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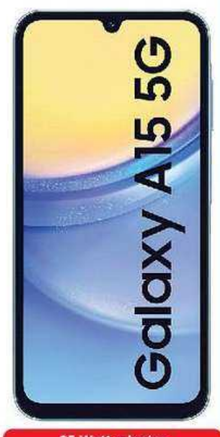

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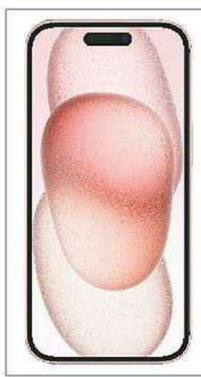

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27, including 4 children, die in Rajkot gaming arcade fire

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RAJKOT: At least 27 people, including four children, were killed after a gaming arcade in Rajkot was gutted in a massive blaze on Saturday while scores of families spent a hot weekend afternoon inside.

The number of dead was feared to rise further as firefighters combed through the charred remains of what was the TRP Game Zone. Most bodies were charred beyond recognition.

"The bodies are completely charred and it is difficult to identify them," said Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Vinayak Patel.

Sudhir Desai, deputy Commissioner of police for Zone 1, told HT that 24 bodies have been recovered so far and sent to Rajkot civil hospital. "We are still working to determine how many of the deceased were children and how many were adults," Desai said.

News agency PTI later reported the toll had gone up to 27, with at least four children under the age of 12.

Firefighters outside the gaming zone in Rajkot on Saturday. REUTERS

According to witnesses, several people, including children were playing games at the game zone, located on Nana-Mava Road, when the tragedy struck. The fire engulfed a temporary dome-like structure, which collapsed, trapping dozens of people under it.

Upon receiving information, a team of fire tenders and officials reached the spot and started an operation to rescue people trapped underneath.

The collapse of the structure also made it difficult for fire department officials to put out the flames, eventually requiring over four hours.

The administration has also formed a high-level committee to probe the incident.

Rajkot Collector Prabhav Joshi said the Fire Control Room received a call at around 4.30pm regarding the blaze at the game zone.

"Fire tenders and ambulances rushed to the spot to douse the flames. The fire caused the

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Evacuations on as Cyclone Remal set to make landfall

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KOLKATA/NEW DELHI: A storm brewing in the Bay of Bengal turned into Cyclone Remal, as expected, on Saturday and authorities began evacuations and ordered operations to be suspended at the Kolkata airport as Bengal and north Odisha braced for extremely heavy rainfall and winds reaching up to 130km/hr.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a red warning, the highest category of warning, for several districts in West Bengal, including South 24 Parganas, North 24 Parganas, Kolkata, Howrah, and East Midnapore.

The weather system lay south, south-east of Sagar Island in West Bengal at 5.30pm and was moving at a speed of 12 km/hr in a northward direction, the IMD said. It is likely to concentrate further into a severe cyclonic storm by Sunday morning and cross West Bengal and adjoining Bangladesh coasts between Sagar Island and Khepupara with a wind speed of 110 to 120 kmph, gusting to 135 kmph, by midnight of Sunday, the agency added.

"We have already identified

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Ahead of landfall

On Remal's trail

5.30pm on Saturday
Lay centered over North and Eastcentral Bay of Bengal as a **Cyclonic storm**

5.30pm on Sunday
To cross North Bay of Bengal as a **Severe Cyclonic Storm**

Midnight on Sunday
Landfall between Sagar Island in West Bengal and Khepupara in Bangladesh

5.30pm on Monday
Intensity to begin reducing

Impact on flights
Kolkata airport will suspend flight ops for 21 hours from Sunday noon in view of the cyclone, an official said, adding that 394 domestic and international flights would be cancelled

Over 30K evacuated
Officials in West Bengal said they had plans to evacuate and shift around **30,000 people** from vulnerable areas

PUNE MINOR'S GRANDFATHER CONFINES FAMILY DRIVER, HELD

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PUNE: The Pune police arrested the grandfather of the 17-year-old who mowed down two people last week after the 85-year-old and the boy's father allegedly sought to bribe and pressure the family's chauffeur to take blame for the accident that set off uproar across the country.

He was arrested late on Friday for "illegally confining" the driver, who filed a police complaint on Thursday, said police. A local court on Saturday remanded him in police custody till May 28. →P8

AT ISRO, GARCETTI PROPOSES JOINT 'QUAD SATELLITE'

BENGALURU: US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti has proposed to develop a "QUAD satellite" involving the partnership of India and the US. During his official trip to Bengaluru on Friday, he visited the Isro headquarters and met with chairman S Somanath and discussed the ongoing cooperation between India and the US in the field of space.

In a statement, the space agency said the US Ambassador proposed the development of a "QUAD satellite". →P6

RAJASTHAN TOWN FEELS THE HEAT AS MAX TEMPERATURE HITS 50°C MARK

JAIPUR/NEW DELHI: At a sizzling 50°C, Phalodi in Rajasthan recorded the third highest temperature ever recorded in the city, data from the Pune-based National Data Centre of the India Meteorological Department showed, narrowly missing its record high of 51°C.

The state has been suffering under the unrelenting heat for at least the past week, with six more people succumbing to heat-related ailments in the last 24 hours.

A red alert has been issued for 13 districts — Alwar, Baran, Kota, Barmer, Bikaner, Jalore, Churu, Hanumangarh, Jodhpur, Pali, Nagaur, Sriganganagar, and Jaisalmer — till Monday, forecasting extreme heatwave. →P6

{ 'UN CERTAIN REGARD' CATEGORY }

Indian actor Sengupta bags award at Cannes

CANNES: Anasuya Sengupta, one of the lead stars of Bulgarian director Konstantin Bojanov's Hindi-language movie *The Shameless*, etched her name in history by bagging the Best Actress award in the Un Certain Regard category of the 2024 Cannes Film Festival.

Sengupta, who hails from Kolkata, is the first Indian artiste to win the category's top acting honour, marking a significant milestone for India at the prestigious film gala.

In her acceptance speech on Friday night, Sengupta dedicated the award to the "queer community and other marginalised communities" for bravely fighting for their rights all over the world.

"You don't have to be queer to fight for equality, you don't have to be colonised to know that colonising is pathetic — we just need to be very, very decent human beings," the actor said.

The win at Cannes is a landmark moment in Sengupta's career. She earlier played a supporting part in 2009 Bengali movie "Madly Bangalee", directed by Anjan Dutt, and worked as a production designer after shifting to Mumbai.

The Shameless premiered at Cannes on May 17. →P6

BENGAL ELECTION VIOLENCE LEAVES TMC WORKER DEAD

KOLKATA: The sixth phase of the Lok Sabha elections in West Bengal saw a turnout of nearly 79% on Saturday, amid allegations of booth capturing and stray incidents of violence, including stone pelting, since Friday night, when a TMC worker was killed, officials aware of the details said. The leader, Sheikh Maibul, was killed in Mahishadal area. A police officer said five people have been detained and a probe initiated after the killing. →P10

{ ACCUSED USED VOICE-CHANGING TECH } PRETENDED TO BE A WOMAN

Seven girls lured on pretext of scholarship in MP's Sidhi, raped

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BHOPAL: A man has been arrested in Sidhi district of Madhya Pradesh for allegedly raping at least seven women by luring them to meet his accomplices after he used a mobile application to alter his voice to that of a woman, officials said on Saturday.

The elaborate crime came to light after one of the victims filed a complaint at the Majhauli police station on May 20, against an unknown man and three of his accomplices. The victims were from the scheduled tribes community and were targeted by the main accused Brajesh Prajapati, who pretended to be a college principal offering scholarships.

The police arrested the main accused and his three accomplices — Rahul Prajapati, 24, Luvkush Prajapati, 23 and Sandeep Prajapati, 21 — under the charges of rape, wrongful confinement and voluntarily causing hurt on Thursday.

Rewa range inspector general of police Mahendra Singh Sikarwar said, "Four accused have been arrested in the case."

Giving details of the crime, senior police officers said that Brajesh accessed contact numbers of the women from the scheduled tribes community through college WhatsApp groups. He would then call the women using an application to alter his voice and pretending to be a female teacher. Once the women reached the location he asked them to visit, Brajesh would rape them, and threaten them against complaining, the officer said.

He "targeted women from the scheduled tribes as they were needy", he said. →P6

RAPE VICTIM GIVES BIRTH TO STILLBORN BABY OUTSIDE CHC

MEERUT: A teenage rape survivor allegedly delivered a stillborn baby in the open outside the Community Health Centre in Sardhana, Meerut, in Uttar Pradesh, on Friday, after the medical staff refused to admit her, the girl's family said on Saturday, adding that the doctors did not give her proper care. But the hospital administration refuted the allegations and said the girl was given abortion pills by her family, after which she delivered the dead foetus. →P6

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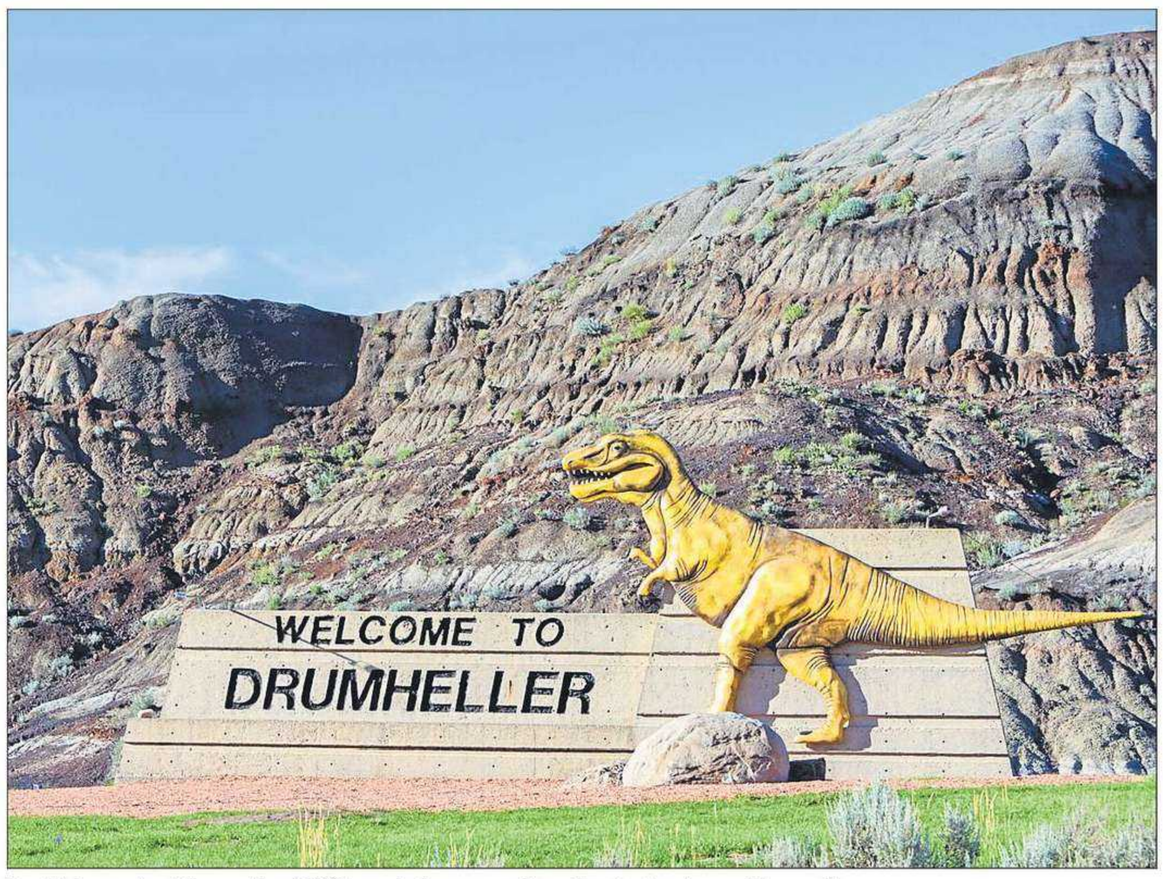


In which country did more than 3,000 people dress up as dinos, hoping to set a world record? SHUTTERSTOCK

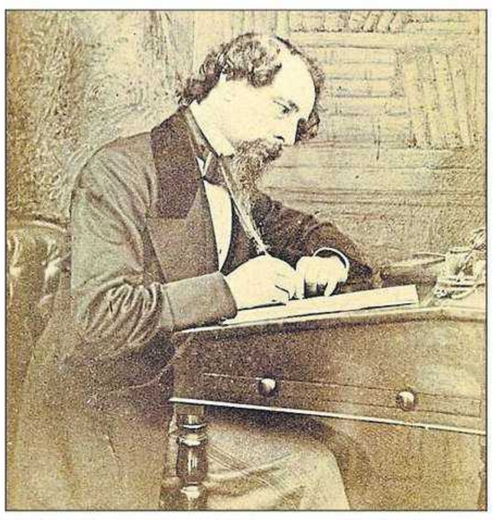
1 The town of Drumheller hoped to host the world's largest group of people dressed as dinosaurs. But more than 3,000 folks arrived, far more than recordkeepers could track. The event was disqualified. Bacon, maple syrup, ice hockey. Which country?

2 Pond's just lost a legal battle against competitor Beiersdorf for disparaging their cream. Salespeople in malls had asked customers to compare Pond's cream to an unlabelled one in a distinctive dark-blue tin. Unfair, but familiar. Name the cream.

3 Rakesh Sharma did it in 1984. Entrepreneur and pilot Gopichand Thotakura will do it next. He'll travel aboard Jeff Bezons's Blue Origin's New Shepard-25, reach the Kármán line and return. No souvenir stands. No selfie spots. Where's he off to?

Rakesh Sharma did it in 1984. One more Indian will do it soon. What?

4 X is an 1850 book by Charles Dickens. X is the name of an '80s comedian and musician. X is also the stage name of a celebrity magician who is now accused of sexual misconduct by several women, some as young as 15. No tricks, no catch. Just give X.



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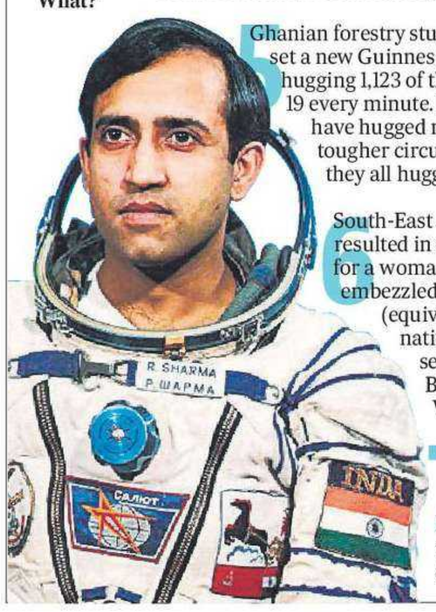

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7 The US is re-classifying it as a less dangerous drug. Thailand legalised it in 2022 but may roll back that decision. Take a leaf from Uruguay's book; they legalised it in 2013. Smoke out Indonesia; users are jailed for 20 years there. What?

8 This country is home to the world's longest road without a bend. You can drive 256km, over two hours, without making a turn. This country also put on a swimsuit fashion show, rare for a culture where women do not expose their faces. Where?

9 They connected in 2002, while shooting the awful film Gigli. They set a date, backed out, and split in 2004. They married other people, and broke up too. In 2021, they reunited, even wed. Now they're splitting again. Name one or both of Bennifer.

10 South Korea's Space Out competition just had its 10th edition. The 117 contestants, picked from 4,000 applications, were quiet and calm. They were expected to maintain a stable heart rate for 90 minutes while doing which de-stressing activity?

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China ends military drills around Taiwan

BEIJING: China has ended two days of military drills around Taiwan that saw jets loaded with live munitions and warships practise seizing and isolating the self-ruled island. The exercises simulated strikes targeting Taiwan's leaders as well as its ports and airports to "cut off the island's 'blood vessels'", Chinese military analysts told state media. Beijing considers the democratic island part of its territory and has not ruled out using force to bring it under its control. →P21

GoFirst headed for liquidation, suggest reports

NEW DELHI: Bankrupt airline Go First, which stopped operations in May last year, could be headed for liquidation as Nishant Pitti, founder and chief executive of online travel firm EaseMyTrip, said that he was withdrawing his bid for the distressed carrier. The development came after DGCA deregistered all 54 aircraft of the airline. →P8

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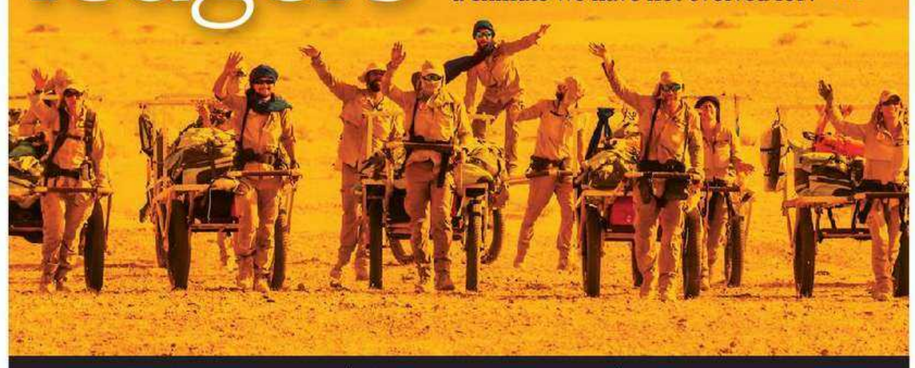
Heat ledgers

Our bodies are uniquely unsuited to heat. We see this in the rising death tolls (70,000 in one year in Europe alone). Countries are already preparing. And, in new experiments, climatonauts are trekking through deserts to answer the question: What will survival look like, in a climate we have not evolved for? →P18



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Viral phenomenon

Dr Soumya Swaminathan was WHO's chief scientist through the pandemic. She has headed ICMR; chaired meetings with senior experts who seemed confused by her seat at the table. 'It's vital to remember, it may seem lonely at the top, but you're never really alone,' she says →P17

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CAPITAL LEAVES ITS MARK

The people of Delhi brave the heat and the queues to seal the fate of the seven Lok Sabha constituencies in the country's seat of power

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NEW DELHI: From the exalted gates of the Rashtrapati Bhavan and lush lawns of India Gate to the cramped bylanes of Seelampur and the history suffused alleys of Mehrauli, millions of people in the Capital braved searing temperatures and snaking queues to exercise their franchise in the penultimate phase of the Lok Sabha elections on Saturday.

The provisional turnout at 11.30pm stood at 58.7%, roughly 3.7 percentage points behind the 2019 figure of 60.6%. But this number was likely to be revised upwards when the Election Commission of India (ECI) releases final figures.

The queues outside Delhi's 13,641 polling booths bore witness to an eclectic mix of people standing with their slips and voting cards, ranging from Supreme Court justices and senior ministers to delivery agents who drive the city's gig economy to old women in wheelchairs, canopies of cotton sarees protecting them from the scorching sun.

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"Elections are like a festival so I had no problem with the heat," said Lakshmi Bansal, a homemaker.

Dressed in a white saree, President Droupadi Murmu voted in an all-woman booth set up inside Rashtrapati Bhavan premises. Later, Murmu held up her inked finger as she posed for photos against a backdrop that read "I'm a proud voter".

Chief Justice of India Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud, external affairs minister S Jaishankar, vice-president Jagdeep Dhankhar, chief of defence staff General Anil Chauhan and chief election commissioner Rajiv Kumar also cast their vote in Delhi.

"Every vote counts, make yours count too! Democracy thrives when its people are engaged and active in the electoral process. I specially urge women voters and youth voters to vote in large numbers," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said.

"Today by voting I have fulfilled my duties as a citizen of the country and this is a major duty of every citizen of the country," said Chandrachud.

Senior Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and her children, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra

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58.7%
Overall turnout in Delhi
All figures here are provisional, based on ECI's Voter Turnout App, as at 11.30pm

The turnout in Delhi's seven seats

North East Delhi	West Delhi	Chandni Chowk	East Delhi	North West Delhi	South Delhi	New Delhi
62.9% 2024	58.3% 2024	58.1% 2024	57.8% 2024	56.8% 2024	55.2% 2024	52.9% 2024
63.8% 2019	60.8% 2019	62.8% 2019	61.7% 2019	59.0% 2019	58.7% 2019	56.9% 2019

Impossible to change data of votes polled: EC

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NEW DELHI: The number of votes polled cannot be altered, the Election Commission of India said on Saturday as it released constituency-wise details of the absolute number of votes cast in the first five phases of the ongoing general elections, just over a month after the first round was held.

The commission contended that the process of collecting and storing polled votes is rigorous, transparent and participative and that its officials have been disseminating voter turnout data in the best possible manner, considering statutory requirements.

The statement, and the disclosures, come following questions being raised by some parties and a petition in the Supreme Court over what they said was lack of prompt data regarding the total number of eligible voters in each constituency and voter turnout figures and proportions.

The numbers released on Saturday do not include the votes cast through postal ballots.

Chief election commissioner Rajiv Kumar, alluding to the controversies, said the commission will eventually reveal how people were misled by a series of petitions against the poll body in an attempt to sow doubt.

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Gurgaon seat sees dip in turnout from 2019

GURUGRAM: Polling in the Gurgaon Lok Sabha constituency in Haryana was peaceful, and 54.18% of voters turned up to exercise their franchise on Saturday, according to provisional numbers shared by the Election Commission of India's Turnout app at 10pm. In the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, Gurgaon registered 67.3% polling

Rural areas had higher turnouts than urban ones on Saturday. Among the nine assembly seats that make up the constituency, Bawal and Firozpur Jhirka recorded the highest provisional polling at 63% each, followed by Nuh at 62.7%, Punhana (60%), Pataudi (56.3%), Rewari (51.26)%, Gurugram (51%) and Sohna (50%).

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Delhi, in all its colour, glory picks its MPs

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NEW DELHI: Suffocating winds swept through the dusty campus of the Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya school in J Block, Rajouri Garden, West Delhi on Saturday afternoon, sheathing every square inch in dust and grime. People stood in streaks of shifty queues that inched forward leisurely. Between this thick of voters, Krishna Devi was wheeled in on her wheelchair by a couple of young men. The 93-year-old hadn't missed out on exercising her franchise in decades and she wasn't about to let the heat kink that resolve.

"I live alone and came here with the help of my caretakers. No one asked me to come vote, but I know how important the exercise is," she said.

In another school, 7km away, Suraj Prakash and Poonam Rani gingerly set aside their walking canes. The 43-year-old man walked in first, voted and made way for his 41-year-old wife. Both polio patients, the two have voted together at the same booth in the Kendriya Vidyalaya on the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) campus for a decade.

"These are important elections to decide the direction India takes," said Prakash.

From Union ministers to gig workers, from Supreme Court justices to homemakers, from defence veterans to school teachers, millions of Delhi's residents poured out of their homes and spilled into many thousands of polling booths in the Capital under the unsparing May sun to stamp their vote during the sixth phase of the general elections.

However, voter turnouts across Delhi's seven seats dipped marginally, as against five years ago, as the blistering 43.2°C maximum temperature appeared to leave its mark. The Capital's provisional voter turnout weakened to 56.9%, from 60.6% in 2019. To be sure, this is likely to be revised upwards when the Election Commission of India (ECI) releases final figures.

But where the city's most affluent neighbourhoods weighed down the number, others stepped up to the plate.

Indeed, the turnout was its highest in North East Delhi, which still bears the deep scars of the 2020 communal riots, with 62.9% of the segment's voters casting their ballot on Saturday.

In Jafrabad, 62-year-old Aqeel Ahmed said his neighbourhood has been unable to bridge the communal chasms even four years later. "There is so much polarisation in all of northeast Delhi. We are constantly living in fear. We can't trade freely. The riot did not cause so much loss as the general environment has today," he said.

On the other end of the spectrum, New Delhi made up the tail-end of the tally once again, with a turnout of 52%, compared to 56.9% in 2019, which was also the lowest that year.

Savitri Devi, who cast her vote at a polling booth in Barakhamba Road, said she arrived early to skip the queue. But, she found, there was no queue to skip. "There was no crowd. I finished voting in around 10 minutes," she said.

Gopal Krishan, who heads the Federation of New Delhi Residents' Welfare Associations argued that voters who live and around the Lutyens' zone "aren't interested in the elections".

But bright spots were aplenty, as voters young and old, dressed in loose clothes, armed with umbrellas, sunglasses and sunblock headed out to get inked.

Take Sawan, a first-time voter in Vasant Vihar, for instance. The 20-year-old met with an accident earlier this week, was discharged after treatment on Friday and made sure he didn't have to wait for his first vote.

"I could manage the pain for a day," he added.

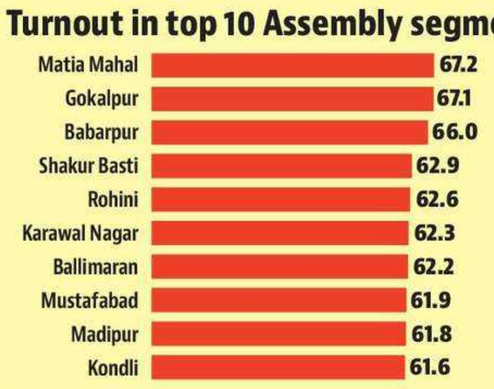
Mohit Dubey, 27, broke his leg in an accident in March, but hobbled his way through a polling booth in Vikaspuri on a walker.

"This cannot be a barrier in such a situation. We all must exercise our right to vote," he said.

Voters at a polling station at Saboli in Delhi on Saturday. SANCHIT KHANNA/HT PHOTO

Breakdown of turnouts

Turnout in top 10 Assembly segments (in %)



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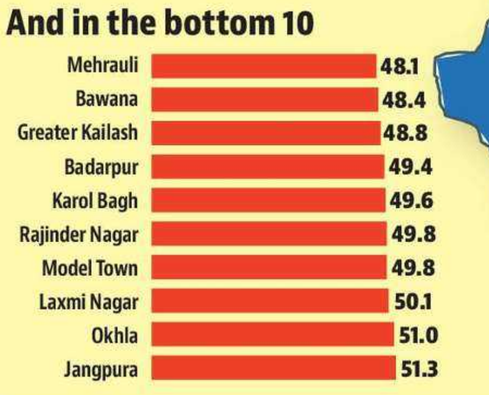

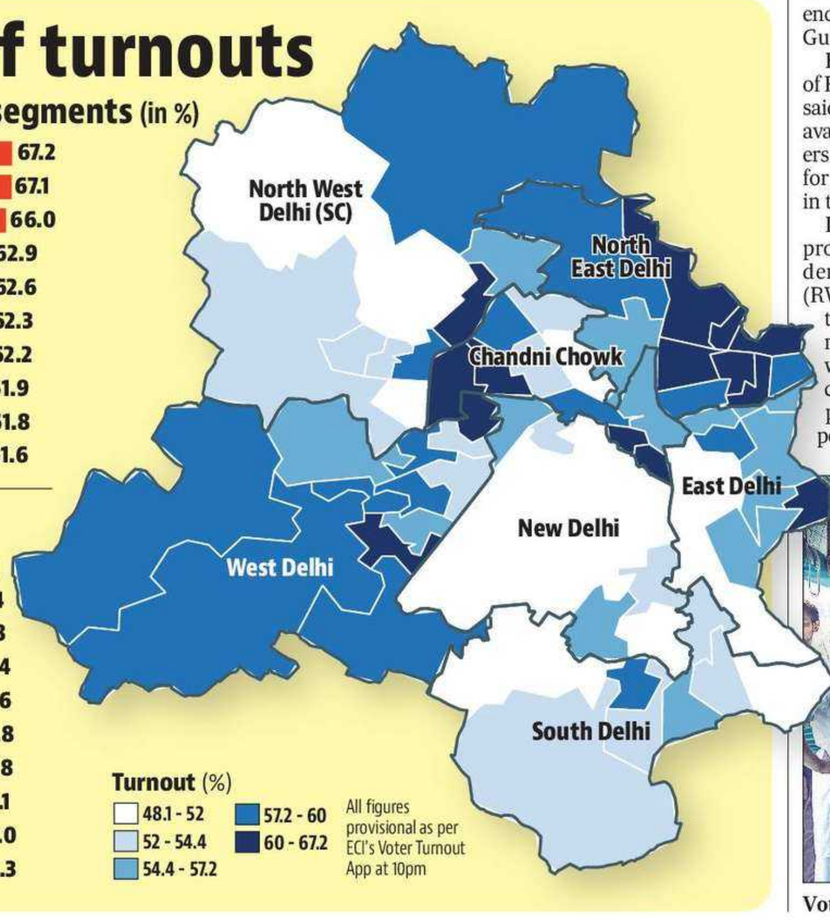

Rural pockets of Ggn constituency lead in vote count

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GURUGRAM: Polling in the Gurgaon Lok Sabha constituency in Haryana was peaceful, and 54.18% of voters turned up to exercise their franchise on Saturday, according to provisional numbers shared by the Election Commission of India's Turnout app at 10pm.

Barring minor glitches at some booths, such as EVMs not working or missing names on electoral rolls, the polling process across the constituency was smooth, said the Gurugram district administration.

Rural areas in the constituency fared better when it came to turnouts. Among the nine assembly seats that make up the constituency, Bawal (SC) and Firozpur Jhirka recorded the highest provisional polling at 63% each, followed by Nuh at 62.7%, Punhana (60%), Pataudi (56.3%), Rewari (51.26)%, Gurugram (51%) and Sohna (50%).

The worst performing assembly seat was Badshahpur at 45.5%, according to the provisional numbers shared by EC.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the Gurgaon seat registered 67.3% polling. Maximum polling was logged in Bawal constituency at 74.25% and minimum in Gurugram at 61.16%.

Ripudaman Singh, a resident of Raheja Atharva in Sector 109, said that with only one EVM was available for more than 1,500 voters at Jahajgarh. "We had to wait for more than two hours to vote in the sweltering heat," he said.

In order to facilitate the voting process, political parties, resident welfare associations (RWAs) as well as the administration made several arrangements. Extra-large coolers, which are mainly used in commercial activities, and pedestal fans were hired by people who could afford them or by political agents for voters queuing up to cast their votes.

However, despite making several arrangements for voters to exercise their franchise smoothly, many voters at Sector 69, Suncity Township, Sector 14, Sector 50, Sector 56 and Sector 48 complained that they returned without casting their votes as the EVMs failed to function. "I returned home after waiting for two hours at a booth in Sector 14... No one was aware of when the defunct EVMs will be replaced," said Amrit Singh, a resident of Sector 14.

Gurugram deputy commissioner Nishant Kumar Yadav said that he personally visited the booths, and problems that were being faced by people were immediately resolved. "A slowdown in voting occurred at some places due to glitches in VVPAT machines as these broke down due to high temperature in the day. We immediately replaced them and ensured smooth voting, and also extra personnel were also deployed at some places," he said.

Political parties and their representatives, who have participated in the elections earlier, however, said that a polling percentage of around 55% was good as people came out to vote in large numbers despite the oppressive heat.

Gurugram district BJP president Kamal Yadav said that despite high temperature, a large number of voters came from across the constituency. "A large number of urban voters came out to vote unlike in the past," he said.

The Congress, meanwhile, said that the significantly lower polling in Gurugram and Badshahpur and high polling in rural areas will ensure that the party races ahead in the elections. Party leader Sukhbir Kataria said, "Low voting in Gurugram has made us the frontrunner for this seat."

Voters at a polling booth in Ghasera village in Nuh. PARVEEN KUMAR/HT

Veterans brave age, heat to lead from the front in polling exercise

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NEW DELHI: For the first time this year, the Election Commission (EC) provided home-voting facility during the Lok Sabha elections, but senior citizens and people with disabilities (PwD) still came out in large numbers to vote on Saturday. EC deployed several volunteers and wheelchairs at the polling booths to help them — however, some complained about the lack of separate queues and long waiting times at the polling stations.

Polling in the seven seats of Delhi recorded more than 97,823 voters who were over 85 years old and another 77,480 PwD who were eligible to vote. Over 5,000 voters voted from home.

Community connect

Santosh Kaur Mongha, 87, is hard of hearing and needs support to walk, and mostly stays at home. But on the polling day, she made an exception and made it to the polling booth in Model Town. She was aware of the home-voting facility for the elderly, but decided to go to the booth to exercise her franchise. "Polling was always a fun day for us, full of excitement. It was a ritual even when we were younger," she said.

In Rajouri Garden, Krishna Devi, 93, came to cast her vote with her two caregivers. A retired principal of the Government Girls Senior Secondary School, she availed the wheelchair facility, which was provided at the polling station. "I live alone and came here with the help of my caregivers as I know how important it is to exercise my right to vote," she said.

