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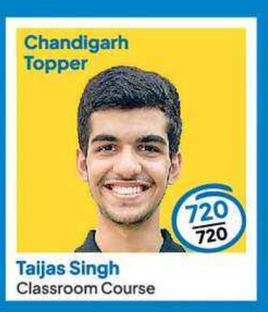

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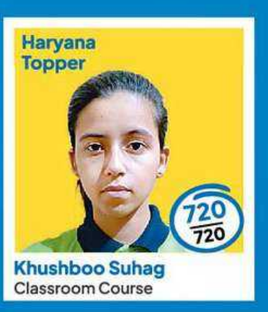

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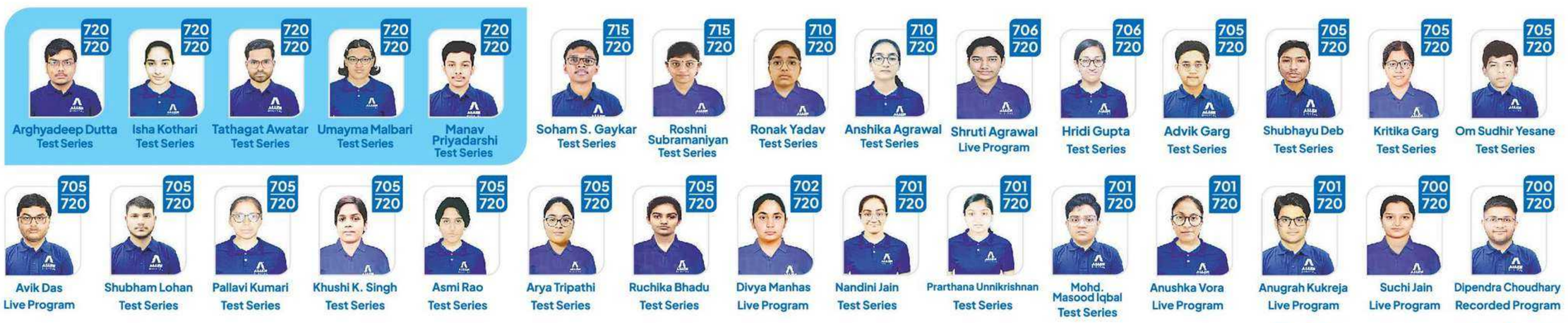

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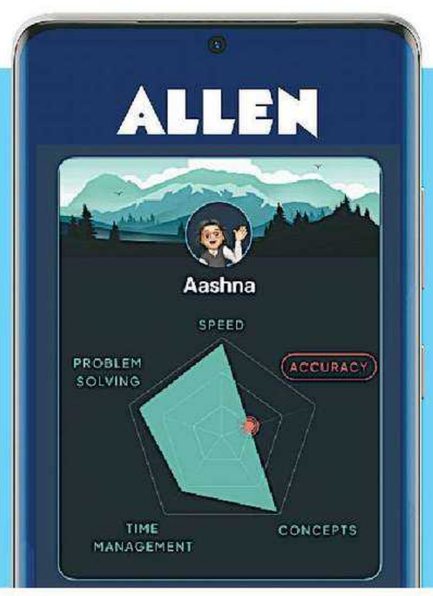

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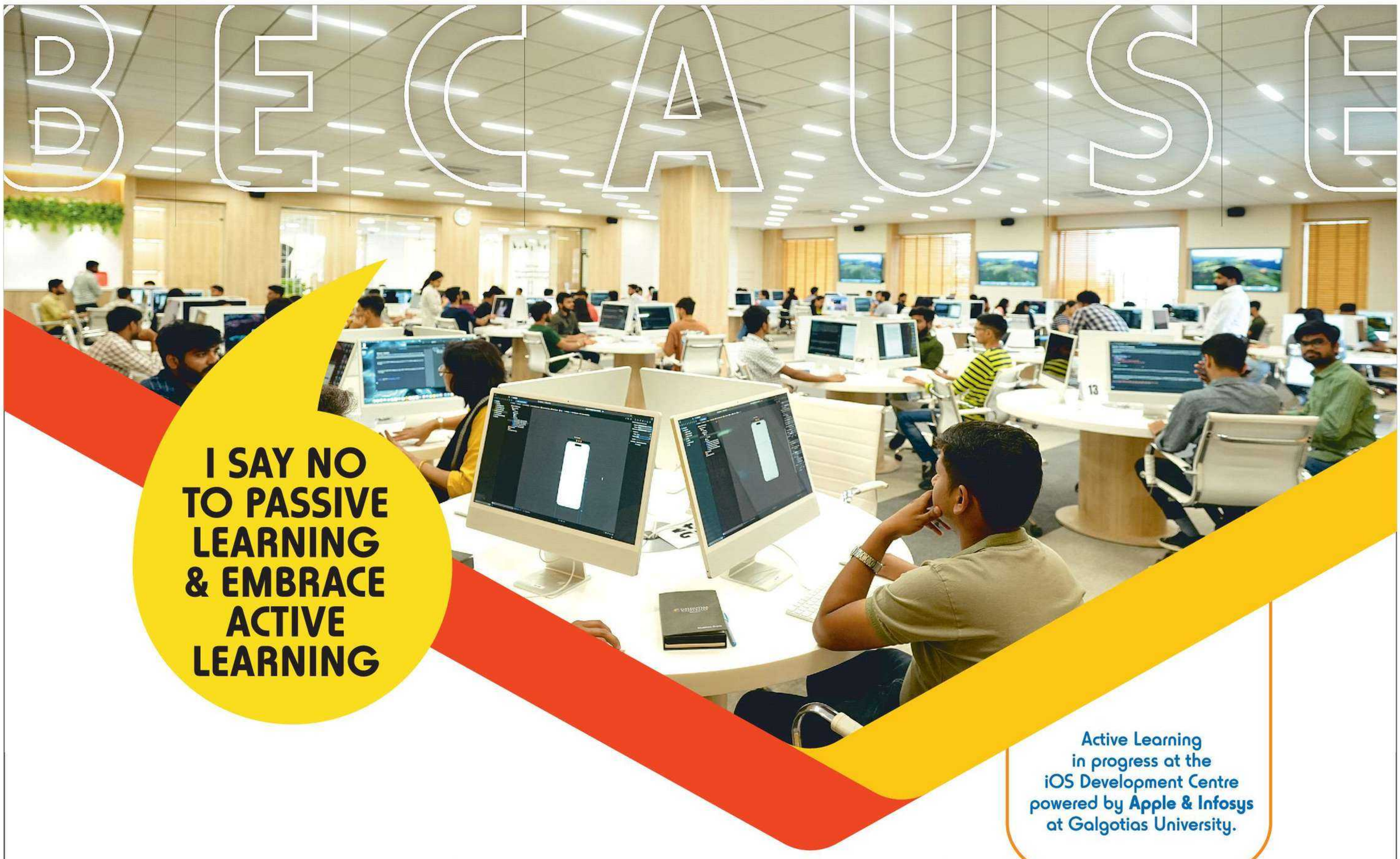

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Jockeying for posts intensifies ahead of key NDA meet today

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NEW DELHI: Negotiations to form the next Union government kicked into high gear on Thursday as allies jockeyed for crucial Cabinet berths a day ahead of a key National Democratic Alliance (NDA) meeting in the Capital that is expected to set the stage for a third term as Prime Minister for Narendra Modi.

The second and third largest constituents of the NDA, the Telugu Desam Party and the Janata Dal (United), held meetings of their own as they finalised the list of demands even as Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) chief JP Nadda and Amit Shah called on Modi after meeting Rajnath Singh to discuss issues such as portfolio allocation.

In Vijayawada, TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu met his 16 parliamentarians and a senior leader said that the regional party, which won a landslide victory in Andhra Pradesh, is likely to seek five ministerial berths for itself and two more for pre-poll ally Jana Sena, which won two seats. In addition, the party will seek special status for revenue-starved Andhra Pradesh that lost IT behemoth Hyderabad to Telangana during the state's bifurcation in 2014.

"We have a greater role to

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NDA constituents push for berths

A key National Democratic Alliance meeting is scheduled to be held in Delhi

June 9 swearing in ceremony for PM

PARTIES HUDDLE FOR TALKS
Top leaders of NDA parties held meetings to finalise what they are going to demand in new govt

Their demands

In Vijayawada, Naidu met his 16 MPs and they may ask for:
- **15 cabinet berths** for TDP, **2 berths** for ally Jana Sena
- Special status for Andhra Pradesh

Nitish will meet his 12 MPs on Friday. They could ask for:
- **12 cabinet berths** and **2 minister of state berths**
- Special status for Bihar

WHAT OTHERS MAY SEEK
- Maha CM Eknath Shinde is likely to demand a cabinet berth and an MoS
- Chirag Paswan is learnt to have asked for one cabinet berth
- RLD is likely to ask for a ministry to serve its rural vote base

Allies raise questions over Agnipath scheme, push for wider caste survey

NEW DELHI: Two constituents of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) flagged concerns about the armed forces' Agniveer recruitment scheme and suggested a review, an indication that the incoming government could well tweak or modify the controversial scheme which also came in under attack from the Congress and other INDIA bloc parties in the run-up to the election, and which some analysts hold responsible for some young voters choosing not to vote for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) or its partners in the NDA.

Janata Dal (United) leader KC Tyagi on Thursday asked for addressing what he termed "shortcomings" in the scheme, even as he said the party has called for a nationwide caste census.

Another ally of the BJP, the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) has also demanded a relook at the Agniveer scheme.

"We must revisit how much we could deliver through the Agniveer scheme," LJP (Ram Vilas) leader Chirag Paswan told NDTV.

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SWEARING-IN PUSHED BY A DAY TO JUNE 9; MUIZZU INVITED

NEW DELHI: India's "Neighbourhood First" policy and the focus on cooperation with Indian Ocean states were the main factors behind a decision to invite the leaders of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, the Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles and Sri Lanka to the PM's oath-taking ceremony, which has been shifted from June 8 to 9, officials said.

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BACK MODI FULLY AS LEADER, SAYS RSS AFTER POLL RESULT

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NAGPUR: A top Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) leader on Thursday said "there is no alternative to Narendra Modi" to head the NDA government, the first comments by a senior functionary of the BJP's ideological parent after Tuesday's results, with the party falling well short of the majority mark of 272 seats, with 240, although the larger grouping was comfortably placed with 293 seats.

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Cong effectively at 100, talks on LoP set to start

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NEW DELHI/MUMBAI: Sangli parliamentarian Vishal Patil on Thursday extended his support to the Congress, taking the effective tally of the party to 100 even as it fixed two crucial meetings over the next two days that will shape its legislative and political agenda and take a call on naming the new Leader of Opposition (LoP).

Patil, the grandson of former Maharashtra chief minister Vasantdada Patil, was with the Congress, but fought the elections as an independent after ally Uddhav Thackeray staked claim to the Sangli seat. He emerged victorious by around 100,000 votes. His inclusion helps the Congress effectively touch three figures for the first time in a decade after two dismal showings in 2014 and 2019.

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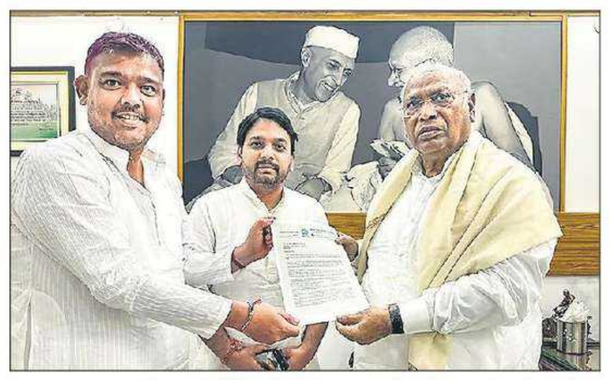

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge with the newly elected MP from Sangli Vishal Patil (left) on Thursday POSTED ON X/PTI

Hit by CISF woman at airport, says Kangana

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NEW DELHI/MOHALI: Newly elected Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Kangana Ranaut on Thursday alleged she was slapped and abused by a woman constable of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at the Chandigarh airport before she boarded a flight to Delhi.

While officials did not comment on the motive of the alleged assault, Ranaut appeared to link it to "extremism and terrorism" in Punjab although a video of the suspect appeared to suggest she lashed out over the Mandi MP-elect's stand on the farmers' protest.

"I was hit on the face, abused. I am safe but concerned about terror-

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RAHUL WANTS JPC ON STOCK SURGE AFTER EXIT POLLS, BJP SHOOTS BACK

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NEW DELHI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi demanded a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) into the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah's prediction that the stock market would zoom after the Lok Sabha election results, although the market crashed that day.

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Manipur erupts again; arson, man beheaded

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IMPHAL: Tensions erupted in the border district of Jiribam in Manipur on Thursday after a man was found beheaded by unknown assailants.

The victim was identified as Soibam Saratkumar Singh, 59. The incident occurred around 5pm when Saratkumar was returning from his son's farm located at Leishabithol.

According to police, Saratkumar was allegedly detained by unknown miscreants near Khasia Punji on his way home. His family members immediately reported the incident to Jiribam district police, prompting a joint search operation in the area.

During the search, Saratkumar's beheaded body was found near Mulargoan, about 12 kilometers north of Jiribam police station.

The motive behind the killing and the identity of the assailants remain unknown. Police have registered a case and launched an investigation.

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AI, VISTARA MERGER MAY BE WRAPPED UP BY YEAR-END AS NCLT GIVES NOD

NEW DELHI: The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Thursday approved the merger of Air India and Vistara, paving the way for the creation of one of the world's largest airline groups.

After the merger, which was announced in November 2022, Singapore Airlines will have a 25.1% stake in Air India. Vistara is a joint venture between Singapore Airlines and Tata Group.

In a 31-page order, the Chandigarh NCLT bench approved the "composite scheme of arrangement" involving Talace, Air India and Vistara. All of them are part of the Tata Group. Air India expects the merger to be completed by the end of this year.

A two-member bench of the Chandigarh bench of NCLT observed the scheme has already received approvals necessary from the shareholders and creditors of both airline companies.

Moreover, it has also received applicable approvals including that of fair trade regulator the Competition Commission of India (CCI) and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). Besides, "no sustainable objections" have been raised by the Income Tax department or any other interested party.

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Monsoon reaches Maha, sweep across India near-normal so far

NEW DELHI: The southwest monsoon reached Maharashtra on Thursday, bringing respite to the state where many parts have been reeling under the heat, and is expected to advance over Mumbai, remaining parts of Karnataka, coastal Andhra Pradesh and southern parts of Chhattisgarh in the next three to four days, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has said.

The progress of the monsoon has been nearly normal till now but it is yet to cover some areas, resulting in heatwave conditions in those regions, IMD added.

"Once the monsoon's northern limit reaches parts of central India next week, it would have covered half the country. Areas covered by the monsoon are unlikely to record further heatwaves. The quantum of rain for June is normal so far," IMD director general M Mohapatra said.

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Sharpshooter Chhetri calls it a day

The talismanic Sunil Chhetri featured in his final game for India at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata on Thursday, playing out a 0-0 draw against Kuwait. Related story on page 20 SAMIR JANA/HT PHOTO

SC asks Himachal to release water for city, Haryana to let it pass

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday directed the Himachal Pradesh government to release 137 cusecs of surplus water to Delhi by Friday, while also instructing Haryana to facilitate the release through the Wazirabad barrage, ensuring the water reaches the Capital immediately to mitigate the shortage of drinking water.

Even as the top court made a crucial intervention to ease Delhi's water crisis, it emphatically stated that there must be no politics surrounding the issue of water release, clarifying the directive was issued not because of the Delhi government's arguments in its petition but due to the pressing issue of water crisis in the national capital.

A vacation bench of justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and KV Viswanathan underscored the gravity of the situation, describing it as an "existential problem" for Delhi, exacerbated by the extreme heat and soaring

THE TOP COURT EMPHASISED THAT THERE MUST BE NO POLITICS AROUND THE ISSUE OF WATER RELEASE

demands. It pointed out that since Himachal Pradesh has shown willingness to share 137 cusecs of surplus water that it has with Delhi, Haryana must provide the "right to passage" at the Wazirabad barrage.

"We direct that Himachal Pradesh shall release 137 cusecs from the upstream so that the water reaches the Hathnikund barrage from where it can reach the Wazirabad barrage. As and when surplus water is received by Haryana, Haryana shall facilitate flow of additional water from Hathnikund through Wazirabad uninterruptedly for the citizens of Delhi," ordered the bench.

Considering the urgency, the order added, Himachal Pradesh

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BODIES OF FOUR MORE TREKKERS BROUGHT BACK

DEHRADUN: Two Indian Air Force (IAF) helicopters on Thursday recovered the bodies of the remaining four trekkers out of the nine who died during the Sahastra Tal trek in the upper Himalayas in Uttarkashi district, bringing an end to the search and rescue operation involving multiple agencies, officials familiar with the matter said. "The search and rescue operation on Sahastra Tal trek has been completed. In this rescue operation, 13 trekkers were rescued safely on Wednesday," SDRF commandant Manikant Mishra said.

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A hat-tip to London: Civic body to install oval, blue plaques across Delhi's heritage buildings

(Left) The plaque to be installed at Daryaganj police station; (right) A plaque in London. HT PHOTO & WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi civic body will install blue, oval plaques at prominent heritage buildings across the national capital to serve as historical markers, in a hat-tip to London's iconic blue plaques that link places with legendary people or landmark events.

Around 50 buildings will be plastered with these plaques in the first phase of the programme, said Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) officials aware of the plan, which will eventually cover all 775 notified heritage buildings in the city.

The oval plates, to be made of fibre-resin mixture, will have a white circumference and golden lettering over a navy blue background. Each plaque will read "Municipal Corporation of Delhi – Heritage Building", along with the civic body's logo, the name of the site and its year of origin.

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Student dies by suicide in Kota, tenth this year

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KOTA/JAIPUR: An 18-year-old student, who was preparing for the National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) for admission in undergraduate medical courses, has died by suicide allegedly because she was unhappy with her results, which were declared on Tuesday, in Kota district of Rajasthan, police said on Thursday. This is the 10th such incident in the coaching hub this year.

Last year, 27 students, preparing for various competitive examinations, died by suicide in the district.

According to a senior local official, the student from Rewa district in Madhya Pradesh lived with her mother and brother at a rented accommodation in Jawahar Nagar area of Kota district. "She had been preparing for NEET for a year, but didn't perform as per her expectations. Her brother, who is in the 11th grade, is preparing for JEE," the official said.

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HOSPITAL STAFFER HELD FOR RAPING 2-YEAR-OLD IN MP

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BHOPAL/SAGAR: Madhya Pradesh police on Thursday arrested a health worker at a hospital in Chhatarpur district for allegedly sexually assaulting a two-year-old girl, officials said. Police said a case was filed against the accused, identified as Raja Shukla, for kidnapping and raping the toddler. The girl was playing outside her house on Monday when the accused, a neighbour, took her to his house and assaulted her, said police.

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{ WORLD } BILATERAL TIES

Pakistan PM Sharif in Beijing to meet Xi

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday arrived in Beijing for talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping and other leaders to elevate all-weather bilateral ties and prospects of more aid and investments to bail out his cash-strapped country from the current economic crisis. Sharif, who was on a five-day official visit to China since June 4, toured the southern high-tech city of Shenzhen on Wednesday and addressed the investors meeting. During his stay in the Chinese capital, Sharif is set to meet Xi, Premier Li Qiang and other top leaders, Pakistan's state-run APP news agency reported. He was also expected to attend a Pakistan-China Friendship and Business event and have meetings with the CEOs of leading Chinese companies working on the China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects. →P15

{ MY INDIA } FOREST FIRE THREAT

Cabinet secy holds meet over heatwave

Union cabinet secretary Rajiv Gauba on Thursday chaired a meeting of the National Crisis Management Committee to review the measures in place to deal with heatwave conditions and forest fires, amid soaring temperatures in many parts and raging forest fires caused by an intense dry spell in the hills. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and environment ministry made detailed presentations on the current heatwave and forest fires, including on steps taken to deal with them. NDMA said advisories were issued to states to activate control rooms, enforce standard operating procedures on heatwave, ensure availability of drinking water and uninterrupted power supply. →P12

{ SPORT } TITLE MATCH ON SATURDAY

Iga Swiatek beats Coco Gauff to reach French Open final

Iga Swiatek eliminated Coco Gauff 6-2, 6-4 in the French Open semi-finals Thursday and stretched her winning streak at Roland Garros to 20 matches. The top-ranked Swiatek is trying to earn her fourth championship in five years in Paris and can become the first woman with three in a row here since Justine Henin from 2007-09. Swiatek improved to 11-1 overall against No. 3 seed Gauff, the reigning US Open champion, and has defeated her at the clay-court Grand Slam tournament three years in a row, including in the 2022 final and last year's quarterfinals. In Saturday's title match, Swiatek will face either unseeded 17-year-old Mirra Andreeva of Russia or No. 12 Jasmine Paolini of Italy. Swiatek is 4-0 in major finals so far, and she has been at her dominant best for most of the past two weeks. →P21

{ MY INDIA } RAPE ALLEGATIONS

Prajwal's remand extended till June 10

A Bengaluru court on Thursday extended till June 10 the Special Investigation Team (SIT)'s custody of former Janata Dal (Secular) MP Prajwal Revanna, who was arrested on charges of sexual abuse and rape last month. The special court for elected representatives' decision came after special public prosecutor Ashok Naik sought an extension of the 33-year-old's custody for further interrogation. "Special public prosecutor Ashok Naik sought an extension of Revanna's custody for further investigation. The 42nd additional city civil and sessions judge granted this request, concurring on the need for thorough interrogation and additional evidence collection," an SIT official said. →P12

{ WORLD } EU CALLS FOR PROBE

Israeli strike on UN school kills dozens

An Israeli strike early on Thursday on al-Sardi School, run by UNRWA, the United Nations agency for Palestinian refugees, which was sheltering displaced Palestinians in central Gaza killed more than 30 people, including 23 women and children, according to local health officials. The Israeli military said that Hamas militants were operating from within the school. It was the latest instance of mass casualties among Palestinians trying to find refuge as Israel expands its offensives in the Gaza Strip. A day earlier, the military announced a new ground and air assault in central Gaza, pursuing Hamas militants it says have regrouped there. EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell on Thursday called for a probe into the strike. "This appalling news must be independently investigated," Borrell wrote on X. →P15

Kitchen, TV, cooler: Pak govt lists Khan's amenities in prison

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ISLAMABAD: Jailed former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan has a walking area adjacent to his cell, a cooler, a TV, a separate kitchen, equipment for exercise, and other amenities, the government told Pakistan's Supreme Court, rejecting Khan's assertions on his less-than-ideal jail stay

Khan, 71, has been incarcerated in the high-security Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi since September last year. He was shifted to this prison from the district jail in Attock where he had been lodged after his arrest on August 5 2023, following his conviction in a graft case.

Appearing before the Supreme Court on May 30, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party founder complained to the chief justice that he was living in solitary confinement and the government had put restrictions on his meeting with lawyers and family members.

The government in a response submitted to the Supreme Court rejected his assertions by providing a list of facilities he enjoyed and also included photographs of Khan's cell and other items as well as his meeting with his legal team in prison. It said that Khan enjoyed a walking area adjacent to the cell, a room cooler, a TV, a separate kitchen, books, a study table with a chair and equipment for exercise. The government also provided a list of individuals who have met with Khan, countering claims that he is being held in solitary confinement. It suggested that, if necessary, a commission could be appointed to verify Khan's allegation.

Earlier, the government formalised in March the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for facilitating meetings with the convicted former premier. According to the SOPs, PTI leaders Barrister Gohar Ali Khan, Sher Afzal Marwat, and Barrister Umair Ahmad Khan Niazi were designated as focal persons for coordinating visits to the jail.

Khan was to be allowed to meet his family and lawyers in two separate sessions on Tuesday, while a single session on Thursday will be reserved for his "lawyers/friends". Those intending to meet Khan must coordinate with the jail authorities through the designated focal persons, who will provide the visitor list — consisting of two individuals per focal person — one day before the scheduled meeting, adhering to the six-person limit.

Separately, PTI in a WhatsApp message shared the photo of Khan's cell which the government had released, claiming that "it was a cell photo where former Prime Minister Imran Khan is kept in solitary confinement".

The party said that it was a contradiction to the claim that a former Prime Minister was entitled to an 'A' class cell with an air-conditioned room and a helper to attend to the errands.

80 years later, leaders celebrate D-Day anniversary

World leaders – including US President Joe Biden (left), British PM Rishi Sunak, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, among others – gathered in Normandy on Thursday to mark the 80th anniversary of the June 6, 1944, D-Day landings, when more than 150,000 Allied soldiers arrived in France to drive out the forces of Nazi Germany; Normandy veterans (above) attend a ceremony in Stafford, England; Enthusiasts dressed in replica US Army WWII-era military attire parade along a beach as part of the D-Day ceremonies held across Europe and North America. AFP

Caste and community break-up of the new Lok Sabha

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AMHERST: Caste was at the heart of the 2024 general elections. The two contending alliances, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and Indian National Developmental Democratic Alliance (INDIA) , offered two contrasting visions of inclusion and social justice. The BJP focused on the integration of Hindu castes under a common religious umbrella. It promoted a welfare apparatus that targets individuals rather than groups. INDIA, on the other hand, made caste a key instrument of social justice, promising representation and a welfare regime that recognises the role caste plays in perpetuating inequalities. Both alliances claim to be inclusive of India's caste diversity.

This article examines the caste profile of the new Lok Sabha by coding the caste of the main parties' candidates as well as MPs. The data was collected through a network of collaborators that includes journalists, academics, and state experts. The data also builds on historical data collected by the SPINPER Project.

A profile of the new Lok Sabha

A look how the composition of the new Lok Sabha elected in the recently concluded elections has changed from the perspective of caste, community and religion.

CHART 1 Caste and Community Representation in the 2019 and 2024 Lok Sabha

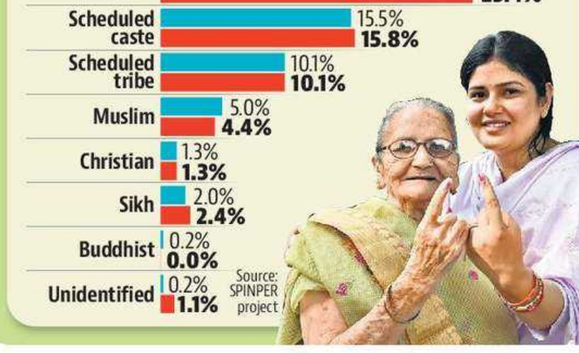

CHART 2 Caste and community representation in the Hindi belt in the 2019 and 2024 Lok Sabha

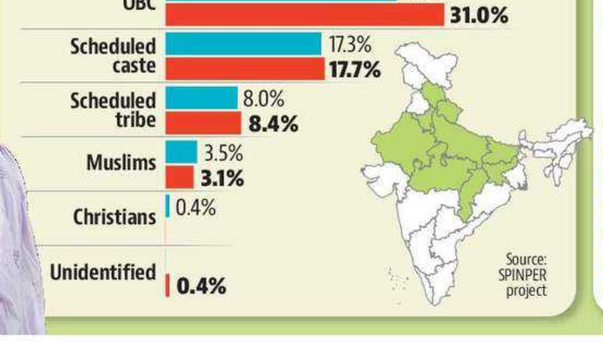

CHART 3 NDA/INDIA caste, community nomination and representation

	Candidates		MPs	
Candidates	NDA	INDIA	NDA	INDIA
Upper caste	**31.3%**	**19.2%**	**33.2%**	**12.4%**
BRAHMIN	14.9%	10.0%	14.7%	5.9%
RAJPUT	7.0%	2.7%	8.7%	1.5%
OTHER UC	9.4%	6.5%	9.8%	5.0%
Intermediate caste	**15.3%**	**14.0%**	**15.7%**	**11.9%**
MARATHA	4.3%	3.4%	3.1%	5.0%
JAT	3.4%	3.3%	2.4%	3.0%
LINGAYAT	1.5%	1.1%	1.0%	1.5%
PATIDAR	1.5%	1.5%	2.4%	0.0%
REDDY	1.7%	2.4%	2.1%	1.5%
VOKKALIGA	1.1%	1.1%	1.7%	0.5%
OTHER IC	1.7%	1.3%	2.8%	0.5%
OBC	**25.5%**	**26.9%**	**26.2%**	**30.7%**
YADAV	2.3%	4.2%	3.1%	3.5%
KURMI	2.5%	2.7%	3.5%	3.0%
OTHER OBC	20.8%	20.0%	19.6%	24.3%
Scheduled caste	**15.8%**	**17.6%**	**13.3%**	**17.8%**
Scheduled tribe	**10.0%**	**9.6%**	**10.8%**	**9.9%**
Muslims	**0.9%**	**7.3%**	**0.0%**	**7.9%**
Christians	**0.2%**	**2.7%**	**0.0%**	**3.5%**
Sikhs	**0.4%**	**2.2%**	**0.0%**	**5.0%**
Buddhist	**0.2%**	**0.2%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**
Unidentified	**0.4%**	**0.4%**	**0.7%**	**1.0%**

A boost of OBC representation

In aggregate terms, the first observation is that "upper caste" representation has decreased in 2024, from 155 MPs to 140. The representation of intermediary castes (including, for the most part, historically landowning agrarian castes such as Lingayats, Vokkaligas, Marathas, Reddys or Jats) is stable (from 78 to 74 MPs).

The OBC representation has increased, rising from 124 to 138 MPs. There are three fewer Muslim MPs (24) and two more Sikh MPs (13). The representation of Christians remains stable, even though this category overlaps with several Scheduled Tribe MPs who are here coded as ST. In terms of percentages, these numbers do not signal any major variations. The share of "upper caste" MPs has decreased merely from 28.5% to 25.8%.

The changes are more noticeable if one isolates the Hindi belt. In 2024, the share of upper caste MPs in these regions has decreased from 38.9% to 32.7%. The share of intermediary caste MPs remains stable (6%). The share of OBC MPs has increased from 25.7% to 31%. Muslim representation remains stable at 8.4%. *(See Chart 1)*

The BJP has lost 51 seats in the Hindi belt. Twenty-two of these seats were held by upper caste MPs, against only 7 by OBC MPs. Six intermediate caste MPs also lost their seats. The influx of new OBC MPs has come – unsurprisingly – from the Samajwadi Party (SP), which saw 19 OBC candidates elected out of the 37 seats won. The Congress's 26 MPs in the Hindi belt are well distributed across caste groups. Upper caste BJP MPs appear to have faced greater anti-incumbency than BJP MPs from other groups. *(See Chart 2)*

The spike in OBC representation induced by the SP may not be surprising, given the party's history and identity. What may be more surprising is the fact that only 5 of the party's 19 OBC MPs are Yadavs. The others belong to various OBC groups, including Kurmis, Lodhs, Nishads, Shakyas, Mauryas, Koeris and Bharbhunjas.

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Comparing alliances

How did the two alliances – and the main parties within them – fare both in terms of nomination and representation? The NDA nominated more upper caste candidates than the INDIA bloc (31.3% against 19.2%). The difference in terms of MPs is stark.

The NDA provides more upper caste representation in relative terms (33.2% of its MPs, against 12.4% for INDIA). This is not surprising given that the INDIA bloc is mostly made up of Southern regional parties that have a history of giving representation to backward groups.

The higher OBC representation within Congress (30.7% of its MPs) is more unusual, as well as the fact that a party such as SP truly diversified its recruitment of candidates, emulating the BJP's outreach to non-dominant backward groups.

The representation of religious minorities is the second major difference between the two alliances. They make up 12.7% of INDIA candidates, against a paltry 1.7% for the NDA, which nominated only five Muslim candidates (all of whom lost). *(See Chart 3)*

It must be noted that this descriptive exercise has limitations. For instance, there is an overlap between religious and ST categories, which is not reflected here. Further, both Christian and Muslim communities are divided by caste, ST by communities. Our data does not yet allow us to provide a detailed picture of this diversity.

Still, the data reveals a persistence of skewed upper caste representation among the NDA, even though it is more inclusive than it was in the 1990s. States such as Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh remain as dominated as ever by intermediary castes.

This glance at the caste and community profile of the new Lok Sabha tells us that the diversification of backward class representation continues and is now embraced by more major parties. This marks a significant transformation of India's representational politics, indicating that India is progressing towards a more representative polity.

However, two limitations remain. First, the inclusion of non-dominant backward classes remains limited to a few large North Indian states. Representational patterns in the South, East, and Western India remain unchanged by and large and skewed towards locally dominant groups. Second, political recruitment strategies of parties across the board still leave Muslims behind.

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Tie-up with Congress may not continue in assembly polls: AAP

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NEW DELHI: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Thursday said that its alliance with the Congress was limited to the Lok Sabha elections, adding that the two parties have not agreed for a tie-up for the Delhi assembly elections, scheduled for early next year.

The Congress said it is discussing the way forward with party workers, adding that its cadre will use the momentum gained from canvassing during the general elections for the state polls.

Meanwhile, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) said that the AAP-Congress alliance was "opportunistic" and was sure to collapse soon.

Speaking to the media after a meeting of all AAP legislators from the Capital at chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's official residence, Delhi AAP convener Gopal Rai said his party will continue to fight against "dictatorship" till the CM remains incarcerated, and will intensify its development work in the city with an eye on the polls.

"It is already clear that this alliance (with the Congress) was for the Lok Sabha polls. We contested the (Lok Sabha) elections together. There is no alliance for the Delhi assembly elections. We will fight the elections together with the people of Delhi and win the (Delhi assembly) elections," Rai said.

"The arrest of Arvind Kejriwal disappointed the entire party, but all the MLAs and all the workers worked hard, remained united, and fought the elections strongly. Our struggle will continue because Arvind Kejriwal is still in jail. Due to the Model Code of Conduct imposed for the Lok Sabha polls, development work was halted in Delhi for the last two months. It was decided in the meeting that all the MLAs will hold meetings with party workers in their respective areas over the weekend, and review all the development work. The MLAs will stay in touch with the people and the development work will be intensified," said Rai.

Arvind Kejriwal campaigns for Congress candidate Kanhaiya Kumar in Bhajanpura in May. ANI

The AAP and the Congress had formed a pre-poll alliance for the general elections in Delhi, Gujarat, Goa, Chandigarh, and Haryana. The alliance, however, bore mixed results, with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) sweeping all seven seats in Delhi, and 25 out of 26 seats in Gujarat.

The Congress managed to win one seat in Goa, five in Haryana, and the lone seat in Chandigarh, but the AAP failed to win in any of the states where the alliance was in place. In fact, the only Lok Sabha seats that the AAP won were in Punjab — where it contested the polls separately from the Congress.

Rai said the AAP will hold a meeting with all its workers on July 13. "Together the entire capital city will continue to fight against dictatorship... The way the central government snatched the rights of the people of Delhi and the elected government of Delhi by nullifying the Supreme Court verdict (on services), the way elected CM, deputy CM Manish Sisodia, and health minister Satyendar Jain were put in jail, the people believe that in the wake of the national verdict, the central government will reconsider these issues, and will change the policy of snatching away the rights of the Delhi government and the people of Delhi," Rai said.

Congress says it is still a force to reckon with

Meanwhile, the Congress said the support it received during the elections prove that the party is still a force to reckon with.

"The performance of the Congress workers was commendable in the Lok Sabha elections, and compared to the last general elections, the party's vote share has gone up. The Congress received overwhelming support from the people in many areas to prove that the party was still a force to reckon with. The Delhi Congress has accepted the people's verdict with humility, but the party will spare no effort in strengthening the cadre at the grass-root level and reach out to the people at every polling booth to understand their problems and solve them," said Delhi Congress chief Devender Yadav.

The Delhi Congress chief held a meeting with the party's Delhi in-charge Deepak Babaria on Thursday and discussed the current political situation in the city.

"We are discussing the way forward with party workers. Congress workers will maintain the momentum of their hard work in the Lok Sabha elections, and the party will spare no effort to motivate and activate the party cadres," Yadav said.

Responding to the development, the BJP said the AAP and the Congress allied with each other to protect each other's "corruption". "We always said that the AAP and Congress alliance is an opportunistic alliance just protect each other's corruption sagas, and it will break down after the Lok Sabha polls, and so it has collapsed today. Anyway, their coalition was already rejected by the people of Delhi in the elections, so it was bound to break up at earliest," said Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor.

34-YEAR-OLD DIES BY SUICIDE INSIDE HIS CAR AT NEHRU PLACE, PROBE ON

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NEW DELHI: A 34-year-old man died allegedly by suicide, possibly by inhaling toxic fumes after he tried to set himself on fire inside his car, at Nehru Place, south-east Delhi, early on Thursday, the Delhi Police said.

Police said the exact sequence of events and the cause of death were yet to be ascertained, as they also found blood splattered inside the car. A senior officer said the car was not burnt and an initial probe suggested the man died due to severe nasal bleeding because of hypoxia stress and asphyxia. The CCTVs show the deceased in his car at the spot around 3.30am. He then lit the fire inside, which was visible in the footage but it subsided within a minute or two, police added.

Police said that locals found a Ford car parked near a commercial building in Nehru Place in the morning and spotted a body inside it. Police said the deceased man was a resident of the Lajpat Nagar area who worked at a Gurugram firm, adding he was under a huge debt, which may have prompted him to take the extreme step.

Deputy commissioner of police (southeast) Rajesh Deo said police received a PCR call at 9.40 am from a person who spotted the body.

"We found a grey Ford car. The deceased was found sitting on the driver's seat with blood splattered around. All the gates of the car were locked. We broke the rear side glass and took the body out. The deceased had burns on his face, thighs and hands," said Deo. Police also found a water bottle, soot and a match stick. "There was a strong smell of petrol inside the car. The deceased was also bleeding from the nose. We checked the CCTVs to ascertain the sequence of events," added Deo.

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Out on bail, man kills 29-yr-old in NW Delhi

NEW DELHI: A 29-year-old man who got out of a Delhi jail three days ago, was stabbed to death by another man released on bail from the same jail on the same day, police said, in C Block, Jahangirpuri, northwest Delhi, on Thursday afternoon, police said.

The deceased was identified as Mohammad Moidul.

The incident happened over an altercation the two had in prison. DCP (northwest) Jitendra Kumar Meena said that the suspect, Jitender alias Theatre, 28, fled after stabbing Moidul. "We have registered a case of murder and are looking for Jitender. Raids are being conducted at his possible hideouts," said DCP Meena. HTC

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5-yr-old girl dies in Ggm wall collapse

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GURUGRAM: A five-year-old girl died after a brick wall at an open plot in Gurugram Sector 83 collapsed, police officers said on Thursday, adding that four other people were injured in the incident.

Police identified the deceased as Rizwana Ali, originally from North Dinajpur, West Bengal. They said she was living in Gurugram with her father Mustafa Ali, 23, who is a daily wage worker at a construction site. According to police, around 150 workers at the construction site live at the open plot. Police said that around 5.30pm on Wednesday, a 40-foot periphery wall collapsed inwards, trapping five people under the rubble.

Investigators said other residents in the compound pulled the five out and sent them to a nearby private hospital for treatment. They said the girl died during the course of treatment late on Wednesday night, while the condition of the other four — Ratur Rehman, 40, Bappi (single name), 45, Phulan Devi, 37, and Ramanuj Mahto, 50 — is stable.

A 40-foot periphery wall collapsed inwards, trapping five people under the rubble in Gurugram. HT PHOTO

A senior officer said that a contractor had piled soil up against the wall. "The mound weakened the wall, which finally collapsed on Wednesday," he said.

Surender Singh, assistant commissioner of police (Manesar), said that they are waiting for the girl's father to submit a written complaint. "As soon as we receive any complaint, an FIR will be registered in the case and necessary action will be taken," he said.

This is the second fatal wall collapse in Gurugram in two months. On April 20, the peripheral wall of the Ram Bagh crematorium near Pataudi Chowk had collapsed, an incident in which five people had died. Three committee members of the crematorium were arrested in connection with the case.

GANG OF SIX HELD FOR ROBBERY AT GGM WAREHOUSE

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GURUGRAM: Six people were arrested for allegedly breaking into a warehouse at Gurugram Sector 89, holding a guard at knifepoint, and decamping with equipment and raw material used for maintaining water pipelines, police officers aware of the matter said on Thursday.

The suspects were arrested from Farrukhnagar. Police said the incident took place between 2am and 4am on Wednesday. They said all the stolen items in the warehouse belonged to a private contractor responsible for the repair and upkeep of a Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GDMA) water pipeline project that supplies water from the Chandu Budhera boosting station to sectors in the vicinity.

"The suspects tied up guard Indra Raj Singh. After they fled, he managed to untie himself and alerted me at 4.20am. I reached the spot and contacted the PCR," said the contractor Ajab Singh, adding. Investigators said the suspects used a truck to load the stolen items. All the items from the warehouse, and the vehicle and knife were also recovered, they added. An FIR was filed at the Sector 10 police station under IPC sections 395 and 397 on Wednesday night.

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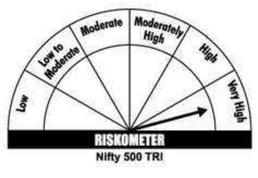

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MCD's heritage plaques to link past with the present, 50 buildings to get mark first

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi civic body will install blue, oval plaques at prominent heritage buildings across the national capital to serve as historical markers, in a hat-tip to London's iconic blue plaques that link places with legendary people or landmark events.

Around 50 buildings will be plastered with these plaques in the first phase of the programme, said Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) officials aware of the plan, which will eventually cover all 775 notified heritage buildings in the city.

The oval plates, to be made of fibre-resin mixture, will have a white circumference and golden lettering over a navy blue background. Each plaque will read "Municipal Corporation of Delhi – Heritage Building", along with the civic body's logo, the name of the site and its year of origin.

"Some of the buildings that will be covered in the first phase include the Northbrook fountain, Daryaganj police station, Town Hall, Shroff Eye Hospital, Hardyal Library – which was earlier called Hardinge library – and Company Bagh," said Sanjeev Singh, executive engineer at MCD's heritage cell.

MCD before its trifurcation in 2012, made similar attempts to install stone signs near heritage complexes, and roped in the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (Intach). But the project withered away in the absence of dedicated heritage department, and was eventually disbanded.

The municipality's heritage cell is, concurrently, also cataloguing the city's heritage buildings on its website, with photographs, descriptions, map locations and nearby Metro stations to make the sites more accessible.

Nod to a 150-year-old programme

London's blue plaque programme was started in 1866 to link "the people of the past with the people of the present", according to English Heritage, the agency in charge of the legendary medallions that adorn over 1,000 spots in the England capital.

The plaques were initially focused on the Greater London area, but later extended to cover the entire city. Following in London's footsteps, similar commemorative plaques have been installed in cities across the world, including Paris, Rome, Oslo and Dublin.

Some of the most famous plaques in the city include the home on Barron's Court where Mahatma Gandhi lived while a law student, the residences of authors Charles Dickens and Agatha Christie, the building on Brixton Road where Charlie Chaplin lived between 1908 and 1910, as well as the Feltham house where rock legend Freddie Mercury started making music.

The number and location of plaques have, over the years, been extended to cover more women, people of colour and queer people.

In Delhi, officials hope the blue plaques will help add a crucial interface between residents and tourists and prominent heritage structures, most of which are still in use as public infrastructure. The plaque programme is a component of the civic body's ambitious plan to rejuvenate and revive the city's crumbling British-era heritage.

An MCD official said the corporation will cover notified heritage buildings ranging from Gradel to 3 heritage sites. According to union ministry of urban development classification, heritage grade-I comprises buildings and precincts of national or historic importance, embodying excellence in architectural style, design, technology and material use. Heritage grade-II comprises of buildings and precincts of regional or local importance possessing special architectural features. Grade-III comprises buildings and precincts of importance for townscape; that evoke architectural aesthetic, or sociological interest.

Boost for tourism?

The plaques will shed light on the historic roots of several sites in the city, said officials.

A third official said the Victoria Zenana Hospital, now known as Kasturba Hospital, which is the Capital's oldest women and children's hospital, will also get a blue plaque.

"It is located near Jama Masjid. The hospital started with just 10 beds in 1905. They expanded their operations gradually and were administering 450 patients by 1975. This was also the year that the hospital was named after Kasturba Gandhi, an Indian political leader who played a major role in mobilising women protesters during the independence struggle," said the official from MCD's heritage cell.

The Northbrook fountain in the hearth of Chandni Chowk opposite Gurdwara Sisganj was built in 1876.

