WGCDR NK Sharma(Retd) seeks all fr Grd 1996/5.1" PG HtlMgt, Dip in Digtl Mktg, Dg MBA, wrkg frm home MNC. Delhi famly. Eng MBA bckgd prefd 9891909212, 9910101516

MBA (Aus) Girl Nov 88/5' Wkg NSW Aus, Father Doc Seeks Prof Qual match drharishankersharma@gmail.com 9826055207

✔ **SM4** Grwli Brhm Grl BTch MBA(HR), 1.10.85/ 5'50AM/ Mum/ 5'5" Adi Nadi Mesh Rasi in Corpts Mum seeks prof qualf, match prf frm Al Brhmin/Upercst Boy Mumbai pref& othr Metros othr Cuntry . JSid . ZAAU7373.M 9869008172 SN.58011@gmail.com

BE(CS) MBA(Symbiosis), Kanyakubj Girl Dec'93/5'3" content writer, Pref. H'sm w'edu settled boy frm affluent family.#9425156297, 9425155197

BR fair b'ful Girl Dec 92/ 5'2" Convt edutd MA,B.Ed spl edu. wrkg teacher rptd school Abu Dhabi (UAE). Del/Ggn fmly # 9818137635 (after 7pm)

KANYAKUJ Brahmin Girl, B'ful, Fair, 1986, 5'5", LLB, MBA, Kanpur Based family Seeks Qulified & Well settled Groom. Contact: 8595567596

BRAHMIN girl, DOB- Sep 1990, Height - 165 cm, fair, well-settled(13 LPA) seeks suitable match from any high caste in Delhi-NCR. Contact on 9818452460 or 8447519666

PUNJABI Brahmin pure Veg. Girl, Jan. 1986, 5'5", B. Tech- IT, Project Lead, Soft ware MNC 9871933066 email: naresh57sharma@gmail.com

US wrkg Engg Gaur Br 29/ 5'3",Anshik Manglik, veg girl frm N. Delhi seeks similar match only U.S wrkg boy (29-32, 5'8"and abv) M-9871589242

BTECH SR MNG GOVT BANK DELHI 90/5'3 FAIR BFUL I'LESS DIV(15 DAY MARRIAGE) KANPUR 9718055064/9935530800

SM4 SPB Brahmin Girl, Fair 5'4"/32, Lucknow, divorcee, Hotel Manag/MBA, Working in US Cmpny, Father Retired bank officer. Cont: 6388813663

NOV 83, 5'4"DM ONCO Brahmin Doctor Girl seeks DM, MCh, MD, MS DOCTOR BRAHMIN match.Delhi/ NCR Pref. 7992176926

PQM4 Brahmin girl 83/5'5" Unmarried BTech MTech (CS) working in MNC. Seeks well-settled match, 9216864869

MATCH from Haryana/ Rajasthan/ Delhi boy for Jaipurite NLSIU Bangluru Law Graduate 28/5'10" Gaur Brahmin B'ful working girl at Delhi. Pref. Lawyer/CA/ IAS/ RAS/ RJS/ IRS/ Engineer. 9414607215

KANYAKUBJ Brahmin, 19.09.1992 5'7", B.E, MA Anshik Mangal, Nadi Antya, Kashyap Gotra, Girl working in Govt. Service Pref.- Working in Govt. Dept. / Professional/ Business in MP 94253327763, 9893356778

PQM for manglik girl from upper middle class family 5'2 Brahmin Sarswat 6.6.1992 4:10 PM Delhi. Done B.com Hons & M.com # 9910170098, 9311356537

GAUR Brahmin. beautiful working girl Dec 94/5'5" masters Digital Mkt from UK, seeks a reputed Service/Business/affluent cultured& educated family boy. 9971230055, 7065-544545. ashinap_4@yahoo.com

KAUSHIK B'ful Slim girl 25/ 5'4" MBA, working MNC. Noida based Upper Middle Class family seeks a suitable Brahmin Prof Qlfd veg Teetolar Boy Ph: 9810800722/ 9958581410

An Elite Brahmin Family from South Delhi seeks alliance for their very Beautiful highly qualified daughter BE , MBA from USA 34/5.3" currently working in India looking for Handsome Professionally qualified match either working with big corporate company or in business from reputed upper caste family preferably from Delhi NCR.
Phone/WhatsApp: 7011743367

BRAHMIN
Executive match from Delhi _NCR for Post Graduate working executive saraswat Brahmin Girl Age 35 yr / Height 5'4
MOBILE: 8439452399

CHAURASIA

CHAURASIA Girl 35yr/5'3"MBA/,PSB Astt Manager UP based.Mob-6393603843,raju1.c1187@gmail.com

GURJJAR

SUITABLE MATCH for 29/5'2" Hindu Gurjar Haryana Girl M.A.(English), B.Ed., LLB, UGC NET qualified. Edu. fmly Cont : 9953903770, 8851600531

JATAV

M.S. Gynae, SR at AIIMS. Girl 30/5'4" 55Kg. Fair. Father Lt. Class 1 Surgical Specialist. Mother Govt. Doctor MO. Seeks MS/MD-Surg/Ortho/Med. MOB:8827888804

MATCH for Delhi based slim smart, Oct 92 born/ 5'5" B.Tech Jatav Girl, Software Engr in MNC 24 LPA seeks well settled & educated boy. # 8826945771

Seeking groom for Civil service officer girl, 30, 5'8" from Jatav, upper middle class, father retd. PCS officer. Civil / central services officers only. contact 9415825395

KAYASTHA

SM 4 Delhi-NCR based 1993 born smart B(Com), MBA (Full Time Reputed Instt), 5'3"/ 20 LPA, MNC Gurgaon. 9810498812, 9810494112

BTECH Sri NM Aug88/5'2" Sr. Mgr Iqvia M'bai 35-40LPA, Lko bsd f'mly seeks w'stld boy, early decent Marriage. # 9415331617, 9454886600

KAYASTHA Mathur Girl April' 92 born 5'2" Senior Engineer in MNC. Seeks a well settled working boy. Contact-7693055513

MSC (Bio/chem),Srivastava Girl 5'2" 16.11.1993, 12:10 Pm Lucknow,wrkg in MNC 11Lpa 9044691425, 9415912065, srivatavabrajkumar@gmail.com

PQM4 Sri Girl 28/5'-5" MBA (F), SR. Analyst, PWC-MNC Ahmedabad, Sub Caste Accept. Cont- 7266067502

PH.D (Biotech) Purs.(Atlanta, USA) Del-NCR bsd Saxena girl, Nov'96/ 5'7"/ Wheatish, slim,smart,seeking well stld. Educated boy Pref. wkg.in USA. Call/W'Ap: 9650088023

KAYASTHA match for srivastav girl, 1988/5'.3", V. Fair, M.A., Ph.D. (BHU), Asst. PROFESSOR. Seeks early marriage. # 9129872300.

SM 4 B'ful girl Nov 92 born /5'6" pilot renounced airline seeks well settled match Caste no Bar, contact : 9415076887

DELHI Based well settled Groom for a Ph.D., Qualified Bengali Kayastha Manglik Girl 35 years old, 5'5" tall, Wheatish Complexion. Permanently Working in a Delhi based Central University. Annual Salary 27 lacs. Cont act: 9415002476 or 9334906431 or 9903003895. Mails: kscarun21@gmail.com or Saha.arati.10@gmail.com

PQM4 GZB based wheatish Kayastha Girl. N.M / Nov 91/5'6" B.Tech working MNC in Bangalore. 28.5Lpa. Upper caste no bar. Mobile; 9958429959

BENGALI, Kayastha, 30.9.85, 5'3", working in Central Govt- Grp-B, M.A. seeks suitable match preferably from metro city working in Central Govt / PSU / Doctor /Professor & Professionals within 45yrs. SC / ST pl excuse. Ph: 8902023989

BTECH, MBA Oct 88/5'7" Wkg MNC Bengaluru 30LPA never married beautiful girl seeks suitable match. Upper caste no bar. 7738892303/9867697816

SRIVASTAVA/BDS (Dental surgeon), Nov 94/ 5'5" smart- Attractive working in hospital Renowned family of UP Seeks Alliance MBBS/MD Doctor/ Engineer/class 1 officer. Mob/WA 9305377700.

DOCTOR girl (doing PG),96/5'3", MPbased doctor family, seeks kayasth groom doctor (MD/MS/DM /Mch)/IAS /IPS, drssimlot@gmail.com ,7879357006

B.TECH, working at TL in Wipro. 20LPA Kayasth B'ful Smart girl 30yrs/5'4" UP, Pref. suitable match. W'ap / Ph: 9695456145, 9415444067.

WANTED IAS,Allied,Judicial offi'r, iitian engineer or SM for a Beautiful BALLB,LLM girl Practicing-High/Supremecourt (Delhi)No siblings, # 9973121899

SM4 Lko. based Kay. fair b'ful girl 24.12.89/5'3.5" MBA VIT, GMP IIM Lko. wkg MNC GGN 28.75LPA. Father SBI Retd. Manager. M: 9415911498

SRIV Girl Nov/ 91 /5'5" BtechIT, b'ful working pune, veg, Nodowry, Kayastha only call 9695985686/ 9158637378

SM Prf Govt/MNC Job for Smart Kayasth Girl Apr'94/ 4'11" MSc. Central Govt. Job at Dehradun. All Upper caste Acceptable Father bank AGM Lko. # 7408408062 , 7408687208

KAYASTHA Corp. lawyer 28 yrs NM 169 cms ,V fair ,slim b'ful from reputed f'mly NCR seeks professionaly qualified match.caste no bar #9810967522

KAYASTHA 28/5'4" fair, b'ful girl wrkng Genpact Gurugram, family Lko based seek profsnly qualified / well settled boy. Contact 9305894542 / 8881580684

PQM4 Beautiful, Kayastha, Non Mangalik Shrivastava girl, Aug 89, B.E., MBA, Senior Officer in Bank at Mumbai, 25 lacs p.a package, preferred based/transferrable to Mumbai, Caste No Bar. Cont: 7987184505, 9425015986

KHATRI

B'FUL Lko. Khatri Convent Girl 98/ 5'3" B.Tech wrkg MNC Bengaluru seeks Match Khatri /Hindu wrkg. Bengaluru prefd. M:9794637530, 9415910189

PQM4 NM Punjabi Khatri Girl Delhi 5'5/DEC 1992 Convent Educated MBA Working In MNC Bank #9810810729

PUNJABI KHATRI, fair/slim 27 years, 5'3" girl. Officer in PSU Bank. Seek alliance, preferably Officer in Centre Govt./ PSUs/ PSU Bank. Contact 9417178100, 9464738100

PQM4 Convent edu. fair b'ful Pbi Khatri unmarried girl 35, 5'4", LLB, Masters Mass Comm, Dip Cyber Law from premier institute, class 1 officer preferred. Father retired army officer # 9431788016, 9910821513

MATCH for 82 born/5'2" girl PhD Micro wkg Pvt Unv. Father Retd. Govt Officer, Chandigarh based well settled family. Mo: 7579222671

SUITABLE match for unmarried Punjabi Khatri girl 1980 born. M.A., B.ED. W'app or Contact on 9958078517 Email: artivarma51@gmail.com

SM4 Conv. edu bful Khatri veg girl, 6.11.86/ 5'6", 11:36 am Del BEd,M.Phil,PhD Nr completion wrkd at Defence school, Del bsd family. Wapp/Call: 9958559222

Punjabi Khatri Girl, 23/11/1996, 5'3", 10 am,BTech, MSc Management, Involved in Family Business at Jodhpur .Father is a businessman, Mother is a Homemaker. Seeking Suitable Match Contact :9829025138

Looking for GROOM
Punjabi Khatri, Affluent Business Family seek suitable alliance for their daughter, 5'8" / 95 born, CA, MBA, beautiful, very fair.
(Whatsapp Only, No phone calls pls)
+91-79009-00005

KSHATRIYA

SM4 beautiful Gaur Kshatriya girl 5'4" pursuing MD Anesthesia from PGIMER. Father: Director in Central Govt. Doctors prefd. 9818422518

KUMAUNI

SM4 Kumaoni Brahmin girl 27/5'4'', MBA working in French MNC seeks well settled Kumaoni Brahmin Boy. Mobile/Whapp- 7898841650

SAINI

SEEKING well-settled boy for our daughter B.com, MBA 18 Feb 93 Born 5'5 fair completion share Biodata on k.l.suman52@gmail.com 9828056545, 9057518902

SAINI 5'3", Sep92 b'ful N/M B.Tech, MBA(IIM) wkg MNC B'lore 38Lpa, Delhi bsd.Seek (c.n.bar) N.sikh edu stld mba boy # 9868324421, 9873660961

VAISH

SM4 unmarried B'ful Gupta girl 78 born/160 cm, M.Lib & Info Sci. wrkg Cntr Govt S.Delhi, 12 LPA. 084272-76447. Div./Bureau excuse.

