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WILL HOLD FORMAL STATE VISIT WITH MACRON BIDEN IN FRANCE FOR D-DAY SPEECH

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden landed in France on Wednesday to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day. He will also hold a formal state visit with President Emmanuel Macron. He will also meet Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Normandy to discuss the war with Russia.

BEING PART OF GOVT NOT A CONDITION TO RECONCILE: HAMAS OFFICIAL

Hamas signals post-war ambition in talks with Palestinian rival Fatah

China to host next Hamas, Fatah talks mid-June

REUTERS RAMALLAH, JUNE 5

DEEP DIVISIONS will limit progress at reconciliation talks between Palestinian factions Hamas and Fatah this month, conversations with five sources in the groups indicate, but the meetings highlight that the Islamist group is likely to retain influence after Israel's war in Gaza.

The talks between Hamas and the Fatah party of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas will be held in China in mid-June, according to officials from both sides. They follow two recent rounds of reconciliation talks, one in China and one in Russia.

The next meeting will be held amid attempts by international mediators to reach a ceasefire deal for Gaza.

Hamas, which ruled Gaza before the war, recognises it cannot be part of any internationally recognised new government of the Palestinian territories when fighting in the enclave eventually ends, said the source.

Nonetheless, it wants Fatah to agree to a new technocratic administration for the West Bank and Gaza as part of a wider political deal. the source and senior Hamas official Basim Naim said. "Whether Hamas is in the government or outside it, that is not a prime demand of the movement and it doesn't see it a condition for any reconciliation," he said.

LEBANON

Gunman fires

embassy: Army

Beirut: Agunman fired shots

at the U.S. embassy in

Lebanon on Wednesday

and was wounded in an ex-

change of fire with troops,

the Lebanese army said. The

army said the attacker, a

Syrian national, was de-

tained and taken to hospital

for treatment and soldiers

were searching through the

area for other gunmen. The

U.S. embassy said small

arms fire was reported near

its entrance in the morning

but that the facility and staff

were safe. U.S. ambassador

Lisa Johnson is travelling

outside Lebanon.REUTERS

To start working

from new capital

President Joko "Jokowi"

Wednesday he plans to

start working from the new

capital city next month

amid concerns over the fu-

ture of the project following

resignations of senior exec-

utives overseeing the devel-

opment. Jokowi said

progress of a number of infrastructure development under the first phase of the \$32 billion capital city, called

Nusantara, on Borneo island, has reached around

80%. "God willing, in July I will start working from the new capital city," Jokowi said in an Instagram post.

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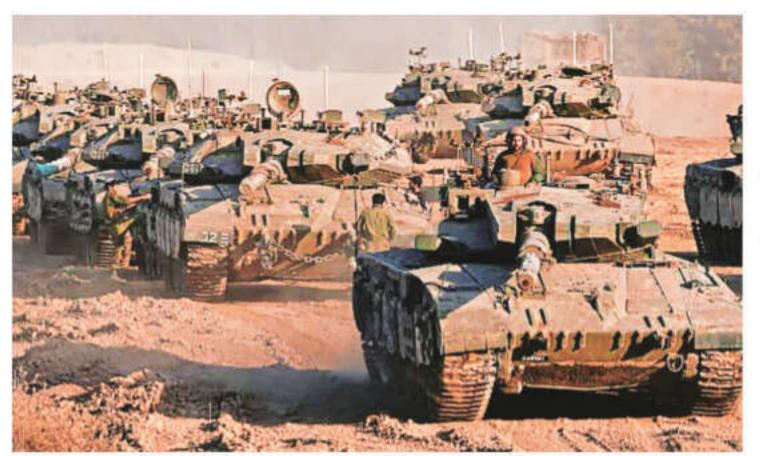
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shots at US



Tanks near the Gaza border in Israel on Wednesday. Reuters

Covert Israeli op targets lawmakers, American public for support on war

THE NEW YORK TIMES TEL AVIV, JUNE 5

ISRAEL ORGANIZED and paid for an influence campaign last year targeting U.S. lawmakers and the American public with pro-Israel messaging, as it aimed to foster support for its actions in the war with Gaza, according to officials involved in the effort and documents related to the operation.

The covert campaign was commissioned by Israel's Ministry of Diaspora Affairs, a government body that connects lews around

ANC holds talks

the world with the State of Israel, funding Israel's military. four Israeli officials said. The ministry allocated about \$2 million to the operation and hired Stoic, a political marketing firm in Tel Aviv, to carry it out, according to the officials and the documents.

The campaign began in October and remains active on the platform X. The accounts focused on US lawmakers, particularly ones who are Black and Democrats, such Representative Hakeem Jeffries from New York, and Senator Raphael Warnock of Georgia, with

posts urging them to continue

ChatGPT, the artificial intelligence-powered chatbot, was

used to generate many of the posts. The campaign also created three fake English-language news sites featuring pro-Israel articles. The Israeli government's con-

nection to the influence operation, was verified with four current and former members of the Ministry of Diaspora Affairs and documents about the campaign. The secretive campaign sig-

nals the lengths Israel was willing to go to sway American opinion on the war in Gaza.

Israel restarts central Gaza strikes amid ceasefire talks

NIDAL AL-MUGHRABI CAIRO, JUNE 5

ISRAEL ANNOUNCED a new military campaign against Hamas in central Gaza on Wednesday and Palestinian medics said airstrikes there had killed dozens of people ahead of talks between US and Qatari mediators to try to finalise a ceasefire deal.

The armed wings of Hamas and Islamic Jihad said they had fought gun battles with Israeli forces in areas throughout the enclave. At least 44 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli military strikes in central Gaza Strip areas since Tuesday, health officials in the enclave said.

The Israeli military said jets were hitting Hamas militant targets in central Gaza while ground forces were operating "in a focused manner with guidance from intelligence" in the area of Al-Bureij - one of Gaza's long established refugee settlements.

"The forces of the 98th Division began a precise campaign in the areas of East Bureij and East Deir al-Balah, above and below ground at the same time," an Israeli military statement said. Residents said Israeli forces had sent tanks into Bureij and planes and tanks pounded the nearby settlements of Al-Maghazi and Al-Nuseirat as well as Deir Al-Balah city, where tanks have not invaded. REUTERS

FIRST DEBATE A MONTH BEFORE JULY 4 GENERAL ELECTION

In heated debate, Sunak, Starmer go head-to-head on economy, immigration

PM stresses on 'stable' continuity, Labour argues for change

ASSOCIATED PRESS LONDON, JUNE 5

BRITISH PRIME Minister Rishi Sunak and opposition Labour Party leader Keir Starmer sparred Tuesday over tax, the cost of living and the country's creaking health system in an inconclusive televised debate ahead of a July 4 election expected to make one of them the country's next leader.

Sunak tried to boost his center-right party's dismal outlook by urging voters to back the stability of continued Conservative government.

Starmer hoped to cement his status as favorite by arguing that Britain desperately needs change. Both acknowledged the country's many problems, from fraying public services to a broken immigration system. But neither could say outright, when asked, where the money would come from to fix them.

Sunak stressed his stewardship of the economy, which has seen inflation fall to just over 2% from a peak of more than 11% in late 2022. He said should stick with him because his "clear plan" for the economy was working.

Starmer said the election was a choice between more "chaos and division" with the



PM Rishi Sunak, host Julie Etchingham and Labour leader Keir Starmer in Manchester on Tuesday. Reuters

Conservatives and "turning the page and rebuilding with Labour." Polls currently give center-left Labour a double-digit lead. To win, Starmer must persuade voters who previously backed the Tories that Labour can be trusted with the U.K.'s economy, borders and security.

Speaking in front of a live audience on a sleek, futuristic set at the studios of broadcaster ITV in Salford, northwest England, both Starmer and Sunak appeared nervous. Voters may have got the impression their choice is between two cautious and rather dull managers.

New door for Tories' revival

TRAILING BADLY in the opinion polls for over 18 months, TV debates open a new door for Sunak and Conservatives to revive a stalling campaign. Though he struggled to defend the Tories' 14-yr track record, one opinion poll of viewers Tuesday declared Sunak a narrow victor, which may have steadied some nerves inside his anxious party.

Milei's economy

poverty deepens

misery for poor

in Argentina

US SAYS CHINA HELPS RUSSIA IN WAR

Kremlin says US blackmailing China with sanctions over exports to Russia

REUTERS ST PETERSBURG, JUNE 5

THE KREMLIN on Wednesday described comments by U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen that Washington would not tolerate China increasing its exports of "dual-use" goods to Russia, and would respond with sanctions, as "blackmail".

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that Washington's tone was completely unacceptable and that Moscow stood in solidarity with Beijing. "We are well aware that our Chinese comrades do not accept such language, do not accept such messages and such threats, such blackmail," Peskov told reporters.

The United States says that by providing dual-use goods - which have both civilian and military applications - China is powering Russia's war effort in Ukraine.

"China is the top supplier of machine tools, microelectronics, nitrocellulose, which is critical to making munitions and rocket propellants, and other dual-use items that Moscow is using to ramp up its defence industrial base," Secretary of State Antony Blinken said during a visit to Beijing in April.

"I have been extremely clear at the highest levels of the Chinese government that this is



Vladimir Putin with Xi Jinping in Beijing, in May this year. Reuters file

something we will not tolerate, and that we intend to sanction this activity," Yellen said.

Peskov said China's economic power in the world was such that "even the United States can hardly afford to speak in such a tone. Perhaps not evervone in America's leadership has understood this at the moment, but over time they will understand it."

"We know for sure that the Chinese do not like this, and we are in solidarity and consider such a tone, such threats inappropriate," he said.

Russia and China have sharply boosted bilateral trade since the start of the Ukraine war as Russia's commerce with the West has been decimated by waves of sanctions. Two-way trade hit \$240.1 billion in 2023, up 26% from a year earlier.

A church that helps the poor **in Buenos Aires.** Reuters Buenos Alres: Homelessness is on

the rise across major Argentine cities as the new libertarian government's tough medicine reforms squeeze pensions, state salaries and push up rental prices forcing more people into poverty.

The latest survey by local authorities showed the official number of Argentines sleeping rough on the streets of Buenos Aires reached 4,009 in April, up from 3,511 a year prior.

These numbers are being replicated in other urban centers like Cordoba and Rosario, as President Javier Milei rebalances the state purse at a steep cost to the economy and the most vulnerable. Rocio Coman, who receives a state pension, has been homeless for several years. She described the sit-

She was among a mix of homeless and now workingclass people seeking help from "Amigos en Camino", a charity in Buenos Aires that patrols the streets distributing aid to those struggling to stay afloat.

uation as a "disaster".

So far, the government response to the homelessness crisis has faced criticism. **REUTERS**

with 5 parties over coalition, says it's still early



ANC spokesperson Mahlengi Bhengu-Motsiri at a press meet, Wednesday. Reuters

Johannesburg: Top officials in

South Africa's African National Congress have had initial talks with representatives of five other parties over a coalition or other agreement to form a government, but no decision has been made and the talks are at an early stage, the ANC said Wednesday.

ANC spokesperson Mahlengi Bhengu-Motsiri told reporters that there had been "exploratory" talks with the main opposition Democratic Alliance, the far-left Economic Freedom Fighters and three other smaller parties. She said the ANC had "repeatedly" reached out to the new MK Party of former President Jacob Zuma for talks, but there had been "no positive response." Zuma is a former ANC leader who has turned his back on the party and become fiercely critical of current President Cyril Ramaphosa. AP



SUNITA WILLIAMS MAKES 3RD SPACE TRIP

NASA astronauts Butch Wilmore and Sunita Williams as they leave to the launch pad at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida, Wednesday. Williams and Wilmore are the first members aboard Boeing's Starliner spacecraft. This is Williams's third flight to space. AP

German far-right politician attacked in second stabbing incident in a week

Berlin: A local candidate for Germany's right-wing Alternative for Germany (AfD) party has been injured in a knife attack, the party and police said on Wednesday, the second such incident in the city of Mannheim days after a police of-

ficer was killed. AfD member Heinrich Koch

was attacked with a cutter knife after confronting the suspect who was tearing down election posters near a town square, the party said. Police said the 25-year-old suspect was detained and, showing clear signs of mental illness, was

taken to a psychiatric hospital. It comes days after the attack at an anti-Islam demonstration in which a policeman was killed.

The party has sought to portray the attack as part of a targeted campaign by left-wing extremists. However, police said there was no concrete evidence that the suspect knew that he was attacking an AfD politician.

RISING TEMPERATURES BROUGHT BY CLIMATE CHANGE DISRUPT FOOD CHAINS FOR BEES, FLOWERING OF PLANTS

Climate change: Nepal's honey gatherers say fewer hives threaten tradition

NAVESH CHITRAKAR & YUBARAJ SHARMA TAAP, JUNE 5

AITA PRASAD Gurung dangled off a cliff in Nepal, carefully manipulating a long pole with a blade at its end to cut away chunks of honeycomb after Himalayan bees fled the fumes from a fire set to drive them from their homes.

The 40-year-old wore a white hat with a net swathing his face to protect against stings as he hung 50 m off the precipice on a handmade ladder, braided from bamboo strands, to reach the bee colonies. "It is fraught with danger of falling," said Aita, whose

community has traditionally harvested honey from hives perched hundreds of feet off the ground. "One must extract honey and stay safe at the same time.'

Now the generations-old craft is increasingly under threat as some experts say rising temperatures brought by climate change disrupt the growth of bees, the availability of their food and even pollination of plants.

"There were about 35 hives last year," said another member of the community, Chitra Bahadur Gurung, 49, adding, "We barely have 15 now."

For generations, the Gurung community in Taap and other villages in the nearby districts of



Tek Prasad Gurung, 64, takes a bite from freshly-harvested honeycomb during honey hunting near Taap. Reuters

Lamjung and Kaski, have scoured

the steep cliffs for honey. The honeycomb extract, also known as 'mad honey', for some intoxicating qualities that can cause hallucinations, sells for 2,000 Nepali rupees (\$1.5) a litre, but the villagers rule out overharvesting as a reason for falling collections. With less honey available to collect every year, income from the pursuit has declined over the past decade, said 41-year-old Hem Raj Gurung. "We harvested about 600 kg of honey 10 years back, which fell to about 180 kg last year and is just about 100 kg this year," he said.

Some experts blame climate change, driven by a global rise in temperatures, as a major factor in

the decline, but other contributors are deforestation, diversion of water from streams and rivers for hy-

droelectric dams and pesticides. Temperatures in the Himalayas range higher than an average global increase of 1.2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, UN data and independent research show. Global studies show that a temperature rise of even one degree affects the growth of bees, the availability of their food and cross pollination of plants.

Research showed climate change was disrupting the food chains for bees and the flowering of plants, affecting populations of both across the world, added Bhadwal, the head of earth sci-

ence and climate change at the institute. Climate change was affecting the Himalayan cliff bees in different ways, said Surendra Raj Joshi, a specialist in resilient livelihood at the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development in Kathmandu. "Too much or too little rain, in-

tense or erratic rain, and long dry spells or high fluctuations in temperature, put stress on honeybees to maintain colony strength and honey stocks," he said. Lifecycle changes in plants also cause early or late flowering and fluctuations in secretion of nectar and honeydew, he said, adding, "The most visible indicator of the change is the erratic weather." **REUTERS**

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Biden, Putin, Sunak call Modi; Ranil & Hasina invited to swearing-in

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden called up Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday and congratulated him and the NDA on their victory, and the "nearly 650 million voters in this historic election".

After the call, Modi said in a post on X: "Happy to receive call from my friend President @JoeBiden. Deeply value his warm words of felicitations and his appreciation for Indian democracy. Conveyed that India-US Comprehensive Global Partnership is poised to witness many new landmarks in the years to come. Our partnership will continue to be a force for global good for the benefit of humanity." In a post on X, President

Biden said, "Congratulations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the National Democratic Alliance on their victory, and the nearly 650 million voters in this historic election. The friendship between our nations is only growing as we unlock a shared future of unlimited potential."

Besides Biden, Russian President Vladimir Putin, French President Emmanuel Macron. British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Israel PM Benjamin Netanyahu, Italian PM Giorgia Meloni, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Egypt President Abdel Fatah El Sisi were among the world leaders who congratulated Prime Minister Modi for the victory of the BIP-led NDA in the Lok Sabha elections.

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to stake claim to form govt at the Centre

NO CLARITY ON SWEARING-IN DATE,

Modi may attend TDP's Andhra ceremony

NDA elects Modi, to stake claim



Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde during the meeting of NDA leaders at his residence in New Delhi on Wednesday. ANI

Rajnath, Shah, Nadda tasked by Modi to hold talks with partners

LIZ MATHEW & MAHENDER SINGH **MANRAL**

NEW DELHI. JUNE 5

A DAY after the BJP lost majority and the NDA secured 293 seats in the new Lok Sabha, the alliance Wednesday elected Narendra Modi as its leader and decided to stake claim to form the government.

Modi, on his part, assured partners that the NDA will work with greater strength to attain its goal of a Viksit Bharat.

Led by Modi, the NDA is expected to go to Rashtrapati

Bhavan Friday to stake claim. On Wednesday, President Droupadi Murmu dissolved the 17th Lok Sabha on the advice of the Union Cabinet, according to

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the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Modi tendered his resignation to President Murmu who accepted it and asked him CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Ally TDP likely to demand special status for Andhra, Cabinet berths

SREENIVAS JANYALA HYDERABAD. JUNE 5

A SPECIAL Category Status for Andhra Pradesh, Cabinet berths including for his son in the new government, and funds for Amaravati capital city he had originally planned, are the key demands that Telugu Desam Party will make as talks commence over the formation of a BJP-led coalition government at the Centre.

Led by N Chandrababu Naidu, TDP put up a stellar performance in Andhra Pradesh, winning 16 of the 17 Lok Sabha seats it contested and bagging 135 seats of the total 175 in the Assembly polls. With BJP falling short of the half-way mark at the Centre, the TDP, which had a prepoll alliance with the saffron party, is the second-largest constituent of the NDA, giving it a



Naveen era ends, all eyes on BJP's CM pick

The three ministries JDU will have its eyes on

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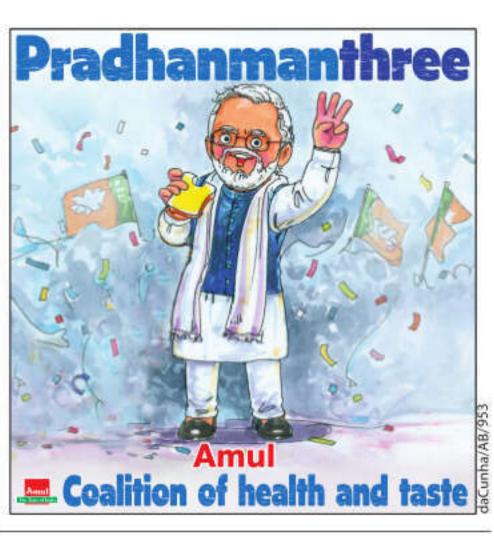
strong bargaining hand. A day after he spearheaded the landslide win, Naidu on

Wednesday dismissed rumours of a possible switch to the INDIA bloc and affirmed that he is still a part of the NDA. "I am going to New Delhi to attend the NDA meeting. I will let you know if there are any other developments," he said before taking a flight to the national capital from Andhra.

He attended the NDA meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the evening.

Sources said the TDP chief is likely to seek Special Category Status (SCS) for Andhra, an issue over which he had walked out of the NDA in 2018. The SCS will ensure the state gets most of the Central funds in the form of grants (which do not carry any interest) and industrial incentives including tax exemptions, duty waivers, and GST concessions.

The TDP chief is also likely to seek additional funds from the CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



Message from INDIA bloc: Mandate a reply to the BJP, will keep watch on Modi Govt



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with SP chief Akhilesh Yadav after the INDIA bloc meeting in Delhi, Wednesday. Anil Sharma

We will take appropriate steps at the appropriate time: Kharge after meet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

BOLSTERED BY the gains in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, top leaders of the Opposition INDIA bloc met Wednesday and indicated a restraint rather than a proactive push to explore government formation. While the Congress was not in a mood to scout for numbers now, some of the parties, including the Shiv Sena and Trinamool Congress, leaned on

the side of exploring options. Almost all the leaders who attended the meeting at Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's residence felt the people's mandate was against the BJP, the fact — many of them underscored – nevertheless is that the BJP has emerged as the single largest party and the NDA, a prepoll coalition, has crossed the halfway mark. The majority view, at the end of the meeting, was that the INDIA bloc should

wait and watch for now. Calling the mandate a reply

to the BIP government, the coalition resolved to "continue to fight against the fascist rule of the BJP led by (Narendra) Modi"

"We will take appropriate steps at the appropriate time to realise the people's desire not to be ruled by the BJP's government. This is our decision, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said, reading out a joint statement of the alliance.

The first draft of the statement was vague on the Opposition's willingness to explore options, now or later. At the instance of several leaders, the draft was revised and the line that it will take "appropriate steps at the appropriate time" to realise the people's desire not to be ruled by the BIP's government was added.

The choice of words in the INDIA bloc statement on the ver dict was interesting as it said the "people's mandate has given a **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Seat that gave Himanta heartburn, and Gogoi many reasons to smile

SUKRITA BARUAH GUWAHATI, JUNE 5

IORHAT MAY be just one of 14 Lok Sabha seats in Assam, but Congress leader Gaurav Gogoi's commanding victory there — in a contest where the BIP ran its most aggressive campaign and where Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma led from the front will sting the state leadership

More so since it has prompted rare dissent from within — soon after Gogoi's victory, a BJP MLA said publicly that "arrogance" had cost his party the seat.

In a social media post Tuesday evening, BJP's Khumtai MLA Mrinal Saika called Gogoi's win "amazing" and "significant" and wrote: "The outcome proved that money, big public-



Congress candidate Gaurav Gogoi along with his supporters in Jorhat on Tuesday. ANI

ity, overdoses of leaders and arrogant speeches does not always help to win elections."

This invited Sarma's ire, and

soon leave the BIP for the Congress.

Speaking to *The Indian* Express, Saikia, a BJP veteran who he suggested that Saikia would CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

by Central agencies jumped party, lost polls

Nine of 13 being probed

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY NEW DELHI. JUNE 5

FROM YAMINI JADHAV of the Shiv Sena Shinde faction in Maharashtra to BIP's Tapas Roy in West Bengal, from Pradeep Yadav of the Congress in Iharkhand to BJP's Jyothi Mirdha in Rajasthan, nine of the

13 turncoat candidates or their family members being probed by investigative agencies, lost in the Lok Sabha elections whose results were declared Tuesday.

Of these nine who lost, as many as seven belonged to the BIP or its allies.

There were more than 150 turncoats — politicians who

shifted from one political party to another — in the fray in the elections that concluded on Saturday. Of these, 13 candidates or their family members are facing probes either by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the Income Tax Department or the Enforcement Directorate (ED). Of the 13, eight had switched

sides to the BJP — seven from Congress and one from Trinamool Congress; two had switched sides to the Shiv Sena Shinde faction from the Shiv Sena, one switched to TDP from YSRCP; and two to

Congress from the Jharkhand Vikas Party and PEP, respectively. Of the eight under agency scanner who joined the BJP, six **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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UTTARKASHI: FIVE TREKKERS FROM KARNATAKA DEAD, **FOUR MISSING** PAGE 7

How 44 are NEET toppers because of a wrong answer, wrong textbook

DEEKSHATERI NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

OFTHE 67 candidates who got a perfect score (720/720) in the 2024 NEET-UG results announced by the NTA Tuesday, as many as 44 made it to the top because, ironically, they got an answer to a basic physics question wrong — and received "grace marks" for that.

Reason: their wrong answer

was amazing," Pathan said.

was based on an incorrect reference in their old Class 12 NCERT

science textbook. been more than three toppers in any year of NEET UG, which is the single gateway for admission to all MBBS programmes in the country. In 2019 and 2020, there was one topper each. There were three toppers in 2021, one in

2022, and two last year. However, this year, a multiple-choice Physics question on

After playing 57 ODIs and 22

atoms opened the floodgates for

high scores. The question was based on Since 2019, there haven't two statements. The first said: "Atoms are electrically neutral as they contain equal numbers of positive and negative charges. The second statement said: "Atoms of each element are stable and emit their characteristic spectrum."

> Candidates were asked to choose the "most appropriate **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

On Adhir upset, Pathan says 'felt same tension' before 2007 India-Pak final

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DEVENDRA PANDEY

MUMBAI, JUNE 5

AT BAHARAMPUR in West Bengal, Yusuf Pathan was facing pressure of a different kind when he got a call from a friend who wanted to check on him. On his political debut, Pathan was taking on five-time MP and Congress veteran Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, and the votes were

being counted. "I had felt the same tension before the 2007 India-Pakistan World T20 final in South Africa. That helped and I knew that I could handle it," Pathan, the cricketer turned TMC politician, told *The Indian Express* while driving to Kolkata to meet his

party chief Mamata Banerjee. The two similar days in the 41-year-old's storied life both

ended in famous wins. In 2007, M S Dhoni's young team, in which the all-rounder played a key role, went on to win the inaugural World T20 title against all expectations. Seventeen years later, on Tuesday, Pathan once again proved to be a giant killer, polling

5,24,516 votes to defeat the Congress party's most vocal MP Chowdhury by 85,022 votes.

A day after the triumph, the Baroda resident, who was labelled during the 2024 Lok Sabha election campaign by his rivals as an "outsider", appeared to be settling in the new role as a people's representative. "Nervousness on a big day is not new. But as time passes, things start getting normal. It is like when I walk out to bat on debut... the more you stay at the crease, the more things get normal. As counting went along, things started easing. I was confident that people would vote for me, the rallies I did, the love I got



Former cricketer and TMC candidate Yusuf Pathan after winning the elections from Baharampur on Tuesday. PTI

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fairytale about the son of a muezzin who worked and stayed at Baroda's famous Jama Masjid. To raise the family that had two budding cricketers — Yusuf and his younger brother Irfan — Pathan Sr also sold 'ittar' outside the masjid, worked at a chemical factory and, at times, even drove an auto-rickshaw. Irfan, too, played for the country and the two brothers together have three World titles. Yusuf was also part of the 2011 World Cup winning team.

'Pathan in Parliament' could T20Is, Pathan retired in 2022. An now possibly be the title of the animal lover — he keeps birds, latest chapter of the endearing rabbits and horses at this farm house — he seemed to be at peace. But four months ago, he got an unexpected call from the TMC. Baharampur's 52-per cent Muslim voters and the role that Pathan played in Kolkata Knight Riders' two IPL titles were said to be the reasons for the approach. The brothers then held a long discussion among themselves even as the family "was reluctant". But then, trusting his instincts, Pathan

> decided to take the plunge. "One day, suddenly, I don't know why, I said 'Let's do it, we

didn't go asking for this. This opportunity has come to us, so let us take it'. Through this, we can help people and in case we have to go to Bengal, what is the problem," Pathan recalled. He isn't the only former

cricketer to have won on a TMC ticket from Bengal this time. Kirti Azad, the 1983 World Cup winner, too caused a major upset. He won the Bardhaman-Durgapur seat by 1.38 lakh votes, pushing former West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh to second spot Now Azad, a four-time MP af-

ter his earlier wins from Darbhanga in Bihar, has some **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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Rajnath, Shah, Nadda to hold talks with partners

to continue until the new government assumes office.

The newly-elected NDA MPs will also hold a meeting Friday. It's not clear yet when the new government will be sworn in. While there were reports that the swearing-in might take place Saturday, sources in the security establishment indi-

cated that no event has been

planned yet for June 8-9. June 9 is also the day ministers of the TDP government in Andhra Pradesh will be administered the oath of office in Amaravati and Modi may attend the ceremony.

Sources said details of government formation at the Centre will be discussed between leaders of the NDA parties, especially TDP leader N Chandrababu Naidu and Bihar Chief Minister and JD (U) leader Nitish Kumar, ahead of staking claim.

According to sources, Modi has assigned Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP chief J P Nadda to conduct the talks with partner leaders for finalising details of government formation.

Although Naidu did not clarify to the BJP leadership whether

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the TDP — it now has 16 MPs will be part of the government at the Centre or will extend outside support, a source in the TDP said the party may join the gov-

ernment after negotiations. Sources said Naidu will wait to see what the BIP is offering to his party before taking a final decision on joining the government. Nitish Kumar's JD (U) is expecting key Cabinet berths in the new government. LJP (R) leader Chirag Paswan, sources said, is expected to be a minister in the Cabinet.

The TDP is keen on getting the post of Speaker in the Lok Sabha, but the BJP has not made any commitment on it.

After the meeting at Modi's official residence at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg, Naidu went to the residence of BJP leader Piyush Goyal for "tea and talks" for 30 minutes.

The new NDA is expected to have a convener and will hold frequent coordination meetings.

In its first meeting, which was attended among others by Naidu and Nitish Kumar, the NDA passed a resolution underscoring its commitment to serve the poor, women, youth, farmers — the four "castes" that Modi had announced as his focus ahead of the elections — and the deprived sections of society.

"The meeting was cordial. The Prime Minister made a brief speech in which he said all of us should work as one unit for the development of the country. He said the NDA will be stronger and work hard," said one of the leaders who attended the meet-

While the leaders congratulated him on his leadership and his initiatives for the eradication of poverty and the strides India has made under him, Modi said the results Tuesday was a historic mandate as it was the first time in 60 years that a government was returning for a third consecutive term.

In his brief address, he criticised the Opposition for attacking the institutions. He is learnt to have said they can attack him but no one should attack insti-

"NDA partners said that Modi has a clear vision for Viksit Bharat and all of them are partners in this goal. They also lauded the PM's role in enhancing India's pride in the international community," a source

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, LJP-R's Paswan, JD(S) leader H D Kumaraswamy, Jitan Ram Manjhi (HAM), Pawan

Kalyan (Jana Sena Party), Anupriya Patel (Apna Dal-S), Jayant Chaudhary (RLD), Pramod Boro (UPPL), Atup Bora (AGP), Indra Hang Subba (SKM), Sudesh Mahta (AJSU), Rajiv Ranjan Singh and Sanjay Jha (JD-U), Praful Patel and Sunil Tatkare (NCP) also attended the meet-

Rajnath Singh, Shah and Nadda were also at the meeting.

The resolution said the NDA government will continue working to lift people's living standards for the country's allround development while conserving its heritage.

"We are all proud that the NDA fought the 2024 Lok Sabha polls unitedly under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and won. We all NDA leaders unanimously elect Narendra Modi as our leader," it said.

The resolution also said that people have seen the country being developed in every sector in the last 10 years due to the pro-people policies of the NDA government under Modi.

Meanwhile, a security meet-

ing was called Wednesday afternoon to discuss preparations for the swearing-in ceremony at

As of now, sources said, there is no event on June 8-9. Around 10,000 cards are being printed and some 8,500 guests are expected once the ceremony date is firmed up.

the Rashtrapati Bhavan

A message was conveyed Wednesday morning to the senior officials of Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, SPG, Delhi Police, Intelligence Bureau and Rashtrapati Bhavan.

"The meeting, which lasted for around two-and-half hours, started around 3.30 pm. It was chaired by the Secretary (Security) in the Cabinet Secretariat who enquired about the planning for the security arrangements and also about the Head of States who may be coming from abroad," a source

"All security units have made their arrangements. It has been decided that they will allow entry to only those with a special parking entry pass from the Rashtrapati Bhavan. Others can drop their guests and move out,' the source said.

> and joined the BJP in 2021. The Enforcement Directorate raided the residence of TMC chief whip in West Bengal Assembly in Ianuary this year in connection with a case of money laundering concerning alleged irregularities in civic body recruitments. Early March, Tapas Roy joined the BJP

lost the polls; of the two who

joined Sena's Shinde faction, one

lost; and one each from the Jhar-

khand Vikas Party and PEP who

had joined the Congress also lost.

coats who lost are Jyoti Mirdha

from Nagaur in Rajasthan;

Kripashankar Singh from Jaunpur

in UP; Roy from Kolkata Uttar;

Kothapalli Geeta from Araku in

Andhra Pradesh; Preneet Kaur

from Patiala; and Geeta Koda from

tion, Yamini Jadhav lost the polls

from Mumbai South, while from

Congress Pradeep Yadav lost from

Mirdha had joined the BJP in

September 2023, about six

her husband Narendra Gehlaut.

chief Kripashankar Singh was fac-

tionate assets by the Maharashtra

Anti Corruption Bureau in 2012.

The ED initiated a probe based on

the ACB case. In February 2018,

Singh was discharged by a court

because of lack of sanction. In

2019, he resigned from Congress

From the Shiv Sena Shinde fac-

Former Congress leader Jyoti

Singhbhum in Jharkhand.

Godda in Jharkhand.

Among the prominent turn-

to TMC's Sudeep Bandopadhyay.

In the 2019 polls, Geeta Koda, wife of former Jharkhand CM Madhu Koda, was the only Congress candidate who won from the state. As her husband stands convicted in one of the many cases registered against him by the CBI and ED and probes in others continue, she joined the BJP in February this year and was fielded from her stronghold Singhbhum. She, however, lost to

Nine of 13 being probed by agencies jumped party, lost

In Andhra Pradesh, former YS-RCP MP Kothapalli Geetha and her husband P Ramakoteswara Rao were booked and chargesheeted by CBI in 2015 for allegedly duping the Punjab National Bank by defaulting on a Rs 42-crore loan they got by misrepresenting facts.

the JMM candidate.

months before the Lok Sabha In July 2019, Geetha joined the BJP. But in September 2022, she polls. Months earlier, the Enforcement Directorate had initiated a was convicted by the trial court probe against Indiabulls based on and sentenced to five years in jail along with her husband. They a complaint by the Shipra Group. were both arrested by the CBI. The Indiabulls is run by Mirdha's incouple soon got relief with the laws—Indiabulls promoter Sameer Gehlaut is the brother of Telangana HC not only granting them bail but also suspending the Former Mumbai Congress sentence. However, since the conviction continued to stand, Geetha ing a probe in a case of disproporcould not contest.

On March 12, Telangana HC cleared the way by staying the conviction as well. On March 28, BIP announced her candidature from Araku. She, however, lost the polls to YSRCP's Gumma Rani.

Former Congress leader and Punjab CM Captain Amarinder Singh's wife Preneet Kaur was fielded by the BJP from Patiala. Their son Raninder Singh came under the ED scanner in 2020 in connection with a case of forex violations. In November 2021, Amarinder quit the Congress. The next year he joined the BJP. Kaur and was fielded from Kolkata stood third behind Congress's Uttar by the BJP. However, he lost Dharamvir Gandhi and AAP's

Balbir Singh.

In Maharashtra, Shiv Sena's Yamini Jadhav had walked out of the party to join the Eknath Shinde faction in June 2022, toppling the Uddhav Thackeray government. She along with her husband Yashwant Jadhav were then facing ED investigations in multiple cases. Yamini was fielded from Mumbai South by the NDA in these polls but lost to Shiv Sena **UBT's Arvind Sawant.**

Shiv Sena veteran Ravindra Waikar had stuck with Uddhav Thackeray during the political upheaval in June 2022. However, the new Eknath Shinde-led NDA government soon opened a probe against him by Mumbai police's economic offences wing which was followed by an ED probe. This March, Waikar walked into the Shinde camp saying he had to make a choice between going to iail and switching parties. He was fielded from Mumbai North West and barely scraped through, winning by just 48 votes.

Congress's Pradeep Yadav, who contested from Jharkhand had no such luck. Raided by ED last year, he lost to BJP's Nishikant Dubey. He had moved to Congress from JVP. Congress candidate from Punjab's Sangrur Sukhpal Singh Khaira, who had joined the party from Punjab Ekta Party, was also facing ED probe but lost.

There were others like Waikar who won despite being under the shadow of agencies and changing sides. Prominent among them was Naveen Jindal, who switched from Congress to the BJP months ahead of polls, winning from

Chargesheeted in the coal blocks allocation case, Jindal had been raided by ED in a fresh case months ahead of him joining the

• Seat that gave Himanta heartburn, and Gogoi reasons to smile

has been part of the party for nearly three decades, said he has no plans to leave the party. He also elaborated on his comments from the previous day, saying a "personalised campaign" in resented by his father Tarun Gogoi and Jorhat had hurt the BJP. "It was a fight between the CM and Gaurav Gogoi," he said. "It is not dissent; it is my opinion... Our party's campaign in Jorhat was not good. I would call it over-campaigning and it resulted in a sympathy wave for Gogoi. If you abuse a person from day to night, it doesn't work."

Aday after his win, Gogoi said, "I feel as if the Chief Minister made it a prestige issue for him because in his campaign, he would never mention the name of the local candidate. In fact, in many of his big rallies, the candidate wasn't even seen with him. The candidate would be in some remote corner addressing some remote rally and it was the Chief Minister who himself took charge of major rallies and major cycle yatras and padyatras."

"I don't know why he felt the need to take this approach but clearly, he could not read the pulse of the people of Jorhat. In hindsight, I can say that the more that the Chief Minister campaigned in Jorhat, the more it benefited my campaign. The more the Chief Minister and his Cabinet colleagues would come and spread their vicious propaganda, the more it benefited. So in the end, the Chief Minister became a surprise star campaigner for me."

There are multiple reasons that made the Upper Assam seat the biggest prestige battle in the state. It was new territory for Gogoi, who has over the years emerged as a prominent Parliamentarian from the Northeast

TDP's likely demands

Centre to restart the development of Amaravati as

the state capital, a project which was stalled after

Jagan Mohan Reddy's YSR Congress (YSRCP)

stormed to power in 2019. Several buildings and

apartment complexes built during Naidu's regime

between 2014 and 2019 lie vacant today while civic

June 9, intends to start developing the capital city.

Tatikonda MLA Tenali Sravan Kumar has said he

will come out with a vision document for

Another demand that Naidu is likely to put for-

Amaravati within 100 days of coming to power.

Naidu, who will take oath as Andhra CM on

and was the Deputy Leader of the Congress in the last Lok Sabha. The Kaliabor seat, which he represented for past 10 years, and which had been repuncle Dip Gogoi for the preceding two decades, was redrawn and renamed to Kaziranga in last year's delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly constituencies. There had been uncertainty over which seat he would contest from. until Jorhat was settled upon.

It was a two-way contest between him and another Gogoi, Tapan, the incumbent BJP MP from the seat and a former MLA from Sonari, one of the Assembly segments there. However, while Gaurav Gogoi was the face of his own campaign, which was largely carried out through multiple small-scale meetings in different parts of the constituency, the face of the BJP campaign was Chief Minister Sarma.

Sarma made it a point to begin his campaign trail from the river island Majuli, which is a part of Jorhat constituency. He held multiple massive roadshows and rallies in different parts of the seat, and several of his MLAs and ministers camped in Jorhat for long periods of time during the campaign.

In a widely circulated video, Sarma could be heard saying during the campaign that the Congress would suffer its biggest margin of loss in this seat. There is also a personal rivalry between Sarma and Gogoi: the former was a key Tarun Gogoi confidante, but they had a falling out after Tarun initiated his son into politics and started promoting him in the Congress. This, many say, paved the way for Sarma's switch to the BJP.