"This structure is so named because the viceroy of India from 1872 to 1876, Lord Northbrook, donated money for its construction. It is a living monument with a large floral motif adorned with multi-petalled design. It has become a site of Sikh history and is now covered by the holy symbol of Sikkhism as it is associated with the site of martyrdom of reverent Guru Teg Bahadur," according to the book, *Delhi The Built Heritage*

Company Bagh is located between the Northern end of Townhall and the Old Delhi Railway staiton. According to the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities, the site was originally a garden built by Jahanara Begum, one of Mughal emperor Shahjahan's daughters in 1650.

The British redesigned the garden after the Revolt of 1857.

Sohail Hashmi, chronicler of Delhi's history, filmmaker and heritage conservationist, said the present Town Hall site used to host the caravan sarai (inn or guest house) of Jahanara Begum. When the British took over the city, they wanted to remove the symbol of powers, he said.

"The British razed the caravan sarai of Begum Jahan Ara was and the Begum ka Bagh became Company Bagh. They also built the Nai Sarak to cut through the heart of the city for better policing. The Sarai was replaced by a building housing a library and club for Europeans where the municipality later built the Town Hall," he said.

AK Jain, former DDA commissioner (planning) and an urban planning expert, said Delhi has a rich history full of heritage sites and structures and lauded the plan to string them all together in the form of identity markers.

"There are more than 2,000 sites that are of historical importance in Delhi and recognising non-protected sites will help conserve them and convey their importance to people," he added.

Hashmi, however, said the agencies were reinventing the wheel. "During the Sheila Dikshit regime, Intach started a project to put up signboards, covering more than 100 structures in Walled City. The heritage cell should extend that project. We should not be imitating the English who treated our heritage structures very badly till the Archaeological Survey of India was formed in the 1860s," he added.

ACB AUDITS DELHI HOSPITALS, WILL SUBMIT REPORT TO LG NEXT WEEK

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NEW DELHI: Days after seven newborns died after a fire broke out at a hospital in Vivek Vihar, Delhi's Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) on Thursday said they have inspected 62 hospitals and nursing homes across the city and found discrepancies in several of them.

ACB said its findings will be released in a report, which will be shared with lieutenant governor VK Saxena next week.

Last week, Saxena had commissioned ACB to investigate the registrations and regulations of all private hospitals in Delhi.

Joint commissioner of police Madhur Verma, who heads the Delhi ACB, said his teams are initially conducting checks at hospitals and nursing homes located in and around Vivek Vihar. He added that the 62 medical institutes inspected so far are in east Delhi, northeast Delhi, and Rohini.

"We are also checking if these institutes have been in collusion with officers from the health department. Everything will be compiled in the report to the LG," said Verma.

A senior ACB officer, requesting anonymity, said at least four nursing homes in east Delhi did not have a registration from Delhi's directorate general of health services. "They have been running for years without a registration. In addition to no licence, the nursing homes also had multiple beds and no fire exits," the officer said.

Further, the inspections revealed that several clinics were running without valid certification. "We found that many had no fire NOCs (no objection certificates) or had expired registration documents. Some had no fire exits or the fire exits were blocked by (surplus or discarded) beds or equipment. Many illegally employed Ayurveda practitioners as doctors," said the officer.

OFFICERS SAID THE 62 MEDICAL INSTITUTES INSPECTED SO FAR ARE IN EAST DELHI, NORTHEAST DELHI, AND ROHINI

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Sunny Arora** S/o **Lt. Vijay Kumar** R/o **89 Green Park Colony, Sarsawa, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh** has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 113/2023 U/s 354/354A/323/506/509/34 IPC, P.S. Shahdara, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Sunny Arora** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Sunny Arora** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Sunny Arora** of case **FIR No. 113/2023 U/s 354/354A/323/506/509/34 IPC, P.S. Shahdara, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **27.08.2024.**

By Order
Ms. Shruti Sharma
Metropolitan Magistrate (Mahila Court)-01
Shahdara, Room No. 55,
Karkardooma Court, Delhi

DP/6848/SHD/2024(Court Matter)

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY G20

Tender Notice No.:3220242025 **E-Tender Notice** Dated: 04.06.2024

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/North Central Railway/ Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-Tender on prescribed form for the following works up to **13.30** hrs. on **28.06.2024.** The details of the tender are as under:

Name of work: Improvement of platform surface and providing Divyangjan friendly services at Vindhyachal (BDL) platform 2,3 & necessary platform surfacing work at Manikpur (MKP) & Mirzapur (MZP) under Dy.CPM/GSU/PRYJ.

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Date of opening of Tender: 28.06.2024. Similar work for Eligibility Criteria: Any Civil Engineering work. **Note: 1.** Tender online can be submitted up to **13.30** hrs. on **28.06.2024. 2.** The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in** up to **13.30** hrs. on the due date of tender opening i.e. **28.06.2024.** 971/24 FA

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

U/S 82(2) CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Rajni W/o Joginder R/o, G-3, Laxmi park, Nihal Vihar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a case vide **FIR No: 93/2011 U/s 33/38 DE Act** registered at **PS Nihal Vihar** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued stating that the said **Rajni** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused **Rajni** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Rajni** is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **20.07.2024.**

By Order
PS. Bhargav Rao
MM Room No-292,
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/6816/OD/2024

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See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Arun, S/o:** Sh. Chander Pal, **R/o:** H. No. 255, Rehman Building, Shahdara, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 183/20, U/s 323/341/325/34 IPC, P.S.: Shahdara, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Arun** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Arun** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Arun** accused of **FIR No. 183/20, U/s 323/341/325/34 IPC, P.S.: Shahdara, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **24.08.2024.**

By Order
Vidhi Gupta Anand
Chief Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No. 59, Karkardooma Court, Delhi

DP/6847/SHD/2024
(Court Matter)

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY G20

Tender Notice No.: 2720242025 Dated : 03.06.2024

E-Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-Tender on prescribed form for the following works up to 13:30 hrs. On **26.06.2024** the details of the tenders are as under :

S. N.	Tender No.	Name of Work	Approx. Cost of Work (Rs.)
1	61	Removal of muck from GMC yard under ADEN/ Line/CNB.	Rs. 1,02,84,610.14
2	62	Kanpur Central-Rura-Rehabilitation of bridges (Br. No. 253, 262, 263, 264, 283 A) in section of Kanpur- Rura under ADEN/Line/CNB.	Rs. 2,05,17,451.16
3	63	Kanpur-Panki:-Stabilization of cess on high embankment on IIIrd line under ADEN/Line/CNB.	Rs. 4,55,42,246.18
4	64	Provision of side covering & minor repair work at LHS No. 89, 90, 91 & 92 in Kanpur-RRH Section under ADEN/Line/CNB.	Rs. 1,27,14,920.80

Earnest money (Rs.) : for **S.N. 1** : Rs. 2,01,400.00, for **S.N.** 2 : Rs. 2,52,600.00, for **S.N.** 3 : Rs. 3,77,700/00, for **S.N. 4 :** Rs. 2,13,600.00. **Completion Period :** for **S.N. 1, 2 & 4 :** 06 Months, for **S.N. 3 :** 12 Months. **Date of Opening of tender :** for **All S.N.:** 26.06.2024, **Similar work for Eligibility Criteria :** for **S.N. 1 :** P.way work, for **S.N. 2 :** Any Bridge construction/Rebuilding/Repair works. for **S.N. 3 :** Earth work information, for **S.N. 4 :** Any Civil Engineering work. **Note :– 1.** Tender on line can be submitted up to 13:30 hrs. on **26.06.2024. 2.** The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in** up to 13:30 hrs. on the due date of tender opening i.e. **26.06.2024.** 978/24 (D)

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Gangsters stab rival 20 times at OPD in Tihar, two booked

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NEW DELHI: A 39-year-old gangster incarcerated at Tihar jail was stabbed 20 times by two members of a rival faction at the outpatient department (OPD) room in the prison complex, police officers aware of the incident said on Thursday, adding that the victim is currently undergoing treatment at Deen Dayal Upadhyay hospital, where his condition is said to be serious but stable.

Police identified the victim as Hitesh Bajitpuriya, a murder convict who has been in jail since 2019 and was associated with deceased gangster Neetu Dabhodiya. His assailants were identified as Gaurav Lohra and Gurinder Singh, associated with the Neeraj Bawana gang.

Deputy commissioner of police (west) Vichitra Veer said following the attack, Lohra and Singh have been booked on attempt to murder charges.

"The two accused, who attacked Hitesh, are in jail for their involvement in murder and attempt to murder. They have now been booked in a fresh case of attempted murder for attacking Bajitpuriya," the DCP said.

A jail official said the incident took place on Wednesday afternoon at the OPD room in Tihar, where Bajitpuriya was taken for a routine check-up.

The Delhi Prisons have a small hospital in jail no. 3 where patients are taken for checkup and treatment.

"Bajitpuriya was inside the OPD when the two assailants managed to get inside and stabbed him with knives and handmade blades carved out of metal strips. The victim had an old rivalry with the two accused as they belonged to rival gangs. We found that Bajitpuriya was not accompanied by an officer when the two accused attacked him. A Quick Response Team (QRT) stationed outside the hospital intervened after hearing the victim's screams and removed the two convicts from the OPD," said the official, requesting anonymity.

A Delhi prisons spokesperson, however, denied allegations that Bajitpuriya was not accompanied by an officer to the OPD. "There were jail officers inside. After we called the police, the accused were booked for assaulting Bajatpuriya," the spokesperson said.

A second jail official said that Bajitpuriya, and Lohra and Singh were old rivals, and had fought in jail number 13 around two years ago, following which Bajitpuriya was shifted to jail number 8, while the other two were shifted to jail number 3.

Bajitpuriya's stabbing comes a year after gangster Sunil Baliyan alias Tillu Tajpuriya was stabbed nearly 150 times by four fellow inmates of the same high-security ward of Tihar. According to investigators, the four assailants — members of Tajpuria's deceased rival Joginder Gogi's gang, who used improvised shanks in the attack — received instructions for the murder over the phone.

JAIL OFFICIALS SAID HITESH BAJITPURIYA, AND HIS ASSAILANTS WERE OLD RIVALS, AND HAD FOUGHT IN JAIL AROUND TWO YEARS AGO

Syrian among four arrested for selling illicit cancer drugs

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police have arrested four people, including a Syrian national, for allegedly selling illicit cancer and lifestyle drugs in the national capital, officers aware of the matter said, adding that they have recovered fake medicines worth an estimated ₹4 crore from two wholesale vendors in the city.

Deputy commissioner of police (crime branch) Rakesh Paweriya identified the arrested accused as Naveen Arya, 40, Saurabh Garg, 34, Karan Khaneja, 27, and Syrian national Monir Ahmad, 54.

Giving details of the case, police said that in April, they received a tip that some wholesalers of medicine in the Capital were allegedly selling fake specimens of drugs that includded Opdivo, Revolade, Keytruda, Erbitux, Ozempic, and Lenvima, among others.

The information was developed, and on April 4, two simultaneous raids were conducted at wholesalers at Bhagirath Palace and Daryaganj.

"An inspector-rank officer, along with officials of the Delhi drugs control department and authorised representatives of the pharmaceutical companies concerned were a part of the raiding party," Paweriya said.

The officer said that the team seized imported drugs worth ₹1.5 crore from Shree Ram International Traders in Bhagirath Palace.

"The samples were lifted and after a thorough check, it was revealed that the owner of the shop was selling fake and unregistered drugs," Paweriya said.

The team conducted another raid on the same day at Tery White Life Care in Daryaganj. During cursory search of the shop, medicine stock worth ₹2.5 crores were found and when the batch numbers were matched with the manufacturing agency, the team discovered that they were fake as well and were being sold illegally.

"The recovered medicines were imported and not authorised for sale and distribution in India. Therefore, a case was registered and investigation was taken up," the DCP said.

Police said that Arya was arrested from Bhagirath Palace and Garg and Khaneja were arrested from Daryaganj.

Police said Arya's call detail records revealed that he was importing medicines using a foreign national.

"The information was then developed, and the identity of the foreign national was revealed as Monir Ahmad, a resident of Aleppo in Syria," the DCP said, adding that he was arrested in Delhi on May 14.

During interrogation, Ahmad had admitted to supplying fake medicines in Turkey, Egypt, and India, the DCP said, adding that the kingpin of this syndicate is a foreign national operating from Egypt.

COP BOOKED FOR DEMANDING MONEY TO LODGE COMPLAINT

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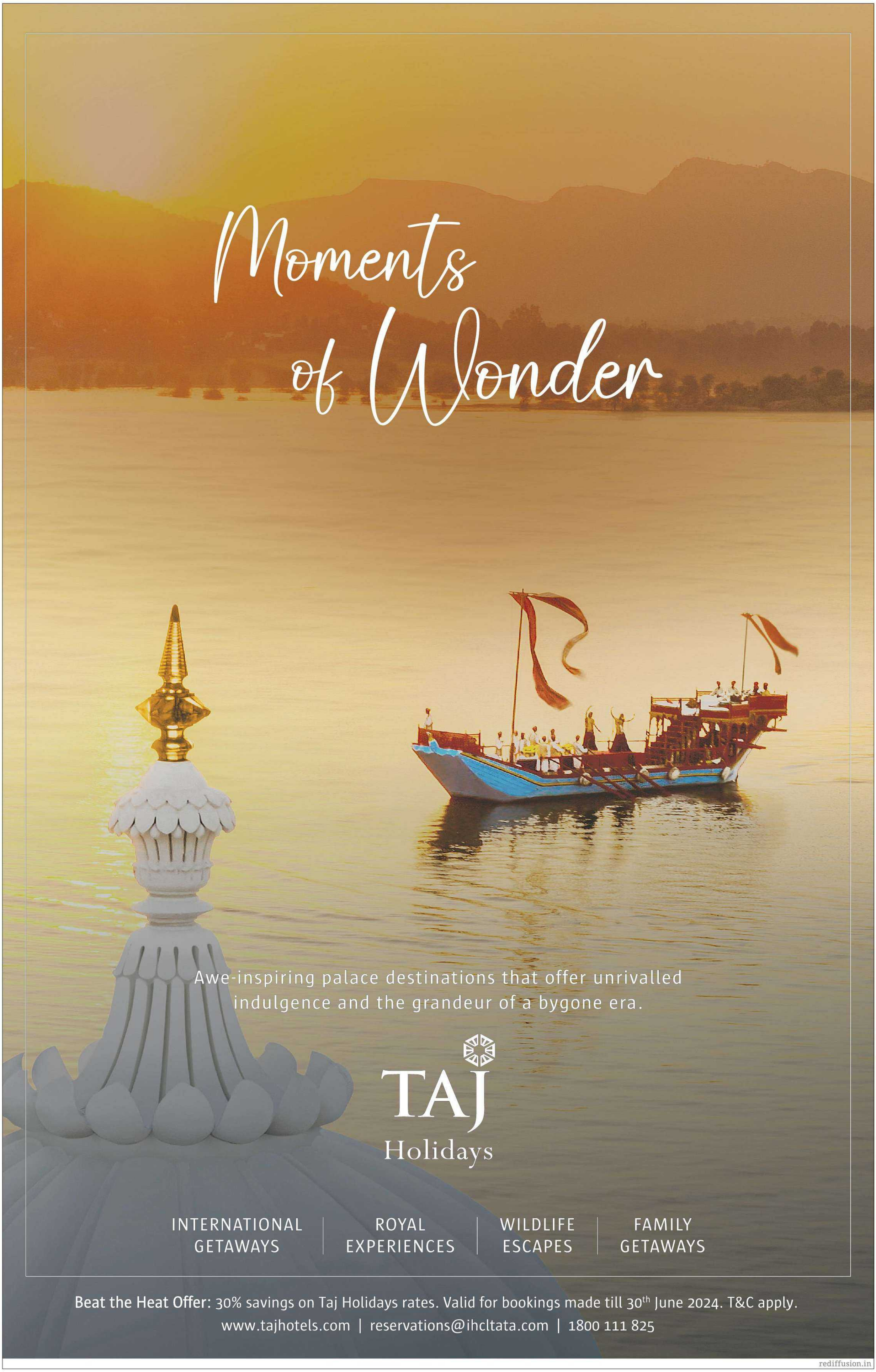
NEW DELHI: The vigilance department of the Delhi Police has registered a case against a sub-inspector (S-I) posted with the Dwarka police district on charges of corruption, after a trader complained that the officer demanded money from him for registering a complaint.

The trader had filed a complaint in January 2023 against another person for fraud at the Baba Haridas Nagar police station.

The S-I, who was the investigating officer in this case, has been booked after a fact-finding team of vigilance found substantive proof against the officer.

"A case has been registered under sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act. The complainant approached the vigilance department after he was asked for bribes... He also submitted documents and recordings as proof in a pen drive," said a senior police officer.



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12-day heatwave streak in city abates after light rain

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NEW DELHI: Light to moderate rain combined with squally winds broke the 12-day heatwave streak in the Capital and slashed the maximum temperature by about three degrees in most places, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said. No weather station in Delhi recorded a heatwave on Thursday, IMD added.

A dust storm began to gather pace late on Wednesday night giving way to light to moderate showers in parts of the city, bringing the mercury down to 41.2°C on Thursday at Safdarjung, representative of Delhi's weather. This was 2.8 degrees below Wednesday's 44°C and only a degree above normal.

Additionally, cool northwesterly winds prevailed during the day, reining in the maximum from spiking too high, weather officials said, while predicting a change in the wind direction to dry westerlies once again on Friday. This could lead to a marginal rise in the maximum temperature, they added.

The weather fluctuations also brought Delhi's minimum down by nearly six degrees to 24.6°C, three below normal. It was 31°C a day earlier.

"Parts of Delhi received light rain and recorded gusty winds up to 40km/hour late on Wednesday night and in the early hours of Thursday, which made for a cool night. During the day, we also had northeasterly winds, strong wind speed, and partially cloudy skies, which all helped keep the temperatures in check," said an IMD official.

IMD data showed that till 8.30am on Thursday, Ayanagar recorded 3.8mm of rainfall; Lodhi Road 1mm; Narela and Pitampura 1.5mm each; Pusa 1mm and Rajghat 9mm. Safdarjung recorded 1.2mm of rainfall. The highest maximum temperature across the city was 44.6°C at Najafgarh, four degrees above normal.

Delhi's relative humidity oscillated between 22 and 72% between Wednesday and Thursday. However, Thursday's Heat Index (HI) or "real feel" was 41.9°C. It was 46°C a day earlier.

Delhi's wet bulb temperature, an indicator of comfort level outdoors, was between 24.9°C and 27°C. The highest wet bulb a day earlier was 27.1°C. A wet-bulb temperature of 32°C or higher makes it difficult for people to work outdoors for long and a wet-bulb temperature of 35°C — the maximum threshold — makes it difficult to regulate body temperatures, leading to heatstrokes and potential collapse. In Delhi, this tends to be over 30°C in July and early August, when temperatures are high coupled with moisture intrusion due to the southwest monsoon.

Before the brief respite on Thursday, Delhi recorded a series of heatwave days between May 17 to 20 at different weather stations.

At Safdarjung, six such days were recorded consecutively between May 26 and 31. The last time Delhi had such a spell was six consecutive days at Safdarjung between May 19 and May 24, 2013. The weather agency classifies it as a "heatwave" when the maximum temperature is over 40°C, while also being over 4.5°C above normal. No weather station in Delhi met this criteria on Thursday.

Thursday's was the lowest maximum since May 23, when it was 41°C. However, both he maximum and minimum temperatures are forecast to rise again on Friday. The maximum will be around 43°C and the minimum 29°C, owing to dry westerlies.

"This change in wind direction may make the day warmer. However, there are still chances of isolated parts of Delhi recording a drizzle, along with gusty winds," the official quoted above added.

Rain, winds bring respite

Heatwave conditions abated in parts of Delhi after 12 consecutive days, with light rain and strong winds coming to Delhi's rescue

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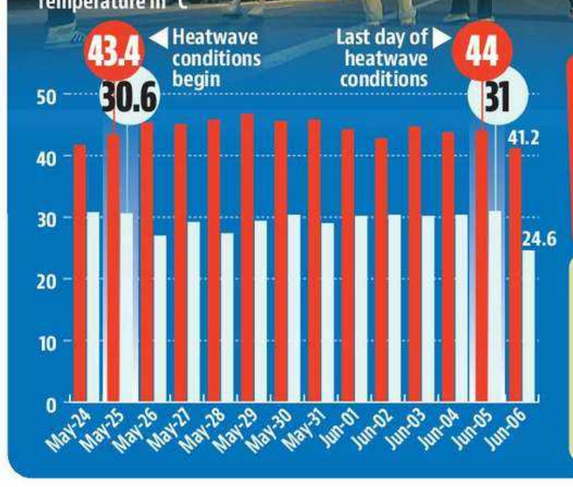

What is a heatwave?
IMD declares a heatwave when the maximum temperature at a station is over 40°C, while also being 4.5°C or more above normal. It is a severe heatwave when the maximum is 6.5°C or more above

Why has Delhi-NCR been recording
No western disturbance — which brings rain and cloudy skies — affected Delhi-NCR in the second half of May. Prior to Wednesday, Delhi last recorded rain on May 11.

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The friendly folks of New Friends

Human face of a market plaza

{PUBLIC INTEREST}

Are folks in New Friends Colony (NFC) friendlier? It seems so—at least in the market. The NFC Community Centre is an archipelago of interconnected plazas filled with mehendi stalls, cake shops, chai houses (shout out to Juhi's Tea, the adda with 14 varieties of chai!), eateries, grocery stores, stationery shops, and denim outlets. Beyond these businesses lie the bazaar faces. Say salam-namaste to three friendly folks of NFC. Their presence fortifies the community centre's quirkiness, a trait borne out of the commingling of big city commerce with small town *apnapan*.

The juice walla

The friendly man's modestly named Juice Corner is across the road from the Community Centre, at the turning to Lotus Tower, under a pakar tree. The fruit drinks are made fresh, but the place has something more going for it, something inexplicably special. Suddenly the penny drops. It is Harishchandra Patel's smile — sweet, cheery, uplifting (see photo). "If I don't greet a customer with pyar and muskan, how will my dukandari last," he says, preparing musambi juice for two weary beat constables — the stall is right beside the signage to the New Friends Colony Police Station.

The books walla

"Call me kitab walla," he says softly. The friendly Sheikh Imamuddin is the Community Centre's living monument. The elderly gent set up his bookstall "around the time the market came up... in the 1980s when Grindlays Cinema opened." Imamuddin had launched his stall as a newspaper stand, introducing magazines in the 1990s. "People used to line up to get the latest *Stardust* and *India Today*." As the golden age of magazines faded, he shifted to mass market paperbacks. This evening, Imamuddin is wrapping the newly received books in plastic covers to protect them from bird droppings. He points to the culprits above—birds perched atop the branches in the luscious peepal, a tree that years ago he had planted.

The future walla

The friendly man in saffron robes sits all day long facing a cake shop, silent and serene. Astrologer Prahlad helps people get a sense of their future by studying their "rashi" and "pachang". His desk on the plaza floor comprises of a chowki on which lie a few books, a gigantic magnifying glass, and a Ganesh murti. The astrologer set up his establishment in the market after the harsh Covid years. He arrived in Delhi from Pushkar to support his son who was finishing his MA in Sanskrit from nearby Jamia Millia Islamia University. "The boy is unable to find a job deserving of his qualification... I'm helping him to take up my profession, which is the profession of our forefathers." Meantime, Prahlad says, he is finding a sense of satisfaction in New Friends. "People respect me, they appreciate my learning, I'm able to earn."

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Supertech promoter granted bail, court cites lack of proof

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NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Thursday granted bail to Supertech promoter Ram Kishor Arora, who was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in June 2023 in connection with a money laundering case, noting that Arora could demonstrate reasonable grounds to believe he is not guilty and is unlikely to commit any offence while on bail.

The Delhi court on Thursday held that Arora met the twin conditions for bail under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) as well as the triple test under the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), making him entitled for the relief.

"Considering all the facts and circumstances of the case, the applicant/accused Ram Kishor Arora is admitted to bail on furnishing a bail bond in the sum of Rs. 1,00,000/- with two sureties in the like amount," said additional sessions judge Devender Kumar Jangala.

ED filed a charge sheet against Arora and nine others on August 26, 2023, alleging that proceeds of crime amounting to ₹638.93 crore, collected from homebuyers and borrowed from banks, were diverted by Supertech to its group companies for property purchases and companies with less valuable land, leading to illegal gains.

The federal agency's case against Arora was based on several first information reports (FIRs) filed by the economic offences wings (EOWs) of the police forces of Delhi, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh, alleging that he cheated homebuyers.

While granting him bail, the court noted that three FIRs against Arora had been quashed, and no coercive orders had been passed in eight cases due to settlements. Only a few FIRs are left unresolved, and Arora submitted that he is in the process of settling with the remaining homebuyers.

"The fact of quashing of three FIRs on the basis of settlement and grant of no coercive order/protection to the applicant/accused in 8 cases on the basis of settlement with the home buyers and talk of settlement in remaining FIRs, is definitely a relevant factor to be considered at the time of consideration of bail to the applicant/accused," the judge said in his order.

It was also observed that ED initially claimed that an amount of ₹228 crore was proceeds of crime, but the federal agency later increased the amount to ₹697 crore when the charge sheet was filed.

Arora's legal team pointed out that his company had reserves and surplus of more than ₹600 crore in the financial years 2012-15, which ED alleged was a diversion of funds from homebuyers.

The court noted that ED did not rebut this contention.

Arora also provided explanations for the transfer of funds to subsidiary companies, which the federal agency alleged was for personal gain.

"The explanations given by the applicant/accused are corroborated by bank statements and a Chartered Accountant's certificate. Thus, the transfer of funds by the applicant/accused company, from net profit, intra-company loans, and corporate loans, appears plausible," the court said, highlighting the lack of criminal intent.

The court dismissed ED's claim that loans taken by Arora's company from banks and financial institutions were diverted and became non-performing assets.

HC REPRIMANDS AUTHORITIES ON VIOLATIONS AT DAIRY COLONIES

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi high court has observed that state functionaries lack the will to stop violations of norms by dairy owners in the nine designated dairy colonies in the Capital and reprimanded the agencies concerned for "dereliction of duty".

In its May 27 order, released on Thursday, a bench of acting chief justice Manmohan and justice Manmeet PS Arora rebuked the authorities after considering the Delhi government's submissions that none of the dairies had a licence under the Municipal Corporation of Delhi Act from animal husbandry department, or NOCs from the Delhi Pollution Control Committee and the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India.

"...There is a lack of will in the state functionaries to stop the violation of laws... These violations affect the public health of residents consuming the milk...," the court said.

The court issued notice to the Union housing ministry, noting that an alternative land within or outside the Capital would be required to shift the Ghazipur and Bhalswa dairies.

Pul Prahladpur underpass removed from list of waterlogging hot spots

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NEW DELHI: The Public Works Department (PWD) has removed the Pul Prahladpur underpass from its list of waterlogging hot spots for this year as it did not record waterlogging during the monsoon last year, officials said.

The underpass is notorious for being submerged in monsoons, even leading to the death of a person by drowning in 2022.

Officials said the agency has taken permanent measures to ensure the spot does not get inundated during rains, including creating a large sump to collect rainwater pumped from the site.

A submerged cluster bus at Pul Prahladpur in August 2020. PTI

The Minto Bridge underpass, another waterlogging hotspot, was removed from the list last year.

Three remaining waterlogging hot spots include the Loni underpass, Zakhira flyover, and Karala-Kanjhawala road.

"All required work was completed around monsoon last year to solve the waterlogging issues under Pul Prahladpur. We kept it under 24-hour surveillance last year. After no waterlogging was reported, we have removed it as a hotspot this year," said a senior PWD official. PWD started monitoring CCTV footage and laid additional discharge pipelines at Pul Prahladpur, apart from creating an underground sump of 750,000 litres, the officials added.

"As the water level rises, the additional discharge pipelines are used to pump out water from the road, which can be collected at the sump even during very high rainfall. From the sump, the water will be slowly discharged," said a second official. PWD officials insisted that all three former waterlogging whot spots – Minto Road bridge, Pul Prahladpur underpass and Ring Road near the WHO building – will not report any waterlogging this year.

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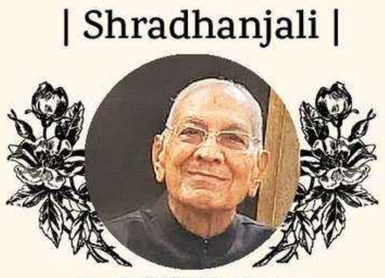

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CABINET SECY CHAIRS MEETING TO TACKLE FOREST FIRES, HEATWAVE

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NEW DELHI: Union cabinet secretary Rajiv Gauba on Thursday chaired a meeting of the National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) to review the measures to deal with heatwave conditions and forest fires, amid soaring temperatures in many parts and raging forest fires caused by an intense dry spell in the hills.

A statement issued by the cabinet secretariat said that at the meeting, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) made detailed presentations on the current heatwave and forest fires, including on steps taken to deal with them.

The NDMA said advisories were issued to states to activate control rooms, enforce standard operating procedures on heatwave, ensure availability of drinking water and uninterrupted power supply. States were also advised to conduct fire safety audits of schools and other institutions regularly and reduce response time in incidents of fire, the statement said.

On forest fire management, MoEFCC made a presentation, outlining the action plan and preparedness to deal with forest fires in some parts of the country. "It was informed that regular forest fire alerts are being disseminated through mobile SMS and emails. A Forest Fire Alert System portal has also been developed by Forest Survey of India to assist the states and other agencies," the statement said.

A senior IMD official, however, said the measures were late. "Only parts of northwest India continue to reel under high heat. The heat had a huge impact on lives in April and May," the official said.

IMD OFFICIAL SAID THE MEET WAS LATE SINCE THE HEATWAVE HAD ALREADY TAKEN A TOLL & MONSOONS HAVE SET IN

KEY NDA MEET

play in Delhi now. We must focus on that and make sure our voice is heard," Naidu said at the meeting, according to an MP present at the event.

Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar, who will meet his party's 12 parliamentarians in Delhi on Friday morning, is likely to demand four ministerial berths and special status for the state where the NDA won 30 out of the 40 Lok Sabha seats on offer.

The party is leaning towards two Cabinet and two minister of state berths with an eye on accommodating a diverse mix of castes and communities that will accrue the JD(U) maximum political leverage ahead of assembly elections due next year. A leader aware of the negotiations said that key to the party's strategy was the state polls where it is likely to demand a lion's share of seats to contest, and will focus on gaining advantage for that contest by its berths from Delhi.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi and our party chief Nitish Kumar ji will decide the matter of Cabinet berths. But it should be respectable," Shrawan Kumar, JD(U) Bihar rural development minister, told PTI.

He also said the matter of representation in the Cabinet is being decided keeping the 2025 polls in mind. In 2019, a "token representation" of just one berth had been turned down by Nitish Kumar.

Negotiations have taken centre stage after the BJP won 240 seats in the general elections, stopping well short of the majority mark of 272. The Opposition's Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) delivered an unexpectedly strong performance in three of India's biggest states – Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and West Bengal – to restrict the BJP 130 below its stated pre-poll target of 370

On Wednesday, the NDA seemed set to form the government for the third time despite the BJP's relatively weaker showing as the grouping unanimously backed Modi and chose him as its leader. With the support of 16 TDP members, two Jana Sena members, 12 Janata Dal (United) members, seven Shiv Sena members and five Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) members, in addition to a number of smaller allies, the NDA has the requisite numbers to form the government.

But hectic behind-the-scenes parleys on Thursday – which played out even as leaders remained tight-lipped in public and projected a united face – indicated that intense bargaining was taking place.

Maharashtra chief minister Eknath Shinde is likely to demand one Cabinet berth and one minister of state for his seven members.

More importantly, he will ask for 100 out of the 288 seats to contest in the assembly elections scheduled later this year, said people aware of developments. Shinde met all his seven party MPs on Thursday even as party leaders said instead of his son and Kalyan MP Shrikant Shinde, other party members will be considered for ministerial roles.

Chirag Paswan, who is likely to join Kumar in demanding a special financial package for Bihar, is also learnt to have asked for one Cabinet berth. Paswan's party won all five seats it contested. Similarly, the Rashtriya Lok Dal, which won both the seats it contested, is likely to ask for a ministry that will serve its rural agrarian vote base.

The developments came ahead of the NDA parliamentary meeting on Friday in the Central Hall of the old Parliament building.

According to people aware of the details, the TDP is keen on getting the Lok Sabha Speaker's position in addition to ministries such as urban development, information technology, road transport and highways. "These are ministries that are being discussed given the fact that Amravati is high on the party's agenda..." said a person aware of the details.

The JD(U) is seeking portfolios with an eye on consolidating its position in Bihar ahead of the polls in 2025. "Railways is the country's biggest recruiter; rural development ministry holds the purse strings for a slew of projects including MGNREGA, which are crucial for the state. There will definitely be pressure from the ally on securing these portfolios," said the person quoted above.

Both Kumar and Naidu will be present for the NDA meeting, after which they will join Modi to meet President Droupadi Murmu to present her with the list of parliamentarians supporting him. All BJP chief ministers, MPs and national office bearers will also meet on Friday morning before the NDA event.

In the TDP meeting that took place at Naidu's residence in Undavalli on the outskirts of Vijayawada, the party also pledged to support the NDA throughout its term irrespective of who the BJP chooses as its legislative party leader.

Topping the list of priorities is the grant for seven backward districts – three from Uttara Andhra and four from the Rayalaseema region. "As part of the Special Development Projects Fund, we have decided to request the Centre for a 50:50 share in the metro project for Vijayawada, industry and power subsidies for five years, continuance of the Sagarmala project, and development of state and national highways," said TDP leader Kalama Srinivasulu.

The TDP will also meet the two Jana Sena MPs before the Delhi event. "We are supporting Modi's candidature for PM given that it was Pawan Kalyan who stitched together the alliance in Andhra Pradesh" said Jana Sena leader Ajaya Kumar.

The Opposition mocked the NDA. "Now their (BJP) arrogance will not work, shouting by their ministers will not work...Chandrababu Naidu's and Nitish Kumar's backgrounds don't allow them to say 'Modi teri jai' [hail Modi] all the time," said Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Manoj Jha.

CONGRESS AT 100

Phule and Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar who fought for social justice, equality and freedom. We welcome the support of the elected MP from Sangli Vishal Patil to the Congress party," said Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge.

The morale booster came a day before the party holds its legislative party meeting on Friday with its newly elected 99 members and Rajya Sabha parliamentarians. Another meeting of the top decision-making body, the Congress Working Committee (CWC), will be held on Saturday morning to discuss the 2024 campaign and strategy.

At both meetings, top of the leaders' minds is likely to be the question of appointing the leader of Opposition (LoP). In both 2014 and 2019, the Congress fell short of the 10% seat benchmark required for appointing an LoP .

Though it is not officially part

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of the agenda, party leaders said that the issue will be discussed with Kharge likely to make a push for Rahul Gandhi, who is credited for reviving the party in the heartland after two lacklustre outings.

Gandhi won both his seats of Rae Bareli and Wayanad with significant margins. The 53-year-old is also favoured by Kharge for two reasons, said the people cited above. First, Gandhi is a strident opponent of Narendra Modi and the Sangh Parivar. The party believes having him as LoP will energise the party in Parliament and put the government on the defensive. Two, the party thinks Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatras gave him a larger worldview.

"No other MP can speak confidently about every region. He can counter them on every state's issues," said a leader aware of the discussions.

However, he pointed out that Gandhi is yet to decide and may not agree as he was reluctant to take an administrative role in the past.

Kharge has also prepared an alternative plan, said the people cited above, and asked for a list of the 10 most senior lawmakers in the party.

On that list will be Shashi Tharoor, who has won Thiruvananthapuram for a fourth term, beating Union minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar. While his popularity is unequalled, there is some hesitation in giving another high-profile role to a southern MP as the head of communications Jairam Ramesh, general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal, and Kharge himself are all from the South.

Ideally, the party wants someone who represents the pan India nature of the Congress, said the people cited above.

In this context, former minister and Chandigarh MP Manish Tewari is also likely to be on the list. Tewari is a persuasive speaker, leading debates in Parliament on Centre-state relations and national security. "The only argument against him is that he was part of the G23 group that wrote that letter," said the person quoted above. He was referring to a group of leaders who wrote to then party chief Sonia Gandhi in 2020 demanding internal reforms. To be sure, many members of the former group are now mainstream leaders and some such as Mukul Wasnik play key roles.

A third possible choice could be three-time Jorhat MP Gaurav Gogoi, who is not only close to Gandhi but also led the no-confidence motion that the Opposition brought on the Manipur violence last year.

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Central to the Opposition's performance was the revival of the Congress, which ran neck-and-neck with the BJP in Haryana and Rajasthan and improved its strike rate in direct contests with the BJP from 9% in 2019 to 29% this time.

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NDA's allies push for Agnipath review, nationwide caste census

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NEW DELHI: Two constituents of the National Democratic Alliance flagged concerns about the armed forces' Agnipath recruitment scheme and suggested a review, an indication that the incoming government could well tweak or modify the controversial scheme which also came in under attack from the Congress and other INDIA bloc parties in the run-up to the election, and which some analysts hold responsible for some young voters choosing not to vote for the Bharatiya Janata Party or its partners in the NDA.

Janata Dal (United) leader KC Tyagi on Thursday asked for addressing what he termed "shortcomings" in the scheme.

Another ally of the BJP, the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) has also demanded a relook at the Agnipath scheme since it caused a lot of disgruntlement among unemployed youth who aspire for permanent positions in the armed forces. "We must revisit how much we could deliver through Agnipath," LJP (Ram Vilas) leader Chirag Paswan told NDTV.

Their comments are significant given the new political reality of New Delhi, where the Bharatiya Janata Party, with 240 MPs is dependent on parties such as the JD(U) and the LJP(RV) to make up the numbers required to form a government. To be sure, with 293 MPs, the larger NDA grouping has a comfortable majority.

The NDA government had on June 14, 2022, announced the Agnipath scheme replacing the legacy system to lower the age profile of the armed forces, ensure a fitter military and create a technically skilled war fighting force capable of meeting future challenges. It sparked widespread protests and forced a concerted outreach by the government to scotch apprehensions about the scheme.

During his election rallies across the country, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi highlighted the problems of the Agnipath scheme. "Got to know the sufferings of the youth more closely while riding in the 'Tempo of Patriotism'. Narendra Modi has betrayed the youth who dream of serving the country - he has forcibly imposed the Agneepath scheme on the army and them," he said at a rally on May 24.

Speaking to reporters, Tyagi, the JD(U) spokesperson, said the Nitish Kumar-led party has put no conditions and its support to the NDA was "unconditional", but he mentioned that the party has sought special status for Bihar and called for a countrywide caste census. "A section of voters has been upset over the Agniveer scheme. Our party's stand is that the shortcomings of the scheme, which have also been questioned by the public, should be discussed and removed," Tyagi added.

He said there ought to be a countrywide caste census, which was first done in Bihar. "No party has said no to caste census. Bihar has paved the way for it. Even the Prime Minister did not oppose the caste census when he met an all-party delegation. That's why caste census is the need of the hour. So we will pursue it."

The caste census was Kumar's brainchild, an attempt to understand the break-up of castes across a population and potentially assess whether benefits such as reservation are proportional. The BJP has been ambivalent about this, although the Congress and other INDIA-bloc parties have wholeheartedly endorsed it, and also made it one of the pillars of their campaign.

The JD(U) said it supported a uniform civil code (UCC) but called for wide consultations. "We are not opposed to UCC. But a solution should be arrived at by consulting all stakeholders, whether chief ministers or political parties and even different sects," said Tyagi.

A UCC, in theory, will implement homogenous rules for marriage, divorce, inheritance, financial compensation and adoption, among others, for all communities but many activists and experts fear that this may obliterate the customs and traditions of particular communities, such as tribals, and become a proxy to target their faiths. In February, BJP-ruled Uttarakhand enacted a law for implementation of UCC. Other states ruled by the party are expected to bring similar laws.

On Friday, NDA MPs will gather in Parliament's central hall to choose their elected leader. Several leaders confirmed to HT that they were travelling to attend the meeting, after which a delegation would go to Rashtrapati Bhawan in the evening for a photo opportunity and submit their letters of support. The swearing-in date has been pushed back by a day to 6pm on Sunday. "We have just been told that we should be in Delhi on the 7th," said a leader from Maharashtra, on condition of anonymity. On whether there were formal talks on portfolios, this leader said there had been no such discussion at the top leadership level.

However, while meeting with allies on Wednesday, Narendra Modi had told all his partners that they could communicate their wishes to three appointed point persons: Amit Shah, JP Nadda and Rajnath Singh. "It was in a way suggested that we could give our wishlist to these leaders and then they would draw it up," the Maharashtra leader added.

A TDP functionary said Chandrababu Naidu told Modi to first finish the formalities of government formation and they could later sort out the particulars of portfolio allocation.

What NDA allies have sought

Amid hectic negotiations, NDA allies are said to have made a host of demands before extending support

TDP
POLICY DEMAND: Special status for Andhra Pradesh, 50% funding for Vijayawada Metro, special grant for seven backward districts, incentive for industry, and electricity subsidy
MINISTERIAL DEMAND: Five for TDP, 2 for Jana Sena
MEETINGS: Naidu met party MPs on Thursday. Set to attend NDA meet on on Friday

JD(U)
POLICY DEMAND: Special package for Bihar, caste census, review of Agnipath scheme, discussion with all stakeholders on Uniform Civil Code, higher share of Centre in funding schemes and infrastructure projects
MINISTERIAL DEMAND: Five berths
MEETINGS: Nitish held meeting with party workers; to attend NDA meet today

SHIV SENA
POLICY DEMAND: None
MINISTERIAL DEMAND: One berth in Union Cabinet, one MoS
STATE ASSEMBLY: 100 seats for Sena in the state polls slated for later this year
MEETINGS: Shinde met all his MPs before NDA nmeet

RLD
MINISTERIAL DEMAND: One cabinet berth
MEETINGS: Jayant Chaudhary is set to attend the NDA meeting on Friday

LJP (RV)
POLICY DEMAND: Caste census; and financial package for Bihar
MINISTERIAL DEMAND: One cabinet berth
MEETINGS: Chirag Paswan will attend NDA meet today

WHAT OTHER ALLIES HAVE SOUGHT
HAM(S), JD(S) and AGP said to have asked for a cabinet berth each. The NCP is said to have sought one cabinet berth at the Centre along with one cabinet berth, two MoS berths in Maharashtra

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Rahul seeks JPC probe into stock market surge

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NEW DELHI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi demanded a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) into the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and home minister Amit Shah's prediction that the stock market would zoom after the Lok Sabha election results, although the market crashed that day.

"The Prime Minister, the Home Minister, the exit pollsters working for them and their friendly media have together conspired to commit the biggest 'stock market scam' in India. Rs 30 lakh crore of 5 crore small investor families have been lost. We demand that a JPC be formed to investigate this 'criminal act'," Gandhi said. To be sure, the Rs 30 lakh crore number refers to the loss in market capitalisation, and the loss is likely to have been notional, unless the investors sold shares at a loss.

India's benchmark Sensex index soared 3.8%, to hit 76,738.89 points, a lifetime-high on Monday on the back of exit polls on Saturday that predicted a sweeping majority for the Bharatiya Janata Party. They also rose because of GDP data released after market hours on Friday that showed that the Indian economy had expanded 8.2% in 2023-24. But with the results showing that the contest was much closer than estimated by exit polls, the markets fell on Tuesday, counting day, with Sensex falling 5.74% to 72,079.05 points. The BJP eventually ended up with 240 seats, well short of the halfway mark of 272, although the larger NDA grouping managed a comfortable majority with 293 seats. The opposition INDIA alliance of which the Congress is a part managed to win 234 seats.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi addresses a press conference in New Delhi on Thursday. ANI

The markets have since recovered. The Sensex closed at 75074.51 on Thursday.

But Gandhi saw a conspiracy in the stock market movements caused by almost all opinion polls getting their predictions horribly wrong.

He referenced a May 19 comment by the Prime Minister and a May 13 one by the home minister on the prospect of the markets doing well on June 4, counting day. He said that the home minister even asked people to buy stocks. "We demand a JPC into it. We are absolutely convinced it is a scam and the Prime Minister and the home minister have given indication to buy. It is criminal act. We also need to probe the role of those who did the fake exit polls. Why did the PM and Home Minister give advice? And that too, to a channel owned by Adani ji. But this is a broader issue than just Adani issue," Gandhi said.

Last year, the Congress had demanded a JPC into the Adani Group after the Hindenburg Research, a US-based short seller accused the Indian conglomerate of stock manipulation and financial fraud. The Adani Group categorically refuted all allegations.