PORWAL Vaishnav, Girl, 01.04.96, 5'5". Company Secretary (CS), LLM, MBA. Working in Mumbai. Indore-based reputed family. Seeking like-minded, pure veg & well-educated match. M: 9109531135

88 Born/Vaish/Never married Girl, 5'4"/50kgs, Slim, attrctv, MBA, wrkng with ICICI foundation Ranchi. Seeks similar match# 9674221304 (only w'app)

YADAV

IAS/IPS/IES/IIT/NIT Match For Beautiful Well Behaved Yadav Girl M.E.Tech From NIFT 5'6"/28 Yrs WA 9685082847 Em: rakeshyadav engineer@gmail.com

BY COMMUNITY

AGARWAL

MBA, XLRI smart, b'ful Agarwal Girl 5'3" 1995 born Sanskriti School. Presently wrkg with MNC, 40 Lac Pkge. Father Senior IAS Officer. # 9969557651, 9874674474 Em: krsna.gupta@gmail.com agarwalabha40@gmail.com

SM4 Jain girl 31/5'4"(Manglik). Masters in Comm. Design. working with reputed org. Father professional.Well-off family.M:9837200328, 9149160283

1992 Born, Smart Girl B.Tech MBA from Decent Family. Parents Doctors. WhatsApp 9413164664

SQM b'ful Aggarwal girl orthodonist 35/5'6" wkg in Dubai. Perf Delhi NCR family. Early marriage. Call: 9717677433

MBA, PGDM Qlfd b.ful NM Rastogi Nov 1984/5.2, legally separated upper mid class seek well settled qulfd match father sr.adv. H.C #8299433160

PQM4 Agrawal Girl Dec93/ 5'8"/ practicing lawyer LLB, LLM, AOR Supreme Court. Upr middle class fmly. #9810562922 skaroyal705@gmail.com

SM for B'ful, Slim Gupta 96/5'1" B.Tech/PGDM 30LPA Delhi Based Educated Family. Pref. Delhi-NCR # 8750116068 Em: shefali2966@gmail.com

PQM4 Aggarwal Non Manglik B.Tech. + MBA working Girl, Feb 94 / 5' Seeks Well Settled Match. Call 9411023775 Meerut

AGARWAL B'ful B.Tech 1999 /5'2"Girl wkg in MNC. Seeks w. Stld boy prfd Civil Serv, Govt. Officer fm status family # 92121 84522 agarwa.sachi@gmail.com

PQM4 Garg girl MCA Thapper wkg MNC Noida 20 Lpa+ 9 Sep 88, 5'1" Patiala pref ncr noida. kundli match. mrg beu ro exc 9814341176, 9781541176

PQM4 Beautiful, Very Fair, Non-Manglik girl, March' 89/5 MBA, Working MNC Noida. 8 LPA. Father Retd. AGM. Status family. 9810979021.

DOUBLE masters in HR. From United Kingdom A/M. Garg 5'5"/16.5.89/8:45am jaipur seeks well stld boy.Caste nobar. 9891656291/9891234624

PQM 4 Agarwal MBA BE working MNC Gurugram 45 Lpa 5'5" March 1980, Father Retd. Exec. Eng. WhatsApp 9410666392, 9410407743

REQD Indslst/CA/IIT/-H'some pkge for fair slim smart CA July 93/5'6" from Punjab based Agg edu reptd fmly. Uper cast no bar. Good marriage. (W) 7015864545

ARORA

PUNJABI Arora Girl June 2002/5'7", Slim, Fair, BA Communication Design, residing in South Delhi seeks a suitable partner.8178208922

PROFESSIONAL / Qualified Delhi based match for Punjabi fair slim girl, Dec'89 / 5'4" PhD working Asst Professor Delhi University # 9711034936

JAT

SM4 31 yrs fair, slim, 5' 5" girl (very short marriage), Pursuing DM, Oncology AIIMS & MD, Pediatric. Reputed family of doctors.Father a practicing govt. Doctor, younger sister an Ophthalmologist & younger brother MBBS. Only doctors, corporate professionals from Jat family prefd. # 6377022340

SM for B.Tech IITD, MS & PhD(USA) convent educated JAT Girl 28/5'04", preferably CS IITian well settled JAT boy want to settle USA 8696105907

SM4 for Beautiful, Fair Jat Girl 24/ 5'5" B.Arch (Delhi), MLA (UCL, London) Looking for a compatible Teetotaller, well settled Groom India / Abroad. Avoid Teotia, Tomer, Chauhan. Contact +91 9818652587 / 9999641545.

SM4 v.fair b'ful Jat girl Aug 89/5'6"B.Com(DU),MBA wrkg in MNC NCR. Pref. wkg MNC Delhi NCR, avd Teotia/Alhawat.W-9412432162.9690905080

NORTH INDIAN

MSC Hosp, Vishw/Lohar Girl, May 95/5'4", Asst lecturer CG/Gr-B/PB-6 at Chandigarh, 08 LPA, Seeks for Viswakarma Wkg boy, 9906227711

RAJPUT

FOR MBBS Doctor, Tall, Very beautiful, Fair, Rajput (Pundir) Girl 29, 173 cms, working in Govt. job, R/o Saharanpur, UP-9639539524, 7717574151

RAJPUT V.B'ful Fair 88/5'6" MCA Convent Edu. Vats Gotra wkng Girl, Accenture Noida, reputed f'mly, E.U.P #9450707884, 9450955122.

MS (ECE) Rajput girl Wrkg. in UK 1996/5'4"/Upper middle class fmly frm Eastern UP. seeks match from UK/Europe /India based boy.#7289857166

B.TECH IT/wkg MNC/ NCR/Rajput Girl/29/5'4"/ foreign traveled. Father MNC Sr Exec, reputed UP Thakur family. Seeks suitable match of same background. locaterp@gmail.com / 9650192595

RAJPUT (Bhati) girl, 29/5'4". Translation officer Income Tax Bhopal. G.P- 4200/-.Seeks Govt. employee or Business owner in MP. Contact: 9413067355.

PQM Slim, B'ful May 87,5'-7 Kshatriya, M.Tech. IIIT. Financial Freedom, Seek well settled status never mar'ied boy NCR, LKO, Abroad. 9839343125

MP Based RAJPUT HIGHLY AFFLUENT RESPECTED BUSINESS FAMILY Looking For Their Beautiful and Educated Daughter Feb. 94-5'3" Seeks Well Educated Established Business Family.
CONTACT 8120099988

BY PROFESSION

DOCTORS

MEDICO match for Delhi based 28/5'5" fair beautiful Aggarwal girl MD Radiology SR in Govt hospital. 9312277346, 9810088797.

MEDICO Bengali B'ful slim girl feb 90, 5'3" MBBS MD Child specialist & wrkg in top Med College in DL, prfd Delhi Ncr Bengali # 9871078510 .

M4 Jat girl S.Delhi/GGN based 33/5'5"MBBS MS Opthal. SR in Ch. Hospital, Ggn Pref. Dr MD/MS, Civil Service, U.caste no bar 9810314135, 9810404135

MEDICO groom PG clinical subject for a medico saxena fair girl 5'3" / 14.10.1989 DNB ophthalmology wkg as SR in govt hospital. Ph: 9827116322

MATCH for Obsy-Gynae DNB, DGO, FMAS, DMAS Laparoscopic Gynae working in Corp. Hsp 5'-3" Nov' 93 Pb Bz family # 9997747888

MEDICO BRAHMIN M4 SMART GARHWALI GIRL FROM REPUTED DOCTOR'S FAMILY, 5'3"/ 1995, DOING PG OPHTHALMOLOGY, MOB: 9411536600(WhatsApp), 7983038968.

ALLIANCE for an Aggarwal fair girl, 5' 3", ENT surgeon, 1986 born. vijkrishan@gmail.com or 9958447341 for Delhi NCR

SM4 29, 5.4" B'Ful, Fair, MD Doctor from affluent family. Caste, location no bar. Prefer Doctor or Business.9810714239 Email: vanij083@gmail.com

MD Pathology girl(31/5'5, Beautiful, fair) from a well educated Kasaudhan Baniya community seeks a Medico match(MS/MD) Mob-9335719355

M4 Doctor D.M (Neurology), fair, beautiful girl 32/5'7", Brahmin family. Preferable D.M, MS, MCH/MD Doctor, NCR based. Call: 9811057525

POSTGRADUATE medico groom any higher caste for 30 years, 5"3" Pulmonologist Punjabi Arora girl from Gujarat. Parents doctors, settled in Gujarat. Call 9825116977/ 9374717453.

MEDICO Match for Yadav Beautiful, Fair Girl, Oct 93/5'4" (approx), DA DNB Anesthesia, SR in Delhi Hospital. Wts.App 9953216679, 9868557741

MATCH for MS Surgeon wrkg in Surgical Oncology Corp. Hsp, also DPM Psychiatry 5'4" Oct' 87 status Pb Bz fmly 8126279566

PQM Under 35 for 31/5'7", MD, smart, convent educated, Khatri girl, S.R Govt. Hospital. Recently divorced. Short Marriage, No issue. 9717370300.

MBBS MD SM 4 B'ful Dr. mglk girl 5' / Oct 88, 12.35pm 75Kg wkg.in UNICEF 30 LPA. seeks edu. well sttld Boy 32-38Yrs.Delhi/NCR 9868001678.

MBBS, MS, HCMS, 1990, 5'-7", Hindu girl, looking for Doctor, Civil, Allied Services Near Chandigarh. Shortly divorced. Contact- 98022-22200

MEDICO M4 36/5'5 Bful Fair Agarwal Doctor Girl MS (Obs&Gyn) SNMCAgra Never Married. 8439545003, 8958351251

BY RELIGION

CHRISTIAN

WELL placed Delhi NCR bsd Christian match 4 very pretty lecturer PhD girl 28/5'4 frm an established highly edu. Kerala fmly W'app 7678345824

CATHOLIC Postgraduate girl, working in International organisation in Delhi, 5'5", 1982 born. Contact at hiseliza@gmail.com or 9810499179

MATCH for Protestant Christian Convent Educated Delhiite Girl 18/5'4"/Slim/Fair/Beautiful. delhi.protestant@gmail.com

ELITE SAMBAVAR Christian B'ful Malayali girl, 26/160, M.Com, Manager Pvt. Bank, Mumbai seeks (christian) q'fied professional. 99304 70030/99204 99137, (Brokers pls excuse)

HINDU

SM4 beautiful fair agrawal girl 28Y/5'1" MBA working in Blue Dart. Both parents doctors, affluent family.9412292280

31YRS, 5'6"/ 56kgs, beautiful, fair, well-educated & spiritually grounded girl from a business family- currently working with Google. Seeking a suitable groom from Hindu family having- established business/ entrepreneur/ IAS/ top MNC professional. Caste no bar. Preferably vegetarian. WhatsApp only: 9154314797

SM for Beautiful girl with good family values 5'1"/ 1987 SC B.Tech. + MBA, Manager in Bangalore MNC. Caste no bar. Contact 8058190970, 7349157349

PRABASI Bng bride 37/ 5'5" slim smart & b'ful, BTech, MBA (IIM) Mutual issueless divorcee, wkg in Sr. Managerial Position in Bank in Dubai, willing to relocate, seeks suitable smart groom from a cultured & open minded family. Father- Engr. Retd NRI(Oil&Gas)Now in Kolkata Only Child.WA+918597679695 biruhalder@yahoo.co.uk

PROFESSIONALLY qualified match for Brahmin girl, MBA (Finance) working in MNC, Issueless divorcee, 5'3, 6 Dec- 1988, short marriage, upper caste no bar. WhatsApp No: 7419151923

CA, FRM,CFA (L3) Gaur Brahmin Girl July 91/5'5" B.Com. St.Xavier's Kolkata, AVP MNC Pune, Seeking Prof Qual and well settled boy/family. M : 9351706669

An Elite Family from south Delhi seeks alliance for their very fair, very Pretty, highly accomplished daughter B.S. (Computer Science) from prestigious Stanford university, USA, 26/5.6" currently in India. LOOKING FOR HANDSOME PROFESSIONALLY qualified match either in business or profession from family of high status from Punjabi/ upper Hindu caste. VEGETARIAN PREFERRED
Phone
9310160703

MUSLIM

GROOM wanted for Muslim Shia Syed doctor girl, very beautiful 170cm tall and slim built, well settled NRI family hailing from Delhi. Seeking a compatible match, doctor or well qualified professional. pls contact via zaidisyeda.777@gmail.com

SM for a beautiful & educated girl (23yrs 5'4") from a well established noble Syed Sunni family # 7510002380 or WhatsApp with photo & bio data. Those interested in dowry may not contact.

SM4 Muslim Sunni Girl, 28/5'3" MBBS, MD Pathology, Worked at AMU, 13LPA seaks MBBS-MD/MS Sunni Boy. #9412233945 don't call beauro

MBBS/MD 26 yrs beautiful doctor girl, REPUTED Sunni Muslim family. Ongoing PGMD from Indore 9425608403, 934032796

SM4 Pathan Doctor Girl 26/ 5'3" from well to do family seeks Medical Professional Groom from Lucknow & Nearby. whatsapp: 9415580605

SYD Sunni bful girl 25/5'3"/BE MBA IIM-2nd yr, Father Dr seeks well qual setld boy frm Syed/Sheikhs WA 8989406750

SUNNI Muslim upper caste girl 29/5'5" BTech Manager PSU bank UP based Family settled in Raj. seeks suitable prof Qual. match #9461179587

MS/MBBS UP Govt. Job Sunni Ansari, 31/5'1" Fair, Religious Girl, Medico Preffered Boy, UP based. Caste No Bar. @ 8090622117, 9044080786

WE are searching for Sunni syed medico profile 33/5'5 fair, slim, divorced girl Contact no # 8267019126

SM4 (Pref DR/MBA/Engr or CA from Reptd Inst) for Sunni girl 30/5'5" smart slim fair complexion MBA from NMIMS wkg reptd Firm Mumbai + 91-9654706798

MBBS/MD (AIMS) 26YRS BEAUTIFUL DOCTOR GIRL, REPUTED SUNNI MUSLIM FAMILY, ONGOING PGMD AIMS. CONTACT: 9827495951

SM4 Sunni Sheikh 30/5'6" Girl Fair, Tall, Beautiful, Religious, IIT Kanpur Employee Prayagraj Prefer Near by Mob: 7408522477

MBA B.Tech Sunni Bengali Muslim girl 35/5'3" Wkg MNC GERMANY. Seeks suitable boy Wkg in EUROPE/USA. #9748380838

SIKH

SM4 Sikh Saini girl, fair, smart slim Dec'91/5'4" BTech IIT-D, MBA IIM-C, working in Banglore, Pkg 60Lpa. Only equivalent prof to contact 9425155811.

