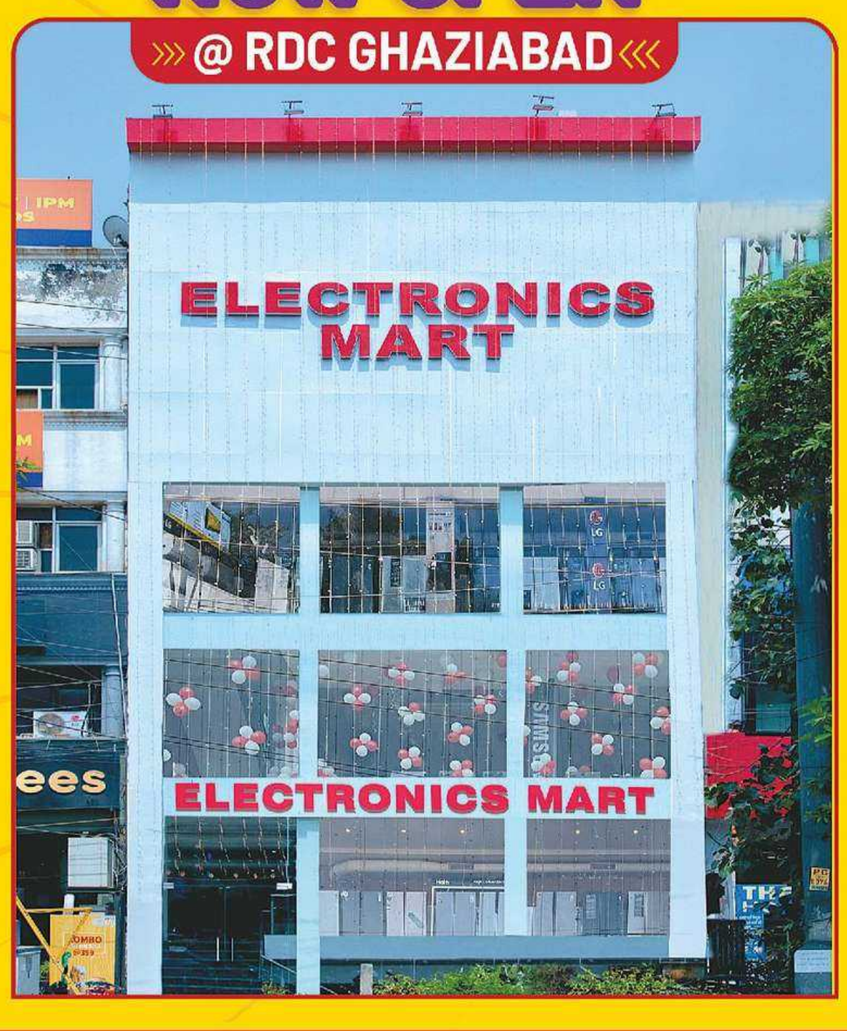
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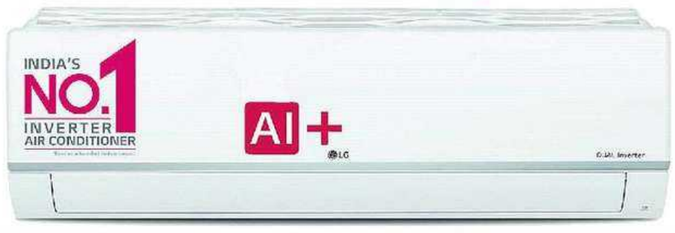
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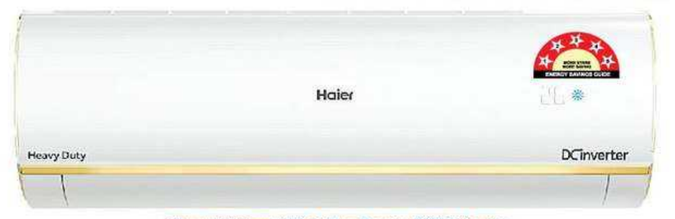
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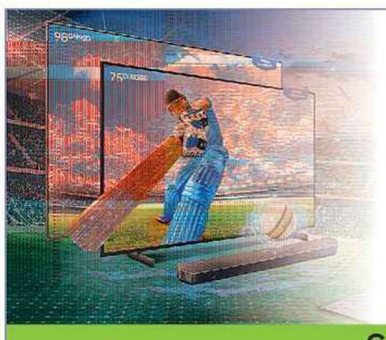
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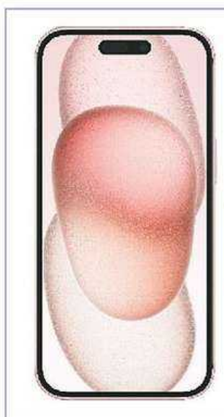
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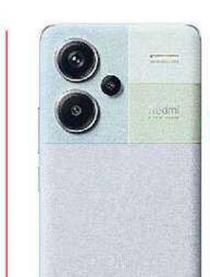
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MANIPUR POLICE OUTPOST, MANY HOUSES SET AFIRE BY ARMED MOBS

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NEW DELHI/IMPHAL: The Jiribam district of Manipur remained on the edge after armed mobs torched two police outposts, a forest department office, and close to 70 houses across the district, prompting more people from both Meitei and Kuki communities to flee and the state government to send teams of police commandos to the restive region, people aware of the matter said on Saturday.

Violence engulfed the district, located around 220km from Imphal and near the Assam border, after 59-year-old S Saratkumar Singh was found beheaded on Thursday. The killing appeared to set off a fresh round of targeted attacks in the state, which has been shrouded in violence for over a year.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, a senior police officer said that people from both the communities have been evacuated. →P19

READ: 365 days later, the fires of hatred still burn in Manipur

CWC urges Rahul to be leader of the Oppn in Lok Sabha

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NEW DELHI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is likely to be the Lok Sabha's leader of the Opposition (LoP) after the Congress Working Committee (CWC), the highest executive forum of the party, passed a resolution on Saturday urging him to do so.

Gandhi, who has won from Wayanad in Kerala as well as Rae Bareli in Uttar Pradesh and remained the biggest draw for the party in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, told the committee that he will consider the proposal and decide in the next few days, according to people in the know of the matter.

For the past 10 years, the Congress, which is the largest Opposition party in Parliament, did not meet the criteria to get the LoP status in the Lower House. This time, with 99 seats, the party is entitled to get the LoP post, which has the status of a cabinet minister.

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Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and KC Venugopal. VIPIN KUMAR/HT

Sonia re-elected head of parliamentary party

NEW DELHI: Sonia Gandhi was on Saturday re-elected as the party's parliamentary wing chief for another five years at a meeting of the Congress Parliamentary Party. Speaking at the meeting in the Central Hall of the old Parliament building, Gandhi hit out at the Modi government, and said that with the Opposition's recent showing in the election, "No longer can and should Parliament be bulldozed like it has been for a decade now." →P2

CANADA INTEL CHIEF VISITED INDIA TO DISCUSS NIJJAR CASE

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NEW DELHI/TORONTO: The head of Canada's intelligence agency made two unannounced visits to India in the first quarter of this year to meet Indian officials to discuss the killing of Khalistani activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, people familiar with the matter said. Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) director David Vigneault travelled to New Delhi in February and March, a person in Canada said on condition of anonymity. →P8

PANEL TO REVIEW NEET RESULTS OF 1,500 STUDENTS

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NEW DELHI: The education ministry has constituted a four-member panel to review the results of over 1,500 students who were given grace marks as compensation for loss of time during the National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET-UG) for admissions to undergraduate medical courses, the National Testing Agency (NTA) said on Saturday. The NEET 2024 results, announced on June 4, had caused an uproar. →P8

BJP may give allies key berths, retain big four

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NEW DELHI : High-level meetings were held in the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Saturday to finalise names of leaders who will be given ministerial berths, a day before the new National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government will be sworn in for the third time in a row with Narendra Modi as Prime Minister, senior leaders aware of the details said.

The party will have to part with several ministries to accommodate allies, particularly those who have helped meet the deficit in the overall seat count. The BJP, which has 240 lawmakers, 32 less than the required strength to form the government, has got support from the Telegu Desam Party, the Janata Dal Secular, the Janata Dal United, Apna Dal and 10 others.

According to one of the party functionaries, the discussions have been "largely amicable" and it has broadly been decided that the BJP will retain the big four ministries of defence, finance, home and external affairs. Allies such as the TDP, JDU, JDS and LJP are likely to get cabinet berths in addition to minister of state positions.

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Indian officials welcome Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina upon her arrival in New Delhi on Saturday. ANI

Guests arrive, security raised for swearing-in

NEW DELHI: Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and vice-president of Seychelles Ahmed Afif were among the first dignitaries to arrive in Delhi on Saturday for the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister-designate Narendra Modi scheduled to be held in the national capital on Sunday. Over 7,000 guests, along with leaders from seven countries in the neighbourhood and the Indian Ocean region, are set to attend the ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan. A three-tier security net is set to descend upon the Capital for Sunday's ceremony, people aware of the matter said on Saturday. More than 500 personnel and senior officers from the Delhi Police and paramilitary forces, along with National Security Guard (NSG) commandos are set to guard Raisina Hill and its surrounding areas, they said. →P4

3 killed, 6 injured in Narela factory fire


Firefighters try to douse a fire that broke out at a factory in Narela industrial area, in New Delhi, on Saturday morning. Three people were killed in the fire. Related story on page 5 RAJ K RAJ/HT PHOTO

MOHALI STALKER HACKS WOMAN TO DEATH IN PUBLIC

MOHALI: A sword-wielding stalker on Saturday killed a 32-year-old woman who had rejected his marriage proposal, in Mohali, police said. 36-year-old Sukhchain Singh, had been stalking the victim, a call centre employee, for a while and a complaint had been filed against him some months ago, police said.

On Saturday, he attacked her at 8.30am while she was on the way to work causing her to run into oncoming traffic. She fell after being hit by the car, and Singh continued to attack her, CCTV footage showed. She died on the spot. A police officer was also injured while taking Singh into custody. →P6

IMD PREDICTS FRESH HEATWAVE IN NORTH INDIA FROM TODAY

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NEW DELHI: A fresh spell of heatwave is likely over northwest India from June 9, the India Meteorological Department has said, separately issuing a flash flood warning for neighbourhoods of Coastal Karnataka, Kerala, Mahe, Konkan and Goa in next 24 hours due to heavy rainfall. While heatwave conditions are likely to continue over parts of east and east-central India, UP and northeast MP during next five days; heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely over Maharashtra and coastal and north interior Karnataka, IMD said. →P11



14-MEMBER TEAM TO PROBE CATTLE TRADERS' LYNCHING

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RAIPUR: A 14-member special team has been constituted to probe into the death of two cattle transporters, Guddu Khan (35) and Chand Miya (23), who were allegedly chased and beaten up by a mob in Raipur district of Chhattisgarh, police said on Saturday, adding that a search operation has been launched to nab the absconding accused.

23-year-old Saddam Qureshi, who was accompanying them, has sustained critical injuries and is currently undergoing treatment, an officer said. →P15

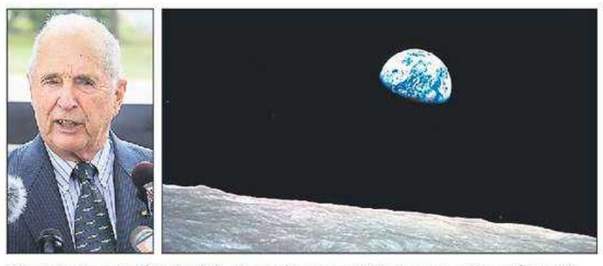
RESORT OWNED BY PORSCHE BOY'S FAMILY RAZED

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PUNE: The Satara district administration on Saturday razed illegal portions of a resort in Mahabaleshwar owned by the family of the 17-year-old boy involved in the Porsche crash that claimed two lives in Pune, an official familiar with the matter said. The club has been built on government land leased to the Parsi Gymkhana and is run by a trust whose members are the parents and grandparents of teenager involved in Porsche crash, the people cited above said. →P15

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William Anders, man behind iconic 'Earthrise' photo, dies in plane crash


The photo credited with changing people's perspective of Earth.

SEATTLE: William Anders, the former Apollo 8 astronaut who took the iconic "Earthrise" photo showing the planet as a shadowed blue marble from space in 1968, was killed on Friday when the plane he was piloting alone plummeted into the waters off the San Juan Islands in Washington state. He was 90.

Anders, a retired major gen-

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No longer should House be bulldozed, says Sonia at CPP meet, takes on Modi

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NEW DELHI: Former Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Saturday launched an attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying that he suffered a "political and moral defeat" in the recently held Lok Sabha elections, and added that Parliament should no longer be "bulldozed like it has been for a decade" as she stressed that the writ of the ruling party "will no longer be permitted to disrupt Parliament, whimsically mistreat members or push through legislation without due and proper consideration".

Addressing the newly elected party MPs in the Central Hall of the old Parliament, a day after the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) held its parliamentary party meeting at the same venue, Gandhi said Modi "had lost the right to leadership".

"The Prime Minister who sought the mandate solely in his name to the exclusion of both his party and its allies has suffered a political and moral defeat. In reality, he has lost the mandate he sought and thereby lost the right to leadership as well. Yet, far from taking responsibility for failure he intends to get himself sworn in again tomorrow [Sunday]. We do not expect him to change the substance and style of his governance, nor take cognizance of the will of the people," she said.

The BJP won 240 seats in the general elections whose results were announced on Tuesday, stopping well short of the majority mark of 272. The Opposition's Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) delivered an unexpectedly strong performance to restrict the BJP below its stated pre-poll target of 370. However, with allies such as the Janata Dal (United), Telugu Desam Party and Shiv Sena, and a clutch of smaller partners, the NDA is comfortably placed to form the government.

Gandhi, who was re-elected as the chairperson of the Congress's Parliamentary Party for five years, urged the party MPs to hold the NDA government accountable. "As members of the CPP, we have a special obligation to be watchful, vigilant and proactive in holding him and his new NDA government accountable. No longer can and should Parliament be bulldozed like it has been for a decade now," she added.

The Congress's effective tally in the House stood at 100 after Sangli parliamentarian Vishal Patil extended his support to the party, further emboldening the Opposition bloc, which had 236 members. "No longer can and should Parliamentary Committees be ignored or bypassed or stifled as it has been over the past ten years."

Gandhi also reminded the new team of the Congress lawmakers of their duties amid signs of heightened confrontation between the government and the Opposition in the 18th Lok Sabha.

"In this election the people have voted decisively to reject the politics of divisiveness and authoritarianism...That indeed should continue to be our objective and guide," she said.

The senior Congress leader said the party faced a tall task ahead as it had to "prevent any attempts to increase polarisation and erosion of secular and democratic values enshrined in our Constitution by the ruling cabal". She also argued that "This is a renewed opportunity for us as a party that established parliamentary democracy in our country to bring parliamentary politics back on track..."

She highlighted the "resilience" demonstrated by the party in the polls and underlined that "it was up against a mighty and malevolent machine that was doing its utmost to destroy us" as she lauded party chief Mallikarjun Kharge for his role in leading the party. "It tried to cripple us financially. It carried out a campaign against us and our leaders that was full of lies and defamation. Many wrote our obituaries! But under the determined leadership of Kharge Ji we persevered," she said.



Senior Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi, along with party president Mallikarjun Kharge, during a meeting of the Congress Parliamentary Party, in New Delhi on Saturday. REUTERS

Oppn bloc must work cohesively inside and outside House: Kharge

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NEW DELHI: The INDIA bloc, a group that has 236 lawmakers in the Lok Sabha, must function "cohesively and collectively both in Parliament and outside", Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge said at the meeting of the extended Congress Working Committee (CWC) on Saturday as he also emphasised that "people have reposed their faith back in us (the Congress) in substantial measures and we must build on it".

The Congress president, who played a key role in forming the alliance, said, "I will be failing in my duty if I don't acknowledge the INDIA alliance partners, in which each party played its designated role in different states, each party contributed to the other. Our determination is that the INDIA group must continue. We must function cohesively and collectively both in Parliament and outside."

In the first meeting of the extended CWC following the Lok Sabha elections, the mood was jubilant and the discussions mostly veered onto Rahul Gandhi's possible role as the leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha.

But the Congress decided to form a panel to review the party's poor performances in some states as leaders such as former Rajasthan deputy CM Sachin Pilot asked for fixing accountability.

Kharge maintained that in the Lok Sabha elections, "People have spoken against the dictatorial and anti-democratic ways of the ruling party. It is a decisive rejection of the politics of the last 10 years. It's a rejection of the politics of divisiveness, hate and polarisation."

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Addressing the extended CWC attended by 120 of 139 members, Kharge also asked the party to continue to raise the issues highlighted during the Lok Sabha campaign. "The issues that we raised in the election campaign are issues that are bothering the people of India. Our determination is that the INDIA group must continue."

But the Congress chief also called for a review of the party's showing in some states and heightened efforts to improve the Congress vote share in urban centres. In big cities such as Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Bengaluru, the Congress found little success.

"While we celebrate the revival, we should pause a little as in some states we have not performed to our abilities and expectations. Further, we could not repeat our performance in states where we had previously done well in the Vidhan Sabha elections and formed the government," Kharge added, "Other than this, we saw an increase in seats dominated by SC, ST, OBC, and minority voters as well as in rural areas. Going forward, we have to make our presence felt in urban areas as well."

In the meeting, some leaders including Pilot, suggested that the party high command should collect data from state-level screening committees to find out which leaders backed the candidates who lost the polls. In this way, Pilot, suggested, accountability can be fixed.

Kharge told him that a committee would be formed and he would personally visit some of the states to review the results. The Congress didn't get a single seat in 10 states and UTs including Delhi, Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh.

Kharge called for "urgent remedial measures" and pointed out that "these are states which have traditionally favoured the Congress, where we have opportunities which we have to harness not for our own advantage but for the benefit of our people". He also harped on discipline and unity and said, "The people have reposed their faith back in us in substantial measures and we must build on it. We accept this verdict with genuine humility."

RAHUL TO CHOOSE WHICH SEAT HE WILL REPRESENT BEFORE JUNE 17: VENUGOPAL

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NEW DELHI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who secured landslide victories in both Rae Bareli and Wayanad Lok Sabha constituencies by over 300,000 votes, will take a decision before June 17 on which seat he is planning to keep, party's general secretary KC Venugopal said on Saturday.

"He will make a decision before June 17," he said.

The Rae Bareli seat has been held by the Congress since 1999 and was won by Sonia Gandhi in 2019. Rae Bareli is the only Lok Sabha constituency the Congress won in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections in UP. In Wayanad, he defeated CPI's Annie Raja with a margin of 3,64,422 votes.

The Representation of the People Act allows a person to contest an election from a maximum of two constituencies. However, the candidate can retain only one and must resign from the other seat within 14 days of results. If a member fails to resign from one seat, he/she can lose both.

During a meeting of the Congress Working Committee (CWC), party leaders were divided on whether Gandhi should retain Rae Bareli or Wayanad seat.

A section of the Congress wants Gandhi to retain Rae Bareli.

"It has to be a political decision," a close aide of Gandhi said, requesting anonymity.

A senior aide of the leader, however, said: "Wayanad voters supported Gandhi even when he lost in Amethi in 2019. Rahul Gandhi loves Wayanad and Wayand loves Rahul Gandhi. But his election from Raebareli is politically significant."

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{ MAMATA BANERJEE } WEST BENGAL CM

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Ultimately INDIA bloc will form the govt: Bengal CM

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KOLKATA: The Indian National Democratic Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) bloc may not have staked claim to form the government yet, but it might do so in the future, West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee and a key constituent of the Opposition grouping, said on Saturday, emphasising that the "country needs change".

"If the INDIA bloc is not staking a claim (to form the government) today, it doesn't mean that it won't do it tomorrow. We are waiting and watching. Let us wait for the opportunity. The country needs change. No one wants Modi. After this huge defeat Modi should have given the responsibility to someone else," Banerjee told reporters after holding a meeting with newly elected TMC MPs in Kolkata.

She added: "Ultimately, INDIA bloc will form the government. Let the present government first maintain their balance and see how far they can satisfy their allies. We will wait and watch."

In the recently concluded Lok Sabha elections, the Opposition's INDIA bloc delivered an unexpectedly strong performance in three of India's biggest states – Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and West Bengal – to restrict the BJP 130 below its stated pre-poll target of 370. The BJP won 240 seats, stopping well short of the majority mark of 272.

Banerjee, whose TMC is a constituent of the Opposition bloc, said: "We (TMC) would be happy if the present 'unstable and weak' government, which has nothing to offer for the country, is shunted out at the earliest. They should go home, do some charity, meditate and stay well and allow INDIA to fulfil its commitments."

The TMC chief's remarks come a day before Narendra Modi is set to take oath as the Prime Minister for the third time in a row.

According to people familiar with the matter, the TMC is likely to skip the oath taking ceremony, and Banerjee may visit Delhi for a day after her party MPs take oath.

"I am sorry, but I won't extend my best wishes to the government which is being formed undemocratically, unconstitutionally and illegally. My best wishes will remain for the people of the country for not casting their votes in their (BJP's) favour," she said.

She added: "Last time, the BJP never held any discussions with any parties. They unilaterally passed the bills. Even a dictatorship has a Laxman Rekha. But they lack it even. The BJP engaged in terrible atrocities. The earlier they are shunted out of power the better."

With the BJP missing out on what would have been its third successive single-party majority, the TMC chief alleged that the BJP may engage in horse trading. "I would request the MPs of all parties to strengthen their own parties because they (BJP) will again try to break them...," she said.

The BJP, however, hit back at Banerjee.

"The days the results were declared, she (Banerjee) had said that INDIA will form the government. The situation changed within two hours. Her statements are baseless. More than 23 million people have voted for the BJP in West Bengal despite TMC rigging elections and looting votes. Our vote share has increased by around 1%," BJP legislator and leader of the opposition in the state legislative assembly, Suvendu Adhikari, said.

{ IQRA CHOUDHARY } SP MP

'Winds of change have started in UP'

NEW DELHI: The winds of change have started in Uttar Pradesh, and we won't stop until the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is removed from power, first-time MP from Samajwadi Party (SP) Iqra Choudhary told **Fareeha Iftikhar** in an interview, and hailed her party for "strengthening democracy by strengthening the Opposition". The 29-year-old Kairana MP, who defeated Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)'s Pradeep Chaudhary by a margin of over 69,000 votes, is a postgraduate from SOAS University of London and is the daughter of former MLA Begum Tabassum Hasan. Edited excerpts:



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What will be your key focus areas for the Kairana constituency?

Kairana is a sugarcane belt, where farmers persistently grapple with issues like delayed payments from sugar mills. Addressing this issue will be my top priority in Parliament. I would also like to draw the government's attention to the lack of dedicated higher education institutes for women in the area, where conservative thinking discourages families from sending their daughters to co-educational colleges. Improving rural connectivity and ensuring uninterrupted supply of electricity are other areas of focus...

The SP has played a key role in strengthening the Opposition this time. What do you think worked for your party?

I am absolutely elated with our party's performance... I believe our party has strengthened democracy by strengthening the Opposition. A lot of credit also goes to the people of Uttar Pradesh (UP), as it is the centre of power. The state has shown that it understands the pressing issues of the country. The change has started in UP, and we won't stop until the BJP is removed from power.

What do you think of SP's prospects in the next UP assembly elections?

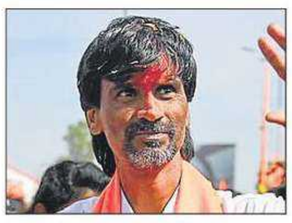
Given our strong performance in the Lok Sabha elections, despite the (Narendra) Modi factor and issues like the Ram Mandir, I am optimistic. I foresee a significant shift in the 2027 assembly polls...

This time, the number of women MPs in Parliament has decreased. What do you think should be done?

It's truly disappointing to see a decline in women's representation. We can't rely on the goodwill of parties and politicians to change this. We need stringent laws to make a real difference...

What difference do you expect in the way Parliament will function this time?

As a first-time MP, I'm thrilled to be part of a Parliament with a robust opposition... I hope this means discriminatory laws, such as CAA and NRC, won't be passed overnight anymore. These are promising signs for the opposition, our country, and our democracy.



Manoj Jarange-Patil

JARANGE-PATIL LAUNCHES FRESH STIR TO PUSH FOR MARATHA QUOTA

MUMBAI: Activist Manoj Jarange-Patil on Saturday launched an indefinite fast demanding implementation of the draft notification that recognises Kunbis as blood relatives of Maratha community members, and warned of fielding candidates from all 288 assembly seats in Maharashtra in the upcoming state polls if his demands are not met.