While the earlier demand didn't lead to formation of any JPC, Gandhi maintained that the current situation is different.

"Now the Opposition is stronger and we will put pressure in the parliament session. The impunity with which the PM worked is now over," Gandhi announced.

Gandhi on Thursday alleged that the PM and the home minister both knew the ground situation of the BJP through their party sources and Intelligence bureau reports and hinted that they chose to talk up markets. He also alleged that people "high up" in the BJP were behind "this scam".

Responding to Gandhi's allegations, Piyush Goyal, commerce minister in the outgoing Cabinet and an elected MP from Mumbai, said: "Now, he is trying to deceive market investors. Today, India has become the fifth largest economy in the world. The whole world accepts that it is the fastest-growing economy in the world. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has assured the nation that in this term, India will become the third largest economy."

He added: "The holding of foreigners at the time of UPA was 21% and it has reduced to 16% today, that is, the investment of foreigners has reduced and the ownership of Indian investors in the Indian stock market has increased from 79% to 84% today. The size of the mutual fund industry was only Rs 10 lakh crore in 2014, today it has increased more than 5 times to Rs 56 lakh crore. Through mutual funds, Indian investors especially small investors are taking advantage of this growing market today and these small retail investors have ensured that India's ownership today has instantly become more than the ownership of institutional investors."

Cong reaches out to Muraleedharan after Thrissur loss

KANNUR: The Congress on Thursday reached out to senior leader K Muraleedharan who decided to withdraw from public life after losing the Lok Sabha election in Thrissur. KPCC president Sudhakaran met with Muraleedharan at his residence in Kozhikode following the turmoil within the Congress in Thrissur, where a faction accused the district leadership and former MP T N Prathapan of undermining Muraleedharan's chances of winning the key seat.

BJD forms panel to examine cause of election defeat

BHUBANESWAR: The BJD will form a committee to examine the cause of its defeat in the elections in Odisha, a party leader has said.

BJD's Kendrapara MLA Ganeswar Behera said the decision was taken at a meeting chaired by party president Naveen Patnaik with the newly elected legislators. "The party has decided to form a committee, which will submit its report to the president," he said.

Andhra: Chief Electoral Officer meets governor

VIJAYAWADA: Andhra Pradesh Chief Electoral Officer Mukesh Kumar Meena met the governor of Andhra Pradesh Abdul Nazeer at Raj Bhavan on Thursday.

The officials submitted a report to the Election Commission of India with the list of elected members in the general election to the Legislative Assembly of Andhra Pradesh 2024.

Earlier on Wednesday, Andhra Pradesh Governor S Abdul Nazeer dissolved the 15th State Legislative Assembly with effect from Wednesday.

{ SHRIKANT SHINDE } SHIV SENA MP

'Oppn used polarisation, incited Muslims, Dalits'

MUMBAI: The opposition Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi (MVA) trumped the ruling Mahayuti in the state in the Lok Sabha polls due to polarisation and consolidation of Muslim votes behind Shiv Sena (UBT), newly elected Shiv Sena MP and chief minister Eknath Shinde's son Shrikant Shinde said in an interview to **Yogesh Naik**. Edited excerpts:

What lessons did the Shiv Sena learn from the LS poll results?

This election was fought on polarisation. The opposition started a campaign of 'Samvidhan Bachao' (save Constitution) and incited Muslims and Dalits. Our candidates lost in Muslim-dominated areas as voters rallied en masse behind opposition candidates. They spread lies and we could not break the narrative. It's dangerous for the nation when voting happens in this manner.

Besides, shuffling of our candidates and delay in announcing some names cost us four to five seats. This should not have happened.

What went wrong in South Mumbai?

Our candidate lost only because of minority votes.

Shiv Sena (UBT) has claimed that four of your MPs are in touch with them.

This is not true...

Shiv Sena depended entirely on the BJP for declaration of candidates and poll strategy. Why did your leaders not have a final say?

This is not true. We have a coalition government and the three parties chose candidates together. However, surveys to gauge winnability led to delays in announcement of candidates. This could have been done in a better manner.

ELECTION INTERVIEW

Has the poll verdict stalled the entry of new faces into your party from the rival faction and other groups?

New people will come. It is an ongoing process – a lot of people are coming to us and more will join in future... The vote bank of Shiv Sena (UBT) comprising Muslims and Dalits is temporary and will not be with them on a permanent basis. They voted with vengeance because of false propaganda. This won't work every time. We are the original Shiv Sena.

Did the BJP machinery wholeheartedly help you in the polls?

We fought as a coalition and all cadres worked together in all constituencies.

How many seats will your party seek in the assembly polls?

Let us see. We will ask for maximum seats.

What impact did the Maratha stir have on the poll?

It affected us in Marathwada. Even though we provided reservation to Marathas without touching the OBC quota, a false narrative was created.

Top BJP leaders in a huddle ahead of NDA members' meeting today

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NEW DELHI: The top leadership of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday went into a huddle and held deliberations on the formation of the government by the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), including issues such as allocation of ministerial berths among allies, party functionaries said.

THE DEVELOPMENT CAME A DAY BEFORE THE NEWLY ELECTED LAWMAKERS OF THE ALLIANCE ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET TO ELECT NARENDRA MODI AS THEIR LEADER

The development came a day before the newly elected lawmakers of the alliance are scheduled to meet to elect Narendra Modi as their leader, paving the way for him to take oath as Prime Minister for a third term.

According to the party functionaries cited above, BJP chief JP Nadda held a meeting with Union home minister Amit Shah and defence minister Rajnath Singh at his residence. "They discussed issues that may come up for negotiations with the allies, such as portfolio allocation," one of them said, seeking anonymity.

Union ministers Ashwini Vaishnaw and Mansukh Mandaviya also met Nadda later in the day, the functionary said.

In the recently concluded general elections, the BJP secured 240 seats, 32 short of a majority in the 543 member house for the first time in a decade, and the NDA at 293.

The constituents of the NDA have been seeking power and position as they attempt to engineer India's next cabinet. N Chandrababu Naidu, whose Telugu Desam Party (TDP) swept both the Lok Sabha and assembly elections in Andhra Pradesh and who is set to be the southern state's next chief minister, flew to New Delhi with the third partner in the state, Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan, on Wednesday. The TDP is the BJP's largest ally with 16 seats and the Jana Sena won another two.

Speculation is rife that the TDP is keen on getting the post of the Lok Sabha speaker besides ministries such as urban development, information technology, road transport and highway. "These are ministries that are being discussed given the fact that Amaravati is high on the party's agenda..," said a second BJP functionary.

The Janata Dal (United), which has 16 lawmakers, is seeking portfolios with an eye on consolidating its position in the state ahead of the assembly polls next year.

Nadda also met top RSS leaders at his residence.

"RSS joint general secretary Arun Kumar, who is the interface between the Sangh and the BJP, has the mandate of meeting the party chief to discuss issues and for consultations. These meetings are part of the consultation process..," a RSS functionary said.

{ BEYOND THE NEWS }

Hindutva vs PDA: How poll outcome may reshape UP politics

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UP CM Yogi Adityanath and SP president Akhilesh Yadav PTI

LUCKNOW: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) suffered a major political embarrassment by losing the Faizabad seat (Ayodhya is part of the district) after the spectacular opening of the grand Ram temple on January 22, but the party has actually lost more than just the prime seat.

The resurgent Samajwadi Party not only captured the prestigious Faizabad seat but also demolished the BJP's precious Hindu vote bank built over the course of the three-decade-long temple movement. The BJP ended up with 33 seats, and the SP, 37.

Back in the early 1990s, the BJP and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS; the party's ideological parent) leadership sought to consolidate the Hindu vote under the Hindutva banner. To shed its image of the Brahmin-Bania party, the BJP's ideologue Govindacharya advised the party high command to change its *"chola, chal and charitra* (outfit, functioning and character)".

The BJP put up OBC (other backward class) chief minister Kalyan Singh to lead the temple movement in the state, gave prime positions to OBCs and Dalits in the organisation, invited a Dalit to lay the foundation stone of the Ram temple in 1989 , and another RSS affiliate the Vishwa Hindu Parishad organised "Dalit bhoj" at the Dom Raja's house in the early 1990's.

But Hindutva was effectively checked by the proponents of Mandal (social justice parties such as the SP and the Rashtriya Janata Dal) through the 1990s and even the 2000s. By the 2010s, though, both in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, the huge chunk of OBC votes was ripe for fragmentation – especially because less-dominant OBCs in both states believed (not unfairly) that most of the benefits went to the Yadavs. The BJP used this to its advantage, leveraging Hindutva as well as welfare, to build a consolidated Hindu vote that spanned castes and classes (but was predominantly Hindu). The party made further gains after Narendra Modi, an OBC himself, became Prime Minister in 2014 and by 2019 reached the vote share of 50 % .

It is this base that the SP ate into in this election, largely through smart candidate selection, which saw it eat into the BJP vote and regain support of less dominant OBCs. The party also managed to attract some of the Dalit vote.

The immediate challenge for the BJP is to rebuild the Hindu vote .

From raising fears that the opposition would, if victorious, demolish the temple, "put Babri tala (lock) on the Ram temple", the BJP sought to reignite a Ram frenzy ahead of the 2024 general elections.

It failed.

Instead, the voters bought into the narrative raised by the opposition — that the BJP would, if victorious, use its brute strength in Parliament to amend the constitution and take away the benefits of reservation. Nowhere was this more evident than in Faizabad, where sitting MP, Lallu Singh of the BJP, rashly said the BJP was hankering for 400 seats because it needed "two-third majority to amend the constitution".

The remark was the last straw for people who had lost their homes, shops, land to the infrastructure boom the temple town and the district had seen, and for young people worried about jobs.

PDA vs Hindutva

Voters found an alternative in the Samajwadi Party even though BJP leaders kept reminding them about the firing on kar sevaks by the then Mulayam Singh Yadav government in 1990. Yadav passed on in October 2022; the party is headed now by his son Akhilesh Yadav; and voters seemed to be ready to forget the past, especially because their concerns were more contemporary.

SP's master stroke was the selection of candidates under the party's much-touted PDA (the Hindi acronym for backwards, Dalits, and minorities) formula according to which due representation was given to all castes in ticket distribution.

The winner from Ayodhya, Awadhesh Prasad, who defeated two-term MP Lallu Singh, is a Pasi(a Dalit) whose promise to protect the Constitution sounded credible to voters.

Incidentally, SP's Tej Narain Pandey defeated Lallu Singh in the party's first victory from Ayodhya in the 2012 assembly elections. Mulayam was then alive and famously said: " Ayodhya has forgiven me, I ordered firing to save the country and the Constitution."

In 2024, his son Akhilesh Yadav also fought on the platform of saving the Constitution.

Breached

The PDA formula breached the BJP's Hindu vote bank, and the SP's vote share jumped from 20 % in 2019 to 33.59% this time even as the BJP's fell from 49% then to 41.37%.

The SP fielded 15 Dalits, 30 OBCs (which included only five Yadavs), 4 Muslims, and 9 upper caste candidates. It contested only 62 seats in the state; the other 18 were contested by its INDIA bloc partners the Congress (17) and the Trinamool Congress (1).

This formula could well help the SP in the next assembly election in 2027. Its strategy is to grow leaders from these other OBCs, instead of aligning with existing caste-based outfits.

The party has already found a Jat leader in Harendra Malik, who defeated Sanjiv Baliyan in Muzaffarnagar.

Senior party leader Ambika Choudhury, who worked closely with Mulayam Singh Yadav, said Akhilesh Yadav has come into his own . The party also believes that the PDA strategy will prevent the BJP from rebuilding its consolidated Hindu coalition.

BJP may go slow on temple movements

The defeat in Faizabad (Ayodhya) is a major political embarrassment for a party now focusing on what it terms the" liberation" of the Kashi and Mathura temples. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said as much at an election rally in Mathura on April 4: "Now with Ayodhya, Kashi done, our full focus will be on Mathura." But it is likely that the setback could compel the BJP to go slow on these movements, just as it is likely that it could encourage the party to rein in its more hardline elements and tone down its attack on minorities.

The future of the Congress-SP alliance

Political analyst Sheetal P Singh, who called the state correctly, expects the alliance to continue. " There won't be any clash between the two parties. The SP will consolidate its position, and the Congress will create its organisational infrastructure (in the state); in this election, the party depended heavily on SP cadre." "Rahul and Akhilesh have developed a good understanding," echoed Choudhury.

The Congress's showing, six seats and over 9% of the votes, is its best since around 6.5% both in 2014 and 2019.

Sheetal P Singhsaid the two parties gained from each other as Jatavs , who were reluctant to vote for a Yadav party, were willing to support the Congress. And their alliance consolidated the Muslim vote that would have otherwise been split between them.

Akhilesh Yadav has previously been accused of complacency, perhaps even inertia. Now any longer, though. The win in Uttar Pradesh has washed away memories of his three previous defeats, in 2022, 2019 and 2017. All five Yadavs fieled by the party, all part of the family, have won. That includes Akhilesh Yadav, who will now have to yet again take an important call: does he move to Delhi or stay in Lucknow?

Before Naidu takes over as CM, CID's SIT office sealed

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TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu being welcomed by supporters after the party's victory in state and LS polls, on June 4. ANI

HYDERABAD: Within two days of winning the Andhra Pradesh state assembly elections, Telugu Desam Party (TDP) president N Chandrababu Naidu began asserting control over the administrative machinery and preventing the outgoing government from destroying crucial files related to various decisions made in recent years.

People familiar with the developments, who asked not to be named, said Naidu asked chief secretary KS Jawahar Reddy, considered close to outgoing chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, to go on leave and hand over administration to his subordinates.

Jawahar Reddy, a 1990-batch IAS officer set to retire in June, went on leave on Thursday afternoon after a brief meeting with Naidu. Another senior IAS officer, SS Rawat, who heads the finance department, also went on leave citing health reasons.

On Thursday, Naidu refused to meet three Indian Police Service (IPS) officers who played roles in his arrest and prosecution last September in a ₹371 crore skill development case. The officers, including the former state intelligence chief PSR Anjaneyulu, inspector general Kolli Raghurami Reddy who arrested Naidu, and the Crime Investigation Department (CID) chief N Sanjay, who filed charges, were turned away by Naidu's security staff.

Following the TDP's election victory Tuesday, the governor's office instructed the Director General of Police to tighten security at government offices, including the chief minister's office and crucial departments like finance and general administration, to prevent removal of important files and destruction of evidence.

Meanwhile, YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Thursday alleged the TDP has created an atmosphere of fear in Andhra Pradesh even before forming the new government and appealed to Governor S Abdul Nazeer to help stop attacks on his party's workers. "Private and government properties such as the village secretariats and Rythu Bharosa Kendras are being destroyed. There is no safety for YSRCP leaders and activists," the former CM said in a post on X.

A TDP leader familiar with the development said senior officials from the General Administration Department led by political secretary Suresh Kumar met governor S Abdul Nazeer and briefed him about the situation. He asked them to keep a tab on all important offices where there is a possibility of leakage of information.

Nazeer ordered the sealing of the special investigation team (SIT) office in the Crime Investigation Department of the state police. He instructed the DGP to take control over the CID office at Tadepalli and seal the office of the SIT, which is probing the various cases of alleged financial irregularities, such as skill development scam, AP Fibernet scam and Amaravati inner ring road scam against Naidu and his party colleagues.

On Wednesday, a senior police commandant and his team visited the CID headquarters, ordered staff to evacuate the SIT office, and seized files related to Naidu's September 2023 arrest.

When CID officials resisted the move, the commandant showed orders from the DGP and asked them to comply. This led to the entire workforce, including officers of the SIT, vacating the office. The office was promptly locked.

Officials were also instructed to monitor the state secretariat to ensure no files leave the chief minister's office or key departments regarding important decisions by the outgoing government.

The CID, on September 9, accused Naidu, along with the TDP, of benefitting from the misappropriation of funds. Naidu was accused of being the principal conspirator behind the scheme, orchestrating the transfer of public funds of ₹371 crore to private entities via shell companies, resulting in a loss to the public exchequer and private gains, it added.

Naidu to take oath on June 12

HYDERABAD: TDP president N Chandrababu Naidu is set to be sworn in as the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh for the fourth time at 12 noon on June 12, a senior TDP leader aware of the matter said on Thursday.

"The newly elected MLAs of the TDP will meet at the party headquarters at Mangalagiri on June 11 and elect Naidu as the legislature party leader. The resolution would be sent to Governor S Abdul Nazeer in the same evening," senior TDP legislator and party politburo member Gorantla Buchaiah Chowdary told reporters. HTC

Naveen Patnaik

PATNAIK MAY TAKE OVER AS LoP IN ODISHA ASSEMBLY

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BHUBANESWAR: Former Odisha chief minister and Biju Janata Dal (BJD) president Naveen Patnaik is likely to take up the role of leader of opposition in the state assembly, people aware of the developments said.

BJD's organisational secretary Pranab Prakash Dash said everything in BJD runs as per the directions of Naveen Patnaik. "No one else other than Naveen babu has led the party. He was the topmost leader in the party and will remain so," he said.

A senior MLA of the party said though the newly elected legislature party is yet to meet formally, 77-year-old Patnaik is likely to be elected as its chief, making him the leader of opposition.

"As the role of leader of opposition is a challenging one, considering that he has to be present in the assembly during debates and chair the Public Accounts Committee, Patnaik may depute a senior MLA as deputy leader of opposition," the legislator said, seeking anonymity.

"There is a precedent in 2004 when former chief minister JB Patnaik deputed Narasingha Mishra as his deputy in the assembly for next five years. A similar arrangement may be repeated in 2024," the legislator added.

Patnaik resigned on June 5 after his party won only 51 out of 147 seats in the assembly.

{ 'NEIGHBOURHOOD FIRST' POLICY }

Maldivian Prez invited for Modi's swearing-in

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NEW DELHI: India's "Neighbourhood First" policy and the focus on cooperation with Indian Ocean states were the main factors behind a decision to invite the leaders of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, the Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles and Sri Lanka to the prime minister's oath-taking ceremony, which has been shifted from June 8 to 9, according to people aware of the matter.

Initial reports said the leaders of five countries would be invited to the ceremony where Narendra Modi will take oath for his third term, but people familiar with developments said on Thursday that the Maldives and Seychelles had been added to the list.

Modi invited the leaders of Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal and Mauritius to attend the inauguration during separate phone conversations on Wednesday, and formal invitations were sent to all seven countries on Thursday, the people said.

"The focus is on forging closer relations and enhancing cooperation with island nations in the Indian Ocean region. Besides, all the countries that have been invited have a key place in the 'Neighbourhood First' policy," one of the people cited above said.

Even before the formal invitations were sent out, officials in Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka had confirmed the participation of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal and President Ranil Wickremesinghe.

Mohamed Muizzu

An aide to Hasina even announced that the premier would travel to New Delhi on Friday because the Bangladeshi side was led to believe the swearing-in ceremony would be held at 8pm on June 8. Since the formal invitation mentioned that the inauguration was scheduled for 6pm on June 9, officials in Dhaka said the premier would travel to India on Saturday.

Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu was a surprise addition to the list of invitees, given the strained relations between Male and New Delhi since his election last year on the back of an "India Out" campaign.

Muizzu has taken a range of steps to move the Maldives closer to China, such as forcing India to recall more than 85 military personnel who were stationed in the Indian Ocean archipelago to operate two helicopters and an aircraft that were mainly used for medical evacuations and humanitarian relief operations.

The people said the decision to invite Muizzu was meant to signal that India is keen on continuing cooperation with the Maldives in key areas.

Maldives confirmed Muizzu's acceptance of the invitation late on Thursday, with officials in Male saying he would be accompanied by three members of his cabinet, including foreign minister Moosa Zameer. This will be his first visit to India since coming to power.

There were other reasons for inviting the leaders of neighbouring countries to the inauguration, such as logistical considerations, the people said. Most of these leaders have close relations India and would be willing to attend at short notice, while their presence would signal New Delhi's intention to keep the focus on the neighbourhood, the people said.

Hasina, during her phone call with Modi on Wednesday, pointed to the "very cordial and friendly relations between Bangladesh and India". Bangladesh is currently India's closest partner in the neighbourhood and both sides have taken forward several initiatives for road, rail and energy connectivity.

In his phone conversation with Wickremesinghe on Wednesday, Modi described Sri Lanka as an important partner in the "Neighbourhood First" policy and said India is "proud to be a dependable partner" for the island nation.

The leaders of seven member states of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) were invited to Modi's inauguration in 2014, while leaders of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (Bimstec) were invited to his swearing-in in 2019.

After poll rout, fissures come to the fore in Bengal BJP unit

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KOLKATA: Even as the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) is all set to form the new government this weekend, fissures have surfaced within the party's West Bengal unit after the poll fiasco in the eastern state, with a section of the party's state leaders speaking out against how the elections were managed, and indirectly blaming the leader of Opposition in the state Suvendu Adhikari for his role in the defeat.

The BJP's Lok Sabha seat tally dropped from 18 in 2019 to 12 in 2024, with several sitting and former MPs, present and former Union ministers, and senior leaders of the party — including Dilip Ghosh, Nisith Pramanik, Locket Chatterjee, Subhas Sarkar and Debasree Chaudhuri — facing defeat. The ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC), won 29 seats, while the Congress managed one. This is the second time the BJP has fallen say short of its lofty ambitions in Bengal after a heavy defeat in the 2021 assembly elections.

"Several BJP leaders had made secret pacts with TMC leaders. Else you can't get this result. The secret understanding (between TMC and BJP leaders) were at the local level, district level, and at the state level. Without this such a result can't be explained," two-time MP Saumitra Khan, who won from Bishnupur Lok Sabha seat on a BJP ticket, told reporters at Bishnupur on Wednesday.

THE BJP'S LS SEAT TALLY DROPPED FROM 18 IN 2019 TO 12 IN 2024, WITH SEVERAL SITTING AND FORMER MPs FACING DEFEAT

Dilip Ghosh, the former BJP state chief, who was defeated by TMC's Kirti Azad in Bardhaman-Durgapur by 137,981 votes, said the support from workers was lacking. "Back-stabbing and conspiracy are a part of politics. I didn't get the desired result despite giving my best," he said cryptically.

"Those who took the decision to field me from here would be able to better explain. Many workers didn't hit the field. The party hasn't been able to grow since 2021. Those who are in charge need to ponder... In the face of a crisis we should all stay together and if there is any confusion we should go back to the roots. That's why I have quoted Atal ji," he added.

Ghosh's reference was to a post on his X account in which he quoted former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee as saying that a party's old guard should never be neglected even if that means doing away with 10 new functionaries. Ghosh was shifted out of the Midnapore seat ahead of the polls. In Midnapore, BJP candidate Agnimitra Paul lost to TMC's June Maliah.

BJP state chief Sukanta Majumdar who won from Balurghat with a slim margin of 10,386 votes, accepted that some of the losses were totally unexpected.

"I never thought Dilip Ghosh would lose... Even though someone else took the decision, I will take the blame," Majumdar told reporters in Kolkata on Thursday.

Leaders aware of the matter said that indirect references by the leaders cited above were aimed at Adhikari, who defeated his old ally Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee in the 2021 assembly polls from Nandigram, and was relied upon by the party high command for key decisions ahead of the LS polls.

Adhikari said that the all BJP leaders were working hard on the ground. "There is no question of anyone's morale being down. We know how to protect our workers and we are doing it. Our seats may have gone down but our vote share has increased..."

Meanwhile, the ruling TMC has sharpened its attack. "I would request BJP's central leaders to predict such results for Bengal before every elections. When you predicted that BJP would get 200 seats (in 2021), TMC got 200 seats. You said you will get 30 seats and TMC got 30 seats. The more such predictions you make, the higher the mandate TMC would get..." TMC's Abhishek Banerjee said.

NDA, INDIA bloc members continue hectic parleys

Clockwise from left: Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav with party leader Ram Gopal Yadav, TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee and party MP Derek O'Brien in New Delhi; TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu meets the newly elected MPs of his party at Undavalli in Andhra Pradesh; the Nationalist Congress Party leaders meet at the residence of Maharashtra deputy CM Ajit Pawar in Mumbai; and TMC's Abhishek Banerjee and O'Brien meet Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray and his son Aaditya Thackeray in Mumbai, on Thursday. PTI/ANI/SHIV SENA (UBT)-X

Court seeks NIA reply on Rashid's interim bail plea for swearing-in

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Sheikh Abdul Rashid

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Thursday asked the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to respond by Friday to the bail application filed by newly elected Baramulla MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid, who is currently in prison in connection with a 2016 Jammu & Kashmir terror funding case, to attend Parliament for his swearing-in ceremony.

Rashid, an engineer and former two-time MLA who heads the Awami Ittehad Party, was arrested in 2019 in a case filed under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) and is currently lodged in Tihar jail in the national capital.

He contested as an independent from Baramulla seat in J&K and won by a margin of 204,142 votes, defeating former chief minister Omar Abdullah.

He approached Delhi Patiala House court on June 5 seeking interim bail, or in the alternative a custody parole, to take oath and perform other ancillary functions as a Member of Parliament.

Hearing the matter on Wednesday, additional sessions judge Chander Jit Singh sought response from the NIA by Thursday. However, since NIA was not able to file a response, the matter has now been listed for June 7.

While section 62 (5) of the Representation of the People Act bars a lawfully imprisoned person (if he is confined in a prison, whether under a sentence of imprisonment or transportation or otherwise, or is in the lawful custody of the police) from voting, a 2013 amendment in the statute provides that the person, even if barred from voting, shall not cease to be an elector if his or her name has been entered in the electoral rolls.

The amendment was carried out to nullify a July 10, 2023, Supreme Court judgment that anybody in police custody or jail will not be able to contest elections because the person ceases the right to cast vote as an "elector". The amended provision, however, allowed even an imprisoned person to contest elections.

HT on Thursday spoke to a Tihar jail official over the matter, who said: "There will be restrictions on use of cell phones or meeting any person while on the way to Parliament besides meeting Parliament officials or other lawmakers... Normally, prison officials inform the cops and provide a photocopy of the court order, which allows the imprisoned people to come out for a short time but with restrictions."

READ: Rashid, Amritpal will need court order to take oath

Amid churn in Ajit Pawar-led NCP, 5 MLAs miss key meeting

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MUMBAI: At least five legislators of Ajit Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) camp did not attend the all-MLA meeting convened by the Maharashtra deputy chief minister to discuss the aftermaths of the Lok Sabha elections, amid speculations that MLAs from the faction were in touch with the Sharad Pawar-led NCP(SP), people familiar with the matter said on Thursday.

The meeting was called at a five-star hotel in south Mumbai where around 35 MLAs were present, along with other senior leaders of NCP. However, five MLAs — Dharmrao Atram, Narhari Zirwal, Rajendra Shingne, Anna Bansode and Sunil Tingre— gave the meeting a miss.

The meeting comes amid reports of fissures in the Mahayuti combine, comprising BJP, NCP and Shiv Sena, which ended up winning only 17 of the 48 Lok Sabha seats in the state.

The speculations became rife after NCP (SP) leader Rohit Pawar claimed that 18 to 19 MLAs from the rival Ajit Pawar-led NCP were in touch with his party.

"Some 18 to 19 MLAs from Ajit Pawar faction are in touch with Pawar saheb (Sharad Pawar) and our senior leaders, and around 12 MLAs are in touch with the BJP. Our senior leadership will decide how many should be taken back in the party fold," said Rohit, grandnephew of NCP(SP) supremo Sharad Pawar.

Ajit Pawar

It was important to give preferential treatment to those who stayed with the party, he added.

"If you see the results, one can appreciate how strong the INDIA alliance is right now.... the BJP has not been able to cross 240 seats on its own. It would become clear in the next 48 hours whether it can form a government as part of the NDA coalition... I am sure that the MVA will come back to power in Maharashtra by winning 200 seats (in 288-member assembly)."

Ajit Pawar, however, dismissed the speculations as baseless.

"Today I spoke to all MLAs and all have said they want to stay in the party. NCP is our family and all the MLAs wished to remain part of the family," he told reporters.

He said that MLA like Atram could not come because of a surgery, some had emergencies or tragic incidents among other reasons which led to their absence from the meeting.

"The rest is untrue. All the NCP MLAs are with us," he added.

According to an NCP leader familiar with the matter, both Tingre and Zirwal are travelling abroad, while Atram and Shingne said they were unwell and Bansode has cited a personal reason for making for Thursday's meeting.

In the meeting, Pawar reportedly made MLAs to testify if any of them are interested in shifting sides to which they responded negatively.

Meanwhile, Ajit Pawar also took full responsibility for the NCP's poor performance in the Lok Sabha polls. "The result is surprising since I always had the support of the people there."

Speaking about Baramati, where MP Supriya Sule defeated his wife Sunetra Pawar by a huge margin, the deputy CM said he accepted responsibility for the poll debacle, adding "there is no need to bring family matters in public".

{ SAYS SHARAD PAWAR FACTION }

'No chance of Uddhav going back to NDA'

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PATIL SAID THE FORMER CM IS GEARED UP TO INSTALL A MVA GOVT IN THE STATE, WHERE ASSEMBLY POLLS ARE DUE LATER THIS YEAR

MUMBAI: Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray will not switch to the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led NDA, Maharashtra Nationalist Congress Party (Sharadchandra Pawar) president Jayant Patil asserted on Thursday, seeking to scotch speculation about a possible crossover by his key ally.

The Shiv Sena (UBT) won nine Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra in the just concluded elections, the same as the BJP, while the BJP-led NDA alliance has only secured 17 seats while the INDIA alliance has secured a major 30 seats in the Lok Sabha Elections 2024.

Addressing a press conference in Mumbai, Patil said he had met Thackeray and congratulated him for the success of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) in the Lok Sabha polls in Maharashtra where the opposition bloc won 30 of the 48 seats.

"There is no chance that he will switch sides," the former state minister noted when asked about speculation that started after Thackeray skipped a key INDIA alliance meeting held in New Delhi on Wednesday and reports in a section of the media about backchannel moves for a rapprochement with the BJP-led grouping.

Patil said the former CM is geared up to install a MVA government in the state, where assembly polls are due in October 2024.

The NCP (SP), the Shiv Sena (UBT) and the Congress are constituents of the MVA, a state-level alliance, and they are also part of the INDIA bloc.

"There is tremendous unrest among people about the state government," Patil said, hitting out at the Shiv Sena-led ruling coalition which also consists of the BJP and the Ajit Pawar-led NCP.

BJP's stock grows in TN as AIADMK loses ground

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NEW DELHI: While the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) failed to win any seat in Tamil Nadu in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, it has managed a vote share of 11.3% on its own. Does this mean that it has found a foothold as a third force in the state's politics? Here are two charts that answer this question.

While the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) led alliance has won all 39 parliamentary constituencies (PCs) in the state this time, its vote share has seen a 5.6 percentage point fall compared to 2019. The All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) led alliance's vote share has fallen by 7.7 percentage points between 2019 and 2024. Because, the BJP contested as part of the AIADMK alliance in 2019, its vote share comparison cannot be done in a straightforward manner. (See Chart 1)

What about the BJP's performance on a more long-term basis? The BJP has received 11.3% vote share, its highest in any Lok Sabha election in Tamil Nadu. To be sure, part of the increase could be just a function of the BJP contesting more seats this time. The last time the BJP contested more seats than the 23 it contested in these elections was in 1996 when it put up candidates on 37 PCs. The only other times the party contested seats in double digits in Tamil Nadu was in the 1991 Lok Sabha election, when it contested 15 PCs; and in 2009, when it contested 18. Is contesting a higher number of seats the only reason for the rise in BJP's vote share? Not necessarily.

BJP's contested vote share of 19.6% in 2024 is higher than what this number has been in most previous elections. The only time the BJP's contested vote share was higher was in years when it contested 5-9 seats, which could be a result of either an alliance with a larger party or confining itself to relative strongholds in the state. A growth in BJP's contested vote share while contesting a majority of seats in the state in these elections suggests that at least a part of the BJP's growth in the state is driven by an increase in its popular footprint. Except in 2014, the BJP had an alliance with either the DMK or the AIADMK in all five elections where its contested vote share was higher than in 2024 (1998, 1999, 2004, 2014, and 2019). Even in 2014, the BJP contested only nine PCs. (See Chart 2)

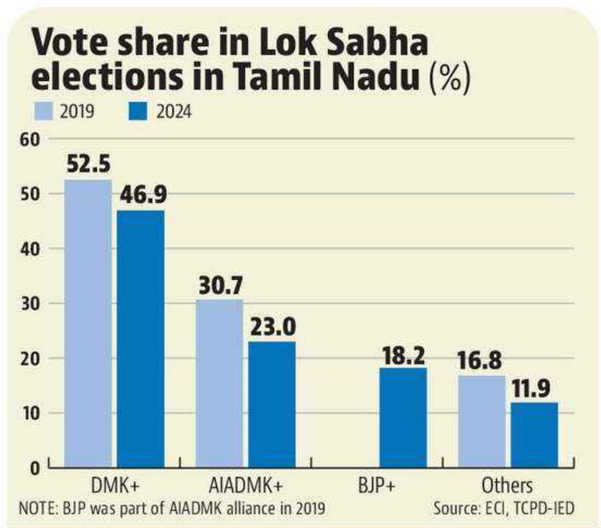
At whose cost has the BJP made these gains? Answering this question is not straightforward. A party's vote share in even a PC it contests may not be completely its own when in alliance.

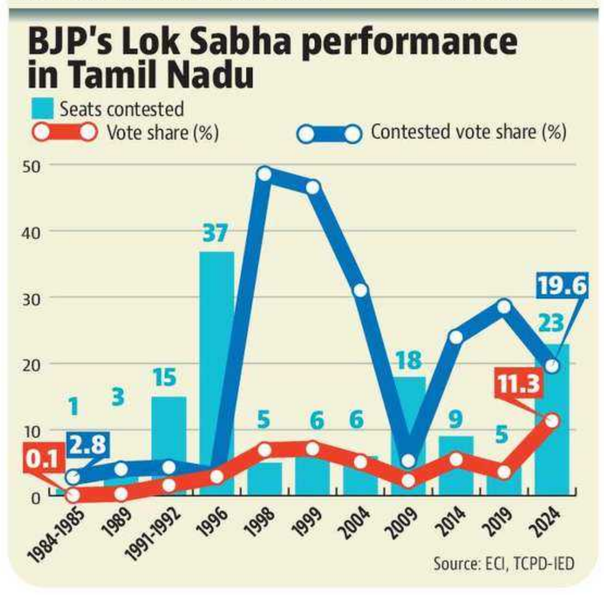
However, assuming that the BJP was the main contributor in its camp in 2024, a PC-level analysis can offer some insights. Of the 23 PCs the BJP contested, the DMK alliance has lost vote share in 21 PCs compared to 2019, the AIADMK alliance in 19, and the non-DMK/AIADMK/BJP aligned parties in 18. As these numbers show, all three groups -- the DMK group, the AIADMK group, and the parties not aligned to them or the BJP – have lost votes across most PCs the BJP contested.

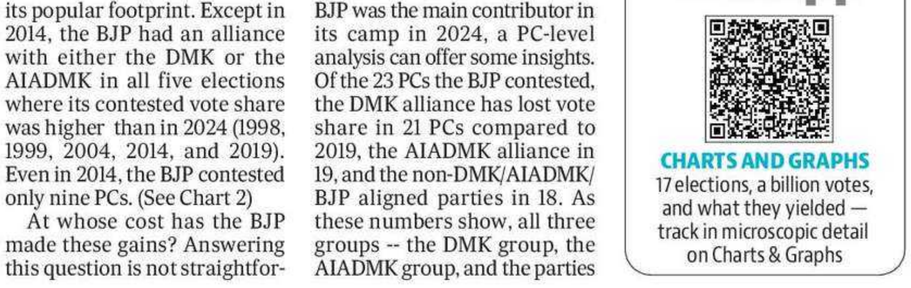
Who was the biggest loser in each PC? The AIADMK alliance is the biggest loser in 11, the DMK alliance in six, and the non-aligned parties in the remaining six. To be sure, the BJP contested three of the 23 PCs (Kanniyakumari, Coimbatore, and Sivaganga) as part of the AIADMK alliance in 2019. The AIADMK alliance has not matched BJP's 2019 vote share in any of three PCs in 2024 and it is significantly behind the BJP in Kanniyakumari and Coimbatore. This shows that at least the latter two PCs have seen a bigger traction for the BJP.

The AIADMK group losing more vote share in even other PCs than the DMK group suggests that the BJP is gaining more at the cost of AIADMK than other parties in the state. This appears largely in line with the perceived trend of the BJP leading the charge against the DMK.

The only question which remains to be answered is whether the BJP will be able to retain this momentum when assembly elections are held in 2026. After all, the AIADMK is still a larger opposition party than the BJP in the state, and its claim of being the principle challenger to the DMK led government will likely carry more weight.







Fully back Modi to lead, say RSS leaders after poll results

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NAGPUR: A top Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) leader on Thursday said "there is no alternative to Narendra Modi" to head the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government, the first comments by a senior functionary of the Bharatiya Janata Party's ideological parent after results to the 18th Lok Sabha were announced Tuesday, with the party falling well short of the majority mark of 272 seats, with 240, although the larger grouping was comfortably placed with 293 seats.

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The comments come even as the BJP is locked in negotiations with its allies in the NDA over the composition of the Union Cabinet. While the allies, in a Wednesday meeting, endorsed Modi, he is yet to be endorsed by either the BJP parliamentary party or the MPs of the NDA, although most people believe both are likely just a formality. The NDA MPs are to meet in the old Parliament building's Central Hall on Friday.

While much of the speculation following the announcement of the results has revolved around the demands of allies, there has also been some comment on the leadership of the BJP itself, but the senior RSS functionary, who asked not to be named, clarified that the organisation can't think of anyone else but Modi to run the coalition government.

Narendra Modi

The RSS official pointed out that it is Modi who has fulfilled almost all the agenda of RSS, from the construction of the Ram Temple to the scrapping of Article 370 in Jammu & Kashmir. "If Modi is effectively implementing our agenda, why should we think about replacing him?" he asked.

Dismissing alternatives such as Union minister and old-time RSS man Nitin Gadkari, Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath, Union minister Rajnath Singh, or Maharashtra deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis, the RSS functionary said that Modi has proved to be an excellent administrator and maintained a clean image by not getting involved in any corruption charges during his 10-year stint as PM.

A second RSS functionary, who too asked not to be named, said that Modi and RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat share a great relationship. The Modi government has been on the right track and must be "complemented with responsible co-operation" not "selective confrontation" this person added.

Long-time RSS watcher and former swayamsevak Dilip Deodhar also claimed that Bhagwat and Modi met on May 11, along with home minister Amit Shah, RSS general secretary Dattatraya Hosabale, BJP chief JP Nadda, and the party's organising secretary BL Santhosh , and pledged the RSS's unconditional support to the BJP and Modi's leadership.

According to senior RSS leaders, the Congress and its allies in the INDIA bloc managed to break the BJP's consolidated Hindu voter base by playing up the demand for a caste census, and a redistribution of wealth on the basis of this. This divided Hindu voters, claimed a third senior RSS leader who asked not to be named. This, coupled with their ability to stoke fears that the BJP would change the constitution and scrap the benefits of reservation for Dalits and tribals, hurt the BJP, this person added, pointing to the results in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra, where he said this issue really played out.

The BJP won only 33 seats of 80 in Uttar Pradesh, down from 62 in 2019 and 71 in 2014. And in Maharashtra, the BJP-led alliance won only 17 seats, compared to INDIA's 31.

The third RSS leader said that the BJP failed to counter these "false narratives".

Volodymyr Zelensky

ZELENSKY SEEKS PARTICIPATION FROM INDIA IN PEACE SUMMIT

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NEW DELHI: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Thursday sought India's participation in a peace summit during a phone call with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who said New Delhi will back all efforts for an early and lasting resolution of the conflict in Ukraine.

Zelensky was among world leaders who spoke on phone with Modi on Thursday to congratulate him on the Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance's victory in the general election. Other leaders who spoke to Modi included French President Emmanuel Macron, Bhutan Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, Thailand Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin and Israeli Premier Benjamin Netanyahu.

In a post on X, Zelensky said he had wished Modi for a "speedy formation of the government and continued productive work for the benefit of the Indian people". He added: "We discussed the upcoming Global Peace Summit. We rely on India's participation at the highest level. I also invited Prime Minister Modi to visit Ukraine at a convenient time."

Modi responded by highlighting India's "people-centric approach" and reiterated New Delhi's support for "all efforts for an early, peaceful and lasting resolution" of the conflict in Ukraine through dialogue and diplomacy, according to an Indian readout of the conversation.

He also reaffirmed India's commitment to strengthen its partnership with Ukraine, and the two leaders emphasised the need for continued close engagement and for expanding mutually beneficial cooperation into newer areas.

People familiar with the matter recently said India's top leadership, including the prime minister or the foreign minister, is not expected to attend the peace summit being hosted by Switzerland during June 15-16.

Poll body presents details of newly elected MPs to President

NEW DELHI: Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar along with two election commissioners on Thursday presented details of newly elected Lok Sabha members to President Droupadi Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, an official statement said.

"A copy of the notification issued by the Election Commission of India, in terms of Section 73 of the Representation of People's Act, 1951, containing the names of the members elected to the House of the People following the General Elections to the 18th Lok Sabha, was submitted by them to the President," it said.

Cal HC expresses concern over post-poll violence allegations

KOLKATA: Expressing concern over alleged post-poll violence in certain areas of West Bengal following the conclusion of the Lok Sabha elections, the Calcutta High Court on Thursday issued a directive allowing affected people to submit complaints to the state's DGP via email. The order came following a petition in the high court seeking direction to police to ensure protection to opposition party workers in the wake of alleged post-poll violence in some places of the state following the elections.

Stating that similar allegations had come up after the 2021 assembly elections, the court asked whether incidents of post-poll violence happened in any other state.

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Monsoon advances, likely to hit Mumbai by June 10: IMD

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NEW DELHI: The southwest monsoon reached Maharashtra on Thursday, bringing respite to the state where many parts have been reeling under intense heat, and is expected to advance over Mumbai, remaining parts of Karnataka, coastal Andhra Pradesh and southern parts of Chhattisgarh in the next three to four days, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said.

The progress of the monsoon has been nearly normal till now but it is yet to cover some areas, resulting in continuous high temperatures and heatwave conditions in those regions, the weather body added.

"Once the monsoon's northern limit reaches parts of central India next week, it would have covered half the country. Areas covered by the monsoon are unlikely to record heatwave conditions any further. The quantum of rainfall for June remains normal so far," IMD director general M Mohapatra said.

The northern limit of monsoon is currently passing through Ratnagiri and Solapur in Maharashtra, Medak in Telangana, Bhadrachalam and Vizianagaram in Andhra Pradesh and Islampur in West Bengal.

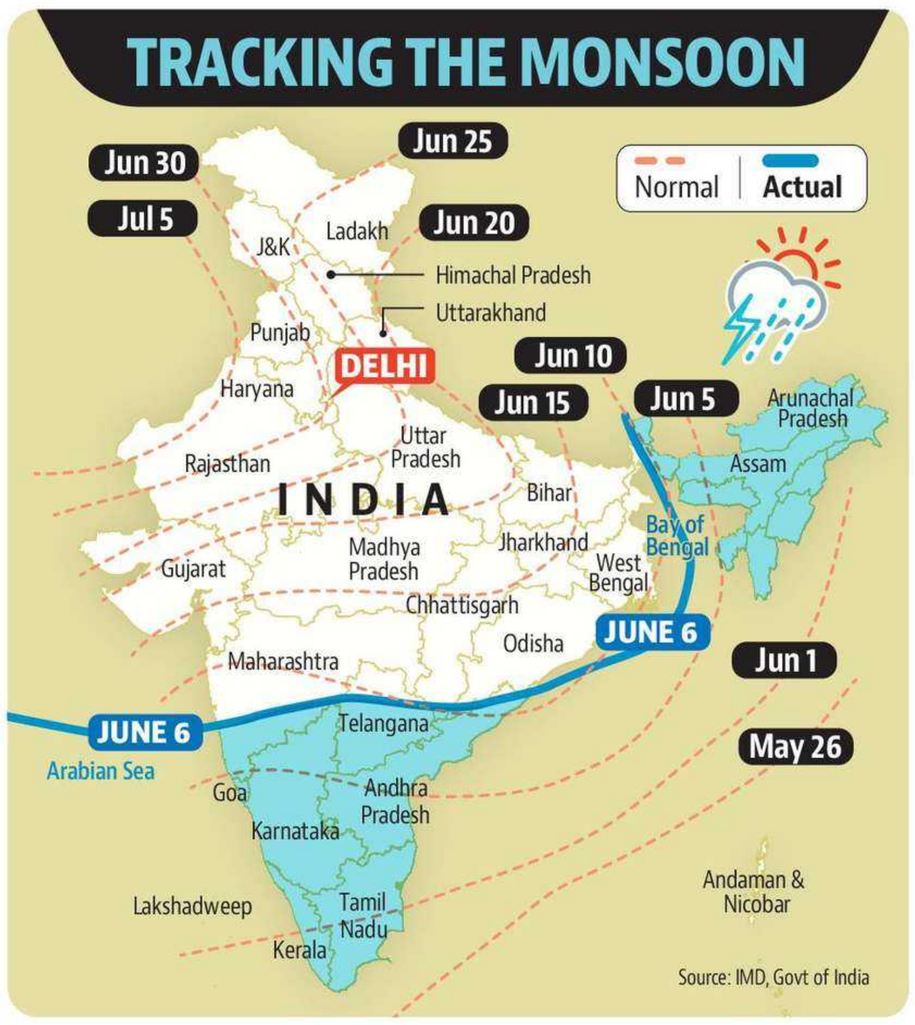
The monsoon normally makes an onset over Mumbai around June 10-11. On Thursday, it advanced into some more parts of central Arabian Sea, most parts of Karnataka, some more parts of Maharashtra, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh and west central and northwest Bay of Bengal.