SM for a Beautiful Gursikh Daughter 27/5'5" Belongs to a Renowned & Established Business Family. 9811109134, Email : orchis27@gmail.com

SM for a Beautiful Gursikh only Daughter 22/5'6" Belongs to a Renowned & Established Business Family. # 7838387034, Email: gsgroom24@gmail.com

GENERAL

CASTE NO BAR

BENGALI B'ful MA Girl Oct 91/5'6 Wkg global org Delhi, father retd Army offr, seeks well edu & qual groom, caste no bar, WA 7042463482

BRAHMIN 26/5'4", B'ful, fair, slim Girl B.Tech MBA Wrkn in MNC 16 Lpa, only child Fthr Industrialist,caste no Bar 8269934966,8269889223

NOVEMBER 1992/5'6" slim b'ful M.Tech., Ph.D.-Pursuing NIT, Asst. Professor in Private Engineering College Cont: 9918202546

UPSC Civil Service Group "A" Officer, 91 born, 5' 3.5", Ph.D. (ECE), Jat Sikh Girl seeks Delhi bsd Central Govt Officer/ PG Doctor WA 9646226004

PROPO'S invited from Professionals very well placed boys for 36 yrs old, Beautiful High Edu, Singapore based Divorcee Brahmin Girl, IT Job, high salary, respectable family. Caste no bar. Contact WhatsApp No. +919818182621, matrimonial.202425@gmail.com

PG B'ful Bengali Girl 31yrs/5'3.Father Retd Sr Army Offr seeks profqual match from Defence,IAS,Corporate,IT,Lawyer,Pilot #9448509478

MASTERS in public policy from NLSUI, Jatav girl 30yr / 5'4", working executive Delhi from upper middle Lucknow based family w'ap: 8400331000

RESPECTABLE family seeks well settled cultured boy India/ Abroad 4 beautiful girl 30/5'5"consultant Hospitality caste nobar. W'app 9560833833

DELHI-BASED Educated, Aristocratic Rajput Family Seeks Compatible Groom for their Daughter 29/ 5'7/ Prof. Qual. Working. 9819468825

WELL settled groom (vegetarian, teetotaler, non smoker) for our daughter 15.04.1998, 5'-4", M.A(Eng), NET qualified, currently pursuing PhD and working as ad-hoc Assistant Professor in a prestigious Girls' College Chandigarh. Dowry seekers please excuse.Share bio with photo.prttal@gmail.com

NM boy,Tall,fair,H'som,W.sett. pref.off'r for a 5'3"/32y slim fair B'ful & prof'l (BPT& MPT) kashyap girl,father Retd. Govt.W/c 9412512267,9891093179

DIVORCED, Issueless 88 born 5"3" Punjabi girl, govt. job in Australia. Pref issueless,wrkg in Aus with PR Email:matrimonial.ml@gmail.com .

SUNNI Ansari Kanpur girl 1996 born 5'4" data scientist wkg in U.K seeks well settled match caste no bar M: 8564939685

DUBAI- based Hindu girl, CA working in Big 4 as top management, born in 1989; 5"4', divorcee, seeks a well-educated groom (caste no bar). Contact: +919819991394

SM4 girl working in USA, 1985, 5'3", Never married, IIT, Masters, IT professional, whats app +91-9979413156

MBA(FIN) Bengali girl sep 87/5'3' wkg in MNC Mumbai, seeks qual. Boy frm resp fmly. Cont.9769400174/8879394155

SM4 Slim b'ful Agrwl I'Less Divorcee girl 1982/5'4" Dentist conv Edu, working MNC Se

Sexual crimes: Shun perps, not survivors

SWAMINOMICS

SWAMINATHAN S ANKLESARIA AIYAR

Some are drooling lasciviously over the Karnataka sex scandal involving Prajwal Revanna, MP and son of former state health minister HD Revanna, and grandson of former Prime Minister and head of the Janata Dal (S), H D Deve Gowda. Others are analysing the impact on the election.

Prajwal's pen drive with 2,976 sexual video clips of him allegedly forcing sexual acts on multiple women is all over social media. This has emboldened some survivors to file cases. Prajwal has decamped to Germany to avoid arrest.

His father, Revanna, is also in trouble. A former female employee at his house has alleged, "Whenever his wife Bhavani was away, Revanna would repeatedly touch me inappropriately, disrobe me, and sexually assault me."

This highlights two terrible aspects of Indian society. One, powerful families control local police stations and are effectively above the law. Their children think they are immune from criminal complaints. That can have devastating moral consequences.

Sadly, the Gowda clan's power is not exceptional. Across India, top politicians are masters in their satrapies. Anybody complaining against them will suffer terribly after a police rebuff. Once in a while their outrages come to light, but this has no impact on other satraps.

Consider Kuldeep Singh Sengar, former BJP MLA. He allegedly raped a 16-year-old girl who came to him for a job in Unnao in 2017. Her father protested to the police, but was himself arrested and beaten to death by policemen in jail. Desperate for justice, the girl set herself on fire outside the chief minister's house. The courts intervened, and a police enquiry exposed the shocking truth. Later, a truck hit the car in which the girl was traveling with two aunts and her lawyer. Her aunts were killed, and her lawyer badly injured. What a tragic outcome for a girl who had the guts to complain. Will not her tale dissuade other victims?

Worse is the social impact on female survivors and their families. I find this far more shocking than even the sexual abuses. Surely women filmed performing forced sexual acts should receive the warmest sympathy and heartfelt support of their communities. Surely the molesters and rapists should be ostracised. Alas, it is the survivors who are being ostracised by their communities. As for perpetrators, one newspaper report from the field says the revelations will have no impact on votes. Apparently, voters think nothing significant has happened.

WHAT A SHAME: While the accused has fled to Germany, the stigma has made several survivors and their families leave Hassan district

Across Hassan district, several survivors and their families have fled to escape humiliation and social opprobrium. Traditional Indian society does not view raped women as victims of terrible crimes. It views them as scandalous women acting in porn clips. The humiliation is too much for many families to bear.

A woman who used to work in Revanna's home was kidnapped to silence her. The police rescued her. Is she hailed as a heroine bringing horrible politicians to book? No, she and her family are scarred for life. Her son says, "The whole world knows about us now. How can we go back to our village and live? We are poor people fighting every day to make ends meet. The area where we lived will never accept us."

Worse, the woman was too afraid to tell her family the truth. "She never told us about the assaults," says the son. "We came to know only after the video went viral." Our sick social norms stop a woman complaining of rape to her own family for fear of social disgrace.

In other countries, survivors would have national sympathy, and those coming forward to tell their tales would be called heroines. Traditions are different here, imbued with a patriarchal culture that commodifies women. They are viewed as possessions of their fathers and after marriage, of their husbands, rather than individuals free to do as they please. The practice of dowry further commodifies them.

One consequence is that a raped girl is viewed as 'damaged goods'. People will say in Hindi "*Neta ne ladki ko kharab kar diya*" (the politician has made the girl bad). What distorted logic! Surely the man is bad, and the girl is not. But in traditional society, nobody will marry her. Other men will view her as a 'bad girl', as legitimate prey. Her family will be tainted.

An injured man will receive sympathy and help from community. But a raped woman will not, because she is seen as a commodity, and damaged at that.

We boast about becoming the third largest economy in the world, and the voice of the Global South. Let us gain the capacity to feel shame. ■

Even after a year on Ozempic and 20 kg lighter, I am still really conflicted about it

*The protagonist of British-Swiss author **Johann Hari**'s new book 'Magic Pill' is Ozempic — the diabetes medication-turned-weight-loss marvel that helped him go from 92 kilos to 73 in a year. Yet, as 44-year-old Hari globetrotted from Tokyo to Iceland, talking to its makers, experts, and users, he was left pondering if this hunger-slasher was indeed the answer to his lifelong struggles with food, weight, and body image. In a conversation with **Mohua Das** from his London home, Hari talks about Ozempic's promises and perils*

Let's reflect on your journey with Ozempic so far. Do you wonder if you're taking a risky bet with your health?

Everyday. From the moment I heard about this drug, I felt really conflicted about it. On an average, you lose 45% of your body weight and the next generation of these drugs will cause you to lose 25% of your body weight, and I can see the benefits straight away. I'm older now than my grandfather ever got to be. He died of a heart attack. My dad had to undergo a quadruple bypass. My uncle had a heart attack. I knew that obesity massively increases your risk of heart diseases and over 209 other diseases — cancer to dementia to stroke. So, I thought here's a drug that could massively reduce those risks. I also thought, wait…I've heard this story before. Every 20 years, a new miracle drug is announced, a lot of people stampede to take it and we always discover that it causes some catastrophic health problems and has to be withdrawn from the market. I did wonder if it's really possible to get such a benefit from Ozempic without a cost. So, I went on this big journey from Iceland to Minneapolis to Tokyo, interviewed leading experts and people who played a key role in developing the drugs, their biggest defenders and critics and today I know a lot more than I did before including its 12 big risks. But it's strange that I still feel really conflicted about the risks from these drugs and the risks from being obese. That's a difficult calculation.

FOR THE RECORD

How then does one decide?

One can say 'yeah, it'll save us' or 'boo, it's the worst thing' but what is missing is the much more complex conversation in the middle. I spoke to scientists who said 'people have been using these drugs on prescription for diabetes for about 15 years now. So, if it causes some catastrophic event, we'd know by now.' This should give people some assurance. Then there were some scientists who said these drugs increase your risk of thyroid cancer (one of the 12 risks I spoke about earlier). But I've tried dieting since I was a teenager. I always lost weight and regained it and got fatter than I was before. So, for me realistically, this was a choice. So, at every stage you have to weigh these competing risks. That can be agonising because there's no magic calculator to do it for you.

While a lot of your language is about wellness, the drug is also being used as a vanity tool by celebrities.

There are two quite distinct groups there — the obese using these drugs to come down to a healthy weight. Then there's celebrities who are already of healthy weight but are using them to become super skinny. I strongly urge them not to do it for the sake of an aesthetic transformation because they're endangering their own health. If you're going through the ageing process with your muscle mass being whittled down by these drugs, you're much more likely to be immobilised in old age.

Photo Courtesy: Kathrin Baumbach

Your queries to Novo Nordisk (maker of Ozempic) and Eli Lilly (maker of Mounjaro) got either standard responses or silence. How does one address concerns and disclosure of risks given the lack of discussion around these blockbuster pills?

To be fair, Novo Nordisk didn't quite stonewall but gave a standard planned factual response, but I was very surprised that Eli Lilly just declined to comment on anything. All we can do is go through the best evidence we have at the moment. One of the things I worry about is we don't know what the long-term effects of these drugs are going to be. I'm reminded of a phrase that Donald Rumsfeld used once about the 'unknown unknowns'.

Affluent Indians have been sourcing it from the US, West Asia and it's rather easily available in the grey market...

It's very disturbing. The risks of unlicensed use are enormous. These drugs should only be given on prescription by doctors you see in person.

You say that Ozempic put you in a space where you imagine food as fuel for your body and not your mouth or emotions. Do you still enjoy eating?

I'm a bit unusual because it's slightly increased my pleasure of food. I grew up in a chaotic environment due to a lot of friction in my family and one of the ways that I'd regulate my emotions was just deliberately stuffing myself without tasting it. So, a friend pointed out that now that I'm eating more slowly, I seem to be enjoying it slightly at a very low level. But the biggest drawback for most people who take these drugs is that it reduces or ends their pleasure in food. For instance, there's a food critic in Britain called Jay Rayner who started taking Ozempic and he'd be going to the best restaurants in Paris and just couldn't get any pleasure in food, which to him was horrific.

You remain conflicted till the end of the book. Do you think you might get off it at some point?

I saw the evidence when I started taking these drugs. For those with a BMI higher than 27 at the start, they reduce your chances of a heart attack or stroke by 20%. For me that's such a substantial benefit that could literally save me, that I'm going to carry on taking it for the foreseeable future. But with a lot of anxiety. It's not an easy decision and I could be wrong. In 20 years, you could go, what a fool you were! But we'll know soon enough.

Climate is changing but politicians won't till voters put it on the agenda

BY INVITATION

MRIDULA RAMESH

Has climate change finally become an electoral issue in what may be India's hottest year? If it had, wouldn't politicians be shouting about heat, drought and flood protection in the same breath as reservations and freebies? That's not quite happening, is it? And yet, party manifestos have become replete with climate. BJP's manifesto mentions 'climate' 6 times, 'green' 13 times and climate's visible manifestation, 'water', 22 times (compared to 2, 2 and 24 times respectively in 2019). Congress manifesto mentions 'climate' 12 times, 'green' 8 times and 'water' 18 times (compared to 11, 5 and 31 times respectively in 2019). Manifestos show where a party is headed, and clearly climate is becoming more important. After all, politicians are clever people who listen closely — very closely — to what the voters care about.

A 2022 Yale and C-Voter study of 4,619 Indians found that 81% worried about climate change. Most had noticed the heat and changes in rainfall. Over 60% thought it would take them months (a quarter said years) to recover from an extreme event like a flood or a drought. But would they vote on it?

In 2018, after surveying 2,73,487 people across 534 Lok Sabha constituencies, the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) found that voters cared most about jobs, better healthcare and drinking water. The Jal Jeevan Mission, launched in 2019 by the current government, has since provided tap water connections to nearly 115 million more homes. A 2022 government review found that 80% of the households felt the tap connection fulfilled their daily water needs, even though water came for only three hours a day on average, and did not come daily to about a quarter of the homes. And even if water availability fell in 2023 (an El Nino year), the daily lived water experience of most of those 115 million households has improved from 2019. Women are likely to keep this in mind while casting their vote.

The ADR survey also found a lot of variation in what voters cherish across India and within states. For example, in the 2019 general elections, Maharashtrian voters said, 'Whoever fixes the drought will get my vote.' Indeed, ADR data showed that 'availability of water for agriculture' was among the top three priorities for rural Maharashtrian voters. But it wasn't their only burning issue. Rural Maharashtrians also cared about electricity for agriculture and getting higher prices for their crops. Meanwhile, urban Maharashtrians, in Mumbai North, Pune and Nagpur, prioritised drinking water. While water is omnipresent in voter priorities, it's not in a way that makes trade-offs easy for politicians. And so, politicians listened carefully to voters and compromised. In 2018-19, Maharashtrian farmers got more than Rs 11,000 crore in electrical subsidies whereby politicians are seen to be acting on voter interests. But did it 'fix the drought'? Not quite. In 2019, farmer suicides spiked in the state, with nearly 4,000 farmers taking their own lives. Maharashtra, with a third of India's cotton acreage, irrigated only 2.7% of cotton area in 2020 (other key cotton states, Telangana and Gujarat irrigate 13% and 69% respectively). Rains failed again last year, reservoirs are empty, and water tankers are out. Reportedly, the winter onion crop planted area has fallen. Manifestos do not appear to show concrete climate actions for such a vulnerable state. So, how will Maharashtrians vote? Will they even vote in sufficient numbers?