Despite the aggressive campaign by

the BJP in the seat, the Congress won by a margin of 1.4 lakh votes. While the Election Commission is yet to provide an Assembly segment-wise distribution of votes, Congress leaders said their calculations show the party led in all 10 Assembly segments except Majuli. "It is a defeat of the Assam govern-

ment and the Chief Minister. The whole Cabinet was there, MLAs were there. They poached Congress office-bearers there. They took the working president, general secretary," said Assam Congress spokesperson Mehdi Alam Bora. In a post online Wednesday, Cong-

ress's Jairam Ramesh wrote, "Not only is the PM outgoing, but with my young colleague Gaurav Gogoi's impressive 1 lakh+lead in Jorhat, the countdown for the exit of the Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma has also begun." The loss in Jorhat also hurts the BJP

for other reasons. Party leaders in Assam, led by Sarma, have often said the Congress has been reduced to receiving votes only from Muslims in the state. But the Jorhat seat is the Ahom heartland, where the Ahom community make up the largest chunk of voters, followed by the tea garden communities, and caste Assamese and Mising tribal voters.

Assam BJP chief Bhabesh Kalita, while talking about the outcome, said Jorhat was the exception, and that apart from Jorhat, "the Congress has only taken leads in minority-dominated areas". "We lost in nine segments there... We will have discussions and introspect on what went wrong in the seat, where we gained, where we lost... In time, we will consider the disciplinary measures against Saikia," he said.

Biden, Putin, Sunak call Modi; Ranil & Hasina invited "Congratulations to Prime together to strengthen the friend-

Meanwhile, officials in Delhi, Colombo and Dhaka confirmed that Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe and Bangladesh Prime Minister Hasina are among the leaders who have been invited for the swearing-in ceremony.

On the re-election, Putin and Sunak also called up Modi to convey their wishes. In the phone call, Kremlin said, President Putin "warmheartedly congratulated Narendra Modi on the success of the BJP in the general parliamentary elections that finished a few days ago. This reflects the support of the political course pursued by the Indian leadership, recognition of the results achieved in the country's socioeconomic development, and its strengthening international authority."

Sunak, who faces elections on July 4, in a post on X said, "Today I spoke to @narendramodi to congratulate him on his election victory. The UK and India share the closest of friendships, and together that friendship will continue to thrive."

Chinese ambassador to India Xu Feihong took to X and posted: Minister Modi @narendramodi. BJP and BJP-led NDA on the victory in the #Loksabhaelection. Look forward to making joint efforts with the Indian side for a sound and stable China-India relationship, which is in line with the interests and expectations of both countries, the region and the world." Congratulating Modi, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said on X that Beijing was looking forward to a "healthy and stable China-India relationship".

French President Macron said, "India has concluded the world's largest elections! Congratulations @NarendraModi, my dear friend. Together we will continue strengthening the strategic partnership that unites India and France.'

Leaders from Mauritius, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Maldives were among the first ones to wish Modi Tuesday itself even before the final results were out, while Italian PM Meloni posted on X late night — being the first G7 country — congratulating Modi. "...We will continue to work

ship that unites Italy and India and consolidate cooperation on the various issues that bind us," she said. Modi is expected to travel to Italy for the G-7 leaders' summit on June 13-15.

Congratulating Modi Ukraine President Zelenskyy said, "Everyone in the world recognizes the significance and weight of India's role in global affairs... In this regard, we also look forward to seeing India attend the Peace Summit," he said, reiterating the expectation that Delhi will send a representation to the peace meet in Switzerland on June 15-16.

South Korea, Japan, UAE, Iran Seychelles, Malaysia, Austria, EU Argentina, Cambodia, Sweden, Greece, Denmark, Norway, Latvia, the Netherlands and Lithuania were among others who also congratulated Modi From Africa, presidents of Nigeria, Kenya, Comoros and leaders of Jamaica, Barbados, Guyana from the Caribbean islands sent congratulatory mes-

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ing Polavaram project, a promise TDP leaders said he has made during campaigning in the run-up to the elections. TDP insiders say he is also likely to seek key portfolios in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Cabinet and even demand the Speaker's post. He is also looking to elevate his son and TDP general secretary Nara Lokesh, who secured his maiden victory from Managalagiri in the Assembly election, to the national stage.

Naidu, who claimed the Jagan government indulged in large scale corruption in Andhra, is also likely to urge the NDA to allow Central agencies to investigate the "scams" and Jagan.

• Message from INDIA bloc: Mandate a reply to the BJP, will keep watch on Modi Govt

befitting reply to the BJP and their politics of hate, corruption and deprivation".

"The constituents of the INDIA bloc thank the people of India for the overwhelming support received by our allies. The people's mandate has given a befitting reply to the BIP and their politics of hate, corruption and deprivation. This is a mandate in defence of the Constitution of India, against price rise, unemployment and crony capitalism and also to save democracy," it said.

In his opening remarks at the meeting, Kharge, on the other hand, said the mandate was "decisively" against Modi and the "substance and style" of his politics. "It is a huge political loss for him personally apart from being a clear moral defeat as well," he said.

Talking to *The Indian Express* after the meeting, one leader said, "The assessment was that the

popular mandate was against Modi and his policies... and in favour of the issues that we had raised. So it is our responsibility to fulfill the people's aspirations. But technically we don't have the numbers so let's wait for an appropriate opportunity and appropriate time. On the floor of Parliament... when issues will come for discussion... a confidence vote is taken up. Let's see the attitude of the BJP's allies, where they stand and how they will act."

With the BJP-led NDA set to stake claim for the government Friday, the Opposition meeting drew a wide range of leaders, including Congress's Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, and veterans such as NCP's Sharad Pawar.

But there were two notable absentees, too — TMC chief Mamata Banerjee and Shiv Sena (UBT)'s Uddhav Thackeray. Both sent their representatives instead.

The TMC was represented at the meeting by Mamata's nephew and senior TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee. The meeting was held at Kharge's residence soon after the NDA elected Prime Minister Narendra Modi as its leader.

At the outset, Kharge said Modi is "determined to subvert the will of the people" and then added "the INDIA bloc welcomes all parties which share a fundamental commitment to the values enshrined in the Preamble to our Constitution and to its many provisions for economic, social and political justice".

Sources said some leaders were of the view that the alliance should invite TDP's Chandrababu Naidu and JD(U)'s Nitish Kumar to the Opposition camp. Some of the INDIA leaders are in touch with them, they said. TMC's Abhishek Banerjee, who was in favour of the alliance exploring options for cobbling numbers, told the meeting

that three MPs of the BJP are in touch with him.

While the TDP has won 16 seats, the ID(U) has 12. The INDIA bloc has managed to secure 232 seats. Congress's allies in Rajasthan — the Rashtriya Loktantrik Party and the Bharat Adivasi Party — won one seat each. The Opposition alliance is

short of 38 seats from the halfway

mark of 272.

Although Mamata skipped the meeting, the TMC's presence was reassuring to many of the parties. The TMC had fought the elections in the state alone against the BJP and Congress-Left combine while remaining part of the larger alliance. Thackeray was represented by senior leader Sanjay

The Opposition meeting was also attended by senior Congress leaders K C Venugopal and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, and others such as Tamil Nadu CM and

Raut and Arvind Sawant.

DMK chief M K Stalin, SP's Akhilesh Yadav and RJD's Tejashwi Yadav. CPM's Sitaram Yechury, CPI's D Raja, Jharkhand Chief Minister and IMM leader Champai Soren, and AAP's Sanjay

Singh and Raghav Chadha, also at-

tended the meeting.

sages to Modi.

The other leaders present included CPI(ML)'s Dipankar Bhattacharya, **National** Conference's Omar Abdullah Muslim League's Sayyid Sadiq Al Shihab Thangal and P I Kunhalikutty, KC(M)'s Jose K Mani VCK's Thol Thirumavalavan, RSP's NK Premachandran, MMK's MH Jawahirullah, Forward Bloc's G Devarajan and KMDK's E R Eswaran.

Before the meeting, asked if the Opposition is looking at getting the numbers to stake claim for the government, Tejashwi said, "We have come for the meeting today. Have patience, wait and watch what happens."

How 44 are NEET toppers because of a wrong answer, wrong textbook

answer" from four options:

One: First is correct but second is incorrect; Two: first is incorrect but second is correct; Three: both first and second statements are correct; Four: both statements are incorrect. The correct answer is Option 1

since the first statement is correct and the second is not since atoms of radioactive elements are not stable. On May 29, NTA released its pro-

that Option 1 is correct.

NCERT Physics textbook.

However, more than 10,000 candidates challenged the answer key on the grounds that an old version of the Class 12 NCERT textbook inaccurately states, "Atoms of each element are stable." The correct answer is that atoms of "most" elements are stable, as stated in the new version of the

"Since we strongly recommend all aspirants study only from NCERT textbooks for their NEET preparation, we decided to give credit to all those candidates who marked the third option (of the multiple-choice question) as the answer. The third option stated that both statements 1 and 2 are correct," said an NTA official.

This decision saw 44 candidates have their scores boosted from 715 to a perfect 720, making them visional answer key which showed among the unprecedented number of NEET-UG toppers this year. "In India, for ages, older siblings

have been passing on their books to their younger siblings, and there is no harm in it; we have all done it. The NTA cannot ask students to specially buy new books too as it may not be viable for everyone. So, we will hold a meeting and establish proper pro-

tocols for such a situation," another NTA official said when asked why the agency decided to award grace marks for an incorrect answer.

NTA hasn't flagged the discrepancy between the old and new version of the Class 12 textbook to NCERT. "We will notify the NCERT now for future reference, but nothing can be done by NCERT for this year's NEET exam," the senior official added.

student's score card mentions that

However, the NTA official also said that while 67 students have been given first rank, it doesn't mean all 67 will get into AIIMS. "We have a tie-breaker policy. Each student who secured AIR 1 will see their actual position on the merit list calculated as per our tie-breaker policy. Each

When asked if this was the only reason behind a record number of NEET UG toppers this year, the officer clarified that while this played a major role, the "fact that the paper was comparatively easier this year and there was a huge increase in the number of registrations were also a factor". This year, a record 23.81 lakh stu-

dents registered for NEET UG, which is an increase from last year's 20.87 lakh registrations. As per data shared by NTA, a total of 9.96 lakh boys and 13.32 lakh girls and 17 transgender candidates appeared for the exam.

Of the 67 candidates with a perfect 720 score, the majority are from Rajasthan (11), followed by Tamil Nadu (8), Maharashtra (7) and then four each from Andhra Pradesh and Bihar.

• Felt same tension: Pathan

advice for Pathan. "You have to work hard as you did on a cricket field. When you are a cricketer, people will flock to see you at stadiums or even when you are in the team bus but here, you have to go meet people, understand their problems and solve them. Yusuf is a giantkiller and there will be a lot of expectations from him. If he comes up to me, I can guide him and let him know that if you work selflessly then nobody can beat you," Azad said.

Pathan, too, has a plan in place and some learnings. "I never thought I would become an MP. Destiny took me to Bengal. I was born in Gujarat and now God has sent me here to do some work. Yeh duniya alag hai, galiyaan alag hai (This world is different, these streets are different), but my motto is clear, to work for the public," he said.

The campaign did take Pathan to streets he hadn't ventured. He talks about bike rides in the interiors of his rural constituency, and recalls one interaction that he will never forget "A woman ran towards me and handed me Rs 1.000 that was tied in a knot of her saree. Initially, I didn't understand why she was giving me the money. She said she got Rs 1,000 every month from the Mamata government as part of a scheme. This time, she wanted to give it to me for my campaign. She requested, 'Idhar accha kaam

karna' (Do good work here). I had

tears in my eyes," he said.

detail," the official explained. epaper.indianexpress.com

Lewd Chinese poems, threats: Police action against JNU prof for sexual harassment

ARNABJITSUR NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

SENDING "LEWD messages" written in Chinese, calling her for "personal meetings" to his chamber: A professor at INU's Centre of Chinese and South East Asian Studies was accused of sexual harassment by a student in her twenties last month. A week ago, the Delhi Police initiated action against the professor. The accused has been "bound down" (required to appear before the investigating officer or court on a given date).

The student also alleged that the professor used to harass her classmates about her whereabouts, "forcing" her to leave the campus.

A senior officer said, "We launched a probe into the matter after the victim filed a complaint at Vasant Kunj (North) police station and a case was subsequently lodged. Documentary evidence such as WhatsApp messages in Chinese sent by the professor to the student were analysed and statements of other students of her class were taken, apart from her statement recorded under 164 CrPC before a magistrate. Based on sufficient evidence, we have now bound down the professor and a chargesheet will be subse-

According to the woman's complaint filed on April 30, the professor had allegedly harassed her through "constant messages

Eye hospital in

Lajpat Nagar gutted

in fire, no casualties

quently filed."

PRAGYNESH

NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

were extinguished.

A FIRE broke out at an ophthal-

mology hospital in Lajpat Nagar

following a short circuit in an air conditioner on Wednesday, police said. While one building was

gutted in the fire, the flames had started to engulf a second building of the hospital before they

Around 15 patients were

present at the hospital for OPD

consultation and four for surgery

along with the staff members

when the fire broke out, said

Rajesh Deo, DCP (South east).

They were evacuated without

Centre is located in Block P of

Lajpat Nagar IV, right on the Ring

the last nine days. A fire at Baby

Care New Born Hospital, a

neonatology centre in Vivek

Vihar, killed seven newborns on

The owner of the Vivek Vihar

hospital, Dr Naveen Khichi, and the doctor on duty, Dr Aakash,

were subsequently arrested by

ing a massive fire in this (Lajpat

Nagar) hospital. We rushed im-

mediately," said Deputy Chief

Fire Officer S K Dua who was

leading the Delhi Fire Service

said he saw smoke billowing out

of the hospital. "We came out

running. Everything was burn-

ing. There was smoke every-

where. Nothing was visible," he

ders into action. "When we ar-

rived, we saw that the fire had al-

ready spread to the roof of the adjacent building and the park-

ing area behind the hospital."

DFS officer Dua said. "It took us

almost an hour to douse the flames and bring the fire under

Divided by a narrow path, the

hospital functions out of two

buildings along the Ring Road. The portion of the hospital that

was gutted is a single-storey structure built over a basement

The building was completely gutted in the fire with only the

skeleton of the structure stand-

ing once the DFS called off its op-

eration. There were burnt desks.

melted chairs, blackened walls

control," he added.

and a stilt parking lot.

the ceiling.

The DFS pressed 20 fire ten-

Mohit Singh, branch manager at the adjacent Canara Bank,

"Around 11.30 am, our control room received a call regard-

The Eye7 Chaudhary Eye

This is the second major fire in a private hospital in Delhi in

any loss to life, he added.

Road.

May 26.

the police.

(DFS) operation.

added.

The student also alleged the professor used to harass her classmates about her whereabouts

JATIN ANAND

& MALLICA JOSHI

ONLY ONE of three MLAs fielded

by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in

the Lok Sabha elections was able

to get more votes than the BIP

from his home turf, even as the

latter swept most Assembly seg-

ments represented by the party's

ministers – both current and past.

managed to get more votes than

the BJP in 18 assembly segments

this year, compared to nine seg-

ments where the combined vote

share of AAP and Congress was

more than that of BIP in 2019.

leaders in both parties called the

Congress candidates contested

from, the assembly segments that

the alliance retained were the

same as the ones where the vote

share of the two parties was

higher than that of BJP in 2019

Ballimaran, Okhla, Matia Mahal,

Chandni Chowk, Seelampur,

Mustafabad and Babarpur, tradi-

tional Congress strongholds be-

fore the AAP stormed into power

in 2015, the BJP could muster only

almost half the votes polled in

favour of alliance candidates. This

was not the case in either slums

or unauthorised colonies, several

In segments such as

On the three seats that the

results "disappointing".

(see box).

While the alliance partners

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and calls, including lewd poems, and requests for personal meetings..." She alleged that when she refused his advances, he threatened to fail her in his paper. The professor also harassed her female classmates to know about her whereabouts, said police.

The case, however, was lodged only on the woman's complaint.

The Indian Express reached out to the professor for comment but received no response.

When contacted for comment, proctor Sudhir Kumar Arya said his office does not deal with sexual harassment matters.

The INU Students' Union, in a statement last month, had claimed the woman filed a sexual harassment complaint with the varsity's Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) on April 10 against the accused teacher. It said another complaint was filed with the ICC by a few of her batchmates on April 15, "accusing the teacher of sexually and mentally harassing them to know the whereof the victim". Sources in the varsity said the ICC issued a restraining order against the professor who is currently not allowed to take classes.

of which went in BJP's favour. Improvement was seen in constituencies where AAP fielded candidates, with the party gaining votes in Jangpura, Delhi Cantonment, New Delhi, RK Puram, Ambedkar Nagar, Sangam Vihar, Tughlakabad, Rajouri Garden, and Tilak Nagar.

According to detailed 2024 voting statistics compiled by the **Election Commission of India** (ECI), with a little over 53,700 votes and a margin of slightly above 5,100, AAP's Tughlakabad MLA Sahi Ram, who contested from the South Delhi Lok Sabha seat, was the sole incumbent legislator to secure the assembly seg-



was seen in constituencies where AAP fielded candidates, unlike the **Congress.** Archive

Improvement

Assembly seats where AAP-Cong did better

Why more votes than BJP in 18 assembly

segments was not enough for AAP-Cong

SEATS WHERE THEY DID **BETTERTHANBJPIN'24* Chandni Chowk Matia Mahal** 77% Chandni Chowk 60% 64% Ballimaran

Northeast Delhi 69% Seelampur Babarpur 55% Mustafabad 56% Seemapuri 51% **East Delhi**

FINAL RESULT DISAPPOINTING, SAY LEADERS

68% Okhla 50% Jangpura **New Delhi** Delhi Cantt 50% New Delhi 51% 49% **RK Puram Northwest Delhi**

Sultanpuri 52% **West Delhi** Rajouri Garden 50% Tilak Nagar 50% **South Delhi**

49%

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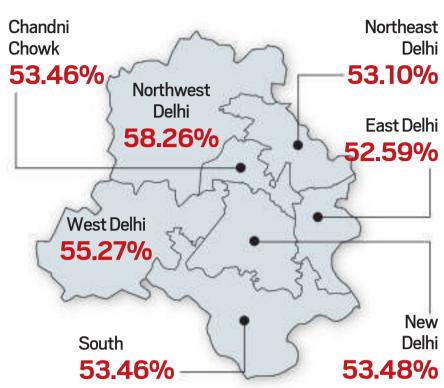
49.5%

Ambedkar Nagar

Tughlakabad

Sangam Vihar

BJP'S OVERALL VOTE SHARE IN ALL7 CONSTITUENCIES THIS ELECTION



ASSEMBLY SEATS WHERE COMBINED VOTE SHARE OF AAP & CONG WAS MORE THAN BJP IN 2019*

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Chandni Chowk		East Delhi
Matia Mahal	74%	Okhla 64%
Chandni Chowk	59%	New Delhi
Ballimaran	62%	None
North East Delhi		Northwest Delhi Sultanpuri (51%)
Seelampur	65%	West Delhi
Babarpur	54%	None
Mustafabad	52%	South Delhi
Seemapuri	48%	None
		*vote share

The segment went to BJP in 2019.

sure, Parliamentary constituency has 10 Assembly segments.

On the other hand, AAP's Malviva Nagar MLA Somnath Bharti, who contested from the New Delhi seat, and Kondli legislator Kuldeep Kumar, who fought from East Delhi, failed to retain their own segments by margins of 3,923 and 1,566, respectively. BJP won both segments in 2019,

the New Delhi Constituency, the AAP secured Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's own New Delhi Assembly segment by a razor-thin margin of a little more than 2,200. The segment was won by the BJP last

A senior AAP leader said that while on paper there may be some positives for the party, the final result was disappointing.

"Elections and alliances are not arithmetic. The truth is that we had hoped to get a much better result. The gains are mostly in segments where the BJP's margins were narrower the last time. When we look at the behaviour of voters in neighbouring states such as Uttar Pradesh and Haryana, it is clear that we were not able to convince the voter in Delhi," the leader said.

Another leader said that the results indicate that the floating voter, which votes for Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Lok Sabha and AAP in assembly polls seen as a centre-of-right voter — was not swaved by the alliance. A senior Congress leader, however, said that the lack of co-

ordination between the workers of the two alliance partners was the reason behind the 7-0 "In many seats, it was clear that the AAP workers were either

outsiders or were not motivated. Why this was the case only the AAP can answer, but it had the effect that the BJP was hoping for," the leader said.

'Campaigning hints he is not suffering from life-threatening ailment': Court denies bail to CM



Arvind Kejriwal

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EXTENSIVE ELECTION campaigning by Arvind Kejriwal indicates he is not suffering from any serious or life-threatening ailment, a Delhi court said Wednesday as it rejected the Delhi chief minister's interim bail on medical grounds.

The court also observed that type-2 diabetes, which the CM is suffering from, is not "a serious disease" that would entitle him to interim bail.

"Diabetes or even type-2 diabetes cannot be said to be so serious an ailment so as to entitle him to the relief claimed. Further, the extensive campaigning tours and related meetings/events undertaken by Arvind Kejriwal as highlighted during the course of arguments also indicate that he does not appear to be suffering from any serious or 'life threatening' ail ment...," Special Judge Kaveri Baweja noted in her order.

Noting that Kejriwal was seeking bail for diagnosis of an "anticipated ailment", the judge further said that all such tests could be conducted in custody. The court also revived the AIIMS medical board, which it had earlier constituted to examine Keiriwal, asking it to conduct the required medical tests within three days. The interim bail plea high-

lighted fluctuating sugar levels and increased ketone levels. Senior Advocate N Hariharan, representing the CM, had earlier told a court that the increased ketone levels could be indicative of diabetic ketoacidosis, a complication which could be fatal. The advocate also said tests such as PET scan LFT, KFT, CBC and the Holter test had to be conducted and these could cumulatively take as long as a week.

Eye7 Chaudhary Eye Centre is located in Block P of Lajpat Nagar IV, right on the Ring Road. PTI

running from buildings in the lane.

A large crowd had also gathered at the site with neighbours spending several anxious hours worried that the fire could engulf the densely populated locality.

DFS director Atul Garg said the hospital didn't need a fire safety NOC (no-objection certificate) as the building was within the 9-meter-height criteria. "It's built from the basement to the ground floor only," he added.

Following the Vivek Vihar fire, Delhi Health Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj had said fire safety measures such as water sprinklers and automatic smoke alarms would be made compulsory for all hospitals, irrespective of the number of floors they

According to records with the DFS, both the buildings of the hospital were rented premises with permission of only 10

Divisional officer, DFS, Manoi Kumar Sharma told *The Indian* Express: "We are probing whether the hospital had taken basic fire safety measures and installed extinguishers and smoke alarms."

Neither the owner of the hospital, Dr Sanjay Chowdhary, nor anyone from the administration was present on the spot when the fire fighters were seen extinguishing the flames.

Only a driver of the hospital, wearing a shirt with the hospital's logo on it, could be seen sitting amid a crowd at a distance. "Fortunately, I was not here when the fire broke out in the building," he said.

and iron rods almost falling off He further said there are around 150 people – the staff and the patients – inside the The hospital is situated in a congested locality, with several building at any given time. "Everyone was lucky this time. All are safe".

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AS IT comes to terms with its de-

feat in the three Lok Sabha seats

it contested in Delhi – Northeast

and Northwest Delhi and

Chandni Chowk — the Congress

will analyse the reasons for its

loss before it prepares for the

liance did not work in Delhi,

Subhash Chopra, head of the

Congress coordination commit-

tee, stated, "There were many is-

sues faced during coordination

and several underlying reasons.

The DPCC will hold a press brief-

elections, the AAP won 62 out of

the 70 seats it contested, while the

BJP secured 8 of the 67 seats it con-

tested. The Congress, despite con-

testing 66 seats, did not win any.

Senior Delhi Congress leaders look

to energise their grassroots work-

ers for the polls next year. "We will

In the 2020 Delhi Assembly

ing to discuss these soon."

On why the AAP-Congress al-

2025 Delhi Assembly polls.

Faced issues during

coordination: Cong

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plan our next steps once it is decided whether we will form the

government at the Centre," said DPCC leader Jitender Kochar.

picking a new DPCC chief and con-

tinuing with its alliance with AAP.

over as interim DPCC chief after

Arvinder Singh Lovely quit the post

and later joined the BJP, told The

Indian Express, "I've put my best ef-

fort to fulfill my responsibilities. It up to the leadership to decide if

Asked if the AAP-Congress al

liance will continue for Assembly

polls, leaders said a decision wil

be taken after discussions with the

high command. "We don't know

yet if the alliance has benefited us

or if it was a disadvantage. These

matters require further evalua-

lows a long process before final-

ising candidates. Sources said

surveys will take place in each

assembly constituency.

The Congress generally fol-

tion," Yadav added.

they want me to continue."

Before this, several key decisions await the Delhi Congress -

Devender Yadav, who took

DELHI ASSEMBLY POLLS NEXT YEAR

LS done, parties back to drawing board for 2025

BJP hits the ground running: 'Will bring double-engine govt'

GAYATHRI MANI NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

DELHI'S SEVEN Lok Sabha seats firmly in its pocket for the third consecutive year, the BJP has set in motion its plan to win the state assembly polls slated for

"Our next target is to remove the corrupt AAP and Arvind Kejriwal from Delhi in the assembly polls... and ensure the BJP's victory," said Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva Wednesday as he introduced the seven newly elected MPs during a press conference at the party headquarters.

Stating that the seven are not just not "MPs" but "party workers", Sachdeva added: "They will start work on the ground, raise issues that people of Delhi are facing like water crisis, poor roads, garbage, pollution, traffic congestion, and make the AAP put a stop to the blame game... They will raise matters of Delhi in the Lok Sabha and start working to fulfill the promises they

He also appealed to the people to bring a double-engine government in Delhi by electing BJP. Crediting Prime Minister

Narendra Modi for their victories, the MPs too asserted they would begin working right away. Northeast Delhi MP Manoj

Tiwari attacked his opponent, Congress candidate Kanhaiya Kumar, and said, "Kuch log aaye the desh ke tukde tukde karne wale par humare Dilli ki janta ne unki cheethde cheethde uda kar wapas bhej diya (some people came to tear the country into pieces but the people of Delhi tore them apart and sent them

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WITH ITS chief behind bars,

Tuesday's loss for the Aam

Aadmi Party (AAP) in Delhi is not

just a reaffirmation that the peo-

ple of the city will choose Prime

Minister Modi over Arvind

Keiriwal, but also a call to atten-

tion before the assembly polls in

chose to focus on the three seats

that it won in Puniab as well as

cumstances. AAP's concerted

efforts and Arvind Kejriwal ji's

extensive campaigning post-re-

lease on interim bail, contributed

to the INDIA bloc's commend-

able showing against the BJP,"

said AAP National General

said, "Delhi has a fixed pattern,

it votes for the BJP in the Lok

Sabha elections and for Arvind

Kejriwal and other parties in

Speaking about Delhi, he

(Organisation)

the increase in its vote share.

On Wednesday, the party

"Despite the challenging cir-

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eight months.

Secretary

Sandeep Pathak.

Asked if he thinks he will get a Cabinet portfolio, Tiwari said: "... Those who work can remain workers, they don't need to be cabinet ministers. We are starting work (on the Assembly election) from today... The assembly polls will be fought on the issues of water supply, roads, sewer

Explaining the plan, Tiwari said the BIP is working on a scheme to provide 300 units of free electricity, free bus travel for women in AC buses, and water.

Northwest Delhi MP Yogendra Chandoliya, who won with the highest margin of 2.90 lakh votes and a 58.26% vote share, said, "I don't know if others will say it or not, earlier we would win just in the name of Modi ji. But this time, I worked for 73 days. People complained that there was no ration, no water, no pensions. They did not know that the Delhi government was responsible for this... We will unmask these parties."

East Delhi MP Harsh Malhotra, West Delhi MP Kamaljeet Sehrawat, Chandni Chowk MP Praveen Khandelwal and New Delhi MP Bansuri Swaraj also have a blueprint of work to be carried out in the next 100 days.

Former Congress leader Arvinder Singh Lovely, who ioined the BIP last month, was also at the event. As per sources, Lovely will get a key role in the upcoming assembly polls.

Despite winning all seven seats in the Lok Sabha polls in 2014, 2019 and this year, the BJP has not managed to defeat AAP in the assembly polls. The party won three seats in the 2015 assembly polls, and 8 in 2020.

Poll takeaway for AAP: No time

to waste before Assembly election

AAP leaders Saurabh Bharadwai, Sandeep Pathak and Atishi

at a press conference, Wednesday. PTI

the Vidhan Sabha elections.

Delhi stuck to its electoral prac-

tice this time too, but the mar-

gin of his victory which used to

be in lakhs has reduced consid-

It was this pattern, however,

"The result has made one

that AAP was hoping to overturn

thing clear, that AAP will not

have it as easy in the assembly

polls as it has had so far. The fact

that our top leadership is in jail

but we could not convince the

erably this time.

this time.



BJP's seven new MPs with state unit chief Virendra Sachdeva, Wednesday. Abhinav Saha

DELHI BJP CHIEF VIRENDRA SACHDEVA ON PARTY'S STRATEGY

'Congress has no strength in Delhi, AAP corrupt'

GAYATHRI MANI NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

DELHI BJP president Virendra Sachdeva, who played an important role in the 2022 MCD polls and the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, speaks about the party's plan for next year's assembly election:

What is your assessment of the party's performance in the Capital vis-a-vis the national picture?

The AAP and Congress have only looted the national capital... and people know that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has done a lot of work in Delhi. There are two reasons (for our win) people saw the development under the leadership of Modi ji

and the corruption of AAP and the Arvind Kejriwal government.

The BJP won the parliamentary polls in 2014 and 2019, but has lost two assembly polls. What is the party's plan for 2025?

In 2019, we called the Delhi government a failed government but could not prove it. But in the 2024 polls, we established that Kejriwal is a corrupt person and his government is a chor (thief). Be it the liquor policy, bus or mohalla clinic scam — our workers have successfully taken it to the ground so it could reach the people. This time also, along with these issues, we will convince the people to give us a chance to work for them in Delhi as Modi *ji* has done in the central government.

voting pattern in Delhi. Assembly polls. There is no such perception.

During the Congress rule, Manmohan Singh was the prime minister and Sheila Dikshit was the CM in Delhi... this is about opportunity... What are the options Delhi has now? Congress has no strength and people are seeing that the AAP and Kejriwal are corrupt... Now, the BIP will use this opportunity... an entire generation has not seen the BJP's work... we will work more and fight for the rights of Delhi's people.

dropped this time.

Don't look at the margin... it is a two percentage drop... There are a few reasons for that and we will work on it. They (AAP) have made false promises... For instance, the Rs 1.000 (honorarium) under the Mahila Samman Rashi Scheme... Everyone knows there is no Cabinet approval but Kejriwal made false promises to

Does BIP have a face for the Assembly polls?

The central leadership will take a decision on this... but there are many states like Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh where we won the polls without a popular face and formed a government... It is not necessary to have a face to win the polls.

... it doesn't matter as some

parties do it early, some later...

weren't aware of the alliance

over party symbols. Why did

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nated at every level... The CM

himself went to several places

Jamshedpur — and cam-

paigned for the INDIA bloc can-

didates... In Delhi, he cam-

paigned for all three Congress

candidates — Kanhaiya, Udit

Raj, J P Agarwal... our party

workers, MLAs also cam-

paigned on ground... Yet, it is

very difficult to convince peo-

ple about symbols in 10-15

days... I think we suffered some

Will AAP look at an al-

This alliance was against

loss in every seat due to this."

liance again for the Assembly

Modi... We have already started

working for the Assembly polls

but there is no plan for any such

alliance in Delhi.

polls?

It was definitely a big chal-

Delhi, Chandigarh,

In a lot of places, voters

and there was confusion

this happen?

'Alliance was not strong enough... needs revamp'

DPCC INTERIM CHIEF DEVENDER YADAV ON LOSS

Celebrations at the AICC office, Tuesday. Abhinav Saha

FOLLOWING THE Lok Sabha poll results in which the AAP-Congress alliance drew a blank in the Capital, Delhi Congress's interim chief Devender Yadav speaks to **SAMAN HUSAIN** on what went wrong, if Arvinder Singh Lovely's exit had an effect on the poll outcome, and preparations for the upcoming Assembly elections.

Congress and the alliance, as a whole, have done well in other states. What was the issue in Delhi?

To understand this, we will talk to leaders on ground. We need to understand what went wrong... we are holding a meeting with a few grassroots leaders tomorrow after which we will decide the way forward.

Did Kanhaiya Kumar being from outside Delhi have an

effect on the results? I don't think so because even Manoj Tiwari is an outsider. Kanhaiya performed his duties well but there was very little time and huge areas to cover. There were other problems such as the other side making attempts to sway our workers, poach our leaders, and discourage voters by creating long queues on polling

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day. But, I can also admit our al-



liance was not strong enough. The alliance needs a revamp, there is a lot that needs to be done to strengthen this alliance.

Did Lovely's exit hit the party? It did not impact our cadre because he had turned into a habit-

ual defector. He could not make much of a difference other than taking a few other habitual defectors along with him. But yes, if a **Pradesh Congress Committee** President leaves in the middle of an election, the impact it has on our perception is unavoidable.

In a lot of places, voters weren't aware of the alliance...

It's too early to comment on these issues right now, but we definitely lacked somewhere We will hold meetings to understand these things better.

Will the Congress look at an alliance with AAP in the Assembly polls?

We don't know yet if it has benefitted us or left us at a disadvantage. These things need more evaluation.

DU jumps 79 spots in QS rankings; all due to quality research, says V-C

DEEKSHATERI NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

THE LATEST QS World University Rankings brought cheer to Delhi University as it achieved the 328th position, a jump of 79 ranks from the 407th spot last year.

On an all-India level, the central university has improved its rank from ninth last year to seventh this time.

"The reason behind this improvement is the focus on improving the quality of research," said Vice-chancellor Yogesh Singh after the rankings were released late on Tuesday.

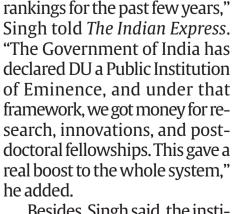
DU also stood out in Employment Outcomes, boasting a global rank of 44



improved its rank from 9th last year to 7th this time

and a score of 96.0, highlighting the employability of its

"We are very happy and proud of this achievement. We have been consistent in our



voter to give us even one seat

means we will have to start

working for the assembly polls

right away," another leader said.

the level of the Delhi govern-

ment has to pick up pace, despite

opposition from the L-G because

we will be fighting two terms

worth of anti-incumbency," the

ruled out the possibility of an

alliance with the Congress in

Senior party leaders also

leader added.

Delhi polls.

"It also means that work at

Besides, Singh said, the institute has hired a good number of faculty members, "who will help in improving the ranking of the institute in the near future".

Singh said he believes the university is headed in the right direction. "Our team of 400-500 people is working day and night to improve not only the quality of education but to provide focus to research, innovation and new experiments," he added.

Monsoon prep delayed, Bharadwaj seeks action

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

THE MONSOON season is approaching but there has been no preparation on the ground to avoid a repeat of last year — when the city saw unprecedented flooding — said Urban Development Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj. He has directed the Chief Secretary to submit information on the status of desilting of various drains urgently by Thursday.

On May 20, the Minister asked the Chief Secretary for the desilting status of drains from the following departments: I&FC, PWD, MCD, NDMC, DDA and Delhi Cantonment Board. He also asked for the timelines or targeted dates of completion. In his latest letter, the

tary failed to respond to his previous missive and expressed his disappointment over the laxity in taking precautions.

Emphasising the importance of desilting drains, he wrote: to avoid any repetition.

In 2023, several areas of the

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June 30.

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) announced Wednesday that it will not accept cheque payments for property tax starting July 1. "Due to legal issues arising out of dishonoured cheques, cheque payments of property tax shall be done away with July 1 onwards," the MCD said in its

Options that will now be available for paying property tax will include digital modes of payment such as UPI, Wallets, Demand Draft, Pay or-

The MCD will not accept cheque payments for property tax starting July 1

stop payment option for property tax

To beat bounced cheques, MCD to

der and other online payment

gateways. The MCD said that paying taxes online would be more convenient and will help with faster reconciliations. "The electronic payment will not only ensure timely payment and issue of receipt but also facilitate ease of doing business. Taxpayers will be able to pay property conveniently and receive faster reconciliation of the

The civic body also appealed

property tax for the year, including taxes for vacant buildings, and to self geo-tag their properties. MCD appeals to all the

property owners and occupiers of the vacant lands and buildings to pay tax for the current year 2024-25 and get a 10% rebate on lump sum payments of tax before 30th June 2024. All property owners/occupiers of the vacant lands and buildings are also advised to geo-tag their properties. As per the provisions of Section 114 of the DMC Act, 2003 (Amended), all buildings and vacant land falling under the jurisdiction of MCD are liable to pay property tax," the civic body said. Taxes will need to be paid on

the MCD website.

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There appears to be a set People vote for BJP in the Lok Sabha polls and for AAP in the

But the BJP's vote share has

AAP's

Durgesh

Pathak

AAP CAMPAIGN IN-CHARGE DURGESH PATHAK ON PARTY'S TROUBLES 'If we had time, could've done better'

GAYATHRI MANI NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

THE AAP and Congress entered into a 4:3 seat-sharing agreement to contest Lok Sabha polls in Delhi, but failed to win a single seat. The Indian Express speaks to Delhi coordination committee and campaigning in-charge Durgesh Pathak on

Why did the alliance in Delhi

what went wrong:

fail to convince people? I see this differently. If you look at the vote percentage, the gap is very less as compared to the previous polls when they (BJP) won by 4 lakh-5 lakh votes. Now the margin has come down by 50,000-75,000 votes. If we had got a little more time, we could have filled the gap by coordinating better. Besides, there's always been a mindset in Delhi... People vote for Modi in Centre and for AAP in state polls.

But Delhi voted in Phase 6... (I speak of) time in the

were in jail — Manish Sisodia, Satyendar Jain, even CM Arvind Kejriwal and Sanjay Singh and they got bail very late... We had two fights to fight — BJP and polls... Our leaders were getting CBI and ED notices... So there were a lot of obstacles due to which we could not fight with full force, but still I feel it was a good performance.

Thinking back, what could have been done differently?

If we had got time, we could have campaigned better... It was a fight to save the country for which several parties came together against the PM... I think this resonated with the people, that is why BJP has suffered overall..

Congress announced can-

didates very late. Is that a reasense... that most of our leaders

Minister alleged the chief secre-

"You being the head of bureaucracy in Delhi should be proactive in such important matters. It's been 15 days since I asked for the status report but neither have you submitted the status report nor have you sent any response... This is unexpected from a senior IAS officer."Bharadwaj also urged all departments concerned to be proactive this year

city were inundated after water levels in the Yamuna river had crossed 208 metres — the highestever in 45 years — after heavy rain.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE IF YOU are looking to pay your

property tax to the MCD through cheque, better do it by

statement to the press.

same," it said.

to property owners to pay their

NAB सरक्षण

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NABSanrakshan Trustee Private Limited

(A wholly owned subsidiary of NABARD)

CIN: U67190MH2020PTC350124

Request For Proposal

NABSanrakshan Trustee Private Limited invites Request for

Proposal for "Development, Execution and Support Services

of Credit Guarantee Management System" in two bid system.

For details, please visit the website: www.nabsanrakshan.org

or www.nabard.org. The Bids are to be submitted latest by 04 July 2024. NABSanrakshan reserves the right to accept or

Regd. Office: 4th Floor, E Wing, NABARD, Plot No. C- 24, G Block,

Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai-400051.

reject any or all Bids without assigning any reason thereof.

IRCON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

e-Disposal Notice e-Tender No.: IRCON/MECH/P&E/DISPOSAL/USBRL/2024-25/731 e-Tender for and on behalf of IRCON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED is invited from bidders meeting qualifying requirements for work of "Sale of 04 Nos. DG Sets along with its accessories lying at USBRL Project, Sangaldan, on AS IS WHERE IS BASIS". Last Date & Time of e-Bid Submission 26.06.2024 at 13.00 Hrs.