As a new initiative, the returning officers in many constituencies also hired e-rickshaws to pick up and drop PwD voters and those above 85 years.

An elderly voter with her daughter and granddaughter shows her inked finger at Defence Colony. SANJEEV VERMA/HT PHOTO

Age, injuries, disability no bar

In the same constituency, the model polling station at Kendriya Vidyalaya JNU Campus had additional facilities for the old and infirm voters, including medical check-up rooms. Suraj Prakash, 43, and Poonam Rani, 41, a married couple who suffer from polio, were seen clicking pictures at the polling station. Prakash said that he has been voting in the same school over the last decade and it has always been designated as a model booth. "We faced no accessibility issues to reach the voting booth and the process hardly took four to five minutes."

Chandrawati Saran, 80, a resident of Madhu Vihar in east Delhi, was not in a condition to walk. The local police personnel lifted her in a wheelchair, brought her down from her first-floor apartment and took her to the polling centre.

A policeman helps an elderly woman cast her vote at Mangolpuri on Saturday. SANCHIT KHANNA/HT PHOTO

Not all well, complaints pour in

Multiple complaints regarding lack of separate queues and long waiting times poured in from different parts of the city.

At a polling station near Chhatarpur temple, Surjeet Singh, 81, and Mahendra Kaur, 78, said that it took them two hours to cast their votes in the scorching heat and the officials present there were rude.

Daya Nand Vats, 68, a resident of Barwala, said that there were no special arrangements for the elderly.

"I reached the polling station at 8am. It's 11.30am now. There's no ramp or seating space. But the polling officials did not allow my son to provide me support."

Flowers, coolers, lounges for voters at model booths

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NEW DELHI: The election commission took several steps to make the voting process in Delhi a festive occasion during the 18th Lok Sabha elections on Saturday. Voters who arrived first at their polling booth received roses from polling officials. Of the 2,627 polling centres with 13,641 voting booths, including four auxiliary booths, there were 70 model stations and as many all-women managed pink stations in the city. Model stations had special facilities, while pink stations had thematic decorations. Seven booths were managed by polling officials with disabilities.

Pink stations were managed entirely by women polling officers, and women police officers between the ranks of inspectors and sub-inspectors, who were assisted by policemen guarding the outer periphery of the premises. The stations were decorated with pink tents and balloons, and red carpets, with the tables also covered with pink cloth.

"It was a nice experience to exercise my franchise at a polling booth where every polling staff, including the presiding officers, and even security personnel were women. They welcomed me with a smile and offered water. The entire premises looked attractive with pink tents, balloons and tables. The voting procedures were also smooth," said Rita Sharma, 54, a school teacher who cast her vote at Bharat National Public School in Anand Vihar, one of the pink polling stations in Delhi.

A model booth in Saboli on Saturday. SANCHIT KHANNA/HT

Model polling stations were decorated with flowers and balloons, and had selfie points, drinking water facilities, air coolers, crèches (play areas for children), waiting lounges, sofas for elderly people, and tents to beat the scorching heat.

Security arrangements

Of the total polling locations, 429 were declared critical/sensitive stations, police officers aware of the numbers said.

The police control room received nearly 150 calls regarding quarrels at polling stations and four calls about faulty electronic voting machines (EVMs). The police also detained more than 808 people, mostly nuisance creators and those with criminal backgrounds, from and around polling stations either as a precautionary measure or for creating commotion and influencing voters. They were all released by evening, said police.

At least 30 people were arrested as a preventive measure under Sections 107, 151, 109, and 110 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, of whom six were released.

Haji Yunus, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) legislator from Mustafabad in northeast Delhi, was also detained on alleged charges of manhandling a policeman on duty, said a senior officer.

A case has been registered in the matter under sections of preventing a government officer from discharging duty and assaulting/threatening a government officer, said police. The AAP did not respond to requests for comment.

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First-time voters vow to drive agenda for growth

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A first-time voter after casting her vote at Nirman Bhawan on Saturday. ARVIND YADAV/HT

NEW DELHI: Wriggling through large crowds and carrying a battered umbrella to shield herself from the sun, 20-year-old Akansha Rawat waited patiently to exercise her franchise for the first time. Accompanied by her mother, she stood her ground at the Government Girls Senior Secondary School in Chhattarpur, under the South Delhi Lok Sabha constituency on Saturday afternoon, waiting for the rush to peter out, with an unparalleled excitement and unwavering will to strengthen democracy.

"We are the generation who will bring change and it is important to not let our votes go to waste," she said.

"Of course, it is a huge deal to take part in the country's general elections. You get a say in who comes to power and who might be capable of solving the citizens' issues," Rawat added.

Rawat was among the 252,308 first-time voters, of the total 15,201,936 voters, to exercise their franchise across the seven Lok Sabha constituencies of Delhi, in the sixth phase of the ongoing Lok Sabha elections, on Saturday.

Manish Singh, 19, another first-time voter from the same constituency, said, "When you are 18 or 19, a lot of your political views are influenced by the adults around you. This is why I always like having conversations with people from different circles, such as my college seniors and professors, so that I am better informed."

Singh said that the main issue that guided his vote was the hope of a discrimination-free society.

At neighbouring Mehrauli, 18-year-old Megha Kashyap, was excited to exercise her voting rights, hoping for improvement in the education and employment sectors. "We have some issues here in Mehrauli, the most common of which are exposed sewage pipes and bad condition of roads but the primary reason I stepped out, despite a heatwave warning, at 11am, was because I wanted to make sure that I did my part in securing a better future for myself," she said.

"The scope of the employment is shrinking in our country. While I might not exactly understand the nuances of it, I see my seniors worried all the time. It makes me feel scared too," Kashyap, a first-year humanities student at Delhi University, said.

In West Delhi's Sector 19, Dwarka, first-time voter Hiranya Chiti Bhargavi, 22, said the process of voting went fairly smoothly, but admitted she was extremely nervous the night before. Having cerebral palsy, she decided to go to the polling booth in her electric wheelchair, but was apprehensive there may not be ramps at all points.

"I was determined to cast my vote and make it count. I also wanted to make sure I brought my electric wheelchair, which I could then steer myself. Thankfully, the arrangements were adequate and the staff helped me through the entire process," she said.

As the day progressed and Delhi continued to sizzle under the sweltering sun, first-time voters were nevertheless unfazed and wanted to fulfil their social responsibility.

Arpit Chowdhury, 18, said many of his friends were skipping the polling process, but he refused to follow suit.

"We are part of the democratic process and the elections are less about which party comes to power and more about what citizens want," Chowdhury said, on his way to Kendriya Vidyalaya on New Mehrauli Road at 1pm, with three of his older friends, who were all second-time voters.

Khushi Goyal, 21, at the Civil Lines polling booth, was accompanied by her parents to guide her through the first-time voting process. She said she was excited to be a part of the democratic process and that she was further enthused upon learning that Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal would be voting at the same booth.

"It was a weekend and we could have gone out, but we youngsters cannot start thinking that way. Voting is our right, as well as responsibility, and we need to exercise it," said Goyal, as she waited to catch a glimpse of Kejriwal, at 11.30am.

Shivani Gupta, 19, a resident of Mustafabad under the North East Delhi constituency, said that she was excited to vote for the first time in her life. "I am excited to cast my first vote. It makes you feel like you are actually a part of the country. It is important not to waste our vote; otherwise, we also lose the right to criticise the politicians," she said.

Names missing in poll list, many return home fuming

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Dayanand and his wife Resham at a polling booth in Narela. HT PHOTO

NEW DELHI: Sumit Katyal, a human resources professional who works in Bengaluru, on Saturday took an early morning flight to Delhi to cast his vote. However, when he reached his polling station at Dwarka Sector 19, he found his name was missing from the electoral roll.

The 47-year-old said that he has voted in every single election from the same booth.

"Even in the MCD elections (in December 2022), I had cast my vote here, but somehow my name has gone missing this time around. Surprisingly, my uncle, who died nearly two years ago, is still included in the electoral list," he said.

Katyal is not alone. People from across Delhi reached their designated polling booth on Saturday, only to find that their names were missing from the electoral list.

They said that they even complained to election officials, but were not allowed to vote, and were forced to return home angry.

At a booth in Narela, Dayanand (goes by one name), said his name was there on the list but that of his wife Resham, 65, was missing.

"There's a lot of mismanagement here. I asked the polling booth officer to help us but he asked us to leave. Usually, the officers either make us fill a form or direct us to another booth. This time, nobody helped us," he said.

Election Commission officials, however, said they carried out an extensive drive from October to December for special summary revision, ensuring the electoral rolls were updated. They said they published in various media that people should check the poll body website or call on the voter helpline number 1950 to check whether their name is there on the electoral list, and if missing, should update the list before the polls.

Mohammad Khalid, 43, meanwhile, said that new names have been added to the list at the polling booth in Sangam Vihar but many existing voters have struck off. "We will file a complaint," he said.

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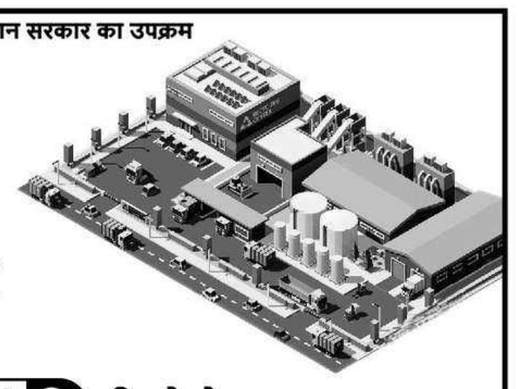

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SPOTLIGHT ELECTIONS 2024

A kaleidoscope of Delhi LS polls 2024

No provision at polling centres to keep phones

Several people, upon being not allowed entry into polling stations because they were carrying their mobile phones, got into heated arguments with security personnel over a lack of provision for storing them. At many booths, a designated "phone collector" took charge and held onto voters' phones, while at some other places, voters refused to exercise their franchise and went home. Rekha Singh, 48, of Gokulpuri, said she waited two hours, holding onto her daughters' phones, as they were voting elsewhere.

Amid rush, CM's wife separated from family

As chief minister Arvind Kejriwal arrived with his family to cast his vote at a polling centre in Civil Lines, a sea of mediapersons surrounded his car. The CM held his father, who has difficulty walking, while his wife Sunita Kejriwal got down the other side of the vehicle, but got separated from the family. She had to wade through a crowd of camera persons to reunite with her family. After shouting out to security personnel, she was escorted inside. The family left immediately after voting.

No queue for transgenders, says candidate

One of the two transgender Lok Sabha candidates of Delhi, Rajan Singh, claimed he was stopped from voting upon complaining that there was no separate queue for third gender or gender-neutral toilets at the polling centres in J Block, Sangam Vihar. He said that he was manhandled, due to which sat down in protest. He said senior police officials wrote "transgender" on a paper and demarcated a third queue, allowing him to vote. However, Singh complained that no action was taken against the errant policeman. Police said it was a matter of initial confusion and that the issue was handled as the candidate voted.

AAP, Congress work in tandem on polling day

Amid speculation that INDIA bloc workers were not getting along, members of the AAP and Congress were seen working together on polling day. AAP Delhi convener Gopal Rai went to cast his vote with Congress candidate Kanhaiya Kumar. Similarly, AAP MLA Dilip Pandey made the necessary arrangements in Timarpur for Kanhaiya Kumar. At the booth level as well, Congress and AAP agents were seen sharing space and helping each other while assisting voters.

E-rickshaws pick up, drop elderly voters

The Election Commission deployed e-rickshaws in each constituency to ferry elderly voters aged 85 and above, and persons with disabilities from their homes to polling centres and back. E-rickshaws, with banners announcing free rides, were a common sight throughout the day. Officials said that it was a first-time initiative. On average, two e-rickshaws were arranged for every polling centre, officials said. In another first, paramedical staff equipped with basic medical kits were also deployed.

On scorcher of a day, Delhi braves 43°C to get inked

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NEW DELHI: Delhi's peak air temperature rose nearly a couple of degrees on Saturday as the city went to polls to pick its seven representatives for the Lok Sabha, with the maximum settling at 43.4°C and the heat index remaining at an uncomfortable 48°C due to high levels of humidity.

While the heat index, which is also called the "real feel" temperature and takes into account how humid the air is, was slightly lower than on Friday, the day was still uncomfortably hot and that may have been a factor in the city's overall turnout dipping to 57.23% (provisionally), from 60.6% from the last general elections in 2019.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD), on Saturday, said that the temperature rose by two to three degrees at most places in the city, largely due to drier westerly and northwesterly winds blowing towards Delhi. The forecast for the next four days shows little relief with the maximum hovering over 44°C-45°C.

Kuldeep Srivastava, scientist at IMD, said: "Delhi recorded easterly winds till Friday, which are moisture-laden. But dry, northwesterly winds were recorded on Saturday, which led to the surface heating up faster. These winds will continue till Wednesday and we have issued a red alert for the same".

Outer parts of Delhi were particularly hotter. Mungeshpur in North West Delhi recorded the highest maximum of 46.9°C, followed by west Delhi's Najafgarh at 46.8°C. Delhi's wet bulb temperature — used to indicate conditions someone will feel outdoors — was 28.3°C on Saturday. A wet-bulb temperature of 32°C or higher puts people at extreme risk of adverse health effects like heatstroke. Wet-bulb on Friday was 29.18°C.

Heat deters some voters

Some people said that when they went to the polling station, there was inadequate arrangement for drinking water and shade from the sun.

Usha Devi, 50, was among those who waited in a serpentine queue to vote at 2pm in Gokulpuri in the South Delhi parliamentary constituency. Having waited over two-and-a-half hours, Devi began to feel slightly dizzy. "There is no cold water here. I did not bring a bottle thinking it would not take this long... but the process is so slow," Devi said before she decided to slip away from the booth. "I will come back later if I feel better," she said.

At Mehrauli, also part of South Delhi, Balam Singh, 52, was in similar misery. Unable to stand the heat, he became light-headed soon after queueing up. "I tried to push through, but I felt dizzy immediately," said Singh as people tried to get him a chair to sit on.

Some staff members said there were no adequate facilities for them either. Rajan Juneja, whose wife was deployed as a booth-level officer in C Block, Janakpuri, said there were no fans. "They don't have seats in the shade, nor do they have fans. While I had no problem voting, one should have prepared better for BLOs and other volunteers on the ground," said Juneja.

Chief Electoral Officer of Delhi P Krishnamurthy, meanwhile, said that proper shading was arranged at all booths. "Voting was completed peacefully and successfully," he said.

Helplines 'unresponsive'

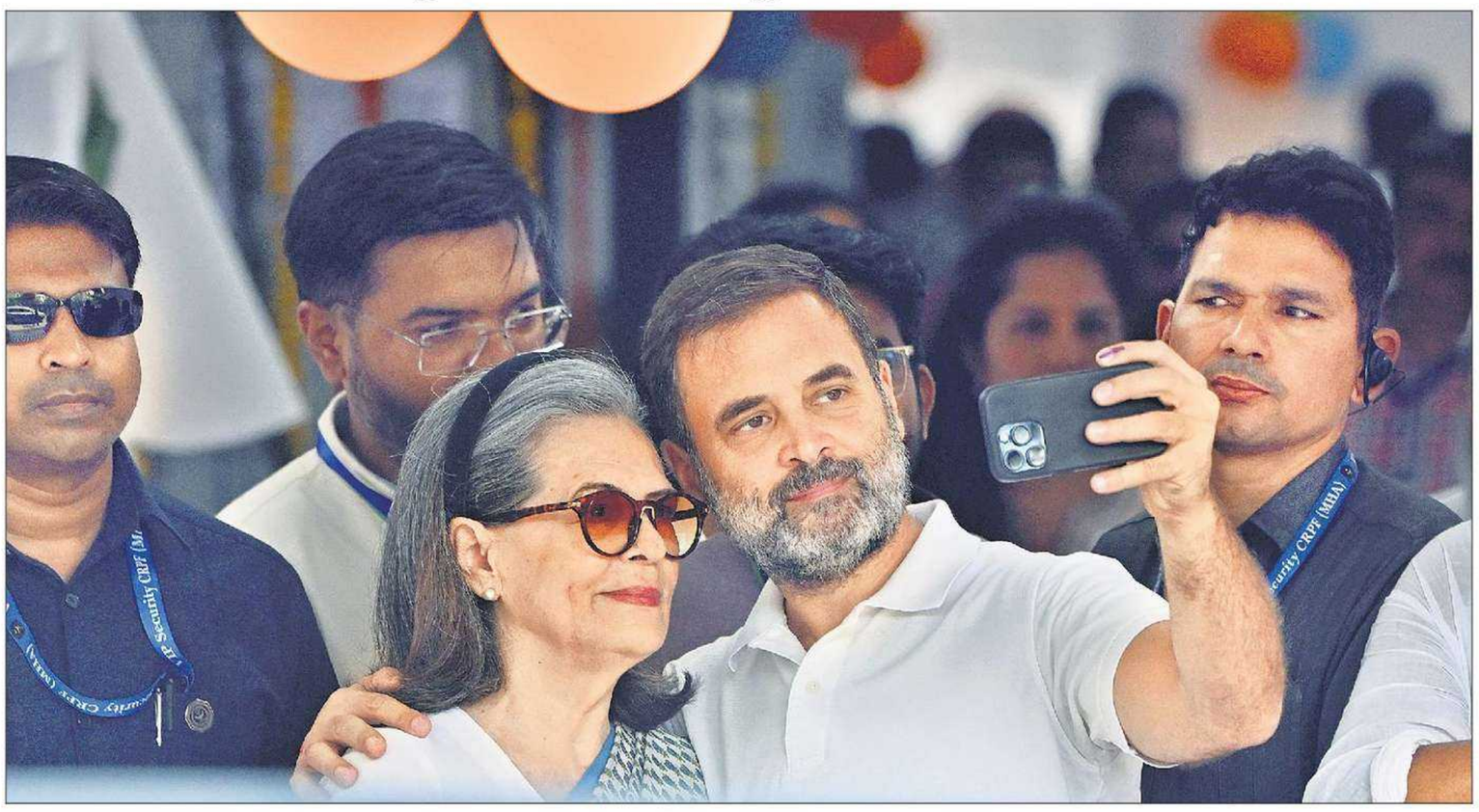
In some areas, people called the election commission helpline due to inadequate spots covered from the blistering sun. Voters at Jafrabad in North East Delhi said they stood in queues for up to three hours in the heat. Nadeem Ahmed, 39, who was among the people, said he called the helpline number 13 times between 9am and 2pm. "The booths have coolers here but only for officials. The helpline number just takes the name of the school and polling station's number but has not sent anyone to check," said Ahmed.

Many left without voting in C Block, Sultanpuri too due to the "unbearable sun" post noon. Ashok Jain, 35, a businessman, and others argued with staff after waiting an hour. Jain alleged the election officer was rude to him. "This is frustrating. Everyone tells us to vote but then they don't respect our time," said Jain, before eventually leaving the station without voting.

Across polling booths in Barwala, Bawana, Narela and Rithala, similar problems erupted.

Vansh Punia, 21, said he had to wait for over an hour to vote at Rama Public School in Gopal Nagar, Najafgarh. Officials did not provide water despite requests, he added. "They had water bottles, but told us it was for them. Had I known this, I would have got my bottle," he alleged.

Who's who of the Capital after casting their vote



(Clockwise from top) Rahul Gandhi takes a selfie with his mother Sonia after casting their vote; external affairs minister S Jaishankar received a certificate for being the first person to vote in his constituency on Saturday; Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud with his family; Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal and his wife Sunita after casting their votes. SANJEEV VERMA , SANCHIT KHANNA/HT, ANI AND PTI

KEJRIWAL SNUBS EX-PAK MINISTER AFTER HE TAGS POST ON X BY CM AS ROW ERUPTS

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NEW DELHI: Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday hit out at Pakistan's former minister Chaudhry Fawad Hussain after he shared a post on X by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief, saying he hoped the "forces of hate are defeated" to which Kejriwal responded and said Hussain should first "handle his own country".

The back and forth started after Hussain commented on a post that Kejriwal put out on X after casting his vote in the Civil Lines area under Chandni Chowk Lok Sabha constituency. Kejriwal, in the post, shared a picture of him and his family. "I cast my vote along with my father, wife, and children. My mother is unwell and could not vote. I voted against dictatorship, unemployment, and inflation. Everyone should cast their vote," the post in Hindi said.

Quoting Kejriwal's post, Hussain wrote: "May peace and harmony defeat forces of hate and extremism #MorePower #IndiaElection2024." But Kejriwal brushed aside the support from the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf leader and asked Hussain to refrain from commenting on "internal matters of India".

"Chaudhry Sahib, I and the people of my country are capable of solving our own problems. We don't need your tweet [post]. Right now, Pakistan is in a terrible state. You handle your own country," Kejriwal replied. "The Indian elections are our internal matter. The country will not tolerate interference from the biggest terror sponsors," he added.

Hussain, in a second post, said that "speeches by politicians are incomplete in India without bashing Pakistan".

Meanwhile, Delhi Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president Virendra Sachdeva said the remarks of the Pakistan leader buttress BJP's stand that "AAP and Arvind Kejriwal are aligned with terrorist organisations, banned organisations and the enemies of the country."

"If support is coming from Pakistan for Arvind Kejriwal's post, then you can understand how far the relations of the AAP are. BJP has been saying from the first day that the AAP and Kejriwal are aligned with terrorist organisations, banned organisations, along with enemies of the country, and foreign funding plays a significant role in Kejriwal's politics," Sachdeva said in a statement.

Plan to set up booths in Ggm condos pays off

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GURUGRAM: The Gurugram district administration set up 52 polling stations at community centres and clubs in residential and plotted colonies for the polls on Saturday to ensure condominium and high-rise building residents turn out to actively vote. Polling booths at several condos recorded long queues, with a majority of electors saying they felt comfortable and safe while voting.

Akshat Gupta, a resident of Essel Tower — the queue at the society's polling booth stretched out to MG Road as early as 8am — said that opening polling station inside the condominium has made it very easy to vote.

According to the administration, a key reason for setting up polling stations inside condos was that in the past few elections, the turnout of electors in Gurugram's urban areas was significantly low compared to Haryana Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP) sectors and rural areas.

Gurugram deputy commissioner Nishant Yadav said the move proved successful, as the turnout at condos was higher compared to previous years. "I visited some condominiums and found brisk voting happening. We will hold a review meeting to extend this concept, and more booths will be set in condominiums in future elections," he said.

The RWA of Sare Homes in Sector 92 said 551 out of the 750 registered electors turned out on Saturday. "This is almost 75% polling, and it is only due to the fact that a polling station was opened inside the complex. People from neighbouring societies also voted comfortably at our club," said Pravin Malik, president of the Sare Homes RWA.

A major benefit of setting up polling stations inside the condominiums was that RWAs actively participated in the electoral process, making arrangements for comfortable polling.

However, voters at some condos complained about the slow pace of voting, and called for more EVMs at polling stations.

Sidharth Sant, a resident of Essel Towers, said there should have been more than one EVM machine at the station to make it quicker for people to vote.

A family takes a group selfie after casting their vote at a condo in Gurugram Sector 49 on Saturday. PARVEEN KUMAR/HT

People in rural pockets didn't let local issues dilute drive to vote

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NEW DELHI: Voters from Delhi's Barwala, Narela, Bawana and Rithala — rural pockets nestled across the Capital — were a disgruntled lot, not having access to basic amenities amid the "aggressive" heat. But, despite complaining that there were not enough roads, a lack of connectivity to the Ring Road, not being close to a Metro station, and having limited access to water and electricity, they clocked an impressive voter turnout braving "minimal arrangements" at polling booths.

Similar scenes were observed in West Delhi and South Delhi's rural areas as well.

After casting their votes, electors criticised the government for "ignoring" them, but said they hope for a change this time.

In North West Delhi, many middle-aged men, women and elderly couples came to vote in groups. Most came walking, and some onboard e-rickshaws from near their homes.

Vishal Jha, 66, a priest from Narela, said, "The condition of the polling booth is a reflection of the area. There's garbage all around. Nobody cleaned the booth before the elections. There is drinking water but the water can was kept under the sun. It's hot water now. I waited for almost one and a half hours. My knees were aching and there was no seating space. I came because we want to see a change here." Jha hitchhiked a 5km ride to reach the polling booth.

Unlike Jha, who received his voter slip on time, many were left without a slip, or were directed to other booths. Many were left confused, as they didn't know the location of the other booths.

Across Najafgarh, voting remained high throughout the day in Kair and Mitraon villages.

Deepak (goes by a single name), 37, a resident of Kair Extension for the past 11 years, said the area still has no sewer connection or drinking water supply.

MLA Rakesh Daultabad

GGM: BADSHAHPUR MLA RAKESH DAULTABAD DIES OF CARDIAC ARREST

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ROHTAK: Rakesh Daultabad, an independent MLA from Haryana's Badshahpur assembly, died of cardiac arrest in Gurugram on Saturday morning. He was 44.

As per information, Daultabad, after casting his vote in the morning, had gone to his farmhouse, where he suffered a cardiac arrest.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, aged 21 and 17.

Haryana chief minister Nayab Singh Saini extended condolences to the family.

A first-time MLA, Daultabad was supporting the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the House. In the 2019 assembly elections, he had defeated BJP's Manish Yadav by a margin of 10,157 votes.

With Daultabad's demise, the effective strength of the 90-member Haryana assembly has been reduced to 87. Two seats had earlier fallen vacant after former chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar had resigned from the Karnal assembly to make way for Nayab Singh Saini, and Independent MLA Ranjit Chautala from Rania resigned from the assembly membership after joining the BJP.

As per the current strength of the House, the majority mark is 44.

The BJP, which has 40 MLAs and the support two others -- Independent MLA Nayan Pal Rawat of Prithla and Gopal Kanda of Haryana Lokhit Party, stands two short of the magic number. The Congress has 30 MLAs, the Jannayak Janta Party has 10 and the Indian National Lok Dal has one. Apart from that there are four other Independents not supporting the BJP.

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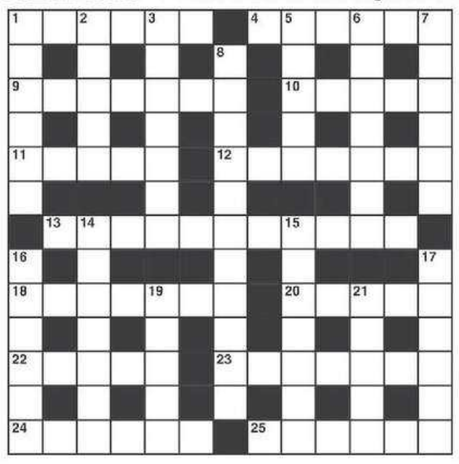

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1 Show the flag? (6)
4 Bar girl has nothing on (6)
9 From which to make the draw (7)
10 Give free medical attention? (5)
11 Inclined to be fast it's said (5)
12 Mad rage can lead to slaughter (7)
13 Competent crew showing polite behaviour (4,7)
18 Letters to be mailed to a remote settlement? (7)
20 Planter doing a job that could be worse (5)
22 Doctor works treating eyes perhaps (5)
23 An instrument of Eve's downfall (7)
24 Knock out some facts about an aircraft (6)
25 Their function is to secure quiet in class (6)

DOWN

1 Rising can be very difficult (6)
2 Decline to meet a composer (5)
3 Went round to put a name on the list (7)
5 Table put to very good use (5)
6 Outdoor writer bursting into love song (4-3)
7 Little Margaret is after fruit and spice (6)
8 It's clear-cut as a decisive trial (7,4)
14 Determined to see what the future holds (7)
15 It joins another for a breather (7)
16 Being wealthy was charged (6)
17 Note deserter is not charged (6)
19 A charge on collection (5)
21 Expresses regret in a little footnote (5)

QUICK CLUES

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1 Bad-tempered (6)
4 Ridiculous (6)
9 A setback (7)
10 Intersect (5)
11 Treacherous (5)
12 In succession (7)
13 The wrong way round (4,2,5)
18 Money saved for the future (4,3)
20 Style of dress (3-2)
22 Mature (5)
23 Disappoint (3,4)
24 Disposition (6)
25 Capital of New South Wales (6)

DOWN

1 Bottle for wine at table (6)
2 Blacksmith's block (5)
3 Frenzied (7)
5 Cured meat from pig (5)
6 Idealistic (7)
7 Intention (6)
8 Kindly generous nature (5,2,4)
14 Physical attack (7)
15 With justice (7)
16 To no avail (2,4)
17 In full view (6)
19 Register as competitor (5)
21 Prickle (5)

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Rajasthan city simmers at 50°C as heatwave grips western state

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JAIPUR/NEW DELHI: At a sizzling 50°Celsius, Phalodi in Rajasthan recorded the third highest temperature ever recorded in the city, data from the Pune-based National Data Centre of the India Meteorological Department showed, narrowly missing its record high of 51°C.

The state has been suffering under the unrelenting heat for at least the past week, with six more people succumbing to heat-related ailments in the last 24 hours.

A red alert has been issued for 13 districts — Alwar, Baran, Kota, Barmer, Bikaner, Jalore, Churu, Hanumangarh, Jodhpur, Pali, Nagaur, Sriganganagar, and Jaisalmer — in the state till Monday, forecasting extreme heatwave.

Phalodi in Jodhpur recorded 50°C was the third highest maximum temperature for the month of May. Saturday's highest in Phalodi was followed by Barmer and Jaisalmer, which both recorded 48°C, and Bikaner and Churu, which recorded 47°C, IMD data showed.

Such unusually high temperatures were observed in other parts of the country as well.

Parts of Madhya Pradesh, such as Khargone, Ratlam, Rajgarh and Khandwa, recorded more than 45°C maximum temperatures.

In Delhi, Safdarjung (the city's base station) recorded 43.4°C and Najafgarh 46.8°C.

Most of northeast India recorded extremely high temperatures, with over Assam nearly burning under severe heat. Guwahati recorded 40.1°C, in a departure of 8 degrees from normal; Passighat in Arunachal Pradesh recorded 39.4°C, 9.3 degrees above normal; Cherrapunji in Meghalaya recorded 30.1°C, 7 degrees above normal.

Experts blamed a change in wind directions for the dry weather.

"This extreme heat is mainly being recorded because wind direction has changed. Its northerly. So even more northeast India, very dry, hot winds blowing from the land side are affecting. The change in wind direction is mainly due to cyclone formation over the Bay. Northeast India will see relief from Sunday once the cyclone makes landfall," said M Mohapatra, director general, IMD.

Cyclone Remal is expected to make a landfall at around midnight on May 26, between Sagar Island in West Bengal and Khepupara in Bangladesh.

But, the impact of the severe heat was visible on the ground in Rajasthan, where at least 25 people have died in the last 72 hours due to symptoms concurrent with heat stress.

A person admitted to a district hospital in Jalore died due to a heat stroke on Saturday, officials said. "The deceased, identified as Sungaram Mali (75), resident of Bhimawada, Jalore, was admitted to the district hospital after suffering heat stroke on Friday. Sungaram was taken to the hospital after his health suddenly deteriorated. He died on Saturday morning," the hospital said in a statement.

In another incident, reported from Balotra district, Chuna Ram (50) was taken to Nahata hospital when his health deteriorated due to heat stress apparently. He died while undergoing treatment, officials said.

Bodies of two men were found on the roadside in two different police station areas of Pindwara tehsil in Sirohi district. The bodies have been sent for post-mortem and police are searching for their family members, officials said. Police officials said that they suspect the two died due to extreme dehydration. However, the exact cause of death will be ascertained after the post-mortem examination.

In Ajmer, two people died — a 49-year-old truck driver, Vaishnav Lal, and a daily-wage labourer, Moti Singh, also reportedly died due to heat-stress.

The state health department, meanwhile, said there were no casualties because of heatstroke so far.

The statement added that a total of 2,243 patients of heatstroke were reported in Rajasthan between March 1 and May 25.

"However, none of them died due to the stroke. Though two deaths in Kota and Jaipur were also doubted due to heat stroke. But the death audit committee, after investigating the cases following the GoI norms stated the deaths were not due to heat stroke," the statement added.

When mercury soared in Raj

STATION	DATE	Temp (in °c)
Phalodi	May 19, 2016	51
Churu	June 1, 2019	50.8
Alwar	April 10, 1956	50.6
Sriganganagar	June 14, 1934	50
Dholpur	June 3, 1995	50
Barmer	May 10, 1995	49.9
Sikar	June 12, 1993	49.7
Tonk	May 31, 1969	49.7
Bikaner	May 28, 1914	49.4
Jhalawar	May 29, 1994	49.3
Jaisalmer	June 4, 1991	49.2
Jodhpur	May 25, 1932	48.9
Pilani	May 2, 1999	48.6

{ INDIA-US SPACE PARTNERSHIP }

Garcetti proposes to build QUAD satellite

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BENGALURU: US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti has proposed to develop a "QUAD satellite" involving the partnership of India and the US. During his official trip to Bengaluru on Friday, he visited the Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) headquarters and met with chairman S Somanath and discussed the ongoing cooperation between India and the US in the field of space.