Analysing past elections, I've found that voters reward governments for building climate resilience by improving water access (Gujarat in 2007, Madhya Pradesh in 2013, Telangana in 2018), but not necessarily for water management, which becomes more important as temperatures rise. Politicians start walking on the path of management (Telangana's tanks, Delhi's water metering) but quickly switch to populism (free electricity for borewells, water charge waivers) as elections approach. Indeed, ADR data shows voters care little about clearing encroachments from public spaces. Then, why should politicians spend their precious political capital to clear up encroachments from lakes? But if they don't, how will Chennai's and Bengaluru's water woes ever get resolved? Get real, voters. Despite the outrage over flood and drought, Chennai's already low voting percentage only fell further from 2019 levels while Bengaluru's remained constant. During a water crisis a few years ago, Sundaram Climate Institute asked over 900 people in Madurai whether they would vote on the basis of water. An overwhelming majority answered 'No'. So, in the words of the wonderfully pragmatic Dowager Countess of Grantham in Downton Abbey, 'Never mistake a wish for a certainty'. To make climate action a certainty, we need voters to vote for it, which needs crafting a compelling narrative. Those who can tell that story will make India climate resilient and reap the reward. ■

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Heeramandi's stereotyped courtesan world is a missed opportunity

BY INVITATION

RADHA KAPURIA

Sanjay Leela Bhansali's new show was a wonderful chance to fictionalise the powerful cultural legacy of courtesans: be it Mah Laqa Bai Chanda (d.1824) of Hyderabad who was the first female Urdu poet; 19th century vocalist Goki Bai who laid the foundations of Patiala gharana, or indeed prolific poet-singer Janki Bai Allahabadi (d.1934).

Yet, despite being mounted on an epic scale, 'Heeramandi' could not be more distant from real-life courtesans, or the gritty bylanes of pre-Partition Lahore. For a historian of Punjab, this lack of a compelling storyline even remotely grounded in a Lahori context is bewildering — given the wealth of real-life stories of Lahore's tawaifs. While Lahore's Mughal pasts are indirectly referenced, 'Heeramandi' bears no imprint of its more recent Sikh-era past, where the very origins of Hira Mandi (named after Hira Singh Dogra, Maharaja Ranjit Singh's wazir's son) lie.

The song 'Sakal Ban' aside, 'Heeramandi' could have dwelt on courtesans' centrality to Punjab's shrine cultures. For a series set in 1940s Lahore, a reference to the Female Singers' Prohibition Bill, hotly debated in the Punjab legislative assembly during these very years (1939-1942), would have been apt. The Bill sought to outlaw girls or women from singing or dancing, with or without musical accompaniment, at any Muslim shrine in Punjab, pointing to just how pervasive courtesans had been in these spaces. Naturally, one cannot blame Bhansali alone for missing the link between sacred and sensual worlds inhabited by Punjab's tawaifs. The anti-nautch movement led by Lahore's 'Punjab Purity Association' in the 1890s has over time wiped out any cultural memory of these overlapping worlds. This overlap was not only evident in courtesans' performances in holy spaces, whether Sufi, Hindu, or Sikh, but also in the several mosques and schools built by courtesans or in their generous donations to many temples. The Maharaja's powerful courtesan queen Bibi Moran, for example, built the Mai Moran Masjid in Lahore, donated generously to the Bhairon Mandir, and patronised a madrasa with esteemed hadith scholars. Equally, many tawaifs of Shia origin sponsored taziyas during Lahore's Muharram processions.

For Bhansali, the courtesan world is an excuse to indulge in visual pyrotechnics and borrow from tired Orientalist tropes of Lahore's courtesans from European colonial writing. Rudyard Kipling's short story 'On the City Wall' (1888), features the wealthy and powerful Lalun, whose beauty 'was so great that it troubled the hearts of the British Government and caused them to lose their peace of mind.' It is difficult to decipher at which point Kipling's imperialist version of the cunning Lahore courtesan morphs into the scheming and powerful tawaif of Bhansali's homegrown brand of Orientalism. Unlike Kipling's short story, though, Heeramandi's watery plot struggles to hold our attention, or explore why Lahore's courtesans were so powerful.

Amidst such tropish excess, there is no room for the everyday life of tawaifs. The sole, caricaturish *ustaad* is never shown teaching the courtesans any music or dance, their main forte. Where are the *mirasi* bard-musicians who accompanied the courtesans, the higher status *kalawants* who trained them, the bodyguards who protected them, or the holy men who offered religious instruction? Where are the Sikh and Hindu elite patrons of tawaifs or, indeed, the non-Muslim courtesans, both Sikh and Hindu? Where are the maharajas or nawabs from neighbouring princely states like Bahawalpur, Patiala, Jammu, Kapurthala, the biggest patrons of Lahore and Amritsar courtesans? Where are the European memsahibs so keenly interested in courtesans' music? And finally, contrary to the trite Alamzeb storyline, where are the renowned courtesan-poets of Urdu? Incorporating such details could have made a far more memorable show.

GLAM SHAM: Bhansali reveals a uniquely South Asian version of Orientalism and a lack of understanding of Lahore's rich multicultural pasts

Hardcore Bhansali fans will urge us to ignore the historical setting and succumb to his maximalism, asking us to simply luxuriate in the lavish costumes and sets. This would be easier were the series based in Lucknow, where it more readily belongs. Instead, by choosing to set it in the courtesan quarters of Lahore, and saturating it with 'Muslim' protagonists alone —whether courtesans or patrons —Bhansali falls into a curious 'presentism', incorrectly viewing the past in terms of the present. He thereby reveals a uniquely South Asian version of Orientalism by stereotyping Punjab's courtesan cultures, and misunderstanding Lahore's rich multicultural pasts. This bears mentioning since 'Heeramandi' is Bhansali's first attempt directly addressing cross-border audiences. Given the Islamophobic undertones of his previous films like 'Padmaavat', what does this two-dimensional stereotyping of Muslim courtesans do to the collective memory of our shared pasts?

Bhansali's films are always steeped in nostalgia, but even nostalgic excursions on this scale bear some responsibility towards their target audiences. Novelist Svetlana Boym famously stated that far from being politically irrelevant, "fantasies of the past determined by needs of the present have a direct impact on realities of the future". If imagined with some sensitivity to history, 'Heeramandi' had the potential of offering us both a window into a bygone era, and a bridge to a more inclusive future. Alas! ■

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INBOX

Double standards of US over terrorists

Swapan Dasgupta is right in his column 'Pannun: Western outrage...' (ATM, May 5). When it comes to America's own interests, it can bomb Afghanistan 'to the stone age' post 9/11. It also refused to hand over David Headley to India. Outrage over mere hearsay at a time of elections amounts to direct interference in our democratic process. In absence of any US intervention against terror threats issued against India from American soil, India reserves the right to tackle India-centric terrorists, even if they are US citizens.

— Lalit Ambardar, Delhi

Need rules-based order

I disagree with Dheeraj Chaya's view of justifying spying as a symbol of power in 'No BFFs in...' (ATM, May 5). Such a narrative hinged on unethical spying will only lead to distrust among relatively friendlier countries and will be antithetical to the evolution of rules-based international order in the long run. Need of the hour is the evolution of a structured multilateralism for resolution of disputes through a vocal yet inclusive dialogue.

— Ashish Modgil, Batala

Eco-friendly vikas

Alok Shukla's interview 'What is vikas...' (ATM, May 5) rekindles the hope that sustained effort to save the environment does pay in the long run. Vikas is indeed needed and more so in states like Chhattisgarh which are still economically backward; but the price should not be in terms of environment. Alternative development models which are eco-friendly can be worked out.

— Pramod Pande, Chennai

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Muslim quota row deepening fault lines among Dalits

BY INVITATION

KHALID ANIS ANSARI

With parliamentary elections underway, BJP's invoking of the familiar Muslim appeasement charges against Congress has reopened the Muslim quota debate. In this complex debate, some prominent anti-caste voices have opposed the inclusion of Muslims and Christians of Dalit origins in the Scheduled Caste (SC) category.

Their core argument is that excluding non-Indic faiths, particularly Islam and Christianity, from the SC category was settled in the Constitution through the Constitutional (SC) Order 1950, notified by the ministry of law when B R Ambedkar was the law minister. I will contend that this is a half-truth, and the argument on the authority of the Constitution and Babasaheb Ambedkar does not sustain a deeper investigation.

At the onset, Article 341 (1) of the Constitution does not advance any religion-based restriction in the SC list. Further, Article 13 (1 and 2) pronounces any law made before the commencement of the Constitution that is inconsistent with or in derogation of the fundamental rights to be void. The religion-based restriction in the SC list, i.e., the exclusion of non-Hindu Dalits, does not have the backing of the Constitution but was introduced by Para 3 of the Constitution (SC) Order 1950 passed by the President. Since the President is bound by the advice of the council of ministers headed by the Prime Minister as per Article 74, the 1950 Order reflects the will of the incumbent government and not the Constitution per se.

SLUGFEST: Opposition to inclusion of Dalit Muslims has very little to do with Ambedkar's vision

Para 3 had excluded all non-Hindu groups with the proviso of four Sikh castes of the Punjab region (out of 34 listed in the schedule). Subsequently, the SC net was expanded through amendments, and the remaining Sikh and all Buddhist castes of Dalit origin were included in the SC list in 1956 and 1990, practically excluding Dalit Muslims and Dalit Christians. Muslims and Christians of Dalit origin have been mobilising to lift the religious ban. Since 2004, several petitions have been filed in the Supreme Court for the scrapping of Para 3. The matter has been pending for over two decades.

If, as per the Constitution, religion alone cannot be used as a principle for granting reservations, it cannot also be used for purposes of exclusion from reservations. That is precisely what the Presidential Order 1950 does by excluding Dalit Muslims and Dalit Christians from the SC category on the sole criterion of religion. This violates their fundamental rights, primarily Article 14 (equality) but also Articles 15 (non-discrimination), 16 (non-discrimination in employment), and 25 (freedom of conscience).

Did Ambedkar endorse the 1950 Order merely because the law ministry notified it? Under regular administrative business, any concerned ministry can notify presidential orders, and one may not get to know Ambedkar's position on the matter as the advice of the council of ministers is protected by Article 74 (2). While the onus of any Presidential Order falls primarily on the PM — Jawaharlal Nehru, at that point —one may speculate about Ambedkar's agency through a set of further questions. Why did Ambedkar fail to include Buddhism in the SC list through the Presidential Order 1950 even when he was the law minister? In an inspiring speech, 'Why Was Nagpur Chosen?' delivered on October 15, 1956 —a day after he converted to Buddhism—Ambedkar acknowledged that his followers would lose SC entitlements due to conversion to Buddhism. Also, he explicitly favoured sociology over theology and practice over principles in analysing religious collectivities. In 'Pakistan or the Partition of India', he notes categorically that "…the Mahomedans observe not only caste but also untouchability". In 'The Condition of the Convert', Ambedkar states that "…conversion has not brought about any change in the status of the untouchable convert…the untouchable remains an untouchable even though he becomes a Christian."

Moreover, explanation II of Article 25 (b) renders Sikhs, Jains, and Buddhists as 'legal' Hindus only for purposes of social welfare, reform, and public access to religious institutions. If Sikhism and Buddhism were a Hindu branch according to the Constitution, why did most Dalit Sikhs have to wait till 1956 and Dalit Buddhists till 1990 to be enlisted as SCs? If Islam and Christianity are egalitarian traditions, then so are Sikhism and Buddhism. If Muslim and Christian castes can avail of religiously neutral OBC, ST, and EWS reservations along with minority preferences, so could Sikhs and Buddhists, who are construed as religious minorities.

The shrill opposition of a few anti-caste voices to the inclusion of Dalit Muslims and Dalit Christians in the SC category has very little to do with the Constitution or Babasaheb's vision. It is animated by the *punyabhumi/pitrabhumi* (holyland/fatherland) logic of V D Savarkar. The new consensus that a few Ambedkarites are forging to invalidate non-Indic Dalits from being recognised as SCs is aimed at sharpening the religion-based fault lines within the Dalit community. It is neither just nor democratic. ■

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The heat's on, literally, as 2024 LS campaign clocks half-time

Ph-4 Campaign For 96 Seats In 10 States Ends Amid Searing Conditions

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The high-stakes campaign for phase four of Lok Sabha elections came to a close on Saturday amidst scorching heatwave conditions across various regions. This phase covered 96 seats across 10 states, including all constituencies of Andhra Pradesh (25) and Telangana (17), with simultaneous assembly polls for 175 seats in AP scheduled for Monday.

Other states where polling is scheduled include 13 seats in UP, 11 in Maharashtra, eight each in MP and Bengal, five in Bihar, four each in Odisha and Jharkhand, and one in J&K. With the end of phase 4, polling in 23 states and Union territories will be completed. Of the 96 seats, BJP had won 42 in 2019.

Among the notable contestants in this round are Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav (Kannauj), NCP's Omar Abdullah (Srinagar), Union ministers Giriraj Singh (Begusarai) and Nityanand Rai (Ujiarpur), Congress's Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury (Baharampur), Trinamool's Mahua Moitra (Krishnanagar) and Shatrughnan Sinha (Asansol), AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi (Hyderabad), and AP CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's younger sister YS Sharmila of Congress (Kadapa).

Close contests are anticipated in UP, with SP chief Akhilesh facing BJP's Subrat Pathak in Kannauj, while in Unnao, BJP MP Sakshi Maharaj is up against SP's Annu Tandon.

