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Voters gave a message to all, right from the top to bottom, says Venkaiah



Win or lose, working for poor, values bigger issues, he tells IRMA graduates

RITU SHARMA
AHMEDABAD, JUNE 7

FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT M Venkaiah Naidu said Friday that millions who voted in the Lok Sabha elections “gave a message to all, right from the top to bottom.”

Addressing graduating students of the Institute of Rural Management, Anand (IRMA) as chief guest at its 43rd convocation, Naidu said, “We have seen that India proved to be a great democracy in the recent election. Millions of people voted peacefully. Whatever change they wanted to make, they have brought it peacefully. They gave a message to all, right from the top to bottom. There is a message in the election, and I hope that people understand the message.”

“Political parties, at times, may win or lose — that is not the issue. The values, work for the downtrodden, taking care of the oppressed, suppressed and depressed people, Gandhiji’s Antyodaya, Ambedkarji’s Antyodaya — taking care of the poorest of the poor — that should be top of our mind,” he said.

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SWEARING-IN 7.15 PM SUNDAY
at Rashtrapati Bhavan

NAIDU FLAGS REGIONAL
and national interests

ALL WILL WORK TOGETHER,
says Nitish Kumar

Modi stakes claim to form govt, says consensus needed to run the country

He is appointed PM-designate by President after NDA unanimously elects him leader

LIZ MATHEW
& VIKAS PATHAK
NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

AFTER THE NDA Parliamentary Party unanimously elected him as its leader, Prime Minister Narendra Modi met President Droupadi Murmu Friday and staked claim to form the government.

Heading a coalition in which the BJP, for the first time under his leadership, lacks majority, Modi, who will be sworn in as Prime Minister for a third consecutive term at a ceremony in Rashtrapati Bhavan at 7.15 pm Sunday, said, “We need a majority to form the government, but there should be consensus to run the country.”

Describing the NDA as an “organic alliance” for which “the seed was sown” by its leaders three decades ago and “nurtured by people with trust”, he said it will strive to ensure unanimity in all decisions of the next government.

Addressing the NDA meeting before leaders headed to Rashtrapati Bhavan, Modi said, “I assure the people of the country that the majority they gave us to run the government, it will be our effort that we will strive towards consensus and leave no stone unturned towards taking the country forward.”

Later, emerging from Rashtrapati Bhavan, he told reporters: “There was an NDA meeting this morning. NDA members have chosen me once again. They have supported me again. The President called me today. I have told her that the

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Prime Minister-designate Narendra Modi pays respects to the Constitution at the NDA meeting in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

Before the oath, the reachout — to allies, states, Opposition

VIKAS PATHAK
NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

SHORT OF a majority and needing the support of his allies, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Friday framed the mandate and the road ahead in terms that were conciliatory signalling a reaching out to states and to parties across the aisle.

Addressing the elected MPs

of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Friday, including BJP Chief Ministers and Deputy CMs, Modi described the NDA as a “30-year-old”, “organic” alliance, and underlined that it had run successful governments for three terms during this period.

He also stressed that the NDA mirrored “India’s diversity”, mentioning different social groups,

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Muizzu likely to attend swearing-in, first trip since slide in relations

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

ON THE first day of his third term in office on Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to meet visiting foreign leaders who will come for the swearing-in ceremony Sunday.

The most significant among them will be Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu if he chooses to attend the ceremony, despite



Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu

the setback in bilateral ties.

A Maldives government official told *The Indian Express* that President Muizzu is expected to attend Prime Minister Modi’s

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Alert after man tries to register Mauritius mission’s Rs 200-cr Delhi plot in his name

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

A PLOT estimated to be worth Rs 200 crore-plus in Delhi’s posh diplomatic enclave of Chanakyapuri, allotted to the Mauritius High Commission decades ago but never used, was almost illegally registered in the name of a man who walked into the New Delhi sub-registrar’s office last month.

Except for quick-thinking officials who caught the potential scam.

The simply-dressed elderly man, who called himself Tilak Singh, walked into the sub-registrar’s office last month, armed with a conveyance deed from the Land and Development

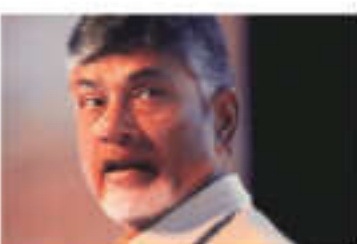
Office (L&DO). But something was off — the man didn’t dress the part, nor could he give consistent responses to questions posed by officials there.

At 1,354.16 square yards, the plot of land is estimated to be between Rs 200 crore and Rs 300 crore. A similarly-sized property in the Lutyens’ Bungalow Zone is on the market for Rs 290 crore, as per the price listed by Sotheby’s International Realty. Government sources suspect that getting the conveyance deed registered may have been the first step to sell the land and pocket the proceeds.

The deed, dated April 29, bore the signature of a Deputy Land and Development Officer. The sub-registrar’s officer wrote

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THE NEW NAIDU

Less than a year ago, Chandrababu Naidu had his back to the wall. He is back now

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Amid allegations of sabotage, UP debacle sends shocked BJP back to drawing board

BHUPENDRA PANDEY
& LALMANI VERMA
LUCKNOW, NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

THE DEBACLE in UP which shocked the BJP and contributed to its loss of majority in Lok Sabha has sent the party and its leaders, including Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, back to the drawing board. The roles of BJP state and central leaders will also be under the scanner as the party undertakes an exercise to review the results.

Murmurs have been growing within the BJP ranks ever since the party managed just 33 seats in the state out of 80, down from 62 last time and finishing behind the SP’s 37.

Adityanath is learnt to have



CM Yogi Adityanath at the NDA meet in New Delhi. PTI

got the go-ahead for the review from the leadership during his two-day trip to New Delhi. He reached the Capital Thursday evening and had a meeting with senior leaders including party president JP Nadda.

After attending the NDA Parliamentary Party meeting Friday, Adityanath was said to

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Chhattisgarh: 2 transporting cattle found dead, family claims lynched

JAYPRAKASH S NAIDU
RAIPUR, JUNE 7

TWO MEN transporting cattle were found dead after allegedly being chased by unidentified people in Chhattisgarh’s Raipur district early Friday, police said. While police said the men were found lying on rocks below a bridge, the family of one of the victims alleged they had been lynched.

A third person who was with them was found with injuries and has been hospitalised, police said. The dead have been identified as Guddu Khan, 35, and Chand Miya Khan, 23, and the injured as Saddam Qureshi, 23. Qureshi and Chand were cousins and residents of Saharanpur district in Uttar Pradesh, while

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RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das along with Deputy Governors T Rabi Shankar, Michael Debabrata Patra, M Rajeshwar Rao and Swaminathan Janakiraman in Mumbai, Friday. PTI

High food inflation, RBI retains rate at 6.5%; ups FY25 GDP forecast to 7.2%

HITESH VYAS
MUMBAI, JUNE 7

THE RESERVE Bank of India Friday left the repo rate — the rate at which it lends to banks — unchanged at 6.5 per cent on concerns over rise in food inflation, and revised upwards the real gross domestic product (GDP) growth projection for 2024-25 to 7.2 per cent.

The central bank retained the FY25 consumer price index based inflation (CPI) projection at 4.5 per cent but indicated that it will fall below 4 per cent during the July-September quarter.

The members of the RBI’s Monetary Policy Committee which met over the last three days decided to leave the key policy rate at 6.5 per cent for the eight consecutive time. However, a growing divergence in views within the MPC was visible this time, with two external members — Ashima Goyal and Jayanth R Varma — voting to reduce the pol-

EXPLAINED
Rate cut or not

THERE IS growing divergence within the RBI monetary policy committee on the need for lowering interest rates. Two of the six MPC members sought a 25 basis point cut, and also a change in policy stance from ‘with-drawal of accommodation’ to ‘neutral’.

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icy repo rate by 25 basis points. In the previous two monetary policies, Varma was the only MPC member to vote for a 25 basis

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Fearful, BJP workers in Bengal take shelter away from home: ‘It’s that season every poll’



BJP workers at the party office at Baruipur. Partha Paul

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA
& ATRI MITRA
SOUTH 24 PARGANAS,
KOLKATA, JUNE 7

SITTING ON one of a dozen beds laid out on the third floor of the BJP office in West Bengal’s Baruipur town, 38-year-old Prasanta Halder says, “Election season *mane amader ghor dharar season* (Election season means season of leaving home for us).”

Halder, a BJP worker from the Vidyadhar Palli area of Baruipur, under the Jadavpur

Lok Sabha constituency, left his house with his wife and children a day after casting his vote on June 1. While the wife and children were sent to a relative’s house, Halder and around 50 others like him took shelter at the party office.

Amid allegations of post-poll violence in West Bengal, hundreds of BJP workers have left their homes and villages after the election, and for many, this is not the first time — they did the same after the 2021 Assembly polls, and the 2023 panchayat polls.

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SANDIPG
NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

THIS WASN’T Pakistan losing to India B, it was Pakistan losing to India H-1B. That was the popular take on Friday at Dallas where USA shocked one-time world champions Pakistan in a nail-biting Super Over finish in a group game of the World T20. With as many as six cricketers of Indian descent, most of them on temporary H-1-B visas that allow companies to hire overseas employees, featuring in the historic win, the joke would be a hit in the immigrant community.

Almost everyone had a role in scripting a historic day for American cricket. The ripples of joy spilled as far as Delhi and Mumbai. Anand in Gujarat and Chikkamagaluru in Karnataka. Their stories are diverse.

The Super Over hero, Saurabh Netravalkar, had packed his bags from Mumbai to San Francisco for higher studies. Player of the Match and batting hero Monank Patel (50 off 38 balls) had left Anand in 2016 for New Jersey to start a restaurant after he realised his cricket career was going nowhere. Three-wicket hero Nosthush Kenjige, born in Alabama but raised in

Nilgiris and Bengaluru, returned to the US to work as a biological technician. Milind Kumar, who took a blinding catch in the Super Over, had represented a clutch of domestic sides before quitting his job in ONGC and flying to Houston, where he had been playing league cricket.

Nitish Kumar, whose last-ball four tied the game, was born in Ontario, Canada, but shifted to the US during a torrid phase during the pandemic. Left-arm spinner Harmeet Singh, whose action was likened to Bishan Singh Bedi, left India as a shattered man after setbacks and rejection, including an alleged match-fix-



Nosthush Kenjige (left) celebrates with Saurabh Netravalkar during the T20 World Cup match against Pakistan. PTI

ing scandal although the board eventually cleared him. Jasdeep Singh spent most of his life shuttling between New Jersey and Chandigarh, before settling down in the US.

Their sweat and dreams were rewarded on a sparkling afternoon in Dallas, and past midnight in India. But the Netravalkar household in Malad was wide awake. Saurabh’s father Naresh was all nervous before and during the game. More so, as his wife had flown to the US. “I was in full tension, it was the day when he was about to become hero or zero. I was confident but Pakistan is a good

side,” he told *The Indian Express*.

The left-arm seamer, though, seized the moment, producing a magnificent Super Over with the ease of coding a difficult programme in his Oracle office. Earlier, he had bowled magnificently, conceding 18 runs and nabbing two wickets.

Saurabh had almost quit cricket, but as he wrote on Facebook once: “Even if you leave cricket, it has found a way back into your life.”

When he left home, his father said, he had not even carried his bowling spikes. “He saw a few people playing cricket where he used to stay, which

was near his university. He began to play cricket as a timepass. Look at his destiny — USA got a chance to play this World Cup because they are the host nation, and Saurabh got a chance to represent them,” he said.

Every weekday, Saurabh is at the office from 9 am to 9 pm. “His office has all the facilities, so he uses his gym there. He does his nets and every weekend he travels around for different tournaments,” said his father. He credits his son’s clear plans for his success. “He told me papa, if I don’t get enough chances, I will move to the US to do my masters.”

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Modi stakes claim to form government

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Parliament security breach case: Police file 1st chargesheet

NIRBHAY THAKUR
NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

THE DELHI Police's Special Cell has filed its first chargesheet, running into 1,000 pages, against six accused in the Parliament security breach case.

Special Public Prosecutor Akhand Pratap Singh informed Additional Sessions Judge Hardeep Kaur of the Patiala House Court on Friday that sanctions for prosecution under IPC Section 186 and UAPA Section 13 are still pending, and a supplementary chargesheet (with the remaining sanctions attached) will be filed within two weeks.

Delhi L-G V K Saxena on Thursday had accorded prosecution sanction against the accused under the UAPA for allegedly attacking the Parliament on December 13 last year. The remaining sanctions are likely to be attached in the supplementary chargesheet, which the Special Cell will file shortly. All the six accused have been in judicial custody since their arrest.

The court will hear the matter on July 15, and the accused will remain in judicial custody till then.

EXCISE POLICY CASE HEARING ADJOURNED

ED: Attempt to arrange CM meeting with judges

Opposes Kejriwal's bail plea, cites chats with co-accused

NIRBHAY THAKUR
NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

A DELHI court on Friday adjourned the hearing on Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's bail plea in the excise policy case after his counsel said he needs more time.

In its reply opposing the CM's plea, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) cited chats between Kejriwal and co-accused Vinod Chauhan alleging that the latter had tried to set up a meeting between Kejriwal and sitting judges.

The CM was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on March 21 in the case. He was granted interim bail by the Supreme Court for 21 days to campaign for the Lok Sabha election. He surrendered on Sunday.

Kejriwal had earlier moved two pleas in the Rouse Avenue court — one seeking regular bail in the money laundering case related to the excise policy "scam",



CM Kejriwal was arrested by the ED on March 21. Archive

and another seeking interim bail.

While his interim bail plea was rejected, his regular bail plea which was heard on Friday was adjourned after Kejriwal's counsel, Senior Advocate N Hariharan, stated that the ED had given him a reply only in the afternoon — just one hour before the hearing. Hariharan stated that he needed more time to read the ED's reply.

According to the central probe agency, Chauhan, who

was earlier arrested by the ED, was also allegedly managing transfer postings of Delhi Jal Board (DJB) officers.

The ED also alleged that Chauhan, who it claimed was responsible for the transfer of Rs 25.5 crore from Delhi to Goa to fund the AAP's Goa election campaign, had a "very close relationship" with Kejriwal.

It was the ED's case that Kejriwal was responsible for the excise policy drafted by various accused persons with the sole intent of "establishing an apparatus to continuously generate and launder proceeds of crime". The agency also alleged that Kejriwal repeatedly refused to share the password of his mobile phones and that he chose to give completely evasive answers when he was questioned.

As per the agency, the CM is also liable for the use of the proceeds of crime of Rs 45 crore in the AAP's 2022 Goa election campaign.

FIVE TOWERS AT CHINTELS PARADISO TO BE DEMOLISHED

Over 120 residents who opted for flat reconstruction will get Rs 15/sqft rent

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, JUNE 7

THEIR HOMES at Chintels Paradiso in Gurgaon Sector 109 set to be demolished, residents of five towers — D, E, F, G and H — who opted for the reconstruction of their flats will be paid an interim rent of Rs 15 per sqft.

Ramesh Chander, Gurgaon Division Commissioner, has written to the District Town Planner (DTP) to fix the amount based on a committee's recommendation. The residents who opted for the offer can avail of it once the reconstruction begins, but not sooner.

The Supreme Court, on January 4 this year, ordered the developer that the 125 residents who opted for reconstruction of the other towers in the society declared unsafe shall be entitled to a fixed rent for an alternate accommodation. So far, approximately 150 people have opted for reconstruction from Phase I, said a Chintels spokesperson.

In February 2022, a portion of a sixth-floor apartment in Tower D collapsed to the first floor, killing two women and injuring a man.

Following this, Nishant Kumar



Chintels Paradiso in Gurgaon Sector 109. Archive

Yadav, Deputy Commissioner, had ordered the evacuation of five towers of the residential complex, all of which were declared unfit for habitation owing to several structural flaws, over the last two years. The towers were then ordered to be demolished.

However, members of the Chintels Residents' Welfare Association, had requested to be paid rent at Rs 25 per sqft with an additional 10% every 11 months. "We expected at least Rs 18-20, but it did not happen. We will approach the administration to review it," said RWA president Rakesh Hooda.

The committee, chaired by the Divisional Commissioner and

comprising the Additional Deputy Commissioner, District Town Planner (Enforcement), Assistant Commissioner of Police West and Superintending Engineer, PWD, fixed the rent rate at Rs 15 square foot in its meeting on May 29. The committee was earlier constituted by the DC for rehabilitation of affected flat buyers; after the SC order, the same committee, under the chairmanship of the divisional commissioner, excluding the Chief Engineer, was rejigged to look into rent settlement.

"It is understandable that affected flat buyers would prefer a higher rent rate to compensate for their financial burdens while renting alternate accommoda-

tion. Conversely, the developer would favour a lower rent rate. Taking into account these perspectives and the comparative rent data collected by the District Town Planner (Enforcement), Gurugram, for societies in the vicinity, the committee has decided that the rent for alternate accommodation for the affected residents... will be fixed at Rs 15 per square foot," the committee's report said.

Furthermore, the committee said considering the suggestions and claims of affected flat buyers, the fixed rent rate shall be increased by 10% annually.

It also observed that affected flat buyers expressed concerns regarding the timeframe within which the builder will complete construction and relocate them to the newly built flats. Citing the SC order, the committee said the apex court has addressed the potential for inordinate delays in reconstruction and has stated that authorities will grant permission without unnecessary delay, provided all parameters are met.

The demolition order was passed on April 8. The developer is in the process of getting all compliances.

Hit by car, student thrown off flyover in Gurgaon, dies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, JUNE 7

A 19-YEAR-OLD college student died after he fell off a flyover in Gurgaon's IFFCO Chowk after he was hit by a vehicle on Thursday.

The victim, Rhythm Sharma, was a student at KR Mangalam College. Police said an unidentified vehicle rammed into his motorcycle resulting in him being thrown off the flyover and landing on the road below.

His mother, Supriya, a Delhi resident, lodged a complaint after his death.

"On Thursday, my son was riding his motorcycle, a Yamaha R15, and when he was turning onto the IFFCO Chowk flyover, an unidentified vehicle driver, due to his high speed and negligence, hit him. As a result, my son fell

from the IFFCO Chowk flyover and was taken to Narayana Super Speciality Hospital for treatment," she alleged in her complaint.

On Thursday night, he died, she said. Police said they were informed of his death by the hospital around 11.30 pm. An FIR under Indian Penal Code sections of rash driving and death by negligence has been registered at Sector 17/18 police station.

A police officer said that since the flyover doesn't have many cameras, they are relying on local sources to get information on the offending vehicle.

"There were concrete structures on the side of the flyover, but the impact of the collision was such that the motorcycle was thrown off over it. We are questioning a few locals regarding the accident," he said.

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It is for the information of allottees of Project "Marine Square" being developed by the promoter M/s JMS Buildtech Pvt. Ltd. The project was registered on dated 02.02.2018 with Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Gurugram vide Registration No. 22 of 2018 dated 02.02.2018.
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The relevant plans, sanctions, consent, and documents of application are available in the office of the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Gurugram which can be seen by any concerned on any working day during office hours i.e., 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. up to, 18.06.2024 for filing of objections, if any.
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EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

WITH PARAMILITARY personnel, National Security Guard (NSG) commandos, drones and snipers at strategic locations, Rashtrapati Bhawan will be under a security blanket for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's swearing-in ceremony on Sunday, Delhi Police officials said.

Dignitaries from Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Bhutan, Nepal, Mauritius, and Seychelles



Preparations underway at Rashtrapati Bhawan. Renuka Puri

are expected to attend the ceremony. The event will feature three-layered security: Delhi

Police in the outer ring, paramilitary personnel in the middle, and internal security of the President's

NOTICE
This is for information of General Public that the process of receiving the applications for the **PRADHAN MANTRI RASHTRIYA BAL PURASKAR (PMRBP), 2025** has commenced on the National Awards Portal (<https://awards.gov.in>). The awards are given to those children who deserve recognition at the national level in the fields of Bravery, Sports, Social Service, Science & Technology, Environment, Arts & Culture and Innovation.
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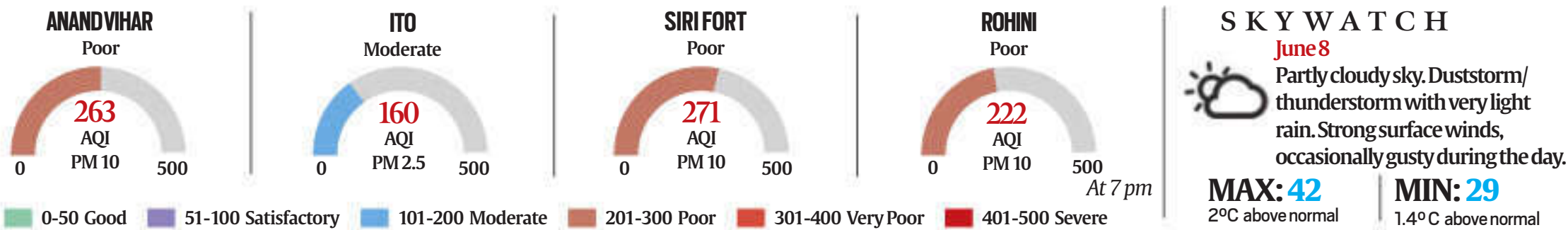
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NEET: HC seeks NTA stand on plea concerning question in answer key

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Friday sought the National Testing Agency's (NTA) stand on a plea moved by a NEET-UG candidate concerning a question that had two correct options in the answer key. A single-judge bench of Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma granted time to the counsel appearing for the NTA to obtain instructions in the matter, and listed it next week. The plea sought that equal marks be awarded to those who did not attempt the question as has been done for those who attempted either of the two correct answers.

2 men dead after late night party

New Delhi: Two men died under mysterious circumstances after a party in Delhi's Kabir Nagar locality, police said. According to police, 23-year-old Firoz and 25-year-old Danish were partying in Kabir Nagar. They stayed the night. Around noon on Friday, both the men started feeling uneasy. First Firoz, and then Danish were taken to the Jag Pravesh Chandra (JPC) hospital in Shahdara. Both were pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital. The bodies have been shifted to the GTB Hospital Mortuary for a postmortem and further investigation is on, police said. Police also said Firoz was involved in murder case while Danish was involved in a case registered under IPC section 283 (obstruction or injury). Firoz had recently come out on bail. **ENS**

LESSONS FROM LAST YEAR’S WORST-EVER FLOOD IN 45 YEARS

New bunds, clearing silt and debris: Making Yamuna banks monsoon ready

TASHI TOBGYAL & SOPHIYA MATHEW

NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

FIVE TRACTORS are stationed on the bed of a dry Yamuna. Ten workers and their supervisors stand around as the tractor beds are filled with sludge and sand. Some are placing sandbags, whose count they have lost track of, along the banks to make sure that when the river is alive again in around a month, the embankment is not breached.

Nearly a year after the water level of the Yamuna breached the 208-metre mark to give way to the worst-ever recorded flood in 45 years in Delhi, since 1978, work to desilt the area around the ITO Barrage is on at a frenetic pace.

Last year's floods forced more than 25,000 people to leave their homes along the floodplains and move to relief camps. Wazirabad, Chandrawal and Okhla water treatment plants were shut and Delhi faced a serious drinking water shortage. Areas near ITO, Ring Road, Kashmere Gate, Old Delhi, Civil Lines, and East Delhi were inundated within a day; water surrounded the Red Fort and even reached the doorstep of the Supreme Court. In the middle of all this was the ITO Barrage with five jammed gates which the Indian Navy and its divers opened after a month-long operation.

The Delhi government's Irrigation and Flood Control Department started work in the area nearly two months ago to make sure there is no repeat of last year. "Before the onset of monsoon, all flood-preventive measures will be completed," said Mukesh Kumar, Chief Engineer at the Irrigation and Flood Control (I&FC) Department, Delhi.

In April, I&FC minister Saurabh Bharadwaj wrote to Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini to direct Haryana Irrigation Department officers to open all ITO barrage gates. The barrage is under the ownership of the Haryana government.



Ahead of the monsoon, work to desilt the area around the ITO Barrage is underway at a frenetic pace. Tashi Tobgyal

A senior government official said the gates have been opened.

Among other important measures taken is the construction of bunds along with raising the height of embankments.

But that's not all. The department has another worry on its hands — plateaus have formed on the riverbed because of the dumping of debris and discarded construction material. An official said agencies working on the Regional Rapid Transit System

(between Sarai Kale Khan and Meerut) and Barapullah Flyover extension have left behind sheet piles, pile caps, and debris that can't be eroded by water, which means the movement of water through the barrage slows down.

"We are using the technique of pilot cuts and cutting through the plateaus to ensure water passes through it and the debris erodes," the official said. Pilot channels are assisted cut-offs created to divert flow of wa-

ter. They can prevent debris from accumulating, providing an alternative channel for flow of water to prevent a flood-like situation.

Similar measures are being taken at Signature Bridge, Vasudev Ghat along the Yamuna, the official added.

An August 2023 probe panel report by the Haryana government had identified systemic encroachments on floodplains as a major cause for the four gates failing to open, causing flooding.

The Haryana government suspended a chief engineer-level officer of the state irrigation department posted in Delhi.

Haryana government officials had said flooding in Delhi occurred due to encroachment of floodplains up to ITO due to which water overflowed to Ring Road. Due to "non-opening of four gates" of the barrage near ITO, excess water could not be cleared in time causing massive waterlogging and floods, the report said.

3 MONTHS ON, VICTIM WHO FELL IN YET TO BE IDENTIFIED

Borewell death: Who owned plot? Cops to quiz DJB, Metro engineers

ARNABJIT SUR

NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

THREE MONTHS after a young man died when he fell into a 40-foot open borewell inside a Delhi Jal Board (DJB) water treatment plant at West Delhi's Keshopur, he is yet to be identified. The DJB, which dug the borewell, and the Delhi Metro, which owns the land, have held each other responsible for the accident.

The Delhi Police has now summoned engineers of both departments for statements. DCP (West) Vichitra Veer told *The Indian Express* that a case under IPC Section 304A (causing death by negligence) was registered at Vikaspuri police station.

Police have also re-started their exercise to identify the victim after analysing all missing persons' reports on ZIPNET. Police had tried to identify the victim soon after the accident on

March 10. When they couldn't, the body was cremated.

"We had issued a notice to both the Delhi Metro and the Delhi Jal Board regarding the ownership of the land on which the borewell exists. The DJB submitted a memorandum, saying the land belongs to the Delhi Metro and thus they are responsible for the accident," an officer privy to the investigation said. "In its response, the Delhi Metro said that while the land belonged to them, it was under DJB's use because they are running a water treatment plant on it."

The officer said that police have now summoned the engineers of both Delhi Metro and DJB to answer questions and clarify their stand. After this, a chargesheet will be filed. "We have summoned the engineers... We want to know when this piece of land was leased to the DJB, when the DJB built its sewage treatment plant on it,

who were the employees present inside the premises at the time of the accident, and who was responsible for supervising the borewell," the officer said.

Police have also begun scanning through ZIPNET for any report regarding missing persons across Delhi to ascertain the victim's identity. "We know he was a young man... in his 20s," the officer said.

On March 10, at 1.30 am, the Police Control Room received a call from the security guard of the water treatment plant saying a man had accidentally fallen into the borewell. Subsequently, a joint operation by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Delhi Fire Service (DFS) and Delhi Police was launched to rescue him. Fourteen hours later, they pulled his body; he was dead.

Police had said the borewell's walls were broken which was why the deceased man fell in.

Haryana stopping city's share of water, conspiring against Delhiites: Atishi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

DELHI WATER Minister Atishi Friday accused the BJP-led government in Haryana of releasing less water into the Yamuna river even as the Supreme Court is trying to solve the water crisis in the Capital.

Accusing Haryana of not providing the Capital with its rightful share of water, Atishi inspected the Wazirabad barrage on Friday and alleged that the water level had come down to 669.7 feet on June 7 compared to 671.3 feet on June 2.

"The Supreme Court is continuously hearing this matter and has ordered a meeting of the Upper Yamuna River Board; it will hear the issue again on Monday. But for the last five days, while the hearing was underway, the Haryana government is conspiring behind the back of the Supreme Court," she alleged.

On Thursday, the Supreme Court had directed the Himachal Pradesh government to release 137 cusecs of surplus water available with it on Friday to resolve the drinking water crisis in Delhi, and Haryana to facilitate its smooth flow into the Capital.

Atishi further alleged that since June 2, when the matter reached the Supreme Court, Haryana had "continuously been reducing" the release of water in the Yamuna. "Water coming into the Yamuna is supplied to Wazirabad, Chandrawal and Okhla water treatment plants (WTPs). When water supply is reduced, water in the



Water Minister Atishi. Archive

WTPs will automatically reduce; when less water comes into the Yamuna from Haryana, how will the water treatment plant produce water? This will affect the supply and people will face problems," Atishi added.

On one hand, Atishi said, the apex court has been trying to solve the water problem in Delhi and Himachal Pradesh had submitted to the court that it was ready to help. However, the Haryana government is hatching a conspiracy to upend this, she alleged. "... we will put this entire issue before the Supreme Court and hope that Delhi will be able to get its share of water as well as the additional water from Himachal Pradesh, without any obstruction," Atishi said.

Reacting to Atishi's allegations, Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva accused her of continuously placing false blame on the Haryana government for Delhi's water crisis: "Delhi's water problem is not due to a lack of raw water or purification but because of the wastage caused by the sludge-filled storage ponds at Wazirabad, Sonia Vihar, and Okhla WTPs, and due to water theft and leakage during supply."

27-yr-old man stabbed to death in broad daylight

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

A 27-YEAR-OLD e-rickshaw driver was stabbed to death in broad daylight near Sarai Kale Khan Metro station Wednesday.

Police said the victim was identified as Rohit (who went by one name); he was taken to AI-IMS where he was declared dead on arrival. Police said despite the murder taking place in a crowded area, no one stepped forward to relay their eyewitness testimony to the authorities.

"Finding no witnesses to corroborate the incident, police deployed its local informants in the area to find the suspect's whereabouts," said DCP (Southeast) Rajesh Deo.

Police received information that their suspect was a history sheeter named Mohammad Javed. He was subsequently ar-

rested Thursday from Uttar Pradesh; his blood-stained clothes and the murder weapon were also recovered. Police said the 35-year-old has several cases against him ranging from violent robbery, murder, and rape, along with cases under POCsO and Arms Act.

During questioning, Javed allegedly told police that the victim would often tease him with a woman he considered his sister. Javed had allegedly warned Rohit to stop.

On Monday, the matter escalated into a fight and Rohit allegedly slapped Javed. Enraged and humiliated, Javed took a knife along with him the next time he met Rohit. When Rohit proceeded to tease him again, Javed allegedly stabbed him repeatedly, killing him, said police.

Javed has been booked for murder under IPC section 302, said police.

MCD to install London-like blue plaques at heritage sites

New Delhi: The MCD will be installing blue plaques at 1,300 heritage sites, including schools, hospitals, police stations, across the national capital to increase awareness about them, officials said.

The initiative is similar to the blue plaque programme of London, they said. "Our target is

to complete the work in the next 15-20 days. Work has already started. These plaques will serve as signboards to attract attention of heritage lovers. They will increase awareness of heritage sites which otherwise go unnoticed due to lack of upkeep or no sign boards," an official said. **PTI**

BUSINESS HAS TAKEN A HIT, SAY OWNERS

Capital in grip of water crisis, car washing centres stare at loss, closure

SOPHIYA MATHEW

NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

SINCE OPENING its doors in 2013, Shine Cars in Kalkaji has had a loyal clientele from all over the city, especially South Delhi, who come to get their vehicles cleaned. In a day, the store, run by 42-year-old Lucky Maurya, sees 7-8 customers. For over a week now, however, business has taken a hit owing to Delhi's water crisis.

According to Maurya, they had to scale back on certain services like the pressure wash — popular among customers in this dusty city as it cleans the ve-

hicle's underbody — to conserve water. This service costs between Rs 650 and Rs 950.

When *The Indian Express* visited the store around 1 pm on June 3, a black Thar was leaving the store after a bucket wash, polishing and liquid wax cleaning. Next to it, a white Aveo's interiors were being dry cleaned by a worker.

"Business has been hampered; yesterday, a customer grew angry because he needed a pressure wash. We gave him a discount to settle the situation," said Maurya. He also offers customers liquid wax cleaning but this puts him at a marginal revenue loss of Rs 20 to Rs 25.

Amid the soaring temperatures and water shortage in the Capital, it is not just households that are bearing the brunt. Several in the car washing business are staring at a loss — of customers and income — owing to the crisis.

Maurya said the heat has also affected his employees, slowing down work, which results in customers being unsatisfied.

At Car Wash Kalkaji, 1.5 km away, Neeraj Kumar was sitting inside his office, surrounded by over a dozen 20-litre water canisters which he buys according to the daily requirements. The 50-year-old said: "This year, the



water scarcity is more severe than in previous years. Smart usage is what helps. I use a mix of pressure water and bucket water as per the need."

In South Delhi, Prakul, the owner of a small-scale automobile service centre lamented that he has to shut shop as early as 4 pm — there is simply not enough water to provide services. He said, "I cannot set up a steam wash since it is expensive. Neither do I have enough space to reuse the water..."

Several car-washing businesses said they had to cut short working hrs. Express

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Prime Minister-designate Narendra Modi meets senior BJP leaders L K Advani and Murli Manohar Joshi (right) after he was elected as the leader of the NDA Parliamentary Party in New Delhi on Friday. PTI



Opp vipaksh should be to govt not nation: Modi at NDA meet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

PRIME MINISTER-designate Narendra Modi Friday launched a scathing attack on the Opposition for repeatedly voicing suspicion over the functioning of EVMs, and said that even after 10 years, “the Congress has failed to touch 100 seats”.

Speaking at the meeting of the NDA MPs in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, the old Parliament House, Modi said, “I asked someone ki EVM ‘zinda hai ya mar gaya’ (are EVMs alive or dead)? They wanted to discredit Indian democracy. But by evening of June 4, EVMs made them quiet. 2029 mein phir hoga (they will again raise questions in 2029). They went to the Supreme Court over EC,” Modi said.

Saying that he hopes to see quality debates this time in Parliament, which he had missed in recent years, Modi underlined that the opposition is Vipaksh (opposition) to the government and not to the nation.

Accusing the Opposition of provoking violence and trying to divide the country ahead of counting of votes, Modi claimed that they were “anti-progress



After meeting President Droupadi Murmu, Friday. Renuka Puri

and anti-technology” as they “opposed EVMs, digital transactions and also Aadhaar”.

The victory of NDA was re-sounding, Modi said. “We did not lose. Hum Vijay ko pachana jaante hain” (we know how to digest victory). We don’t spread ummaad (hysteria). We don’t mock the defeated. Anyone will say the government is of the NDA. Toh haare kaise bhai (so how did we lose)? Even after 10 years, the Congress could not touch 100. Add the seats of Congress in three elections. We have got more than that this time,” he said.

In what seemed to be a speech of mixed messages, Modi also sought to reach out to the

opposition. “Democracy teaches us to respect everyone. I congratulate even opposition members.”

In the introductory address, BJP president J P said Modi has dedicated each moment for the country, which resulted in a third straight victory for the NDA. The BJP won in Odisha and the mandate in Andhra Pradesh was also for an NDA government, he said. Nadda said that national security, international prestige, infrastructure grew under the NDA governments, apart from empowerment of women, farmers and youth, with ‘Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas’ being the motto of PM Modi.

Senior BJP leader Rajnath

Singh then moved the resolution to choose Modi as the leader of the NDA group, saying he found Modi most suitable for the post as he had seen his efficiency and commitment from close quarters.

Singh said that after 1962, the only leader to become PM for a third consecutive time in India was Modi. However, he did not mention Jawaharlal Nehru, the first to be elected thrice as PM in 1962 with a simple majority on his own. “The NDA family has grown due to Modiji’s leadership, efficiency and vision. Since the time of Atalji, the NDA has been identified as a family that upholds coalition dharma. For us, coalition is not a compulsion but a commitment,” he said.

Seconding the resolution, senior BJP leader Amit Shah said Modi’s leadership was not just in the minds of the BJP or NDA members but was an expression of what was in the minds of people across the country. BJP leader Nitin Gadkari also seconded the resolution and said that the work done under Modi was just the beginning, and that in the next five years, India would be a major global power. Not just India but the world has acknowledged the work done over the last 10 years, Gadkari said.

by maybe 1.5 lakh or 2 lakh votes. From what we were tracking, it would definitely have been a minimum margin of 1.5 (lakh) if polling had been conducted fairly.

What do you think your equation would be like with the BJP-led state government?

In parliamentary form of democracy, as far as public issues are concerned, we have to find commonalities. The fact is a peaceful, lawful state is favourable for any party, (and) we will look for a common ground to work together. They (BJP) may be political adversaries, but they are not enemies...

What is first on your agenda as a new MP?

Obviously, it’s related to crisis that has befallen my state. I will be working and addressing issues arising from this crisis... Among these would would be problems of people in relief camps. I will ensure their issues are not forgotten.

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constituency on poll day and you alleged Congress polling agents were being threatened. This doesn’t seem to have affected your performance.

If not for the violence and the malpractices, we would have won

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• UP debacle sends BJP back to drawing board

have had another two-hour, closed-door meeting with the party leadership, where Prime Minister-designate Narendra Modi, Union Ministers Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh were present, along with Nadda.

Among those whose roles will be under the scanner, and who are expected to submit detailed reports, are top ministers in the UP government and their colleagues who, along with the CM and Deputy CMs, were given the charge of separate districts last year to spread the message of the Modi government’s work.

Some of them were also tasked with managing caste

equations in constituencies among Brahmins, Thakurs, Bhumihars, Baniyas and OBCs, in east, west and central UP regions.

Several BJP leaders have already begun talking openly about “internal sabotage”, apart from the failure to effectively counter the Opposition’s campaign around the “threat to the Constitution”, as well as “low turnout among Hindus”.