In a statement, the space agency said the US Ambassador proposed the development of a "QUAD satellite". During the meeting, the Isro chairman pointed to the opportunity to develop advanced detectors and packaging technologies with US-India academic institutions. He also emphasised the importance of building and standardising docking interfaces across human space programs to enable the utilisation of space platforms by other countries and joining hands to build a navigation system on the moon, either in orbit or on the surface.

Eric Garcetti

In a post on X, Garcetti on Saturday shared how he was honoured to meet the Isro chairman and how they were committed to further strengthening the partnership between India and US in the field of space.

"Honored to meet @ISRO Chairman Dr S Somanath and team! From advancing #NISAR satellite to fostering human spaceflight and promoting commercial space endeavours, the #USIndiaSpace commitment stands strong and is advancing our shared goals within the #USIndia Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology," he said.

According to Isro, the discussions that followed highlighted both countries' mutual interests and shared goals in advancing space science, technology, and the space economy.

Ongoing associations through various Joint Working Groups, Artemis Accord, NISAR, and the use of the Laser Reflectometer Array on Chandrayaan-3 also figured in the discussions.

Garcetti also inquired about the role played by the department of space in fostering commercial space activities. Chairman Somanath elaborated on this, saying that for the first time, payload technology and space-bound hardware are being built in Indian facilities that are outside Isro labs. Isro plans to source payloads and satellites for its programmes from Indian companies and enable them to enter the global market.

Other talks included NASA's participation in India's proposal for a G-20 satellite for environment and climate change, and encouragement of cooperation between commercial companies from both countries for quicker and more effective outcomes, Gaganyaan cargo module as an option for transfer of cargo to ISS.

Garcetti also expressed his admiration for Isro's accomplishments and its role in global space exploration.

14-yr-old rape survivor delivers stillborn outside health centre in Meerut

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MEERUT: A teenage rape survivor allegedly delivered a stillborn in the open at the Community Health Centre (CHC) in Sardhana, Meerut, in Uttar Pradesh, on Friday, after the medical staff refused to admit her, the girl's family said on Saturday, adding that the doctors did not give her proper care.

However, the hospital administration refuted the allegations and said that the girl was given abortion pills by family members after which she delivered the dead foetus.

According to the officials, the family of a 14-year-old pregnant rape survivor arrived at the CHC early on Friday as the girl was in pain. The family then asked the staff to admit her but the staff refused, the family alleged.

Following the incident, district magistrate Deepak Meena formed a three-member committee including additional district magistrate (finance) Suryakant Tripathi, additional city magistrate Rashmi Baranwal and additional chief medical officer Dr Praveen Gautam to investigate the matter and submit a report within two days.

Chief medical officer Dr Akhilesh Mohan said due procedure was followed during the girl's delivery. "If there was some negligence, it would be exposed during the probe," said Dr Mohan. He added that the foetus was sent for postmortem and the cause of its death would be ascertained in its report.

THE SP SAID THE GIRL WAS SIX MONTHS PREGNANT AND THE FAMILY HAD NOT INFORMED THE POLICE ABOUT THE RAPE

Superintendent of police (rural) Kamlesh Bahdaur said the girl was six months pregnant and the family had not informed the police about the rape. He said that the rape accused was identified as the 32-year-old neighbour of the girl, who was arrested. "The accused was arrested on the complaint of the family on Friday," said Bahadur.

According to police, the accused raped the girl almost eight months ago and made a video. Meanwhile, the girl became pregnant and her family brought her to the CHC on Friday morning when her condition deteriorated. The matter was reported to police as it was a case of rape pregnancy.

{ USES VOICE-CHANGING TECH } 3 ACCOMPLICES ALSO ARRESTED

Man rapes 7 women on pretext of providing scholarships, held

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BHOPAL: A man has been arrested in Sidhi district of Madhya Pradesh for allegedly raping at least seven women by luring them to meet his accomplices after he used a mobile application to alter his voice to that of a woman, officials said on Saturday.

The elaborate crime came to light after one of the victims filed a complaint at the Majhauli police station on May 20, against an unknown man and three of his accomplices. The victims were from the Scheduled Tribes community and were targeted by the accused, who pretended to be a college principal offering scholarships.

The police on Thursday have arrested the main accused, Brajesh Prajapati, 30, and his three accomplices — Rahul Prajapati, 24, Luvkush Prajapati, 23 and Sandeep Prajapati, 21 — under the charges of rape, wrongful confinement and voluntarily causing hurt.

Rewa range inspector general of police Mahendra Singh Sikarwar said, "Four accused have been arrested in the case."

Giving details of the crime, senior police officers said that Brajesh accessed contact numbers of the women from the ST community through college WhatsApp groups. He would then call the women using an application to alter his voice and pretending to be a female teacher. Once the women reached the location he asked them to visit, Brajesh would rape them, and threaten them against complaining, the officer said.

THE ACCUSED USED TO ACCESS THE PHONE NUMBERS OF THE WOMEN FROM WHATSAPP GROUPS OF COLLEGES

"Brajesh Prajapati, who is a labourer, and Sandeep Prajapati accessed the contact numbers of students through college WhatsApp groups. The main accused used to call the girl students by altering his voice with Magic Voice mobile application and pretend to be "Ranjana Ma'am" the principal of a government college," the IG said.

Sikarwar said Brajesh would tell the targets that their signatures were required immediately to release their scholarships. "He would tell them his son would pick them up. Instead, Rahul, Sandeep and Luvkush would pick the girls from their houses and take them to the location Brajesh picked," the IG said.

Once at the spot, Brajesh raped the women, "snatched their mobile phones and threatened them with dire consequences", the IG said. He said that the accused has confessed to the crime and reportedly told them that he wanted to have sexual intercourse with as many women as possible.

After the first case was filed against him on May 20, the police initiated an investigation, following which Brajesh was arrested and confessed to have raped seven girls in just the past three months.

"As of now only four came forward to register an FIR against them," the IG said, adding that it was found that the main accused have scars from serious burn injuries on his hand and the police identified him by that. Police suspect there might be more victims of the crime as they recovered 16 mobiles phones the possession of the accused. "There are more accused involved in the case. They will be arrested soon," the IG added.

Chief minister Mohan Yadav has constituted a nine-member special investigation team to probe the matter. "SIT will investigate the matter that happened with Scheduled Tribal girl students in Sidhi. Nine-member SIT will investigate the matter and submit the report," he said.

Sengupta becomes the first Indian to win 'Best Actress' award at Cannes

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CANNES: Anasuya Sengupta, one of the lead stars of Bulgarian director Konstantin Bojanov's Hindi-language movie *The Shameless*, has created history by bagging the Best Actress award in the Un Certain Regard category of the 2024 Cannes Film Festival.

Sengupta, who hails from Kolkata, is the first Indian artiste to win the category's top acting honour, marking a significant milestone for India at the prestigious film gala. The festival will conclude on Saturday.

In her acceptance speech on Friday night, Sengupta dedicated the award to the "queer community and other marginalised communities" for bravely fighting for their rights all over the world.

"You don't have to be queer to fight for equality, you don't have to be colonised to know that colonising is pathetic — we just need to be very, very decent human beings," the actor said.

The win at Cannes is a landmark moment in Sengupta's career. She earlier played a supporting part in 2009 Bengali movie "Madly Bangalee", directed by Anjan Dutt, and worked as a production designer after shifting to Mumbai.

The Shameless, which had its premiere at Cannes on May 17, forays into a dark, disturbing world of exploitation and misery in which two sex workers, one who bears the scars of her line of work, the other a young girl days away from ritual initiation, forge a bond and seek to throw off their shackles. Sengupta plays the central character of Renuka, who escapes from a Delhi brothel after stabbing a policeman to death and takes refuge in a community of sex workers in northern India, where she meets Devika (Omara), a young girl condemned to a life of prostitution.

Anasuya Sengupta

The actor celebrated her win on Instagram, where she posted pictures with Un Certain Regard jury head, Canadian director Xavier Dolan, and German-Luxembourg star Vicky Krieps.

"I won, guys, held so lovingly by my heroes. I'm here for you, to be the one you need THANK YOU @festivaldecannes," Sengupta wrote in the caption.

"The Shameless" also stars Mita Vashisht, Tanmay Dhanania, Rohit Kokate and Auroshikha Dey in key roles.

The Un Certain Regard, which runs parallel to the festival's main competition, aims to highlight new trends, new paths and new countries of cinema.

MOB VANDALISES POLICE STATION OVER SUSPECTED CUSTODIAL DEATH IN KARNATAKA

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DAVANGERE: A police station was vandalised in Channagiri town in Davangere district of Karnataka and several vehicles were set on fire by a violent mob over an alleged custodial death, on Saturday.

A 30-year-old man, identified as Adil, was detained on May 24 for his alleged involvement in gambling activities in the district, police said adding his health condition deteriorated and he died last night.

Chief minister Siddaramaiah said the deputy superintendent of police (DSP) and the Channagiri police station inspector have been suspended following the attack. He also said that it was not a custodial death.

As the news of the man's death spread, his relatives along with a large group of people went on a rampage, damaging police vehicles and hurling stones at the police station, alleging that he died in custody. Davangere superintendent of police (SP) Uma Prashanth said the body has been shifted to the government hospital and it will be handed over to the family members after post-mortem.

The police claimed that the accused died within six to seven minutes after being brought to the station. "His parents are also aware of it and they have been convinced," Prashanth said.

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Pune boy's grandfather held for confining driver, say cops

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PUNE: The Pune police on Saturday said the grandfather of the 17-year-old, who mowed down two people last week, was arrested after the 85-year-old and the boy's father allegedly sought to bribe and pressure the family's chauffeur to take blame for the accident that set off uproar across the country.

The boy's grandfather was arrested late on Friday for "illegally confining" the driver, who filed a police complaint on Thursday, said police. A local court on Saturday remanded him in police custody till May 28.

"After the accident, the driver gave a statement at the Yerawada police station on May 23, saying he was at the wheel... But it was revealed that the teen was driving the car," said police commissioner Amitesh Kumar.

The 24-year-old driver, in the FIR, said that early on May 20, when he was going home from Yerawada police station, the grandfather called him, threatened him, forced him into a car and made him drive to a bungalow in Wadgaonsheri neighbourhood.

The Porsche car found without a number plate in Pune.

"The boy's father and grandfather took the driver's phone and locked him up in their house," said Kumar.

They then forced him to take the blame for the accident and warned him against telling others. "The family told the driver to only make statements that they approved," he said.

The driver was released on Monday only after his family intervened. The suspect's family tried to bribe the driver with "gifts and cash" to take the blame for the crash and offered to pay him "whatever he wanted," the commissioner said.

Early on May 19, the allegedly inebriated minor rammed a Porsche sportscar into two motorcycle-borne software engineers, Aneesh Awadhiya (24) and Ashwini Koshta (24), killing both.

"The driver's statement was recorded on May 23. After the facts were corroborated, an offence was registered against the minor's father and grandfather," Kumar said. The police have booked the 85-year-old under the Indian Penal Code's (IPC) sections 342 (wrongful confinement), 365 (kidnapping and abduction), 368 (whoever, knowing that any person has been kidnapped or has been abducted, wrongfully conceals or confines such person), 506 (criminal intimidation) and 34 (a criminal act is done by several persons in furtherance of the common intention).

Earlier this week, police said the driver told the 17-year-old that he was too drunk to get behind the wheel and called the boy's father, who instead asked the chauffeur to "let him drive".

The case and the subsequent bail granted to the minor under provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act drew sharp criticisms and a flurry of protests. Under the bail conditions, the minor was required to work with Yerwada traffic police for 15 days and write an essay on the accident. Pune Police then filed a review petition before the Juvenile Justice Board, asking that the boy be tried as an adult and requesting a review of the May 19 order. The boy's father, one of Pune's most prominent builders, was arrested in connection with the incident on Tuesday.

EaseMyTrip CEO pulls bid after Go First's jets setback

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NEW DELHI: Bankrupt airline Go First, which stopped operations in May last year, suffered a fresh setback on Saturday after Nishant Pitti, founder and chief executive of online travel firm EaseMyTrip, said he was withdrawing his bid for the distressed carrier.

"After careful consideration, I have decided to withdraw from the GoAir bid in my personal capacity," Pitti said in a statement.

"This decision allows me to better focus on other strategic priorities and initiatives that align with our long-term vision and growth objectives," he added.

The development came after the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) deregistered all 54 aircraft of Go First on May 23.

Go First, which filed for bankruptcy in May last year, earlier this year received two financial bids as part of its insolvency resolution process.

SpiceJet chairman and managing director Ajay Singh submitted a bid along with Busy Bee Aviation, in which EaseMyTrip has a 51% stake. Sharjah-based Sky One Aviation also bid for the airline.

However, hopes for the airline's revival became distant on April 25 after the Delhi high court ordered the civil aviation regulator to deregister all Go First aircraft.The then Wadia-owned airline ceased operations in the peak summer rush last year. It is soon expected to lose all its airport slots since the airline has not been able to utilise any of them for more than a year.

Go First was the fifth-largest airline in India based on scheduled departures.

"Sadly, it's curtains for Go First," said Mark D Martin of Martin Consultancy. "If the lessors reached a settlement with the airline on switching from Pratt and Whitney engines (which Go First said was the cause of its grounding) to CFM leap engines, GoFirst could have been saved."

The Go First airline, earlier known as Go Air, stopped operations in May, 2023. REUTERS

IN MAY, DGCA DEREGISTERED 54 JETS LEASED TO GO FIRST, WHICH FILED FOR BANKRUPTCY EARLIER THIS YEAR

The airline with 54 aircraft had around 90% Pratt & Whitney engines. It said these engines had been failing since the first deliveries in 2017 and the ever-increasing number of failing engines caused severe cash flow issues. It filed for bankruptcy protection within a week of shutting down operations.

"The death of an airline in a developing country is not seen as a good indicator for the aviation sector. Go First is not the first one. We have seen the painful deaths of Sahara, Kingfisher and Jet Airways in the past two decades," said Brajesh Singh, president of Arthur D. Little India, a consultancy firm.

"Despite constant economic growth, infrastructure upgrading and increasing passenger footfall, if there is an event of an airline going out of runway, it raises questions on the overall ecosystem, governance and solidity of the sector."

Go First is the second airline in India going through an insolvency process.

Jet Airways faces the same predicament. Matters related to Jet Airways is still stuck in courts although it has found a suitor in Jalan Kalrock Consortium.

{ AT WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY }

India to showcase its digital health schemes

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NEW DELHI: India will focus on showcasing on how digital tools and services have brought on a health transformation in the country at the upcoming 77th World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland, from May 27 to June 1, according to government officials.

The five-member Indian delegation, led by Union health secretary Apurva Chandra, will highlight initiatives such as the Co-WIN program, which was instrumental in vaccinating a vast segment of India's population against Covid-19 in a short span of time.

"Initiatives under digital health are India's strength, and there are several programs functioning under it," said a senior central government official who requested anonymity. "India has also been open to sharing the Co-WIN platform with other countries."

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) that aims to develop the backbone necessary to support the integrated digital health infrastructure of the country.

It is meant to bridge the existing gap among different stakeholders of health care ecosystem through digital highways.

India will chair Committee A, which will discuss topics such as universal health coverage, public health emergency preparedness and response, antimicrobial resistance, climate change, and sustainable financing for the World Health Organization (WHO).

The five-member Indian delegation will be led by Union health secretary Apurva Chandra.

The video of the incident showing a violent confrontation has been making rounds on social media. HT PHOTO

Rival groups clash on K'taka road, 3 arrested

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BENGALURU: Three people were arrested in connection with a clash that broke out between two groups in Udupi district of Karnataka, a police officer said on Saturday.

The incident that took place in Kunjibettu locality in Udupi at around 2 am on May 18, came to the fore after a dramatic video showing a violent confrontation on a city road, following a collision between two cars driven erratically went viral on social media. Superintendent of police (SP), Udupi district said, "This is not a gangwar, but rather a fight between two factions of the same group." The arrested men were identified as M Ashiq (24) B Raqib (26) and BK Saklain (24).

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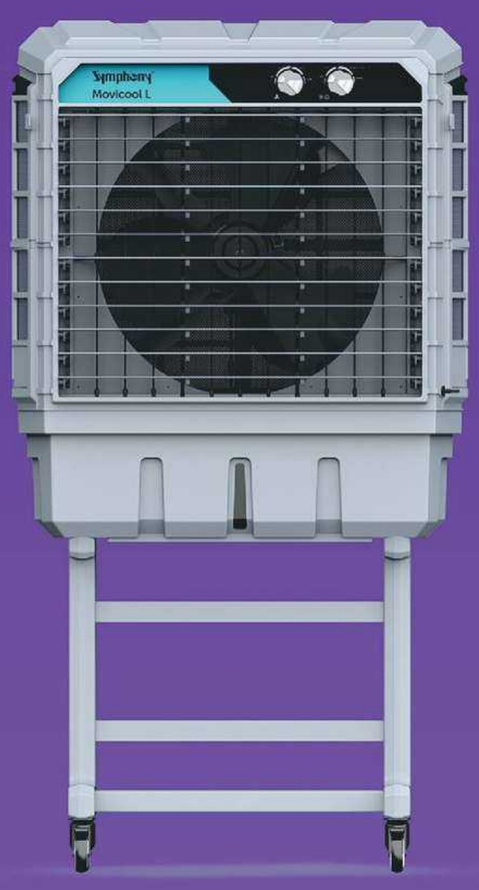

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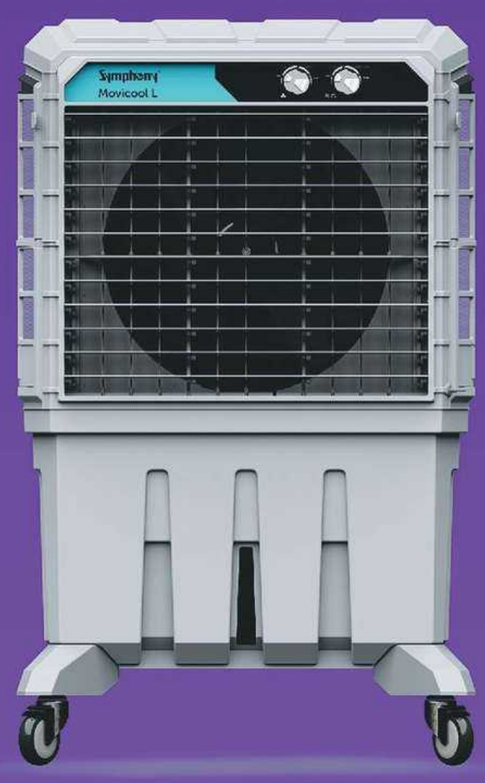

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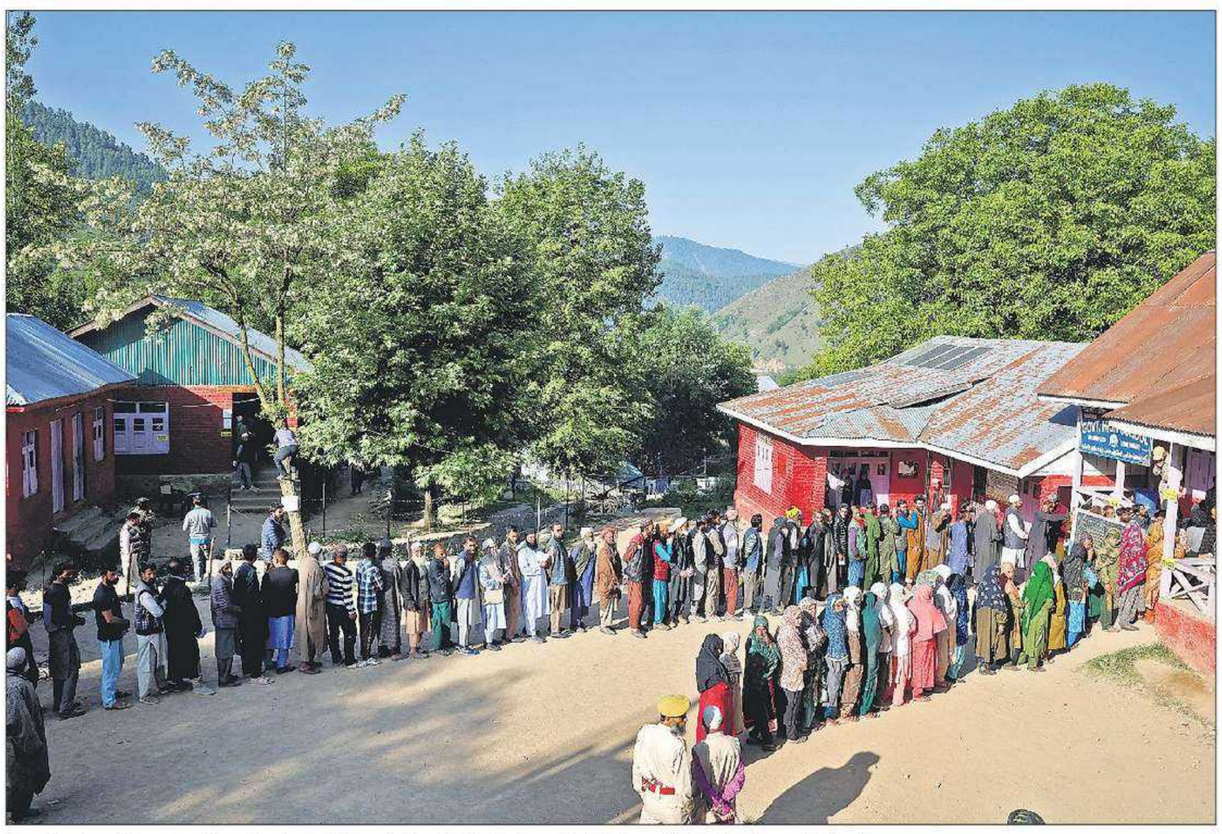
SPOTLIGHT ELECTIONS 2024

(Top) Cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni after casting his vote at a polling booth in Ranchi; former Haryana CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda with his son and Congress candidate from Rohtak seat Deepender Singh Hooda, in Rohtak, on Saturday. PTI/ANI



People stand in queue to vote at a polling station in Anantnag district, south Kashmir, on Saturday. REUTERS

(Top) Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik shows his finger marked with indelible ink after casting his vote at a polling station in Bhubaneswar; chief election commissioner Rajiv Kumar casts his vote in Delhi, on Saturday. PTI

Six down: Poll contest nears finish line

{ JAMMU & KASHMIR }

Record turnout in south Kashmir; PDP protests

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ANANTNAG/PAHALGAM/KULGAM: The Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha seat in Jammu & Kashmir on Saturday recorded its highest ever voter turnout in national elections in four decades, as the first major electoral contest in the Union territory since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019 concluded and registered an overall turnout that is also the highest in 40 years, officials said.

Data provided by the Election Commission (EC) at 11pm on its Voter Turnout app showed that the constituency, which comprises close to 1.83 million eligible voters, saw a turnout of 53.81%, after 70% in 1984.

To be sure, because of delimitation in J&K in 2022, the seat is not directly comparable to the constituency earlier.

The data provided by the poll body showed Rajouri (ST) recorded the highest turnout of 69.90% and Anantnag the lowest of 31%. Addressing reporters in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir's chief electoral officer (CEO) Pandurang Kundbarao Pole said the overall voter turnout in the Union territory stood at 58%.

"It is the highest turnout for these five seats in the last 40 years. The previous high was 49% in 2014, while the turnout in 1996 was 47.99%," he said.

Officials said voting on Saturday was held smoothly across the constituency even though Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chief and poll candidate Mehbooba Mufti alleged rigging across some booths.

Residents of villages that had long been deprived of polling due to terrorist threats and separatist-sponsored boycott calls turned out in large numbers to cast ballots, the officials said, adding that family members of active militants were also spotted at polling booths exercising their right to vote.

PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti protests against the alleged detention of her party workers in Bijehara on Saturday. AP

Earlier, the Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency had registered its highest voter turnout in three decades, and Baramulla recorded its second-highest turnout since 1984, in the Valley.

Polling in Anantnag-Rajouri was originally slated to be held in the third phase on May 7 but was deferred in view of the "adverse weather" at the time. The seat is witnessing a triangular contest between Mufti, National Conference (NC)'s Mian Altaf and Apni Party candidate Zaffar Iqbal Manhas. The Congress, which is fighting the elections in the Union territory in an alliance with the NC, did not field a candidate as part of its seat-sharing arrangement. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is also not contesting the seat but has extended its support to Manhas.

As voting was underway on Saturday, Mufti staged a protest outside a police station in Anantnag district against alleged detention of her party workers and polling agents. She also claimed that outgoing calls on her mobile number were suspended.

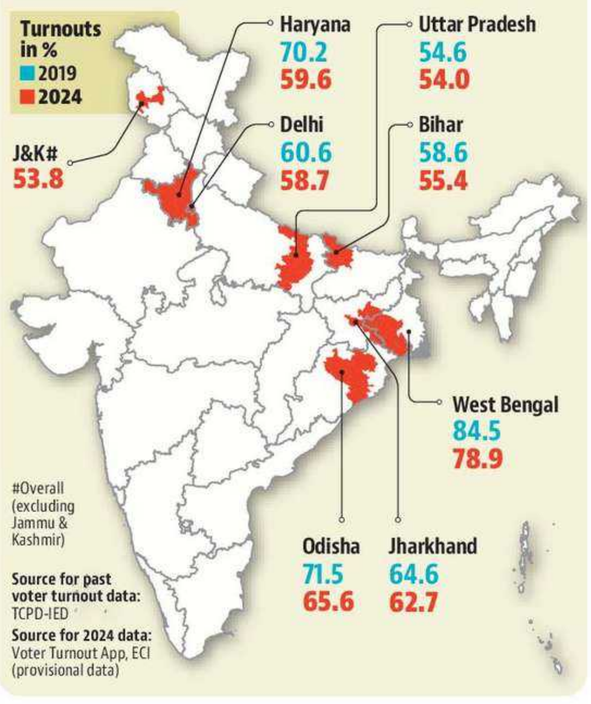
"Our PDP polling agents are being targeted and arrested. We are asking the reason but they are not saying anything. If they are so afraid of me going to Parliament, then the lieutenant governor should tell me not to fight elections," she told reporters.

She said this kind of "rigging" was witnessed in 1987, which many believe led to the eruption of militancy in Kashmir.

Police, however, said those detained are overground workers (OGWs) and the action was taken to ensure smooth conduct of elections. "Those who have been detained are overground workers and have been taken into preventive custody to ensure peaceful polling," a police officer said, seeking anonymity.

Jammu & Kashmir has five Lok Sabha seats, including two from Jammu region, while Ladakh has one. In the 2019 general elections, while the NC won all the three seats from the Valley, the BJP won the two Jammu seats as well as the lone Ladakh seat.

How turnouts have changed



{ UTTAR PRADESH }

54% turnout as 14 constituencies cast vote; repolling held in 1 seat

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LUCKNOW: A voter turnout of 54.03% was recorded in Uttar Pradesh on Saturday, as 14 seats went to the polls in the sixth phase, with key candidates such as Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) sitting lawmaker Maneka Gandhi and Samajwadi Party (SP) leader Dharmendra Yadav in the fray.

According to the Election Commission, data available with it at 11pm showed that Ambedkar Nagar recorded the highest turnout of 61.54% and Phulpur the lowest turnout of 48.97%.

Repolling was also held at polling booth number 343 under Farrukhabad Lok Sabha constituency, which voted in the fourth phase on May 13. The repolling was necessitated after the Election Commission took note of a viral video on social media purportedly showing a minor casting multiple votes.

The northern state sends the highest number of 80 lawmakers to the Lok Sabha. So far, voting has been held on 53 seats in the first five phases. Voting in 13 seats will be held in the seventh phase on June 1.

In Sultanpur, Gandhi, a former Union minister, is seeking a ninth term as a lawmaker and is up against SP's Ram Bhual Nishad and the Bahujan Samaj Party's (BSP) Uday Raj Verma.

Gandhi urged people to vote in large numbers. Responding to a query by reporters in Sultanpur, she said: "I am not a fortune teller. All I can tell is the results that will be coming on June 4 will be in favour of BJP."

In Allahabad, former West Bengal governor Kesari Nath Tripathi's son and BJP candidate Neeraj Tripathi is pitted against Congress's Ujjwal Raman Singh while in Azamgarh, sitting MP Dinesh Lal Yadav 'Nirahua' is hoping to retain the seat for the BJP and is pitted against the SP's Dharmendra Yadav.

Responding to Dharmendra Yadav's assertion that the BJP would be ousted on Saturday, Dinesh Lal Yadav said: "Today is the last day when the dynastic party is fighting here. After today, you (the people) will not see the dynastic party in Azamgarh and they will realise that the people of Azamgarh are choosing for work, they are choosing for development, and their factor has broken here; they only come during elections."

In Sant Kabir Nagar, the BJP's sitting MP Praveen Nishad is up against SP's Laxmikant alias Pappu Nishad.

{ HARYANA }

All 10 LS seats go to vote amid churn in state politics

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CHANDIGARH: All 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana recorded an overall turnout of 59.61% on Saturday, as polling was held in a single phase, against the backdrop of a political churn and change of guard in the state earlier this year.

Besides the Lower House, voting was also held for bypoll to the Karnal assembly seat, where chief minister Nayab Singh Saini is in the fray. The bypoll was necessitated by Saini's predecessor Manohar Lal Khattar's resignation in March.

Data provided by the Election Commission on its Voter Turnout app at 11pm revealed that Ambala Lok Sabha constituency saw a maximum turnout of 64.31% followed by Hisar at 62.80%. Gurugram recorded the lowest turnout of 54.18%

Khattar and Saini were among the first to cast their votes at their respective booths. Saini, accompanied by his family members, cast his vote in his native Mirjapur Majra village in Ambala district's Naraingarh. Khattar exercised his franchise at Karnal's Prem Nagar.

In a post on X, Saini urged the people of Haryana to "participate enthusiastically in this festival of democracy". "Choose a stable government which is dedicated to making the country safe and prosperous, which works for the welfare of the poor and for the glory of India. You should choose a government that is against corruption and wants to end poverty and make the country self-reliant, developed and number one in the world in every field," he said.

Haryana chief minister Nayab Singh Saini gets his finger marked with indelible ink in Mirzapur, Hisar, on Saturday.

Chief electoral officer Anurag Agarwal earlier said that keeping in mind the hot weather conditions, the provision of additional resources at polling centres was made in all districts, including arrangements for cold water, coolers, fans and tents.

Among the top guns of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) who are in the fray are Khattar from Karnal, Union ministers Rao Inderjit Singh and Krishan Pal Gurjar from Gurugram and Faridabad, respectively, and Naveen Jindal, a former two-term Congress MP, from Kurukshetra.

In the Congress, the prominent leaders are Kumari Selja (Sirsa), Deepender Singh Hooda (Rohtak) and Raj Babbar (Gurugram).

A total of 223 candidates are contesting the Lok Sabha elections. In 2019, the BJP had swept Haryana, winning all 10 Lok Sabha seats.

The voter turnout for Karnal assembly byelection was 50% and for Karnal Lok Sabha constituency was 59.82%. Saini is contesting the assembly by-poll against Congress candidate Tarlochan Singh.

Odisha logs 65.67% turnout for 6 LS seats, voting also held in 42 assembly segments

BHUBANESWAR: Odisha recorded 65.67% voter turnout in the six Lok Sabha constituencies and 65.84% in 42 assembly segments on Saturday, officials said. Voting was held in Sambalpur, Keonjhar, Dhenkanal, Cuttack, Bhubaneswar and Puri Lok Sabha seats along with 42 assembly segments within the jurisdiction of these Lok Sabha seats. Chief minister Naveen Patnaik walked to the Aerodrome Upper Primary School in Bhubaneswar to cast his vote. "We will form a stable government in the state," he said. Odisha's chief electoral officer N B Dhal said voting was peaceful so far in 10,581 polling stations, barring some reports of EVM glitches. A sitting MLA and BJP candidate Prasant Jagdev allegedly broke an EVM and attacked a polling officer inside a booth in Begunia.