In Bihar, JD(U) heavyweight Rajiv Ranan alias Lalan Singh contests against RJD's Kumari Anita in Munger. Attention was drawn to constituencies like Samastipur, where the children of two Bihar ministers are making their LS poll debuts. Shambhavi Choudhary, 25, the youngest candidate in the country, is a Chirag Paswan-led LJP (RV) candidate. She is up against Congress's Sunny Hazari, the son of Maheshwar Hazari, a minister in Nitish Kumar-led NDA govt.

In MP, campaigning for the remaining eight constituencies ended amidst exchanges between PM Modi and Rahul Gandhi.

Maharashtra saw a fierce battle for 11 constituencies, with candidates like Union minister Raosaheb Danve (Jalna) and former state minister Pankaja Munde of BJP (Beed) vying for victory. The fate of 298 candidates will be decided in this round, including actor Amol Kolhe of NCP (SP) (Shirur, Pune district) and Sujay Vikhe Patil of BJP (Ahmednagar).

(Inputs from Samdani.MN in Vijayawada, Sanjiv.Das in Patna)

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Anurag Thakur with Jairam Thakur (left), Rajeev Bindal (right) and others during 'Vijay Sankalp Yatra' in Hamirpur district on Saturday

Anurag's outreach before nomination

Thousands of supporters joined Union minister Anurag Thakur to cheer him during his roadshow in Hamirpur ahead of filing his nomination from Hamirpur Lok Sabha constituency in Himachal Pradesh on Saturday. Singh is a four-time MP from the constituency, reports **Manash Gohain**.

Typically a quiet space, Boota Chowk buzzed with campaign songs on Saturday, with young men donning saffron attire adorned with lotus symbols and slogans like 'Phir Modi, Phir Anurag,' while women, dressed for the occasion, cheered along.

EC: 65.7% voted in Ph-3, women's tally higher than men in 4 states

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New Delhi: Election Commission on Saturday said that the third phase of voting for Lok Sabha elections on May 7 held across 93 constituencies saw a voter turnout of 65.7%, similar to the data updated by the poll body in its mobile app on May 8. Like the earlier two phases, this time too the voting percentage among men (66.9%) was higher than among women (64.4%).

However, four states and Union territories — Bihar, West Bengal, Goa and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu — saw more women voters exercise their franchise. As per data, South Goa, three constituencies in Assam — Dhubri, Guwahati and Kokrajhar — and Bidar in Karnataka also saw a higher women turnout than men.

EC also released the number of electors of 96 parliamentary constituencies where voting will be held on May 13.

Amreli in Gujarat, which recorded the lowest overall polling, also saw only 46.2% women casting their votes. Dhubri in Assam, where overall voting has been the highest so far, saw maximum turnout of women voters at 92.2%.

EC said a copy of Form 17C has also been provided for every polling station in a constituency to candidates through their polling agents. "Actual data of Form 17 C shall prevail which is already shared with candidates. Final turnout will only be available post-counting with the counting of postal ballots and its addition to the total vote count," said EC.

In the first phase of Lok Sabha elections, the voter turnout was recorded at 66.1% and 66.7% in the second phase.

Rahul moots debate with PM; he's merely an MP, mocks BJP

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New Delhi: Reacting to Rahul Gandhi's call for a face-to-face debate on Lok Sabha elections with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP on Saturday questioned his knowledge of poll issues as well as his standing in Congress, noting that he is neither the president of his party nor the leader of opposition in Parliament.

At a press conference, BJP spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi asked in what capacity is Gandhi looking to debate with Modi as he is merely an MP of his party.

The remark comes as Rahul on Saturday said he or party chief Mallikarjun Kharge would be pleased to participate in such a discussion and expressed hope that PM Modi would also take part. "It would be a positive initiative for the major parties to present their vision to the country from one platform for a healthy democracy," Rahul wrote on X. He added that the nation expects Modi to participate in the debate.

Rahul's post was in reply to Justice (Retd) Madan B Lokur, Justice (Retd) Ajit P Shah and senior journalist N Ram, who had written to him and the PM earlier this week, inviting them for a debate on the key election issues.

"Congress welcomes this initiative and accepts the invitation for a discussion," Rahul said. "We agree that such a debate will help people understand our respective vision and enable them to make an informed choice. It is also critical to put to rest any unsubstantiated allegations attributed to our respective parties. As the principal parties fighting the election, the public deserves to hear from their leaders directly. Accordingly, either myself or the Congress President would be pleased to participate in such a debate," he added.

In the invite addressed to PM Modi and Rahul, it was pointed out that the PM has publicly challenged Congress on reservations, Article 370 and wealth redistribution. On the other hand, Kharge has questioned the PM on possible "mutilation" of the Constitution, electoral bond scheme and the govt's response to China and also challenged him to a public debate. In this backdrop, a debate will help the citizens to hear directly from the political leaders, the invite said.

Modi 'weak PM', does not care for tribals & women: Priyanka in Maha

A ICC general secretary **Priyanka Gandhi** on Saturday called Narendra Modi "a weak, coward and an unfit" prime minister who, she said, was not even able to explain to the people the work done by his govt in the last 10 years and what was in BJP's election manifesto, report **Roushan Ali** and **Abhilash Botekar**. "Even after being in power for 10 years, if a PM is crying out lies... it means he has done nothing for them," Priyanka said.

Campaigning for the Congress candidate in Maharashtra's Nandurbar earlier in the day, Priyanka said Modi did not care for tribals and women. "PM said that he is a worshipper of 'Shabari Mata'. If that is the case, then why has he remained silent on the injustice meted out to tribal women in Manipur and to the women raped in Unnao, Hathras and other places?" she asked.

Punjab accepts IAS resignation of BJP pick but rejects VRS plea

Bathinda: Punjab govt has reportedly accepted the resignation of IAS officer Parampal Kaur Sidhu — BJP candidate for Bathinda Lok Sabha seat — rejecting her plea for VRS and associated benefits, reports **Neel Kamal**. She will not get retirement benefits like pension, which according to her, would have been around Rs 1 lakh a month.

Parampal alleged AAP govt was "harassing her" as it fears her candidacy. She said Punjab govt did not treat other officers opting for VRS in the same manner. "But contesting as a BJP candidate from Bathinda is a reward for me which is more than the pensionary benefits," Parampal Kaur told **TOI**.

Bathinda candidate Parampal alleged AAP govt was harassing her as it fears her candidacy

Earlier, the state govt had asked her to resume duty immediately or face action. Parampal was to retire on Oct 31, 2024, but sought VRS in April, and joined BJP. According to a govt official, she was qualified for VRS — 30 years of service or above 50 in age.

Have I more video, claims Mamata, urges guv to quit

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PILING PRESSURE: Banerjee at a public meeting in Howrah district on Saturday

Kolkata/Hooghly/Howrah: Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee alleged on Saturday that "not everything" about governor CV Ananda Bose had surfaced yet and claimed she possessed "one more video, a pen drive". She demanded Bose's resignation, declaring that even sitting beside him felt sinful to her. "One more kelenkari (scandal), deed after deed, scandal after scandal. Who are you to torture Bengal's women?" she asked Bose.

The CM's remarks came in response to a former Raj Bhavan staffer's allegation that Bose had molested her within the premises.

Banerjee announced her refusal to visit Raj Bhavan again. "If you call me to the street (outside Raj Bhavan), I will meet you there. From what I hear about your deeds and scandals, it would be a sin to even sit beside you," she said during a rally in Hooghly's Adisaptagram.

She described Bose as a person "with little shame" at her second rally in Howrah's Jagatballavpur. "I want to say that this is not a one-off incident. Mothers and sisters, I know of several incidents (happening) over a considerable period of time. He occupies an important post and that is why it is unseemly to say everything. But women are now feeling scared to meet him. I would rather meet you on the footpath than go to your residence. Not one but many women have been abused. This is the true character of washing machine BJP," she said, linking Bose to BJP.

Responding to Bose's statement about not allowing "didigiri" (bullying), the CM said: "What is my fault? I did not know anything. He said 'Didigiri nahi chalegi.' I support that. There should be no dadagiri or didigiri. But governor-ji, first you must resign."

TMC mulls dispatching 'Sandeshkhali squad' to Prez

Kolkata: Trinamool indicated on Saturday it was considering sending a "team from Sandeshkhali" to meet Prez Droupadi Murmu and "apprise her of the true events", reports **Dwaipayan Ghosh**. Bengal minister Sashi Panja pointed out that BJP had taken a team earlier to Murmu and given a "false portrayal".

"I feel there is a need to take a team from Sandeshkhali on our behalf and apprise the Prez of what had happened We will seek the go-ahead from our brass for this," Panja said.

In their rallies on Saturday, CM Mamata Banerjee and TMC general secretary Abhishek Banerjee referred to the videos. "They enacted a drama for several days. Now the conspiracy is out," CM Banerjee said.

(With inputs from Falguni Banerjee in Hooghly and Rupak Banerjee in Uluberia)

DKS behind video leak: Devarajegowda

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He has been booked on charges of sexual harassment and voyeurism. Devarajegowda's arrest came a day after he sought anticipatory bail from a local court on May 9, but it posted his plea for hearing to May 15.

Citing Prajwal's videos, Devarajegowda had urged BJP not to ally with JD(S) for Lok Sabha elections as he felt it would hand Congress and other parties ammunition to target the saffron party.

Devarajegowda later alleged that state Congress chief and deputy CM DK Shivakumar was behind the leak. The BJP functionary also accused SIT officials probing Prajwal's case of coercing him into dropping Shivakumar's name from his statement.

Rahul denies Cong hand in CBI naming YSR in land scam

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Rahul Gandhi with YS Sharmila in Andhra Pradesh's Kadapa on Saturday

Tirupati: Former AICC president Rahul Gandhi refuted on Saturday accusations levelled against Congress high command regarding the inclusion of party stalwart and ex-Andhra Pradesh CM YS Rajasekhar Reddy's name in a CBI chargesheet after his demise in a helicopter crash in 2009.

"Congress will do nothing to damage the reputation of its own CM," he said, while campaigning for Andhra Pradesh Congress chief YS Sharmila, who is contesting from her family bastion Kadapa. In 2012, CBI had accused YSR of engaging in a "criminal conspiracy" to allocate land to two pharmaceutical companies in return for their investment in the business ventures of his son YS Jagan Mohan Reddy as part of a quid pro quo arrangement.

Rahul fondly recalled his family's association with YSR, saying Sharmila's father was the inspiration behind his Bharat Jodo Yatra. Recalling the close relationship between his father Rajiv Gandhi and YSR, he appealed to Kadapa voters to support Sharmila.

Paying tributes alongside Sharmila at YSR memorial in Idupulapaya, the Congress MP addressed a public meeting, where he accused YSRCP and TDP of prioritising personal gains over AP's interests. Rahul said BJP in AP stands for Babu-Jagan-Pawan.

For her part, Sharmila criticised YSRCP govt led by her brother Jaganmohan Reddy, accusing it of fostering land, sand, and liquor mafias in the state over the past five years.

Sharmila also accused her brother of shielding YSRCP MP Avinash Reddy, an accused in a murder case, for five years and fielding him again from Kadapa.

Cong's Surat pick 'back', says party betrayed him first in 2017

Surat: Suspended Congress functionary 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 chief Shaktisinh Gohil and the party's Rajkot LS candidate Paresh Dhanani. "Congress members are accusing me of betrayal. However, it was Congress which betrayed me first in the 2017 assembly polls when my ticket for Kamrej assembly seat in Surat was cancelled at the last moment. It was Congress which made the first mistake, not me," Kumbhani told reporters here.

"I did not want to do this but my supporters, office staff and workers were upset because the party is being run by five self-proclaimed leaders in Surat and they neither work nor allow others to work. Though AAP and Congress are part of INDIA bloc, these leaders raised objections when I used to campaign with AAP functionaries here," he claimed. Asked if this was his revenge on Congress, Kumbhani refused to give a direct reply. PTI

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The toughest part of managing teens is getting through to them: Maria Goretti

She is a Cordon Bleu chef who has hosted several popular food shows on television. She's also a poet whose book won the PragatiE Vichaar Award for English poetry last year. When you mention ***Maria Goretti****, however, everyone still remembers her as the bubbly MTV VJ of the '90s. She spoke to* ***Neha Bhayana*** *about dealing with teens (she is mom to 19-year-old Zeke Zidaan and 16-year-old Zene Zoe) and why her husband Arshad Warsi is a more chilled out parent*

We've seen you in many avatars. Which has been the toughest role?
The mom. I think being a parent is the toughest because there are no rules to follow. Each child is different, and each day is different. You wake up and you have no clue how the day is going to pan out. You have to find your way and figure out what suits you and your child the best. We were brought up in a certain way and we feel that's how we're going to bring up our kids. But things were very different then. Televisions were not the norm, forget computers. Today, every child is given an iPad or smartphone. It is tough to help kids navigate their life and try to put in the right kind of thoughts and actions into them. I clearly remember when my son was really small, I saw to it that he didn't have too much sugar, maida or processed food. But when he went to school and everyone else's dabbas opened, he realised there is so much more available than what mum is giving me. He would bring tiny pieces of his friends' food and beg me to make them. That's how it is. I feel that as a parent you are just trying all the time. What works for one child will definitely not work for other kids. So, I think we have to practise bespoke parenting. There is so much trial and error. You have to just figure out whether you can teach your children to make the right choices and pray that they do.

You took a break from work after kids. Was it difficult to be a stay-at-home mom after years of working?
No, I loved it. I started working when I was 17 years old and I wanted to stay home and enjoy my kids. I don't know whether what I did was right or not. I saw a lot of my peers go back to work immediately after having kids. There is no one-size-fits-all approach. But I was very happy sitting at home and looking after them. I enjoyed everyday things and had a lot of fun with them.

At what point did you decide to get back to work and what led you to becoming a chef? Was cooking always a passion?
Not at all. I started learning how to cook because I had to feed my kids, and then I realised how much fun it is. I felt the need to learn and understand how things work so I decided to study food. In 2011, I went to the Tante Marie Culinary Academy in London and did a certificate course in culinary, bakery and boulangerie. In 2018, I went to Le Cordon Bleu, Paris and London, and did a diploma in patisserie. Meanwhile, I did a book on food and recipes and did a few food shows on television. People started calling me to do food-related stuff. So, it was a very organic thing. I'm not someone who can plan things. I do what comes to me naturally. I have been writing poetry for a long time too. Whatever comes through in life is what I'm part of.