BJP’s Rampur candidate Ghanshyam Singh Lodhi attributed his defeat mainly to “polarisation along religious lines”, and also accused some party leaders of “not cooperating”. “The party organisation has been informed

about them. A detailed review is being done by the party and I,” he said.

Having wrested the SP stronghold in a 2022 bypoll, Lodhi lost this time to Mohibullah, a Delhi mosque cleric who was parachuted into the contest by the SP, by 87,000-plus votes. Lodhi’s vote share of 40.71% was even lower than the BJP’s share of 42.3% in 2019, when it was up against SP Rampur heavyweight Azam Khan. On the main factor behind these numbers, Lodhi said: “The election was fought completely on caste and Hindu-Muslim lines.”

In Mohanlalganj (SC-re-

served) seat, BJP’s Kaushal Kishore, a Union Minister of State in the outgoing Modi government, lost by 70,292 votes to SP’s R K Chaudhary. Admitting that the loss stunned him, Kishore accused “some party workers” of acting against him, adding that the leadership knew about them.

Besides that, he blamed the INDIA bloc’s campaign that if the Modi government were to return, it would change the Constitution. The Congress also promised Rs 8,500 every month in the bank account of a woman from a poor family. The BSP’s core Jatav vote deserted the party for the SP-Congress alliance, Kishore said.

In the Shravasti seat of east-

ern UP, local party leaders blamed “sabotage” by a former MP and influential BJP leader, saying he persuaded core BJP voters, including Brahmins and Kurmis, to vote against the party. The BJP candidate there was Saket Misra, son of Nripendra Misra, former principal secretary to the Prime Minister and chairman of the Ram temple construction committee. Saket lost by 76,673 votes to SP’s Ram Shiromani Verma.

Neelam Sonker, defeated BJP candidate in another SC-reserved seat, Lalganj, also blamed “sabotage” by local party office-bearers for her loss to SP’s Daroga Prasad Saroj by 1.15 lakh votes. She said the party organisation was aware that some leaders had “helped” the SP candidate.

A former MP, Sonker said the Opposition too was successful in driving home its message about the Constitution. BJP Sambhal candidate Parmeshwar Lal Saini attributed his loss to SP’s Zia Ur Rehman to consolidation of Muslim votes in support of the SP-Congress alliance and “low turnout of Hindu voters”.

Other seats where accusations have been made of party leaders contributing to the loss of the BJP candidates include those where Union ministers had been re-elected – Kheri (Ajay Mishra ‘Teni’), Amethi (Smriti Irani), Fatehpur (Niranjan Jyoti), Chandauli (Mahendra Nath Pandey), and Muzaffarnagar (Sanjeev Kumar Balyan).

A gain of 41 seats for Cong, allies along 2 Bharat Jodo Yatra routes

ASAD REHMAN
NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

CONGRESS MP Rahul Gandhi’s Bharat Jodo Yatra and Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra, held one year apart, were designed as a voter outreach and an exercise to build Rahul’s image. In the constituencies along the route of the two yatras, the Congress and its INDIA bloc allies gained 41 seats. During the first yatra — from September 2022 to January 2023 — Rahul Gandhi addressed 12 public meetings and over 100 street-corner meetings. He covered over 4,000 km across 75 districts and 71 Lok Sabha seats in 12 states and two UTs. Of these seats, the Congress contested 56 seats and won 23 this time.

In 2019, it contested 65 of these seats and won 15.

The yatra started from Kanyakumari and ended in Kashmir. Meanwhile, the Congress’s INDIA bloc allies were in the fray in 14 of these seats this time and bagged six. In 2019, the allies contested four of the seats and won 2. The two constituencies of Srinagar (J&K) and Baghat (UP) were not contested by any of the INDIA bloc parties in 2019.

The second yatra covered 82 Lok Sabha seats from January 14 to March 16 this year. The Congress travelled from Imphal to Mumbai, almost 6,713 km, covered mostly by bus.

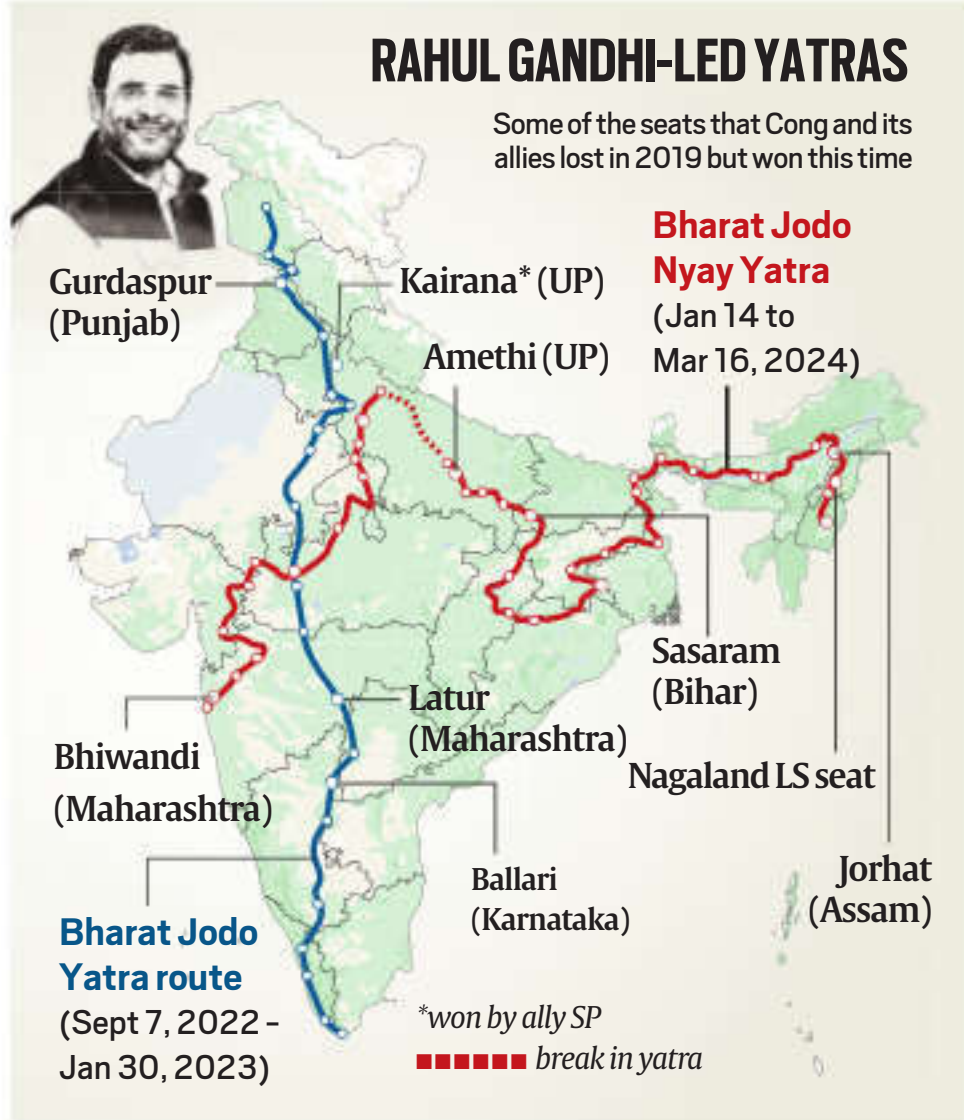
Of the 82 seats, the Congress contested 49 seats and won 17. In 2019, it had contested 71 seats but won just six. This time, the party gave 33 seats to its allies who won 18. Five years ago, these parties had contested 10 of these seats but failed to win any.

State-wise break-up

In Andhra Pradesh, where the first yatra travelled, the Congress failed to win the two seats covered. It had lost both in 2019 too.

In Delhi, covered by the first yatra the Congress and its allies did not gain anything. In 2024, it contested two of five seats, while AAP contested three. The alliance lost all five seats.

In Maharashtra, the impact



of the first yatra was that out of six seats covered, the Congress and its allies won four in 2024. The UPA had lost all five years ago. The second yatra covered eight seats, of which MVA alliance won five this time. It had lost all in 2019.

In Haryana, where the first yatra covered five seats, Congress lost all to BJP in 2019. This time, it won one of these seats.

In Himachal Pradesh, the first yatra passed through one seat. It went to BJP in 2019. Congress failed to win it this time too.

In J&K, four seats were covered during the first yatra. In 2019, the Congress contested three of these seats, leaving only Srinagar for Farooq Abdullah. It failed to win any. In 2024, the Congress allied with the NC, which won two of the four seats while Congress lost the other two.

In Karnataka, where the first yatra covered seven seats, the Congress had won no seat when it contested five seats, while its ally JDS had won one of two it contested. In 2024, the Congress won three when it contested all seven.

In Kerala, where the first yatra travelled to 11 constituencies, the Congress won seven of the 10 seats it contested in 2019. In 2024, of 11 seats, the Congress

won seven seats while its allies won two constituencies.

In Madhya Pradesh, the Congress did not make any gains in the seven seats covered by the first yatra.

In Punjab, where the first yatra covered six seats, the Congress won four in 2019. This time, the Congress won five while one went to the AAP. Though national allies, the two parties did not contest together in the state this time.

In Rajasthan, the first yatra covered five constituencies. The Congress lost all these seats to the BJP in 2019 but managed to make a turnaround this time by winning three. The party touched two seats during the second yatra. It had lost both in 2019 and this time it managed to win one while its ally won the other.

In Tamil Nadu, the first yatra covered two seats. In 2019 and this time, the Congress bagged one while ally DMK won the other.

In Telangana, seven constituencies were covered in the first yatra. The Congress had won just one of these in 2019. It remained unchanged this time too.

In Uttar Pradesh, the first yatra covered three seats and the second yatra travelled through 20. The Congress’s per-

formance here along with ally Samajwadi Party (SP) improved this time around. Of the three covered in the first yatra, the Congress lost all in 2019 while the SP won one this time. Of the 20 covered in the second leg, the Congress contested eight and won three seats while the SP contested 12 and won five covered in the second yatra.

In Gujarat, where the second yatra covered five constituencies, the BJP won all five seats in 2019 and retained them this time around.

In Bihar, the second yatra touched seven constituencies. The Congress contested four of these in 2019 while its allies fought three. The Congress won one while its allies couldn’t win any. This time, Congress contested three seats winning them all. Its allies contested four seats and won two and lost two seats.

In West Bengal, the second yatra covered nine seats. In 2019, the Congress had fought all of them losing eight and winning one seat. This time, of the nine, the TMC won five, the BJP three, and the Congress bagged one seat. There was no alliance between the Congress and TMC in West Bengal this time.

In Assam, where the second yatra touched six seats, the Congress contested all six in 2019, winning two seats. In 2024, the Congress won three seats.

In Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, and Nagaland; the second yatra passed through five constituencies. In 2019, the Congress won just one of these seats. This time, the tally is up to three.

In Jharkhand, the second yatra covered seven seats. Of these, the Congress contested four in 2019 but failed to win any. This time, the Congress contested four and won one seat. Its allies contested three and won one seat.

In Odisha, the second yatra covered two seats. The Congress contested the two and lost both in 2019. The result was the same this time too.

In Chhattisgarh, the second yatra touched four seats. In 2019, the BJP won three and one went to the Congress. This time, the Congress fought all four and won just one seat.

the 2022 deal, a year later, he saw himself saddled with another Deputy CM when Ajit Pawar led his faction of the NCP into the coalition. Fadnavis also lost his Finance portfolio to Ajit.

Despite these steps apparently “downsizing” Fadnavis, the BJP realises he remains its best bet when it comes to Maharashtra.

Now there are increasing voices within the party questioning “the tod-phod politics of Operation Lotus”. On the ground, it was clear loyal supporters of both Sena and NCP did not take Shinde and Ajit’s “betrayal” of the Thackeray and Pawar family heads, respectively, kindly.

A senior BJP functionary said Fadnavis was being unfairly thrown into the fire, after being told to “run the race with his feet tied”. The leader pointed to the fact that in the 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP ran with the slogan “Narendra at Centre, Devendra in Maharashtra”. If the credit was shared equally, the defeat too should be owned up equally, the leader said.

• Voters gave a message to all, right from the top to bottom: Venkaiah

Minister Narendra Modi, Naidu said, “He is not only popular in India, but also across the globe. Coming back for the third time is not a joke in India. I don’t want to get into politics but... the world started recognising and respecting India. In recent years, because of the knowledge and hard work of Indians across the world, many CEOs of multinational companies are Indians.”

On the challenges for the new government, he said, “While we are able to reduce corruption, undoubtedly under the present regime we are able to reduce poverty levels, but we still have challenges. We must all work together to face these challenges

and see to the eradication of poverty, ending urban-rural divide, curbing social evils which are really bringing a bad name to us, and reducing tensions... That is not possible merely by the PM or by the CM. That is possible if everybody develops a positive and constructive mind.”

Naidu said there is an urgent need to see what he called the “four Cs” in politicians – character, calibre, capacity and conduct. “Nowadays you see some political parties replacing these four Cs by another four Cs: caste, community, cash and criminality. They may gain temporarily, but that is not going to last for long,” he said.

6 GOVT & POLITICS



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MISSING FROM DAIS

INSIDE THE Central Hall of Parliament Friday, all key NDA leaders were present on the dais except one — Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) leader Jayant Choudhary. TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu, JD(U) president Nitish Kumar, Shiv Sena's Eknath Shinde, IJP (Ram Vilas) chief Chirag Paswan, Jana Sena Party's Pawan Kalyan, JD(S) leader H D Kumaraswamy, NCP's Ajit Pawar, HAM's Jitan Ram Majhi and Apna Dal (Sonelal)'s Anupriya Patel were sitting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other BJP leaders on the dais. But Jayant was in the third row with other MPs. Senior BJP leader Bhupender Yadav, who was making the announcements, made a special mention of Choudhary and urged the MPs to give him some hearty applause. Friday's NDA meeting threw enough hints on how the BJP was trying to accommodate the new reality of a coalition government. Yadav, who chanted "teesri baar, Modi sarkar", was prodded by another leader to change it to "teesri baar, NDA sarkar".

LEADER IN DEMAND

WITH THE BJP losing half its seats in Haryana to the Congress, a section of state leaders blamed the last-minute change in the organisation for "things going awry". Former Tripura CM Biplab Kumar Deb, who was given charge of Haryana in September 2022, was sent to Odisha, where Assembly polls were being held simultaneously, in May first week. While the BJP recorded a stunning victory in both the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections in Odisha, it lost five of the 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana. Deb also had to leave Haryana to campaign in his own seat in Tripura — Tripura (West), which he won with a margin of 611578 — ahead of the first phase of Lok Sabha polls on April 19. Many Haryana BJP workers have already communicated to the party leadership that last-minute changes cost the party dearly in the state.

SUBDUED MOOD

THE MOOD in Delhi's Andhra Bhawan over the last two days has been subdued despite the Telugu Desam Party joining the new government at the Centre with its resounding mandate in the Lok Sabha and the Assembly polls. The reason — TDP president Chandrababu Naidu is not staying at the state bhawan on Ashoka Road. It is learnt that while he visited Andhra Bhawan once, Naidu is currently staying at TDP leader Jaydev Galla's house on Ashoka Road, just down the street from Andhra Bhawan.

Indian judiciary has shifted to facilitating arbitration: CJI in UK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THE INDIAN judiciary has moved from a regime of judicial interference with arbitration to facilitating arbitration, Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud said Thursday. "Imposing courtrooms designed to bear the insignia of the sovereign power of the State are being replaced by swanky meeting rooms where parties engage in dialogues over complex commercial matters," he said.

CJI Chandrachud was delivering a lecture on the rise of commercial arbitration in India and the UK at the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom on June 6. Acknowledging that arbitration through official institutions in India is still in its early stages, the

CJI said that the culture of arbitration and mediation has existed for centuries as "a system of dispute settlement by village elders".

He said that arbitration is no longer an "alternative" form of dispute resolution. "It is in fact the preferred method of seeking commercial justice," he said. However, he said, commercial arbitration is not immune from deficiencies such as "delay, cost, judicial interference, arbitrator bias, and lack of enforceability of awards".

On the minimal court interference, the CJI said courts intervene in international arbitration when parties do not mutually agree on arbitrators. Then, as per Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, the Supreme Court appoints arbitrators but only after ascertaining whether there is a valid arbitration agreement in the first place.



Senior IAS officer
Sujata
Karthikeyan

SENIOR IAS officer Sujata Karthikeyan, wife of former bureaucrat and BJD chief Naveen Patnaik's aide V K Pandian has proceeded on a childcare leave for a period of six months till November 26. This comes weeks after the Election Commission ordered her transfer from the Mission Shakti department to a "non-public facing department" following a complaint of alleged misuse of public office, lodged by the BJP.

Sujata was granted leave as her minor daughter is appearing for the class 10 examination, said a notification issued by the

state general administration department.

The BJP, which won the recently concluded assembly polls in Odisha, had during the campaign lodged multiple complaints accusing her of "actively participating in the elections as BJD's front person".

Known as one of the most powerful bureaucrats in Odisha, the 2000-batch Odisha cadre IAS officer was then ordered to be transferred by the poll panel.

JD(U) swipe at Opp: Said no to Nitish as convenor, now offering him PM post

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, JUNE 7

JD(U) ADVISOR K C Tyagi, who is also the party's national spokesperson, said Friday that the INDIA bloc that had "refused" to make party leader and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar its national convenor "has been now making offers to make Nitish PM".

He said the party had rejected the offer outright and was strongly with the NDA.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Tyagi said: "Such is the game of politics that those who had refused to make Nitish Kumar INDIA bloc's national convenor have been now making offers to make Nitish PM."

He said it was because of "ill-

BJP-JDS wins 3 of 6 MLC seats, retains majority in Karnataka Upper House

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, JUNE 7

THE BJP-JD(S) alliance in Karnataka will continue to be in majority in the Legislative Council after winning three of the six MLC seats that went to polls on June 3.

The ruling Congress will have to wait till the 2026 Council polls to ensure a slim majority of 38 seats in the upper house of the state legislature. By winning three seats, it has succeeded in increasing its tally to 35.

The BJP-JD(S) alliance will have a slender majority of 38 seats in the 75-member Council. Of the 38 members, the BJP has 30 and the JD(S) eight MLCs. The remaining two seats include Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti, a BJP MLC, and Independent MLC Lakhan Jarkiholi.

Poll results of two constituencies were announced on Thursday and the others on Friday due to the prolonged counting process involving preferential votes. The BJP had fielded candidates in four constituencies, leaving two to the JD(S). Both JD(S) candidates — S L Bhojgowda and K Vivekananda — were declared winners on Thursday.

ALOK DESHPANDE
MUMBAI, JUNE 7

THE CONGRESS central leadership has asked party leaders to follow "coalition dharma" for the Maharashtra Assembly polls and instructed the state leadership not to rock the Maha Vikas Aghadi with provocative statements. This comes after Maharashtra Congress chief Nana Patole said the MVA's tally in the Lok Sabha elections could have been bigger had his party contested more seats in Maharashtra.

According to sources within the Congress, the state leadership has been told by the top



TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu and Bihar CM Nitish Kumar at the NDA meeting in New Delhi on Friday. ANI

treatment" by Congress and other parties that Kumar was "forced to return" to NDA this January.

"There is no question of looking back, as was also said several

times by Nitish Kumar during the election campaign. We are now a valued partner of the NDA and we will strengthen the hands of Narendra Modi, who is all set to



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah, Deputy CM DK Shivkumar and party leader Randeep Surjewala in Bengaluru on Friday. PTI

Bengaluru court grants bail to Rahul in defamation case filed by Karnataka BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, JUNE 7

A SPECIAL court in Bengaluru on Friday granted bail to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in a defamation case filed by the Karnataka BJP against the publication of advertisements labelling the party as corrupt in local newspapers ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections.

Rahul appeared in the special court on Friday morning after a summons issued by the court on June 1. Karnataka Chief Minister

Siddaramaiah and Congress chief D K Shivakumar, the other accused in the case were granted bail on June 1.

The BJP Karnataka unit on June 1 sought the issuance of a non-bailable warrant against Rahul for non-appearance even as the Congress party leaders argued Gandhi was not linked to the publication of advertisements by the party in Karnataka. On that day, the court exempted Rahul from appearing but said that he must be present on June 7.

On May 8, 2023, Karnataka BJP

become Prime Minister for the third straight term," he said.

Tyagi pointed out that Kumar was instrumental behind the idea of INDIA bloc, and said he was "pushed aside" by its various members. "With the NDA, our respectability is restored and Nitish Kumar has become a stakeholder in national politics. We are getting a lot of respect from ally BJP," he said.

Meanwhile, CM House sources in Patna hinted that Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Kumar Jha was among the front-runners for a Union Minister post. Other JD(U) leaders in contention for ministerial berths are Rajya Sabha MP and EBC leader Ramnath Thakur, Jharkhand MP Rampriit Mandal (EBC) and Valmiki Nagar MP Sunil Kumar (OBC Kushwaha).

Poll panel kicks off preparations for Assembly elections in J&K

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KICKING OFF preparations for the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections, the Election Commission (EC) Friday decided to accept applications from political parties for the use of common symbols for their candidates.

"The Commission has decided to accept applications seeking allotment of Common Symbol under Para 10B of the Election Symbols (Reservation & Allotment) Order, 1968 for the General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir with immediate effect," an EC statement said.

Under Para 10B, the candidates of registered, unrecognised parties can be allotted a common symbol. For recognised national and state parties, the common symbols are already reserved and no other party can apply for use of the same.

Usually the process of applications for common symbols starts six months before the term of an Assembly is to end. But since J&K has not had an Assembly since it was dissolved in 2018, the EC decided to start the process now, a source said.

According to EC sources, a short-term special summary revision of the electoral roll would be carried out before the Assembly elections. The decision to start taking applications for common symbols was the first step, they said.

Land for jobs: Lalu, kin among 78 in final CBI chargesheet

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

THE CBI on Friday filed its final chargesheet against 78 persons, including former railway minister Lalu Prasad, in connection with the land for jobs scam in which his family is accused of receiving land parcels from ineligible candidates appointed in various railway zones as substitutes, officials said.

"Upon conclusion of the investigation, the CBI submitted its third and final chargesheet before special judge (MP/MLA Cases) here against 78 accused, including the then Union Railway Minister, his wife Rabri Devi, son Tej Pratap Yadav, daughter Hema Yadav, former OSD Bhola Yadav, one former staff member of the RJD chief, 29 public servants of Indian Railways, 37 candidates and six other private persons in a case related to land-for-job scam pertaining to engagement of candidates as substitutes in 11 zones of Indian Railways during the tenure of Lalu Prasad as Union Railway Minister during 2004-2009," an CBI spokesperson said.

Last year, the Supreme Court ordered the Election Commission to hold the J&K Assembly elections by September 30, while upholding the August 5, 2019 abrogation of Article 370 and splitting the erstwhile state into two Union Territories.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar had said Monday that the EC would start the process for holding the Assembly elections "very soon".

Jammu & Kashmir recorded a voter turnout of 58.58% in the Lok Sabha elections. In a statement on May 27, after the completion of polling in the Union Territory's five Lok Sabha seats, the CEC said the voter turnout was the highest in 35 years and there had been a 23% increase in the number of candidates compared to 2019.

"This active participation is a huge positive for Assembly elections to be held soon so that the democratic process continues to thrive in the Union Territory," the CEC had said.

After the state was divided into two UTs — J&K (with an Assembly) and Ladakh (without Assembly) in 2019, a Delimitation Commission was set up in 2020 to redraw the boundaries of the Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies. The delimitation order passed in May 2022 created a 90-member Assembly, with 47 seats in Kashmir and 43 in Jammu. The forthcoming Assembly elections would be the first for the Assembly of the Union Territory of J&K.

Soren's wife says he is being oppressed 'like Stan Swamy'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
RANCHI, JUNE 7

FORMER JHARKHAND Chief Minister Hemant Soren is facing the same kind of "injustice" that was meted out to Jesuit priest Stan Swamy, a post on his social media account said.

The Hindi post on the jailed Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) leader's account, now being handled by his wife and MLA-elect Kalpana Soren, said: "Today, there is a need for every Jharkhandi to stand strongly in favour of Hemant Soren, otherwise they (the BJP) will not be stopped from turning Jharkhand into Manipur."

It also said that just as "Father Stan, who raised his voice for the weakest class, was silenced due to institutional neglect and injustice, today similar oppression is being meted out to Hemant Soren". Stan Swamy, also a tribal activist, died in judicial custody in 2021 — at the age of 84. He was arrested under the stringent Unlawful Activities Prevention Act in connection with the 2018 Bhima-Koregaon violence case.

After Patole remark on contesting more seats, Cong top brass: Don't provoke MVA partners



Elected MPs and party members with Nana Patole and Ramesh Chennithala in Mumbai on Friday. Amit Chakravarty

leadership in Delhi not to make provocative statements that may damage the alliance equation.

"It has been communicated to the Maharashtra Congress that nobody should comment

on the number of seats a party will contest during the Assembly polls until seat-sharing negotiations begin in Maharashtra. We have a big battle ahead and we want MVA to stay united,"

said a senior party leader from the central leadership.

In a gesture of appreciation, All India Congress Committee in-charge for Maharashtra Congress Ramesh Chennithala on Friday paid a visit to Nationalist Congress Party (SP) chief Sharad Pawar and Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray, thanking them for their help during the election campaign and reiterated on coalition dharma in his address to party leaders at the felicitation ceremony of newly elected Lok Sabha MPs of the Congress.

The Congress contested 17 seats and won 13 of them. The state has 48 Lok Sabha seats.

Bellary brothers' associate to Congress tribal face: Karnataka minister forced to exit under graft cloud

JOHNSON T A
BENGALURU, JUNE 7

A RISING Scheduled Tribe (ST) leader and senior legislator in Karnataka, who was inducted as a minister for the first time in May 2023 when the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government was formed, resigned Thursday after being embroiled in a case of alleged misappropriation of ₹94.73 crore fund from the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation.

The 52-year-old ST welfare minister, B Nagendra, stepped down amid investigations into misappropriation of funds from the corporation under his ministry on the eve of top Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's visit to Karnataka.

Nagendra, who belongs to the sizeable Valmiki Nayak ST community, has claimed that he was not under pressure from any quarters to resign but was doing so to facilitate a fair probe into the case.

A four-time MLA from the Bellary region, Nagendra is no stranger to controversy. During 2008-13, when Nagendra was the BJP MLA from Kudligi, he was associated with the infamous Bellary illegal mining syndicate of former BJP minister G Janardhan Reddy. He then used to operate an iron trading firm which came under the scanner for the export of illegal iron ore during a probe by the Karnataka Lokayukta and the CBI.

In his election affidavit in 2023, Nagendra stated that there were as many as 26 cases related to illegal mining which have still been pending against him, including



B Nagendra was ST welfare minister

four CBI cases. He also declared assets worth ₹17 crore in his affidavit.

At the peak of the iron ore mining scam in 2013, after his first stint as the BJP MLA, Nagendra had reported a 700% spike in his wealth from Rs 2 crore to ₹14 crore in five years.

In the last 10 years since — as an Independent MLA from 2013 to 2018 and a first-time Congress legislator MLA from 2018 to 2013 — Nagendra's wealth has grown by only 21%, as per poll affidavits.

He was hailed as a giant-killer in the 2023 polls after he

trounced his former associate in the Reddy brothers' syndicate, B Sreeramulu, the BJP heavyweight from the Valmiki Nayak community, in the Bellary Rural seat. This feat earned him a position in the Siddaramaiah ministry.

On May 27 last year, when he was sworn in as a minister, Nagendra took his oath in the name of the sage Valmiki Nayak, the author of the Ramayana, a revered figure for his community.

A popular and soft-spoken politician, Nagendra is widely seen as being groomed by the Congress as a prominent Valmiki Nayak leader in the state. "Nagendra is very accessible. During his first tenure as the Congress MLA of Bellary Rural (2018-2023) there was a lot of peace among communities. He would resolve disputes with his

personal interventions. This was not the case when Sreeramulu was the MLA. There were frequent fights among communities," a local resident had said ahead of the 2023 polls.

Nagendra's appeal in the region is also widely believed to have delivered the Bellary parliamentary seat to the Congress in the current Lok Sabha polls.

Nagendra who broke away from the Janardhan Reddy syndicate and the BJP after the ₹12,000 crore illegal mining scam roiled Karnataka is still known to have cordial relations with the Reddy brothers and Sreeramulu despite being political rivals. He is also known to have close ties with CM Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM and state Congress chief D K Shivakumar. **FULL REPORT ON**
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8 BIG PICTURE

IN NOVEMBER last year, with six months left to go for the simultaneous Lok Sabha and Assembly polls in Andhra Pradesh, Telugu Desam Party (TDP) chief N Chandrababu Naidu appeared at a rally in Kurnool, where he made an emotional appeal to the people. “If you send me (and my party) to the Assembly, only then will Andhra Pradesh see development. Else, this will be my last election,” he said.

Many saw in the appeal, which came at the end of a tumultuous five years for Naidu and his party, the desperation of a man who was down and out and at 73, possibly starting at the end of his political career.

Naidu had been trounced by the Jagan Mohan Reddy’s YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) in the previous elections — the TDP had gone down to 23 seats in the Assembly and three in the Lok Sabha — and just when it seemed he was clawing his way back, Naidu was arrested in the AP Skill Development case.

Yet, six months later, Naidu has managed to effect a stunning turnaround of fortunes, winning 136 of the 144 seats to come back as CM for the fourth time, while his allies — Pawan Kalyan’s Jana Sena Party (JSP) and BJP — have added 29 more seats, reducing the YSRCP to 12. In the Lok Sabha elections, the TDP ended up with 16 seats, elevating the party to the second largest in the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and earning Naidu a key place in the coalition high table.

The turnaround

TDP leaders insist that even after the crushing defeat of 2019, Naidu was down, but never out. “Yes, the cadre was demotivated and it is only natural. But, we are emotionally connected with the cadre and even in our heaviest defeat, in 2019, we managed a vote share of 40%, which means around 1.5 crore people voted for us. We had to keep going for these 1.5 crore people. Mr Naidu ensured he and the party were emotionally connected with the cadre through regular meetings and assurances,” TDP general secretary and Naidu’s son Nara Lokesh said in an interview to *The Indian Express*.

Just after the 2019 defeat, the leaders say, Naidu went into a huddle with his advisors and came up with a three-pronged fightback strategy that was “cadre-centric, party-centric and leader-centric”.

Lokesh said that soon after losing power, Naidu was presented with a “golden chance” when Jagan ordered the demolition of the Praja Vedika, a cluster of 50-odd buildings along the banks of the Krishna river in Guntur district, and scrapped the Amaravati capital development project.

“Our leader grabbed the opportunity and went to the people. The incident showed that if a former CM could be attacked, the common man would not be spared,” said senior TDP leader Jyothsna Tirunagari.

A TDP leader said the run-up to the February 2023 Legislative Council elections, which the TDP won 4-0, recharged the cadre. “The CM was instrumental in motivating the cadre. In one of the meetings before these polls, he made it clear that a victory in the MLC polls is the best way to infuse energy into the cadre,” the leader said.

Brand Naidu

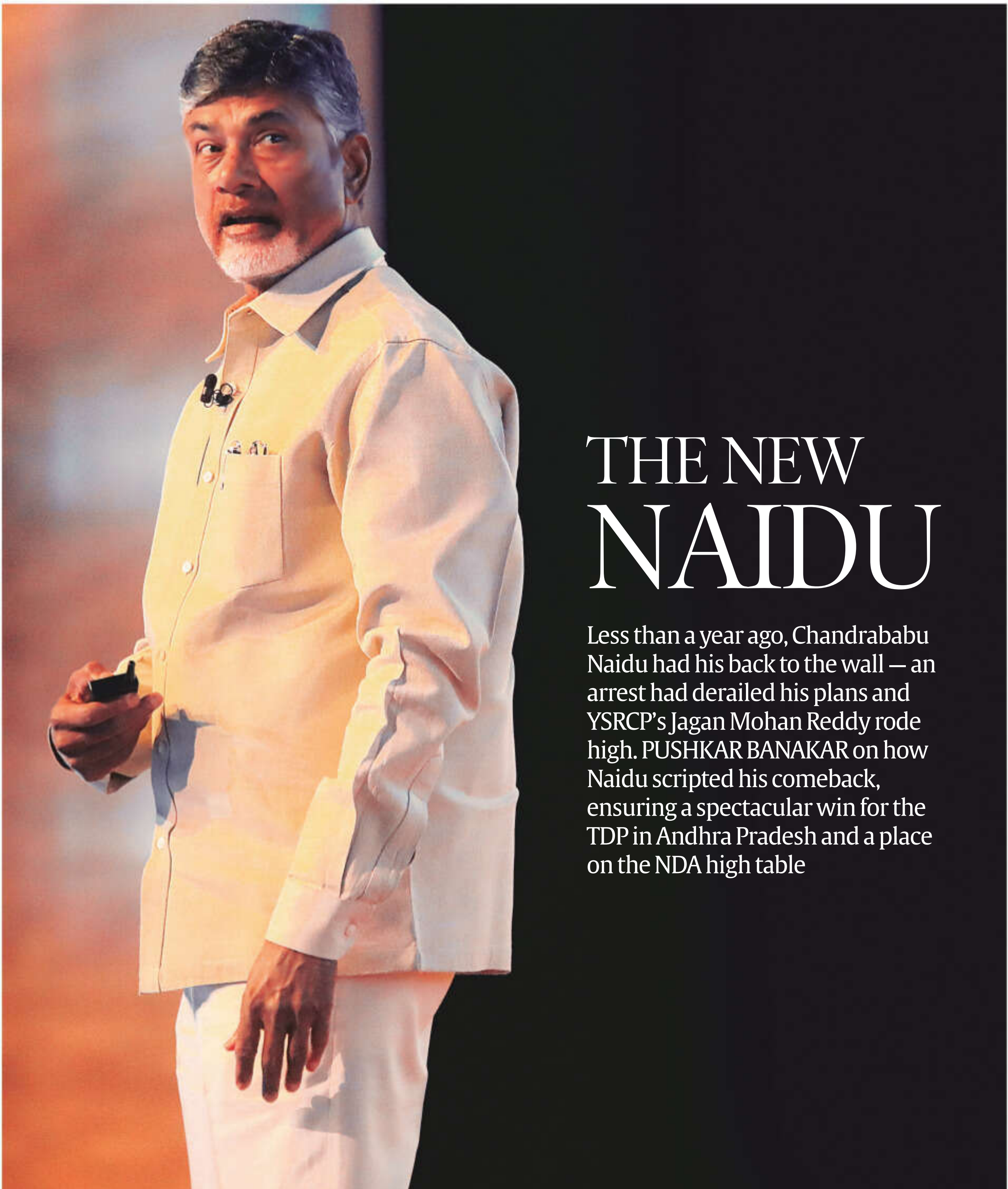
Months into the Jagan regime, the TDP joined hands with a political consultancy, ShowTime Consulting (STC), which would prove to be a vital cog in his comeback plan.

“Under Naidu’s guidance, STC got down to work and began restructuring the party by establishing communication channels with the cadre and the second-rung leadership. We also focussed on bringing back the 6,000-odd panchayat-level leaders who had defected or were forced to defect to the YSRCP during the 2019 elections,” says STC Director Shantanu Singh.

Naidu drew from his own experience — he was master strategist for TDP founder and his father-in-law Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao’s (NTR) in the 1980s — to ideate and lead from the front. Until March 2023, he held daily review meetings with his leaders and the STC team, after which the frequency of these sessions went up. “We met twice or even thrice a day. Once the campaign began, his lunch break turned into a review meeting,” says Singh.

A senior TDP leader said Naidu’s hands-on approach helped him sense the anger among people towards the YSRCP government. The ‘Entra Mana Karma’ (what’s our fate) campaign, which targeted Jagan on his alleged atrocities, was reportedly Naidu’s brainchild. “So was the selfie campaign, when he posted a picture of him taking a selfie at a long-pending, under-construction bridge,” the leader said.