55.45% voter turnout in Bihar as eight LS seats go to polls

PATNA: The Lok Sabha polls in eight seats of Bihar passed off peacefully on Saturday, with a voter turnout of 55.45%, nearly 3.02 per cent lower than the 2019 polls, officials said. Constituency-wise, Paschim Champaran recorded the highest voting percentage of 59.75, followed by Vaishali (58.5), Valmiki Nagar (58.25) Purvi Champaran (57.3), Sheohar (56.3), Siwan (52.5), Maharajganj (51.27) and Gopalganj (50.7), chief electoral officer H R Srinivasa said, adding that the figures are provisional. He told reporters that no untoward incident took place during polling, which was by and large peaceful. "In the last Lok Sabha polls, these parliamentary seats had recorded a voter turnout of 58.47%", he added. "The turnout percentage will increase further as voting is still going on at certain booths in these seats," he said.

{ WEST BENGAL }

TMC worker killed, clashes shroud polling

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KOLKATA: The sixth phase of the Lok Sabha elections in West Bengal saw a turnout of nearly 79% on Saturday, amid allegations of booth capturing and stray incidents of violence, including stone pelting, since Friday night, when a Trinamool Congress (TMC) worker was killed, officials aware of the details said.

According to data provided by the Election Commission (EC) on its Voter Turnout app, polling across eight seats saw a turnout of 78.92%, with Bishnupur recording the highest (82.06%) and Purulia the lowest (74.61%).

"There were reports of sporadic violence. The EC has sought reports from the authorities concerned. There were, however, no reports of any major untoward incident. The average voter turnout till 5pm was 77.9%," an EC official said in Kolkata.

The key candidates in the fray in this phase were former Calcutta high court judge and BJP candidate Abhijit Gangopadhyay, sitting lawmakers Locket Chatterjee (BJP), Deepak (Dev) Adhikari (TMC) and Saumitra Khan (BJP).

TMC supporters protest against BJP candidate Hiranmoy Chattopadhyay in West Midnapore on Saturday. PTI

For the BJP, which is targeting 30 of the state's 42 Lok Sabha seats, the sixth phase is being seen as the most crucial one in the south Bengal region, where it delivered its best performance in the 2019 polls. Of the eight seats that voted on Saturday, the BJP won five. Even though the TMC won Tamluk and Kanthi in East Midnapore among the three seats, these are considered as the bastion of BJP legislator Suvendu Adhikari and his family.

In 2019, the opposition party overall had set a record by winning 18 seats in the state.

Reports of political violence in the eastern state started trickling in since Friday night, when a TMC leader at the panchayat level was killed by unidentified people in East Midnapore.

"The TMC leader, Sheikh Maibul, was killed in Mahishadal area. Five people have been detained and a probe is underway," a local police officer said. The incident took place less than 72 hours after a BJP woman worker was killed in Tamluk in the same district.

In Ghatal constituency on Saturday, clashes broke out between TMC and BJP supporters after polling agents were allegedly stopped from entering the booths. BJP candidate Hiran Chatterjee alleged TMC supporters were running havoc and creating hurdles in the voting process. "Our booth agents are not allowed to sit inside the booths," he said. Sitting TMC MP Dev, who is seeking re-election from the seat, however, rubbished the allegations.

Senior BJP leader and its Jhargram candidate Pranat Tudu claimed his convoy was attacked in stone pelting by TMC workers in Garbeta area of West Midnapore district, following which security personnel escorting him were injured and had to be hospitalised.

The TMC, however, dismissed the claim and said Tudu and his security men attacked a woman who went to cast her vote.

Officials said a group of people shouted slogans against BJP candidate Gangopadhyay when he reached a polling booth in Tamluk. A large contingent of security personnel was deployed to bring the situation under control and disperse the crowd, they said.

Speaking to reporters, Gangopadhyay said: "No one has the guts to protest against me. Their bones would be broken if they do so."

{ JHARKHAND }

Voting held peacefully amid turnout of 62.7%

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RANCHI: Polling was held peacefully in across four Lok Sabha constituencies in Jharkhand on Saturday with a voter turnout of 62.74% till 11pm, officials familiar with the matter said.

"A voter turnout of 62.74% was recorded in Jharkhand. Jamshedpur registered the highest polling at 66.79%, followed by Giridih (66.14 %), Ranchi (60.10%) and Dhanbad (59.20%)," Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) K Ravi Kumar said.

He said in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, Giridih had registered 67.12% voter turnout, Dhanbad 60.47%, Ranchi 64.49% and Jamshedpur 67.19%.

"The voting remained peaceful across four Lok Sabha constituencies, excluding some cases of MCC (model code of conduct) violations. Three FIRs have been filed for violation of MCC," Kumar said.

The CEO said that an unfortunate incident took place in Jamshedpur Lok Sabha seat where a polling staff member died.

POLL OFFICIALS SAID THAT THEY RECORDED 'GOOD VOTING' EVEN IN THE MAOIST-HIT POCKETS OF STATE

"The staff identified as Jaan Manjhi, who was deployed at Ghorabandha under Jamshedpur Lok Sabha seat, complained of uneasiness. He was immediately taken to Tata Main Hospital but he died in the course of treatment," Kumar said.

Jharkhand police spokesperson and IG Operations, Amol V Homkar said no untoward incident was reported from any place and a very good voting took place even in the Maoist-hit pockets such as Parasnath Hills and Pirtand in Giridih and Jhumra and Luguburu in Bokaro.

SPOTLIGHT ELECTIONS 2024

'Mujra for their vote bank': PM Modi in attack on Oppn

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PATNA: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday sharpened his attack on the Opposition over "appeasement politics," saying that the INDIA bloc can choose to perform "mujra" for its vote bank, but he won't let them divert the reservations meant for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) to Muslims.

Holding back-to-back rallies in Patliputra, Buxar, and Karakat Lok Sabha constituencies in Bihar, Modi said that he will continue to fight for the rights of backward classes while the Opposition can remain enslaved to its vote bank if it wants to. "Bihar is the land which has given a new direction to the fight for social justice. I wish to declare on its soil that I will foil the plans of the INDI alliance to rob SCs, STs and OBCs of their rights and divert these to Muslims. They may remain enslaved and perform 'mujra' (a dance performed by courtesans) to please their vote bank," he said during a rally at Bikram, which falls under the Patliputra constituency.

There are 24 of candidates, including Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Yadav's daughter Misa Bharati, in the fray from the seat. It is currently held by RK Yadav of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and will go to polls in the last phase, along with seven other seats in the state, on June 1.

Modi also welcomed the Calcutta high court's recent decision to scrap other backward classes (OBCs) certificates awarded to 77 communities since 2010, an overwhelming majority of them Muslim, in West Bengal. The state's Trinamool Congress government has said that it will move the Supreme Court against the verdict.

"The Calcutta high court has given big slap to the TMC government in West Bengal. The INDI alliance has an agenda to change the constitution, if voted to power, so that courts are unable to overrule their attempts to divert reservations to Muslims. I have been challenging them to refute me in writing but they have been reluctant," he said at a rally in Dehri.

PM Narendra Modi

The Prime Minister accused the Opposition of indulging in scaremongering in a bid to turn the people against him, but said that their efforts would prove to be futile.

"The Opposition has always indulged in scaremongering and instilling fear. But Modi has exposed their true masks. Modi does not get scared and we have already scrapped article 370 and brought in CAA. Modi has been working to stamp out Pakistan-sponsored terrorism, and corruption without fear," he said.

The PM said that all those involved in the land-for-job case will be brought to justice, as he took an indirect jibe at Bihar's former deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav and his family. "Once their helicopter ride ends, they will end up in jail, Those involved in the land for job scam will go to jail. Their countdown has begun," he said.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) have said that appointment of substitutes in Group-D jobs were done in the railways during 2004-09, violating the recruitment norms and procedures of the Indian Railways. The candidates, directly or through their immediate family members, allegedly sold land to the family members of Lalu Prasad at discounted rates of up to one-fourth to one-fifth of prevailing market rates. In separate charge sheets, the agencies have named Lalu, his wife and former Bihar CM Rabri Devi, son Tejashwi, daughters Hema Yadav and Misa Bharti, and others. The Yadavs have denied the allegation.

'Maintain dignity of post': INDIA bloc members hit back

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NEW DELHI: The Opposition on Saturday hit out Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his 'mujra' remark, saying that he was using the kind of language that no other PM has used for Opposition leaders as it urged him to maintain the dignity of his post.

Addressing a press conference in Shimla, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said the PM should talk like a statesman.

"He is saying let them do 'mujra'...this is not how a PM (should talk). He should be talking in a statesman-like manner. He is inciting people and talking of Hindu-Muslim," Mallikarjun Kharge said.

Tagging his remarks at the presser, Kharge, in a post in Hindi on X alluded to PM's earlier remarks during the campaigning for the ongoing Lok Sabha polls and said, "'M' reminds Modi ji of mutton, 'M' reminds him of machli, 'M' reminds him of 'Mughal', 'M' reminds him of 'Mangalsutra', 'M' reminds him of 'mujra'. But 'M' does not remind him of 'maryada (dignity)', which should be there for the post of prime minister."

Hitting out at Modi over his comment, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, in a post in Hindi on X, said, "The dignity of the prime minister's language and the seats of the BJP are both continuously falling."

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said it was Modi's responsibility to maintain the dignity of his post.

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> **MALLIKARJUN KHARGE,** Congress president

"Have you heard the Prime Minister's speech in Bihar? He has used words that no other prime minister in the history of the country used for opposition leaders. Your faith and your hopes were once attached to Narendra Modi, but isn't it the responsibility of the prime minister to maintain the dignity of the post?" she said during a rally in Gorakhpur of Uttar Pradesh.

The Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), which is a member of the INDIA bloc, said the PM uses foul language against the Opposition but they have the backing of the people.

"These are the 'sanskaar' of PM Modi. He uses such words for the opposition, but the people of the country support the INDIA bloc. All the members of the alliance are with the public and their issues," RJD leader and Lalu Prasad's daughter Misa Bharati said.

Rahul Gandhi

BJP WILL CHANGE CONSTITUTION IF THEY WIN: RAHUL REITERATES CHARGE

AMRITSAR: Launching a blistering attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led government at the Centre, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said the party will change the Constitution if it wins the Lok Sabha elections this year.

Addressing his first poll rally in Punjab in support of Amritsar candidate Gurjeet Singh Aujla, Gandhi said, "In this election, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and senior BJP leaders are attacking the Constitution. For the first time in the history of independent India, their party leaders have openly said they will change, scrap and finish the Constitution if they win the election."

The BJP has dismissed the charge in the past, saying that it was committed to upholding the ethos of the Constitution.

Terming the ongoing elections as a battle between two ideologies, Gandhi said, "On one side there is PM Modi and the BJP leaders who want to destroy the Constitution, and on the other side, there is Congress which wants to safeguard it."

Gandhi alleged PM Modi did nothing for the farmers over the last 10 years of his governance.

"You know the condition of the farmers in this country. In last 10 years, PM Modi has done nothing for them. Instead, they introduced three black laws. If farmers of Punjab and other states took to streets, the Prime Minister called them terrorists.," Gandhi said.

Assuring to waive farm loans if the INDIA bloc is voted to power, Gandhi said, "We will form a team which will study the financial condition of the farmers. Farmers will get debt waiver as and when needed." HTC

Poll disclosures

PHASE	DATE OF POLLING	ABSOLUTE NUMBER OF ELECTORS RELEASED ON	DATE OF RELEASE OF CONCLUSIVE VTR* BY EC
1	April 19	May 7	April 30
2	April 26	May 7	April 30
3	May 7	May 7	May 11
4	May 13	May 11	May 17
5	May 20	May 17	May 23
6	May 25	May 23	May 25

*Conclusive VTR data includes PC-wise voter turnout in %age with breakup for male, female, others and total turnout

SAD expels former minister over anti-party activities

CHANDIGARH: Ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) on Saturday expelled senior leader and former minister Adaish Partap Singh Kairon from the party's primary membership with immediate effect for allegedly indulging in anti-party activities.

The decision was taken by SAD secretary general Balwinder Singh Bhundur in consultation with senior party leaders. The action was taken following a complaint from the SAD's candidate from Khadoor Sahib constituency Virsa Singh Valtoha. Kairon is the son-in-law of late former Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal and brother-in-law of SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal.

Pralhad Joshi slams Kharge's 'poison' remarks on Modi

DHARWAD: BJP leader Pralhad Joshi on Saturday took a dig at Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge after his remarks drawing parallels between PM Narendra Modi and "poison". "Whatever Modiji has done... it is his faith. You only wear skull caps. Now you have understood the 'Shakti' of Hindus. It is not right to question the faith of a person," Joshi said.

Earlier on Friday, while addressing a press conference in Kalaburagi, Karnataka, Kharge said: "... He [Modi] is talking about 2047 plans... 2047 tak shaaswat bhi rahenge agar (if he stays alive till 2047).... he takes dips in Ganga, sometimes goes into caves. I don't know, maybe he will get the fruits of all this 'tapasya'.

BJP ex-MLA expelled for contesting against official candidate

BENGALURU: BJP has expelled former Udupi MLA Raghupathi Bhat from the party for six years for contesting as a rebel candidate from the South West Graduate constituency for the legislative council elections.

"Bhat has brought embarrassment to the party by rebelling against the official candidate... This is a violation of party discipline. He also disregarded the instructions of the party. Therefore, he has been... expelled for six years with immediate effect," said an official release issued on Saturday by the Karnataka BJP Disciplinary Committee President Lingaraju Patil.

Earlier, Bhat was served a notice by the disciplinary committee to clarify his conduct.

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9	SHRI RAKESH GUJJAR S/O CHHAKKAN SINGH, R/O FATEHPURA, DISTRICT- FIROZABAD, UTTAR PRADESH	PID: 124597/2024 FOR R[1] IN SLP(C) NO.22917/2017 (SEC XI)
10	SHRI SANGRAM SINGH S/O SHRI SHYAM LAL, R/O GODHANA GHIROR, DISTRICT- FIROZABAD, UTTAR PRADESH	PID: 124598/2024 FOR R[1] IN SLP(C) NO.21229/2017 (SEC XI)
11	SHRI DILEEP SHARMA S/O LAKSMI NARAYAN SHARMA, R/O GALI NO. 2, BUS STAND, DISTRICT- FIROZABAD, UTTAR PRADESH	PID: 124599/2024 FOR R[1] IN SLP(C) NO.21231/2017 (SEC XI)
12	SHRI ISMAIL KHAN S/O SHRI JAKIR HUSSAIN, R/O TADO WALI BAGIA, DISTRICT- FIROZABAD, UTTAR PRADESH	PID: 124600/2024 FOR R[1] IN SLP(C) NO.21218/2017 (SEC XI)
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15	SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR S/O SHRI TEJPAL SINGH, R/O MOHALLA NIBU WALA ME, DISTRICT-FIROZABAD, UTTAR PRADESH	PID: 124603/2024 FOR R[1] IN SLP(C) NO.21212/2017 (SEC XI)
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17	SHRI MUNNESH KUMAR S/O LATE VIJAY SINGH, R/O KAILASH NAGAR, DISTRICT- FIROZABAD, UTTAR PRADESH	PID: 124605/2024 FOR R[1] IN SLP(C) NO.21238/2017 (SEC XI)
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WHEREAS the Petitions for Special Leave to Appeal with prayer for interim relief above mentioned filed in the Registry by **Mr. RATNESH KUMAR SHUKLA,** Advocate on behalf of the Petitioner(s) above named were listed for hearing before this Hon'ble Court on **04th August, 2017,** when the Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

"Application for exemption from filing O.T. is allowed. Delay condoned.
Issue notice on the Special Leave Petition as well as on the prayer for interim relief."

AND WHEREAS, the matters above-mentioned were listed before Ld. Registrar's Court on 16th May, 2024, When the following order was passed:-

"All matters

Ld. Counsel for the petitioner has filed application for substituted service through paper publication in respect of the the sole respondent. Same is allowed. Proof of publication be filed before the next date.

List again on 21.8.2024."

NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE that the above petitions with prayer for interim relief will be posted for hearing before this Court in due course and you may enter appearance before this Court either in person or through an advocate on record of this Court duly appointed by you in that behalf within 30 days from the date of service of notice. You may thereafter show cause to the Court on the day that may subsequently be specified as to why delay in filing SLP delay in filing/refiling SLP be not condoned and Special Leave Petition and interim relief as prayed be not granted and the resultant appeal be not allowed.

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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you fail to enter appearance as aforesaid, no further notice shall be given to you even after the grant of special leave for hearing of the resultant appeal and the matter above mentioned shall be disposed of in your absence.

Dated :18th May, 2024 **ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

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CYCLONE REMAL

the low lying and vulnerable areas. Initially we plan to evacuate around 8,000 — 10,000 villagers from low lying areas. While some may move to the cyclone shelters by Saturday night, the rest would be brought in on Sunday," said Sumit Gupta, district magistrate of South 24 Parganas.

An IMD official said that they are watching how the cyclone evolves. "The system is on very warm sea now where sea surface temperatures are over 32 degree C, the distance from the monsoon flow has increased and the ridge, a kind of an anticyclonic flow is pushing the system. The cyclone will intensify now but we are not expecting it to intensify more than severe cyclone stage. Lets observe how Remal behaves," said a senior IMD official.

Kolkata airport will suspend flight operations for 21 hours from Sunday noon in view of cyclone Remal's landfall, an official said, adding that 394 domestic and international flights during this period would be cancelled.

Several local trains in both Sealdah and Howrah divisions that usually connect Kolkata and Howrah with the adjoining districts were also cancelled. The Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port in Kolkata too said it would suspend all cargo and container handling operations for 12 hours from Sunday evening .

"As of now we may have to evacuate and shift around 25,000 people from vulnerable areas in five sea facing blocks. The evacuation would take place on Sunday. Control room is working 24X7 and we are in constant touch with the IMD for updates," said a senior official of East Midnapore.

The IMD in Agartala also issued a severe cyclone warning for the northeastern region of India and coastal areas of Bangladesh. Tripura regions are expected to be lashed with severe rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms and lighting with speeds ranging from 40-50 kmph and with gusts reaching up to 70 kmph at peak times.

Partha Roy, the director of IMD Agartala, said, "We have a cyclone prediction. It's on the 26th, 27th & 28th May. It has been given by IMD Agartala. The low-pressure area that was observed on 22 May in the Bay of Bengal has now intensified and is more depressive."

The safety advisory issued by IMD has issued a stern warning to residents in the affected areas. People are advised to stay indoors and remain inside their homes during the warning period, refrain from going outside unless absolutely necessary, and safeguard outdoor items and reinforce structures to withstand high winds.

The severe weather is expected to have a significant impact on low-lying areas, including potential damage to crops and infrastructure. Flooding and disruptions to daily life are likely, and residents are advised to prepare for prolonged periods of adverse weather and interruptions in services such as electricity.

DELHI POLLING

(with her children who are first-time voters), Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, and Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge were among the prominent Opposition politicians to vote, "Please vote, use your right to vote, and vote against dictatorship," said Kejriwal.

The battle for Delhi, the seat of national power, is a microcosm of the electoral contest across the nation with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which holds all seven seats, taking on an alliance of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Congress, both constituents of the Opposition's umbrella national coalition.

At stake are not only the seven seats after a fierce campaign – headlined by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah on one side, and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and Delhi chief minister Kejriwal on the other – but also bragging rights about control of the national capital that houses Parliament, the PM's residence, the presidential estate, and a bevy of dignitaries national and international.

Delhi's voters are spread across seven segments – New Delhi, Chandni Chowk, North West Delhi, West Delhi, South Delhi, East Delhi and North East Delhi – that are beset with their peculiar electoral eccentricities and social cleavages but which came together in the festival of democracy on Saturday.

P Krishnamurthy, the city's chief electoral officer of Delhi said the poll panel undertook a slew of steps to tackle the intense heat.

"Proper shading was arranged at all polling booths, providing relief to voters as they exercised their rights," said Krishnamurthy.

The highest provisional turnout was reported from North East Delhi, which recorded a poll percentage of 62.9%, compared to 63.8% in 2019. The seat's incumbent parliamentarian Manoj Tiwari of the BJP is taking on Kanhaiya Kumar of the Congress.

The lowest turnout was reported from New Delhi, which recorded a poll percentage of 52.9%, compared to 56.9% in 2019. The constituency was witness to a battle between the BJP's Bansuri Swaraj and the AAP's Somnath Bharti.

Other than the seven seats in Delhi, all 10 seats in Haryana including Gurugram, eight in Bihar, four in Jharkhand, six in Odisha, 14 in Uttar Pradesh, eight in West Bengal, and one in Jammu & Kashmir also went to the polls. The BJP won 40 of these seats in 2019, its allies five, and the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) parties four.

The overall turnout across India stood at 60.3%, compared to 64.9% in 2019.

With this, elections in 28 states and Union territories are complete. Only 57 seats across eight states and UTs remain, and will go to the polls on June 1. The results will be announced on June 4.

The city started buzzing hours after sunrise as thousands of polling personnel fanned out across the Capital, setting up booths and an elaborate screening mechanism. Seventy booths, christened pink booths, were decorated in hues of pink and white and were staffed exclusively by women.

Enthusiasm was seen among first-time voters nearly throughout the city. "I am excited to have voted for the first time. The issues being discussed in the run-up to the polls left me confused and later I decided to vote for a better future for the people of the country," said a beaming Ananya Chauhan, showing her inked finger at a polling station in CR Park.

Noisy queues had already formed outside colonies and schools, inside high-rise complexes and next to boxy government schools when the doors opened at 7am. Polling was brisk even as the sizzling sun climbed overhead.

Mukesh Ahlawat, an elderly voter who cast his vote at the MCD primary school in Chirag Dilli, said there is much excitement among the people and many turned up early in the day to vote. "I voted early in the morning along with my family members. Several issues are dominating the Lok Sabha election including local and national issues," he said.

Since 1996, the party that has won Delhi has also triumphed nationally. The last three general elections in the Capital have seen clean sweeps – 2009 by the Congress and 2014 and 2019 by the BJP. Except in 1967, 1989 and 1991, the party which has won a majority of constituencies from Delhi has always finished first in the Lok Sabha.

The battle for Delhi holds echoes of the national contest because people from all over the country have always migrated to the Capital for employment or the aspiration of a better life, making the city a cultural melting pot. The issues at play are also largely national – Modi's popularity vs Kejriwal's rooted connect, nationalism vs federalism, BJP's welfare outreach vs AAP's focus on health care and education, and questions of Constitution, reservation and communalism.

This time, the contest is bipolar for the first time in 15 years. The AAP is fighting four seats – New Delhi (Somnath Bharti), South (Sahi Ram), East (Kuldeep Kumar) and West (Mahabal Mishra) – and the Congress three – Chandni Chowk (JP Aggarwal), North East (Kanhaiya Kumar) and North West (Udit Raj). They face an uphill battle against the BJP, which won 57% of the vote in 2019 and held a 16 percentage point advantage over the combined vote shares of the AAP and the Congress.

This time, the BJP has dropped six of its seven incumbent MPs to ward off anti-incumbency, repeating only the North-East Delhi parliamentarian Manoj Tiwari, who is taking on Kanhaiya Kumar of the Congress.

The BJP – which has fielded Ramvir Singh Bidhuri (South Delhi), Bansuri Swaraj (New Delhi), Praveen Khandelwal (Chandni Chowk), Kamaljeet Sehrawat (West Delhi), Harsh Malhotra (East Delhi), Yogendra Chandolia (North West Delhi) and Manoj Tiwari (North East Delhi) – modelled its campaign on the contours of its national pitch around Modi's governance record and his popularity.

Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva said people of Delhi enthusiastically voted for continuation of development that has been done by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "Delhi voted for a strong government expressing faith in PM Modi. The road infrastructure development, construction of rapid rail, expansion of metro rail, electric buses provided by the central government, construction of international standard Yashobhumi and Bharat Mandapam and the services BJP rendered for the people during the Covid-19 pandemic have played big role in people voting for BJP," Sachdeva said.

The Opposition, in contrast, focussed on local issues of governance and anti-incumbency against BJP's parliamentarians. The campaign was enthused by the release of Kejriwal, who was freed by the Supreme Court on May 10 after spending 50 days in jail over corruption charges in connection with the now-scrapped excise policy case.

AAP leaders expressed confidence that the INDIA bloc would sweep Delhi's seven seats despite "tricks adopted by the BJP". "Irrespective of the heat, the people of Delhi have turned out in good numbers to thwart the dictatorship from the country. Delhiites have responded decisively to the illegal incarceration of their beloved CM with their votes. They've made it clear once again that they value good education, healthcare, 24/7 electricity, water, and free bus rides over empty 'jumlas'," the AAP spokesperson said.

Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee chief Devender Yadav said the way people turned up in large numbers is a clear indication that there is strong anti-incumbency on the ground. "The voting trend indicates that people have voted for change, and Congress and INDIA bloc were all set to sweep the seven Lok Sabha seats in Delhi to give a big boost to Shri Rahul Gandhi's relentless campaign against the authoritarianism of the Modi government," said Devender Yadav.

POLL PANEL

The panel on Friday got relief from the top court, which told the petitioners it will not ask the elections watchdog to take any specific actions per se while elections are underway.

"The Commission has therefore decided to expand the format of turnout data to include the absolute number of voters in every parliamentary constituency," ECI said in a press release, noting that the absolute number could already be calculated using the percentage turnout and total electors, which are publicly available.

To be sure, the ECI released the absolute number of eligible voters for the first two phases only at the end of phase three polling.

On the day of polling during the five rounds held prior to Saturday, the poll panel issued press notes containing estimated turnout from the ECI's Voter Turnout App, which the commission said was "only tentative or provisional", "non-statutory" and "through a secondary source" in a May 22 reply to an application by the Association for Democratic Reforms and Common Cause.

In its submission to the apex court, the ECI said that the "curiosity of the public, stakeholders and Press" about voter turnout trends and results has always been expected because of which it had created the Voter Turnout App as "a measure of voluntary and non-statutory disclosure".

Constituency-wise turnout percentages were released several days after each phase, while electors' data was released inconsistently - 18 days after phase one but two days before phase six.

ECI said candidates' authorised agents will have Form 17C, the account of votes recorded, for each polling station and can compare it to round-wise results. Some candidates, like Dr Lubna Sarwath from a small regional party Vidhyarthula Rajakiya Party, who contested from Hyderabad on May 13, do not have the resources to hire polling agents to monitor polling booths and thus do not have access to Form 17C Part I.

Kumar told ANI that there is an attempt to create doubt and the ECI will eventually expose "what is the play here."

He said people are misled into questioning voter lists and rules.

"Do not say it [Supreme Court's remarks] was in favour. They [the Supreme Court] said what was the truth. There is an attempt to create an atmosphere of doubt. One day, we will definitely tell everybody about it that what is the play here, what is being done, why these doubts are birthed; we will do an exposé about it one day. We will tell everyone how people are misled this way, how because of this we end up thinking that this affects our voting. Doubts are created in people's minds where they question if the rules, the voting lists are correct or not, if they have increased the number of voters. The Supreme Court responded to it all yesterday; we will also definitely give it one day," Kumar told news agency ANI on Saturday after casting his vote.

"Big victory for peoples' Right to Information! ECI releases voter turnout figures in absolute numbers. Important step by ECI, though this could have been done sooner. The demand to disclose Form 17C must continue as that is the only statutory authenticated record of voter turnout," Anjali Bhardwaj, a transparency activist and a member of the governing board of Common Cause, tweeted on Saturday.

On Friday, the Supreme Court declined to issue directives to the ECI regarding disclosing authenticated turnout records within 48 hours, emphasising a "hands-off approach" during the ongoing elections.

ECI argued there was no legal mandate to make Form 17C Part I public and uploading scanned copies could lead to morphing and mistrust.

RAJKOT FIRE

collapse of the structure, and debris is being cleared," Joshi added.

The cause of the fire was not determined till the time of going to print, and an investigation was launched to determine the circumstances surrounding the incident. The owner of the establishment was taken into custody, reports said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed grief at the loss of lives in the fire tragedy and said the local administration was working to provide all possible assistance to those affected.

Modi spoke to Gujarat chief minister Bhupendra Patel to enquire about the rescue and relief efforts.

"The fire tragedy in Rajkot has saddened us all. In my telephone conversation with him a short while ago, Gujarat CM Bhupendrabhai Patel Ji told me about the efforts underway to ensure all possible assistance is provided to those who have been affected," he said on X.

Patel has announced an ex gratia payment of ₹4 lakh to the kin of each of the deceased and ₹50,000 to each injured. He also set up a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the incident.

After the fire broke out, Rajkot Police Commissioner Raju Bhargav said the cause of the blaze would be investigated and that a message had been issued to all gaming zones in the city to close operations.

"The fire tragedy in Rajkot is heart-wrenching. I express my heartfelt condolences to the persons who lost their lives in this incident and their families. I pray to God for the speedy recovery of the injured," Patel tweeted.

"The state government will provide ₹4 lakh to the families of the deceased and ₹50,000 to the injured. It is very important to ensure that such an incident does not happen again," he said.

Patel further said that any kind of negligence would not be tolerated and assigned the investigation of the entire incident to a Special Investigation Team (SIT).

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge also expressed grief over the mishap at the Rajkot gaming zone and offered his condolences to the families of the victims.

"The horrific tragedy of the gaming zone in Rajkot, Gujarat is extremely painful. According to the news, 24 people have died, including many innocent children. We express our deepest condolences to the families of the victims and wish the injured a speedy recovery. I request the Congress workers to provide all possible help to the people affected by the accident so that the victims do not face any problems in treatment or compensation etc."

Kharge also called out the Gujarat government for a "lax attitude" and demanded accountability for the accident. "Due to the lax attitude of the state government, such accidents keep happening every day and innocent people lose their lives. We demand from the government that accountability for the accident should be fixed as soon as possible and the culprits should receive the harshest punishment," posted Kharge.

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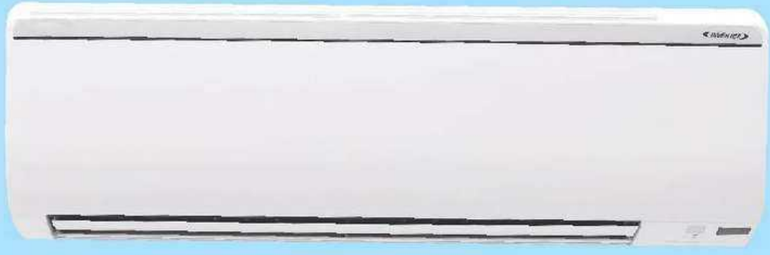

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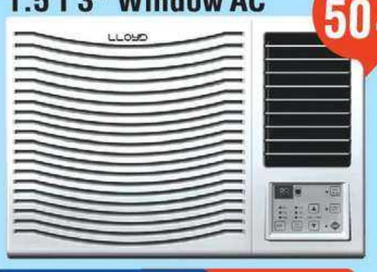
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The Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department on behalf of **Governor of Chhattisgarh** invites **percentage rate bids** on electronic tendering system under **RCPLWE RRP-III** in the district of **Kanker & Narayanpur** for construction of **07 Bridges** with estimated cost amounting **Rs. 2245.58 Lacs** including their maintenance for five years from the contractors registered with unified registration system (e-registration) in Chhattisgarh. Non registered bidders may submit bid; however the successful bidder must get registered in appropriate class under "Unified Registration System (e-Registration) of Chhattisgarh before signing the agreement.

The bid document shall be available to bidders online free of cost and should be submitted online e-procurement system of government of Chhattisgarh in **https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in**. Bids form will be available on the website from **22.05.2024** and may be submitted up to **17:00 Hrs. on 03.06.2024**.

For participating in bidding process, bidders are required to register in the above web-site with nominal fee of Rs 500/- to be paid online to service provider. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid **Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)** from authorized certifying authorities.

The bidders are required to submit (a) original bid security in approved form and (b) original affidavit duly verified and notarized as per clause 4.4 B (a) (ii) and 4.4 B (c) to **Chief Engineer, Tender Cell, First Floor, Nirman Bhawan, PWD, North Block, Sector-19, Naya Raipur, Atal Nagar (C.G.) 492-002** as per provisions of bid document through **Speed/ Registered post**, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.

Detailed schedule of important dates may be seen on notice board of offices and also available on website of Public Works Department **http://pwd.cg.nic.in**

Chief Engineer
(Central Tender Cell)
Office of Engineer-in-Chief
P.W.D. Naya Raipur, Atal Nagar (C.G.)