Jarange-Patil launched the fresh round of agitation from his hometown Antarwali Sarati village in Ambad tehsil of Jalna district around 10.30am even as the district administration and police have denied permission for it.

"I will not give up until the Maratha reservation is granted," Jarange asserted, while accusing the state government of trying to stall his protest by inciting the residents of Antarwali Sarati.

The activist has been demanding Other Backward Community (OBC) tag for the Marathas and implementation of the draft notification issued by the state government earlier this year for issuing certificates to blood relatives of eligible Kunbi Marathas. Kunbi, an agrarian group, falls under the OBC category, and Jarange has been demanding that Kunbi certificates be issued to all Marathas, thus making them eligible for quota benefits.

On February 20, the Maharashtra legislature on Tuesday unanimously passed a bill providing 10% reservation for the Marathas in education and government jobs under a separate category. HTC

{ THE POLITICAL RISE OF PAWAR KALYAN }

The 'Power Star' who shone bright in Andhra polls

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HYDERABAD: When Prime Minister Narendra Modi said: "Yeh Pawan nahi hai, aandhi hai (He is not just a wind, but a storm)," while introducing Jana Sena Party president Pawan Kalyan at the meeting of the National Democratic Alliance partners in New Delhi on Friday, it provoked a thunderous applause.

The popular Tollywood hero, fondly called by millions of his fans as Power Star, received the appreciation with a humble smile and salute to the Prime Minister.

In fact, it was not the first time that somebody called him a "toofan (strom)" – it is a moniker regularly used in his films. Popular lyricist Sirivennela Sitarama Sastry called him a "human tsunami" in his song in Pawan Kalyan-starrer "Jalsa" way back in 2008.

His Jana Sena Party had achieved a 100% strike rate in the assembly and Lok Sabha elections in Andhra Pradesh – winning all 21 assembly seats and both the Lok Sabha seats it contested as part of an alliance with the Telugu Desam Party and Bharatiya Janata Party. It was a feat no other regional party accomplished in the history of Andhra Pradesh.

Not long ago, Jana Sena Party was written off as a non-serious political party, and Pawan Kalyan, a failed politician. His party had won just one assembly seat in the 2019 assembly elections and he lost in both the seats he contested – Bhimavaram in West Godavari district and Gajuwaka in Visakhapatnam district. Even the lone Jana Sena Party MLA – Rapaka Varaprasad representing Razole assembly constituency -- later defected to the YSR Congress Party led by Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy.

His own community, Kapus, who along with its allied subcastes constitute nearly 25% of the state's population, were sceptical about his ability to come to power. When he forged an alliance with the TDP, a Kamma-dominated party, it led to disgruntlement among the Kapus, who are traditional rivals of Kammas in rural Andhra Pradesh.



Pawan Kalyan's Jana Sena Party achieved a 100% strike rate in the assembly and LS elections in Andhra Pradesh.

YSRCP leaders called Kalyan a "package star," alleging that he had mortgaged the interests of Kapus with TDP president N Chandrababu Naidu by accepting a financial package from the latter.

"For the first time in the history of Andhra Pradesh, two traditional rival caste groups -- Kammas and Kapus -- have come together, to pull down the Reddy-dominated YSRCP from power. And the credit goes only to Pawan Kalyan, who took the initiative in forging the alliance between the Jana Sena and the TDP, besides roping the BJP into the team," said Kollu Anka Babu, veteran journalist and political analyst from Vijayawada.

Decade-long journey

Pawan Kalyan floated the Jana Sena Party in March 2014, three years after his elder brother and megastar Chiranjeevi merged his fledgling political party – Praja Rajyam – with the Congress.

The Kapu community, which was looking for an opportunity to grab power in Andhra by riding on the popularity of Chiranjeevi, was left disappointed and the megastar quietly retired from politics after the party lost its steam both at the Centre and the state.

Pawan Kalyan, too, did not generate much euphoria and chose not to contest the 2014 elections, as he had just floated the party and it had no organisational structure or network, except his fan following. He extended support to the TDP-BJP alliance and helped it come to power in the state.

Over the next five years, Kalyan did not make any attempt to build his party as a strong force to reckon with. However, just before the 2019 elections, Kalyan started attacking the TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu and the Narendra Modi government.

He joined hands with the Communist parties and Bahujan Samaj Party to fight the 2019 elections, in which Jagan Mohan Reddy emerged victorious with a thumping majority of 151 out of 175 assembly seats. Jana Sena ended up with just around 5% vote share and one MLA, who eventually crossed over to the YSRCP.

"Jana Sena Party continued to be the rallying point for the Kapu community, which was desperate for a legitimate share in political power. In 2019, the Kapus voted mostly for YSRCP, but they were frustrated with the Jagan government. For them, Pawan Kalyan was the only option to prove their strength in the 2024 elections...," political analyst Mallu Rajesh said.

After poor LS show, Raj cabinet, BJP unit may undergo a rejig

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JAIPUR: The Rajasthan unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the state cabinet are likely to undergo a rejig to redress the social engineering and give wider representation to castes and regions in the state, where the party lost significant ground in the recently held Lok Sabha polls, people familiar with the matter said.

After two consecutive stints of clean sweeps in 2014 and 2019 LS elections, the BJP secured only 14 out of 25 parliamentary constituencies in the state this year. The Congress, however, notched significant gains by winning eight seats while its partner in the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA), the CPI(M), secured one. The Rashtriya Loktantrik Party and the Bharat Adivasi Party secured one seat each.

According to BJP leaders familiar with the matter, a change of leadership in the state unit is imminent, especially as municipal elections are due in a few months.

"The party will fix responsibility for the poor performance and accordingly revamp the organisation and the council of ministers. Panchayat and municipal elections are due in a few months and if the party does not perform well there, then a negative perception will form which will be difficult to shake off," said a senior BJP leader, requesting anonymity.

> STATE BJP LEADERS SAY A CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP IS IMMINENT IN STATE UNIT, ESPECIALLY AHEAD OF THE CIVIC ELECTIONS

While conjectures are being made about a change in the chief ministerial post, currently held by Bhajan Lal Sharma, another leader aware of the matter ruled out any such change, while hinting at a possible cabinet reshuffle.

The first BJP leader quoted above, however, said Chittorgarh MP CP Joshi, who was brought in as state BJP chief in March 2023, months ahead of the assembly elections, may be replaced soon.

"Joshi was unable to curb the infighting in the state unit. Also, he continued to hold the post of state BJP chief even though he was contesting the Chittorgarh Lok Sabha seat. As a result, he was unable to devote time to the poll campaign in the state and the task fell on the shoulders of newly elected CM Sharma," the leader said.

Political analyst Mithilesh Jaimini said the lack of coordination and an effective strategy despite a huge cadre worked against the BJP. "That whisper campaign was effective in driving away SC, Jat, Gurjar and Meena votes from the BJP. Of the 11 seats it lost, 9 are in the north and east region which are dominated by these castes..."

He added that the BJP was also overconfident. "The leaders and workers were relying on PM Narendra Modi to win the election. At many places, the workers did not communicate the BJP government's schemes on the ground nor did they bother to bring out voters on the polling day," he said.

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High security in place as Delhi readies for Modi's swearing-in

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NEW DELHI: A three-tier security net is set to descend upon the Capital on Sunday for Prime Minister-designate Narendra Modi's swearing-in ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan, people aware of the matter said on Saturday.

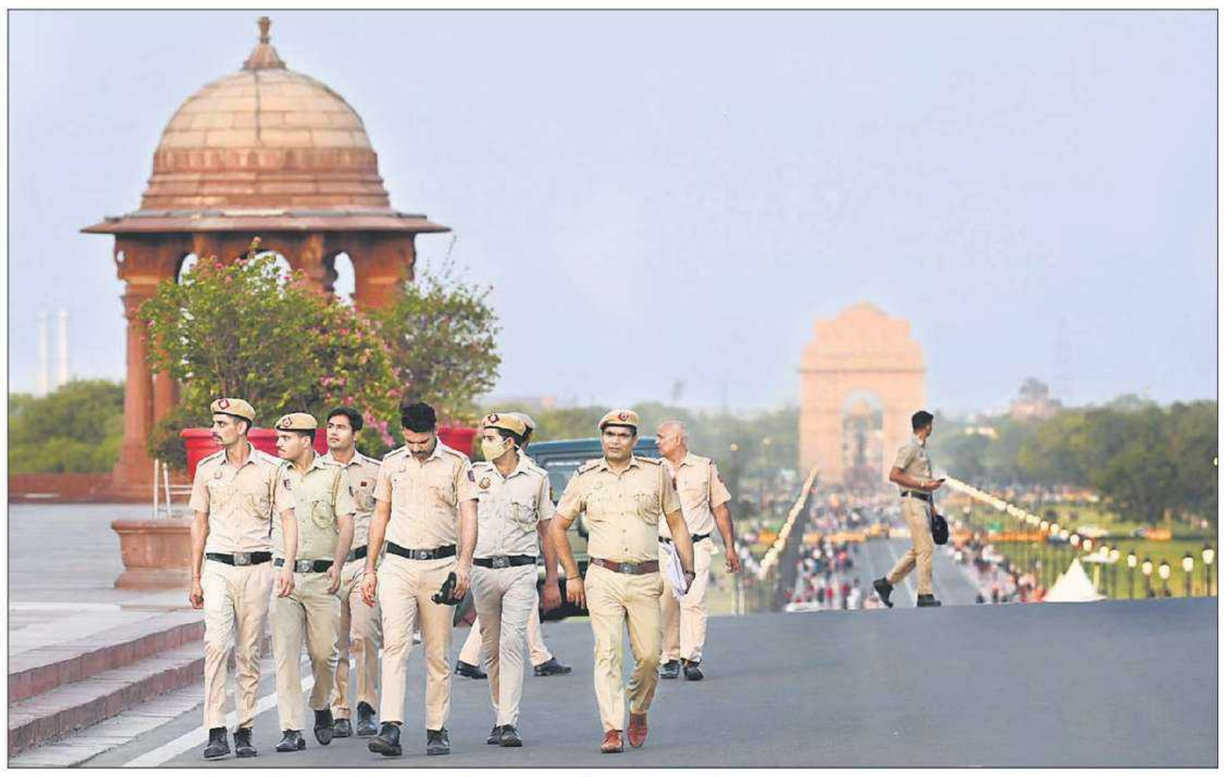
The people said that more than 7,000 guests, along with leaders from seven countries in the neighbourhood and the Indian Ocean region, are set to attend the ceremony, and more than 500 personnel and senior officers from the Delhi Police and paramilitary forces, along with National Security Guard (NSG) commandos are set to guard Raisina Hill and its surrounding areas.

Modi is set to be sworn in as Prime Minister on Sunday evening at the forecourt area of Rashtrapati Bhavan, with security forces sealing off the area ahead of the ceremony.

A senior police officer said that five companies of paramilitary forces have been deployed at the inner and outer perimeter of Rashtrapati Bhavan, and around Kartavya Path to ensure tight security.

The officer said that the forces are conducting random checks at the venue as well as at hotels scattered across Lutyens Delhi where the guests from out of town will be staying.

"An air-to-ground surveillance will be in place around Lutyens Delhi to ensure there is no threat to guests. Snipers will be placed around the venue for added protection. The security arrangements will be similar to the ones in place during the G20 Summit last year since seven world leaders will be staying in New Delhi," said the officer.



Delhi Police personnel patrol Raisina Hill on Saturday, the eve of the swearing-in ceremony. ARVIND YADAV/HT PHOTO

Traffic curbs in Lutyens Delhi

The traffic police on Saturday announced that restrictions will be in place in and around Rashtrapati Bhavan, with only VIP movement to be allowed on Sansad Marg, Rafi Marg, Raisina Road, Rajendra Prasad Road, Mother Teresa Crescent, and Sardar Patel Marg.

Police presence has also been ramped up at traffic points in Connaught Place, Rajghat, Parliament House, and other VIP areas to frisk and conduct checks. VIP movement will also be observed at Rajghat and Sadaiv Atal on Monday morning, with Indraprastha Marg, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, Jawaharlal Nehru Marg, and Mahatma Gandhi Marg set to be blocked for commuters from 6.45 am to 8.45 am.

Police said diversion points have been created at Delhi Gate, Rajghat Chowk, Shanti Van crossing, Salim Garh, Geeta Colony flyover, and Subhash Park T-point. Police posted in the New Delhi police district have been asked to keep an eye on the venue from the Kartavya Path police station. Ten screens have been installed at the police station to monitor all movement.

Prohibitory orders

Delhi Police have imposed prohibitory orders under section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure to prevent any protest or gathering in the area. Only security personnel with permits duly signed and guests with passes will be allowed near the venue, the officer quoted above said.

Police commissioner Sanjay Arora in an order said that Delhi will be a non-flying zone for the ceremony. The police in an advisory on X said, "With effect from 09.06.2024, there will be a prohibition on flying of sub-conventional aerial platforms like paragliders, para-motors, hang-gliders, UAVS, UASS, microlight aircraft, remotely piloted aircraft, hot air balloons, small sized powered aircraft, quadcopters or para-jumping from aircraft etc. over the jurisdiction of the NCT of Delhi in view of swearing-in ceremony in the National Capital Territory of Delhi to thwart criminal, anti-social elements or terrorists inimical to India from posing a threat to the safety of the general public, dignitaries and vital installations by using them".

However, these curbs do not extend to scheduled flights, and IAF, BSF and army helicopters.

Special banquet for foreign leaders

Leaders from seven countries in the neighbourhood and the Indian Ocean region are set to attend Modi's swearing-in ceremony "keeping with the highest priority accorded by India" to its "Neighbourhood First" policy and "SAGAR" or Security and Growth for All in the Region vision, the external affairs ministry said on Saturday.

The leaders attending the ceremony are Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu, Sri Lanka President Ranil Wickremesinghe, Seychelles vice-president Ahmed Afif, Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal, and Bhutan Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay.

The leaders will also attend a banquet hosted by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Sunday evening, the ministry's statement said.

While Hasina will hold a bilateral meeting with Modi on Sunday night, officials were working on arranging similar meetings with the other visiting foreign leaders. Some of the bilateral meetings could be held on Monday, officials said.

Modi and Hasina are expected to discuss issues such as the renewal of a treaty on sharing the waters of the Ganga and Bangladesh's plans to dredge its section of the Teesta.

AAP: Hry is not releasing sufficient water to Delhi

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NEW DELHI: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government on Saturday alleged that Haryana has released only 840 cusecs of water into the Munak Canal, against the Capital's share of 1,050 cusecs per day. The AAP said that if the water level in the canal does not increase by Sunday morning, Delhi's water supply will be adversely affected.

In response, the Haryana government accused the AAP of indulging in dirty politics.

Addressing a press conference, Delhi water minister Atishi claimed that Haryana is not releasing an appropriate amount of water to the Capital.

"According to the data, the amount of water coming through Munak Canal has been continuously decreasing since June 1. On June 7, only 840 cusecs of water came to Delhi from the Munak Canal. The Haryana government is not releasing the water that is due to Delhi. If this situation continues, then there will be a shortage of water in all areas of Delhi in the next two days," said Atishi.

One cusec is equal to around 1.5 million gallons per day (mgd).

Delhi depends on neighbouring states to meet around 86.5% of its drinking water demand — through the Yamuna, the carrier lined channel (CLC) Munak, and the Delhi sub-branch (DSB) canals from Haryana, and through the Upper Ganga Canal via Muradnagar from Uttar Pradesh.

Atishi said that according to the water agreement between Delhi and Haryana, Haryana has to release 1,050 cusecs of water every day, and even in summer, this should not drop below 990 cusecs.

"But since June 1, the Haryana government has been continuously reducing the water flow, and on June 7, the water was only 840 cusecs. On the one hand, the Supreme Court is trying to solve Delhi's water problem, and on the other hand the Haryana government is playing dirty politics... If the Haryana government does not release the right amount of water, Delhi's water problem will become even more serious in the next two days and there will be water shortage in every part of the city. We appeal to the Haryana government that it should not indulge in such dirty politics," Atishi said.

To be sure, the city's targeted supply under its summer action plan is 1,000mgd, but the Delhi economic survey says the estimated demand is 1,290mgd. The demand-supply gap further widens and the system gets under stress during peak summer period. Data from Delhi Jal Board's (DJB) summer bulletins shows the season's water supply level dipped to a low of 966.16mgd on May 27. However, over the last four days the supply levels have remained above 1,000mgd.

Responding to Atishi, Haryana chief minister Nayab Singh Saini said the Delhi government is doing politics on water. He said Haryana is releasing water to the Capital according to the agreement on the directions of the Supreme Court.

"Even then they get involved in cheap politics on such issues. During a meeting of the Upper Yamuna River Board attended by bureaucrats from the Union government and the two states, the Delhi officials accepted that Haryana is giving its share of water. We informed that we also have shortage of water, but if Himachal Pradesh agrees to release water, it will be checked," the Haryana chief minister said.

Responding to the development, Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said the Arvind Kejriwal government is responsible for the water crisis in Delhi due to its negligent attitude.

"Atishi inspected the Wazirabad barrage yesterday (Friday) and the Munak-Bawana canal today, where she falsely claimed that the Haryana government is not sending enough water. However, she did not mention that silt has not been removed from the Wazirabad barrage for the past ten years, which has reduced its storage capacity," said Sachdeva.



Atishi inspects the Munak canal on Saturday. HT PHOTO

AAP dissects its poor poll showing at mega meeting

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NEW DELHI: Days after the alliance of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and Congress suffered a defeat in Delhi as the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won all the seven Lok Sabha seats, senior AAP leaders and party councillors met on Saturday to discuss the outcome of the elections.

The meeting was also attended by party general secretary (organisation) Sandeep Pathak and Delhi AAP convener Gopal Rai.

"After the results were announced, ward-level reports and feedback were discussed in the meeting," Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) in-charge Duresh Pathak said. However, he did not disclose any details of the reports.

"Discussions were also held on the need to further strengthen the organisation. Everyone decided that the fight would continue as (CM Arvind) Kejriwal, (deputy CM Manish) Sisodia and (former AAP minister) Satyendar Jain are still in jail," said Pathak.

DELHI BJP SAID THAT PEOPLE OF DELHI HAVE REJECTED THE KEJRIWAL GOVERNMENT AND DO NOT WANT THEM IN MCD

"We also talked about how the mandate, which the people of the country have given to facilitate Narendra Modi to form the government at the Centre, has also shattered his arrogance. The injustice meted out to Delhi for the last 10 years by PM Modi and his government, including putting Kejriwal, Sisodia... in jail... were discussed," he said.

"The Centre brought an ordinance to snatch away the rights of the people of Delhi by nullifying the Supreme Court verdict. We hope that the PM will now learn a lesson and restore their rights," he said told the media.

A similar meeting was held on Thursday and all AAP MLAs took part in it. It was decided that the party will intensify development work on the ground for the Delhi assembly elections, which are likely to be conducted early next year.

Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said the people of Delhi have rejected the Kejriwal government and do not want them in MCD. "Durgesh Pathak should note that people understand that the administrative problems in MCD are a result of AAP not allowing formation of standing committee, statutory and zonal committees fearing loss of power. Given a chance to re-elect the Delhi government and MCD, people will totally reject the AAP," he added.

JNU TO ADD OBC CATEGORY TO SPL PHD FELLOWSHIPS

NEW DELHI: Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) is expected to include the Other Backward Class (OBC) category in special fellowships for PhD students later this month, the JNU students union said. JNU released a notice on May 29 about fellowships where all categories except OBC were included. "The previous circular has been withdrawn.. Soon, we will include OBC category in the fellowship," said JNU vice-chancellor Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit. HTC

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Two statues installed at Asita for beautification

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NEW DELHI: The Asita East Biodiversity Park, one of the 10 floodplain revival projects under the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), has been beautified with two statues, lieutenant governor (LG) VK Saxena's office said on Saturday.

The statues — the first of the Buddha, and the second a replica of the Sun God from Konark temple in Odisha — were sculpted by Padma Vibhushan awardee Sudarshan Sahoo, who also created more than two dozen stone sculptures placed across various locations in Delhi ahead of the G20 summit last year, officials in the LG's office said.

"These statues have been erected and installed over pre-existing natural mounds in the park, to ensure no disturbance to the existing landscape and terrain," an official said.

Asita is another name of the Yamuna, taken from ancient Indian literature. The biodiversity park is spread over an area of about 200 hectares from the Old Railway Bridge to ITO barrage on the eastern bank of Yamuna, of which 90 hectares is with DDA, and the remaining is with the Uttar Pradesh irrigation department, but is also being restored by DDA.

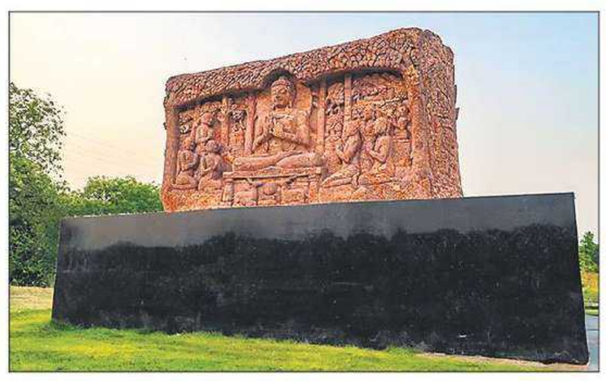
A former dumping ground which was restored and inaugurated in September 2022, Saxena had hosted delegates from 11 countries for one of the G20-related meetings at Asita East in March last year.

Later, the area was completely submerged during the July 2023 floods, making it marshy for several months, but now has been revived for visitors again.

"The entire area used to be encroached till a couple of years ago, with jhuggis, illegal commercial animal husbandry, and agriculture activities. We got 3,000 jhuggis removed. The area has been repossessed and planned following ecological restoration principles. Multiple layers of ecological planting have made revival of riverine ecosystem possible. The recent floods have done more good than damage," said a senior DDA official.

Asita will also soon have an "eatery on wheels", set to be created in an unused wagon procured from the Indian Railways, officials from the LG office said.

"The aim is to create no permanent structure on the floodplain and at the same time, provide visitors with a delightful dining experience. This, in turn, will bring the people of Delhi closer to the river," the official said.





The statues — a replica of the Sun God (left) from the Konark temple in Odisha, and a sculpture of the Buddha (above) — were created by Padma Vibhushan awardee Sudarshan Sahoo. The Asita East Biodiversity Park was formerly a dumping ground that has been restored. HT PHOTOS

HRY CM RETURNS TO HEAD GGM GRIEVANCE PANEL AFTER TWO YEARS

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GURUGRAM: Haryana chief minister Nayab Singh Saini is set to head the Gurugram district public relations and grievances committee, the state government said on Saturday. The decision is being seen as a move to mollify Gurugram residents and voters, after the Bharatiya Janata Party, though winning the Gurgaon Lok Sabha seat, did not perform as well as expected.

The public relations and grievances committee convene monthly and is next slated to meet on a date yet to be announced. The move to appoint CM Saini as the committee head comes after former CM Manohar Lal Khattar, who headed the panel for eight years till September 2022, shifted to the committee in Faridabad, left the Gurugram committee to be handled by the now finance minister JP Dalal.

BJP leaders in Gurugram said that the decision of the CM to head the committee will improve the local scenario.

"It will also help to resolve local issues that have been troubling city residents," said district BJP president Kamal Yadav.

Meanwhile, residents noted that the BJP has been rattled by the Congress's performance in the polls. "Urban voters chose BJP only because it was a national election, it will not be the same in state polls. Local issues... will definitely go against BJP," Sare Homes RWA president Pravin Malik said.



Firefighters at the scene of the blaze at Narela Industrial Area on Saturday. RAJ K RAJ/HT

Fire, blast at Narela factory leave 3 dead

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NEW DELHI: A massive fire triggered an explosion at a food processing unit at Narela Industrial Area in outer Delhi in the early hours of Saturday, police officers and fire officials said, adding that three people were killed and six others were injured in the incident.

According to police, the fire engulfed the four-storey building at around 3.15 am, when 23 labourers were working at the factory. The blaze quickly spread, and though some managed to escape, the fire triggered a blast in a compressor, which led to the death of three workers, with six others grievously hurt, the officers said.

The deceased were identified as Beerpal Sharma, 42, Shyam Singh, 24, and Ram Singh, 30. Deputy commissioner of police (outer north) Ravi Kumar Singh said the injured have been admitted to Safdarjung Hospital.

Police said that they have arrested the factory owners, identified as Ankit Gupta and Vinay Gupta.

Fire officials said a leak from a gas pipeline on the ground floor of Shayam Kripa Foods Pvt Ltd triggered the fire that spread to the other floors and reached the compressor, which then exploded.