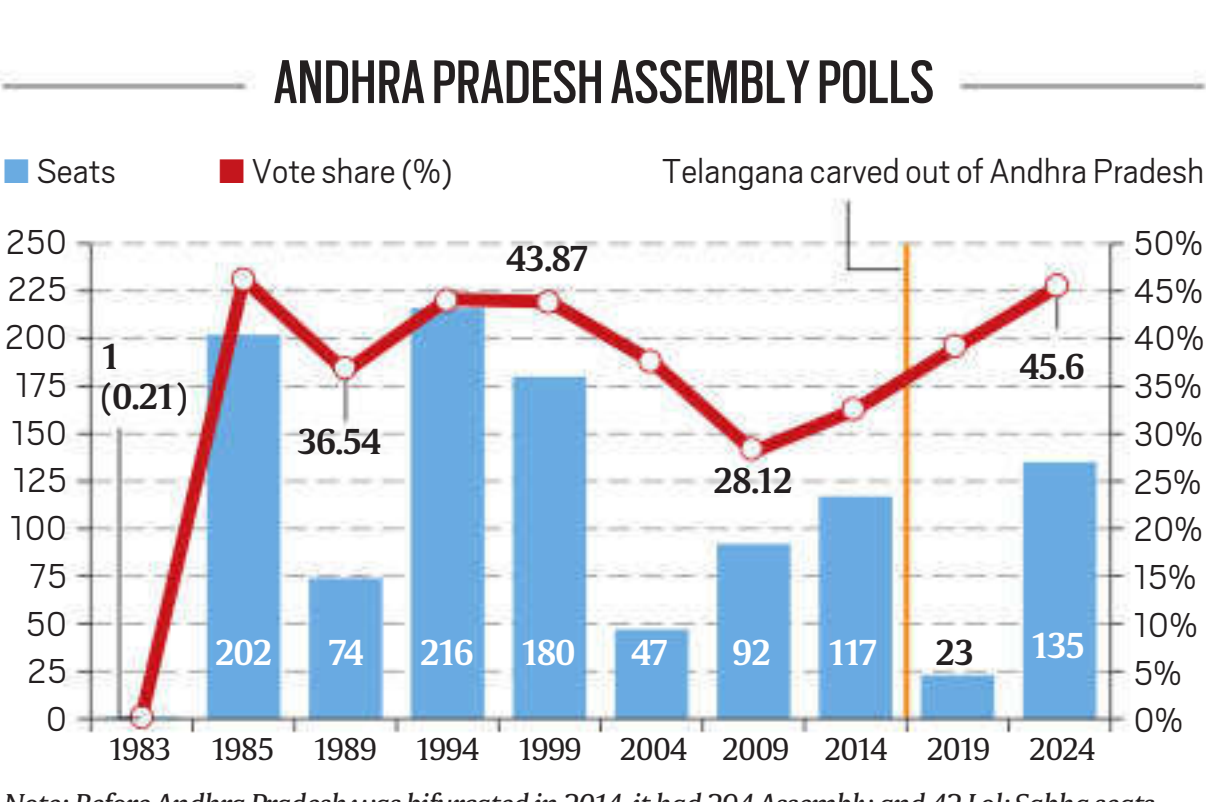
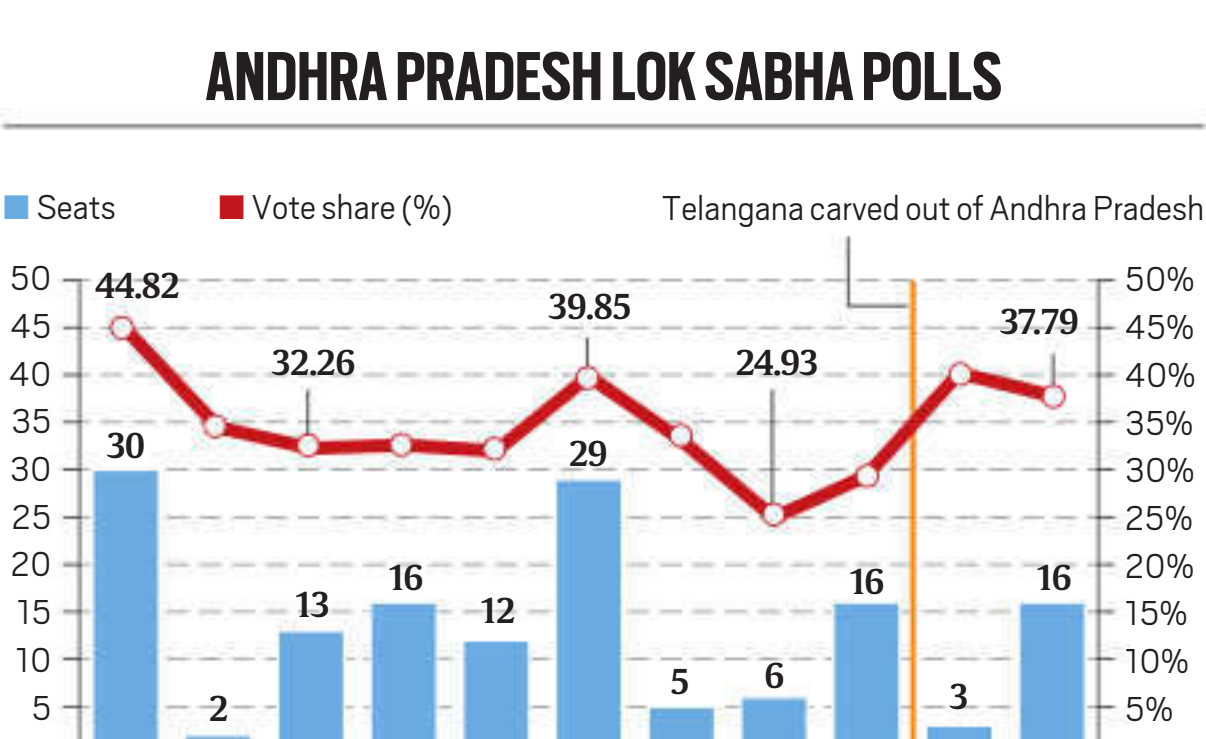
The campaigns, Singh says, gave the party ammunition to attack the Jagan government over “unfulfilled promises, lack of employment and lack of investments” in the state. “The battle for Andhra had transformed into a Jagan versus everybody, including the people of the state,” said Robin Sharma, another Director at STC.



Nirmal Harindran

THE NEW NAIDU

Less than a year ago, Chandrababu Naidu had his back to the wall — an arrest had derailed his plans and YSRCP’s Jagan Mohan Reddy rode high. PUSHKAR BANAKAR on how Naidu scripted his comeback, ensuring a spectacular win for the TDP in Andhra Pradesh and a place on the NDA high table



Note: Before Andhra Pradesh was bifurcated in 2014, it had 294 Assembly and 42 Lok Sabha seats. Since its bifurcation, the TDP has primarily contested seats in Andhra Pradesh, which now has 25 Lok Sabha and 175 Assembly seats. Source: Election Commission



(Top) In six months, TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu has managed to effect a stunning turnaround of fortunes; PM Narendra Modi (left) with Naidu during the NDA parliamentary party meeting in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

The party took a page out of Jagan’s textbook by setting off on yatras across the state — first, the ‘Yuva Galam Yatra’ or Voice of the Youth, a mass contact programme by Lokesh, and later Naidu’s own Praja Galam Yatra.

For the next few months, Naidu and the TDP seemed to be on the rise. The May 2023 Mahanadu at Rajahmundry, where Naidu unveiled his Super 6 schemes (six guarantees, including jobs for the youth and free bus travel for women), and the “Babu surety, bhavishyathuku guarantee (Babu’s surety, future’s guarantee)” campaign, further instilled confidence in the cadre.

A setback

However, it all seemed to come crashing

down for the former CM and the party when, on September 9 last year, Naidu was arrested in the alleged AP Skill Development scam. The TDP now stared at the prospect of going back to where it started in 2019.

“Definitely, there was anger among the cadre, even disappointment, but people refused to believe Naidu was corrupt. I was stopped midway while I was going to meet him in Vijayawada. This only exposed Jagan’s high-handedness,” said Lokesh.

While some believed it was the end of the road for the TDP, Naidu ran the party from jail.

As Lokesh visited his father in jail and took his “guidance”, Bhuvaneswari held daily meetings and rallies to ensure that the TDP’s campaign was not derailed.

TDP leaders insist that even after the crushing defeat of 2019, Naidu was down, but never out. “Even in our heaviest defeat, we managed a vote share of 40%, which means around 1.5 crore people voted for us,” says TDP’s Nara Lokesh

“He read every word of the papers related to the case filed against him and constantly gave us inputs and guidance on the party’s next course of action. While it was initially challenging for my mother to be in the spotlight, she knew it was important... His time in jail was tough for the family, but it built ‘Brand Naidu’,” said Lokesh.

Days after Naidu’s arrest, JSP’s Pawan Kalyan, who was hoping to meet Naidu but was denied entry by Jagan into Andhra, announced a tie-up with the TDP. A highly placed source close to Naidu said talks with the JSP had been going on since early 2022.

On October 31, 53-days after being arrested, Naidu walked out on bail but in a new avatar. “Jail time gave him the space to prepare a strategy. Not once did he try to gain sympathy by crying foul over his arrest. Instead, he continued to attack Jagan with renewed vigour over issues such as debt, welfare disbursement and other people-related issues. The message that went out was that Naidu was firmly behind the people while Jagan was using them for votes,” the source says.

By February 2024, sources said, the TDP had set up a central command centre in Hyderabad with a 200-strong workforce that worked round-the-clock. “The command centre was operational within two months of Naidu’s meeting with poll strategist Prashant Kishor. He used the centre to communicate with the cadre, second-rung leadership and candidates. By early March, we had a 11-member war-room in each Assembly segment,” the source said.

In the last push before the May 13 polls, Naidu took it upon himself and addressed rallies, held roadshows and events in support of the TDP as well as JSP and BJP candidates.

Four years after it started “rebuilding” the TDP, the STC, meanwhile, was left with the task of “promoting a good product”. “Naidu’s experience as a proven administrator and his knack of raising the right issues at the right time meant that by the final leg of campaigning, we were only left with the easy job of promoting him on social media,” Singh said.

As campaigning drew to a close, TDP sources said internally, they believed they would win around 140 seats. “The numbers on result day (164 seats in the Assembly) were staggering and beyond expectations. It just showed how much anger people had against the Jagan government,” Lokesh said.

What next for Naidu?

Speaking at the NDA meeting on June 7, Naidu, while congratulating Narendra Modi, said, “Balancing regional aspirations and national interests must run parallelly while ensuring holistic development for all strata of society.”

Naidu’s message showed that he was already beginning to underline his demands, and is expected to be more aggressive going ahead. Naidu’s immediate challenges as the next Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh will include securing Special Status for the state, ensuring his welfare schemes are implemented and creating more employment opportunities, all of which require funds and the Centre’s backing. And Naidu will almost certainly drive a hard bargain. As his record in earlier versions of the NDA shows, Naidu has never been an easy coalition partner.

Following the Gujarat riots of 2002, Naidu was demanded the resignation of then CM Narendra Modi, saying adherence to secularism was one of his basic conditions for supporting the NDA. Though he stayed on then, he parted ways with the NDA in 2004 after his loss to the Congress in the Assembly and Lok Sabha polls of united Andhra Pradesh that year.

He joined the NDA again ahead of the 2014 elections and four years later, asked his two ministers at the Centre — P Ashok Gajapati Raju and Y Satyanarayana Chowdary — to resign over the BJP not granting Andhra Pradesh special status. His party also moved a no-confidence motion against Modi, which was defeated.

But this time around, as he enters the NDA a decade since he walked out, this could be a new Naidu, say those close to him.

Tatikonda MLA Tenali Sravan Kumar said, “It is true that he had demanded Modi’s resignation after Godhra, but this time, it is unlikely that he will be the hard bargainer that he was since he has the state’s interests on priority. It is unlikely that the TDP will cause any instability to the NDA.”

NAIDU’S POLITICAL JOURNEY

At 28, is elected Congress MLA; becomes minister in T Anjaiah’s government. Was earlier with the Youth Congress

TDP under NT Rama Rao wins 226 seats in united Andhra Pradesh. Naidu stages a coup, replaces NTR as CM

Returns for 2nd term as CM. Announces incentives for foreign companies. In 2002, seeks Modi’s ouster as Gujarat CM

Loses the polls in alliance with the TRS (now BRS)

Naidu walks out of Modi-led NDA over Special Category demand for Andhra

Is arrested in connection with the alleged AP Skill Development scam. Spends 53 days in judicial remand

1978 1982 1995 1997 1999 2004 2009 2014 2018 2019 2023 2024

NT Rama Rao, Telugu cinema’s biggest star, launches TDP; son-in-law Naidu later joins party after initially going against NTR

Impresses Microsoft head Bill Gates with a presentation made on a borrowed laptop. Microsoft sets up its India Development Centre in Hyderabad in 1998

Loses to Congress’s Y S Rajasekhara Reddy in the elections

Ties up with the BJP in a pre-poll alliance and wins the first election in AP post bifurcation of the state. Announces Amaravati as the capital of the new state

Contests the Lok Sabha polls alone and is routed, winning only 23 Assembly 2 Lok Sabha seats

Rejoins NDA and storms to power

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VIKARABAD DISTRICT AT
VIKARABAD
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Between: Allipuram Yadamma & 3
others ...PLAINTIFFS
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Boyini Narsimulu & 3 others ...
...DEFENDANTS No. 1 to 4
NOTICE

To,
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Singh, Aged about 75 years, Occ:
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years, Occ: Retired, R/o. A 41,
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D4) Sheela Kumari w/o Mahendra
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...Defendants no.2,3 & 4


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to appear before the Hon'ble Court
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	2. Mrs. Shyama Devi W/o Laxman Saw				
Ankorha	1. Shri Pramod Saw S/o Shri Laxman Saw and Guarantor Shri Santosh Saw S/o Laxman Saw	All that part and parcel of House Property (Land & Building) in the Name of Mr. Pramod Saw S/o Laxman Saw, Deed No-16338, Dated 29.12.2015, Area-3.30 Decimal, Location-P.S NTPC Khaira, Mauza-Salaiya, Anchal-Nabinagar, District-Aurangabad, Property Details-Thana No-49, Khata No-6, Plot No-249. Boundary-North-Ramshray Saw, South-Nageshwar Saw, West-Sadak, East-Nij Bikreta	01.01.2024	03.06.2024	Rs.2,68,196.00 (Two Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand One Hundred Ninety Six Only) and interest thereon.

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Sl. No.	Name / Add. Contact No. of the Branch	Name and Address of the Borrower (s)/Guarantor (s) / Mortgage (s)	Outstanding in Rs.	Details of Property	Reserve Price (Rs.) /EMD/Bid Multiplier Amt./A/c No. /IFSC Code
1	Simri Bakhtiyarpur Branch 1st Flr., Simri Rd., Bakhtiyar Mkt., Simri Bakhtiyarpur, Bihar - 852127 Mob. 8210998626	Borrower - Mrs. Hema Devi W/o Manoj Kumar, At - Makhana Tola, Simri Bakhtiyarpur, Saharsa, Bihar, Pin- 852127, Co- Borrower - Mr. Manoj Kumar , S/o Akilesh Kumar, Kanu Tola, Simri Bakhtiyarpur, Saharsa, Bihar, Pin- 852127	Rs. 7,33,204.69 as on 30.05.2024 + interest & Other Cost thereon till realization	1. Sale Deed No - 4587 Dated - 28/12/2011 All The Part And Parcel of The Land Measuring 3.3 Decimal = 15 Dhur Covered Under Khata No- 258(old) / 967 (new), Khesra No- 4031(old) / 6424(new), Thana No- 64, Touzi No- 526, Situated At Mouza- Simri Bakhtiyarpur Kanu Tola, Anchal+Thana- Simri Bakhtiyarpur, District- Saharsa, Bihar In The Name of Hema Devi W/o Manoj Kumar Srivastava. Boundary - North- Nij Purchaser, West - Arvind Yadav , 2. Sale Deed No - 3933 Dated - 17/03/2010 All The Part And Parcel of The Land Measuring 3.85 Decimal = 17 Dhur 10 Dhurki Covered Under Khata No- 258(old) / 967 (new), Khesra No- 4031(old) / 6424(new), Thana No- 64, Touzi No- 526, Situated At Mouza- Simri Bakhtiyarpur Kanu Tola, Anchal+Thana- Simri Bakhtiyarpur, District- Saharsa, Bihar In The Name Of Hema Srivastava W/o Manoj Kumar Srivastava. Boundary - North- Ganesh Yadav , South - Parmanand Bhagat Imroze Kharidar , East- Khesra (old)- 4031 & Kacchi Road , West - Arvind Yadav	Rs. 41,80,000/- as on 30.05.2024 + interest & Other Cost thereon till realization IFSC Code - CNRB0008362
2	Madhepura Branch 1st Flr., Main Rd., Madhepura Bihar - 852113 Mob. 8210998611	M/s Hindustan Agriculture Centre Prop- Md Asif Alam , At Manikpur Chowk, Po + Ps- Madhepura, Dist- Madhepura, Bihar, Pin- 852113, Borrower - Md Asif Alam , S/o Late Abdul Moji, At- Masjid Chowk, Wn- 10, Po+Ps- Madhepura, Dist- Madhepura, Bihar, Pin- 852113, Guarantor - Md Ayub , S/o Late Abdul Moji, At- Masjid Chowk, Wn- 10, Po+Ps- Madhepura, Dist- Madhepura, Bihar, Pin- 852113	Rs. 19,19,651.16 as on 30.05.2024 + interest & Other Cost thereon till realization	All The Part And Parcel of Land Measuring 03 Dhur 03 Dhurki 03 Furki Covered Under Survey No- 459(G), 102, Khata No- 459 (o), New Khata No- 102, New Plot No- 215, Situated At Mauza- Madhepura, Nagar Parisad, Post- Madhepura, P.S - Madhepura, Sub Registry- Madhepura, Dist- Madhepura, Naka No- 61, Ward No- 10 In The Name of Md Ayub S/o Late Abdul Moji, Boundary - North- Sagupta Guli Kharidar , South - Nursa Khaton , East - Hazi Samim , West - Kharidar	Rs. 6,84,000/- as on 30.05.2024 + interest & Other Cost thereon till realization IFSC Code - CNRB0008362
3	Madhubani Branch Nariyal Bazar, Madhubani Bihar - 847211 Mob. 8210998612	M/s Kamla Enterprises , Prop- Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Vill - Karahiya, Tola - Kasiyauna, Via- Rajnagar, Dist- Madhubani, Bihar - 847235, Borrower - Mr. Rakesh Kumar , S/o Ramdeo Mahto, Vill - Karahiya, Tola - Kasiyauna, Via- Rajnagar, Dist- Madhubani, Bihar - 847211, Guarantor - Mr. Ramdeo Mahto , S/o- Late Ram Ratan Mahto, Vill - Karahiya, Tola - Kasiyauna, Via- Rajnagar, Dist- Madhubani, Bihar - 847213	Rs. 26,24,599/- as on 30.05.2024 + interest & Other Cost thereon till realization	All That Part and Parcel of Land And Building Measuring 1 Khatha 5 Dhoor 5 Kanma Covered Under Khata No- 01, Khesara No- 8271 (old)/12443 (new), Thana No- 53, Tauzi No- 432c, Mouza Karahia In Vill- Karahia, Tole- Kasiyauna, P.S. and Anchal- Rajnagar, District- Madhubani, Bihar In The Name of Sri Ramdeo Mahto S/o Late Ramratan Mahto, Boundary - North- Raman Jee Sahu , South - Bisu Sahni (presently Road), East - Sitaram Sahni , West - Sitaram Sahni	Rs. 18,23,000/- as on 30.05.2024 + interest & Other Cost thereon till realization IFSC Code - CNRB0008362
4	Murliganj Branch Shanti Ngr., W No. 8, Murliganj Bihar - 852122 Mob. 8210998616	M/s Ruby Traders , Proprietor - Ruby Rani, Kartik Chowk, Biharani Ganj Road, Murliganj, District- Madhepura, Bihar, Pin - 852122, Borrower - Ruby Rani , W/o Santosh Paswan, Ward No. 8, Sahebganj, Itahari, Haripur Kala	Rs. 24,21,096.76 as on 30.05.2024 + interest & Other Cost thereon till realization	Sale Deed No - 10885 Dated - 17.11.2014 All That Part And Parcel of Land Measuring 3.275 Decimal= 15 Dhur, Covered Under Khata No- 59(old)/42(new), Survey No- 1499(old)/47(new), Situated At Mohalla- Edkarnagar, Mauja- Murliganj Under Nagar Panchayat, Ward No- 11 / 12, Thana- Murliganj, Thana No- 266, Tauji No- 675, Jamabandi No- 4301 In The Name of Rubi Rani , W/o Santosh Paswan, Boundary - North - Jitendra Thakur & Gayatri Devi (as Per Deed), 10 Ft Road (present), South - Jibachh Paswan , East - Nij Khesra No. 47 , West - Mahendra Paswan	Rs. 16,00,000/- as on 30.05.2024 + interest & Other Cost thereon till realization IFSC Code - CNRB0008362
5	Murliganj Branch Shanti Ngr., W No. 8, Murliganj Bihar - 852122 Mob. 8210998616	M/s Aham Distributor , Prop.- Mr. Sahan Kumar, Word No- 03, Vill- Amari, Dharhara, Murliganj, Dist- Madhepura, Bihar, Borrower- Mr. Aman Kumar , S/o Kapildeo Sah, Word No- 03, Vill- Amari, Dharhara, Murliganj, Dist- Madhepura, Bihar, Guarantor - Mrs. Kunti Devi , W/o Kapildeo Sah, Word No- 03, Vill- Amari, Dharhara, Murliganj, Dist- Madhepura, Bihar	Rs. 16,08,752.92 as on 30.05.2024 + interest & Other Cost thereon till realization	1. Sale Deed No- 8250 Dated- 26.10.2007 All That Part And Parcel of A Land Area Measuring 44 Decimal Covered Under Khata No- 196(O)/428(N), Khesra No- 446(O)/963(N), Thana No- 307, Tauzi No- 471, Situated At Mauza- Dharhara, Murliganj, Dist- Madhepura Bihar In The Name Kunti Devi W/o Kapildeo Sah. Boundary - North - Parmeshwari Yadav , South - Asarfi Devi , East - Achche Lal Sah , West - Dharmdev Sah , 2. Sale Deed No- 1416 Dated- 14.05.1997 , All That Part And Parcel of A Land Area Measuring 02 Decimal	Rs. 32,92,000/- as on 30.05.2024 + interest & Other Cost thereon till realization IFSC Code - CNRB0008362
Covered Under Khatta No- 174(O)/349(N), Khesra No- 443(O)/954(N), Thana No- 307, Tauzi No- 471, Situated At Mauza Dharhara, Murliganj, Dist- Madhepura Bihar In The Name Kunti Devi W/o Kapildeo Sah. Boundary - North - Janardan Sah , South - Anandi Sah , East - Anandi Sah , West - Sadak .					

Sl. No.	Name / Address Contact No. of the Branch	Name and Address of the Borrower (s)/Guarantor (s) / Mortgage (s)	Outstanding in Rs.	Details of Property	Reserve Price (Rs.) /EMD/Bid Multiplier Amt./A/c No. /IFSC Code
6	SME Bhagalpur Branch 1st Flr., K. B. Lal Rd., Baldev Bhawan, M. N. Chowk, PO - Harmanchak, D. N. Singh Road, Ward NO. - 07, P.S. - Kolwali, Dist. - Bhagalpur, Bihar - 812006 Mob : 8210998587	Navin Kumar S/o Sri Raj Kumar Mishra , Sumitra Tower, Flat No. - 1A, Mohalla - Harmanchak, D. N. Singh Road, Ward NO. - 07, P.S. - Kolwali, Dist. - Bhagalpur, Bihar - 812006 Mob : 8210998587	Rs. 15,55,215.34 as on 30.05.2024 + interest & Other Cost thereon till realization	Deed No - 4611 Dated - 02.07.2020 All that part and parcel of Flat No. - 1A, Over 1st Floor Having Area about 1002 sqft. including Super structure area with its undivided proportionate share of land area out of Total area 2938 sqft. in Sumitra Tower, Khata No. - 554, Khesra No. - 398, Holding No. - 44 & 45 Old, 254 Kh, G, GH Mohalla - Kharmanchak, D. N. Singh Road, P.S - Adampur Kotwali, Ward No. - 7, P.O - Bhagalpur, Dist. - Bhagalpur, Bihar. In the name of Navin Kumar S/o Sri Raj Kumar Mishra .	Rs. 41,67,000/- as on 30.05.2024 + interest & Other Cost thereon till realization IFSC Code - CNRB0002270
7.	Bangalwa Branch Dasrathpur Bangalwa Road, Bangalwa, Bihar-811212 Mob : 8210998576	Borrower - Naresh Kumar , S/o Mahendra Ram, Near Kamela Chandi Asthan, Road No-2 Gumati, Chandi Asthan, Munger, Guarantor - Sunny Kumar S/o Late Jawala Prasad M a n d a l , N a y a g a n Durgasthan, PO-Jamalpur, Munger	Rs. 14,06,054.31 As on 30.05.2024 + interest & Other Cost thereon till realization	1. Sale Deed No-817 Dated 31/03/2018 All that Part and Parcel of A Land Measuring 1.653 Decimal=1 Kathha= 720 Sq.Ft. Covered Under Khata No-45, Khesra No-715, Touzi No-3135,Thana No-201 Situated at Mouza- Chandanpura, Thana-Naya Ramangar, Anchal-Jamalpur, Dist-Munger, Bihar in the Name of Naresh Kumar S/o Mahendra Ram Boundary : North-Heirs of Late Chamo Mandal , South-7 Ft. Wide Kacchi Gali , East-Monika Devi , West- Chandrakala Devi	Rs. 6,30,000/- as on 30.05.2024 + interest & Other Cost thereon till realization IFSC Code - CNRB0002270
8.	Rajwara Branch Muzaffarpur, Bihar Mob : 8210998507	Borrower / Mortgage - Sri. Devendra Kumar , S/o Sri Amir Kumar, At - Dahachapra, Po - Dhanaia, Muzaffarpur- 843125, Phone-8969690600 Co-Borrower - Sri. Vijayant Kumar , S/o Sri. Devyant Kumar, Vill - Dahachapra, Po- Dhanaia, Sahebganj - 843125, Phone - 8969402600	Rs. 21,32,612.00 As on 19.01.2024 + interest & Other Cost thereon till realization	All that part and parcel of the property consisting in the name Sri Devendra Kumar , S/o - Late Amir Kumar, Khata No-16, Khesra No- 655, Thana no 92, Area- 9 Decimal Boundary: North- Road , South- Amir Kuer , East- Road , West- Bishwanath Kuer & Govt. of Bihar . Location- At - Mauza Dahachapra , P.S- Sahebganj, Anchal - Sahebganj, Sub Registry Office - Paroo, Dist.- Muzaffarpur	Rs. 9,11,250/- as on 19.01.2024



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Sticky inflation: Why is RBI refusing to cut interest rates?



UDIT MISRA

ON FRIDAY, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) unveiled its latest bi-monthly monetary policy review and, for the eighth time in a row, decided that it would not change the benchmark policy rate, also called the repo rate.

The repo rate is the interest rate at which the RBI lends money to commercial banks. When RBI wants to incentivise economic activity in the broader economy, it reduces the repo rate, which makes it cheaper for banks to borrow from it and lend onwards to customers. When it wants to disincentivise economic activity, it raises the repo rate, which makes it costly for

everyone in the economy to borrow money. Movements in the repo rate thus have a significant impact on the EMIs you pay for your car, home, or business loan.

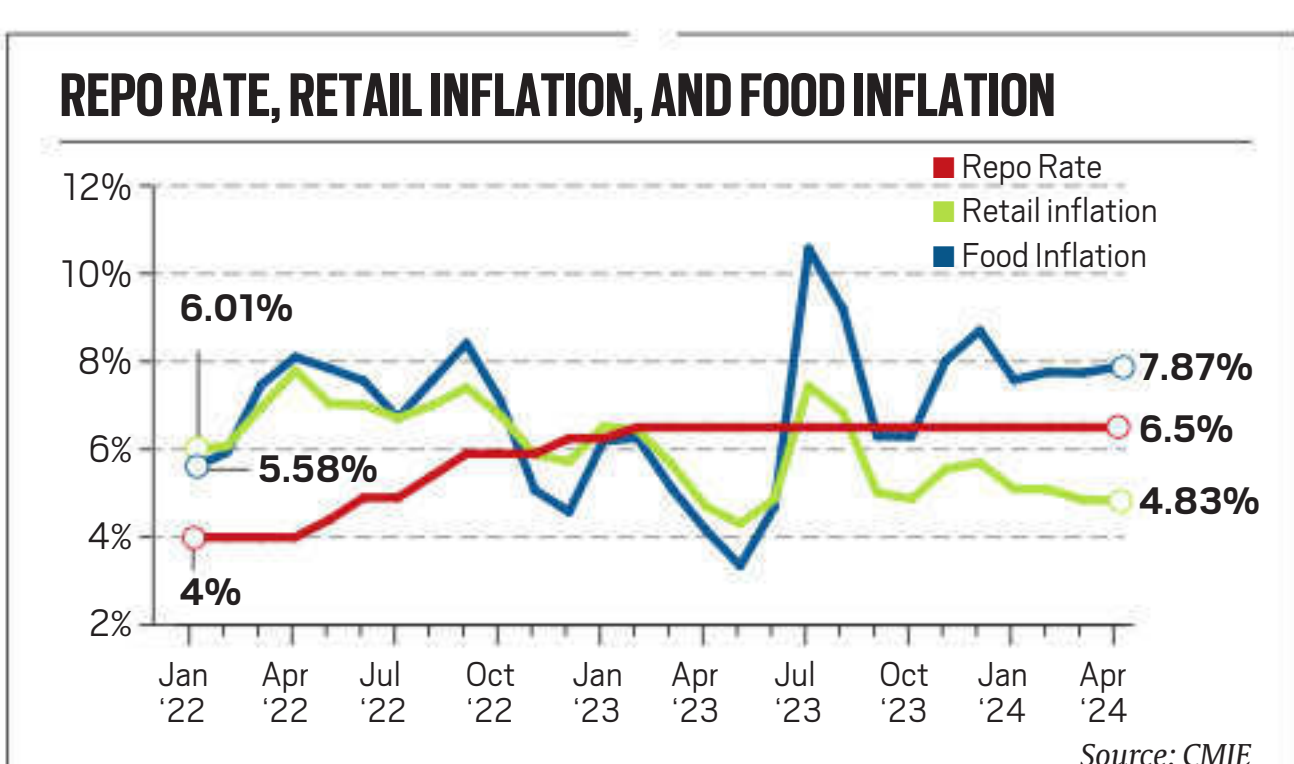
What is the goal of RBI's monetary policy?

The RBI has two goals. The primary goal is to maintain price stability in the economy. Simply put, the RBI aims to ensure that prices do not fluctuate beyond a reasonable degree. This fluctuation is measured by the retail inflation rate — the rate of price rise that is faced by the average individual consumer.

By law, the RBI is required to target an inflation rate of 4%, which means that the general price level should go up by 4% from one year to another.

Research suggests that this is the sweet spot where producers have an incentive to produce (and earn more) without being a huge disincentive for consumers (for whom inflation reduces purchasing power).

The secondary goal for RBI is to promote economic growth. When economic activity needs a boost — like when the economy



needed to recover from the shock of the Covid pandemic — the RBI cuts the repo rate to make it easy for consumers and producers alike to borrow money and spend. When inflation shoots significantly above the 4% mark — as in the wake of the Russia-Ukraine war — the RBI raises the repo rate to reduce the demand

for credit-fuelled consumption. Higher repo rates also imply it pays more to keep money in the bank instead of spending it.

Why is the RBI not cutting interest rates?

Currently, the retail inflation rate has been coming down closer to the 4% mark. In fact, it

has stayed within the so-called “comfort zone” of the RBI — anywhere between 2% and 6% — since September 2023 and yet, the RBI has not changed the repo rate since February 2023.

As the chart alongside shows, the repo rate was raised sharply between May 2022 and February 2023 but it has stayed stagnant at the 6.5% level since then. Why?

There are four broad reasons for it. One, despite keeping the repo rate consistently high, the retail inflation has not dropped to touch the 4% mark since January 2021. Although it has declined, the rate of its decline has been very gradual. In fact, the RBI has expressed its concern over the stickiness of inflation. In the first four months of 2024, the inflation rate has been 5.10%, 5.09%, 4.85%, and 4.83%, respectively.

Two, the RBI does not cut the repo rate as soon as the overall inflation rate falls to (or below) the 4% target in any one month. The RBI is, in the words of Governor Shaktikanta Das, “resolute in its commitment to aligning inflation to the target of 4.0 per cent on a durable basis”. The RBI has to be convinced that inflation rate will stay around the 4% mark sustainably. The RBI's policy statement

predicts that inflation is likely to fall below the 4% target in the near future but that fall would only be due to temporary reasons.

Three, as explained earlier, the RBI typically cuts the repo rate when it finds that economic activity needs a boost. However, India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate has been surprisingly strong over the past year in particular. The RBI upped the GDP forecast for the current financial year from 7% to 7.2%. Das said this would be the fourth consecutive year of more than 7% GDP growth rate by India. Under the circumstances, it is unlikely that repo rates are holding back India's economic growth.

Four, although not articulated by the RBI *per se*, the decision may have to do with India's forthcoming Union Budget. Most economists are waiting to see how the political compulsions of a coalition government will impact the Centre's commitment to fiscal deficit — the amount of money the government intends to borrow from the market. Higher than anticipated fiscal deficit has implications for both inflation (if more fresh money is printed) or interest rates (if there is less money for the private sector to borrow).

EXPLAINED HISTORY

CENTRAL HALL IN OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE: WHERE MODI ADDRESSED NDA

CHAKSHU ROY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

THREE DAYS after the 2024 Lok Sabha election results, in a meeting of the BJP-led NDA, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was unanimously elected as the coalition's Parliamentary Party leader in the Central Hall of the old Parliament building.

The circular Central Hall, topped by a dome 98 feet in diameter, has witnessed several historical events since it was established in 1927.

Can the Hall be used by parties or coalitions for private events?

The Parliament House Complex in the heart of New Delhi contains several buildings: the new Parliament House that was opened last year; the old Parliament House, the iconic circular building that has now been renamed as Constitution House; Parliament House Annexe; and the Parliament Library Building.

The Speaker of Lok Sabha is the custodian of the Parliament House Complex. Political parties and groups are allocated office space inside the complex. They can hold meetings with their members on these premises. In the past, political parties have held their Parliamentary Party meetings at venues within the complex, including at the Balayogi Auditorium in the Parliament Library Building.

What is the history of Central Hall?

Central Hall was originally used as the library for the members of the legislature. In 1946, when the Constituent Assembly needed a space to meet to deliberate on the Constitution of independent India, it was refurbished, benches were added, and its name was changed to Constituent Assembly Hall. The Constituent Assembly met at this venue for about three years between 1946 and 1949.

For what other purposes has Central



Modi with allies at Central Hall on Friday. PTI

Hall been used over the years?

It was primarily used for formal occasions such as the annual President's Address to Members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, and swearing-in ceremony of the President. It was also the venue for farewells of the President, and Parliamentary events like the outstanding Parliamentarian award ceremony.

The Central Hall was used for addresses by Heads of State of other countries such as by US-president Barack Obama in 2010. During the 14th Lok Sabha term (2004-2009), then Speaker Somnath Chatterjee organised lectures by academics such as the American economist Jeffrey Sachs and Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen at Central Hall.

During Parliament Sessions, members of both the Houses would convene at the spot to discuss issues of the day over tea and coffee. More recently, the venue was used for the National Conference of Women Legislators (in March 2016), and for centenary celebration of the Public Accounts Committee (2021).

What is the current status of the old Parliament House?

The chambers of the old Parliament House are currently not being used for holding Sessions. Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha meet in the new building. However, the Parliament Secretariat has some offices that still operate out of the old building.

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24 Muslim MPs in new Lok Sabha, none from BJP-led ruling alliance

ANJISHNU DAS
NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

ONLY 24 Muslims were elected to Lok Sabha this year, two fewer than in 2019. Of the 24, 21 MPs are from parties in the Opposition INDIA bloc. Congress has nine Muslim MPs, followed by the Trinamool Congress (TMC) with five, the Samajwadi Party (SP) with four, the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) with two, and the National Conference (NC) at one.

Unaffiliated AIMIM has one Muslim MP — party chief Asaduddin Owaisi himself. Two Muslim candidates have won as Independents — Engineer Rashid from Baramulla, and Mohammad Haneefa from Ladakh. The ruling NDA does not have a single Muslim MP.

Muslims now account for only 4.42% of Lok Sabha's total strength (Chart 1), the sec-

ond lowest share ever. After a record 49 Muslim MPs (9.04% of the House) were elected in 1980, and 45 Muslim MPs (8.3% of the House) were elected in 1984, the number of Muslims in Lok Sabha has never once crossed 40. In the last three Lok Sabha elections, the proportion of Muslim MPs has dropped below 5%. The share of Muslims in India's population was around 14% in the Census of 2011.

Among the major parties, there were fewer Muslims in the fray this time compared to the Lok Sabha elections of 2019 and 2014 — 11 major parties fielded a total of 82 Muslim candidates, of whom 16 won (Chart 2).

In 2019, these parties had fielded 115 Muslim candidates, 16 of whom won. In 2014, they had fielded 191 Muslim candidates, of whom 12 won.

As per 2011 Census data, there are 65 Lok Sabha constituencies where Muslims

account for at least 25% of the population. In 14 constituencies they account for at least half the population. Lakshadweep has the highest proportion of Muslims at 96.58%.

In 2019 and 2024, the BJP won the most seats among these 65 constituencies — 25 and 20 respectively (Chart 3). The Congress won 12 of these seats in 2019, and 13 in 2024, followed by the TMC at 10 and 12, and the SP at 3 and 8 respectively.

In 2019, just 19 of these 65 constituencies elected Muslim MPs. This year, the figure stands at 22.

The two Muslim MPs to be elected from constituencies where Muslims make up less than a quarter of a population are SP's Afzal Ansari from Ghazipur, UP (10.17% Muslim population), and IUML's Navaskani K from Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu (11.84% Muslim population). In 2019, there were seven Muslim MPs from constituencies with less than a quarter Muslim population.

Data: Election Commission of India

MUSLIM MPs IN EACH LOK SABHA

No. of Muslim MPs

Share (%) of Muslim MPs

5.11	4.66	5.26	5.38	5.41	5.90	9.04	8.30	6.24	5.37	4.97	5.16	5.89	6.45	5.16	4.24	4.79	4.42
25	23	26	28	28	32	49	45	33	29	27	28	32	35	28	23	26	24
1952	1957	1962	1967	1971	1977	1980	1984	1989	1991	1996	1998	1999	2004	2009	2014	2019	2024

PARTY-WISE MPs FROM SEATS WITH AT LEAST 25% MUSLIMS

Party	2019	2024	Party	2019	2024
BJP	25	20	NC	3	2
Cong	12	13	RLD	0	2
TMC	10	12	AGP	0	1
SP	3	8	AIMIM	1	1
Independent	0	2	Azad Samaj Party	0	1
IUML	2	2	JMM	1	1

MUSLIM MPs, CANDIDATES FROM MAJOR PARTIES

Party	2019	2024
Congress	4 (34)	7 (19)
BSP	3 (39)	0 (37)
TMC	4 (13)	5 (6)
SP	3 (8)	4 (4)
CPI(M)	1 (9)	0 (10)
CPI	0 (4)	0 (0)
RJD	0 (5)	0 (2)
DMK	0 (0)	0 (0)
NCP*	1 (3)	0 (2)
AIADMK	0 (3)	0 (1)
BJP	0 (3)	0 (1)

In parentheses, the number of candidates. *NCP was undivided in 2019. In 2024, each NCP faction fielded one Muslim candidate.