In a statement, IMD said: "Conditions are favourable for further advance of southwest monsoon into some more parts of central Arabian Sea, remaining parts of Karnataka & coastal Andhra Pradesh, some more parts of Maharashtra (including Mumbai), Telangana, some parts of south Chhattisgarh and south Odisha, remaining parts of west central & more parts of northwest Bay of Bengal during next 3-4 days."

The weather body said rain and thunderstorms are likely to be expected over northwest India till Friday. Heatwave conditions are likely in isolated pockets over parts of east India, Uttar Pradesh and north Madhya Pradesh in the next five days, it said.

Heatwave conditions have been prevailing over Haryana since May 17 and over Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh since May 18. It hit Maharashtra early this summer, prevailed over parts of Mumbai and even hit areas such as Kerala, resort towns of Ooty (Tamil Nadu) and Matheran (Maharashtra) in the Western Ghats, and Bengaluru, which usually does not experience such weather, especially in April.

Mahesh Palawat, vice president, climate and meteorology at Skymet Weather, said: "Monsoon progression has been near normal so far. However, rains have reduced over Peninsular India. In the next three to four days, monsoon will advance to Pune, Mumbai, etc. There is a monsoon surge over the western arm. We cannot say immediately if it will advance on time over northwest India, which is affected by high temperatures."



RAJKOT GAMING ZONE FIRE: HC RAPS STATE OVER 'INACTION' BY CIVIC AUTHORITIES

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AHMEDABAD: The Gujarat high court on Thursday pulled up the state government over its inability to enforce fire safety norms at a gaming arcade in Rajkot, where a blaze claimed 27 lives last month, and sought to know why the then chief of the local civic body was not suspended for failing to act against the facility for operating without permission

A special bench of justices Biren Vaishnav and Devan Desai expressed displeasure after it learnt that the gaming arcade – TRP Gaming Zone – was issued a demolition notice by the Rajkot Municipal Corporation (RMC) last year but no action was initiated against the facility. "The responsibility lies at the top. A demolition order was passed in June 2023. Then what happened after that? You remained silent till lives were lost. You did nothing for one year," justice Vaishnav said.

The court was hearing a suo motu PIL it had taken up on May 26, a day after the fire accident at TRP Game Zone in Rajkot.

In an affidavit, RMC's counsel GH Virk told the court that no periodic checks were carried out by the civic body's fire department at TRP Game Zone and there was no compliance of the safety measures in accordance with the Fire Safety Act. The court was also told that the RMC's town planning department knew about the illegal structure and a notice for demolition was given in June 2023. Prior to that, a notice was also given in April 2023 to remove the unauthorised construction under provisions of the Municipal Corporation Act. "So you fired the Town Planning Officer. But why was the then municipal commissioner not suspended?" the bench said, referring to ex-commissioner Anand Patel.

Justice Vaishnav even suggested invoking section 302 (murder) of Indian Penal Code against Patel, who was later transferred without a posting by the state government.

{ AFTER POLL VICTORY MESSAGE }

China protests Modi's reply to Taiwan Prez

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NEW DELHI: China on Thursday protested to India over an exchange of messages between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Taiwan President Lai Ching-te, saying that it opposes all interactions between Taiwanese authorities and countries having diplomatic ties with Beijing.

Modi responded to a congratulatory message from Lai on his election victory on Wednesday by saying that he looked forward to closer ties between India and Taiwan as "we work towards mutually beneficial economic and technological partnership".

Lai was among world leaders who greeted Modi on securing a third term through a post on X. "We look forward to enhancing the fast-growing #Taiwan-#India partnership, expanding our collaboration on trade, technology & other sectors to contribute to peace & prosperity
in the #IndoPacific," he wrote.

When Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Mao Ning was asked about this exchange of messages at a regular media briefing in Beijing, she replied that China "has protested to India" on this matter.

There was no immediate response from Indian officials to Mao's comments.

Mao contended there is "no such thing as 'president' of the Taiwan region", and said Beijing opposes all official interactions between the Taiwan authorities and countries having diplomatic relations with China. "There is but one China in the world. Taiwan is an inalienable part of the territory of the People's Republic of China," she said.

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> **MAO NING,** Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson

Referring to Beijing's "one-China" policy, Mao contended India has made "serious political commitments on this and is supposed to recognise, be alarmed about and resist the Taiwan authorities' political calculations".

India, however, stopped referring to the "one-China" policy in official documents and pronouncements more than a decade ago after Chinese authorities issued stapled visas to residents of the border state of Arunachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir.

Mao responded to another question on why China was protesting to India over somebody wishing an Indian leader by saying that India has diplomatic relations with China. "This position is very clear and India knows this well," she said, adding that India should refrain from doing things that violate the "one-China" policy.

In marked contrast to the congratulatory message from Taiwan's president, China's top leadership is yet to issue a similar message to Modi. There was only an anodyne response from the Chinese foreign ministry on the Bharatiya Janata Party's election win at a media briefing on Wednesday, and this was followed by a congratulatory message from Chinese ambassador Xu Feihong in the form of a post on X.

The Chinese foreign ministry said a "healthy and stable China-India relationship is in the interest of both countries, and conducive to the peace and development in this region". China is ready to work with India on the fundamental interests of both countries and to "advance bilateral relations on a healthy and stable track", the ministry said.

Xu, in his post, said China looks forward to joint efforts with India for a "sound and stable" relationship in line with the interests and expectations of both countries. There was no acknowledgment of these messages from the Indian side.

India-China ties are currently at their lowest ebb in six decades over the military standoff on the Line of Actual Control, which began in May 2020. The Indian side has dismissed China's assertion that the border issue be put in its "appropriate place" in the overall relationship and external affairs minister S Jaishankar has insisted bilateral ties cannot be normalised without peace and tranquility on the border.

K'taka minister steps down amid charges of illegal fund diversion

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BENGALURU: Karnataka's scheduled tribes welfare minister B Nagendra on Thursday resigned from his post following allegations of his involvement in illegal diversion of large sum of funds from a state-run tribal development corporation into private bank accounts.

Nagendra handed over his resignation to chief minister Siddaramaiah in the presence of deputy chief minister and state Congress chief DK Shivakumar. "I am voluntarily resigning from the post of minister," read the one-line resignation letter.

The development came amid mounting pressure from Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders, who held a protest rally in Bengaluru on Thursday demanding his resignation.

Before putting in his papers, the Bellary Rural legislator, who also serves as the state's youth empowerment and sports minister, held a press conference to announce his decision, saying there was no external pressure on him to resign.

"No one pressured me to resign. With my conscience and to ensure that people are not misled about me. I have voluntarily decided to resign," he said.

The four-time legislator said he did not want to cause any embarrassment to Siddaramaiah, Shivakumar, or party's national president Mallikarjun Kharge. "With my own free will, I'm resigning... The SIT is probing the case, there should be a fair investigation. If I remain in the ministerial post during the probe, it may cause problems. Considering this, I have come to this decision," the Congress leader said, terming the charges against him as "baseless" and expressing confidence that he will come out as "innocent".

B Nagendra

It came almost a fortnight after the alleged misappropriation of funds in the state-run Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation (KMVSTDC) came to light following the suicide of a 45-year-old accounts superintendent of the corporation on May 26. The official had left a purported suicide note that revealed the unauthorised transfer of ₹187 crore belonging to the corporation from its bank account, and from that, ₹88.62 crore was illegally moved to various accounts allegedly belonging to "well-known" IT companies and a Hyderabad-based cooperative bank.

Earlier in the day, Siddaramaiah said he had not asked Nagendra to resign. "I spoke to Nagendra, but it does not mean that I asked him to resign," he said.

The BJP held a protest in Bengaluru, with state unit chief Vijayendra Yediyurappa questioning Siddaramaiah's "hesitation" in accepting Nagendra's resignation.

Toll increases to seven in Nainital road accident

NAINITAL: The toll in a car crash in Nainital, Uttarakhand, increased to seven on Thursday, police officials said. Six people, including two children, had died on the spot, and the seventh person succumbed while being shifted to a Haldwani hospital, they added. The accident happened on Wednesday evening, when the vehicle fell into a 600-metre gorge on Khansu-Patlot road under Okhalkanda block in Nainital. "Others injured were admitted to a government hospital," said PN Meena, SSP.

B'desh man trying to cross border illegally arrested

AGARTALA: A Bangladeshi national was arrested for allegedly attempting to cross the border illegally at Baruakandi village, Dharmanagar, Tripura North on Wednesday, Border Security Force (BSF) said. The accused, Azim Uddin, originally hails from Sylhet in Bangladesh. He attempted to cross the border at Gaurakandi by paying a broker, Islam Uddin, ₹1,500. They were handed over to Dharmanagar police by BSF. On Thursday, the Dharmanagar police registered cases against the two under relevant sections.

{ KOTA }

Teen dies by suicide over NEET results

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KOTA/JAIPUR: An 18-year-old student, who recently appeared for the National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) for admission in undergraduate medical courses, died by suicide allegedly over her performance, in Kota district of Rajasthan on Wednesday, police said on Thursday. This is the 10th such incident in the coaching hub this year.

Last year, 27 students, preparing for various competitive examinations, died by suicide in the district.

According to circle inspector Harinarayan Sharma, the student from Rewa district in Madhya Pradesh lived with her mother and brother in a rented accommodation in Jawahar Nagar area of Kota district.

"She had been preparing for NEET for a year, but didn't perform as per her expectations. Her brother, who is in the 11th grade, is also preparing for JEE," he said.

The National Testing Agency declared the results of the medical entrance examination on Tuesday.

According to the police, the student took the extreme step around 4pm on Wednesday. "Her mother was sleeping in the room at the time... She was rushed to a private hospital, where doctors declared her dead," a police officer aware of the matter said.

"The body has been kept in the mortuary of Maharao Bhim Singh Hospital for post-mortem examination, which will be conducted after the arrival of the girl's father," the officer added.

According to police data, 15 students have died by suicide in Kota in 2022, 18 in 2019, 20 in 2018, seven in 2017, 17 in 2016, and 18 in 2015. No suicides were reported in 2020 and 2021 when coaching institutes were shut or ran in online mode due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Amid a surge in suicides, the Rajasthan government is working on a draft law in line with the Union education ministry's January 16 guidelines to regulate coaching centres that are running without any registration across the state, the higher education department said in a reply to the assembly earlier this year.

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'Changes in NCERT books among reasons behind high NEET scores'

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NEW DELHI: A comparatively easier question paper, changes made in NCERT textbooks, and grace marks provided to students for "loss of exam time" at certain centres — these are some of the reasons officials on Thursday cited behind students getting higher scores in NEET-UG 2024, including an unprecedented 67 all India toppers.

The development came two days after the National Testing Agency (NTA) declared the results of the 2024 National Eligibility cum Entrance Test-Undergraduate, or NEET-UG — a pre-medical entrance examination for admission to all undergraduate medical courses in the country — in which 67 students shared the all India rank one by scoring perfect 720/720 marks, including six students from the same exam centre in Haryana. The results triggered a massive uproar, with several aspirants and parents demanding a probe and seeking a "re-exam", alleging that the paper was leaked at certain centres where students got high scores.

Responding to the allegations, NTA officials told HT that at least four reasons led to high scores this year.

Sixty-seven students shared the all India rank this year.

"The NTA had received few representations from students and some high courts, including Punjab and Haryana, Delhi, and Chhattisgarh, raising concerns over loss of time during exam. Afterwards, a committee was formed to look into the matter," a senior NTA official said, requesting anonymity.

The committee, the official said, stuck to the normalising formula devised by the Supreme Court in a 2018 judgment to address the loss of time faced by candidates. "The loss of time was ascertained and such candidates were compensated with grace marks. Therefore, the marks of students at some centres went up."

In a statement on Thursday, the NTA said a total of 1,563 candidates were compensated for the loss of time and the revised marks of such candidates vary from -20 to 720. "Amongst these, the score of two candidates also happens to be 718 and 719 marks, respectively, due to compensatory marks," the NTA said.

On a large number of students bagging the top rank, the senior official pointed out that the question paper was prepared using a new and revised NCERT textbook while some students had prepared from old NCERT textbooks. In the multiple-choice question format in Physics, while one option was correct according to the new NCERT book, another was right according to the old one.

"The NTA got representation from the students on the same, due to which NTA had to assign five marks to all students who had marked one of the two options. Due to this, marks of a total of 44 students increased from 715 to 720, which resulted in an increased number of toppers," the official said.

On several toppers coming from the same exam centre, the official said: "This centre in Haryana's Bahadurgarh also had a time loss case. Therefore, it is likely that those students who did well got further benefited by the revised marks they got as compensation for the time loss."

{ AMID SOARING TEMPERATURES }

Amazon warehouse workers complain of harsh conditions

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NEW DELHI: Amazon workers in India are facing distressing conditions inside warehouses amidst a severe ongoing heatwave that has sent temperatures reaching up to 50°C in some areas.

Thousands of workers across Amazon warehouses in the country are demanding better working conditions.

Manju Goel, an Amazon worker at a warehouse in Haryana's Manesar, said there was no ventilation or cooling, making conditions unbearable. She said the roughly 2,000 workers in her warehouse face oppressive conditions every day, standing for 10 hours straight with no seating for a meagre monthly salary of around ₹10,000.

"We cannot go to the washroom for hours at end and the break rooms are very small, which cannot contain so many workers. It gets unbearable especially in the heat," Goel said. Another worker, 25-year-old Neha, said waking up at 5am, working 10-12 hours, and facing strenuous tasks without proper rest has become the norm. Some workers have to walk up to 25 kilometres per day. Neha said managers track their idle time and that even momentary breaks invite scrutiny.

> A SPOKESPERSON IN AMAZON SAID THAT SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF THE ASSOCIATES IS OF UTMOST PRIORITY FOR THE COMPANY

Workers also criticised Amazon's strict attendance policy. "If we miss a day due to health reasons or family emergencies, our IDs are blocked, impacting our livelihoods," one worker said, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisal.

A labour ministry spokesperson said they were unaware of the matter but would look into it.

An Amazon spokesperson did not respond to the specific allegations but said: "Safety and wellbeing of our associates is of utmost priority for us. With several parts of the country witnessing significant heat due to high temperatures along with humidity, a 'heat stress prevention' program has been developed for associates in our buildings and out on the road making customer deliveries. Some of the measures include enhanced ventilation and air conditioning inside our buildings, availability of Oral rehydration solutions for all associates..."

Amazon India Workers Association convenor Dharmendra Kumar said the heatwave has exacerbated conditions, leading workers to unionise to voice demands. Kumar alleged that despite complaints to Amazon and the labour ministry, no action has been taken.

SECURITY BREACH IN PARL: LG GRANTS APPROVAL TO PROSECUTE ACCUSED

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NEW DELHI: Delhi Lieutenant Governor (LG) VK Saxena has accorded sanction to prosecute the six accused in the Parliament security breach case under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, a Raj Niwas official said on Thursday.

"While the Delhi Police had requested for necessary prosecution sanction under UAPA, the Review Committee (DoP, Tis Hazari, Delhi), on May 30, 2024, had also gone through the entire evidence collected by the Investigating Agency and found the involvement of the accused in Parliament attack case. Accordingly, the Review Committee noted that prima facie a case was made out against the accused under UAPA," the official said, seeking anonymity.

The security breach took place on December 13, on the anniversary of the 2001 Parliament terror attack.

{ WITHIN PARLIAMENT COMPLEX } CONG CALLS MOVE 'ATROCIOUS'

Iconic Gandhi statue relocated to Prerna Sthal

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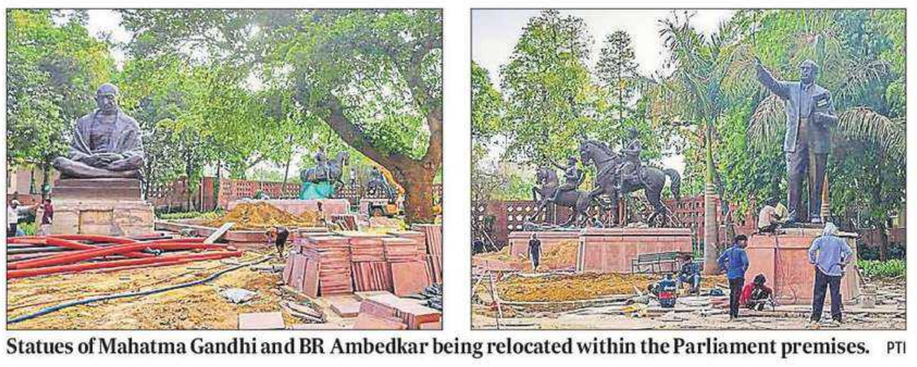
NEW DELHI: The iconic statue of Mahatma Gandhi has been relocated away from its prominent position in front of Parliament House to a corner of the Lok Sabha complex where a dedicated area, Prerna Sthal (place of inspiration), is being developed to host all statues in the Parliament complex.

Statues of BR Ambedkar and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj have also been shifted to the Prerna Sthal close to the outer perimeter of the complex beside the Parliament Library.

The relocation of the statues is significant as many lawmakers over the years had staged protests near the Gandhi and Ambedkar statues. In the last 10 years, many sit-in demonstrations were organised near the Gandhi statue while Opposition leaders had once gathered near the Ambedkar statue and read out from the Constitution to celebrate the Constitution Day, while boycotting the official programme led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.


Statues of Mahatma Gandhi and BR Ambedkar being relocated within the Parliament premises. PTI

"Statues of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Mahatma Gandhi, and Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar have just been removed from their places of prominence in front of the Parliament House. This is atrocious," Congress general secretary in-charge of communications Jairam Ramesh posted on X.

The Lok Sabha secretariat claimed that due to location (of the statues) at different places in the Parliament Complex, visitors were not able to view these statues conveniently. "For this reason, all these statues are being respectfully installed in a grand Prerna Sthal in the Parliament House Complex itself. This Prerna Sthal is being developed in such a way that the visitors coming to visit the Parliament complex could easily see the statues of these great leaders and take inspiration from their lives and philosophy," the secretariat said in a press release.

"In this Prerna Sthal, arrangements are also being made to provide detailed information to the visitors through modern technology regarding the lives and contributions of our great freedom fighters so that the people coming to visit them could get inspiration from their lives and thoughts...," it added.

The secretariat also argued that statues have been shifted inside the Complex in the past as well. "It is clear that the statue of any great leader has not been removed from the Parliament House complex. Their statues are being installed systematically and respectfully inside the Parliament House Complex," it said.

Ahead of the first session of the 18th Lok Sabha in June, the Parliament Complex is getting a major facelift.

IAF recovers bodies of four more trekkers in U'khand

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Indian Air Force choppers recovered the bodies in Uttarkashi. HT

DEHRADUN: Two Indian Air Force (IAF) helicopters on Thursday recovered the bodies of the remaining four trekkers out of the nine who died during the Sahastra Tal trek in the upper Himalayas in Uttarkashi district, bringing to an end the search-and-rescue operation involving multiple agencies, officials familiar with the matter said.

Meanwhile, the Uttarakhand government has ordered a magisterial probe into the incident. In an order issued on Thursday evening, chief secretary Radha Raturi nominated Garhwal commissioner Vinay Shankar Pandey to conduct the inquiry and submit a report at the earliest.

On Thursday afternoon, all nine bodies, including the five recovered on Wednesday, were flown to Himalayan Hospital in Dehradun after a post-mortem examination was conducted at the Uttarkashi district hospital, officials said. Five of the 13 rescued trekkers were also flown to Dehradun on Thursday, a day after the other eight were brought to the state's capital city.

A joint operation was launched by the Indian Air Force, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and local authorities soon after the incident came to light on Monday.

"The search and rescue operation on Sahastra Tal trek has been completed. In this rescue operation, 13 trekkers were rescued safely on Wednesday. On Thursday, four bodies were recovered from the spot through two helicopters of the Air Force and brought to Natin helipad in Uttarkashi," SDRF Commandant Manikant Mishra said.

The four trekkers whose bodies were recovered on Thursday were identified as Venkatesh Prasad (53), Padmanadha Kundapur Krishnamurthy (60), Anita Rangappa (60) and Padmini Hegde (34), all residents of Bengaluru in Karnataka.

While eight people who were rescued safely from the accident site were sent to Dehradun on Wednesday, the remaining five trekkers who stayed in Uttarkashi were sent to Dehradun on Thursday, the official added.

"All the nine bodies recovered from the spot were taken to District Hospital Uttarkashi where their post-mortem examination was conducted. Later in the afternoon, all nine bodies were airlifted to Dehradun by Air Force's MI-17 helicopter," Mishra said.

Nine members of a 22-member trekking team, comprising 18 trekkers from Karnataka and one from Maharashtra besides three local guides, died after they lost their way due to bad weather during the Sahastra Tal trek. On May 29, the team was sent by Maneri-based Himalayan View Trekking Agency from Uttarkashi on a 35-km long trek to Silla-Kushkalyan-Sahastra Tal, a medium-sized lake located at an altitude of around 4,600 metres.

The trekking team was scheduled to return by June 7, but lost its way due to bad weather while trekking down from Sahastra Tal towards the base camp, resulting in the death of nine people.

Prajwal Revanna. PTI

SEXUAL ABUSE CASES: PRAJWAL TO BE IN CUSTODY TILL NEXT WEEK

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BENGALURU: A Bengaluru court on Thursday extended till June 10 the Special Investigation Team (SIT)'s custody of former Janata Dal (Secular) MP Prajwal Revanna, who was arrested on charges of sexual abuse and rape last month.

The special court for elected representatives' decision came after special public prosecutor Ashok Naik sought an extension of the 33-year-old's custody for further interrogation.

"Special public prosecutor Ashok Naik sought an extension of Revanna's custody for further investigation. The 42nd additional city civil and sessions judge granted this request, concurring on the need for thorough interrogation and additional evidence collection," an SIT official said, seeking anonymity.

In the week before the Lok Sabha elections in Hassan, where Revanna – grandson of JD(S) president and former prime minister HD Deve Gowda – was defeated, pen drives containing videos of purported sexual acts by the suspended JD(S) leader with multiple women were circulated, immediately sparking allegations of mass sexual abuse.

Preliminary investigations suggested that most were shot from a mobile phone at the Revanna family's residences in Bengaluru and Hassan from 2019, with several suggesting rape and use of force.

On May 1, an FIR was registered in the case, against both Prajwal Revanna and his father HD Revanna, based on a complaint by a 47-year-old woman who worked in their home in Holenarasipura and alleged abuse between 2019 and 2022. The lawmaker's father is out on bail after spending three days in jail in connection with the allegations.

59-yr-old man found beheaded in Manipur, houses set on fire

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IMPHAL: Tension erupted in the border district of Jiribam in Manipur on Thursday after a man was found beheaded by unknown assailants.

The victim was identified as Soibam Saratkumar Singh, 59. The incident occurred around 5 pm when Saratkumar was returning from his son's farm located at Leishabithol.

According to police, Saratkumar was allegedly detained by unknown miscreants near Khasia Punji on his way home. His family members immediately reported the incident to Jiribam district police, prompting a joint search operation in the area.

During the search, Saratkumar's beheaded body was found near Mulargoan, about 12 kilometers north of Jiribam police station. The motive behind the killing and the identity of the assailants remain unknown. Police have registered a case and launched an investigation.

Soibam Romola, the deceased's wife, said she and her son encountered suspicious unknown individuals, believed to be from the Kuki community, while returning from the farm ahead of her husband. Police did not confirm the identity or affiliation of the suspects.

When Saratkumar's phone was found switched off, their son searched the area and discovered his father's two-wheeler and sandals. "My son found the two-wheeler and the sandal of my husband. Immediately, I reported the incident to Jiribam police station, but my husband was found beheaded," Romola lamented.

Later, around 9pm, an irate mob set fire to abandoned houses belonging to the Kuki community in the nearby area.

Since May 3 last year, Manipur has been split by ethnic clashes between the Meitei community, which is in majority in the Imphal Valley, and the tribal Kuki-Zo communities, who are dominant in few hill districts. The violence has claimed over 220 lives and uprooted over 50,000 people.

Divisions still exist on the ground and people from one community are not allowed to enter an area where those from the other community are in a majority. Despite heavy deployment of central security forces and the army, sporadic violence continues, thanks to nearly 4,000 arms looted from state armories which are still in the hands of civilians.

MP health worker held for raping minor: Police

BHOPAL/SAGAR: Madhya Pradesh police on Thursday arrested a health worker posted at a hospital in Chhatarpur district for allegedly sexually assaulting a two-year-old girl, officials said.

Police said a case was registered against the accused, identified as Raja Shukla, for kidnapping and raping the toddler.

Chhatarpur Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Vikram Singh said that the girl was playing outside her house on Monday when the accused, a neighbour, took her to his house and allegedly sexually assaulted her.

Her mother, who heard her screams, rushed to the house and rescued the toddler, however, due to social stigma, she did not file a complaint, Singh said.

"On Tuesday, her condition deteriorated due to swelling in her private part, and her mother took her to the civil hospital. A medical test confirmed that the girl was raped," he said.

The ASP said that when the doctor asked her mother about it, she refused to share any information, following which they called the police. "After interrogation, her mother narrated the incident," the ASP said.

Police said Shukla was arrested on Wednesday, and he confessed to the crime. An FIR has been registered under sections 363 (kidnapping) and 376 (rape) of the Indian Penal Code and under relevant sections of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offence (POCSO).

The girl was admitted to a hospital, and according to the doctors, her health condition is said to be stable, said police. HTC

Strike on Blue Star anniv

Roads wear a deserted look during a strike called by various Sikh organisations on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Operation Blue Star, in Amritsar on Thursday. ANI PHOTO

Canadian report sees risk to its democracy from India, China

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INDIA DISPLACED RUSSIA AS THE SECOND-MOST SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO THE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS

TORONTO: A new report by a high-level Canadian parliamentary panel has concluded that India is the second biggest foreign threat to Canada's democracy after China, with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau saying his government takes the matter of foreign interference "very seriously".

The report by the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians (NSICOP), a cross-party group of MPs and senators with top security clearances, comes at a time when India-Canada ties are at an all-time low. The relationship cratered after Trudeau alleged last year that Indian government agents were involved in the killing of Khalistani operative Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a charge dismissed by New Delhi as "absurd".

The report was submitted to the Prime Minister's Office in May but tabled in Parliament, with redactions, this week. It described China as "clearly the most prolific actor" in the context of foreign interference in Canadian democracy.

"In its efforts to protect and enhance the legitimacy and stability of the Chinese Communist Party domestically and abroad, the PRC employs a comprehensive approach to targeting and leveraging virtually all aspects of Canada's democratic processes and institutions to advance its strategic interests," it said.

The report said India has "emerged as the second-most significant foreign interference threat to Canada's democratic institutions and processes", displacing Russia. India's "foreign interference efforts have slowly increased" and extended beyond countering pro-Khalistan elements in Canada, it alleged.

These efforts now "include interfering in Canadian democratic processes and institutions, including through the targeting of Canadian politicians, ethnic media and Indo-Canadian ethnocultural communities", said the report which mentions India 44 times in its 84 pages.

There was no immediate response to the report from Indian officials. New Delhi has dismissed similar allegations in recent months and instead accused Canadian officials of interfering in matters within India.

The Indian side has also contended that Canada is harbouring Khalistani and other extremist elements and giving space to them to carry out anti-India activities.

Addressing the matter when it was raised in the House of Commons on Tuesday, Trudeau said: "This government is taking this very seriously."

The report noted that "Pakistan also targeted democratic institutions and processes in the early phase of the period under review". It also said China, India, Pakistan and Iran engaged in "transnational repression".

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Laxmina

General Public is hereby informed that a female namely **Laxmina W/o Vikash Pandey, R/o** Mahesh Yadav Ka Makan Gali No.3, Near Mama Bhanja Chowk Kapashera New Delhi has been Missing with her two Daughter since 16.12.2023 at 11:00 AM from her home. In this regard a **DD No. 82A dt. 28.12.2023** has been registered at PS, Kapashera, New Delhi. The description of missing female is as under:

Name : Laxmina, **Husband's Name :** Vikash Pandey, **Age :** 27 years, **Height** : 5', **Face** : Round, **Complexion** : Wheatish, **Built:** Strong, **Wearing** : Kurta and Payjama

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Sonu Lakra S/o Sh. Gopal Lakra R/o H. No. 285, House of Babu, Pusta Gopalpur Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 214/2012 Date: 29.09.2012 U/s 307/34 IPC at P.S.: Timarpur, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Sonu Lakra** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Sonu Lakra** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Sonu Lakra of case FIR No. 214/2012 Date: 29.09.2012 U/s 307/34 IPC P.S.: Timarpur, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 10.07.2024.**

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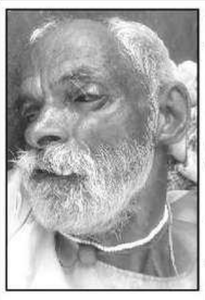
Appeal for Identification



General public is hereby informed that one male person **Namely:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 60-65 Yrs., **Height:** 5'5", **Sex:** Male, **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** White Kurta Dhoti, **Place of Recovery:** New Delhi Railway Station, Platform No. 1, Pillar No. 17, PG Side.

The dead body has been preserved in LHMC Hospital Mortuary for 72 Hrs for Mortuary for identification.

In this regard **DD No. 53A U/s 174 Cr PC Dated: 28/05/2024** has been lodged at **Police Station: New Delhi, Railway Station**. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO
P.S.: New Delhi, Railway Station, New Delhi
Mobile: 8750871305

DP/6877/Rly/2024

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of Work and its Location:-	**30-ELECT-27-T-2024-25-E3** Electrical work in connection with Improvement of infrastructure of signal work shop depot Ghaziabad with strengthening of power supply distribution system & other allied works.
Approx Cost of the works in:-	Rs. 145.17 Lacs
Address of the Office:-	Sr. Divil. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.
Bid Security:-	Rs. 222600.00
Date & time of submission of tender :-	09.07.2024, 12.00 Hrs.
Opening of tender:-	09.07.2024, 12.00 Hrs.
Website & Notice Board:-	**www.ireps.gov.in** & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/ General, New Delhi.

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Karamjeet @ Kalu** S/o Rinku Singh R/o H. No. 382, TC Camp Raghubir Nagar, New Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence case FIR No. 452/2021 u/s 324 IPC, P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Karamjeet @ Kalu** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Karamjeet @ Kalu** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in the case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Karamjeet @ Kalu** accused of FIR No. 452/2021 u/s 324 IPC, P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on **05.09.2024.**

By Order: Sh. Shashank Nandan Bhatt
Metropolitan Magistrate-02 (West)
Room No. 356, 3rd Floor,
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/6938/WD/2024

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Aman Preet

General public is hereby informed that a Male namely **Aman Preet S/o Baljeet Singh R/o Ho No WZ-1109 Rani Bagh Shakur Basti,** Delhi has been missing since **14/05/2024** from H.no.T-510/F15G Gali no.4 baljeet nagar, patel nagar Delhi In this regard **FIR/DD No.95A dated 19/05/2024** has been registered at P.S. Patel Nagar,Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing Male but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing Male is as under : **Name**: Aman Preet , **Gender**: Male, **Age**: 25 years, **Height:** 5'9", **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** long, **Wearing :** Grey colour shirt black colour jeans and white colour sports shoes in feet, **Identification:** Long and black hair. If anyone has any information regarding this missing Male, kindly inform

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639
DP/6908/CD/20024

SHO
Patel Nagar, Delhi.
Tel. No. 011 2587 4034

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

Unknown

The general public is hereby informed that an unidentified person about **35 years** of age whose name, residence, and family is unknown has found dead at baba khiman singh park Ashok vihar Phase-3, Delhi. In this regard, an information has been registered vide **DD No:82A, dated: 27.05.2024 at PS Bharat Nagar, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person, but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the UIDB is as under: **Sex:** Male, **Age**: 35 Years, **Height**: 5'6", **Complexion:** Black, **Built:** Medium, **face:** Round, **Wearing:** Mehroon colour t-shirt and blue colour half pant. If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform:

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639
DP/6860/NW/2024

SHO
SHO/ Bharat Nagar, Delhi.
Ph.: 8750870222

Appeal for Identification

General public is hereby informed that one person **Namely:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 50 Yrs., **Height:** 5'6", **Sex:** Male, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Identification Mark:** Tattoo on right hand, **Wearing:** White Colour Dharidar Shirt and White Pant, **Place of Recovery:** Found Dead in MCD Park, Back of the Chhawla Bus Stand, Najafgarh, Delhi. The dead body of deceased preserved in RTRM Hospital, Jafar Pur Kalan, Delhi Mortuary for identification.

In this regard **DD No. 124A, Dated 03.06.2024** has been lodged at **Police Station: Najafgarh, New Delhi**. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO
P.S.: Najafgarh, New Delhi
Ph.: 9643695472

DP/6943/DW/2024

F.No. 2/6/2022-G.II

UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Dholpur House, Shahjahan Road,
New Delhi -110069

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Online bids are invited from interested PSU's with proven record and experience for Implementation of Aadhar based Biometric Authentication/Digital Fingerprint Capturing & Facial Recognition, QR Code Scanning of e-Admit Cards and Live AI based CCTV surveillance during upcoming UPSC's Exam/Recruitment Tests. Detailed advertisement along with tender document may be downloaded from UPSC website **https://upsc.gov.in/tenders** and GeM portal **https://gem.gov.in**.

2. Bids shall be submitted online only at GeM portal. The GeM Bid No. for the above bidding is **GEM/2024/B/5005601**. Manual bids shall not be accepted. The last date & time for submission of bid is **03.07.2024 (1300 hrs)**.

Sd/-
(Rakesh Kumar Dixit)
Under Secretary
Telephone: 011-23388418

CBC 55103/11/0005/2425

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Nisha Kumari

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Nisha Kumari D/o Ram Ji Chaudhary, R/o H.No. RZE-31, Gali No. 2, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi has been missing since 27.05.2024 at 9.00 AM from her home.** In this regard **DD No. 94A, Dated 28.05.2024** has been lodged at Police Station Nihal Vihar, Delhi. The description of missing girl is as under:

Name: Nisha Kumari, Age: 22 Years, Height: 5'2", Face: Long, Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Medium, Wearing: Blue Colour T-Shirt and Lining Plazo and Slippers in feet.

If anyone has any information about this missing girl please inform P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.

Web: http://cbi.nic.in, E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

SHO
Police Station Nihal Vihar, Delhi
Ph: 7065036129

DP/6442/OD/2024

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male (depicted in the photo) name **Unknown** S/o **Unknown** residence and family is **Unknown** age 60-65 years was found dead at Platform No. 2, near Pillar No. L-31 Delhi Side Anand Vihar Terminal, Delhi on 02.06.2024. In this regard, a **DD No. 03A,** has been lodged at **P.S.** Anand Vihar Railway Station, Delhi. Dead body has been preserved for identification in GTB Hospital Mortuary for 72 hours. His physical description is as under. His physical description is as under.

Sex: Male, **Age:** 60-65 years, **Height:** 5'7" **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Long, White Beard **Build:** Medium, **Wearing:** Yellow Colour Shirt, Lining print Nikker. Any person having information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address of telephone number:-

Ph. No. 011-24368638, 24368641
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax No. 011-24368639
DP/6765/Rly/2024

S.H.O
PS: Anand Vihar
Railway Station, Delhi
Ph No.: 8750871314

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(Section 82 Cr. Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused person **Md.shrik S/o md.rahis R/o kot purvi maniharan,hasanpur,Amroha** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 63/21, u/s 379/356/34 IPC** at PS Shahdara, Delhi and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Md.shrik,** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Md.shrik,** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Md.shrik** accused of **Fir No. 63/21, u/s 379/356/34** IPC at PS Shahdara, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **09.08.2024.**

By order
Ms. Vidhi Gupta Anand
Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No.59
karkardooma Court, Delhi

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WATER FOR CITY

shall release the agreed quantity of water on Friday at the Hathnikund barrage, which will be measured by the Upper Yamuna River Board (UYRB) to ascertain the total surplus water that has to reach Delhi. The court further asked UYRB and states of Himachal Pradesh and Haryana to submit their compliance affidavits by June 10 when the matter will be heard next.

The court order noted that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government also take proactive steps to ensure water is not wasted in the national capital and that leakages are detected.

"We are conscious of the fact that there is an acute water shortage and therefore, there should be no wastage of water by the Delhi government," stated the order, approving of water conservation measures suggested by UYRB in its meeting on June 3 that was attended by the governments of Delhi, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh.

To be sure, even though the city's targeted supply under its summer action plan is 1,000 million gallons daily (mgd), the Delhi economic survey says the estimated demand is 1290mgd. The demand-supply gap further widens and the system gets under stress during peak summer period. Data from the Delhi Jal Board's (DJB) summer bulletins show that the season's water supply level dipped to a low of 966.16mgd on May 27. However, over the last four days, the supply levels have remained above 1000mgd.

In a post on X, Delhi water minister Atishi said: "I thank the Hon'ble Supreme Court for standing with the people of Delhi during this unprecedented water crisis. This is a time that calls for coordinated effort above all else, and the SC order marks a victory for the people of Delhi and their right to water."

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), however, hit out the AAP.

"Despite our requests, she never wrote to her INDI alliance partner Congress-ruled Himachal Pradesh. But today she stands exposed as Supreme Court has not asked Haryana or Uttar Pradesh, but Himachal Pradesh to release excess water," said Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva.

During the proceedings on Thursday, the bench warned that there must not be any politics around the water crisis. "We want no politics on water that Himachal Pradesh is releasing and Haryana is not doing it. There should be no politics on water. We should also clarify that we are not taking cognisance of your government's (Delhi's) petition or your arguments; we are going by the findings of the Board," the bench remarked emphatically, addressing senior counsel Abhishek Manu Singhvi, who represented the AAP government.

To the Haryana government, the bench said that the state should not stand in the way of the agreement between Delhi and Himachal Pradesh when the latter is willing to share its surplus water.

"Let the additional water from Himachal be released. It's an existential problem for Delhi. The water has to come from Himachal Pradesh, which has said it has surplus water to share with Delhi. They only want a right to passage at the Wazirabad barrage. Haryana should give the right to passage immediately," said the bench.

While senior additional advocate general (AAG) for Haryana, Lokesh Sinhal, contended that there is no method to measure whether Himachal Pradesh has released additional water or not and that Haryana also faces a water crisis, the bench retorted: "There is a serious drinking water crisis in Delhi. The Board has recorded that Haryana also has raised the water crisis, but no finding has been recorded by it. In this scenario, how do we say that surplus water from Himachal Pradesh should not get a right to passage from Haryana?"

Additional solicitor general Vikramjeet Banerjee appeared for the Union government in the matter while Himachal Pradesh was represented by its AAG, Vaibhav Srivastava.

In response to the water crisis in Delhi amid the relentless summer heat, the court had on June 3 urged the Centre to convene an urgent meeting of UYRB on June 5. The records of the meeting were placed before the bench on Thursday, underscoring that although the Board acknowledged the drinking water crisis in the national capital, it asked the Delhi government to write to Haryana for the supply of additional water in view of Haryana's strong objections to the availability of surplus water with Himachal Pradesh. The court emphasised the need for collaborative efforts to ensure that Delhi's citizens receive adequate water supply amid the unrelenting summer heat while disputations over surplus water could wait.

The bench was hearing a petition filed by the Delhi government on May 31, seeking a directive for Haryana to release surplus water provided by Himachal Pradesh through the Wazirabad barrage. The petition detailed an arrangement with Himachal Pradesh to share surplus water with Delhi, which must pass through the Wazirabad barrage in Haryana since Himachal Pradesh does not share a physical boundary with Delhi.

The Delhi government's petition, filed on May 31, highlighted the acute heatwave and "red alert" conditions in Delhi, with temperatures crossing record levels. "This unprecedented surge in temperature has led to an extraordinary and excessive demand for water, which is not being met by supply from neighbouring states, precipitating a full-fledged water and sanitation crisis," the petition stated.

The plea argued that increased demand had critically reduced water levels at the Wazirabad barrage, endangering the health and well-being of Delhi's 25 million residents.

KANGANA RANAUT

ism in Punjab," Ranaut said in a video uploaded to her handle on X at 6.14pm with the caption "Shocking rise in terror and violence in Punjab."

The CISF constable, identified as Kulwinder Kaur, was immediately detained after the incident, and later suspended after Ranaut lodged a complaint with CISF officials on her arrival at the Indira Gandhi airport. The CISF was also in the process of filing a police complaint.

The incident occurred around 3pm at the security checkpoint ahead of Ranaut's flight. While some reports suggested the confrontation occurred after Ranaut did not heed Kaur's instructions to put her phone on the tray during the routine frisking, the BJP MP, in her video, alleged that the constable approached her from the side as she was waiting in the security check area, hit her and began hurling abuses at her, seemingly without any provocation. When Ranaut asked for the reason for her behaviour, Kaur allegedly told Ranaut that she was a supporter of the farmers protests.

"I am safe. I am perfectly fine. There was an incident at the Chandigarh airport during the security check. As I was leaving after completing security checking process, a woman CISF officer came from the side and hit me on the face. She began hurling abuses. When I asked her why she was doing this, she said she is a supporter of the farmers' protest. I am safe but my question is how we end growing extremism and terrorism in Punjab," Ranaut said in the video.

Airport authorities, on condition of anonymity, confirmed that Kaur was unhappy with the actor-turned-politician's stand on the farmers' protest when she said that the agitators were people paid to demonstrate.

Ranaut's flight, Vistara's UK707 to New Delhi at 3.30pm, was delayed, eventually departing at 4.10pm.

The BJP MP-elect was met by CISF officials from the airport and Delhi headquarters when she landed in the national capital, where she lodged an official complaint.

The force is yet to issue a statement. But an official aware of the development in Chandigarh said, "Constable Kaur was immediately detained after the incident. Kangana Ranaut proceeded to board her flight. Punjab police officials also reached the airport."

Punjab police officers, including deputy superintendents of police (DSPs) KS Sandhu and HS Bal, checked the CCTV cameras and took the statements of the airport staff, said a police officer who asked not to be named.

Kaur was being questioned by the authorities at the airport, a CISF officer in Chandigarh said, adding that a probe had been launched.

THE CONSTABLE, IDENTIFIED AS KULWINDER KAUR, WAS IMMEDIATELY DETAINED AFTER THE INCIDENT, SAID OFFICIALS

A senior CISF officer in Chandigarh said they were also in the process of registering a First Information Report (FIR) against the constable.

"We have given a complaint at the local police station against the lady constable concerned. She has been suspended with immediate effect and an inquiry has been ordered into the matter," the officer said.

Sandhu said that police are yet to register an FIR in the case.

Several videos from the aftermath of the incident were being widely shared on social media. In one video, Kaur can be heard defending herself to bystanders, questioning the kind of statements Ranaut made during the farmers' protest.

"She said that women had taken ₹100 to sit at the protest. Did she sit there? My mother was among the women protesters in the sit-in when she gave that statement," Kaur is heard saying in the video. HT could not independently verify the authenticity of the clip. Kaur hails from Sultanpur Lodhi in Kapurthala district of Punjab and is a sister of farmer leader Sher Singh Malhiwal.

Between November 2020 and December 2021, thousands of farmers from food-bowl states such as Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan held a sit-in protest at the three borders of the national capital to protest the three farm laws proposed by the central government to liberalise agricultural markets. The laws were later repealed.