The surviving workers said they were hired to dry moong dal and process it for storage and packaging. They have alleged that they used to work in small rooms on the second and third floors which did not have windows, and that their employers would lock the main gate of the factory from outside, investigators said.

Pushpender Singh, 30, who was among the six injured, said he and the others were working when the fire broke out. "Before we could control the fire, there was a blast. The impact was such that many workers were thrown against the wall," he said.

Delhi Fire Service (DFS) chief Atul Garg said the four-storey building violated several rules — it had no fire or emergency exits for workers, and there were no fire safety equipment or measures at the unit, which was operating without a valid fire permit.

"Locals alerted us about the incident around 3.30am. A total of 16 fire tenders were rushed to the spot and the blaze was doused by 6am. We rescued four to five people, and the others escaped on their own," Garg said.

Officials said the fire started from the front end of the factory, where a massive iron gate was found locked from the outside, with no other exit. They said a preliminary probe has revealed that a staircase, which could have been used as an exit, was blocked as boxes and other equipment were kept there.

"During the rescue operation, it was difficult to access the stairs as the equipment kept there also caught fire, thereby blocking the way," a fire official on condition of anonymity said.

Blaze at Shaheen Bagh eatery, none hurt

A massive fire gutted the Zahra restaurant in Shaheen Bagh on Saturday evening, DFS officials said, adding that the blaze may have originated from an electric pole on the street before spreading to the eatery.

Fire officials said at least four buildings in the vicinity were incinerated in the fire.

"The fire affected the restaurant first and soon spread to adjacent buildings, gutting all of them. We had received the first call about the fire at around 5.45pm and initially sent 12 fire tenders. We faced multiple issues at the site, including narrow lanes and huge crowds outside the building, which hindered the dousing operation," said DFS chief Garg.

"There are no casualties as of now...We are still checking the buildings," he added.

IMD says warmer days ahead, yellow alert issued for Mon

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NEW DELHI: Partially cloudy skies led to Delhi recording a maximum temperature of 41.4 degrees Celsius (°C) on Saturday, a notch above normal for this time of the year, and a slight dip from the 43°C the previous day. But the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted warmer days ahead, and has issued a yellow alert for heatwave-like conditions in the Capital on Monday.

IMD officials noted that though the maximum on Saturday was relatively lower than the past two weeks, the minimum temperature actually climbed to 30°C, two degrees above the normal and two degrees above the 28°C on Friday.

"Cloudy skies have been observed for a couple of days. When there is a cloud cover overnight, the heat released from the earth's surface cannot escape, as a result of which the minimum goes up," an IMD official said, on condition of anonymity.

The Met department also predicted that parts of the city may be affected by heatwave or heatwave-like conditions by Monday.

"The influence of the western disturbance which could be seen for the last few days is fading, and dry and hot westerlies are going to affect the weather now... Heat waves might be observed in some places but the intensity will not be as high as before," said Krishna Mishra, scientist at IMD.

According to the IMD forecast, the maximum is expected to climb to 44°C by Monday, and 45°C by Tuesday.

"Western disturbances contribute to cyclonic circulation, which results in light rain. But now, westerlies will influence Delhi for the next few days, after which the western disturbances will come," said Mahesh Palawat, vice president at Skymet.

Meanwhile, Delhi's air quality remained in the poor category on Saturday, with an air quality index (AQI) reading of 234, according to the Central Pollution Control Board's daily national bulletin. The Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi has forecast Delhi's air to stay in the poor category over the weekend. "The air quality is likely to be in poor category till Tuesday," the bulletin stated.



The maximum temperature was 41.4°C on Saturday. RAJ K RAJ/HT

WOMAN SHOT ON DWARKA E-WAY BY BIKE-BORNE MEN, 4 ARRESTED

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GURUGRAM: A 35-year-old woman travelling on the Dwarka Expressway was shot by bike-borne men, Gurugram police officers aware of the case said on Saturday, adding that four people have been arrested in connection with the incident.

The arrested accused were identified as advocate Nitish Bhardwaj, Gulshan Thakur, Raja (single name), and Bunty (single name).

Police said the woman, identified as Pallavi Sharma, was travelling on her two-wheeler on Friday at around 9.20pm when two men on a bike came from behind, intercepted her and shot her, and then fled the scene.

Assistant commissioner of police (crime) Varun Dahiya said a bullet hit Sharma on the waist and exited from her stomach. A passing cab driver rushed Sharma to hospital, where she is under treatment, police said.

Bhardwaj is the prime accused in the case, police said.

According to investigators, Sharma met Bhardwaj when she was dealing with a case of domestic violence and physical assault by her husband. During this time, Sharma and Bhardwaj became friends, but Bhardwaj has claimed that after some time, Sharma started harassing him, so he planned to murder her.



Excise case: Court grants interim bail to bizman

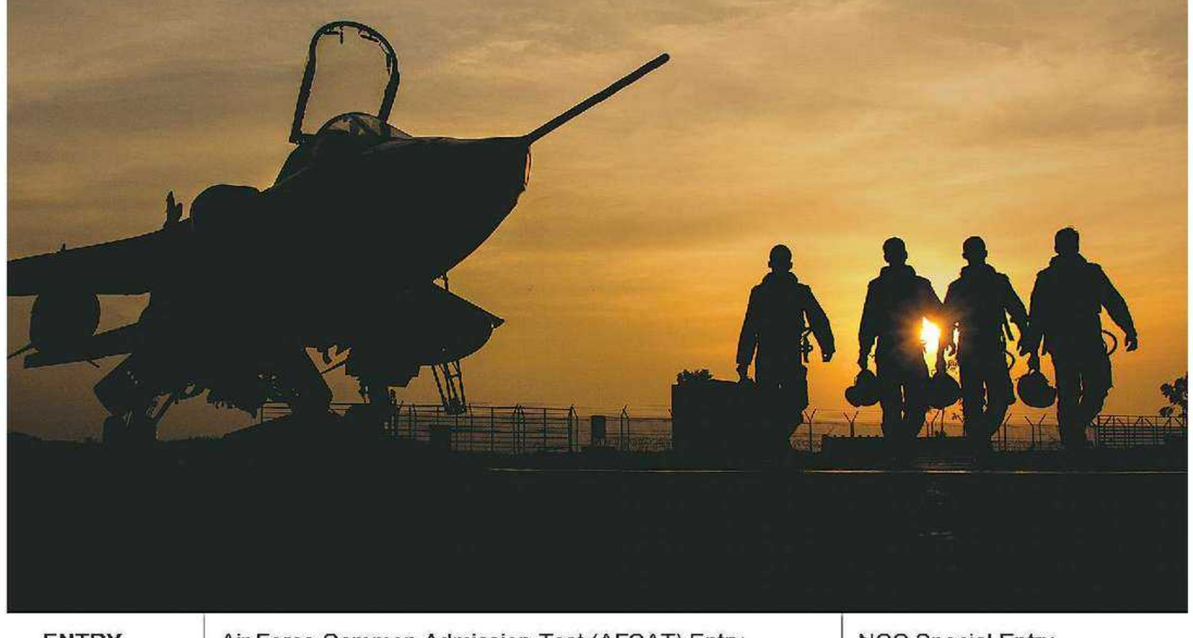
NEW DELHI: A Delhi court has granted two-week interim bail to businessman Amit Arora, the director of Gurugram-based Buddy Retail Pvt Limited, in a money laundering case related to the Delhi excise policy case.

Special judge for ED and CBI matters, Kaveri Baweja, noted in a June 6 order that the accused's wife had to undergo a surgical procedure and he needed to take care of her. The judge noted that father of the accused's wife had expired and her mother was said to be 72 years old. PTI

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Hindustan Times spoke to several new mothers to relive their journey to Day 1 with their baby and the role of Johnson's baby in their journeys. Here are five such stories mentioned below.

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—Anju Devi, Patna

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Sword-wielding stalker hacks woman to death

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THE VICTIM WAS KNOWN TO THE STALKER AND HE ATTACKED HER AFTER SHE ALLEGEDLY TURNED DOWN HIS MARRIAGE PROPOSAL

MOHALI: A 32-year-old woman was killed by a man with a sword for allegedly turning down his marriage proposal in Mohali on Saturday, police said.

According to police, the stalker, identified as 36-year-old Sukhchain Singh, who works at a petrol station in Samrala town of Ludhiana district, was taken into custody.

Harbir Singh Atwal, Superintendent of Police (SP), Mohali city, said, "We received information about the incident around 8.45am on Saturday. We identified the stalker and took him into custody within two hours. The victim was known to the man. The weapon used in the crime has also been recovered. Further action will be taken after a medical examination of the accused."

The woman was identified as Baljinder Kaur, a resident of Fatehpur Jattan village in Fatehgarh Sahib district. She worked at a call centre in Mohali.

The incident was captured on CCTV cameras installed in the area. The footage showed Kaur crossing the road with her two friends while on her way to the workplace when Sukhchain, who was waiting under a tree, suddenly attacked her with the sword kept in a bag. He chased her when she tried to flee but she fell in the middle of the road, the clip showed. Singh allegedly hit the woman with the sword multiple times, causing serious injuries. She was rushed to a local hospital where she was declared dead, police said.

The manager of the call centre said, "She was working with us for four years. The incident took place in the office hours and there was a rush on the road, but no one intervened to stop the accused."

After committing the crime, Sukhchain walked for several metres, brandishing the blood-stained sword, leaving passers-by shocked.

On seeing Sukhchain, Maninder Singh, a passer-by, chased him with two food delivery persons. Later, more people joined them and managed to catch him. Although the passers-by and police managed to overpower him, Sukhchain injured a policeman on the shoulder with his sword. Sukhchain was admitted to the civil hospital after the people thrashed him. He was taken to police custody thereafter.

FIR against 3 journalists

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police have summoned three journalists in connection with a first information report (FIR) filed against them on charges of assault and sexual harassment.

Police said the incident occurred on August 11, 2020, when the journalists working with *The Caravan* — Prabhjit Singh, Shahid Tantray, and a female reporter — had gone to Subash Mohalla in northeast Delhi and allegedly got into a scuffle with locals.

Based on the complaints of the journalists, an FIR was filed on August 11, 2020 under Indian Penal Code sections pertaining to assault and sexual harassment. However, police filed another FIR on the same day against the three journalists. It is in connection with the second FIR that the journalists were asked to join the probe.

Deputy commissioner of police (northeast) Joy Tirkey said the FIR against the journalists came on a complaint by a local woman. He said Singh was served a notice on June 3 to appear before police on June 7. "We also noted allegations of the female reporter about the alleged harassment (she faced). Despite our best efforts, the female reporter has never joined the investigation," Tirkey said.

Meanwhile, *The Caravan*, in a statement, said, "Neither were our reporters asked to join the investigation in that case, nor were we informed of the status of progress, for four years." HTC

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THE WEEK THAT WAS

The votes are in... take a stab at this quiz to find out what happened

A volcano erupted, the planets aligned, a footballer retired, a hallowed club got a new member and a capital city has been claimed. It's been a busy week. You have been warned


Natasha Rego



What is the last option in an electronic voting machine, which got a record-setting 202 lakh votes in Indore?
REUTERS

1 This option was introduced in 2013. In 2019, it got over 51,000 votes from Bihar's Gopalganj, a record that was broken this year in Indore, which registered 2.2 lakh votes, the highest in any Lok Sabha constituency. If you voted, give the last option on the EVM.

2 The Chang'e-6 landed in the Apollo Basin on June 1, collected samples with a scoop and drill, and started its journey home, but not before tagging the surface with a mark that resembles the Chinese character Zhong, meaning China. Where did Chang'e-6 go?

Fill in the blank: We're on a "highway to ___ hell," said the UN chief António Guterres.
REUTERS



3 The UN chief António Guterres is trying to tell us something. After we faced the hottest July ever last year, he said that the "era of global boiling has arrived". As the world hit 12 straight months of record-high heat, he now says we're on a "highway to ___ hell". FITB.

4 It can be AI-generated, photographic or animated, as long as it's consensually produced and properly labelled. Users under 18 can't view these posts. Formalising a policy that was in play before Twitter was rebranded, what is X allowing users to share?

5 PetroChina was first reached this valuation in 2007, followed by Apple in 2017. By 2023, Apple's valuation tripled, followed by Microsoft and, most recently, the chip maker Nvidia. Aramco or Alphabet could be future members of which hallowed club?

6 It's pride month, and six (seven if you count Earth) out of the solar system's eight planets marched to one side of the sun and were visible on Earth. It's not as rare as we think. It happens every few years. What is it called when more than three planets align?

7 Chandigarh is the joint capital of Punjab and Haryana. Since its formation in 2014, Telangana too shared a capital with Andhra Pradesh. Now, while Andhra Pradesh decides between Amaravati or a three-city capital, which city is the sole capital of Telangana?

8 He is the GOAT of Indian football. He's been playing for 20 years, represented India in 146 matches, scored 94 goals (the most goals by an Indian), and has now hung up his #11 jersey after the world cup qualifier match against Kuwait. Who?

9 Negros Island in the Philippines was evacuated after Mt Kanlaon erupted, sending a hot plume kilometres into the sky. And then it rained, cooling the volcanic material and making it flow like wet concrete, accumulating debris and expanding volume. What is the phenomenon called?

10 This political party won 29 seats in the General Elections, of which 11 are women. They include a former corporate executive, medical doctors and actors. The party's leader, also a woman, is the only female chief minister in India. Which?

Answers on page 13

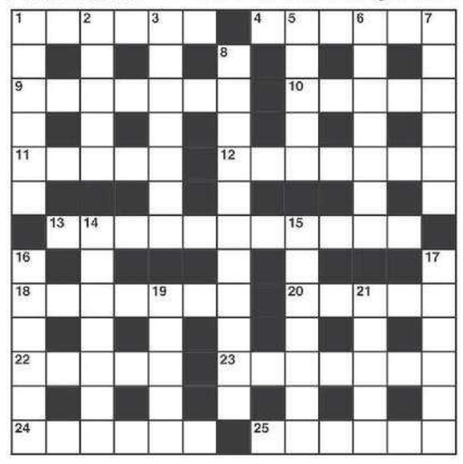
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CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS
1 About five hundred birds in large groups (6)
4 With which to write three Roman numerals? (6)
9 On the first of May Elaine changes her name (7)
10 A false move is said to be lacking courage (5)
11 A girl of Roman extraction (5)
12 Book some public transport (7)
13 A little work that's bound to show one the ways (6,5)
18 He should be fit to revise the tale (7)
20 Stand a rough sea and a bit of a swell (5)
22 Share the rent (5)
23 Being safe in the end is guaranteed (7)
24 A small assortment of animals (6)
25 Place of secret laughter (6)

DOWN
1 Bond puts me in the money (6)
2 Vessel carrying fuel from Loire (5)
3 Strange men in obscure northern country (7)
5 Spritely - that's the Spanish and French conclusion (5)
6 Moved - like a centipede? (7)
7 Most recent example of a dead saint (6)
8 Orator needs them so badly (11)
14 Heroine lost in blighted hope and rising trouble (7)
15 It may serve to let us in perhaps (7)
16 Many males involved with girl (6)
17 Runners carry it along (6)
19 He's an actor - no less (5)
21 Start court proceedings (5)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS
1 Admittance (6)
4 To moderate (6)
9 Lassitude (7)
10 A random surmise (5)
11 Make deep research (5)
12 Game played on ice (7)
13 End up fighting (4,2,5)
18 Express strong approval (7)
20 Thin candle (5)
22 Drive back (5)
23 Flattering article (5-2)
24 Cordiality (6)
25 Time of greatest vigour (6)

DOWN
1 Refer indirectly (6)
2 Artificial waterway (5)
3 Compress (7)
5 Impatient (5)
6 An advance showing (7)
7 Give up office (6)
8 Daybreak (5,2,4)
14 In theory (2,5)
15 Grille (7)
16 Of limited scope (6)
17 Memento of victory (6)
19 Assign as share (5)
21 Offer as excuse (5)

FRIDAY'S SOLUTIONS (16880)

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- **Moonset:** Sunday at 10:12 pm
- **Moonrise:** Sunday at 07:38 am

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Tender No & Name of work: 01/2024-25/EE(C-M)Vyasi Project, "Carrying out the Bathymetric Survey of Vyasi Reservoir before the onset of monsoon & after the monsoon ".
Estimated cost - Rs.43,10,000.00(GST extra)
Date of availability of bid document on website: 08-06-2024 From 11:00 Hrs. Last date for submission of bids on website: 21-06-2024 Upto 17:00 Hrs.
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal **"https://uktenders.gov.in"**
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Notice for cancellation of e-tender
The Proposal for "Selection of the Agency for operation and Maintenance of the Existing Online Application Management System and re-design, development, hosting & maintenance of BPSC was published on the eproc portal **https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in**. Now the mentioned e-tender (Tender No: Online application & Website/2024/01 dated 15-05-2024) has been cancelled due to Single bid submission.
Bidders participated in this tender are kindly requested to take note of this cancellation.
(Md. Ghyasuddin Ansari)
Secretary, BPSC (Bihar, Patna)

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E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM-3
The clarifications of the E-Tender for "Procurement of Emergency Restoration System (Tension Tower) at the Divisional Store of 400 KV substation, PTCUL, Rishikesh" against Tender Specification no. PTCUL/E-Tender/C&P-II/ERS-18/2023-24 has been uploaded on e-tender website and the last date of submission of the e-tender is extended upto **11.06.2024 15:30 Hrs.** For more details please visit the e-tender website www.uktenders.gov.in (tender id no. 2024_PTCU4_71371_1) and for e-tender corrigendum notice our website www.ptcul.org. All other terms and conditions shall remain same.
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Superintending Engineer (C&P-II)
RO NO 968/HQPU/PTCUL DATED : 07.06.24
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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr.P.C.
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Govind** S/o Bimlesh Tiwari R/o Village Pai, P.S. Kharkhoda, Distt. Sonepat, Haryana has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence case FIR No. 386/11 u/s 279/304A IPC Act at P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Govind** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Govind** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in the case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Govind** accused of FIR No. 386/11 u/s 279/304A IPC Act at P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on **31.07.2024.**
By Order: Sh. Ajay Narwal
Metropolitan Magistrate-02 (North)
Room No. 319, 3rd Floor,
Rohini Court, Delhi
DP/7034/ON/2024

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 **Manish @ Raj** S/o **Rajender** R/o **Jhuggi No. 22, H-Block, Jahangir Puri, Delhi** has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 84/2019 U/s 393/308/34 IPC, P.S. Maurya Enclave, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Manish @ Raj** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Manish @ Raj** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Manish @ Raj** of case **FIR No. 84/2019 U/s 393/308/34 IPC, P.S. Maurya Enclave, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **27.07.2024.**
By Order
Sh. Babru Bhan
Addl. Session Judge-03, North West
Room No. 304, 3rd Floor
Rohini Courts, Delhi
DP/6549/NW/2024(Court Matter)

Rajasthan Co-operative Dairy Federation Limited
"SARAS SANKUL" J. L. N. MARG, JAIPUR – 302017, Ph. No. 2702501-08 : Direct: 0141-2710209, Website : www.sarasmilkfed.rajasthan.gov.in, E-Mail :pur-rcdf-rj@nic.in
No. RCDF/Pur/F.(Pkg./CFP Items)/2024/10802-37 Dated :- 07 June, 2024
NOTICE INVITING BIDS
Single Stage Two Parts unconditional e-Tender/Bids are invited by Rajasthan Co-Operative Dairy Federation Ltd., Jaipur for the procurement of "Milk Plastic HDPE Crate 1.5 kg. ISI type of 168 MM height & Milk Plastic HDPE Crate 1.5 kg. ISI type of 168 MM height (Under buy back system) (UBN No. CDF2425GLRC00050), ISI Marked Metal Tins for 15 kg. Ghee Packing (UBN No. CDF2425GLRC00051), Tins as per ISI Specifications for 5 Litre Ghee packing (Ghee Tin 5 Litre as per ISI Specifications) (UBN No. CDF2425GLRC00053), PP Woven Sack (Tubular Type) White, Yellow and Red Pigmented Bag for Packing Cattle Feed (UBN No. CDF2425GLRC00054), Vitamin AD2 for Milk Fortification (UBN No. CDF2425GLRC00055), Vitamin AD3 for Cattle Feed Use (UBN No. CDF2425GLRC00056), Vitamin-E for Cattle Feed Use (UBN No. CDF2425GLRC00057), Corrugated Fibre Board Cartons (CFC) for Packing 15 kg. Ghee Tin (UBN No. CDF2425GLRC00058), Corrugated Fibre Board Box for 1 kg. SMP Pouches Packing (5 Pouches of 1 kg.SMP in 1 CFC) (UBN No. CDF2425GLRC00059), Food Grade Three Layer Metallised Aluminium Polyester Film Roll for SMP 1 kg. Packing (UBN No. CDF2425GLRC00060) and ISI Marked Di-Calcium Phosphate Animal Feed Grade for Animal Feeding Only Conforming to IS 5470:2002 (DCP) (UBN NO. CDF2425GLRC00061)" from eligible bonafide manufacturers or their authorized suppliers as per details given in the respective bid document.
The Complete Bidding Documents can be visited and downloaded from our website www.sarasmilkfed.rajasthan.gov.in, www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in. E-Bids shall be submitted only on http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.
Raj.Samwad/C/24/372 **General Manager (Purchase)**
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E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM-9
The last date of submission of the E-Tender for "Procurement of 315 MVA 400/220 KV Transformer along with NIFPES and Construction of 400 KV and 220 KV (AIS) Bays along with transformer plinth for erection, testing and commissioning of 315 MVA 400/220 KV Transformer and its associated work at 400 KV Substation Kashipur" against Tender Specification no. PTCUL/E-Tender/C&P-II/SS-09/2023-24 is hereby extended upto **27.06.2024 15:30** Hrs. For more details please visit e-tender website **www.uktenders.gov.in** (tender id no. 2023_PTCU4_66529_1) and for e- tender corrigendum notice our website **www.ptcul.org**. All other terms and conditions shall remain same.
For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact +91-8899890000
Ro 967/HQPU/PTCUL/Dtd: 07-06-2024 **Superintending Engineer (C&P-II)**
"Save Electricity in the Interest of Nation"

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER PMGSY (JKRRDA) JAMMU.
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS
e-NIT No:-CEJ/PMGSY/773of 2024-25 Dated: 06.06.2024
Chief Engineer PMGSY (JKRRDA) Jammu on behalf of The Government of Jammu & Kashmir, invites e-tenders on %age Above/Excess (+) OR %age Below/ Less (-) basis (i.e. on Percentage-Rate Basis) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K U.T.Govt, CPWD, Railways or equivalent and other State/U.T.Govts up to **1700 Hrs. on 25.06.2024** for each of the following works including their maintenance for five years from the date of completion **on OMMAS**.