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, **NITIN DIXIT**, ADD. A-62, **AYUDH VIHAR**, PLOT-3, **SECTOR-13, DWARKA**, NEW DELHI-110078 changed my minor daughter name **IDHIKA** to **IDHIKA DIXIT**

0050243402-1

It is for general information that I, Kuldeep Sharma S/o Kundan Lal Sharma R/o House No-451-L, Model Town, Panipat, Haryana-132103, declare that name of my father and my mother has been wrongly written as Kundan Lal and Koushalaya Devi respectively in my Passport : U7445040. The actual name of my father and my mother are Kundan Lal Sharma and Koushalayawanti Sharma respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

007906983-1

It is for general information that , Anoop Kumar S/o Ashok Kumar, R/o Moh Nai Mandi, Narnaul, Po- Narnaul, Dist- Mahendragarh, Haryana-123001, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Anoop Garg in my minor son Vaibhav Garg aged 16 years in his 10th Class School Certificate Cum Marksheet. The actual name of mine is Anoop Kumar, which may be amended accordingly.

007906991-1

I, hitherto known as Monika Pahuja alias Kashish Arora, D/o Suraj Prakash Pahuja, W/o Kaushal Arora, R/O A-7/208-209, Sector-17, Rohini, North-West Delhi, Delhi-110089, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kashish Arora.

0040732784-11

I, Usha Arora W/o Satish Chander Khanijo R/o Villa No-39, The Palm Springs, Sector-54, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name from Usha Kumari Khanijo to Usha Arora for all future purposes.

0040732784-5

I, Sonia Chhabra W/o Sudhir Chawla R/o C-Pent house-01, Antriksh Golfview-2, Plot-GH-04B, Sector-78, Noida (U.P.) have changed my name to Sonia Chetandass Chhabra for all purposes.

0040732713-1

I, **SATYANARAYAN MITTAL** S/O- KRISHAN CHAND, R/o-B-29, 2nd-floor, SANGAM APARTMENT, NEAR RAJAPUR ROAD, SECTOR-9, ROHINI, DELHI-110085, have changed my name to SAT NARAYAN GUPTA.

0040732816-4

I, **SATISH KUMAR**, S/O. BASANT SINGH, ADD-B-313, DDA MIG-FLATS LONI-ROAD SHAHDARA, NORTH EAST DELHI-110093, CHANGED MY NAME TO SATISH KUMAR AHLAWAT, FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES

0040732814-6

I, **Ranjita** Pradhan, D/o-Bharat Pradhan, W/o Nilamani Parida, R/o-Tower A-96, 4th-Floor, Signature Global Park-5, Sector-36, Sohna-South of Gurgaon (Haryana) have changed my name to Ranjita Parida, for all Purposes.

0040732784-4

I, **RAVINDER** W/O ARVINDER SINGH R/O RZ-105, GALI NO.4,VISHNU GARDEN, DELHI-110018.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAVINDER KAUR.

0040732782-2

I, **PRITI SETHI**, W/O. BRIJ MOHAN DHINGRA, J-182 LIC COLONY PASCHIM-VIHAR SUNDER VIHAR WEST DELHI-110087, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME PREETI DHINGRA, FOR ALL PURPOSES

0040732816-6

I, **No-6949269L**, NK Divyansh Singh S/O Kuwar Singh R/O – Ratwa, Teh- Akbarpur, District Kanpur (Dehat)- UP. In all documents like Adhar card and birth certificate printed name is Divyansh Singh but in military record only Divyansh is written. So correction of name in military record is required to be changed and the correct name is Divyansh Singh.

0020476800-1

I, **Sandeep** S/o Satish Chand R/O C-32, STC Colony, Adchini, South Delhi-110017, have changed my name to Sandeep Pokhriyal.

0040732784-3

I, **No.15228692M** NK BAMBAM JHA, RESIDENT OF VPO- KUSOTIAR, DISTT- DARBHANGA, BIHAR- 847429, HAVE CHANGED THE NAME OF MY WIFE, FROM VANDNA JHA TO VANDNA KUMAR AND HER DATE OF BIRTH IS- 30/11/1993, VIDE- AFFIDAVIT NO. IN- DL99940163538420W.

0040732715-9

I, **Mira** Devi W/o Brajnaranayan Thakur R/o Vill- Ramnagar Parjuwara, PO-Arer, Distt- Madhubani, Bihar, inform that Bina Thakur and Mira Devi are same and one person names

0040732715-8

I, **MANU** DEVI W/o RAJBIR SINGH R/o -B-14, SAWAN PARK, ASHOK VIHAR, DELHI-110052, have changed my name to MANJU.

0040732782-4

I, **Dinesh** S/o Shyam Lal, R/o Devla, Gautam Budd Nagar U.P.-201306, have changed my name to Dinesh Kumar.

0040732816-1

I, **MAHRUN NISHA**, W/O MUNAWWAR ALI, R/O HOUSE NO-248, A. D. A COLONY, KHAIR ROAD, NEAR WATER TANK SHAHJAMAL, ALIGARH, UTTAR PRADESH-202001, have changed my name to MEHRUN NISHA.

0040732814-1

I, **Krishan** Pal Singh, S/o Sh. Sulkan Singh, R/o Quarter- No.6, Trainers-Building, Race Course Club, Lok Kalyan- Marg, New Delhi-110003, have changed the name of my minor daughter Jaspreet Maan aged 17-years to Jaspreet Kaur Maan, for all purposes.

0040732715-10

I, **Karuna** Batra W/o Amit Batra R/o 268-C, Ganga Apartment, Sector-29, Noida (U.P.) have changed my name to Karuna Madaan for all future purposes.

0040732713-2

I, **KURUVA** SEKHAR, presently residing at, SERVE.No.23/604, TEJAS ENCLAVE, AFS SOHNA-ROAD, GURUGRAM, HARYANA, PIN-122001, have changed my minor son's name from K ABHIRAM to KURUVA ABHIRAM vide- Affidavit dated-09.06.2024.

0040732814-8

I, **KUMARI** SAROJ, D/O CHANDRA SINGH RESIDING at RZ-80-B, RAJIV VIHAR, NAJAFGARH, DELHI-110043, have changed my name to SAROJ, all future purposes.

0040732784-2

I, **JASMINE** KAUR, W/O. RAMINDER SINGH BAKSHI, R/O-A-2B, 158A, EKTA APPARTMENTS, MIG FLATS, PASCHIM-VIHAR, NEW DELHI-110063, are adding Surname and changing my minor child name from SHANELLE to SHANELLE BAKSHI.

0040732782-5

I, **JAGJEET** SINGH S/O SANTOKH SINGH SETHI R/O PLOTNO.2171, SECTOR-123, SUNNY ENCLAVE, JANDPUR KHARAR, SAS-NAGAR, MOHALI, PUNJABI-140301, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO JAGJEET SINGH SETHI.

0040732782-3

I, **Hisamuddin** S/O Alimuddin R/O A-365, Street No-22, A-Block, Shri Ram Colony, Rajiv Nagar, Delhi-110094, have changed my name to HISAMUDDIN SAIFI.

0040732815-1

I, **Gurpreet** S/O Mukhtyar Singh R/O A-68, Second Floor, Fateh Nagar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018, Have Changed my Name to Gurpreet Chhabra.

0040732784-1

I, **Davidner** Singh Bakshi S/o Narinder Singh Bakshi R/o-D-134 Ajay, Enclave Tilak Nagar West Delhi-110018, have changed my minor daughter name Raiza Bakshi aged 17 year, to Raiza Kaur Bakshi

0040732816-2

I, **Surinder** Kumar S/o Thakur Datta R/o-18/76, Block-No.18, Geeta Colony, East Delhi-110031, have changed my name to Surinder Kindra.

0040732814-3

I, **DHEERAJ** MAKKAR S/o Sh.Devinder Makkar, R/o-12/20, Ist-Floor, Subhash-Nagar, New Delhi-110027, have changed my minor daughter's name, from KASHVI to KASHVI MAKKAR.

0040732815-3

I, **Bablu** Kumar, S/o Ram Kishan Sahni, R/o-B-102T/ F, Hanuman Gali, Near police Chowki, Dilshad colony, Jhilmil, East Delhi, Delhi-110095, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Balraj Sahni.

0040732813-1

I, **BRIJ** RAJ SINGH RAWAT, S/O CHANDER PAL SINGH, R/O- H2/144D, MAHAVIR-ENCLAVE-1, PALAM-VILLAGE, SOUTH-WEST DELHI, DELHI-110045, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO BRIJRAJ SINGH, FOR ALL PURPOSE.

0040732815-5

I, **Anulata** Kashyap@ Mamta, W/o Harish Kashyap, R/O A-129, Gali.No.-2, DELHI-110092, declare that Anulata Kashyap and Mamta both names are one and same person.

0040732784-10

I, **Anurkriti** Anurag, D/O Teena Anuraj R/O 45, First Floor, Rishi Apartments, Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Anurkriti Anurag Mittal.

0040732813-2

I, **Anita** Sampat Misal W/o Late Sanjay Pangasa R/O M.N.K-357/B, K-Block, Gali No-6B, Mahipalpur Extn., Mahipalpur New Delhi-110037, have changed my name to ANITA PANGASA.

0040732709-1

I, **AVNEET** SARNA, W/O JASPREET SINGH SARNA, HO-NO-18/57, G/F, WEST PUNJABI BAGH DELHI-110026, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AVNEET KAUR SARNA, FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0040732816-5

I, **ARVINDER** S/O BALWINDER SINGH R/O RZ-105, GALI NO.4, VISHNU GARDEN, DELHI-110018, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ARVINDER SINGH.

0040732782-1

I, **Vipul** Mittal S/o Kishan Chand Mittal, R/O C-64, Upper-Ground Floor, Pushpanjali-Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my minor daughter's name from Saisha Mittal to DIV Saisha Mittal.

0040732707-1

I, **Rohit** S/o Govind Kumar R/o T-220, Baljeet Nagar New Delhi-8 have changed my name to Rohit Kumar.

0040732815-2

I, **Vinayak** Priyawk Tripathi S/O Vijay Shanker Tripathi, R/o 10/5, Sarvriya Vihar, New Delhi, Hauz Khass, South Delhi-110016, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Vinayak Priyank Tripathi.

0070907045-1

I, **Vansh** Bharti alias Vansh Vaid S/o, Manish Bharti R/o, H.No.92/A, 2/F, F, Gali-No.5, East-Guru Anagad-Nagar, Anand-Vihar, Delhi-110092, have changed my-name to Vansh Vaid.

0040732715-3

I, **Sunder** Kumar Goel alias Surendra Kumar alias Surinder Kumar S/o, Jagdamba Prasad R/o, A-3, First-Floor, Chander-Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar-Pradesh-201011, have changed my-name to Surendra Kumar Goel.

0040732814-4

I, **Sunita** D/o Late, Ram Parkash R/o 5-P-26, NIT, Faridabad-121001, Haryana, have change my name to Sunita Ralhan Permanently

0040732715-6

I, **Shanu** Dwivedi S/o Minesh Chandra Dwivedi R/O M-107, Logix Blossom County, Sector-137, Gautam-Buddnagar, Noida, U.P.-201301, have changed my-name to Animesh Dwivedi.

0040732814-2

I, **Sabhya** Saini S/O Manish Saini R/O D-230 Vivek Vihar phase-1, East Delhi, Delhi, 110095 have changed my name to SABHAY SAINI for all future purposes via affidavit dated 06-06-24 sworn before notary SP Singh

0070907026-1

I, **SURABHI** GUPTA ALIAS SURABHI ASHOK GUPTA ALIAS SURABHI GUPTA GHUMAN D/O ASHOK KUMAR GUPTA R/O H.NO. 1009, POCKET-A SECTOR-A, VASANT KUNJ, DELHI-110070 have changed my name to SURABHI GUPTA for all purpose.

0070907036-1

I, **Surinder** Kaur Viridi W/o Surinder Singh R/o C-5, Saraswati Garden, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Surinder Kaur.

0040732715-2

I, **SUNIL** KUMAR S/O NAND KISHOR R/O 1166/76, DEVA RAM PARK, TRI NAGAR, DELHI-110035 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SUNIL BANSAL FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES.

0070907024-1

I, **Raxha** Rani W/o Rakesh Residing RZ-G-112, 30 Feet Road, Sitapur Part-2, New Delhi-110045 I have changed my name from Raxha Rani to RAKSHA GARG

0040732710-1

I, **Rajesh** S/o Radheshayam, Add-H.No.499, Nai-Basti, Kishan-Ganj, Malka Ganj, North-Delhi-110007, have changed my minor daughter's name from Vaishali to Mansi Varma permanently.

0040732712-1

I, **Parvesh** Sharma S/O Rajendra prasad, R/O 35 S0, Dakshina prasad, JNU New Campus, J N U Vasant Vihar South West Delhi-110067, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Parvesh Haradi.

0070907047-1

I, **Parveen** Kumar Sharma S/o Shyam Sunder Sharma, R/o G-2,86, 3rd-Floor, Sector-16 Rohini Delhi-11085, have changed my name to Parveen Sharma

0040732816-3

I, **Pallavi**, W/O Ghanshyam Saini R/o RZ-E-668/15A, Palam Colony, Gali No 18-C1, Sadh Nagar-2, Nasirpur, Po: Palam Village, South West Delhi-110045, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Pallavi Saini

0070907049-1

I, **Neelam** Deshwal W/o Tejbir Chaudhary R/o 19, Sadakpur Urfa Kajeepura, Kavi Nagar, Ghaziabad, UP-201002 have changed my name to NEELAM CHAUDHARY for all purposes.

0070906999-1

I, **Manish** Goyal S/O Arjun Goyal, R/o 1/2210, Ram Nagar, Shahdara, North East Delhi-110032, I have changed the name of my minor daughter Mansi Goyal alias Kumari Mansi Goyal aged about 4 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Sneha Goyal

0070907051-1

I, **Maneet** Kaur Juneja W/o Lalit Banialw R/o, Appu-Enclave, CGHS-Ltd., Flat No-A-904, Plot-No.3D, Sector-11, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075, have changed my name to Manmeet Kaur Juneja.

0040732715-5

I, **MANJEET** SINGH, S/O-MAHARAJ KRISHAN, R/O-470/15, JOSHI-ROAD, KAROL-BAGH, DELHI-110005, DECLARE THAT NAME OF MY FATHER IS WRONGLY WRITTEN IN MY PASSPORT. NO. L5825957 AS MAHARAJ SINGH. CORRECT NAME OF MY FATHER IS MAHARAJ KRISHAN.

0040732815-4

I, **Lalit** Kumar S/o Asha Ram Ji R/o Appu Enclave, CGHS Ltd., Flat No-A.904, Plot.No.3D, Sector-11, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075, have changed my name to Lalit Baniwal.

0040732715-4

I, **Krishan** Lal S/o Sant Ram R/o B-1/136, Paschim Vihar, West Delhi, Delhi-110063, have changed my name to Krishna Lal Arora.

0040732715-1

I, **Ex -No-9103009H**, LNK Abdul Jabbar Wani, S/O-Ghulam Ahmad Wani, R/O- Ahmisharif, Tehsil/District- Bandipora. In my service records the name & D o B of my daughted has been wrongly mentioned as Tabish Akhter (D o B- 22-08-2003 instead of Tabish Jabbar D o B- 03-03-2005 and also the D o B of my son namely Furkan Ahmad Wani has been wrongly mentioned as 01-01-2008 instead of 17-02-2009. It needs corrections. Objections be filled to Unit 3 JAKLI..

0020476801-1

I, **Krish** Verma S/O Sanjay Kumar, R/O RZ 15, E/1, Sagar pur, Mangal Raya S/O, Dist-South West Delhi-110046. Declare that Name of My Father and My Mother has been wrongly written as Sanjay Kumar Verma and Shashi Prabha in my 10th and 12th Class Certificate, Birth Certificate and Passport No- P9325398. The actual name of My Father and My Mother are Sanjay Kumar and Shashi Prabha, which may be amended accordingly.

00790907057-1

I, **INDERJEET** SINGH BEDI S/O HARRDIP BEDI R/O 4137, T-10, CHESTNUT, MAHAGUN MYWOODS, GC-2, SEC-16C, GREATER NOIDA WEST, GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR, UP-201318 have changed my name to INDDER BEDI for all future purposes.

00790907019-1

I, **Raj** Kumar Balasaria S/O Luxmi Narayan, R/O Ward No -14, Boriydan Dharmshala, Nohar, Hanumangarh, Rajasthan-33523, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Raj Kumar.

0079097054-1

I, **Happy** Basra S/o Sh. Ram Sarup, holder of Indian Passport No. V3251656, R/O Vpo. Khrothran Kalan, Teh Banga, Sbs Nagar, Pin: 144526, Punjab, India have changed my name Happy and surname Kumar.

0079097010-1

I, **HARDEEP** S BEDI S/O HIMMAT SINGH BEDI R/O 4137, T-10, CHESTNUT, MAHAGUN MYWOODS, GC-2, SEC-16C, GREATER NOIDA WEST, GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR, UP-201318 have changed my name to HARRDIP BEDI for all future purposes.

0079097010-1

I, **Gaurav** S/O Tilak Raj R/O H.No-J-166A, sector-9, Vijay Nagar Ghaziabad UP-201009 have changed my name to Gaurav Kumar for all future purposes

0079097016-1

I, **Atul** S/O Ramesh Kumar, R/o V-38 A, Block V, Near Santoshi Mata Mandir, Budh Vihar Phase-1, Sultanpuri C Block, North West Delhi-110086, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Atul Singla.

0079097055-1

I, **Anand** S/o Shankar Lal R/O 68/3, UGF, Madan Park, East Punjab Bagh, New Delhi-110026, have changed my-name to Anand Panwar.

0040732814-5

I, **Amina** Nazam, W/O- No- JC-595564N, Sub Fayaz Ahmad Wad, RO- Jugtviyal, District- Kupwara-193222. In my father's service record my name and D o B has been wrongly mentioned as Aerzoo Fayaz (D o B- 21-04-06 instead of Aerzoo Fayaz D o B- 05-01-2008. It needs corrections .Objections be filled to concerned authorities within seven days.

0020476798-1

I, **Aarzoo** Fayaz, D/O- No- JC-595564N, Sub Fayaz Ahmad Wad, RO- Jugtviyal, District- Kupwara-193222. In my father's service record my name and D o B has been wrongly mentioned as Aerzoo Fayaz (D o B- 21-04-06 instead of Aerzoo Fayaz D o B- 05-01-2008. It needs corrections .Objections be filled to concerned authorities within seven days.

0020476799-1

I, **ABHISHEKH** SINHA, S/O SUSHIL KUMAR, R/O FLAT NO. 1201, 12TH FLOOR, TOWER C, MULBERRY COUNTRY, 70, BALLABGHARH, FARIDABAD, 121004, HARYANA, INDIA. Have changed my name to ABHISHEK SINHA For all future purposes.

0079097059-1

I, **Swati** Samalia D/o Sh. Kanhaiya Lal W/o Sh. Vipul Jain R/O 9/5, IInd Floor, South Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008 have changed my name after marriage to Swati Jain for all purposes.

0040732699-1

I **Shiv** Narayan alias Shiv Narayan Chawla S/o Late Sh. Madan Lal Chawla R/O 168, Janta Flats, GTB Enclave, East Delhi, DELHI-110095 have changed my name to Shiv Narayan Chawla for all purposes.

0040732699-4

I **Ramesh** Singh S/o Late Sh. Ram Singh R/o 42, Village Sahipur, Shalimar Bagh, North West Delhi, Delhi-110088 have changed my name to Ramesh Kumar for all purposes.

0040732699-3

I **Kamal** Kumar S/O, Raj Kumar R/O House No.- A123, Sector-27, Noida, Gautam Buddh Nagar, UP-201301 have changed my name to Amandeep Singh.

0040732735-1

I **Dinesh** Kumar Jain Alias D. K. Jain Alias Dinesh Kumar S/o Trilok Chand Jain R/o D-423 Defence Colony, Lajpat Nagar, South Delhi, Delhi-110024, have changed my name to Dinesh Jain

0079096984-1

I **Deepak** Kumar S/O, Hawa Singh R/o A32, Street No 1, Pochanpur Extn. Sector 23 Dwarka, New Delhi 110077 have changed my name to Deepak Kumar Dhankhar.

0040732732-1

I **Aishwarya** Goel D/o Sh. Ashok Kumar Goel W/o Sh. Varun Jain R/o 9/5, IInd Floor, South Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008 have changed my name after marriage to Aishwarya Jain for all purposes.

0040732699-2

I **Daksh** Pathak S/O Rajesh Pathak R/O 182, Pathkan Tola, Near Mandir, Sakarwat, Sakarwat (585), Rewa, Madhya Pradesh- 486450, have changed my name to Rajni Kant Pathak

0079097061-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
Re: Property bearing No. 1A, area 100 sq. yds., out of Kharsa No.206174, situated at Village Akbarpur Behrampur, Pargana – Loni, Tehsil and Distt. Ghazabad U.P.; hereinafter referred to as the "said property".
NOTICE is hereby given to General Public in respect of my client, Mr. Alok Sio Mr. Bharat Singh R/o H. No. 21/A, Vill Basant Vihar, Ghaziabad, UP, has informed us that he is the sole and absolute owner of the said property vide Sale Deed executed by Mr. Joginder Singh in his favour and registered as Document No. 11637 in Book No. 1, Vol No. 10482, pages 239-256 on 30.10.2023 (SRO G2B-V). Our client has further informed us that the original Sale Deed registered as Document No. 910, Book No. 1, Volume No. 2532, pages 380-393, on 09.03.2011 executed by Mrs. Darshan Rajput in favour of Mrs. Meenakshi Yadav, in respect of the said property, forming part of chain documents and hereinafter called the "said document" has been lost, misplaced and not traceable. An FIR regarding loss of the said document has been lodged by our client with Delhi Police Crime Branch vide LR No.1793565/2024 dated 06/06/2024.
If the aforesaid original said document is found or has been found by any person, the same may be returned and delivered to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below. Further, if any person, body, institution is having any claim and/or objection in respect of the said property, he/she/they may raise his/her/ their objection(s), in writing, with documentary evidence, by registered AD Post, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 07 days of publication of this notice. Otherwise, after expiry of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, no objection shall be acceptable. General Public may also take note that any deal or transaction done by anybody on the basis of the said document shall be illegal and not binding on our client. The person doing so shall be liable to be prosecuted under the law.

MANOJ SHARMA, ADVOCATE
For M/s Intelective Law Offices
A-74, Lower Ground Floor, Defence Colony, New Delhi-24

PUBLIC NOTICE
Reg: Eastern Side Portion of First Floor, without roof rights, area measuring 85 Sq. Yds., (hereinafter referred to as the "said Floor"). Built up on Property No. T-73, area measuring 85 sq. yds., out of total area measuring 255 Sq. Yds., falling in Kharsa No. 18/112, situated in the abadi of Vasant Garden, New Delhi.; (hereinafter referred to as the "said Property"). Be it known to all that our clients, Mr. Satish Kumar and Mrs. Pooja Sharma (hereinafter called the "Purchaser") intend to purchase the said floor from Mr. Sanjay Mongia (hereinafter called the "Seller"). In this connection, the Seller has informed the purchaser that he is the sole and absolute owner in respect of the said floor vide Sale Deed executed by Mr. Hardeep Singh, Mr. Swarandeep Singh & Mr. Ranjeet Singh in his favour in respect of the said floor. The said deed is registered as Document No. 11605, in Book No. 1, Volume No. 23655, pages 153-162, on 05.10.2018 (SRO Basal Darapur). The seller has further informed the purchaser that the said property was owned by Mr. Khacheru & Others who sold the said property to Mr.Vr Singh vide Sale Deed dated 03.02.1971. Mr. Vr Singh executed a registered GPA in favour of Mr. Hardayal Singh and also executed an ATS and Will in favour of Mrs. Sujit Kaur in respect of the said property. Both of them expired leaving behind the following legal heirs viz. Sarabjeet Kaur, Hardeep Singh, Swarandeep Singh and Mr. Ranjeet Singh. The said property devolved on them. Later on, Mrs. Sarabjeet Kaur executed a Relinquishment Deed registered as Document No.6972, in Book No. 1, Volume No. 20806, pages 159-162, registered on 06.04.2013. (SRO-Janakpuri II) in favour of Hardeep Singh, Swarandeep Singh and Mr. Ranjeet Singh. Thus, they became the owner of the said property and sold the said floor, as aforesaid, to Mr. Sanjay Mongia. Thus, Mr. Sanjay Mongia became the sole and absolute owner of the said property. The Seller has also informed the purchaser that the said floor is not mortgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending regarding the said floor.

Any person including Bank/s, Financial Institution/s, relative/s having any claim, right, title or any interest of any nature whatsoever but or upon the said property is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 07 days of publication of this notice and in the event of no response having been received by the notice, the title of the seller in respect of the said floor shall be deemed to be clear of any charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever and any subsequent claim shall not bind our client/Purchaser, in any manner whatsoever.

Manoj Sharma, Advocate
M/s Intelective Law Offices
A-74, LGF Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024

PUBLIC NOTICE
My clients Sh. PAWAN KUMAR GUPTA S/o Sh. ANAND Prakash Gupta and his wife NISHA GUPTA R/O C-28, New Acharya Kripalani Road, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi-110033 severly all relations & disowned/debarred their SON & PANKAJ KUMAR GUPTA from all movable/immovable property/assets due to his misbehavior/misconduct. Anybody dealing with him shall do at their own risk.

LUCKY RATHI, ADVOCATE
Add-373, Ground Floor, Pocket 4, Sector 22, Rohini, Delhi-110085

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to all through this Public Notice that my clients Sh. Devender Kumar Rajput S/o Late Sh. Chakrya Rajput and Mrs. Meeta Choudhary W/o Devender Kumar Rajput Both R/o 763, Gali, Bakhtapur Pur, Delhi-11006 have severed all their of relationship and disowned/debarred their son namely Sh. Nitin Chaudhary and his brother in law namely Son. Kirti Singh, Chaban Both R/o Kh. No. 1722 Ground Floor, Gali, Bakhtapur Pur, Delhi-11006 from their all movable and immovable property and dealing with in any manner, shall do the same on his/her own risk and my clients shall not be responsible for any act, deed and omission of their aforesaid son & daughter in law, hereinafter.

UTKASHI SHARMA
ADVOCATE
Ck. No. 298, Western Wing
The Hazrat Courts, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public at large is hereby informed that My client Mr. Divjan Singh Tokas S/o Late Sh. Bharat Singh Tokas is intended to buy the Bulk-up Property Bearing No.1361, with all its Roof Rights/Terrace Rights, measuring 46.24 sq. mtrs. out of Kharsa No.142, situated in the abadi of Old Lal Dora Village, Munirka, New Delhi-110067 (hereinafter called the "said Property") from Mrs. Rajni W/o Sh. Preet Tokas who is presently owner of the said Property by virtue of Sale Deed dated 07.12.2021 registered as Doc. No.S215 with the office of Sub Registrar V.I., Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi. Therefore, by way of this Public Notice it is hereby notified that any person, Attorney and/or entity, firm/company, society and/or member of



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

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Given all-round uncertainty, both global and domestic, the RBI has wisely decided to err on the side of caution

FOR THE EIGHTH-TIME in a row, the Reserve Bank of India has opted to maintain the status quo on the benchmark interest rates. As such, the repo rate, the interest rate at which the RBI lends money to commercial banks, will remain at 6.5 per cent. The RBI's primary objective in deciding the repo rate is to maintain price stability in the economy. By law, it has to target a retail inflation level of 4 per cent. The secondary objective for the RBI is to promote growth. Given that retail inflation is still above 4 per cent while GDP growth was above 8 per cent for the financial year 2023-24, this decision seems reasonable. But, looking ahead, while the RBI appeared more sanguine about India's growth, it was also a little more concerned about the stickiness of retail inflation.

On GDP growth, the RBI upped its forecast for the current financial year from 7 per cent to 7.2 per cent. In response, the benchmark Sensex soared by more than 1,720 points (or over 2 per cent) to hit a life-time intraday high of 76,795. The RBI noted that high frequency indicators of domestic activity are showing resilience in 2024-25. "The south-west monsoon is expected to be above normal, which augurs well for agriculture and rural demand. Coupled with sustained momentum in manufacturing and services activity, this should enable a revival in private consumption. Investment activity is likely to remain on track, with high capacity utilisation, healthy balance sheets of banks and corporates, government's continued thrust on infrastructure spending, and optimism in business sentiments," the MPC said.

However, on inflation, its primary concern, the RBI seems to have some worries. It is not as if inflation is not trending down — headline inflation has seen sequential moderation since February 2024 — but this decline has been in a very narrow range, from 5.1 per cent in February to 4.8 per cent in April. This has led to a growing divergence within the RBI's six-member Monetary Policy Committee, with two members voting for a cut in interest rate while the other four choosing to stay put. Clearly the hawks (members who are more bothered about inflation rearing its head once again) continue to dominate the doves (members who take a more benign view of inflation prospects) within the MPC. When questioned, Governor Shaktikanta Das clarified that the RBI's goal is not to cut rates as soon as they touch the 4 per cent mark, rather to cut when the policymakers are convinced that inflation will stay at or around that level sustainably. High inflation, especially food price inflation, has been a crucial concern among voters in the just-concluded elections. Given the all-round uncertainty, both global (geo-political tensions) and local (rising incidence of adverse climate events on food prices), the RBI has wisely decided to err on the side of caution.

A WOMAN'S PLACE

For politics to be a more equal place, women must be leaders and decision-makers, not just voters and beneficiaries

IN SEPTEMBER LAST year, when the Women's Reservation Bill was passed in Parliament, it raised hopes of a more gender-equal legislature. The near-unanimous support for a Bill that promised 33 per cent reservation to women in Lok Sabha and state assemblies seemed to frame a political class that had finally accepted an idea whose time had come. Yet, eight months on, with the 18th Lok Sabha set to convene for its first session in a few weeks, the number of women in the lower House has dropped, from 78 out of 543 (an all-time high) in the 17th Lok Sabha to 73. It is clear that greater efforts must be made to break from the boys-club mindset, which continues to dominate politics.

Since the 1991 general election, when the gap between male and female voter turnouts started narrowing, women's imprint on the political landscape has only become larger and deeper. In the recent elections too, while the number of women who turned out to vote saw a dip in some phases, the overall gender gap was almost non-existent, with both male and female voter turnout pegged at about 66 per cent by the Election Commission. Women have used the power that comes with their participation to shape electoral outcomes, with even political parties recognising the growing importance of the "woman vote". This recognition has mostly taken the form of targeted welfare schemes that have often taken campaign centrestage, including in the recent Lok Sabha polls: In West Bengal, for instance, the popularity of women-centric schemes such as Lakshmir Bhandar, a monthly cash transfer to over 2 crore women, is believed to have helped in sustaining the dominance of the ruling TMC. Earlier, the impact of Laadli Behna was seen to play a role in the BJP's return to power in the Madhya Pradesh assembly polls.

Yet, for women to have any real impact in politics, they cannot only be viewed as voters and beneficiaries — the national political imagination will need to accommodate and embrace the idea of women leaders and decision-makers. Other countries can show the way: In Mexico, which elected its first woman president, Claudia Sheinbaum, this week, quotas for women at every level of politics, including at the ticket distribution stage, have helped in the rapid progress of gender equality. Countries like Norway, Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands, with the highest female political representation, employ other kinds of affirmative action; parties in Sweden, for example, use the "zipper system", wherein candidate lists alternate between male and female candidates. For India, the Women's Reservation Bill is neither the beginning nor the end of the road to gender parity in politics — it is one milestone among many more to come.

AMERICA'S NEW GAME

Cricket has been less than a fringe sport in America. After its World Cup win over Pakistan, that may be poised to change

UPSETS ARE MORE frequent in the T20 version of cricket, with weaker teams having to match their stronger counterparts over a shorter duration. Still, Thursday's World Cup result in Dallas — hosts USA defeating former world champions Pakistan — can prove to be a significant watermark in the popularity of the game in the biggest sports market in the world. Cricket has been less than a fringe sport in America, of interest mostly to first- and second-generation immigrants from the sub-continent and the Caribbean. But America loves a winner, especially one who prevails against the odds. The home team's unexpected win over Pakistan, which has won both the T20 and ODI world titles in the past, could give a big fillip to the game in the US. Breaking into the most affluent sports market in the world may reduce the ICC's financial dependence on India.

The team representing the Star and Stripes at the World Cup doesn't have a single player who has learnt the ropes of the sport in the country. The next step in the growth of the sport would be to introduce cricket in schools and colleges, which are the breeding grounds for future stars of basketball, baseball and gridiron. Here, cricket could follow the example of football, which was once a preserve of Hispanics, but has since developed a much wider following. The American women's team have been world champions while their male counterparts are regulars at FIFA World Cups and often punch above their weight. The sides have a large proportion of players who may not have roots in traditional football-crazy countries.

The T20 World Cup, till now, was riding piggyback on Indian eyeballs, both in the US and the subcontinent. Even the match timings cater to the Indian market. Sunday's India-Pakistan game is the most hyped fixture of the tournament, with its success dependent on how far India advances. Going ahead, the impact of the co-hosts making a big splash in a new game must not be under-estimated.



GIRISH KUBER

IF UTTAR PRADESH, which single-handedly marred the BJP's chances of a third term on its own, was a sweet electoral cake for the INDIA bloc, Maharashtra was its icing. While the changing currents of UP's political waters were barely visible to most, it was hard to miss the signs of the BJP's near rout in Maharashtra. That said, the outcome in Maharashtra underscores three important points.

One, the BJP's remarkable ability to score self-goals; two, its exceptional ineptitude in understanding Sharad Pawar's skill in bringing all those who matter together for political gains, and three, Uddhav Thackeray rising to the challenge and displaying an as-yet unseen elasticity in political manoeuvring.

Like in UP, the BJP's central leadership had taken complete charge of the election machinery — from candidate selection to campaigning — in Maharashtra. And like in UP, it was blind to ground realities. Not only was it oblivious to dissenting notes within its own ranks, it also oversimplified the effects of inducting Ajit Pawar and his ilk. The BJP's existence in Maharashtra largely depends on its consistent anti-Pawarism. This began in 1995 when the saffron combine defeated Sharad Pawar, then a Congressman, to form the first BJP-Shiv Sena government in the state.

The BJP has historically deployed every possible tool — from Anna Hazare to G R Khairnar, a former municipal official and self-styled anti-corruption crusader — to undermine, if not beat, Sharad Pawar. Two years ago, when it absorbed Ajit Pawar, the BJP tried to defy its own history. The current Parliament election outcome is proof of how the move backfired.

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NDA's failure in the state speaks of perils of managing regional aspirations by remote control

To beat Sharad Pawar at his own game, the BJP should have capped its bravado in taking on political fights and looked at what he does behind the scenes. This election, when the BJP propped up his high-profile nephew, Ajit, Pawar Sr silently worked to save his fief in Baramati. Through social engineering, he brought his political rivals on board, not letting his ego come in the way. In Marathi, this is called 'berajache rajkaran' (politics of adding in, or inclusion) — a term he borrowed from his mentor, the late Yashwantrao Chavan.

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This has helped Pawar never burn bridges, even with rivals. Ajit Pawar and the BJP ignored this, only to realise how all those believed to be Ajit supporters silently worked for Pawar Sr's daughter, Supriya Sule. Sharad Pawar lives politics. The octogenarian worked so tirelessly in this election that the BJP could win only two seats of the 12 in what was once its bastion, Vidarbha, and it has no seats in Marathwada.

In the outgoing Parliament, the BJP and then-unified Shiv Sena had 42 of 48 MPs from Maharashtra. The BJP's strength was 23 from the 25 seats it contested while Shiv Sena had won 18 of 23 in 2019. On the other hand, the Congress could muster victory in just one seat though it had contested as many as 24 in 2019, while its partner Sharad Pawar's NCP managed to win four of 20. The 2024 election offers a completely different scenario. The BJP has come down to an awful low of nine and though humiliated as rudderless, directionless and headless, the Congress has increased its tally to 13 from just one in 2019. Pawar's strike rate, though, is most impressive.

His outfit, the NCP, contested 10 seats of which it won as many as seven and missed

one by a whisker. Equally impressive is the Grand Old Party which entered into the contest in 17 constituencies of which it won 13. Notwithstanding the BJP and the NDA's seemingly unassailable hold over the state, the Opposition this time successfully halted the BJP's juggernaut and pushed it back into a corner.

The emerging political landscape looks more interesting considering the ensuing state assembly elections, slated in October. Having won 30 seats out of 48, the trinity of Shiv Sena, Congress and NCP now has a strong foothold in 180 state assembly segments of the total 288.

One doesn't have to be a political pundit to sense which way the Maharashtra assembly may go three months down the line. In recent Parliament elections, the Opposition's success was due to its strategy to make the BJP fight Maharashtra on its terms and make it a localised election. On the other hand, the BJP kept pushing its "Modi-versus-who" narrative though it found little resonance.

The combined strength of Uddhav Thackeray-Sharad Pawar coupled with the Congress this time successfully thwarted the BJP's attempt to set the narrative. If viewed in the backdrop of PM Modi's 20 election meetings, an equal number of pre-election visits and roadshows, the NDA's failure is a stark reminder of the perils of managing states and state leaders' aspirations by remote control. Not known for accepting its mistakes, the BJP's central leadership may need to display its nimble-footedness in taking corrective steps. Else, come October, it may be in for another shocker.

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HOW DID EXAM paper leaks in the Hindi heartland become one of the top poll issues, and what does it say about India's young demography?