G-242500068/2

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"LOOKOUT NOTICE"

SDPO Katra vide letter No. SDPOK/L-Out/2621/GBK dated 09.05.2024, has requested that on 24.03.2022 an information was received through reliable sources that one unknown deaf & dumb lady age about 35/40 years who is mentally unstable and pregnant. Who was rescued by the locals and admitted in CHC Katra for treatment. After that the said unknown female shifted to SMGS, Hospital Jammu where she gives birth a male baby. On this instant case FIR No. 90/2022 U/S 376 IPC dated 24.03.2022 has been registered at P/S Katra and investigation is going on. This office has already circulated a look out notice for wide publicity in print/ electronic media for identification of said unknown lady but till date her identification is not ascertained. The description roll of unknown female is as under:-

Sr. No.	FIR No., date, U/S & P/S	Description of unknown female	Photograph of unknow female	
1.	90/2022 U/S 376 IPC dated 24.03.2022 of P/S Katra	Age: About 35/40 Yrs Height : 5', 3" Ft Eyes : Black Complexion : Wheatish Face : Round Hairs : Black Mentally : Unstable	At the time of rescue	At Present

It is therefore, requested that if any missing report of such lady has been entered in your respective Police units/jurisdictions, resembling with above description roll of said un-identified lady immediate information may kindly be sent to the Website E-mail ID: **sspreasi@jkpolice.gov.in**, Ph. No. 01991244663, fax No. 01991245291, Ph. No. 01991244956 (PCR Reasi) or P/S Katra No. 01991232010.

Sd/-
No. Rdr/31/2024/27719-44
Dated: 18.05.2024
Mohita Sharma, IPS
Sr. Superintendent of Police
Reasi
DIP-J-723-24

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Keeping in view the peak summer season, all the water Connection whether Domestic/Commercial and Industrial shall banned during peak summer season and no water connections shall be processed/ granted w.e.f 24.05.2024 to 31.08.2024 barring the regularization of unauthorized connections.

Sd/-
No. JS/PHECD/729-36
Dtd. 24.05.2024
DIP-J-723-24
Executive Engineer
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Jammu

RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA

Notice for Inviting of Tender (NIT)

WM/MH & TPT acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against **Tender No.- MECH-MH-OT-24-07-PGMS,** Closing Date/Time **20.06.2024 at 14:45 hrs.** Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender documents cost and earnest money, only through payment modes available on IREPS Portal like net banking, debit cards, credit cards etc. Manual payments through Demand Draft, Banker Cheque, Deposit receipt, FDR etc. are not allowed.

(A) Tender No. MECH-MH-OT-24-07-PGMS **(B) Type of Tender:** Open E-Tender **(C) Name of Work**: Comprehensive AMC of Pentax Gas Monitoring System installed at LPG yard for 02 years as per scope of work at Rail Coach Factory Kapurthala. **(D) Approximate Cost:** ₹3,71,620/- (Rs. Three Lakh Seventy One Thousand Six Hundred Twenty only) **(E) Tender Document Cost:** NIL **(F) Earnest Money:** ₹7,400/- **(G) Completion period:** Two years **(H) Tender Closing Date & Time:** 20.06.2024 at 14:45 hrs. **(I) Tender Opening Date & Time:** 20.06.2024 at 15:00 hrs. **(J) Website particulars: www.ireps.gov.in (K) Validity of offer:** 90 days from the date of opening of tender **(L) Availability of Tender Documents for view and download:** From 06.06.2024 to 20.06.2024 on website www.ireps.gov.in

Works Manager (MH & TPT)

CWE/Fur acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. **OLHB-AMDB-24** Closing Date/Time **13.06.2024 11:00 Hrs.** Bidders will be able to submit their original/ revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

(A) Tender No.: OLHB-AMDB-24 **(B) Name of Work:** Installation and Commissioning of Axle Mounted Disc Brake System in LHB Coaches. **(C) Tender Closing Date/Time:** 13.06.2024 11.00 Hrs. **(D) Advertised Value:** ₹1,92,26,742/- **(E) Bid Security/ Earnest Money:** ₹2,46,100/- **(F) Validity of Offer:** 45 days **(G) Period of Completion:** 12 Months **(H) Website particulars:** https://www.ireps.gov.in

Eligibility Criteria:

A. Technical Eligibility Criteria: The tenderer must have successfully completed or substantially completed any one of the following categories of work(s) during last 07 (seven) years, ending last day of month previous to the one in which tender is invited: (i) Three similar works each costing not less than the amount equal to 30% of advertised value of the tender, or (ii) Two similar works each costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of advertised value of the tender, or (iii) One similar work costing not less than the amount equal to 60% of advertised value of the tender.

B. Financial Eligibility Criteria:

The tenderer must have minimum average annual contractual turnover of V/N or 'V' whichever is less; where

V= Advertised value of the tender in crores of Rupees

N= Number of years prescribed for completion of work for which bids have been invited.

The average annual contractual turnover shall be calculated as an average of "total contractual payments" in the previous three financial years, as per the audited balance sheet. However, in case balance sheet of the previous year is yet to be prepared/audited, the audited balance sheet of the fourth previous year shall be considered for calculating average annual contractual turnover.

CWE/Fur

R. No.: 024-M/2024-25 Dated: 25.05.2024

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IMPORTANT DATES

Date of Start of Registration	:	20th May 2024
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Tentative Rank Display	:	24th June 2024

Registration Fee of Rs. 200/- is payable at time of online registration.

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Email: caohelpline@gmail.com

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DIRECTOR
Directorate of Training & Technical Education, Delhi
DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0064/24-25

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(Section 82 Cr. Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused **Nasir** S/o Mohd. Umar R/o 504/7, Circular Road Janta Colony, Shahdara Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. FIR No.30/2016, u/s 379/356/411/34 IPC at PS Jagatpuri, Delhi** and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person **Nasir**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Nasir**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Nasir** accused of **FIR No. No.30/2016, u/s 379/356/411/34 IPC at PS Jagatpuri, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **28.06.2024**.

By order
Ms. Aayushi Saxena Ld. MM
Metropolitan Magistrate - 05,
Room No.48
Karkardooma Court, Delhi
DP/6197/SHD/2024

REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES IN RANGIYA DIVISION

Tender No. RT-EL-RNY-TRD-21-2023-24; Date: 22-05-2024. E-tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work. **Name of Work**: Repair and Maintenance Activities for other major components apart from Diesel Engine of 08 nos. of 8-wheeler Tower wagon for Two years in Rangiya Division. Tender Value: ₹1,83,64,037.74; Earnest Money: ₹2,41,800.00. **E-tender will be closed at** 15.00 hrs. on 13-06-2024. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in **www.ireps.gov.in**.

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E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD North Western Railway, Bikaner for & on behalf of the President of India invites E-tenders for the following work **Tender Notice No.:** 01-TRD-BKN-E-Tender-2024-25R **Name of work:** Outsourcing of OHE maintenance activities in Hanumangarh (Station excl.)-Sadulpur (Station excl.) section of Bikaner Division for a period of 2 years. **Approx Cost of Work:** ₹ 2,63,02,132.4/- **EMD/SD:** ₹2,81,500/- **(1) Complete details of tenders can be seen on website:** http://www.ireps.gov.in **(2) Date and time of closing E-Tender:** 18.06.2024 at 15.00 Hrs. **(3) Date and time of opening E-Tender:** 18.06.2024 after 15.00 Hrs.

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Pandit Deendayal Upadhayay Paryatan Bhawan, Near O.N.G.C. Helipad, Nimbuwala, Garhi Cantt, Dehradun - 248003 (UK)
Ph- 0135-2559898

Ref. No.: 1034 /2-8-684/2024-25 Dehradun, Date: 25 May, 2024

UTDB invites Proposal through e-procurement portal for conceptualizing and designing of stall for Uttarakhand Tourism Pavilion at Domestic Tourism Marts

Details may be obtained on website: **uktenders.gov.in** and **uttarakhandtourism.gov.in** from **3:00 PM on 27.05.2024.** A pre-proposal meeting only in virtual mode is scheduled at **12:00 Noon on 03.06.2024.** Prospective Bidders may seek clarification till **5:00 PM on 04.06.2024** through E-mail: **publicityutdb@gmail.com** with CC to procurement.utdb@gmail.com. Any Addendum / Corrigendum including date extension will be uploaded on **uktenders.gov.in.** Proposals must be submitted online through **uktenders.gov.in** only. The last date for submission of proposals is **18.06.2024 till 3:00 PM.**

Chief Executive Officer

U.P. RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD
PARICHHA THERMAL POWER PROJECT, PARICHHA JHANSI

E-Tender Notice

1. E-Tender- N-PAR/C/OMC-2/BMD1/6000005561 "Biennial contract for Refurbishment/Reconditioning/Fabrication/ Machining of various parts of boiler/Turbine/Mills/Fans and their Auxiliaries of Unit #5, 6 of 2x250 MW, CTPS, Parichha, Jhansi." Estimated Cost **Rs. 29,99,783.00** EMD **Rs. 35,000.00** e-bid Submission dt.: **12.06.2024 up to 01:00 PM.**

2. E-Tender- N-PAR/B/MMC-1/PD01/6000005254 "Supply of Hydrogen Gas." Estimated Cost **Rs. 10,08,000.00** EMD **Rs. 15,000.00** e-bid Submission dt.: **10.06.2024 up to 04:00 PM.**

3. E-Tender- N-PAR///CMD2/6000005492 "M and R of 2x110 MW and 2x210 Ash dykes at PTPP, Parichha." Estimated Cost **Rs. 29,98,862.00** EMD **Rs. 60,000.00** e-bid Submission dt.: **05.06.2024 up to 12:00 PM.**

4. E-Tender- N-PAR///CMD2/6000005429_00 "Filling of pond ash and laying of soil over filled pond ash at PTPP, Parichha." Estimated Cost **Rs. 37,67,665.00** EMD **Rs. 75,000.00** e-bid Submission dt.: **06.06.2024 up to 12:00 PM.**

5. E-Tender- N-PAR/B/OMC-1/CAD/6000005568_00 "Maintenance/overhauling with materials supplied, including load test and issue of statutory test certificate of EOT Crane Unique make capacity 25 T, installed in CW/ACW pump house CAMD, 2x210 MW, BTPS, PTPP, Parichha." Estimated Cost **Rs. 6,09,500.00** EMD **Rs. 12,200.00** e-bid Submission dt.: **10.06.2024 up to 04:00 PM.**

6. E-Tender- N-PAR/C/OMC-2/BMD1/6000005338 "Preventive/Breakdown maintenance of HP/LP Valves/Safety Valves, Routine de-slagging/soot removal and preventive/breakdown maintenance of wall blowers and LRSB of boiler and other associated work of Boiler of unit no. 5 and 6, 2x250 MW, CTPS, Parichha." Estimated Cost **Rs. 24,11,593.00** EMD **Rs. 30,000.00** e-bid Submission dt.: **13.06.2024 up to 02:00 PM.**

7. E-Tender- N-PAR/B/MMC-1/PD01/6000005044 "Supply of Electrolyte (Contains KOH and lithium hydroxide) for." Estimated Cost **Rs. 2,80,000.00** EMD **Rs. 4,000.00** e-bid Submission dt.: **14.06.2024 up to 09:00 AM.**

8. E-Tender- N-PAR/B/MMC-1/PD01/6000005487 "Supply of Tongue Rail in PTPP, Parichha, Jhansi (UP)." Estimated Cost **Rs. 8,40,000.00** EMD **Rs. 12,000.00** e-bid Submission dt.: **14.06.2024 up to 09:00 AM.**

9. E-Tender- ET-02/CMD3/PTPP/2024-25 "Reception upkeeping Caretaking along with room services and gardening in VIP Guest House Parichha." Estimated Cost **Rs. 18,28,865.00** EMD **Rs. 37,000.00** e-bid Submission dt.: **15.06.2024 up to 12:00 PM.**

10.E-Tender- ET-03/CMD3/PTPP/2024-25 "Routine sweeping and cleaning of Road Collection and Disposal of Garbage Cleaning of dustbins Routine cleaning of drains Pre monsoon preparation disposal of Sludge and malwa Routine housekeeping Project Hospital in PTPP Colony Parichha." Estimated Cost **Rs. 38,70,802.00** EMD **Rs. 77,000.00** e-bid Submission dt.: **15.06.2024 up to 12:00 PM.**

NOTE:- Total Quality of work, tender specification and other terms & conditions is as per tender document available on the e-tender portal our website www.etender.up.nic.in & uprvunl.org. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time.

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Admission process for Academic Year 2024-25 for Undergraduate programmes of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi, a State University established by the Government of NCT of Delhi requests applicants seeking admission to various Undergraduate programmes under different Schools of Studies in Kashmere Gate campus, Karampura campus and Lodhi Road Campus for the Academic year 2024-25. The admission process has started for Academic Year 2024-25 for Undergraduate programmes of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi has joined the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) to be conducted by NTA. The CUET will provide a single window opportunity to students to seek admission. In this regard, the National Testing Agency has been entrusted with the responsibility of conducting the Undergraduate entrance tests for the academic session 2024-25.

All candidates who are willing to study at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi must appear in Common University Entrance Test [CUET (UG) - 2024] and register at **cuet.samarth.ac.in.**

The list of UG programmes, for academic session 2024-2025 are as follows:

S. No.	Programme Name	S. No.	Programme Name	S. No.	Programme Name
1.	BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (BBA)	8.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (SOCIAL SCIENCES)	15.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) ECONOMICS
2.	BACHELOR OF VOCATION (TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY)	9.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (LAW AND POLITICS)	16.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) ENGLISH
3.	BACHELOR OF VOCATION (RETAIL MANAGEMENT)	10.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) HISTORY	17.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) HINDI
4.	BACHELOR OF VOCATION (EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE MANAGEMENT AND ENTERPRENEURSHIP)	11.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) PSYCHOLOGY	18.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) MATHEMATICS
5.	BACHELOR OF VOCATION (ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE)	12.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES	19.	4-Year Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP)- B.A.B.Ed. (Preparatory)
6.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (SUSTAINABLE URBANISM)	13.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) SOCIOLOGY	20.	4-Year Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) - B.A.B.Ed. (Secondary)
7.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (GLOBAL STUDIES)	14.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) POLITICAL SCIENCE		

Applicants shall be admitted to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi on the basis of eligibility criteria at the website. Applicants seeking admission has to apply separately at **aud.delhi.gov.in** for various programmes offered by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi. For updates related to application, Admission Brochure 2024-2025, reservation, eligibility etc. applicants are advised to visit University website (**aud.delhi.gov.in**) and NTA (**nta.ac.in**)/CUET (**cuet.samarth.ac.in**) website regularly.

Dated: 10.05.2024 **aud.delhi.gov.in** **Registrar**

Directorate of Higher Education, Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi
DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0073/24-25

Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY DELHI
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Admission Notice for Academic Year 2024-25 for Postgraduate Programmes of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi, a State University established by the Government of NCT of Delhi invites applicants to apply for admissions to its various postgraduate (PG) programmes under different School of Studies in Kashmere Gate, Karampura, Lodhi Road & Qutab Institutional Area Campuses for the academic session 2024-25. The University has joined the Common University Entrance Test [CUET (PG)-2024] to be conducted by NTA. The CUET (PG)-2024 entrance exam will provide a single window opportunity to students to seek admission to various postgraduate programmes of the university.

All such applicants who are willing to take admissions in the postgraduate programmes of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi and appeared for CUET (PG)-2024 have to register online on university PG admission portal at **https://aud.delhi.gov.in/admission/PG-Admissions**.

The list of PG programmes for Academic Session 2024-25 are as follows:

S. No.	Programme Name	S. No.	Programme Name	S. No.	Programme Name
1.	MA Criminology	11.	MA Law, Politics & Society	21.	MA Education
2.	MA Comparative Literature	12.	MA Economics	22.	MA Education-Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE)
3.	MBA	13.	MA Sociology	23.	M.VOC Tourism & Hospitality Management
4.	M.Des (Social Design)	14.	MA History	24.	MA Film Studies
5.	MA Environment & Development	15.	MA Hindi	25.	MA Literary Art - Creative Writing
6.	MA Global Studies	16.	MA English	26	MA Performance Study
7.	MA Urban Studies	17.	MBA IEVD	27.	MA Visual Art
8.	Master of Public Health (MPH)	18.	Master in Conservation Preservation and Heritage Management (MCPHM)	28.	MA Public Policy & Governance
9.	MA Gender Studies	19.	Master in Archaeology Heritage Management (MAHM)		
10	MA Psychology	20.	MA Development Studies		

Applicants shall be admitted to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi as per the eligibility criteria mentioned in the University Admission Brochure 2024-25 against each PG programme/s and as per merit score of PG CUET 2024. The applicants seeking admission have to apply separately for various PG programmes offered by the University. For more information about eligibility, reservation & other criteria, applicants are advised to refer Admission Brochure 2024-25 available on the website.

Starting date of Online Application form : 23rd April 2024
Last date of Online Application Form : 5th June 2024
Date: 23.04.2024 **aud.delhi.gov.in** **Registrar**

Directorate of Higher Education, Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi
DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0074/24-25

{ DATA SHOWS }

Wheat procurement may miss target but stocks still adequate

Zia Haq
letters@hindustantimes.com

Centre has purchased 26.24 million tonnes of wheat. HT FILE

NEW DELHI: The Union government has procured enough wheat to meet the country's food security needs, including distribution of cereals to nearly 800 million beneficiaries of the National Food Security Act, but it could end up short of its target despite a bumper harvest, official figures show.

When food inflation rises, surplus stocks allow the Centre to cool prices by selling cereals in open markets to boost supplies. Procurement refers to the government's purchases of grains from farmers at federally determined minimum support prices (MSP).

The Centre has so far purchased 26.24 million tonnes of wheat, marginally higher than last year's 26.20 million tonnes against a target of 30-31 million tonnes. The winter staple is sown in November and harvested in March-April.

The government may not be able to meet its estimated procurement target because most of the winter staple is sold during April-May and procurement ends in mid-June. Traders say several farmers are holding on to their stock, hoping that prices will go up in the coming months.

In 2022-23, the government's purchases dropped to 18.19 million tonnes, after a heatwave cut yields, causing cereal prices to spiral. In 2021-22, the government procured a record 43.34 million tonnes.

"Wheat procurement is going on smoothly. Our requirement for all welfare schemes, including Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, is about 18.4 million tonne-18.6 million tonnes. Currently, total procurement has reached more than 26 million tonnes. This is a very favourable level of procurement compared to our operational requirement," an official said, requesting anonymity.

In 2022 and 2023, heatwaves linked to climate change crimped wheat output in the country, prompting it to ban export of wheat, apart from rice and onion. If state-owned stocks are plentiful this year, it will also help to bring down wheat prices, which have been elevated, lifting overall food inflation.

The average wheat procurement by the world's second-biggest producer in the past decade has been about 31.5 million tonnes and, this year, the government estimates to procure a similar quantity.

As on April 1, the government was required to maintain 7.4 million tonnes of wheat as mandatory buffer, and the actual stocks on that date were barely above that limit at 7.5 million tonnes.

CHHATTISGARH: 3 MAOISTS KILLED IN TWO ENCOUNTERS IN BASTAR REGION

RAIPUR: Three Maoists were killed in two different encounters with security personnel in Sukma and Bijapur districts in Chhattisgarh on Saturday, police said.

Police have also recovered weapons and a cache of explosives from the encounter spots.

The identity of those killed is yet to be ascertained, police said. The first incident took place near Belpchcha village in Sukma district on Saturday.

Superintendent of Police (SP), Sukma, Kiran Chavan said that the encounter took place during an anti-naxal operation. "The operation involving personnel belonging to District Reserve Guard, Bastar Fighters and district force, was launched on Friday night based on inputs about a gathering of Maoists in the forests of Belpochcha, Jinetong and Uskawaya villages," he said.

Meanwhile, the second encounter took place in the forest area of Bijapur district.

Police said two Maoists were killed by security forces in the jungles of Jammemarka and Kamkanaar village. "An anti-naxal operation was carried out following the input of presence of senior Maoists leaders in the jungles. As a team of district reserve guard reached close to their camp, Two bodies of Maoists were recovered later." HTC

10 DOLPHINS STUCK IN UP'S IRRIGATION CANAL

Gaurav Saigal
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LUCKNOW: At least 10 Gangetic dolphins were stranded in the shallow waters of the Sharda irrigation canal in Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur district. Residents and irrigation and forest staff spotted them during routine pre-monsoon maintenance work on Saturday.

"The dolphins are stuck at two places," said Lakhimpur divisional forest officer Sanjay Biswal. "We are making efforts with the irrigation department to get more water at the place where they are stuck."

The stranded dolphins are around 12 km from the Ghaghra river in the vicinity of Chakai Gaon, Bel and Jhamnagar villages, 145 km from Lucknow.

"We are making all efforts to rescue dolphins in a safe manner. Different departments are coordinating in the effort and hopefully the dolphins will come out safe," said Sanjay Srivastava said, principal chief conservator forest, wildlife.

"Raising the water level at the place is a must for their survival until rescued. The safest way to rescue them is to bring the water level in canal and river at par so that dolphins can swim back. This will require the least human intervention," said Arunima Singh, biologist and representative of the Turtle Survival Alliance.

(With inputs from Deokant Pandey in Lakhimpur)

Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI)
(Set up under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Govt. of India)
Telephone: 011-49431800 | Website: janaushadhi.gov.in

INTIMATION OF CHANGE IN HEAD OFFICE ADDRESS OF PMBI

This is to inform to all Stakeholders and the General Public that the **Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI)** has shifted to new Head Office premises on 03.05.2024. The new address of PMBI's head office is as follows:

PHARMACEUTICALS & MEDICAL DEVICES BUREAU OF INDIA (PMBI)
B-500, TOWER – B, 5TH FLOOR
WORLD TRADE CENTER
NAUROJI NAGAR, NEW DELHI – 110029
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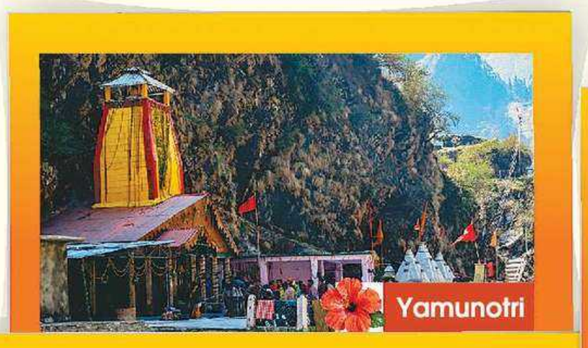

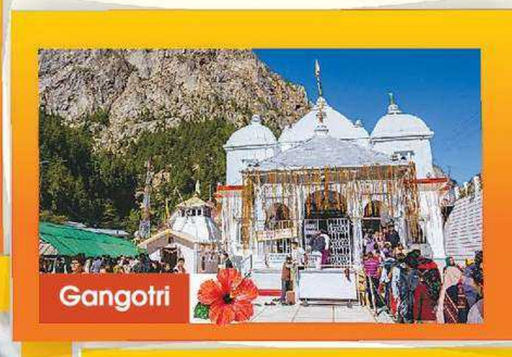

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Why India-UK relations are set for robust growth

There is a once-in-a-generation buzz about the future of the bilateral partnership. The onus is on the respective governments to realise the promise, which will require some heavy lifting, newfound initiatives, and realistic expectations on both sides

With new governments in place, 2025 presents a unique opportunity to elevate UK-India ties SHUTTERSTOCK

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After decades of underwhelming relations, ties between India and the United Kingdom (UK) are poised to enter a new phase. For 20 years, successive British governments have unsuccessfully pursued a closer relationship with India. Britain's close partnership with Pakistan during the Afghan War, former first secretary of state George Osborne's proclamation of a "golden era" of Sino-British relations, and the protracted Brexit process, made New Delhi sceptical. Only in the aftermath of the 2020 border clashes with China did India see the UK and other European countries as potential partners. Significant credit must go to British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his successors who sought to change India's perception of Britain: Working to reduce economic exposure to China, naming and shaming Pakistan on financing of terrorism, announcing a significant "tilt" towards the Indo-Pacific, and relaxing visa restrictions on Indian students and workers. Such initiatives were welcomed by New Delhi, generating a once-in-a-generation buzz about the future of the bilateral partnership.

In 2021, the two countries embarked on the 2030 Roadmap for India-UK Future Relations, which envisages deepening cooperation across a range of governmental activities, including trade, people-to-people ties, defence, climate and health in a manner that could finally allow the bilateral relationship to deliver on its promise. Implementation, however, will be key.

The most vocal opinion one hears from New Delhi is that — alone among western powers — the UK still calibrates its relations with India to its ties with Pakistan. Whether this is a result of the perceived political influence of British Pakistanis or the UK national security establishment's efforts to maintain close ties with the Pakistani military, Indian observers are quick to note that a trust deficit characterises the bilateral relationship.

A significant British Indian immigrant community is often seen as an asset binding the two sides together. At the same time, Sikh separatists advocating for a separate homeland have cast a long shadow on UK-India relations. The still-shattered windows of the Indian High Commission in London are a constant reminder of the violence that minority elements of the diasporic community can inflict on this relationship.

The probable emergence of a Labour government in the UK after the July 4 general election will be awkward given the past efforts of the Overseas Friends of the BJP to stump for the Conservatives. Although Labour has signalled that it, too, values closer ties with India, more questions will be asked about human rights, democratic backsliding, and Kashmir. In the face of these challenges, strong people-to-people links, and stable commercial ties will probably ensure a relatively steady relationship. Nonetheless there are steps that both countries can take.

First, bolstering Britain's presence across the Indo-Pacific is a step in the right direction. Since the much-heralded Integrated Review in 2021, Britain has intensified its engagements across the region — ramping up its diplomatic and military cooperation. Accordingly, it has embarked on the AUKUS partnership, became a dialogue partner of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and signed a Reciprocal Access Agreement with Japan in 2023. The challenge lies in maintaining this level of focused attention.

Second, defence engagement has been one of the strongest pillars of India's interactions with its closest partners — from Russia and Israel to France and the United States (US). Britain should learn from and emulate the US experience. The defence-military partnership between India and the US did not happen overnight. With its large State-owned defence sector, India has traditionally found it easier to work with France and Russia — where governments have much greater influence over defence companies — than with private American firms which zealously guard their commercial interests. The first attempt to bridge that gap, the government-led US-India Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI) failed to push forward the co-development of specific technologies identified by joint working groups because of the significant economic and technological gap between the US and India. Newer initiatives such as the India-US Defence Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS-X) facilitates organic partnerships between private Indian and US defence companies, as well as incubators, accelerators, universities, and funders, with a larger focus on defence innovation and co-production. Since defence industrial cooperation has been a challenge for India and the UK as well, they should explore a similar model.

Third, the UK may not enjoy the luxury of walking away from Pakistan. Nevertheless, if British officials truly believe their relationship with Islamabad is not comparable with the partnership with Delhi, that must be continually demonstrated via action, not just words. Ultimately, India will judge Britain on its behaviour in the next India-Pakistan crisis.

Finally, New Delhi must value the potential for cooperation between the two countries. Gloomy assessments about Britain's defence posture have led India to significantly reduce its defence attaché posts in London. Although part of an overall rebalancing of India's defence relations, the UK was seen as a country where it could dramatically shrink its defence diplomatic footprint. Such an assessment ignores Britain's capabilities in jet engines, undersea systems and emerging technologies like quantum-computing and cyber which are highly valued by the Indian military. Both countries, therefore, need to think more creatively about leveraging each other's comparative advantages for mutual benefit.

With new governments in place, 2025 presents a unique opportunity to elevate UK-India ties. The groundwork has been laid, but realising the promise of partnership will require some heavy lifting, newfound initiatives, and realistic expectations on both sides.

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Karan Thapar

What questions to ask in an interview with a PM

Samir Shah, now chairman of the *BBC* but once upon a time my first boss at London Weekend Television, taught me most of what I know about asking questions on television. Perhaps the most important lesson is to remember you're doing so on behalf of the audience. That's why your questions need to be pertinent, and you need to persist till you get an answer or it's patently clear you're being resisted.

So what do I want to hear when I listen to interviews of a Prime Minister (PM)? After all, if the questions are asked on my behalf, what would my questions be?

First, I want to know what the PM considers his achievements. But I also want to find out how he responds to challenges, exposes, errors he's made and tried to cover up. And I want the discussion to be conversational, not a one-sided monologue. So, yes, interruptions are not just to be expected but, at times, necessary.

Second, an interview with a PM must not be a platform to attack his critics but, rather, an occasion where he's made to respond to their valid criticisms. The verb "made" is important. Left to himself, any PM would evade or avoid. It's the interviewer's job to ensure he doesn't and is pressed to answer.

Third, for the duration of the interview, the interviewer and the PM are equals. Only then can the interview hold him to account. So, the interviewer cannot call him "Sir". To do so would place him on a pedestal. Also, the interviewer can't be timid and deferential. He has to convince the audience he can ask tough questions.

Fourth, the answers to the questions asked must address the subjects raised. A little bit of waffling is understandable, but the PM cannot be permitted to go off on a complete tangent, speaking about issues that weren't put to him and answering a question altogether different to what was asked. If that happens, a polite but forceful interruption is necessary. And if the PM continues to deflect, maybe more than once.

Fifth, the interviewer needs a strategy. He's not just asking questions for the sake of asking them. There has to be a clear purpose. Here's an example of a question that must never be asked: "For sure you'll win this time, but will you also win in 2029?"

Now, depending on the character and personality of the concerned PM, there are certain ways of responding that an interviewer must be capable of. For instance, if a PM claims everything he does he does for the country and is, therefore, loudly beating a patriotic drum, point out that is true of all PMs. This doesn't make him special.

Or, if the interviewer questions the PM about something we all know he said or did but has now chosen to inexplicably deny, the interviewer must be in a position to quote from the particular occasion, specifying the date, location and content. And, let's be clear, this would be akin to challenging the PM. But that's a legitimate part of what an interviewer must be prepared to do.

Sometimes there are obvious questions that must be raised because they pertain to the particular PM being interviewed. They can't be overlooked. For example, if the PM believes he's a vehicle of God the interviewer must ask him, with a certain scepticism, how he knows this and if it is a rational thing to say? Or, if a comic, who makes a living imitating the PM, is not allowed to contest against him, the interviewer must ask if he approves and persist even if it irritates or annoys the PM. And, of course, the interviewer must ask him why he always refers to himself in the third person. Is he being grand?

Finally, I'm confident a fair-minded and honourable PM would agree with what I've written. Remember, he wants to use the interview to impress the audience. Not put them off. That's something else Samir told me.

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{ ENGENDER }

Lalita Panicker

State needs to address the plight of domestic workers

At a time when we are lamenting the decline of women in the labour force, it is hard to understand why more effort is not being made to make it easier for women to stay in the workforce. Hopefully, the new government will work on reversing the neglect of the domestic workers sector, predominantly comprising women. Many rely on them to manage homes, look after children and handle chores, enabling them to work or pursue other activities. The lack of a legal architecture for protecting those who work in our homes has created conditions of suffering, and even the educated class seems to overlook the value of domestic work.

A study by Jagori, an NGO, reveals the grim realities faced by domestic workers. Jayashree Velankar, director of Jagori, said, "They have no legal protection and though Delhi attempted a draft Bill earlier, nothing came of it. The definition of domestic work remains vague and occupational hazards are not legally compensated. For example, if a maid were to fall off a stool while cleaning, she has no recourse to legal redress. Fearful of losing her job, she will keep quiet." When domestic workers face abuse, unreasonable work hours, deprivation of sleep or food, or denial of access to toilets, they often leave rather than complain, fearing accusations of theft or being shut off from opportunities in the locality. An 18-year-old domestic worker in Delhi said, "My employers don't let me leave early. I am scared to walk home as men make lewd remarks at me." A 64-year-old in another city said, "They eat in front of us but don't offer us food. They prefer throwing it away rather than giving it to the domestic help."

For the past 15 years, Jagori has worked with women domestic workers (WDWs) in Delhi's resettlement and low-income colonies to organise them, build identities, and advocate for fair, violence-free working and living conditions. The absence of legislation for WDWs and their exclusion from labour codes means private homes are not defined as "workplaces," making domestic work dependent on negotiations with employers.

There is no universal definition of occupational safety and health for domestic workers, and there is uncertainty regarding the responsibilities of employers in providing safe workplaces. This affects their income, working conditions, and health. A significant percentage of WDWs (30%) reported that their work exacerbated medical conditions, leading to pain, weakness, and difficulty performing tasks. While health issues are not solely attributable to domestic work, there is an overlap between these and the tasks performed. Fatigue, joint pain, acidity, dizziness, allergies, etc, were among the health hazards identified.

The study highlights the need for comprehensive national legislation for domestic workers, priority registration of WDWs and their employers, defining occupational safety and health for domestic workers, and including them in the Code on Social Security. Additional recommendations include ratifying ILO Convention 189 on decent work and Convention 190 on violence-free work environments, recognising WDWs as "workers", and including them in tax-funded public health programmes.