Arshad and I have a lot of differences when it comes to parenting. If I am saying east, he is definitely saying west or north. I have made my peace with this

I am sure your kids loved sampling the dishes you experimented with when you were honing your skills ...
They did. They loved the risotto I made and there was this one muffin they always wanted. I would hand roll the pasta too, so they were exposed to a lot of different kinds of food.

The toddler years or the teenage phase — what is tougher to handle?
The teenage phase is way tougher. When moms I meet tell me they want to get back to work, I always ask them how old their child is. I feel when kids are small, they just need to be fed and kept safe and they're not going to go anywhere. It's easier to look after them. When they are older, they can look after themselves but there is so much more that you have to stay attuned to. I do go out and work, but I end up calling them more often than when they were little. You have to ask them so much — 'How was your day? Why are you not looking like your happy self today? What is going on?' The issues they are dealing with become complex.

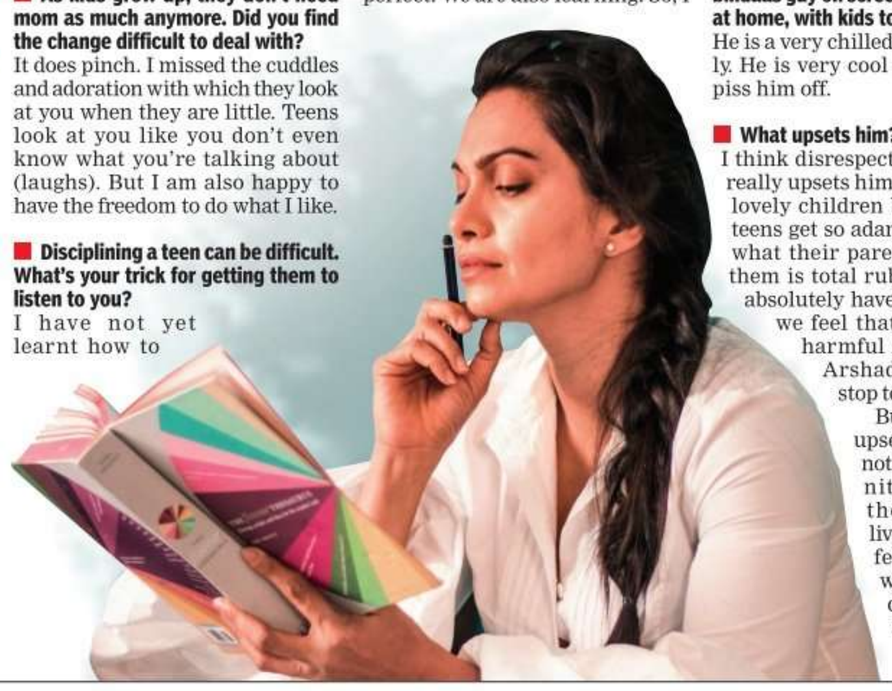
What's the toughest part of dealing with a teen?
I think just getting through. They are going through a lot but unless they tell you exactly what they're going through, you are never going to know. Some things they want to share with their friends and not with you, and I feel that is okay. But they are the same age and navigating the same emotions, so they need a safe place to vent. Schools have introduced counsellors and I think that's very important.

As kids grow up, they don't need mom as much anymore. Did you find the change difficult to deal with?
It does pinch. I missed the cuddles and adoration with which they look at you when they are little. Teens look at you like you don't even know what you're talking about (laughs). But I am also happy to have the freedom to do what I like.

Disciplining a teen can be difficult. What's your trick for getting them to listen to you?
I have not yet learnt how to discipline a teen. I have no tricks. Sometimes, I'm successful. Sometimes, I am not. They're 16 and 19. They have a mind of their own. Most of the time, we come to a compromise. Some things I have to let go of. It's amazing how when we are bringing up our children, we want them to be assertive and vocal but when they enter their teens all that you have wanted them to be suddenly poses problems because they are trying that out on you. So, you are their first guinea pig.

Frankly, I am not the most successful parent while I am navigating their teens. I do make mistakes. But I am always open and willing to go and say, "Listen, I'm really sorry. I think I overreacted. I could have handled this better. Let's try and figure out how to do this." I have realised that parents are not perfect. We are also learning. So, I feel it's okay to say sorry when you've messed up.

I also tell my kids, "You have to live with the choices you make. At the moment, you have a choice to study, to do well, to go ahead, whatever you do. If you don't make that choice and you don't use that, you lose that privilege of education. This period will pass and then you will be the one left behind." I also remind them that I am older than them and do know a little more. But then they look at me and roll their eyes (laughs).



What are your rules regarding screen time?
Before the pandemic, I used to get really upset when they were on the phone for long. But during the lockdowns, we had to give them phones and laptops to attend online school. They were in front of the screen for seven hours daily. After that, it became very difficult to say, "Put your phone away". The whole system changed. They even had to do assignments online. Now, there is no chance that they don't have a phone and laptop as part of their body. I'm sure that half of their body fluids flow through those things (laughs).

Arshad has this image of being a bindaas guy on screen. Is he the same at home, with kids too?
He is a very chilled out dad actually. He is very cool till they really piss him off.

What upsets him?
I think disrespect is what really, really upsets him. They are very lovely children but sometimes teens get so adamant. They feel what their parents are telling them is total rubbish and they absolutely have no idea. So, if we feel that something is harmful for them, then Arshad really puts a stop to whatever it is. But he rarely gets upset because he's not involved in the nitty-gritties of their everyday lives. He has a different equation with them. He has chats with them about life, work, about basic humanity and all of that. But the fact of the matter is that their everyday life is looked after by me. I am more hands-on which is why I have more altercations with them.

What are these altercations about?
It is the usual stuff. I am after them to pick up their towels or cups or books. Frankly, I actually don't like this role because I also want to have fun with them. But somehow, I am the one who's constantly telling them this is right and that is wrong. It's a bit much. Sometimes, I want to let it all go to dust. But then they're your kids, you don't do that.

It's amazing how when we are bringing up our children, we want them to be assertive and vocal but when they enter their teens all that you have wanted them to be suddenly poses problems because you become their first guinea pig

When it comes to parenting, are you and Arshad on the same page?
No, there are lots of differences. If I am saying east, he is definitely saying west or north. I have made my peace with this though. I guess we have different approaches to parenting because Arshad grew up in a boarding school and I grew up at home with parents. The kids know the gap, and they sometimes slip in the middle. They are very smart.

What values have the two of you tried to instill?
We always tell them to be respectful to everyone, to treat everyone well, to be kind and generous. We tell them to not treat someone in a good fashion or a bad fashion depending on who they are and where they come from. They need to treat everyone with love and respect.

Arshad mentioned in an interview that he is not a star at home, nobody gives a sh about him and nobody likes the work he does.**
I think he was just being funny. Of course, he is not treated like a star at home. Nobody is pulling chairs out for him or rushing for his autograph. That is a given. This is his home and if he does not get treated like a normal dad at home, it would be a cuckoo situation.

Zeke looks a lot like his dad. Does he too have an inclination to act?
I have no clue about what he wants to do. He's in college and he's studying. He does what any teen does. He goes out, hangs out with friends, sometimes he goes to dance classes, sometimes he is doing some fitness thing. I have always told the kids to do whatever they wish to do, as long as they are happy with it and able to make a living with it. I think he is in that phase where he's also figuring himself out.

A lot of moms and dads try to be the child's friend, not the parent. Do you think that's a good idea?
I can't be their friend. They already have their friends. But they don't have any more parents. So, I am their parent.

What are you strict about — any ground rules for the kids?
Sometimes, I feel like I'm strict about everything. And sometimes I feel I'm strict about nothing. Every day with parenting is different. I just go with the flow. If I don't, I'll drive myself insane.

Do marks matter to you?
I think education matters. More than anything else, it is the discipline of education that really makes a difference. When my kids were younger, they were doing very well. Today, they want to do different things on the side besides their education. I feel that whatever their line of interest, they need to put 300% into that. I've always told them that education is a very big part of life, and it has to be done. You cannot just say I like dancing so I am going to stop everything and just dance. Of course, you can dance, but you also need education. And, education is there for a very small period of time. What you do in school and college shapes you. You may not use that education in the profession you choose later on, but the fact is what you do in those years — with your institute, your friends and your professors — plays a very important role in your life. You get a lot unknowingly; a lot more than your degree or diploma.

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Meet the foster moms who are opening their hearts and homes

It is one thing to love a child you have given birth to or adopted, and quite another to love and care for someone who may be with you for only a few months or years. This Mother's Day, three foster carers talk to ***Neha Bhayana*** *about why it's important to take in children who would otherwise languish in a shelter or orphanage*

'His parents are missing but till then I get the joy of raising him'

Leela Jedia | Has one foster child

This Mother's Day is special for Leela Jedia. The Chittorgarh-based government school teacher had yearned to be a mother for years. Her wish came true on January 10 when she got six-year-old Rihaan* home from a local institution through a foster-care scheme. Rihaan's biological parents have gone missing, so the district authorities had decided to place him with a foster family. States are slowly trying to deinstitutionalise care for children who are not eligible for adoption as it is considered better for the child's development to live in a family set-up.

Leela knows Rihaan may be taken away from her someday, but she is happy to be his mom till then. "If he is reunited with his parents, it will be good. But till then, I feel blessed to experience the joy of raising a child. He has completed our family. Hear him say 'mamma' is a beautiful feeling," says the 55-year-old, adding that they will be happy to have him forever if his parents are not found.

The Jedias had applied to adopt a child but they have been on the wait-list for years. When they learnt about kids who spend years in shelters because they are not eligible for adoption or are not getting adopted, they approached the Foster Care Society, Udaipur, for support.

Now, when Leela returns from work every evening, Rihaan runs to open the door and the duo then spends the evening playing and doing homework. Rihaan knew very little compared to most six-year-olds, so Leela has been teaching him colours, the names of fruits and vegetables as well as basic manners like not making noise while chewing food. "I cook different subzis daily as I want him to develop a taste for all vegetables. He is not fond of sweets though, unless we get his favourite gulaab jamun," she says.

They have enrolled Rihaan in a reputed English-medium school and engaged a tuition teacher as well to help him reach on par with other kids in his class.

Leela hopes to bring home one more child, ideally a girl, via adoption or foster care. "All couples who are financially stable should foster a child, even if they have biological children. Children who stay in orphanages have to move out when they turn 18. At that point, they have to suddenly face the world outside. When they are with a family, we educate them, teach them good values, and make them competent enough to live in the world," she says. "Hum ek bache ki life bana sakte hai and khud bhi maa baap hone ka sukh pa sakte hai (we can make a child's life better and also experience the joy of being parents.)"

WHAT IS FOSTER CARE?

It is an arrangement whereby a child lives with unrelated persons usually on a temporary basis

WHICH CHILDREN ARE ELIGIBLE?

- Children in the age group of 6-18 years whose parents are unable to take care of them due to reasons such as mental illness, poverty or imprisonment and those staying in childcare institutions can be placed in foster care. This includes children whose parents are terminally ill and have submitted a request to the DCPU for taking care of their child. The DCPU can also identify children if they are victims of physical, emotional or sexual abuse, natural disasters and domestic violence
- Children in the 0 to 6 years age group are not considered for foster care as they should find a permanent family via adoption

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BE A FOSTER PARENT?

- Single persons or married couples who are Indian citizens, above 35 years of age and in good physical, emotional and mental health
- A home study is conducted to assess the eligibility of the couple
- They should have adequate space and basic facilities and should be willing to follow rules regarding regular visits to doctors, maintenance of child health and their records

WHAT RIGHTS DOES A FOSTER PARENT HAVE?

1. Foster parents do not have a legal right over the child. Keeping in view the needs of a child, foster care may be of short or long duration. While short-term foster care is for less than one year, long-term foster care exceeds a year and can be extended periodically till the child turns 18 if the child and parents wish to continue to live together
2. DCPU officials regularly visit the foster family and can end the arrangement at any time if they are not satisfied with the care being provided
3. Foster parents have the right to adopt the same child after two years if there is no claimant, after following due procedures prescribed in adoption laws

(Source: WCD ministry model guidelines)

'We have raised five children. We can love one more'

Liji Thomas | Has 5 biological children and 1 foster child

Most couples feel overwhelmed with the responsibility of even one or two children. But Kozhikode residents Liji and Bijo Thomas felt blessed to have five kids. In fact, when their eldest daughter — she is 25 and their youngest is 13 — got married and moved to Kanpur last year, Liji felt a void. Since they are not eligible to adopt as they already have biological children, they applied for foster care via the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) and brought a 12-year-old boy home in January after due procedures. Seventeen children have been placed in long-term foster care in Kozhikode so far.

Sahil's* parents were unable to care for him due to confidential reasons and had voluntarily put him in a government-run children's home four years ago. They gave consent for placing him in foster care too. Liji is happy they got the opportunity to look after Sahil. "We have the experience and the resources which come from parenting five children so we thought why not take in one more child and let him also benefit from what we had learned over the years. A child growing up in an institution has very little chance of understanding how society or family functions. If you do not experience love when you are growing up, you will never be able to give love," she says.

While Liji works as a medical writer, Bijo is a software developer. They both work from home. When Sahil joined the family, they realised he did not know how to read or write and did not even understand basic concepts like right or left, front or back. Liji and Bijo started teaching him from scratch. Within three months, Sahil started to read Malayalam and has memorised four long poems and several songs. "Sahil's papers had stated that he has an intellectual disability but I don't feel that's the case. I feel he's just been neglected," says Liji. She is also training Sahil to conduct himself appropriately and encouraging him to participate in household chores like all their kids. "He is 12 but did not even know how to wear a belt, so we taught him. Now he can dress himself independently. He is learning something new every day and feels so proud of himself," says Liji.