S. No.	Name of the Work/ Package No	Name of the PIU	Constt. Part (Rs. In Lacs)	Maintt. Part (Rs. In Lacs	Total (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of Documents (Rs. In Lacs)	Bid Security (EMD) @2% of total cost rounded to the nearest thousand (Rs. In Lacs)	Time Allowed for completion	Call of tender	Time and date of opening of technical bids	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1.	Upgradation of Road from T01 Sira to Shivgali, Package No. JK14-3008, PMGSY-III, Batch-I of 2022-23 Block - Latti, District Udhampur. Length-32.150 Kms Adv. Cost excluding maintenance but inclusive of GST - Rs. 5331.06 Lacs	Ramnagar	5331.06	639.73	5970.79	0.14	119.42	20 Months	3rd	27-06-2024 1100 Hrs.	Any registered contractor with State/U.T. PWD/ CPWD/ Railways or equivalent qualifying eligibility criteria as provided in the Standard Bidding Documents can tender for the works

1. (a) The Bidding document can be downloaded from the website **http://pmgsytendersjk.gov.in** from 1855 Hrs on 08.06.2024 to 25.06.2024 upto 1700Hrs.
(b) The Bids shall be deposited ONLINE ONLY in electronic format on the website **http://pmgsytendersjk.gov.in** from 1000 Hrs on 11.06.2024 to 1700 Hrs. on 25.06.2024.
(c) Pre bid meeting will be held on 10.06.2024 at 1200 Hrs.
(d) Technical Qualification Part of Bids will be opened online at **1100 Hrs on 27.06.2024**.
2. The date and time of opening of Financial Bids shall be notified on Web Site **http://pmgsytendersjk.gov.in**.
3. For Complete information refer to the bidding document
4. For further details kindly visit our website **https://pmgsytendersjk.gov.in**

No:-CEJ/PMGSY/4894-4968 Sd/-
Dated:-06/06/2024 **Chief Engineer PMGSY (JKRRDA) Jammu**
DIP-J-1113-24 **For and on behalf of The Government of Jammu and Kashmir**

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CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866 Website: www.ujvnl.com
RO No. 479 **Date: 07.06.2024**
e-Tender Date Extension Notice-3
Due to unavoidable reasons, the dates of tenders invited against e-NIT No. 01/UJVNL/ DGM(Civil-Arakot-Tiuni-Plasu)/TP/2023-24, e-NIT No. 02/UJVNL/ DGM(Civil-Arakot-Tiuni-Plasu)/TP/2023-24, e-NIT No. 03/UJVNL/ DGM(Civil-Arakot-Tiuni-Plasu)/TP/2023-24 are hereby extended as follows:
Date of availability of bid document on website: 17.06.2024 from 17:00 Hrs
Last date for submission of bids on website: 31.08.2024 at 16:00 Hrs
Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/ cancellation etc. may be obtained from e-procurement portal **http://uktenders.gov.in"**
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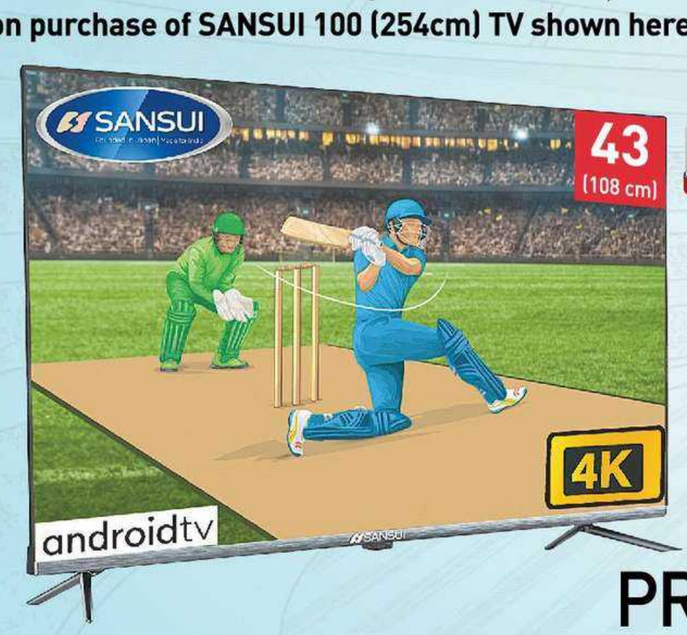
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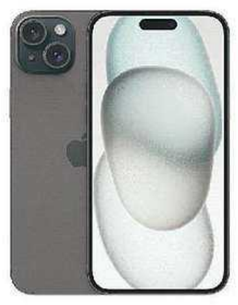
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Govt forms panel to review NEET score of 1.5k students amid furore

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NEW DELHI: The education ministry has constituted a four-member panel to revisit the results of over 1,500 students who were given grace marks as compensation for loss of time during the National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET-UG) for admissions to undergraduate medical courses, the National Testing Agency (NTA) said on Saturday.

The NEET 2024 results, announced on June 4, caused an uproar, with aspirants and parents demanding a probe and re-examination, alleging that the paper was leaked.

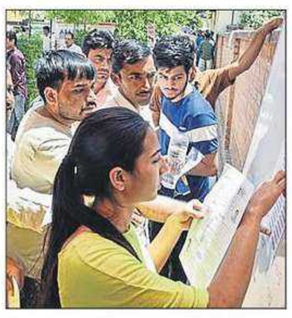
Students from at least six centres in Meghalaya, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Surat and Chandigarh had complained about the loss of time during the exams. At these locations, the students did not get the full 3 hours and 20 minutes to write the exam due to administrative reasons that included distribution of wrong question paper, torn OMR sheets, or delay in distribution of OMR sheets, NTA officials said.

A four-member panel, headed by a former chairperson of the Union Public Service Commission, has been constituted to re-examine the results of these 1,563 students, NTA director general Subodh Kumar Singh said at a media briefing on Saturday.

"It will submit its recommendations within a week and on the basis of that, the results of these candidates might be revised," Singh said.

Asked about the formula used to give the grace marks, he clarified that it was devised on the basis of a 2018 Supreme Court judgment on loss of time faced by candidates. He did not share the exact formula. "The students were compensated on the basis of questions attempted by them in whatever time was available to them," he said.

Responding to the possibility if the exam will be conducted again for certain students, Singh said it will be decided based on the committee's recommendations. "The idea is to ensure that students who lost time or other students are not at any disadvantage," he added.


Aspirants have demanded a probe claiming paper leak. ANI

Singh denied allegations of a paper leak and irregularities at the examination centres and said the "integrity of the exam has not been compromised anywhere".

There have also been concerns over 67 students sharing the first rank by scoring a perfect 720 out of 720 marks, including six students from the same exam centre in Haryana. "We analysed the overall result of that centre and the average marks of the students from that centre was higher than at least 23 lakh students," Singh said.

Earlier, NTA had said the number of toppers rose this time because of the changes in textbooks. A question in the physics paper was prepared using a new and revised textbook of the National Council of Educational Research and Training, while some students had prepared from older textbooks.

In the multiple-choice questions, while one option was correct according to the new NCERT book, another was right according to the old one. "The NTA got representation from students on the same, due to which NTA had to assign five marks to all students who had marked one of the two options. Due to this, marks of a total of 44 students increased from 715 to 720, which resulted in an increased number of toppers," the testing agency had said.

The NEET-UG 2024 results have triggered a political row, with opposition parties like the Congress and Aam Aadmi Party demanding a probe.

AAP demanded a Supreme Court surveilled special investigation team (SIT) to be constituted to investigate the alleged discrepencies in the NEET results.

During a press conference, AAP leader Jasmine Shah said, "The discrepancies in the NEET exam started even before the results came out. Reports of paper leaks in Bihar and Gujarat came to light, following which some people related to the incidents were also allegedly arrested. But after that, no further clarification was given."

Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav alleged rigging. "In the BJP rule, exams are turning into a business of illegally leaking question papers, getting fake people to take the papers, setting up the centre and managing the results," he said.

{ DISCUSSION WITH INDIAN OFFICIALS }

Canadian intel chief visited India twice over Nijjar killing

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NEW DELHI/TORONTO: The head of Canada's intelligence agency made two unannounced visits to India in the first quarter of this year to meet Indian officials to discuss the killing of Khalistani activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, people familiar with the matter said.

Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) director David Vigneault travelled to New Delhi in February and March – before Canada announced the arrest of four Indian nationals in connection with Nijjar's killing – a person in Canada said on condition of anonymity.

This person further claimed that Vigneault provided additional information, including intercepted communications, to his Indian interlocutors.

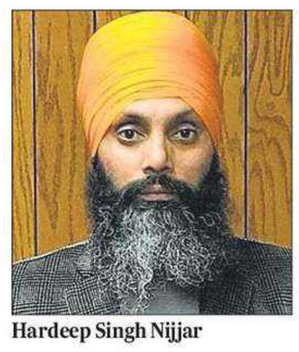
India-Canada relations went into a tailspin after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's statement in the House of Commons on September 18 last year about "credible allegations" of a potential link between Indian government agents and Nijjar's murder.

India dismissed Trudeau's allegation as "absurd" and officials have maintained it is not the government's policy to engage in acts like the killing of Nijjar, who was gunned down outside a gurdwara in Surrey, 30 km from Vancouver, on June 18 last year. Nijjar was declared a terrorist by India in 2020 and was wanted by the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

The person cited above said the information provided by Vigneault included phone numbers, intercepts of communications using encrypted messaging apps and other information gathered by Canadian investigators. The Canadian side hasn't made this information public as a substantial part of it was provided by the US, which is Canada's partner in the Five Eyes intelligence alliance, he added.

The Indian side didn't respond to a request for comment.

A government of Canada official told HT: "We can confirm that the director of CSIS, David Vigneault, has travelled to India but we do not comment on the nature or substance of closed-door meetings." The official added: "With that said, since Canada became aware of the credible allegations, we have consistently provided all the information we can to India on the Nijjar case, through multiple channels. This has also been noted by Prime Minister Trudeau and Canada's minister for public safety on the public record."


Hardeep Singh Nijjar

Officially, the Indian side has maintained that Canada has not provided any evidence regarding Nijjar's killing. External affairs minister S Jaishankar told a news conference in Mumbai on May 13 that India is open to conducting a probe if Canada has any evidence that is relevant.

"We have never received anything which is specific and worthy of being pursued by our investigative agencies, and I am not aware that anything has changed in the last few days in that regard," Jaishankar said.

Vigneault's visits came weeks before Canadian authorities arrested and charged three Indian nationals – Karanpreet Singh, 28, Kamalpreet Singh and Karan Brar, both 22 – for the murder of Nijjar on May 3. Canadian authorities subsequently arrested a fourth Indian identified as 22-year-old Amandeep Singh.

These weren't the first visits to India by Vigneault in this connection. According to CSIS' 2023 Public Report, "Vigneault and then National Security Intelligence Advisor, Jody Thomas, travelled to India to discuss the matter with their counterparts." Those visits were in July and August 2023, prior to Trudeau's statement in Parliament.

The public report, released in May 2024, accused India of engaging in "hostile foreign interference and espionage activities" in Canada. Canada's current NSIA, Nathalie Drouin, is not believed to have travelled to India this year.

The report described China, Russia, Iran and India as "major perpetrators of foreign interference and espionage" in Canada. In response to "serious allegations", Vigneault said "Canada and its allies require accountability from the Government of India concerning its potential involvement in the murder of a Canadian citizen on Canadian soil", the report stated.

Vigneault's visits this year were followed by at least four more trips to India by other Canadian officials, the people said.

These other visits coincided with efforts by security officials on both sides to re-establish some sort of working relationship to deal with security threats away from the public spotlight, the people added.

These efforts, however, have been hampered by the rupture in relations between the political leadership, especially at the highest levels, the people said.

A meeting of the India-Canada counter-terrorism working group was scheduled for the first quarter of 2024 but was postponed to May due to the prevailing situation, including an accusation by a Canadian parliamentary panel that India is seen as the second-greatest foreign interference threat after China. The working group's meeting is now expected to be held later this year.

Behind the scenes diplomacy has continued between the two countries, as Global Affairs Canada, the foreign ministry, wants those conversations to remain private.

The Indian side, however, continues to harbour serious concerns about Canada's failure to act against provocative activities of Khalistani operatives, such as posters identifying senior Indian diplomats and holding out threats against them, and rallies such as the one outside the Indian consulate this week that featured a float depicting the assassination of former prime minister Indira Gandhi.

In this context, the people pointed to action taken by the US and Australia – both members of the Five Eyes alliance – to rein in the activities of Khalistani elements.

Trekking agency booked over the death of 9 in U'khand, say cops

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DEHRADUN: Uttarakhand Police registered a first information report against the owners of a local trekking agency for negligence for the death of nine people of a 22-member trekking team who were caught in a blizzard on a Sahastra Tal trek in the upper Himalayas in Uttarkashi district.

The team, including 18 trekkers from Karnataka and one from Maharashtra, besides three local guides, was sent by Himalayan View trekking agency in Maneri on May 29 on a 35 km trek to Silla-Kushkalyan-Sahastra Tal, a high-altitude lake located at an altitude of around 4,600 metres, from Uttarkashi, police said.

The FIR was registered against the agency owners under Sections 304A (causing death by negligence) and 336 (endangering life or personal safety of others) of the Indian Penal Code on Friday. In the FIR, a copy of which was seen by HT, complainant senior sub-inspector Sukhpal Singh said the trekking agency obtained the permission for the expedition without fulfilling the necessary conditions related to the trekking.


SDRF team with the rescued trekkers. HT

"No information related to the trekking unit was provided to the police and administration. Some trekkers in the group were 65 to 75 years of age. No action was taken with regard to their medical test," the FIR said.

Rajesh Thakur, one of the three partners of Himalayan View, rejected the allegations of negligence. "We obtained the approval from the district administration," Thakur said. "If we didn't fulfil the conditions, why did the administration give us the approval?"

Thakur, along with two other guides, carried all necessary equipments like cylinder, tent, sleeping bags, rope, trekking pole and oximeter, which are required for trekking at such high altitudes, and took all precautions for the safety of trekkers, he said. "The allegations are baseless. We want probe to happen so that the truth comes to light," Thakur added.

Meanwhile, Uttarkashi district administration prohibited the agency from commercial activities till further orders.

IS operative's plea on concurrent jail terms turned down

NEW DELHI: The Delhi high court has rejected Islamic State operative Mohsin Ibrahim Sayyed's plea seeking concurrent running of jail terms that was awarded to him by Mumbai and Delhi courts under the stringent anti-terror law for trying to radicalise Muslim youths to join the banned organisation and plotting a terror strike during the Ardh Kumbh Mela at Haridwar in 2016.

The court observed that though the maximum sentence for the offences for which Sayyed was convicted under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act was life term, the two courts had extended him the benefit of pleading guilty and not sentencing him for life.


Prajwal Revanna

Prajwal taken to his house in Hassan for spot inspection

HASSAN: A Special Investigation Team on Saturday took suspended JD(S) leader Prajwal Revanna to his house for spot inspection in Hassan.

Prajwal, who lost the Lok Sabha election as an NDA candidate from Hassan is facing sexual assault cases. His father HD Revanna and mother Bhavani Revanna are out on bail in a kidnapping case.



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The newly appointed President, Student Council, Saanchi Grover gave her first acceptance speech with utmost dynamism and humility. Vice-Principal, Puneet Duggal complimented the students for their hard work and sincerity and advised them to take the responsibilities to new heights. Chief Guest, Retired Major General Pramod Saigal congratulated the newly appointed council and motivated them to fulfill their responsibility earnestly. To bring a befitting culmination to the ceremony, an earnest vote of thanks was accorded by the Vice President Ajit Singh Bedi. Sports Captain, Nia Bansal gave her first command for the National Anthem.

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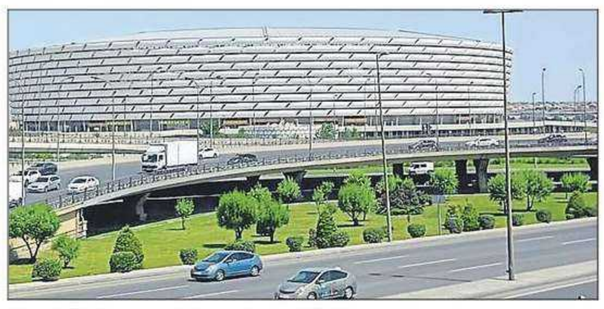
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Global conflict, climate finance in focus before COP29 in Baku

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BAKU: Azerbaijan's Baku, host of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP29) in November may end up setting the tone on two critical global issues - global conflict and climate finance .

Wedged between Russia to the north and Iran to the south, Azerbaijan is pursuing a peace deal with Armenia, but the big question is whether it can use its unique position geographically, and status as a petro-state in transition, to achieve an ambitious climate deal? Top diplomat and Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of Azerbaijan, Hikmet Hajiyev believes so.



The COP29 is scheduled to be held in November at Baku stadium in Azerbaijan. FILE PHOTO

Why a "Peace COP"?

"COP29 Azerbaijan's Presidency is a result of the peace building process between Armenia and Azerbaijan, which is through silent diplomacy. Armenia and Azerbaijan agreed that we can surprise the world," said Hajiyev.

Now, Azerbaijan wants to shape negotiations as a "Truce COP". "We are working on the truce COP concept and we wish to avoid blaming each other during negotiations. The world is divided but the climate issue is different. On geopolitical issues they may be on different pages but nobody is immune from the climate crisis. Here, we see Russia and the West working together," Hajiyev added. "For example, Russia's Taiga forests are a huge absorbent of global carbon and if Russia protects them it can be a huge help," he said.

Azerbaijan is borrowing heavily from the Non-Aligned Movement philosophy to develop its strategy. The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) was founded in 1961 with the view to advancing the interests of developing countries in the context of Cold War confrontation. Hajiyev said there is a kind of a "cold war conundrum" currently, referring to various blocs and hostilities globally. Azerbaijan was the chair of NAM in 2019.

"It's India's philosophy and Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy. We wish to use it further to say we are a group that believes that a third way is possible. We are not part of the conflict," he said.

It's easier said than done. Though the UN negotiations give a level playing field to all countries, the US has been seen as a climate bully and over the years there has been a deep trust deficit between developing and rich countries .

A new finance goal

Among deliverables for COP29, the agreement on the New Collective Quantified Goal, to replace the existing goal of $100 billion per year and operationalising of the Loss and Damage fund are key. The new finance goal is meant to channel more funds towards urgently needed climate action in developing countries.

Even as Hajiyev puts together the Baku strategy, complications are emerging at the Bonn climate change conference, being held at the halfway point to the annual climate summit. HT reported on May 6 that major differences are emerging again between rich and developing countries on who should contribute to the new quantified goal on climate finance.

In an Ad Hoc Work Programme (AHWP) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), held in Cartagena in Colombia from April 23 to 26, the US is reported to have said the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) is "voluntary" for those that "choose to pay." At Bonn, according to the International Institute of Sustainable Development, China underscored developed countries' obligations to support developing countries' climate action and called the definition of the NCQG "almost a decade overdue." Morocco called the NCQG "a beacon of hope" for vulnerable communities and cautioned against "taking it hostage" by discussing elements beyond the core mandate. Ecuador called on developed countries to make proposals regarding the quantum of the goal. The Marshall Islands said loans at market rates cannot be considered climate finance.

The Third World Network, a non profit international research and advocacy organisation focusing on North-South affairs reported from Bonn on Thursday that delegates from developing countries pointed to the erosion of differentiation between developed and developing countries with similar mitigation goals being imposed on all Parties.

This is a complex web of issues for Baku to manoeuvre on getting a finance deal. "It is a particular deliverable for us but we are not giving any particular figure immediately. The other important focus for us are the small island developing countries because for them the crisis is urgent," added Hajiyev.

Home of first oil fields

Baku was home to among the world's first oil fields. In 1847-1848, the first production of industrial oil started from the dug wells in Bibieybat and later Balakhany fields, according to the government. The early 19th century was characterised by the first production of oil from the manual well dug at Bibieybat 30 metres away from the seashore. The first oil refinery was constructed in Baku in 1859. And in many ways oil helped Azerbaijan tide over internal and external crises and build the country that is today.

Azerbaijan President, Ilham Aliyev, on Tuesday recalled how the country has managed to overcome several internal and external crises following independence in 1991 including civil war and Nagorno-Karabakh conflict with Armenia, due to its fossil fuel reserves. He was speaking at the 29th Caspian Oil and Gas exhibition at the Baku Energy Week.

Now the country wants to move forward. "It is not easy, but we are ready for that... we are not to blame for having oil and gas... We must be judged not for having these resources, but for how we manage them, how we transform this wealth through the channels, how we build an inclusive society, and reduce poverty from 50% to 5% and foreign debt from almost 100% to 7.7%," he said.

"COP29 in Azerbaijan demonstrates a diplomatic carriage and also an opportunity for green transition. Azerbaijan is a fossil fuel exporting country but fossil fuels were used for the welfare of the population and development of this country...On the export issue there is a tendency to think that oil and gas are only pollutants we have. So far, the renewable world is not in a capacity to produce renewables that will meet our needs, robust storage capacity is not there. Fossil fuels are not only about combustion engines but it has applications in hundreds of areas. If you manage carbon emissions well, oil and gas is part of our life," Hajiyev added.

Azerbaijan is working on energy transition and diversification. Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company PJSC – Masdar and SOCAR, the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan, launched three major solar and wind projects in Azerbaijan with a capacity of 1 GW last week. Azerbaijan is also developing a green port and a net zero township at Alat. East-West trade using the Middle Corridor was small until Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in late February 2022. In the two years since then, the potential of the Middle Corridor has expanded significantly, the Caspian Policy Center reported.

According to Taleh Ziyadov, director general of Port of Baku, the Middle Corridor has gained importance in recent years because of conflict in Russia and in Israel. This corridor, -a mix of land travel and shipping route over Caspian Sea, avoids Russia and Iran. The corridor can connect India also to Europe.

(The reporter was part of a South-Asia media delegation invited to Azerbaijan by COP29 team)

NDMA: EARLY PREPAREDNESS FOR HEATWAVE BEGAN LAST YEAR

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NEW DELHI: The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on Saturday clarified that early preparedness to tackle heatwaves was started by central agencies in October last year, much before the onset of summer that saw long periods of extreme heat.

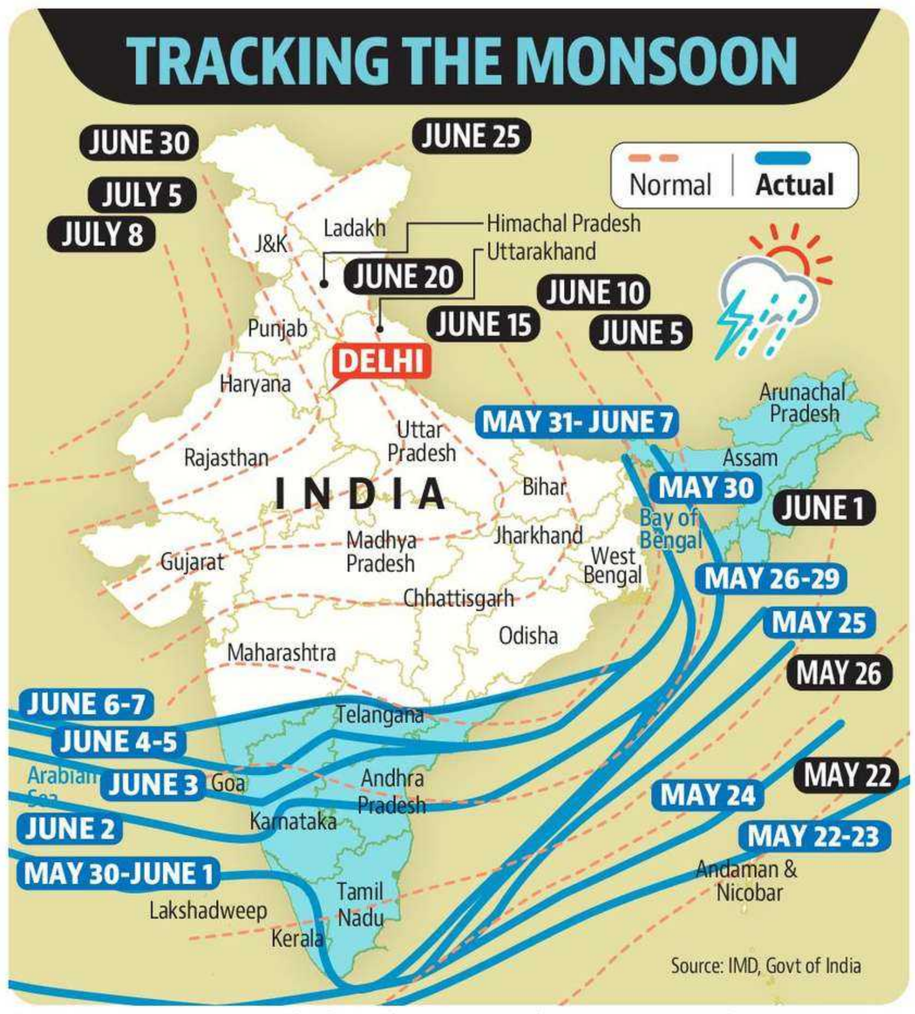
On October 18, the NDMA had advised 23 states to prepare Heat Wave Action Plans (HAPs), the agency said, responding to a report by HT on June 7 on Union Cabinet secretary chairing a meeting of the National Crisis Management Committee to review measures to deal with heatwaves.

The HT report quoted a weather bureau official saying urgent measures should have been taken in the summer months of April and May to prevent heat-related emergencies. On January 9, the NDMA held a brainstorming workshop with professional agencies to understand latest technological interventions, the authority said in a statement to HT on Saturday.

On February 13-14, the agency conducted a national heatwave workshop for preparedness at New Delhi, in which all 23 states and union territories, 18 central ministries and departments and 15 knowledge partners participated. "Periodic Review Meetings were regularly held at all levels. Review Meetings with 23 States/UTs were held by NDMA on March 11, April 4, April 18, May 22 and May 31 to discuss their preparedness," NDMA said.

Dynamic advisories were issued by the NDMA to states to ensure control room activation; enforcement of standard operating procedures for heatwaves; adoption and execution of local HAPs; stockpiling of oral rehydrating solution for heatwave illnesses; drinking water availability, coolers; health personnel training; mortality and Illness reporting; power supply availability during peak hours, it said.

ON OCT 18, NDMA ADVISED 23 STATES TO PREPARE HEAT WAVE ACTION PLANS



Heatwave likely in the northwest, flash floods in coastal areas: IMD

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NEW DELHI: A fresh spell of heatwave is likely to begin over northwestern India from June 9, the India Meteorological Department warned on Saturday. It also warned of flash floods over a few watersheds and coastal Karnataka, Kerala, Konkan and Goa in the next 24 hours due to heavy rainfall.