For further details, visit website https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app. Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the website CGM/Mechanical, IRCON International Limited,

C-4. District Centre. Saket, New Delhi-110017

NORTHERN RAILWAY **Tender Notice**

Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement System Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001 for and on

behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	07241145	Non Asbestos K-Type High Friction Composite Brake Block	82672 Nos	25.06.2024
02	07233632	Cast Steel Wheel, (Rough Size) for 6.1 Tonne Axle (K.V.R.)	60 Nos	04.07.2024

No manual offer will be entertained.

Note: 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www. ireps.gov.in

Tender Notice No. 21/2024-2025 Dated: 05.06.2024

Serving Customers With A Smile

1673/2024

Regd. Office: Muthoot Centre, TC No 27/3022, Punnen Road, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India - 695001. CIN: U65929KL1997PLC011518, Ph: +91 471 4911400, 2331427

MUTHOOT FINCORP LTD. GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold ornaments pledged with under mentioned branches of the company for the period upto 30.06.2023 & MSGL, SPL-16. One plus, Guide Prepaid, Super value, ADGL and all other 6 months tenure Gold loans up to 30.09.2023 and MSGB, SME Suvarna & EMI due up to 31.03.2024 which were overdue for redemption and which have not been redeemed so far inspite of repeated notices, will be auctioned on 13.06.2024 from 10 am onwards.

BIJNOR DISTRICT - CIVIL LINES-BIJNOR: 437000004, 437000008, 437000009, 437000022, 437000025, 437000025, 437000035, 437000036, 437000046, 437000054, F1085, F1086, F1088, F1092 F1109, F1112, F1150, F1166, F1178, F1185, F1200, F153. NAJIBABAD: 438400010, 438400018, 438400031, 438400036, 438400048, 438400048, 438400127, 438400132, F27, F472, F494, F588 F5856, F5859, F5874, F5889, F5890, F5914, F5917, F5919, F5923, F5927, F5927, F5928, F5942, F5955, F5967, F5970, F5972, F5984, F5986, F5991, F5998, F6003, SAHARANPUR-DEHRADUN

FinCorp Ltd., Ground Floor, Dr Bansal Building, 2A/2086, Dehradun Road, Ram Nagar, Near S.A.M Inter College, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh - 247001. CIVIL LINES MUZAFFARNAGAR Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., Ground Floor, Shop No 171 & 174, Court Road, Opp Court Main Gate, Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh - 251001. RAMPUR: Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., Ground Floor, Commercial Shop, Near HDFC Bank, shoukat Ali Road, Civil Lines, Rampur, Uttar Pradesh - 244901. The bidders are requested to produce Photo Id card, Pan Card. The successful Muthoot FinCorp Ltd. bidder should transfer the money through RTGS केनरा बैंक 📣 Canara Bank

F18043, F18058, F18060, F18090, F18094, F18108, F18131, F18155, F18172, F18204, F18218, F18222, F18228, F18248, F18274, F18297, F18301, F18322, F18328, F18343, F18359, F18367

Auction will be conducted at respective branches. Please note if the auction does not get completed on the same day due to any reasons, the same will be conducted on 25.06.2024

at 10.00 am at CIVIL LINES-BIJNOR: Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., Ground Floor, Shop No 209 Civil Lines 1, Bijnor, Uttarpradesh - 246701. SAHARANPUR-DEHRADUN ROAD: Muthoot

सिंडिकेट Syndicate Recovery & Legal Section, Circle Office,

PROPERTY FOR E-AUCTION E-AUCTION Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,

3rd Floor, Luv-Kush Tower, Exhibition Road, Patna - 800001

Ph.: 0612-2320180, Email: npacopat@canarabank.com

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described

immovable property mortgaged / hypothecated/ Pledged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 21.06.2024. Details are as under:

Name / Add. Contact No. of the Branch	Name and Address of the Borrower (s)/Guarantor (s) / Mortgagor (s)	Outstanding in Rs.	Details of Property	Reserve Price (Rs. /EMD/Bid Multiplier Amt/A/c No./ IFSC Co
	1. M/s Baba Readymade Prop:- Ruby Devi W/o-		Deed No- 1361 Dated: 24.05.2018 All the part and parcel of Land Measuring 0.909 Dec =	Rs. 22,53,000/- Rs. 2,25,300/-

Mithlesh Kumar Jha, Near 395.960 Sq.ft. = 4 Dhur 16 Dhurki Situated at Touzi as on

Bombay Hotel, Sadar Bazar 28.09.2023 No-2724, Survey Sheet No- 40, Khesra No- 3754, Jamalpur, Munger-811214 2. Ward No- 13(old)/12(new), Holding No- 82a/71, + interest &

1st Fir. Shivnandam Palace, Badi 209272434 Ruby Devi (Borrower) W/o Thana No- 14, Mouza- Jamalpur, Mohalla- Sadar Bazar, Munger Other Cost Mithlesh Kumar Jha, Near Bazar, Thana- Jamalpur, District-Munger, Bihar in the IFSC Code -Mob. thereon till name of Radha Devi W/o Suresh Jha, Ruby Devi W/o Bombay Hotel, Sadar Bazar CNRB0002270 8210998615 realization Jamalpur, Munger-Mithlesh Kumar Jha & Mithlesh Kumar Jha S/o

Suresh Jha Boundary - North- Satyadev Sharma & 811214 3. Mithlesh Kumar Jha (Guarantor) S/o Suresh Jha. Others South - Amit Maskara Thereafter Chandra Near Bombay Hotel, Sadar Bazar Jamalpur, Munger-811214 4.

42,33,744.58

as on

10.01.2024

+ interest

& other Cost

thereon

till realization

Rs.

5,05,889.26

as on

07.06.2023

+ interest &

Other Cost

thereon

till realization

Rs.

26,23,425.35

as on

12.10.2023

+interest &

Other

Cost thereon

till realization

Seller.

Shekhar Singh, East - Municipal Gali, West -Smt Radha Devi (Guarantor) W/o Suresh Jha, Near Bombay Keshopur Road Sadar Bazar Rs. 24,52,000/-Rs. Sale Deed No. - 2439 Dated - 11.07.2003 21,06,867.95 All that part and parcel of Land And Building Covered Rs. 2,45,200/-Under Thana No. - 174, Touzi No. - 2797 / 1632, Khata as on Rs. 10,000/-

No. - 04, Khesra No. - 14 (Minjumlay), Situated At 12.02.2024 Mauza - Samaspur, PS - Mufassil, Dist. - Munger, in +interest & the name of Md Farmood S/o Md Yusuf. Area - 02 Other Katha = 3.30 Decimal, Boundary - North - Bibi Naj Cost thereon Afrin, South - Md Nawshad, East - Kachi Rasta 10 Ft. West - Kachi Rasta 10 Ft. All the Part and Parcel of the Property Consisting in the name of Mr. Gopal Krishna Pandit, S/o Late Radha Rs. 1,50,240/-

till realization 19,96,846.36 as on Krishna Pandit and Mr. Manoj Kumar, S/o Late Radha 08.06.2023 Krishna Pandit Tauzi No. - 1338, Jamabandi No. + interest & 1252, Khata No. - 108 (Old) / 707 (New), Khashra No. Other Cost 139 (K, KH, 154 K, KH, G) Area - 1.52 Decimal thereon Boundary: North - Road, South - Radhey Sah, East till realization Kailash Pandit, West - Indu Devi.

Dalhatta Kumhar Tola, PO - Basdeopur, Dist. - Munger - 811201. Guarantor - Mr. Manoj Kumar, S/o Late Radha Krishna Pandit, Dalhatta Kumhar Tola, PO - Basdeopur, Dist. - Munger - 811201 All That Part And Parcel of Landed Property Situated Rs. 22,29,600/-At Mauza - Maksuspur, Thana - Kasim Bazar, Munger, Rs. 2.22,960/-Sale Deed No -1627, Date 22.05.2007, Tauzi No. - Rs. 10,000/-414, Jamabandi No. -295/298, Khesra No. - 258 Sheet No-2, Holding No. - 496 (old) 534 (new), Area

1.65 Decimal In The Name of Malti Devi. Bounded North - Aradhana Sinha, South - Shashikala Devi East - Govt. Toilet West - 10' Municipal Path Deed No. - 1086 / 1996 Dated - 15.05.1996 All That Part And Parcel of Land and Building

Rs. 2.84,000/-Rs. 28,400/-Measuring 372 Sqft Covered Under Tauzi No. - 9048, 10,000/-Khata No. - 353, Khesra No. - 1663 & 46, Thana No. 410, Situated At Mauza - Kamruddinpur, Dist. Begusarai in the name of Mr. Mukesh Kumar S/o Lakhan Paswan, Boundary: North - Road, South -Late Lakhan Sah, East - Lakhan Paswan, West - Nij

209272434 IFSC Code -CNRB0002270 Rs. 10,39,500/-All That Part And Parcel of Flat No- 03 Over 5th Floor In Rs. 1.03.950/-B' Block Measuring 400 sqft. Including Superstructure 10,000/-Area and Its Proportionate Area Area, 0.3493 Decimal Land Out of Total Land Area, Covered Under Khata A/c-No- 2(old)/11(new), Khesra No- 38(old)/29(new), 209272434

IFSC Code -

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Rs. 15,02,400/-

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Raxaul Raxaul Bihar Mob.: 8210998510

Ward No- 09, Karsahiya Dhaka, Motihari, Dist.- East Champaran-845418

Borrower / Mortgagor - Smt. till realization Sweta Devi, W/o- Shri Anup Kumar Srivastava, Ward No-02, Vill - Tumariya Tola, Raxaul East Champaran 845305, Guarantor / Mortgager - Ajay Kumar, C/o Vanka Prasad, Vill-Pantoka, Raxaul, East Champaran - 845305 Borrower - M/s Om Kirana,

till realization

South - Boundary Kanhauli, East - Bhagwanlal Paswan West - Vimal Jha

Details Actual Position - Khata No. 28, Khesra No 182, Area- 2.30 Decimal,

Location: At- Dhangarhwa Tola Pareua Rajendra Nagar, PS- Raxaul,

PS No. - 10, Anchal - Raxaul, Tauzi No. - 951, District - East Champaran

taking sale permission qua a portion of my Goa land. The GPA dated 26.12.2023 in favour of my son, Lokesh Duhan, does not permit any other act or deed in any manner besides the application of NOC. The revocation of the said GPA has also been executed by me. This is for the General Public that the sale or dealing of my properties

for redemption and which have not been redeemed so far inspite of repeated notices, will be auctioned on 13.06.2024 from 10 am onwards.

under authority by this or any other GPA or any other document is void. The dealing of my properties or other assets shall be undertaken by me in

PUBLIC NOTICE

Satbir Singh s/o Late Sh. Fateh Singh, residing at Farm House No. 10.

Khasra No. 442/3, Gadaipur, South Delhi-110030, am the owner of

This is to bring to notice to the general public that I have not executed any

general or special power of attorney or any other document in favour of

any person regarding the dealing of my properties and other assets, except for a notarized GPA dated 26.12.2023, in favour of my son, Lokesh

Duhan for the limited purpose of applying for NOC to the Senior Town

Planner, North Goa District Office, Town & Country Planning Dept for

various properties across India

एक नवरत्न कम्पनी (भारत सरकार का उपक्रम) A Navratna Company (A Govt. of India Undertaking) कॉनकॉर IC New MDBP Building, 2nd Floor, Okhia Indl. Estate (Opp. NSIC Okhia Metro Station), New Delhi-110620 TENDER NOTICE (E-Tendering Mode Only) Online E-Bids are invited for Operation & Maintenance of MMLP Jalna in Maharashtra on Fixed Lease Rent plus Revenue Share model for period of Nine (09) years. CON/Jalna/O&M/2024/88167 Date of Sale (On Line) From 06/06/2024 at 15:00 hrs. to 19/06/2024 (up to 16:00 hrs.) Pre-Bid Meeting On 13/06/2024 at 12:00 hrs. Last Date & Time of submission | On 20/06/2024 up to 16:00 hrs. Date & Time of Opening On 21/06/2024 at 15:30 hrs. For eligibility criteria and other details please log on to www.concorindia.com or eprocure.gov.in or www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL. Bidders are requested to visit the websites regularly. For complete details log on to www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL Executive Director /Area-II

CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.

MUTHOOT FINCORP LTD. GOLD AUCTION NOTICE Regd. Office: Muthoot Centre, TC No 27/3022, Punnen Road, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India - 695001.

CIN: U65929KL1997PLC011518, Ph: +91 471 4911400, 2331427 Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold ornaments pledged with under mentioned branches of the company for the period upto 30.06.2023 & MSGL, SPL-16

One plus, Guide Prepaid, Super value, ADGL and all other 6 months tenure Gold loans up to 30.09.2023 and MSGB, SME Suverna & EMI due up to 31.03.2024 which were overdue

BULANDSHAHAR DISTRICT - BULANDSHAHAR: 288800006, 288800017, 288800033, 288800065, 288800073, 288800104, 288800104, 288800111, 288800123, 288800148, 28880016 25913, F25916, F25918, F25919, F25920, F25928, F25929, F25932, F25935, F25936, F25937, F25941, F25942, F25948, F25950, F25955, F25962, F25965, F25966, F25976, F25978, F25978, F25978, F25978, F25979, F26003, F26008, F26009, F26013, F26018, F26023, F26025, F26026, F26028, F26031, F26037, F26038, F26039, F26048, F26055, F4302, SIYANA BULANDSHAHAR: 437100012 437100038, 437100162, 437100168, 437100181, 437100184, 437100197, F1129, F1129, F1228, F1228, F1234, F1235, F1239, F1247, F1248, F1267, F1262, F1282, F1283, F1300, F1321 HAPUR DISTRICT - FREEGANJ HAPUR: 4319000051, 431900007, 431900012, 431900014, 4319000167, 4319000170, 4319000171, 4319000174, 4319000183, 4319000193, 4319000193

Auction will be conducted at respective branches. Please note if the auction does not get completed on the same day due to any reasons, the same will be conducted on 25.06.2024

at 10.00 am at RAMPUR ROAD-MORADABAD: Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., Ground Floor, Old Prathma Bank Building, 6/27/36, Rampur Road, Opposite Loveena Restaurant, Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh

244001. BULANDSHAHAR: Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., First Floor, Nirmal Plaza, Plot No 2, 3, 5, Civil Lines, Delhi Road, Kaala Aam, Opposite Vishal Ginema, Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh - 203001.

FREEGANJ HAPUR: Multipot FinCorp Ltd., Ground Floor, Commercial Shop 17-5,1334, Freeganj Road, Hapur, Uttar Pradesh - 245101. SHASTRI NAGAR-MEERUT: Multipot FinCorp Ltd., Ground Floor, Commercial Shop 17-5,1334, Freeganj Road, Hapur, Uttar Pradesh - 245101. SHASTRI NAGAR-MEERUT: Multipot FinCorp Ltd., Ground Floor, Commercial Shop 17-5,1334, Freeganj Road, Hapur, Uttar Pradesh - 245101.

Details of Property

EMT of Residential property (Floor-G.F), Khata No-

320, Plot No- 1942, Thana No- 73, Mauza- Barara,

Anchal+ PS- Noorsarai, Nalanda Bihar in the name

of Smt. Ranju Devi W/o Sri Subodh Prasad Total

Boundary: North - Niz, South - Kachha Rasta,

East - P.C.C Rasta, West - Vijendra Gope &

Land with Under construction Building situated at

Mauza - Silao, Khata No. - 28, Plot No. - 2730, Thana

No. - 420, Silao, Nalanda, Bihar - 803117 having area

Boundary- North - Uma Prakash, South- Kapil

Choudhary, East-Janardan Prasad, West - Pannalal

Property Holder - Smt. Vina Devi W/o Ramesh

Prasad Verma, Silao Ambedkar Nagar, PO + PS

Property 1 - Residential Land & Building situated at

Mauza - Siwan, Thana No. - 78, Khata No. - 371,

Khasra No. - 1369, Thana - Kargahar, Dist-Rohtas,

Bihar - 821107. Extent of Area- 2.5 Decimal,

Boundary: (Actual) North - Mishi Singh, South - 3'

Wide Gali & Dharmendra, East - Niz, West - 13'

Property 2 - Residential Land situated at Mauza

-Siwan, Thana No. - 78, Khata No. - 371, Khasra

No. - 2194, Thana - Kargahar, Dist - Rohtas, Bihar -

821107, Extent of Area- 43 Decimal, Boundary:

(Actual), North - Khobhari Sah, South - 21 feet

Wide Kachcha Road, East - Bishwanath Singh,

West - 31 feet Wide Kachha Rasta. Property Holder

for both property - 1. Birendra Kumar Singh S/o

Extent of Area-6.00 Decimal

Silao, Nalanda, Bihar - 803117

Wide Kachcha Rasta

Dayanand Gope

of 871 Sq. Ft

Outstanding

in Rs.

Rs.

10,60,652.04

as on

05.04.2024

+ interest &

Other Cost

thereon till

realization

Rs.

11,01,046,46

as on

22.04.2024

+ interest &

Other Cost

thereon till

realization

Rs.

10,89,738.71

as on

06.05.2024

+ interest &

Other Cost

thereon till

realization

Floor, No C- 2/6, Central Market, Shastri Nagar, Opposite Pankaj Garments, Near IDBI Bank, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh - 250004. The bidders are requested to produce Photo Id card. Pan Card. The successful bidder should transfer the money through RTGS. SI. Name / Address Contact No.

of the Branch

Bihar Sharif

II Branch

Mob.

Bargaon

Branch

8294161374 Suresh Prasad (Guarantor) S/o Late Ramji Prasad R/o Vill- Diripar, P.O.+ Mauza-Barhara, P.S. - Noorsarai, Dist-Nalanda, Bihar-803118

Name and Address of the

Borrower (s)/Guarantor (s)

/ Mortgagor (s)

Borrower - Smt. Ranju Devi

W/o Subodh Prasad, R/o Vill

Diripar, P.O. + Mauza- Barara,

Nalanda, Bihar- 803118, Sri

Borrower - Mrs. Vina Devi,

C/o Ramesh Prasad Verma,

Addres - Silao, Ambedkar

P.S.- Noorsarai.

Mob. Nagar, PO + PS - Silao, Dist. 8210998528 Nalanda, Bihar - 803117 Co-Borrower - Mr. Vikash Kumar, C/o Ramesh Prasad Verma, Address - Silao, Ambedkarnagar, PO + PS- Silao, Dist. Nalanda, Bihar - 803117

Sri Birendra Kumar Singh Dibhiya S/o Raghu Vansh Singh, R/o Branch Vill Siwan, Post Dhanej, Dist. - Rohtas, Kargahar, Bihar-821007 Mob.

Masaurhi

Branch

(4192)

Mob:

8210998417

Patna

Hanuman

Nagar

Branch

(2820)

Mob:

8210998435

Motihari 2

Branch

East

Champaran,

Bihar

Mob.

8102915953

8809088505

Mortgagor : (i) Sri Birendra Kumar Singh S/o Raghu Vansh Singh (ii) Ajay Kumar Singh S/o Raghu Vansh Singh, (iii) Rahul Kumar Singh S/o Raghu Vansh Singh, (iv). Raghu Vansh Singh Son of Late Ram Janam Singh All Are Residing

At Vill Siwan, Post Dhanej,

Dist. - Rohtas, Kargahar,

(1) Ravi Kumar S/o Surendra

Kumar Sangatpar, Masaurhi,

Distt- Patna (Bihar) -804452,

(2) Sunita Devi W/o Surendra

Kumar Singh, Sangatpar,

Masaurhi, Distt-Patna(Bihar)-

804452, (3) Surendra Kumar

Singh S/o Suchit Singh, Near

Sanskrit School, Sangatpar,

Masaurhi, Distt-Patna (Bihar)

(1) M/s BSP Health Care,

Proprietor - Mr. Bablu

Kumar, 101-A, Sumitra Shri

Apartment, Near Ishwar Dayal

Hospital, Hanuman Nagar,

Patna, Bihar - 800020, (2) Mr.

Bablu Kumar, Flat No. - 202.

Sumitra Shri Apartment, Near

Ishwar Dayal Hospital

Borrower- Raj Kumar Singh

@ Raju Singh, S/o- Kamal

Singh, Ward No-09, Karsahiya

Dhaka, Motihari, Dist.- East

Guarantor- Smt. Abha

Devi, W/o- Raj Kumar Singh,

Champaran-845418

Bihar - 821007

804452

Ashok Nagar, Patna, Bihar - 800020

Rs.

+ interest &

Other Cost

thereon till

realization

Rs.

43,43,941.48

As on

31.01.2024

+ interest &

Other Cost

thereon till

realization

Rs.

19,50,663.93

as on

02.05.2022

+ interest &

Other Cost

thereon

till realization

Raghu Vansh Singh, 2. Ajay Kumar Singh S/o Raghu Vansh Singh, 3. Rahul Kumar Singh S/o Raghu Vansh Singh and 4. Raghu Vansh Singh S/o Late Ram Janam Singh Property 1 - All that part and parcel of the property in 12,98,959.70 As on 17.02.2024

the name of Mrs Sunita Devi W/o Surendra Kumar Singh consisting, Khata No.-18, Survey Plot No.-213 Thana No- 202, Mauza- Bhagwanpur, Thana-Masaurhi, Distt-Patna, Area-5.5 Decimal, Boundary: North - Rasta, South - Kripanand Singh East - Kripanand Singh, West - Rasta Property 2 - All that part and parcel of the property in the name of Mrs Sunita Devi W/o Surendra Kumar Singh consisting. Khata No.-18, Survey Plot No.-213, Thana No.-202, Mauza- Bhagwanpur, Thana- Masaurhi, Distt- Patna

5.5+2.5= 8 Decimal

Gopalpur, Survey Thana - Phulwarisharif, Present Thana - Gopalpur, Thana No. - 124, Tauzi No. - 761 Khata No. - 545, Survey Khesra Plot No. - 889 (Part) Sub Registry Office - Phulwarisharif, Sadar Registry office, District - Patna, Area - 12.333 Dhur equilvalent of 1.9270 Decimals Hanuman Nagar, Patna, Bihar - 800020, (3) Mrs. Priyanka Bharti, 1st Floor, Rajeshwar Market, Road No. - 14, East

Decimal, Boundary: North - Rasta 8 ft wide, South

Prasad Goswami & Ramswarup Rai, East - Sanjay

Kumar @ Mantu & Satish Prasad, West - Sunil Kumar

Singh Hal Baider. Location - Mauza- Pataura,

Nand Kishore Prasad, East - Shila Devi Baidar, West

All That Part And Parcel Of The Property Consisting In The

Name of Shri Sneh Kumar Jha, S/oamar Chandra Jha,

Located at - Mauza- Sadullahpur, P.s- Ahiyapur, Thana

Details As per deed - Khata No. 28, Khesra No 182, Area-

7. Decimal, Boundary - North - Bishundeo Paswan

No.-673, Anchal-Mushari, Dist.-Muzaffarpur.

Karsahiya, P.O+P.S-Dhaka, Dist.-East Champaran

Area-2.5 Decimal Boundary: North - Kripanand

Singh, South- Devendra Singh, East - Devendra

Singh, West - Kripanand Singh & Rasta, Total Area-

All that part and parcel of the property in the name of

Smt. Priyanka Bharti, situated at Mauza - Sona

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VERDICT 2024



Outgoing Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik submits his resignation to Governor Raghubar Das at Raj Bhavan in Bhubaneswar. ANI

Naveen era ends, all eyes now on who BJP will pick as new CM

SUJIT BISOYI

BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 5

WITH ODISHA'S longest serving chief minister Naveen Patnaik tendering his resignation on Wednesday, a day after his party's stunning defeat in the Assembly polls, speculation is rife on who the BJP will pick to succeed him.

Newly elected MLAs started pouring into Bhubaneswar, where a meeting will be held soon to make the pick. But first, the BJP parliamentary board will appoint observers. "The parliamentary board will take a call on this. An Odia CM, who believes in Odisha's language and culture, will be sworn in on June 10," BJP's state unit president Manmohan Samal told reporters.

Odia asmita, or pride, was one of the key planks BJP ran its campaign around, frequently targeting Patnaik's aide V K Pandian for being an "outsider" from Tamil Nadu.

While PM Narendra Modi. in a rally at Berhampur on May 6, had said the new CM will be decided on June 6, and will take

oath on June 10, BJP sources said the parliamentary board will meet Thursday or Friday.

Several names are in the fray, and BJP could even throw up a surprise — like it did in MP and Rajasthan — sources said. These include Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan, who enjoys a pan-Odisha appeal and is credited with expanding the party's base between 2014 and 2019. Pradhan, who entered the electoral fray in Odisha after 15 years and won from Sambalpur, was the centre of attraction during the party's victory ceremony at its headquarters on Tuesday.

Son of former Union minister Debendra Pradhan, Dharmendra, 54, has been a key member in the Modi cabinet in the past 10 years and is known to share close ties with Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Another name is Girish Murmu, a former IAS officer currently serving as the CAG of India.

The names of other leaders, including Baijayant Panda, Pratap Sarangi and KV Singh Deo, are also doing the rounds. There is also a buzz the party will nominate two deputy CMs, keeping in mind regional and caste equations.



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SPOON OF LUCK

SOON AFTER the Union cabinet met for the last time on Wednesday, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Giriraj Singh organised a farewell party in his ministry. The party was attended, among others, by ministers of state (Rural Development) Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti and Faggan Singh Kulaste, and MoS (Panchayati Raj) Kapil Moreshwar Patil. While Singh and Kulaste have got elected to the Lok Sabha in the latest election, Patil and Jyoti have lost. During the conversation at the get-together, Patil learnt to have said that 'besides the hard work, a spoon of luck is also required to win elections'.

PARKING FACILITY

DISCUSSIONS ARE going on between the Ministry of Defence and other stakeholders, including Delhi Police, to avail of the parking facility of a newly-opened shopping mall in Chandni Chowk for guests attending the Independence Day event at Red Fort this year. Until last year, around 800 cars were usually parked in a park next to Red Fort. This year, the plan is to let the guests park their vehicles at the mall and then ferry them to Red Fort in golf carts, it is learnt.

BJP lost 92 of 303 seats it got in 2019, won 32 new this time

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

OF THE 303 seats the BIP won in 2019, it retained 208 this time, lost 92, and gave three to its allies — Janata Dal (United), Janata Dal (Secular), and Rashtriya Lok Dal — who won a seat each. It won 32 new seats in 2024 pushing its tally to 240.

An analysis of the 92 seats it lost shows telling patterns:

■29 were constituencies reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. ■ The party suffered its

biggest loss in Uttar Pradesh, which accounted for 29 of these 92 seats. ■ The other states where the saffron party faced major set-

Rajasthan, where the party lost 16 and 10 seats respectively. ■ Besides, the party also faced defeat in 8 constituencies each in Karnataka and West

backs were Maharashtra and

■ BJP tally was halved in Haryana where the party lost 5 seats. It lost 5 seats in Bihar, 3 in Iharkhand, 2 in Punjab and one each in Assam, Chandigarh, Daman & Diu, Gujarat, Ladakh (it was part of Jammu & Kashmir in 2019), and Manipur. In all, the BJP lost 92 seats across 15 states and

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

TAKING RESPONSIBILITY for the

setback to BJP in Maharashtra in

the Lok Sabha elections, senior

party leader Devendra Fadnavis

on Wednesday offered to step

down as the Maharashtra

Deputy CM and work for the

party headquarters after a re-

view meeting of the BIP core

committee in Mumbai, Fadnavis

said, "I will urge the central lead-

ership to absolve me of govern-

ment duties and allow me to

dedicate my time to rebuilding

and strengthening the organisa-

tion ahead of the Assembly elec-

tions. Since the Maharashtra

elections were under my leader-

BARELY SIX months ago, she had

contested her first Assembly

election as a Congress candidate

and grabbed eyeballs not only for

her spirited campaign but also

for being among the youngest

results came last December,

Sanjna Jatav had lost from

Alwar's Kathumar seat to the

But when the Assembly poll

MODI GOVT 1.0 (2014-19)

■ Consumer Food Price Index

8.89

■ Consumer Price Index

How food inflation played part in NDA's LS poll reverses

faces in the fray at just 25.

HAMZAKHAN

JAIPUR, JUNE 5

Addressing the media at

MUMBAI. JUNE 5

MAPPING THE Ladakh (was part of I&K in 2019) **BJP'S LOSS** Chandigarh 1 **Uttar Pradesh** Punjab Haryana Assam Rajasthan **Gujarat** Manipur Daman & Diu **Jharkhand** West Bengal Maharashtra 240 BJP's seat Karnataka tally in 2024 LS polls Source: Election Commission

Union Territories.

Fadnavis offers to quit

as Dy CM over BJP's

Maharashtra setback

The spread of BIP's loss was even in General Category seats as well as reserve categories. Of the 92 seats the BJP lost, 63 were in General, 18 reserved for SCs and 11 for STs.

These seats were mostly in rural areas but included urban seats like Mumbai North Central and Mumbai North East, where Congress and its allies defeated

Of the 92 seats, 11 constituencies— Aurangabad,

ship, I take full responsibility for

the failure. I will look into the

reasons to ascertain the short-

Fadnavis has expressed his wish

to remain outside the govern-

ment and lead the party's state

unit. When Eknath Shinde be-

came CM of the BJP-Shiv Sena

coalition government in 2022,

Fadnavis wanted to step down.

However, the central leadership

asked him to take charge as the

the Lok Sabha polls this time, down from 23 it had won in

2019. "In eight seats, we lost by

less than 4 per cent to our rivals. In six seats, the difference was

30.000 and in others, the vote

differences were as narrow as

2,000 to 4,000," Fadnavis said.

Sanjna Jatav with party's

election. I had no experience, yet

Raiasthan chief Govind

Singh Dotasra. Express

The party won nine seats in

This is the second time

comings."

deputy CM.

Dumka, Lohardaga, Gulbarga, Raichur, Gadchiroli-Chimur, Barmer, Karauli-Dholpur, Banda, Chandauli, and Fatehpur—were in the Aspirational Districts, the poorest districts of the country.

In the Aspirational Districts too, the Congress and the SP hit the BJP the most, by winning 6 and 3 seats of the 11 seats lost by the BJP in these districts.

Of the 92 seats, the Congress from the BIP, which included 9 in Maharashtra, 8 in Rajasthan and 4 in Uttar Pradesh.

The Samajwadi Party won 25 seats against the BJP, and all of them were in UP. The TMC in Bengal, and NCP-Sharad Pawar in Maharashtra bagged 8 and 5 seats respectively. The other parties who won against BJP in those 92 seats, were AAP. Bharat Adivasi Party, CPI(ML)(L), CPI(M), JMM, RJD, and Shiv Sena (UBT).

In 2019, 77 of the BJP's 303 seats came from reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Of these, the saffron party and its allies could retain only 48 seats in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, while the remaining 29 seats were won by the opposition parties.

While the BJP faced a debacle in these 92 seats, it won 32 new constituencies across 11 states and Union Territories, which helped the saffron party to take its overall tally to 240.

Of these 32 new seats, a maximum of 12 came from Odisha, 4 from Telangana, three each from Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh, two from West Bengal and one each from Bihar, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Chhattisgarh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, and Kerala. Of these wrested a maximum 42 seats 32 seats, only three were reserved for Scheduled Castes and 5 for Scheduled Tribes.



3rd biggest in NDA now, JD(U) eyes 3 ministries at Centre

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, JUNE 5

SECOND ONLY to the Telugu Desam Party in its heft in the NDA, Nitish Kumar's JD(U) plans to leverage the 12 seats it has won to negotiate plum portfolios in the cabinet, including the coveted Railways ministry, it is

Nitish was present in a meeting of NDA allies in the national capital on Wednesday, hours after sharing a flight with RJD's Tejashwi Yadav. "It's just a coincidence that the two leaders were travelling to Delhi by the same flight," JD(U) spokesperson and MLC Neeraj Kumar told The Indian Express. "We're strongly with the NDA and looking forward to a government under Narendra Modi for the third straight term."

This support, sources say, will come at a price. Unlike 2019, when the ID(U) won 16 seats but was offered a single ministerial berth, since the BIP was in majority on its own, the 12 seats it managed this time are far more valuable, party leaders say.

The party, sources said, has its eyes on Railways, Rural Development and Jal Shakti ministries. Other choices could

state. Jal Shakti is crucial in the context of Bihar facing a water crisis alongside challenges of a receding water table and flooding. We could also give a push to interlinking of river projects,' said a JD(U) leader.

The Rural Development ministry, the leader reasoned, could help boost rural infrastructure and economy. "And getting Railways would of course be a matter of pride for Bihar," he said.

That's not all – party leaders say they would want Nitish at the helm when the NDA fights the assembly polls in Bihar next year They also dismissed speculation that the state could see a change of guard in the near future. Among the frontrunners for

the potential ministerial berths are over half a dozen Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha JD(U) MPs. The party, sources said, will have to find a balance between accommodating an "upper caste, an OBC Kushwaha and an EBC leader".

Those in contention include former ID(U) national president and Munger MP Lalan Singh, an "upper caste heavyweight"; Jhanjharpur MP Rampreet Mandal, an EBC leader; and Valmiki Nagar MP Sunil Kumar from the Kushwaha community. Sitamarhi MP Devesh Chandra Thakur and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Kumar Jha could also be in the running, but Lalan Singh could have an edge because of his longstanding relationship

be Transport and Agriculture. "Nitish has held railways, agriculture and transport portfolios in the NDA government. We want our MPs to take up departments that can help develop the with Nitish, sources said. Modi Meets Murmu From 'waiting for call' Prime Minister Narendra Modi hands his resignation to to taking centre stage: President Droupadi Murmu as the 17th Lok Sabha came to an end, at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Wednesday. PTI Naidu turns the tables

NIKHILA HENRY NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

The Lok Sabha poll win is

perhaps the most important

milestone in Sanjna's political

iourney, who started out as a zila

parishad member. She belongs

had held the Bharatpur parlia-

nered 51.29% votes, defeated

in her favour, as per Sanjna her-

self, was that wherever she

after to record levels of 133.2

points and 140.8 points in 2021-

since eased — thanks to the end

of disruptions from Covid and the

Russia-Ukraine war — a patchy

monsoon, courtesy of El Niño,

has impacted domestic agricul-

oils at zero or 5% duty, and impos-

While global food prices have

22 and 2022-23 respectively.

The last time the Congress

This time, Sanjna, having gar-

On the ground, what worked

to the Dalit community.

mentary seat was in 2009.

BJP's Ramswaroop Koli.

TDP CHIEF N Chandrababu Naidu, who stopped the Jagan Mohan Reddy-led YSRCP's juggernaut in Andhra Pradesh Tuesday, had come to Delhi ahead of the Lok Sabha elections were announced. He wanted meet PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah about a possible electoral alliance.

"He waited to even get a call. That was the kind of treatment he got the last time he was here," said a close aide of Naidu.

But on June 4, the tables and TDP together following turned and Naidu's significance in the NDA soared as the majority mark eluded the BJP. On Wednesday, when he reached Delhi, the BJP top brass was more than willing to meet him. The former CM, who was

jailed in the alleged Andhra Pradesh Skill Development 2013-14 to 90 points by 2015-16. Corporation scam and apparently The index — a weighted average written off from state politics, beof the world prices of a basket of came an imperative part of the food commodities over a base pecombine formula for NDA's third riod value (taken at 100 for 2014term after winning 16 of the 25 16) — was at 96.5 points even in Lok Sabha seats in the state. "You all need the (political) 2019-20, before soaring there-

spice," Naidu responded to a barrage of questions from media persons as party workers and his admirers gathered to greet him at the Delhi residence of former TDP MP Galla Jayadev. But there was silence on one

question: What does he want from the BIP in exchange for his support to the NDA?

tural production. The Modi government has taken a host of Naidu was an NDA ally from 1999 onwards but he drifted away measures to control food inflation in last couple of years. These from the coalition. Before the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, his party include banning/ restricting exports of wheat, non-basmati rice, stitched an alliance with the sugar and onions, allowing im-Congress, and Naidu was handed ports of major pulses and edible a drubbing in his home state.

He joined hands with the NDA only after Janasena chief Pawan Kalyan managed to bring the BJP



DMK chief and Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin greets TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu at the Delhi airport. PTI

Naidu's release from jail on bail. In Delhi on Wednesday, Naidu was surrounded by his former advisors, some of his MLAs and at least an MP. "It's a rather busy day for us. Everything is finally falling in place," said K Rammohan Rao, a former special advisor to the TDP

chief. Pattabhiram Earlier, Kommareddy, TDP national spokesperson said Naidu's focus will be on Andhra Pradesh and not Centre. "We don't want anything from the BIP except for support for

development of the state," he said.

Naidu held a thin file as he headed for the NDA meeting. "I will speak after the meeting," he said. In the meeting, Naidu was

seated next to PM Narendra Modi Meanwhile, DMK president and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin met Naidu at the Delhi air-

port and exchanged pleasantries. In a post on X, Stalin said: "...I conveyed my best wishes to him and expressed hope that we will collaborate to strengthen the ties between the brotherly states of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. I am confident that he will play a crucial role in the Union Government, advocating for the southern states and protecting our

people gave me lots of love. BJP's Ramesh Khinchi by just 409 the strategy as well as managewent, the people saw her as their votes. Both Sanjna and her oppo-"daughter" or "bahu". What's missing was just luck, ment and strengthening of party nent had polled over 79,000 nothing else," she had earlier workers. Everything seemed to **FULL REPORT** told The Indian Express. votes. "It was my first Assembly have fallen in place for her. www.indianexpress.com

MODI GOVT 2.0 (2019-24)

■ Consumer Food Price Index

3.05

■ Consumer Price Index

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In Rajasthan, Congress's 26-year-old Dalit face

makes a comeback: From Assembly loss to MP

Her luck was perhaps wait-

ing to smile on her on a bigger

stage. In the current Lok Sabha

polls, Sanjna, now 26, has won

from the Bharatpur constituency

on the Congress ticket with a

margin of 51,983 votes, polling

helped sharpen Sanjna's political

acumen. Following the

December outcome, she had said

that she would need to change a

few things about her campaign

for the Lok Sabha polls, especially

The Assembly poll loss

over 5.79 lakh votes.

HARISH DAMODARAN NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

IF THERE'S one economic variable that could be held the most responsible for the losses suffered by the Narendra Modi-led National Democratic Alliance in the Lok Sabha election, it is food inflation.

Annual inflation based on the Consumer Food Price Index (CPFI) averaged a mere 0.03% in the 12 months from May 2018 leading to the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. But in the 12-month run up (May 2023-April 2024) to this year's elections, retail food inflation has averaged 7.88%.

All the three basic foods — roti (cereals), dal (pulses), and sabzi (vegetables) — have registered double-digit inflation in the last 12 months, which would have definitely weighed on the ordinary voter's mind and wallet.

During this period, the average annual CFPI increase in cereals was 10.39%, in pulses 16.07%, and for vegetables 18.33%.

In contrast, the May 2018-April 2019 period had seen retail average just 1.98% for roti, minus 7.24% for *dal*, and minus 4.80% for sabzi.

fact, marked by benign inflation. Overall consumer price index (CPI) inflation averaged 4.39% and CFPI inflation was even lower at 3.38%. CFPI inflation ruled above CPI inflation in only 21 out of the 60 months from May 2014 to April 2019.