Ranaut was on Tuesday was elected to Lok Sabha from Himachal Pradesh's Mandi constituency, defeating Congress' heavyweight Vikramaditya Singh by a margin of over 74,000 votes.

Farmers leader Sarvan Singh Pandher, one of the leaders of a second farmer's agitation in January, on Thursday criticised Ranaut for speaking against farmers and disrespecting their mothers. He also condemned police and CISF for detaining Kaur.

Terming the incident a serious matter, National Commission for Women (NCW) chairperson Rekha Sharma called for serious action and said the panel had taken up the matter with the CISF.

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निविदा सह नीलामी के माध्यम से भूखण्ड प्राप्त करने का सुनहरा मौका

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क्र० सं०	सेक्टर	भूखण्ड का प्रकार	भूखण्ड का क्षेत्रफल (वर्ग०मी०में)	कुल भूखण्डों की संख्या	दर रू० (प्रति वर्ग०मी०)	धरोहर धनराशि
1	1– ब्रहमपुत्र इंक्लेव	आवासीय भूखण्ड	1000.00	15	36000.00	1800000.00
2	सेक्टर–6 8– शिप्रा इंक्लेव	आवासीय भूखण्ड	1000.00	08	33000.00	1650000.00
3	सेक्टर–2	व्यावसायि भूखण्ड	60.00	13	66000.00	396000.00
4	सेक्टर–2	व्यावसायि भूखण्ड	1240.00	1	66000.00	4092000.00
5	2 – कावेरी इंक्लेव	व्यावसायि भूखण्ड	114.00	8	66000.00	752400.00
6	सेक्टर–3	व्यावसायि भूखण्ड	240.00	2	66000.00	1584000.00
7	सेक्टर–3	व्यावसायि भूखण्ड	20.00	7	66000.00	132000.00
8	सेक्टर–3	हायर सेकेन्ड्री स्कूल	8272.00	1	33000.00	13648800.00
9	10– सरयू इंक्लेव	स्कूल भूखण्ड	1980.00	1	33000.00	3267000.00
10	9–सत्यम इंक्लेव	दुकान भूखण्ड	34.80	5	66000.00	229680.00
11	10– सरयू इंक्लेव	ऑफिस भूखण्ड-01	1262.22	1	49500.00	3123995.00
12	10– सरयू इंक्लेव	ऑफिस भूखण्ड-03	1517.40	1	49500.00	3755565.00
13	10– सरयू इंक्लेव	ऑफिस भूखण्ड-04	1492.80	1	49500.00	3694680.00
14	10– सरयू इंक्लेव	ऑफिस भूखण्ड-05	4017.10	1	49500.00	9942323.0
15	8– शिप्रा इंक्लेव	पेट्रोल भूखण्ड	2000.00	1	66000.00	6600000.00
16	11– पंचवटी इंक्लेव	ग्रुप हाऊसिंग	12985.00	1	49500.00	32137875.00
17	12– इंद्रप्रस्थ इंक्लेव	ग्रुप हाऊसिंह	4746.07	1	49500.00	11746524.00
18	11– पंचवटी इंक्लेव	होटल भूखण्ड-1	2031.20	1	66000.00	6702960.00
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नोटः– भूखण्डो के आवंटन सम्बन्धि अन्य नियम / शर्तें प्राधिकरण की बेबसाइट www.bdainfo.org पर देखी जा सकती है।

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN WELFARE
(KENDRIYA SAINIK BOARD SECTT)

APPENDIX- 'A'

RESERVED DEFENCE SEATS IN MEDICAL/DENTAL COLLEGES AS GOVERNMENT OF INDIA NOMINEE UNDER MINISTRY OF DEFENCE QUOTA (2024-25)

1. Applications are invited for admission to Medical Colleges and Dental College **(subject to allotment of seats by Ministry of Health)**, from sons/daughters/widows/wives of Armed Forces Personnel of the following categories of Defence personnel only, as per priority shown against each:-

Sl. No.	Category	Priority
(a)	Widow/Wards of Defence personnel killed in action.	I
(b)	Wards of disabled in action and boarded out from service.	II
(c)	Widows/Wards of Defence personnel who died while in service with death attributable to military service.	III
(d)	Wards of disabled in service and boarded out with disability attributable to military service.	IV
(e)	Wards of Ex-Servicemen and serving personnel who are in receipt of Gallantry Awards.	V
(f)	Wards of Ex-Servicemen.	VI
(g)	Wives of (i) Defence personnel disabled in action and boarded out from service. (ii) Defence personnel disabled in service and boarded out with disability attributable to military service. (iii) Ex-servicemen and serving personnel who are in receipt of Gallantry Awards.	VII
(h)	Wards of Serving Personnel.	VIII
(j)	Wives of Serving Personnel.	IX

2. **Eligibility for Candidature**
   (a) Selection of candidates for reserved seats as Govt of India Nominee will be made on the basis of marks obtained by the candidates in NEET-2024 conducted by NTA. Candidates who do not qualify the NEET should not apply.
   (b) Wards of Civilians are not eligible.
3. Candidates are required to apply online **within 30 days of declaration of NEET result** on KSB Sectt website **www.ksb.gov.in**. Eligibility certificate for Retd pers to be completed, signed by RSB/ZSB, countersigned by OIC Records and for Serving Personnel in Priority V, VII, VIII & IX can also be signed by CO/OC Unit to be uploaded alongwith supporting documents and photograph of candidates.

CBC 10405/11/0001/2425

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विज्ञप्ति

एतद्द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि सीधी भर्ती से सम्बन्धित **विज्ञापन सं0-1/2015-16, विभाग सं0-एस-05/08 के अन्तर्गत विज्ञापित सहकारिता विभाग में सहायक सांख्यिकीय अधिकारी (ASO)** पद के साक्षात्कार में उपस्थित अभ्यर्थियों के प्राप्तांक एवं कट ऑफ अंक आयोग की वेबसाइट **http://uppsc.up.nic.in** पर **दिनांक 06.06.2024 से 12.06.2024 तक** उपलब्ध रहेंगे। अतः अभ्यर्थीगण अपने अनुक्रमांक एवं जन्मतिथि के आधार पर प्राप्तांक एवं कट ऑफ अंक अवलोकित/प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। इस सम्बन्ध में यह भी सूचित किया जाता है कि उक्त सीधी भर्ती के प्राप्तांक/कट ऑफ अंक के सम्बन्ध में सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम-2005 के अन्तर्गत कोई भी प्रार्थना पत्र स्वीकार नहीं किए जायेंगे।

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दिनांकः प्रयागराज, 06 जून, 2024 **(उप सचिव)**

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer (Train Set), Northern Railway, Charbagh Workshop, Lucknow invites following e-tender from reputed firms for works as given below:-

Tender No. : W-CB-F-ChokeTank-2024
Name of Work : Overhauling/Repair of Choke Tank of MEMU Motor Coaches as per scope of Work.
Estimated Cost of Work : Rs. 33,34,231.6/-
Earnest Money/Bid Security : Rs. 66,700/- only
Cost of Tender Form : Rs. 0/- only
Period of Contract : 12 Months
Date & Time for Submission of Tender : from 14.06.2024 to 28.06.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs.
Date & Time for Opening of Tender : after 15:15 Hrs. on 28.06.2024

- The tender form may be submitted on the website **www.ireps.gov.in** from 14.06.2024 to 28.06.2024 (up to 15:00 Hrs.)
- Mannual offers are not allowed against this tender, any such mannual offer received shall be ignored.
- Contractors are allowed to make payment against this tender towards tender document cost and Earnest Money/Bid Security only cash through e-payment gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents.
- The tender will be opened on specified date and time as above. In case the above date is a holiday the tender opening would be conducted at the same times on the next working day.
- No post tender correspondance for submission of additional documents shall be entertained after opening the technical & commercial offers. Even suo-moto post letter of the tender shall be treated as NULL & Void.

No.: NR/CB/Workshop/June/Choke Tank/2024 Date: 06.06.2024 1703/24

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-II, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work:-

NIT-29	**Name of work:** Annual zone work for maintenance of staff quarters and service buildings in the section of SSE/W/SMQL under ADEN/SMQL jurisdiction of Sr. DEN-II/DLI (P.E. 30.06.2025) **Approx cost of work:** As per NIT or IREPS **Earnest Money to be deposited:** As per NIT or IREPS
NIT-30	**Name of work:** Annual Bridge Zone work for the maintenance of Major and minor bridges, FOB in the section of ADEN/SMQL. **Approx cost of work:** As per NIT or IREPS **Earnest Money to be deposited:** As per NIT or IREPS
NIT-32	**Name of work:** Repair to flooring, plastering, replacement of door and window in staff quarters in the section of SSE/W/MOZ under ADEN/MUT. **Approx cost of work:** As per NIT or IREPS **Earnest Money to be deposited:** As per NIT or IREPS
NIT-33	**Name of work:** Repair of flooring, plastering, replacement of door and window in staff quarters at PQY, MUT, DRLA, MUZ, MDNR and Replacement of old and wornout water supply arrangements in staff quarters & service building in the Section of SSE/W/MTC under ADEN/MUT. **Approx cost of work:** As per NIT or IREPS **Earnest Money to be deposited:** As per NIT or IREPS
Date & Time of submission of tender bid	18.06.2024 to 02.07.2024 at 15:00 Hrs.
Date & Time of Opening of tender	02.07.2024 at 15:00 Hrs.
Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	**www.ireps.gov.in**

- The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in** for participating in the e-tender system.
- For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. • No manual offers are acceptable. • Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.

No.: NIT-29, 30, 32 & 33-24-25-W-II Dated : 05.06.2024 1688/2024

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MAHARASHTRA METRO RAIL CORPORATION LTD.

(A joint venture of Govt. of India & Govt. of Maharashtra)
(Pune Metro Rail Project)
Block No. A3, Food Grain Godown, Near Civil Court, Next to Kamgar Putala Vasahat, Shivajinagar, Pune 411005
e-mail: tenders.pmrp@mahametro.org
Website: www.punemetrorail.org https://mahatenders.gov.in

(PUNE METRO RAIL PROJECT-PHASE-1 EXTENSION)
E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No. P1A-PC 01/2024 Dated : 07 June 2024

Name of Work: Appointment of Proof Checking Consultant for Detailed Structural Design of Viaduct of PCMC to Nigdi Corridor (4.52 km approx.) of Pune Metro Rail Project.

Interested bidders may visit Pune Metro Rail website **www.punemetrorail.org** or download the Tender documents and obtain further details regarding the tender from e-tender portal of Govt. of Maharashtra **https://mahatenders.gov.in** from **16:00 Hrs. On 10/06/2024 to 16:00 Hrs. on 28/06/2024**

Executive Director/Procurement & Contracts
Maha Metro, Greenest Metro Maha-Metro, PMRP

Jammu and Kashmir State Power Development Corporation

Corporate Office: Exhibition Ground, Jehangeer Chowk Srinagar-190009
Camp Office: Ashok Nagar, Satwari, Jammu-180004

E-NIT:- JKSPDC/FIN/BI-19/7447787/2024-25/02 Dated:- 05.06.2024

Gist of Bid Document for Mega Risk Insurance of 900 MW Baglihar HEP Stages - I and II.

J&K State Power Development Corporation Ltd. invites offers from reputed general insurance companies of India for mega risk insurance of its 900 MW Baglihar Hydro-Electric Project Stage-I and II for the policy period from **16th July, 2024 at 1200 Hrs to 15th July, 2025 at 1200 Hrs.** Last date of submission of e-bids is **25.06.2024 up to 12.00 Noon.**

Complete bid document can be downloaded from **http://www.jktenders.gov.in**.

No. JKSPDC/FIN/7447784/792 Sd/-
Dated: 05.06.2024 **Director Finance**
DIP-J-401-P-24 **JKSPDC**

INSTITUTE OF HUMAN BEHAVIOUR & ALLIED SCIENCES (IHBAS)

Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095 India
Hospital based autonomous academic Institute, under Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, dealing with "Brain - Mind Problems & their Solutions"
E-mail: aracad@ihbas.org, website: https://ihbas.delhi.gov.in

Ref: F4/PMHN/IHBAS/2024/29 **Date: 5.6.2024**

ADMISSION NOTICE

Applications are invited in the prescribed form for admission to the MSc Psychiatric (Mental Health) Nursing Course (Two Years) & Post Basic Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing (one year) for the academic year 2024-25

Name of the Course	No. of Seats					
	UR	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	Total Seats
MSc Pschiatric (Mental Health) Nursing	5	1	-	2	-	8
Post Basic Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing	10	3	1	5	1	20

Eligibility:

1. **MSc Psychiatric (Mental Health) Nursing:** Be a Registered Nurse (Registered Nurse & Registered Midwife) or equivalent and possessing a minimum of one year experience after Graduation (B.Sc. Nursing/ Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing)
2. **Post Basic Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing:** Be a Registered Nurse (Registered Nurse & Registered Midwife) or equivalent and possessing a minimum of one year experience after GNM/B.Sc. Nursing/Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing

Last Date of Application: 30.06.2024 Date of Entrance Examination: 07.07.2024 Declaration of Result: 12.07.2024 Commencement of Course-MSc Psychiatric (Mental Health) Nursing: 15.07.2024 Commencement of Course-Post Basic Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing: 01.08.2024	**Note:** The entrance examination will be held at New Delhi ONLY For OBC Quota, the OBC (NCL) certificate must be issued by Government of NCT of Delhi ONLY PwD reservation as per GOI rules

The detailed admission notice and application proforma can be downloaded from **https://ihbas.delhi.gov.in**

DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0080/24-25 **Deputy Registrar (Academics), IHBAS**

Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board
G-1, Vikas kuteer, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002
Empanelment of Inquiry Officers (IO)

DUSIB intends to invite fresh application from working and retired Govt. Officers, not below the rank of Dy. Secretary (PB-3 with GP 7600/-) and equivalent post, for appointment as Inquiry Officer for departmental inquiry. For detailed Terms & Conditions, please visit the website of DUSIB i.e. **www.delhishelterboard.in**

Sd/-
Pr. Director (Vig.)
DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0081/24-25 **Ph. No. 01123370463**

प्लाज़्मा अनुसंधान संस्थान
Institute for Plasma Research

भाट, इन्दिरा पुल के निकट, गांधीनगर–३८२ ४२८ (भारत)
Bhat, Near Indira Bridge, Gandhinagar – 382 428 (India)
Web: www.ipr.res.in

परमाणु ऊर्जा विभाग (पऊवि) अपने अनुदान सहायता संस्थान, प्लाज्मा अनुसंधान संस्थान, गांधीनगर, गुजरात के लिए निदेशक के पद के लिए आवेदन आमंत्रित करता है । Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) invites applications for the post of Director, for its Grant-in-Aid Institution, Institute for Plasma Research, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

विज्ञापन सं. ADVT. NO. 05/2024

क्र.सं. Sr. No.	पद का नाम Name of the Post	रिक्तयोंकी की संख्या No. of Vacancies	वेतन स्तर Pay Level
1	निदेशक / Director	01	वेतन मैट्रिक्स का स्तर 16 और प्रारंभिक मूल वेतन ₹ 2,05,400/– प्रति माह । (7वें सीपीसी के अनुसार)/Level 16 of Pay Matrix and Initial basic Pay ₹ 2,05,400/- p.m. (As per 7th CPC).

पद के कार्यकाल, कर्तव्यों की प्रकृति, आयु सीमा, आवश्यक शैक्षणिक योग्यता, अनुभव और सामान्य निर्देशों के बारे में अधिक जानकारी के लिए कृपया संस्थान की वेबसाइट http://www.ipr.res.in/documents/jobs_career.html या परमाणु ऊर्जा विभाग की वेबसाइट https://dae.gov.in पर जाएं। **आवेदन की अंतिम तिथि 30 जून, 2024 है।**

For more details regarding tenure of post, nature of duties, age limit, essential educational qualification, experience and general instructions, please visit Institute's website http://www.ipr.res.in/documents/jobs_career.html or Department of Atomic Energy's website https://dae.gov.in **Last date for application is June 30, 2024.**

मुख्य प्रशासनिक अधिकारी / **Chief Administrative Officer**

NEW OKHLA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida G.B. Nagar, (UP)
Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.in

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from eligible contractors/firms for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: **www.noidaauthorityonline.in** & **https://etender.up.nic.in.** Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/ amendments & corrigendum etc.

Re Tender Work:-

Sl. No.	Job No	Name of Work	Tender Amount (in Lacs.)
1	08/DGM(E/M)Sr.M (E/M)-IV/2023-24	Constriction of 33/11KV Sub-Station in Sector-151, Noida, (Electrical work)	835.12
2	09/DGM(E/M)Sr.M (E/M)-IV/2023-24	Constriction of 33/11KV Sub-Station in Sector-155, Noida, (Electrical work)	939.89
3	10/DGM(E/M)Sr.M (E/M)-IV/2023-24	Constriction of 33/11KV Sub-Station in Sector-156, Noida, (Electrical work)	900.67
4	11/DGM(E/M)Sr.M (E/M)-IV/2023-24	Constriction of 33/11KV Sub-Station in Sector-162, Noida, (Electrical work)	1185.98
5	32/DGM(E/M)Sr.M (E/M)-I/2023-24	Augmentation of electrical installation on panchsheel road and Sector-145 to FNG Road, Noida.	187.66

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated **13.06.2024 up to 5.00 PM.** Pre-qualification shall be opened/ downloaded on dated **14.06.2024 at 11.00 AM.**

Office **Dy. General Manager**
Sector-39 **(E&M) NOIDA**

CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

COCHIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LTD

Kochi Airport P.O., Ernakulam - 683111

CIAL/COML/ ADMN 97/21465 **TENDER NOTICE** 07.06.2024

SELECTION OF OPERATOR FOR 0484 AERO LUXURY LOUNGE

Tenders are invited on behalf of Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) for selection of an Operator for Operation & Maintenace of 0484 Aero Luxury Lounge at Cochin International Airport, for a period of 10 years. Interested agencies may submit their tenders on or before 08.07.2024. For more details visit **www.cial.aero** Contact **0484 2610115** Extn. 2619, 3108 or **commercial@cial.aero**

Sd/-
Managing Director

भारतीय दूरसंचार विनियामक प्राधिकरण

ब्लॉक–एफ, वर्ल्ड ट्रेड सेंटर, नौरोजी नगर, नई दिल्ली- 110029
TELECOM REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF INDIA
Block-F, World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi-110029

OPEN HOUSE DISCUSSION

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) shall hold an Open House Discussion through video conference on the following subject at the date & time given below:

विषय/Subject	दिनांक/Date	समय/Time	स्थान/Venue
Consultation Paper on Regulation on Rating Framework for Digital Connectivity in Buildings or Areas	**18th June 2024** (Tuesday)	**Sign in:** 10.30 AM **Conference:** 11.00 AM	OHD will be through video conferencing **Video Link https://www.airmeet.com/e/b75aaec0-1f46-11ef-9de1-c7a3f1021c35**

2. Interested stakeholders/industry representatives are invited to participate in the Open House Discussion. The Stakeholders/Industry representatives willing to participate in the OHD may register themselves on TRAI website on the OHD notification page at URL **www.trai.gov.in/events**.
3. The Consultation Paper on the subject is available on TRAI website at URL **https://www.trai.gov.in/sites/default/files/Cons_Paper_27092023_0.pdf**
4. For any clarification, Shri Tejpal Singh, Advisor (Quality of Service-I), TRAI may be contacted on email: **adv-qos1@trai.gov.in**

CBC 06202/12/0007/2425

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE,DATE:04.06.2024

E-tender is invited from reputed and experienced contractor by the undersigned for and on behalf of the president of India, for the following:- **Tender No.:** ELECT-GEN-BPL-T-21-2024, **Name of work:** Part(A): Habibganj-Augmentation of Existing IOH facility of BPL division with additional capacity at HBJ with EOT facilities and stabling line. Part(B): Habibganj & Itarsi-RPF Barracks (20 Women Staff) and RPF Chowki & Office (Bhopal only)(Electrical Work)., **Completion Period:** 6 Months, **Estimated cost in Rs.:** 6872415.11/-, **Earnest Money in Rs.:** 137500.00/-, **Tender No.:** ELECT-GEN-BPL-T-22-2024, **Name of work:** Bhopal Division-Provision of solar power plants at stations, service building & platform sheds., **Completion Period:** 4 Months, **Estimated cost in Rs.:** 16994458.74/-, **Earnest Money in Rs.:** 235000.00/-, **Tender No.:** ELECT-GEN-BPL-T-24-2024, **Name of work:** BPL division-Maintenance of train lighting equipment in coaches and IOH of coaches of passenger carrying trains for two years., **Completion Period:** 24 Months, **Estimated cost in Rs.:** 27678881.34/-, **Earnest Money in Rs.:** 288400.00/-, **For all above tenders Date and Time for closing of tender:** 24/06/2024 11:00, **Tender No.:** ELECT-GEN-BPL-T-25-2024, **Name of work:** BPL Division-Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract ("B", "C" and "D" Schedule maintenance) of DG set of 500 KVS (Cummins and Kirloskar make) along with its accessories fitted in power cars of Primary maintained rakes for the period of two years., **Completion Period:** 24 Months, **Estimated cost in Rs.:** 14379396.81/-, **Earnest Money in Rs.:** 221900.00/-, **Date and Time for closing of tender:** 01/07/2024 11:00. The details of complete tender documents and its related information may be seen at https://www.ireps.gov.in and notice board of this office. Manual offer, for above said tender is not acceptable and if any manual offer submitted, will not be considered. Corrigendum/ Updating, if required, will be uploaded on website, it may be seen at above said URL and notice board of this office, till the date of closing of tender. If cost of tender is above Rs. 50 lakhs then as per para 10 of GCC eligibility criteria will be applicable. Before participation in tender, contractor first read this condition. Documents for same should be uploaded on the IREPS website, by the contractor. Uploaded documents will be considered for finalization of tender. The brief of same has also been given in the special condition attached with the tender.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General), WCR, Bhopal

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{ OUR TAKE }

No country for the unaffiliated

Political parties that stayed away from alliances face an existential crisis

The 2014 verdict, which gave the BJP a simple majority in the Lok Sabha, suggested that the country may be leaving behind the coalition era of nearly a quarter century. The Congress and the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) it headed were decimated in that election. Five years later, the BJP, riding on the popularity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, won 303 seats, indicating that the polity was heading for a unipolar moment; the Congress had state-level alliances that failed to find traction among voters, except in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. However, regional outfits such as the Trinamool Congress, YSRCP, Bharat Rashtra Samithi, Biju Janata Dal (BJD), Samajwadi Party, and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) survived the Modi blitz and found decent representation in the Lok Sabha. The 2024 general elections have altered the national picture. The BJP is 32 seats short of a simple majority, though the NDA at 293 appears set to form the government. The INDIA bloc led by the Congress, an expanded version of the 2004-14 UPA, has emerged as a strong Opposition with 235 MPs. Clearly, the polity has turned bipolar, with voters backing two strong coalitions. Political parties that chose to stay outside these two alliances have fared poorly; the lone rangers now face an existential crisis. There are just 16 seats in the Lok Sabha that have been won by independents or parties that are not part of either INDIA or NDA.

Take the case of regional heavyweights including the BJD, BRS, AIADMK and BSP that refused to join any alliance. These will have no representatives in the Lok Sabha whereas the YSRCP, another lone ranger, has barely survived the storm (its tally is down to four from 22 in 2019); The Shiromani Akali Dal, one of the oldest allies of the BJP, left the NDA in 2020 and is now down to a single seat (its vote share fell from 26.3% in 2014 to 13.4% in 2024). On the other hand, parties that opted for alliances — the Telugu Desam Party, Janata Dal (United) and Janata Dal (Secular) in NDA, Shiv Sena and Nationalist Congress Party factions in NDA and INDIA, and the Communist parties — have salvaged some ground and will have representation in the lower house of Parliament.

Interestingly, the YSRCP, BJD and BRS, which used to support the BJP's legislative agenda in Parliament but refused to be a part of NDA, have seen their collective tally drop from 43 seats in 2019 to just four this time. All three parties have lost in their respective strongholds — Andhra Pradesh (YSRCP), Odisha (BJD), and Telangana (BRS) – and two have even lost the state (the third did in December itself). Clearly, the electorate prefers clarity about where the parties stand in a time of great ideological polarisation.

Listen to rumblings in the Punjab results

The general elections results were declared two days before the 40th anniversary of Operation Blue Star, which had left Punjab traumatised. The scars of militancy are hidden by the return of normalcy in public affairs. However, two poll outcomes should serve as a warning and, hopefully, make the political mainstream reflect on the restive state of Punjabi society, especially its youth.

Among the 13 winners from Punjab are two independents, Amritpal Singh and Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa, who represent a radical stream in the polity. Amritpal Singh, a detenu charged under the National Security Act, has been trying to claim the legacy of Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, the preacher who became the face of militancy in Punjab. He won a five-cornered contest in Khadoor Sahib with a margin close to 200,000 votes. Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa, son of Beant Singh, one of the assassins of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, defeated candidates from six parties to win the Faridkot seat with a margin of over 70,000 votes. It is evident that the electorate was spoilt for choices but preferred Amritpal Singh and Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa.

It is welcome that the radical fringe wants to join the electoral mainstream. However, the big daddies of Punjab politics — the Congress, AAP, SAD and BJP — should probe the reasons behind the backing for the radical politicians. Clearly, there seems to be disquiet among sections of the population that the political mainstream is unable to address the state's concerns. The AAP promised change, but its government is struggling to fulfil its promises. The discontent is not to be dismissed as signs of separatism or militancy, but it needs to be engaged with by the political mainstream and the root causes addressed by the State.

The Naidu vs Jagan potboiler in Andhra

The revenge politics and governance gaffes of Jagan Mohan Reddy cost the YSRCP dearly in the elections. It has given a new life to the TDP in the southern state

Pawan Kalyan's emergence as a political force influenced the outcome ANI

Sambaiah Gundimeda

In September 2022, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, leader of the Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP) and then chief minister (CM) of Andhra Pradesh, addressed a massive gathering following the party's victory in the Kuppam assembly constituency, held by Telugu Desam Party (TDP) chief Chandrababu Naidu since 1989. He enthused party members with the rallying cry of "Why not 175", envisioning a sweep of all 175 assembly constituencies in the upcoming elections. As the 2024 assembly and Lok Sabha elections approached, Reddy launched his party's campaign with the same slogan, confident that his government's flagship welfare schemes, described as *navaratnalu* (nine gems), would secure the necessary seats for re-election.

However, the YSR Congress suffered a staggering defeat, securing only 11 seats. In sharp contrast, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), consisting of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), Jana Sena Party (JSP), and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), clinched a landslide victory, securing 164 seats. The sharp drop in the YSRCP's electoral performance — its seats plummeted from 151 in the 2019 assembly elections to just 11 in 2024 — calls for scrutiny. Similarly, the NDA's overwhelming triumph deserves an examination of the key factors that fuelled its success.

During his 2019 electoral campaign, Reddy made grand promises to the people of Andhra Pradesh, such as completing the construction of the capital city in Amaravati, securing Special Category status for the state, releasing an annual job calendar on January 1 each year, and the completion of the Polavaram project. However, in office, rather than focussing on fulfilling these promises, he engaged in a politics of vengeance. He used the office to settle scores with his arch-rival, former CM and TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu. For instance, all projects initiated and contracts awarded by Naidu in Amaravati were abruptly cancelled by Jagan's government. His animosity against Naidu ran so deep that, instead of distributing the ready-to-occupy flats to the promised beneficiaries from the poor segment of the population in Amaravati, he allowed those flats to fall into disrepair. Reddy mooted three capitals for the state instead of completing Amaravati. However, people wondered if the CM could construct three capitals when he couldn't complete even one!

The YSRCP government's volunteer system had a debilitating effect on state institutions, especially local governing bodies. Under this system, a volunteer was assigned to every 50 families, acting as a facilitator for transactions between the state and these families. Although this seemed like a form of pastoral care by the state, it gradually undermined institutions like the *panchayats*, leaving their employees paid but without work. Moreover, the volunteer system strained the state's finances, as the honorarium for volunteers came from the state exchequer. Many people lamented that volunteers acted as informants for the ruling party, reporting on supporters and opponents, leading to bias in governance.

Throughout Reddy's term, law and order deteriorated. In several instances of violence, YSRCP leaders and workers were given free rein against TDP leaders and workers. The police, who were supposed to maintain neutrality, were accused of acting as a private force of the ruling regime. Reddy's politics of vengeance peaked when his government arrested Naidu and held him in remand for an extended period. The scenes of the elderly Naidu — he is 74 — being dragged by the police created public sympathy in his favour.

An important aspect that significantly damaged the YSRCP's reputation was the AP Land Titling Act of 2023. The government claimed the Act was passed to streamline land records, resolve disputes, and provide permanent titles. However, Opposition leaders, particularly Naidu, labelled it a "land grabbing Act" and warned people against it. He argued that it was another tactic by Reddy to seize people's lands, emphasising that the Act required only a photocopy of the transaction, leaving the original documents with the government. Naidu also highlighted how the YSRCP government printed Reddy's image on land passbooks instead of the official state emblem. This move alarmed land and property owners.

It is this mismanagement in government that has allowed the TDP to re-emerge as a strong alternative to the YSRCP ahead of the 2024 elections. Naidu, who had previously lost office and faced significant challenges, including arrest, was wary of taking unnecessary risks. He successfully negotiated an alliance with the BJP. Surprisingly, the electoral partnership between the BJP and TDP disproportionately benefited the former over the latter. In the 2019 assembly elections, the BJP had failed to secure even a single seat in the state. However, in the recent elections, it managed to win eight of 10 seats allocated to the party. While the long-term implications of this coalition on Andhra Pradesh's political landscape remain uncertain, for now, it has yielded more seats to the alliance partners than initially anticipated.

Actor Pawan Kalyan's emergence as a political force further influenced the outcome. His relentless criticism of the YSRCP government's undemocratic practices and campaigns against its alleged corruption resonated across the state, particularly the Kapu caste and youth from backward communities. His party's sweeping victory, securing all 21 allocated seats, underscores his growing influence.

Additionally, the TDP's "Super Six" welfare promises significantly bolstered its electoral prospects. Recognising the YSRCP's success with welfare schemes, the TDP offered ambitious initiatives, such as creating two million jobs for young people, providing financial assistance to schoolchildren and women, and ensuring essential resources such as gas cylinders and free transportation. Despite the fiscal challenges these pledges pose, they garnered substantial support from women and lower-income groups, contributing to the landslide victory.

Despite this resounding success, navigating Andhra Pradesh's precarious financial situation presents a daunting challenge for the TDP and its allies, although being part of the NDA and having a voice in Delhi will help. Naidu's political acumen will be crucial in overcoming these hurdles. Nonetheless, for now, it's a moment of celebration for the Naidu-Kalyan partnership, marking the beginning of a new political era in the state.

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Delhi hospital fire calls for more than mourning

On May 25, seven newborn babies were killed in a major fire at a private hospital in Delhi. The usual elements of a post-tragedy set-up in India were played out: Condemnation by politicians, promises of strict action by the regime, a few hasty arrests and a sudden knee-jerk reaction by public health regulators. All of this will play out over a couple of weeks and then all will be fine — till the next hospital fire. We, as a nation, fail our people in the introspection of such heartbreaking tragedies.

India is one of the few liberal democracies where health care has nearly completely passed into private hands. From dingy clinics in bylanes to posh corporate hospitals, private players now provide more than 80% of health care in this country. In other words, the government of a country with 1.4 billion people is responsible for the health of only 280 million of its citizens. This is what should worry us more than anything else. The May 25 fire is thus not just any accident. It is the outcome of a poorly managed and operated health care delivery apparatus by private practitioners, allowed to go free by an irresponsible public health care regulator. It was thus an accident manufactured with the consent and connivance of multiple players, both private and public.

Shah Alam Khan

Fires at hospitals are not uncommon in this part of the world. The AMRI hospital fire in Kolkata killed 90 people in 2011. In April 2021, at the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic, 13 patients were killed in a fire at the Vijay Vallabh Hospital near Mumbai. In the same year, 11 patients were killed at the Sunrise Hospital fire, again in Mumbai. In 2022, eight patients perished in a fire at the New Life Multispecialty hospital in Jabalpur and 50 patients were killed in a fire at the Murshidabad Medical College in West Bengal in 2016. A 2023 study (Shravishtha Juyal, Tabassum-Abbasi, Tasneem Abbasi and SA Abbasi), which compiled all the major fires in Indian hospitals from 2010 to 2023 found the incidence of fires was equal between private and public hospitals but the number of deaths in private hospital fires far outweighed those in government hospitals.

Private health care in India is poorly regulated. In a welfare state promising to provide free health care to its people, health remains a state subject which may be explained by the fact that each state has its own health priorities. Having said this, health regulations, particularly for private health set-ups at the state level are not only poorly implemented, but are liable to the pressures of money and power. The implementation is patchy in most places and private practitioners go scot-free even after blatant violations. Hospitals and nursing homes in the Capital city are regulated by the Delhi Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1953, which stands amended by the Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010. But even after all approvals, the act remains to be implemented, thanks to the tug of war involving the Centre and the Delhi state government. Political ambitions remain the single most important determinant of health in the world's largest democracy!

It is an open secret that most private hospitals in Delhi fail to provide free treatment and beds to poor patients, despite this being a legal requirement in lieu of the land given at the time of their construction. If this can happen in the country's Capital, we can only imagine the situation in smaller towns and cities. Having said this, it is important to realise that private health care is here to stay. Mere condemnation of private health care providers is not a solution in a system where private health care delivery is so tightly entrenched that the system now depends on it for its own viability and survival. Failures such as the killer fire can only be minimised through the proper implementation of regulatory mechanisms. The common causes of fires in hospitals are usually poor building structure with no escape routes, presence and improper storage of inflammable liquids and gases in the vicinity and, most importantly, lack of fire safety standard operating protocols.

As a nation enamoured by the West, we need to learn what happened after the Grenfell Tower fire in London in 2017 that killed 72 people. The synthetic cladding used in the exterior of the tower, which was the main cause of the fire, was banned in the country. Criminal charges have been brought up against the company which manufactured those claddings. A total of 180 investigators, in collaboration with international experts, prepared an extensive report that set off a broad reckoning of British regulations and fire safety. All in all, accountability was set and regulations enforced.

For the new government that will soon assume charge at the Centre, the Delhi hospital fire should provide a moment for reflection: It must take steps on priority to enhance public investment in health care besides regulating the private facilities that have mushroomed all over the country. It is the shortage of affordable health care facilities, which only the State can provide, that has facilitated the emergence of a market for establishments with poor facilities and untrained personnel.

What has happened to us as a civil society is that our sense of outrage has been blunted by deaths and mishaps about which we feel we can't do much except mourn. Whether it's a bridge crash, a hoarding collapse, a train accident, a tunnel caving in on workers or a hospital fire killing the ill, we have learnt the art of looking the other way. Accountability is no longer ingrained in the apparatus of civility. We shall continue this way if the offenders, and equally the lawmakers and the law enforcers, continue to go unnoticed, unaccounted and most importantly unpunished.

THE MAY 25 FIRE IS THE OUTCOME OF POORLY MANAGED HEALTH CARE DELIVERY APPARATUS BY PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS, ALLOWED TO GO FREE BY AN IRRESPONSIBLE PUBLIC HEALTH CARE REGULATOR

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Pessimists say humanity faces a disastrous reckoning. But I see a different picture. If we act decisively in this decade, we can help ensure a livable planet

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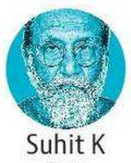
How Trinamool played out BJP's spin in Bengal

West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee has successfully shepherded her party to a convincing win in the just-concluded general elections. Before we start parsing the results, a word on the prognostications of the pollsters would not be out of place.

The exit polls almost unanimously had the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) pulling ahead of the Trinamool Congress (TMC) both in terms of seats and vote share. A "poll of polls", for instance, gave the BJP 23 seats and the TMC 18. One exit poll predicted 26-31 seats for the BJP against 11-14 for the TMC, while also placing the respective vote shares at 46% and 40%.

The TMC won 29 seats against the BJP's 12. The TMC's vote share has risen from 43.3% to around 46%, while the BJP's vote share has fallen from 40.7% to around 39%. The point of beginning with the exit poll projections is to highlight their failure to look at the situation on the ground.



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A number of observers who have been keeping their ears to the ground foresaw a diminution of the BJP's vote share and consequently their seat strength because of several developments leading up to the declaration of the elections on March 16 and subsequently during the nomination process and campaigning.

In the run-up to the announcement, it appeared that the BJP had decided to fashion its campaigning around February's Sandeshkhali agitation, mostly led by women, against land grab, intimidation, physical assault, corruption and, crucially, the sexual oppression of large numbers of women, orchestrated by Sheikh Shahjahan, a local TMC functionary.

There was no real Plan B. Thus, when the state government moved, albeit a little dilatorily, to arrest the culprits and begin the process of restituting plots of land converted from agricultural fields to water bodies for pisciculture, some of the force of the campaign was blunted.

Then, when a series of sting videos emerged suggesting that the movement against sexual exploitation was orchestrated by state BJP leaders by offering inducements, alongside retractions of allegations of sexual abuse by several women, the TMC got a chance to draw the sting from the agitation. In fact, Banerjee sought, it now appears successfully, to paint the inducements as an attempt to dishonour Bengal and its women. Sandeshkhali is in the Basirhat constituency, which the TMC's Haji Nurul Islam won by a landslide despite being pitted against the BJP's Rekha Patra, one of the leaders of the movement, whose candidature was endorsed by Prime Minister Modi.

It was debatable from the outset whether the Sandeshkhali issue would have a statewide resonance, given that Banerjee has created a redoubtable constituency among women by rolling out several welfare schemes specific to them.

The other string in the BJP's bow was the education scam. But the TMC managed to neutralise that as well when the Supreme Court (SC) passed a verdict favourable to the government. On April 22, the Calcutta high court (HC) passed an order cancelling over 25,000 school jobs on account of irregularities in the hiring process though only a fraction of them had been contested in the first place. This gave the Opposition ammunition. The BJP tore into the TMC, without expressing sympathy for those who had lost their jobs.

On May 7, the SC stayed the order, citing precisely the fact that not all the jobs cancelled had been affected by the recruitment "scam". This enabled the TMC to turn the issue into one of livelihood. After the HC order, Banerjee had said she would fight it and not allow people to lose their livelihood. After the SC order, she claimed vindication, painting the Opposition as unfeeling and alleging a nexus between the BJP and some HC judges. Her position gained credibility because Abhijit Gangopadhyay, the judge who had originally been trying some of the recruitment cases, quit, joined the BJP and was fielded by the party from the Tamluk constituency, the backyard of Suvendu Adhikari, the BJP's leader of the Opposition. Gangopadhyay won with a margin of over 77,000 votes.

The BJP scored a few self-goals in the process of managing the elections in West Bengal. Their nomination process was slow, which gave the TMC an early-mover advantage. The nominations were quixotic in some cases as well, especially when winning candidates were shuffled around.

The strategy of bringing in star campaigners from outside and sidelining state leaders helped the TMC characterise the BJP as a "party of outsiders", just as it did during the 2021 assembly elections.

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Amid civil war in Sudan, 100 people dead in attack

The conflict, which began last year in April, has killed at least 150,000 people by US estimates

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This picture taken on May 30 shows damaged shops in Omdurman. War has raged for more than a year in Sudan between the regular military under army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces led by his former deputy Mohamed Hamdan Daglo. AFP

CAIRO/DUBAI : At least 100 people have been killed by militants fighting for the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in Sudan, rights groups and humanitarian officials said, amid a 14-month long civil war that's created one of the world's biggest humanitarian crises.

The conflict, which began last April, has killed as many as 150,000 people by US estimates and displaced more than 9 million, drawing war crimes accusations against both the Sudanese army and its rival, the RSF. The latest atrocity comes as the capital, Khartoum, lies in ruins, and 5 million people are at risk of famine.

On Wednesday, RSF fighters opened fire on residents of Wad Al Noura village, just south of Khartoum, after they tried to stop the group from entering the area, the Madani Resistance Committee, a local pro-democracy organisation, said in a statement.

It put the death toll at "as many as 100" people including women and children, and shared pictures and videos online showing dozens of bodies wrapped in white shawls.

Two senior humanitarian officials said that more than 100 people had been killed.

A spokesperson for the RSF didn't reply to emails seeking comment. But the group said in a statement on Thursday that it had attacked "three camps" west, south and north of the Wad Al Noura area, where it said the army, intelligence services and Islamist groups were present.

The fighting has been exacerbated through the support of outside powers: The UAE is a key backer of the RSF, supplying it with weapons and funding, according to a leaked UN report, while Iran has supplied combat drones to the army.

The RSF began fighting the army in April 2023 after disputes over the integration of the two forces, and has since taken over the capital Khartoum and most of western Sudan. It is now seeking to advance into the centre, as United Nations agencies say the people of Sudan are at "imminent risk of famine".

The Sudanese transitional government in a statement on its Telegram channel condemned the attacks and called for the international community to hold the RSF accountable.

Clementine Nkweta-Salami, the United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Sudan, said on Thursday on X that she was "shocked" by reports of the violent attacks.

Pak PM to hold talks with Xi to seek investments, aid

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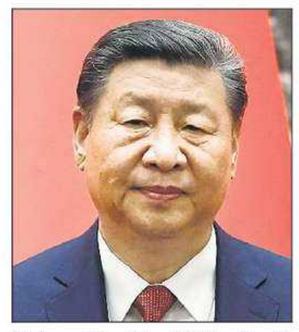

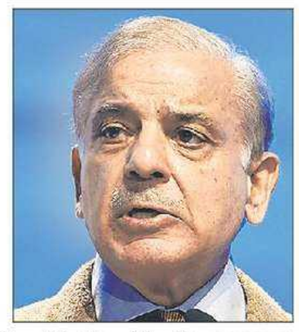

Chinese President Xi Jinping (left) and Shehbaz Sharif AFP, REUTERS

BEIJING: Visiting Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has reached Beijing for talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping and other leaders to elevate all-weather bilateral ties and seek more aid and investments to bail out his cash-strapped country from the current economic crisis.

Sharif, on a five-day official visit to China since June 4, toured the southern high-tech city of Shenzhen on Wednesday and addressed the investors meeting.

During his stay in Beijing, Sharif will meet Xi, Premier Li Qiang and other leaders, Pakistan's state-run APP news agency reported. He will also attend a Pakistan-China Friendship and Business event and have meetings with the CEOs of leading Chinese companies working on the China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects.

Several MoUs between the two countries on cooperation in various fields are likely to be signed, the report said.

Cash-strapped Pakistan's economy is facing severe headwinds, and it has formally requested the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for the next bailout package between $6 billion and $8 billion with the possibility of augmentation through climate financing.

In his address to the investors' meeting in Shenzhen, Sharif assured full security to the Chinese personnel from the recurring terrorist attacks targeting them.

The 72-year-old leader embarked on his first visit to China after he took over as prime minister for the second term after his Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party-led coalition government assumed power in March.

Addressing the Pakistan-China Business Forum, Sharif assured all-out facilitation to Chinese investors and security of Chinese individuals, projects, and investments in Pakistan.

He said his government has taken various measures to ensure fool-proof security to protect the lives of Chinese workers in Pakistan. "I will spare no effort to protect the lives of Chinese workers and assure and guarantee that we will provide them security more than our children. This will never happen again," he said.

Referring to the March terrorist attack in Besham in Pakistan, in which five Chinese personnel and their Pakistani driver were killed, Sharif said it was one of the saddest days of his life when the whole nation felt saddened.

The CPEC, which connects Gwadar Port in Pakistan's Balochistan with China's Xinjiang province, is the flagship project of China's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The BRI is seen as an attempt by China to further its influence abroad with infrastructure projects funded by Chinese investments across the world.

Dozens killed in Israeli strike on Gaza school

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CAIRO/JERUSALEM: Israel hit a Gaza school on Thursday with what it described as a targeted airstrike on up to 30 Hamas fighters inside, while a Hamas official said 40 people including women and children were killed as they sheltered in the UN site.

Ismail Al-Thawabta, the director of the Hamas-run government media office, rejected Israel's assertion that the UN school in Nuseirat, in central Gaza, had hidden a Hamas command post.