The 2024 Lok Sabha election results have thrown up several issues to be decoded around social engineering experiments steered by political parties. It is a classic case study of how the often mundane agendas of education and employment for the young can become surprising centrepieces of politics.

Exam paper leaks and scams in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Bihar, among other states, have been a key concern for young voters in the age group of 18-25. An investigation by The Indian Express ('The big all India exam leak', February 6) bears this out as 41 paper leaks over the last five years in 15 states affected 1.4 crore job seekers who had applied for over one lakh vacancies. Why this translated into angst and disappointment among the young voters needs to be understood, especially as exams continue to get cancelled and recruitment for state-level government jobs is postponed.

Large-scale examinations, conducted through standardised testing, are often considered to be a reliable mechanism in the educational framework. Globally, the model is known for its efficacy in saving time and administering tests through common rubrics in entry to higher education institutions. The well-known Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and American College Testing (ACT) are also critiqued for testing individual knowledge within a limited curriculum and rote learning.

Without much thought, the standardised testing model is replicated in recruitment processes for its ability to examine (and eliminate) large numbers of candidates in a specific span of time. The standardised exam, un-

PLUG THE LEAKS

Exam paper scams becoming a major poll issue highlights need to listen to youth

like any other testing procedure, locates the individual within a massive cohort that may be preparing differently, but appears and competes together for a given number of positions. For jobs ranging from entry-level positions such as data operator to teaching in schools and colleges, this is a common recruitment method used by the state public service commissions. The preparation for aspirants coming from remote rural backgrounds and marginalised castes, however, comes with the pressure of debts undertaken to pay fees of applications, coaching centres and computer training centres and rent.

The gruelling making of a dream takes a minute to turn into failure with the news of question paper leaks and exam cancellation.

Sample this: In UP itself, three major competitive exams for government jobs were hit by question paper leaks in 2024. The latest in this list was the UP police constable recruitment exam in February, in which over 48 lakh candidates appeared. One must not overlook the outrage brewing among young aspirants which is said to have had the biggest impact on the BJP's poll prospects in the state. The INDIA bloc neatly tapped into the looming uncertainty among the youth when it announced fast-track courts and monetary compensation to aspirants. In Rajasthan, question paper leaks for recruitment exams remain a rampant problem, occurring with alarming frequency. With over 12 paper leaks during the Congress tenure in the state, its impact on the state's legislative elections in December 2023 was palpable.

For each paper leak scandal, the question to be asked is: What must be the compensation for years of labour, exorbitant financial cost, and the emotional toll incurred by lakhs of candidates who pin all their hopes on the exam? Beneath this question is also the fatigue of reappearing for the exams and the

fear of a new generation of aspirants joining the queue as exams get cancelled.

The time and dreams spent by young aspirants to crack recruitment exams are irreplaceable. These exams are also their shot at generational mobility by securing a government job. We must also take into consideration the extensive planning that goes into exam preparation — with migration to cities to attend coaching classes, taking up jobs that do not match educational qualifications and skills, and arranging alternative means of sustenance.

The inaction and lack of appropriate measures to curb the leaks are compounded by anxiety and disappointment among youth. With multiple shifts and the involvement of a nexus of commercial players, including coaching centres, printing presses, and consulting agencies, the absence of a robust and transparent mechanism to conduct exams is a problem that must be taken seriously. Even after passing the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) 2024, the government ought to ask whether deploying special task forces to investigate the organised use of unfair means in examinations is constructive. The cancellation of recruitment procedures has meant a spiralling of crises in the already scarce job market.

Perhaps, having its ears to the ground could have helped the BJP. Urban "influencers" gathering in New Delhi did not help placate the young voters. And don't forget, the young voter base was credited for the BJP's landslide victories in 2014 and 2019. In the 2024 elections, education, employment and social justice triumphed over the rhetoric of the temple and the communal divide. This is the pareeksha pe charcha the youth needed.

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JUNE 8, 1984, FORTY YEARS AGO

BHINDRANWALE DEAD

JARNAIL SINGH BHINDRANWALE and two of his close associates, who masterminded the terror campaign in Punjab, were found dead in the Golden Temple complex. The bullet-ridden bodies of Bhindranwale, Maj Gen Shabbeg Singh (ret'd) and president of the outlawed All-India Sikh Students Federation Amrik Singh were recovered by the security forces from the Akal Takht basement.

AKALIS' DELHI BANDH

WITH THE AKALIS giving a call for Delhi bandh, the Capital appeared tense through-

out the day. Tension mounted following the morning AIR bulletin that the body of Bhindranwale was found inside the Golden Temple complex. A sizable number of Sikhs flocked to Gurdwara Bangla Sahib, which soon became a battleground. The Sikh youths started throwing stones at the police and the policemen readied to retaliate.

ARMY OUT IN J&K

TEN PERSONS WERE killed in cross-firing among violent Sikh youths and Nirankaris as well as police firing in daylong violence in posh Amirakadal, Wazir Bagh and Jawaharnagar localities of Srinagar. The Sikh youths, who were

accompanied by about 100 non-Sikhs burnt down four houses belonging to a minority community and desecrated three temples. Among those killed were three Muslims.

50 KILLED IN IRAQI RAID

THE IRAQ-IRAN WAR has started taking a heavy toll on civilian lives. Fifty people were killed in the Iraqi bombing of three Iranian towns. This was supposed to be in retaliation for Iranian shelling of the Iraqi port of Basra, in which 21 people were said to have been killed. This shelling in turn was in retaliation for the air raid carried out by Iraq, in which 300 people were killed.

Is it the economy, stupid?

Election results present a puzzle: India’s economy is robust, yet voters have punished the government. Perhaps growth has neither been as dynamic as official numbers suggest, nor balanced



JOSH FELMAN AND
ARVIND SUBRAMANIAN

INDIA’S ELECTORAL SHOCK poses a stunning economic puzzle. How is it possible that the electorate chastised rather than handsomely rewarded a leader who has presided over an astonishing economic boom? This would seem to be an event unprecedented in world history.

Consider the data. According to official data, in the three years leading up to the election, the economy posted real GDP growth rates of 9.7 per cent, 7 per cent, and 8.2 per cent. To be sure, the first of those numbers is the recovery from Covid. But even so, such consecutive numbers — increasing the size of the economy by more than one-quarter in just three years — would normally describe economic nirvana. So, what happened? Has the Indian electorate just demolished the adage attributed to former US President Bill Clinton’s adviser: “It’s the economy, stupid”?

No, and the explanation resides in a combination of measurement, model, and Modi. Consider how.

Start with measurement. Within the economic community, it is no secret that there are many problems with Indian GDP measurement — faulty deflators, the failure to deflate inputs and outputs separately, outdated sectoral weights, poor measurement of the large informal sector. These problems haven’t received much publicity, largely because the IMF, World Bank, investment banks, ratings agencies, and foreign governments have been remarkably silent about these issues. But the problems are severe and matter hugely for interpreting India’s economy.

Consider a recent example. In the past two years, the nominal and real GDP numbers have been telling two completely different stories. According to the nominal GDP numbers, growth has sharply decelerated from 14.2 per cent to 9.6 per cent. But the real GDP numbers show that growth has surged from 7 to 8.2 per cent. The only way to square these numbers is if broad inflation has completely collapsed, falling to just 1.4 per cent.

This seems highly implausible. It is true that the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation has decelerated. But WPI is not the correct deflator, since it measures input prices, whereas GDP is evaluated at producer prices, that is to say, output prices. And output prices have not collapsed; they continue to increase rapidly, as the 4.8 per cent Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation shows.

That said, even if growth has not been quite as dazzling as the official statistics suggest, it has been reasonable. So, there remains an electoral puzzle to be explained.

Some analysts have argued that the electorate was dissatisfied because the fruits of growth have been shared unequally. In this K-shaped view, government policies enabled the very rich to gain at the expense of the poor. It is polemically appealing but not accurate to claim that only a few billionaires have benefited from India’s economic growth. Casual ob-



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servation but also recent survey results confirm that the standard of living of virtually all Indians, including those at the bottom, has improved considerably over the past decade.

What is true is that growth has been unbalanced, in the sense that some sectors have been growing much more rapidly than others. And this brings us to the second element of the explanation: India’s economic model. India’s development has always favoured export-oriented services and people with high skills at the expense of agriculture and manufacturing and those with fewer skills more generally.

Consider, for example, India’s well-known global success: Its export-oriented services sector. After the pandemic, as the world economy recovered and globalisation in services resumed, stellar names such as Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, and Microsoft transferred large amounts of high-skilled analytical work to India. Employment in Global Capability Centres (GCC) surged to an astonishing three million people. And as these workers have needed offices and housing, the surge in GCC employment has set off a construction boom, benefitting the workers in that sector.

On the other hand, consider agriculture. The woes of farmers have been a problem for Indian economic policy since independence. Governments have responded by providing subsidies, especially to the cereal-growing farmers in the North. But they have also repeatedly turned the terms of trade against the sector. Whenever food prices have risen and farmers scented opportunity, the government has imposed export restrictions and liberalised imports to bring down prices, thereby damaging farm incomes. The most recent example relates to onions. As prices rose, India imposed export restrictions and then released them slowly and partially which led to disaffection amongst onion farmers in Maharashtra, one factor in Modi’s poor performance in that state.

This pattern of a rapidly growing export-oriented service sector and a lagging agricultural sector has been India’s long-standing economic model. It cannot be attributed to the incumbent government. But there are some ways in which the Modi government’s policies have made the imbalances worse — and this is the third element of the explanation.

The informal sector has been devastated

The informal sector has been devastated by a series of government actions. Data on informal enterprises is by nature scant, but proxies such as purchases of Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) and two-wheelers suggest that the triple shock of demonetisation, flawed implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and drastic lockdowns during the pandemic have destroyed profitability and employment. As for manufacturing, the Modi government has made efforts to encourage this sector, notably by providing subsidies through the Production-Linked Incentives (PLI) scheme.

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As for manufacturing, the Modi government has made efforts to encourage this sector, notably by providing subsidies through the Production-Linked Incentives (PLI) scheme. But this policy has had very limited success. A major reason is that it has been offset by other government policies such as protectionism. Another reason is that there has been no comparable push in labour-intensive sectors which would have expanded job opportunities for the poor and women. An even bigger reason is that the policy strategy has unbalanced the playing field. A few years ago, we coined the expression India’s “2A stigmatised capitalism” to highlight the generous and extensive favours granted to big business houses (especially Adani and Ambani) that allowed them to prosper at the expense of other investors, domestic and foreign. The resulting non-level playing field has extracted a toll, discouraging overall investment in the industrial sector.

In sum, there are only two ways to reconcile the economy and the voting results. We would suggest that growth has not been as dynamic as the official numbers suggest, nor has it been very balanced. Put another way, the overall pie has not grown sufficiently rapidly and it has been shared unequally, but in a different manner than believed. As a result, the unskilled people working in the agricultural, informal, and manufacturing sectors — the bulk of the workforce and voters — experienced the economy in a way that accords with ground-level reporting: that is, negatively.

Alternatively, if we don’t accept the explanations of faulty measurement and an inherently slanted development model, we will be left with the biggest puzzle in global democratic politics: That gangbuster growth led to electoral disaster.

Where are you, James Carville?

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A mandate for humility

Return of coalition politics and stronger Opposition is significant. It calls for greater accommodation and responsible politics from all



RAM RAJYA
BY RAM MADHAV

IT TOOK ME some time to reflect on the results of the Lok Sabha elections. As someone who has overseen at least a dozen elections, both at the Centre and in several states in the last decade, even I was flabbergasted by the results like many others. But as the hype and hysteria settle, various facets of the mandate are unfolding clearly.

For the supporters of the BJP, it is a matter of relief and reassurance that the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is returning to office. Although numerically diminished, the BJP emerged as the only party capable of providing a stable government compared to any other arrangement.

It has gained significantly in the east and the south. In Kerala, the party won its first-ever Parliament seat and its vote share rose by more than 3 per cent from 2019 — it’s a solid 16 per cent. In Telangana, its seats have doubled while the vote share rose from 19 per cent to an impressive 35 per cent. In Tamil Nadu, although the party failed to win any seats, its vote share went up from 3 per cent to around 12 per cent. The most significant achievement for the party was the victory in the Odisha assembly elections and the formation of a BJP government for the first time in the state. The party’s performance in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Gujarat too is formidable.

It is an undeniable fact that the biggest setback and embarrassment for the ruling party came from Uttar Pradesh, a state from which it had high expectations. Results in that state call for serious introspection. Despite popular governments at the Centre as well as in the state, and despite so much good work, including the turnaround in Ayodhya and Kashi, the BJP ended up losing almost half of the seats it was holding in 2019. There is much cynicism on social media over the defeat in Ayodhya in particular, and Uttar Pradesh in general. While a serious soul-searching is necessary, outlandish disparagement is uncalled for. Results in Karnataka, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Bengal too didn’t go as expected. The return of the Left Front in Bengal politics, securing more than 6 per cent votes, could be one reason. However, there appears to be more complex reasons for the party’s below-par performance in these and other states.

Not many expected the INDI Alliance to do so well. But in the end, the constituent parties, especially the Congress in many states, and the SP, TMC, DMK, NCP-SP, Shiv Sena-UBT and others in their respective states made commendable gains pushing the alliance tally to above 230 seats. Contesting in about half of the seats in the country, the Congress party managed to increase its vote share by about 1.5 per cent, although it failed to touch the three-digit mark in the third consecutive election in the number of seats it has won. The BJP must not overlook the Congress’s

significant gains in the northeast.

From the country’s standpoint, these results have a mixed message. Speaking to a news channel during the election campaign PM Modi said that he missed a “strong Opposition in 2014 to 2024”. “If there is one thing missing in my life, it is that of a good opposition,” he remarked. A strong Opposition does seem to be on the cards, but only experience can tell if it would be a “good Opposition”. With a numerically large Opposition in the House, the treasury side may need better managers who can effortlessly sprint across the aisles to ensure the smooth functioning of the House.

Sadly, the country is relapsing into the uncertainty of coalition politics, after a decade of stability and predictable politics. Although the country was run by an NDA coalition in the last 10 years, the ruling party enjoyed absolute majority on its own. With BJP restricted to 240 seats, the current NDA alliance will be different from the earlier ones. The silver lining is that unlike the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government of 1999-2004, which had 182 BJP members and depended on 115 members from other parties, it is better placed in the present NDA alliance’s arithmetic. Moreover, it cannot be ruled out that the important reform agenda being pursued by the Modi government might encourage more parties to come forward to support him, thus providing greater stability to the government.

Another serious challenge thrown up by this election was the victory of at least three independent candidates owing allegiance to separatist ideologies. Two of them, Amritpal Singh and Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa, won from Punjab while the third, Abdul Rashid Sheikh, aka Engineer Rashid, got elected from Jammu and Kashmir. Amritpal Singh and Engineer Rashid won elections from jail, where they were incarcerated for anti-India activities.

While the two winners from Punjab have been open supporters of Khalistan ideology, Rashid is a known Kashmiri separatist. Rashid defeated senior National Conference leader Omar Abdullah by a majority of more than two lakh votes. Amritpal and Sarabjeet, too, won with considerable majorities defeating their Congress and AAP rivals. The last time such a separatist voice could enter the Indian Parliament was in 1999 when Simranjit Singh Mann won the election from Sangrur in Punjab. Hitherto such voices were restricted to state assemblies in the last two decades — Mann is a member of the Punjab assembly currently while Rashid was an MLA in the J&K assembly. Radical sentiments of *azadi* and Khalistan are rearing their heads again in J&K and Punjab.

The victory of the Narendra Modi-led NDA for the third time will be a parliamentary record. However, the situation calls for greater accommodation and responsible politics from both sides. Mahatma Gandhi is remembered for many things. But he was the first to introduce coalition politics in the pre-Independence era. His success lay in humility and civility, qualities that the Indian polity is in dire need of. Coalitions are great levellers. Hope we witness the restoration of those virtues in our polity in the coming years.

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ROBUST GROWTH CONTINUES to afford the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) the latitude to pursue lower inflation. Provisional estimates from the National Statistical Office show gross domestic product (GDP) growth at 8.2 per cent was higher than projected and the momentum seems to have continued into the first two months of this fiscal. With Mint Road communicating that its focus was on lowering inflation to its medium-term target of 4 per cent, the street consensus was for non-action on Friday.

However, it is becoming increasingly evident that the global rate hike cycle has peaked. Central bank moves from here on are going to be asynchronous, compared with the coordinated rate cuts in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. To be sure, actions by the Federal Reserve (Fed) influence monetary policy cycles in economies closely connected to the US, but uneven growth and local economic compulsions will spur differing rate actions.

The MPC’s decisions are primarily influenced by its assessment of the strength of the economy, domestic inflationary challenges and, to a lesser extent, the monetary policy actions of systemically important central banks such as the Fed and the European Central Bank (ECB). RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das reiterated this during his policy address on Friday. The most influential central bank — the Fed — is likely to stay put in June because of a high inflation print in April amid strong growth momentum. We now expect the Fed to cut

rates only once, in December 2024.

That has crimped the space for monetary policy easing in many emerging markets, which are already witnessing capital flow and currency volatility after a change in the rate cut expectations in the US.

In India, too, foreign institutional investors (FIIs) turned net sellers and the rupee faced pressure from the greenback. Expectations from central banks in emerging markets mostly indicate a delay in rate-cutting cycles or at least slowing the pace. On the other hand, the ECB and many peers have begun wielding the knife, given relatively weak growth in their jurisdictions. S&P Global expects the Eurozone to grow at a feeble 0.7 per cent in the calendar year 2024.

Consumer inflation in India is solely because of the persisting supply shock in agriculture, which has kept food inflation high. Core inflation (which excludes volatile food and energy prices) stood at a benign and multiyear low of 3.2 per cent in April. Fuel prices were 4.2 per cent lower in April on-year despite firmer crude oil prices because cooking gas prices were cut. So, why is the MPC not in a hurry to snip, especially since it cannot control food inflation?

One key monetary policy lesson for central banks in the post-pandemic world has been to not ignore supply shocks, particularly when growth is strong. If growth momentum is strong, the MPC would tend to gravitate towards inflation control even in the case of a supply-driven shock. Food prices have been

persistently high, with a major contribution from vegetables, which inflated 27.8 per cent in April. Inclement weather and pest attacks have only raised the level and volatility of vegetable inflation. The heat wave conditions playing out in many parts of India over the past month and more can continue to exert pressure on food, particularly vegetable prices. The good news is that the south-west monsoon arrived in Kerala two days before schedule. The Indian Meteorological Department has predicted above-normal rains this year. If these are well distributed, food inflation should moderate and bring down overall inflation to 4.5 per cent this fiscal.

Second, food has a high (39 per cent) weight in the CPI and persistently elevated readings can keep inflationary expectations high and lead to a generalised pick-up in inflation. Third, so far, softer commodity prices have contributed to lower input costs for companies and have helped in keeping core inflation low.

In its April commodity outlook, the World Bank noted that heightened uncertainties in the Middle East have been exerting upward pressure on prices of key commodities, notably oil and gold. If sustained, this and a low-base effect can lift the extraordinarily benign core inflation this fiscal.

According to the S&P-GEP global supply chain volatility index, supply chains are operating near maximum capacity, signalling a better outlook for the manufacturing sector. That, in turn, will keep commodity demand healthy.

So, some caution is warranted on this front.

Finally, not only has the fiscal 2024 growth estimate been lifted to 8.2 per cent from 7.6 per cent by the National Statistical Office, but recent data points also signal a strong start to this fiscal.

GST collections at Rs 2.1 lakh crore in April were the highest ever in a month. The Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI) stood at 60.8 for services and 58.8 for manufacturing in April — slightly lower than in March — but still in a strong expansion zone. The PMI readings for May show that this momentum continues. On its part, the RBI has kept its inflation forecast this fiscal unchanged at 4.5 per cent. Importantly, it has also become more optimistic about GDP growth, revising its forecast by 20 basis points to 7.2 per cent.

CRISIL’s call is a moderation to 6.8 per cent, which is still high. This is because we expect the constrictive impact of monetary policy to continue. Growth in bank credit and credit card loans has already moderated. Additionally, the fiscal impulse to growth will reduce as the government tilts towards fiscal consolidation.

Summing up, the policy stance at central banks continues to be cautious because of inflation and should stay that way in the near future. We now expect the MPC to begin cutting rates in October at the earliest and have lowered our expectation to two rate cuts this fiscal versus the three expected earlier.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A UNITED FRONT

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Mandal over Mandir’ (IE, June 7). Ram Mandir was expected to give the BJP an edge in the election in Uttar Pradesh. But the party failed to reap any electoral dividends from the grand event. The saffron party’s losses in Faizabad, Amethi and Lakhimpur Kheri should serve as lessons about the importance of keeping voters’ at the centre. The resounding success of the SP-Congress combine in UP is attributed to the troika of backward classes, Dalits and minorities. Consolidating the voter base carried them to victory.

SS Paul, Nadia

LOST CONNECTION

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘BJP has numbers, not mandate’ (IE, June 7). While the BJP is well-positioned to form the government, the result points to a loss of connection. It lost in UP, the state ruled by a saffron-clad chief minister, popular for his “bulldozer justice”. This performance sends the message that UP has ceased to be a BJP citadel — thanks to its overconfidence, lack of action on rising prices and unemployment. The incumbent BJP MPs’ over-reliance on Modi’s charisma signalled that they did precious little for constituents.

SH Quadri, Bikaner

AP’S CHALLENGE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Ringing in the new’ (IE, June 6). Andhra Pradesh’s public doesn’t seem to be after freebies; they want jobs. The state’s conversion from industrial to agrarian-based, after the carving out of Telangana, has created a formidable challenge. Leaders need to understand the altered opportunities in the state and enable people to make money. But will the Centre grant Andhra the “special status” it is demanding?

Janvi Rawat, Ludhiana

PROTECT THE ECI

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Rules of the game’ (IE, June 6). The EC’s mismanagement this election season, dragging elections for 44 days in the unforgiving summers of India in this age of technology, is unforgivable. It led to the loss of lives of polling officers. Surprisingly, no court took cognisance of this and fixed by a saffron-clad chief minister, popular for his “bulldozer justice”. This performance sends the message that UP has ceased to be a BJP citadel — thanks to its overconfidence, lack of action on rising prices and unemployment. The incumbent BJP MPs’ over-reliance on Modi’s charisma signalled that they did precious little for constituents.

Ranvijay, Faridabad

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Police patrolling in Hong Kong, Monday. AP

2 British judges resign from Hong Kong court

Hong Kong: Two British judges have resigned from Hong Kong's top court, the city's judiciary said, deepening worries over the city's rule of law under a Beijing-imposed national security law. The judiciary said in a statement Thursday that Jonathan Sumption and Lawrence Collins, who both serve as non-permanent overseas judges of Hong Kong's Court of Final Appeal, have tendered their resignations to the city leader. Collins told The Associated Press that his resignation was "because of the political situation in Hong Kong." But he said he continues "to have the fullest confidence in the court and the total independence of its members." **AP**

SINGAPORE

Aerophobia up in country after flight turbulence

Singapore: More people in Singapore are seeking treatment for aerophobia — the fear of flying — following the severe turbulence incident that struck a Singapore Airlines flight over the Irrawaddy Basin in Myanmar last month. Aerophobia can range from slight uneasiness to very severe panic attacks triggered by a thought or impending occasion of flying, according to a Channel News Asia report on Friday. While aviation experts say that flying remains among the safest forms of travel, some service providers have seen a spike in people seeking to address this fear, according to the report. **PTI**

RUSSIA

Trial of US soldier held over 'theft' begins

Moscow: A court in Russia's far eastern city of Vladivostok on Thursday began the trial of an American soldier arrested earlier this year on charges of stealing. Staff Sgt. Gordon Black, 34, flew to Vladivostok, a Pacific port city, to see his girlfriend and was arrested after she accused him of stealing from her, according to US officials and Russian authorities. He faces up to five years in prison if convicted. Black's arrest further complicates US relations with Russia. **AP**

MEMBERS RAISE QUESTIONS OVER ISRAEL ACCEPTING PLAN

Biden's Gaza resolution in UN: Russia, China demand unconditional ceasefire

UNSC's only Arab member Algeria signals it will not back the text

MICHELLE NICHOLS
UNITED NATIONS, JUNE 6

RUSSIA AND China, which hold veto powers in the U.N. Security Council, raised concerns on Thursday with a U.S. draft resolution that would back a proposal — outlined by President Joe Biden — for a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. The council's only Arab member, Algeria, also signaled it was not ready to back the text, diplomats said. A resolution needs at least nine votes in favor and no vetoes to pass.

Biden laid out a 3-phase ceasefire plan for the Gaza Strip a week ago that he described as an Israeli initiative. The current draft welcomes the proposal, describes it as "acceptable" to Israel, "calls upon Hamas to also accept it, and urges both parties to fully implement its terms without delay and without condition."

But some members raised questions about whether Israel has actually accepted the plan and want the council to stick to a demand made in March for an immediate truce and unconditional release of hostages, diplomats said.

Russia proposed amendments to the U.S. text, which were seen by Reuters, that included calling upon both Hamas and Israel to accept the proposal and demanding an immediate, unconditional and permanent ceasefire respected by all parties. It also wants the draft to stress that the phase one ceasefire will remain in place as long as negotiations continue on phase 2, reflecting Biden's remarks. **REUTERS**

AT PARIS MEET AFTER D-DAY MEMORIAL

Biden apologises to Zelenskyy for holdup on arms that allowed Russian gains in war

ASSOCIATED PRESS
PARIS, JUNE 7

PRESIDENT JOE Biden on Friday for the first time publicly apologised to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy for a monthslong holdup in American military assistance that let Russia make gains on the battlefield.

Speaking in Paris, where they both attended ceremonies marking the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings, Biden told Zelenskyy that he apologised to the Ukrainian people for the weeks of not knowing if more assistance would come while Congress waited six months before sending Biden a \$61 billion military aid package for Ukraine.

Still, the Democratic president insisted that the American people were standing by Ukraine for the long haul. "We're still in. Completely. Thoroughly," he said. Ukraine is trying to fend off



Palestinians flee south Gaza city of Rafah due to an Israeli military operation on Friday. Reuters

Israeli forces bomb central, south Gaza, tanks advance to west Rafah

NIDAL AL-MUGHRABI
CAIRO, JUNE 7

WITH A renewed ceasefire push in the eight-month-old Gaza war stalled, Israel bombarded central and southern areas again on Friday, killing at least 28 Palestinians, and tank forces advanced to the Rafah's west.

A month after rumbling into Rafah in what Israel said was an assault to wipe out Hamas' last intact combat units, tank-led forces have advanced to the southwest fringes of the city that skirts the Gaza Strip's border

with Egypt, residents said.

They said tanks were stationed in the al-Izba district near the Mediterranean coast while snipers had commandeered some buildings and high ground, trapping people in their homes.

Gaza health officials said two Palestinians had been killed and several wounded in western Rafah from tank shelling there.

In central Gaza, Palestinians medics said at least 15 people died overnight in Israeli bombardments.

"I think the occupation forces are trying to reach the beach area

of Rafah. The raids and the bombing overnight were tactical, they entered under heavy fire and then retreated," one Palestinian resident told Reuters via a chat app.

In the larger city of Khan Younis just to the north of Rafah, an Israeli airstrike on a house killed eight people and wounded several, including children, medics said.

In north Gaza, three Palestinians were killed in an Israeli airstrike on a Gaza City school building that was sheltering displaced families, rescue workers said. **REUTERS**



NETANYAHU TO ADDRESS US CONGRESS ON JULY 24

ISRAEL'S PRIME Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he will "present the truth" about the war against Hamas in Gaza when he addresses the US Congress on July 24 during a visit to Washington, Republican leaders said on Thursday. Netanyahu will speak to a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate, House Speaker Mike Johnson and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell said in a statement. It was not clear if Netanyahu would meet with Biden in his visit. **REUTERS**

Sunak leaves D-Day events early for campaign, apologises after criticism

REUTERS
LONDON, JUNE 7

BRITISH PRIME Minister Rishi Sunak, in a new setback to his election campaign, apologised on Friday for leaving D-Day commemorations early to give an interview in which he attacked the main opposition party.

Sunak's decision not to stay at the event in northern France with other world leaders Thursday was met with dismay in Conservative



Rishi Sunak with Emmanuel Macron in France, Thursday

Party, which opinion polls suggest faces the prospect of a heavy de-

feat in the national election in July.

Labour Party leader Keir Starmer, remained in Normandy for the duration of events and was seen talking to leaders including Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

"On reflection, it was a mistake not to stay longer, and I've apologised for that, but I also don't think it's right to be political in the midst of D-Day commemorations," Sunak told reporters. "The focus should rightly be on the veterans." Sunak said his plans had been set before the start of poll campaigns.

Chinese armed ships patrol around disputed islands, angering Japan

Tokyo: Japan lodged a protest against Beijing on Friday after four armed Chinese coastguard vessels entered waters that Tokyo considers its territory.

The Japanese government said it was the first time that four Chinese vessels carrying what appeared to be cannons had entered its territorial waters in East China Sea around the disputed islands, which Tokyo calls Senkaku and Beijing calls Diaoyu.

"I am not in a position to state

what the Chinese side's intentions are, but the intrusion of vessels belonging to China's coastguard into (our) territory is a breach of international law," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi told a press conference.

China said that it had patrolled the waters in armed vessels. It said its patrol was a "routine action" to safeguard sovereignty, and a "necessary step" for peace and stability as well as to counter Japan's recent "negative moves". **REUTERS**

CHINA BLOCKED MEDICAL EVACUATION: PHILIPPINES

Manila: The Philippine coast guard on Friday accused its Chinese counterpart of blocking efforts to evacuate a sick member of its forces in South China Sea, calling it "barbaric and inhumane". It Philippines said the incident occurred last month. **REUTERS**

SAYS PAK UNDER UNDECLARED MARTIAL LAW

Citing Kejriwal bail example in SC, Imran says he faces oppression

Former Prime Minister complains of being 'victimised' since ouster in 2022

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ISLAMABAD, JUNE 7

JAILED FORMER Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan has invoked the case of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal getting bail to campaign ahead of India's general elections, as he complained before the Supreme Court about the mistreatment meted to him in jail.

During his appearance on Thursday before a five-member Supreme Court bench headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa in a case related to amendments to the National Accountability Ordinance, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chairman complained of the "victimisation" that he faced since his ouster from power in April 2022.

Justices Aminuddin Khan, Jamal Khan Mandokhel, Athar Minallah, and Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi also sat on the bench. Justice Minallah remarked that it was unfortunate that Khan was in jail as he was the head of a large party with millions of followers.

Khan, complaining of oppression against him, pointed out that Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal was released on bail by the apex court ahead of the Indian general elections for campaigning for his party but he was facing oppression in Pakistan which was under undeclared "martial law".



Former Pak Prime Minister Imran Khan. File

Khan, 71, complained that he was convicted within five days to keep him away from the general elections which were held on February 8. Khan also expressed dismay over the top court rejecting Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's government plea requesting the live streaming of the case.

"You wrote that I did political point scoring during the last hearing. I did not get it, what political scoring did I resort to," the PTI founder asked the CJP Isa. At this, Chief Justice Isa said a judge does not owe an explanation to anyone over the verdict. "You can file a review petition," the top judge said.

He also asked Imran to speak only about the pending matter before the court. Lamenting political victimisation, the PTI founder said the Supreme Court should appoint a chairman for the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), the anti-corruption watchdog.

SHEHBAZ IN BEIJING, MEETS PREMIER LI

China, Pakistan vow to protect CPEC from 'detractors, enemies'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ISLAMABAD, BEIJING, JUNE 7

PAKISTAN AND China on Friday vowed to protect the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) from its "detractors and adversaries", as Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif met his Chinese counterpart Li Qiang and assured Beijing of providing complete security to Chinese personnel working on the USD 65 billion project.

Sharif is currently on a visit to China at the invitation of President Xi Jinping, seeking to upgrade cooperation under the multi-billion dollar China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a key part of Beijing's Belt and Road Initiative.

In a statement, the Pakistani Prime Minister's Office said during the meeting, the two sides discussed the significance of Gwadar as an important pillar of the CPEC and agreed to expedite the timely completion of all related infrastructure projects to transform Gwadar in Balochistan province into a regional economic hub.

"They also expressed their firm commitment to protect CPEC from its detractors and adversaries and to upgrade CPEC in the

PAK PUNJAB ASSEMBLY ALLOWS USE OF PUNJABI

Islamabad: Lawmakers in Pakistan's Punjab Assembly would now be able to speak in at least four indigenous languages, which include Punjabi, in the house apart from English and Urdu after an amendment was made. A special Assembly committee allowed lawmakers to address the House in Punjabi, Saraiki, Pothohari, and Mewati. **PTI**

form of enhanced cooperation," the statement said.

They also emphasised the timely completion of all ongoing projects with a special focus on industrial development, agriculture modernisation, Science & Technology and the development of Special Economic Zones for mutually beneficial and socio-economic development of Pakistan.

Sharif also reaffirmed Pakistan's unflinching resolve to ensure the safety and security of Chinese personnel and projects in Pakistan.

MOSCOW OFFERS SECURITY ASSISTANCE WITHOUT INTERFERING IN POLITICS, MAKING IT AN APPEALING PARTNER

Russia's growing footprint in Africa: Security in return for mineral resources

MARK BANCHEREAU
& JESSICA DONATI
DAKAR, JUNE 6

RUSSIA'S TOP diplomat pledged help and military assistance while on a whirlwind tour of several countries in Africa's sub-Saharan region of Sahel this week, as Moscow seeks to grow its influence in the restive, mineral-rich section of the continent.

Russia is emerging as the security partner of choice for a growing number of African governments in the region, displacing traditional allies like France and the US. Sergey Lavrov, who has made several trips to Africa in recent years, this week stopped in

Guinea, the Republic of Congo, Burkina Faso and Chad.

Moscow has aggressively expanded its military cooperation with African nations by using the private security company Wagner and Africa Corps, with Russian mercenaries taking up roles from protecting African leaders to helping states fight extremists.

Russia has taken advantage of political unrest and discontent in coup-hit nations, capitalizing on popular frustration and anger with former colonial power France. Military coups have ousted governments seen close to France and the West and doing little to alleviate grinding poverty, unemployment and other hardships.

Russia offers security assis-



Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov with his Burkina Faso counterpart Karamoko Jean-Marie Traore last month. File

THE GIVE & TAKE RELATIONSHIP

■ **AFRICAN INTERESTS** are safeguarded as Russia, unlike US, does not meddle with their internal politics. Junta-ruled countries avoid calls for human rights and democracy by replacing the West with Russia.

■ **RUSSIAN INTERESTS** lie in the vast minerals that come in return for security — gold and diamonds in the Central African Republic, Congo's cobalt, Sudan's oil and gold, Madagascar's

chromite, Zimbabwe's platinum and diamonds, and Namibia's uranium.

■ **FAILURE OF THE WEST** in the region even after years-long operations to quell the spread of militant violence also contribute to anger with the West. Russia also takes advantage of unrest and discontent in coup-hit nations, capitalising on popular frustration and anger with former colonial powers.

tance without interfering in politics, making it an appealing partner in places like Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso, all ruled by juntas that seized power in recent years. In return, Moscow seeks access to minerals and other contracts.

Africa is rich in minerals, oil and other resources, which come with political and legal challenges. Its resources are increasingly central to economic and national security, such as cobalt, which is used in electronics like mobile phones, or lithium, which is used in batteries.

Russia has thrived in countries where governance is limited, and has signing mining deals through companies it controls. An EU parliament study showed that Russia

secured access to gold and diamonds in the Central African Republic, cobalt in Congo, gold and oil in Sudan, chromite in Madagascar, platinum and diamonds in Zimbabwe, and uranium in Namibia. The US-based non-profit Democracy 21 group said last year that Wagner and Russia may have made about \$2.5 billion through African gold trade alone since invading Ukraine.

Though Russia is increasingly a partner to African countries in the oil and mining sector, it lags far behind as an overall trading partner. For example, data by the International Monetary shows less than 1% of Africa's exports go to Russia, compared with 33% to the European Union. **AP**

ASPIRATIONAL GOALS FOR RBI@100 IN A MULTI-YEAR TIME FRAME

RBI aims for liberalising capital account, globalisation of rupee, digital payments

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, JUNE 7

GEARING UP to remain “future-ready for India’s fast-growing economy”, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has listed a series of aspirational goals, including capital account liberalisation and internationalisation of the Indian rupee (INR), universalising of digital payment system and globalisation of India’s financial sector in a multi-year timeframe.

The central bank has proposed enabling availability of the rupee to non-residents for facilitating cross-border transactions in the rupee and enhancing accessibility of rupee accounts to persons resident outside India (PROIs). It has proposed adopting a calibrated approach towards interest-bearing Non-Resident Deposits and promoting Indian multi-national corporations (MNCs) and Indian global brands through overseas investments, according to ‘Aspirational Goals for RBI@100 in a Multi-Year Time Frame’ released by the central bank on Friday.

India has not yet opened up its capital account fully which will allow free flow of capital to the country and outside. The rupee was made full float in the trade account during the 1991 reforms initiated by the then government.

Capital account convertibility means the freedom to convert rupee into any foreign currency and foreign currency back into rupee for capital account transactions. The Tarapore committee had listed several preconditions such



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as fiscal consolidation, inflation control, low level of non-performing assets, low current account deficit and strengthening of financial markets for achieving capital account liberalisation.

The RBI working group, headed by RBI Executive Director Radha Shyam Ratho, had recently recommended a slew of short to long term measures to accelerate the pace of internationalisation of the rupee.

“As the Reserve Bank approaches its centenary year, RBI@100, it will gear up even more to remain future-ready for India’s fast-growing economy. It will take steps to enhance India’s global footprint. For our journey during the next decade, we have drawn up strategies consisting of policy actions towards positioning the Reserve Bank as a model central bank of the global south,” RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Friday.