The Modi government's entire first term (Modi 1.0) was, in

the Modi government's second term (Modi 2.0) from May 2019 to April 2024 (see Charts). General CPI inflation has averaged 5.69%, more than the Reserve Bank of India's mediumterm target of 4%. The average re-

It has been the opposite in

tail food inflation has been even higher at 6.48%. And CFPI inflation has exceeded CPI inflation in 30 out of 58 months (comparative data for the two Covid

May-14

Apr-19 May-19 months of April and May 20202

isn't available). agri-commodities.

The low inflation during Modi 1.0 had primarily to do with international prices — not

tracked food price index crashed from an average of 119.1 points in

only of crude petroleum, but also The United Nations' widely-

4.83

Apr-24

ing stocking limits in wheat and pulses for traders and retailers.

Maya: Will now field minorities 'soch samajh kar'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

A DAY after the BSP put up its poorest performance in LS election, party chief Mayawati Wednesday said Muslims did not understand her party despite the fact that she gave adequate representation to the community. She said the BSP would give opportunities to them in future after much thought to avoid such setbacks.

Calling Muslims an "important part" of BSP, Mayawati said in a statement, "Now in this situation, the party will give opportunities to them in future elections kafi soch samajh kar (after much thought) so that the party does not suffer a similar setback in future." The BSP had fielded the highest number of Muslim candidates in the country at 35 in a bid to broaden her support base with a combination of Dalits and Muslim votes.

7 Union, 2 state ministers from BJP lost in UP, winners saw their margin shrink

MAULSHREE SETH LUCKNOW, JUNE 5

AS THE BIP, which had electorally dominated Uttar Pradesh for the last 10 years, shrunk in this Lok Sabha election, as many as seven Union ministers and two ministers in the Uttar Pradesh government lost. Also, the party lost in more than half of the 17 Scheduled Caste reserved seats in the state.

Ten Union ministers from the BJP were in the fray from UP, and seven of them lost. They included Smriti Irani from Amethi (lost by 1.67 lakh votes), Mahendra Nath Pandey from Chandauli (21,565 votes), Sanjeev Balyan from Muzaffarnagar (24,672 votes), Ajay Mishra Teni from Lakhimpur Kheri (34,329 votes), Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti from Fatehpur



BJP candidate Smriti Irani lost from Amethi. File

(33,199 votes), Kaushal Kishore from Mohanlalgani SC reserved seat (70,292 votes), and Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma from Jalaun SC reserved seat (53,898 votes).

The two ministers in the UP government who lost were Dinesh Pratap Singh (against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in

SHAJUK PHILIP

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

THE CONGRESS-led UDF has

won 18 out of 20 seats in Kerala,

while one seat each went to the

BJP and the CPI(M). Here are the

Kerala has always shown a

voting pattern in Lok Sabha polls

that is different from Assembly

polls. Barring a few exceptions, the

state has always preferred the

Congress at the Lok Sabha to the

Left. The 2024 Lok Sabha elections

were fought at a time when the

Left had lost its ground elsewhere

in the country, exposing CPI(M)'s

inability to stem the BIP jugger-

EXPLAINED

takeaways from Kerala result:

Kerala always prefers

Cong for Lok Sabha

Rae Bareli by over 3.90 lakh votes), and Jai Veer Singh against SP leader Dimple Yadav in Mainpuri by over 2.21 lakh votes.

The four Union ministers who won saw their victory margin visa-vis 2019 depleted. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, whose campaign focused on "abki baar

Muslim to Christian vote, divisions in

5 lakh paar" margin, saw his winning votes reduced from 3.47 lakh to 1.3 lakh in Lucknow.

Union minister Pankaj Chaudhary, who won from Maharajganj for the seventh time, saw his margin reduced from 3.40 lakh in 2019 to mere 35,000 votes in this election.

SP Singh Baghel was the third Union minister from the BJP who won. He won from Agra SC reserved seat by a margin of 2.71 lakh votes. The two UP ministers who won were Jitin Prasada from Pilibhit and Anoop Balmiki from Hathras.

Meanwhile, the BJP won in only eight of the 17 SC reserved seats – down from its 2019 tally

Besides losing in Jalaun, where sitting MP and Union minister Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma was defeated by SP's

Narayan Dhar Ahirwar, the party also lost in Mohanlalganj where SP's RK Chaudhary defeated Union Minister and two-term sitting MP Kaushal Kishore by over 70,000 votes.

Another significant SC reserved seat lost by the BJP was Barabanki, where Congress' Tanuj Punia defeated Rajrani Rawat by a margin of over 2.15 lakh, Tanui's father, PL Punia, had won from the seat earlier. The three other SC reserved

seats snatched away from the BJP included Machhlishahr (Priva Sarof of SP defeated BIP's Bholanath by 35,850 votes), Kaushambi (Pushpendra Saroj of SP defeated BJP's Vinod Kumar Sonkar by over 1 lakh votes); and Robertsganj (Chotelal of SP won defeated BJP ally Rinki Singh of Apna Dal (S) by 1.29 lakh votes). In 2019, Robertsganj was won by Apna Dal (S).

the CPI(M) had sent feelers to the

IUML, the Congress's main ally

in Kerala. Over the last few years,

the CPI(M) had managed to get

closer to an influential cleric

body, SAMASTHA, which is clo-

sely associated with the IUML.

As a result, in Ponnani, the

CPI(M) fielded its candidate with

the backing of a section of

SAMASTHA clerics. With the

Congress recording a resound-

sweeps TN, BJP sees gain in ADMK's loss **ARUN JANARDHANAN** CHENNAI, JUNE 5 THE DMK-led Secular Progressive Alliance's clean sweep in Tamil Nadu has left principal Opposition party AIADMK grappling

After DMK alliance

with questions about its future,

given that it has faced a poll de-

bacle for the second straight par-

liamentary election, and has pro-

vided the BJP with a silver lining

AIADMK won one seat, it failed to

win any of the 39 LS seats, and

was relegated to the third place in

12 critical seats, with the BJP-led

NDA coming second behind the

DMK. BJP finished second in nine

of these seats. These seats are

Coimbatore, Kanyakumari,

Tiruvallur, Vellore, Dharmapuri,

Ramanathapuram, and Theni,

For the AIADMK, more wor-

rying will be Kanyakumari and the UT of Puducherry where it

finished fourth behind Tamil na-

tionalist leader Seeman's Naam

Tamilar Katchi (NTK). Adding to

its woes, AIADMK candidates in

While AIADMK chief Edap-

seven seats lost their deposits.

padi K Palaniswami said the elec-

tion was a lesson on how to face

the 2026 Assembly polls, a former

AIADMK minister said Palanis-

wami should read signs of danger.

"There is a huge setback in south-

ern Tamil Nadu. Seeman's NTK

and the BJP ate into our votes. The

results show revamping the party

Another leader from central TN alleged EPS seemed more fo-

Far fewer contested,

but Muslim MP tally

almost same this time

is crucial now."

ZEESHAN SHAIKH

DESPITE A notable decline in the

overall count of Muslim candi-

dates nominated by major polit-

ical parties in the 2024 Lok Sabha

polls, dropping from 115 in 2019

to 78, the anticipated tally of Mus-

lim MPs in the Lok Sabha is poised

to reach 24. In the previous LS,

While five Muslims secured

seats on the Congress ticket in

two Independents. This means

that of the 24 Muslim MPs, 21

are from the INDIA bloc parties.

there were 26 Muslim MPs.

MUMBAI, JUNE 5

AIADMK won in 2019.

Unlike last time, when the

despite troubles of its own.

Tamil Nadu CM and DMK

chief MK Stalin in Chennai during counting of votes. File cused on keeping his hold over the party than ensuring its well-

being. According to him, "the de-

layed decision to sever ties with

the NDA just 6 months before

the polls" weakened the party. Chennai Central, Chennai South, "There was significant lastminute sabotage from the party Madurai, Nilgiris, Tirunelveli, in favour of BJP, especially in highprofile seats such as Coimbatore which was the sole seat the and Ramanathapuram," said an

AIADMK leader from Salem. Meanwhile, for BIP, an aggressive campaign led by PM Narendra Modi and state BJP chief K Annamalai, who lost from Coimbatore, failed to translate into electoral success. The BJP's vote share

stagnated at 11.24%, far below its target of 25%. For the party, the AIADMK's troubles that have disrupted the traditional dynamics of bipolar contests form the silver lining from this election, with Annamalai labelling it a victory. "In several seats, including Chennai city constituencies and Madurai, BJP has pushed AIADMK

to third position. That is our victory. If AIADMK vote share has come down to 20% in 2024, that is their problem. Our growth is to our advantage," Annamalai said.

MUSLIM MPs

IN LOK SABHA

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'We are dominant force, Tejashwi's jobs pitch will help us in state polls'

HAVING ENDED without a seat in 2019, the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) recovered to four constituencies in Bihar this time, with the INDIA bloc's tally in the state growing to nine. RJD Rajya Sabha MP and national spokesperson MANOJ KUMAR JHA speaks to SANTOSH SINGH on the poll results, RJD's prospects and the IN-DIA bloc's future. Excerpts:

What do you make of the results?

The results are very encouraging. We have demonstrated that people back you when they see a fighting spirit. It was a difficult election with everything stacked against us — institutions that broke parties and allowed the theft of people's mandates; agencies that left no stone unturned to harass, defame, and jail leaders; a mainstream media that has been timid... I can go on.

But what kept us going was belief in the Constitution, as well as being among the people at all

Do you believe that better coordination among INDIA partners as well as retaining JD(U) leader Nitish Kumar could have helped the INDIA

bloc get a majority? The INDIA bloc has put up a spirited fight. It has been a pleasure working with all the partners. We would have liked everyone to focus on the elections and leave the rest of the is-

sues for later. On Wednesday, all of us met to discuss future course of the collective. But given the diverse contexts from which all of us come, sometimes it is difficult to micro-manage some moving parts. Fortunately, in India, there are a large number of people and parties that hold the letter and spirit of the Constitution sacro-

How do you see Bihar's results?

On the whole, the INDIA bloc did quite well. We could have definitely done better. The RJD is undoubtedly a politically dominant force, but the arithmetic of elections is dependent on so many small things that only a booth-by-booth analysis will tell us what we need to be more attentive to in the coming months.





Manoj Kumar JHA

RJD RAJYA SABHA MP

We will also talk to the alliance partners to address our collective strengths and areas of improvement...

Do you believe that RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav's narrative on unemployment will help you perform better in the Assembly polls?

Yes, definitely. There was a lot of traction and hope around Tejashwi Yadav's employment promise. It will only gather more momentum.

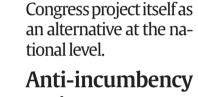
What are the areas the RJD needs to work on ahead of the 2025 Assembly polls?

There are voter demographics where we want to strengthen outreach, Finally, we want to be battle-ready from now... Analysis needs to be done, but it seems NDA could not manage group equations well (in areas). As a result, they did not anticipate contingencies of votes getting split.

How do you see the outcome in Uttar Pradesh, especially with the BJP losing Faizabad

where Ayodhya falls? India is a diverse country and there are all kinds of regional and cultural variations. But it is also a composite... Uttar Pradesh was being taken for granted and run like a fiefdom... Businesses from outside are making a killing at the expense of people. We are told there is a big real estate boom in Faizabad.





SHAJU PHILIP

JUNE 5

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

The BJP, which broke ground in

Kerala by opening its Lok Sabha

account in the state with Suresh

Gopi's victory from Thrissur, has

more reason to cheer as it has

managed to increase its vote

share in almost all Lok Sabha

analysis shows the BJP was first-

placed in 11, including six falling

under the Thrissur seat, and runner-up in six. In 2019 Lok Sabha

polls, the BIP had led only in one

Assembly segment – Nemom –

the seat it had won in 2016; and

that the BJP-led NDA's vote share

grew to 19.39% in the state, up

from the 15.64% five years ago.

Preliminary EC data shows

had finished second in seven.

An Assembly segment-wise

constituencies of the state.

naut, which helped the

against state govt Along with a vote of protest against the Modi government at the Centre, a major factor that worked in UDF's favour was the anti-incumbency being faced by the Pinarayi Vijayan-led Left government. On ground, even though there was strong resentment against the CPI(M), the party had avoided any debate over a mandate for its regime. At



Congress leader Shashi Tharoor celebrates after his victory in Lok Sabha polls. File

the same time, the UDF, particularly the Congress, fielded all sitting MPs. Result shows they remained insulated from individual anti-incumbency.

CPM wooed Muslims

The CPI(M) had projected the Left as the only alliance that could fight the BIP at the national level. Right from the outset, the party made the CAA as its main poll plank, and alleged the Congress was silent on it. However, the Congress and its ally, the IUML, went on to win by big margins in all the seats in north Kerala where Muslims are a considerable force. Elsewhere in Kerala,

Besides Suresh Gopi's win, BJP's

The BJP alone polled 16.83% of the

votes, as against 13.81% in 2019.

In six LS seats, the BIP got a vote

Gopi secured the historic win,

had not been on BIP's radar until

the actor-turned-politician en-

tered the scene as the party had

put its focus on Thiruvana-

nthapuram, which is seen to

have had a pro-Sangh Parivar

nchpad, Gopi rode on his stardom.

In 2019, he had helped the BJP in-

crease its vote share from 11.15%

in 2014 to 28.2% in 2019, even as

Though he did not have a lau-

vote bank since the 1980s.

Interestingly, Thrissur, where

share of above 20% this time.

Suresh Gopi.

vote share increased in Kerala

with Congress

the CPI(M)'s single-point agenda

may have distanced Hindu and

Christian votes from the Left.

Christian votes

The huge victory of Congress in central Kerala, held after the exit of several leading Christian faces from the party shows the community's loyalty to the Congress remains intact. In central Kerala seats of Ernakulam, Idukki, Kottayam and Pathanamthitta, both CPI(M) and Congress fielded Christian candidates, but the UDF won all seats, voiding the BJP's Christian outreach programmes and anti-Muslim campaign.

Trouble within LDF

The BJP won Thrissur and put up a strong fight in Thiruvananthapuram, both seats contested by the CPI, which is the CPI(M)'s junior ally in the LDF. In both seats, it is believed, the LDF candidates did not get all the Left votes. The victory of Suresh Gopi in Thrissur is likely to reopen the controversy over the allegation that CPI(M) leader E P Jayarajan had held discussions with the Kerala BJP incharge Prakash Javadekar on helping Gopi's victory, in exchange for Centre settling probes by its agencies against CPI(M) leaders, as well as the SNC Lavalin case that is pending in the Supreme Court.

Congress-IUML bond

In the run-up to the elections,

he finished third. In 2021, he con-

tested Thrissur Assembly seat and

increased the BJP vote share to

crown to the Catholic Cathedral

Church in Thrissur to mark his

daughter's wedding also struck a

chord with the electorate, of

which Christians make up around

21%. Voting patterns in Thrissur

show that a chunk of Christian

Modi made repeated visits to

the constituency in the last five

months. During campaigning,

Gopi played the "Modi guaran-

candidate Sobha Surendran also

drove a rise in the party's vote

share from around 17% in 2019

to 28%. The BJP also managed to

increase its vote share in Attingal

Elsewhere, in Alappuzha, BJP

tee" card.

and Palakkad.

Prime Minister Narendra

votes went in Gopi's favour.

His donation of a golden

31.3%, from 19.46% in 2016.

ing victory in Kerala, the IUML can check the pro-Left elements within SAMASTHA. Besides, the impression that the BJP won Thrissur with tacit Left backing will also dent the CPI(M)'s image among Muslims, another factor that would help the Congress cement its ties with the IUML. BJP opens account The most important take-

away of the LS elections in Kerala is the victory of BJP candidate Gopi from Thrissur. The BJP poll campaign focused on "Modi's guarantee" and development. This victory will boost BJP's confidence in Kerala, and go a long way in the party's future electoral plans. The party has also increased

its vote share in many other constituencies, Thiruvananthapuram, Attingal and Alappuzha. But it failed to make a bigger gain from the public resentment against the LDF government, which went in

BJP won in land of secularism, has to be examined, says Pinarayi

favour of the UDF.

Thiruvananthapuram: A day after the LS elections results came out, Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan Wednesday said the verdict will be examined and required corrections will be made in the functioning of the Left government.

The CPI(M)-led LDF won only one of the 20 seats in Kerala and could not improve its 2019 tally,

In an official communication, Vijayan said the LDF did not get the expected victory: "Drawbacks will be rectified. Efforts to counter the wicked campaign against the government and to clear people's misconceptions will be strengthened."

"That BIP has won in a land of democracy and secularism (and it) has to be examined critically. All people believing in secularism and democracy should be ready for such a review," he said. **ENS**

2019, the number rose to seven 26 2019 this time around. 24 2024 However, Muslim representation in the Lower House remains at 4.41% of its 543 total members, significantly below The majority of Muslim MPs the community's 14% share in hail from West Bengal, at five. India's population, as per the The Congress Muslim leaders 2011 Census.

If the Congress's seven Muslim MPs are the highest for any party, it is followed by the TMC at five, the Samajwadi Party SP at four, the IUML at three, the NC at two, the AIMIM at one, and

who won include Tariq Anwar from Katihar, Shafi Parambil from Vadakara, Imran Masood from Saharanpur, Muhammed Hamdullah from Lakshadweep, Rakibul Hussain from Dhubri, Mohammed Jawed from Kishanganj, and Isha Khan Choudhary from

Maldaha Dakshin. FULL REPORT www.indianexpress.com

Uttarkashi: 5 trekkers from Karnataka die, 4 missing; bad weather hits rescue

AVANEESH MISHRA

DEHRADUN, JUNE 5

FIVE TREKKERS from Karnataka have died, 11 rescued and four others are missing after a 22member team on an expedition to Sahastratal in Uttarkashi was hit by bad weather.

According to information shared by the Uttarakhand government, two more trekkers were found to be safe in a nearby base camp and are returning on foot. As the rescue teams race against time to save the remaining four members, adverse weather conditions are impeding helicopter rescue efforts in the upper Himalayan region.

The deceased have been



A rescued trekker undergoes medical checkup

identified as Sindhu Vakekalam (45), Asha Sudhakar (71), Sujatha Mungurwadi (51), Vinayak Mungurwadi (54), and Chitra Praneeth (48), all from Bengaluru.

District Magistrate Dr Meharban Singh Bisht has instructed the rescue teams to expedite their efforts. The teams

are advancing towards the incident site from two directions. The IAF has also initiated a search and rescue operation and

deployed two Chetak helicopters. **SDRF** Commandant Manikant Mishra said: "Returning from Sahastratal, the team encountered bad weather. They continued the trek during which two of them died. The remaining members eventually reached the two trekkers who had stayed behind and spent the night there. During the night, two more trekkers died due to extreme cold, leaving 16 trekkers. The next morning, eight of them managed to re-

turn to the base camp,' WITH INPUTS FROM AKRAM M IN KARNATAKA

Fire damages Gulmarg's century-old Shiv temple

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, JUNE 5

A MASSIVE fire broke out at the iconic Shiv temple, also known as Maharani temple, early Wednesday in Gulmarg town of Jammu and Kashmir causing the

roof to completely burn down. The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained, said the officials. The fire tenders could not reach the spot in time due to which the fire engulfed the roof completely even as the structure also suffered some dam-

ages, said the officials. Former J&K CM Omar Abdullah meanwhile urged the administration to restore the

temple. On X, he said, "Very sorry to hear about the fire in Gulmarg that seriously damaged the famous Shiv Mandir. I

hope the administration quickly establishes the cause of the fire & reconstructs this place of great religious (and tourist) significance as soon as possible.'

According to locals, the fire gained momentum due to strong winds and the location of the temple. The temple sits atop a hillock in Gulmarg. The temple was built in 1915 for the Maharani of Jammu and Kashmir and Maharaja Hari Singh's wife Mohini Bai.

It has also been the site of filming of Bollywood movies in the early 1980s.

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

RINGING IN THE NEW

New governments in Odisha, AP must keep promises, especially on creating job opportunities, that swept them into power

HE DEFEAT OF five-time chief minister Naveen Patnaik of the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) and the YSRCP's YS Jagan Mohan Reddy in the assembly polls held alongside the general election frames anti-incumbency at work in Odisha and Andhra Pradesh respectively. From 23 seats out of 175 in 2019, the TDP whose fortunes seemed to be at their lowest ebb a few months ago, following Chandrababu Naidu's arrest last year in the alleged Skill Development Corporation scam rose to win 135, while the ruling YSRCP, which had swept the previous assembly polls with 151 seats, was able to retain only 11. Even as it registered losses in its bastions like UP, the BJP's inroads into Odisha point to its spread into new territories and clever leveraging of fatigue with the BJD - it secured 78 seats against BJD's 51.

In both states the Opposition banked on anti-incumbency sentiments, including discontent over the perceived lack of employment opportunities, and a welfare model that was seen to prioritise short-term gains over long-term development policies. In Andhra Pradesh, the appeal of Jagan Reddy's "Navaratnalu" promise — nine welfare programmes aimed at farmers, women and the poor – evidently dimmed before the TDP's "Super Six" guarantees of welfare plus jobs. The TDP-JSP-BJP combine also tapped into disgruntlement over the controversial Land Titling Act and the widespread impression that a majority of the state's funds were being spent on doles. Perceived vindictiveness towards political rivals also hurt the YSRCP's prospects, especially after JSP's Pawan Kalyan, in September last year, declared his support for Naidu in a made-for-camera moment outside Rajahmundry jail, where the latter was incarcerated. In neighbouring Odisha, in the 2019 Assembly elections, the BJD had won by a comfortable majority of 112 of its 147 assembly seats against the BJP's 23. Ahead of this year's assembly elections, speculation about Patnaik's failing health, Odisha's low indices on parameters such as education and employment became flashpoints that were successfully exploited by its former ally-turned-adversary. The state's unemployment rate remains higher than the national average. Welfare schemes aimed at women and farmers that had powered Patnaik's popularity through a large part of his 24-year tenure seemed to have run out of steam, opening up fertile ground for the BJP leadership to invoke Odia asmita (Odia pride) and attack Patnaik on the rise of his aide and private secretary V K Pandian as the de facto administrator who came in from outside. The Ratna Bhandar issue — the missing key to the treasury of Lord Jagannath — was raked up, too, as an example of the BJD's alleged disrespect to Odia culture.

Cultural identities, however, are tricky terrains. As the BJP begins a new innings in the state, it will also need to remember that voters in the age group of 18-29 account for 23 per cent of Odisha's electorate — they require jobs that will keep them in the state instead of looking for opportunities outside. In Andhra Pradesh, too, youth make up about 25 per cent of the state's population. The jobs and development plank on which the winning alliance campaigned — helped by PM Modi's appeal — must now become the template for the new government's policies.

RULES OF THE GAME

In a bitterly fought election, amid spectres and scares, what remained inviolate was the electoral process's credibility

TTHE END of an election, the focus is on reading the mandate and analysing the performance of the major political players. Elections, however, are not just about victory and defeat. They are equally, if not more importantly, tests ■ of the process, and its checks and balances, the system's ability to ensure fair play. For India's poll monitor, the Election Commission (EC), that task is both delicate and difficult: Making adherence to due procedures non-negotiable in a diverse and intensely competitive field, where passions often run high. On Tuesday, when it declared the results of the General Elections, held over a gruelling six weeks amid heat wave conditions in several parts of the country, the EC could justifiably claim to have lived up to its own high standards. "Parinaam mein hi pramaan hai (the result is the proof)", said the CEC.

Ahead of this election, and also during it, concerns about its free-ness and fair-ness, taken for granted so far, were raised by political players, and they found an echo among sections of voters. The backdrop to the 18th Lok Sabha elections featured an executive which showed little compunction in weaponising central investigative agencies against political opponents. In January, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on corruption charges. About two months later, his Delhi counterpart, Arvind Kejriwal, was taken into ED custody — it required a Supreme Court verdict to let the AAP supremo campaign. This created fears about the playing field being rigged. A big question long before the winners and losers were decided was, therefore, about the integrity of the process itself. In this setting, the EC stepped up to its role, even as it invited criticism and controversy. Among other steps, it issued notices to the presidents of the BJP and Congress on alleged breaches of the model code of conduct by their star campaigners, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. Polling in parts of West Bengal was marred by violence, but the law enforcement agencies ensured that disturbances were contained before they took a serious turn.

No losing candidate — not Uddhav Shiv Sena's Amol Gajanan Kirtikar who lost to Shiv Sena-Shinde's Ravindra D Waikar in Mumbai North West by a mere 48 votes, nor CPM candidate V Joy defeated by Congress's Adoor Prakash in Attingal, Kerala, by less than 700 votes — is reported to have questioned the fairness of the result. It's yet another testament to the resilience and credibility of the country's election process and machinery.

YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW

An AI chatbot now allows people to seek advice from their older selves. It is an unnecessary enterprise

FIONLY knew then, what I know now..." It is a lament the young do not understand, for they do not know that they do not know. But as time passes — sometimes in days, sometimes in years — many people have wanted to go back and counsel, scold and . guide themselves to better decisions. Some may wish to go back only a day, and caution their past selves against that fifth drink, or the late-night binge eating. For others, regrets can span years and even a lifetime. It may be that, after slaving away at a job for decades, someone may want to go back and quit, when time and opportunity allowed them to. Now,

AI is trying to allow people to talk to younger versions of themselves. According to a report in The Guardian, researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) have built an AI-powered chatbot that simulates a user's older self and dishes out advice. The profile picture is aged — wrinkles, grey hair and perhaps a bit of wisdom in the eyes — to make the faux time travel feel more authentic. It gives career advice, tells people to cherish their parents, and shares any number of other pearls of wisdom. If the advice sounds a little corny, users have only themselves to blame — the chatbot is based on

their behaviour and inputs. Unfortunately, though, it's unlikely to alter the course of lives. The problem with the "I wish I'd known then what I know now" aspiration is, as Terry Pratchett pointed out, "when you got older you found out that you wasn't you then. You then was a twerp." It takes a life filled with regrets and what-ifs to gain the wisdom to give advice. Ignoring the advice of elders is what being young is often about. A chatbot won't change that. If kids were so keen on perspective, they would just listen to their parents.

The idea of India reborn



Elections expressed a yearning for defence of constitutional values and citizen dignity

ASHUTOSH VARSHNEY

EVERY ELECTION VERDICT is part statistics, part interpretation. The game of numbers is cut in stone; the realm of interpretation is anything but. The following question is worth posing. Just what do the 2024 national election results signify?

There are three serious interpretive candidates (and possibly some more, if imagination can be deployed further). The first is that the results are a massive disapproval of the prime minister's hubris, especially though not only epitomised by his public statement that he was not biologically produced, but was chosen and sent by "parmatma" (God) to accomplish a divinely ordained mission. This statement in May followed his consecration of the Ram temple in January, where priests played a wholly subsidiary role and India's Prime Minister, occupying the highest office of a non-theocratic state, placed himself at the centre of a religious ceremony.

But even a serious electoral reversal — losing over 60 seats — appears not to have had an immediate effect. In an inversion of meanings, the first post-election Narendra Modi appearance at the BJP headquarters was presented as an "aitihasik vijay utsav" (historic victory celebration). That is called an exercise in suspension of disbelief.

In an intellectually astute formulation, Yogendra Yadav has of late been arguing that given the call for "chaar sau paar" (beyond 400 seats) and its 303 seats in the last Lok Sabha, 300 seats or so for the BJP in 2024 could be called some kind of draw, but less than the majority figure (272) should be viewed as a "moral defeat" and less than 250 a "political defeat". BJP has 240. How can that be a victory?

The second interpretation is that the resu-Its are a check on Hindu nationalism. After the first round of voting, Modi's campaign, in its anti-Muslim rhetoric, acquired the kind of Hindu nationalist stridency not seen since 2002.

Consider, now, why the verdict can be read as a disapproval of Hindu nationalism. The BIP lost Faizabad, the parliamentary seat that houses the Ayodhya temple. Equally notably, the BJP has been trounced in Uttar Pradesh, the party's greatest ideological heartland outside Gujarat since 2014. Compared to 2019, the BJP's vote in UP fell by as much as eight percentage points.

Barmer (Rajasthan), where Modi, while campaigning, used for India's Muslims some truly vile words, such as "ghuspaithiye" (infiltrators) and "zyada bachche paida karne wale log" (the community that breeds more children). The BJP was also defeated in Banaskantha (Gujarat), a heavily dairy-dependent town, where the prime minister spoke of how the Congress party would snatch a buffalo from those Hindus who owned two buffalos, and give it to Muslims. The third interpretation is that the elec-

Two more results are worthy of attention.

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tions expressed a yearning for the defence of constitutional values, especially affirmative action and citizen dignity. Those who did field research during elections, including me, have noted that for the first time in India's electoral history, the voters were expressing concern about the Constitution, especially if the BJP won big. Of particular concern was the idea of 370 or 400 seats.

Why 370 or 400? Why not 320 or 330, which is more than sufficient for victory? Wouldn't the former be an instrument for bringing about constitutional changes, including alterations in the affirmative action regime?

Concerns about the Constitution have always been a matter of debate in elite circles in English language media, in the seminar rooms of India International Centre, JNU, National Law Schools, Delhi School of Economics and Sociology, etc. But these concerns now entered mass politics, especially among educated Dalits and OBCs. A copy of the Constitution in Rahul Gandhi's hands, as he made campaign speeches with an approving Akhilesh Yadav on his side, signified how the Opposition turned this "elite idea" into an election pitch.

This third interpretation is perhaps the best way to think about the verdict. But it has to be reframed in a way that links it to a broader idea. We need a prism through which we can connect the apparently disparate things that we kept hearing in our travels. These were — affirmative action uncertainties; the rise of animosities and polarisation in society; the concern about rights; the steeply rising inequalities, with a few becoming monumentally rich and millions without

a job; the idea that if a job is available, one won't need free ration, one can buy the food one needs, and also live a life of dignity. These thoughts can, I think, be aggregated into the so-called "idea of India".

Hindu nationalists have always resented this term, calling it a Nehruvian imposition An authentic idea of India, in their view, requires civilisational anchorage, which they define as Hindu-centric. To their minds, "Islamic invasions" since the 711 conquest of Sind by Mohammed bin Qasim make it more than ek hazaar saal ki ghulami (a thousand years of slavery). A culturally authentic idea of India must give primacy to overcoming this ghulami; everything else follows. The term "infiltrators" comes from this version of history.

But this argument is fundamentally flawed. The so-called idea of India is not a Nehruvian imposition. It is enshrined in India's Constitution. The Constitution is, most of all Babasaheb Ambedkar's creation. It was doubtless based on deliberations in the Constituent Assembly, but he was the prime mover. The Constitution has all the ideas bubbling disparately in our election conversations: Justice, equality, rights, attack on various kinds of inequalities, and that mighty human motivation once consciousness dawns — dignity.

Doubtless, my arguments above have a Dalit, OBC and Muslim inflection. Moreover their roots are in my UP conversations. But that is no disqualifier. After all, Modi's overall electoral reverses are disproportionately driven by his defeat in UP. And there is every reason to believe that Dalits, OBCs (including lower OBCs) and Muslims brought about the BJP's downfall in UP.

In short, at least in UP, and perhaps elsewhere, we are witnessing a re-birth of the idea of India, heavily suppressed for the last several years. What is even clearer is that if the BJP had returned to power with a majority of its own, the constitutionally enshrined idea of India would have been subjected to a vigorous assault, leading to its decimation.

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AAP'S MISSING VISION

Losses in Lok Sabha election show voters expect more from the young party

Ashutosh

REVOLUTIONS HAVE MANY shades. But their essential feature is disruption. From the French Revolution to the October Revolution, old establishments were led to their destruction with a delinking from the past for the construction of the future. The 2011 movement led by Anna Hazare and Arvind Kejriwal was nothing less than a revolution. So, when it transformed into a political party, the Aam Aadmi Party earned the confidence of the people, with the party forming governments in two states in a short span, defeating a century-old political party.

The AAP is no ordinary phenomenon. But this election has proved again that it is still not considered a national player. It is intriguing that the AAP, despite having an overwhelming presence in the assembly elections in Delhi, has failed to win a single seat in parliamentary elections in the national capital three times in a row. It drew blanks in 2014, 2019 and 2024. The BJP has swept all seven seats in Delhi since 2014.

In this election, the AAP was hopeful that it would be able to win at least two seats, given its alliance with Congress. Yet, the combined share of votes is about 43 per cent, much less than the BJP's 54 per cent. In 2019, the AAP and Congress contested separately and surprisingly, the former was third in terms of vote share. Congress did better in 2019. Curiously, just six months later, in the assembly elections, the AAP im-

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AAP contested 22 seats in total this year. Other than Delhi and Punjab, it put up candidates in Assam, Haryana and Gujarat. It improved its national vote share from 0.44 per cent to 1.11 per cent this year. But despite the arrest of Arvind Kejriwal on the eve of the election and his release on bail to campaign for the party, the AAP failed to move the voter. These are not

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proved its vote share three times over and won 54 per cent of the votes and 62 seats out of 70 in Delhi.

In 2014, too, the AAP was no match to Modi's juggernaut in the Lok Sabha elections. This was when the AAP was considered a national alternative. It contested more than 400 Lok Sabha seats but lost all but four in Punjab. At its peak, it could get only 33 per cent of the votes to BJP's 52 per cent and failed to win a single seat. But six months after the parliamentary elections, it won 67 assembly seats out of 70.

The Punjab story is slightly different. In 2014, the AAP won four seats; in 2019, it was reduced to one seat and in these elections, it won three against Congress's seven. It had a good start in Punjab with four seats and 24 per cent of the votes but its performance in 2019 and 2024 has been anything but good. In 2019, its vote share nosedived to 7.46 per cent. In 2024, it increased to 26 per cent, with the AAP winning three seats. But this pales in comparison to its performance in the 2022 assembly election when it won 92 seats and 42 per cent votes. This is after the AAP stunned many by forming the government in Punjab. Congress was almost decimated but surprisingly, it had done better than the AAP in 2019 when it won 8 seats and in 2024 when it managed seven seats.

Here emerges a pattern. The AAP contested 22 seats in total this year. Other than

Delhi and Punjab, it put up candidates in Assam, Haryana and Gujarat. It improved its national vote share from 0.44 per cent to 1.11 per cent this year. It has been recognised as a national party (many voters' perception, notwithstanding).

But despite the arrest of the AAP's top leader Arvind Kejriwal on the eve of the election and his release on bail to campaign for the party, the AAP failed to move the voter. These are not encouraging signs. It seems voters expect much more from the AAP in the general elections. Its failing is that even 12 years since inception, it has not presented a vision document for the country; nobody knows what the AAP's economic, foreign and defence policies are. The AAP had promised to change politics; it spoke against dynasty politics and opposed high command culture. It talked about making governance transparent, democratic and decentralised. Today, it has turned into an opaque organisation and highly-centralised governance is its hallmark.

In this context, it can be said that a revolution that promised to radically change the system, has surrendered to it. Its national future looks less encouraging unless it does course correction.

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JUNE 6, 1984, FORTY YEARS AGO GUNS IN TEMPLE TERRORISTS INSIDE THE Golden Temple

complex for the first time used medium machine guns and mortars against the security forces. Two persons, a security personnel and a labourer, were killed in the firing. It was not known whether there was any casualty inside the Golden Temple. (Resistance from the extremists inside the Temple seemed to be crumbling, reports PTI.)

RADIO PAKISTAN

THE GOVERNMENT CENSORSHIP of the Puniab press has turned villagers of the state

towards Radio Pakistan. With the widespread reliance on it, the censorship policy seems to have backfired. A group of youths sitting under a tree in Diba village said they had the latest news. To prove this, they came out with a series of wild stories.

GULF WAR

IRAQI WARPLANES BOMBED the western Iranian border town of Baneh, killing or wounding more than 600 people, and Iran vowed to bomb 11 Iraqi cities and towns in retaliation, the official Iranian news agency IRNA reported. Without directly commentBaneh, Iraq threatened to bomb 5 Iranian cities if the Iranians carried out their threats, according to a report in Baghdad.

MISSIONS ATTACKED

MILITANT SIKHS FAILED in their attempt to intrude into the Indian High Commission building in London but they forced their way into the ground floor and wounded three India-based security guards. All this happened in the presence of a lone police constable who, dazed over the unexpected incident asked his headquarters for help. A contingent of police rushed to the scene only after the damage had been done.

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THE IDEAS PAGE

Modi, beyond numbers

Opposition must realise that PM Modi's vision and appeal go beyond one election result and BJP MPs shouldn't rely only on his popularity



RAKESH SINHA

THE 2024 Lok Sabha elections verdict carries multiple messages. On the face of it, the BJP's seats have decreased, which has made a coalition government at the Centre essential once more. In a parliamentary democracy, numbers are, understandably, the primary yardstick used to judge the success of political parties. Political thinkers and commentators both inside and outside the country who constantly criticised the RSS-BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on ideological grounds are announcing the decline of PM Modi and the BJP. They seem to believe and hope, joyfully, that the result marks the return of the old style of politics. Elections hinge on many factors — so-

cial, regional, local — and above all, the personalities of candidates. Therefore, the BIP never undermined the importance of coalition politics. Even with a comfortable majority, it nurtured the National Democratic Alliance (NDA). The 2024 mandate is for Modi to govern the country for a third consecutive term. He remains the undisputed and most acceptable leader both in his party and the NDA. The voters have asked for political and ideological continuity.

While the BJP's vote share has remained unchanged since 2019 at 37.37 per cent, it could not reach the magic number of 272 seats. But this election tells another political tale. The BJP made a leap forward in states where it had been a symbolic force. In three states — Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana — its vote share has increased substantially since the 2014 elections. In Kerala, it jumped to 16.8 per cent and the party opened its account in the Lok Sabha. Similarly, its vote share increased in Tamil Nadu from 3.66 per cent to 10.7 per cent. In Telangana, its share went up from 19.45 per cent in 2019 to 35 per cent. This growth is a result of a sustained effort to expand the party's base. The BJP government in Delhi is no longer dependent on North India alone.

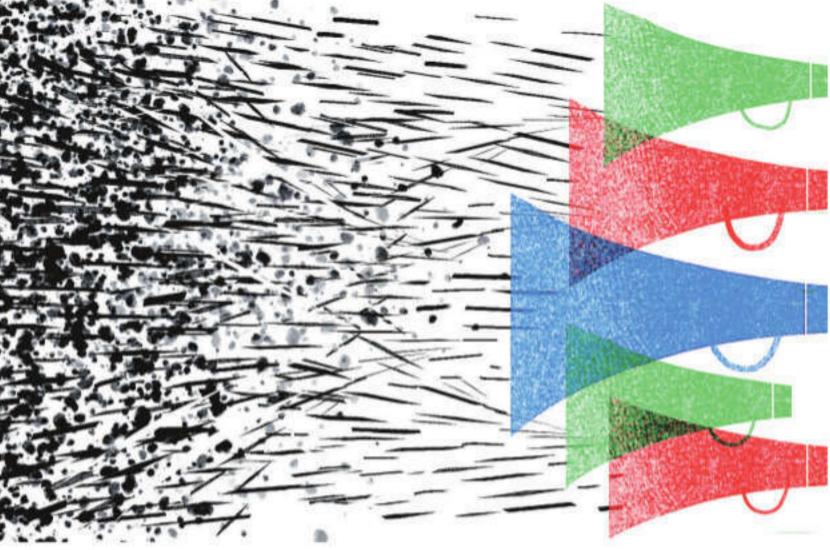
In the east, the party uprooted the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) in Odisha and formed the government, increasing its vote share by 19 per cent in the process. In West Bengal, the party's share has increased from 17 per cent in 2014 to 38.73 per cent in 2024. The party leadership has used ideology, and political and cultural issues to cultivate support. This kind of success for an ideological party should be more cause for concern for Nehruvians than the ephemeral joys of a reduction in the BJP's seats. The 2024 election could be just a pause for the BJP, not a setback.