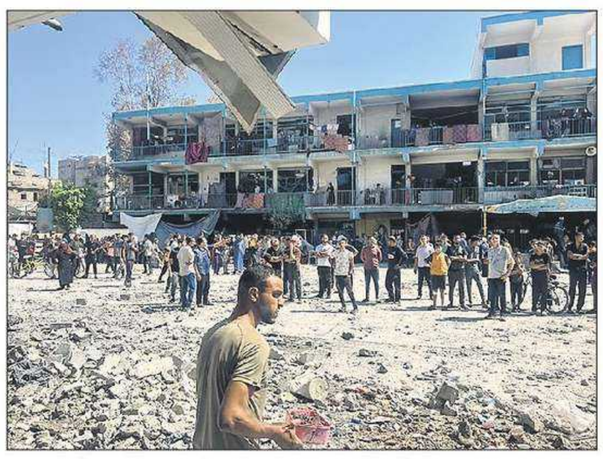
"The occupation uses ... false fabricated stories to justify the brutal crime it conducted against dozens of displaced people," Thawabta told Reuters.

Israel's military said it had taken steps to protect civilians before its fighter jets carried out a "precise strike", circulating satellite photos highlighting two parts of a building where it said the fighters were based.

"We're very confident in the intelligence," Israeli military spokesperson Lt Col Peter Lerner told a briefing with reporters, accusing Hamas and Islamic Jihad fighters of deliberately using UN facilities as operational bases.

He said 20-30 fighters were located in the compound, and many of them had been killed, but had no precise details as intelligence assessments were being carried out. "I'm not aware of any civilian casualties and I'd be very, very cautious of accepting anything that Hamas puts out," he said.

The school, run by the UN Palestinian refugee agency (UNRWA), was sheltering 6,000 displaced people at the time, UNRWA chief Philippe Lazzarini said.



Palestinians inspect the site of an Israeli strike on a UNRWA school sheltering displaced people, amid the Israel-Hamas war, in Nuseirat refugee camp, Gaza Strip, on Thursday. REUTERS

Spain joins South Africa's Gaza 'genocide' case at UN's top court

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MADRID: Spain said on Thursday it would join South Africa's case at the UN's top court in which Pretoria has accused Israel of "genocide" in the Gaza Strip.

His statement came a week after Spain, along with Ireland and Norway, recognised the state of Palestine, sparking fury from Israel.

"Our sole goal is to put an end to the war and to advance on the road of applying the two-state solution", foreign minister Jose Manuel Albares told journalists.

South Africa brought the case before the International Court of Justice last year. It alleges that Israel's Gaza offensive, launched in retaliation for an unprecedented Hamas attack on Israel, breached the 1948 UN Genocide Convention.

Israel has strongly denied the accusation.

Biden, world leaders urge Hamas to accept deal

US President Joe Biden and 16 other world leaders including key European and Latin American players on Thursday jointly urged Hamas to accept a ceasefire deal and for Israel to accept compromises.

"There is no time to lose. We call on Hamas to close this agreement," said the statement issued by the White House.

The statement was signed by the leaders of key European powers Britain, France and Germany as well as by Spain, which has infuriated Israel by recognising a Palestinian state.

Trains in Czech Republic collide, 4 dead

Rescue workers help injured passengers after two trains collided in Pardubice, Czech Republic on Thursday. A passenger train collided head-on with a freight train, killing at least four people and injuring 27 others, officials said. Interior Minister Vit Rakusan said the crash took place late on Wednesday night in the city of Pardubice, about 100 kilometres east of Prague. AP

US: Georgia appeals court pauses ex-prez Trump's election case

WASHINGTON: A Georgia appeals court on Wednesday froze all proceedings in the election interference case against former US president Donald Trump and his co-defendants in the southern state. Trump, 77, is accused in Georgia of involvement in a criminal conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election result in the state, where Democrat Joe Biden won by some 12,000 votes. The court order makes it all but certain the case will not reach trial before the November elections. AFP

Japan set to build anti-tourist fence at Mount Fuji viewpoint

TOKYO: A tall metal fence will be built to control unruly tourists at a popular Mount Fuji photo spot, a Japanese official said. It follows the construction last month of a black screen in another nearby town to block an Instagram-famous view of the snow-capped volcano rising from behind a convenience store. Record numbers of overseas tourists are coming to Japan, and as photos taken in the spot spread on social media, the crowds have grown sharply in recent weeks. AFP

Boat explosion and fire at sea kills 6 Filipino fishermen

MANILA: An explosion and fire on a wooden fishing boat at sea killed six Filipino crewmembers while six others were rescued in the night-time darkness, coast guard officials said on Thursday. The survivors, including the skipper of the F/B King Bryan, were still being treated at a hospital or were too traumatised to tell investigators what set off the explosion on Wednesday night about 8 kilometres off Naga city in Cebu province, coast guard officials said. AP

WHO records first fatal H5N2 case, but sees no wider threat

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GENEVA: A person died of bird flu in Mexico in the first confirmed case of a human infected with the H5N2 variant, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Wednesday.

The 59-year old, who died on April 24 after developing fever, shortness of breath, diarrhoea and nausea, had "no history of exposure to poultry or other animals" and "multiple underlying medical conditions", the WHO said in a statement.

The resident of the State of Mexico was hospitalised in Mexico City and died the same day, the statement said. It was the "first laboratory-confirmed human case of infection with an influenza A(H5N2) virus reported globally", the WHO added.

Mexican health authorities reported the confirmed case to the UN health body on May 23 after conducting laboratory tests. The source of exposure to the virus was unknown, the WHO said, although cases of H5N2 have been reported in poultry in Mexico.

H5N2 cases were detected in a backyard poultry farm in Michoacan state in March, with other outbreaks identified in the State of Mexico, according to the UN health body. But it said establishing a link between the human case and the poultry infections was so far impossible, estimating the risk to people as "low".

Cows infected with bird flu die in five US states

WASHINGTON: Dairy cows infected with avian flu in five US states have died or been slaughtered by farmers because they did not recover, state officials and academics said.

Reports of the deaths suggest the bird flu outbreak in cows could take a greater economic toll in the farm belt than initially thought. Farmers have long culled poultry infected by the virus, but cows cost much more to raise than chickens or turkeys.

Reuters was not able to determine the total number of cows with bird flu that died or were killed in South Dakota, Michigan, Texas, Ohio and Colorado. REUTERS

Putin rubbishes talk of Russian plans to target Nato countries

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Vladimir Putin AFP

SAINT PETERSBURG: President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday told a meeting of foreign news outlets that Moscow harbours no "imperial ambitions" and dismissed as "bollocks" the idea that Russia could attack Nato.

"There is no need to look for some imperial ambitions of ours. There are none," the Russian president said in answer to a question from AFP about the presence of Soviet and Russian imperial flags at the headquarters of Russian energy giant Gazprom where the meeting took place.

"There is no need to look for something that is not there," he said, adding: "Don't make up an image of Russia as an enemy. You will only harm yourselves."

"They've come up with this idea that Russia wants to attack Nato. Have you lost your mind? Are you as thick as two short planks? Who made this up? It's nonsense, it's bollocks," Putin told reporters.

Putin warns the West

Vladimir Putin warned on Wednesday that Russia could provide long-range weapons to others to strike Western targets in response to Nato allies allowing Ukraine to use their arms to attack Russian territory.

Putin also reaffirmed Moscow's readiness to use nuclear weapons if it sees a threat to its sovereignty. The recent actions by the West will further undermine international security and could lead to "very serious problems", he told journalists in Saint Petersburg.

"That would mark their direct involvement in the war against the Russian Federation, and we reserve the right to act the same way," Putin added.

The United States and Germany recently authorised Ukraine to hit some targets on Russian soil with the long-range weapons they are supplying to Kyiv.

EU parl polls across 27 countries begin

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THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS: Voters went to the polls in the Netherlands on Thursday to kick off European Union (EU) parliamentary elections that span four days across the 27 member states and are expected to deliver gains for the hard right.

Geert Wilders, of the far-right Party for Freedom, or PVV, was among the first senior politicians to cast his ballot.

Having sent shockwaves around Europe six months ago by becoming the biggest party in the Dutch national parliament, he now wants to build on that popularity and set the tone for much of the bloc, with calls to claw powers back to national capitals and away from the EU so member states have more autonomy on issues such as migration.

Almost 400 million voters will be electing 720 members of the European Parliament from beyond the Arctic circle to the edges of Africa and Asia. The results will have an impact on issues ranging from global climate policies and defence to migration and geopolitical relations with China and the US.

There was some early voting in some countries, but the Netherlands is the only EU country to start its single-day vote so early, followed by Ireland and the Czech Republic on Friday and the rest of the EU nations over the weekend. Europe-wide results will be announced on Sunday night after all member states have completed voting.

{ STARSHIP } PREVIOUS FLIGHT DEMOS ENDED IN EXPLOSIONS

SpaceX's rocket completes test flight, makes landing in the Indian Ocean

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TEXAS: SpaceX's mega Starship rocket completed its first full test flight on Thursday, returning to Earth without exploding after blasting off from Texas.

It was the fourth launch of the world's biggest and most powerful rocket, standing nearly 121 metres tall. The three previous flight demos ended in explosions. This time, the rocket and the spacecraft managed to splash down in a controlled fashion, making the hour-long flight the longest and most successful yet.

"Despite loss of many tiles and a damaged flap, Starship made it all the way to a soft landing in the ocean!" SpaceX CEO Elon Musk said via X.

SpaceX's mega rocket Starship launches for a test flight from Starbase in Boca Chica, Texas, on Thursday. REUTERS

Starship was empty as it soared above the Gulf of Mexico and headed east on a flight to the Indian Ocean. Within minutes, the first-stage booster separated from the spacecraft and splashed into the gulf precisely as planned, after firing its engines.

The spacecraft reached an altitude of nearly 211 kilometres, travelling at more that 26,000 kmph, before beginning its descent. Live views showed parts of the spacecraft breaking away during the intense heat of re-entry, but a cracked camera lens obscured the images. The spacecraft remained intact enough to transmit data all the way to its targeted splashdown site in the Indian Ocean. It was a critical milestone in the company's plan to eventually reuse the rocket that Nasa and Musk are counting on to get humanity to the moon and then Mars.

FIVE COUNTRIES ELECTED TO U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL

UNITED NATIONS: The United Nations General Assembly on Thursday elected Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama, and Somalia to the 15-member UN Security Council for two-year terms starting on January 1, 2025.

The Security Council is the only UN body that can make legally binding decisions such as imposing sanctions and authorising use of force.

It has five permanent veto-wielding members: Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States.

The remaining 10 members are elected, with five new members joining every year. Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama, and Somalia — who were all elected in uncontested slates — will replace Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Switzerland and Mozambique. REUTERS

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ EMAIL
1.	HARYANA AGRO INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PARTICIPATION IN E-BIDDING PROCESS ON STAR AGRI BAZAAR AND NEML PORTAL ON 14TH JUNE 2024 FOR SUPPLY OF MILLET BASED CHIKKI TO HAICL SPECIFIED DELIVERY POINTS WITHIN THE STATE OF HARYANA	CLOSING DATE 14.06.2024	10000/- AS PER CONTRACT NOTE	http://www.haic.co.in	0172-2561305 haicpkl@gmail.com
2.	HARYANA AGRO INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PARTICIPATION IN E-BIDDING PROCESS ON STAR AGREE BAZAAR AND NEML PORTAL ON 14TH JUNE 2024 FOR SUPPLY OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES TO HAICL SPECIFIED DELIVERY POINTS WITHIN THE STATE OF HARYANA	CLOSING DATE 14.06.2024	10000/- AS PER CONTRACT NOTE	http://www.haic.co.in	0172-2561305 haicpkl@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in
RO NO 13/2025/60/26485/I/19/7

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

For & on behalf of the President of India, Chief Workshop Manager, N. Rly. C&W workshop, Jagadhri Workshop/Yamuna Nagar invites open e-tender for the following work:

1	Name of work	Work of maintenance and housekeeping of Officer's & Sub-Ordinate Rest house for a period of two years at N.Rly., Jagadhri Workshop.
2	Location	Northern Railway, Carriage & Wagon Repair Shop, Jagadhri Workshop, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135002
3	Tender Value	₹ 3851748.40
5	Cost of Tender form	NIL
6	Earnest money amount	₹ 77000
7	Completion period of the work	24 months from the date of issuance of Letter of Acceptance
8	Date & Time for submission of tender form	27.06.2024 till 15.30 hrs.
9	Opening of tender	27.06.2024 till 15.35hrs. Tender opening will be done any time after the tender closing time. The tenderers are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserves the right to open the tender any time after closing of tender.
10	Website particulars	www.ireps.gov.in

No.: 6-S/56/Tender/2023-24/R2 Date: 06.06.2024 1702/2024
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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Notice No.01/2024-25 Date:04.06.2024

E-Procurement Tender Notice

On behalf of the president of india,Senior Material Manager, North Central Railway.Jhansi,invites the E-procurement tender for following item.

SR	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.
01	54245120C	Tube Cu.9.52 (3/8") O/D x1.245mm WT x 6 Mtr. Lg.(Weight/ Mtr=0.27 Kg.) CAT NO.T/9/0003C as per Specn. CLW/MS/3/030 Alt.-12	126 MTR

Tender Closing/ Opening date: 01.07.2024, Note : The complete information of above E-Procurement is available on IREPS website i.e. http://www.ireps.gov.in. 974/24(DG)

North central railways @CPRONCR @northcentralrailway www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

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NOTICE
BOOKING OF "75th Republic Day" and "125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Panjabrao alias Bhausaheb Deshmukh" Commemorative Coin Sets

India Government Mint, Mumbai (A unit of Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd.) is pleased to notify booking of commemorative coin sets in Proof and Uncirculated varieties of following themes.

Theme	Proof (Rs.)	UNC (Rs.)
75th Republic Day (Denomination of ₹75) Folder Packing	6670.00	6465.00
75th Republic Day (Denomination of ₹75) Wooden Packing	7045.00	NA
125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Panjabrao alias Bhausaheb Deshmukh (Denomination of ₹125) – Folder Packing	4280.00	3975.00
125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Panjabrao alias Bhausaheb Deshmukh (Denomination of ₹125) – Wooden Packing	4710.00	NA

The booking period will be from 07.06.2024 the coin sets can be booked online on our website https://www.indiagovtmint.in. Alternately, the coin sets can be ordered offline by submitting an order form available on our website or visit our store at Shahid Bhagat Singh Road, Fort, Mumbai – 400001.

*50gms Silver Coin on Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir, Ayodhya available for sale.

For other detailed terms and conditions and online booking please visit customer corner section of our web site: https://www.indiagovtmint.in.

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1.	HPGCL	SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATIC FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM (AFSS) WITH 3M NOVEC 1230 (CLEAN AGENT SUPPRESSION SYSTEM) FOR ELECTRICAL MCCS INSTALLED IN UNIT-6, PTPS, PANIPAT.	30.05.2024 19.06.2024	5.78 CRORES	www.hpgcl.org.in	0180-2566015 xenmtcplg1@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in
RO No. 13/2025/40/26484/I/19/7

Office of the Project Director, Madhya Pradesh Skills Development Project, Directorate of Skill Development, Madhya Pradesh

Request for Quotation for Goods (RFQG)

Date : .06.2024

Loan/Grant No. and Title : Loan No. : 3710-IND/Madhya Pradesh Skills Development Project.

1. The Government of India has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of "Madhya Pradesh Skills Development Project" and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to the payment under the Contract Package named above. RFQG is open to suppliers from eligible source countries of ADB.
2. The "The Project Director, Madhya Pradesh Skills Development Project, Directorate of Skill Development, Madhya Pradesh ("the Purchaser") invites only eligible suppliers participate in this shopping process. Request for Quotation for Goods (RFQG) for the Procurement of various items given in following packages at the Industrial Training Institutes and Sant Shiromani Ravidas Global Skills Park, Main Campus:

Package No.	Details	REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQG) number	Deadline of bid submission	Bid opening date and time
MPSDP/ITI/ Equipment/ 50	Watercooler for 10 ITIs	RFQG : MPSDP/53/ 2024-25	21 June 2024 up to 11:30 AM.	21 June 2024 up to 12:00 Noon
MPSDP/GSP/ Equipment/ 43	Water Cooler with RO Plant for GSP	RFQG : MPSDP/38/ 2024-25	21 June 2024 up to 12:30 PM.	21 June 2024 up to 13:00 PM.
MPSDP/GSP/ Equipment/ 24	General Items for GSP	RFQG : MPSDP/39/ 2024-25	21 June 2024 up to 14:30 PM.	21 June 2024 up to 15:00 PM.

3. The RFQG will be conducted in accordance with the ADB's single stage quotation and open for all eligible suppliers.
4. To obtain further information and inspect the RFQG documents, Suppliers should contact : The Project Director Madhya Pradesh Skills Development Project (MPSDP), Directorate of Skill Development, 1st Floor, Global Skills Park City Campus, ITI Campus Govindpura, City : Bhopal, District : Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, ZIP code : 462023, Country : India, Telephone 0755-4862011 and 0755-2986606, Email **proc.mpsdp@gmail.com**. The MPSDP reserves right to change/amend the RFQ, which will be uploaded on the project website **https://mpsdp.mp.gov.in/tenders**
5. RFQ document are available on the website **https://mpsdp.mp.gov.in/tenders** free of cost.
6. Deliver your quotation to the address above on or before the deadline together with a Bid Security as described in the RFQG Document and stated at point No 02.
7. Quotation will be opened on above mentioned scheduled date and time (point No. 02) in the presence of Suppliers representatives who choose to attend.
8. The Purchaser will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by the supplier in connection with the preparation or delivery of RFQ.

G-11242/24

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Project Director

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH
E AUCTION NOTICE

Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh is going to hold E-Auction in respect of Kiosk of Eating Joint Shanti Kunj, Sector 16, Chandigarh by E-Auction on monthly rent basis.

Detail of Kiosk

Kiosk Number	Monthly Rent
01	Rs. 24,000/-

Schedule of e-auction

Auction Publish Date	Document Submission / Payment Date		Document / Payment Approval Date		Bid Start Date	
Start	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End
07.06.2024	07.06.2024	18.06.2024	19.06.2024	25.06.2024	26.06.2024	26.06.2024
9.00 AM	10.00 AM	5.00 PM	9.00 AM	5.00 PM	9.00 AM	3.00 PM

The detailed terms & conditions of e-auction including eligibility and earnest money deposit (EMD) can be downloaded from the website http:/eauction.gov.in/2024_CH_145.
Helpline : 0172-5021521

Joint Commissioner-II
Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh

BRIDCUL (ब्रिडकुल)

ब्रिज, रोपवे, टनल एण्ड अदर इन्फास्ट्रक्चर डेवलपमेंट कॉरपोरेशन ऑफ उत्तराखण्ड लिमिटेड
(उत्तराखण्ड सरकार का उपक्रम) पूर्व में उत्तराखण्ड राज्य अवस्थापना विकास निगम लिमिटेड
प्रधान कार्यालयः अवस्थापना भवन, 583–ड, राजकीय आई०टी०आई० निरंजनपुर के सामने, माजरा, सहारनपुर रोड़, देहरादून– 248001
CIN No - U45203UR2008SGC032591 टैलीफैक्स– 0135–2522941, ई–मेल – bridcul@gmail.com

Ref : - 915/BRIDCUL- 915/24 Dated: 06/06/2024

E-Tendering

On behalf of Hon'ble, Governor of Uttarakhand, E-Tenders are invited by Managing Director BRIDCUL, from the Contractors registered with any Govt./Semi Govt./PSU/Nigam in suitable Class & Category for the works given as below:-

S. No	Ref No.	Name of Project	Estimated Cost (In Lac Including GST)	Earnest Money (In Lac)	Cost of Tender Document (In Rs.)	Time Period
1	BRIDCUL/HQ HLD/11/2024-25)	Electrification & DG works at proposed 50 Bedded Critical Care Block Emergency Covid Response Package-II(ECRP-II) in Bageshwar	323.37	6.47	5000 + 18% GST	18 Month
2	BRIDCUL/HQ HLD/12/2024-25)	SITC of Fire Fighting System & ETP works at proposed 50 Bedded Critical Care Block Emergency Covid Response Package-II(ECRP-II) in Bageshwar	115.27	2.31	5000 + 18% GST	18 Month
3	BRIDCUL/HQ HLD/13/2024-25)	SITC of MGPS System & Modular OT at proposed 50 Bedded Critical Care Block Emergency Covid Response Package-II(ECRP-II) in Bageshwar	199.87	4.00	5000 + 18% GST	18 Month
4	BRIDCUL/HQ HLD/14/2024-25)	Electrification & DG works at proposed 50 Bedded Critical Care Block at Soban Singh Jeena, Govt. Medical Sciences and Research Institute Distt. Almora	245.44	4.90	5000 + 18% GST	18 Month
5	BRIDCUL/HQ HLD/15/2024-25)	SITC of Fire Fighting System & LV System works at proposed 50 Bedded Critical Care Block at Soban Singh Jeena, Govt. Medical Sciences and Research Institute Distt. Almora	76.81	1.54	5000 + 18% GST	18 Month
6	BRIDCUL/HQ HLD/16/2024-25)	SITC of Modular OT & Allied works at proposed 50 Bedded Critical Care Block at Soban Singh Jeena, Govt. Medical Sciences and Research Institute Distt. Almora	187.08	3.74	5000 + 18% GST	18 Month
7	BRIDCUL/HQ HLD/17/2024-25)	SITC of Lift/Elevators work at proposed 50 Bedded Critical Care Block at Soban Singh Jeena, Govt. Medical Sciences and Research Institute Distt. Almora	52.90	1.06	5000 + 18% GST	18 Month

For above tenders, document download start date is 12.06.2024 and Bid submission end date is 03.07.2024 at 1500 Hrs.The details of e-tender of above work can be obtained directly from website https://uktenders.gov.in
Changes, if any will be intimated only through website https://uktenders.gov.in

DGM (HQ)

बिहार सरकार
वैशाली भवन प्रमण्डल, हाजीपुर

केवल ई0 निविदा पद्धति के अनुसार बेबसाईट एवं www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर
द्वितीय पद्धति ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
अति अल्पकालीन पुर्नः ई0 निविदा संख्या :–04 / 2024

1. विज्ञापन दाता का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, वैशाली भवन प्रमण्डल, हाजीपुर।
2. निविदा आमंत्रण की तिथि :– 06.06.2024
3. परिमाण विपत्र (डाउनलोड करने) एवं निविदा जमा करने (अपलोड करने) की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :– दिनांक–15.06.2024 से दिनांक–05.07.2024 को 3:00 बजे अप0 तक
4. निविदा खोलने (तकनीकी बीड) की तिथि एवं समय :– दिनांक–08.07.2024 को 3:30 बजे अपराह्न तक
5. वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :– तकनीकी बीड मूल्यांकन के पश्चात
6. प्रीबीड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान :– (1)दिनांक–21.06.2024 के 3:00 बजे अपराह्न मे अधीक्षण अभियंता, का कार्यालय, भवन अंचल, मुजफ्फरपुर। (2)दिनांक–28.06.2024 के 3:00 बजे अपराह्न मे मुख्य अभियंता (उत्तर) का कार्यालय, भवन निर्माण विभाग, बिहार, पटना।
7. परिमाण विपत्र की बिक्री स्थान :– वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
8. निविदा प्राप्ति का स्थान :– वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
9. निविदा वैधता की तिथि :– 120 दिन।
10. कार्य की विवरणी:–

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11. इस निविदा से संबंधित किसी भी प्रकार का शुद्धि पत्र वेवसाइट पर www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर ही संसूचित किया जायेगा।

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कार्यपालक अभियंता,
वैशाली भवन प्रमंडल, हाजीपुर।

नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

Bihar Medical Services & Infrastructure Corporation Limited

BMSICL — Govt. of Bihar

4th floor State Building Construction Corporation Limited.
Hospital Road, Shastri Nagar, Patna 800023,
Phone/Fax: +91612 2283287,+ 91612 2283288, 8544402312

TENDER NOTICE
(Short Notice Inviting E-Bids)

The Bihar Medical Services and Infrastructure Corporation Limited, Patna invites e-bids from interested service provider for installation, operation and maintenance of MRI Machine under Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode for Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital, Patna under Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode of Bihar.

Short Notice Inviting Tender No.-BMSICL/2023-24/ME-359
(Only through E- Tender on website:- https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

Tender Schedule

Tender Reference No.	BMSIC/2024-25/ME-359
Date of Pre- Bid Meeting	14th June 2024 at 15:00 Hrs in Conference hall of BMSICL, 3rd Floor, Swasthya Bhawan, Behind IGIMS, Sheikhpura, Adjacent to State Health Society, Bihar. **All Pre-bid queries to be submitted through e-mail on bmsicltenderequipment@gmail.com upto 17 June 2024 till 17:00 Hrs. (Note:- No Pre-bid queries would be entertained after the above mentioned dead line)**
Last date and time of submission of online bids	27th June 2024 upto 17:00 Hrs.
Last date and time for submission of original documents of EMD.	28th June 2024 till 14:00 Hrs.
Date, Time and Place of opening of Technical Bid	28th June 2024 (at 15:00 Hrs.) on the website of http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in in the office of BMSICL
Date and time of opening of financial Bids	To be announced later on http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
Validity of Tender	180 Days
Cost of the tender document	Rs.11,800/- (Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Rupees only) Non-refundable.
Tender Processing Fee	Rs 590/- (on the website of **https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in**)

1. To participate in E-Tendering the tenderer will have to be registered with E-Tendering service provider. For this help desk – mjunction services limited RJ complex, 2nd Floor, Canara Bank, Campus, khajpura, Ashiana road, P.S – Shastri Nagar, Patna-800014, **Toll Free No.- 18005726571,** Email-ID: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in can be approached.
2. Any queries and questions regarding the tender should be addressed to MD BMSICL (either through letter or through e-mail:- md-bmsicl-bih@nic.in and/or bmsicltenderequipment@gmail.com or contact no. 0612-2219634/35) up to 7 days before of closing of online bid registration.

For further details please visit : **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**

GM (Procurement)
BMSICL, Patna

PR- 001146 (B & C) 2024-25

लोकसभा आम निर्वाचन 2024- कोई मतदाता न छूटे

Govt. of Bihar
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Tender
(Notice Inviting E-Bids)

Tender for Procurement, Rate Contract and Supply of Medical Equipment vide Tender No. BMSICL/2024-25/ME-358 for different Government Health Institution of Bihar.

Notice Inviting Tender No.-BMSICL/2024-25/ME-358

(Only through E- Tender on website:-www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)

The Bihar Medical Services and Infrastructure Corporation Limited, Patna invites e-bids from interested parties for Procurement, Rate Contract and Supply of ENT Equipment in different Government Health Institution of Bihar as listed below:-

Name of Equipment	Name of Equipment
Ear & Nasal Suction machine	Otoscope
ENT examination chair	Head lamp

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2. Any queries and questions regarding the tender should be addressed to MD BMSICL (either through letter or through e-mail:- md-bmsicl-bih@nic.inand/or bmsicl.equipment@gmail.com orcontact no. 0612-2219634/35) up to 7 days before of closing of online bid registration.

For further details please visit : **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION - BANDIPORA

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
FOR NABARD WORKS of Horticulture
Fresh E-Tendering NIT No. 04 of 2024-25/770-77/BANDIPORA/DATED: 05.06.2024

Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Division Bandipora on behalf of **Lt. Governor of J&K (UT)** State invites **percentage rate bids** in electronic tendering system for the following works from the eligible and approved contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State Governments.

S. No.	Name of Work	Tendered Cost including GST (Rs in lacs.)	Cost of document (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs in lacs.)	Time of completion	Tender Call	Date of opening of tenders online (Technical Bid)	Class of contractor	Project Authority
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	13
1.	Development of Fruit & vegetable Market at Potushay Bandipora.	482.35	5500.00	9.647	2 working seasons	2nd	15.06.2024 at 11.00 AM	AAY	Horticulture Department

Position of AAA:- Accorded
Position of TS:- Accorded

1. The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website as per schedule of dates given below:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	05.06.2024
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	06.06.2024 from 10.00 A.M.
3	Date & Time of Pre-bid meeting	10.06.2024 from 11.00 A.M in the office of Superintending Engineer
4	Bid submission **Start Date**	06.06.2024 from 1.00 PM
5	Bid Submission **End Date**	12.06.2024 up to 4.00 P.M.
6	Date & time of opening of Bids **(Online)**	15.06.2024 at 11.00 A.M in the office of Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle Bandipora.

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of **Treasury Challan** in favour of **Executive Engineer R&B Division Bandipora tender inviting authority)** and **EMD in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Superintending Engineer PWD (&B) Circle Bandipora @2% of Advertised cost.**
3. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site **www.jktenders.gov.in** and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The **bids of Responsive bidders** shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of **Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) circle Bandipora (Tender receiving authority).**
4. The bids for the work shall remain **valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids**
5. The earnest money shall be forfeited, If:-
   a. Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
   b. Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
   c. Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
6. **Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.**
6.1. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website **www.jktenders.gov.in** to acquaint bid submission process.
6.2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
6.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
6.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
6.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid.
6.6. **Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.**
Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
7. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
8. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of **Executive Engineer R&B Division Bandipora** and EMD @2% of Adv Cost in favour of **Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle Bandipora** must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original Treasury Challan (cost of tender document), CDR/FDR/BG (earnest money) and relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.
9. The bidder who is declared as (L1) shall deposit 5% performance security of the allotted cost in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to **Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) circle Bandipora (tender receiving authority)** and the 2% EMD shall be released in favour of the successful bidder only after the receipt of 5% performance security.
10. **Bidders should quote in percentage below/the percentage above or at par at the bottom of the BOQ Percentage Template for the Work.**
11. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.
12. **Price escalation and Taxes:-** Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
13. Bidders are advised to use **"My Documents"** area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
14. **For the NABARD project, the NABARD guidelines shall be strictly followed.**
15. **Instructions to Bidder (ITB)**
15.1. All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria/qualification information with their bids:-
   a. **Copies of original documents defining constitution/legal status, place of registration and principal place of Business with Cell No. and Correspondence address.**
   b. **Treasury Challan& CDR/FDR/BG/.**
   c. **Valid GSTIN No. & PAN No.**
   d. **Scanned Copy of GSTIN Registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B i.e. latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B of the preceding Month to the issued of NIT.**
   e. **All bidders shall mandatorily upload Verification Certificate from Concerned Chief Engineer/Superintending Engineer of Enlistment registration card. Non submission of the same shall render the bid Non-Responsive.**
15.2. The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid.
15.3. Non-attendance of pre-bid meeting will not be cause of disqualification of the bidder.
15.4. All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English Language.
15.5. **Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents and tender documents fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.**
16. **All other terms and conditions shall be strictly as per SBD circulated by this office letter No. CE/RBK/HD/29158-88 dated 10.02.2018**

No. EE/R&B/Bpr/770-77
Dated:- 05.06.2024.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
R&B Division Bandipora

DIPK-888-24

Digital competition law may hit how you Google

Moving from search results page to maps, reaching specific sites may turn harder

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Google and other search engines might have to stop surfacing sponsored links to products and services in search results now. MINT

NEW DELHI: Soon, you may not be able to hop from Google search results to a hotel's website to make a reservation, or even to Google Maps once you find the place you are looking for.

Allowing users to head straight to Google Maps or a hotel's website from the results page goes against the tenets of the draft Digital Competition Bill, say industry executives and experts.

The draft bill, which seeks to prevent anti-competitive behaviour, proposes prohibiting the intermixing and cross-use of personal or business user data across different products or services without user consent.

Google and other search engines might also have to stop surfacing sponsored links to products and services in search results, as the bill proposes prohibiting what's called 'self-preferencing'.

This is broadly defined as giving preference to a digital platform's own products or service, to those of related parties, or to third parties with whom it has an arrangement, an industry executive said on the condition of anonymity.

"The idea of the digital competition law is to ensure competitiveness in digital markets, which will ultimately benefit users and consumers. However, many of the big tech companies and Indian digital entities are concerned that in the pursuit of ensuring competitiveness in the market, the law should not lose sight of the end goal, i.e., better products and services," said Pranjal Prateek, partner at law firm Khaitan & Co.

"Some of the widely worded prohibitions under the draft bill could potentially diminish user experience and product usefulness." Google, and the ministry of corporate affairs, which introduced the draft bill in March, did not reply to emails sent on Wednesday.

Users unwilling to allow Google to use their personal or business data might find their experience on the tech giant's platforms highly diminished, said one of the industry experts mentioned earlier.

Finding an address on Google Search and hopping to the location on Google Maps could involve multiple steps if the proposed legislation takes effect in its current form. A user would have to copy the address from the results page and paste it on Google Maps for the route, explained a technology expert.

The proposed Digital Competition Bill has good intentions and seeks to protect competition in the market, preventing network effects and entry barriers that reinforce the incumbent player.

Network effect allows a product or service—a search engine, an e-commerce platform, or a digital navigation tool—to gradually become more accurate and predictable as more users engage with it, attracting even more users to it. This, however, could potentially shift the market dynamics in its favour.

Industry experts worry about potential unintended consequences of the Digital Competition Bill, which could hinder efficiency, innovation, and user experience.

Round 8 of India-EU FTA talks to begin from Jun 23

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The two sides will likely take up sticky issues such as the carbon tax, services, etc. MINTG

NEW DELHI: India and the European Union (EU) will resume talks for a free trade agreement (FTA), with the eighth round slated to start on 23 June, two people aware of the matter said.

The two sides will likely take up sticky issues such as the carbon tax, services, and India's demand for the EU to relax its rules on the maximum level of pesticide residues allowed in agricultural commodities, one of the persons mentioned above said requesting anonymity.

"India intends to take a firm stand on persistent challenges such as non-tariff barriers. To that extent, Indian negotiators have prepared an elaborate list of roadblocks and challenges in key sectors," the person added.

Non-tariff barriers hinder trade in sectors such as agricultural commodities, pharmaceutical items, engineering goods, and electrical items.

However, defining non-tariff barriers can be tricky. Some rules enforced by the EU to protect the health and safety of its citizens, such as those over pesticide levels, are described as non-tariff barriers by India.

The matter centres on the EU's maximum residue level (MRL) rule. MRL is the highest level of a pesticide residue that is legally tolerated in food or feed when pesticides are applied correctly.

The negotiators will also discuss sticky issues such as stringent EU safety standards for agricultural commodities and drugs, and high tariffs, the second person added.

As things stand, a phytosanitary certificate is necessary for exporting agricultural products to the EU. This certificate confirms that the produce is free from pests and diseases and complies with health standards. Geographical indications (GIs) will also be on the agenda, with both sides aiming to advance discussions, the second person mentioned above said, requesting anonymity.

The previous round of talks, held for about a week in New Delhi from 19 February, discussed services and investments, building on earlier talks that covered goods and public procurement.

Interestingly, the government has restructured its negotiating team to expedite the deal, assigning senior bureaucrat Darpan Jain to lead the negotiations.

Other key issues likely to be discussed include India's trade disputes with the World Trade Organization regarding products like mobile phones and components, as well as integrated circuits and optical instruments.

India is also pushing for its labour-intensive textiles and apparel products to be exempt from duty.

EU nations impose higher import duties, at about 10–12%, on textile products, placing India at a disadvantage compared to China, the EU's leading supplier of apparel and textiles.

Meanwhile, the EU is aiming to bargain hard to gain access to India's services and public procurement markets, ensure the protection of geographical indications, and uphold its ambitious commitments on trade and sustainable development. These commitments include imposing MRL limits on agricultural products.

AMAZON TO ACQUIRE CONTENT LIBRARY FROM MX PLAYER ASSETS

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NEW DELHI/MUMBAI: Amazon.com Inc. is set to acquire some key assets, including the content library from Times Internet-backed MX Player to bolster its streaming footprint in India.

"We've signed an agreement with Amazon. They will purchase some assets from MX Player. The transaction is not yet complete," Karan Bedi, chief executive officer, MX Player, said in a Townhall on Thursday.

On 29 March, Mint had reported that the e-commerce giant had resumed talks to acquire the cash-strapped video streaming platform almost a year after the initial deal fell through.

While specific details are yet to be revealed, people in the know said that the deal is expected to include the platform, MX Player's existing content library and select employees. Considering that it is not a full acquisition, the transaction will not cover MX Player's debt, one of the people said. Further clarity is expected to emerge in the coming weeks, he added.

"We are always looking for ways to introduce new products and services that help improve customers' lives. We're excited to continue to entertain India with the great local originals and exclusive content available across our Prime Video and miniTV services in India," an Amazon spokesperson said.

Amazon owns Prime Video, a subscription-based video-on-demand (SVoD) service, and Amazon miniTV, an ad-supported OTT platform launched in May 2021. Prime Video caters to higher-paying audiences, offering bundled services including free shipping and ad-free music, while miniTV targets small-town masses and is accessible on the Amazon shopping app both for android phone users and iPhone users.

The integration of MX Player is expected to boost Amazon's advertiser video-on-demand (AVoD) business.

Bigbasket plans to sell electronics via quick commerce arm

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Hari Menon, co-founder and CEO, Bigbasket. MINT

BENGALURU: Tata-backed Bigbasket is in discussion with its sister company Croma to sell electronics and appliances through its quick commerce vertical.

"We will hopefully strike a deal with them to sell via quick commerce. Imagine getting a washing machine delivered in 15 minutes," Bigbasket co-founder and CEO, Hari Menon, said at an event in Bengaluru on Thursday.

While acquiring new online users has been a challenge, average order value for quick-commerce platforms has increased in recent months, with an expansion in their range of offerings, including home improvement products, electronics, beauty, and toys. "Buying habits are also rapidly changing thanks to quick commerce. I was myself a bit sceptic about this model a few years ago but I've completely changed my mind. Now we at Bigbasket are completely focusing on this," Menon said, adding that people don't pre-plan their purchases anymore.

"This business is here to stay. Companies, including Bigbasket, have proven that it is commercially viable, and businesses have scaled really fast. Going forward, you'll see significant investments in the sector," Menon said.

This comes as the grocer startup announced in February that it expects its quick commerce arm, the last of its three main businesses still in the red, to become profitable in six months. BB Now, BigBasket's quick-commerce division, leverages the same dark stores, or warehouses, and infrastructure it uses for its other two divisions to ensure orders are delivered in under 30 minutes.

Its other two verticals include its main grocery app, which provides slotted delivery, and its subscription-based grocery delivery app, BBDaily, which together contribute 60-70% of the revenue.

Quick commerce, largely a five-player sector in India, has witnessed significant churn over the past year as companies wrestle with top-level exits, layoffs, and delayed payments amid a sustained liquidity crunch since the pandemic years.

BB Now's competitors include Zepto, Zomato-backed Blinkit, Dunzo, and Swiggy Instamart. With funding drying out, these quick-commerce companies have been on a quest for profitability.

Maintaining a tight lid on costs is crucial for profitability in the hyper-competitive space, where most quick commerce companies such as Swiggy (Instamart) and Zomato (Blinkit) grapple with high cash-burn rates. Growth, in effect, comes on the back of significant losses.

BigBasket, which views its quick-commerce arm as a "marketing channel", is looking to become profitable by achieving two key metrics: revenue per dark store and average order value.

Over the past two years, BigBasket has opened about 350 dark stores, some of which are already profitable. With the remaining stores, the company aims to either resize, relocate or merge them to ensure they all have a minimum order value to become profitable.

India pushes for $500 bn green investment by 2030

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NEW DELHI: India has substantial investment opportunities totalling over $500 billion by 2030, particularly in the clean energy value chain, including renewables, green hydrogen, electric vehicles (EV), and infrastructure transition, commerce secretary Sunil Barthwal said.

He was addressing the inaugural Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Clean Economy Investor Forum in Singapore.During the IPEF forum, 13 IPEF members signed fair and clean economy agreements. India did not sign these agreements as domestic approval processes are still under way but these will be completed after the formation of the new government, said the commerce ministry in a statement.

The Lok Sabha elections got over this week.

These agreements, talks for which concluded in November last year, were signed in Singapore in the presence of trade ministers and senior officials of the 14 member countries in the ministerial meet. The Indian delegation was led by Barthwal.

The IPEF bloc was launched jointly by the US and partner countries of the Indo-Pacific region on 23 May 2022, in Tokyo. Together, they account for 40% of the world's economic output and 28% of trade.

THE IPEF BLOC WAS LAUNCHED BY THE US AND PARTNER COUNTRIES OF THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION IN 2022

The framework is structured around four pillars—trade, supply chains, clean economy and fair economy. India has joined all the pillars except trade.

The bloc comprises Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, the US, and Vietnam.

The Indian delegation highlighted key reforms introduced around ease of doing business in India to improve the business environment over the last decade. In the sustainable infrastructure track, four Indian companies—ReNew Power, Avaada Energy Pvt. Ltd, Indusbridge Capital Advisors LLP, SEIP (Founder), and Powerica Ltd—were short-listed after the screening process to pitch their concepts to global investors, the commerce ministry said.

The agreement on a clean economy aims to accelerate the efforts of IPEF partners towards achieving energy security and transition, enhancing climate resilience and adaptation, and mitigating greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, it said. It seeks to find and develop innovative ways to reduce dependence on fossil fuels, promote technical cooperation, workforce development, capacity building, and research collaborations, the ministry's statement said.

Acko vs Acko: Insurer cries trademark violation in China

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NEW DELHI: After Tesla versus Tesla in India, it is Acko versus Acko in China.

Bengaluru-headquartered Acko General Insurance has asked the Indian government to intervene in a case of potential trademark violation in China, two people aware of the matter said.

The Amazon-backed insurer objected before Chinese authorities after Shenzhen MengLang Technology applied for the Acko trademark in China under a category meant for insurance and financial services, the people said on condition of anonymity.

The objection was rejected, but it is unclear if Shenzhen MengLang's application has been granted.

The Indian insurer then wrote to the Union corporate affairs ministry that the Chinese entity has no affiliation with it and requested it to intervene, the people added.

Acko is keen to avoid any suspicion that it is linked to any country other than India, the people said, adding the insurer has told the government that it is spending significant time, resources and efforts to protect its trademark.

Queries emailed to Acko General Insurance and a corporate affairs ministry spokesperson remained unanswered.

In a similar case, the Delhi High Court recently barred India's Tesla Power from publishing advertisements with a Tesla trademark, after Elon Musk-led Tesla Inc. sued the Gurugram-based company for using its trademark.

Tesla Inc. argued that Tesla Power's use of the trademark in India was causing confusion among consumers and potentially harming its business interests. On May 30, Tesla Power asked its partners and vendors to remove the Tesla logo from their electric scooters. The case hearing is still on.

Acko's application was rejected in China because unlike countries that recognize well-known international trademarks, China grants them to whoever applies first, the people cited above said. Acko Technologies, the parent of Acko General Insurance, has owned the trademark Acko in India since December 2017.

Under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, to which both India and China are signatories, every trademark registered in the country of origin shall be accepted for filing and protected by all other treaty signatories, Acko highlighted in its letter to the Indian government, according to the people who have seen the correspondence.

Legal experts, however, say IP laws are local.

Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas has seen similar instances in the past, said Swati Sharma, who heads intellectual property rights at the law firm. This is because China is a "first-to-file" country, and does not recognize the concepts of "spillover reputation or common law rights", Sharma said.

PSBs to support women entrepreneurs with EASE

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EASE reforms include special services for women entrepreneurs and 'loan melas' for those seeking financial support. ISTOCKPHOTO

NEW DELHI: Public-sector banks (PSBs) will soon launch tailor-made financial schemes for women, especially entrepreneurs and startup founders, who often fail to attract funding through existing channels, according to people aware of the development.

The department of financial services has asked banks to devise a strategy to support women customers as part of the Enhanced Access and Service Excellence (EASE 7.0) reforms agenda, these people said. EASE 7.0 focuses on assessing risk, managing non-performing assets, financial inclusion, customer service, and digital transformation.

Women played a key role in the recent general elections, accounting for around 312 million voters. According to pollsters, more women turned out to vote than men, and more women voted for the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), which looks set to form the new government.

The latest EASE reforms include special banking services for women entrepreneurs and "loan melas" for those seeking financial support for their ventures. PSBs will also organize programmes to connect women founders with startup incubators to help them scale their ventures.

Banks will also organize camps to provide financial education to women, bring them into the banking system, help them tap the benefits of various government schemes, and teach them about investing and financial planning.

"Women support programmes will be the theme of EASE 7.0. We see a lot of potential in our female customer base to move up the ladder and become successful entrepreneurs. Banks will be ready to support this through new and innovative financial products," said the head of a public sector bank on the condition of anonymity.

Queries sent to the finance ministry remained unanswered.

EASE reforms have been a key priority for the banking industry since FY19. Governed by the EASE steering committee of the Indian Banks' Association, the reforms aim to revamp and enhance the capabilities of PSBs to meet the changing demands of the industry. They also offer a common platform for all large and mid-size banks to establish and reinforce best practices to improve customer service at PSBs. While first two versions of EASE focused on building a firm foundation and addressing key operational and capability gaps, EASE 3.0 (FY21) and EASE 4.0 (FY22) focused on building new capabilities through digital innovations and analytics, and improving the performance of PSBs through data and technology.