“This is not a static document as we are living in a dynamic world. Our endeavour will be to continually update it as may be

required,” Das said.

Meanwhile, on deepening and universalisation of Digital payment systems domestically and globally, the RBI’s agenda includes plans for the internationalisation of India’s Payment Systems (UPI, RTGS and NEFT) and participation in payment systems linkage projects across countries - bilateral and multilateral. It has planned to increase the domestic usage of digital payments and phased implementation of Central Bank Digital Currency (e-Rupee).

On globalisation of India’s financial sector and financial sector reforms, RBI plans expansion of banking domestically in consonance with national growth and positioning 3-5 Indian banks among top 100 global banks in terms of size and operations. It plans to support International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) to make GIFT City a leading international financial centre.

The RBI has also proposed a review of monetary policy frame-

work to address Balancing price stability, economic growth from an Emerging Market Economy (EME) perspective, refinements in monetary policy communication and spillovers to EMEs from private and public debt overhang in systemically important economies.

On dealing with climate change, the RBI plans guidance for regulated entities (REs) to stress test their asset portfolio to assess impact of climate change and strengthening payment systems’ resilience to climate risks. It also proposed climate risk disclosure norms for Res and inputs to the government for finalising taxonomy on climate risks.

For the short term, the RBI working group has suggested adoption of a standardised approach for examining the proposals on bilateral and multilateral trade arrangements for invoicing, settlement and payment in the rupee and local currencies, encouraging the opening of the rupee accounts for non-residents both in India and outside India and integrating Indian payment systems with other countries for cross-border transactions. It suggested strengthening the financial market by fostering a global 24x5 rupee market and recalibration of the FPI (foreign portfolio investor) regime.

Over the next two to five years, the RBI group recommended a review of taxes on rupee masala bonds, international use of Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) for cross-border trade transactions and inclusion of Indian Government Bonds in global bond indices.

SHAKTIKANTA DAS
GOVERNOR, RBI

ON IMPACT OF US
FED’S DECISION

There is a view that in matters of monetary policy, the Reserve Bank is guided by the principle of ‘follow the Fed’. I would like to unambiguously state that while we do keep a watch on whether clouds are building up or clearing out in the distant horizon, we play the game according to the local weather and pitch conditions.”

ON SECURED
RETAIL LOANS

In November, we had flagged certain concerns on excessive growth in the unsecured retail loans and over-reliance of NBFCs on bank funding. Recent data suggests that there is some moderation in these loans and advances. We are monitoring data to ascertain if further measures are necessary.”

CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE ON FOOD IN 2022-23

Households spent most on processed food; Haryana, Rajasthan opted for milk

AANCHAL MAGAZINE
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HOUSEHOLDS ACROSS the country’s rural and urban areas spent the highest share on ‘beverages, refreshments and processed food’ among food items in 2022-23, but some states bucked the trend to favour other items — ‘milk and milk products’, and ‘egg, fish & meat’. In rural areas among all major states, the households of Haryana spent the maximum on ‘milk and milk products’ at 41.7 per cent as a percentage of total expenditure on food, while Kerala spent the most on ‘egg, fish & meat’ at 23.5 per cent, detailed report of Household Consumption Expenditure Survey 2022-23 released by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on Friday showed.

The trend was not much different in urban areas — Rajasthan recorded the highest expenditure share on ‘milk and milk products’ at 33.2 per cent, only to be followed by Haryana (33.1 per cent) and Punjab (32.3 per cent). For ‘egg, fish & meat’, Kerala remained the state with the highest consumption spending with 19.8 per cent share out of total consumption expenditure on food.

‘Milk and milk products’ found favour over ‘beverages and processed food’ in total food expenditure in rural areas for other states such as Rajasthan (35.5 per cent), Punjab (34.7 per cent), Gujarat (25.6 per cent), Uttar Pradesh (22.6 per cent) and Madhya Pradesh (21.5 per cent).

‘Beverages, processed food etc.’ accounted for the highest share in

PERCENTAGE SHARE OF SELECTED FOOD ITEMS IN
TOTAL FOOD EXPENDITURE IN 2022-23 (RURAL)

Major state	Cereals	Milk and milk products	Egg, fish & meat	Beverages, processed food, etc.
Andhra Pradesh	9.4	14.2	14.8	21.4
Assam	9.6	8	20	24.6
Bihar	13.1	17.1	11.2	18.7
Chhattisgarh	7.7	7.5	9.1	21.3
Gujarat	9.3	25.5	2.6	20.8
Haryana	6.8	41.7	2.1	14.5
Jharkhand	14.80	11	13.9	20.3
Karnataka	9.70	11.8	11.3	25.4
Kerala	8	9.7	23.5	21.2
Madhya Pradesh	10.8	21.5	5.1	18.5
Maharashtra	10.9	13.80	9	19.9
Odisha	12.8	6.80	13.1	22.9
Punjab	6.7	34.70	3	20.9
Rajasthan	9.5	35.50	2.6	19.5
Tamil Nadu	9.5	11.10	14.5	28.4
Telangana	11.6	13.10	15.8	23.2
Uttar Pradesh	10.1	22.60	6.7	18.3
West Bengal	13	7.40	18.9	21.1
ALL-INDIA	10.6	18	10.6	20.7

total food consumption for all other major states, with Tamil Nadu leading with the highest share in spending among states — 28.4 per cent in rural areas and 33.7 per cent in urban areas.

In rural India, where food accounted for about 46 per cent of the households’ consumption spending, the contribution of ‘beverages, refreshments and processed food’ has been the highest (9.62 per cent), followed by milk and milk products (8.33 per cent) and vegetables (5.38 per cent). The share of cereals and ce-

real substitutes in the consumption spending on food items was about 4.91 per cent.

In urban India, the share of food in average monthly per capita consumption expenditure (MPCE) in 2022-23 was about 39 per cent. In line with rural areas, urban India recorded the highest consumption spending on ‘beverages, refreshments and processed food’ with 10.64 per cent share followed by milk & milk products at 7.22 per cent and fruits and vegetables, each having a share of 3.8 per cent.

BRIEFLY

New govt to maintain focus on infra: Icra

New Delhi: The new government will continue to maintain its thrust on the infrastructure sector, with higher outlays towards railways, roads and water, Icra said on Friday. Narendra Modi will assume the office of the Prime Minister of India for the third time but with a smaller-than-expected election victory that forced his party BJP to share power in a coalition government. PTI

TCS launches Gen AI platform WisdomNext

New Delhi: Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on Friday launched a Gen AI platform WisdomNext that aggregates multiple generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) into a single interface and enables companies to adopt next gen technology rapidly at scale, lower costs and within regulatory framework. PTI

Sebi receives The Asian Banker award

Mumbai: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has received the Best Conduct of Business Regulator in Asia Pacific award by The Asian Banker in Hong Kong. “This authority has been instrumental in enhancing the regulatory framework for securities markets in the country, focusing on transparency, fairness, and investor protection,” The Asian Banker said. In 2021, T+1 settlement was introduced in a phased manner, which was fully implemented from January 2023. The move has provided investors with faster access to their funds following trade execution and settlement, it said. The award was received by Kamlesh Chandra Varshney, Whole Time Member, Sebi. ENS

TO CHECK PAYMENT FRAUD RISKS

RBI plans to set up new digital platform

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 7

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) has proposed to set up a Digital Payments Intelligence Platform which will harness advanced technologies to mitigate payment fraud risks.

To take this initiative forward, the RBI has constituted a committee, under the Chairmanship of A.P. Hota, former MD & CEO, NPCI, to examine various aspects of setting up a digital public infrastructure for the platform. The committee is expected to give its recommendations within two months. Domestic payment frauds jumped by 70.64 per cent to Rs 2,604 crore during the six-month period ended March 2024 from Rs 1,526 crore in the same period of last year. The volume of frauds also rose to 15.51 lakh during the March 2024 period from

EXPLAINED
Payment frauds in India

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11.5 lakh in the previous six-month period, RBI data shows.

“The regulatory measures like setting up of digital payments intelligence platform will harness advanced technologies to mitigate payment fraud risks,” said SBI Chairman Dinesh Khara.

Bulk deposits limit raised: The Reserve Bank has proposed to

revise the definition of bulk deposits as ‘single rupee term deposits of Rs 3 crore and above’ from the current limit of Rs 2 crore and above for commercial banks (excluding RRBs) and small finance banks. It has also proposed to define the bulk deposit limit for local area banks as ‘single rupee term deposits of Rs one crore and above’ as applicable in the case of regional rural banks (RRBs).

Banks have discretion to offer differential rate of interest on the bulk deposits as per their requirements and Asset-Liability Management (ALM) projections. The bulk deposits limit was enhanced to Rs 2 crore in the year 2019. Automatic e-mandate: Under the e-mandate framework for recurring transactions, the RBI has decided to introduce an automatic replenishment facility for such payments. The automatic replenishment will be triggered when the balance in Fastag or

NCMC falls below a threshold amount set by the customer.

The current e-mandate framework requires a pre-debit notification at least a 24-hours before the actual debit from customer’s account. It has proposed to exempt this requirement for payments made from customer’s account for automatic replenishment of balances in Fastag or NCMC under the e-mandate framework.

UPI Lite e-mandate: The RBI has decided to bring UPI Lite within the ambit of the e-mandate framework by introducing an auto-replenishment facility for loading the UPI Lite wallet by the customer, if the balance goes below a threshold amount set by him/her. The UPI Lite facility currently allows a customer to load his UPI Lite wallet up to Rs 2000 and make payments up to Rs 500 from the wallet. **FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com**

Sensex, Nifty touch record highs, surge over 2%

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 7

BENCHMARK STOCK market indices, the Sensex and the Nifty, surged over 2 per cent to touch record highs on Friday as Reserve Bank of India’s (RBI) upward revision of the FY25 real GDP growth projection to 7.2 per cent boosted market sentiments.

The buying in the market was also seen in hopes of policy continuity as the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) is set to form the government for the third time.

The BSE Sensex gained 1,618.85, or 2.16 per cent, to close at a record high of 76,693.36. The broader Nifty rose 468.75 points, or 2.05 per cent, to finish at an all-

time high of 23,290.15.

In the monetary policy announced on Friday, the six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the RBI kept the repo rate at 6.5 per cent and hiked the FY25 real gross domestic product (GDP) forecast by 20 basis point to 7.2 per cent from 7 per cent estimated in the April policy.

“The anticipation of stability

within the coalition government at the centre, coupled with the RBI’s upward revision of its growth forecast for FY25 to 7.2 per cent, fuelled a broad-based rally in the domestic market. The Indian market surpassed its previous record high set on exit poll day and reached a fresh peak,” said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

Delhi airport looks to bump up int’l passenger traffic by 40-50%

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

DELHI AIRPORT operator Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) wants to increase its international passenger traffic handling capacity by 40-50 per cent over the next one year, while also raising its peak runway capacity by 30 per cent over a three-year period, its chief executive officer Videh Kumar Jaipuria said Friday.

The Delhi airport—Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA)—currently has an annual passenger handling ca-



capacity of around 105 million passengers, of which international passenger handling capacity stands at around 22 million. IGIA is the largest airport in the country.

Speaking at the CAPA India Aviation Summit in Delhi, Jaipuria, the airport has nearly

hit the mark of 20 million international passengers a year, and with just 10 per cent headroom left, the operator is now looking to increase capacity substantially to cater to the fast-growing international segment.


Currently, around 20 per cent of the international passengers at the IGIA are transit passengers connecting to other international or domestic destinations. Jaipuria said that DIAL is studying ways on how to take it up to 30-35 per cent, which would be crucial for development of the Delhi airport as an international transit hub. **FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com**



Notice
Inviting Offer

Sale of Gas from
Malleswaram

ONGC Ltd. invites offers from interested Buyers for purchase of **40,000 SCMD** gas from Malleswaram field of Rajahmundry Asset, (A.P). Interested parties are requested to download Request for Proposal (RFP) and Gas Sales Agreement (GSA) from: <https://eps.buyjunction.in/gasbidding>
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E-Tender Notice No. 6 for 2024-25

STEM Water Dist. & Infra. Co. Pvt. Ltd., Thane are invited E-Tender in the form of B-1 Tender for following work.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Date & Time
1	Construction of STEM’s new Head Office building at Kharegaon, Thane	Start Dt. 08.06.2024 at 12.00 Hrs.
2	Strengthening of existing damage chairs from Mankoli MBR to Majiwada & comprehensive cleaning of the ESR/ GSR/ sump/ clarifloculator or any storage unit of water supply and coating work and supplying water tank cleaning machine.	End Dt. 18.06.2024 at 12.00 Hrs. Pre-bid Dt. 11.06.2024 at 12.00 Hrs. Technical bid open on Dt. 20.06.2024 at 12.00 Hrs.
3	Construction STEM Water Distribution and Infrastructure Company at Patlipada Unit-II Office with furniture work at Patlipada, Thane.	Start Dt. 08.06.2024 at 12.00 Hrs. End Dt. 18.06.2024 at 12.00 Hrs. Technical bid open on Dt. 20.06.2024 at 12.00 Hrs.
4	Providing, installing, testing V-wire under drain system at WTP Temghar.	

E-Tender documents will be available for view/ downloading on authorised web site <https://mahatenders.gov.in> Right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason there of is reserved by the STEM Water Distri. & Infra. Co. Pvt. Ltd., Thane.
Sd/-
Sanket M. Gharat
Managing Director



MALABAR CEMENTS LIMITED
(A Government of Kerala Undertaking)
An ISO 9001:2015, 14001:2015 Company
Walayar Post, Palakkad-678624-Kerala,
Email : materials@malabarceaments.com/bulkmcl@malabarceaments.com

TENDER NOTICE
Visit : <http://etenders.kerala.gov.in> for Online Submission of Bids for:
♦ Supply of 30,000 MT Cement Grade Limestone to Malabar Cements Limited, Walayar on FOR Basis. ♦ Miscellaneous Civil Works at Plant (2024) ♦ Collection and Transportation of Bulk Cement from CGU, Pallipuram (P.O), Cherthala, Alappuzha District to various Location in Kerala through Bulker ♦ Appointment of C and F agent for Valapatthanam, Kannur ♦ Service Contract for drilling of 4.5 inch dia blasting holes at MCL Mines ♦ Supply, Erection, Installation and Commissioning of 145 KV SF6 Circuit Breaker. ♦ Supply of Conveyor Belt Nylon 600 MM HR ♦ Supply of Grease for Girth Gear ♦ Disposal of Obsolete and Non-operational Equipments/ Items from Mines. ♦ Disposal of High Carbon Steel items ♦ Disposal of old 2.53 MW Multi fuel captive power Plant & Its Auxiliaries along with unused Spares. (Pls vist : www.msceccommerce.com).

Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR




GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN
WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD

O/o Chief General Manager (Engg), O&M Circle No.V, Sainikpuri, Secunderabad-94.

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender Notice No. & Date	Name of Work	Estimate Contract Value
23 to 24 / CGM(E)/ O&M- V/ 2024-25, Dt: 05.06.2024	1) Supply, delivery and pipe line strengthening work including installation of valves and chambers for equitable water supply with laying of 200/150mm dia Providing by-Pass arrangements at 2000KL Capacity ELRS in Uppal Bhagayath Phase-I under O&M Division. XIV, and 2) Strengthening, Replacement and Diversion of damaged existing sewerage lines of 600/450/300/250/200mm dia including construction of damaged sewerage sewer manholes including desilting by Bucket cleaning and pull through at Uppal Bhagayath Under Uppal section of SD-II, O&M Divn. No. XIV, Uppal.	Rs.392.00 Lakhs to Rs.400.4 Lakhs

(1) Tender Document will be available online from dt: 05.06.2024 from 5.00 PM onwards and the last date for receipt of tenders is dt: 19.06.2024. (2) Name & address of Chief General Manager (Engg), Concerned - Chief General Manager (Engg), O&M Circle-V, HMWSSB, Sainikpuri, Secunderabad-500094. (3) The Contractors /firms are requested to upload the information in the "ZIP" format preferably. (4) Further details can be seen on @ <https://tender.telangana.gov.in>
Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), O&M Circle No.V, Sainikpuri, Secunderabad-94.



Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority

Global Expression of Interest (EOI)
Expression of Interest (EOI) from developers for development of Bulk Drug Pharma Park in District Lalitpur in Uttar Pradesh on PPP mode on ~ 1120 Acres
(EOI No: UPSIDA/EOI/1224/Pharma/Developer/02)

The Government of Uttar Pradesh is planning to set up a bulk drug pharma park on land measuring around 1120 acres in District Lalitpur on PPP mode. The proposed bulk drug pharma park shall provide easy access to world class Common Infrastructure Facilities (CIF) to pharma and bulk drug units to be set up in this park. It would significantly bring down manufacturing cost of drugs and thereby make India self-reliant in bulk drugs. Key Starting Materials (KSM) and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API), in order to reduce imports. It also envisages inhouse formulation units to produce high quality medicines at affordable cost.
Online Global Expression of Interest (EOI) is invited from reputed potential developers having relevant experience of executing large-scale Industrial Townships/Sectoral Specific Industrial Parks/ Industrial areas on PPP mode.
UPSIDA invites Expression of Interest ("EOI") from interested parties to assess the market response and to further undertake the process of selection and appointment of "Developer on PPP mode". The salient features of the project and prescribed formats for submission of EOIs can be accessed from the website: <https://eotender.up.nic.in> or from <https://onlineupsida.com>

Date of issue of EOI	07/06/2024
Support in site visits	08/06/2024 to 12/06/2024
EOI Due Date	18.06.2024 at 4.00 PM.
Time & date of opening of EOI	19.06.2024 at 4.00 PM.

Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA)
UPSIDA Complex, A/14 Lakhnau, Kanpur 208024, Uttar Pradesh, India
General Manager (Civil), eehqupsida@gmail.com

16 REVIEWS

CINEMA & MUSIC

Past Forward

BAD BOYS: RIDE OR DIE ★★½

Director: Adil El Arbi, Bilall Fallah **Cast:** Will Smith, Martin Lawrence, Vanessa Hudgens, Alexander Ludwig Paola Núñez, Eric Dane, Ioan Gruffudd, Rhea Seehorn



best. Overall, the duo prove that even though they are nearly 20 years older since they first appeared as buddy cops, they are still high on energy and have retained their charming on-screen camaraderie. The director duo, Adil and Bilall, steer

the narrative deftly as Miami's finest 'bad boys' become the most wanted men. They bank on the nostalgia that's associated with the genre. Even though the film does not have many nail-biting moments, it offers the comfort of familiarity as the 'same

of more' becomes the film's USP. Not every gag works (some of the words have also been beeped out for the Indian audience), but the cop comedy underlines that the ageing stars still have it in them as they go all guns blazing.

almost dances through a busy Maimi crossing amid speeding vehicles.

They swing into action soon after as their friend Captain Howard (Joe Pantoliano), following his killing, is framed for being involved in a cartel's money laundering scheme. Lowrey and Burnett work on uncovering the truth even as they soon find themselves on the run along with Mike's imprisoned son Armando (Jacob Scipio). Apart from the police, Miami gangsters, too, are running after them for the \$5 million bounty announced for capturing them dead or alive.

This is Smith's return to the big screen after he infamously slapped Chris Rock during the Oscar ceremony in 2022. This role gives him the chance to once again showcase his talent as a complete entertainer with the movie packing in several comic, emotional and action scenes. It is also an opportunity to revive one of his much-loved characters. But the scene-stealer is Lawrence with his goofiness and zany dialogues. While Smith appears jaded at times, Lawrence's comic timing seems to be at its

ALAKA SAHANI

IF THIS summer entertainer intends to repackage what the audience has loved about this two-decade-old franchise and add some extra thrill to it, then the fourth instalment of this buddy cop comedy-action does that quite well. *Bad Boys: Ride or Die* takes you back to Miami as detectives Mike Lowrey (Will Smith) and Marcus Burnett (Martin Lawrence) find themselves tackling yet another tough challenge — corruption within the Miami Police Department and their late captain being falsely accused of having ties with drug cartels.

Designed to be a roller-coaster of emotions, *Bad Boys: Ride or Die* opens with the wedding of Mike and Christine (Melanie Liburd). This is disrupted with Marcus having a heart attack. Marcus gets out of danger with his wit and humour intact. He also has a new belief that he can't die. That lends itself to some hilarious sequences as Marcus

Not the Foggiest

BLACKOUT

Director: Devang Bhavsar **Cast:** Vikrant Massey, Anant Vijay Joshi, Sunil Grover, Mouni Roy, Chhaya Kadam, Jisshu Sengupta, Ruhani Singh



SHUBHRA GUPTA

ON PAPER, *Blackout* must have sounded like a fun-filled caper, featuring a journalist, a drunk, a few mobsters, corrupt cops and politicians, two jokers, an unfaithful wife, and a good-looking woman, careering around a city (Pune, in this instance) on a night when the lights go out.

But dear readers, this one is worse than terrible. It makes you wonder if anyone involved in this enterprise knows anything from anything: a premise also needs execution.

It looks as if the casting was done after watching Massey and Joshi play well with each other in *12th Fail*. Here, both are given a few random scenes together, but then the whole thing is so determinedly random that it's almost as if the writers have sworn off any logic.

Meanwhile, an array of actors, including Kadam who is very much a flavour of the season (her other caper *Madgaon Express*, which wasn't exactly scintillating either, is positively Oscar material in comparison) and Sengupta show up as and when, to do this and that. But what?

Watching this film—which is anything-but with increasing horror, you know exactly why Bollywood is in such doldrums. Backing an idea is never a bad thing, but did they not see the finished thing? What were they smoking?

My two hours-and-a-bit are never coming back. Don't say I didn't warn you.



Sense and Sensibility

SHUBHRA GUPTA

THE RETURN of *Gullak* in its fourth season brings up the challenge of keeping things fresh despite maintaining its familiarity, and for the first time, the signs of diminishing returns are threatening to set in.

Don't get to me wrong. Reuniting with our beloved Mishra *parivaar* — parents Santosh (Khan) and Shanti (Kulkarni) and sons Annu (Gupta) and Aman (Mayar) — which wears its North Indian 'middleclassness' as a badge of honour, is like a tall drink of Roohafza-alternating-with-khas on a blistering summer day.

The key to this TVF show, created and directed by Shreyansh Pandey, is its relatability — their *chotey-chotey-khushi-aur-gham* are either things we've experienced first-hand, or we know people who have — built upon its sheer likeability. But now, the viewers, want more: simplicity is great, but maybe add in a bit of complexity, just to keep up with changing times?

This time around, in its five 30-minute episodes, we get the themes of giving-and-

taking *ghoos* revolving around illegal structural additions to a modest dwelling; chain-snatching (*chhinaiti*) and its dire impact on not just the neck from which it has been torn off but on other members of the family as well; the importance of being crafty without abandoning your innate *sanskaar* and *atma samaan*; the problems of wanting to be upwardly mobile and dealing with an uncouth boss; and the most interesting of them all, the difficulty of 'adulthood' (yes, our all-seeing, all-knowing *sutradhar*, gullak, voiced by Parihar, uses this word), and parenting.

Now that we know this foursome, and its most-favoured-nosey-padosan Bittu *ki* mummy (Rajwar, in her saris and sweaters), the writers don't have to bother with creating characteristics and quirks. We know that Santosh will be extremely discomfited in slipping an envelope to a greedy *babu*, even if he (Santosh) works in *vidyut* (the

town's electricity board where things such as bribery are presumably commonplace). We know that Shanti (Kulkarni) owns this character so much that it's tough to believe that she can be anything other than Mrs Mishra) is bereft by the loss of

her gold chain not just because of its cost, but what the having of it means to a middle-class family.

We see the boys, having grown up in front of our eyes, as they say (the first season of *Gullak* came out in 2019, when OTT was just becoming a thing; five years on, TVF has firmly colonised this middle-class concerns of passing exams-and-getting-a-job space), getting into jobbery (Annu is a medical rep), and teenage angst (Aman discovers girls and coffee shops, and ooh, naughty books).

This tentative leap towards pressing teenage issues, where sex is a top-of-mind-and-body concern for puberty-stricken fellows, feels like the show is finally ready to

acknowledge these tricky areas: the burden of being the repository of 'clean family entertainment', by keeping 'such things' at bay, or sanitising their treatment, had started to make itself felt.

The fact that their *mohalla* is 'Hindu-mandir-pradhan' is a reality in many small North Indian towns where communities keep to themselves, but now we are ready for the Mishra family to open up. Maybe the newly acquired hope of being able to show a composite India will offer up more demographically-aware combinations? That it has the potential to be sharply political is clear in a character described as being *gathbandhan sarkaar mein mantri*.

Props to writer Vidit Tripathi for slipping in the fact that dipping secretly into X-rated volumes is a gender neutral activity: it's not only boys who have lien on this territory. The familiarity turning into flatness is real, but we also know how reluctant we are to embrace drastic change: is that what's going to happen with the Mishras?

Standing by for Season 5. Will there be one? Or are we done?

STREAMING WATCH LIST

BY ALAKA SAHANI



WICKED LITTLE LETTERS

BOOKMYSHOW STREAM SET DURING the early '20s, the film features Olivia Colman and Jessie Buckley. When Littlehampton residents, including the prim Edith, receive letters filled with hilarious profanities, Rose, an Irish migrant, is accused. Sensing something amiss, the women join hands to uncover the truth behind the mischievous missives. Directed by Thea Sharrock, the film is written by Jonny Sweet.



HIT MAN

NETFLIX INSPIRED BY a true story, *Hit Man* revolves around a straight-laced professor who discovers he has a hidden talent as a fake hitman. He meets his match in a client who steals his heart and ignites a powder keg of deception, delight, and mixed-up identities. The film was inspired by a *Texas Monthly* story by Skip Hollandsworth. Actor Glen Powell and director Richard Linklater have teamed up again for the film.



UNDER THE WATERS

MUBI Produced by Vikramaditya Motwane, lawyer-turned-director Ambiecka Pandit's sophomore short, *Under The Waters*, captures adolescent intimacy and confusion with profound tenderness. The film unfolds during a weekend trip with two families, where a pubescent boy is trying to make sense of what happened between him and his friend under the waters.



BAD BOYS

PRIME VIDEO After a fourth movie of this buddy cop franchise released this week, one can watch *Bad Boys* (1995), which dives into the partnership of Mike Lowrey and Marcus Burnett — two Miami narcotics detectives — for the first time. Directed by Michael Bay, *Bad Boys* showcases explosive action sequences, sharp humour, and the enduring friendship that defines Lowrey and Burnett's journey.



UNDER PARIS

NETFLIX After a shark kills Sophia's research colleagues, she gives up studying climate-related shark mutations. But five years later, an environmental activist named Mika discovers a massive shark lurking in the Seine days before the World Triathlon Championships. Sophia warily decides to thwart the catastrophe.

Out of Spirits

MUNJYA

★★

Director: Aditya Sarpotdar **Cast:** Abhay Verma, Sharvari, Mona Singh, Suhass Joshi, Sathyaraj, Taran Singh, Bhagyashree

SHUBHRA GUPTA

MUNJYA COMES from the makers of *Stree* and *Bhediya*, with their Maddock mix of comedy-and-supernatural-horror, the former doing a better job of it than the latter, but both leaving an impact.

Sadly, *Munjya* is neither funny-haha, nor does it make you want to look under your seat, despite its liberal use of jump-scares, and a CGI-generated ghoul.

It is based on a Konkani tale which uses the myth of Munjya, an adolescent boy who dies before he is of age, and whose spirit breaks loose to fulfil incomplete desires.

For the first 30 minutes of the two-hour film, I was riveted, as the present-day Bittu (Verma) returns to his ancestral village with his mother (Mona Singh) and grandmother (Joshi), where he is confronted by Munjya, leading to a tragic bump in the road. But after that, it's all downhill.

Part of the appeal of supernatural tales, if you like this sort of thing, is to wonder just how much lies beneath the surface, and how little we know of our world. Suggestive hints and flashes of darkness build suspense and lead us to the big reveal.

Here, after a shocking twist, the malevolence of the in-your-face Munjya is actively muted so as to make it more annoying than



scary, and that takes away the sting from this stretched-out tale.

In reaching for Caspar-the-friendly-

ghost territory (or is it the long-fingered Gollum from *The Lord Of The Rings*?), *Munjya* loses an opportunity to have created a truly

original bad boy whose rancid desire for an older girl keeps it alive all these decades. Its attempts to turn into a family-friendly film, make it neither here nor there.

After an excellent beginning, the plot begins meandering. You get a hero's Sikh BFF (Taran Singh), who seems to show up just for laughs. Also thrown in is a kind of exorcism, helmed by a Jesus-loving godman (Sathyaraj), and Bittu's own romantic tangle, featuring old friend Bela (Sharvari) and her bumbling foreign beau. Equating Munjya with heavy-handed patriarchy is underlined, but doesn't leave any impression.

You feel for the Harry Potteresque curly-haired, bespectacled Bittu: Verma does earnest-and-bewildered well. As the puranoli-making grandma, Joshi stands out. The green Konkani landscape is, as ever, good-looking. But, and this goes for the film as a whole, Mona Singh as the supportive-mummy-of-young-hero could have done with better writing: she is capable of being really, truly spiky.

SALUTE THE SOLDIER

CISF Salutes the Soldiers
A tribute to Brave Hearts
08th June

HC/Dvr BRAHMA PRAKASH BSP BHILAI 08-06-2008

CT/GD MD AYUB 4th Res. Bn. RANCHI 08-06-1997

ASI/Exe VIKASH GURUNG BSP BHILAI 08-06-2008

CT/GD UK SHARMA FSTPP FARAKKA 08-06-1994

CT/GD G MURMU BSP BHILAI 08-06-2008

CISF proudly remembers the supreme sacrifice of these brave-hearts. On this day, they laid down their lives at the altar of duty. Their courage and bravery would remain an abiding source of inspiration for the force. The force will remain eternally indebted to them for their noblest deeds.

HAV DHAN RAJ RAI

NK C B LAWATI

NK N W SHERPA

The above mentioned NCOs of 1/11 Gorkha Rifles (BATALIK) made the supreme sacrifice during "Mt Trishul Expedition" in 2009, in a true act of grit and valour. The brave soldiers will always be remembered for their enthusiasm and courage. To these bravehearts we pledge that we shall always be guided by their immortal spirit and do their name proud.

LNK INDRA BAHADUR RAI

9421595X Lnk Indra Bahadur Rai of 1/11Gorkha Rifles (BATALIK) made the supreme sacrifice during 'OP VIJAY' on 08 Jun 2006 in a true act of valour. The brave soldier will always be remembered for his raw courage and indomitable team spirit. To this braveheart we pledge that we shall always be guided by his immortal spirit and make his name proud.

RFN L PRADHAN

9422881L Rfn Linchon Pradhan of 1/11Gorkha Rifles (BATALIK) made the supreme sacrifice during 'OP VIJAY' on 08 Jun 1999 in a true act of valour. The brave soldier will always be remembered for his raw courage and indomitable team spirit. To this braveheart we pledge that we shall always be guided by his immortal spirit and make his name proud.

CO AND ALL RANKS, 1/11 GORKHA RIFLES (BRAVEST OF THE BRAVE) (BATALIK)

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Tender Notice No. : 75/2024, Dated : 07-06-2024

SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS

E-Procurement Tender Notice
The following Tenders have been floated online. Tenderers are requested to visit the website www.irops.gov.in and submit their offers online. **The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD may be seen in website.** Offers submitted manually will not be accepted. Offers by post will not be entertained. Tender Closing time is **14:30 hours** of the Due date of the Tender. "For all indigenous offers, Earnest Money Deposit will be accepted only via online system as available on www.irops.gov.in"

Tender No.	Brief Description
66.24.5371	Procurement of printed circuit boards.
33.24.1091	Secondary Lateral Damper.
38.241219A	Coupler Body with shank wear plate.
81.241332B	Thermosetting Adhesive.
31.24.2096	Electro pneumatic brake unit.
80.241193A	Exxon Arpen Rb320 Grease Exxon.
33.24.1321	Primary spring inner for Generator.
90.24.1164	M.S. Flats steel size 45x6mm.
65.24.5003	Supply installation & commissioning.
38.24.1180	Breather Assembly with wire.
77241321A	Paint Enamel Synthetic Apricot.
67.245001A	Supply installation & commissioning.
LM245218A	Advanced Apheresis system.
38.24.2375	Cable for Bogie equipment.
67.24.5004	Electric Overhead travelling Crane.
33.24.1094	Secondary spring outer for generator car.
33.24.1104	Primary spring outer for Generator.
38.24.2120	Oh kit for constant contact polymer.
38.24.2348	Pressure Transformer Refpart.
45.24.1050	Alarm chain pull - indication light.
31.24.1632	Body side window arrangement.
34.24.2311	Polymer Rings for Constant.
38.24.2312	Pu lining (Top & Bottom).

Note:- Due dates of Tender Opening:
SL.No. 01 to 05 on dt.24-06-2024.
SL.No. 06 & 07 on dt.25-06-2024.
SL.No. 08 to 10 on dt.26-06-2024.
SL.No. 11 to 14 on dt.27-06-2024.
SL.No. 15 & 16 on dt.28-06-2024.
SL.No. 17 to 19 on dt.01-07-2024.
SL.No. 20 on dt.02-07-2024. SL.No. 21on dt.03-07-2024. SL.No. 22 on dt.04-07-2024. SL.No. 23 on dt.08-07-2024.

CORRIGENDUM
1). Tender Notice No.71/2024 dt.10-05-2024. Tender no 56.24.1006. Due on 10-06-2024. Brief Desc; PVC insulated cable conductor may be read as due on 14-06-2024. Instead of existing.
Beside above mentioned tenders there are other tenders having value below Rs.25 lakhs. For details, please visit Railway website above.

Principal Chief Materials Manager, A0692 Secunderabad.
For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at <http://www.irops.gov.in> or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001)
Corporate identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in Mobile No. 96461-55525

E-Tender Enq. No. 526 /P-3/EMPW-12622 Dated 06.06.2024
Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites **E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_121713_1** for Refurbishment / Reconditioning works of ID Fan impellers.
For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from dated 06.06.24/05:00 PM onwards.
Note: Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
No. 34267/PSPCL RTP 33/24

SEARCH FOR MISSING

LALLAN CHAUDHARY

General Public is hereby informed that one Male (depicted in the photo) namely **LALLAN CHAUDHARY S/o Shehdev Chaudhary R/o C-107, Gali No. 8, Chhattarpur, Phase-2, New Delhi, Aged-68** Years has been reported missing since 03.06.2024 at about 12:30 PM from his Residence vide **DD No. 22A Dated 05.06.2024** registered at Police Station Mehrauli, Delhi. His physical description is as under:

Complexion: Wheatish, **Height:** 5'8" **Face:** Oval, **Build:** Thin, **Clothing:** White Colour Shirt & Grey Colour Pant and Black Colour Shoes in his Feet.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing male but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing male, please inform to the following.

Ph.: 9799753627, 8750870824 & 8860112058 SHO, Police Station DP/6995/SD/2024 Mehrauli, Distt.- South, Delhi

FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HARYANA e- auction Notice

It is for the information to General Public that e-auction of Fishing Rights of notified waters, rivers, canals and drains of all the districts of Haryana State for the year 2024-25 (01-09-2024 to 31-08-2025) shall be put to public through e-auction on 04-07-2024 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon online at the e-Procurement portal www.eauction.gov.in Before start of the e-auction the interested bidders shall have to deposit earnest money as shown against each District/Districts on dated as given below:-

Date of Auction	Date to Deposit Earnest money
04-07-2024	02-07-2024 till 4.00 PM
11-07-2024	09-07-2024 till 4.00 PM
18-07-2024	16-07-2024 till 4.00 PM
25-07-2024	23-07-2024 till 4.00 PM

The Bidders have to deposit Rs.1000/- as non refundable e- service fee online to take part in the e- auction. The successful bidders will have to deposit online/through RTGS/NEFT the full amount of contract or 1/3rd of auction amount and 5% of the auction amount as security in the bank account of the concerned District Fisheries Officers, as per bank account details given, on the same day of e-auction and the remaining amount within 30 days from the date of the e-auction. In case of failure to deposit the remaining 2/3rd amount by the bidder within the stipulated period of 30 days, the 1/3rd amount deposited by the bidder at the time of e- auction and 5% of the auction amount as security and earnest money shall be forfeited.

Other terms and conditions can be seen at the e-Procurement portal www.eauction.gov.in and Haryana Fisheries Departmental website www.harfish.gov.in and details can also be procured from the office of the District Fisheries Officer of the District or Deputy Director Fisheries at Division level or Director Fisheries Haryana, Panchkula. E- auction of those District/Districts which will not be completed on 04-07-2024 shall again be held on 11-07-2024, 18-07-2024 and 25-07-2025 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon respectively. For any information regarding e-auction Haryana Government e-Procurement System can be contacted at Phone No. 0120-4001002.

Sd/
Director Fisheries Department Haryana, Bays. No. 31-32, Sector 4, Panchkula.

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E-Tender Enq. No. 528 /P-3/EMPW-12665 Dated 06.06.2024
Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites **E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_121700_1** for Operation Breakdown/Preventive Mtc. and Overhauling of West Ash Handling Equipments of 4x2 10 MW units at GGSSTP Rupnagar.
For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from dated 06.06.24/ 05:00 PM onwards.
Note: Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
No. 34262/PSPCL RTP 31/24

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ई-निविदा सूचना

संचालनालय खेल और युवा कल्याण, मध्यप्रदेश, द्वारा "ट्रॉफी, स्मृति चिन्ह, मेडल (फायबर/क्रिस्टल/वुडन/ब्रास/3डी) व अन्य सामग्री क्रय हेतु" निर्माता अथवा उनके अधिकृत प्रतिनिधि से ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र व निविदा की विस्तृत शर्तें www.mptenders.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है। ई-निविदा प्रकाशन उपरांत निविदा में कोई संशोधन व परिवर्तन किया जाता है तो वह मात्र उपरोक्त उल्लेखित ई-टेंडर पोर्टल पर ही उपलब्ध रहेगा।
म.प्र. माध्यम/114750/2024 संचालक

Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration, Punjab
Institutional Area, Sector 25, Chandigarh 160019, India
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Notice Inviting e-Tender
(Ref.No. MGSIPA/E-174761/3804, dated 06.06.2024)
MGSIPA invites online bids for e-tender of the contract for

"Housekeeping and Maintenance of Guest House" in MGSIPA

Closing date & time: **01.07.2024 (Monday), 10.30 A.M.**

For details log onto <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> / mgsipa.punjab.gov.in

Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above Website only. MGSIPA reserves the right to scrap the e-tendering process at any stage without assigning any reason.