Modi is a politician who thinks longterm. Therefore, the evaluation of his actions should not be solely on the numbers in successive elections. Neither Nehru nor Modi can be considered purely political actors.

The most remarkable aspect of the Modi government has been the initiation of a theoretical understanding of the role and nature of the Indian state. This gives him a unique place in modern India. Since the colonial era, a particular understanding of what makes a nation-state has been ingrained in students. The study of history has

been largely about the Gandhian strand of





C R Sasikumar

the freedom movement. All this has overlooked our civilisational richness and the intellectual contributions of our ancestors. Moreover, advocacy of such issues was contemptuously described as a "cultural right" preoccupation. This is a hangover from the colonial tradition. The dearth of saffron intellectuals to secure an academic foundation meant Marxists and Nehruvians had a monopoly in defining the idea of India.

The RSS did find common ground with Congress leaders like S Radhakrishnan, Sampurnanda, K M Munshi and often studied their speeches and writings. The Bharatiya Jana Sangh (BJS) and BJP occasionally shared power with other parties in states and the Centre since 1967. However, the philosophical understanding of nationalism, secularism and culture remained broadly unchanged. It is here that Modi makes a difference.

He has used India's cultural past and philosophy not only to redefine the idea of India but also to influence the Western mind. His progressive contextualisation of of our cultural past has ensured a connect with the people that is beyond politics. He has addressed something that has remained suppressed in India's subconscious. The common person on the street doesn't hesitate to debate such issues now. Modi has underpinned the role of Hindu spirituality in moulding India's world view.

The natural corollary of all this is the mobilisation of a new intelligentsia and the production of pro-Hindutva works. This makes Modi more than a politician — he is more of a harbinger of a new era. How can one ignore his reverence of the forgotten tribal leader Birsa Munda, the sacrifices of Guru Gobind Singh's teenage sons, Zorawar Singh and Fateh Singh in the defence of religion and culture, and his appeal to Babasaheb Ambedkar's legacy. Modi's first step on the world stage after coming to power in 2014 was popularising yoga. He has done all this in the face of a fierce opposition that has criticised him for ruining the liberal-secular tradition and upturning the existing intellectual hegemony.

The 2024 elections, however, provide the party a few lessons. MPs cannot use the leadership's popularity and credibility and

their welfare programmes to escape their moral responsibilities to their constituencies. Modi's popularity in almost every constituency in the country has supported many of them. But they should not take it for granted. I remember in the first meeting of the BJP's MPs after the 2019 elections, the PM directed his party colleagues to not forget the people and suggested programmes to connect with the people – yoga camps, sports events or even utilising welfare measures as an outreach method. The failure to heed these words is at the root of their failures. Perhaps the party's focus on its welfare programmes, which helped expand the BJP's social base, prevented it from recognising the credibility deficit of some of its MPs and candidates.

It is also important to redefine welfarism. While farmers and the marginalised got support from the government, the party's intellectuals remained unconcerned about the propaganda of the opposition parties and their intellectual allies, centred on reservation, the Constitution, and majoritarianism. The polemical campaign of BJP's adversaries derives strength from their seven-decade-old political legacy. The BJP cadre has not been trained to contest them more vociferously and intellectually. They find themselves at a disadvantage in countering the old Nehruvian narrative of being an upper-caste Hindu hegemonic force.

The BJP's next challenge is to use civilisational narratives to incorporate minorities within its version of social inclusion. The party's long political innings can naturally counter its image of an anti-minority party. Modi's firm stand against appeasement has been now internalised by even his political adversaries.

It should also be realised that forces countering Hindutva are weak but not dead. They solicit support from abroad and use Hindutva's success to deny the legitimate image of India and the nationalist forces. That's why many non-state actors in Europe and America wanted the BJP to be defeated. Their hopes have been dashed by the 2024 mandate.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

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At arm's length, for corporate health

In a result-oriented world, proxy advisors try to maintain objectivity



JN GUPTA

PROXY ADVISORS ATTRACT attention when their recommendations lead to rejection of resolutions like in the case of Nestle's royalty payout, or when there is a divergence of views such as in the demerger of the ITC Hotels. However, it is rare when proxy advisors (PAs) are not divided and when investors have approved the proposal, but there are still a few who are protesting, as in the case of ICICI Securities delisting and the Tata Motors DVR proposal.

A recent article on Jamie Dimon, the CEO of JP Morgan Chase, flagging concerns over the "undue influence of proxy advisors" gave the impression that PAs are all powerful. While that may be true in other countries, it does not seem to be the case in India.

Of the 1,841 resolutions on which Stakeholders Empowerment Services (SES) recommended an "against" vote in 2023-24, only 55 resolutions were actually rejected. Institutional investors in India tend to do their own analysis, supplemented of course by PAs. Proxy advisors' only function as a support system for investors to make their own informed decisions. This, in fact, is the right approach.

Most of the time, PAs tend to criticise and find faults. Who likes a critic? When one goes to a doctor who finds something wrong, what does one do? Take corrective action. So why not treat PAs as doctors for good governance?

The problem starts with the interpretation of laws by proxy advisors which manya-time differ from the company's interpretation. PAs create their own benchmarks, leading to, what could be termed as "regulatory compliance" vs "governance" situation. They believe that governance is the higher form of compliance, in spirit and beyond letter.

The role of PAs is not to second guess the decisions/actions of the management so long as they are fair and the governance parameters are adhered to. PAs neither have the expertise, vision nor the information that the board has to determine what's best for the company. Nor are they expected to possess the skills to out-think the boards of the thousands of companies that they track. Therefore, the drafting of notices for meetings becomes important. The board should ensure that the proposals are supported with specific and detailed rationale, and provide requisite disclosures for informed decision making. Most negative recommendations are the result of lack of proper disclosures and rationale. But, the most controversial issues are related to valuation.

A proxy advisor is not an expert in valuation. However, they have a fiduciary responsibility to raise concerns in case the valuation is unfair. While valuers claim that valuation is an art, not an exact science, when two valuers working independently

arrive at almost the same value/ratio, one wonders whether to believe the phrase, "valuation is an art". How can two pieces of art be the same? Unless one is a fake or a copy.

Therefore, SES hardly puts any reliance on the valuer's report, and works on independent valuation if possible. In case a deal is between two listed entities, the undisturbed share price of the entity for a reasonable period preceding the transaction announcement date is considered. The market price is the fairest estimation of value. Mostly, companies have problems with

PAs. However, two recent cases, that of Tata Motors and ICICI Securities, are noteworthy. In these cases, the issues were raised by a few investors although a majority of institutions backed the proposals. In both cases, their opposition emanated from their expectations which were not backed by sound arguments.

In the case of ICICI Securities, the argument was that the valuation was based on the current price which was lower than the listing price and why the National Company Law Tribunal scheme route was adopted, although the market Regulator SEBI had permitted this. The NCLT scheme route was chosen in a transparent manner, but questions were raised. Is it possible to satisfy everyone? No. The ICICI proposal satisfied all PAs and most institutional investors. In fact the management chose the NCLT scheme route, which is a two-step process involving greater scrutiny, first from shareholders and then from the NCLT. There is no law which says that if someone's expectations are not met, the proposal is unfair. Even PAs, after giving their opinion, cannot say that if their recommendations are not followed, they will cry foul. Law and logic both cannot support unreasonable arguments and expectations. Any legally available route, as long as it does not intend to benefit any select individual, car be chosen. In the case of ICICI, no individual

The case of Tata Motors was unique, where an individual approached all and sundry to convince them that Tata Motors DVR's shareholders were treated unfairly. The exchange ratio should have been one equity share for one DVR share, notwithstanding the market price difference, which has been prevailing for a decade. A new concept of economic valuation was invented to claim Tata Sons was increasing their value at the cost of other shareholders. Although, factually, Tata Sons' equity was coming down. The law cannot control a flight of imagination; it also cannot take the same flight. It has to remain grounded. So is the case with companies and investors. PAs are no exception.

has unfairly benefitted.

In its existence, which spans more than a decade, the PA industry, after struggling in the initial few years, has come of age. The challenge now is not to boast about its success but rather maintain its independence, be free from conflict and continue without worrying about the outcomes. After all, proxy advisors are not beneficiaries of the outcome.

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A Dravidian wall

Behind BJP's loss in Tamil Nadu is its failure to understand Tamil ethos

Vaasanthi

NARENDRA MODI HAS successfully led the nation for a decade. He has made himself the most important face in the minds of a large section of the people and the media. People believed that in his third election too, he would be back with a majority, surpassing the previous numbers of 2014 and 2019. The "400 par" mantra was chanted over and over. Perhaps it started to ring true to his followers and the media as the PM crisscrossed the nation, addressing rallies everyday, declaring himself to be no ordinary biologically-born mortal. After all, who was there in the Opposition that was comparable to his calibre? Which party was as wealthy, as well structured, and as well advertised? The accounts of the major Opposition party were frozen and a couple of Opposition state chief ministers were arrested. The post-poll exit polls gave the NDA a comfortable majority. Some even predicted it would touch the 400 mark. Among the moderates and the Opposition, it created an air of despondency, concerns over the continuance of authoritarianism and the spread of communalism.

But the results have been breathtaking. The BJP is the largest party still, but it has won just 240 seats, falling quite short of the 272 mark. The Opposition INDIA block has

got 235, with Congress alone touching 99. It has been an impressive performance against the odds. Modi will still become Prime Minister with the help of his alliance partners N Chandrababu Naidu of the Telugu Desam Party, now the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh, and Nitish Kumar of the JDU from Bihar. But it would appear that the one-party dominance is over. Both Naidu and Kumar are smart politicians and will no doubt demand their pound of flesh.

How did this come about? It was very clearly the determination of the Opposition INDIA alliance, in particular that of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi who — once disqualified as an MP for a speech and then reinstated after the Supreme Court's intervention — faced an uphill task. But his two Bharat Jodo Yatras that took him across the country endeared him to the masses and forged a connection.

In this journey, the role played by M K Stalin, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, is immense. Stalin has always shown his unflinching faith in Rahul Gandhi. In fact, during the last election in 2019, he even proposed Gandhi's name as the prime ministerial candidate. This time too, Stalin showed great maturity by sticking with the Opposition agenda of saving democracy,

secularism and the Constitution — the main themes of the Congress manifesto.

The natural corollary of all

this is the mobilisation of a

new intelligentsia and the

works. This makes Modi

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era. How can one ignore his

tribal leader Birsa Munda, the

Singh's teenage sons, Zorawar

Singh and Fateh Singh in the

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Stalin proved to be a great ally to the IN-DIA bloc by enthusing them to stand together to halt the BJP juggernaut. His public election campaigns attracted incredible crowds where he spoke like a national leader, emphasising on inclusive politics with his slogan "Narpathum namathe, naadum namathe (All the 40 is ours, the nation too ours)". Stalin graciously accommodated his alliance partners in distributing seats. The DMK contested just 21 seats. It gave 10 seats to the Congress and the rest to the Left and Dalit parties.

And it was a clean sweep. Its principal opponent, the AIADMK — that came out of the BJP alliance thanks to K Annamalai, the BJP state president who made derogatory remarks against their mentor C N Annadurai and also Jayalalithaa — stood alone, joined by DMDK, the actor Vijayakanth's party. But since they had no agenda except attacking the DMK, they drew a blank in this election. However, they have a substantial vote base and cannot be written off. The BJP, which projected itself as the future ruler of Tamil Nadu, drew a blank. Its state party president Annamalai lost by more than a lakh votes in Coimbatore. But

it must be said that the BJP increased its vote share from three per cent to 10 per cent. That is something to be watched out for by the Dravidian parties who have been a

dominant force in Tamil Nadu since 1967. In 2022, stressing the importance of cooperative federalism, Rahul Gandhi made an emphatic statement in Parliament, directed at the BJP benches: "You will never ever be able to rule over Tamil Nadu in your entire life!" Modi did his best to win the hearts of the Tamils but failed because of his incomprehension of the Tamil ethos. He miscalculated the reach of his Hindutva agenda, imagining it would persuade voters in Tamil Nadu. The Tamils are believers culturally, but historically secular. There is an interesting myth connected to the deity Sri Ranganatha of Srirangam temple that says that there was a Muslim woman who was a devotee of the Lord. She was the deity's favourite and there is a shrine in the temple devoted to her. A daily ritual is followed when the deity goes to the shrine to meet his "Thulukka Nachiyar' (Muslim lady). The *prasadam* offered to her is roti and sabzi.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Perception, verdict

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'India gives

NDA third term, Modi a message' (IE, June 5). The reactions to the outcome of the Lok Sabha Elections 2024 are a classic case of expectations vs reality. The expectations from the NDA, specifically the BJP and PM Modi, were sky high; those from the opposition abysmally low. Hence, the election was essentially thought to be a one sided match. It proved to be otherwise and therein lies the tale. The response to the results from this perspective, is essentially about unmet expectations. The reality is that the majority still clearly want the NDA to form the government with Modi as prime minister. One hopes the Opposition will do justice to the mandate it has received.

Bhavna Swarup Sharma, via email

FOR DEMOCRACY

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The challenge for INDIA' (IE, June 5). The BJP-led NDA has won the election, but with a slender majority. The ruling party has failed to get even a simple majority on its own, receiving shocks in UP and Maharashtra, humbling it. The BJP's allout attempts to bulldoze the Opposition into submission largely came a cropper as the Congress-spearheaded bloc put up a spirited fight. The "my way or the highway" style of governance was clearly not acceptable. A vibrant Opposition and a central government cut to size could

and democracy in India.

augur well for the future of federalism

SS Paul, Nadia

NITISH'S AMBITION

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Vote for Government — and Opposition' (IE, June 5). The current dilemma of granting any alliance a chance at forming the government or opposition is far more paramount than we expected. The government can topple any time based on our time tested war horse — Nitish Kumar. His prolonged dream of securing the prime minister's throne may be within reach. This will be fulfilled in the INDIA bloc's incline. This is what's making the post result politics more engaging now. Janvi Rawat, Ludhiana

BJP HALTED

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'India gives third term to NDA, a message to Modi' (IE, June 5). There is only one message from the 2024 general elections: The mirror has cracked. The BJP is the single largest party, but it has lost its majority and confronts the prospect of forming a government in coalition with its alliance partners. There is dissatisfaction on the ground and PM Modi's charm is no longer enough. The BJP used its power to project total control. It centralised political power, stifled dissent, jailed Opposition politicians. Finally, the BJP's path to hegemony has been halted.

Vandana Chopra, Chandigarh

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I Jagdish Prasad Gupta Son of Shri Kanwar Prasad Gupta. Residing at shop flat no-70-A, Pandav Nagar, Shakar Pur Baramad-Delhi have changed my name to Jagdish Gupta for all purpose. 0040732384-7

I HITHERTO KNOWN AS PANKAJ KUMAR S/O O P SHARMA R/O F-7 A, MUKHRAM GARDEN, TILAK NAGAR, WEST DELHI, TILAK NAGAR, DELHI-110018. CHANGED MY NAME TO PANKAJ SHARMA. 0040732284-1

I HITHERTO KNOWN AS INDU SETH W/O RAJESH ARORA R/O **HOUSE NO 102, NEAR DEVINDER** VIHAR, SECTOR-56, GURGAON, HARYANA, 122011. CHANGED MY NAME TO INDU ARORA.

0040732274-1 I HITHERTO KNOWN AS FARRAH BAIG W/O IMAD SIDDIQUI R/O A TS GREENS, FLAT 1923, SECTOR 93A, NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH-

201304. CHANGED MY NAME TO

FARRAH SIDDIQUI. 0040732273-1

I Gopal Krishan Gandhi S/O. Fateh Chand R/o Near Punjabi Dharmshala, #265/5, Arya Bazar, Hisar, Haryana-125001 have changed my name to Gopal Krishan for all future purposes. 0040732292-1

W.z-32, 80 Yards, Tilak Nagar New Delhi -110018 have changed my name to Deepika Sarwan. 0040732338-1

| Deepika D/O, Hari Parkash R/O

I Ankit Chopra S/o Basant Chopra R/o 22, Sector 31, Friends Colony, Panipat, Panipat, Haryana - 132103, have changed my name to Kartik Chopra 0070906669-1 I,Reena Tomer,W/o Rajat

Tomer,R/o-Plot.no.N.17,Palam Vihar Ext. Block-N, Gali. no. 4A, Cartarpuri Alias Daulatpur, Nasirabad(63), Gurgaon, Harya na-122017, have changed my name from Reena Tomer to Rina Tomer, for all, future 0040732309-9 purpose.

I,PREETI SHARMA W/o JITENDER SINGH R/o G-1773. JAHANGIR PURI, DELHI 110033, have changed my name to PREETI. 0040732384-4

It is for general information that I,SHUCHI MACKER,D/o Shri.RAKESH MACKER,R/o-E-56, Beta-I. Greater-Noida, Distt:Gautam Buddha Nagar-201310(UP), declare that my name is wrongly-written as Suchi Makkar, D/o Shri. Rakesh Makkar in driving licence. My actual name is SHUCHI

MACKER D/o Shri.RAKESH MACKER. 0040732275-1 I,JAFAR S/O-MOHD USMAN R/O-

B-13/26, GALI.NO.-6, KABIR-NAGAR, SHAHDARA,, DELHI-

110094, have changed my name to MOHD ZAFAR USMAN 0040732417-1

It is for general information that I, PULKIT VIRMANI S/O RAKESH VIRMANI R/o E-152, SHASTRI NAGAR, DELHI-110052, declare that my name has been wrongly written as PULKIT VIRMENI in my Secondary School Certificate of Continuous and

Comprehensive Evaluation and Degree of Bachelor of Technology (Mechanical and Automation Engineering). The actual name of mine is PULKIT VIRMANI, which may be amended accordingly.

It is for general information that I, Dheeraj Kumar S/o kartar Singh, R/o RZC-48, NIHAL VIHAR, NANGLOI, NEW DELHI-41, declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as kartar in my **Educational Document. The** actual name of my father is kartar Singh, which may be amended accordingly.

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I.VISHNU DEV SINGH,S/O UCHITLAL SINGH, residing at, Z-65,COMMERCIAL **ENCLAVE, MOHAN** GARDEN, DELHI-110059, have changed my name to BISHNU DEV SINGH all future purposes.

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I. Aakanksha D/o Viiav, R/O-383/1-A Street.No-17, East-Azad Nagar Delhi-110051, have changed my name to

Aakanksha Verma Permanently.

I,VAJINDER SINGH MAKKAR,S/o-LATE.SARDAR WAZIR SINGH,R/o-M-47B,THIRD FLOOR, MALVIYA NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110017, have changed my,name from to VAJINDER SINGH to VAJINDER SINGH MAKKAR, for all, future purpose, both names are same 0040732417-6 person.

I,USHA DEVI W/O BISHNU DEV SINGH, residing at, Z-65, COMMERCIAL-ENCLAVE, MOHAN-GARDEN, DELHI-110059, have changed my name to USHA RANI all, future purposes. 0040732309-4

I,SURABHI KHURANA,W/O ISHAN GUPTA,R/O-HOUSE NO.63,2ND FLOOR, GUJRANWALA TOWN, PART-2 DR. MUKHERJEE NAGAR DELHI-110009, HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO SURABHI **GUPTA, FOR FUTURE.**

0040732390-1

I,SACHIN KANOJIA,S/O-NARESH KUMAR,R/O-2080, MUKIMPURA, SABJI MANDI, MALKA-GANJ, S.O., NORTH DELHI, DELHI-110007, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as SACHIN in my 10th.12thclass educational documents, graduation degree,SC Certificate.No.289/SC/2001 and Driving-License No.DL-0120050037425(P).The actual name of mine is SACHIN KANOJIA, which may be amended accordingly.

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I,Renu Sharma,w/o Pravesh Kumar Prasher resident-216, Chertsey Lane Staines Middlesex TW183NF UK, have changed my name to Renu Prasher, for all purpose.

0040732381-10

I,Rajendra Kumar,S/O Brij Lal, Hno-130, Block-E, Dakshin Puri Dr Ambedkar-Nagar Sec-5,New Delhi-110062,changed my name to Rajendra Kumar Barjatya 0040732384-3

I,ROHAN PODDAR,S/o MANOJ KUMAR,R/o - 144-B,GALI.NO-2,AMRIT VIHAR,BURARI DELHI-110084 have changed my name to ROHAN NARAYAN, for all, future purposes.

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I,ROHAN PODDAR, S/O MANOJ KUMAR, R/o-144-B, GALI.NO-2, AMRIT-VIHAR, BURARI, DELHI-110084, have changed my name to ROHAN NARAYAN, for all, future purposes. 0040732384-2 I,RITU GARG,D/O SHIV CHARAN

GARG AND W/O NISHANT GUPTA,R/O B-1/120, ASHOK-VIHAR PHASE-2, ASHOK VIHAR, DELHI-110052. HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO RITU 0040732309-6 GUPTA. I,RIDHIMA PAHWA,D/o MR.RAJ

PAL PAHWA, R/o D-46/47, First Floor,Lajpat Nagar-1,New Delhi-110024, have changed my,name from RIDHI PAHWA to RIDHIMA PAHWA, for all future purpose.

0040732417-5

I.Rupesh Kumar S/o Shankar Lal R/o F-68 3rd-Floor Prashant Vihar Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Rupesh 0040732381-6 Garg I, Priti Kanchan, W/o Navin

Kumar Burnwal, R/o A-404, Metro Vihar, Delhi-Metro Mukundpur Depot, Arihant Marg, Model-Town-II, North-West Delhi, Delhi-110009, have changed the name of my minor daughter Nishtha Prajna aged 13 years and she shall hereafter be known as Nishtha Prama. 0040732381-9

I,PRIYANKA W/O AVINASH SINGH GILL R/O WZ-7A, FIRST-FLOOR. GALINO.29, SANTGARH, TILAK-

NAGAR, DELHI-110018. HAVE **CHANGED MY NAME TO** PRIYANKA SINGH.

0040732381-3

I,PONAREPLA,spouse of,No.4373010K,Rank-HAV.Name IMTIMEREN.R/o Village-Chuchuyimpang, P.S-No1, Police Station, District-Mockokchung,

Nagaland, inform that in my husband service records my name(PONAREBLA) wrongly written instead of correct name PONAREPLA. Pls amendment according, for all future purpose. 0040732309-8

I,PONAREPLA,spouse of No.4373010K,Rank-HAV,Name IMTIMEREN,R/o-Village-Chuchuyimpang, P.S-No1, Police Station, District-Mockokchung, Nagaland, inform that in my husband service records my name (PONAREBLA) wrongly written instead of correct

name PONAREPLA. Pls amendment according, for all future purpose. 0040732309-7 I.NEHA RANI W/O AMIT JAIN R/O HNO.47.POCKET-E-19.SECTOR-3,ROHINI,DELHI-110085.HAVE

CHANGED MY NAME TO NEHA JAIN FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040732417-2

I,MONIKA RAJORA,W/O YOGESH,R/O-3/15 GALI NO.3, NIRANKARI COLONY DELHI-110009.have changed my name from MONIKA RAJORA, to MONIKA, for all purposes. 0040732390-3

I.MONICA CHUGH W/O MADAN LAL CHUGH R/O 198/9, RAMESH MARKET GARHI, EAST OF KAILASH, DELHI-110065. HAVE **CHANGED MY NAME TO** MONIKA CHUGH. 0040732381-2

I Vijay Kumar S/o Late Sh. B.D. Tuteja R/o H.No.296-297, Pocket-A2, Near M2K, Rohini, Rajapur Kalan Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi-110085 is also known as Vijay Kumar Tuteja and Vijay Tuteja. Both names are of one and the same person.

0040732264-1

I.MANINDER JEET KAUR.W/O-GURPAL SINGH SALUJA, R/O-5218 GALI.NO.5.BEHIND KHALSA COLLEGE KRISHAN-NAGAR, KAROL-BAGH NEW, DELHI-110005, HAVE **CHANGED MY NAME TO** MANINDER JEET KAUR SALUJA, for all, future purposes.

10 CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

I,LALITA KALA BHARTI D/O BISHNU DEV SINGH, residing at.Z-65-C.COMMERCIAL **ENCLAVE, MOHAN** GARDEN, DELHI-110059, have changed my name to LALITA SINGH, all future purposes

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0040732411-2

I,Komalpreet Kharbanda alias Komal Kharbanda, W/o **Gurpreet Singh** Kharbanda, R/o-33A, North Avenue-Road West Punjabi-Bagh, Delhi-26, have changed my name to Komalpreet Kaur Kharbanda. 0040732309-2

I,Jagdish Prasad Gupta,Son of,Shri Kanwar Prasad Gupta, Residing at, shop.flat.no-70-A, Pandav-Nagar, Shakar Pur Baramad-Delhi, have changed my name to Jagdish Gupta, for all

I,Devender Kumar S/o Harikishan Lal Sharma R/o F-9, Vijay Vihar, Phase-II,Rohini,Delhi-110085,have changed my name Devinder Kumar to Devender Kumar for 0040732381-7 all purposes.

purpose.

I,Balwant Singh S/o,Chander Singh R/o-15-D/1, Railway-Colony, East Punjabi-Bagh, New Delhi-110026, have changed my-minor son's name Klam Singh Rawat to Kalam Singh Rawat. Aged-14-years.

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I,POONAM CHAUDHARY W/O SANJAY CHAUDHARY R/O HNO.6, PVC ROAD, RAMAYAN PANNA TIKRI KALAN, DELHI-110041.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO POONAM.

I,Arun Kumar Upadhyay S/O Raghunath Singh Upadhyay R/o-C-219, Sector-20, Noida-201301, changed my name to Arun Kumar for all future 0040732381-5 purposes.

I.Army No.15583349H Rank Hav Name Warpe Vitthal Shrikrushna, S/o Warpe Shrikrushna Santoshrao, R/o-Village-Mangrul, PO-Isrul, Tehsil-Chikhli, District Buldana, Maharashtra at, present Dte Gen Married Accn Project, E-in-C's Branch, IHQ of MoD(Army), Kashmir House, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi, have changed my wife's name from VARSHA WARPE to VARSHA VITTHAL WARPE, videaffidavit, dated. 05. Jun-2024.

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I, Army No. 15583349H Rank Hav Name Warpe Vitthal Shrikrushna,S/o Warpe Shrikrushna Santoshrao, R/o-Village-Mangrul, PO-Isrul,Tehsil-Chikhli,District Buldana, Maharashtra at, present Dte Gen Married Accn Project, E-in-C's Branch, IHQ of MoD(Army), Kashmir House, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi, have changed my daughter's name from PURVI to PURVEE VITTHAL WARPE, vide-affidavit, dated-05.Jun-

2024. 0040732384-9 I,Amlesh Kumar Gupta,S/O Ram Narayan Gupta, R/O House no-53D,Pocket-A-3 Kalkaji Extension.New Delhi-110019, have changed my Name to Amlesh Gupta Permanently.

0040732381-4 I,ANIL CHOPRA,S/O **GHANSHYAM DAS** CHOPRA, ADD: FLAT. NO. 03, SECO ND FLOOR, C-14, NANGAL DEWAT, VASANTKUNJ, SECTOR-D, NEW DELHI-110070, changed

my name to ANIL KUMAR CHOPRA. 0040732384-6 I.AMESHIA JAIN D/O AMIT JAIN,R/O A-99 SURAJMAL VIHAR DELHI-92, HAVE **CHANGED MY NAME TO**

ANANYA JAIN FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040732309-I.ABHIMANYU SINGH, S/o-TEJ BHAN SINGH R/o-WZ-555H NARAINA VILLAGE, SOUTH WEST, DELHI-110028, have changed my name to

ABHIMANYU SINGH

THAKUR.for all.future 0040732417-3 purposes. I.ABHIMANYU SINGH,S/o TEJ BHANSINGH R/O-WZ-555H, NARAINA-VILLAGE, **SOUTH WEST-DELHI** 110028, have changed my name

to ABHIMANYU SINGH THAKUR, for all, future 0040732384-1 purposes. I, hitherto known as Kunal S/O Prahlad, R/o D-318 Flat No-6, Devil Road, Near Sunder Lal

Hospital, Krishna Park, Khanpur, South Delhi-110062, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Kunal Dayma. 0070906647-1 I, Tannish Kataria S/o Shri Pankaj Kataria, R/o-

Flat.No.302, Tower AT-09, Millinium Omaxe Heights, Sector-86, Faridabad, have changed my name Tanish Kataria to Tannish Kataria, for all further purposes.

0040732362-1

I, Shree Aadya Prasad Alias Aadva Prasad D/O Rakesh Prasad R/O B-704, Block-B. Sanskriti Apartment, sector-43, gurgaon, HARYANA-122001 have changed my name to Aadya Prasad. 0070906639-1

I Surinder Kaul S/o Shamboo Nath Kaul R/o Flat No-701. Tower- 4, Sohna Road, Malibu Towne, Gurgaon, Gurgaon, Haryana-122018, have changed my name to Surinder Kumar Kaul

0070906672-1

I, Shailla Bakshi Gulati W/o Manish Gulati R/o-H-11, First-Floor, Spaze Privy, Sector-72, Fazilpur, Gurgaon, Harvana-122101, have changed my name to Shailla Bakshi Permanently.

0040732282-2 I, Saroj Devi W/o T L Sancheti R/o 25. Sainik Vihar, Pitam Pura. Delhi-110034 Hereby Declare That Saroj Devi And Saroj Devi Sancheti Is One And Same Person.

0070906676-1

I, Prerna Jain W/o Kamal Dhingra R/o 4678/21, Ansari Road, Darya Ganj, Delhi-110002 have changed my to Prerna Dhingra. 0070906680-1

I, Sandhya Bhenwal, W/O Sandeep Kumar Bhenwal, R/O -Plot no.-75, Flat no. GF-2, Sec-6, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, U.P-201010, have changed my name from Sandhya Bhenwal to Sanjay Wati. Henceforth I would be known by the name of Sanjay Wati for all future purposes. 0040732283-1

I, Ria Sharma D/o Anuj Sharma

changed my name to Riya

R/o H.No-910, HIG Duplex Sector-9, Vasundhara Ghaziabad U.P-201012 have

0070906681-1 I, Ramesh Rai, S/O Aniruddh Rai, R/O UFG-2, Plot No 130,131, Girdhar Enclave, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201005 have changed my name from Ramesh Rai to Ramesh

Kumar Rai. Henceforth I would

be known by the name of

Ramesh Kumar Rai for all

future purposes.

Sharma for all future purposes.

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I, Rahisha W/o Mohd Naim, R/o Kh. No.5, Plot No.18, Gali No.5, Sangam Vihar, Wazirabad, Delhi-110084, declares that I, Rahisha also known as Rahisa & Raisa and all the names belongs to me. In future I will use my name as RAHISHA for all purpose.

I, Radha Devi, Mother of Raju Ranjan Kumar resident of Flat No. 171B, UU Block Pitampura, New Delhi-110034 have changed my Name from Radha Devi to Sudama Devi vide Affidavit dated 05/06/2024 at New Delhi. 0040732285-1

I, Mohammad Mohsin S/o Mohammad Islamuddin Qadri R/o 3616, 4th Floor Katra Deena Baig Hamdard Dawa Khana, Delhi-110006, have changed my name from Mohd. Mohsin to Mohammad Mohsin, for all purposes.

0040732279-1 I, Lokesh Holkar S/o Shri Ram

have changed my name Lokesh Holkar to Lokesh Kumar Holkar for all future purposes. 0040732280-1 I, Kumari Jaya W/o Nitesh Kumar R/o G-1804, park Avenue, Sec-4, Gaur City-1, Gr Noida West, G.b Nagar, U.p-201301

Pal Holkar, WB-19, Gali No-2,

Shakarpur, East Delhi, 110092

Jaya Kumar For All Future 0070906679-1

I, JOGINDER SINGH, S/O:TEJA SINGH, ADD: 1137/7, KHALSA-**GALI, JAI SINGH** CHOWK, GILWALI GATE, AMRITSAR-I, Amritsar-143001, Punjab, changed my

Have Changed My Name To

Purposes

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name to SWINDER SINGH. I, Harinder Singh S/o Mehtab Singh Mehta R/O,N-63, SF, Kirti-Nagar, Delhi-110015, have

changed my-name to Harinder Singh Mehta for all-purposes. 0040732411-5

I. Fating Harshal Padmakar S/o Padmakar Fating R/o Pine-10023, Mahagun Mywood, Sec-16C, G.Noida have changed my name to Harshal Fating.

0070906682-1 I, Bhanu Upadhyay S/O Brij

Nandan Upadhyay, R/o B 44. Soochana Apartment, Vasundhara Enclave, Delhi-110096, have changed my name to Ankur Upadhvav. 0070906643-1

I, Ayush Singhal R/o 803, GH7, Orchid Gardens, Suncity, Sec-54, Gurgaon, Haryana- 122003 have changed my minor son's name from Atharva Singhal to Atharv Singhal.

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I, Awadesh Kumar Singh S/o Late Bahoran Singh R/o H. No. F-1, Plot No.-867, Niti Khand-1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201014, hereby declare that in my Class X Certificate, spelling of my father's name is mentioned as BAHURAN SINGH, but correct spelling of my father's name is BAHORAN SINGH.

I, ALKA W/O NAVEEN CHAUHAN

R/o H. NO. 22, 1ST FLOOR, NEW

LAYAL PUR EXTENSION.

KRISHNA NAGAR, DELHI-

110051, have changed my name to ALKA NAVEEN for all purposes

I, Avadhesh Kumar S/o Late Bahoran Singh R/o H. No. F-1, Plot No.-867, Niti Khand-1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201014, have changed my name from Avadhesh Kumar to Awadesh Kumar Singh.

I, Alimuddin S/o Aminuddin Saifi R/o 45/46A, Gali No.5, Near Firdos Masiid. J-Extension. Laxmi Nagar Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Alimuddin Saifi. 0040732390-2 LOST & FOUND

We, Dharamveer Singh & Nidhi Singh R/o 6H/44, Sector-5, Rajender Nagar Sahibabad, Ghaziabad (UP) lost our original allotment letter, office site possession letter and original lease transfer deed (Registration no. 3033, Jilad no.11897 dated-27.04.2016) property bearing no.3/174, Sector-2 Rajender nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad UP-201005 issued by GDA. Finder Contact-9811119581

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general

public at large informing on behalf of

my Client Ms. Vibha Gupta, that a

status quo order dated 03.05.2023 is

operating with regards the Property

Delhi -110092 i.e. HOTEL JPS

Residency, in the Civil Suit bearing

Kanchan Gupta & Ors." Before the

Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. In term

of the Han'ble High Court of Delhi

Order dated 03.05, 2023, No person

or Party to the Proceedings of

otherwise, directly or indirectly shall

sell, buy, convey, transfer, create any

mortgage or charge or alienate or

deal in any manner the Scheduled

Property 6. Hargobind Enclave,

Delhi-110092 i.e. HOTEL JPS

Residency with any third Party due to

the operation of the Stay order of the

Hon'ble High Court. In the event any

person trespasses, conveys, creates

any charge, mortgage, sells or

acquires or change nature of the

schedules Property then he/ she

shall be prosecuted for contempt of

the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi as

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that my client had

agreed to PURCHASE The Entire

Basement AND ALSO Entire Ground

Floor, with exclusive internal lift, lift

lobby and internal staircase

(connecting the Basement and

Ground floor) Entire Right Hand

Side driveway (when facing the

property), for exclusive use, therein

with independent gate and space

for one utility, having common

toilet, alongwith 32.5% undivided

share in the plot of land measuring

500 Sq.Yds., bearing No. A-18,

situated at Hauz Khas, New Delhi,

from its Owner namely Shri Umesh

Chandwani S/o Late Narender

Chandwani, (or say Owner), free

from all encumbrances, charges,

liens, mortgages etc. Any other

person(s)/ institution/ government

authorities having any sort of right

claim, title or interest of any kind

whatsoever in the aforesaid

portions of the said property or any

part thereof, under and by virtue of

any deed(s) / document(s) or

otherwise, are required to put forth

his/her/its claim with the

undersigned, within 14 days of

publication of this notice with

documentary proof thereof, failing

which the same shall not be binding

on my client and my client shall

proceed to complete the

transaction as bonafide purchaser,

free from all encumbrances

whatsoever and no claim of

whatsoever shall be entertained

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the Public at large that Sh Mithlesh Kumar S/o Sh. Rajender Kapri is

bearing No. 694, PKT-3, Sec-19, Dwarka,

friginal of Allotment Letter dated

0.05.1997, Original Possession Letter 8

assession Slip both dated 24.02.2000 in the

ame of Sh. Mithlesh Kumar S/o Sh

Rajender Kapri have been lost/ misplaces

and Information Report dated 04.06.2024 is filled with Delhi Police bearing LR. No.

789598/2024 This notice is issued to Public

Society(ies), Bank(s).

at Large, i.e. any Person(s), Companyties

having any knowledge, custody o

as mentioned above or otherwise having am

claim, or objection to the sale of the Schedi

lat, may come forward with support

documents, to be delivered to th

dersigned within 15 days from the date o

his Publication, post expiration of which, any

claim(s) or objection(s), if raised or received

shall be treated as null & void and such

Office: 26/48, DSIDC complex, Pkt. -2

Email: advocate.suresh75@gmail.com

Mayur Vihar Delhi-91 Mob .- 9818159221

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my client St

Raiat Mittal S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar R/o RZ-39

& 40, Prem Nagar, Gupta Park, Najafgart

New Delhi-43 is the owner and in physical

possession of agriculture land, comprising

of Khasra No. 39/25 Min (1-0) situated in

the revenue estate of village Paprawat, New

Delhi and he had purchased above land from

Sh. Vinod Giri S/o Amir Giri, That my client

Sh. Rajat Mittal had lost his original sale

deed bearing registration no. 10,860, Book

No.-1, Vol No. 9,769 Pages 108-115 dated

14/11/2018 and deed of rectification

bearing registration no. 2,761, Book No.-1

Vol No. 9,949 Pages 129-131 dated

06/04/2019 and previous chain of

documents of above mentioned land and St

Rajat Mittal has lodged a complaint before

PS Crime Branch, Delhi vide LR No.

1779587/2024 dated 31/05/2024. In case

anybody finds the above sale deed

rectification deed and previous chain of

documents of above mentioned land the

Any person who deals in respect of the above

the lost sale deed, rectification deed and

previous chain of documents of above

nentioned agriculture land will do at

his/her/their own risk as my client have

neither executed any power of attorney in

favour of any person nor sold the above

mentioned agriculture land and the land

continues to be the exclusive property of my

client and who continues to be in exclusiv

Any person having objection or any right.

title, interest, etc. of any nature by way of

any documents in respect of above

mentioned property are hereby required to

make the same known to the undersigned on

the address mentioned below within 15 days

from the date of this publication of this

notice, failing which shall be presumed that

no adverse right, interest, claim or by any

nature so whatsoever exists in respect of

above mentioned land and my client have

every right to dealt with his above

Chamber No. 426, Lawyers Chambers Block

M: 9899100076, ad.karamveer@gmail.com

objections raised after the completion of

the 10 days shall not be binding upon the

Sec-10, Dwarka Court, New Delhi-110075

KARAMVEER TOKAS (ADVOCATE)

possession of the same.

ientioned agriculture land on the basis of

same shall be returned to Sh. Rajat Mittal.