Though the family does not celebrate Mother's Day, Liji says she feels special daily, thanks to the love and hugs she receives from her children. "My kids are very affectionate. Sahil tends to be a little distant in comparison but whenever I praise him, he smiles widely. He loves it when I put my arm around him or give him a hug; he hugs back immediately and I can sense that he is happy," she says.

Liji wishes more families would volunteer to foster. "We see a lot of children who are neglected and sadly, we call them anti-social elements but it is not their fault. They have not been given the right direction. I feel if we all raise children to be people who are good and who do good, the world will be a richer place. That's a small contribution we can make," she says.

'I can never forget the day when my younger foster son called me aai'

Jyoti Patwardhan | Has two foster kids

Jyoti Patwardhan was nervous when she brought two boys, aged seven and nine years, to her home in 2020 via Maharashtra's foster care programme. The consumer court judge, who is single, had always wanted a girl, so she didn't know if she would feel love for the brothers who were offered to her and she was also concerned about the adjustment issues they may face. But all her doubts vanished on the first night itself. "While Vihaan* slept peacefully, the younger one Ved* tiptoed into my room and asked if he could sleep next to me. When I nodded, he crept into the bed, looked up with innocent eyes and asked if he could call me 'aai'. I can never forget that moment. I was so touched. All my worries melted away and I knew I had made the right decision," says the 50-year-old Akola resident.

When Jyoti met the official handling their foster care arrangement a few weeks later, she got to know that while other kids at the shelter used to demand chocolates or toys, Ved always said "mujhe mummy chahiye" (I want a mother). The brothers had been put in the institution by their biological mother as she was unable to look after them.

They recently became 'legally free' for adoption so Jyoti has applied to adopt them — a foster parent can seek to adopt the child after two years together. "My world is complete with my sons and my only aim is to raise them to be good men," says Jyoti who has no plans to get married. She revealed that Vihaan hopes to join the military when he grows up — he is inspired by the photographs he has seen of Jyoti's father who was a captain in the army and grandfather who was the first flight lieutenant of India.

Jyoti is certain her sons will have a grand surprise planned for her on Mother's Day. "They go out of their way to celebrate my birthday and Mother's Day. They decorate the house, get a cake and buy me clips and earrings from the money collected in their piggy bank," she says.

**Names changed to protect identity.*

DC LOSE PANT FOR CRUCIAL GAME

Skipper Suspended For Slow Over-Rate; Axar To Lead Vs RCB

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Bengaluru: Just when Delhi Capitals had given themselves a chance in the race to the playoffs, comes a body blow in the shape of a one-match ban for skipper Rishabh Pant. Placed fifth on the table, the 20-run win against Rajasthan Royals on Tuesday came at a hefty price for Capitals. While the financial implication for a slow over-rate is hardly a rap on the knuckles, missing Pant in Sunday's crucial match against RCB could cause damage to the Capitals' prospects. "I think not having our leading run-scorer is a loss, but it's also a great challenge for everybody else," said DC's head coach Ricky Ponting.

The wicketkeeper-batter, who is on a comeback trail following a long lay-off, is the top run-getter for his team with 413 runs. While his deputy Axar Patel will lead in Pant's absence, Abishek Porel would be the automatic choice to take over the role behind the stumps. Capitals have had an indifferent run this season, but have been able to pick themselves up, winning three of their last four matches. Against RCB, they will have to put behind the Pant setback and that won't be an easy task, given the home team's four-match winning streak and their need to put it across Capitals to stay afloat in the competition.

A loss at home will snap the chance they have of advancing in the tournament and in the past couple of weeks, Faf du Plessis and his men have shown that they aren't going to give up without a fight.

Given the clouds hovering over the M Chinnaswamy stadium and the bowling resources on either side, the match-up should make for an interesting contest. If the RCB bowlers, who showed tremendous discipline and precision in their previous home game against Gujarat Titans, maintain their momentum, the Capitals batters, who have blown hot and cold throughout the season, can ill-afford to slip up.

Mohammed Siraj seems to have found his rhythm while left-arm spinner Swapnil Singh has been effective. Capitals too have come with proven wicket-takers with pacers Mukesh Kumar (15 wickets) and Khaleel Ahmed (14) leading the group. But the men who DC will require to deliver are spinners Kuldeep Yadav (14) and Axar (10), both of whom have bowled tight spells.

1 Kagiso Rabada is the only bowler with two 4-wicket hauls for Delhi vs RCB — 4/21 in Bengaluru on April 7, 2019 and 4/24 in Dubai (DICS) on Oct 5, 2020.

5 runs required by Virat Kohli (1030 at 51.5) to become the leading batter vs DC and overtake Rohit Sharma's tally of 1034 at 32.31 in 35 innings.
—**Stats:** Rajesh Kumar

FACE-OFF
RCB vs DC
TV TIME: 7.30 PM
STAR SPORTS
JIOCINEMA

HEAD TO HEAD

RCB	DC
18	11

LAST FIVE MATCHES

RCB	W	W	W	W	L
DC	W	L	W	W	L

VENUE: BENGALURU

WEATHER 29°C

ODDS

RCB	DC
6/10	11/10

PLAYOFF POSSIBILITIES

With 10 league games left, there remain over 1,000 possible combinations of match results. KKR are now certain of making the playoffs while MI are out and so are PBKS. **TOI** takes a look at each team's chances...

TEAM	CHANCES OF TOPPING TABLE*	CHANCES OF MAKING PLAYOFFS*
KKR	75%	100%
RR	50%	100%
SRH	1.6%	96.9%
CSK	0%	57.8%
DC	0%	57.8%
LSG	0%	56.3%
RCB	0%	20.3%
GT	0%	15.6%
MI	0%	0%
PBKS	0%	0%

* Including ties for top spot or fourth spot, which means a 100% chance of making the top four does not guarantee making it to the playoffs

How we calculate the chances: We look at each combination of match outcomes and what it would mean for final rankings of teams. Then we work out the percentage of outcomes that would give team "A" a chance of finishing in the top four, or the first spot and so on. The underlying assumption is that any given match is a 50-50 game, not unreasonable given how the IPL has unfolded this year and in other years.

Weary CSK fight to stay alive

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Chennai: A 35-run defeat against Gujarat Titans in Ahmedabad on Friday night has left CSK in a spot of bother. A top-two spot seems off and now the entire focus will be on making the playoffs, for which CSK need to win both their matches. And with no time to recover and reflect on the performance against the Titans, a tired CSK will be up against a powerful Rajasthan Royals in a day game on Sunday. It is CSK's last home game and if they do not manage to stay alive, this may well be MS Dhoni's last outing at Chepauk.

The Royals, who will look to book a top-two berth, have had a couple of good practice sessions and look ready to put CSK under serious pressure. The Royals might have lost a couple of games back-to-back in the lead-up to this clash but they have the wherewithal to match CSK in every department.

Chennai skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad feels the RR match will be a tough battle. "It's (the next match) real quick, actually. It is going to be tough as we'll just get up there. And it will be difficult playing a day game in Chennai, especially against a really good side. To stay on, we need to turn up really well," Ruturaj said.

With the match being played in the afternoon, dew won't be a factor and the spinners should enjoy the conditions. While the hosts will bank on the spin trio of Ravindra Jadeja, Mitchell Santner and Moeen Ali to make the most of the conditions, Royals too boast a formidable spin attack led by home boy Ashwin.

FACE-OFF
CSK vs RR
TV TIME: 3.30 PM
STAR SPORTS
JIOCINEMA

HEAD TO HEAD

CSK	RR
15	13

LAST FIVE MATCHES

CSK	L	W	L	W	L
RR	L	L	W	W	W

BCCI eliminates toss in CK Nayudu Trophy

Ranji Trophy Split In Two Phases

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Mumbai: In an unprecedented move, BCCI secretary Jay Shah, while announcing a complete overhaul of India's domestic cricket on Saturday, revealed that the Board has eliminated the toss in the CK Nayudu Trophy (for men's Under-23) matches for the 2024-25 season, with the visiting team now having the right to choose whether to bat or bowl first.

"The toss will be eliminated for the CK Nayudu Trophy matches. Instead, the visiting team will have the right to choose whether to bat or bowl first," Shah stated while announcing the salient features of the domestic cricket calendar for the 2024-25 season. The idea, clearly, is to end the trend of home teams doctoring pitches, mostly spinning tracks, and winning under-23 matches, which are just one level below the Ranji Trophy, and thus hold huge importance in the domestic system.

This is the first time that the BCCI had done away with the toss, a vital element of the game, in domestic cricket. Introducing another novel move in the CK Nayudu Trophy, Shah announced that the BCCI "will implement a new points system aimed at promoting balanced performances. This includes awarding points for batting and bowling performances in the first innings, in addition to points for the first innings lead or outright win." A similar points system for batting and bowling performances is prevalent in the English County.

Ranji split in two phases

The BCCI has announced that the 2024-25 season of the Ranji Trophy will be held in two phases. It also seems that the BCCI has scrapped the zonal system in the Duleep Trophy after reintroducing it a couple of seasons back.

Djoko 'fine' after bottle strike at Rome Open

Novak Djokovic insisted on Saturday that he was "fine" and ready to play after being hit on the head by a water bottle as he signed autographs following his second-round win at the Rome Open.

World number one Djokovic was left crouched on the ground in agony on Friday as the bottle struck him on the back of the head as he greeted fans on centre court at the Foro Italico. "Thank you for the messages of concern," Djokovic wrote Saturday on X, formerly Twitter. "This was an accident and I am fine resting at the hotel with an ice pack. See you all on Sunday."

The 36-year-old had gotten off to a winning start in the Italian capital, beating France's Corentin Moutet 6-3, 6-1 to advance to the third round. He will face Chile's Alejandro Tabilo next as the Serb warms up for the French Open Grand Slam with a great chance to add to his six titles in Rome, where only Rafael Nadal has won more with 10.

REUTERS

Djokovic falls on the floor after being hit on the head by a bottle

There had been fears that Djokovic might join the list of players to withdraw from the tournament after the 24-time Grand Slam winner was covered by security staff as he was led from the arena on foot.

However tournament organisers later released a short statement saying Djokovic's "condition is not a cause for concern". AFP

Neeraj star attraction at federation meet

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Bhubaneswar: Buoyed by the qualification of the men's and women's 4x400m relay squads for the Paris Olympics, India's top athletes including Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra, Asian champion Tajinderpal Singh Toor and former World Junior medallist Shaili Singh are expected to be in action during the Olympic season at the 27th National Federation Senior Athletics competition beginning here on Sunday.

Chief coach Radhakrishnan Nair said he was not expecting any stunning performances from the competitors. "Most of the athletes are getting into competition mode and they all have time till the Inter-State meet scheduled at the end of next month to improve their rankings or to make the automatic qualification mark. A few of them who are now training abroad like steeplechaser Avinash Sable and javelin thrower Annu Rani have all but made the cut," Nair told **TOI** at the Kalinga Stadium here.

Though Rani is yet to touch the automatic qualification mark of 64m, the Indian star is 23rd in the Road to Paris ranking list. A total of 32 athletes will compete in women's javelin throw at the Games. Sable is one of the 13 athletes who have made the cut in men's 3000m steeplechase so far having gone under the qualification mark of 8:15 by clocking 8:11.63s in Poland last year.

The four-day meet for the likes of men's shot put champion Toor, who missed action at the Indian Grand Prix in Bengaluru. On his day, Toor will surely go past the qualification mark of 21.5m which is below his personal best and Asian record of 21.77m set at the Inter-State meet two years back.

"We are getting closer to our dream"

One of India's top men's quarter-milers Amoj Jacob said the Indian athletes do not fear their rivals any more. "We now have the confidence that we can beat any team. Even at the World relays we were expecting to do another 2:58 race but then Rajesh Ramesh got injured," said Jacob,

CITY TAKE THE REINS

Gvardiol Brace Sinks Fulham As Guardiola's Men Go Top Of EPL; Burnley Relegated

TITLE MARCH: Man City's Josko Gvardiol celebrates after scoring his side's third goal

London: Two more wins.

That's all that separates Manchester City from becoming English champion for an unprecedented fourth straight year. The game is up, though, for Burnley, whose relegation from the Premier League was confirmed on Saturday with a game to spare.

On a significant day at both ends of the standings, City racked up another big victory by routing Fulham 4-0 to climb above Arsenal into a two-point lead. The top two each have two games left, and Arsenal face Manchester United next on Sunday. Josko Gvardiol bagged the opener and the defender struck again after Phil Foden's goal before Julian Alvarez's stoppage-time penalty sealed a commanding performance at Craven Cottage.

However Arsenal finishes the season, the title will be City's if Pep Guardiola's team beats both Tottenham away on Tuesday and West Ham at home in the final round on May 19. "My players like to play with pressure. They are used to it," Guardiola said.

No team in the 136-year history of English football has won the top division for four successive years. Guardiola's City have also reached the FA Cup final against Man United on May 25. Burnley needed to beat Tottenham but lost 2-1 to join already-relegated Sheffield United in returning to the Championship. Luton looks sure to be the third team. AP

7 Man City have won each of their last seven Premier League games by at least two goals; their joint-longest run of victories in the competition when winning by more than one goal each time (previously May-Aug 2015).

101 By conceding in the 31st minute at Everton, Sheffield United became the first team to let in 101 goals in a single EPL season.

UNDERSTAND MBAPPE DECISION, SAYS ENRIQUE

Paris: On the eve of his final home game for Paris Saint-Germain, striker Kylian Mbappe was hailed as a "club legend" by coach Luis Enrique. "He is a club legend, he gave everything for the club and the club also gave him everything,"Enrique said. He added: "I understand his decision. These are things that we have already known for a long time. PSG will be stronger next season. He is a warm person, I give him 10/10 as a person and 10/10 as a footballer."

Macron 'counting on Real Madrid' to let Mbappe play at Olympics: "I'm counting on Real Madrid to free up Kylian for the Olympic Games so he can come play with the French team," president Emmanuel Macron said in a video posted on X.