Jushya Kumar, lead researcher for the Jagori study said, "The lack of recognition of private homes as workplaces means that there is a complete lack of employer accountability, so it is critical to find ways to foster accountability. In the absence of any legislation, there needs to be at least a stronger demand for State-funded, longitudinal studies for in-depth analysis of occupational health and safety of domestic workers. It is crucial to challenge terms such as maid and house help and affirm their identity as working women engaged in paid domestic work by correctly referring to them as domestic workers".

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The West steps up for Kyiv. Will it be enough?

Washington has acted to offer Ukraine new help. Additional military support for Ukraine was a matter of debate for months in the United States (US) Congress. In the end, Speaker of the House of Representatives Mike Johnson put the matter to a vote, the proposal passed by a margin of 311 to 112, and new American weapons and money are now on their way to Ukraine. The agreed upon plan also provides security spending for Israel and Taiwan, but it's the nearly $61 billion for Ukraine that will make the biggest near-term difference.

This money will help Ukraine pay for Patriot air defence munitions, artillery ammunition, drones, counter-drone weapons, and missiles that can be fired from fighter planes. It's the first cash for Ukraine that Congress has authorised since December 2022 and the largest single aid package that Kyiv will have received since the outbreak of war. Some of the weapons systems and ammunition are already reaching the frontlines. The US has helped in other ways too. Even before the aid was approved, the Pentagon had quietly shipped a new long-range missile system to Ukraine, which its troops quickly used against a Russian airfield in Crimea and Russian troops in the Donbas region.

Ian Bremmer

Less talked about is an element of the new package that helps Ukraine and hurts Russia financially. The so-called Rebuilding Economic Prosperity and Opportunity for Ukrainians Act, embedded in the larger aid package, allows the Biden administration to seize Russian State assets frozen in the US and use them to help Ukraine. Before greenlighting it, Biden wants to be sure that Washington's European and other G7 allies are on board with this plan. If they agree the move is legal under international law, this could mean another $5 billion in help for Ukraine that's drawn directly from Russian central bank assets. The EU, meanwhile, is already reserving windfall profits generated from Russian central bank assets frozen in Europe that could give Ukraine another three billion euros per year.

Ukraine needed this help. Sixteen months of Congressional inaction has left its exhausted forces short of the artillery and air defence ammunition needed to halt Russia's recent advances along the frontlines and its drone and missile strikes against Ukrainian cities. That shortfall has allowed Russian forces to grab more than 135 square miles of Ukrainian territory over the past four months, including the strategically valuable city of Avdiivka in February. Fears that Russia was preparing a major push for more Ukrainian land this summer raised the spectre, in Kyiv and in Washington, that a big breakthrough could leave Ukraine on the verge of military defeat by the end of this year. This latest surge of US material support makes that much less likely. And if Ukraine can build new fortifications along the frontline and secure the air defence systems it needs to protect its cities and energy infrastructure, despite a shortage of these supplies created by the war in West Asia, it can stabilise their defensive position through 2025.

But while Washington's bid to close the ammunition gap between Ukraine and Russia can restore the on-the-ground stalemate established late last year, it won't move Ukraine back on offence. That's because Kyiv has another battlefield problem that its allies can do little to address: Ukraine's shortage of soldiers. A new law, which President Volodymyr Zelensky signed reluctantly earlier the year, has lowered the age of military mobilisation from 27 to 25. It also reduces the number of exemptions from service and extends the amount of time soldiers can be ordered to serve. That will help if the new troops can be effectively trained and quickly deployed. But it won't, by itself, change the game in Ukraine's favour.

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In addition, this is likely the last package Ukraine can expect from Washington until the November presidential election. If Donald Trump wins that election, Kyiv could find itself completely cut off from future help. Even if Biden wins, US public willingness to provide future $60 billion aid packages will be limited. In the meantime, Russia has many more young men it can throw into the battlefield "meat grinder".

The US aid package provides a lifeline that can keep the Ukrainians in the fight through the end of 2024. That will give Ukraine's friends in Europe more time to produce and deliver more weapons and ammunition. It can also deal President Zelensky a stronger hand at the bargaining table that finally ends the war.

But it's unlikely to help Ukraine avoid an eventual partition, one that cedes Russia some illegally taken Ukrainian land in exchange for the European future that most Ukrainians still want. That's a painful reality after two-plus years of brutal war.

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More than rote learning needed

This is with reference to "*Rites of passage: From children to young adults*" by Ameeta Mulla Wattal (May 19). Students should be encouraged to understand concepts instead of just rote memorisation.
We must support their self-discovery and real-world skill development to navigate adulthood.

Drishti Sama

Follow the example set by Seshan

This is with reference to "*What if TN Seshan were leading the EC today?*" by Karan Thapar (May 19).
It is the need of the hour to follow in the footsteps of the late TN Seshan for restoring the confidence of citizens in institutions that are deemed as pillars of democracy.

Sandeep Arora

Turnout data controversy was avoidable

This is with reference to '*Thanda' election: Notes from Hindi heartland*' by David N Gellner and others (May 19).
The Election Commission's reluctance to publish voter turnout data further obscures the picture of how many people stepped out to vote in this election.

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Dr **Soumya** Swaminathan

Viral phenomenon

She was WHO's chief scientist through the pandemic. She has occupied hot seat after hot seat for 30 years; headed ICMR; chaired meetings with senior experts who seemed confused – especially in the early years – by her seat at the table. 'It's important to be resilient,' says Dr Swaminathan, 65. 'It is also vital to remember, it may seem lonely at the top as a woman, but you're never really alone'

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What does it take to lead like a woman, in a heavily male-dominated field such as public health? It takes a lot of resilience, says Dr Soumya Swaminathan, and it takes confidence. It also helps to remember, she adds, that "as lonely as it might seem at the top, you are never really alone".

"Women are fighting the same fight in every country. The top women scientists and researchers around the world are navigating the common challenges of confronting inflated male egos and fighting for the recognition they deserve. It is one more thing that ties us all together and keeps us going."

Other things to keep one going, she says, laughing, can be as simple as a WhatsApp group. During her years as deputy director-general for programmes at the World Health Organization (WHO; 2017 to 2019), Dr Swaminathan was part of a WhatsApp group called Amazing Ladies of Geneva, created by healthcare leaders from around the world who were posted in that city. It became a safe space and an integral learning ground.

The group was made up of women conducting research, developing guidelines, battling to stop the spread of tuberculosis (TB) and AIDS, overseeing the disbursal of aid. They discussed global events and trends, and each other's personal lives.

"Late-night chats ranged from small wins and losses of the day to the pain of being away from family. There was also a lot of laughter, impromptu dinner plans," says Dr Swaminathan, 65. "There were times when some of us went through very trying times, even wanting to give up on these positions of power. We exchanged our strategies for coping, and carried on."

If it seems like the fellowship of women has meant a lot to her, that's because the paediatrician and clinical scientist has spent years in one hot seat after another. After her time studying drug-resistant TB in children, and interconnections between HIV and TB, she served as director of the National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis (NIRT), in 2012. Her pioneering work there included expanding the use of molecular diagnostics for TB surveillance and care, and conducting large field trials of TB treatment for the underprivileged.

By 2015, she was the only woman applicant interviewing for the role of director-general of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). She got the job, becoming only the second woman to head the Council (after Dr GV Satyavati, in 1994).

Through hours of uncomfortable meetings with experts who often seemed confused by her seat at the table, she had her first big win when she successfully blocked the rollout, in 2016, of a dengue vaccine developed by a French company. There wasn't enough evidence that it was safe for children, she says.

Amid pressure from vested interests and "booming threats of 'Mantriji ko bolenge (We'll be talking to the minister about this)'," she was vindicated when the vaccine's registration was suspended in the Philippines in 2017, amid concerns over its side effects.

Then came 2019. WHO created the position of chief scientist early that year, and appointed Dr Swaminathan to the role. Even as it was taking shape — she was pondering questions of how they should define their mission; what research they ought to push for — her questions were answered in a way she couldn't have imagined, and wouldn't have asked for.

Covid-19 struck.

Through the pandemic, until 2022, Dr Swaminathan served in this capacity, building a new science division and leading a team of 100 people to develop a roadmap for Covid-19 research and release new evidence-based guidelines for the public.

In her biography, At the Wheel of Research (March; Bloomsbury), written by Anuradha Mascarenhas, Dr Swaminathan talks about the panic and misinformation they battled, alongside the virus, and the anger, abuse and even death threats that she and other scientists received.

The book pays tribute to her parents: the teacher and educationist Mina Swaminathan, and of course MS Swaminathan, the man credited as the father of India's Green Revolution.

Growing up on the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (then Pusa Institute) campus in Delhi, she says she wanted to be a vet and a geneticist. These dreams were encouraged by her parents, and their friends, who included scientists and Nobel laureates such as CV Raman, Vikram Sarabhai and Norman Borlaug.

Eventually, she would choose another set of patients often unable to express their pain: children. Through her career, her parents' values informed her work, she says.

Her mother had helped found Mobile Crèches, the daycare programme for children of construction workers. "She was fearless and outspoken, and instilled in me and my two sisters a sense of social justice and equity. My father impressed upon us the importance of humility. I remember him saying the Green Revolution only came about because of the synergy between scientists, politicians and farmers, describing it as a symphony orchestra."

In a time when a lot of lip service is paid to the idea of more women in STEM, her biography also pays tribute to allies from her early years. As a researcher at NIRT Chennai in the early 2000s, she recalls, she was reluctant to attend HIV-TB meets in New Delhi. Tired of being sidelined at these sessions, she asked Dr PR Narayanan, then director of NIRT, to stop sending her there.

"He reminded me that I was the one working at the grassroots level, the technical expert, and probably knew more than most others in that room," she recalls. "I realised I would have to push my way into a system that was clearly not built to be inclusive."

As chairperson of the MS Swaminathan Research Foundation, Dr Swaminathan wants to continue her father's mission of vital research, synergy and a symphony of change. She aims to make health a key focus area of the Foundation, with an eye on adapting healthcare systems to better cope with the demands of the unfolding climate emergency. Training aanganwadi and ASHA workers, for instance, should be a priority, as heatwaves become more intense and more prolonged, she says. Digital health innovations that use AI will likely be the key to making the best use of data.

What gives her most hope, she adds, is today's youngsters. "They're so confident and articulate. They know how to speak their minds and achieve their goals. If we really want to build a scientific cadre in India, we need to invest much more and much earlier, at the school-level," she says, "to get more young people into science, and to support the continuation of careers, especially for women."

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3 She also pays tribute to allies from her early years. Among these was Dr PR Narayanan, then director of NIRT (the National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis), a body she would go on to head. He pushed her to do more, and make her presence felt, she says.

READ more about the Amazing Ladies of Geneva, in an exclusive excerpt from At the Wheel of Research, the new biography of Dr Soumya Swaminathan

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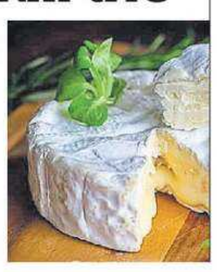

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The human body can take a fair amount of cold. It is heat it cannot withstand.

For millennia, humans have lived in a narrow climatic zone. The human body itself has a narrow temperature range of 36 to 38 degrees Celsius (the ideal of 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit being the equivalent of 37).

The brain itself is so susceptible to heat that the head retained all its original hair, even as we lost this protective cladding across the rest of our bodies.

What unfolds within the body as ambient temperatures rise? Think of it as the equivalent of shivering, but more internally drastic.

In extreme cold, our muscles expand and contract rapidly in an effort to generate heat. This is what we call shivering. In high temperatures (typically over 30 degrees Celsius for Indians), the body begins to produce perspiration, to cool itself. Particularly in the presence of a cooling wind, equilibrium can thus be maintained, though it is costing vital fluids and salts that must be replenished.

In extreme heat, or extreme humidity, we cannot produce enough perspiration, or the perspiration cannot evaporate, causing the cooling system to fail.

This is why wet bulb temperatures are becoming the danger mark to watch out for.

A wet bulb temperature of more than 35 degrees Celsius — meaning that mercury will not drop below this point, even with a damp cloth on it — is more likely to cause heat collapse in a human that an ambient temperature of 50 degrees Celsius with lower humidity levels.

When the cooling system fails, the body starts to compensate in other ways. And this is where things get dangerous.

As the body weakens from the loss of fluids and salts to perspiration, the heart begins to beat faster, pushing blood to the extremities to initiate sweating. The increased strain registers as a change in breathing patterns. The person begins to pant, and their pulse rises further.

The body is now building towards a point of heart fatigue and exhaustion, says Vidhya Venugopal, who is researching climate change and health at the Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research (SRIHER), Chennai. It is overheating in much the same way a cheetah does; except, a cheetah can stop running.

If the ambient temperature doesn't fall — as, for instance, with people who work outdoors and collapse or die as a result of extreme heat — the body begins to lose the battle with the sun.

Blood pressure levels start to fluctuate. Internal organs begin to feel the effects of lowered oxygen levels and weakened blood flow. Communication between nerve cells in the brain is disrupted, causing anxiety, headaches, disorientation and impaired judgement. Kidneys undergo tissue damage. Other organs will follow. This is heat stroke.

A person will first lose consciousness, unable to keep the systems running amid the strain. "The collapse of heat stroke is the body's way of giving in," Venugopal says. "As ambient temperatures rise around the world, high humidity levels will have a negative impact, especially in the coastal zones, of which India has many."

What will mitigation look like, for the human body and a climate it has not evolved for? Scientists are racing to answer this question. The answers will differ for different regions, based on the kind of heat and the heat tolerance of the population. (See the story alongside for more on how these differences are already making themselves felt.)

Some solutions could be universal, if they can be made affordable, effective and scalable. Smart apparel makers, for instance, are working on garments that sense the body's strain and respond in ways that help it, even using solar energy to power the sensors, microprocessors and other electronic components at work within.

Scientists are at work, building action plans. Urban planners are rethinking the role of public infrastructure (there's more on this in the story alongside too). In India, National Disaster Management Authority and India Meteorological Department are framing Heat Action Plans (HAPs), advisory documents on how to raise preparedness and lower the impacts of heat waves.

The Ahmedabad municipal corporation's HAP, put in place in 2013, is being used as a template for other regions. As of this year, 120 districts across 17 states have a Heat Action Plan, which includes a warning system to ensure alerts reach vulnerable populations, norms for the rescheduling of working hours for outdoor workers, and recommendations for the creation of drinking water kiosks, special shelters and green corridors in urban settings. Oral rehydration solution or ORS counters are showing up at primary health centres and anganwadis.

A March 2023 assessment of 37 HAPs at the city, district and state levels, by the think tank Centre for Policy Research, however, found that the plans were often not adapted for local context, were poor at identifying and targeting vulnerable groups, and were underfunded and insufficiently transparent, suggesting that current HAPs need to be strengthened over time.

"One can say that there are initiatives being taken. The government has started documenting heat related illnesses, installing ORS counters at public health centres and increasing bed capacity," says Venugopal. "But how effective is this going to be in a country of 1.4 billion, of which about 700 million live in extreme poverty? Can any country be prepared for this?"

One man, and his Human Adaptation Institute in France, is seeking to answer that question. Franco-Swiss adaptation researcher Christian Clot is conducting experiments to test the human body at extreme temperatures, with the help of explorers he refers to as "climatonauts".

Where astronauts endure simulations, test their bodies in special environments and then undertake unique journeys in a search for ways to new worlds, climatonauts seek to do the same, as our Earth changes, he says.

So far, 10 men and 10 women have participated in a series of experiments called the Deep Climate Expeditions, conducted between December 2022 and June 2023. The teams were led by Clot through an equatorial forest in French Guyana (with temperatures of 35 degrees Celsius and humidity at 98%); the polar lands of northern Lapland, where temperatures with wind chill reached -50 degrees Celsius; and a Mad Max: Fury Road-like trek through the Nafud desert in Saudi Arabia, where temperatures reached 45 degrees Celsius and water was limited.

The teams featured people aged 22 to 51, deliberately picked from the general population, because natural disasters don't differentiate, Clot says. Among the 20, then, was a neuroscientist, a software developer, a nurse, a jeweller and a security guard.

As they made their way through the terrains, sensors monitored heart rate, blood pressure and brain activity, among other parameters.

As Clot, 51, studies the effects of extreme heat, humidity and cold on the body and brain, he says really cold conditions "are not something we will have to face in the future. But it's important to compare how the body reacts to all extremes."

Over 40 days, on each of the expeditions, the group travelled 150 to 250 km, with no motorised assistance and no communication with the outside world, dragging trolleys and sleds weighing between 150 and 200 kg each, carrying their food, water and equipment.

"The desert was by far the toughest of the journeys," Clot says. The group had the most difficulty collaborating, cooperating and making joint decisions here. "As the brain deactivated some functions to remain optimal in these high ambient temperatures, it cut some 'non-vital' systems like memory and social function, and we had more difficulties working together," Clot says.

He is now preparing to publish his findings. And he is preparing for the next phase of expeditions. Climatonauts will be vital to understanding our future in a hotter world, Clot says. "All that we know about the body and brain's response to extreme heat is drawn from controlled test environments. But it is vital to assess human response to high temperatures and extreme humidity or lack of humidity, where exposure is continuous and fluctuating."

In a note of hope, he adds, he did see social cohesion improve over time, in his groups. In Lapland, members of the group were in tears because of how painful the journey was, but they were also helping each other. "I do really think that at the end of the day, we are not made to do things alone."

In Clot's expeditions, 20 climatonauts trekked across three extreme terrains, for 40 days per region, while dragging trolleys or sleds carrying provisions. Parameters of body and brain function were monitored. The terrains were the Nafud desert (top and below), an equatorial forest, and northern Lapland (above right). Temperatures stood at 45, 35 and -50 degrees Celsius respectively.

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{ STREET VIEW } SWELTER IN PLACE

Bunkers, fog showers: How countries are keeping their cool

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As the toll from heat waves rises — in just one year, 2003, in Europe alone, 70,000 died from a record-setting heat wave — countries are starting to explore extreme measures to get around extreme temperatures.

- China has begun to repurpose its World War 2-era air-raid shelters, to allow people to seek shelter during heat waves. In cities such as Hangzhou on its east coast, Wuhan at its centre, and Hebei near Beijing, these shelters have been fitted with free wifi, TV sets, table-tennis tables, seating areas and access to water and refreshments.
- Vienna became one of Europe's first cities to combat urban heat, when it introduced fog showers in 2018. These showers spray a fine mist into the air, to cool pedestrians and offer respite to those waiting for public transport, for instance, or even working outdoors. The showers are concentrated in 22 public spaces for now. They are activated by a temperature sensor that turns the system on when ambient temperatures reach 25 degrees Celsius.
- One of the warmest cities in Germany, Frankfurt, has pushed for adaptive design. One of its innovations consists of ventilation corridors, which are stretches of land where there are no high buildings and where large stretches of trees offer shade and counteract the urban heat island effect. The absence of high buildings allows cool air to circulate

Degree college: How the body reacts to heat

1 In high temperatures, perspiration can keep the body cool, especially in the presence of any moving air. This does cost the body vital fluids and salts, that must be replenished.

2 In extreme heat, or extreme humidity, we can't produce enough perspiration, or the perspiration cannot evaporate. The cooling system begins to fail. The body starts to compensate in other ways, and this is where things get dangerous.

3 Weakened from the loss of fluids and salts, the heart starts beating faster as it struggles to push the heat back. This causes one to pant. The pulse rises further. The body inches towards collapse from heart fatigue and exhaustion.

4 If the ambient temperature still doesn't fall, blood pressure levels fluctuate. Internal organs start to feel the effects of lowered oxygen levels and weakened blood flow. Communication between nerve cells in the brain is disrupted, causing disorientation, impaired judgement.

5 The kidneys undergo tissue damage. Other organs tend to follow. The person will now lose consciousness, unable to keep all systems running amid the strain. This is heat stroke – the body's way of giving in.

{ BATTLING THE BLAZE } IN BENGALURU

Life after 40? A heatwave guide

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Bengaluru is in the midst of a brutal summer.

Temperatures in April ranged between 35 and 38 degrees Celsius (consistently above the average of 34 degrees Celsius for this month). There were frequent power cuts, and the water crisis that made national news in March continued.

It wasn't like this even 30 years ago, says Lakshman K, 65, a caretaker at the offices of the community arts and science space Bangalore Creative Circus. "Back in... the '80s and '90s, the mornings used to be very cold, enough to make one shiver. Now it's become so hot that it's even difficult to stand under the shade of a tree."

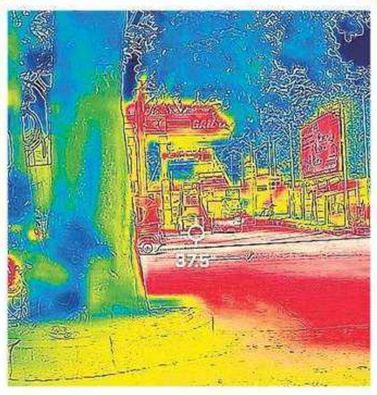
Lakshman is speaking in a video that forms part of the Bangalore Heatwave Guide Project, which aims to understand the effects of heat on a city's people and its systems.

Initiated by Manan Bhan, 31, a social ecologist and fellow at the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), and Ujjvala Krishna, 26, an architect and now urban fellow at the Indian Institute for Human Settlements, in 2022, the project focuses on Marappanapalya, then a single ward in North Bengaluru. (The boundaries have since been changed in a delimitation exercise.)

"We wanted to look at how big systems that exist in a typical ward in an Indian city interact with heat stress, and how it impacts the lives of people living and working in a specific area," says Bhan.

Marappanapalya is a rapidly gentrifying industrial zone, home to a sprawling wholesale produce market (the city's Agricultural Produce & Livestock Market Committee or APMC mandi), and low-, middle-income and modern housing complexes.

It's where the Bangalore Creative Circus (BCC), the 20,000-sq-ft urban-living lab, is located. Ajay Raghavan, co-founder of BCC and of the NGO Initiative for Climate Action, is also a collaborator on the project.



(Above right) Thermal imagery represents heat levels at a petrol pump in Bengaluru. Idling vehicles turn the fuel station red, even as the areas around it remain a cooler blue.

Taking cover

When examining the impact of rising temperatures, the Bangalore Heatwave Project starts by mapping the region in steps. First there are the large systems: water and energy supply, built environments, health, waste management, and mobility. Second, the stakeholders: residents, shopkeepers, labourers. Third, the spatial data. This layer is centred on details about tree cover and heat incidence, using data and imagery drawn from open-source satellite surveys.

"When you layer these on top of each other, some interesting co-relations and anomalies emerge," says Krishna.

In areas such as the APMC, which is surrounded by buildings and has low tree cover, for instance, temperatures are higher than the average of the ward. Higher-income neighbourhoods tend to be cooler, with buildings interspersed with trees.

The project takes note of new heat-tackling infrastructure. An oral rehydration solution counter was installed at the ward's public health centre (PHC) in 2023. The PHC has reported increased an incidence of skin rashes, and linked these with rising heat.

"Across the ward, people seem to have an innate understating of how the urban heat island effect is taking shape," says Bhan. Images of this effect match the public perception: vehicles idling at a fuel station turn a thermal image red, even as the areas around it remain a cooler blue.

"The problem is don't grow enough plants and trees. In towns, in order to build one building, they cut down ten trees. But if they grew trees, then we'd have a better environment," a daily wage earner says, in a video.

Inspired by cli-fi

In the third phase of the project, Bhan and Krishna have designed a climate vulnerability walk, targeted for now at designers, architects, academics and civil society representatives.

On this walk, they visit the PHC for instance, and discuss why heat is still not a notified disaster in India, though it has claimed an estimated 24,000 lives since 1992.

"We came up with the walk to sensitise citizens about local climate vulnerabilities, and get them to think about the interconnectedness of urban systems at the local levels," says Krishna.

Climate projections often measure change and impact for a city, state, country or the world, Bhan adds. "It is very rarely downscaled to the ward level. We wanted to see what the systemic effects of a climate hazard like heat are on a locality, and on the people who live and work there."

It was Kim Stanley Robinson's The Ministry for the Future (2020), a climate-fiction novel, that set Bhan on this path. In the imagined world of the novel, heat is killing thousands, until extreme measures are taken. Oil executives are executed. Eco-terror attacks halt air travel. The Arctic Ocean is dyed yellow, to absorb less heat.

In the real world, Bhan says, heat is not seen as an immediate danger in the same way as a flood or an earthquake. "In cities such as Bengaluru, where the summer lasts three or four months, the institutional memory of it is fast lost."

This just makes it a silent, invisible hazard, Krishna adds.

What they would like to see, to start with, is India's Heat Action Plans (HAPs) customised, down to the ward level.

"There is a consciousness and a capacity for action that is developing. Efforts are being made to work on mitigation," Bhan says. "But the usual methods of coping with rising heat, such as shorter work timings and working indoors, would not really be possible for large parts of the working population that we have. And this is a deep concern."

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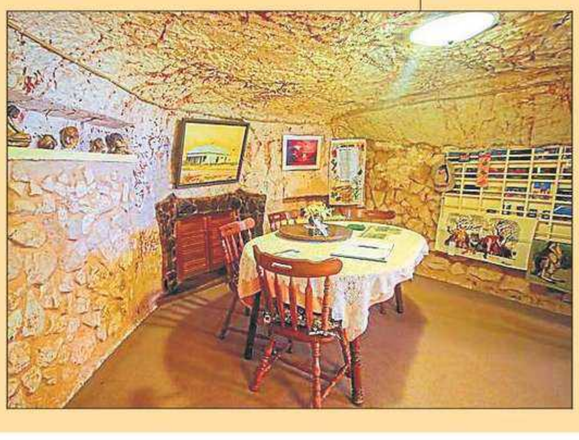
more easily too.

- Madrid is turning existing public infrastructure into "climate shelters". Designated heat shelters include air-conditioned public libraries, community centres and subsidised municipal pools. An app allows citizens in distress from the heat to locate their nearest climate shelter.



A home built into cooling rock, in Coober Pedy, Australia.

- In Coober Pedy, an opal-mining town in Australia where temperatures routinely reach 52 degrees Celsius in summer, an existing approach to housing could offer tips for the future.

Most of the population lives in homes built into the sandstone and siltstone rock, with much of the town built 4 metres away from the exterior of the rock. This keeps indoor temperatures below 23 degrees Celsius. While this works well in arid regions such as Coober Pedy, it can be problematic for areas with higher humidity levels. The tunnels of the London Underground, for instance, routinely grapple with black mould.

In India, meanwhile, roofs are being painted white in subsidised government projects, and startups are working on battery-operated air-conditioned helmets for outdoor workers such as traffic police personnel. But as more towns and cities breach new highs — Hamirpur in Himachal Pradesh hit 43 degrees Celsius this month; Chandigarh hit 44.5, its highest in 22 years — more needs to be done.

"We have a huge population that works outdoors. Any solution needs to be primarily focussed on this most vulnerable section," says Udit Bhatia, assistant professor of civil engineering at IIT Gandhinagar. "One cannot approach the dry heat of Delhi and the humid heat of Kolkata the same way. Populations are dense and unevenly distributed. It is important to take these factors into consideration."

Vienna became one of Europe's first cities to combat urban heat, when it introduced fog showers in 2018. PHOTOS: SHUTTERSTOCK

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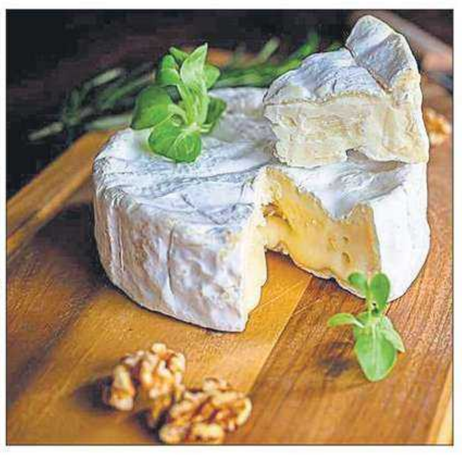
Curdle bug: Will a missing mould kill the Camembert?



(Above) A race for the whitest wheel caused manufacturers to turn to a mutant, albino fungal spore. It is now dying out. The Camembert isn't the only cheese in danger. The cloning of certain types of Penicillium roqueforti (below), which is used to make blue cheeses, for instance, has put them at risk too. SHUTTERSTOCK, ADOBE STOCK

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When Spanish artist Salvador Dalí painted his famous surrealist work, The Persistence of Memory (1931; the one with the melting clocks), many thought they represented Albert Einstein's theory of relativity.

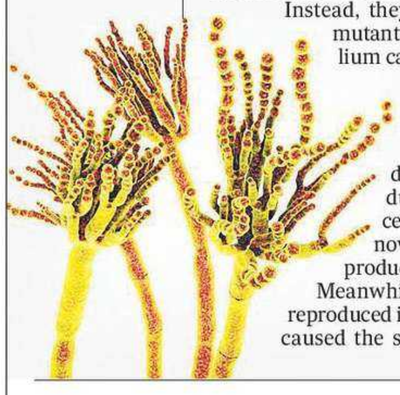
The inspiration for the limp watches came, in fact, from a wheel of melting overripe French cheese, "the extravagant and solitary Camembert of time and space", Dali wrote, in a 1935 essay.

This creamy, complex cheese, which can sometimes smell like sweaty feet, is an icon of French culture, appearing in everyday meals in that country and on cheese boards around the world. But it faces a dire threat, warn experts from the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS).

Camembert (named after this region in Normandy, France) is "already on the verge of extinction", according to a statement issued by the body in January.

Their statement was based on a study conducted by a team of evolutionary geneticists, who found that the specific fungal spores used to inoculate Camembert is essentially under grave threat.

The reason is interesting and dates to the 1950s, when makers of this cheese in France began a race to produce the whitest block. They excluded the natural moulds that usually help determine texture, aroma and flavour in a fine cheese, because most of these moulds also add a tinge to the wheel.



Instead, they settled on a white mutant strain called Penicillium camemberti. First used in this manner in 1902, it is not found in the wild. It is incapable of sexual reproduction, but does produce asexual spores. A century on, however, it is now losing its ability to produce asexual spores too.

Meanwhile, being artificially reproduced in a lab for so long has caused the strain to lose genetic diversity, making it harder to clone. And making it more susceptible to natural threats such as pathogens.

This, essentially, has put the silky white rind and buttery flavour of Camembert at risk.

Before this chase for perfection, cheeses were aged in cool, humid caves where naturally occurring microbes lent a grey, green or orange to their rinds. Then came the desire for uniformity, says Emily Monaco, a food writer based in Paris. "Consumer pressure led many cheesemakers to seek the same pristine, white rind, and thus to source their mould spores from the same industrial producers."

There's a reason Camembert is so loved, she adds. "It has a rare complexity of flavour. A true raw-milk Camembert is known by its mushroomy notes, rich lactic flavours, and slight whiff of a flavour like sweet roasted cauliflower. It is not a subtle cheese – if you've got one in your fridge, you'll be reminded of it every time you open the door."

The cheese is so integral to French culture that it was famously part of soldiers' rations during World War I.

The good news is that small-scale, artisanal fromagiers in Normandy who continue to make the real thing, slowly, using raw milk (not pasteurised), in small batches, will likely be less affected. They have not relied on lab-grown spores alone, so their rinds, often with a reddish hue, will find it easier to survive, Monaco says.

Can the disappearing spore be saved by genome editing in the lab? This would not solve the problem, geneticists say. "Genome editing is another form of selection. What we need today is the diversity provided by sexual reproduction between individuals with different genomes," geneticist Tatiana Giraud said, in a statement about the recent study.

Large-scale producers will find new ways too, and consumers will need to adjust to the cheese being more varied in flavour and colour. Monaco says she takes heart in the idea that this won't be the end of Camembert, just the end of Camembert "as we know it".

"I think we all need to get used to the fact that some products are going to become less available, more expensive, and less uniform than before," she adds. "Climate change and the socio-economic issues plaguing France's farmers are the real concerns."

{ THE SPORTING LIFE }

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Euro 2024: Anybody's game?

France is brimming with young talent. Italy and Germany have a good shot. England, as always, look solid on paper. Who will it be?

Euro 2024 kicks off in less than three weeks, with hosts Germany taking on Scotland in the opening match at Bayern Munich's magnificent Allianz Arena on June 15. How are the team's placed, as players regroup for their countries after a long and eventful club season?

- Let's start with the winners of Euro 2020. Italy have lost some of their spark. They are missing that one talismanic striker or bewitching midfield maestro who can turn a game around. The squad is ageing, and have a serious lack of goalscoring firepower. The fact that there were no Italian clubs in the 2023-24 Champions League quarterfinals reflects this lack of depth. As usual, Italy do have a rock-solid defence. This includes Serie A champion Inter Milan's 25-year-old centre-back Alessandro Bastoni, already among the best defenders of his generation.