Suresh Kumar, Advocate

possession of the lost/misplaced docum

NARESH GUPTA (ADVOCATE)

C-75. Greater Kailash Part-I.

Tel. 29235175, 40568077

New Delhi-110048

thereafter.

Saurabh Balwani

(Advocate on Record)

Supreme Court of India

Enrl. No. D/3106/2010

Mob. No. 99581991888

well as criminal prosecution.

No. 268 of 2023 " Vibha Gupta v

Bearing No. 6, Hargobind Enclave,

Parmanand Tapdiya, A-130, First Floor, Niti Bagh, New Delhi, Have Lost My Original **Property Document Regarding** GF002, Time Tower, Sector-28, M.G Road. Gurugram, Haryana, builder buyer's agreement dated 13.011.2009 executed by M/S Essel Housing Projects Pvt Ltd And M/S Dhootdevelopers Pvt Ltdin Favourof M/S Agrasen Properties Pvt Ltd And Possession Letter Issued By M/S Essel Housing Projects Pvt Ltd And M/S Dhoot Developers Pvt Ltd In Favour Of M/S Haldia techno infrastructure Pvt Ltd

I, Vaibhav Tapdiya, S/O

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I. Vaibhav Tapdiya, S/O Parmanand Tapdiya, A-130, First Floor, Niti Bagh, New Delhi, Have Lost My Original **Property Document Regarding** 102-D, First Floor, Time Tower, Sector-28, M.G Road. Gurugram, Haryana, builder buyer's agreement dated 13.011.2009 executed by M/S **Essel Housing Projects Pvt Ltd** And M/S Dhootdevelopers Pvt Ltdin Favourof M/S Agrasen **Properties Pvt Ltd And** Possession Letter Issued By M/S Essel Housing Projects Pvt Ltd And M/S Dhoot Developers Pvt Ltd In Favour Of M/S Agrasen Properties Pvt Ltd

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I.Parveen Kumar malhotra director komansu eletronics pvt.Ltd.Tronica city Loni, Ghaziabad, have lost my original-property documents of plot.no.E-88, sector-A5&6, tronica city-Lonia Ghaziabad, up if anybody found kindly contact. no.9873938376.

0040732411-9 I, Vaibhav Tapdiya, S/O Parmanand Tapdiya, A-130, First Floor, Niti Bagh, New Delhi, Have Lost My Original **Property Document Regarding** 102-E, First Floor, Time Tower, Sector-28, M.G Road. Gurugram, Haryana, builder buyer's agreement dated 13.011.2009 executed by M/S **Essel Housing Projects Pvt Ltd** And M/S Dhootdevelopers Pvt Ltdin Favourof M/S Agrasen **Properties Pvt Ltd And** Possession Letter Issued By M/S Essel Housing Projects Pvt Ltd And M/S Dhoot Developers Pvt Ltd In Favour Of M/S

Agrasen Properties Pvt Ltd 0070906685-1

LOST & FOUND Sujata Saxena D/o Late Kishore Mohan & W/o Anil Kumar Saxena R/o E-701, Vijaya Apartments, Ahinsa Khand-2, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201014, have lost original Allotment Letter dated 26/01/2007, Possession Letter & Registered Sale-Deed dated 01/04/2008 of the Flat No. C-202, 2nd Floor, Block-C, Vijaya Apartment, Indirapuram, Mahiuddinpur Kanawani, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh which was executed & entered on 01/04/2008 in Book No. 1 Volume No. 1914 on Page no. 599 to 634, Serial No. 1870 in the Office of Sub-Registrar-II, Noida, U.P. in favour of Original Allottee Mr. Manish Makkar S/o Late Sh. Ramesh Chander Makkar. If found, please contact at my mobile

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public at large informing on behalf of my Client Ms. Vibha PUBLIC NOTICE Gupta, that a status quo order dated NOTICE is hereby given that Mrs. Urvash 03.05.2023 isoperating with Gupta & Mr. Aditya Visnoi (hereinafte regards the Property Bearing No. referred to as the said Mortgagors Tansen Marg, New Delhi -110001 Borrowers) are purchasing Plot No. 2075 adm. 146.66 Sq. Yds., Sector 7, Urban n the Civil Suit bearing No. 268 of Estate, Fandabad (hereinafter referred to 2023 * Vibha Gupta v. Kanchan as the said property) from Sh. Vinay Kumai Gupta & Ors." Before the Hon'ble Maheshwari who is it's absolute owner High Court of Delhi. In term of the vide Sale Deed dated 25.04.1977, regd. a Hon'ble High Court of Delhi Order Doc. No. 320, Book No. 1, on 25:04:1977 The Borrowers will create mortgage dated 03.05.2023, No person or respect of the said property in favour of our Party to the Proceedings or clients IDFC First Bank Ltd., 2nd Floor, otherwise, directly or indirectly shall Express Building, 9-10, Bahadur Shah sell, buy, convey, transfer, create Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002. any mortgage or charge or alienate Any person, body, individual, institution or deal in any manner the having any claim and/or objection is Scheduled Property 1, Tansen respect of the said property by way of sale exchange, lease, lien, mortgage, charge Marg, New Delhi -110001 with any encumbrance, gift, trust, easement third Party due to the operation of maintenance, inheritance, testamenta the Stay order of the Hon'ble High deposition or otherwise or having in their Court. In the event any person custody any title documents pertaining to trespasses, conveys, creates any the said property shall communicate the charge,mortgage, sells or acquires same to the undersigned at our address within 10 days from the publication of this or change nature of the schedules notice with documentary evidence Property then he/ she shall be support thereof, failing which all the claim prosecuted for contempt of the of such person shall be considered to have Hon'ble High Court of Delhi as well been waived and/or abandoned Am

> said property or my client. (Advocate on Record) Adv. Shweta Garg. Supreme Court of India A-38, Kailash Colony, New Delhi-110048 Enrl. No. D/3106/2010 Tel.:+91-1149774545 Mob. No. 99581991888

PUBLIC NOTICE My Clients Govind Pandit S/o Jagdish Pandit and Manju Devi W/o Sh.Govind

pandit R/o H.No-E-167, First Floor, Gali No-3, Hardev Nagar, Jharoda Majra Laldora, North Delhi-110084 have disowned their son Ashish Pandit and his wife Smt. Varsha Kumari from their all movable and immovable properties and my Clients have also Severed their all relations with him due to his mis-behavior & oad conduct. Anybody dealing with him in any manner whatsoever Will be doing a his/her own cost, risk & responsibility.

> KAMAL SINGH (Advocate Enrl.No. D/748/2014

Public Notice This is for the information of General Public that my client Shvam Kishore S/o Late Sh. Suraj Bhan R/o SL-9, Ist Floor, Anand Vihar, Hari Nagar, Jail Road, New Delhi-110064, has severed all his relations and connections with his son namely Nitin Kumar Gupta and daughter-in-law namely Manju Garg and has debarred and disowned them from all his moveable and immovable properties. because they are out of control of my client, misbehave with my client, Anybody dealing with them shall do so at his/her their own risk and responsibility. M.K. JHA (ADVOCATE)

G.F. SR.-II. Authority Building Distt. Centre, Janak Puri, New Delhi-110058

PUBLIC NOTICE General Public is hereby informed that n lients Naseeb Ogaan and Nizam Ogaa Both So Late Sharif Both R/o Y-125 Mangol Puri, Delhi-110083, have declar hat his deceased father was the owner Built Up Property No.21-A. Area Measuri 100 Sq. Yards. Part of Kh.No.23/21/2 23/21/1, Situated in the area of Villag Begumpur. Delhi abadi known as Bhara Vihar, Begumpur Extn., Delhi (hereinaft called the Property). That due to clerical nistake the Khasra No. 23/21/1 wrongl

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Nand Kuma (Advocat Enrl. No. D/3625/202 Ch. No.615, Lawyer's Chamber Block Rohini, Complex, Rohini, Delhi-11008

This is for the information of Genera

Public that my client (1) Sh. Dinesh Santosh W/o Sh. Dinesh Kumar Both R/o F-2/302, Mangol Puri, N-Block, North West Delhi, Delhi-110083, has severed all his relations and connections with their son namely Abhishek and daughter-inlaw namely Pooia and have debarred and disowned them from all his moveable and immovable properties, because they are out of control of my client, misbehave with my client, Anybody dealing with them shall do so at his/her/their own risk and M.K. JHA (ADVOCATE)

G.F. SR.-II, Authority Building Distt. Centre, Janak Puri, New Delhi-110058

PUBLIC NOTICE Re: Entire Third Floor with roof rights, Front side RHS, Hereinafter referred to as the 'Said Floor"), Built up on Property Bearing Plot No. 2A, area measuring 200 sq. yds. Out of Khasra No. 22/8, situated in the Village Matiala, Delhi State Delhi. (Hereinafter referred to as the "Said Property") Be it known to all that our client, Preeti Bala (hereinafter called the "Purchaser") intends to purchase the said floor of the said property from Mr. Parvinder

Solanki (hereinafter called the

seller has informed the

In this connection, the

purchaser that he is the sole and absolute owner of the said property vide Sale Deed registered as Document No. 2024/25/I/5330, in Book No. 1 Volume No. 10753, pages 37 52. on 22.02.2024 (SRO West Janakpuri) and executed by Mr. Pradeep Sehrawat in his favour in respect of the said property. The seller has also informed the purchaser that the said property was owned by Mr. Rajender Kumar on the basis of revenue record. Mr. Rajender Kumar had executed a registered Will vide document No. 1397 dated 05.03.2013 in respect of the said property in favour of Mr. Pradeen Kumar _(SRO Rohtak) Accordingly, after the death of Shri Rajender Kumar, the said property was inherited by Mr. Pradeen Kumar who sold the said property to Mr. Parvinder Solanki (the seller). Thus, the seller became sole and absolute owner of the said property including the said floor. The seller has also informed the purchaser that the said floor is not mortgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending regarding the said floor. Any person including Bank/s.

Financial Institution/s. relative/s having any claim, right, title or any interest of any nature whatsoever into or upon the said floor is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 07 days of publication of this notice and in the event of no response having been received to the notice, the title of the seller in respect of the said floor shall be deemed to be clear of any charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever and any subsequent claim shall not bind our client/Purchaser, in any manner whatsoever Manoj Sharma, Advocate

M/s Intellective Law Offices, A-74, LGF, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024

Date: 30.05.2024

MODERN COACH FACTORY, RAEBARELI E-Tender notice (Corrigendum)

E-Tender Notice no.- ELECT-PS-20568 On behalf of the President of India Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/PS, Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli is inviting open e-tender, based on

single packet system from capable & experienced tenderers through Indian Railways portal www.ireps.gov.in for the under mentioned work on prescribed tender format. Name of Work: Work of Servicing and Replacement of defective items of existing APFC panels by supply, installation and testing of required electrical items in MCF/RBL. Place of work: Modern Coach Factory Lalganj, Distt. Raebareli, Approx. cost: ₹ 20,95,941.62, (Twenty Lakh Ninety Five thousand Nine Hundred Forty

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E-/	Advertised	Tender Notice No. 17/ET/2024-25	Dated:	01.06.2024
SN	Tender No.	Short Description	Qty	Due Date
01	45245070	Supply Installation & Commissioning of Small Box Pallets Size 1200 X 800 X 740 MM.		24.06.202
01	15245070	Supply Installation & Commissioning of Big Box Pallets Size 2040 X 2040 X 1450 MM.	74 Nos	24.06.2024
02	12241056	Security Disc.	13665 Nos	29.08.202
03	15245048	Supply, Installation, Commissioning & proving out of Profile Stretch Bend Forming Machine	1 Nos	28.06.202
04	11241143	Shell Kit for LW SCN (EOG) Coach	50 Set	02.07.2024
05	11241036	Car Line Complete (CRF) for Side Wall of LHB GS (EOG) Coach	400 Nos	09.07.2024
06	11241081	Roof Flange for LWS coach (CRF)	1432 Nos	09.07.202
07	03241193	Water Tank Assly LH (390 LITERS) Two Piece Design (Double Filling).	136 Nos	31.07.202

Axle Mounted Disc Brake System For LHB Type BG Mainline Coaches of 1062 Set AC & NAC Coaches. 08 12241077 17.07.2024 Axle Mounted Disc Brake System For LHB Type BG Mainline Coaches of 62 Set LSLRD Coaches. 09 03241428 Mirror Holder LH 25185Nos 21.06.2024 Set of Door CUT OUT Complete for 10 11241091 56 Set 12.07.2024 LHB (SLR) Coach. Hand Brake Set for LHB Power Car 04241128 21.06.2024 289 Set Bracket Complete. 10242 Nos 25.06.2024 12 04241110 Bracket Complete. 4768 Nos Set of Side walls Assembly and Roof 13 11241070 Complete (Without Primer) for LHB 240 Nos 30.07.2024 LWS (EOG) Coach. Set of AL Floor plate for LHB High 14 04241028 13 Set Capacity Parcel Van.

27.06.2024 Adjusting Shim for Body Support For 15 12241051 18258 Nos 25.07.2024 Fiat Bogie Set of Assembly Components for 16 12241031 1134 Set 10.07.2024 Final Assembly of Fiat Bogie 17 03241429 Mirror Holder RH. 25898 Nos 24.06.2024 Supply of Stainless steel tubes and double ferrule fittings Supply of Stainless steel tubes with stainless steel double ferrule fittings 85 Set for LWSCZ & LWSCZAC COACHES. Supply of Stainless steel tubes with stainless steel double ferrule fittings & spring pneumatic control equipment & 24 Set FIBA piping arrangement for Air spring coaches FOR LSLRD COACHES. 18 12241186 25.06.2024 Supply of Stainless steel tubes with stainless steel double ferrule fittings

for LWACCN, LWACCNH M. 588 Set LWACCW, LWSCN & LWCBAC coaches. Supply of Stainless steel tubes with stainless steel double ferrule fittings 26 Set for LWLRRM coaches. Supply of Stainless steel tubes with stainless steel double ferrule fittings 25 Set for LWS coaches. Seamless stainless steel pipe size 3847 Nos 25mm (1") NB x 3800 mm 19 04241074 Seamless stainless steel pipe size 1032 Nos 15MM(1/2")NB X 5400 MM Set of Composite Pipe & Fitting for 20 03241325 1549 Set 28.06.2024 LHB SCN EOG Coaches Electro-Pneumatic Pressurized

Flushing System for BG Coaches 01 04241129 5481Set 25.06.2024 22 12241115 Bolt for LHB Coaches 17248 Nos 08.08.2024 SET OF Epoxy Metal Primer and 23 06241052 874 Set 24.06.2024 Thinner for Fiat Bogie. Corrigendum Tender No. Due date may be read as 20.06.2024 14/ET/2024-25 01 Dated: 17.05.2024

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03 Dated: 03.05.2024 03241167 instead of 31.05.2024 Website Address: www.ireps.gov.in & www.mcf.indianrailways.gov.in Dy. Chief Material Manager/Shell **Serving Customers With a Smile**

instead of 13.06.2024

instead of 05.06.2024

Due date may be read as 12.06.2024

Due date may be read as 11.06.2024

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as criminal prosecution.

Saurabh Balwani

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₹72,820 **⊗** ₹91,900 ₹83.37 \$77.43 Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of June 5

AN ANALYSIS OF ECI & PER CAPITA NSDP DATA FROM STATES

BJP's vote share shrinks in most states with low growth rates in per capita income

SUKALP SHARMA & **AGGAM WALIA** NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

THE BHARATIYA Janata Party's (BJP's) vote share in the 2024 general election contracted in most of the states and union territories (UTs) that had relatively low rates of growth in per capita income since the previous Lok Sabha polls in 2019, shows an analysis of Election Commission of India (ECI) data and per capita net state domestic product (NSDP) data from states. NSDP per capita is taken as the per capita income of a state and is

counted among states' key eco-

nomic indicators. Of the 12 states and UTs where per capita NSDP grew by a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of up to 2 per cent, and where the BJP contested in the recently-concluded Lok Sabha elections, the party's vote share shrunk in nine. These nine states and UTs include Bihar. Maharashtra, Iharkhand, Haryana, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Goa, Manipur, and Chandigarh. Kerala, Sikkim, and Andaman and Nicobar Islands were the outliers to the trend.

For the purpose of this analysis, the CAGR of per capita NSDP was divided in three segments: low (up to 2 per cent), medium (2.1-4.0 per cent), and high (over 4 per cent). Among all states and UTs, the overall range of per

STATES WITH PER CAPITA NSDP CAGR OF UP TO 2%

STATE/UT	Change in BJP vote share vs 2019 (percentage points)	NSDP per capita CAGR over FY19
Haryana	-12.1	1.8%
Jharkhand*	-7	1.7%
Uttarakhand	-4.9	1.2%
Bihar*	-3.6	1.8%
Chandigarh*	-3.4	1.8%
Delhi	-2.5	1.2%
Maharashtra**	-1.6	-0.5%
Goa*	-1.1	2%
Sikkim*	0.4	1.9%
Kerala*	3.7	2%
A&N**	5	1.9%

STATES WITH PER CAPITA **NSDP CAGR OF 2.1-4.0%**

STATE/UT	Change in BJP vote share vs 2019 (percentage points)	NSDP per capita CAGR over FY19
Telangana	15.4	3.9%
Punjab	8.9	2.4%
Mizoram**	1	2.9%
Madhya Pradesh	0.8	2.4%
West Bengal	-1.9	3.1%
Uttar Pradesh	-8.6	3.7%
Himachal Pradesh	-13.3	3.4%
J&K	-22.3	2.9^%

Pradesh* States in grey shade saw a contraction in BJP's vote share

(* NSDP data available till FY23; ** NSDP data available till FY22; All others: NSDP data till FY24) (^Including Ladakh) Data sources: Election Commission of India, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

capita NSDP CAGR ranged up to 6.1 per cent. CAGR was considered over absolute growth as per capita NSDP data for some states was not updated for 2023-24 (FY24) and was available either till FY23 or FY22. The base year for the comparison was taken as FY19. A few UTs that do not maintain per capita NSDP data were not considered.

While the data does suggest a correlation between per capita state income and the BJP's vote

INDIA'S CLOSER-than-expected

election should increase the

prospect of productive reforms,

Chief Economic Adviser V

Anantha Nageswaran said on

Wednesday, while the funda-

mental drivers of growth remain

largely independent of govern-

Minister Narendra Modi for a third

term but with a reduced margin

that has left BJP needing coalition

partners to govern. Stock markets

tumbled on Tuesday on investor

concerns that economic reforms

may be postponed but recovered

reforms were in state govern-

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Nageswaran said many tricky

some losses on Wednesday.

Voters returned Prime

REUTERS

ment policy.

SINGAPORE, JUNE 5

share among most of the lowgrowth states, the trend is not as stark when it comes to states and UTs in the middle- and high-growth segments.

It is worth noting that like most economic indicators, per capita incomes and their growth rates vary across states and are contingent upon a number of factors and conditions. Also, election outcomes depend on a host of factors many of which are not directly

linked to the economy — and their various permutations and combinations.

SENSEX: 74,382.24 ▲ 2303.19 (3.20%) NIFTY: 22,620.35 ▲ 735.85 (3.36%) NIKKEI: 38,490.17 ▼ 347.29 HANG SENG: 18,424.96 ▼ 19.15 FTSE: 8,263.92 ▲ 31.88 DAX: 18,604.63 ▲ 198.99

STATES WITH PER CAPITA

NSDP CAGR OF OVER 4%

Change in

(percentage

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NSDP per

share vs 2019 over FY19

capita CAGR

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STATE/UT

Andhra Pradesh

Tamil Nadu

Chhattisgarh

Odisha

Assam

Gujarat*

Karnataka

Rajasthan

Arunachal

per capita NSDP growth rate of over 4 per cent, the BJP registered an expansion in vote share from 2019 levels in five – Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, and Tamil Nadu. Four states — Gujarat, Rajasthan, Karnataka, and Arunachal Pradesh, saw a contraction in the BJP's vote share despite a rel-

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CHIEF ECONOMIC ADVISER

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atively high rate of growth in their per capita incomes.

Among the nine states with a expanded in five of the nine ers. If that were to come true. states and UTs with per capita NSDP growth rate of 2.1 per cent to 4 per cent. These five states included Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Telangana, Tripura, and Mizoram. The four where the BIP saw a decline in vote share were Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir.

Tight election to promote reform: CEA puts in economic production. Nageswaran was appointed to his role in 2022 and is one of the government's key advisers on economic policy. He also authors

> as a precursor to the Budget. He said the next government will deliver "policy continuity with some change," without detailing any possible changes.

> India's economic survey, a docu-

ment that indicates the govern-

ment's policy direction and serves

"The supply side infrastructure improvements that have happened — they are for real and

they will continue," he said. Future growth also draws on the health of the banking system and corporate sector, he said. "Both are going to be important drivers, not so much government policy, and those have not

been affected by the election

AS N CHANDRABABU NAIDU SEEKS TO RESTORE 'BRAND AP'

India's tech manufacturing map may get a makeover with TDP as key NDA player

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK & RAVIDUTTA MISHRA NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

HE IS known to be a man invested in technology, and is widely credited for turning Hyderabad into a technology hub. Even in his party's largely welfare-oriented manifesto, there were mentions of encouraging artificial intelligence in a largely agrarian state. And in 2024, N Chandrababu Naidu and his Telugu Desam Party (TDP) could have one more tryst with technology – with the coastal state of Andhra Pradesh potentially emerging as a new manufacturing destination.

With the TDP's support crucial for the BJP-led NDA to stake claim at forming the next central government – after the latter failed to secure a majority on its own in the Lok Sabha elections – Naidu's party is believed to be staking a claim for one of its elected MPs to potentially Similarly, the BIP's vote share lead the IT Ministry, among oth-BIP leaders expect that a number of centrally subsidised manufacturing projects could land in Andhra Pradesh – significantly changing the country's tech production map.

Naidu often recalls the time when he secured a meeting with Microsoft founder Bill Gates in the 1990s (when he was CM of undivided Andhra Pradesh). As per him, the meeting was only scheduled to last for 10 minutes, but ended up going on for 45 minutes. During that interaction, he claims to have convinced the company to set up a development centre in Hyderabad. Gates listened and the software giant opened a centre in the city in 1998, setting the stage for Hyderabad emerging as a key IT sector hub in India.

Today, Hyderabad is home to some of the biggest names in technology, including the likes of Google, IBM, Amazon, Hewlett-Packard, and Texas Instruments, among others. Focus on tech has been a defining theme of Naidu's and TDP leadership. In 2019, during his previous stint as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, he signed a memorandum of understanding with the Adani Group to build data centre parks in and around Visakhapatnam over the next 20 years.

One common concern that some state leaders expressed during the previous BJP-majority government is that a number of new projects, particularly in the electronics sector, went to the state of Gujarat. A senior BJP addresses a press conference in Amravati on Wednesday. PTI leader said that with a TDP MP at the helm, Andhra Pradesh could potentially attract investments in the tech manufacturing sector, especially those that would be set up through central government subsidy, like semiconductor assembly plants, laptop and mobile manufacturing dropped plans to lend funding facilities. The IT Ministry is the for the capital project due to poleading department that hands litical uncertainty in the state. out subsidies for various elec-

tronics manufacturing schemes - semiconductors, smartphones, laptops, and servers, among others.

"The TDP would certainly push projects to land up in Andhra Pradesh, which will potentially change the tech manufacturing map of India, which so far has largely been concentrated in Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Karnataka," a second leader said. Apple supplier Foxlink, which makes cables for iPhone chargers, already has a base in the state, potentially allowing for more such suppliers to set up shop in Andhra Pradesh.

With Hyderabad no longer the official joint capital of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Naidu's party – expected to be a key player in the new government's cabinet – could capitalise the opportunity to develop the capital city of Amravati, along with pulling a number of manufacturing projects along the Visakhapatnam Chennai Industrial Corridor. "This, in turn, would give the party leverage in the state over its local rival YSRCP as well," a

BIP leader said. Naidu's newfound kingmaker status could help resolve the financial constraints that have hit the construction of his dream capital of Andhra

Telugu Desam Party (TDP) President N Chandrababu Naidu Pradesh, Amravati for the designs of which he had roped in British architects Foster and Partners and Baahubali director Rajamouli. However, the project has far from taken off, especially after the World Bank, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

> Amravati has been central to Naidu's politics and a subject of stiff tension between TDP and opposition Jagan Mohan Reddy's YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) who had stopped awarding contracts in Amaravati citing irregularities during his tenure. While Reddy wants Visakhapatnam to be the administrative capital of AP, Naidu has vowed to back

The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) last year observed that land acquired by successive state governments had been lying idle after spending Rs 2,244.94 crore and that the purpose of Land Pooling

Scheme (LPS) was not achieved. TDP's manifesto for the Andhra Pradesh Assembly election offers a glimpse into the direction that the ministry and the manufacturing industry could possibly take.

The manifesto, while lamenting that Andhra Pradesh had the highest number of unemployed undergraduate numbers, had promised the establishment of special employment zones across the state's north south and central regions. There was a promise of also incentivising those medium and small enterprises which generate a large number of jobs.

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'Slim majority for BJP poses challenges to reforms agenda

New Delhi: The BJP losing its outright majority may delay more farreaching elements of economic and fiscal reforms, global rating agencies said. Fitch Ratings and Moody's Ratings in separate notes spoke about the implication of BJP losing its majority for the first time since 2014, winning 240 seats in the 543-seat Lok Sabha.

"It appears the BJP-led NDA is likely to form the next government, returning PM Narendra Modi for a third term, but with a weakened majority that could pose challenges for the more ambitious elements of the government's reform agenda," Fitch said.

Moody's said it expects policy continuity, especially with regards to budgetary emphasis on infrastructure spending and boosting domestic manufacturing, to support robust economic growth.PTI

BRIEFLY—

India's services sector growth softens: PMI

New Delhi: India's services sector growth eased to a fivemonth low in May amid fierce competition, price pressures and a severe heatwave, even as new orders from international markets expanded. The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Services Business Activity Index fell to 60.2 in May from 60.8 a month earlier, its lowest mark since last December.PTI

CBIC starts e-disbursal of duty drawback

New Delhi: The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) said it has started electronic disbursal of duty drawback amounts directly to exporters' bank accounts using the PFMS platform.

Airlines' loss to widen in FY25: **CAPA** India

Bengaluru: Indian airlines are expected to post a bigger industry-wide loss in fiscal 2025 as higher costs outweigh rising demand and costlier tickets, aviation consultancy CAPA India said. **REUTERS**

Market rebounds: Sensex up 3.2%, Nifty closes above 22,600

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI. JUNE 5

A DAY after witnessing the worst trading session in four years, benchmark indices, the Sensex and the Nifty recovered nearly half of their losses on Wednesday after they rose over 3 per cent.

The 30-share BSE Sensex gained 2,303.19 points, or 3.2 per cent to finish at 74,382.24. The broader Nifty jumped 735.85 points, or 3.36 per cent to close at 22,620.35. On Tuesday, the Sensex

crashed 4,389.73, or 5.74 per cent and the Nifty 50 tanked 1,379.4 points, or 5.93 per cent due to an unexpected Lok Sabha election outcome. The Bharatiya Ianata Party (BJP) secured 240 seats, much below the exit polls prediction. However, the BIP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) managed 294 seats, making sure a third term of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The rise in the indices on Wednesday was on account of investors absorbing the unexpected Lok Sabha election results, analysts said. The surge in the market was supported by domestic institutional investors (DIIs) even as foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) remained net sellers of local shares for the second consecutive day. FPIs offloaded Rs 5,656.26 crore of equities.

"Indian market exhibited a



as more likely to progress.

by Nomura in Singapore.

"In some cases the responsi-

bility is disproportionately on

state governments, sub-national

governments," he said, address-

ing an investor conference hosted

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Volatility THE MARKET capitalisa-

tion of BSE-listed companies rose Rs 13 lakh crore to Rs 408.06 lakh crore, after falling over Rs 31 lakh crore to Rs 394.83 lakh crore on Tuesday. India VIX, the volatility index, which zoomed 51 per cent to 31.71 during intraday trades on Tuesday before closing at 26.75, declined 30 per cent to close at 18.89.

spirited recovery driven by broad based buying across various sectors, as political stability appears assured," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

Analysts said that although the NDA will form the government at the Centre but with a slimmer majority. However, the new government will pursue an investment-led economic

"NDA will form the Modi 3.0 government with coalition partners. With this, the market will likely gain confidence in the political stability as well as the policy stability. Some positive recovery is hence expected going forward," Axis Securities said in

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and consensus building."

AI Express to operate 28 weekly flights from Hindon

outcome.

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI. JUNE 5

AIR INDIA Express on Wednesday announced that it will start flights from Ghaziabad's Hindon Airport, which will make it the only carrier to operate from two airports in the National Capital Region (NCR). The airline, which is a subsidiary of Air India, will operate a total of 28 direct flights between Hindon and Bengaluru, Goa, and Kolkata from August 1, the carrier said in a release.

"Besides operating over 280 flights a week from Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) in New Delhi, AIX (Air India Express) will be operating from Hindon Airport, ensuring enhanced connectivity to/from other cities in western UP, Uttarakhand and Haryana," the airline said, emphasising Hindon's "strategic location" within the NCR. The catchment area that the airline hopes will benefit from operations at Hindon includes central and eastern Delhi, parts of western Uttar Pradesh, parts of Haryana, and even parts of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh.

Air India Express will operate two daily return flights from Bengaluru and a daily return flight

each from Kolkata and Goa to the Hindon airport. "Our network expansion is focussed on enhancing connectivity across the rapidly growing domestic and short-haul international market, particularly the new and underserved routes. The maturity and size of major metropolitan areas in India can support secondary airports, spreading the benefits of air connectivity and further stimulating growth...The new services will complement our operations from the primary airport serving Delhi NCR, providing convenient options," said Air India Express

Managing Director Aloke Singh. In addition to providing nonstop connectivity to destinations such as Bengaluru, Goa, and Kolkata, Air India Express plans to connect Hindon Airport through one-stop itineraries to other key stations on its network, including Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Kozhikode, Kannur, Kochi, Hyderabad, Imphal, Bagdogra, Mangalore, Mumbai, Pune, and Thiruvananthapuram, the airline said. Interestingly, the announcement comes just months ahead of the inauguration of the upcoming Noida International Airport (NIA) at Jewar in western Uttar Pradesh. **FULL REPORT ON**

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Slight dip in number of women in LS, well under proposed 33% quota

ARJUN SENGUPTA NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

INDIA HAS elected 74 women MPs to Lok Sabha this year, four fewer than in 2019 and 52 more than in India's first elections in 1952. These 74 women make just 13.63% of the elected strength of the Lower House, much less than the 33% that will be reserved for women after the next delimitation exercise.

Slow change

Over the years, Lok Sabha's gender composition has shown a general trend towards increasing women's representation. But progress has been slow and not linear. In 1952, women made up just 4.41% of the strength of the Lower House. This number increased to more than 6% in the election held a decade later, but again dipped to below 4% in 1971 (ironically, with Indira Gandhi, India's first and only woman Prime Minister, at the helm).

Since then, there has been a slow, but steady rise in women's representation (with a few exceptions), which crossed the 10% mark in 2009, and peaked in 2019 at 14.36%. India still lags behind several countries — 46% of MPs in South Africa, 35% in the UK, and 29% in the US, are women.

Party-wise share

In 2024, women Lok Sabha MPs come from 14 parties. The BJP leads this list with 31 women MPs, followed by the Congress (13), TMC(11), SP(5), DMK(3), and Chirag Paswan-led LJPRV and JD(U), both with two. Seven parties have one woman MP each. Among the 3 parties with double-digit women MPs in the Lok Sabha. the TMC boasts the highest proportion (37.93%), followed by Congress (13.13%) and BJP (12.92%).

New faces, younger

Of the 74 women MPs elected, 43 are first time MPs, and one (Misa Bharti of the RJD)

is a first time Lok Sabha MP. This is higher than the overall percentage of newcomers in the House (59% vs 52%).

Women MPs have only 0.76 Lok Sabha terms of experience (one term is generally 5 years long).

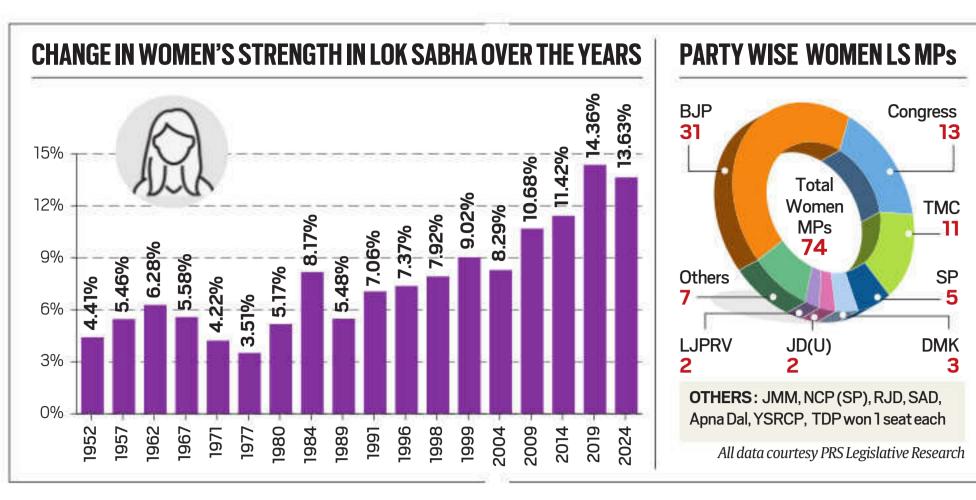
TELLING NUMBERS

Women MPs, with an average age of 50 years, are also younger. The overall age of the House is 56. They are as educated as their male counterparts, with 78%

Candidates' composition

completing undergraduation.

Out of the total 8,360 candidates, who stood in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, just around 10% were women. This number too has increased over time — it stood at 3% in 1957. This is the first time that women candidates' proportion touched 10%. Roughly 16% of BIP's candidates were women, as opposed to 13% of Congress candidates — both higher than the overall average.



EXPLAINED POLITICS

Special Category question

TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu's earlier push for Special Category Status during 2014-18 had failed, but this time the BJP desperately needs his support. What is SCS, and why does AP want this?

EXPLAINED LAW

AMRITPAL, ENGINEER RASHID WIN FROM JAIL: WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?





Both Engineer Rashid (left) and Amritpal Singh are currently in prison on serious charges being probed by the NIA. Express Archive

APURVA VISHWANATH NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

RESULTS OF the Lok Sabha polls have thrown up two unusual winners — Waris Punjab De chief Amritpal Singh from Punjab's Khadoor Sahib, and Engineer Rashid from Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla — both of whom are currently in jail on serious charges that are being probed by the National Investigation Agency.

Serious charges

Amritpal Singh has been in jail in Dibrugarh, Assam, under the National Security Act (NSA) since March 2023. The NSA is a preventive detention law, which allows the government to detain individuals for up to 12 months without pressing formal charges.

Rashid is currently in Delhi's Tihar jail facing charges under the stringent Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) in an alleged terror-funding case. A former MLA, he contested in the election on a Awami Ittehad Party ticket.

Taking oath

The duo's election victory means that they now have a constitutional mandate as parliamentarians. Taking oath is the first step in fulfilling this mandate.

Although this is not explicitly spelt out in the Constitution, there have been past instances where jailed lawmakers are granted temporary parole to take oath.

In March, Aam Aadmi Party leader

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Sanjay Singh, who was then imprisoned in Tihar on money laundering charges, was granted permission by a court to take oath as Rajya Sabha MP for a second term. A trial court directed the jail superintendent to ensure that he is taken to Parliament with adequate security, and brought back to the jail.

In 2021, after he won from Sibsagar, Assam, Akhil Gogoi was temporarily allowed by an NIA court to leave prison to take oath as a member of the Assam Legislative Assembly.

trade unionist George Fernandes was ceremony, and went on to serve as a minister in Morarji Desai's Janata government.

Duties as a lawmaker

same as being released on bail. It is akin to a special parole for a day. The jailed lawmaker has to write to the Speaker that she will not be able to attend regular proceedings. Article 101(4) of the Constitution states that if an MP is absent for over 60 days from all the meetings without permission, her seat would be declared vacant.

For attending a Parliament session or to cast a vote in the House, the lawmaker will have to move court for permission.

However, only a conviction, and a sentence of two or more years, will lead to

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The most famous election victory from

prison, however, came in 1977, when elected from Bihar's Muzaffarpur seat while in jail during the Emergency. He was released from prison before the oath

Being allowed to take oath is not the

disqualification from Parliament.

HYDERABAD, JUNE 5

SREENIVAS JANYALA

TELUGU DESAM PARTY (TDP) president N Chandrababu Naidu has emerged as a key player in national politics after his party won 16 seats in the Lok Sabha election.

Naidu's support is critical for the BJP, which has only 240 seats. In return, Naidu is likely to extract several promises and assurances, the most important of which will be Special Category Status for Andhra Pradesh.

What is Special Category Status (SCS)? In 1969, the Fifth Finance Commission in-

troduced the mechanism of SCS to assist certain states in their development if they faced historical economic or geographical disadvantages. Factors such as difficult terrain, low population density and/ or a sizeable tribal population, location along borders, economic and infrastructural backwardness, etc. were typically considered to accord SCS.

The system was scrapped on the recommendation of the 14th Finance Commission, which suggested that the resource gap of states should be filled by increasing the devolution of tax to 42% from the existing 32%.

SCS was accorded to 11 states, including the entire Northeast, and J&K, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand. Besides AP, SCS has been demanded by Bihar, whose Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is another key NDA ally, and Odisha, where the BJP will now form the government.

Why does AP want SCS?

When the undivided state was bifurcated through the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014, the UPA government had promised to grant SCS to AP to compensate for the loss of revenues, and of Hyderabad, where much of the development was concentrated.

After the NDA government took charge, both Naidu who was CM from 2014 to 2019, and Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy (2019-24), repeatedly appealed for SCS to overcome the "distressing" financial situation of the state.

According to presentations made by the AP government to NITI Aayog, the 14th Finance Commission estimated that the post-devolution revenue deficit for AP for the period 2015-20 would be Rs 22,113 crore, but in fact, this figure was Rs 66,362 crore. The state's debt had reached Rs 2,58,928 crore by 2018-19, and is more than Rs 3.5 lakh crore now.

AP argues that the undivided state was bifurcated in an unjust and inequitable manner – the successor state inherited nearly 59% of the population, debt, and liabilities of the original state, but only 47% of its revenues. For example, of the Rs 57,000 crore of software exports from AP for the year 2013-14, Hyderabad

THE DEMANDS...

THE BIHAR GOVERNMENT has been raising the demand for Special Catergory Status (SCS) since 2008. Before the 2009 election, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said that he would support any alliance that agreed to give Bihar special status.

IN FEBRUARY this year, Bihar Energy Minister Bijendra Prasad Yadav said in the Assembly that the Prime Minister should give Bihar SCS. "We have achieved a lot from our limited resources... If we get a boost from the Centre, we will be able to pull more people out of poverty," he had said. Earlier on January 24, the birth anniversary of socialist icon Bihar Karpoori Thakur, the CM himself had iterated the demand for SCS.

THE ODISHA GOVERNMENT first demanded SCS in 1979. The state

continued to push for it in the 1990s, and the 10th (1990) and 11th Assemblies (1995) passed unanimous resolutions asking the Government of India for SCS. After coming to power in 2000, Naveen Patnaik used the issue to accuse the UPA government at the Centre of neglecting Odisha. The state's demand was based mainly on the presence of hilly and tribal areas, and vulnerability to natural disasters such as floods and cyclones.