Kylian Mbappe in 7 seasons with Paris : 255 goals including 42 in European competitions; 96 assists; 305 games

Wasteful Girona let slip hold on Liga second spot: Girona let slip an away win as Jon Guridi's last-gasp effort snatched a 2-2 draw for Alaves to leave the visitors' hold on second place in the LaLiga in jeopardy. Girona have 75 points, only two clear of Barcelona, who host Real Sociedad.

Inter humiliate Frosinone: Clinical Inter Milan returned to winning ways with a 5-0 thrashing of Frosinone.

Fabregas' Como promoted to Serie A as stakeholder Thierry Henry watches: Henry was in the stadium to see his investment in Como pay off when the Italian club won promotion to Serie A. Como, coached by Henry's former Arsenal teammate Cesc Fabregas, drew with Cosenza 1-1 to clinch second place in Serie B.

Kewell's Yokohama win 1st leg of Asian Champions League final: Harry Kewell's Yokohama F Marinos came from behind to take a first-leg lead in the Asian Champions League final, defeating Hernan Crespo's Al-Ain of the United Arab Emirates 2-1.

Stuttgart up to second in Bundesliga: Stuttgart won 1-0 away to Augsburg to climb above Bayern into second place.

Ochoa and Lozano out of Mexico's young Copa America squad: Goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa and forward Hirving Lozano were left out of Mexico's Copa America squad. AGENCIES

Ireland hand Pak reality check before T20 WC

Dublin: Pakistan were handed a sobering reality check ahead of next month's 20-overs World Cup, following their first ever loss on Friday in a T20 International to Ireland in Dublin. Put into bat, Pakistan managed a modest 182-6 against the limited bowling resources of their opponents at the Castle Avenue. Skipper Babar Azam made 57 and opener Saim Ayub contributed 45. Andy Balbirnie (77) topscored for Ireland, who chased down the target with one ball to spare to go 1-0 up in the three-match series.

Ramit ousts Faraz, enters World Squash 2nd round: India's Ramit Tandon made a fine start to his campaign in the World Squash Championships with a breezy win over USA's Faraz Khan at Cairo. The world No. 36 Tandon, who gained a direct entry into the tournament, emerged a 11-1 11-3 11-3 winner in the first round, dismantling Khan, world No. 57, in just 13 minutes. Tandon, the lone Indian in the fray here, will face seventh seed Mohamed El Shorbagy of England, AGENCIES

GALLERY

Aman bags Paris Olympics quota

Istanbul: Aman Sehrawat locked the Paris Olympics quota in the men's freestyle 57kg category but Deepak Punia was eliminated from the qualification race following his first-round defeat at the World Qualifiers here Saturday. Aman is the first Indian male wrestler to book berth for Paris Games. PTI

ACTION TODAY

CHESS: Champions Tour, 9.45 pm (chess.com Youtube);
CRICKET: IPL, Chennai vs Rajasthan, 3.30 pm; Bangalore vs Delhi, 7.30 pm (Star Sports, Jiocinema); England Women vs Pakistan, 1st T20I, 7 pm (Sony Sports, Fancode);
FOOTBALL: EPL, Man United vs Arsenal, 9 pm (Star Sports); La Liga, 5.30 pm (Jiocinema); TENNIS: Italian Open, 2.30 pm (Sony Liv)

Neeraj vows to win next DL meeting

Doha: Olympic and world champion javelin thrower **Neeraj Chopra** vowed to go one step ahead in the next Diamond League meeting after finishing a close second during the Doha leg here. Chopra finished second at the Doha Diamond League as his big final effort of 88.36m fell short by just two centimeters of Jakub Vadlejch's winning effort on Friday night.

The 26-year-old Chopra trailed the veteran Czech -- who won the title with his third throw of 88.38m -- throughout the competition. Chopra, taking part in his first competition of the season, made a last ditch effort but the Indian superstar failed to defend the title.

Two-time world champion Anderson Peters took the third sport with a throw measuring 86.62m. "The most important competition for me this year is Paris Olympics, but Diamond League meetings are important too. This was the opener for me this season, I finished second with a narrow two centimetre margin but next time I will try to draw far and try to win," Chopra said.

The next Diamond League meeting which has men's javelin as a discipline will be held in Paris on July 7. Chopra also thanked the Indian diaspora in Qatar for supporting him. "The support I am getting from the Indian people here in Qatar is always amazing, there aren't words enough for me to thank them for their support.

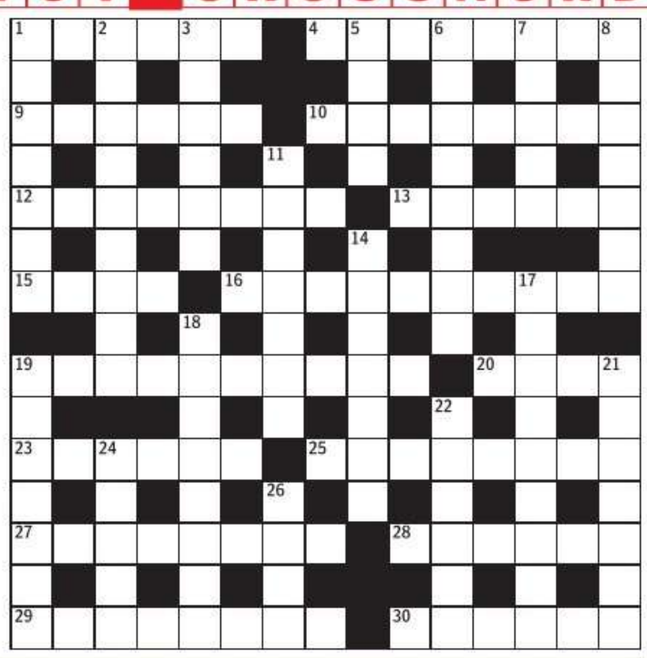
"Maybe in some years the Indian will throw really far! I feel really proud that I am an Indian." At each DL meeting, athletes are awarded 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 or 1 points for ranking first to to eighth respectively.

The top six javelin throwers will compete in the Diamond League Finals in Brussels on September 13-14. PTI

THE TOI CROSSWORD

CROSSWORD No. TCC#0167

The **TOI Crossword contest** is on a short break, but the crossword itself will continue to be featured in The Sunday Times of India, so that you can continue to relish the challenge every week. **Stay tuned!**



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CRYPTIC CLUES

Across
1 Aberdonian retreats in alarm (6)
4 Deceitful pair confronted (3-5)
9 Calms down a wild beast (6)
10 Order I dissent from, possibly (8)
12 He'd a strange wish to be reckless (8)
13 Local horse handler? (6)
15 Sheep accept love, but wander (4)
16 Mum is one, Dad another (10)
19 In which reserves run out (6,4)
20 A long way off getting a return of service (4)
23 So slim perhaps and supple (6)
25 Scale of air force degrees? (8)
27 Varieties of meat for a fellow player (8)
28 Test rugby team five points short? (3,3)
29 Being afraid I'd retreat into fresh danger (8)
30 Come out East and join up (6)

Down
1 Tutor finds beverage expensive in France (7)
2 Church horse can haul round the coach (9)
3 Ladies make perfect models (6)
5 Parliamentary official who cracks (4)
6 Record turnover? (4,4)
7 Credit on fish basket? (5)
8 Justify rate (7)
11 Neat and refined but rather slow (7)
14 Keep changing dialect (7)
17 Not on green perhaps yet below par (3-6)
18 Told but possibly not needing to be (8)
19 Kissed maybe - usual start between boy and girl (7)
21 Call again (7)
22 Business may be started with it (6)
24 Investment for ploughing back? (5)
26 Things cracked up to stupefy (4)

QUICK CLUES

Across
1 Alloy of tin with lead (6) 4 Brutally cruel (8) 9 Typically French (6) 10 Unyielding attitude (8) 12 Break a journey (4,4) 13 An added building (6) 15 Large long-necked waterbird (4) 16 After much delay (2,4,4) 19 Premiere (5,5) 20 Votes supporting a motion (4) 23 Fraudulent moneymaking scheme (6) 25 Avoid humiliation (4,4) 27 First name of Scrooge (8) 28 Casual alfresco meal (6) 29 Pungent culinary herb (8) 30 Sideways drift (6)

Down
1 Legendary winged horse (7) 2 Feel elated (4,2,3) 3 US inventor (6) 5 In a proper place (4) 6 Banter (8) 7 To lift (5) 8 Inclined to mercy (7) 11 Ensure (3,2,2) 14 Progressive (2-5) 17 Something soon (3,3,3) 18 Napoleon's final place of exile (2,6) 19 Lose as penalty (7) 21 Short on detail (7) 22 A light clear red (6) 24 Hearten (5) 26 Infamous Roman emperor (4)

SOLUTIONS TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD

CRYPTIC

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TRAVEL ON YOUR MIND?

KKR ENTER PLAYOFFS

...With 18-Run Win Over Mumbai Indians; Become First Team To Reach Knockouts

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ON SONG: Venkatesh Iyer smashes one to the fence during his 21-ball 42 against Mumbai Indians at the Eden Gardens on Saturday

Kolkata: Kolkata Knight Riders did a double on Mumbai Indians and became the first team to ensure a playoff berth in this IPL by recording an 18-run victory at the Eden Gardens here on Saturday. They remained at top of the table -- with 18 points from 12 matches now.

MI continued to find a way to lose as the hosts' spinners once again came good to do the damage after their batters put up 157 for seven on being asked to bat first after an hour and 45 minutes delayed start due to rain that reduced the match to a 16-over-each-side contest. MI openers Rohit Sharma, coming in as an impact player, and Ishan Kishan gave the side a fluent start getting 59 runs without being separated in the five-over Powerplay. But Sunil Narine and Varun Chakravarthy then checked the run flow giving away only 35 runs in their six overs (three each) with both bowlers claiming a wicket each. Chakravarthy also picked up MI skipper Hardik Pandya in his fourth over to return with two for 17 and virtually close the doors on the Mumbai side who finished at 139 for eight.

Earlier, the KKR batters found it difficult to go for the shots under overcast conditions with the ball initially seeming a bit. They missed a fluent start as well as a good finish. Losing wickets at almost regular intervals also hurt their cause as none of the batters could effectively convert their starts.

The purple brigade suffered a double setback losing both their in-form openers in the first two overs. Philip Salt opened with a six off pacer Nuwan Thushara but the Englishman perished to a slower one being caught at fine leg by Anshul Kamboj in the last ball of the first over. Jasprit Bumrah then dislodged Sunil Narine's off-stump with the left-hander offering no stroke.

Skipper Shreyas Iyer departed soon after being bowled by Kamboj around the legs moving in too much to the off-side exposing the leg stump as KKR got 45 for three in the first five overs. Venkatesh Iyer played and missed a number of times, but he hung in there to keep KKR afloat; later Andre Russell hit some lusty blows towards the end.

From work destinations to dream explorations

HOW THEY STAND

TEAM	M	W	L	NRR	PTS
KKR	12	9	3	1.428	18
RR	11	8	3	0.476	16
SRH	12	7	5	0.406	14
CSK	12	6	6	0.491	12
DC	12	6	6	-0.316	12
LSG	12	6	6	-0.769	12
RCB	12	5	7	0.217	10
GT	12	5	7	-1.063	10
MI	13	4	9	-0.271	8
PBKS	12	4	8	-0.423	8

SCOREBOARD

Kolkata Knight Riders (16 overs maximum): Phil Salt c Kamboj b Thushara 6, Sunil Narine b Bumrah 0, Venkatesh Iyer c Yadav b Chawla 42, Shreyas Iyer b Kamboj 7, Nitish Rana run out (T Varma) 33, Andre Russell c Kamboj b Chawla 24, Rinku Singh c I Kishan b Bumrah 20, Ramandeep Singh not out 17, Mitchell Starc not out 2; **Extras (lb 3, w 3) 6; Total: 157/7; FoW:** 1-6, 2-10, 3-40, 4-77, 5-116, 6-125, 7-148; **Bowling:** N Thushara 3-0-31-1, J Bumrah 4-0-39-2, A Kamboj 3-0-24-1, H Pandya 3-0-32-0, P Chawla 3-0-28-2.

Mumbai Indians: I Kishan c Rinku b Narine 40, R Sharma c Narine b Varun 19, S Yadav c Ramandeep b Russell 11, T Varma c Salt b H Rana 32, H Pandya c Arora b Varun 2, T David c S Iyer b Russell 0, N Wadhera run out (Starc/Salt) 3, N Dhir c Rinku b H Rana 17, A Kamboj not out 2, P Chawla not out 1; **Extras (b 4, lb 2, nb 1, w 5) 12; Total: 139/8 (in 16 overs); FoW:** 1-65, 2-67, 3-87, 4-91, 5-92, 6-117, 7-136, 8-137; **Bowling:** V Arora 2-0-16-0, M Starc 1-0-11-0, H Rana 3-0-34-2, S Narine 3-0-21-1, V Chakravarthy 4-0-17-2, A Russell 3-0-34-2.

Result: KKR won by 18 runs.

Anderson to retire after Lord's Test against West Indies

AFP

London: Legendary pacer James Anderson on Saturday announced that the first Test against the West Indies this summer will be his final appearance for England, bringing down the curtains on an illustrious career spanning over 20 years.

Regarded as one of the greatest bowlers of all time, the 41-year-old is England's leading wicket-taker and is one of only three bowlers to take over 700 Test scalps.

"Hi everyone. Just a note to say that the first Test of the summer at Lord's will be my last Test," Anderson wrote on his Instagram. "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," he added.

Anderson's announcement comes after England red-ball coach Brendon McCullum conveyed to the seamer that they are looking at the future, with an eye on the Ashes 2025-26 in Australia. Anderson made his Test debut back in 2003 and has since claimed a remarkable 700 wickets in a record 187 Test matches. His 700th wicket against India in Dharamsala in March.

He currently ranks third on the all-time list of Test wicket-takers, trailing behind spinners Muttiah Muralitharan of Sri Lanka and Australia's Shane Warne.

Affectionately nicknamed 'Jimmy', Anderson holds the record for playing the most Test matches by any England cricketer. He ranks second on the all-time list of Test appearances, with only India's legendary Sachin Tendulkar (200) ahead of him. PTI

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