- France is brimming with youthful talent and energy, with many carefully nurtured young players making breakthroughs this season. Aurelien Tchouameni and Eduardo Camavinga were the midfield engines on Real Madrid's La Liga-winning squad. The veteran Antoine Griezmann has had yet another fabulous season with Atletico Madrid, and is in the top 10 in both assists and goals this season. The 18-year-old Warren Zaire-Emery has shown glimpses of genius with PSG. William Saliba was critical to Arsenal's fantastic season. And there is a certain Kylian Mbappe, leading from the front.

- It could have been Spain, not France, leading the Euro charge with young challengers, but their two finest teenagers, Gavi and Pedri, have had injury-ridden seasons. Gavi has been ruled out of the Euros. Pedri has made a recovery but is yet to hit his stride with Barcelona. But, the Barca wunderkind Lamine Yamal, 16, has had a remarkable breakthrough season, and Rodri has proved yet again with Manchester City why he is the best defensive midfielder in the world. Alex Grimaldo has been central to Leverkusen's miraculous unbeaten run. So there is hope.

- Whenever a major tournament comes around, England almost always look like the team to beat — at least on paper. Every player in their forward line and midfield has been sensational for their clubs this season.

Phil Foden was Manchester City's player of the season in a season that saw the club win the Premier League a record fourth time in a row. Bukayo Saka and Declan Rice powered Arsenal. And Jude Bellingham was Real Madrid's shiniest star, and is a game away from a Champions League title. But, England have always found ways to underperform at major tournaments.

- It will be something of a shock if the Euro title does not go to one of the Big Four — France, England, Germany and Spain. Which brings us to Germany, who have not had a good time at major tournaments in the last few years. At home at the Euros, however, they do have the most exciting line-up the country has produced in a long time.

In Florian Wirtz, they have the finest young attacking player in Europe this season. With Jamal Musiala by his side, they can run rings around any defence. With Toni Kroos coming out of international retirement after a season of brilliant passes for Real Madrid and Ilkay Gundogan's immense creativity, the German attack is a perfect blend of youth and experience. Add to that Antonio Rudiger and Jonathan Tah in the centre of defence and you have a team that may well end Germany's recent big-trophy drought, in style.

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Italy goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma at work, during the Euro 2020. How far will they make it this time? They have lost some of their spark, and the squad is ageing, but don't rule them out. They retain their rock-solid defence. UEFA

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Gather the storm troopers

The India Meteorological Department is in its 150th year. It began with a single employee; it was once a trendsetter. Take a trip through its sunniest skies and cloudiest days. And see why it still can't reliably tell us: Will it rain tomorrow?

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When the India Meteorological Department was created in 1875, it had just one employee: the British meteorologist and palaeontologist Henry Francis Blanford.

His job was to study India's climate and weather, in order to issue timely storm warnings and monsoon forecasts.

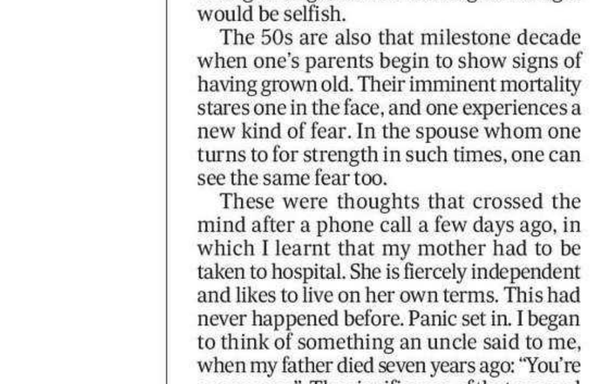
At the time, India had been under a sort of attack from the weather.

In the winter of 1864, two tropical cyclones ripped through the eastern states, killing over 100,000 people. A series of droughts and famines followed, killing millions more.

The imperial British government, having recently taken over from the East India Company in the wake of the 1857 war of independence, decided to bring the country's meteorological observatories together under one roof. Until then, they had been run by amateurs, or on the initiative of provincial colonial officials.

And so, in January 1875, IMD was born in Kolkata (it has since moved its headquarters to Delhi). Now in its 150th year, it runs hundreds of observatories, 1,500 automated weather stations and 6,000 rainfall monitoring stations across India. It draws data from Doppler radars, weather satellites and climate surveillance, using world-class models to analyse and read the data.

In a key instance of delayed notice, the warning about the dust storm that hit Mumbai on May 13 (above) only went out about an hour before it struck. Nonetheless, things have improved. From the 1980s to the early 2000s, IMD lagged in technology and predictions. Even Bangladesh got a Doppler radar (below) before we did. HT ARCHIVES; SHUTTERSTOCK



It still often gets the daily forecast wrong, but more on that in a bit.

Monsoon forecasts and large storm warnings remain central to its mission, but it also provides specialised services to government agencies such as ISRO and the Election Commission, and to private-sector stakeholders. Whether one is running an airport, building a solar-energy farm or organising a mountaineering expedition, one may approach IMD for predictions.

Its astronomical positioning data is used by the defence establishment (to align antennae and radar) and by civic bodies (for preparations around festivals).

Elements of surprise

What's changed, and what hasn't in 150 years? Madhavan Rajeevan, former secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, worked at IMD for 21 years and remembers being on site as India prepared to launch the lunar probe Chandrayaan-1, in 2008.

"The northeast monsoon had just started a few days earlier, so everyone was really worried," he says. "But we predicted there would be no thunderstorms and no rain. It happened that way. As we were dispersing from the centre, however, it did rain very heavily." It has always been difficult to predict exactly how the monsoon will behave.

The year after IMD was formed, India was hit by another severe drought, leading to crop failures in the Deccan and a famine that lasted for two years and claimed an estimated 9.6 million lives.

In response, Blanford started work on seasonal forecasts of the southwest monsoon. By 1886, India was the first country in the world with systematic long-range forecasting (that's forecasts that predict weather weeks and months into the future).

Weathering heights

"When I joined in 1986, we did not have good infrastructure for weather services. Even Bangladesh got a Doppler radar before IMD did," says former ministry secretary Rajeevan. "The weather and climate services were not well respected. I remember RK Laxman would put out regular cartoons about our forecasts."

It was a sad fall from grace, for an organisation that rose to new heights post-Independence, making its own world-class weather observation equipment when most countries were still buying their instruments from the US and Europe at high cost.

It started to lag in the 1980s, especially in technological innovation. A US embargo on the transfer of supercomputers to India after the Pokhran-1 nuclear test in 1974 didn't help. By the '90s, IMD's technological handicap was contributing to inaccurate forecasts, eroding faith in it further.

Winds of change

"Today, our data has applications in the water sector, industrial production, the energy and health sectors," says Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, IMD's director-general of meteorology. "We provide inputs to the urban sector, renewable energy, environment, agriculture, transport and tourism."

Mohapatra has seen, and been part of, the change. In 1999, a super-cyclone hit Odisha, killing over 10,000 people. IMD had vastly underestimated its severity, realising its full extent just two hours before communications networks went down. Mohapatra, who is from Odisha, was posted in Bhubaneswar at the time, and remembers it as the lowest point in his career.

Amid a persistent lack of technology and communication. IMD also faced criticism for failing to predict the drought of 2002. In 2006, the central government finally initiated a modernisation effort, bringing the department under the newly formed Ministry of Earth Sciences, with a much larger budget.

The renewed effort is visible in the statistics. Fewer than 40 people died in the 2013 Phailin cyclone. IMD provides cyclone forecasts and storm surge warnings to 13 countries, including Pakistan, Bangladesh, the Maldives and Iran. IMD Pune is now the World Meteorological Organization's Regional Climate Centre for South Asia.

"In the next 20 years, we'll be able to provide location-specific forecasts at the village level, and our forecast accuracy will continue to improve," Mohapatra says.

Yes, but will it rain tomorrow? "The monsoon forecast can go wrong any time, any year," Mohapatra admits. "But regardless of what happens, whether we get praise or brickbats, whether there is a storm, cyclone or flood, our people will be out there, gathering the readings, and the forecast will go up at noon. That's the beauty of IMD."

{ SOUND BITES } PRESSURE POINTS

A steamy affair

Swetha Sivakumar

(Above right) A 1950s print advertisement for Ekcomatic pressure cookers. (Below) A 1966 Hawkins pressure cooker ad that promises liberation from long hours of 'old-style cooking'. HT ARCHIVES

How would food cook in the crushing atmosphere of Venus?

Think about that, and it helps one begin to understand how different foods cook here on Earth, because air pressure acts as an invisible force, no matter what the planet... or utensil.

Let's start with the pressure cooker. At sea level on Earth, atmospheric pressure stands at 14.7 psi (pound-force per sq inch; pressure caused, incidentally, by gravity pulling atmospheric gasses toward Earth's surface).

How does this affect food?

Well, at sea level, water boils at 100 degrees Celsius. In a pressure cooker, the pressure rises to about 30 psi, as the air is compressed. This raises the boiling point of water to 121 degrees Celsius, as the increased pressure prevents the liquid from turning into vapour and escaping. (Whenever the pressure rises above 30 psi, the excess is released in short bursts, by allowing a little vapour to escape through the whistle.)

This enhanced activity helps foods cook faster, in far less water, for two reasons. First, the available water isn't evaporating. Second, that superheated water, its molecules bouncing about under the pressure, is being diffused into the rice or dal at a far higher rate.

This is why dal cooks in 15 minutes, in about two cups of water, in a pressure cooker; against about 45 minutes and five cups of water without the added pressure.

Interestingly, while most people will say that a pressure cooker saves time, it isn't really time that one saves — because getting that superheated food to cool takes quite a while. What one does save on is water, and fuel. And if the device feels like a time-saver, it's because it offers immense convenience. The person doing the cooking doesn't have to stand by the pot and tend to it.

Pressure is used in numerous ways, when it comes to food.

Take homogenised milk. This is simply milk that has been treated so that it will not develop those fat globules that are so irksome to many. During homogenisation, milk is pushed through a tiny hole under intense pressure, to break the fat globules into bits that are essentially so tiny, they blend into the milk seamlessly, and would take much more heat and time to coalesce again.

Changes in air pressure can have visually dramatic results as well. Think of the vintage popcorn maker, that cannon-shaped metal device into which grain is poured, and from which masses of puffed rice or popped corn later emerge.

To achieve this, the grains are first roasted, then placed in the puffing gun along with some oil. Heat is then applied, causing all the moisture in the grains to expand into steam.

With nowhere to go, this steam causes immense pressure to build within the device (which is why it is made of such thick metal). When the machine is opened, the sudden drop in pressure causes the steam in each grain to suddenly expand, making each grain puff or "pop".

Something else pressure is extremely good at is keeping foods safe from microbes. Bacterial spores, for instance, are notoriously difficult to kill. High temperatures, chemicals, a sudden freeze... none of these perturbs them. But add pressure along with high temperature, and the spores wilt. This combination is used to render canned items sterile before they are sealed.

All in all, it feels like the word pressure gets a bad rap these days; it is equated too often with stress. So I take joy in pointing out that, in the context of food science, the phrase "now that's a lot of pressure" can be really good news.

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{ NOW I GET IT } THE SIGNAL FROM THE FURTHEST GALAXY

Not from around here, are you?

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It took six months of research and then 20 hours at a telescope, for a scientist from Montreal and another from India to capture a signal from the most distant galaxy found so far.

Arnab Chakraborty, a postdoctoral researcher at the Trottier Space Institute of McGill University, and Nirupam Roy, an associate professor of physics at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, used data from the **Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT; left)** in Pune to detect a signal from a galaxy 8.8 billion light years away.

Their findings made news, and offer intriguing clues to what the universe was like in its early years. But it might not have happened, if another galaxy hadn't come to their aid.

In their report, the physicists explain that the signal originated when the universe was only 4.9 billion years old.

In it, they found a high concentration of atomic hydrogen, which is highly reactive hydrogen in the form of individual atoms. Atomic hydrogen exists where stars are born; it is the basic fuel for star formation. So, it is clear that this was a galaxy of intense, immense star-forming activity, Chakraborty says.

Capturing the signal was an adventure. This kind of radiation is known as the 21 cm signal, for its length, Because of the distance it travels, the wavelength increases and frequency decreases, making it almost invisible to most telescopes. This is why they chose GMRT, an array of 30 massive steerable antennae.

The scientists were then aided by a phenomenon called gravitational lensing, in which light is bent by the presence of another massive body — in this case likely an early elliptical galaxy. This other galaxy was so massive that it served to magnify the signal like a lens.

"In this case, the magnification was by a factor of about 30," Chakraborty says. "This allowed us to spot the signal."

What's next? The obvious question, Chakraborty says, is where did the hydrogen come from. Answer that one, and we are another step closer to understanding the origins of the universe.

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{ LIFE HACKS }

Charles Assisi

A coming-of-middle-age story

In one's 50s, one meets new realities, new kinds of fears. Used right, this can be a time of wake-up calls, and of simply growing wiser

Turning 50 is described as a milestone. What no one tells you is that, on crossing this milestone, you start to understand what it might be like to be "abandoned".

This is an age when one's children are no longer children. They are teens straining at the leash to be adults, and it is time to start letting them go, because holding on too tight would be selfish.

The 50s are also that milestone decade when one's parents begin to show signs of having grown old. Their imminent mortality stares one in the face, and one experiences a new kind of fear. In the spouse whom one turns to for strength in such times, one can see the same fear too.

These were thoughts that crossed the mind after a phone call a few days ago, in which I learnt that my mother had to be taken to hospital. She is fiercely independent and likes to live on her own terms. This had never happened before. Panic set in. I began to think of something an uncle said to me, when my father died seven years ago: "You're a man now". The significance of that seemed to hit home during the phone call.

While mum is now largely back on her feet and her usual self, the full import of it all is sinking in. When a parent dies, as dad did years ago, or falls unwell, as mum just did, it is a rite of passage. It is also part of becoming a wiser adult, one who knows which bonds to nourish and not take for granted.

To place that in perspective, when I am annoyed with my children, it is mum who tells me to calm down. When they grow to be adults, it will be their turn to be annoyed, she says. This is a time to build vital bonds.

She reminds me of how often she looked the other way as I partied when I should have been studying, or vanished with friends for a day or two, offering nonsensical stories that clearly concealed our real plans. As I write this, my thoughts go to some of her other advice on parenting: offer advice only when asked, and aim to never impose your will.

In the bustle of adult life, I think back on how her nightly calls to check in on my well-being felt like an "intrusion". When she was unwell and stopped calling, I experienced what felt like abandonment. I craved the love and concern that her voice carried.

I am learning that I can neglect the people who have shaped me. I am learning that I do not want to.

Few are really prepared for the irony of how life plays out. For how the strong adults who taught us to walk, talk, and navigate the world, gradually become the ones we need to care for. And how, when they are gone, we will be orphans, no matter our age.

I believe this is the feeling many of us grapple with, as we watch our parents age and falter. It is the fear of losing the anchors who have steadied us through life's storms.

Despite this deep knowledge, it is easy to get caught up in daily life and prioritise the urgent over the important. Dad's illness ought to have been my wake-up call. But humans forget.

Mum's brush with vulnerability is my reminder to cherish the time I have with loved ones. Perhaps that is what middle age is about: slowing down, taking stock of what truly matters, and honouring the legacy of love and wisdom received from our parents.

Because, in the end, it is not the achievements or accolades that bring us the most joy, or even define us. It is the connections we nurture and the love we share. These lie at the heart of the human experience

I am headed home now, where I intend to indulge in a rather different human experience: eating mountains of appams, as mum pours the batter to make more, that go directly from pan to plate. That will be next week, when mum is back in her beloved kitchen, and in charge of things again.

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Manhood (1840), from the Voyage of Life series by Thomas Cole. What are the rapids that most threaten your peace and serenity? Middle-age is a time to figure that out. WIKIMEDIA

{ CAPITAL LETTERS } SPEAKING IN SOUNDS

A different kind of twitter

Adam Jacot de Boinod

We tend to think of body language as gestures, but it is so much more. The cues we draw from a person's posture, expressions, facial tics and wordless sounds hark back to modes of communication from a time long before language. Fascinatingly, there are parts of the world where people are still quite at ease without words.

On La Gomera, Spain's tiny mountainous Canary Island, a language called Silbo Gomero deploys a variety of whistles in place of words ("silbar" is Spanish for "whistle"). These birdlike sounds are more effective than spoken words, when it comes to communicating across the island's deep chasms and narrow valleys.

There are about 4,000 types of whistles used, to denote different emotions and dangers, questions and answers. These are distinguishable by their pitch and whether they are interrupted or continuous. These could be thought of as a type of word system, given that there are eight base sounds used, strung together in different ways to form the distinct whistles.

In a bit of good news, the once-endangered tongue has been a required subject of study in La Gomera schools since 1999. It is also still used in rituals, including Christian ones introduced by Spanish missionaries.

Other whistling communicators include the Mazatec Indians of Oaxaca, Mexico, who use such sounds to exchange greetings and to buy and sell goods with what they say is a lower risk of misunderstanding.

In the Turkish village of Kuşköy ("Bird Village"), whistled communication is known as Kuş Dili (Bird Language). It has sadly been in decline. There is a festival held annually, to promote the tongue. The festival features whistling demonstrations and competitions, but does not draw a wide audience.

Whistling languages have also been found in Greece, Turkey and China.

Other forms of wordless communication include the talking drums (ntumpane) of the Kele in Congo. The Kele use either their voices or two-tone percussion instruments to communicate in a wordless, tonal language.

Timing plays an unusual role. The Kele prefer to send out messages early in the morning or late in the evening, because cool air is denser, and carries sound further.

There are modern variants of such tongues too. Cowherds in Switzerland took to yodelling as a method of communication in the 16th century. It helped them call out to one another across vast fields and high peaks. Certain sounds and notes denote words, so yodelling is essentially a melodic shorthand language of the mountains.

In practice, it is a form of singing that involves repeated, rapid changes of pitch between the low-pitch chest register ("chest voice") and the high-pitch head register ("falsetto"). Talk about the hills being alive...

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Some tribes use birdlike sounds to communicate. Others, such as the Kele in Congo and the Yoruba of Nigeria (below), use 'talking' drums. WIKIMEDIA

Israel strikes Gaza's Rafah city after top UN court orders halt

An Israeli official said on Saturday the government had an 'intention' to restart stalled negotiations 'this week'

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Smoke rises after an Israeli airstrike on buildings near the separating wall between Egypt and Rafah, south Gaza , on Tuesday. AP

RAFAH: Israeli warplanes and artillery pounded Rafah on Saturday, as the government dismissed an order by the top UN court to halt its military offensive in the southern Gaza city.

At the same time, renewed international efforts were underway aimed at securing a ceasefire in the war sparked by Palestinian militant group Hamas' unprecedented October 7 attack on Israel.

An Israeli official said the government had an "intention" to restart stalled negotiations over the coming days.

In a case brought by South Africa alleging the Israeli military operation amounts to "genocide", the International Court of Justice ordered Israel to halt its Rafah offensive, and demanded the release of hostages and the "unhindered provision" of humanitarian aid into Gaza.

The Hague-based ICJ, whose orders are legally binding but lack direct enforcement mechanisms, also instructed Israel to keep open the Rafah crossing between Egypt and Gaza, after Israel's seizure of the Palestinian side earlier this month effectively shut it.

Israel gave no indication it was preparing to change course in Rafah, insisting the court had got it wrong.

The ruling said Israel must "immediately halt its military offensive, and any other action in the Rafah governorate, which may inflict on the Palestinian group in Gaza conditions of life that could bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part".

But National Security Adviser Tzachi Hanegbi, in a joint statement with the foreign ministry, said: "Israel has not and will not carry out military operations in the Rafah area that create living conditions that could cause the destruction of the Palestinian civilian population, in whole or in part."

Gaza war is 'real genocide'

Meanwhile, the Spanish defence minister said on Saturday that the conflict in Gaza is a "real genocide", as relations between Israel and Spain worsen following Madrid's decision to recognise a Palestinian state.

Reuters couldn't immediately reach Israeli officials for comment on Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath.

Israel has strongly rejected accusations made against it by South Africa at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) that it is committing a genocide against Palestinians, saying it is waging war on the Hamas militant group which attacked on October 7.

The remark by Spanish Defence Minister Margarita Robles in an interview with TVE state television echoed a comment by Spanish Deputy Prime Minister Yolanda Diaz who earlier this week also described the Gaza conflict as a genocide.

"We cannot ignore what is happening in Gaza, which is a real genocide," Robles said in the interview, during which she also discussed the Russian invasion of Ukraine and conflicts in Africa.

She also said Madrid's recognition of Palestine was not a move against Israel, adding that it was designed to help "end violence in Gaza".

"This is not against anyone, this is not against the Israeli state, this is not against the Israelis, who are people we respect," she said.

'Nothing left here'

Israel carried out strikes throughout the Gaza Strip early on Saturday as fighting raged between the army and Palestinian militants.

Witnesses and AFP teams reported strikes or shelling in Rafah, the central city of Deir al-Balah, and Gaza City and Jabalia refugee camp in the north.

The ICJ ruling came days after the International Criminal Court prosecutor, Karim Khan, requested arrest warrants for Israeli and Hamas leaders for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

It also followed announcements by Ireland, Spain and Norway that they would formally recognise the State of Palestine -- a move two other European governments, Germany and Portugal, signalled on Friday they were not ready to join.

Beijing ends 'punishment' war games around Taiwan

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A naval vessel sailing at sea during the 'Joint Sword-2024A' milirary drill at an unknown location, on Friday. AFP

BEIJING: China has ended two days of military drills around Taiwan that saw jets loaded with live munitions and warships practise seizing and isolating the self-ruled island.

The exercises simulated strikes targeting Taiwan's leaders as well as its ports and airports to "cut off the island's 'blood vessels'", Chinese military analysts told state media.

China, which claims democratically governed Taiwan as its own territory, launched the "Joint Sword - 2024A" exercises three days after Lai Ching-te became Taiwan's president, a man Beijing calls a "separatist".

Beijing said the exercises were "punishment" for Lai's Monday inauguration speech, in which he said the two sides of the Taiwan Strait were "not subordinate to each other", which China viewed as a declaration the two are separate countries.

Beijing's defence ministry spokesman Wu Qian said Friday that Lai was pushing Taiwan "into a perilous situation of war and danger".

Lai has repeatedly offered talks with China but been rebuffed.

He says only Taiwan's people can decide their future, and rejects Beijing's sovereignty claims.

Taiwan's government has condemned the drills, saying it will not be cowed by Chinese pressure.

{ PAPUA NEW GUINEA LANDSLIDE }

Emergency convoys rush aid, over 300 still buried

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MELBOURNE: Survivors on Saturday searched through tons of earth and rubble by hand looking for missing relatives while a first emergency convoy delivered food, water and other provisions at the site of a landslide that devastated a remote village in the mountains of Papua New Guinea and was feared to have buried scores of people, officials said.

Reuters reported that more than 300 people and over 1,100 houses were buried by the massive landslide

Only three bodies had been recovered by early Saturday from the vast swath of earth, boulders and splintered trees that struck part of Yambali, a village of nearly 4,000 people that is 600 kilometers northwest of the capital, Port Moresby.

Medical treatment was provided to seven people, including a child, said Serhan Aktoprak, who is the chief of the International Organization for Migration's mission in the South Pacific island nation, and based in Port Moresby. He had no information about the extent of their injuries.

"It is feared that the number of casualties and wounded will increase dramatically," he said.

A spokesperson for Papua New Guinea Prime Minister James Marape said on Saturday he would release information about the scale of the destruction and loss of life when it becomes available.

Philip Mene, an IOM program associate, said survivors "are removing the rubble by hand" as they try to find their relatives.

"It is noticeable that relatives are coming to terms that the people below the debris are all but lost," he said on Saturday.

"Most likely hope recovering any survivors is slowly diminishing."

All food gardens that sustain the village's subsistence farming population were destroyed and the three streams that provide drinking water were buried by the landslide.

A convoy left the provincial capital of Wabag on Saturday morning carrying food, water and other essentials to the devastated village 60 kilometres away.

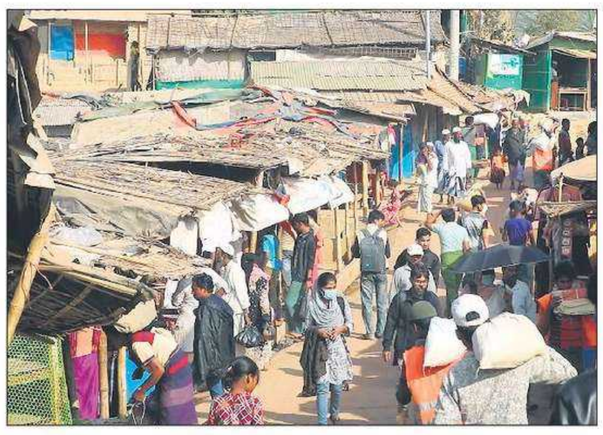
The relief effort was delayed by the landslide closing the province's main highway, which serves the Porgera Gold Mine and the neighbouring town of Porgera.

Further convoys are planned for Sunday, including the arrival of heavy earth-moving machinery to help clear the 6 to 8 metres of debris, earth and rocks which has fallen from the Mungalo mountain that sits above Yambali.

Emergency responders may face challenges using heavy machinery due to the risk and "cultural sensitivities of desecrating bodies that may be within the rubble," Mene said.

Papua New Guinea is a diverse, developing nation of mostly subsistence farmers with 800 languages. There are few roads outside the larger cities.

With 10 million people, the country is the most populous South Pacific nation after Australia, which is home to around 27 million.



Rohingya refugees walk at the Balukhali refugee camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, on Feb 2, 2021 (Image representational). AP

Bangladesh prepares for severe cyclone 'Remal's landfall on coastal areas

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DHAKA: Bangladesh readied nearly 4,000 shelters equipped with adequate dry food supplies and water as severe cyclonic storm 'Remal' is expected to made landfall on Sunday at midnight with a potential high tidal surge and heavy rainfall in the coastal districts of Satkhira and Cox's Bazar, media reports said.

"The edge of cyclone may enter parts of Bangladesh from midnight. . . under the influence of cyclone, Bangladesh, particularly its southern and southeastern regions may witness heavy to very rainfall," Director General of Department of Disaster Management Mizanur Rahman told Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) on Saturday evening.

According to data from the Met Office, Mizanur stated that the cyclone has developed a large radius and significant rainfall is expected in 19 coastal districts as well as in the central parts of the country.

The state-owned news agency, quoted a special bulletin that said maritime ports of Chattogram, Cox's Bazar, Mongla and Payra have been advised to hoist local cautionary signal number three in the wake of the deep depression over the Bay of Bengal. This is the first cyclone in the Bay of Bengal in this pre-monsoon season and will be named Remal (meaning sand in Arabic), according to a system of naming cyclones in the Indian Ocean region.

State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Md Mohibur Rahman told a press conference in Dhaka, "We have 80,000 volunteers ready to tackle the situation and all necessary preparations have been made."

The state minister also warned that parts of Satkhira and Cox's Bazar could be significantly impacted by Remal, with a potential 7-10 feet high tidal surge, heavy rainfall, and landslides in the hilly areas of Chattogram, the news portal said.

The deep depression over the east-central Bay and adjacent west-central Bay is expected to move northwards within the same region and, as of Saturday noon, was located approximately 500 kilometre southwest of Chattogram port, 435 kilometre southwest of Cox's Bazar port, 475 kilometre south of Mongla port, and 425 kilometre south of Payra port, the report stated. It continued moving nearly northwards and intensified into a cyclonic storm over the East central and adjoining North Bay of Bengal by Saturday evening. By the morning of Sunday, it is expected to strengthen into a severe cyclonic storm.

It will likely make landfall between Sagar Island and Khepupara, crossing the Bangladesh and adjoining West Bengal coasts around midnight on Sunday as a severe cyclonic storm with wind speeds of 110-120 kmph, gusting up to 135 kmph.

All fishing boats and trawlers in the North Bay and deep sea have been advised to seek shelter immediately.

Zelensky: Ukraine has taken back areas, in control of Kharkiv region

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WASHINGTON: Ukrainian forces have secured "combat control" of areas where Russian troops entered the northeastern Kharkiv region earlier this month, President Volodymyr Zelensky said.

Meanwhile, two people were killed on Saturday in an aerial attack on Kharkiv city, which is the region's capital, according to local officials.

Kharkiv is about 20 kilometres from the Russian border. Moscow's troops have in recent weeks captured villages in the area as part of a broad push, and analysts say they may be trying to get within artillery range of the city.

Ukrainian authorities have evacuated more than 11,000 people from the region since the start of the offensive on May 10.

"Our soldiers have now managed to take combat control of the border area where the Russian occupiers entered," Zelensky said in his nightly video address on Friday evening.

However, Zelensky's comments appeared to be at odds with those made by Russian officials.

Viktor Vodolatsky, a member of Russia's lower house of parliament, said Russian forces now controlled more than half of the town of Vovchansk, 5 kilometres inside the border, Russian state news agency Tass reported on Friday. Vovchansk has been a flashpoint for fighting since Russia launched the offensive in the Kharkiv region.

Vodolatsky was also quoted as saying that once Vovchansk was secured, Russian forces would target the cities of Sloviansk, Kramatorsk and Pokrovsk in the neighbouring Donetsk region.

Russian strike on Kharkiv

Russia on Saturday bombed a hardware superstore in the eastern Ukrainian city of Kharkiv, killing two people and wounding over 30, Ukraine officials said, in an attack condemned as "vile" by Zelensky.

Kharkiv regional governor Oleg Synegubov said at least two people were killed when two guided Russian bombs hit the store. "Two people were killed. They were men who worked in the hypermarket," Synegubov said in a video posted on Telegram. "The number of wounded has gone up to 35 people," Kharkiv's mayor, Igor Terekhov, posted on Telegram.

On the other hand, the US on Friday announced new security assistance worth $275 million for Ukraine, including ammunitions, artillery rounds, and precision aerial munitions.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken reiterated US' support for Ukraine noting that this is the fifth security assistance package from President Biden, the third using Presidential Drawdown Authorities and that the aid from previous has already made it to the front lines.

An injured person is carried on a stretcher to seek medical assistance after a landslide in Yambali village, Papua New Guinea, on Friday. AP

{ US SCHOOL SHOOTING }

Uvalde families sue Meta, video game creator, and gunmaker on second anniversary of school attack

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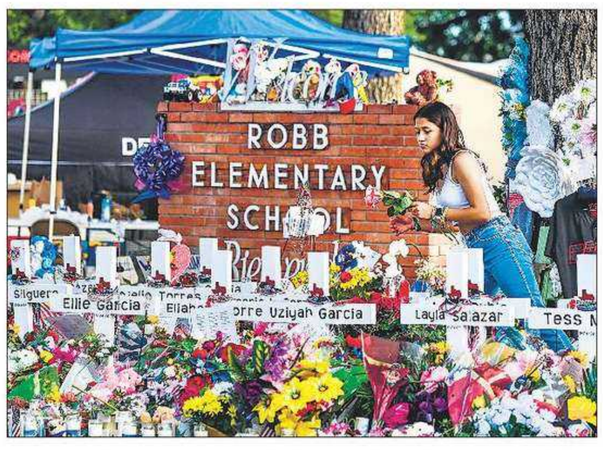
AUSTIN: Families in Uvalde took more legal action on Friday on the second anniversary of the Robb Elementary School attack, suing Meta Platforms, which owns Instagram, and the maker of the video game Call of Duty over claims the companies bear responsibility for products used by the teenage gunman.

They also filed another lawsuit against Daniel Defence, which manufactured the AR-style rifle used in the May 24, 2022, shooting - and has already been sued.

It added to mounting lawsuits over the attack and came as the small Texas city gathered to mourn the anniversary of one of the deadliest school shootings in US history. The gunman killed 19 students and two teachers. Officers finally confronted and shot him after waiting more than an hour to enter the fourth-grade classroom.



A girl lays flowers at a makeshift memorial at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, on May 28, 2022. AFP

"There is a direct line between the conduct of these companies and the Uvalde shooting," said Josh Koskoff, an attorney for the families. "This three-headed monster knowingly exposed him to the weapon, conditioned him to see it as a tool to solve his problems and trained him to use it." Some of the same families on Wednesday filed a $500 million lawsuit against Texas state police officials and officers who were part of the botched law enforcement response that day. More than 370 federal, state and local officers responded but waited more than an hour to confront the shooter inside the classroom as students and teaches lay dead, dying or wounded.

Friday's lawsuits are not the first to accuse technology companies of having a role in radicalising or influencing mass shooters. Families of victims in a May 2022 attack on a Buffalo, New York, supermarket sued social media companies, including Meta and Instagram, over content on their platforms.