Heatwaves are likely to continue over parts of eastern and east-central India, Uttar Pradesh and northeastern Madhya Pradesh in next five days. Heavy rainfall is likely over Maharashtra and coastal and north interior Karnataka in the next five days, with isolated extremely heavy rain over Maharashtra during June 8 to 11 and over Karnataka on June 8 and 9, the weather bureau said.

It issued a warning on Friday, stating that there is a risk of flash floods over coastal Karnataka, Kerala, Konkan and Goa in the next 24 hours. Surface runoff and inundation may occur at some low lying areas due to expected rainfall, the MeT department said.

ON FRIDAY, THE HIGHEST MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 45.8 DEGREES WAS REPORTED AT JHANSI IN UTTAR PRADESH

Maximum temperatures were between 42-45 degrees Celsius in parts of eastern UP, northern Madhya Pradesh and western UP, and in isolated pockets of Haryana, Delhi, Bihar and Gujarat. It was 2-4°C above normal in these areas. Heatwaves prevailed in isolated pockets of eastern UP and Bihar.

On Friday, maximum temperatures were mostly in the range of 43-46 degrees in southern Haryana, Delhi, southern UP, south-eastern Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and south-western Bihar. These were 2-4 degrees above normal. The highest maximum temperature of 45.8 degrees was reported at Jhansi.

The south-west monsoon advanced into some more parts of central Arabian Sea, southern Maharashtra, Telangana and some parts of southern Chhattisgarh, southern Odisha and some more parts of coastal Andhra Pradesh on Saturday. Conditions are favourable for the further advance of monsoon into remaining parts of central Arabian Sea, some parts of Maharashtra and Telangana in the next two-three days.

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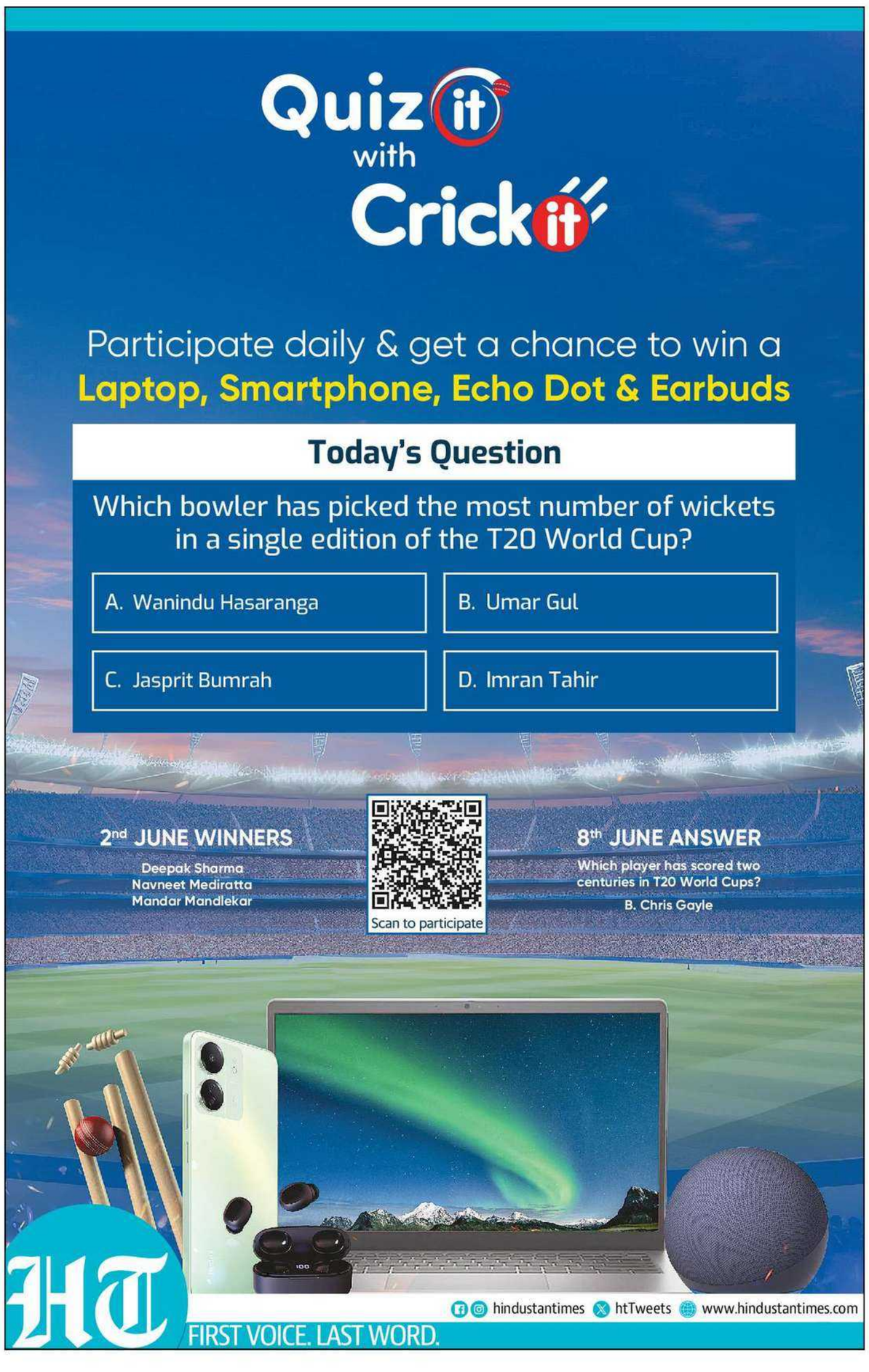
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पंत्रांक–226 टी–11 का०ब०वि०प्रा०-2024–25 दिनांक –07.06.2024
Request for proposal (R.F.P)
Request for Proposal (R.F.P) is invited from interested Experienced agencies/individuals/company/ Firm for "Selection of an agency for conceptualization, construction & supply with 2 year maintenance of 51 feet height bronze statue of Lord Rama in standing posture at Ramayan Vatika in Bareilly". The details relating to Scope of Work and General Terms and Conditions can be downloaded from the website- www.bdainfo.org. The last date for submission of EOI cum RFQ regarding the above said work is 25-06-2024 by 3 PM in the office of Bareilly Development Authority, Vikas jyoti, Priyadarshani Nagar, Bareilly. Firms, who had submitted the offers for above said work in month of March-April 2024 needs not to submit the offer again, but may send their consent in this regard, up to last submission day.
Start date for submission R.F.P. 10-06-2024
Last date for submission R.F.P. 25-06-2024
Executive Engineer
Bareilly Development Authority Bareilly

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr. P. C.
Whereas a complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Avnish @ Vicky s/o Zile Singh** R/o Vill. Shakhan Khurd PS. Devband,Distt-Sharanpur, UP. have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under Ct.**Case. No. 480/17 u/s 279/304A IPC & 146/196 MVT Act**. has been registered at **P.S. Vivek Vihar Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said, **Avnish @ Vicky** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, **Avnish @ Vicky** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused, **Avnish @ Vicky** of under Ct.**Case. No. 480/17 u/s 279/304A IPC & 146/196 MVT Act**. registered at **PS. Vivek Vihar** Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **26.07.2024**
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Another suspect held in B'desh MP murder case

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KOLKATA: West Bengal Police has arrested one more person in connection with the murder of Bangladesh MP Md Anwarul Azim Anar on Friday, an official aware of the matter said.

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of West Bengal Police arrested Siam Hossain from Bongaon for allegedly playing a key role in disposing of the body parts of the Bangladesh lawmaker.

"We have arrested Siam Hossain from Bongaon in North 24 Parganas on Friday evening. He was trying to cross over to Bangladesh. His role is being investigated," AK Chaturvedi, Inspector General (IG) of CID, said.

Investigation so far has revealed that it was Hossain and another person Jihad Hawaldar, who was arrested on May 23, dumped the body parts and murder weapons in a canal, a CID officer said.

After Anar was allegedly killed in the New Towm apartment, it was Hawaldar, a professional butcher brought in from Mumbai, who de-skinned the body and chopped its parts, the officer said.

The West Bengal CID and Detective Branch of Dhaka Metropolitan Police have made five arrests in the case so far. Three people were arrested by Dhaka police while CID arrested Hossain and Hawaldar.

"We are yet to trace the victim's body parts. Pieces of flesh were recovered from a septic tank in the New Town apartment where the MP was murdered. They have been sent for forensic test to ascertain whether they belong to a human," the CID officer added.

The alleged mastermind of the murder, Aktaruzzaman Shahin, who was a long-term business partner of the victim is still absconding. He is believed to have fled to the United States, the officer said.

'Will continue to work:' Fadnavis after offering to resign over LS results

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Devendra Fadnavis

MUMBAI: Days after he offered to resign taking responsibility for the BJP's poor performance in the Lok Sabha elections in Maharashtra, deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis on Saturday said he would continue to work.

Speaking after a party meeting where state Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) legislators passed a resolution reposing faith in him and seeking that he continue as party leader, he also said that fake narrative acted as another opposition party that the ruling Mahayuti coalition had to fight.

His offer to quit as deputy CM was not prompted by emotions or sadness over the electoral setback, Fadnavis told reporters, adding, "I am not someone who runs away. I fight back....When cornered on all sides, we can rise again with force...this is what we learn from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

"I met Amit Shah (in Delhi) who asked me to continue, and I will do that. We have a strategy. I have already started work (for the assembly elections which are due this year)," Fadnavis added.

The rumour that the BJP intended to change the Constitution hurt the ruling alliance of BJP, Shiv Sena and NCP in the state, he claimed. "Fake narrative was a fourth (opposition) party in addition to the three-party Maha Vikas Aghadi. We realized it after the fourth phase," Fadnavis said.

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LEADER OF OPPN

"In a resolution, the CWC unanimously requested Rahul Gandhi to take the LoP post in the Lok Sabha. All participants, in their view, were unanimous that Rahul Gandhi should become the LoP," Congress general secretary KC Venugopal said after the CWC meeting.

"In this election, we raised burning issues such as unemployment, price rise, women's issues, Agniveer and social justice. These issues have to be continued in a greater manner inside Parliament as well. Rahul Gandhi is the best person to lead this campaign in the Lok Sabha. In the current scenario, for a better, stronger and vigilant Opposition and those who want to protect the Constitution, it should be safe under Rahul Gandhi as LoP," Venugopal added.

According to three CWC members, party veteran Digvijaya Singh was the first to suggest Gandhi's name as the LoP. Both Singh and Gaurav Gogoi, the party's deputy leader in the Lok Sabha, argued that as the LoP, Gandhi would be best suited to amplify the Congress's ideology and key issues raised during the elections.

Punjab leader Partap Singh Bajwa is said to have told Gandhi, "I know you don't like positions, but this is a responsibility." He also pointed out that some of the NDA allies are not comfortable with certain schemes such as Agniveer and MSP issues and Gandhi could build more pressure on the government. "You would be working on your election guarantees even when sitting in the Opposition," he said.

After other speakers also urged Gandhi, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge reminded him that after the CWC has passed a resolution, Gandhi has to accept the post. "Rahul Gandhi smiled and told the CWC that he will consider and take his decision in a few days," said a senior member of the panel.

Even as Congress parliamentary party chief Sonia Gandhi remained silent, general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra lauded her brother's role in the election. Priyanka mentioned that at times, she had doubts if the party would be able to revive but Rahul "was the only one who had unflinching faith in the Congress's ability to bounce back".

In his speech, Rahul Gandhi took a dig at those who have left the Congress and said, "Whoever had to leave, have left. Those who are here are warriors."

Gandhi also heaped praise on Kharge, 81, for undertaking such extensive campaign across the country at his age. He also praised the party's communication on its 25 guarantees and said, "This time we didn't allow anyone to derail our narrative."

He argued that the party's communication on the Constitution, social justice and the guarantees had been strong and "the BJP couldn't match us on these issues. In this election, our party and people of India fought together. Earlier people said many things about us. But now it is clear that no body can destroy the Congress party."

The main resolution of the CWC also praised Gandhi for his role in the 2024 Lok Sabha campaign.

"Former Congress President Shri Rahul Gandhi has to be singled out largely because of the Bharat Jodo Yatra and the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra that he designed and led. Both these Yatras that reflected his own thinking and personality were historic turning points in our nation's politics and instilled hope and confidence in lakhs of our workers and crores of our voters," the resolution said.

"Shri Rahul Gandhi's election campaign was single-minded, sharp and pointed and more than any other individual it was he who made the protection of our republic's Constitution the central issue in the 2024 elections. The Paanch Nyay-Pachees Guarantee programme which resonated so very powerfully in the election campaign was the outcome of Rahulji's yatras in which he listened to the fears, concerns and aspirations of all people, especially the youth, women, farmers, workers, Dalits, Adivasis, OBCs and minorities," it added.

In the 16th Lok Sabha (2014-19), Kharge was the Congress floor leader before he shifted to the Rajya Sabha. Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury was the party's floor leader in the Lok Sabha during 2019-2024.

BJP GOVT

Modi will host all new ministers at his residence before the swearing-in ceremony. Party chief JP Nadda and Union ministers Amit Shah and Rajanth Singh met on Saturday to decide names that will be inducted in the Union council of ministers; earlier, on Friday, the BJP high command held meetings with leaders of the NDA partners to discuss allocation of portfolios.

"Since all the allies with more than two lawmakers have to be accommodated, there is a proposal to give one cabinet berth for parties with at least five MPs and one minister of state position for every two MPs," said the leader quoted above.

If the proposal is accepted, then the TDP with 14 MPs is set to get two or three cabinet positions and a couple of ministers of state. K Rammohan Naidu and P Chandrasekhar's names were doing the rounds for cabinet positions on Saturday. The party is also keen to get the Speaker's post in addition to ministries such as urban development, social justice, roads and highways, and information and technology.

The JDU, which has set its eyes on ministries such as agriculture, water resources, rural development and railways has 16 MPs and is likely to get three cabinet posts in addition to MoS positions.

The LJP's (Ram Vilas) Chirag Paswan, who has emerged as a young, Dalit face in Bihar after his party won all five Lok Sabha seats that it contested, is also likely to get one cabinet berth and one MoS position. Allies that have three or fewer lawmakers such as the RLD, Jana Sena, JDS and HAM will also qualify for a MoS position.

Hamirpur MP Anurag Thakur and Daggubati Purandeswari from Andhra Pradesh are set to get key berths while the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena is likely to get one cabinet seat, which could go to Shrirang Barne though Shinde's son Shrikant Shinde has not been ruled out either.

The RLD's Jayant Chaudhary is expected to take oath as a minister of state while Pawan Kalyan is likely to get a cabinet seat and Jitan Ram Manjhi is set to be a minister of state.

"Apart from the allies, there are other considerations too. Caste, state and gender representation have to be taken into consideration as well. There has to be a representative from the southern region from Kerala, where the BJP has won for the first time, from Tamil Nadu where we did not win any seat but have vastly improved our vote share," said a second functionary.

Calls were made from the PMO and Nadda's office to those taking oath. There is a possibility that some senior BJP leaders who have held positions in the organisation or been chief ministers or ministers in the state could be included in the council of ministers.

For instance, the name of a former chief minister who has been elected to the Lok Sabha is being speculated for the post of Lok Sabha speaker.

Party leaders, however, remained tight lipped about the names of the possible ministers. In the JDU, people aware of the details said the decision to nominate members to the council of ministers rests with Bihar CM Nitish Kumar. "Last time he nominated RCP Singh for a position, but things soured between them. Singh had to eventually resign as there were misgivings about his closeness to the BJP. The CM will pick the names of his confidants...," said a party functionary. The front runners include Kumar's confidants Sanjay Jha, Lallan Singh and Ramnath Thakur.

In the TDP too, similar sentiments were expressed by a person aware of the details.

There is speculation that there will be newer faces in the new council of ministers, including some lateral entries. Although Ram Mohan Naidu and Harish Balayogi are speculated to be ministers.

There is no word on whether the total number of ministers will remain the same as before or if more faces will be given charge. In 2019 the council of ministers had faces such as S Jaishankar, the former foreign secretary inducted as minister for external affairs, and Rajya Sabha MP Rajeev Chandrashekhar, who was inducted a minister of state.

In 2014, when the government was sworn in, the BJP had 23 cabinet ministers, 11 ministers with independent charge, and 32 ministers of state. Four allies were given cabinet berths and two were MoS. The LJP's Ram Vilas Paswan was made cabinet minister with the portfolio of consumer affairs, food and public distribution, while the TDP's Ashok Gajapati Raju was given charge of civil aviation till he resigned on March 9, 2018. It was subsequently given to Suresh Prabhu, who switched from the Shiv Sena to the BJP. The SAD's Harsimrat Kaur Badal was cabinet minister of food processing and industries, while Anant Geete of the Shiv Sena was also given the ministry of heavy industries and public enterprises.

In 2019, when the government was sworn in, the BJP had 21 of the 24 cabinet berths, nine ministers with independent charge and 24 ministers of state. Paswan continued to be a cabinet minister till his death in October 2020. Badal was also given cabinet rank and the portfolio of food processing until she resigned in 2020 following her party's exit from the NDA over the farm laws that were later repealed. After the Shiv Sena (UBT) also walked out of the NDA, Arvind Sawant, a cabinet minister who had the portfolio of heavy industries, resigned in November 2019.

In March this year, the LJP's Pashupati Paras, who was given a cabinet position in July 2021, also resigned. While the JDU's RCP Singh, who was made a minister in July 2021 resigned in July 2022 after his term as a Rajya Sabha MP ended, the party did not repeat him. Athawale and Patel continued as ministers of state.

WILLIAM ANDERS

eral, has said the photo was his most significant contribution to the space programme along with making sure the Apollo 8 command module and service module worked.

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"He travelled to the threshold of the Moon and helped all of us see something else: ourselves," Nelson wrote on X.

Anders snapped the photo during the crew's fourth orbit of the moon, frantically switching from black-and-white to colour film.

"Oh my God, look at that picture over there!" Anders said. "There's the Earth coming up. Wow, is that pretty!"

The Apollo 8 mission in December 1968 was the first human spaceflight to leave low-Earth orbit and travel to the moon and back. It was Nasa's boldest voyage yet and one that set the stage for the Apollo moon landing seven months later.

"Bill Anders forever changed our perspective of our planet and ourselves with his famous Earthrise photo on Apollo 8," Arizona Sen. Mark Kelly, who is also a retired Nasa astronaut, wrote on X. "He inspired me and generations of astronauts and explorers."

A report came in around 11:40am local time that an older-model plane crashed into the water and sank near the north end of Jones Island, San Juan County Sheriff Eric Peter said. Greg Anders confirmed to KING-TV that his father's body was recovered Friday afternoon.

Only the pilot was on board the Beech A45 airplane at the time, according to the Federal Aviation Association. The National Transportation Safety Board and FAA are investigating the crash.

Anders said in an 1997 Nasa oral history interview that he didn't think the Apollo 8 mission was risk-free but there were important national, patriotic and exploration reasons for going ahead. He recounted how Earth looked fragile and seemingly physically insignificant, yet was home.

"We'd been going backwards and upside down, didn't really see the Earth or the Sun, and when we rolled around and came around and saw the first Earthrise," he said. "That certainly was, by far, the most impressive thing. To see this very delicate, colourful orb which to me looked like a Christmas tree ornament coming up over this very stark, ugly lunar landscape really contrasted."

Anders served as backup crew for Apollo 11 and for Gemini XI in 1966, but the Apollo 8 mission was the only time he flew to space. He was born on October 17, 1933, in Hong Kong.

HT TWTW
THE WEEK THAT WAS

ANSWERS

1. None of the above
2. To the Moon
3. Climate
4. Adult content
5. Trillion dollar
6. Planet parade
7. Hyderabad
8. Sunil Chhetri
9. Cold lava
10. Trinamool Congress

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Tender Notice No. 24/39 **Date. 07.06.2024**

E-Procurement Tender Notice

On behalf of the President of India, **The Principal Chief Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj, (An ISO 9001: 2015 certified unit)** invites the following E-Procurement Tenders.

S. N.	Tender No.	Short Description	Qty.	Tender Opening Date
1	30242316A	CARBON BRUSH ASSEMBLY	3120 NOS.	01.07.2024
2	30242949	WIDER WINDOW	80 NOS.	01.07.2024
3	30242314A	EARTHING CABLE COMPLETE	3152 NOS.	04.07.2024
4	20242031	SET OF OVER CURRENT RELAY	6 SET.	03.07.2024
5	20241746	CONDENSER BUSHING COMPLETE	7 Nos.	04.07.2024
6	20243404A	SET OF SWITCHES	10 SET	27.06.2024
7	20243581	SET OF SPARE FOR SNADER	320 SET	28.06.2024
8	20243458	BRAKE SHOE BLOCK	1920 NOS.	01.07.2024
9	80241002A	GEAR LUBRICANT, MULTIPURPOSE (EXTREME PRESSURE GEAR OIL)	15130 LTR	01.07.2024
10	38242709	POH KIT FOR AUTOMATIC PRESSURE MODIFICATION DEVICE	3385 Set	26.06.2024
11	38242623 (e-RA)	YOKE	10344 Nos.	01.07.2024
12	38241445A	FLAP DOOR	1050 Nos.	16.07.2024
13	38241915	LOAD SENSING DEVICE	440 Nos.	06.08.2024
14	38241930	POH KIT FOR LOAD SENSING DEVICE	3278 Nos.	26.08.2024
15	64245138	Cutting Chain Assembly	07 Set	15.07.2024
16	64245081A	Shaft for Pump, Seal	08 Nos.	10.07.2024
17	64245124	Tamping arm small pin assembly	40 Set	08.07.2024
18	64245123	Sweeper Hose with Clamp	416 Nos.	04.07.2024
19	64245125	TAMPING TOOL HOLDER	14 Nos.	08.07.2024
20	64245134	MAIN CONVEYOR BELT	03 Nos.	10.07.2024
21	64245108A	FIXING PIN FOR ROUND SHAFT	30000 Nos.	12.07.2024
22	63235210	Improved SEJ (complete set) with Fittings for BG 60 Kg. UIC on PSC Sleepers RDSO Drawing No. T - 6902.	530 Set	28.06.2024
23	20243251A	1OH kit for Single Bottle VCB	48 Set	03.07.2024
24	20235024 (e-RA)	Traction Motor Type HS 15250A with Earth Brush Assembly & Pinion (without axle, suspension unit & gear case assembly) for AC Electric Loco	80 Nos.	04.07.2024
25	20242201	SET OF MP AND CP COILS	4 Set	08.07.2024
26	20242021	TUBE FOR MOTOR SUSPENSION UNIT	91 Nos.	08.07.2024
27	20241045	IMPREGNATING VARNISH COMPONENT	1115 Kgs.	08.07.2024
28	20243117	SUB KIT AOH-1 FOR TAP CHANGER	205 Set	08.07.2024
29	20243022	SUB KIT 1OH-1 FOR TAP CHANGER	49 Set	09.07.2024
30	40243358	110 V,1100 AH VRLA SMF BATTERIES	6 Set	03.07.2024
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32	40241081	Cable Elastomeric Single Core Copper Conductor	24000 MTR	03.07.2024
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35	40241040B	FLEXIBLE MICA SHEET	400 Nos	08.07.2024
36	40243016	KAPTON COVERED COPPER CONDUCTOR	14503 Kgs.	24.07.2024
37	40241223	SILICON RUBBER COMPOUND	8948 Nos	24.07.2024

Note: The complete information of above tenders can be seen and downloaded from IREPS **website i.e. https://www.ireps.gov.in.** For any change/ corrigendum in tender, please visit this website regularly. No separate corrigendum/change will be published in news paper.

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Uttar Pradesh University of Medical Sciences
Saifai, Etawah-206130 (UP)

Ref no. 145/MM-Deptt/UPUMS/24-25 **Dated: 07.06.2024**

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

1. Uttar Pradesh University of Medical Sciences Saifai Etawah hereby invited online bids/ tenders for Installation and Operation of **128 Slice CT Scan Machine, 1.5 Tesla MRI Machine, 1000 mA & 250nA Digital X Ray Machines** Services on PPP Basis under E-Tendering procurement rules in two cover system.

2. Important Information & dates of tender documents for open E-Tenders are available on website **http://etender.up.nic.in**. Bid documents shall be submitted online mode only.