THE CENTRE REJECTED the demand in May 2013 — when Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission Montek

Naidu, Nitish on Wednesday. ANI

Singh Ahluwalia said the state did not qualify for SCS — and again in January 2016, when NITI Aayog vice-president Arvind Panagariya said the demand for SCS could not be considered in view of the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission, which made no distinction between general and SCS states in distribution of shareable taxes.

...AND RESPONSE

TWO FINANCE MINISTERS, the late Arun Jaitley in 2015, and Nirmala

Sitharaman in February 2023, have ruled out granting SCS to Andhra Pradesh or Odisha. The Centre has said the provision of SCS no longer exists, and the mechanism for devolution of taxes proposed by the 14th Finance Commission is in place. The Centre is offering Rs 1,050 crore per annum as Special Development Assistance to seven backward districts in AP.

SUJIT BISOYI & SANTOSH SINGH

the state government from the Centre. Annual

for SCS. Naidu now has that opportunity. How feasible is it for the Centre to yield to this demand?

What have Naidu and Jagan done to

Naidu has been vocal and emotional

about SCS, and it vexed him through his

2014-19 tenure as CM. The TDP was part of

the first Modi government when it took

power in 2014, and Naidu was frustrated by

his failure to persuade the Centre of his case. In March 2018, expressing anguish over the

Centre's refusal to listen to his pleas, Naidu ask-

ed his two ministers at the Centre — P Ashok

Gajapati Raju (Civil Aviation) and Y Satya-

narayana Chowdary (MoS, Science & Technology and Earth Sciences) — to resign. He then

quit the NDA and launched an anti-BJP cam-

paign for the Assembly election of May 2019.

to meet NDA ministers to seek SCS, Jagan and

his YSRCP MLAs had laughed and poked fun

at him. During the election campaign, Jagan

attacked Naidu and TDP for their failure to

get SCS for AP. However, after winning a land-

slide and becoming the CM in 2019, Jagan

session before the elections, Jagan expressed

frustration over the issue, saying that he

wished that no party gets an absolute major-

ity in Lok Sabha, so that the state can bargain

In February 2024, during the last Assembly

faced similar attacks and insults himself.

When Naidu mentioned in the Legislative Assembly that he had gone to Delhi 29 times

press the demand?

The BJP has very few options in its negotiations with Naidu. The Congress has already sent him feelers — senior leader Jairam Ramesh has said that SCS for AP was part of the party's manifesto in the state, and the IN-DIA bloc would accept the demand if it comes to power at the Centre.

Giving Naidu what he wants to the exclusion of other states — notably Bihar and Odisha — will be difficult for the BJP. Also, the 14th Finance Commission had stated that SCS was a burden on the Centre's resources — this has been used by the NDA to reject Naidu's pleas

As a compromise, the NDA could make a ple's anger and create some breathing space.

 ${\it city-with Telangana\,after\,the\,bifurcation-}$ alone accounted for Rs 56,500 crore.

Today's AP is essentially an agrarian state, with low economic buoyancy, leading to huge revenue disabilities. This is evident from that fact that the per capita revenue of Telangana for 2015-16 was Rs 14,411, while it was only Rs 8,397 for AP.

According to the AP government, the UPA had assured it of SCS for a five-year period as a precondition to bifurcation, and that the residuary state would be adequately compensated through development interventions, investments, and direct financial assistance.

What would getting SCS mean for AP? SCS would mean higher grants-in-aid to

per capita grants to Special Category States is Rs 5,573 crore, whereas AP receives Rs 3,428 crore.

SCS states enjoy special industrial incentives such as Income-tax exemptions, custom duty waivers, reduced excise duty, corporate tax exemption for a certain period, concessions and exemptions relating to GST, and lower state and central taxes. In SCS states, the Centre funds central schemes up to 90%, compared to 70% in non-SCS states.

The AP government has argued that special incentives are vital for rapid industrialisation, and would lead to improved employment opportunities for the youth and overall development of the state. SCS would encourage a range of investments in the state, it has argued. promise similar to the one the UPA made: to give SCS for a specific period — say, five years. The UPA had hoped it would assuage the peo-

Naidu's earlier push for SCS had failed, and he had suffered a crushing defeat in the state as well. This time is different — the BJP is dependent on him, and he has just won a landslide in the state. From his position of strength, he could settle for a compromise with favourable terms — perhaps several Central projects in AP, a halt to the privatisation of the Vizag steel plant, increased assistance to backward districts, setting up of SEZs where the Centre would be able to waive taxes, etc.

BJP's allies: why they may stick with the party, and why they may leave

AAKASHJOSHI

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SINCE THE 2014 general election, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has been more symbol than substance. The BIP has not been bothered by the loss of several allies, including old partners Shiromani Akali Dal (2020) and the undivided Shiv Sena (2019). But given that the new government will be NDA 3.0 rather than Modi 3.0, non-BJP members of the alliance who have done well in the election will likely leverage the fact that BIP needs its allies perhaps more than they need it.

The question is: What do these parties gain by staying on with the NDA?

Telugu Desam Party

The TDP first joined the NDA in 1996, when the young Chandrababu Naidu was

known as a pioneer in IT governance. The party suffered greatly after it left the NDA in 2018. It was reduced to just 2 seats in the Telangana Assembly in 2018, and to 23 in the Andhra Pradesh Assembly in 2019.

It rejoined the NDA in February this year and has gained massively, winning 135 of 175 seats in the Assembly and 16 seats in Lok Sabha. Naidu is kingmaker again.

Establishing himself firmly in AP will be Naidu's first priority. He has renewed the demand for Special Category Status; will ask for key portfolios that allow him to bestow contracts and favours in his state, including and especially for the construction and operationalisation of Amaravati, the new capital he envisioned during his previous stint as CM.

Politically, the TDP could rein in some of the BIP's more controversial plans. Delimitation, the promotion of Hindi, the "North-South divide" — all these issues will

need to be placed on the back burner if the BJP is to keep its most important ally happy. But the TDP needs the BJP too — Naidu's campaign in the state invoked PM Narendra Modi and the alliance during the campaign. Going against that mandate may well have a political cost.

Janata Dal (United)

began to sour.

Nitish Kumar had been a stalwart of the NDA government under Atal Bihari Vajpayee, and served in his Cabinet. In the run-up to the 2014 election, however, things

Nitish hotly contested the elevation of Narendra Modi to PM candidate for his lack of secular credentials, and left the NDA in 2013. His image as "sushasan babu", coupled with the importance of Bihar, led many to project him as a possible Opposition PM candidate. This perception was only

strengthened after the 2015 Bihar Assembly election in which the Mahagathbandhan trounced the BIP. But Nitish broke away from the alliance

in 2017. He then returned to the Mahagathbandhan in 2022, only to leave again to join the NDA in 2024. The perception was that Nitish had lost

> all credibility. But with wins in 12 Lok Sabha seats, he is back on top.

POLITICS He has reportedly demanded at least three ministries, including Railways. In the past, the JD(U) acted as a force that led to the softening of hard Hindutva — the

> of Article 370 on the back burner. To move away from its core now will require a major adjustment from the BJP. And Nitish Kumar, clearly, is an ally who is easy to tempt away.

LJP (Ram Vilas)

Ram Vilas Paswan, founder of the LJP, was known for almost prophetically switching alliances before elections and ending up on the winning side. It now seems that his son Chirag Paswan can carry on that legacy. With 5 Lok Sabha seats, Chirag can claim to be a significant voice representing Bihar's Dalit population. As of now, he has professed continuing loyalty to the NDA but will demand Cabinet positions and other accommodations, something denied to him recently.

Shiv Sena (Shinde)

NDA under Vajpayee put issues like the Ram Temple, Uniform Civil Code and abrogation The Shiv Sena was for long a non-Sangh Hindutva ally of the BIP. Their alliance began in 1989 and was only substantially broken after the 2019 Maharashtra Assembly elections. The party split down the middle in 2022 — with more than a little help from

the BJP. The rebel Eknath Shinde faction was eventually awarded the party symbol and name.

It has won just 7 seats, compared to the Uddhav Thackeray faction's 9. Shiv Sena could stick with the BJP. However, given the now inevitable churn within the party, many of its leaders may want to go back with Uddhav.

RLD and JDS

In the North and the South, two erstwhile members of the Opposition chose to throw in their lot with the BJP. The Rashtriya Lok Dal in UP and Janata Dal (Secular) in Karnataka, with 2 seats each, might be regretting their decision. The former joined the NDA after its founder-patriarch Charan Singh was given the Bharat Ratna; the latter after some cajoling by the BJP. For now, it makes more sense to stick with the NDA and extract what they can.

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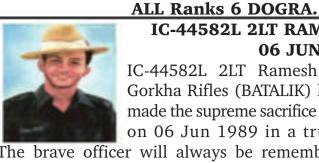
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CORRIGENDUM

Ref: i) Tender Notice No. 11/2024-2025 dated 08.05.2024 Tender No. 15245057B due on 26.06.2024.

01. In reference to above tender, two new documents have beed added. 02. In reference to above tender, the due date has been extended from 05.06.2024 to

26.06.2024. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged. The corrigendum has been published on website www.ireps.gov.in.

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WESTERN RAILWAY - AHMEDABAD DIVISION

	VARIOUS ENGINEERING WORKS	
ender notice No.	08 of 2024-2025 dated : 31-05-2024	

Sr. No.	e-Tender No.	Name of work	Approximate NIT Cost (₹)	EMD Cost (₹
01	DRM-ADI- 70-2024-25	Construction of RCC Overhead tanks at various locations and	7,81,47,152.00	5,40,700.0
_		orks under jurisdiction of Divisional En		
02	DRM-ADI-	Providing, fixing and installation of	1.58.06.601.80	2.29.000.0

71-2024-25 Automation Valves at various locations and other ancillary works in the jurisdiction of Ahmedabad Division. Ahemedabad Division : Providing 98,93,202.60 1,97,900.00 72-2024-25 mobile (Android Base) G.P.S. based surveillance tracking system for monitoring of inspection & patrolling activity

with AMC (Four Years). DRM-ADI- Ahmedabad - Geratpur & 7,93,25,303.92 5,46,600.00 73-2024-25 Ahmedabad-Chandlodiya Khodiyar-Mahesana: CTR (P) 60 Kg by PQRS 12.604 Km (Ahmedabad-Viramgam & Ahmedabad-Khodiyar), TRR (P) 60 Kg 3.504 Km (Ahmedabad-Viramgam 8 Ahmedabad-Khodiyar) & TBR 17.20 Km (Geratpur-Ahmedabad), TRR of pt no 202/c in torrent siding in railway boundry with overhauling of LC No, 1/EPH, TRR(P) 60 Kg of Br no 21 & 22A of Chandlodiya-Khodiyar section and track work in

connection with provision of parcel loading line by extending dead end of line No.1 and Modificatin in South reception and dispatch yard for facility of simultaneous movement (Sabarmati BG & Sabarmati Jn.) and other associate work under urisdiction of Sr. DEN (South) Ahmedabad DRM-ADI- Ahmedabad Division :- Gradient 2,34,27,758.72 2,67,100.00 74-2024-25 verification of stations yards and

sections using Lidar Survey technology

Infrastructure improvement to 82.25.055.55 1,64,500.00 75-2024-25 RUB in jurisdiction of Sr. Divisiona Engineer (South) Ahmedabad, DRM-ADI- Providing and fixing single piece

1,90,200.00 76-2024-25 spring inserted reusable M-27 lock nut for hook bot and M-25 nut for fish plate bolts under jurisdiction of Divisional Closing date and time of e-tender: Date 25-06-2024 at 15:00 Hrs. Office Address

Sr.Divisional Engineer (Co-ordination)-Ahmedabad, DRM Office, Nr. Chamunda Bridge, Opp. New Swadeshi Mill, Naroda Road, Amdupura, Ahmedabad-382345 Website for participating e-tender: www.ireps.gov.in

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Applications are invited under

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scheme of

'One Station One Product' for setting up A. Stall at: Gurgaon, Panipat, Delhi Cantt, Karnal, Pataudi

Road, Meerut City & Meerut Cantt stations.

B. Trolley at: Anand Vihar Terminal, Palam, Delhi Safdurjung Shivaji Bridge, Tilak Bridge, Muradnagar, Partapur, Deoband Khatauli, Faridabad, Faridabad New Town, Baghpat Road Ballabhgarh, Baraut, Khekra, Noli, Tughlakabad Shakurbasti, Narela, Nangloi, Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Delh Kishan Ganj, Sampla, Sakoti Tanda & Modinagar stations.

 The period for setting up of stall at Gurgaon, Karnal, Pataudi Road & Meerut Cantt station per spell will be 90 days.

The period for setting up to Trolley at stations mentioned in

(B) above will be 30 days per spell. Registration fee for NSG 1, 2 & 3 stations will be charged @ rate of Rs. 2000 for each spell of thirty days and for NSG 4

(Panipat, Karnal, Pataudi Road, Palam, Ballabhgarh, Baraut Faridabad New Town, Noli, Tughlakabad, Shakurbasti Nangloi, Narela & Modinagar) NSG 5 (Baghpat Road Khekra, Delhi Kishanganj, Sampla, Meerut Cantt., Khatauli Shivaji Bridge, Tilak Bridge, Muradnagar, Deoband & Delh safdarjung) & NSG 6 (Partapur & Sakoti Tanda) registration fee will be charged @ rate of Rs. 1000 for each spell thirty

The following are the eligibility criteria for participant viz.

 a) Holder of Artisans/Weaver ID card issued by Development Commissioner Handicraft, Development Commissioner Handloom, or by the requisite state/Central Government

 b) Individual artisans/weavers/craftsmen enrolled/ registered with Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED)/National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC)/Khadi/Village Industries Commission (KVIC)/ associated with Social Organizations, State Govt. bodies and associated with registered micro enterprises on the Udyam Portal of the Ministry of MSME and NGOs etc.

c) Self Help Groups registered with PMEGP (Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme).

d) Marginalized or weaker sections of society.

e) No separate logo shall be allowed.

 The applicant will have to submit an undertaking to the Station Superintendent indicating that no activity would be undertaken to adversely affect the train operations passenger safety and image of the Railways.

 Application should be addressed and can be submitted to Station Superintendent at station by the applicant till 15:00 hrs of 12.06.2024, which will be opened on same day.

 Station Superintendent will make priority roster of al approved participants and priority will be established through a draw of lots conducted at the station in the presence of all approved applicants by the Station Manager /Sectional CMI and nominated Finance representative.

 The One Station One Product scheme shall be governed by Railway Board's Commercial Circular No. 12 of 2022 and 09 of 2023 respectively available at website:www.indian railways.gov.in & URL: https://indianrailways.gov.in/railway board/uploads/directorate/traffic comm/Comm Cir 2022/O SOP%20Policy.pdf & https://indianrailways.gov.in/ railwayboard/uploads/directorate/traffic comm/Comm Cir 2023/CC%20%2009%20of%202023.pdf

 For any queries applicant may contact Station Superintendent or CMI of the respective stations. 1683/2024

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The Kerala State Coir Corporation Ltd invites Expression of Interest through e-tender for :

Tender ID 2024_Coir_673696 1

05/06/24

For More Details@ www.e-tenders.kerala.gov.in Alappuzha

Managing Director

WESTERN RAILWAY-AHMEDABAD DIVISION PROVIDING TELECOM **FACILITIES**

Signal & Telecommunication Department; Tender No: DRM-SnT-ADI-Tele 07 of 2024-25; Name of Work: Providing telecom facilities at Gandhidham, Maliya Miyana, New Bhuj (NBVJ) and other locations of Ahmedabad division; Estimated Cost of Work: ₹ 6179746.54/- (Sixty One Lakhs, Seventy-Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty-Six rupees and Fifty-Four paise Only); Bid Security: ₹ 123600/- One Lakhs Twenty-Three Thousand and Six Hundred only; Tender Closing and Opening Tender: Not Later than 15:00 Hours of 01/07/2024 and Opening on date 01/07/2024 at 15:30 Hours; Website of E-Tendering: www.ireps.gov.in

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NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the President of India, acting through Chief Project Manager/ Gati Shakti, N.E. Railway, Izatnagar invites the following e-Tender: 2024-01, Name of work: Construction

S.No.-1, E-Tender No.: CPM-GS-IZNand Development of Land scape, Green Patches (Horticulture work) and Mural works in the jurisdiction of Dy. Chief Engineer Gati Shakti Izatnagar under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, Approximate, Value (Rs.): ₹ 1,62,91,323.67, Earnest Money (Rs): ₹ 2.31,500/-, Cost of Tender Forms (Rs): Nil, Completion Period: 06 (Six) Bidding Start Date: 14-06-2024.

· Last date of submission of above E-Tender up to 15:00 hrs. on 28-06-2024 · Date of opening of above E-Tender tender notice, eligibility, criteria, terms & conditions is available on website https://ireps.gov.in. . In case any disparity arises between Hindi and English version of tender notice, English version will hold good and will Dy. Chief Engineer/GS,

Izatnagar Never travel on roof and foot boards.

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UNITED INDIA INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED Head Office: No. 24, Whites Road, Chennal - 600 014.

E-TENDER NOTICE RFP No: 000100/HO IT/RFP/2/2024-2025

India Insurance Company Limited, a Public Sector Company invites Bids for Appointment of Cert-in Empaneled Auditor for "Comprehensive Information & Cyber Security Audit, Red Team Exercise and Forensic Services". Please visit our website https://uiic.co.in and https://gem.gov.in for details of Bids & RFP. Interested Bidders may submit their responses through online mode before 27th June 2024, 3 P.M.

Chief Manager (IT) RDAI Regn. No. 545 | CIN: U93090TN1938G0100010 www.ulic.co.in

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

(Survey & Construction) **OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE**

For and on behalf of the President of India, Dy Chief Engineer (Construction)-V, North Western Railway, Jaipur invites online open E-tendering system (Two Packet System) for the following works on prescribed electronic forms:-E-Tender No.: NWR/SC/SWM-JP/Civil 514110101. Name of work with its location Construction of Important Railway Bridge No. 23 (30*18.30m span Composite Girder) at Railway Chainage 34103 in Chauth ka Barwada-Isarda Section in connection with Sawai Madhopur Jaipur Doubling Project. Approximate cost of work: Rs. 43.18.05,660.13. Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs. 23,09,000/-. Date & time for submission of E-tender: 24/08/2024: upto 15:00 hrs. Website particular where complete detail of tender can be seen: IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in. Office e-mail address; 644-PM/24

WESTERN RAILWAY-AHMEDABAD DIVISION **ELIMINATION OF LEVEL** CROSSINGS AND DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOM FACILITIES

Inviting Tender No. - DRM-SnT-ADI-Tele 08 of 24-25; DRM/S and T acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No DRM-SnT-ADI-Tele 08 of 24-25 closing date 01.07.2024, 15:00 Bidders will be able to submit their original / revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manua offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored; (1) Name of Work Elimination of level crossings and development of telecom facilities at Radhanpur, Samakhiyali and various locations of Ahmedabad division; (2) Estimated Cost of Work: 66,96,574.42/- (Rs Sixty Six Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Four Rupees and Forty Two Paisa only (3) Earnest Money Deposit: ₹ 1,33,900 (Rs. One lakh thirty three thousand nine hundred only); (4) Date and time of closing: Not later than 15:00 hrs of 01.07.2024; (5) Date and time of opening of Tender: Opening on 01.07.2024 at 15:30 hrs; (6) Web site of E-Tendering: www.ireps.gov.in

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SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



ANCHAL

General public is hereby informed that this girl namely Anchal D/o Anil R/o C-1539, Jahangir Puri, Delhi Age: 22 years, Height: 5'5", Built: Medium, Face: Round, Complexion: Wheatish, Identification: "OM" mark on left hand wearing sky blue colour liner suit & blue jeans and pink colour chappal in feet, has been missing from her house since 31.05.2024.

In this regard a GD No. 114A dated 01.06.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this

missing girl may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Website: http://cbi.nic.in Fax: 24368639,

SHO: P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi, Ph.: 011-27631600, 27636000, 8750870228 Tel.: 24368638/24368641

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WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Open Tender(two Packet System), Construction Organisation E-Tender Notice No. DYCE-C-SIDHI-04-2024, Dated: 03.06.2024 Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction) West Central Railway, Sidhi, for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against tender notice no DYCE-C-SIDHI-04-2024, Dated: 03.06.2024. The Closing date will be 26.06.2024 at 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their orignal/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers will not be entertained against the above tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. The tender shall be opened at the notified date and time. NIT No.: DYCE-C-SIDHI-04-2024 Dated: 03.06.2024, Name of Work with Location: Earth work in Embankment/cutting including Blanketing, Construction of Minor Bridges (Box bridges/PSC Slab) including RUB/LHS, Canal Crossings and other miscellaneous works in Gajrahi-Bahari section upto Gopad River (from km 111.150 to 122.300) excluding tunnel (from km 111.150 to km 112.600) and Cut & cover portion (from km 115.550 to km 117.700) in connection with Sidhi-Singrauli New BG Rail line project., Approx. cost of the work Rs.: Rs 816522635.20, Cost of Tender form (In Rs.):0.00, Earnest Money (In Rs.): 4232600.00, Completion period (In months): 18 Months including monsoon. Time and Date of closing & opening of E-tender: Closing at 15:00 hrs. & opening after 15:00 hrs. on 26.06.2024. Tender are required to submit their bid online through IREPS website https://www.ireps.gov.in. Tenderers are advised to regularly visit IREPS website https://www.ireps.gov.in into note any changes/corrigendum. Minimum Eligibility Criteria as per tender form shall be

Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction), West Central Railway, Sidhi स्वच्छ भारत अभियान एक कढ़म स्वच्छता की ओर



Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. Victoria Park, Meerut

E-TENDER INVITING NOTICE

• Open short term tender is invited through e-tendering for supply of 1427 No. 33 KV Lightning Arrestor against tender specification no. PVVNL/MT/MM/65(s)/24 25. Tender Cost: Rs. 3540.00 (with GST) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):- Rs. 75800.00 Last Date of tender submission & Time: 20.06.2024 at 14:00 Hrs. Date of tender opening (Part-I &II) & Time:-20.06,2024 at 17:00 Hrs. 2. Open tender is invited through e-tendering for supply of 763 No. 33 KV Fuse Set against tender specification no. PVVNL/MT/MM/66/24-25. Tender Cost: Rs. 3540.00 (with GST) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):- Rs. 108100.00 Last Date of tender submission & Time: 02.07.2024 at 14:00 Hrs. Date of tender opening (Part-I &II) & Time :-02.07.2024 at 17:00 Hrs. 3. Open short term tender is invited through e-tendering for supply of 84000 No. 45 KN (T&C Type) Disc Fitting against tender specification no. PVVNL/MT/MM/67(s)/24-25. Tender Cost: Rs. 3540.00 (with GST) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):- Rs. 103100.00 Last Date of tender submission & Time: 21.06.2024 at 14:00 Hrs. Date of tender opening (Part-I & II) & Time:-21.06.2024 at 17:00 Hrs. 4. Open short term tender is invited through e-tendering for supply of 19500 No. 70 KN (B&S Type) Disc Fitting against tender specification no. PVVNL/MT/MM/68(s)/24-25. Tender Cost: Rs. 3540.00 (with GST) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):- Rs. 69100.00 Last Date of tender submission & Time: 20.06.2024 at 14:00 Hrs. Date of tender opening (Part-I **&II) & Time :-20.06.2024 at 17:00 Hrs. 5.** Open short term tender is invited through e-tendering for supply of 1016800 No. Temper Proof Holographic Meter Seal against tender specification no. PVVNL/MT/MM/69(s)/24-25. Tender Cost: Rs. 3540.00 (with GST) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): Rs. 37200.00 Last Date of tender submission & Time: 21.06.2024 at 14:00 Hrs. Date of tender opening (Part-I & II) & Time:-21.06.2024 at 17:00 Hrs. Note: In case of any amendment in tender specification or date of extension, the same shall be uploaded on e-tender website www.etender.up.nic.in and www.pvvnl.org Superintending Engineer (MM-I) "Help line Number For Information of Theft of Electricity: "1800-180- 3002 (Meerut), & 9412207451" Sd/- Superintending Engineer (MM-1) पत्रांक:-265

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Opening of tender

Date & time of submission of tender

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

30-Elect-28-T-2024-25-E3 Name of work and its | Electrical work in connection with (i) Electrical sub-estimate for augmentation of hostel building at electric training center Ghaziabad, (ii) Construction of T&P room, Kitchen & stores in first

floor above Drug store in the section of SSE/W/TH under ADEN/E-III Approx cost of the works in :-Rs. 39.93 lacs Address of the office :-Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.

Earnest Money :-Rs. 79900.00 Date & time of submission of tender :- 28.06.2024, 12.00 Hrs. Opening of tender :-28.06.2024, 12.00 Hrs. Website & notice board :www.ireps.gov.in &

Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.

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TENDER NOTICE For and on behalf of President of India, the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (Gen) North Central Railway, Jhansi invites open tenders through online (E-Tendering) for the following work:-

Description of work: Electrical work for: Improvement and modification work in Officer rest house Betwa club Jhansi. Tender value: Rs. 25,79,777/- only, Bid Security: Rs. 51,600/- only, Completion period: 05 months, Closing date of tender: 24.06.2024 (upto 15:00 Hrs). Tenderer will submit the tender online up to 24.06.2024 (upto 15:00 Hrs.). Complete details & for submission of tenders can be seen in Indian Railway website http://www. ireps.gov.in 961/24(K)

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SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that one person Namely: Azad S/o Tilak, R/o: E-6/361, Sultanpuri, Delhi, Sex: Male, Age: 33 Years, Height: about 5'10", Complexion: Shallow, Built: Thin, Face: Long, Wearing: Khakhi color Vest, Black color Pant and Slipper in his feet has been missing from his house since 09.07.2023. In this regard DD No. 52A, Dated: 17.09.2023,

has been registered at P.S.: Sultanpuri, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the

missing person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing person, please inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Website: http://cbi.nic.in Fax: 011-24368639 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/6823/OD/2024

P.S: Sultanpuri, Delhi Ph.: 7065036134

NORTHERN RAILWAY 7/--

Notification No.: HE/Med/HVS/2024 Dated: 05.06.2024

Engagement of Honorary visiting Specialists in Divisional Railway Hospital, N.Rly., Moradabad

Chief Medical Supdt., N.Rly., Moradabad Division, for & on behalf of the President of India, invites applications for engagement of 05 (Five) Honorary Visiting Specialists (HVS) in each one of the specialisties of Paediatrics, Otolaryngologist, Physician, General surgeon & Dermatologist for providing specialist healthcare services in Divisional Railway Hospital, Moradabad.

Terms & Conditions:

- Educational qualification & Experience: Post-graduate degree from recognized university with minimum 03 years' experience in the professional work related to concerned specialty in case of post
- between 30 years to 64 years. Upper age limit of continued engagement is 65 years. The working hours and their fixed Honorarium are given below. HVS

Age Profile: during first time engagement, the preferred age is

can choose any one schedule for their working hours as per his convenience.

S.N. Hours of specialist Services Honorarium to be paid 02 hours a day for 06 days/week ₹52000/- P.M. Free railway passes: One set of complimentary railway pass valid al over Indian Railway & Konkan Railways in AC two tier including Rajdhani Express and in AC Chair Car of Shatabdi Express for self,

spouse and dependent children (as per rules applicable for Railway

employees) will be made available as per the entitlement of

Selection grade officers in each calender year. Tenure of working: Each time the office is for One year only. After expiry of one year, extension can be given on yearly basis subject to

Details terms and condition as per Railway Board letter No. 2014/H-1/12/8/HVS/Policy dated 19.06.2018. The detail document and Application form are also available on N.Rly, website: https://nr.indianrailways.gov.in.

Short listed Doctors will be intimated in course of time after approval of competent authority.

The application forms duly filled in with supporting documents should be dropped into the box kept in the office of CMS, Divisional Railway hospital, Moradabad or send through email to cmsmbnr59@gmail.com or by post to Chief Medical supdt., Divisional Railway hospital Northern Railway, Moradabad-

Last date of receipt of the application on or before 17:00 hrs. of 25.06.2024.

Chief Medical Supdt., Moradabad Division SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

कार्यालय प्रधानाचार्य

कल्याण सिहं राजकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, बुलन्दशहर। ई-मेलः ksgmcbsr@gmail.com वेबसाइटः http://ksasmcbulandshahr.org/

पत्रांकः KSGMC/BSR/2024/315

-: वाक-इन-इंटरव्यु:-

दिनांक: 05/06/24

कल्याण सिंह राजकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, बुलन्दशहर के विभिन्न विशिष्टताओं / विभागों में संविदा के आधार पर आचार्य, सह आचार्य एवं सहायक आचार्य के रिक्त पदों पर सेवायोजन हेतु विज्ञप्ति।

प्रमुख सचिव, चिकित्सा शिक्षा विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश शासन लखनऊ एवं महानिदेशक, चिकित्सा शिक्षा एवं प्रशिक्षण, उत्तर प्रदेश लखनऊ द्वारा दिये गये निदेशों एवं समय-समय पर जारी शासनादेशों के क्रम में एन०एम०सी० / एम०सी०आई० मानको के पर्ति हेत कल्याण सिंह राजकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, बलन्दशहर के विभिन्न विशिष्टताओं / विभागों में आचार्य, सह-आचार्य एवं सहायक आचार्य के रिक्त पदों को संविदा का आधार पर भरे जाने हेतु आवेदन पत्र एतद्वारा आमंत्रित किये जाते है। इन पदों पर चयन, चयन समिति के द्वारा प्रत्येक मंगलवार को वॉक-इन-इंटरव्यु के माध्यम से किया जायेगा। साक्षात्कार हेतु नवीनतम एन०एम०सी० मानको के अनुसार अपने समस्त शैक्षिक / अनुभव प्रमाण पत्रों / शोध पत्रों एवं लागू जाति / ई०एस०डब्लु० प्रगाण पत्र की स्व-प्रमाणित छायाप्रति के दो सैट, बायोडाटा, एन०ओ०सी० (वर्तमान कार्यस्थल से), 2 पासपोर्ट फोटो एवं अपने समस्त मूल प्रमाण-पत्रों सहित संलग्न प्रारूप के साथ कार्यालय कल्याण सिंह राजकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, बुलन्दशहर में उपस्थित हो।

चिकित्सा शिक्षकों के पदों की रिक्तियों एवं नियुक्ति की शर्ते कल्याण सिंह राजकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, बुलन्दशहर की वेबसाईट http://ksasmebulandshahr.org/ पर उपलब्ध है। रिक्तियों की संख्या घट-बढ़ सकती है। साक्षात्कार में भाग लेने के लिये कोई यात्रा भूना और पहुंगाई भूना पान्य नहीं होगा।

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4	जनरल सर्जरी		- 1	01	UR	01	SC
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प्रधानाचार्य

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Azadi sa NOTICE INVITING TENDER Name of Work 30-Elect-26-T-2024-25-E3 Electrical work in connection with and its location regarding strengthening of wiring, cabling, earthing with other associated work in RPF/RPSF Barracks over Delhi division. Rs. 62.82 lacs Approx cost of the works in Address of the office Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi. Rs. 125700.00

Website & notice board www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divil. Elect. Engineer/ General, New Delhi. 1678/24 **SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE**

05.07.2024, 12.00 Hrs

05.07.2024, 12.00 Hrs.



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Spectrometer.

www.iiserb.ac.in/Tender and www.eprocure.gov.in. e-Tenders can be

submitted only on www.tenderwizard.com/IISERB. Name of the Item (s)/Work Tender No. **Due Date** HSERB/SP/ 25/06/2024

2024-25/25 dated 05/06/2024

Stores and Purchase Officer, UJVN LIMITED

H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006 Telephone: 0135 - 2763808, Fax: 0135- 2763508 CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866 Website: www.ujvnl.com Tender Notice दिनांक: 05.06.2024

sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below: Tender No: 01/EE(E&M-I)/LP/2024-25 Name of the Work: Electrical wiring works in B-Type & C-Type Residential Buildings for Lakhwar Project.

Office of Executive Engineer (E&M-I), Lakhwar Project, Dakpathar, invites

Estimated Cost: Rs.20,18,234.00(taxes extra) Date of availability of bid document on website: 06/06/2024 Last Date for submission of tender: 26/06/2024 up to 16:00 hrs.

can be downloaded from the Nigam's website www.ujvnl.com 'AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY" Executive Engineer (E&M-I)

Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd.

INVITATION FOR TENDER: MRVC/W/223

Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd. (MRVC) having its corporate office at

& Earthwork in formation (CH: 38850 to CH: 39750 & CH: 53300 to CH: 55750) in the section between Borivali station and Nallasopara station in connection with proposed 5th & 6th line in between Borivali-Virar Stations of Western Railway under Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP) - Phase -IIIA". Details of Γender and Tender document are available on e-procurement website https://www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app The last date for completed e-Tender submission at website https://www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app is

SAVITRIBAI PHULE PUNE UNIVERSITY **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** Savitribai Phule Pune University invites Online Expressions

of Interest (EOI) from the organisations registered under MSDE. Gov. of India's National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme, as Third Party Aggregator, having its registered office/ branch office in the State of Maharashtra, for providing trainess to the University, on the fixed admisistrative charges of Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only), per trainee, per month plus GST, as applicable, Scope of Work and terms and conditions of contract can be downloaded from www.mahatenders.gov.in after entering the details of the online payment of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only). For details, please visit www.unipune.ac.in

Advt No. 11 **Date**: 06/06/2024

Offg. Registrar

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one girl Namely Ruhi d/o Prem Kumar R/o H.No.286 Main Sultanpuri Road Pooth Khurd, Bawana Delhi has been missing from the her house Delhi, since 07.05.2024. In this regard, a case FIR/DD No. 334/24 dt. 07.05.2024 has been registered at P.S. Bawana Delhi. The description of the missing girl is as

Age: 17 years Height: 4'4". Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: faty, Wearing: Green color suit salwar and

black color shoes in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing girl then please inform P.S. Bawana Delhi at following Tel No./ e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in,providing clue about

Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639

DP/5608/ON/2024

Bawana, Delhi Tel No. 7065036321

RUHI

🗐 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🍥

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE Tender Notice No.: TRD/SON/GS/24-25/01

'C' at Km 41/11-13 between khudiram Bose Pusa - Karpurigram Station, 2. Approx. cost of the woks: Rs. 3023264.00 3. Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs. 60500.00 Date & time for submission of e-tender and opening of e-tender: Opening of etenders: on 26-06-2024 at 12.00 Hrs. in the office of the Sr. Divl. Electrical Engineer (TRD), DRM Office, E.C. Railway, Sonpur. 5. Website particulars and notice board location where complete details of etender can be seen: WEBSITE: http://www.ireps.gov.in NOTICE BOARD: DRM Office Campus, E. C. Railway, Sonpur.

PR/00419/SEE/ETRD/T/24-25/28

SUPPLY OF BOULDERS FOR RECOUPMENT OF FLOOD RESERVE STOCK

invited by the undersigned for the following works: Brief Description of item: Supply of boulders for recoupment of Flood reserve stock under the jurisdiction of DEN/II/ Rangiya in BG-II Section. Tender value: ₹63,18,448.96/-. Earnest Money: ₹1,26,400/-. Date & time of closing of tender: 15.00 hrs. on 18-06-2024 & opening at 15.00 hrs. on 18-06-2024 at DRM (W) Rangiya office. For details please visit www.ireps.gov.in. Note: For any last minute changes of tender please check on Net/News-paper/ corrigendum at the respective offices mentioned in the original tender notice before dropping.

DRM (W), Rangiya

कल्याण सिंह राजकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents

(Two Envelope e-Procurement Tender Process)

Second Floor, Churchgate Station Building, Mumbai-400020, invites e-Tenders for the "Construction of Major Bridges (Br. 66, 72 & 78), ROB at Vasai, Vehicle Subway (Br. 71), Minor Bridges (Br. 79, 79A), Drain (CH: 54836 to CH: 55336) 19.07.2024 up to 12:00 hours. **Corrigendum, if any, will be posted on the**

Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Khare

Sd/- S.H.O.

1. Name of work with its location: Construction of ROB in lieu of L-Xing No.59

> Sr Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD East Central Railway! Sonpur

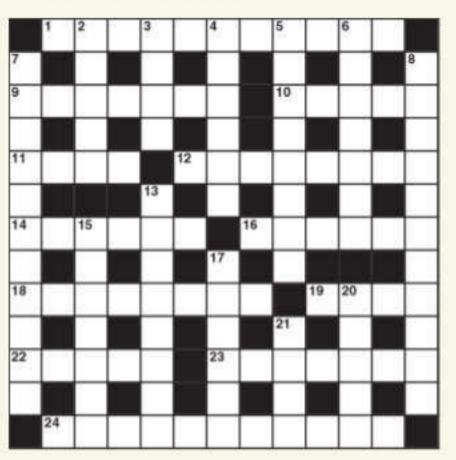
E-tender Notice No. 22-ENGG-

RNY-2024-25. E-tenders are

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late (6)

the sunrise (8)

problems (11)

schedule? (5-6)

the garden (8)

summary (7)

practice (6)

handling(5)

nameless (4)

21 Soon it may be

7 Expert on current

3 I leave Elsie instead (4)

5 It changes later, yes, towards

8 Unable to span the production

13 Broken boot-tree found in

20 Country requiring careful

6 A company on leave (7)

4 His parents will be

ACROSS

charge (4)

1 Return from work at the end of **2** Fuss about worship (5) the week? (4-4,3)

9 Set one's sights higher and improves (5,2)

10 Cut with a pointed whip (5) 11 I leave the chief cook in

12 Clear and complicated dates listed(8)

14 Produced the rent (6) **16** Embrace that really fixes

things (6) **18** An old story that bears fruit (8)

 Toss a coin to find one who is Exact point covered by the so admired (4) French friend to leave Spanish 17 It's regular trade

friend(5) **23** In steel, perhaps, but capable

of being stretched (7) **24** Drove one mad - so

maudlin(11)

Solutions Crossword 5382 Across: 1 Piston, 4 Chaperon, 9 Leaves, 10 Artistes, 12 Suds, 13 Sleet, 14 Trio, 17 Differential, 20 Oceanography, 23 Aims, 24 Geese, 25 Bang, 28 Scarcity, 29 Cinema, 30 Portrays, 31 Census Down: 1 Palisade, 2 Standoff, 3 Open, 5 Harvest mouse, 6 Pair, 7 Rotary, 8 Nestor, 11 Illegal entry, 15 Peach, 16 Padre, 18 Speakers, 19 Eyeglass, 21 Pays up, 22 Impair, 26 Scar, 27 Vice

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis







CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson







MARVIN by Tom Armstrong





JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip. All riches have their origin in ____. ___ is in ideas - not money.

Robert J. Collier (4,.,5) **BDAEI AEMRDN**

AENUDM FHTIS

Answer: All riches have their origin in mind. Wealth is in ideas - not money.

SOLUTION: ABIDE, SHIFT, REMAND, UNMADE

General public is hereby informed that this

Person (depicted in the photo) namely Ram

Difficulty Level 3s Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium: 4s = Hard: 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

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DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) If you make a point of listening to what people are saying, you'll do yourself an enormous favour. At all costs, don't imagine that those who disagree with you are out to do you down. They might just

believe that they are entitled to their own point of view. **TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**

The combined role of magnetic Mars and disciplined Saturn has raised the profile at work, making it difficult for you to achieve your goals. The best results will be achieved by extra effort, rather than by waiting

for others to do the job for you.