The lawsuit against Georgia-based gun-maker Daniel Defence was filed in Texas by the same group of 19 families who sued on Wednesday. The lawsuit against Meta and Activision Blizzard - the maker of Call of Duty - were filed in California with additional families of victims from the attack.

Sean Baker's 'Anora' wins top honours at Cannes film festival

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CANNES: Sean Baker's "Anora," a comic but devastating Brooklyn odyssey about a sex worker who marries the son of a wealthy Russian oligarch, has won the Cannes Film Festival's top award, the Palme d'Or.

Baker accepted the prize with his movie's star, Mikey Madison, watching in the audience at the Cannes closing ceremony Saturday. The win for "Anora" marks a new high point for Baker, the director of "The Florida Project." It's also, remarkably, the fifth straight Palme d'Or won by indie distributor Neon, following "Parasite," "Titane," "Triangle of Sadness" and last year's winner, "Anatomy of a Fall."

"This, literally, has been my singular goal as a filmmaker for the past 30 years, so I'm not really sure what I'm going to do with the rest of my life," said Baker, laughing.

But Baker, the first American filmmaker to win the Palme since Terrence Mallick in 2012 with "The Tree of Life," quickly answered that his ambition would remain to "fight to keep cinema alive." The 53-year-old director said the world needed reminding that "watching a film at home while scrolling through your phone, answering emails and half paying attention is just not the way, although some tech companies would like us to think so."

"So I say the future of cinema is where it started: in a movie theater," said Baker.

While "Anora" was arguably the most acclaimed film of the festival, its win was a slight surprise. Many expected either the gentle Indian drama "All We Imagine As Light" or the Iranian film "The Seed of the Sacred Fig" to win.

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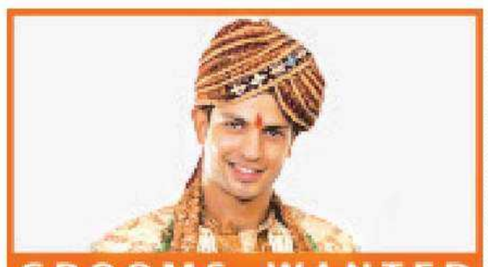

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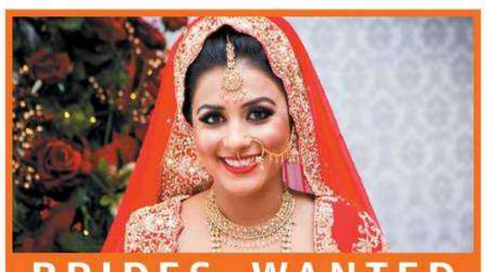

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Subplots aplenty as KKR, SRH bid for title

Two teams with extremely attacking batting approaches will battle today to win IPL's 17th edition

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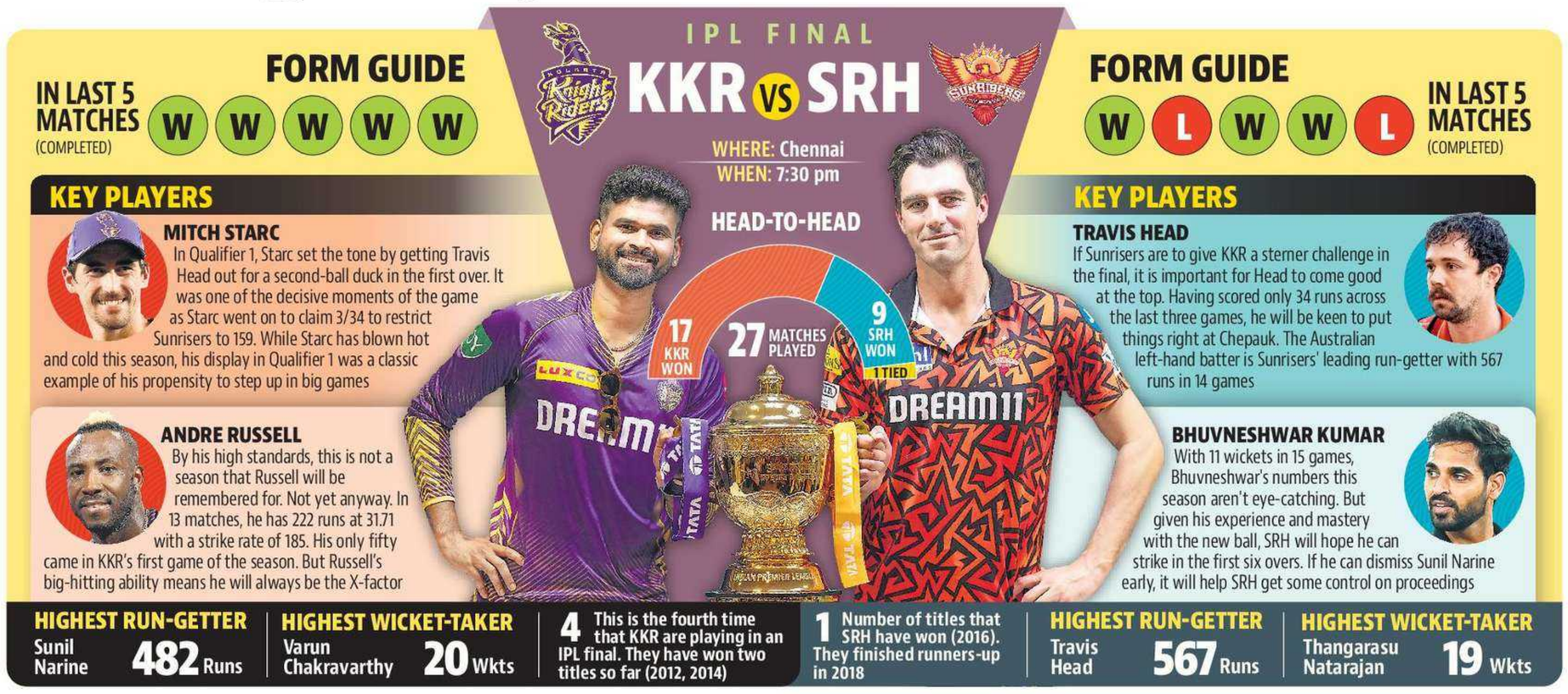

CHENNAI: Sitting next to each other with the glittering IPL trophy in front, Pat Cummins and Shreyas Iyer gave such brotherly vibes on match eve that you would think it leaves no room for sledging in the big Indian Premier League final at the MA Chidambaram Stadium on Sunday. Banter, yes. There was plenty of it between the Sunrisers Hyderabad and Kolkata Knight Riders captains at their joint media conference.

"Are you going to bat first tomorrow", Cummins was asked. "Good question... for me to know," Shreyas chimed in. Cummins turned to Shreyas, "What are you going to do?"

They were quizzed about the impact dew factor may have on the toss decision. "Whatever decision we take tomorrow, or he takes tomorrow, I hope it goes in our favour," Shreyas answered, inviting a chuckle from Cummins and the rest of the room.

Ten years ago, when KKR last lifted the IPL trophy under Gautam Gambhir's captaincy, it was Cummins' rookie season for the men in purple. Much wiser, shrewder and sharper, Cummins is in his first season as IPL skipper. Out to foil the plans of Gambhir, back in KKR this IPL as a highly successful mentor.

Of late, Cummins has been a serial trophy winner, having led Australia to the World Test Championship title, the Ashes and the ODI World Cup in 2023. "The run has to stop at some point, I guess," he said. "I haven't led a T20 team before, but having captained in the ODI World Cup, it didn't feel foreign."

Cummins has indeed been at home, making the crucial on-field calls for SRH. He utilised the full quota of his left-arm spin twins Shahbaz Ahmed and Abhishek Sharma against Rajasthan Royals in Qualifier 2 on Friday. Partly because RR's middle order was predominantly right-handed. Was it a data driven call or instinctive? "Data is just one factor in decision making. It has to be a balance between objective information that you gather and what you are feeling out there," Cummins explained. The absence of dew on Friday also hurt RR's plans after they chose to bowl.

While Cummins has been central to SRH's fortunes, for KKR Gambhir has been the brain behind a lot of decision making. "Gautam *bhai* has got immense knowledge about the game. His strategy is spot on. He adds a lot of cream to the team," Shreyas said.

But as things go in cricket, the captain rules on the field. Shreyas will have extra motivation to lead his team to the trophy. He was virtually accused of feigning injury to avoid playing Ranji Trophy by BCCI's medical team. Although he ultimately played the Ranji final and contributed to Mumbai's win, Shreyas lost his BCCI contract and didn't make it to India's T20 World Cup squad.

He didn't stop from making a point, subtly. "After the ODI World Cup, I was struggling in the longer format. When I had raised my concerns, no one was agreeing to it," Shreyas said.

"But at the same time, the competition is with myself."

"It gives me immense pleasure to be able to play so well in the last few months. All I did was stay in the present and not worry about the selection process."

A constant theme this season has been high scores, and sixes flowing off the bat. It's no coincidence that the two teams battling for the trophy top the scoring rates. KKR are the fastest overall (SR 166) while SRH are on top in the powerplay (SR 183).

The weather has been unpredictable in Chennai and could be a spoiler. There was no dew and uninterrupted spin on a black soil pitch in the second innings of the SRH-RR game on Friday. On Saturday, it was hot all day and rained for an hour in the evening.

The boundaries will be less lopsided, but the final will be played on a red soil surface. Dew or not, KKR's spin twins Sunil Narine and Varun Chakravarthy have proved to be a difficult proposition to get away. Can SRH batters buck the trend? Will KKR again find a way to make up for Phil Salt's absence? Is Narine's batting form too good to last? Who will win the bragging rights before Cummins and Mitch Starc rejoin the Australian dressing room? What about Travis Head versus Starc part two? Who will win the race to the emerging player award – KKR's Harshit Rana or SRH's Abhishek Sharma?

There are a number of subplots to look ahead to. None bigger than the title hunt — KKR's quest for a third and SRH chasing their second, to close the gap on MI and CSK.

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Dahiya feels the pain of a shattered Paris dream

Heartbroken after missing out on Paris Olympics selection, the Tokyo medallist is finding solace in a motivational book

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NEW DELHI: The gym session has ticked past the hour mark. It's the leg day, and Ravi Dahiya can ill-afford to skip it. The muscle definition of his left quadricep is impressive; by comparison, the right quad looks emaciated. Two incision scars run across the right patella, evidence of the surgery he underwent in July last year.

The ripping, sweat-drenched upper body and the familiar unruly mop of wet hair extenuate the work he has put in for the day. For a man known to barely smile even on the podium, Dahiya is surprisingly in good spirits. He laughs liberally, sometimes at his own wisecracks, other times at the precipice at which his career stands. From being the country's best 57kg male wrestler until a couple of years back to losing consecutive domestic selection trials — he failed in the Asian Games trials last July and lost to fellow Chhatrasal Stadium trainee Aman Sehrawat in March in the Olympic qualification trials — his career has been on a sticky wicket of late. "What else can I do but laugh at how things have shaped up," he says when one meets him at Chhatrasal. He has all but missed the bus for the Paris Olympics after the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) decided against holding the final selection trials. That means Aman will represent India as the lone freestyle wrestler in Paris, in Dahiya's 57kg class. "I was quite shocked when I heard," Dahiya says about WFI's May 21 decision not to hold trials. "Just a few months back, they had announced their policy of holding trials. I fail to understand why." The next day, Dahiya met the Director General, Sports Authority of India (SAI) and the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) officials to plead his case. He even called up the WFI top brass and visited the previous WFI president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh at his Delhi residence.

"I have no idea who can help, so I am running around. I have been told there is 99% chance of WFI not changing its decision. I am hoping for that 1 percent. As an athlete, I am conditioned to go for that one percent. In our sport, bouts can be decided in the last second. So, there is still hope, no matter how dim."

Dahiya's optimism may be shortlived. "The Olympics squad will not change. WFI decided not to conduct the trials as there is barely any time left for the Budapest Ranking Series; we wanted to announce the team before that," a senior WFI official said.

WFI's policy shift alone is not responsible for Dahiya's situation. His knee injury, he admits, could have been managed better. "Maybe I could have gone for the surgery earlier to give myself more time to recover. The knee will never feel the same again. Even now, sometimes during bouts, I feel the discomfort. All of that does have a bearing on the confidence too."

Though not in ideal shape for the Olympics barely two months away, the 26-year-old still wants to fight for an opportunity. He is far too emotionally invested in the dream. "An athlete's life is not easy. My journey for Paris started the moment my final bout in Tokyo ended. Many people ask me why I wasn't happy on the podium. That's because I knew I could have won gold. I have dreamt of it each day since then."

Proof of that yearning for Olympic gold was provided on a visit to his accommodation, old and new, at the Chhatrasal Stadium . In the tiny room that has been his lodging for years, and the government accommodation provided to him as an assistant director in Delhi's education department, Dahiya has pasted pictures of the Paris gold medal on every wall. The Paris gold is everywhere, be it the giant framed photograph in his new house or the WhatsApp DP. A source of great inspiration that has become a gnawing pain.

"The dream is shattered. God willing, I will realise it someday, but in this moment, it hurts. I don't know what the future holds. I will certainly move to a higher weight class later, but everything appears hazy at present."

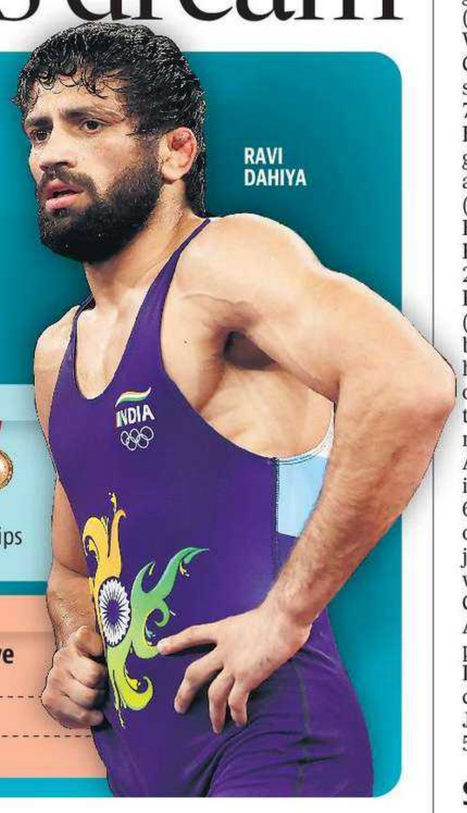
For now, he has found solace in a Hindi translation of David Schwartz's 'The Magic of Thinking Big', and his dad. "That book has been with me for a few years and I am reading it again. The biggest surprise was my introvert father. We don't open up to each other even though he visits me every morning. The day WFI's decision came, he told me not to worry and that God has the best plans for me. It was the most sensitive thing he had spoken to me in years."

Still, Dahiya may need a turnaround to overcome the pain.

"People say injuries are an athlete's ornaments. Well, I don't want any more ornaments," he laughs.

Dahiya's missed opportunity

With WFI deciding not to hold selection trials to pick the team for Paris Games, Tokyo silver medallist Ravi Dahiya is holding on to the "one percent chance" to board the flight for his second successive Olympics. A look at his highs and lows:



HIGHS

- **SILVER** Belgrade World C'ships (2019)
- **SILVER** Tokyo Olympics (2021)
- **GOLD** Asian C'ships (2020-22)

LOWS

- MCL and ACL injuries to his right knee have troubled him since 2023
- Asian Games trials (2023): Lost
- Olympic Qualifier trials (2024): Lost

Bharali claims jr weightlifting gold

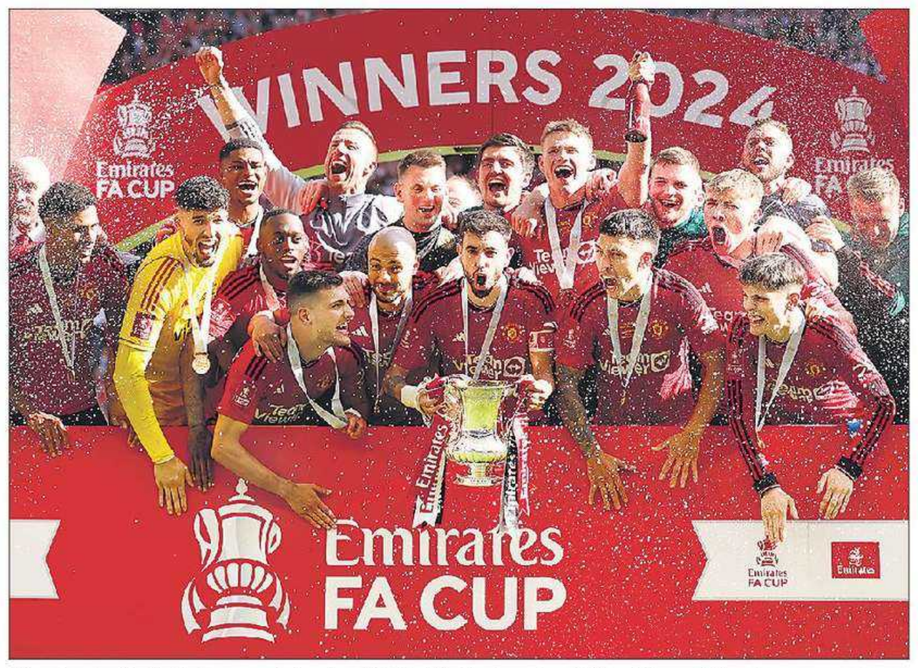
NEW DELHI: Bedabrat Bharali became the first Indian male lifter to win gold at the IWF Youth (Boys and Girls) World Weightlifting Championships, sweeping to victory in 73kg in Lima, Peru on Friday. Bharali, 17, won gold in snatch, clean and jerk and total (136kg + 160kg = 296kg). He was 12kg ahead of Ryan McDonald (US, 284kg), who took silver. Kotelevskyi Serhii (Ukraine — 283) took bronze. Bharali broke his own national record of 133kg in snatch, set at the selection trials last month. The lifter from Assam made his international debut in 67kg last year, claiming overall bronze in the junior worlds and winning gold in the Commonwealth and Asian youth meets. The previous best by an Indian male lifter in the championships was Jeremy Lalrinnunga's 56kg silver in 2016.

Simran wins gold at Para Worlds

KOBE: India's Simran won the women's 200m (T12 category) gold clocking 24.95 secs, making amends for her 100m disqualification, at the World Para Athletics Championships here on Saturday. Preethi Pal won bronze in women's 100m (T35), after her 200m bronze.

Leclerc takes pole for Monaco GP

MONACO: Ferrari's Charles Leclerc snatched pole position at his home Monaco Grand Prix on Saturday as Max Verstappen could only finish sixth fastest. The 26-year-old Monegasque driver clocked a best lap of one minute and 10.270 seconds.



Manchester United players celebrate with the FA Cup trophy at Wembley on Saturday. REUTERS

United outsmart derby rivals City to win FA Cup

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LONDON: Erik ten Hag made a convincing case to be spared the sack as Manchester United upset Manchester City to take the FA Cup with a shock 2-1 victory in Saturday's final.

Ten Hag was reportedly set to be dismissed regardless of the result at Wembley after a troubled campaign that even the United manager described as "terrible" this week.

But United's hierarchy might be having second thoughts after Ten Hag's tactical masterclass ruined City's history bid.

City were hot favourites to win a second successive Premier League and FA Cup double.

Yet Ten Hag found a way to neutralise Pep Guardiola's side as first half goals from Alejandro Garnacho and Kobbie Mainoo put United on course to win the FA Cup for the first time in eight years.

Jeremy Doku squeezed an 87th minute strike past Andre Onana's weak attempted save but it was too late to rescue City.

Having ended a turbulent season on a high note, if Ten Hag's two-year reign does end, his exit would provoke memories of fellow Dutchman Louis van Gaal's Old Trafford departure. Van Gaal was fired just two days after United's FA Cup final victory against Crystal Palace in 2016.

Ten Hag will hope a more apt comparison is Alex Ferguson's 1990 FA Cup final win against Palace, which kick-started his remarkable run after calls for his sacking earlier that season.

Ferguson was in attendance as a match labelled Ten Hag's funeral turned into a triumph for the much-maligned Dutchman.

United shareholder Jim Ratcliffe, who has control of football operations at Old Trafford, was also watching from the stands alongside co-owners Joel and Avie Glazer.

Linked with Thomas Tuchel, Mauricio Pochettino and Gareth Southgate, among others, there is still plenty for Ratcliffe to ponder after United finished eighth in the Premier League this season — their lowest final position since 1990 — and crashed out of the Champions League in the group stage.

Ten Hag believes a lengthy injury list was the root of the problems and can point to the two trophies he has won in three cup final appearances with United as proof of what he can do when his team are at full strength.

Ten Hag ended United's six-year trophy drought by winning the League Cup last year and has now avenged their 2-1 loss to City in the FA Cup final 12 months ago despite finishing 31 points behind the champions this term.

United will also qualify for the Europa League, avoiding a first season without European action since 2014-15.

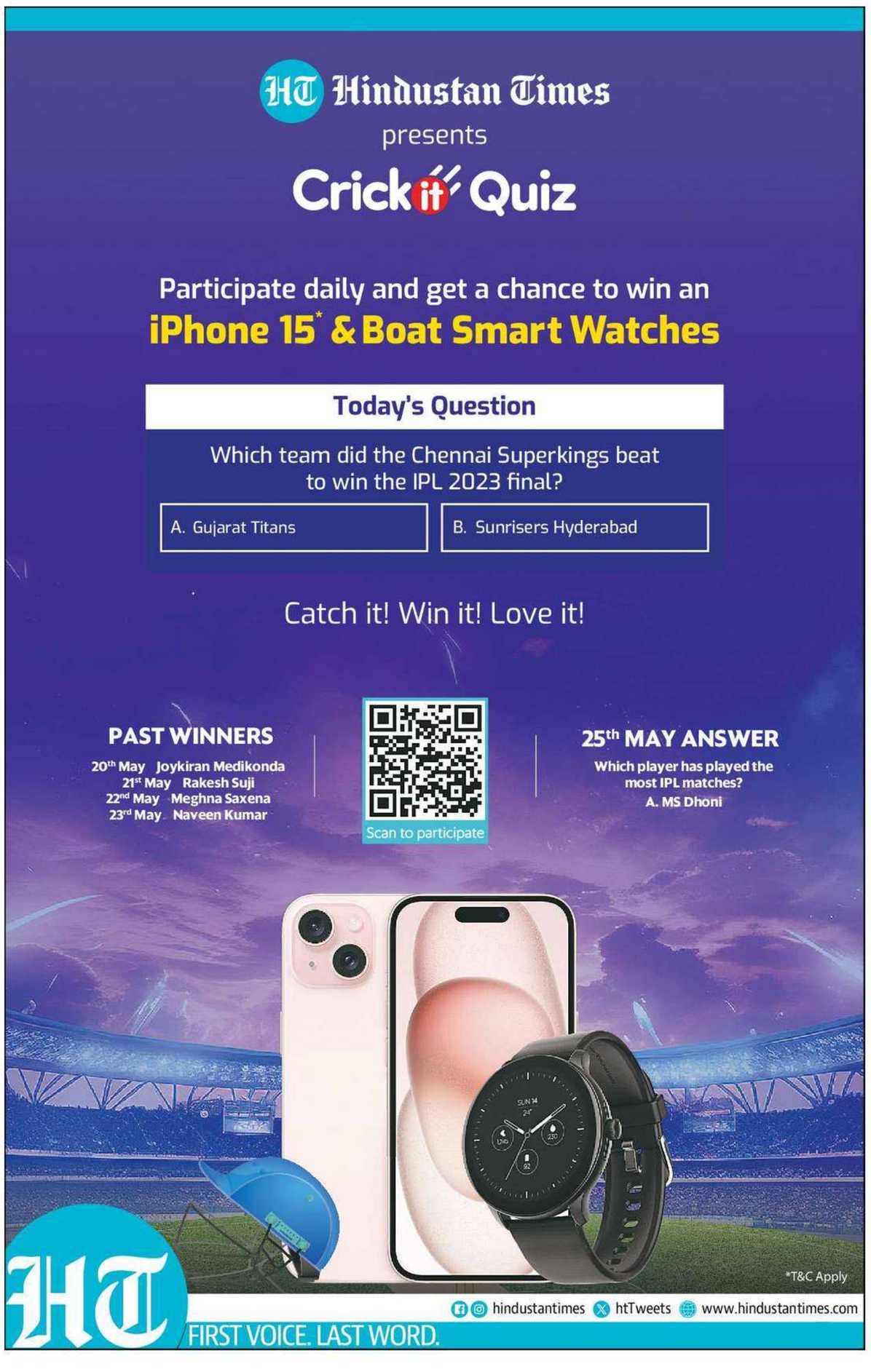
They benefitted from an unusually tepid City performance as their double bid fell flat in their first domestic defeat since losing at Aston Villa in the league 171 days ago.

Last weekend, City became the first team to win the Premier League in four consecutive seasons.

But Guardiola's men looked hungover after the celebrations that followed their sixth title in seven years.

City were furious when their strong penalty appeal was rejected inside the first minute after Lisandro Martinez's shove sent Erling Haaland sprawling.

Content to sit deep with all 11 men behind the ball, United stifled City impressively and gleefully accepted their gift-wrapped opener in the 30th minute.



Open season: Many contenders look to cash in at Roland Garros

With 14-time champ Nadal and world No.1 Djokovic slowing down, youngsters will look to make a mark

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MUMBAI: When it comes to Grand Slam tennis, it's the women's section that has often felt like a lottery over the past few years. There have been first-time Major winners aplenty, and dominance has tended to be surface specific. It's been a far cry from the men's tour, where members of the Big Three have continued to rule the roost.

However, heading into the French Open, it finally feels like the dawn of a new era beckons in men's tennis as well. While Roger Federer's career ground to a halt in 2022, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic went on to win nine of the 13 Majors between them over the last three years. But now, with Nadal struggling to find his best and Djokovic's shocking dip in form, there's no real favourite for the men's singles title at a Grand Slam for the first time in 20 years.

That this likely change of guard could happen at Roland Garros makes it all the more astonishing, for it is one Slam that had the clearest favourite for the better part of this century. But Nadal and Djokovic's troubles are only half the story. The draw this time is wide open also because of how the other contenders have fared in recent months.

"Right now, I don't see a clear favourite to win the tournament, but there is a wide range of players who can do it," Carlos Alcaraz said in his pre-tournament press conference. The Spanish world No.3 has been touted as the next big thing on clay since last year, when he defended his titles in Madrid and Barcelona, but he's had to cope with a right forearm injury since winning at Indian Wells in March.

There's no denying that when fit, Alcaraz can thrive on clay with his speed, power and creativity. But there's a big question mark over his preparation this time as it's been more than a month since he played competitively. Among the build-up tournaments for Roland Garros, he only competed in Madrid and lost in the quarter-finals to Andrey Rublev.

"Honestly, I came here with not as many matches as I wanted, but I'm focusing on the practice," said Alcaraz, who won Wimbledon in 2023 and the US Open the year before that. "I don't think I need too many matches to get my 100 percent. I'm not feeling any pain in the practices when I step on the court. But I'm still thinking about it when I am hitting forehands. Probably I'm gonna say I'm a little bit scared about hitting every forehand 100 percent. So, I have to change it in my first match."

Italian Jannik Sinner, the other next-gen star, finds himself in a similarly uncertain boat. It's fair to say that clay has been the weakest surface in his young career as he's won just one title on it (Umag, 2022), but his confidence and reputation grew a great deal this year with some fine performances. The 22-year-old had his breakthrough Grand Slam win at the Australian Open, following that up by winning the Rotterdam and Miami titles. He then reached the semi-finals in Monte Carlo and the quarters in Madrid, but has been hampered by a right hip injury since. The Italian, who skipped his home Masters in Rome, said his hip feels good now and the last tests he did were positive.

"For sure, the general physical shape is not where I want it to be, but we cannot make miracles happen in less than 10 days before the first round," said Sinner. "Most importantly, it's going to be the mental side. Of being mentally ready and accepting things that could happen on the court, and then we'll see what I can do."

Among the other hopefuls are Casper Ruud, Stefanos Tsitsipas and Alexander Zverev. Ruud has been a consistent performer on clay, having reached the French Open final the last two years, and won 10 of his 11 career titles on the red dirt. Tsitsipas too has been a Roland Garros runner-up (2021), and he won the Monte Carlo title this year. Zverev, who reached the semi-finals in Paris the last three years, will be high on confidence after last week's Italian Open triumph. The German will feature in the marquee first-round clash as he faces Nadal on Monday.

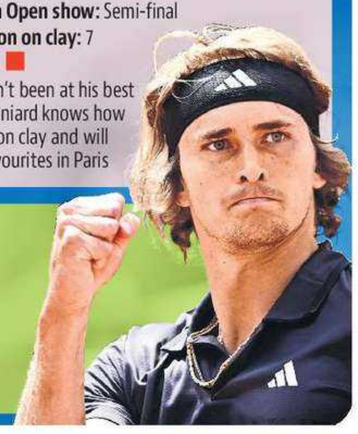
Although there are several contenders, there is no clear favourite. And that makes this year's French Open a fascinating prospect.

Time for a new winner?

Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic have dominated at the French Open for many years, but neither has won a title in 2024. A look at some of the other contenders for the men's singles title

JANNIK SINNER
World ranking: 2
Win-loss in 2024: 28-2
Best French Open show: Quarter-final (2020)
Previous French Open show: Second round
Overall titles won on clay: 1
Titles in 2024: 3
Clay is his weakest surface, but Sinner will be eager to build on his Australian Open win

CARLOS ALCARAZ
World ranking: 3
Win-loss in 2024: 18-5
Best French Open show: Semi-final (2023)
Previous French Open show: Semi-final
Overall titles won on clay: 7
Titles in 2024: 1
Although he hasn't been at his best this year, the Spaniard knows how to win big titles on clay and will be one of the favourites in Paris



ALEXANDER ZVEREV
World ranking: 4
Win-loss in 2024: 28-9
Best French Open show: Semi-final (2021, 2022, 2023)
Previous French Open show: Semi-final
Overall titles won on clay: 8
Titles in 2024: 1
The German has been consistent in Paris over the past three years and won the most recent ATP 1000 event in Rome

PRO LEAGUE: INDIA MEN AND WOMEN LOSE TO BELGIUM

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NEW DELHI: The Indian men's hockey team lost its FIH Pro League tie 2-2 (1-3) to reigning Olympic champions Belgium via penalties in Antwerp on Saturday. While Araijeet Singh Hundal (11th) and Sukhjeet Singh (57th) sounded the board for India, Felix Denayer (30th) and player of the match Florent van Aubel (50th) scored for the hosts.

Earlier in the day, India women went down 1-2 to Belgium with Ambre Ballenghien (15th) and Vanessa Blockmans (20th) scoring for the hosts. Sangita Kumari (34th) scored the only goal for the visitors.

Sindhu reaches her first final in 14 months

PV Sindhu. BWF/BADMINTONPHOTO

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NEW DELHI: It's been a long wait. PV Sindhu finally managed to reach a final after 14 months, after overcoming a slow start to win the semi-final at the $420,000 Malaysia Masters in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday.

It wasn't a cakewalk for the twice Olympic medallist, although she had beaten her opponent, Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungphan, in 17 of their 18 meetings. The former world champion struggled but eventually found her rhythm to beat the world No.20 13-21, 21-16, 21-12 in a marathon match that lasted an hour and 28 minutes.

The Axiata Arena has been quite lucky for India's current world No.15, who won the Super 500 tournament in 2013 and 2016 and will be gunning for a third on Sunday. Busanan was clearly the better player at the start as she moved well, easily countering Sindhu's returns and killing any shuttle at the net in the first game.

After not leading the game even once in the first game, fifth seed Sindhu turned the tables on Busanan in the second by just keeping the shuttle in play and not trying dynamic shots.

Having drawn level, the momentum had shifted by the time the third game started as Sindhu raced away to an 8-2 lead. Under pressure, errors started creeping into Busanan's game. The Thai also looked tired as the clock crossed the hour mark. Sindhu's screams of exultation started getting louder as she got closer to victory, making her first final since the 2023 Spain Masters loss to Indonesia's Gregoria Mariska Tunjung. "I am playing her after a very long time. She is playing a very good game. There were really long rallies and both of us didn't give up till the last minute. I was just keeping the shuttle in court however long the rallies went. Every point was important for both of us," Sindhu said as she continued to build momentum in the run-up to the Olympics.

"I am moving well and getting that confidence back. These kind of wins give me the confidence to perform."

In the summit clash, the 28-year-old will take on Chinese second seed Wang Zhi Yi, against whom Sindhu has a 2-1 record. It was the Chinese world No.7 who came out on top the last time they met at the 2023 Arctic Open.