Vice Chancellor

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TENDER NOTICE

Ref: **JMF: Advt: 198** Date: **06 June 2024**

Sealed Bids are invited under Two (02) Bid (Envelope) System from reputed eligible Bidders/Agencies for:

Sl No.	Tender details	Tender /Bidding Document No.	Tender Fee (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Last Date &Time for bid Submission
1.	Design, Fabrication, Testing & Supply of **1 No - 20 Kl Capacity Road Milk Tanker** with Chassis at Medha Dairy, Hotwar	JMF-PP-0197-6/2024-25/0005, Dtd 0 6 June 2024	**2,000/-**	**56,000/-**	27 June 2024 till 3:00 PM
2.	SITC of **Lan Cabling Work** at Medha Dairy Plant, Sarath-Deoghar	JMF-ICT-01138-6/2024-25/0006, Dtd 0 6 June 2024	**1,000/-**	**12,000/-**	27 June 2024 till 3:30 PM
3	Supply/Providing of **SSL Certificate** Subscription for JMF'S Domain and Its Subdomain	JMF-ICT-01267-6/2024-25/0007, Dtd. 0 6 June 2024	**Nil**	**2,000/-**	27 June 2024 till 4:00 PM
4	Supply of **Radial Tyres** for Road Milk Tankers on **Annual Rate Contract Basis**	JMF-ADMN-HR-00017-6/2024-25/0009, Dtd. 0 6 June 2024	**2,000/-**	**28,200/-**	27 June 2024 till 4:30 PM
5	**SITC of 25 Set of AMCU** with Post-Warranty Maintenance Contract for 02 years at Dhurwa, Ranchi	JMF-PI-01259/1264-06/2024-25/0010 Dt. 06 June 2024	**2,000/-**	**37,500/-**	28 Jun 2024 till 03:00 pm
6	Supply of **SS 304 Milk Cans** 40 Ltr Cap. at Sarath, Sahibgunj and Palamu Dairy.	JMF-PI-00-06/2024-25/0017, Dt. 06 June 224	**2,000/-**	**88,000/-**	28 Jun 2024 till 03:30 pm
7	**SITC of 01** Domain Control Solution Setup **(Active Directory)** Onsite at Hotwar,	JMF-ICT-01133-06/2024-25/0011, Dt. 06 June 2024	**1,000/-**	**15,000/-**	28 Jun 2024 till 04:00 pm
8	**SITC of 01 Rack Mounted Server** with OS License at Hotwar.	JMF-ICT-01134-06/2024-25/0012, Dt. 06 June 2024	**1,000/-**	**15,000/-**	29 Jun 2024 till 03:00 pm
9	**Annual Rate Contract** for Supply of 100% Biodegradable Straws at Medha Dairy Hotwar.	JMF-PP-0175-06/2024-25/0013, Dt. 06 June 2024	**2,000/-**	**35,000/-**	29 Jun 2024 till 03:30 pm
10	Design, Fabrication, Testing & Supply of 01 No Refrigerated Vehicle (Capacity 7 KL) at Medha Dairy, Hotwar	JMF-MKT-0268-06/2024-25/0014, Dt. 06 June 2024	**2,000/-**	**40,000/-**	29 Jun 2024 till 04:00 pm

***For further details, interested bidders may download the respective Tender Document from JMF web site www.jmf.coop and submit their Technical &Commercial Bids along with Tender fee & EMD in the manner specified.**

The corrigendum, (if required), shall only be published in JMF website but not in any other media/newspapers.

For any clarification, please contact Head (Purchase), JMF, Hotwar, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834012.

N.B Bidders are requested to be in touch with our website till the date of opening of the bids in order to be informed about any corrigendum/modification etc. in the bid documents.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE - Open Competitive Bidding
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The Government of Assam through Government of India has applied for financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the **Assam Resilient Rural Bridges Program (ARRBP)** and intends to apply part of the proceeds to the eligible payment under the contract. Bids are invited online from the eligible bidders from India for the 25 (Twety Five) packages in the district of Morigaon,West Karbi Anglong, Karimganj, Dhemaji, Tinsukia, Sivasagar, Nagaon, Barpeta, Chirang, Goalpara, Bajali and Dhubri for a total amount of Rs. 6975.04 Lakhs (approx). Details may be seen at website http://assamtenders.gov.in and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

The bidding documents are available online on **http://www.assamtenders.gov.in** from 14/06/2024 to 15/07/2024. Bidders will be required to register on the website which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC). Bids must be submitted online on **http://www.assamtenders.gov.in** on or before 14:00 Hours on 15/07/2024. Other details can be seen in the bidding document. The method of paying Bid Security, Tender Processing fees as indicated in the table above of this e-procurement shall be required to be submitted online on **http://www.assamtenders.gov.in** by selecting "Pay Online" option.

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WATER WORKS DIVISION SRINAGAR

GIST OF NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

FRESH E-N.I.T. NO:- 08/WWD OF 2024-25 DT:- 06.06.2024

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Water Works Division Srinagar invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/Firms/Companies/registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for ***"Construction of 1.00 Lac Gallon OHT at 1.125 MGD Water Supply Scheme Mehjoor Nagar under UT CAPEX".*** The bidding process shall be completed online on **www.jktenders.gov.in** in two covers viz. **Cover 1st** consisting of Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and **Cover 2nd** consisting of Financial Bid on Item rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ, with quantity for each item of work as one.

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S. No.	Name of Work	Estd. Cost (in lacs)	Cost of EMD (in Rs.)	Cost of Tender Document (in Rs.)	T.O.C	Class of Contractor
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Note: For further details, bidders are requested to refer to **E-NIT No: - WWD/08 of 2024-25 Dt: 06.06.2024.** Instructions published on website: **http://www.jktenders.gov.in.** The dates showing bid submission date/closing date etc. are given below:

1	Date of publishing	06.06.2024
2	Document downloading date	06.06.2024/1900 hrs
3	Date of Pre-bid meeting	15.06.2024/1400 hrs
4	Bid submission start date	19.06.2024/1000 hrs
5	Bid submission closing date	24.06.2024/1600 hrs
6	Technical bid opening date	25.06.2024/1400 hrs
7	Place of opening of bids	Office of The Superintending Engineer Hyd. Circle Sgr/Gbl

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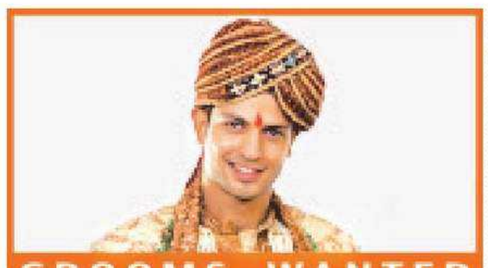
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M4 NON Manglik 48yrs Divorcee, Working in bank. Seeks girl (40-45), frm Rputd Family Delhi/Ncr. W'ap / ph: 9811535805. Em: ram2005punj@Yahoo.com

HINDU

BRIDE WANTED for a Punjabi- Khatri, very fair, handsome boy. 38 yrs,height 5'11",only son,God-fearing, cultured, educated, business family, very well placed, LLB, innocent divorcee, without issue. No demand for dowry. Caste No Bar. Contact +91-9355722335, mkutumbh@gmail.com

REMARRIAGE. 49/171CM, Aggarwal, UAE resident, CA, employed, financially sound. Seeking alliance from family-oriented educated girl Email: shubhmatri@yahoo.com

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B.TECH SUNNI Pathan 33 /5'6", Software engineer in MNC Noida @13 LPA seeks Prof. Qlfd girl preferably working. Contact :9889804984

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SETTLED IN Chandigarh educated, Business Family, Gursikh (Arora/ Khatri), Handsome boy, 5'-8"/1998, convent educated, degree in Business & Science from USA (green Card holder). Contact 9872092001

LOOKING MATCH for 25th Nov 1994 Born 5.11 Sikh Ramgariha Boy, MBA and Business Owner from Business Family, Multiple Location Business, Decent Living Standard Family Based at Pune Ahmednagar. Call 9822024493

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

NRI, SIKH Arora boy Oct, 1990/5'7" B.Tech (DCE), MBA (USA) Handsome, Well cultured, wkg in MNC in New York, H1B Visa Residence Manhattan, NY, Respectable affluent, educated family of Gurgaon Call. 9717139900 gurpreet0132@gmail.com

PUNJABI

AFFLUENT PROFESSIONAL Parents Seek Alliance for their Handsome 6'-0" Tall Well Established Masters in Architecture 28 yrs Old Son Punjabi Khatri Based in Ranchi, Fair, Pretty Girl 5'-4" Above 23 yrs to 27 yrs Architect May Contact With Photograph At ar.rituc59@gmail.com, Contact Nos- 9431115578, 9431701847.

SUITABLE MATCH for Handsome Punjabi Khatri Boy Sep. 89 Born/ 6' BBA, LLB, own Business, Income 1 Lakh P.M. Contact: 9711515689 Email: soni59r@gmail.com

SM4 H'SOME 1989 A.mnglk Pb. khatri boy B.Sc in fashion design wkg Noida minor problem in left leg 8.5 LPA Own Res S. Delhi decent family/ Income, caste no bar. # 9810170080

SM4 H'SOME PB Khatri boy, Master's Computer/36 LPA/Aug 79/Snr Position IT MNC/Divorcee/Educated Cultured girl pref upto 39yrs age/ Call-Whatsapp-9873681766

PUNJABI PRAJAPATI Boy, Head Baker IHM, Working in Five Star Hotel in Dubai Package: 36 L, Fair, 14.02.1989 (11.37 pm) 5'10" Delhi Based Family cont: 9999198321

DOCTOR

SM 4 Brahamin Boy 1992 / 165cms, MBBS, MD (PMR) from Premier Institutes, Working AIIMS, Doctors Family, Delhi / NCR, Upper Caste no bar. # 9812054433, 9899010543. email: sharmask4@yahoo.com

SUITABLE MATCH for Fair, Smart, Manglik, Punjabi Verma family boy, September 95/ 5'9", MDS (endo), Delhi Based, 15 LPA. Seeks Doctor (MDS) bride. WhatsApp 9560595595

TEACHER/LECTURER

GROOM, 31/ 5'5"/ LLB, LLM, PhD (Law), own House & Office in Delhi seeks Hindu/Punjabi Bride preferably Lawyer/Teacher. Contact 9810000140

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

56/5'7", WIDOWER, Jatav, one Daughter 17yrs, transferable Govt job, 12-15 lacs, Agra, looking for life partner,42-52yrs,issueless, graduate, preferably working.mob:6375805246 Email: krishikad.kamal@gmail.com

DIVORCEE/WIDOWER

MATCH FOR I.I.T, I.I.M., MS Columbia University (U.S.) educated,handsome Hindu Arora boy. 45 yrs, 5 11 , issue-less. Working in Bombay in Leading investment Firm. Simple marriage. 93846-12472, 94171-37858.

ALLIANCE INVITED for 87 born, 5'7" ex-army officer. Working in top steel company. Issue less divorcee. Wants girl with education, family values, good status family from any upper caste. Ph: 9814825712, 9814245712

DIVORCEE/WIDOWER

SM FOR Punjabi Khatri Issueless Divorced boy 5ft 10 inches DOB 21 Jun 87 18:11hrs Rs.12.50 Lacs PA prakumalhotra@gmail.com 8851994412 (w'App) ; 8860614800

NRI

AMERICAN HINDU Sharma Boy Softwr. Engineer USD 1.10LPA/27.01.92 Delhi /seeks edutd.decent Softwr'Engineer Girl wish to settle USA. Caste No Bar. # 8585965662, +1(540)3271750

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NRI

SUITABLE MATCH for good looking Canada based Punjabi Doctor Boy, never married, Age 37 Height 5.7ft. Well placed in profession. Family Delhi based and Parents Professionally qualified. Canada based qualified girl preferred. Contact 6263883436

GURSIKH AHLUWALIA Boy 28/5'10"/ B.Tech (EEE) / PG Course & Diploma from Toronto / Canada PR / Father: Advocate Delhi HC, Mother: Retired from SBI / Contact +91 9810396775

SUITABLE MATCH for Handsome Sikh boy, Cut Surd 5'7"/ 1988 born Well Settld in New Zealand, Citizenship Holder, Corporate Job. Caste no Bar Parents in Delhi. Cont: 9810014205

NRI

ALLIANCE INVITED for Handsome British Citizen 5"11 , 92 born Chartered Accountant Hindu boy. Contact 9910646423, 9872566595

COSMOPOLITAN

SM 4 fair, 52 yrs, Delhi based issueless divorcee Jat PQM Fin Cons. MS & CPA from USA 54 lacs pa. # 9667324872, solankip@gmail.com, Caste no bar, No dowry.

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GUJARATI, 26 , 170 cms, Masters, Businessman Lives in Indore. Father is a working professional. Family is financially well off with a good net worth. Looking for a like minded match from India and Abroad. Contact: 6366448378

ARORA, 31, 173 cms, Businessman, MBA. Lives in Delhi. Father is a Doctor. Family is financially well off with a good net worth. Looking for an amiable match. Contact: 6366448378

ARORA, 45 , 170 cms, Divorced, MBA, MD. Lives in Dubai. Father is a working professional. Family is financially well off. Looking for an amiable match from Abroad and India. Contact: 6366448378

KHATRI, 30, 170 cms, Working in a leading MNC, Masters. Lives in Mumbai. Father is a working professional. Family is financially well off with a good net worth. Looking for a compatible match. Contact: 6366448378

ELITE GROOMS WANTED

KAYASTHA, 31, 155 cms, Masters, Entrepreneur.. Lives in Delhi NCR. Father is a working professional. Family is financially well off. Looking for a compatible match from Delhi NCR. Contact: 6366448379

KAYASTHA, 36, 168 cms, MBA. Father is a Retired person. Family is financially well off and lives in Delhi. Looking for a compatible match from U.S. Contact: 63664483789

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BRAHMIN, 28, 163 cms, PhD and M.Phil. Teaching Professional. Lives in Delhi NCR. Father is a Retired person. Family is financially well off. Looking for an amiable match from Delhi NCR. Contact: 6366448379

KHATRI, 27, 168 cms, Law Graduate, Working Professional. Lives in Delhi NCR. Father is a Working Professional. Family is financially well off with good net worth. Looking for an amiable match from Delhi NCR. Contact: 6366448379

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Pune Porsche crash: Portions of club owned by teen's family razed

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illegal portions of the club in Mahabaleshwar were razed. HT PHOTO

PUNE: The Satara district administration on Saturday razed illegal portions of a resort in Mahabaleshwar owned by the family of the 17-year-old boy allegedly involved in the Porsche crash that claimed two lives in Pune, an official familiar with the matter said.

The action comes a week after Maharashtra chief minister Eknath Shinde ordered Satara district collector Jitendra Dudi to bulldoze the family-owned MPG Club in Mahabaleshwar, if its construction was carried out illegally as alleged by a local RTI activist Abhaysingh Havaldar. The establishment was subsequently sealed on June 1 by the excise department after violations related to various provisions of the Mumbai Foreign Liquor Rules, 1953, and Metrology Rules and Liquor Licence Rules were detected..

According to people familiar with the matter, the club has been built on government land leased to the Parsi Gymkhana and is run by a trust whose members are the parents and grandparents of teenager involved in Porsche crash.

Dudi said probe has revealed that portions of the club leased for residential purposes were being used commercially, with an extended construction. "We discovered 12 unauthorised rooms built on this site. Accordingly, the Mahabaleshwar Municipal Council carried out the demolition on Saturday," he added.

Havaldar in his compliant alleged, "The club property had a hall built in 1930 which is a class I heritage property. The structure was altered by adding a new floor. Also Trees spread over ten acres of land were chopped construct the resort with a swimming pool, conference hall, bar, party lawn, and spa."

Two IT professionals from Madhya Pradesh were killed when a Porsche allegedly driven by the juvenile in an inebriated condition hit their two-wheeler in Pune's Kalyani Nagar area on May 19.

J&K: FOUR GOVT STAFFERS SACKED OVER 'LINKS' WITH TERROR OUTFITS

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Saturday terminated the services of four government employees, including two policemen, for alleged terror links, officials said.

Constables Abdul Rehman Dar and Ghulam Rasool Bhat, teacher Shabir Ahmad, and Anayatullah Shah Pirzada -- an assistant lineman in the Jal Shakti department, were terminated from services under Article 311 of the Constitution, which empowers the government to take such actions in the interest of national security.

In similar but separate orders, the government said the four employees were dismissed from service by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha in the interest of the state's security.

According to the orders, the Sinha was satisfied that there was sufficient information available to warrant the dismissal of these employees and there was no need for inquiries.

Special probe team formed after cattle transporters killed in Raipur

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RAIPUR: A 14-member special team has been constituted to probe into the death of two cattle transporters, who were allegedly chased and beaten up by a mob in Raipur district of Chhattisgarh, police said on Saturday, adding that a search operation has been launched to nab the absconding accused.

According to police, bodies of two men -- Guddu Khan, (35), and Chand Miya (23) -- were found lying on the rocks below a bridge in Arang area of Raipur in the wee hours of Friday.

23-year-old Saddam Qureshi, who was accompanying them, has sustained critical injuries and is currently undergoing treatment, an officer familiar with the matter said, adding that all three are residents of Saharanpur district in Uttar Pradesh.

The Arang police later registered a first information report against unidentified people under sections 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder), 307 (attempt to murder) and 34 (common intention) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), amid allegations by the family members of the victims that they were chased and lynched by a mob.

A 14-MEMBER TEAM HAS BEEN SET UP TO PROBE THE CASE AND NAB THE ABSCONDING ACCUSED

The complaint was lodged on the statement of Shoaib Khan (cousin of Chand Miya) who claimed to have received the phone call from Chand during the incident.

In a statement issued on Saturday, police said a 14-member special team, headed by Raipur additional superintendent of police (rural) Kirtan Rathore, has been formed to probe the case and nab the accused.

Deputy superintendent of police (crime branch) Sanjay Singh, city superintendent of police (Mana area) Lambodar Patel, cyber cell in-charge Paresh Pandey are among the members of the team, a statement issued by the Arnag police said. Shoaib, a cousin of Chand and Saddam, told reporters that the three men were attacked by a mob while they were transporting cattle to Odisha.

"Chand told me they were being attacked by a mob. But before he could provide any detail, the call got disconnected," he said.

In the second call to another cousin Mohsin, which lasted for 47 minutes, Saddam could be heard pleading with the attackers to spare him. I believe Saddam had put his phone in his pocket while he was calling (Mohsin) and it never got disconnected so everything could be heard clearly," he added.

On the allegations of victims being beaten and then thrown, additional superintendent of police Kirtan Rathore said that we are waiting for the FSL report and then we would be able to comment on the allegations made by the family members.

Ministry of Communications, Department of Posts, Civil Wing

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ITEM NO. 2

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NOTICE

INVITING CLAIMS FOR NOTIFICATION FOR 15th TERM UNDER SECTION 5(4) OF THE PRESS COUNCIL ACT, 1978

Dated: 9th June, 2024

Last date for Filing of Claims: 24th July, 2024

The three-year term of the present members of the Press Council of India under section 5 (3) (a), (b) and (c) shall come to an end on October 5, 2024. The Council is to be reconstituted for its 15th term. Of its 28 members, excluding the Chairperson, twenty are to be nominated in accordance with the procedure set out in the Press Council Act, 1978 and Press Council (Procedure for Nomination of Members) Rules, 1978 as amended from time to time, including the Press Council (Procedure for Notification of Associations of Persons) Rules, 2021 notified vide Gazette Notification dated February 5, 2021 read with section 5 of the Press Council Act, 1978 (*hereinafter referred as act*), which stipulates making nomination of thirteen working journalists i.e. six amongst editors of newspapers and seven amongst working journalists other than editors, six persons from among those who own or carry on the business or management of big, medium and small newspapers and one from among persons who manage news agencies, under clause (a), clause (b) and clause (c) of Section 5 (3) of the Act, respectively.

For the reconstitution of the Press Council of India for its 15th term, eligible Associations of Persons of the following categories are invited to file their respective claims for notification, under sub-section (4) of Section 5 read with section 5(3) (a), (b) and (c) of the Press Council Act, 1978. It may be noted that the Press and Registration of Periodicals Act, 2023 and the Press and Registration of Periodicals Rules, 2024 shall be referred to for definition(s) and other provisions or matters connected therewith or incidental thereto in the process of reconstitution of members of PCI:

Vide clause (a) of Section 5(3):

i) Associations of the category of working journalists who are editors of newspapers

ii) Associations of the category of working journalists other than editors

Note - The expressions "editor" and "newspaper" have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Press and Registration of Periodicals Act, 2023.

Note - The expression "working journalist" has the meaning assigned to it in the Working Journalists and other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955.

Vide clause (b) of Section 5(3):

iii) Associations of persons who own or carry on the business of management of big, medium and small newspapers.

Vide clause (e) of Section 5(3) read with proviso to Section 5 (4):

iv) Associations of persons who manage news agencies or individual news agency in the event of there being no association of news agencies. (Covered within the ambit of the Working Journalists Act and Other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Misc. Provisions Act, 1955 and excluding feature and non-wire agencies).

Eligibility of Association of Persons:

Association of Persons must have following:

a) It must have been registered under the relevant laws far the time being in force for atleast six years prior to last date of filing of the claims;

b) It must be conducting its business continuously thereafter, and shall submit documents in proof thereof, duly certified by the competent authority under such relevant laws;

c) The Memorandum of Association (MoA) of such association of persons shall not restrict its membership to any particular religion, race, caste or language.

The claims shall be filed in a sealed envelope superscribed "Claims with the name of the Association" on the letter head of the association carrying the registered address for correspondence, email i.d., contact numbers with the CHAIRPERSON, PRESS COUNCIL OF INDIA, SOOCHNA BHAWAN, 8, CGO COMPLEX, LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI-110003, so as to reach **on or before 5.00 PM of 24th July, 2024.**

SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED

The claims should he accompanied by supportive documents showing that the association is eligible in terms of the Act and the Rules made thereunder to represent anyone of the categories set out above and also to establish that it is qualified to represent the category under which it is staking its claim.

Following documents authenticated by Notary Public need to be filed:

(a) A copy of the MoA/Constitution/MoU of the Association;

(b) Copy of the Registration Certificate of the claimant body, with up to date renewal certificate wherever applicable;

(c) Minutes of the General Body meetings for the last six years preceding the issuance of advertisement filed before the appropriate authority i.e. Registrar of Societies or such authorities under relevant laws under which the Associations of persons is registered to show their existence for at least six years prior to last date of tiling of the claims;

(d) Certificate of the Competent Authority under relevant law in the following format:

Dated:

Certificate

I_____(*Full Name*) do hereby certify_____(*Name of the Association*) has been registered/incorporated under_____ (*Name of the Act*) on_____ (*Date, Month & Year*) and conducting its business continuously thereafter.

(Signature and Seal of the Competent Authority)

(e) An upto date detailed list of its members representing the category under which the claim is being filed with complete particulars as set out below, in hard copy as well as soft copy in Pen Drive:

(1) SURNAME, FIRST NAME
(2) RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OF THE MEMBER(S)
(3) TITLE OF THE NEWSPAPER BEING REPRESENTED ALONG WITH REGISTRATION NUMBER
(4) LANGUAGE IN WHICH THE NEWSPAPER IS PUBLISHED
(5) NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION ADDRESS ALONG WITH STATE NAME
(6) OFFICE ADDRESS WITH NAME OF THE STATE AT WHICH THE MEMBER IS CURRENTLY POSTED
(7) DESIGNATION IN THE NEWSPAPER i.e. EDITOR, WORKING JOURNALIST OTHER THAN EDITORS, OWNER/PUBLISHER OR MANAGER
(8) CIRCULATION OF THE NEWSPAPER OWNED OR MANAGED BY THE MEMBER [INFORMATION REGARDING THIS POINT TO BE PROVIDED BY ASSOCIATIONS FILING CLAIM UNDER SECTION 5 (3) (b)]
(9) WHETHER MEMBER OF ANY OTHER PARALLEL ASSOCIATION
(10) YEAR OF JOINING THE ASSOCIATION AND
(11) MEMBERSHIP FEE UPTO DATE OR OUTSTANDING

THE ASSOCIATION SHALL SPECIFY THE CATEGORY UNDER WHICH THEY ARE STAKING THEIR CLAIM.

The President/Secretary/authorized signatory to the association shall make and subscribe to a declaration to be sworn before the Notary Public, verifying that he/she has been duly authorized by the Association of Persons to file the claim and the facts stated in the claim application and the particulars attached thereto are true to the best of his/her knowledge and belief and information.

The claimant association shall also subscribe to a declaration establishing that the claim of the said body is valid and free from all encumbrances/ disputes/litigation. The Press Council may at its discretion reject any claim if any such encumbrances are brought to its notice.

No claim made by any person other than a person duly authorized under the Constitution of the association shall be entertained.

Any claim not in conformity with the above is liable to be rejected.