Sd/-
Director General

उ. प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कार्पोरेशन लि.
अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना सं. 07-
ईसीटीसी/मुद्रादाबाद/2024-25 ई-टेंडर,
चार माह की वैधता हेतु, दो भागों में, भाग-1 व भाग-
2 अशोषित विवरण के अनुसार आमंत्रित किया जाता है।
विशिष्टिकरण संख्या 01 पर अंकित निविदाओं के प्राप्त होने/खोले जाने की दिनांक व समय 24.06.2024, 14.00 बजे एवं 25.06.2024 14.00 बजे है।
विशिष्टिकरण संख्या 01, कार्य का नाम रिलायबल स्कीम के अन्तर्गत 132 के०वी० उपकेंद्र, बिलासपुर, रामपुर के नियन्त्रण कक्ष भवन में RTU एवं FOTE पैलर की स्थापना से सम्बन्धित जानपदीय कार्य।
निविदा प्रपत्र ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट वेबसाइट <http://etender.up.nic.in> से ही स्वीकार किये जायेंगे।
उक्त निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण यथा तकनीकी विशिष्टीकरण, कार्यविधि, धरोहर राशि, निविदा प्रपत्र की लागत इत्यादि एवं किसी प्रकार के संशोधन, परिवर्तन, शुद्धि पत्र हेतु <http://etender.up.nic.in> अथवा www.upptcl.org पर लॉगिन करके साइट पर देखा जा सकता है एवं प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।
हस्ता./- अश्रीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत जानपद परेषण मण्डल उ.प्र. पाट्टा.का.लि., मुद्रादाबाद "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचाये" पत्रांक- 1568 दि- 7/06/2024

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पूर्णाकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना

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क्र.सं.	कार्य का नाम	मिनिमम बड्स (रु.हजार तक)	पूर्णाकालीन
1.	Construction of Entry Gate at I.A. Talanagri Sector-II & CDF Complex Distt. Aligarh	58.64	

निविदाएं दिनांक 10.06.2024 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे से दिनांक 01.07.2024 को अपरान्ह 5:00 बजे तक अवलोकित की जा सकती है। प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं को दिनांक 02.07.2024 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे या इराके पश्चात् खोला जायेगा।
निविदादाताओं द्वारा अपलोकित किये गये समस्त प्रपत्रों की मूल प्रतियां को पंजीकृत ब्राक अथवा व्यक्तिगत रूप से दिनांक 03.07.2024 की राय 5:00 बजे तक कार्यालय में प्राप्त कराना अनिवार्य है अन्यथा निविदा की Consider नहीं किया जायेगा। निविदा सम्बन्धी विस्तृत जानकारी website: www.onlineupsida.com पर स्थापित ई-लैंक यूपीएसडी की website: <http://etender.up.nic.in> पर देखी जा सकती है।
वर्षिक प्रत्यक्ष (सिविल), निर्माण कार्य-मुद्रादाबाद, उपग्रह राज्य औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण, अहमदाबाद

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001)
Corporate identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in Mobile No. 96461-55525

E-Tender Enq. No. 524 /P-3/EMPW-12611 Dated 06.06.2024
Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites **E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_121699_1** for the work of Breakdown/preventive Mtc. & overhauling of BFPs/CEPs/CWP's/BCWP's/ Misc. Pumps and allied auxiliaries of 4x210 MW BHEL make units at GGSSTP, Roopnagar.. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from dated 06.06.24/ 05:00 PM onwards
Note: Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
No. 34269/PSPCL RTP 34/24

Office of Superintending Engineer, 3rd Circle, P.W.D.Pithoragarh.
E-Mail: sepwdpth@rediffmail.com

Letter No. 2604/58C(Yata-B)-03/2024 Dated: 06/06/2024
National Competitive E-Tender Notice

The Superintending Engineer, 3rd Circle, Public Works Department, Pithoragarh invites tender through E-Tendering (**Two Bid System**) on behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand for following works. All other information will be available online from date 10-06-2024 at 5.00 PM onward on website <http://www.uktenders.gov.in>.

S. N.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (in Lac)	Cost of Tender (in Rs.)	Validity of Tender (day)	Period of Completion (months)	Contractor's category of registration
1	Defect cutting and remaining work of Seraghat (Danibagad) Galfa to Bauna Motor Road in Dharchula Constituency in Munsyari Block of District Pithoragarh under Tribal Sub Plan Scheme (TSP)	4.24	5000.00 + 18% GST	120	12	Category 'B' and Above for Road works in State Govt./ Govt. of India/ Govt. undertaking.

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No. 34269/PSPCL RTP 34/24

RAIL TEL
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

RailTel/Northern Region invites e-tenders from eligible bidders for the following works:

1. Trenching, laying, Termination, splicing, testing and commissioning for shifting of OFC at multiple locations in Chandigarh-Kalka-Solan-Shimla Section of Northern Region of RailTel. Estimated cost- Rs. 29,58,528.39.
2. Trenching, laying, Termination, splicing, testing and commissioning for shifting of OFC at 11 Nos. LHS locations in CNB-BTW-SKB section of NCR & OI Nos. LHS in Mub-Shahganj Section of NER. Estimated cost - Rs. 33,90,946/-

Tender Notice & tender documents are available on www.irops.gov.in and www.railtelindia.com. Addendum/corrigendum will be uploaded in RailTel website and IREPS portal only.

कार्यालय, नगर पालिक निगम, रतलाम (म.प्र.)

क्रमांक/561/लो.नि.वि./ 2024 :: ई-निविदा आमंत्रण :: रतलाम, दिनांक 05.06.2024

नगर पालिक निगम रतलाम द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु केन्द्रीयकृत प्रणाली में पंजीकृत टेन्डरदारों से ऑनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है जिसकी विस्तृत जानकारी ऑनलाईन वेबसाईट <https://mptenders.gov.in> पर देखी जा सकती है:-

क्र. ऑनलाईन निविदा क्र.	कार्य का विवरण	कार्य की समायावधि एवं लागत	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य एवं EMD	निविदा की अंतिम तिथि
01 349011	अमृत सागर तालाब के समीप वेल्डलेड निर्माण कार्य। एस्टीमेट अनुसार। (प्रथम आमंत्रण)।	1- 4 माह (वर्षाकाल छोड़कर) 2- 28790883/-	1- 15000/- 2- 287910/-	05/07/2024- 15:30

नोट :- निविदा से संबंधित किसी प्रकार के संशोधन का प्रकाशन ऑनलाईन <https://mptenders.gov.in> की वेबसाईट पर ही किया जावेगा, पृथक से समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित नहीं किया जावेगा।

कार्यपालन यंत्री - लोक निर्माण विभाग नगर पालिक निगम, रतलाम

कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम सतना (म.प्र.)

N.I.T क्र.01 (E.T.) / निर्माण/ न.पा.नि./ 2024-25 सतना, दिनांक : 07.06.2024

अल्पकालिक -निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

नगर पालिक निगम सतना द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु केन्द्रीयकृत प्रणाली में पंजीकृत टेन्डरदारों से ऑन लाईन निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है निविदा का विस्तृत विवरण वेबसाईट <https://www.mptenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।

क्र.	निविदा क्र.व जारी दिनांक	टेण्डर क्रमांक	कार्य का नाम	वार्ड क्र.	अनुमानित लागत	अमानत राशि	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य की समायावधि
01	01/01 07.06.2024	2024_UAD_349475_1	रोड रेस्टोरेशन कार्य कोठी रोड व हेल्मेट तिराहा से सिविल लाईन चौड़ाहा तक	-	2,47,73,656/-	2,47,800/-	15,000/-	03 माह
02	01/02 07.06.2024	2024_UAD_349476_1	रोड रेस्टोरेशन कार्य जौन-02	-	1,95,74,676/-	1,95,800/-	12,500/-	03 माह
03	01/03 07.06.2024	2024_UAD_349477_1	रोड रेस्टोरेशन कार्य	12 to 22	81,48,423/-	81,500/-	10,000/-	02 माह
04	01/04 07.06.2024	2024_UAD_349478_1	सड़क मरम्मत कार्य विभिन्न स्थानों में	23	13,65,521/-	27,400/-	2,000/-	01माह

शर्तें
1. निविदा प्रपत्र वेबसाईट <https://www.mptenders.gov.in> पर दिनांक 08.06.2024 समय 10:30 से दिनांक 22.06.2024 समय 17:30 बजे तक ऑनलाईन भुगतान करने पर प्राप्त हो सकेगा।
2. निविदा से संबंधित किसी भी प्रकार के संशोधन का प्रकाशन ऑनलाईन <https://www.mptenders.gov.in> की वेबसाईट पर ही किया जावेगा, पृथक से समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशन नहीं किया जावेगा।

Sd/-
कार्यपालन यंत्री नगर पालिक निगम, सतना (म.प्र.)

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS, CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION
Expression of Interest (E.O.I.)

Expression of Interest (E.O.I) is invited from any Firm/ Company for comprehensive up-gradation of various Sports Complexes situated in U.T., Chandigarh keeping in mind the needs of specially abled players also. The details relating to eligibility criteria, terms and conditions and other information relating to this E.O.I can be downloaded from the website <https://sportsdeptt.chd.gov.in/>. The last date for submission of proposal is 01.07.2024 by 05:30 P.M.

The Schedule of Events is as under:

1. Start Date for submission of EOI	11.06.2024
2. End Date for submission of EOI	01.07.2024
3. Project Briefing Meeting	11.07.2024
4. Date of Presentation	To be notified separately

Secretary
Department of Sports,
Chandigarh Administration.

UP-GRADATION OF SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE OF VARIOUS SPORTS COMPLEXES SITUATED IN U.T., CHANDIGARH KEEPING IN MIND THE NEEDS OF SPECIALLY ABLED PLAYERS ALSO.
Expression of Interest

The Department of Sports, U.T., Chandigarh is planning to engage/appoint Consultant for up-gradation of Sports Infrastructure of various Sports Complexes situated in U.T., Chandigarh keeping in mind the needs of specially abled players also. The list of existing sports infrastructure/facilities in U.T., Chandigarh has been annexed as **Annexure 'A'**

OBJECTIVE:

- To engage/appoint Consultant for up-gradation of existing Sports Infrastructure in various Sports Complexes in line with global sporting standards and are conceptualized as the centers of excellence having all best in trade world class facilities.
- To engage/appoint Consultant for up-gradation of existing Sports Infrastructure keeping in mind the needs of specially abled sportspersons.

SCOPE OF WORK:

1. Survey of all Sports Facilities
2. Identification of shortcomings in various Sports Facilities as compared to National/International standards.
3. Meetings with various stakeholders
4. Preparation of bid document
5. Floating of tender
6. Evaluation of bids
7. Award of contract

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The Interested Party should have the experience as follows:
Any Firm/ Company having experience of providing consultancy and successful completion of projects relating to up-gradation of Sports Infrastructure for at-least two projects with Central Government/ State Government/ Union Territory and having experience in the field for a minimum period of 05 years.

SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS:

The interested party shall submit following information as part of EOI:

1. Profile details.
2. Capability Statement highlighting relevant experience.
3. Operational plan for up-gradation of sports infrastructure including the facilities for specially abled.
4. Provide evidence of relevant experience, successfully completed projects in the past 10 years along with details of project value and applicant's role.
5. The details of team and staff proposed to be deployed for the project along with their relevant skill.
6. Audited financial Statement for last 05 years.

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. The Interested Party shall provide details of another such similar projects executed along with necessary documentary evidence and shall attach the performance certificates.
2. The Interested Party shall not be paid any expenses incurred for preparation and submission of documents required, travel expenses for making presentation etc. by the Sports Department, U.T., Chandigarh.
3. The Secretary, Department of Sports U.T., Chandigarh has the right to select or reject any/or all proposal without assigning any reason.

SUBMISSION OF EOI:

1. Interested Parties may send their "Expression of Interest" to office of Director Sports, U.T., Chandigarh at the address mentioned below latest by 01.07.2024 up to 05:30 P.M. The covering envelope containing the EOI should be inscribed on top "Expression of Interest for up-gradation of Sports Infrastructure of various Sports Complexes situated in U.T., Chandigarh". The soft copies of the EOI shall also be emailed at dirtsports-chd@nic.in.
2. Project Briefing meeting will be held on 11.07.2024 at 03:00 PM in the office of Secretary, Department of Sports, U.T. Secretariat, sector-9, Chandigarh.
3. The shortlisted parties shall be called for a presentation & the schedule of the presentation shall be intimated at a later stage.


For further information please contact:

Director,
Department of Sports U.T., Chandigarh
Sports Complex, Sector-42, Chandigarh.
Tel. No: 0172-2620142
Email: dirtsports-chd@nic.in

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NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
Open E-Tender notice NER-LJN-2024-90 and NER-LJN-2024-91
On behalf of the President of India, Divisional Railway Manager/ Engineering, North Eastern Railway, Lucknow, invites online tender for the following work, detail of which is as given below:
E-Tender No. NER-LJN-2024-90, Name of Work:- RPF Practice Ground for Dog at Gonda, Estimated cost (Rs.): ₹ 24,48,351.14, Earnest Money (Rs.): ₹ 49,000.00, Completion Period: 06 months.
E-Tender No. NER-LJN-2024-91, Name of Work:- Construction of 4 nos. Gang Hut in jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/III/LJN. Estimated cost (Rs.): ₹ 1,84,900.00, Earnest Money (Rs.): ₹ 1,84,900.00, Completion Period: 09 months.
1. The tender, for the above tender number NER-LJN-2024-90 and NER-LJN-2024-91 can be uploaded up to 15:00 hrs. On 27-06-2024 and this tender will be opened after 15:00 hrs. On the same day.
2. All the information related minimum qualification, complete details of terms and conditions of the above tender is available on North Eastern Railway website www.irops.gov.in. Tenderer should read the corrigendum (if any) available on the website related to this tender information before uploading the tender form and be sure to take into consideration as well.
Div. Railway manager(Engg.) CP/RO/W-106 Lucknow
Never travel on roof and foot boards.



Government of Himachal Pradesh Department of Tourism & Civil Aviation

E-Procurement Notice

Notice Invitation Tender

1. The Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Board (HPTDB), Department of Tourism & Civil Aviation, invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in Two Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible bidders.

No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender	Time
1.	Development of Helipost at Palampur, Kangra, HP.	Rs. 17,89,40,249/-	Rs. 35,79,805/-	Rs. 5000/-	18 Months
2.	Development of Helipost at Rakkur, Kangra, HP.	Rs. 7,07,45,327/-	Rs. 14,14,907/-	Rs. 5000/-	18 Months

2. **Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:** The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://tenders.gov.in>

3. **Key Dates:**

1. Date of Online Publication	06.06.2024; 18:00 Hrs.
2. Document Download Start and End Date	10.06.2024; 18:00 Hrs. to 24.06.2024; 17:00 Hrs.
3. Bid Submission Start and End Date	10.06.2024; 18:00 Hrs. to 24.06.2024; 17:00 Hrs.
4. Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document	25.06.2024; 11:30 Hrs.
5. Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid	25.06.2024; 11:30 Hrs.

4. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information and corrigendum etc. related to the tender.

Director,

Tourism & Civil Aviation,
Block No.28, SDA Complex,
Kasumpti, Shimla-9.

No. 0015/HP

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND POLICE HEADQUARTERS, RANCHI

Jharkhand Police intends to insure the lives and limbs/body parts of its police personnel like Bomb disposal squads who are engaged in Bomb detection and disposal operation/ Anti sabotage check/IED and Bomb detection and disposal Training other than anti naxal operations in the State. The number of such personnel is approximately 58. The Insurance Cover for them is proposed to stay from 00.01 hrs. on date- 05-07-2024 and is proposed to remain valid initially for a period of one year and is proposed to be extended for a period of one year more depending on the suitability of the chosen Insurance Company.

As per existing rules, Jharkhand Police is authorized to pay a maximum **annual premium of Rupees 2950/- (Rs Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty only including service tax) per personnel** covered under this insurance scheme. However, bid will be finalised in favour of the Bidder who quotes the lowest Annual Premium per personnel

“Expression of Interest” is invited from the bonafide and reputed companies engaged in insurance of lives and limbs/body parts. The 'Expression of Interest' should contain the Capital Sum Insured, detailed terms and conditions and procedure for settlement of claims.

TECHNICAL BID-Corresponding Benefits/Coverages Amount should not be mentioned in this Bid separately.

The Minimum coverage proposed is as below:-
Capital Sum Insured (CSI): Rs- 60,00,000/-

Benefits/ Coverage	% of capital sum Insured
A. Death	100%
B. Permanent total disability	100%
C. Loss of two limbs, loss of sight of two eyes or loss of one limb & loss of sight of one eye.	100%
D. Loss of one limb or loss of sight of one eye.	50%
E. Permanent Partial Disablement	In accordance with IRDA (Insurance Regulatory Development Authority) Norms.
F. In case of Hospitalization in private or Government Hospital due to injury, all expenses of Hospitalization in the initial and letter phases of treatment due to that injury.	Not less than Rs 20,000,000/- Maximum prefer ably cashless system, which also includes expenses towards hiring of Medical Ambulances.
G. Children's Education compensation	Not less than Rs. 5,00,000/- lumpsum Maximum for two children on death of police personnel (towards at least next 5 years education fees compensation to be paid immediately).
H. Expenses of carriage of dead body during Bomb disposal duty	Not less than Rs. 50,000/-
I. Road accident and other accident , during or in run up Bomb detection and disposal activities	Not less than Rs 20,00,000/- for death & Rs 7,50,000/- for Medical expenses.
J. Death resulting from Snake Bite during or in run up to Bomb detection and disposal activities.	Not less than Rs 20,00,000/- for death & Rs. 7,50,000/- for medical expenses.

The 'Expressions of Interest' are expected to be submitted to the D.I.G. (Budget) in the Office of the D.G. & I.G. of Police, Jharkhand on or before 28-06-2024 by 1500 hrs, after which no proposal would be accepted. 'Expression of Interest' will be opened in presence of the representatives of respective bidding Insurance Companies in the office chamber of the D.I.G.(Budget) in the office of the D.G. & I.G. of Police, Jharkhand, Ranchi on the 03-07-2024 at 1500 hrs. The final award may involve a process of negotiations after opening of the 'Expressions of Interest' regarding clarification on the various points raised in such 'Expressions'. The 'Expressions of Interest' is also can be seen on Jharkhand Police Website www.jhpolice.gov.in.

FINANCIAL BID & TECHNICAL BID must be in corresponding separate Envelopes.

Deputy Inspector General of Police (Budget), Jharkhand, Ranchi

PR 325362 Police(24-25)D

e-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer , B&R Division HPPWD Karsog Distt Mandi H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on percentage rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time Allowed	Cost of Tender	Eligible class of Contractor
1	Periodical Maintenance on Shimla Mandi road via Tattapani HP0806MDR07629393 (SH- Providing and laying mix seal surfacing 25mm thick type-B & thermo plastic paint in Km. 90/00 to 93/00) 3 rd Call	35,14,454.41/-	70,289/-	Six months	1,500/-	C&D
2	Periodical Maintenance on Shimla Mandi road via Tattapani HP0806MDR07629382 & HP0806MDR07629390 (SH- Providing and laying mix seal surfacing 25mm thick type-B & thermo plastic paint in Km. 80/00 to 82/00 & 89/00 to 90/00) 3 rd Call	35,87,905.89/-	71,758/-	Six months	1,500/-	C&D
3	Periodical Maintenance on Shimla Mandi road via Tattapani HP0806MDR07629357 & HP0806MDR07629362 (SH- Providing and laying mix seal surfacing 25mm thick type-B & thermo plastic paint in Km. 56/00 to 57/00, 61/00 to 62/00, 67/00 to 68/00) 3 rd Call	35,97,143.46/-	71,943/-	Six months	1,500/-	C&D
4	Periodical Maintenance on Shimla Mandi road via Tattapani HP0806MDR07629378 (SH- Providing and laying mix seal surfacing 25mm thick type-B & thermo plastic paint in Km. 73/00 to 78/00) 3 rd Call	59,41,848.16/-	1,18,83 7/-	Six months	2,000/-	C&B
5	Periodical Maintenance on Tattapani to Shakra road HP0806VR006229205, VR006229210, VR006229211 & Churag to Patti road HP0806 VR007629203, HP0806 VR007629204 (SH- Providing and laying mix seal surfacing 25mm thick type-B & thermo plastic paint in Km. 3/00 to 4/00, 8/00 to 10/00, 2/00 to 3/00 & 3/500 to 4/00)respectively 3 rd Call	48,42,789.54/-	96,856/-	Six months	2,000/-	C & D
6	Periodical Maintenance on Shimla Mandi road via Tattapani HP0806MDR07629397, HP0806MDR07629399, HP0806MDR07629409 & HP0806MDR07629414 (SH- Providing and laying mix seal surfacing 25mm thick type-B & thermo plastic paint in Km. 96/00 to 97/00, 98/00 to 99/00, 108/00 to 109/00 & 112/00 to 114/00) 3 rd Call	58,92,881.52/-	1,17,85 8/-	Six months	2,000/-	C&B

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://tenders.gov.in>. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). “Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: <https://tenders.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized can use the same in this tender.

3. **Key Dates:**

1. Date of Online Publication	11-06-2024 11:00 AM
2. Document Download Start and End Date	11.06.2024 11:00 AM upto 20.06.2024 05:00 PM
3. Bid Submission Start and End Date	11.06.2024 11:00 AM upto 20.06.2024 05:00 PM
4. Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document	Through on line mode upto 20.06.2024 05:00 PM
5. Date of Technical Bid opening, will be followed by technical evaluation of bid and opening of financial bid.	21.06.2024 by 02:00 PM

4. **TENDER DETAILS:**
- The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover:
- Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all “Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information”.
 - Cover2: shall contain “BOQ/Financial Bid”, where contractor will quote his offer for each item.
5. **SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS:** The bidders are required to submit Other Technical Documents in O/o Executive Engineer Karsog Division HPPWD Karsog as specified in Key dates Sr. No. 4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.
6. **BID OPENING DETAILS:** The bids shall be opened on 21.06.2024 upto 05:00 PM in the office Executive Engineer B&R Division HPPWD Karsog by the authorised officer. In their interest the tenderer are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 90 days after the deadline date for bid submission.
8. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.
9. As per Govt. Notification PW/CTR/32-20Genl Inst CPWD/2020-37996-38095 dated 13-03-2023 the tenders above 5% will be summarily rejected and tenders amounts below 30% of amount put to tender will also be accepted.

Executive Engineer
B&R Division
HPPWD Karsog
on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh






0054/HP

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Dy. CMM / NWR / Ajmer, acting for and Behalf of the President of India invites E-Tender against **Tender No. 42245390 dt. 03.06.2024, Closing dt:** 03.07.2024 at 14:25 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their Original / Revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offers received shall be ignored. **Description of work:** Feeder Junction box complete (Type-III) conf. to RCF drawing no. CC75310 Alt-C, CC75311 Alt-A & CC75312 Alt-A suitable for Garid Rath type AC coaches & power cars. **[Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery] **[Inspection Agency:** TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0] **Quantity:** 88 Nos. **Date & time for submission of Tender:** Submission of E-Tender up to 03.07.2024 at 14:25 Hrs. Website particular: www.ireps.gov.in

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District Health & Family Welfare Society, District- Mahendergarh at Narnaul

DHFWS Narnaul invites application for District Civil Hospital Narnaul & SDH Mahendragarh on 1st & 4th Thursday of every month till the post laying vacant from desirous eligible candidates initially upto 31/03/2025 or upto filling Regular post, whichever is earlier., (extendable, subject to the approval from GOD).

Sr. No.	Name of Post	No. of Post	Remarks
1	Gynaecologist (Maternal Health/HSS)	Total-5 (4 DCH Narnaul & 1 SDH Mahendragarh)	1st & 4th Thursday of every month till the post laying vacant
2	Anaesthetist (Maternal Health/HSS)	Total-2 (2 DCH Narnaul)	
3	Paediatrician (Maternal Health/HSS)	Total-6 (3 DCH Narnaul & 3 SDH Mahendragarh)	
4	Medical Officer (Child Health)	1 DCH Narnaul	
5	Consultant Medicine District (NPHCE)	1 DCH Narnaul	

- The interested candidates are advised to visit website www.nhmharyana.gov.in for details of post and download the application form.
- Last date for submitting of duly filled application form on every working 1st & 4th Thursday of every month till the post laying vacant in the office of Civil Surgeon, Narnaul.

Sd/-
Civil Surgeon cum - Member Secretary
District Health & Family Welfare Society,
District- Mahendergarh at Narnaul

26530 HRY



झारखण्ड सरकार

कार्यपालक अभियंता, का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, पाकुड़

अतिअल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

अतिअल्पकालीन ई- निविदा सूचना संख्या – RDD/SD/PAKUR/32/2023-24 (2nd call)

1.कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी:

क्र० सं०	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रघन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
01	पाकुड़ जिला के पाकुड़ प्रखण्ड अन्तर्गत ग्राम गोपीनाथपुर, पंचायत- गंधाईपुर में उक्तनित उच्च विद्यालय गोपीनाथपुर के निकट मसना नदी पर उच्चस्तरीय पुल निर्माण।	2,25,83,200.00	4,51,700.00	10,000.00	15 (Fifteen Month)

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि – 14.06.2024

3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय – दिनांक 14.06.2024 से दिनांक 21.06.2024 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक

4. ई-निविदा खोलने का स्थान – कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, पाकुड़

5. ई-निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय –25.06.2024 अपराह्न 2:00 बजे

6. ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, पाकुड़

7. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं० – 7991153157 (संबंधित कार्यपालक अभियंता का दूरभाष नम्बर)

8. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट-बढ़ सकती है तदनुसार अग्रघन की राशि देय होगी।

9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रघन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।

10. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रघन की राशि का ई-मुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रघन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही आपकी होगी।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिये वेबसाइट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in एवं कार्यालय की सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, पाकुड़

PR 325461 Rural Development(24-25).D



Bharat Nirman through Rural Roads

Chief Engineer (Shimla Zone) HPPWD Nirman Bhawan Nigam Vihar Shimla H.P., 171002

UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)

Notice Inviting Tender

1. The Superintending Engineer, 11th Circle, HPPWD, Rampur Distt. Shimla (HP)-172001 on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system, for construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for each of the following works including their maintenance for five years from the eligible and approved contractors registered with CPWD, HPPWD, P&T, Railway and other State Govt. or Central Govt. Non-registered bidders may submit bids; however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.

Sr. No.	District	Package No.	Name of the work	Estimated Cost (in lacs)		Total cost (in lacs)	Period of completion (in days)	Bid Security
				Const. cost	Maint. cost			
1	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1		HP-06-316	C/O Balance work of link road from Togi to Dhair Km. 0/00 to 1/975. (SH: M/T, C/D work, side drain, essential parapets, R/walls, B/walls at various RD's and maintenance for five year after completion.)	6640953	1889530	7830483	180	157000
2		HP-06-323	Balance work of link road from Kutal (Bashad) to Sharshah Km 0/000 to 10/000 (SH- C/O Retaining walls, breast walls, Parapets, PCC side drain , metalling & tarring and routine maintenance for five year after completion).	10606767	5881386	16488153	180	330000
3		HP-06-345	Balance work of link road from Fajenda to Shamani Km 0/000 to 5/300 (SH: Mettalling and Tarring, side drain, essential parapets, R/walls, B/walls, C/O RCC hume pipe culvert and routine maintenance for five years after completion).	3301121	3185300	6486421	180	130000

2. Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement **07.06.2024.**

3. **Cost of Form:** Rs. 5000/- per package (non-refundable) only in form of Demand Draft in favour of Executive Engineer, Outer Seraj Division Nirmand.

4. **Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:** The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website www.pmgsytenders.gov.in in the bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). “Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in PMGSY may obtain the same from the website: www.pmgsytenders.gov.in .

5. **Submission of Original Documents:** The bidders are required to submit (a) online print towards the cost of bid document and (b) online print bid security and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provision of Clause 4.4B(a) (ii) of ITB with Superintending Engineer, 11th Circle, HP.PWD, Rampur Bsr Distt. Shimla HP-172001, on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand.

6. **Last Date/ Time for receipt of bids through e-tendering: 14.06.2024 upto 1700 hours.**

7. The site for the work is available.

8. Only online submission of bids is permitted, therefore; bids must be submitted online on website www.pmgsytenders.gov.in . The technical qualification part of the bids will be opened online at 11:00 hours on 15.06.2024 by the authorized officers. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bid as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next working day at the same time.

9. The bidder is not required to quote his rate for routine maintenance. The rates to be paid for routine maintenance are indicated in the Bill of Quantities. Further, the payment for routine maintenance to the contractor shall be regulated bases on his performance of maintenance activities.

10. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than ninety days after the deadline date for bid submission.

11. Bidders may bid for any one or more of the works mentioned in the Table above. To qualify for a package of contracts made up of this and other contracts for which bids are invited in the same NIT, the bidder must demonstrate having experience and resources sufficient to meet the aggregate of the qualifying criteria for the individual contracts.

12. Other detail can be seen in the bidding documents. The Employer shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the tender without declaring any reason.

Signature and Designation of the authority inviting bids for and on behalf of Governor of H.P.

Superintending Engineer
11th Circle, HPPWD.,
Rampur Bushahr
Distt. Shimla (HP)
Fax: 01782-233167, Tel: 01782-233044

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of Work and its location

30-Elect-31-T-2024-25-E3 Electrical work regarding heavy repairs to roof, wall plaster, replacement of deteriorated doors, windows and other allied works in connection with shifting of record room in old TA office at DKZ in the section of SSEW/DKZ-I under ADEN/E-IV.

Approx cost of the works in	Rs. 8.92 lacs
Address of the office	Sr. Divl Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.
Earnest Money	Rs. 17900.00
Date & time of submission of tender	12.07.2024, 12.00 Hrs.
Opening of tender	12.07.2024, 12.00 Hrs.
Website & notice board	www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE 1712/24

Sir Chhotu Ram Govt. College For Women Sampla (Rohtak)

Tender Notice

Tenders are invited, for cleaning services of premises of Sir Chhotu Ram Got. College for Women Sampla (Rohtak) from the agencies (Approved by Govt. of Haryana) having at least three years experience in similar services in prescribed form. Interested Tenderer/ agencies can collect form from the office on any working day by paying Rs. 1000/- . All terms and conditions will be attached with the form

Last date of receipt sealed tender document: 28 June 2024

Date of opening of tender: 01 July 2024

Sd/
Principal
Govt. College for Women
Sampla

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WESTERN RAILWAY-RAJKOT DIVISION

CONSULTANCY SERVICES, CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL AND ANNUAL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF BRIDGES


E-Tender Notice No. 08 of 2024-25 date 04/06/2024; Office Address: Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), Western Railway, Kotli Compound, Rajkot, Gujarat - 360 001; Website: www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. No	e-Tender No.	Name of Work	Approximate NIT Cost	Earnest Money
1	DRM-RJT-2024-25 -E-19	Rajkot Division:- Rajkot – Consultancy Services for Feasibility Study, Preparing	₹ 19,20,813.00	₹ 38,400.00
2	DRM-RJT-2024-25 -E-20	Rajkot Division:- Jamnagar:- Consultancy Services for Feasibility Study, Preparing	₹ 18,87,075.00	₹ 37,800.00
3	DRM-RJT-2024-25 -E-21	Rajkot Division: Construction of Boundary Wall between approaches of cities vulnerable for encroachment at Surendranagar, Morbi, Wankaner, Than and Rajkot.	₹ 3,74,62,431.38	₹ 3,37,300.00
4	DRM-RJT-2024-25 -E-22	Annual repair and maintenance of bridges under jurisdiction of Assistant Divisional Engineer	₹ 97,78,808.31	₹ 1,95,600.00

(West) Jamnagar's jurisdiction for a period of one year.

For above all tenders: Date & Time of Opening of Tender: 26/06/2024, 15:00 Hrs

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CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

Notice For Expression Of Interest

Notification No. ELDD/3745-Ckt. Breaker Dated: 01.06.2024. Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW), Chittaranjan is interested in developing additional sources for the following item. **Name of the item:** MCB i.e Circuit breaker with/without auxiliary contacts of both AC and DC types as per CLW Specn no. CLW/ES/3/0096 ALT. L, CLW/ES/3/0037 ALT. H. & CLW/ES/3/ 0050 ALT. C (U-VAM Item Id: 2100535 & 2100412). At present CLW is using Circuit breaker of different rating both AC and DC types in Complete Control Cubicle SB-1&2 and Complete Auxiliary Cubicle HB-1&2 of three phase electric locomotives. Chittaranjan Locomotive Works is planning develop more Indian sources for the above item. Link to download specifications is: <https://www.ireps.gov.in/epsn/cvapp/admintab/vndrDirectoryAndn.do?activity=displayFirst & approvAgencyCode=2> followed by authenticating yourself on the IREPS web page using mobile no. and entering U-VAM Item Id: 2100535 & 2100412 on next page. Firms who have enough experience /capabilities in developing and producing MCB i.e Circuit breaker with/without auxiliary contacts of both AC and DC types are requested to pursue the details as available on CLW website www.clw.indianrailways.gov.in → CLW Official Website → Tender Information → Tenders → Tender Type → Expression of Interest → Division → CLW → Electrical. Interested firms can contact Dy.CEE/D-II Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, Chittaranjan (Email dyceed2@clw.railnet.gov.in or dyceed2@gmail.com). The firms are requested to submit their applications as **Letter of Response** in the prescribed format by 05.07.2024 to Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/D-II, Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, Chittaranjan, PIN – 713331, West Bengal.

PR6-454 Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/D-II/CLW/CRJ

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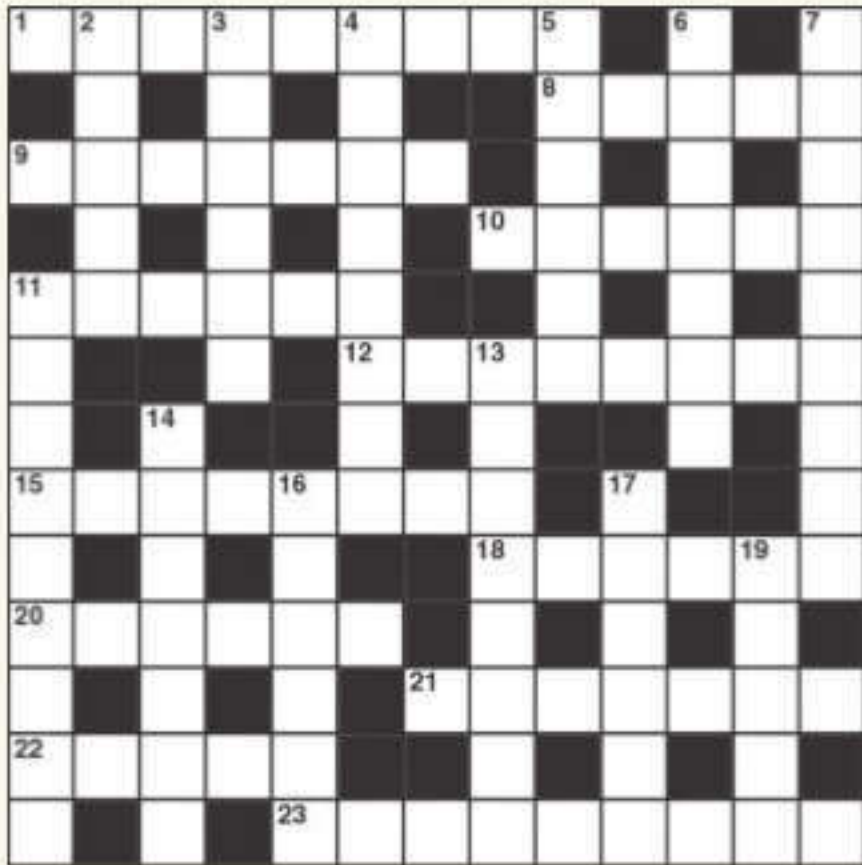
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ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट सूचना

अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या-Mango/O&M/02/2024-25(1st Call)
dt. 05.06.2024

क्र० सं०	कार्य का नाम-	अंदाजित राशि
1	Three Years Operation and Maintenance of Mango water supply scheme consisting of main features such as WTP of capacity 48.0 MLD, back wash recovery system, Intake works at Swarnrekha River, Raw water rising mains 700mm dia D.I K-9-3.90 Kms. From Swarnrekha River to W.T.P, Clear Water Rising Mains D.I K-9 250mm to 500mm -20.65 kms & Distribution main 100mm to 800mm dia D.I K-7 pipe 246.844 km., 4 nos. of New ESR and 1 No. existing old ESR, and 6 Nos. different capacity of New UGR for the year 2023-24, 2024-25 & 2025-26 excluding Electricity Charges, But including Labour Cess 1% & 18% GST.	1049.64000 लाख
2	प्राक्कलित राशि	₹ 10,000/-
3	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि	₹ 10,50 लाख
4	अग्रघन की राशि	₹ 36 नाह
5	कार्य समाप्ति का समय	06.06.2024 / 4.00बजे अपराह्न तक
6	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	10.06.2024 / 11.30 बजे पूर्वाह्न, अभियंता प्रमुख का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, झारखंड, राँची।
7	निविदा प्राप्ति(ऑन लाईन डिलींग) की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	27.06.2024 / 5.0

CROSSWORD 5385



ACROSS

1 Excellent opening price? (5-4)
8 One has to go and look inside so cold a house? (5)
9 Book describing a conservation area? (7)
10 Check an oarsman's support (6)
11 A moving spirit? (6)
12 Each person in it has some very onerous duties? (8)
15 Is stated in a way that creates repugnance? (8)
18 Talk about the French kind of house? (6)
20 Close in an attempt to be fashionable? (6)
21 Person away from work playing soccer? (7)
22 Suppose one includes a mathematical symbol? (5)
23 War is seen to produce fatigue? (9)

DOWN

2 She's in dire need? (5)
3 Make a mistake and throw out the drink? (6)
4 Not the main courses (8)
5 One of two that is set up to the right? (6)
6 She has one real potential (7)
7 Fell in love but became discouraged? (4,5)
11 Great loss of pride? Not! (9)
13 Someone must be willing to appoint him? (8)
14 It's no fun as a rule for him (7)
16 He upsets the warden? (6)
17 Share out in rota perhaps (6)
19 Handy fencing implements (5)

Solutions Crossword 5384 Across: 1 Support, 4 Taste, 7 Vera, 8 In league, 10 Never-never, 12 Graves, 13 Strive, 15 Postmaster, 16 Have a nap, 19 Whim, 20 Canal, 21 Kingpin
Down: 1 Seven, 2 Peruvian, 3 Tender, 4 The best man, 5 Sigh, 6 Eyesore, 9 Free-for-all, 11 Giftshop, 12 Graphic, 14 Attack, 16 Roman, 17 Ivan

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson

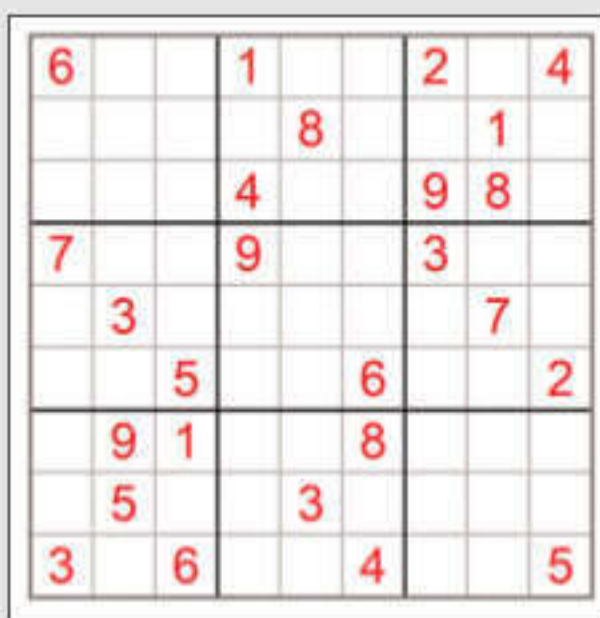


MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 5585

Difficulty Level 5s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.