{ THE CROSSWORDS }

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

1 Means to serve a summons (7)
5 Light beam that's very strong (5)
8 They figure a great deal in population surveys (13)
9 Let in or out (5)
10 Larger than normal suit Zoe models (7)
11 Intimate a gloomy return to the East (6)
12 Lines of ten numbers reversed (6)
15 Endure the French type of beer (4,3)
17 Practical joke is quietly offensive (5)
19 Defeated by the elements? (7-6)
20 Gloomy number get behind (5)
21 Wastes the reward (7)

DOWN

1 Over a dish of Italian food (5)
2 Climbing a low hill but not to any great extent (2,1,5,5)
3 Gave out the wrong time to Edward (7)
4 Attacks with stones perhaps (4,2)
5 Solicitors hold it to be permissible (5)
6 Start on time as arranged by transport official (13)
7 Particular consideration (7)
11 Let everybody marry with love at heart (7)
13 Overburden journalists with work (7)
14 Sorted out and put into computer memory (6)
16 Choice example (5)
18 Rulers of the pack (5)

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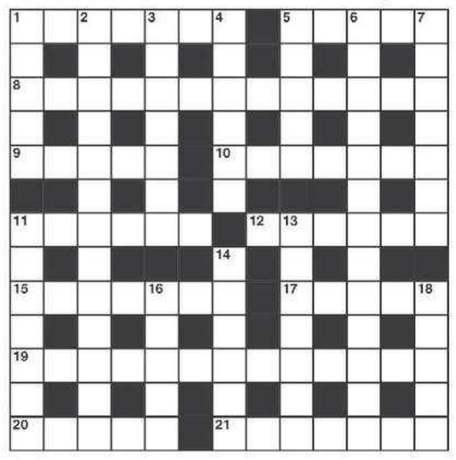

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

1 Support (7)
5 Grown-up (5)
8 Brief unrepeatable success (5,2,3,3)
9 Heavy drinker (5)
10 Stuffy (7)
11 Edible starchy tuber (6)
12 A skin disease (6)
15 To manifest (7)
17 Consecrate (5)
19 Main theme of book etc. (7,6)
20 Make forced landing on sea (5)
21 Accelerate (5,2)

DOWN

1 To suit (5)
2 Be restlessly impatient (5,2,3,3)
3 Receive by bequest (7)
4 Cheerful (6)
5 Detest (5)
6 Novel (13)
7 North African country (7)
11 Gratified (7)
13 A leaf vegetable (7)
14 Rank (6)
16 Tree of genus Fagus (5)
18 Fight (5)

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{ WEATHER }

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Today is 7th June 2024
- 29 Dhul Qadah, 1445
- 16 Jyeshtha, Shukla Paksha, 1
- Samvat 2081

Sunset: Friday at 07:17 p.m.
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Moonset: Friday at 08:28 p.m.
Moonrise: Saturday at 6:37 a.m.

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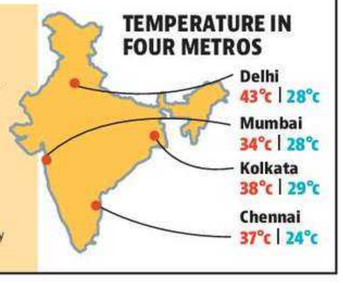

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Works) N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

E-Tender No. : JHS-ENGG-GSU-2024-8 | **Description of work :** Provision of cover over shed on Goods siding platform at Bhind Station.

Approx Cost : 59803851.90, **Earnest Money :** 449000.00, **Date of closing Tender : 28/06/2024 at 15:00 hrs., Date of completion/ period from issue acceptance letter :** 12 Months.

• Tender on line can be submitted up to **15:00** hrs on **28.06.2024**
• For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in** **973/24 (AN)**

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tendering Notice No: 2024-Jun-01 **Dated:** 05.06.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering), N.C. Rly Agra for and on behalf of the President of India invites "Open Tender" through on Line only (E-Tendering) for the following works. The details of the tender are as under:-

S.No.: 1	Tender No.: 2024-Jun-01-01	Approx. Cost (Rs.): ₹ 33309115.47

Description of work : Provision of RCC overhead tank for PFs& service building and pipe network at BAAD (225KL), KXM (50KL), RNKA(50KL), FAR (50KL), RAH(50KL) & DDDM(50KL) station and redeveloping of bore at RAH station.

S.No.: 2	Tender No.: 2024-Jun-01-02	Approx. Cost (Rs.): ₹ 31468386.41

Description of work : Mathura Palwal Provision of bore well and HS tank of 50KL for PFs water taps & pipeline at VRBD, BTSR, BSA and PRK stations.

S.No.: 3	Tender No.: 2024-Jun-01-03	Approx. Cost (Rs.): ₹ 25355391.28

Description of work : Replacement of OHT of 90KL capacity with pipeline arrangements at Agra Fort, Kuberpur, Chhalesar, Etmadpur & Billochpura stations.

S.No.: 4	Tender No.: 2024-Jun-01-04	Approx. Cost (Rs.): ₹ 87461195.17

Description of work : Provision of Side Sheet, grouting to prevent seepage of water & Rain water Harvesting at various LHS in Fatehbad-Etawah section.

S.No.: 5	Tender No.: 2024-Jun-01-05	Approx. Cost (Rs.): ₹ 859580.40

Description of work : Kiraoli & Mirhakur- Supply of potable water for stations and colony for 02 years.

For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **"www.ireps.gov.in".** Tenders can only be submitted through web portal **"www.ireps.gov.in"** up to **15.00 hrs** on **26.06.2024.** **983/24 (A)**

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E-Tender Notice

1. Tender No: T-14/CPD/CTPS/2024-25 online e-Bids are invited for the **"Preparation of Plans, Form-1, Questionnaire etc., arranging the approval from Directorate of Factories after removing all the objections for Obra CTPS".** Short term E-tender has been uploaded on 03.06.2024 on **http://etender.up.nic.in** Estimated cost of work approximately **Rs. 5.00 Lac only,** E.M.D. **5,000.00,** Tender Cost 590.00. Last date of submission **10.06.2024 up to 13.00 Hrs., SE, E&MCC-V**

2. Tender No: T-15/CPD/CTPS/2024-25 online e-Bids are invited for the **"Preparation of Certificates of Stability and other Documents & MAH Compliances etc., arranging the approval from Directorate of Factories after removing all the objections for Obra CTPS".** Short term E-tender has been uploaded on 03.06.2024 on **http://etender.up.nic.in** Estimated cost of work approximately **Rs. 4.75 Lac only,** E.M.D. **5,000.00,** Tender Cost 590.00. Last date of submission **10.06.2024 up to 13.00 Hrs., SE, E&MCC-V**

3. Tender No: 14/SE(CMC-I)/CMD-II/2024-25 online e-Bids are invited for the **"Work of construction of 4 no pit, maintenance work of chimney and construction of drain in CHP area BTPS".** Short term E-tender has been uploaded on **29.05.2024** on **http://etender.up.nic.in** Estimated cost of work approximately **Rs. 17,86,080.00 only,** Time period: **06 Month,** E.M.D. **35,000.00,** Tender Cost **1180.00.** Last date of submission **10.06.2024 up to 16.00 Hrs., SE, CMC-I**

4. Tender No: 6000005224/O&MC-II/BMD-I/BTPS/2024 online e-Bids are invited for the **"Work of Boiler Pressure parts and Air Pre-heaters during proposed overhauling of unit no. 11, 3x200MW, BTPS, Obra".** Short term E-tender has been uploaded on **01.06.2024** on **http://etender.up.nic.in** Estimated cost of work approximately **Rs. 59.48 Lakhs only,** Time period: 30 days(OH Period), E.M.D. **59,500.00,** Tender Cost **1180.00.** Last date of submission **11.06.2024 up to 12.00 Hrs., SE-II, 3x200MW**

5. Tender No: 6000005031/O&MC-II/BMD-I/3x200MW online e-Bids are invited for the **"Overhauling work of Coal pipe etc. during overhauling of unit no. 11, 3x200MW, BTPS, Obra".** E-tender has been uploaded on **25.05.2024** on **http://etender.up.nic.in** Estimated cost of work approximately **Rs. 6.17 Lakhs only,** Time period: **30 days(OH Period),** E.M.D. **12,300.00,** Tender Cost **1180.00.** Last date of submission **17.06.2024 up to 12.00 Hrs., SE-II, 3x200MW**

6. Tender No: 03/SE/OCCCC-I/OCCCD-I/2024-25 online e-Bids are invited for the **"Repair of road from AWRS BTPS to under construction AWRS of CTPS, Obra".** Short term E-tender has been uploaded on **29.05.2024** on **http://etender.up.nic.in** Estimated cost of work approximately **Rs. 24,33,883.00 only**, Time period: **03 Months**, E.M.D. **49,000.00,** Tender Cost **1180.00**. Last date of submission **12.06.2024** up to **18.00 Hrs., SE, OCCCC-I, Obra**

7. Tender No: OBR/6000005537/SE2/TMD2/BTPS online e-Bids are invited for the **"Operation & Maintenance of Central Air Conditioning Plant of unit no. 9-13, MCB BTPS, Obra and Acs of MSB ATPS & BTPS, Obra".** E-tender has been uploaded on **24.05.2024** on **http://etender.up.nic.in** Estimated cost of work approximately **Rs. 35.97 Lac only,** Time period: **02 Years,** E.M.D. **36,000.00,** Tender Cost **2360.00**. Last date of submission **14.06.2024 up to 16.00 Hrs., SE-II, 2x200MW**

8. Tender No: N-OBR////6000005637_00 online e-Bids are invited for the **"Round the clock operation assistance of Ash Evacuation System, Operation and maintenance of ETP and AWRS of 5x200MW, BTPS, Obra".** E-tender has been uploaded on **03.06.2024** on **http://etender.up.nic.in** Estimated cost of work approximately **Rs. 13,78,006.00 only**, Time period: **03 Months**, E.M.D. **27,500.00,** Tender Cost **1180.00**. Last date of submission **14.06.2024 up to 18.00 Hrs., SE-I, 3x200MW**

9. Tender No: N-OBR/B/OMC4/EMD3/6000005188_00 online e-Bids are invited for the **"Overhauling of DC Battery system of 200MW units no. 11, BTPS, Obra".** E-tender has been uploaded on **24.05.2024** on **http://etender.up.nic.in** Estimated cost of work approximately **Rs. 85,115.00 only**, E.M.D. **1,800.00**, Tender Cost **296.00.** Last date of submission **18.06.2024 up to 18.00 Hrs., SE-IV, BTPS, Obra**

10. Tender No: N-OBR/B/MMCII/PDIII/6000005601_00 online e-Bids are invited for the **"Supply of Seamless Pipe and Tee for BTPS Obra".** E-tender has been uploaded on **28.05.2024** on **http://etender.up.nic.in** Estimated cost of material is approximately **Rs. 4,60,000.00 only**, E.M.D. **9,000.00**, Tender **Cost 590.00**. Last date of submission **19.06.2024 up to 18.00 Hrs., SE, MMC-II**

11. Tender No: N-OBR/B/MMC-II/PD-II/6000005355 online e-Bids are invited for the **"Supply of 6.6KV/11KV HT Power Cables for BTPS, Obra".** E-tender has been uploaded on **28.05.2024** on **http://etender.up.nic.in** Estimated cost of material is approximately **Rs. 34,26,500.00 only**, E.M.D. **50,000.00**, Tender **Cost 1180.00**. Last date of submission **25.06.2024 up to 18.00 Hrs., SE, MMC-II, Obra**

12. Tender No: OBR////6000005497_00 online e-Bids are invited for the **"Maintenance work of ID/FD/PA Fans, CLCT System, Ducts, Gates & Dampers of 5x200MW Units BTPS, Obra".** E-tender has been uploaded on **03.06.2024** on **http://etender.up.nic.in** Estimated cost of work approximately **Rs. 33,32,643.00** only, Time Period : 01 Year, E.M.D. **35,000.00**, Tender Cost **1180.00**. Last date of submission **29.06.2024 up to 16.00 Hrs., SE-II, 2x200MW**

Total Quality of work, tender specification and other terms & condition is as per tender document available on the e-tender portal. Concerned superintending engineer has right to cancel any or all e-Bids without assigning any reason. Corrigendum, addendum, Extension if any shell be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time.

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ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

महाप्रबन्धक (अभियन्त्रण) ग्रेटर नौएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी, ग्रेटर नौएडा की ओर से ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–वरि0प्र0/(ई–निविदा सेल)/2024/513 दिनांक 05/06/2024 के माध्यम से उल्लेखित क्रम सं0 01 से 36 तक के कार्य की ई–निविदायें आमन्त्रित की जाती हैं। समस्त नियम व शर्तें ग्रेटर नौएडा प्राधिकरण की वेबसाईट: **www.greaternoidaauthority.in** पर ई–निविदा लिंक एवं ई–पोर्टल **https://etender.up.nic.in** पर उपलब्ध है। किसी परिवर्तन, संशोधन व अतिरिक्त सूचनाओं के लिए उक्त वेबसाइटें देखते रहें।

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निर्माण कार्य।		
1.	ग्राम–सादोपुर में बारात घर की मरम्मत एवं पेंटिंग का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–2)	रु0 12.19 लाख
2.	ग्राम भनोता में शमशान घाट में मरम्मत कार्य एवं शेड चबूतरा का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–2)	रु0 21.68 लाख
3.	सेक्टर–स्वर्ण नगरी में शॉपिंग सेन्टर की मरम्मत का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–5)	रु0 15.31 लाख
4.	ऑफिस बिल्डिंग टॉवर–2 में पंचम तल पर कॉमर्शियल कोर्ट का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–5)	रु0 40.72 लाख
5.	ग्राम अच्छेजा के शमशान घाट में शेड, चबूतरा का निर्माण, इंटर –लॉकिंग टाईल लगाने एवं मरम्मत का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–1)	रु0 45.24 लाख
6.	ग्राम चिपियाना बुजुर्ग एवं शाहबेरी में तीन वर्ष का अनुरक्षण कार्य एवं आर.सी.सी. पुलिया का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–1)	रु0 66.08 लाख
7.	ऑफिस बिल्डिंग टॉवर–2 में द्वितीय, तृतीय एवं चतुर्थ तल पर फ्लोरिंग, फॉल्स सिलिंग, पेंटिंग एवं मिसलेनिअस कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–5)	रु0 67.35 लाख
8.	ग्रेटर नौएडा प्राधिकरण के वर्क सर्किल वर्क सर्किल– 4, 5, 6 व 7 के विभिन्न रोडों एवं सेक्टरों में पैच रिपेयरिंग का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–5)	रु0 269.55 लाख
जलापूर्ति एवं सीवर का कार्य।		
9.	ग्रेटर नौएडा में विभिन्न व्यास की विभिन्न स्थानों पर सीवर लाईन बिछाये जाने का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–सीवर)	रु0 420.81 लाख
10.	ग्रेटर नौएडा के सेक्टर ईकोटैक–3 में एम.पी.एस. सेक्टर–1 से 20 एम0एल0डी0 एस0टी0पी0 तक राईजिंग मेन लाईन बिछाने का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–सीवर)	रु0 646.68 लाख
11.	सेक्टर ईकोटेक–2 में 15 एम0एल0डी0 एस0टी0पी0 का अनुरक्षण एवं संचालन का कार्य। (60 माह तक) (वर्क सर्किल–सीवर)	रु0 491.85 लाख
12.	ज़ोन–1 (सेक्टर–01, 02, 03, 04, 16, 16बी, 16सी, टेकज़ोन–04, 07, ईकोटेक–12, 14, 15 और ग्राम तिगरी, शाहबेरी, हैबतपुर, इटेहरा, छोटी मिलक, चिपियाना बुजुर्ग, चिपियाना खुर्द, रिछपाल गढ़ी, मिलक लच्छी, पतवाड़ी बिसरख, एमनाबाद, रोजा जलालपुर, रोजा याकूबपुर, छपरोला, खेड़ा धरमपुरा, अच्छेजा, सादोपुर, बादलपुर, बिस्नूली एवं इन ग्रामों की 4% 6% 10% प्रतिशत आबादी सहित) का तीन वर्षों तक आन्तरिक एवं बाह्य सीवरेज सिस्टम का अनुरक्षण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–सीवर)	रु0 805.52 लाख
13.	जोन–3 (इकोटेक–2 एवं बी0जे0पी0, के0पी0–1, 2, 3, अल्फा–1, 2, बीटा–1, 2, गामा–1, 2, डेल्टा–1, 2, 3, जीटा–1, 2, ईटा–1, 2, के0पी0–4, कप्पा– 1, 2, लैम्डा–1, 2, आयोटा–1, 2, और गांव गुर्जपुर, सूरजपुर, मलकपुर, मुबारकपुर, बेगमपुर, लखनावली, तुगलपुर, हल्दौना, नामोली, रोहिल्लापुर, रामपुर जागीर, अमरतपुरा/जगतफार्म, साकीपुर, गुलिस्तानपुर, जेतपुर वैशपुर, मकोडा थापखेड़ा, पाली, पल्ला चमरावाली बोडाकी 4% 6% 10% प्रतिशत आबादी सहित) का तीन वर्षों तक आन्तरिक एवं बाह्य सीवरेज सिस्टम का अनुरक्षण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–सीवर)	रु0 1240.57 लाख
14.	सेक्टर–पाई–1 में गंगाजल कैम्पस आर–1 की सड़क ड्रेन, रेन वाटर हारवेस्टिंग, टॉयलेट एवं गार्ड रूम का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–जल)	रु0 11.20 लाख
15.	सेक्टर–ईकोटेक–1 एक्सटेंशन–1 में ओ.एच.टी. के चारों तरफ चारदीवारी का निर्माण कार्य (वर्क सर्किल–जल)	रु0 22.05 लाख
16.	सेक्टर–के.पी.–5 में गंगाजल कैम्पस आर–04 की सड़क, ड्रेन, रेन वाटर हारवेस्टिंग, टॉयलेट, गार्ड रूम का निर्माण कार्य एवं बाउंड्रीवॉल का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–जल)	रु0 36.22 लाख
17.	सेक्टर–1 में गंगाजल कैम्पस आर–15 की सड़क, ड्रेन, रेन वाटर हारवेस्टिंग, टॉयलेट, गार्ड रूम एवं बाउंड्रीवॉल का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–जल)	रु0 42.87 लाख
18.	सेक्टर–न्यू–2 में गंगाजल कैम्पस आर–05 की सड़क, ड्रेन, रेन वाटर हारवेस्टिंग, टॉयलेट, गार्ड रूम का निर्माण कार्य एवं बाउंड्रीवॉल का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–जल)	रु0 49.07 लाख
19.	ग्रेटर नौएडा के सेक्टर–16बी एवं 16सी में वितरण पाईप लाईन उपलब्ध कराने एवं बिछाने का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–जल)	रु0 52.51 लाख
20.	सेक्टर–12ए में गंगाजल कैम्पस आर–17 की सड़क, ड्रेन, रेन वाटर हारवेस्टिंग, टॉयलेट, गार्ड रूम, बाउंड्रीवॉल का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–जल)	रु0 58.20 लाख
21.	सेक्टर–के.पी.–3 में गंगाजल कैम्पस आर–03, आर–8 की सड़क, ड्रेन, रेन वाटर हारवेस्टिंग, टॉयलेट, गार्ड रूम का निर्माण कार्य एवं बाउंड्रीवॉल का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–जल)	रु0 61.13 लाख
22.	ग्रेटर नौएडा के सेक्टर टेकज़ोन–4 में वितरण पाईप लाईन उपलब्ध कराने एवं बिछाने का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–जल)	रु0 62.78 लाख
23.	सेक्टर–18 में गंगाजल कैम्पस आर–18 की सड़क, ड्रेन, रेन वाटर हारवेस्टिंग, गार्ड रूम एवं बाउंड्रीवॉल का निर्माण का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–जल)	रु0 63.86 लाख
24.	सेक्टर–4 में गंगाजल कैम्पस आर–19 की सड़क, ड्रेन, रेन वाटर हारवेस्टिंग, टॉयलेट, गार्ड रूम बाउंड्रीवॉल का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–जल)	रु0 63.37 लाख
25.	सेक्टर–ईकोटेक–15 में गंगाजल कैम्पस आर–16 की सड़क, ड्रेन, रेन वाटर हारवेस्टिंग, टॉयलेट, गार्ड रूम बाउंड्रीवॉल का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–जल)	रु0 69.10 लाख
26.	सेक्टर–न्यू, में गंगाजल कैम्पस आर–03 की सड़क, रेन वाटर हारवेस्टिंग, टॉयलेट, गार्ड रूम का निर्माण कार्य एवं बाउंड्रीवॉल का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–जल)	रु0 74.27 लाख
27.	ग्रेटर नौएडा के विभिन्न ग्रामों एवं 6 प्रतिशत भूखण्डों (जैतपुर–वैसपुर, साकीपुर, तुगलपुर, रामपुर जागीर, नर्टो की मढैया, बल्ला की मढैया) में डिस्ट्रीब्यूशन पाईप लाईन का तीन वर्ष तक अनुरक्षण कार्य। (पार्ट–ए) (वर्क सर्किल–जल)	रु0 228.93 लाख
28.	ग्रेटर नौएडा के विभिन्न ग्रामों एवं 6 प्रतिशत भूखण्डों (लखनावली, मुबारकपुर, हबीबपुर, ऐमनाबाद, जलपुरा, सादौपुर एवं नामौली) में डिस्ट्रीब्यूशन पाईप लाईन का तीन वर्ष तक अनुरक्षण कार्य। (पार्ट–बी) (वर्क सर्किल–जल)	रु0 267.08 लाख
विद्युतीकरण का कार्य		
29.	ग्रेटर नौएडा में सेक्टर–गामा–1, 2 एवं डेल्टा–1, 2 के सामुदायिक भवन के आन्तरिक विद्युतीयकरण का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–ईएण्डएम–2)	रु0 15.75 लाख
30.	ग्रेटर नौएडा में सेक्टर–बीटा–1 एवं बीटा–2, के सामुदायिक भवन के आन्तरिक विद्युतीयकरण का कार्य एवं ग्राम मलकपुर के शमशान घाट में लाईट लगाने का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–ईएण्डएम–2)	रु0 22.15 लाख
31.	ग्रेटर नौएडा में सूरजपुर कोर्ट में एल.ई.डी. हाई मास्ट लगाने का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–ईएण्डएम–2)	रु0 23.56 लाख
32.	सेक्टर–ईकोटेक–11 में 11 के.वी. ओवर हैड लाईन का (अवशेष कार्य) निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–ईएण्डएम–2)	रु0 50.65 लाख
33.	ग्राम बोडाकी में बारात घर, सामुदायिक केन्द्र एवं प्राथमिक और उच्च प्राथमिक विद्यालय खेल मैदान शमशान घाट और कब्रिस्तान में आन्तरिक विद्युतीकरण और स्ट्रीट लाईट/हाई मास्ट लगाने का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–ईएण्डएम–2)	रु0 31.22 लाख
34.	ग्रेटर नौएडा प्राधिकरण बिल्डिंग के.पी.–4 के टावर–2 के द्वितीय, तृतीय, चतुर्थ तल एवं पाचवीं तलों पर फायर डिटेक्शन एवं पी.ए. सिस्टम (आर–7) हाइड्रेन्ट सिस्टम, स्प्रिंकलर सिस्टम और हैन्ड एलायंसिज का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–ईएण्डएम–2)	रु0 113.56 लाख
35.	ग्रेटर नौएडा प्राधिकरण बिल्डिंग के.पी.–4 के टावर–2 के द्वितीय, तृतीय, चतुर्थ तल एवं पाचवीं तलों पर आन्तरिक विद्युतीकरण का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–ईएण्डएम–2)	रु0 140.21 लाख
36.	ग्रेटर नौएडा वेस्ट के विभिन्न ग्रामों रोजा जलालपुर (अवशेष कार्य), देवला, चिपियाना खुर्द, चिपियाना बुजुर्ग, सैनी (अवशेष कार्य), अच्छेजा, वैदपुरा में एल.ई.डी. लाईट की स्थापना का कार्य के साथ–साथ तीन वर्ष का संचालन एवं अनुरक्षण का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–ईएण्डएम–1)	रु0 361.67 लाख

(अ) क्रम सं0–1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 से 26 पर अंकित कार्य दिनांक– 07.06.2024 से 18.06.2024 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई–निविदाओं की प्री–क्वालिफिकेशन दिनांक 20.06.2024 को 11:00 बजे खोली जाएगी एवं क्रम सं0–8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 27 से 28 पर अंकित कार्य दिनांक–07.06.2024 से 18.06.2024 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई–निविदाओं की प्री–क्वालिफिकेशन दिनांक 20.06.2024 को 11:00 बजे खोली जाएगी।

(ब) क्रम सं0–29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 से 35 पर अंकित कार्य दिनांक–11.06.2024 से 21.06.2024 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई–निविदाओं की प्री–क्वालिफिकेशन दिनांक 24.06.2024 को 11:00 बजे खोली जाएगी एवं क्रम सं0–36 पर अंकित कार्य दिनांक–11.06.2024 से 25.06.2024 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई–निविदाओं की प्री–क्वालिफिकेशन दिनांक 27.06.2024 को 11:00 बजे खोली जाएगी।

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CEO NIXI

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TENDER NOTICE

Bids are invited from reputed and experienced agencies towards **"Operation, Maintenance and Management of the Web Application of Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Limited".**

The project requirements, technical specifications, eligibility criteria, selection process, etc. are included in the Tender documents, which shall be available for download from: **https://gem.gov.in/** and **https://www.gujarattourism.com from 07/06/2024 onwards.**

The last date for submission of the Technical Bid and Financial Bid (online only) is 27/06/2024 up to 5:00 pm. and Technical Bid (physical only) is 03/07/2024 up to 5:00 pm.

Managing Director

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

E-TENDER NOTICE

For & on behalf of the President of India, Chief Workshop Manager, N. Rly. C&W workshop, Jagadhri Workshop/Yamuna Nagar invites open e-tender for the following work:

1	Name of work	Work of Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (CAMC) of Servo Hydraulic Shock Absorber Testing Machine for LHB Damper & ICF Shock Absorber Qty-02 at Tool shop of JUDW/NR for a period of three years i.e. 12 Quarters.
2	Location	Northern Railway, Carriage & Wagon Repair Shop, Jagadhri Workshop, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135002
3	Tender Value	Rs.2124283.20
4	Quantity	As per scope of work
5	Cost of Tender form	Rs. 0/-
6	Earnest money amount	Rs.42500/-
7	Completion period of the work	36 months from the date of issuance of Letter of Acceptance
8	Date & Time for submission of tender form	27.06.2024 till 15:30 hrs.
9	Opening of tender	27.06.2024 till 15:35 hrs. Tender opening will be done any time after the tender closing time. The tenderers are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserves the right to open the tender any time after closing of tender.
10	Website Particulars	www.ireps.gov.in

No.: 6-S/AMC/M-52,55/2022-23 Pt.II dt. 27.05.2024

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Tender Notice No. 3320242025 **Dated:** 04.06.2024

E-Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering) / North Central Railway / Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites **E-TENDERS** on prescribed form for the following work up to **13.30** hrs on **01.07.2024** The details of the Tender are as under:-

S N	Tender No	Name of Work: Augmentation of DDU running room by construction of 15 additional rooms in the section of Sr.DEN/I/PRYJ
1	79	

Approx Cost. (₹): 2,00,61,988.21	Bid security (₹): 2,50,300.00	Eligibility Criteria for similar work: Building Works

S N	Tender No	Name of Work: Proposed rebuilding of Br No. 25 at Km 816/17-19 in COI yard by micro tunneling system under Sr.DEN/I/PRYJ
2	80	

Approx Cost. (₹): 5,36,34,415.29	Bid security (₹): 4,18,200.00

Eligibility Criteria for similar work: Construction of Any bridge using box or pipe pushing technique

Completion Period (For S.N. 1 & 2):08 Month, **Date of Opening of tender (For S.N. 1 & 2):**01.07.2024 **Note: 1.** Tender on line can be submitted online up to **13.30** hrs. of tender opening date. **2.** The complete information alongwith tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in** up to **13:30** hrs. on due date of tender opening. **980/24 (ADM)**

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Department of Fisheries

Ph. 0194-2500092, 0191-2958673
email: jkfdjmu@gmail.com, jkfdkmr@gmail.com

E-auction Notice No. 01 of 2024 Dated: 05.06.2024

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-Bid affixed with Revenue Stamp worth Rs. 5/- are invited from the **Citizen of India**, for the auction of Fishing Rights of **Ranjit Sagar Reservoir (J&K portion) viz Satwain/Basohli, District Kathua** for a period of one-year from the date of issuance of fishing rights contract. The society of Fishermen registered under the Cooperative Act of the J&K State (now Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir) if any, can also participate in the auction proceeding.

The Bid documents containing detailed terms & conditions can be seen/downloaded against e-Bid document fee of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only) in shape of DD pledged to Assistant Director Fisheries, District Kathua from the official Government website **www.jktenders.gov.in**. from:-

1	Download date start	07.06.2024
2	Bid Submission date start	08.06.2024
3	Bid submission date ends	28.06.2024
4	Submission of original Earnest Money Deposit along with Tender document Fee in shape of Demand Draft.	29.06.2024
5	Bid opening Date	01.07.2024

The original Demand Draft of EMD Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh only) along with Tender Document Fee of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees two thousand only) pledged to the Assistant Director Fisheries, District Kathua respectively in a sealed cover addressed to Accounts Officer (Member Secretary of the Auction Committee Ranjit Sagar Reservoir) Department of Fisheries, Canal Road, Nowabad Jammu-180016 shall reach by or before **29.06.2024 upto 4.00 PM** without of which no bid shall be accepted.

However, in case the interested/genuine bidders fail to submit hard copies (original) of CDRs (tender document fee and earnest money deposit), the technical bid shall still be opened to verify/check the uploaded documents including the copies of CDRs. The bidders who shall have failed to submit hard copies of CDRs (tender document fee and earnest money deposit) but have uploaded them with bid document on JK tenders, in that case concerned bank/branch shall be approached for forfeiture of the CDRs and defaulters shall be blacklisted in J&K UT for future auction process. The other terms and conditions will remain same as are mentioned in detailed bid document.

The Bid shall be opened on **01.07.2024 at 11.30 AM** or any other date convenient to bid opening authority in presence of bidders who may like to be present.

No: DF/Acctts//E-Auction/2024-25/
Dated: 05.06.2024

Accounts Officer
Member Secretary Auction Committee,
Ranji Sagar Reservoir,
Fisheries Department

DIP-J-1051-24

WESTERN RAILWAY - RATLAM DIVISION

Tender Notice No. W 7 22-38-24-25-03RT2, Dated.03.06.2024

Name of work: Replacement of old age power equipment for Railway Colony Dahod. **Location:** The Assistant Project Manager(Electrical), 'C' Site, Freelandganj, Western Railway, Dahod-389160 (Gujarat), **Approximate Cost of the work:** Rs. 1,41,02,036/-, **EMD/Bid Security:** Rs.2,20,500/-, **Date & time of Submission & opening of E-Tender:** Submission Up to 15.00 Hrs on 26-06-2024 and the tenders will be opened at 15:30 Hrs on the same day. The Tender Notice and documents uploaded on the website **www.ireps.gov.in /E-Tenders/ Works /IR** Electrical by this office.

V/082 **APM (Elect.), W.Rly, Dahod**

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NOTICE INVITING e-BIDs

PROCUREMENT-2/NIB-01/2024-25/BN-9016002401 to 9016002402

Online e-bids are invited from interested bidders as detailed below:-

1. PURCHASE OF 200 MVA, 220/132kV AUTO TRANSFORMER ALONG WITH NIFPES ON RATE CONTRACT BASIS. **(BN-9016002401, UBN-VPN2425GLRC00047)**
2. PURCHASE OF 80 MVA, 132/33kV POWER TRANSFORMER ALONG WITH NIFPES ON RATE CONTRACT BASIS. **(BN-9016002402, UBN-VPN2425GLRC00048)**

The detailed NIB and Bid document /specification are available for viewing/downloading on the website **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in**. Details of NIB are available on website **energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rrvpn**.

Any extension in bid submission/opening date (if any) will be floated/uploaded on **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in; energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rrvpn** & **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** only.

RRVPN/TR-6175/2024 **Superintending Engineer (Proc-II)**
Raj.Samwad/C/24/316

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. AGC-EL-GSU-T-09-24 Date: 05.06.2024

E-Tender Notice

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Gati Shakti), North Central Railway, Agra on behalf of President of India invites **"Open Tender"** through on line only **(E-Tendering)** for the following works.

Name of work with its location & Completion Period: OHE work related to KBP to good shed and additional loop at KBP siding. **Completion Period:** 04 months.

Approximate Cost of work: Rs. 3958794.81, **Closing date of Tender:** 27.06.2024 @12:00 Hrs. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in** Tender can only be submitted through web portal **www.ireps.gov.in** up to **12:00 hrs.** on **27.06.2024.** **985/24(K)**

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender No.: AGCTRDT202405 **Date:** 05.06.2024

E-Tender Notice

Sr. DEE/TRD/Agra for & on behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on-line only (e-Tendering) for the following work:

Name of work: Annual maintenance contract of the PSI assets of Bhandai-Etawah section of Agra division for a period of Two years.	**Approximate Cost (₹):** 66,10,806.20/-
	Earnest money (₹): 1,32,200/-

Period of completion: Twenty Four months, **1.** For full details & submission of the bid please see the Indian Railway website www.ireps.gov.in. **2.** Tender can only be submitted through web portal **"www.ireps.gov.in"** up to **15:00** Hrs. on date **27.06.2024.** **988/24 (ADM)**

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GGSIPU goes highest among Indian Universities in QS World rankings

Delhi's Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University has been awarded with the 'Rising Star' award by the QS World Ranking for showing the highest improvement among Indian institutions in the last 12 months after debuting in the QS rankings in the previous edition. Ben Sowter, the Senior Vice President of the QS, presented the honour to the University at the QS EduData Summit 2024 in Washington DC. IP University is the only University of the Govt of NCT of Delhi that has been included in the QS Rankings 2025.

16 Aakash students become highest NEET scorers

A whopping 16 students of Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL) have created history by securing rank AIR 01 in the NEET UG examination 2024 by scoring 720/720 each. Of these 16, 14 are Classroom Students and two are from Aakash's Distance Learning Programme (DLP). The results were announced by the National Testing Agency (NTA). Aakashians who have secured the AIR 01 are Mridul Manya Anand (from Greater Noida), Ayush Naugraiya (From Jhansi), among others.

Housing prices rise in 45 cities in Q4 FY 2023-24: NHB

India's eight key primary residential markets witnessed appreciating property prices during the period Jan-March 2024. Ahmedabad (5.9%), Bengaluru (8.1%), Chennai (5.1%), Delhi (1.7%), Hyderabad (6.7%), Kolkata (3.7%), Mumbai (4.0%) & Pune (5.2%) recorded increase in the index on an annual basis as per the Housing Price Index published by National Housing Bank.

The 50 city HPI based on valuation prices of properties recorded an annual increase (Y-o-Y) of 5.1% during the 4th quarter.

NHRC issues notice to Karnataka Govt calling for reports within four weeks

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India has taken suo moto cognisance of a media report that a 19-year-old woman, who underwent a caesarean operation, was banished to a distant and isolated hut, as per the tradition for new mothers and menstruating women in Bisadihalli area of Tumakuru district of Karnataka. The hut did not have a bed or toilet. The Commission has issued a notice to the Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka calling for a detailed report on the matter within four weeks.

Department of School Education & Literacy signs MoU with NBT, India

The Department of School Education, Ministry of Education, signed an MoU with the National Book Trust under the aegis of the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education in New Delhi to establish an institutional framework for the Digital Library Platform, Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya. The event was attended by the Secretary of the Department of Higher Education, K Sanjay Murthy; Secretary of the Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSE&L), Sanjay Kumar; Joint Secretary, Archana Sharma Awasthi, and other senior officials of the Ministry.

K Sanjay Murthy highlighted the importance of non-academic books in the lives of children and their role in shaping their future.

Nina Singh, DG CISF awards personnel with medals

On June 3, a ceremony was held at CISF Headquarters, New Delhi, where Nina Singh, DG CISF honoured and decorated 75 officers and personnel of the CISF with Police Medals for Meritorious Service, Fire Service Medals for meritorious service and Union Home Minister's Medals for excellence in Police training.

Two-day 'Varshik Niti Samvad Shivir' of NCC held in Delhi

A two-day 'Varshik Niti Samvad Shivir' of the National Cadet Corps took place in New Delhi. The conference's primary focus was to review the progress of the ongoing expansion plan of NCC as per the Government directives to meet the aspirations of the youth. It was inaugurated by DG NCC Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh.

CRPF officials visit Shaheed Neeraj Kumar's house

In an inspiring initiative taken by the CRPF, officials from Group Centre CRPF, Noida visited the residence of Shaheed Neeraj Kumar in Meerut, UP, on May 31, and celebrated the birthday of his son, Master Chirag, who turned 10 this year. Late Constable Neeraj Kumar attained martyrdom on March 11, 2014, valiantly fighting Maoists in Chhattisgarh. The initiative was applauded by relatives and friends and was indeed an emotional and joyous moment for the family members of Shaheed Neeraj Kumar, who was remembered for his bravery and supreme sacrifice. CRPF officials expressed their solidarity with the family members.

NHPC celebrates World Environment Day

NHPC, India's premier green power company celebrated World Environment Day on June 5 with great enthusiasm at its Corporate Office, Regional Offices, Power Stations, Projects and Units. A plantation programme was organised at the NHPC Corporate Office wherein RP Goyal, CMD NHPC was present.

World Environment Expo hosted in Noida

Indian Exhibition Services and Green Society of India has organised the largest event on Sustainable development named World Environment Expo 2024, Concurrently with Biofuel Expo 2024, Biodegradable Expo 2024 started from June 5 to 7 at India Expo Mart and Centre, Greater Noida.

Master Craftsman Exhibition inaugurated

MK Pardeshi, IFS, Secretary (CPV & O IA) Ministry of External Affairs, in the presence of Manoj Lal, MD, The Central Cottage Industries Corp of India Ltd on May 31 inaugurated an Exclusive Exhibition cum Live Demo by Master Craftspersons from the Handicraft & Handloom sector.

NHRC, India takes a serious view of 'Nata Pratha'

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India has taken a serious view of social evil in the form of 'Nata Pratha' under which the girls in some communities are sold either on a stamp paper or otherwise in the name of marriage having no legal sanctity in parts of Rajasthan and the adjoining areas in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat. The Commission has called for its eradication and abolition and issued notices accordingly to the concerned authorities to provide a report within eight weeks.

■ Prega News from the house of Mankind Pharma launched its expert pregnancy care solution range with renowned celebrity Kajal Agarwal for the Southern market. The brand aims to expand its presence in the southern region and elevate the brand proposition.

■ The 33rd North & East ITF Taekwon-Do Championship was held at Thyagraj Indoor Stadium, New Delhi, on June 1. Over 600 players from 9 states participated in the event. The event was attended by many Government dignitaries. Delhi won 1st place with 118 Gold, 103 Silver, and 84 Bronze.

■ Known for its innovative campaigns for environment conservation, GAIL (India) has launched series 'Waah Kya Energy Hai' to highlight the accessibility and benefits of embracing new, clean and environmentally friendly fuel options – CNG and Piped Natural Gas offered by GAIL and its group companies.

■ Commemorating World Environment Day, the Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) organised a plantation program at its office premises at SCOPE Complex, New Delhi. Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay, Vice-Chairman, SCOPE and CMD, Goa Shipyard Ltd. and Atul Sobti DG, SCOPE planted saplings in the presence of Senior officials of SCOPE.

■ A two-day 'Varshik Niti Samvad Shivir' of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) took place in New Delhi on June 4-5. The conference's primary focus was to review the progress of the ongoing expansion plan of NCC as per the Government directives to meet the aspirations of the youth.

■ In a significant gathering on World Environment Day, the Dr OP Bhalla Foundation, in collaboration with the Eco Club Faridabad, hosted an enlightening seminar on the theme 'Sustainability for Environment'. The event brought together prominent environmentalists, educators, and representatives.

■ Indian Institute of Management Udaipur is the first IIM to have started a unique and one-of-a-kind Summer Program in Management as an MBA program. The program will cover the essential aspects of management studies, focusing on Business Environment and Business Communica-

■ The Index Fair from June 04-06 got underway at Dubai World Trade Centre, United Arab Emirates. The EPCH India Pavilion was inaugurated by K Kalimuthu, Consul of Commerce, Consulate General of India, Dubai in the presence of RK Verma, Executive Director - EPCH and other member exporters.

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. CWM-BW-01-2024

CWM/Bridge/N.E. Railway, Gorakhpur Cantt acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works:-

S.No.-1, E-Tender Notice No.-CWM-BW-01-2024, Description of works: Fabrication activity of 61 m Span Open Web Steel Girder (Welded through type as per RDSO Drawing) in Bridge Workshop, Gorakhpur Cantt., North Eastern Railway. Approx. Tender Value (₹): ₹ 12,32,71,129.27, Earnest Money (₹): ₹ 7,66,400/-, Cost of tender document: Nil, Completion period from the date of issue of acceptance letter: 16 (Sixteen) months.

• Date of E-Tender opening 11:00 Hrs. on 28-06-2024. • Receipt of E-Tender upto 10:59 Hrs. on 28-06-2024. • Detailed E-tender notice, Eligibility criteria, terms & conditions are available at website ***www.ireps.gov.in***

Dy. Chief Eng./Bridge Workshop, CPRO/W-107 **Gorakhpur**

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S.No./Eng./E.E./GSCDCL/2024/296 **Dated : 06.06.2024**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Gwalior Smart City Development Corporation Ltd. (GSCDCL) invites online for the following works :
The Details are as under :

S. No.	System E-Tender ID	Tender Name	EMD	Tender Fee	Last Date of Online Bid Submission
1.	2024_UAD_349279_1	Selection of Agency for Comprehensive Operation and Maintenance (O and M) for 5 Years 2 Months of Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) and Datacentre in Gwalior Madhya Pradesh - **2nd Call**	6,02,432	17,700	22-Jun-2024 05:30 PM

Full details of the above tenders can be seen on **www.mptenders.gov.in** Amendments to NIT, if any shall be published on website only.
M.P. Madhyam/114711/2024 **E.E.**

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No.: E.E./CD4(N)/2024-25/631-45 **Dated: 31.05.2024**

Notice Inviting Bid

Bids for work of 1. Annual Rate Contract for the work of transportation of water through Tankers in Bisalpur water supply Benefited areas (Low pressure areas) under the jurisdiction of City Division IV (North) Jaipur and 2. Annual Rate Contract for the work of transportation of water through Tankers in Bisalpur water supply non-benefited areas under the jurisdiction of City Division IV (North) Jaipur NIT No. 04-05/2024-25 is invited from interested bidders up to 06.00 PM 13.06.2024 Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the **www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** and **http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** of the state website.

UBN Code: 1. PHE2425WSRC01065, 2. PHE2425WSRC01066

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. AGC-EL-GSU-T--07-24 **date : 05.06.2024**

E-Tender Notice

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (GatiShakti), North Central Railway, Agra on behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on line only (E-Tendering) for the following work.

Name of work with its location & Completion Period : Electrical TRD work related to 12 meter FOBs under Amrit Stations scheme in PWL-DHO section of Agra Division.
Completion Period : 06 Months

Approximate Cost of Work : Rs. 17078307.77, **Closing date of Tender :** 24.06.2024 @ 12:00 Hrs. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in** Tender can only be submitted through web portal **www.ireps.gov.in** upto 12.00 Hrs. on 24.06.2024. **986/24 (D)**

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Tender Notice No: E.T.D/C.N.B./2024-25/09 **Date:05.06.2024**

E-Procurement Tender Notice

On behalf of the President of India, The Senior Materials Manager, E.T.D./ Kanpur invites the following e- procurement tender.