The Press Council of India will be within its right to call for such additional information or verify such information as might he considered necessary.

The associations notified for the present term of the Press Council (2021-2024) may also take note of this Notice and file fresh claim applications.

The list of the claimant's Associations shall be published on the website of the Council on or before **25th July, 2024**. Any person can file objection questioning the eligibility of claimant's Associations by **1st August, 2024**. The claims shall be decided by the Scrutiny Committee thereafter.

No claim made after 5.00 PM of 24th July, 2024 will be entertained.

Secretary
Press Council of India
(File No. 19/1/2023-PCI-Edi.-Part-II)

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मै० एस०बी०ई०सी० शुगर लि0, बड़ौत, बागपत के पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतु लोकसुनवाई की आम सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि मै० एस०बी०ई०सी० शुगर लि० (यूनिट–मलकपुर डिवीजन–शुगर), ग्राम–लायन मलकपुर, ब्लाक व तहसील–बड़ौत, जनपद– बागपत द्वारा कार्यरत शुगर इकाई में वर्तमान गन्ना पेराई 8000टी0सी0डी0 में विस्तार कर 10000टी०सी०डी० तथा सह ऊर्जा उत्पादन क्षमता 36 मेगावाट पावर प्लांट की स्थापना के संबंध में पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति के लोक सुनवाई हेतु प्रस्ताव "उ०प्र० प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड" के समक्ष प्रस्तुत किया गया है।

भारत सरकार के पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय द्वारा जारी अधिसूचना संख्या–एस0ओ0–1533(ई) दिनांक–14/09/2006 के अनुसार राज्य बोर्ड को लोकसुनवाई हेतु इस आशय की सूचना जनसामान्य को 30 दिवस पूर्व दिया जाना भी आवश्यक है । प्रस्तावित गन्ना पेराई क्षमता में विस्तार 8000टी0सी0डी0 से 10000टी०सी०डी० तथा सह ऊर्जा उत्पादन क्षमता 36 मेगावाट पावर प्लांट की स्थापना संबंधी प्रस्ताव पर परियोजना से संबंधित संक्षिप्त अभिलेख निम्नलिखित कार्यालयों में उपलब्ध हैं–

1. कार्यालय जिलाधिकारी, बागपत।
2. क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, सीजीओ काम्प्लेक्स, पुरनिया चौराहा, अलीगंज, लखनऊ।
3. उपायुक्त, जिला उद्योग एवं उद्यम प्रोत्साहन केन्द्र जनपद बागपत।
4. क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, उ०प्र०प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, पाकेट टी, सी–3/2,पल्लवपुरम फेस–2, मेरठ।
5. उ0प्र0प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड (मुख्यालय), टीसी–12वी, विभूति खण्ड, गोमतीनगर, लखनऊ।
6. उपजिलाधिकारी, बड़ौत, बागपत।
7. जिला गन्ना अधिकारी, बागपत।

उपरोक्त प्राप्त प्रस्ताव पर प्रस्तावित परियोजना स्थल पर मै० एस०बी०ई०सी० शुगर लि० (यूनिट–मलकपुर डिवीजन–शुगर), ग्राम–लायन मलकपुर, ब्लाक व तहसील–बड़ौत, जनपद–बागपत के परिसर में दिनांक–11/07/2024 दिन गुरूवार को 12:00 बजे अपर जिलाधिकारी (न्यायिक), बागपत की अध्यक्षता में लोकसुनवाई की कार्यवाही निर्धारित की गयी है, जिसमें जनसामान्य द्वारा उपस्थित होकर अपनी आपत्ति/आक्षेप/टिप्पणी प्रस्तुत किये जा सकते है अथवा परियोजना से संबंधित अभिलेख का अवलोकन उक्त वर्णित कार्यालयों में कर अपनी लिखित आपत्ति/सुझाव लोकसुनवाई से पूर्व क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, उ०प्र०प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, मेरठ में प्रस्तुत कर सकते हैं।

क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी, उ०प्र०प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, मेरठ

CHANDIGARH COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY (DEGREE WING)
(Government Institute under Chandigarh (UT) Administration)
Approved by AICTE, New Delhi/Affiliated to Panjab University, Chandigarh

ADMISSION NOTICE (ACADEMIC SESSION 2024-25)

For the academic session 2024-25, Chandigarh College of Engineering & Technology (Degree Wing), invites online applications for the admission in Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.) 1st year courses on the basis of Joint Entrance Exam – 2024 (JEE) through Joint Admission Committee (JAC – 2024) online admission portal. The detail of B.E. courses offered by CCET is as follows:

S. No.	Name of Course	Seats Intake
1.	Computer Science & Engineering (CSE)	75 Seats
2.	Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE)	75 Seats
3.	Civil Engineering (CE)	75 Seats
4.	Mechanical Engineering (ME)	75 Seats
	Total	300 Seats

In addition to above mentioned 300 seats, additional 13 seats under various categories i.e. Tuition Fee Waiver, Kashmiri Migrant etc. are available as Supernumerary seats.

JAC PORTAL	CCET WEBSITE	CCET HELPDESK
https://jacchd.admissions.nic.in/	https://www.ccet.ac.in	9872823250, 9888623825 Email-Id: helpdesk@ccet.ac.in

More details on the Academic Programmes, Eligibility criteria, Seat Details in each course and their corresponding Reservation details are available in JAC information brochure published at the admission website.

Applying for admission to any of the above courses involves the following:

- **Online registration at admission website https://jacchd.admissions.nic.in/**
- **Online payment of a non-refundable registration fee of Rs. 2800/- for General and Rs. 1400/- for SC/ST/PWD category and filling the registration fee payment details.**
- **Candidates will be required to upload requisite certificates/documents during online registration.**

Admissions will be made on the basis of JEE (Main) - 2024 All India Rank (AIR). There will be three rounds of online counselling followed by Special and SPOT round of online counselling. Only the registered candidates will be able to participate in these rounds of counselling.

Important Dates:-

- Online Registration from **01.05.2024 to 23.06.2024.**

NOTES:-

(i) **All further notices and updates regarding the admission process will be made available on the JAC website. Candidates are advised to visit the website regularly.**

(ii) For counselling schedule and other updates, please visit the JAC Portal or contact admission **Helpline No: 9872823250, 9888623825, Email-Id: helpdesk@ccet.ac.in**

Principal

SECTOR-26, CHANDIGARH. PIN 160019, Tel No. 0172-2750943
Website: www.ccet.ac.in, Email: helpdesk@ccet.ac.in

The Department of Tourism & Civil Aviation
Government of Himachal Pradesh
28 SDA Complex, Kasumpti
Shimla-171009

E-Procurement Notice

Invitation of Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of a Consultant for providing Comprehensive Consultancy Services for Development of Heliports in Himachal

1. The Department of Tourism & Civil Aviation, HPTDB (Executive Agency) invites 'Request for Proposal' (RFP) for Selection of a Consultant for providing Comprehensive Consultancy Services for Development of Heliports in Himachal from reputed International/ Local consultancy firms/organization having extensive experience in it of similar work.

2. Availability of RFP Document and mode of submission: The RFP document is available online and should be submitted in online mode on website **https://hptenders.gov.in**

3. **Key Dates EOI:**

1	Date of Online Publication	11.06.2024, 1800 Hrs.
2	Document Download Date	14.06.2024, 1800 Hrs. to
3	Pre-Bid meeting	24.06.2024, 1130 Hrs.
4	Last date for receiving queries/clarification	25.06.2024, 1700 Hrs.
5	Last date for online and Physical RFP Submission (Technical and Financial)	05.07.2024, 1100 Hrs.
6	Opening of Technical Bid	05.07.2024, 1130 Hrs.

4. Pre-bid queries should be submitted at **tourismmin-hp@nic.in** with subject "Pre-bid queries for tender No..... All queries received upto 25.06.2024, 1700 hrs. will be entertained.

5. Other details can be seen online in the e-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. All clarification/addendum shall be uploaded on website only.

6. Director Tourism & Civil Aviation, HP reserves the right to reject any or all the Proposals without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/- **The Director**
Tourism & Civil Aviation
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9

HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH : JABALPUR
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh for the **"Rate contract for supply of the Stationery articles through Centralized purchase for the High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur"**. The last date of online tender submission is **03rd July, 2024 before 06:00 P.M. (mandatory)**. The sealed tender complete in all respect addressed to **"Registrar General, High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur"** must be submitted before **05:00 P.M. on 04th July, 2024 (mandatory)**. The technical bids of the tender shall be opened online on **05th July, 2024 at 11:00 A.M**. The detailed tender document is available in the official website of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh **www.mphc.gov.in** and Government e-procurement portal **www.mptenders.gov.in**.

Sd/-
G-11338/24 REGISTRAR GENERAL

संचालनालय, वित्तीय प्रबंधन एवं सूचना प्रणाली
मंत्रालय, वल्लभ भवन, भोपाल
दूरभाष : 0755-2550226, E-Mail : fmis@nic.in

क्रमांक /DFMIS/194 भोपाल, दिनांक 08.06.2024

निविदा सूचना

संचालनालय वित्तीय प्रबंधन एवं सूचना प्रणाली, वल्लभ भवन भोपाल द्वारा **"Selection of Consultant firm for Preparation of Memorandum of the Government of Madhya Pradesh to the Sixteenth Finance Commission"** के लिये निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा का विस्तृत विवरण एवं शर्तें वेबसाईट **www.mptenders.gov.in** पर उपलब्ध हैं। जिसका विवरण निम्नानुसार है।

Details	Date and time
Date of commencement for sale of Tender Document	08.06.2024, 12:00 Hrs.
Last date for sale of Tender Document	29.06.2024, 18:00 Hrs.
Date of Pre-bid Meeting	20.06.2024, 12:00 Hrs.
Last date and time for submission of Bids	29.06.2024, 18:00 Hrs.
Time and date of opening of Technical Bid proposal	01.07.2024, 12:00 Hrs.
Time and date of opening of Financial Bid proposal	15.07.2024, 12:00 Hrs.

निविदा सूचना में कोई भी संशोधन समाचार पत्र में न दिया जाकर वेबसाईट **www.mptenders.gov.in** पर ही जारी किये जायेगे। **Tender Fees Rs 5000/- एवं Earnest Money Deposit** की राशि **Rs. 8,00,000/- mptenders** पर आनलाईन जमा किया जाना है। उक्त राशियों के अलावा प्रोसेसिंग फीस पृथक से देय होगी। संचालक वित्तीय प्रबंधन एवं सूचना प्रणाली, वल्लभ भवन, भोपाल को किसी भी निविदा को स्वीकृत या अस्वीकृत करने या निविदाओं को बिना कारण बताये अस्वीकृत करने का अधिकार होगा।

अपर संचालक
वित्तीय प्रबंधन एवं सूचना प्रणाली
वल्लभ भवन, भोपाल

जी-11339/24

JAMMU MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
TOWN HALL, JAMMU

NOTICE INVITING TENDER "NIT"
e-NIT No. 05 JC (H&S) of 2024-25

For and on behalf of the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jammu, the Joint Commissioner (H&S), Municipal Corporation, Jammu **invites online Tender (NIT)** from registered Agencies/NGO's/Organizations having expertise **to carry out the work of ABC/ARV of stray dogs in all the 75 wards of Jammu Municipal Corporation for a period of 2 years.**

The online tender complete in all respects shall be uploaded on or before **06.06.2024 upto 1500 Hrs.** Cost of document and EMD shall be pledged in favour of Chief Accounts Officer, JMC.

The other details and Terms/Conditions are contained in the NIT document and can be downloaded from the site **www.jktenders.gov.in** and can be viewed on **www.jmcjammu.org**

S. No.	Name of Work	Advertised Cost In Rs.	Cost of Tender document in shape of DD (In Rs.)	EMD In shape of CDR/FDR (in Rs.)	Time for completion
1	To carry out the work of ABC/ARV of stray dogs in All the 75 wards of Jammu Municipal Corporation for a period of 2 years.	Rs. 264.00 Lacs	5000/-	2% of Advertised Cost	2 years Extendable by one year as per Performance

Note:

The programme shall be in accordance with the revised module for street dog population management, rabies eradication, reducing man-dog conflict & Animal Birth Control (Dog) Rules, 2023 of AWBI. The bidders are advised to visit the official web site of AWBI in this regard.

The bid fee can also be paid online through the JMC link **http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html** Registered bidders under MSME in the field as specified above shall also be entitled to participate.

No.: JMC/JC/H&S/293-96 **Joint Commissioner (H&S)**
Dated: 06.06.2024 **Jammu Municipal Corporation**
DIP-J-413-P-24

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION AWANTIPORA
Email ID: rbdivisionawantipora@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
E-NIT No. 04/EEA/R&B of 2024-25/1337-47 Dated: 05.06.2024

For and on behalf of the **Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of J&K** Expression of Interest(EOI) are invited from approved and eligible Bidders as per Instruction to Bidder (ITB) and Terms of Reference at ***Annexure-I***. The Bidder (Firm/Consultant/Agency/Company) should have the eligibility as per ***Annexure-II*** under Eligibility Criteria for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Cost of the Project (Rs in Lacs) for which Consultancy is Required as Adv. cost	Estimated Cost for the Architectural Engg. & Consultancy (Rs in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (in Rs.)	Time of completion	Type of Consultancy
1.	Providing Consultancy and other allied services with all working drawings (Digital Layout Plan/BOQ, Structural, Architectural Design) incld. technical vetting of drawings from DICQ/NIT/IIT and Conducting of all required soil investigations for Construction of Government Degree College Awantipora.	1264.00	9.00	1100/-	10 Days	Architectural/ Structural Consultancy with Soil Testing

Position of AAA = ***Accorded vide: 256-JK(HE) of 2024 Dated: 30.04.2024.***
Position of Funds = ***Available***

1. The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms- and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website **www.jktenders.gov.in** as per schedule of dates given below:

S. No.	Particulars	Dated		
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice		05.06.2024	
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From	06.06.2024	(10.00 AM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From	06.06.2024	(11.00 AM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	To	17.06.2024	(04.00 PM)
5	Date and time of opening of bid (online)		18.06.2024	(10.30 AM)
		In the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Awantipora		

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of **Treasury Challan/ Receipt (Under MH-0059 PWD)** in favour of **Executive Engineer R&B Division Awantipora [Tender Inviting Authority] (Name of Work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan/Receipt)** (Refer Govt. order No. O.M No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt 07.06.2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and the bidders residing **Outside UT of J&K** can submit **DD of any nationalized bank** in favour of **Executive Engineer R&B Division Awantipora** the cost of tender document fee is non refundable.
   - **If MSE firm is registered with NSIC (National Small Industries Corporation) agencies for tendered item then they are exempted for submission of EMD & Tender Cost.**
   - **If MSE's who are interested in availing these benefits will have to enclosed with their offer the proof of their beings MSE's registered with any of the above mentioned agencies.**
3. **All Bidders shall to quote the rates in BOQ including GST. GST @ 18% or as admissible will be added separately at the time of issuance of Allotment by the allotting authority.**
4. ***All the Bidders have to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the Circular of Finance Department (Bid security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below).***
5. **The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.**

All other terms and conditions shall be available in website www.jktenders.gov.in.

Sd/- Sd/- Sd/-
Head Draftsman **Technical Officer** **Executive Engineer**
DIPK-952-24 **R&B Division Awantipora**

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 01/2024 Date: 06.06.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

Dy. CSTE/GS/North Central Railway, Agra acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites **"Open Tender"** through Online only (E-Tendering) for the following work:

S.N.:01 **E-Tender NO.:** AGRA-ST-GS-2024-01 **Approx. Cost of work:** Rs. 99,73,962.97

Utility shifting and S&T work in connection with the work of (1) Construction of subway for trespassing location nearby closed LC No. 477 in Agra-Dholpur section & (2) Construction Subway in lieu of LC no. 494 at Km 1341/11-13 in Agra-dholpur section.

Tender closing date:- 02.07.2024, For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway Website **www.ireps.gov.in.** Bidders wil be able to submit their original / revised bids through web portal **www.ireps.gov.in** up to **15:00 hrs** on above mentioned date. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **992/24 (P)**

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @northcentralrailway @CPRONCR

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Procurement Tender Notice No- JHS/DYCMM/2024/16 Date . 05.06.2024

E-Procurement Tender Notice

On behalf of the President of India ,The Dy Chief Material Manager, General Store Depot, Jhansi are invite the following E procurement tender :-

Tender No.	Description	Qty.
51241623	Bogie Centre Pivot Bottom To RDSO [W] DRG. NO.	350 Nos.

WD-85079-S/2, ITEM NO.1 ALT-24, and Spec No WD-17-CASNUB-22 HS-BOGIE-92 [REV.3] AMENDMENT NO.4 OF Feb. 2010.

Tender Opening Date : 26.06.2024, EMD : Rs. 54050/-, **Note: 1.** The Complete information of above E-Procurement Tender are available on IREPS website i.e. **http://www.ireps.gov.in 2.** Bids other than in the form of E bids shall not be accepted against above tenders for this purpose venders are required to get themselves registered with IREPS Website along with class III digital signature certificate issued by CCA under IT act 2000. **3.** Rules entered into financial rate page and duly singed digitally signature shall only be considered rates and any other financial entry in any other form/letter had if attached by vender shall be original straight way ignore and shall not be considered. **981/24 (AN)**

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No.DYCE/GS/AGC/2024-04 **Date:** 07.06.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

Deputy Chief Engineer (Gati Shakti), N. C. Rly Agra for and on behalf of the President of India invites "Open Tender" through online mode only **(E-Tendering)** for the following work. The details of the tender are as under:

Tender No	Description of work	
DYCE-GS-AGC-2024-07	Earth work in formation, Construction of Station Building, High Level Platform, Quarters, and other allied works at Bhadrauli station in connection with splitting of 41 Km long block section (FATEHABAD-BAH) by converting Bhadrauli 'D' class into 'B' class Station in Agra Division of North Central Railway.	
Approximate Cost (₹): 8.88 cr.		**Bid Security (₹):** 593800.00

Completion Period: 15 months, For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website "**www.ireps.gov.in**". Tender can be submitted through web portal "**www.ireps.gov.in**" up to **16.00** hrs on **02.07.2024**. **996/24 (ADM)**

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Naveen Yadav, S/o:** Suresh Yadav, **R/o:** H. No. NA-128 2nd Floor Gali No. 04 Vishnu Garden New Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 824/20 U/s 12/9/55 G. ACT, P.S.: Rajouri Garden, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Naveen Yadav** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Naveen Yadav** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Naveen Yadav** accused of **FIR No. 824/20 U/s 12/9/55 G. ACT, P.S.: Rajouri Garden, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **24.07.2024**.

By Order
SH. Shashank Nandan Bhatt
LD. MM (West) Room No-356
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.

DP/7053/WD/2024
(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Prakash, S/o:** Sh. Karan Singh, **R/o:** E-40/4, Lohe Wali Company, Okhla Ph-2, New Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 239/2020 U/s 379/356/411 IPC, P.S.: Govind Puri, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Prakash** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Prakash** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Prakash** accused of **FIR No. 239/2020 U/s 379/356/411 IPC, P.S.: Govind Puri, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **28.09.2024**.

By Order
Ms. Devanshi Janmeja,
Ld. MM-04 (South-East)
Court No.10, Saket Courts, New Delhi

DP/7085/SE/2024
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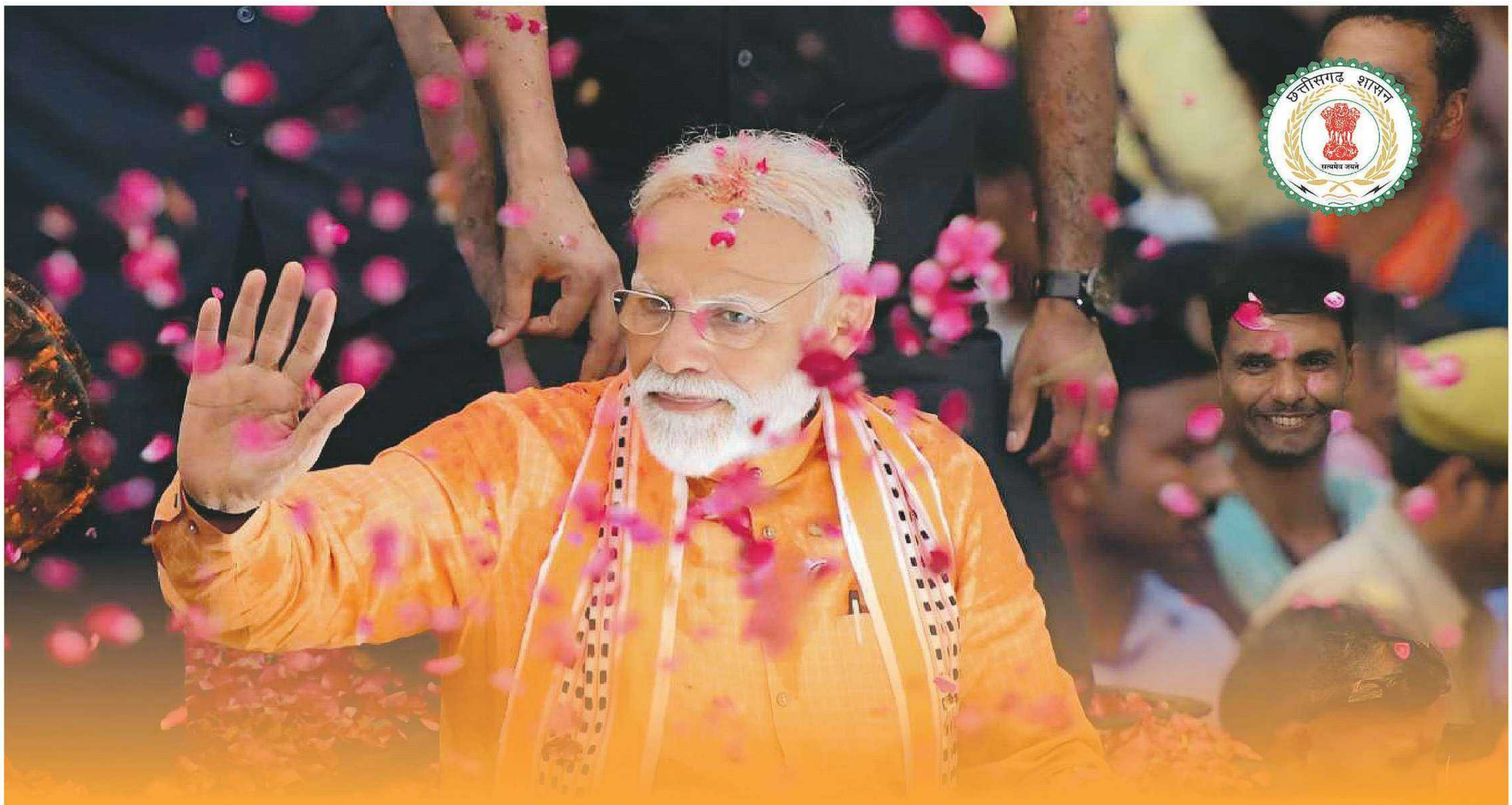
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North Eastern Railway

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Sealed open tenders are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (S&T), N.E. Railway, Izatnagar for and on behalf of the President of India for the following works:

Description of Works : 1. Provision of Intrusion Detection System for monitoring the Elephant movement with tracking and level crossing alert in Chattarpur-Haldi Road-Lalkuan-Gularbhoj section of IZN Division. **Approx. Value** : ₹ 3,90,68,661.27, **Earnest Money** : ₹ 3,45,400.00, **Completion Period** : 9 Months. **Date & Time of Closing of e-tender** : 01.07.2024 at 11:00 Hrs.

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TENDER NOTICE FOR MISCELLANEOUS WORKS

Srl No. TENDER NOTICE NO. CEC/BSP/24-25/04 (Open e-RA Tender) (Two Packet System)

Name of Work: "Construction of railway via-duct between Km. 941.80 to 942.80 Span 27x30.5 m. (Udalkachar - Nagpur Road) and Major Br. No. 96 (1x12.2m. + 1x18.30) between Km. 955.7 to 956.7 (Darritola - nagar) & miscellaneous work in connection with construction of doubling between BRND to SJQ Section in Bilaspur Division of South East Central Railway". **Tender Value:** Rs. **205,29,73,085.47/- EMD:** Rs. **100,00,000/-.**
Cost of Tender Document: NIL, **Completion Period of Work:** 24 (Twenty Four) months, from the date of acceptance letter. **Date & Time of Tender Closing:** Up to 15:00 Hours on 03/07/2024, **Date & Time of Tender Opening:** 15:30 Hrs. on 03/07/2024.