SOLUTION SUDOKU 5584



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

You could well have to cope with unexpected financial demands, although if past circumstances now seem to be repeating themselves. When somebody close to you decides you're due for some criticism, you might have to bite your tongue.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

The Moon's fresh celestial challenge indicates that you must accept help from wherever it comes. In fact, you should take good notice of everything that people say, improving your act for the future. If you're still uncertain about a few key decisions, give it a few days.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

The emphasis is on work, so if you're at home there should be plenty to keep you busy. Even leisure activities should be just that - active. The best relationships are based on joint interests rather than raw passion, so you need to stay alert to a partner's needs.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

If it's love you're interested in, you may have to travel. The important thing is to talk about your feelings. At home, you may follow the lead set by a child or younger relation. You never know - they might have the innocent, straightforward approach you're looking for.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

If other people are unable to reach agreement, there seems to be no point in arguing the toss. It's far better to realise that associates and loved ones must be allowed to get their own way. If they know what's good for them they'll come back to the negotiating table in good time.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

You are probably well-prepared for anything which may come up, and in any case friends will come to your aid. Today's lunar alignments favour short journeys and serious discussions. You may also have to choose between one family engagement and another.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

All those current challenging celestial aspects will enable you to force intensely personal issues out into the open, and you may dig as far into the past as you wish. If you're working, by the way, your thoughts must focus on ways to make conditions more pleasant.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

You can take the initiative today, putting your foot down at home and determining the pace in affairs of the heart. Financially, keep your outlay down to a reasonable level and you'll be happier in the long run. And be ready for long-distance news. It might be just what you need.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)

Your current emotional tactics have served you well in the past, but a new romantic campaign requires a more sensitive approach. Perfect old-fashioned manners and courtesy will assist your cause. Above all, you need to show that you care - and mean it.

CAPRICORN (Dec 24 - Jan 20)

Now's your chance to prove how well-informed you are. When it comes to planning your family future, your ideas may be less definite than other people's. And, if you're attributing blame or praise for the past, you should try to pick the right targets.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

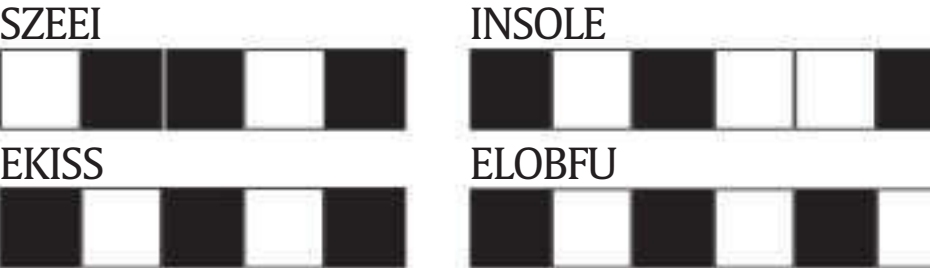
You may be too insecure or pre-occupied with important changes at work to bother with personal details. However, the best way to relax today could be with a spot of 'retail therapy', spending a little of your hard-earned cash on whatever you fancy.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

You have every reason to have faith in the future, and make a bid for the moral high ground. Financial plans may have to be reconsidered, and you may now revive an old commitment, however, expensive. Just make sure that you don't get caught out again.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given clue. The great ___ of ___ is to be, to do, to do without and to depart. - John Morley (8,.,4)



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 (1) Vikki Tiwari (2) Vikas Tiwari both S/o Shyam Nandan Tiwari (3) Soni Ojha D/o Ranjan Kumar Ojha (4) Ranjan Ojha S/o Rajeshwar Ojha (5) Meena Devi W/o Shyam Nandan Tiwari (6) Shyam Nandan Tiwari all R/o RZG-856, Gali No. 17, Raj Nagar, Palam, South-West Delhi also at: Village+Post Dhamshar Bada, Post Pandit Chhapra, Janta Bazar, Saran, Bihar has Committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 210/2018 U/s 498A/406/34 IPC & 67 IT Act, P.S. Shahdara, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said (1) Vikki Tiwari (2) Vikas Tiwari (3) Soni Ojha (4) Ranjan Ojha (5) Meena Devi (6) Shyam Nandan Tiwari cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said (1) Vikki Tiwari (2) Vikas Tiwari (3) Soni Ojha (4) Ranjan Ojha (5) Meena Devi (6) Shyam Nandan Tiwari has absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused (1) Vikki Tiwari (2) Vikas Tiwari (3) Soni Ojha (4) Ranjan Ojha (5) Meena Devi (6) Shyam Nandan Tiwari of case FIR No. 210/2018 U/s 498A/406/34 IPC & 67 IT Act, P.S. Shahdara, Delhi are required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 31.07.2024.

By Order
Ms. Shruti Sharma
Metropolitan Magistrate (Mahila Court)-01
Mahila Court-01, Shahdara, Room No. 55,
Karkardooma Court, Delhi
DP/6831/SHD/2024(Court Matter)

SEARCH FOR MISSING



Pankaj

General Public is hereby informed that one male person **Namely:** Pankaj Thakur, S/o: Subhash Thakur, R/o: 6/132, Shiv Park, Nangloi, Delhi. **Sex:** Male, **Age:** 35 Years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** White Shirt, Blue Jeans and Shoes has been missing since 26.05.2024 from 6/132, Shiv Park, Nangloi, Delhi from the Jurisdiction of Police Station Rani Bagh, Outer District Delhi. In this regard **GD No. 0105A Date: 27.05.2024** has been registered at **P.S.: Rani Bagh, Outer District Delhi**.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing male but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing male. Please inform to the following.

Website : <http://cbi.nic.in> **SHO**
E-Mail ID : cic@cbi.gov.in **P.S.: Rani Bagh**
Fax: 011-24368639 **Outer District, Delhi**
DP/6648/OD/2024 **Phone:** 011-27015793, 27015329

SEARCH FOR MISSING



RAJAN KUMAR

General Public is hereby informed that one boy **Namely:** Rajan Kumar, S/o: Shri Surender Mandal, R/o: Bidpur Tola Malkana Distt. Stamadi Bihar, Narela, Delhi **Sex:** Male, **Age:** 19 Years, **Height:** 04', **Complexion:** Complex, **Built:** Normal, **Face :** Round, **Wearing:** Black Jeans & Pink T-Shirt and Slippers in Feet, has been missing since 20.05.2024 from the Jurisdiction of Police Station Narela, Delhi. In this regard **DD No. 58A, Dated: 23.05.2024** has been registered at **P.S.: Narela, Delhi**.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing boy but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing boy, Please inform to the following.

Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Website : <http://cbi.nic.in> **SHO**
E-Mail ID : cic@cbi.gov.in **P.S.: Narela, Delhi**
Fax: 011-24368639 **Ph.: 011-27282350**
DP/6200/ON/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused persons (1) Rihana, W/o Wasim Sheikh, R/o Flat No. B-1, UGF, Building No. D-216/4, Balli Apartment, Krishan Park, Khanpur, New Delhi **AND** (2) Wasim Sheikh S/o Noor Sheikh R/o Flat No. B-1, UGF, Building No. D-216/4, Balli Apartment, Krishan Park, Khanpur, New Delhi, have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 208/2024, dated: 03.04.2024 U/s 21/29 of NDPS Act 1985, P.S. Ambedkar Nagar, South Distt., New Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Rihana And Wasim Sheikh** cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Rihana And Wasim Sheikh** have absconded (or is concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant); Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Rihana And Wasim Sheikh** accused of **FIR No. 208/2024, dated: 03.04.2024 U/s 21/29 of NDPS Act 1985, P.S. Ambedkar Nagar, South Distt., New Delhi** are required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 29.07.2024.

By Order
Sh. Gaurav Gupta
Ld. ASJ, Special Judge, NDPS Act,
South Distt., Saket Courts Complex,
New Delhi
DP/6979/SD/2024
(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Md. Arbaaz S/o Md. Rafiq R/o Balle ka Makan, Gali No.10, Pahla Pusta, Usmanpur, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 193/2016 U/s 379/34 IPC at PS: Sadar Bazar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Md. Arbaaz** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Md. Arbaaz** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Md. Arbaaz of FIR No. 193/2019 U/s 379/34 IPC of PS: Sadar Bazar, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 07.08.2024.

By order
Gaurav Goyal
Metropolitan Magistrate-06
Room No. 247, Central District,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi
DP/6969/N/2024

Appeal for Identification



General public is hereby informed that one male person **Namely:** Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, **Age:** About 30-35 Yrs., **Height:** 5'4", **Sex:** Male, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Yellow color T-Shirt and black Jeans, **ID Mark:** Tattoo "OS" on right Hand, **Place of Recovery:** Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station, Near Platform No. 7 Escalator. The dead body has been preserved in Safdarjung Hospital Delhi Mortuary for identification.

In this regard **FIR/DD No. 03 A Dated: 27/05/2024** has been lodged at **Police Station: Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station, Delhi**. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO
P.S.: Hazrat Nizamuddin
Railway Station, Delhi
DP/6594/Rly/2024 **Ph.: 8750872318, 9868785585**

SEARCH FOR SUSPECT PERSON

General public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the picture), namely unknown, S/o unknown, R/o unknown, is a suspect in a burglary case registered in Police Station Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi under **FIR No.318/23, u/s 380/457 IPC dated 29.10.2023**.

Any person having any information/Clue about this suspect person, may inform SHO, Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> Sd/-
SHO, Hazrat Nizamuddin,
New Delhi
Tel. No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641
FAX No. : 011-24368639
DP/6616/SE/2024
Tel.: 011-24359989, 24355758
Mob.: 8750870929

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Age :** About 45 years, **Height :** 5'7", **Complexion:** Wheatish wearing wrist watch in left hand was found near Kondli Pul Nala. In this regard G.D. No. 95A dated 01.06.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Kalyan Puri, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone numbers.

SHO - P.S. Kalyan Puri, Delhi
Tel. No. 011-22772287, 22772251,
8750871830

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Mohd Kasim S/o Md. Munna R/o Vegabond Gate No.2, Meena Bazar Jama Masjid Central Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **E-FIR No. 64/22 Dt 31.01.2022 U/s 411/147/179 IPC at PS: New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Mohd Kasim** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Mohd Kasim** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Mohd Kasim of E-FIR No. 64/22 Dated 31.01.2022 U/s 411/147/179 IPC of PS: New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 22.07.2024.

By order
Anuj Kumar Singh
Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate-02
Room No.296A, 2nd Floor
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi
DP/6953/Rly/2024

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that a female namely **Lata D/o Ramesh Kumar R/o H.No. A/69, Gali No.02, Pocket-05, Sonia Vihar, Delhi** has been missing since 27.05.2024 at 03.00 AM from her house. In this regard a **DD No. 68-A dated 02.06.2024** has been lodged at PS, Khajuri Khas, Delhi. The description of missing female is as under:

Name : Lata, **Father's Name :** Ramesh Kumar, **Age :** 32 years, **Height :** 4'6", **Face :** Oval, **Complexion :** Fair, **Built :** Medium, **Wearing :** Blue Color Suit and Salwar & Hawai Chappal in feet.

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned at following phone numbers.

SHO
P.S., Khajuri Khas, Delhi
Ph. : 011-22962735
8750870727

CUP

SNIPPETS

Grass on NY pitch to be pushed in by rolling

New York: The 'dangerous' New York pitch has cast a shadow on Sunday's marquee match between India and Pakistan, and organisers have decided to push in the grass on the wicket by more rolling. They hope that the remedy will rid the surface of the inconsistent bounce that has India captain Rohit Sharma retired hurt in the game against Ireland after being hit on the shoulder by a ball that reared off a length. Paul Stirling and Harry Tector were on the receiving end of similar deliveries earlier in the game. In the Sri Lanka-South Africa game, the islanders were bowled out for 77 while the Proteas didn't have things all their way while chasing the paltry total. The inconsistent bounce has been caused by grassy veins on the track. To address this, the pitches have now been top-dressed and levelled to try to lessen the impact of the veins and the variability in the pitch. With the grass pushed in by rolling the wicket, the ball should hit a flatter surface and therefore play better, the Times reported.

ENS

Iyer wants his bat to do the talking

New Delhi: India batter Shreyas Iyer on Friday said "lack of communication" and some decisions did not go in his favour after the ODI World Cup last year, but asserted that his bat will do the talking in the upcoming future. Iyer was not included in the BCCI's central contract's list for period October 2023 to September 2024 for a perceived belief that he, along with wicketkeeper-batter Ishan Kishan, had prioritised IPL over domestic cricket. "Due to lack of communication, there were some decisions that didn't go in my favour. But at the end of the day, the bat is always going to be in my hand and it's on me how to perform and win trophies," he said on his YouTube page.

PTI

Williamson hails expanded World Cup

New York: New Zealand captain Kane Williamson hailed the T20 World Cup's expansion to 20 nations after co-hosts United States beat Pakistan on Thursday in one of the biggest upsets in the tournament's history. "That sort of exposure is only beneficial for all teams," he told reporters on a video call from Guyana. "When you come to tournament-time anything can happen which is the beauty of the sport. But it's ultimately great for the growth (of cricket)." The U.S., who were guaranteed entry as co-hosts, pulled off a Super Over win against Pakistan in Dallas after beating fellow tournament debutants Canada.

REUTERS

Theron accuses Rauf of ball tampering

New York: USA bowler Rusty Theron has accused Pakistan pacer Haris Rauf of ball tampering during the T20 World Cup match between the two sides. Theron, who is not part of the USA squad, alleged that Rauf was running his thumbnails over the ball, which was two overs old, and hence it was reversing. "@ICC are we just going to pretend Pakistan aren't scratching the hell out of this freshly changed ball? Reversing the ball that's just been changed 2 overs ago?," he wrote on X.

REUTERS



This is not the first time Pakistan have started a big tournament poorly.

PTI

ANATOMY OF A DEBACLE

Death, Texas, and Pakistan drama

Loss against USA in their opening match has opened a can of worms but will former champs turn the tide in the remaining fixtures?

PRATYUSH RAJ

NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

THE CRICKET World Cup is nothing without Pakistan. Whether they win or lose, the Pakistan cricket team adds spice to the tournament.

The Babar Azam-led outfit started their 2024 T20 World Cup campaign with a shock defeat against the USA in a Super Over in Dallas. It puts the former champions in familiar territory. Due to meet India in New York on Sunday, all their remaining group fixtures have now become must-win encounters if Pakistan are to advance to the Super Eights.

This is not the first time they have started a big tournament poorly. The 1992 World Cup campaign, the loss against Bangladesh at the 1999 ODI World Cup, the 2007 loss against Ireland, the 2022 T20 World Cup loss against Zimbabwe, and the humbling against Afghanistan in Chennai in 2023 are all upsets suffered by Pakistan on the biggest stage.

Back in Pakistan, former cricketers had pulled out swords even before their first match and now there is an absolute meltdown in YouTube channels and TV studios. "Unfortunately, Pakistan never deserves to win," said former speedster Shoaib Akhtar on his YouTube channel. He added: "Disappointing loss for Pakistan. We are not off to a good start. Losing to the USA, we repeated history, like we did against Bangladesh in the 1999 World Cup."

If history is anything to go by, calculators will be out, and after a win or two, comparison with Imran Khan's 1992 side will begin. But will the fairytale be repeated? Does Babar have it in him to turn things around?

All is not well

Babar looked visibly frustrated after Haris Rauf bowled a low full toss, which was sent away for a four by USA's Nitish Kumar to put the match to the Super Over. Fakhar Zaman



On November 15, Babar Azam resigned as Pakistan captain in all formats. Four months after being appointed T20I captain, Shaheen Shah Afridi was sacked after Pakistan lost a T20I series to New Zealand 4-1 and Babar was reinstated. There are whispers of politics and Punjab-vs-Pathan overtones at play here.



After being removed as captain, reports suggested that Shaheen expressed dismay following PCB's release of a falsified statement attributed to him subsequent to his removal from captaincy.



On November 17, Wahab Riaz – who has played with several of the current players – was appointed chief selector. On December 1, PCB appointed Kamran Akmal, Rao Iftikhar Anjum and Salman Butt as consultants to chief selector Riaz. Butt's appointment, his first position in the PCB since being banned for spot-fixing, came in for heavy criticism and a day later, he withdrew his name.

Former captain Mohammad Hafeez served as Pakistan's head coach in Australia and New Zealand. He had also been appointed as Pakistan team director. On February 15, 2024, exactly

three months after his appointment, the PCB removed Hafeez from the role.

Haris Rauf, who made himself unavailable for Pakistan's Test series against Australia late last year, lost his central contract. He had it reinstated after PCB chairman Mohsin Naqvi admitted that the decision was wrong.



Mohammad Amir – who was jailed in the UK for match-fixing – and Imad Wasim, who were the most vocal voices in Pakistan against captain Babar, decided to come out of international retirement for the T20 World Cup. Lahore-Karachi rivalries were said to be in play.

"The problem with Pakistan has been political interference. The result against the USA is a true reflection of the PCB and the direct impact of the choices we have made for the past 20-30 years in cricket"

RASHID LATIF, FORMER PAKISTAN CAPTAIN

rushed towards his captain to calm him down before newly-appointed coach Gary Kirsten intervened.

Former Pakistan captain Azhar Ali blamed poor preparation for the team's dismal start. "Leading up to this T20 World Cup, things were not ideal for Pakistan," Azhar had told *The Indian Express* before the tournament.

"When we are hurt, we always turn up as a strong unit. You can't rule out Pakistan in any big event. But in the current scenario, you can feel that not everything is well within the group.

"Off the field, there is too much drama. The home series against a weaker New Zealand

side was bad and even against Ireland, we didn't play well. I won't be surprised if, in the group matches, a minnow team ends up beating Pakistan. The T20 format is very brutal, the field is level," he had added presciently.

Poor captaincy

Ahead of the match, openers Ahmed Shehzad and Imam-ul-Haq were involved in a heated exchange on Tabish Hashmi's show 'Haama Mana Hai.'

"Babar Azam is maintaining his friendships. He has been carrying players for a long time. The players who are out of form for a long time are constantly getting chances. It

doesn't look good. If there was any other captain, he wouldn't have carried players for 35-40 games. We don't play cricket to win bilateral series but to win ICC events. Did we win any event in the last 4-5 years? There are gangs and friendships, and an agent has been manipulating cricket for the last 4-5 years," Shehzad said.

"One captain doesn't get five events. Babar was removed and then brought back. I would understand that if he was MS Dhoni. It's unfair on Shaheen, you made him captain for two matches and then removed him."

On his part, the skipper blamed his bowlers, saying a total of 159 in regular time

was defensible.

"Today's wicket had help for the fast bowlers in the first six overs," Babar said at the post-match presentation.

"Because of the early start – the fast bowlers obviously get a little help. There was some juice in the pitch early in the morning. So they utilised that and executed their plans. We also got help in the second innings, but were not up to the mark in terms of our bowling areas in the first 10 overs."

Mohammad Amir conceded 18 runs in the Super Over, including three wides and seven extras. Babar said: "Amir is an experienced bowler. He knows how to bowl and we were just trying to bowl according to the field. But I think the US batsmen were smart. Even when the ball went to the wicketkeeper, they were running."

Former Pakistan captain Rashid Latif blamed Babar's captaincy and defended Amir.

"It is easy to blame Amir but you have to realise that he is coming back to international cricket after four years. He bowled an excellent 19th over but if you see the last ball of the Super Over, he put his arms in the air. He was trying too hard, especially against the left-hander. Then Fakhar (Zaman) didn't take strike against the left-arm seamer in the Super Over. Some weird on-field decisions were taken," Latif felt.

Babar, who became the world's leading T20I run-getter during the game, appeared scratchy in his 43-ball knock before falling LBW to Jasdeep Singh in the 16th over. The question over his approach in T20s has been the talking point for the past few years.

Former captain Shoaib Malik has also questioned Babar's leadership skills. "He has played at No.3, but was not able to score runs. He is opening, but not able to give starts. He must come and bat in the middle order. Our best batter and captain is the problem. He should lead from the front and guide the likes of Iftikhar Ahmad and Azam Khan," Malik said.

'Chinese are scared of playing against pimples, but we must use it wisely'

ANIL DIAS

JUNE 7

ITALIAN COACH Massimo Costantini returns for his third stint as Indian table tennis coach. The 66-year-old, who coached India from 2009 to 2010 and from 2016 to 2018, is a proven achiever as he oversaw India winning a record eight medals at the 2018 Commonwealth Games and two bronze medals at the 2018 Asian Games.

Excerpts:

What are some of the major changes you've seen in players since your last stint ended here in 1987?

There is a level of maturity amongst them that was not there before. Mind you, they didn't have a head coach for six years. That's a long time. For some reason, no coaches came. So the players got much more responsible and started doing things on their own.

It's not just the players that have improved but the whole table tennis ecosystem has become better. The Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) with Kamlesh Mehta (general secretary) at the helm has become far more professional. Even the government with the Sports Authority of India

(SAI) is committed to making things happen.

Each of the top players has individual coaches who generally travel with them for competitions. Now for a head coach to come in, do you reckon there will be resistance?

We won't be the first country to have this kind of setup. As long as we have a common view, I'm very fine with that. The individual coaches are not our opponents. If we start thinking they are our opponents, it will damage the player. Look at China and Japan. They have the same situation. Countries like Korea and Germany don't have this setup and France have many coaches in their panel. What's important is that we have a common goal. We have to come up with some internal rules and we are working on that.

India's Paris team selection raised questions as Ayhika Mukherjee, who beat the Chinese World No. 1 Sun Yingsha at the World Championships, wasn't selected in the team. Do you think India missed a trick there by choosing Archana Kamath over Ayhika?

The selection wasn't based on any choice. The criteria and parameters were defined a year before. It was not a question of choice.



Coach Costantini wants Manika Batra to consistently beat top players. UTT

The criteria were objective, not subjective. The Chinese may be more scared of Ayhika rather than Archana but the selection committee cannot help that. Look at Patrick Franziska. He's Germany's No. 1 player but he didn't make the cut for Paris because he achieved that ranking after the selection took place. He's super upset and who wouldn't be, but even they were clear that there was a criteria defined and the team was selected accordingly. If you have made a decision based on criteria, it is like it is. I'm sorry for Ayhika and G Sathiyan but I still need them. If we do well, it will be because of them too.

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INDIA TT COACH

While qualifying in men's and women's team events is a great achievement in itself, what do the players need to do so that we can win a medal at the Olympics? What does someone like Manika Batra and Sreeja Akula need to work on?

If I tell you, then the opponents will know (laughs). There are many areas to improve. Manika reached new heights by entering the top-25 and she has proven that she can occasionally beat players ranked higher than her. Maybe the first step is to consistently beat better players. Winning once in a while does-

n't help. In 30 matches, you beat average players and only one win against a top-10 player then your improvement is only average. Be tactically better and need to be more effective and efficient. There are about 10-14 parameters for a table tennis player.

I often give this analogy that it's like a Formula One car where a small improvement in one component can give you an advantage over your opponents. If because of that improvement we're able to win at least 2-3 points extra in every game, that's going to make a big improvement.

Our women paddlers have raked up impressive results against top opponents. The use of pimped rubber has helped. What's your take on the use of pimples?

Pimples can be a big surprise. Using rubbers with a different style can cause a major problem against players who use normal rubbers. The simple fact is that players who regularly play with normal rubbers aren't used to playing against pimples. It's like, if there are 20 right-handed players practising, they will struggle against a left-hander.

95% of the players play with the same style. Then there are 5% of players who can change the rule of the rally by destabilising

the way of the play. Top players not having a habit of playing with pimples is tactically an advantage for those who play with it.

Where Indian women made history be it at the Commonwealth Games or the Asian Games, it was because we had an explosive mix of players using pimples. Now its importance is greater because the Chinese are scared of playing against pimples. The challenge for us is to use it differently. Look at how Wang Manyu lost to Manika at Saudi Smash. Manyu had beaten Manika just a week earlier in Macao but Manika was able to change her game and beat her just a week later. She could do so because she switched up her play with her defensive pimped rubber.

Since you say that using pimples can be a huge advantage, do you recommend youngsters start playing with that rubber?

I don't think that a player starting out should just be told to play with pimples. And they shouldn't use pimples just to get results either. Coaches at the grassroots need to introduce the players to all kinds of rubbers and need to see which suits them better. Coaches need to find out what the talent tells them and not impose pimped rubbers on youngsters.

Alcaraz finds joy in suffering

Pollution will be a factor: FIDE CEO on Delhi's bid

Semifinal ends up being one of different qualities in different sets as Spaniard beats Sinner in a marathon

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IT WAS a clash billed to be a high-octane thriller — similar to previous contests of this hyped, burgeoning new rivalry — but it turned out to be a slow-burning afternoon of intrigue and fine margins under the baking Parisian sunshine.

In their French Open semifinal on Friday, Carlos Alcaraz, the 21-year-old World No. 3 from Spain, edged 22-year-old Australian Open champion Jannik Sinner 2-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 to reach his first final at Roland Garros.

Not all nail-biters are of the highest quality; this match ended up being one of different qualities in different sets. Only on a few occasions would either player roll out their best tennis, and rarely at the same time. 12 breaks of serve, 102 unforced errors, and 15 double faults in total certainly tell that story.

But the ebbs and flows of best-of-five sets tennis, which these two rising players will undoubtedly experience more and potentially even master, do not reward consistency or quality as much as seizing momentum when it flows one's way. The very best level is not always required to do that.

And on Friday, this matchup of contrasting attitudes would become a showcase of just that. Alcaraz's showmanship and commitment to attacking, low-percentage tennis has led to his rise and made its way into several highlight reels. But it is well-matched by Sinner's methodical, more precise approach that complements his destructive shot-making.

If it was Sinner's imposing composure and clean hitting that rushed and rattled Alcaraz at the start and allowed him to prevail in the high-pressure situations, it would be Alcaraz's flair that allowed him to produce moments of the highest quality to turn this match around and escape with the victory.

Many momentum shifts
Sinner kicked off proceedings in fine form, steamrolling Alcaraz into a 4-0 first-set lead. The Spaniard never looked like he was an equal participant even as he seemed to build a way back into the contest, slumping in the opener. But just as Sinner seemed to be in total control, up a break in the second, he would fall off dramatically, leaking errors and double faults, losing five games in a row for the momentum



Carlos Alcaraz, at 21, has become the youngest man to reach the finals of Majors on all surfaces. Reuters

to flow Alcaraz's way.

Even as his opponent seemed to be struggling physically with cramps, and the tide turned, Alcaraz blinked as he had the opportunity to impose himself. He had four break points in the nearly 15-minute-long fifth game of the third set, but the Spaniard squandered each. Sinner lifted himself enough to take advantage of his opponent's lapse, needed only one break point to go into the lead, and edged the set from there.

But Alcaraz's superior physicality and appetite for the big stage would come to the fore. Sinner knew he had to do what the best players tend to do in these situations — serve well, ride out momentum and take it deep hoping for the player with more to lose to crumble under pressure. But while under the pump, Alcaraz found more zip on his groundstrokes,

served much better, and his deft touch was on point. For evidence, replay those signature drop shots at pressure moments, on repeat.

In those knife-edge moments, it would be Sinner who would show the nerves. The Italian went 30-0 up while serving to stay in the fourth, but netted a simple overhead to make it 30-30, from where Alcaraz played two high-quality points to escape with the set and the momentum. After taking an early break in decider, despite both players creating some of the best moments of the match, Alcaraz would serve well enough to ensure there was no other twist.

Sinner did not consistently find his best, and there remains doubt over what was going wrong with him physically midway through the contest, but Alcaraz would acknowledge that this was one of the most significant chal-

lenges of his career.

"You have to find the joy in suffering... Even more so on clay, here at Roland Garros," Alcaraz said after the match. Exactly 11 years ago, a certain other Spaniard named Rafael Nadal had that exact thing to say, after beating a great rival of his (Novak Djokovic) in a 5-set semifinal. Alcaraz would explain how past experiences allowed him to stay on course: "I saw him struggling a little bit. I was cramping, Jannik as well. I learned from last year's match against Djokovic, in the same position like today, that you have to be calm and keep going."

At 21, he becomes the youngest man to reach the finals of Majors at all surfaces. The Spaniard will play his third Major final on Sunday, after winning at Wimbledon last year and at the 2022 US Open. One step away from all-court mastery.



EXPRESS IN NORWAY

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STAVANGER, JUNE 7

THE AIR pollution that New Delhi experiences annually in the final months of the year could be one of the factors in deciding whether India's capital hosts the upcoming World Chess Championship this year, FIDE CEO Emil Sutovsky told The Indian Express. India's 18-year-old challenger Gukesh will take on reigning world champion Ding Liren in the World Chess Championship for a chance to become the youngest world champion ever in history.

Besides New Delhi, Chennai and Singapore are also in a three-city race to host the most prestigious event in chess. The world championship is scheduled to be held in November and December 2024 with the exact dates yet to be revealed.

"The pollution factor we do consider especially. Because that's not going to be different this year. As good as the organisation of the event could be, you cannot change the pollution and cannot predict if something happens. We are considering it as a factor," Sutovsky told this daily on the sidelines of the Norway Chess tournament in Stavanger.

Air quality in the capital was alarmingly poor in those two months in 2023. New Delhi was also in the middle of a storm last year when it was hosting the FIDE Women's Grand Prix, which had to be postponed by a day because Kazakh GM Zhansaya Abdumalik withdrew from the 12-player event due to poor facilities given to the players. Some of the players had also written to FIDE to postpone the event. In response to this, FIDE president Arkady Dvorkovich had issued an apology to the players and had vowed to "improve and sharpen the mechanism of selecting the host cities and venues for the tournaments."

By contrast, Chennai's credentials are burnished by the fact that they successfully hosted the Olympiad in 2022 which hosted about 2000 players from over 180 countries. They also successfully organised an elite tournament called Chennai Grand Masters in December last year.

Sutovsky added that before the 15-member FIDE Council decides which city gets to host the World Championship, he will issue his recommendations since he is in charge of the World Championship. He pointed out that there are a multitude of factors that will help the FIDE Council eventually decide who gets to host the World Championship, including "neutrality". This might give a slight advantage to Singapore since Gukesh will be home favourite at Chennai or New Delhi. But Sutovsky added an important rider.

"If the bids are the same, it gives a serious advantage to Singapore. If one or two other bids are much, much higher in all other senses (in terms of guaranteed revenue that FIDE would get from broadcast and commercial rights) then it compensates for neutrality.

"We look at a multitude of factors, among those that are important is distribution of rights, neutrality, the level of venue, broadcast and other similar things that would allow the match to not only be important by itself, but also allow the chess world to leverage on it to promote the game in terms of chess fans that would start following the game during the world championship," he said, adding a decision is likely by end of June.

As the venue is decided, focus will be on the two players. There has been plenty of chatter about the form of Ding Liren since he became the world champion last year. Sutovsky says that there is a deadline for both players to sign player contracts in 10 days. In case one of the players refuses to sign the player's contract by that date, they would approach the next player in line — Hikaru Nakamura — from the Candidates tournament.

"I have to say I do not expect that to happen. Only Ding's results were creating the narrative that he may decide not to play. But we haven't heard that from Ding himself. And we don't expect that to happen," Sutovsky added.



India's D Gukesh will take on China's Ding Liren in the World Chess Championship later this year. File

Lakshya distracted by Antonsen's antics, loses

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JUNE 7

LEADS OF 18-16 and 20-18 in the first game and 16-14 in the second for Lakshya Sen proved inadequate during his Indonesia Open quarterfinal against Anders Antonsen on Friday. The bambi-faced, wily geek from Denmark won the all-important endgames to prevail 24-22, 21-18 with a mix of ultra-focused construction of rallies, with some well-orchestrated delays, ruining Sen's composure.

The Indian, headed to the Olympics, ought to be prepared for all such shenanigans, at Paris, where opponents will crank up the pressure on him in the closing stages if he doesn't proactively push the gears. In trying to stay defensively solid — which he inevitably does — Sen can forget to up the ante to snatch the crunch points. Antonsen, seeded 4th and a Top-5 opponent, was the latest to catch the Indian on his reluctance to attack.

Sen, who had beaten the Dane at All England, did little wrong to stay in the hunt. He won his first few points making Antonsen go across the body and opening up yawning gaps on the court. The Indian has a somewhat predictable straight smash, but it was working well because of how he was getting Antonsen to scurry all over.

Sen was equal to the task at the net, and got the better of Antonsen in long rallies going from 13-16 down to leading 18-16. The Indian is fearless at the net, but was mostly getting his length right when he took that lead. His serving, for some reason, went wildly wonky after being called three times for a high service fault, and Antonsen did his wicked bit to sow doubts in the chair umpire. Sen simply turned predictable and hesitant in serving thereafter, veering away from his plans to mix up his serves. But at 18-16, he wasn't in any particular trouble.

Antonsen, meanwhile, was keeping up with a deceptive cross-court drop and smash. He puts a lot of wristwork on the cross shot and deceives opponents into thinking it will drop short, but it actually just squirts out as a full-fledged, non-sliced shot. Sen, rarely boggled, was briefly confused by some of these, but still led 20-18.

It's here that Antonsen played really boldly, and went for the lines to save two game points. Sen's defence came good when he picked a relentless flurry of 7 smashes to go up 22-21, but couldn't quickly morph into offensive mode, which cost him the opener. At 23-22, Sen injected pace, but even that is a predictable ploy, and Antonsen stayed steadfast to hit through him and take the first.

Stuck in second gear

Sen's round-the-head smashes have somehow disappeared, but it is his reluctance to hit the next gear not just in pace, but in pouncing



Lakshya Sen lost to Anders Antonsen 22-24, 18-21. BWF/BadmintonPhoto

on the kills that sees him fade out in the endings. In the second game, he once again did all the hard work to reach 16-14. But Antonsen is a wily opponent who does not crack in the endgame in his defence. For his offence, he has the strokes and plenty of utterly made-up reasons to delay in trying to nibble at that lead.

His antics and some pretty solid badminton, where his speed at the net stayed equal to his serenity in defence, saw the Dane collect five straight points at this juncture. Sen tends to look unflappable, but he clearly fell short in once again catching up Antonsen's 19-16 lead despite reaching 18-19, as he lapsed into acute cluelessness and passivity, right at the business end of the rallies. He almost played two extra shots each rally, and couldn't summon the kill, sticking to conservative shot selection.

It was tough to deny Antonsen the credit of being bolder at the net, and cunning in between points to throw Sen off. But the Indian knew he needed to do more.

"I'm a bit disappointed with the first game. But towards crucial stages it was good points, not that I could've done something different. But whatever best I could I tried. Even in the second game, I had my chances. He was playing very defensive. Fast on the net. Taking on the net. Better at the net. But still, I managed with my defence. But at crucial stages, I had to maybe attack a bit more, to take the initiative, take a few chances," he told the BWF.

Antonsen, meanwhile, has been losing his fair share of endgames, but was up for this one. "I was telling myself towards the very end of the first game that now is my time. I tried to pump confidence in myself. I've lost very close games. Sometimes, margins were not in my favour. But today I kept believing in myself," he told BWF.

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