Tender No.	Description	Qty.
58245048	TOP COATING PAINT, SPECIFICATION NO. 4TMS.096.020 Rev-1 (latest version), STR NO.- CLW/TM/12210 Rev-1 latest version. (SHELF LIFE 12 MONTHS)	150 Kgs.
58245041	THINNER FOR TOP COATING PAINT, STR NO. CLW/TM/12210 Rev-2 (latest version) (SHELF LIFE 12 MONTHS)	100 Kgs.
58245039	PRIMER PAINT AS PER CLW SPECIFICATION NO. 4TMS.096.019, REV.1.	90 Kgs.
58245040	HARDNER FOR TOP COATING PAINT, STR NO. CLW/TM/12210 Rev-1 (latest version) (SHLEF LIFE 12 MONTHS)	15 Kgs.
57245068	UIC SOCKET 13 PIN (WITHOUT UIC PLUG) FOR HOG OPERATION. AS PER CLW'S SPEC. NO. CLW/ES/3/0047 ALT-E.	50 Nos.
57245119	DOUBLE ROTARY ASSEMBLY AS PER PART NO- H16A OF MECONWAY & TROLEY DRG NO C- 50675 OR EQUIVALENT FOR WAP-7 LOCOMOTIVE.H-TYPE CBC TIGHT LOCK COUPLER (ITEM SHOULD BE INTERCHANGEABLE WITH FAS MAKE H-TYPE TIGHT LOCK COUPLER).	70 Nos.
57245098	Rachet Assembly For ZS Coupling (Blind Socket/ Coupling Socket Assembly) As per RCF Drawing No.LW71330 Alt A And Conforming to RDSO SPEC. No. RDSO/ PE/ SPEC/AC/0177-2013, Rev-1, Note:- Material to be procured from Railway Approved sources of ZS Coupling (400/500,750 V).	20 Nos.
57245138	SPARES FOR FORKLIFTERS MODEL No.AF30D ACE 3TON AS PER ATTACHED ANNEXURE 1 AND 2.	1 Set.
57245137	1/2" Isolating cock without vent(OLP) For 3 Phase loco as per KBIL part No C146651 or FTRTIL Part. No. 023018000 or legris/Laminar part no.04021321 or equivalent, suitable for 3 phase locomotives (Purchase Certficate from OEM Is required)	50 Nos.
57245131	Heavy duty luggage cart as per model of Dolphy DLTY 0002-G or equivalent. Required specification of trolley as follows. Material- SS304. Sheet thickness-01 mm. 04 Number wheel size 05 mm to 08 mm of nylon/PU. Size of trolley- 1050 x 610 x 900 mm. (L x W x H). Suitable for load capacity 150 to 200 kg.. Make-Dolphy or equivalent.	10 Nos.
58225173	H.S.S Square Bits (Tools) size-1inch X1inch X8inch 8 To 10% Cobalt, MAKE-JK, BIPICO, SANDVIC SUPERDRIVE or similar.	10 Nos.
58235108	SET OF CANVAS COVER FOR EMU STATOR AND HITACHI STATOR AND TAO STATOR, ONE SET = COVER OF EMU STATOR= 03 No.+ COVER OF HITACHI STATOR = 08 No. + COVER OF TAO STATOR= 03 No. 01 SET= 03+08+03= 14 NO MATERIAL IS:2102 AS PER DRG NO. 3TMS/CNB/DRG/2023/20	05 Set.
58225164	EUCTECTOR FLUX 1801 JAR 250 GRAMS PASTE.	50 Nos.
58235009	TERMINAL ASSEMBLY LONG FOR SL-30 SPECIFICATION: ETP COPPER STRIP IS: 191 PT. V- 80 HALF HARD TO IS: 1897-83 WITH SQ CORNERS AS PER DRG.NO.3TMS/CNB/DRG/2016/72	70 Nos.

All Tender Opening Date:26.06.2024 **All EMD :NIL**

Note : 1. The Complete information of above E-Procurement Tender are available on IREPS website i.e. **http://www.ireps.gov.in 2.** Bids other than in the form of E bids shall not be accepted against above tenders for this purpose venders are required to get themselves registered with IREPS Website along with **class III** digital signature certificate issued by **CCA and IT act 2000. 3.**Rules entered into financial rate page is duly singed digitally signature shall only be considered rates and any other financial entry in any other form/letter had if attached by vender shall be original straight way ignore and shall not be considered. **982/24(DG)**

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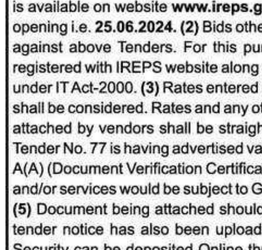
Look Out Notice

Applicant Pawan Kumar S/O Sharma R/O Larh Tehsil Ramnagar District Udhampur lodged a missing report at P/S Udhampur alleging therein that on 29.05.2024 his wife namely Renu Devi aged 21 years is missing since 27.05.2024. On this, a missing report has been entered vide DDR No.09 dated 29.05.2024 at P/S Udhampur. The Photograph/descriptive roll of missing lady is as under:-

Photo	Description		
	Name	=	Renu Devi
	Wife of	=	Pawan Kumar
	Residence	=	R/O Larh Tehsil Ramnagar District Udhampur
	Age	=	21 years
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	Body Built	=	Normal
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	Face	=	Round
	Wearing	=	Red colour suit

It is therefore requested that sharp lookout may please be maintained and if traced out or any clue leading to the whereabouts of the said missing lady is received, an information may kindly be shared on below mentioned Telephone Nos./Fax/e-mail addresses for further course of action.

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No.:- Rdr/Look out Notice/2024/32896-911 Sd/-
Dated:- 01.06.2024 **Sr. Superintendent of Police**
DIP-J-986-24 **District Udhampur**

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No: 3120242025 **Date:** 04.05.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering) / North Central Railway / Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-Tenders on prescribed form for the following works up to **13:30 hrs.** on **25.06.2024.** The details of the tenders are as under:-

S. No.: 1	Tender No.: 77	Approx Cost of work (Rs.): ₹ 20185000.00

Name of Work: P. Way zone work for the P.E. 30.06.2025 in the section of ADEN/NCR/ETW.

Bid Security (Rs.): ₹ 250900.00, **Completion Period:** 30.06.2025, **Date of Opening of Tender:** 25.06.2024, **Similar work for Eligibility Criteria:** P. Way work.

Note:- (1) The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders is available on website **www.ireps.gov.in** up to **13:30 hrs.** on the due date of tender opening i.e. **25.06.2024. (2)** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **(3)** Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightaway ignored and shall not be considered. **(4)** Tender No. 77 is having advertised value more than 50 Lakhs, therefore, Annexure-A & A(A) (Document Verification Certificate) is required. The supplier / contractor of goods and/or services would be subject to GST Act and Rules as applicable from time to time. **(5)** Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. **(6)** This tender notice has also been uploaded on **www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. (7)** Bid Security can be deposited Online through Internet Banking or Payment Gateway or Bank Guarantee Bond as detailed in para 12 of tender document. **(8)** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. **(9)** Tender on line can be submitted up to **13:30 hrs.** on **25.06.2024. (10)** Along with other instructions given to Tenderers, Tenderers are required to Pay special attention on Para 12.0 of Tender Document for Bid Security Deposit. **(11)** E-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all Tenderers. **(12)** **For Tender No. 77:** The tenderer has to submit necessary documents in compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-I) of IRGCC-2022 (Works matter) mandatorily, otherwise their offer will be considered as Incomplete Offer and accordingly shall not be considered. **975/24 (A)**

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India have to wait, Chhetri moves on

India's FIFA World Cup qualifying chances dealt a body blow following a draw against Kuwait

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KOLKATA: There was no victorious sendoff, nor any rousing goal to gild a glittering career. Sunil Chhetri left a 58,921-strong Yuba Bharati Krirangan with bowed head, folded hands and tears running down his cheeks in his final lap of honour, reminiscent of so many storied India careers starting and ending with dejection. The dream of India qualifying for the third round of the FIFA World Cup is still alive, but barely. India know chances were spurned in a messy 0-0 draw at what was the best stage to deliver a dream and give a suitable farewell to a legend.

It will only get more difficult from here. Placed second in the group with five points, India now need a result against Qatar in their final league match, chances of which are bleak. "We knew it would be tough," said India coach Igor Stimac after the game. "All our games against Kuwait have been tight. But today we couldn't open the game the way we wanted. There wasn't enough aggression in the middle of the park. And not enough self-confidence at the start."

Had it not been for Gurpreet Singh Sandhu's game awareness, India's chances of progression would have been snuffed on Thursday. But that was the only positive in an otherwise scrappy match. "Gurpreet was brilliant but the others were not 100% in the way we wanted them to be," said Stimac.

It could all have been achieved here, at the heart of India's football. There weren't a lot of chances but some definitely trickled India's way. Anwar Ali failing to keep a free header on target in the 12th minute off an Anirudh Thapa corner-kick was the only definite chance to come India's way in a chaotic first half where Kuwait kept dispossessing the hosts in the midfield. India tried to switch to the wings, a move that yielded some promising moves.

In the 25th minute, Jay Gupta—making his international debut—floated in a cross from the left to Sahal Abdul Samad, but it was ultimately cleared. Four minutes later, Thapa sent in a cross that Kuwait's back line cleared but didn't fall beyond Samad on the edge of the box. Samad turned and quickly curled in a kick that ricocheted off one of the defenders and went to Liston Colaco, but his low kick crashed into the side netting.

It was only after the second half started that India's attack gained more steam with Suresh angjam dropping behind to become defensive midfielder after Igor Stimac supplanted Thapa with Rahim Ali and Sahal with Brandon Fernandes. It bore immediate results. First, Fernandes set up Ali with a piercing through that he linked up with, haring to the top of the box but his low shot was saved. Two minutes later, another chance for Ali and this time he was in the clear with a long through but the finish again was wide of the target.

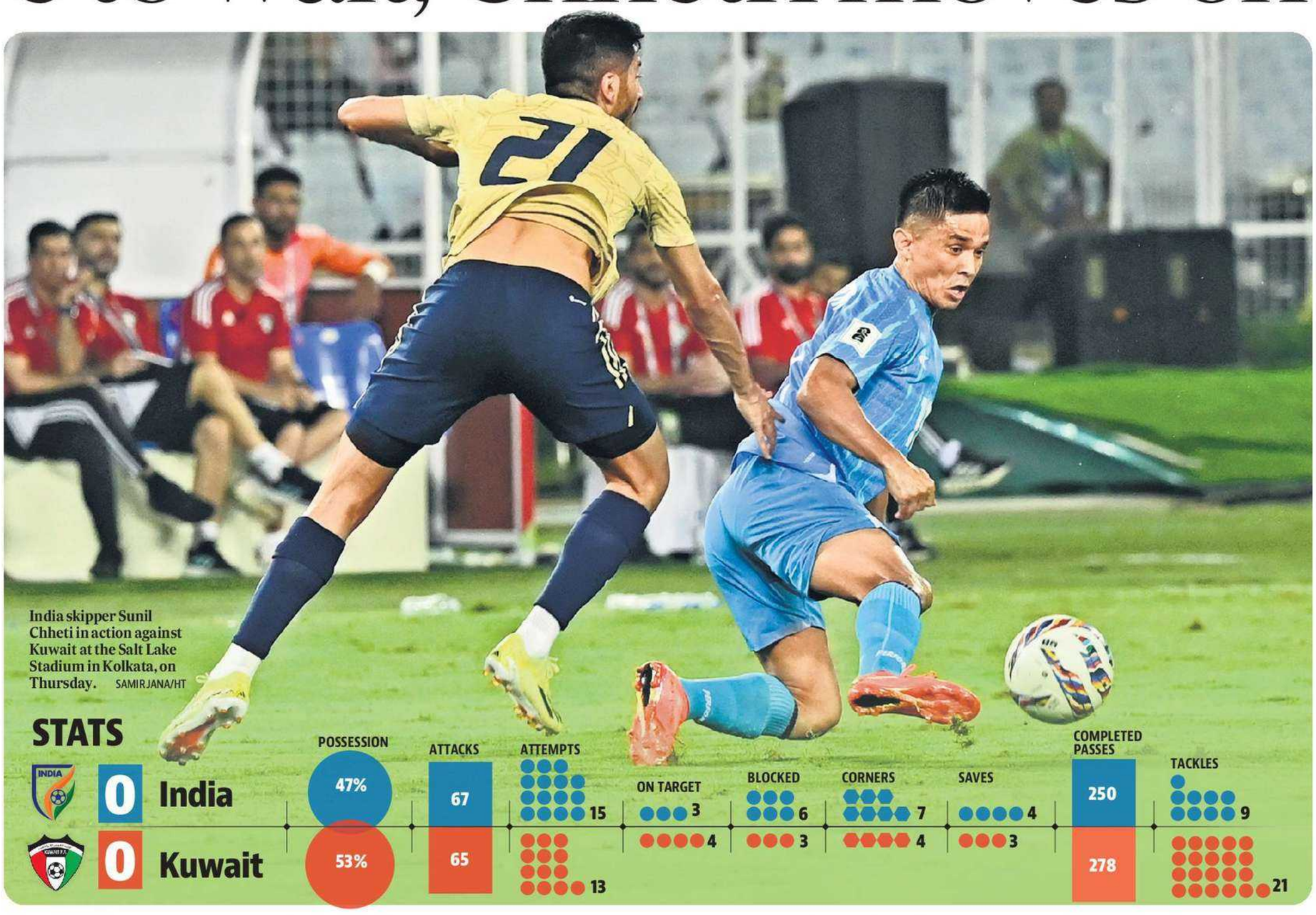
Kuwait had their moments too. A penetrative pass from Eid Al Rashidi early into the first half opened up left-winger Mohammad Abdulah who skipped a sliding challenge from Rahul Bheke but ran into Sandhu under the horizontal. Four minutes later, again Abdulah again prised open the defence but his curled shot on goal was saved by Sandhu. Not until the middle of the first-half had Kuwait got another look at the goal, but Abdulah messed up that move.

That Kuwait were overly dependent on Abdulah was evident in the way most of their passes converged on him. He floated in a cross to the far post for Faisal Al-Harbi but his low volley was well parried by Sandhu before Yousef Al-Sulaiman speared the rebound over the post. It was a recurrent theme with Kuwait, with Abdulah shooting a free-kick from the centre well over the horizontal.

Kuwait's lapses allowed India to rebuild though, pressing through the fresher legs of Fernandes and Ali after the break. One corner from the left cleared, Fernandes sent in another in for Chhetri but it found Bheke, whose header went straight to Kuwait goalkeeper Sulaiman Abdulghafoor. But with the all-important breakthrough not coming, the game often seemed to lapse into phases of mediocrity.

If Liston Colaco wasted a promising forward pass, Abdulah struck the ball well over from horizontal. Manvir Singh was brought on to provide some momentum and it almost produced something when Fernandes set him up with a beautiful through but that move was killed by the industrious Hasan Alanezi.

A final gamble in the form of Edmund Lalrindika substituting Gupta didn't produce the desired results as India kept stumbling in the final frontier, with Kuwait clearing a low cross from Fernandes before Manvir's header off a cross going wide of the goal. Things really came to a head when a brawl erupted on the sidelines after Lalrindka was yanked off the ball but it only provided a distraction from the real, and oft-repeated story of India falling short of their World Cup dream.



India skipper Sunil Chheti in action against Kuwait at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata, on Thursday. SAMIRJANA/HT

Former India players turn up to bid skipper goodbye

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KOLKATA: One colour. Blue. One name. Chhetri.

They say the crest in front is more important than the name on the back and Sunil Chhetri would be the last player to contest that. He had said as much, repeatedly in the build-up to this second round World Cup qualifier against Kuwait. But then, it was also the last time he was wearing the India blue, the journey ending in Kolkata 19 years after it began in Quetta and this was the Indian football fan's way of acknowledging that. A tribute to a man who, having kept time at bay, had finally decided enough was indeed enough.

"Thank you everyone who came today and those who watched me for these 19 years," said Chhetri after being feted by Mohun Bagan, East Bengal, Mohammedan Sporting, the Indian Football Association and the All India Football Federation.

When the India team bus reached the stadium at five minutes past five, it bisected a throng of fans who had Chhetri on their backs and were waiting, their mobiles ready. When Chhetri stepped on the pitch one hour later, the still-filling amphitheatre echoed with his name. How could he not acknowledge that? He did.

When Luka Radman, India's strength and conditioning coach, called the outfield players to warm-up, photographers made a beeline for that side of the pitch. This was an evening where every move Chhetri made, every breath he took would be committed to memory. Because there wouldn't be another time.

A tifo slung on the middle tier summed up the mood of the enervating evening: "Thanks Captain, Leader, Legend." Next to it, "India till I die." Before kick-off, tifos featuring Chhetri were unfurled in different corners. One showed Chhetri with the globe on his shoulders, the India map highlighted, with other legends like Chuni Goswami, PK Banerjee and Bhaichung Bhutia standing alongside.

STANDINGS

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Qatar	4	4	0	0	14	12
India	5	1	2	2	-3	5
Kuwait	5	1	1	3	-1	4
Afghanistan	4	1	1	2	-10	4

It was an exaggeration, yes, but only just. No one has scored 94 goals for the country, no one has played 151 internationals. What did he bring to the team, Igor Stimac was asked? "Goals, leadership," said the India head coach. "He began scoring and never really stopped."

"Don't blow the final whistle, referee," said another tifo. It is what Real Madrid had said when Zinedine Zidane bowed out, and again when Toni Kroos did.

From IM Vijayan, once a senior now head of the All India Football Federation's technical committee, to Renedy Singh, whose deliveries he would convert for club and country, Dipendu Biswas, Alvito d'Cunha, Climax Lawrence, Eugeneson Lyngdo and Dipankar Roy, Chhetri's teammates over the years, were in the stands. They wouldn't miss this for anything.

Neither would his family. Parents Kharga and Sushila, wife Sonam were in the crowd of 58,921. All hoping for a moment that would make the evening special. That would make the cries of "Chhetri, Chhetri" from reaching a crescendo. It didn't come.

India started poorly. Probably, for all talk of keeping emotions at bay in this must-win game, the occasion had got the better of them. They needed Gurpreet Singh Sandhu to use every bit of 1.98m frame to deny Mohammad Abdullah. Kuwait had spotted a chink on the right side of India's defence but again Sandhu flew to his left to collect an ball that could have been dangerous.

Sandhu was good all evening, reproducing the form that had made him India's No.1 for years, showing that what had happened in 2023 was a blip. "He was brilliant," said Stimac.

Anwar Ali was sure in defence but should have done better with a free header early in the match. Introduced in the second half, Rahim Ali used his strength and speed to break free twice but couldn't beat Sulaiman Abdulghafoor in Kuwait's goal.

Chhetri had made the most sprints, 14, in the first half but Kuwait had kept him in check. Central defender Hasan Alanezi's excellent block stopped the delivery from Liston Colaco from reaching the one player everyone in the cauldron wanted it to go to. Alanezi was again in the right place at the right time to prevent debutant Jay Gupta's delivery from reaching Sahal Abdul Samad.

Another corner-kick, the teams got 10 each, led to another header from Ali that didn't trouble the goalie. Colaco did beat the last player but hit the side-netting. Four corner-kicks India forced in the 58th minute but none went to Chhetri. A set-piece routine from Brandon Fernandes meant for him skidded agonizingly wide, Chhetri's flick for Ali didn't yield anything. Perfect farewells are not for everyone.

On the final whistle, Chhetri slouched. Then he stood to his full height, sucked in the evening air before it was time for hugs and handshakes. India's players stood back as Chhetri walked around the pitch acknowledging the crowd as his goals were played on the giant screen. Love, actually on a football pitch? It happened at Salt Lake stadium on Thursday.

Till he walked the perimeter of the pitch, head bowed and steps leaden-footed but also remembering to raise arms and clasp them, Chhetri had held himself together. When he had finished, Chhetri couldn't prevent the tears anymore. Amrinder Singh held him as Chhetri tried to compose himself. One more wave, and he was off. For the last time.

STOINIS SHINES AS AUSTRALIA BEAT OMAN IN OPENER

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BRIDGETOWN: Marcus Stoinis shone with bat and ball as Australia launched their bid for a grand slam of major cricket titles with a 39-run victory over Oman at the T20 World Cup in Barbados on Wednesday. Stoinis smashed a 67* off just 36 balls to power Australia to 164/5 and then took three wickets for 19 runs as Oman were restricted to 125/9 in reply at Kensington Oval.

Stoinis hammered six sixes and two fours during a swashbuckling batting performance that led Australia's recovery after they had slumped to 50-3 earlier in the innings. David Warner helped provide some stability with a half century as Australia eventually got going after captain Mitchell Marsh and Glenn Maxwell fell off successive balls to seamer Mehran Khan in the 11th over.

Warner's innings propelled him beyond former captain Aaron Finch as Australia's top run-getter in T20 Internationals with a tally of 3,155.

Brief scores: Australia 164/5 (Stoinis 67*, Warner 56, Mehran 2/38). Oman 125/9 (Ayaan 36, Stoinis 3/19). **Australia won by 39 runs.**

PNG 77 in 19.1 ovs (Hiri 15, Nsubuga 2/4, Miyagi 2/10). Uganda 78/7 in 18.2 ovs (Riazat 33, Nao 2/16). **Uganda won by 3 wkts.**

T20 WC: A 'pitched battle' of a different kind

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NEW DELHI: Of the 11 matches so far held in this T20 World Cup, only once has there been a clash between two top-eight teams (as per the ICC rankings). That was when South Africa took on Sri Lanka at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium in Long Island, New York, on Monday. Any hope of a close and exciting contest, though, evaporated into thin air in no time as Sri Lanka were shot out for 77 in 19.1 overs on an extremely challenging pitch.

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That the Sri Lankans weren't fully to blame for their batting display was reiterated on Wednesday when Ireland's batters took guard against India on a different pitch at the same venue.

The ball misbehaved from the outset, occasionally keeping a tad low and, more alarmingly, shooting up from a good length and hitting batters on their gloves, elbows and chests. Ireland, as a consequence, were bundled for 96 to give India an eight-wicket win. It was noticeable that India's batters, far more equipped than their opponents, also played and missed quite a bit on a track where the unpredictable bounce was compounded by considerable swing and seam movement.

Stinging criticism of the surface followed right after the game. "That's not a good surface to play an international match on. It is bordering on dangerous. You saw the ball bouncing unusually both ways, skidding low occasionally but in the main bouncing unusually high and striking people on the thumb, gloves, helmet and making life difficult for any batter," Andy Flower said on ESPNcricinfo.

Former England captain Michael Vaughan also voiced his disapproval. "Trying to sell the game in the States is great... love it... but for players to have to play on this substandard surface in New York is unacceptable... You work so hard to make it to the World Cup, then have to play on this. #INDvIRE," Vaughan said on X.

"T20 Inc and ICC recognise that the pitches used so far at Nassau have not played as consistently as we would have all wanted. The grounds team have been working hard since the conclusion of yesterday's game to remedy the situation and deliver the best possible surfaces for the remaining matches," ICC said in a statement.

The main square at the makeshift venue in the southeast of New York constitutes four drop-in pitches transported from Adelaide, Australia, specifically for this T20 World Cup. But given the last-gasp preparations to get the venue ready — it was handed over to the ICC just before India's only warm-up game against Bangladesh — it's clear that the pitches haven't been tested adequately for an event of this magnitude. The outfield, to put things bluntly, isn't up to the standards expected in international cricket either.

With 20 teams divided into four groups of five each, of which nine are Associates, there have been quite a few snooze-fests that haven't yet made this World Cup the spectacle it ought to be. Far from ideal when this T20 World Cup is supposed to be all about taking cricket to fresh faces in the United States and re-energising fans in the West Indies. The endeavour to expand the game to unexplored territories is virtuous alright, but striking a balance between this and ensuring a tightly-contested competition is also imperative for the health of the game. Otherwise, forget newer audiences, you run the risk of turning some existing fans away. In the Caribbean too, the pitches have posed problems of a different kind for batters. Take Australia's game against Oman in Bridgetown, Barbados, on Thursday for instance.

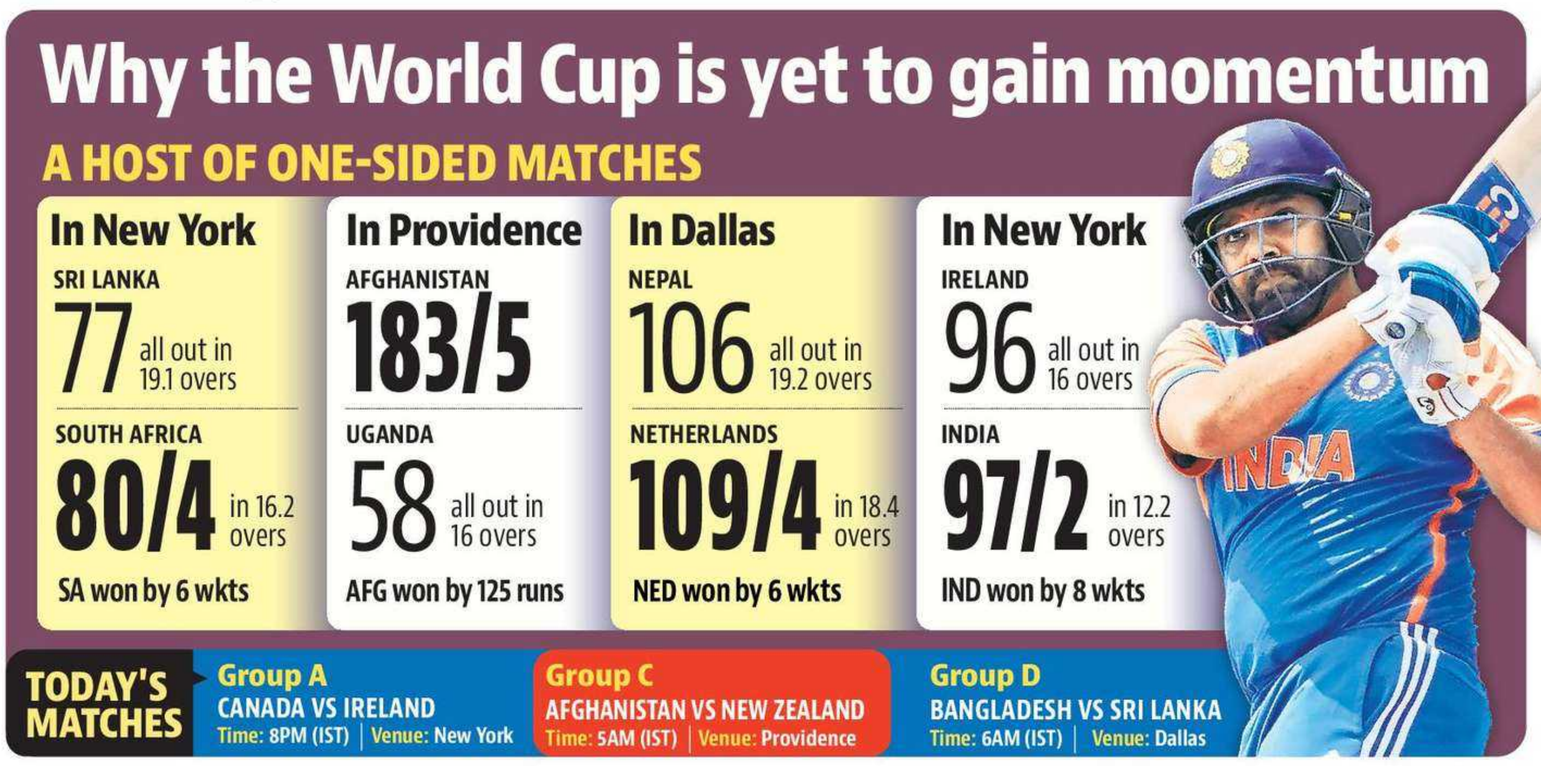
While the Australians eventually managed to reach 164/5 thanks to Marcus Stoinis's 36-ball 67 not out, the surface was extremely slow and rendered stroke-making a real chore all through the game. When the earlier game at this venue between Scotland and defending champions England was played on a pitch more pleasant for batting, rain played spoilsport!

Unless there are major upsets in the coming week, we may have to wait till the Super Eight stage, commencing on June 19, for the contests to become more riveting.

That there isn't much riding on the group stage is also evident from the pre-decided tournament seedings. It means that regardless of where the teams finish in this initial phase, India will be in Group 1 of the Super Eights alongside Australia, New Zealand and Sri Lanka provided they all qualify.

For the tournament to come to life, the India-Pakistan game on Sunday may have to play its part. While it has become customary for the arch-rivals to be in the same group at marquee events for the purpose of eyeballs and television ratings, a nail-biting game seems necessary for the tournament to get out of slumber.

The worry, however, is that the nature of the surface in New York is unlikely to drastically change. "I don't know what to expect from the pitch to be honest," India skipper Rohit Sharma said at Wednesday's post-match presentation. "We will prepare as if the conditions are going to be like this (for Pakistan game). This is going to be a kind of game where all XI of us will need to contribute."



Holder Swiatek sets up final against late bloomer Paolini

Swiatek swept past reigning US Open champion and sailed into another French Open final on a bright Parisian afternoon

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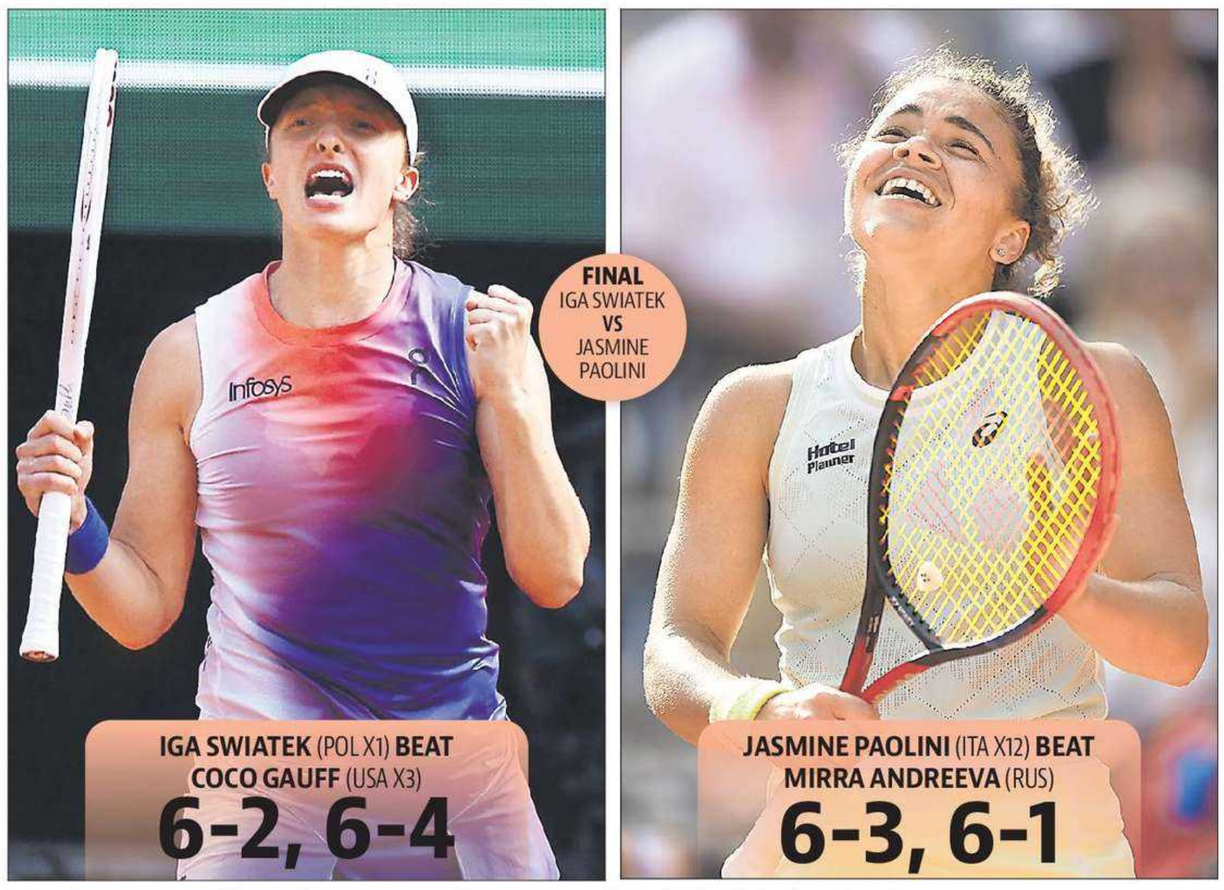

Poland's Iga Swiatek will face Italian Jasmine Paolini in the women's singles final in Paris on Saturday. REUTERS

MUMBAI: Among the most appealing contests in modern day women's tennis involved Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova. In essence and on court, though, it was hardly a rivalry in the term's literal sense. Across a decade-and-a-half of them standing across the net 22 times over, Serena came out a winner on 20 occasions and one of Sharapova's victories was a walkover.

Iga Swiatek versus Coco Gauff duels carry a similar lopsided ring to them. In the 11 matches going into their French Open semi-final, Swiatek had won 10, all of them in straight sets. Their 12th meeting on Thursday was no different, the Pole's 11th victory over the American no less dominant.

Swiatek swept past the reigning US Open champion 6-2, 6-4 and sailed into another French Open final on a bright Parisian afternoon where things turned familiarly gloomy for Gauff against an opponent that has had her number. Not that Gauff's alone there. Certainly not on the red dirt of Roland Garros, where Swiatek flaunts a 34-2 win-loss record and stands one match away from a three-peat, a feat last achieved by Justine Henin in 2007 among the women.

First-time Slam finalist Jasmine Paolini, who defeated the emotionally-overpowered teen Mirra Andreeva 6-3, 6-1 in the other semi-final, will be out to stop the Swiatek steamroller. However, given her force since being almost shown the door by Naomi Osaka in the second round, it would take some serious heavy lifting by the Italian. After saving that match point against Osaka, Swiatek has dropped just 14 games in four matches and delivered three bagels (6-0 set wins).

"For sure, something changed," Swiatek said in her on-court chat on Thursday looking back at the Osaka rescue act. "I just adjusted better to the court... and I gained confidence, I would say."

On clay, that can spell doom for any opponent. Not least for Gauff, who increasingly seems bereft of belief and ideas to tackle the Swiatek storm which she has managed to overcome just once (on the hard courts of Cincinnati last year) since they first met in 2021.

Gauff's faltering forehand, her most glaring weakness, can often get masked by her overall defensive solidity and destructive backhand against most other players on the tour. Against the powerful Swiatek, however, it remains a sitting duck.

And so when Gauff kicked off the semi-final with a long forehand and handed Swiatek the opening break, signs of the script not being any different to the previous two French Open editions — Swiatek defeated her in both, including the 2022 final — were evident. Gauff's backhand was on, taking it high and early, while she was also brave in attacking Swiatek's second serves. It made her earn a break back chance immediately, only for Swiatek to hold on.

Gauff had a second break point opportunity in the fourth game, but fluffed it courtesy another wild forehand. Asking Swiatek a few tough questions with her defence, the American continued to self-destruct with untimely errors (she ended with 39 unforced errors, 28 off the forehand wing). She was soon down a double break as Swiatek, although scratchy, was largely solid.

The third game of the second set showed why it isn't necessarily only about the tennis when Gauff faces Swiatek. Unhappy about a line call after a lengthy argument with the chair umpire, the 20-year-old walked back to the baseline teary-eyed. She was in an emotional whirlwind, and caught unexpectedly in that was Swiatek who got broken in that game after a couple of forehand errors from her this time.

Not for nothing, though, is the Pole a four-time Slam winner. Champions take little time to strike back and Swiatek duly did, setting up a break point with a forehand return winner pouncing on Gauff's second serve. Swiatek was back to doing Swiatek things. And Gauff to doing Gauff things at the other end. A double fault and a wide forehand saw the American being broken to love and her hopes of a fight shattered.

As if to sum up the rout and the rivalry between the world No. 1 and the soon-to-be world No. 2, it ended how it began — with a Gauff forehand error.

Bopanna, Ebden lose

Earlier, Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden squandered a strong start to bow out in the men's doubles semi-finals, losing 5-7, 6-2, 2-6 to Italians Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vavassori. The Indian-Aussie had beaten the same pair in the final of the Australian Open this year that gave Bopanna his first men's doubles Slam title.

On Thursday, though, with Ebden seemingly hampered by an injury, the duo couldn't carry the momentum of a fast start that saw them go 4-1 up for a strong finish. This was, however, a fourth straight Slam semi-final for the top-ranked pair, and a big improvement from its first-round exit in Paris last year.

New weight class worked to my advantage: Jaismine

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NEW DELHI: Only three days before the start of the tournament was Jaismine Lamboria alerted about her participation at the World Olympics Qualifier in Bangkok. India had lost the 57kg Paris berth after quota winner Parveen Hooda was suspended for anti-doping rule violation for 18 months.

The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) did well to ensure that the country gets a chance to reclaim the quota, and Jaismine, who competes in 60kg, was included in the team.

It was a pleasant surprise for Jaismine as she had twice failed to qualify for Paris Olympics. At the Asian Games she came close to booking the 60kg berth but lost in the quarter-finals. The challenge for her was to fight in a division (57kg) she had not competed in two years. "Just three days before the event I was told that I will be going for 57kg. My weight remains 59kg so I did not have to drop too much," said Jaismine.

The boxer did not disappoint and came back with a Paris quota in 57kg, winning all her three bouts by unanimous margins. "There was bit of a pressure. When I was chosen to get the quota back, it meant the coaches trust me and it was my responsibility to repay their faith. I never stopped training after coming back from the qualifier in Italy. I was preparing for the World Championships. I last competed in 57kg in 2021. Then I shifted to 60kg in 2022 because I gained weight after Covid. The infection left me weak and it took me 4-5 months to recover. So, it was not a new weight class for me."

The tall, counter-attacking boxer used her long reach well to land punches. Jaismine dominated the quarter-final against Marine Camara of Mali, becoming the fourth Indian woman boxer to qualify for Paris. "My height is a big advantage in the lower weight classes (57kg and 60kg). All opponents were shorter and I could easily exploit the long-range game and counter-attack. I was able to control the fight through the left jab and I was faster. I felt after losing weight I gained in speed. The coaches used to analyse the game of my opponents and tell me what strategies to go with."

The Olympic berth came as a redemption for Jaismine. At the Asian Games, she was battered by Korean Won Ungyong and referee had to stop the contest.

World champions await prize money

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NEW DELHI: Four Indian boxers who won gold at the Women's World Boxing Championships here in March 2023 are yet to receive their winner's cheque.

Nitu Ghanghas (48kg), Paris Olympics-bound duo of Nikhat Zareen (52kg) and Lovlina Borgohain (75kg), and Saweety Boora (81kg) became world champions last year. They were handed dummy cheques after the medal ceremony but are still awaiting actual cheques from the International Boxing Association (IBA).

The winner's prize money in the competition was $100,000 and the total prize purse was $2.4 million. India ended the competition on top with four medals, all gold. The aggrieved boxers have sent multiple reminders to the IBA over the past year but haven't received a convincing answer.

Ghanghas, who is also the reigning Commonwealth Games champion, has written four letters to IBA so far — in November, January, April, and May — requesting for her prize money. She is yet to get a written response. The letters, in possession with HT, were addressed to IBA president Umar Kremlev and copied to Ajay Singh, president of the Boxing Federation of India (BFI).

Boora said she has lost all hopes of getting her prize money. "Usually, we get the money in 6-8 months but this is taking unusually long. I don't know if I will ever get it. I have had conversations in BFI and IBA but haven't received a solid response yet," Boora said.

BFI said they are in correspondence with IBA and are hoping for a resolution soon.

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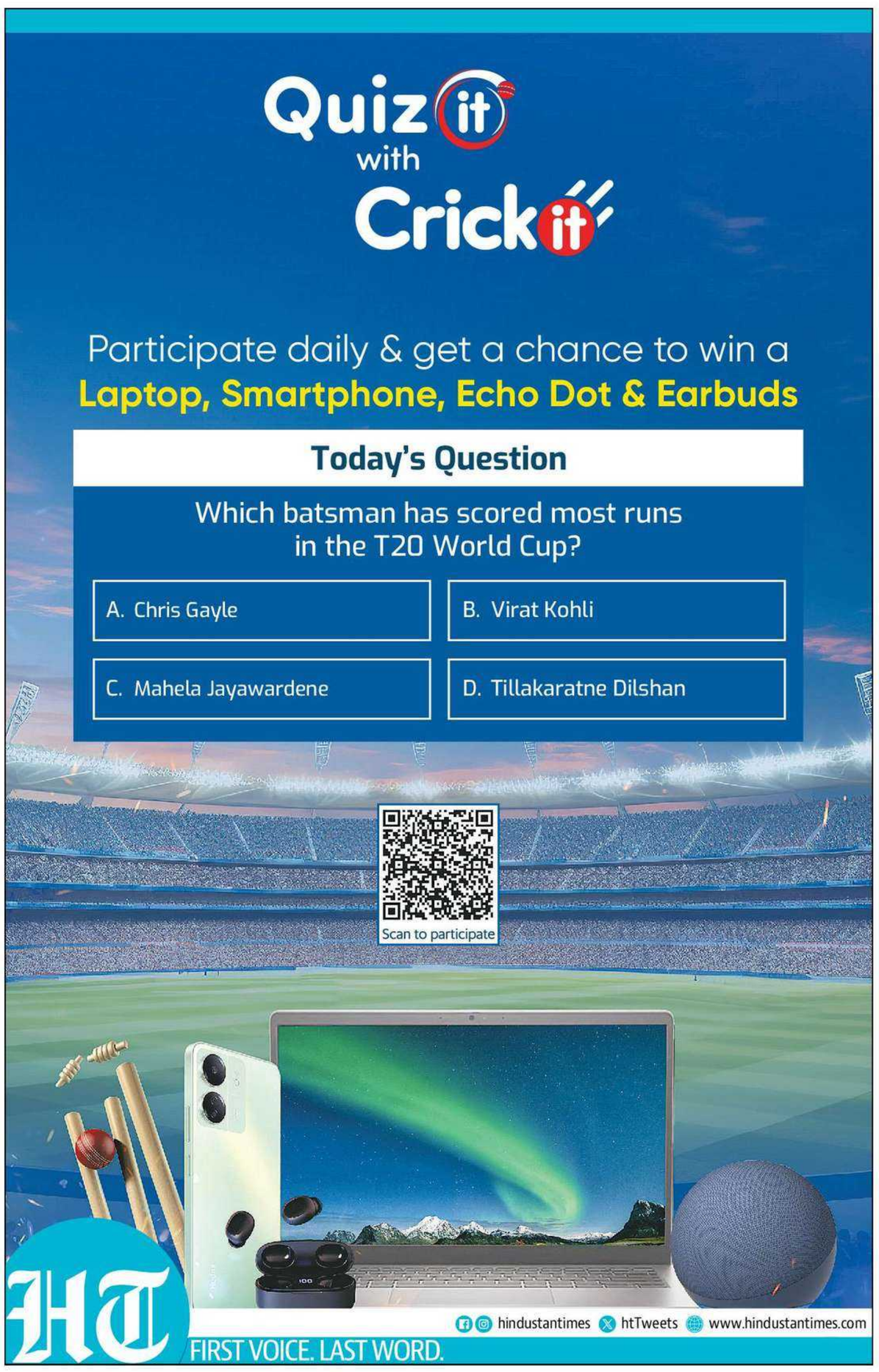

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Ground Floor	100 SQ. FT.	Part of Larger Shop Area*	Rs. 1,04,44,900	₹31,000	Rs. 10,44,490	Rs. 10,44,490	Rs. 31,33,470	Rs. 10,44,490	Rs. 20,88,980
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Ground Floor	100 SQ. FT.	Part of Larger Shop Area*	Rs. 94,67,500	₹31,000	Rs. 9,46,750	Rs. 18,93,500	Rs. 47,33,750	Rs. 18,93,500
First Floor	40 SQ. FT.		Rs. 32,46,000		Rs. 3,24,600	Rs. 6,49,200	Rs. 16,23,000	Rs. 6,49,200
Second Floor	50 SQ. FT.		Rs. 33,81,250		Rs. 3,38,125	Rs. 6,76,250	Rs. 16,90,625	Rs. 6,76,250
Third Floor FOOD COURT	50 SQ. FT.		Rs. 47,33,750		Rs. 4,73,375	Rs. 9,46,750	Rs. 23,66,875	Rs. 9,46,750
	150 SQ. FT.		Rs. 1,27,81,000		Rs. 12,78,100	Rs. 25,56,200	Rs. 63,90,500	Rs. 25,56,200

*Allocated area will be undivided share under any unit as per sanctioned building plans as declared under RERA and post lease will be converted into units under SM REIT.

*GST & govt charges as applicable *IFMS & Power Backup charges extra, payable on possession

CONSTRUCTION IN FULL SWING

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CONNAUGHT PLACE
UNDER 15-20 MINS

KAROL BAGH
UNDER 10-15 MINS

HANUMAN MANDIR (JHANDEWALAN)
UNDER 10-15 MINS

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