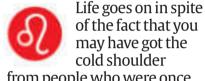
GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Venus' close

relationship to your sign indicates that you must finally come to terms with your own emotional needs. Social plans may have to be re-thought, perhaps because your attitudes are changing, perhaps because someone you once admired no longer seems to fit the bill.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) You must continue

to take your bearings personally and professionally, with an emphasis on all activities involving other people and your own desire for prestige. You may look to the past for your inspiration, trawling through your experiences for fond memories.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)



from people who were once warm and friendly. Try to understand the way they are feeling, and realise that they may need your sympathy. It's all a question of finding the right approach.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) Now you need to do some mental stocktaking, mainly concerning money. You should be looking at

financial arrangements which connect you to other people, and reconsider any recent commitments. You might decide that it's time to back out.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) Once you've tested the water, you might try laying down the law. You

must insist that others meet you on equal terms, resolving emotional problems through compromise. Be prepared for other people to change their minds, perhaps going back to a former position.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) A clash with someone with whom you have previously been

hand-in-glove could be settled very soon. One way or another, you should realise that colleagues at work must be allowed to go their own way. After all, they have a perfect right to their point of view.

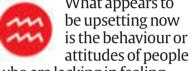
SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) Potent planetary influences are

forcing you to reconsider your position. It may be that by changing your mind now you will rediscover an earlier commitment, with favourable consequences all round. It's good to forgive, but not to forget if you don't want to repeat the same mistakes.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) Now you must be prepared for some

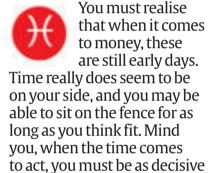
confrontation at home. Indeed, you should welcome a frank exchange of views which, if it takes place now, will save a great deal of trouble, perhaps in about eight weeks' time. There is still much to play for.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) What appears to

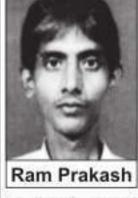


who are lacking in feeling. Or is it just that they seem to be out of touch with their emotions, perhaps because of the practical strain they are under? If so, then be kind and considerate.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)



SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



10:00 AM.

DP/6523/OD/2024

(Court Matter)

DP/6704/NE/2024

Prakash S/o Vashu Dev R/o E-57/A-337, Jhuggi Sunder Nagri, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped from his residence since 19.05.2024 at 10:00 PM. In this regard a FIR No./DD No. 44-A, Dated 28.05.2024 has been lodged in PS Nand Nagri, Delhi Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this person but no clue has come to light so far.

His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, Age: 50 years, Height: 5' 8" ft., Complexion: Shallow Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: Green colour T-Shirt Chocolate colour Pant and slippers in feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing kidnapped person may kindly inform to the following:-SHO

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING

THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused

person(s) Rajat Kuchhal R/o Harshit Garments and Footwears

Arya Samaj Mandir, Baba Bazar, Near Arya Girl's School

Sonipat-131001 (HR) has committed (or are suspected to have

committed) the offence in case FIR No./Ct. Cases/ 2251/2018 U/s

138 NI Act, PS Paschim Vihar East, (Outer Distt.) Delhi and it

has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the

said accused person(s) Rajat Kuchhal can not be found and

whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused

person(s) Rajat Kuchhal has absconded (or is concealing himself

to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation are hereby

made that the said accused person(s) Rajat Kuchhal of FIR

No./Ct. Cases/ 2251/2018 U/s 138 NI Act, PS Paschim Vihar

East, (Outer Distt.) Delhi are required to appear before this court

to answer the said complaint on or before dated 05.07.2024 at

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING

THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 (2) (ii) CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused

person namely Suvinder S/o Sudama Mehto, R/o-1/10324, Gali

No. 3, West Gorakh Park, Shahdara, Delhi has committed (or is

suspected to have committed) the offence in a case vide FIR No:

306/2019 U/s- 33 D EX.ACT registered at PS Welcome, North

East Dist, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest

thereupon issued stating that the said Suvinder could not be

found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the

accused Suvinder has absconded (or is concealing himself to

avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby

made that the said accused Suvinder is required to appear before

the court to answer the said complaint on or before 19.07.2024.

Website: http://cbi.nic.in E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax No.: 011-24368639 Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641

P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi Ph: 011-22583307, 22131093 Mob. No: 8750870733 DP/6709/NE/2024

By Order

By Order

Arindam Singh Cheema

Karkardooma Court, Delhi

MM-03, Shahdara Court No. 19,

Sh. Ankit Karan Singh

Metroplitan Magistrate-08 (West)

Room No. 30, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male namely Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found dead on 18.05.2024 at 17:35 hrs Out Side Wall Gurdwara Damdma Shahibrk, Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi. In this regard DD No. 55 A, dated 18.05.2024 has been

lodged at Police Station, Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi. Photo is not clear. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: 60/65 Years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Dark Brown Colour Baniyan Only.

deceased may kindly be inform undersigned. SHO

If anyone have any information or clue about this male

Police Station Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi Ph.: 011-24356565, 8750870926 DP/6320/SE/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Where as complaint has been made before me that accused Uma W/o Daya Ram, R/o- Premises near House No. 117, Ground Floor, Prem Basti, Rewla Khanpur, Najafgarh, New Delhi 110043 has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide Ct Case No. 292/2022 U/s 135 Indian Electricity Act PS Chhawla, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused Uma cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Uma has absconded (or is concealing himrself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Uma of case

New Delhi is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the complaint on or before the day of 04.07.2024. By Order, Sh. Vinod Kumar Meena

Ct Case No. 292/2022 U/s 135 Indian Electricity Act PS Chhawla,

Addl. Distt. & Session Judge(South-West) Special Court(Electricity), Court No. 609, DP/6742/DW/2024 (Court Matter) Dwarka District Court, New Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE **OF ACCUSED PERSON**

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Rais @ Mulla, S/o: Ibrahim, R/o: 769 Gali No. 3, Kidwai Nagar, PS Lisadi Gate, Meerut, UP, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 08347/23 U/s 379/411/174A/34 IPC, Date: 18/03/2023 P.S.: Mayur Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Rais @ Mulla cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Rais @ Mulla, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Rais @ Mulla accused of FIR No. 08347/23 U/s 379/411/174A/34 IPC, Date: 18/03/2023 P.S.: Mayur Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 09.07.2024. By Order

DP/6667/ED/2024-(Court Matter)

Sh. Arvind Dev LD. MM, Court No. 26 Karkardooma Court, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 (2) (ii) CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Pradeep @Padda S/o Ajay Kumar R/o K-105, Vijay Vihar, Phase-2, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a case vide FIR No: 0260/20 U/s 380/ 411/ 413/ 34 IPC registered at PS Budh Vihar and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued stating that the said Pradeep @Padda could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused Pradeep @Padda has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Pradeep @Padda is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 19.07.2024.

By Order Ms. Divya Arora MM Northwest-04, Room No-112, 1st floor, Rohini court, Delhi DP/6582/RD/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(Section 82 Cr. Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused person Amzad Ali S/o Karam Ali R/o V-441/13, Vijay park Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 48744/15, u/s 426/429/420/465 IPC at PS Bhajanpura, Delhi and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused Amzad Ali, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Amzad Ali, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said Amzad Ali accused of Fir No. 48744/15, u/s 426/429/420/465 IPC at PS Bhajanpura, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 06.07.2024.

DP/6779/NE/2024

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

By order Metropolitan Magistrate karkardooma Court, Delhi

Shri. Pankaj rai

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male (depicted in the photo) name Unknown S/o Unknown residence

and family is Unknown age 45 years. He was found unconscious & seriously injured opposite Ahinsa Dham Hospital on 23.05.2024 at 11:30 PM during the treatment at LBS Hospital Doctors declared him dead on

24.05.2024 at 12:24 AM. In this regard, a FIR No. 151/24, U/s: 279/304A IPC. has been lodged at P.S. Madhu Vihar, Delhi. Dead body has been preserved for identification at LBS Hospital. His physical description is as under.

Wheatish, Wearing: Green T-Shirt & Blue Shirt and Blue and White Pajama, Any person having information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address of telephone number:-

Website: http://cbi.nic.in

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/6371/ED/2024

Ph No.: 8750870624

S.H.O

SEARCH FOR MISSING

as possible.



Heena

Colony, Kushak Road, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi. Sex: Female, Age: 24Years, Height: 5'1", Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Normal, Face: Round, Wearing: Blue Check Kurti and White salwar and black shoes has been missing since 31.08.2016 from Swaroop Nagar School, Bhatta Road, Delhi, from the Jurisdiction of Police Station Swaroop Nagar, Delhi. In this regard FIR No. 0366/16 Date: 01.09.2016 has been registered at P.S.: Swaroop Nagar, Delhi.

General Public is hereby informed that

one female Namely: Heena D/o: Ramesh

Kumar, R/o: Gali No. 10, H-Block, Sindhi

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the Missing female but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this Missing female. Please inform to the following.

Website: http://cbi.nic.in P.S.: Swaroop Nagar E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in North West, Delhi Fax: 011-24368639

Phone: 011-27811932, 7065036328 DP/6677/NW/2024 9319941243, 7065036327

SEARCH FOR MISSING General Public is hereby informed



that one Person Namely: Ajay. S/o Ami Lal, R/o: H. No. 64, Pocket-2, Sec.-19, Ambrahi Dwarka, New Delhi, Sex: Male, Age: 41 Years, Height: 5'8", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Hair: Black, Wearing: not known he has been missing from his house since 17.05.2024. In this regard DD No. 68A, Dated: 22.05.2024, has been registered at P.S.: Dwarka, New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing person. please inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Website: http://cbi.nic.in Fax: 011-24368639 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/6791/DW/2024

SHO P.S: Dwarka, New Delhi Ph. 8750871021, 8750871081

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Shyam @ Choti, S/o Pradeep R/o Old Kondli Gao, Near Durga Mandir, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No.119/18 u/s 307/34 IPC, P.S. Kalyanpuri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Shyam @ Choti cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Shyam @ Choti has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Shyam @ Choti of FIR No.119/18 u/s 307/34 IPC, P.S. Kalyanpuri, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 05.07.2024. By Order,

Ms. Preeti Aggarwal Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Court No.29 Karkardooma Court, Delhi

DP/6801/ED/2024

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Ph. No. 011-24368638, 24368641

Sex: Male, Age: 45 years, Height: 5'5" Complexion:

PS: Madhu Vihar, Delhi

CUP SNIPPETS



Imad Wasim was brought back to the Pakistan set-up two months back with the T20 WC in mind. AP

Imad to miss USA match with side strain

Dallas: All-rounder Imad Wasim will miss Pakistan's T20 World Cup opener against USA on Thursday due to a persistent side strain, said captain Babar Azam. Babar said Wasim has still not completely recovered from his side strain and the left-arm spinner is under observation. "The medical staff is monitoring him and he will be available for the remaining matches in the World Cup," Babar told the media here. The seasoned T20 specialist Wasim was brought out of retirement two months back with the World Cup view. The selectors felt that his style of bowling would suit the slow nature of pitches in the Americas. "They (pitches) appear good for pace bowlers and we have a very good pace attack so the pitches seem good for us," said Babar. PTI

Vaughan tears into New York pitch

New York: Former England captain Michael Vaughan on Wednesday upbraided the pitch at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium here that is in use for the T20 World Cup match between India and Ireland, calling it a "sub-standard surface." On a pitch that had plenty of bounce and seam, Indian bowlers, led by Hardik Pandya, Jasprit Bumrah and Arshdeep Singh, bundled out Ireland for a paltry 96. "Trying to sell the game in the states is great.. love it.. but for players to have to play on this sub-standard surface in New York is unacceptable...You work so hard to make it to the WC then have to play on this," Vaughan wrote on his X handle. In fact, this was the second match in a row in New York a team was bowled out for a total less than 100. On June 3, South Africa had fired out Sri Lanka for 77 en route their six-wicket victory. PTI

Ind-Pak will be battle of nerves: Afridi

New York: Shahid Afridi sees the India-Pakistan contest as an equivalent to the hugely popular 'Super Bowl' in USA and reckons whichever team handles nerves better will come out on top in the T20 World Cup contest in New York on June 9. The last time the two teams played at the T20 World Cup, it turned out to be a game for the ages with Virat Kohli pulling off a special win for India. Cricket's biggest game will take place on American shores for the first time and former Pakistan captain Afridi too will be keenly following it from the stands. "For those Americans discovering the tournament, they should know that Pakistan's game against India is like our Super Bowl," Afridi, who is the T20 World Cup ambassa-

he had said. However, ahead of the T20 World Cup, it

Ireland fail Indian pace Test

Hardik Pandya takes three wickets on helpful pitch as all Indian seamers have a field day, bowling out the Irish for 96 for an 8-wicket win

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IN THE end arrived the reminder that this was a T20 match after all; when Rishabh Pant reverse-scooped Barry McCarthy for a six over first slip's head to wrap an emphatic eightwicket win for India. Until the burst of impishness the half-packed stadium had waited for the whole day, the game had rolled along like the first morning of a Test match rather than a T20 game, its beats slow and wary.

The chase of a meagre 97 was not without the stray shiver of fear, though. Even in sunshine, the ball moved handsomely at the hands of Ireland's medium pacers. Only that they didn't have the pace, patience and discipline to make it difficult. Or for that matter, the runs on the board.

The match vindicated Rohit Sharma's warning that wickets in New York would be a far cry from those in the IPL, where six-hitting seemed the most familiar sight. Here it was difficult, with Ireland slamming only three and India five. The sluggish outfield meant only 15 fours were hit in the game. It would have been a culture shock for those dusting off their IPL memories, or for the American stranger who wandered in hoping to watch some baseballlike slugging. New York and India seemed worlds apart, literally and metaphorically. "It was all about getting used to the con-

ditions which is why we wanted to bowl first. I don't think the wicket settled down when we batted," Rohit said after the game. He discovered that early in his innings. In the first over, Mark Adair fizzed one past his inside edge, before brushing the outside half of his bat. It was not until the 11th ball he faced that he unleashed a stroke of absolute authority. when he glided down the surface and thumped Josh Little down the ground.

Fatally, his opening partner Virat Kohli thought this was the route to success on this surface. He bounded out of the crease, threw his arms at the ball and ended up hacking it to third man, leaving himself and the crowd distraught.

Pant joined Rohit, but both knew the perils of flashy shots. In the next 19 balls, the India captain hit just a four. Pant too controlled his aggression, picking a lone four in the first 14 balls he faced. They were in no haste. "When there's enough in the pitch you have to stick to



Jasprit Bumrah gave away six runs and took two wickets in three overs against Ireland on Wednesday. ANI

your basics," Rohit would say. They could take their time, because on this occasion their bowling had been good enough to allow it.

Bowlers' day out

The expertise and variety of India's pace quartet would have shaken more pedigreed batting sides. That sleight-of-hand sorcerer, Jasprit Bumrah explodes into vision from nowhere: Mohammed Sirai distorts judgements, hurries batsmen with slippery pace and deviations; Arshdeep Singh has added another dimension to the attack, left-arm deception, producing different shape, angles and bends; a fit-again Hardik Pandya can be both a workhorse and a strike force, swing the ball from full lengths, and purchase awkward bounce from hard lengths with his bustling action.

Gift-wrap them a surface with grass and inconsistent bounce, and they possess the powers to terrorise most batsmen. They made

the surface resemble a furnace for Ireland's batsmen. Arshdeep swung the ball both ways. He altered lengths subtly. A flustered, rather than frustrated, Paul Stirling tried to unshackle and ended up miscuing a good-length ball to Pant. Arshdeep bookended the over with a wobble-seamed away-swinger that confounded Andy Balbirnie.

By this time, the sunny New York morning resembled a gloomy London morning. Dark skies, movement in the air. The ball swung magnificently, made to look more so by the static feet of the Irish batsmen. Pant, playing his first official game for India after the accident-enforced layoff, had a busy day behind the stumps. He had to gather the ball as late as possible to account for the movement after the ball had passed the batsmen. In a rare, wavward over from Arshdeep, he had to stretch his sinews repeatedly to collect the ball. In the previous over, Siraj made one delivery leap from a good length and Pant had to block the ball a few inches above his head. The 13-run over from Arshdeep injected

momentum into Ireland's flailing innings. But steamed in Bumrah and produced an over of pure evil, Lorcan Tector struggling to process the length of the ball, always half a second late in responding to the questions posed. In the next over, Pandya ended his ordeal with a nipbacker so precise that all the worries of his ineffectiveness with the ball seemed an exaggeration. Pandya was sharp, robust and exuded the intensity that makes him such an invaluable proposition across formats. Ireland's batsmen could offer little resistance, apart from blind blows at the end that took them to 96.

Though the surface did assist India's seamers, and the Irish batsmen had little technical adeptness or temperamental nous to stave off a calamity, the adaptability of India's seamers was commendable. All of them were returning from the IPL, but there was no hangover.

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5 (10b, 1x4)

INDIA vs IRELAND NASSAU COUNTY INTERNATIONAL Toss: India chose to bowl

IRELAND

A Balbirnie b A Singh

PStirling c Pant b Arshdeep 2(6b) L Tucker b Pandya 10 (13b, 2x4) HTector c Kohli b Bumrah C Campher c Pant b Pandya 12(8b,1x6,1x4) G Dockrell c Bumrah b Siraj G Delany run out 26 (14b,2x4,2x6) M Adair c Dube b Pandya BMcCarthy c&bPatel **O**(6b) J Little b Bumrah 14 (13b, 2x4) **BWhite** not out 2(4b) **■ Extras** (lb 5, nb 1, w 9) ■ **Total** (16 Ov (RR: 6.00) **■ FoW:** s: 1–7 (PStirling, 2.1 ov), 2–9 (A Balbirnie, 2.6 ov), 3-28 (LTucker, 6.5 ov), 4-36 (HTector, 7.6 ov),

5-44 (C Campher, 8.6 ov), 6-46 (G Dockrell, 9.4 ov), 7-49 (M Adair, 10.1 ov), 8-50 (B McCarthy, 11.2 ov), 9-77 (J Little, 14.2 ov), 10-96 (G Delany, 15.6 ov) **■ Bowling:** A Singh 4-0-35-2; M Siraj 3-0-13-1; J Bumrah 3-1-6-2; H Pandya 4-1-27-3; A Patel 1-0-

3-1; R Jadeja 1-0-7-0

INDIA

R Sharma retired hurt 52 (37b, 4x4, 3x6) V Kohli c White b Adair 36 (26b, 3x4, 2x6) R Pant batting S Yadav c Dockrell b White O(2b) S Dube batting **■ Extras** (w6) **■ Total** (12.2 overs)

■ FoW: 1-22 (V Kohli, 2.4 ov), 1-76* (R Sharma, retired hurt), 2-91 (SYadav, 11.4 ov) ■ **Bowling:** M Adair 4-0-27-1, J Little 4-0-42-0, B McCarthy 2.2-0-18-0, N Lyon 16-7-35-0, C

Campher 1-0-4-0, B White 1-0-6-1.

I don't know what to expect from the pitch but we will prepare as if conditions are

going to be like that. That will be a game where all XI of us need to contribute."

> **ROHIT SHARMA** -ON MATCH VS PAKISTAN

Latif on Azam trolls: 'He is being body-shamed... doesn't deserve this'

PRATYUSH RAJ JUNE 5

PAKISTAN WICKETKEEPER-BATSMAN Azam Khan has been subjected to trolling on social media for his bulky frame and perceived lack of fitness this past week. The immediate trigger was him getting out to a bouncer from England fast bowler Mark Wood and then giving Will Jacks a reprieve after dropping a sitter behind the stumps. The clippings of these two incidents have gone viral and the 25-year-old's

Azam, the son of former Pakistan wicketkeeper Moin Khan, is not new to being at the receiving end of trolls. He, actually, uses the abuse to fire his motivation.

place in Pakistan's T20 World Cup is being

questioned, even by experts.

In Tabish Hashmi's show 'Hasna Mana hai' on Geo News, the youngster talks about a poster in his room, which contains all the names he has been called. "Parchi, aloo, mota, sifarshi, nepotism, gainda, baby elephant.. I have written all these things on a poster in my room, and every day before going to the training I look at them and it gives me the extra confidence to do well,"

seems the trolling affected him.

An active Instagram user, he restricted the

comments section and then deleted all the photos he had posted.

'Under immense pressure'

"He is under immense pressure. He is being body shamed, is being trolled," former Pakistan captain Rashid Latif tells The Indian Express.

Azam has only represented Pakistan in 13 games, all T20 internationals, but has found it very difficult to get going. The swashbuckling batsman has looked all at sea at the international level and has not been able to replicate his franchise cricket form.

In the Pakistan Super League (PSL), where he was adjudged best gloveman in 2024, he has amassed 1,140 runs in 50 innings at a strike rate of 146.90. He is 19th on the list of all-time run-getters in the PSL and only Kieron Pollard (162.28), Asif Ali (156.51), and Collin Munro (150.58) have better strike rates. His numbers in the Caribbean Premier League (CPL) are not bad either.

On low and slow tracks in the Caribbean, he has notched up 659 runs at a strike rate of 135.04. He is ninth on the strike-rate list among batsmen, who have scored a minimum of 600 runs. The eight ahead of him are Andre Russell (170.22), Rahkeem Cornwall (154.18), Finn Allen (149.79), Kieron Pollard (149.39), Nicholas Pooran (148.32), Brendon McCullum (146.40), Evin Lewis (142.33) and Faf du Plessis



In the PSL, Azam Khan has a strike rate of 146.90 in 50 innings. AP

"Azam is an exceptional batsman in T20s. He is a clean hitter, plays spinners well, has worked on his game against the pacers. But I will not rate him as a keeper. It is nothing to do with his fitness, but because he doesn't have that experience. He is still very new and raw to international level," Rashid says.

Pakistan needs to give Mohammed Rizwan the big gloves if they are to progress deep in the tournament, the former captain thinks.

"Pakistan's No.1 keeper should be Mohammed Rizwan. Rizwan is Pakistan's best keeper and has been a warrior for this team. He has played in the last two T20I World Cups and was exceptional," he adds.

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RASHID LATIF FORMER PAK CAPTAIN

'Rizwan will help Babar' Rashid also believes Pakistan captain Babar

Azam will also benefit if Rizwan is the wicket-

"Wicketkeepers run the game from behind the stumps. This is why the captains are overdependent on them. It is not only about DRS but the other facets of the game as well. Now he is fielding in the deep, which is wrong. Babar doesn't have that captaincy acumen, he needs Rizwan and if Rizwan is not Pakistan's keeper, Pakistan will struggle in the World Cup," Rashid says.

However, Azam has been deemed unfit by former greats and his wicket-keeping skills have come under fire. Former Pakistan captain

Azam for the national team. "I would never let Azam Khan get anywhere near the team as far as fitness is concerned," Afridi had said on Samaa TV. Afridi added: "I am worried about his keeping against spinners in West Indian conditions with this fitness because the ball stays low there and you have to keep your body low as well."

Shahid Afridi had said he would never pick

Rashid feels Pakistan should keep Azam in the playing XI but not as a keeper-batter.

"If Azam is not able to field then he doesn't deserve to be in the XI. You can't hide him in the field," Rashid adds. "When he played under Sarfaraz Ahmed (Quetta Gladiators), he was playing as a fielder. If you are picking Azam over Rizwan (as 'keeper), then you are making a big blunder," he adds.

However, Rashid says it is not Azam's fault that he is in the Pakistan team and playing as a 'keeper. "I will not blame the player. Mohammad Haris is fit, more agile and in good form. If you wanted a third keeper, he should have been the ideal choice. I will not comment on Azam's physique, I can comment on his batting, his form, his keeping, his selection. We live in a racist society. If someone's skin colour is black, we call them kaalu. If someone is fair, we call them gora. If someone is tall he is a lambu, if someone is skinny he is a patlu. I feel bad for the kid, he is only 25. He doesn't de-

serve to be trolled like this."

dor, told ICC. PTI

Nepal joins T20 jamboree, with anthems, unrealistic fans and dreams

VENKATA KRISHNA B JUNE 5

THE LAST 16 months have been a journey to remember for a lifetime for Nepal cricket. So much so that in Nepal's pop culture, their cricket team has become hot property with a couple of leading artists from the Himalavan country, releasing albums for them. To put things in perspective, just like how 'Rally Round the West Indies' and 'Dil, Dil, Pakistan' would be blaring out of the speakers when the former champions walk on to the field, Nepal will have its own "Hami Nepali" sung by Tanka Timilsina and Anita Chalaune.

At home, the Rhinos (the nickname of the team) are treated like superheroes that their coach Monty Desai has to keep reminding them every day that it isn't strictly the reality. Growing up in India, Desai has seen masses being totally consumed by cricket in the 80s and 90s. But the scenes in Nepal are a lot different. "It is just unbelievable," he says.

Roddy Estwick, the bowling coach that Desai brought in to assist during the T20 World Cup, even relates to the scenes he grew up watching back in Barbados. "With me, when I see the youth filling up the stadium, standing on top of trees, buildings in the vicinity, it reminds me of what we used to see in the Caribbean back in the 80s. Just pure pasgood distraction they have, to put behind all difficulties they face in life," Estwick says. So it is not just Timilsina and Chalaune,

sion. And more importantly, cricket is the only

who are trying to milk mileage out of cricket, which is right now the flavour of the town. There are other artists too, who have chipped in with their own tracks, just to associate themselves with the Nepal team. "We as a country are going through a lot. And cricket is the only solace," Suvam Koirala, a 19-year-old college student pursuing his bachelors degree in Kathmandu says. "As a country there is not much happiness. We are not a developed country, and there is little to do because of the constraints we face. All of us face hardships and even our cricketers have got this far overcoming plenty of challenges. They don't even get a good landscape to play the sport. And now, they happen to be our faces at the world level." Koirala adds.

It is this emotional connection that has brought about a rebirth of cricket in Nepal. In 2014, when they made the T20 World Cup in Bangladesh, Nepal was full of promise and hope. But due to the interference of the government into the Cricket Association of Nepal's functioning, they slipped so badly from the Associates ladder that climbing back to this point has taken them 10 years.

"We feel there is a definite vision now," Desai says. "The cricketing journey is uniting



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the nation. From a six-year-old to a 60-yearold, when Nepal play in Kathmandu, everyone turns up at the ground. It seems like everything happens for a purpose because a majority of the current team picked up the sport after being inspired by their qualification in 2014," he adds.

These days, at the Tribhuvan College ground, which hosts Nepal's international fixtures, it has become a common sight to

witness fans line-up outside the gates from 5 am for a T20 game that starts at 12.30 pm. "We are emotionally attached to the team now. Be it boys or girls or men or women. When we are playing here, people don't mind even losing out on income and come and watch the team play. It is the only team we have to support in the global arena. And it is the only sport that unites us all," Koirala

And invariably when the team returns home from an overseas tour, especially the Qualifiers, they are accorded a grand welcome. From flex boards to open top bus journeys and garlands, Desai has seen it all. "They are living a collective dream. They want to do it for the people as well. And what I've seen is, it makes them responsible too. They are fighters. They like to safeguard their territory. The fierce competition is definitely there. They have the desire. They want a direction. That is what strikes me about them," Desai

At the T20 World Cup, Nepal will be the youngest team, with their average age being 23.66. It was the path that Desai was keen to take, after coming on board as coach in 2023 February. With half a dozen players whom he coached at the 2017 Under-19 World Cup forming the core, Desai is now focussing on building a team for the future.

"They have a grinding journey ahead.

They have the skills, but you need to be consistent at the top level. They are familiar with the conditions and opponents at the Associate level. But in the next step, they need to ensure they don't fall behind other teams. In the defeats, that is what we keep telling them. Obviously, their inexperience will show, but they have to ride the tide," Desai

The enthusiasm levels back home in Nepal are such that, when the team left for Miami in the first week of May, fans gathered at the Kathmandu airport demanding nothing but the trophy on return. "Their expectations are not realistic. But it shows they are chasing a dream. And the journey is going to be long. It doesn't reflect where we stand. We have played some cricket in the last 15 months, showed some good skills. If we play to our potential, then we can definitely compete well. If we compete well, there is a chance you can get over the line in T20s, Desai says.

As far as keeping emotions and expectations in check are concerned, Desai ensures outside noise doesn't influence the dressing room. "We keep reminding them. It is important even for the players to understand that they have not achieved anything. We keep telling them to take all of it (the celebrations) with pinch of salt. The ground reality is the same," Desai adds.

'It's not about me and my last game'

In final match, retiring talisman Sunil Chhetri wants team to focus on tie versus Kuwait

SAYAK DUTTA KOLKATA, JUNE 5

EVERYONE IS talking about Sunil Chhetri.

Lallianzuala Chhangte, the speedy winger, 'hopes and believes it would be me assisting Chhetri bhai'. Sahal Abdul Samad, the stylish midfielder, vowed to 'fight for Sunil bhai.' Defender Subhashish Bose wants the team to win, which would be 'a farewell gift for Sunil bhai.'

And coach Igor Stimac couldn't hide his emotions, saying how 'sad' he was that his rather, Indian football's Man Friday – will retire from international football after the 2026 World Cup and 2027 Asian Cup qualifier against Kuwait here on Thursday.

Everyone's talking about Chhetri. But the 39-year-old wants everyone to talk – and focus – about the match, which is crucial to India's progression hopes and can make or break the campaign.

A smile while entering a packed room for a media conference on the match-eve was a rare occasion Chhetri showed emotions on Wednesday. For the rest of the time, he resembled a dormant volcano, keeping his feelings from bubbling up and urging everyone to focus on the all-important tie rather than his impending swansong.

"I am trying really hard to not think about this game like this. It's not about me and my last game. It's about us and Kuwait. Inside, I am fighting this small battle. Please don't make it worse by asking me again and again how I am feeling. I don't want to address it. We really need to win this game. This is not going to be easy, but we are ready. We will have tremendous support here in Kolkata," Chhetri said.

Indeed, Chhetri has a point. India must not risk getting overwhelmed by emotions in a match where they have to be clinical to eke out a favourable result.

India are in the second position in Group A with 4 points. Asian champions Qatar top the table with 12 points, Afghanistan are third with four points but an inferior goal difference than India and Kuwait are at the bottom with three points.

The top two teams of each group will be



Sunil Chhetri on the eve of his final game for India in Kolkata. AIFF

making their way into the third round of the qualifiers as well as securing direct qualification for the AFC Asian Cup 2027 in Saudi

A win would put India in a comfortable position to advance to the third round of the World Cup qualifiers. It'll be a historic feat and although they aren't expected to make it to the World Cup, being among Asia's elite in the final round would mean better opponents, more matches and greater high-level exposure.

The only time Chhetri delved into the future, was when he was asked if he would reconsider his decision to retire. "If we win tomorrow, we almost qualify. Five top games home and away, I am going to wear nice suits and watch the match wherever the team travels," he said. "I am going to watch the boys play. I have thought about it a lot. I had a great ride all these 19 years. I will go as a fan and support the team wherever the team goes."

Lucky venue

It's almost poetic that Chhetri plays his final match in a city that had shaped his career since his days as a Mohun Bagan player back in 2002-05 and then again in 2011-12. He has even played for Bagan's arch-rivals East Bengal for a year in between. The venue is a lucky one as well with the Indian team not having lost in the Salt Lake Stadium since August 2006.

The opponents on the night, Kuwait, are also the last team India has defeated in an international match with a 1-0 win in the group league opener back in November. Since then, India have had a terrible few months, losing to Qatar 0-3, getting eliminated from the Asian Cup after defeats to Australia, Uzbekistan and Syria, where India failed to find the net even once and then the draw and the humiliating 1-2 loss against Afghanistan in World Cup qualifiers, the latter coming in Guwahati.

With Kuwait being the team India are facing on such a momentous occasion, fate has brought everything to a full circle. But you can't help but look beyond the gaping hole that Chhetri will leave behind after a career spanning 19 years, which saw the player even donning the colours of Sporting Lisbon B as well as Kansas City Wizards.

India will eventually have to answer the question of who the new No.9 will be for the country moving forward but on Thursday, even if Chhetri wants the narrative to be about India vs Kuwait, the bigger picture will revolve around the legacy that he leaves behind.

After debut against Pakistan, he felt football was his life

Chhetri's father Kharga on how the army aspirant fell in love with the game and on his longevity



KHARGA CHHETRI

ITWAS never clear whether Sunil would play professional football. Even the day he joined Mohun Bagan, we were uncertain. Football in those days, even today, wasn't really regarded as a career. At the same time, we were trying to get him into the National Defence Academy (NDA) or even St Stephen's College in Delhi on a sports quota. As parents, we were interested in his academic career rather than him taking up football.

I'm from an army background so wanting him to join the armed forces was my first preference. I was on the verge of retirement; my daughter was studying in college. Sunil was only 17 at that time.

I've seen so many players getting injured seriously and then having to leave the sport. Even after leaving Bagan after three years and joining JCT, initially, he wasn't very happy. At the time, he used to still consider taking his NDA exam. He was there in Punjab with his books while playing in the league for JCT.

But it was once he got into the Indian team, played under Sukhwinder Singh and made his debut against Pakistan that he finally felt like this was going to be his life from there on. When he was in Pakistan, he called me from the hotel and he sounded so excited. We were scared because he was in a different land and things back then were different.

After Sunil returned from the match, he was so much clearer about football being his career. He enjoyed the atmosphere of being in the Indian team, and had the support of his seniors who took care of him.

Sunil had the image of a jolly good fellow for the national team for a while. He would have this image of being reckless. He used to joke around, but once he was made the captain of the national team in 2012, a series of changes came about. I think a lot of it also had to do with the international exposure he started getting. He went for a training session at a Premier League club and suddenly

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realised what kind of footballer he needed to be. He realised how tough football was and how he couldn't take it lightly. That knowledge he got in England, and later when he joined Kansas City Wizards, changed him and made him a different person.

Once Sunil returned to India, Bengaluru FC happened. I was in Darjeeling with my mother at the time. Earlier, there used to be a club in Bengaluru but this was ISW coming up with a new football club. He told me about it. It was a new idea and I was apprehensive because he was a senior player and the club was completely new. But with younger players and some foreigners, Bengaluru did so well.

Then when not many people showed up to watch the national team play in Mumbai he made that passionate plea. He put out a video that went viral. At the time, it was a spontaneous act by Sunil – one that surprised me quite a bit because of how viral it became. We immediately flew down to Mumbai to be there at the match. His appeal made all the difference. When I saw the support that came from his video, it made me feel proud.

We never thought he would play this long. Even when he hit 100 matches for the national team, we were very happy. Now his 150th appearance has happened and it's phenomenal the way he has maintained himself. His discipline, training, off-field and on-field behaviour – everything was so meticulous about him. He knew that those mental and physical capabilities were important to continue playing at the top level for so long.

We will be there in Kolkata for the match against Kuwait. I don't think he'll be carried away by emotions. Once he's on the field, I think he'll play the match normally. We are so fortunate that Sunil has reached where he has reached and we are so happy.

(AS TOLD TO SHASHANK NAIR)

Teenager Andreeva stuns ailing Sabalenka



Mirra Andreeva beat Aryna Sabalenka **6-7(5) 6-4 6-4 to reach the semis.** *Reuters*

REUTERS/PTI PARIS, JUNE 5

SECOND SEED Aryna Sabalenka was sent crashing out of the French Open after a shock 6-7(5) 6-4 6-4 quarter-final loss to Russian teenager Mirra Andreeva on Wednesday after being hampered by illness throughout the contest. Having won her last two meetings with Andreeva comfortably, Belarusian Sabalenka wasted little time getting to work as the Australian Open champion cranked up her big shots to go ahead 3-1 before her serve came undone in the opening set.

A suddenly out-of-sorts Sabalenka called the trainer out and had medication for illness after the 17-year-old Andreeva surged to a 5-3 lead and sensed a real opportunity to cause a massive upset on the biggest stage.

But Sabalenka regrouped to force a tiebreak where the 2023 semi-finalist seized the advantage with a stunning drop shot on set-point, but appeared to struggle physically again at the start of the next set.

She got a time violation for taking too long between games as she crouched to her knees to recover at one point, and looked agitated at 4-2 down, eventually allowing her Russian opponent to take the match into a decider. After an exchange of breaks, the pair were locked in a high-quality battle that thrilled fans on Court Philippe Chatrier but Andreeva held her own and broke Sabalenka in the final game to complete a memorable victory on her second match point.

Bopanna-Ebden in last 4

The second seeded Indo-Australian duo of Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden sailed into the semifinals of the French Open with a comfortable victory over Belgium's Sander Gille and Joran Vliegen in the men's doubles quarterfinals here on Wednesday.

The pair won 7-6 (3) 5-7 6-1 at Court Suzanne Lenglen. Bopanna and Ebden took one hour and four minutes to complete their win over the Belgium duo, seeded 10th in the year's second Grand Slam.

Carlsen needs Armageddon to defeat Praggnanandhaa



R Praggnanandhaa has clashes coming up against Fabiano Caruana on Friday and Hikaru Nakamura in the final round on Saturday. Norway Chess / Stev Bonhage

AMIT KAMATH

JUNE 5

After fireworks in their previous game at Norway Chess, the second clash between Praggnanandhaa and Magnus Carlsen idled into a draw on Tuesday with the Norwegian grandmaster winning the Armageddon clash to claim the additional half point.

Five-time world champion Carlsen will go into the second rest day of the tournament with a full point lead over Hikaru Nakamura, who squandered a winning position against Alireza Firouzja in the classical game before resigning in their Armageddon battle. Firouzja was staring down the barrel at

one stage but as GM David Howell pointed out on Chess dot com's live broadcast, he found 20 consecutive top moves (moves that the engine suggests are the best moves), including a few "only" moves, just after crossing the time control where his time had withered down to just a minute with 10 seconds being added with each move. Thanks to his resolute defending in the classical game, Firouzja held on for a draw.

At some point, Carlsen on the adjoining board seemed under pressure to push Pragg for a result in the classical game as it seemed apparent that Nakamura, who has been on the five-time world champion's heels in the standings would win.

"I didn't get anything out of the classical game. I think I was slightly better. Pragg defended well. I was hoping to get at least a sniff of something but there it was not to be. The Armageddon game was pretty mediocre but I managed to grind it out and that half point could be absolutely important," Carlsen ad-

mitted after winning his Armageddon clash. "I was always up on time and even though the position was fairly even I was al-

ways optimistic. I have two difficult games to go, but I'm in the lead regardless. So it's not looking too bad. The two other games today were extremely interesting. Would have loved for Ding to get a win but I think now for him every draw is something."

While Nakamura, who visited the confessional booth as many as five times during his game against Firouzja, collapsed he praised Carlsen for his tenacity.

"As I have said before, great champions in sport, not necessarily in chess, have a way of getting it done in the critical moments! I think back to Carlsen playing against Fabiano Caruana in the World Championship, being one loss away from no longer being the world champion or his game against Fabi here at Norway Chess which sparked his rally. He just has a way of getting it done."

Praggnanandhaa now has 12 points after eight rounds, with clashes coming up against Caruana on Friday and Nakamura in the final round on Saturday.

Vaishali stays in chase

Over in the women's Norway Chess, world champion Ju Wenjun is in the lead of the standings after defeating the 61-year-old veteran Pia Cramling of Sweden.

Wenjun's compatriot, Lei Tingjie also had an outright win in the classical round on Tuesday.

Vaishali — who made her first appearance in the confessional booth at coaxing from her brother — is third in the standings three whole points behind Wenjun. But since outright wins in the classical format give you three points, the 22-year-old Indian could still overhaul that target in the last two games. She was leading the standings at one point of the tournament but ended up suffering two classical losses in a row.