For further details related to tender document eligibility criteria and the complete details for the above work please contract office of the chief administrative Officer/Con/ S.E.C.R./ Bilaspur - Pin- 495004 or Dy. Chief Engineer (Con)/Works-II/S.E.C. Railway/Bilaspur-Pin 495004 or CPM/North/Con/S.E.C. Railway/ Con/ Bilaspur Pin-495004 or refer on our website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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ABSENTEE NOTICE

This is to inform Shri Mohit Kumar Meena, S/o- Shri Udal Singh Meena, Pointsman/ Dadri, R/o-Vill+Post-Daulatpur Khurd, Distt-Bulandshahar, U.P.-202393, who has been running absent since 18.06.2023 without any information. It is to inform you that you must report to the office of DOM (Chg.)/PRYJ, ground Floor, DRM Office, NCR, Prayagraj within Ten (10) days from the date of publishing of this notice. Otherwise, it will be deemed that you are not at all interested to continue in Railway Service and Railway administration will be compelled to ex-parte decision against you as Dismissal/Removal/Compulsory retirement from service.

Name - Shri Mohit Kumar Meena
S/o - Shri Udal Singh Meena
R/o - Vill+Post-Daulatpur Khurd
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Division Operations Manager (Chg.)
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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CIVIL MAINTENANCE DIVISION BHEP-I, CHANDERKOTE

Email: xendambhep@gmail.com

E-NIT No: 01 of 2024-25 **Date: 06.06.2024**

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Corporation, e-tenders from registered PWD/PDC/CPWD or any other Govt. Department contractors are invited for below mentioned work:

S. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost (in lakhs)	Cost of Tender Document (Non-Refundable)	Bid Security/ EMD (In lakhs) (Refundable)	Time Allowed for Completion	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Repair/Reconstruction of settled crown of TRT Stage-I inside Collection Gallery, including treatment to detached shotcrete, shootout rock bolts and other allied works	488.00	Rs. 5000	9.76	90 Days	A

1. Scope of the works mentioned above is defined in the Tender Document/ BoQ of the work. Minimum requisite eligibility and the terms & conditions applicable for each work are also laid down in the Tender Document.
2. The Tender Document for the works mentioned above can be downloaded from e-tendering portal of J&K Government **www.jktenders.gov.in** and the official website of JKPDC **www.jkspdc.nic.in**.
3. The tendering process shall proceed as per the following Schedule of Events:

S. No.	Event	Date & Time
1.	**Tender publish date on www.jktenders.gov.in and www.jkspdc.nic.in.**	07.06.2024 at 09.00 AM
2	**Bid document download start date**	07.06.2024 at 09.00 AM
3	**Bid uploading start date**	07.06.2024 at 09.00 AM
4	**Pre bid meeting**	13.06.2024 at 03.00 PM
5	**Bid uploading end date**	28.06.2024 at 11.00 AM
6	**Opening of the Technical Bids**	29.06.2024 at 11.00 AM
7	**Opening of the Financial Bids**	After the evaluation of technical bids

4. Any corrigendum/modification to Tender Document shall be available on e-tendering portal of J&K Government **www.jktenders.gov.in** and JKPDC official website **www.jkspdc.nic.in**. The Applicants are advised to visit these sites before deadline for submission of bids.
5. Price bids/ Financial Bids of only technically qualified bidders shall be opened.
6. Pre-bid meeting shall be held in the office of Chief Engineer (Civil) BHEP Chanderkote at above mentioned date and time.
7. JKPDC reserves the right to reject the e-NIT or any subsequent bids without assigning any reason thereof and shall not be bound to accept the lowest or any other Bid or to give any reason for such decision.
8. **Tender fee and EMD** already submitted shall be considered valid for the bidders who have participated in the bidding of the same work tendered previously **vide e-NIT no. 24 of 2023-24 dated: 24.01.2024 and was cancelled thereof.**
8. For any queries, the bidders should contact during office hours on following mobile numbers: 9419121036, 9797088487 or should contact in person in the office of Executive Engineer CMD BHEP Chanderkote.

No: CMD/BHEP/T-1/
Date:

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Civil Maintenance Division
BHEP Chanderkote

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Jammu and Kashmir Power Transmission Corporation Ltd
Office of the Executive Engineer
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Ph. No. 0194-2492427, 9419181913 E-mail: tlmd1tech@gmail.com

TENDER NOTICE

e-NIT No: 01/JKPTCL/TLMD-I/SGR/2024-25 **Dated: 07.06.2024**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, e-Tenders (in Two Covers) from reputed, experienced, competent and financially sound Civil Contractors/Firms/Joint Ventures fulfilling the eligibility criteria specified in the standard bidding document are invited online for the works detailed below.

e-Tenders need to be accompanied with a non-refundable Tender Fee in the form of Demand Draft pledged to Executive Engineer, Transmission Line Maintenance Division-I, Bemina, Srinagar for **Rs. 2000.00 (Rupees Two Thousand Only)** and EMD amounting to **Rs. 170000.00 (Rupees One Lac & Seventy Thousand Only)** in the form of CDR/FDR/BG as security deposit pledged to Executive Engineer, TLMD-I, Bemina.

Cover-I: The bidding process is online. However, hardcopies consisting of **Tender fee and EMD** in accordance with General Terms and conditionsof SBD (original instruments) in cover-1 should reach to the office of Executive Engineer, TLMD-I, Bemina, Srinagar (Phone No. 9419181913) one day after the last date for online submission of e-Bid.

However, after opening of the tenders on-line, L1 Bidder will be called to submit his/her Original/Photocopies of documents viz. relevant documents valid and renewed contractor License/Labour Registration Certificate, GST registration, PAN card, TIN No. and all other documents related to the bid for synchronization with Techno commercial evaluation.

Cover-II: The bidder shall upload online rates as per detailed BOQ enclosed as Annexure-A. The rates shall be inclusive of all taxes etc.

The Standard Bidding Document shall be kept available at website **http://www.jktenders.gov.in**.

S. No.	Scope of the Work	Estimated Cost (in Lac)	Tender Fee	EMD	Time of Completion
1.	Stabilization of 132kV Habbak-Badampora-Kangan-Sumbal Transmission Line by way of providing Protection Wall to the existing tower foundations as per the details given in the BoQ (Phase-II, Part-B)	84.893	Rs. 2000.00	Rs. 1.70 Lacs	06 months

The information regarding schedule of downloading of the tender document, seeking of clarifications and submission dates thereof is as per the table below:

CRITICAL DATES SCHEDULE
e-NIT No.: 01/JKPTCL/TLMD-I/SGR/2024-25; Dated: 07.06.2024

1.	Issue of NIT	07.06.2024
2.	Downloading of bidding documents (Start)	07.06.2024 (02.00 PM)
3.	Start date for seeking clarifications	07.06.2024 (02.00 PM)
4.	End date for seeking clarifications	10.06.2024 (04.00 PM)
5.	End date for replies to clarifications	11.06.2024 (04.00 PM)
6.	E-Bid submission **(start)** date & time (uploading of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF formats)	08.06.2024 (10.00 AM)
7.	e-Bid submission **(end)** date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, bid security and other supporting documents in PDF formats)	29.06.2024 (02.00 PM)
8.	Last date for submission of Hard Copy of e-Bid	01.07.2024 (04.00 PM)
9.	OnlineTechno-Commercial e-Bid opening date and time	02.07.2024 (02.00 PM)
10.	Venue of opening of Techno-Commercial-Bids	Office of the Executive Engineer, TLMD-I, Bemina
11.	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs. 2000.00
12.	Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 170000.00

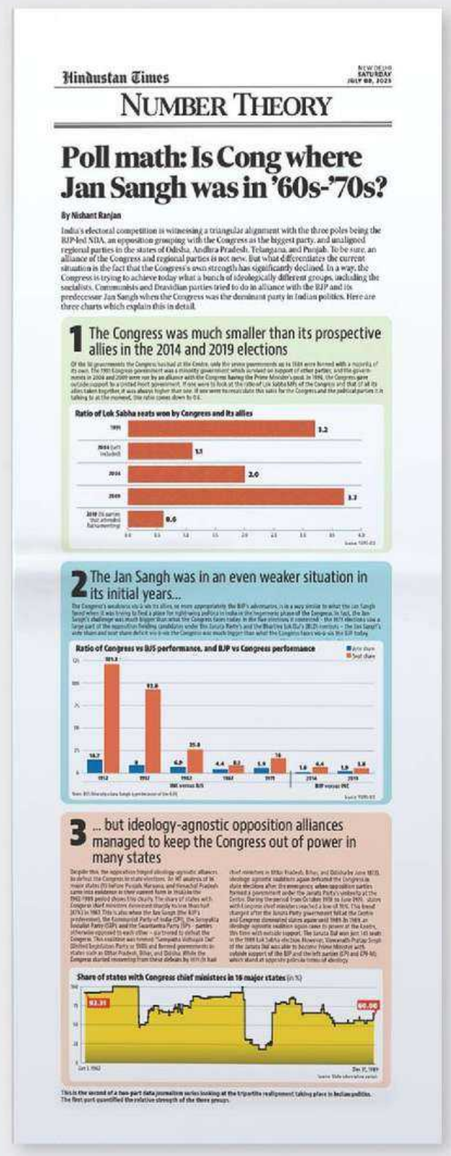
- Only the bidders possessing the qualifying criteria as mentioned in the SBD should participate in the bidding process.
- Clarifications can be sought from the office of the undersigned (Phone No.: 9419181913) or on e-Mail address: **tlmd1tech@gmail.com**
- Before participating in the bids, the bidder shall visit the site of work, have first hand assessment of the tendered job and acquaint himself with the site of work and local conditions. The bidder shall make first hand assessment of the expenses involved with the actual execution of the contract at various sites and accordingly quote the prices. Any item or items required for arriving at the goal corresponding to a particular job item description in BOQ but not exclusively mentioned there in shall be treated to be included in the particular job item description without incurring any further financial liability on JKPTCL.
- The Corporation (JKPTCL) reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.
- The Bidders are advised to furnish and upload complete bidder address including address of place of business along with all valid Landline/Mobile Nos /fax Nos plus e-mailing addresses.

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Manipur distt on the edge as mob violence continues

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NEW DELHI/IMPHAL: The Jiribam district of Manipur remained on the edge after armed mobs torched two police outposts, a forest department office, and close to 70 houses across the district, prompting more people from both Meitei and Kuki communities to flee and the state government to send teams of police commandos to the restive region, people aware of the matter said on Saturday.

Violence engulfed the district, located around 220 km from Imphal and near the Assam border, after 59-year-old S Saratkumar Singh was found beheaded on Thursday. The killing appeared to set off a fresh round of targeted attacks in the state, which has been shrouded in violence for over a year. A group of Meitei workers was targeted with country-made bombs in Sekmai, 25 km from the state capital, on Friday, and residents in Jiribam said homes of both communities were set afire, in Lamtai Khunou, Dibong Khunou, Nunkhal and Begra villages, ostensibly in reprisal attacks following Singh's murder.

In a statement, the Manipur police, two police pickets and one forest beat office were burnt by "Kuki militants."

"In the ensuing disturbances, which broke out following the murder of one Soibam Sarat Singh... several houses belonging to both Meitei and Kuki communities were burnt by unknown miscreants in Jiribam District. Further, two police pickets and Borobekra Forest Beat Office were also burnt down by suspected Kuki armed miscreants. Additional Security Forces (Central and State Forces) have been deployed to control the situation in the affected areas and prevent further escalation. Situation is tense but under control at present," it said.



Armed mobs torched two police outposts, a forest department office, and about 70 houses. HT PHOTO

On condition of anonymity, a senior police officer said that people from both the communities have been evacuated. Security has been increased in Jirbam. The Manipur police and central forces are conducting flag marches. There are two relief camps in the district where around 400 people, mostly Meitei, have taken shelter. Many from the Kuki community have crossed the border and are staying in Assam," a senior police officer said on condition of anonymity, adding that nearly two dozen elderly Meitei people, who could not travel, have taken shelter at the Borobekra police station.

Jiribam is home to Meiteis, Kukis, Bengalis, Nepalis, Nagas, and other communities. Despite the state being roiled by violence, the district had remained largely peaceful, with Meitei and Kuki groups pledging not to indulge in violence during a meeting at the police superintendent's office in June. However, Singh's murder has brought the district to the boil and forced many to flee the region.

"On Friday evening, we were praying when we heard gunshots. Around 27 of us took shelter in a nearby building and waited for the Assam Rifles to rescue us. We were worried for our safety and thus crossed the border to Assam with the help of Assam Rifles. The force has secured our village and is asking us to return. But we are worried," said Paominngam Haokip, a private school teacher.

Urmila Devi, who has taken shelter at the Jiribam sports complex, said they were forced to flee after mobs started setting houses on fire. "There are around 240 of us from different Meitei villages living in this camp. The mobs started burning houses in a nearby village, Bhutangkhol, on Friday. We are worried about losing our homes, which will be taken over by militants," she said.

The state government's decision to send teams of Manipur police commandos met with opposition from tribal groups, who have accused the unit of targeting people from the Kuki community and their properties. In Moreh district, Kuki militants attacked Manipur commandos at their camps in January and February, resulting in two deaths.

Indigenous Tribal Advocacy Committee (ITAC), a tribal umbrella group, demanded the return of police commandos to Imphal. "Failure to comply with this warning will be retaliated as deemed appropriate and ITAC will not be responsible for any untoward incident in this regards," it said in a statement.

The state government also transferred Jiribam SP A Ghanashyam Sharma to the post of additional director of the Manipur Police Training College, according to an order issued by the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms.

M Pradip Singh, who was serving as the additional director of the police training college, was given charge as the senior superintendent of police of Jiribam district, the order said.

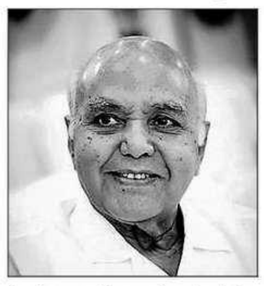
Newly elected Congress MP from the Inner Manipur Lok Sabha seat, Angomcha Bimol Akoijam, urged the state government to protect the lives and properties of the people of Jiribam.

"I have talked to district officials of Jiribam. Those in the town are being provided security, while those in peripheral areas are not being provided security," he said.

{ CHERUKURI RAMOJI RAO } 1936-2024

Man who reshaped India's media industry

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HYDERABAD: Media baron and Padma Vibhushan awardee Cherukuri Ramoji Rao, founder-chairman of Eenadu group of publications and Ramoji Group of Companies, died in Hyderabad in the early hours of Saturday after prolonged illness, his family said. He was 87.

Ramoji Rao is survived by his wife Rama Devi and son Ch Kiran. His younger son Ch Suman died of cancer on September 7, 2012.

He was suffering from chronic illnesses and age-related complications for a long time, his kin said. He was admitted to Star Hospitals of Nanakramguda in Hyderabad on the afternoon of June 5 due to respiratory problems and high blood pressure.

He was kept on ventilator support and was in a critical condition. He breathed his last at around 4.50 am. His body was taken to his residence in the Ramoji Film City (RFC) on the outskirts of Hyderabad to enable the people to pay their tributes.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed grief over the demise of Ramoji Rao, describing him as a visionary who revolutionised Indian media. "The passing away of Shri Ramoji Rao Garu is extremely saddening. His rich contributions have left an indelible mark on journalism and the world of films. Through his noteworthy efforts, he set new standards for innovation and excellence in the media and entertainment world," he posted on X.

Chandrababu Naidu said, "It is very sad...I have known Ramoji Rao for 40 years. Ramoji Rao always worked for the good of society and the Telugu people...He first started Margadarsi and then established Eenadu. Today, every household reads Eenadu in the morning."

Born on November 16, 1936, to Cherukuri Venkata Subamma and Cherukuri Venkata Subbaiah, a family of farmers at Pedaparupudi village in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh, he studied Telugu literature and was influenced by Leftist ideology. Initially, he forayed into the business of pickle making, which soon grew into a big industry in the name of Priya Foods. Later, he floated Margadarsi Chit Funds, which was a huge success.

Within years, he established a massive business empire, including Margadarsi Chit Funds, Eenadu Telugu daily, ETV network of television channels, film production company Usha Kiran Movies and the world's largest film production facility – Ramoji Film City (RFC).

Will normalise ties on the basis of mutual respect: India to China

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NEW DELHI: India on Saturday responded to a congratulatory message from the Chinese side on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's election victory by saying that New Delhi will make efforts to normalise bilateral ties on the basis of "mutual respect, mutual interest and mutual sensitivity".

External affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal conveyed India's response while replying to a congratulatory message posted on X by the Chinese foreign ministry's spokesperson on June 5. China's top leadership has not yet sent a formal message to the Indian side on the National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) victory in the general election.

"Thank you @MFA_China for congratulating PM @narendramodi on his election victory. Will continue to pursue efforts towards normalisation of India-China ties based on mutual respect, mutual interest and mutual sensitivity," Jaiswal said in his post on X.

India-China ties are currently at their lowest ebb because of the military standoff in Ladakh sector of the Line of Actual Control (LAC), which began in May 2020 and is currently into its fifth year. The Indian side has consistently said the overall bilateral relationship cannot be normalised without peace and tranquility on the border. The Chinese side, on the other hand, has called for putting the border issue in its "appropriate place" in the overall relationship.

CHINA IS THE ONLY ONE OF THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE UNSC WHOSE TOP LEADERSHIP HAS NOT SENT A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO MODI

Despite dozens of rounds of diplomatic and military talks, the two sides haven't been able to address major "friction points" on the LAC such as Depsang and Demchok.

On June 5, the Chinese foreign ministry's spokesperson had posted on X: "Congratulations to Prime Minister @narendramodi, BJP and the National Democratic Alliance on the election victory. We look forward to a healthy & stable China-India relationship."

A similar message was conveyed by the spokesperson at a regular media briefing in Beijing. At the time, India hadn't responded to China's message. Observers said the delay in India's response pointed to the frosty nature of bilateral relations. China is the only one of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council, or the so-called P-5, whose top leadership hasn't sent a congratulatory message to Modi. The Indian leader has received messages from his counterparts in Britain, France, Russia and the US.

Pakistan leaders, a close ally of China, also have not congratulated Modi so far.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Karanjeet Singh, S/o Mahender Singh, R/o: H.No. S-221/56A, Vishnu Garden, New Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 551/20, U/S 12/9/55 G. Act, P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Karanjeet Singh** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Karanjeet Singh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Karanjeet Singh** accused of **FIR No. 551/20, U/S 12/9/55 G. Act, P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **10.07.2024.**

By Order
Sh. Shashank Nandan Bhatt, Ld.
Metropolitan Megistrate-02 (West)
Room No. 356, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. JHS-N-W-31-24 & JHS-N-W-32-24 Date:- 06.06.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Jhansi, DRM's office, Jhansi, for and on behalf of President of India invite open Tender through on Line (**E-Tendering**) for the following works.

E-Tender No.	Approx Cost	Earnest Money	Completion period from issue of letter of acceptance
JHS-N-W-31-24	Rs. 12254248.60	Rs. 211300/-	12 Months

Description of work: Provision of double distant signalling work in (LAR-MCSC) and (MCSC-MBA) section of Jhansi Division.

E-Tender No.	Approx Cost	Earnest Money	Completion period from issue of letter of acceptance
JHS-N-W-32-24	Rs. 19608207.83	Rs. 248100/-	09 Months

Description of work: Provision of diversity by axle counters for Rusty rail track and water logging track over branch line section of Jhansi Division.

Cost of Tender Form: Nil for each tender, **Opening of tender:** 01.07.2024 Time 15.00 for each tender, ● Tender on line can be submitted upto **15.00 hrs.** on **01.07.2024.** ● For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in. (NORTH CENTRAL RLY/JHANSI DIVISION-S AND T)** 993/24(K)

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E-Tendering Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Works) N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

E-Tender No.: JHS–ENGG–HQ–2024–97

Description of work : Virangana Lakshmibai Jhansi – Improvement of Community Hall and Scout – Guides in Railway West Colony.

Approx Cost : 14000558.20, **Earnest Money :** 220000.00, **Date of closing Tender :** 28.06.2024 at 15:00 hrs., **Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter** 06 Months. Tender online can be submitted up to 15:00 hrs on 28.06.2024. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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विज्ञा.सं.: 8165/उ.प्र.रेरा/कन्सि.कन्स.भर्ती/2024-25 दिनांक: 08.06.2024

उ.प्र. रेरा में आवंटियों तथा प्रवर्तकों के मध्य विवादों के सौहार्दपूर्ण समाधान हेतु कन्सिलिएशन फोरम में कन्सलटेन्ट की सेवाएं प्राप्त करने हेतु विज्ञापन

उ0प्र0 भू-सम्पदा विनियामक प्राधिकरण में आवंटियों तथा प्रवर्तको के मध्य विवादों के सौहार्दपूर्ण समाधान हेतु इस प्रकार के विवादों के निपटारों से सम्बन्धित विभिन्न कार्यक्षेत्रों में प्रशासनिक/अर्द्धन्यायिक कार्यो का पर्याप्त अनुभव रखने वाले साफ-सुथरी छवि के सेवानिवृत्त लोकसेवकों/विशेषज्ञों/परामर्शदाताओं के सेवाओं की आवश्यकता है। चयनित सेवानिवृत्त लोकसेवकों/विशेषज्ञों/परामर्शदाताओं को निश्चित मानदेय देय होगा एवं उन्हें प्रारम्भ में एक वर्ष के लिए आबद्ध किया जाएगा। कन्सिलिएशन की प्रक्रिया में उनका सार्थक योगदान प्राप्त होने पर अग्रतर एक वर्ष का विस्तार प्रदान करने पर विचार किया जा सकेगा।

उ0प्र0 भू-सम्पदा विनियामक प्राधिकरण में कन्सिलिएशन फोरम में कन्सलटेन्ट के पद पर ऑन लाईन आवेदन करने वाले इच्छुक अभ्यर्थियों की आयु आवेदन हेतु अन्तिम तिथि पर न्यूनतम 60 वर्ष एवं अधिकतम 62 वर्ष से अधिक न हो।

इस हेतु अर्ह अभ्यर्थियों द्वारा उ0प्र0 भू-सम्पदा विनियामक प्राधिकरण के वेब पार्टल **https://up-rera.in** पर दिनांक **11.06.2024** से दिनांक **25.06.2024** के अन्तराल में निर्धारित प्रारूप पर ऑनलाईन आवेदन किया जा सकता है। आवेदन का प्रारूप उक्त वेबसाइट पर दिनांक **11.06.2024** से उपलब्ध रहेगा।

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Letter No: 659/Nivida/82
Date: 07.06.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

U.P. Jal Nigam(Urban) invites E-bids for execution of **"Supply design drawing, Supply of all materials, Labour, T&P etc. required for Laying distribution system and appurtenant works in Ward-7 (Part) Krishna Nagar Daurli and Ward-30 (Part) Roshanpur Daurli Subzone - 9.2 under Nagar Nigam Meerut Deposit Work with testing and commissioning as per specifications in tender document The scope of work also includes trial run of 03 months and defect liability period of 12 months for civil works after completion of successful trial run. All completed and commissioned work shall be handed over to Nagar Nigam Meerut after 03 months successful trial run period."** are invited in two bid system on percentage basis from eligible, reputed and experienced bidder. E-bid documents will be available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal https://etender.up.nic.in and U.P.J.N. (Urban) website www.jn.upsdc.gov.in for download from dated **12.06.2024** from **17:00 hrs.** Pre-bid meeting will be held on dated. **26.06.2024** at **12:00 Hrs** in undersigned office. E-bids can be submitted till **10.07.2024** up to **15:00 Hrs.** and technical bid shall be opened on **11.07.2024** at **15:00 hrs.** in the office of Superintending Engineer, Construction Circle, U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban), Meerut in presence of contractor or their authorized representative, E-tender Cost is Rs. 10000.00+ GST @ 18% for tender. Details are available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal http:// etender.up.nic.in & U.P.J.N website www.jn.upsdc. gov.in.

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Date: 07.06.2024

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE

U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban) invites E-bids for execution for **" Operation and Maintenance of 100 MLD Water Treatment Plant and appurtenant works located at Bhola ki Jhal, Meerut along with Clear Water Feeder Main under Deposit program from Nagar Nigam Meerut"** are invited in two bid system on percentage basis from eligible, reputed and experienced bidder. E-bid documents will be available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal https://etender.up.nic.in and U.P.J.N. (Urban) website www.jn.upsdc.gov.in for download from dated **12.06.2024** from **17:00 hrs.** Pre-bid meeting will be held on dated. **18.06.2024** at **12:00 PM** in undersigned office. E-bids can be submitted till **26.06.2024** up to **17:00 Hrs.** and technical bid shall be opened on **27.06.2024** at **15:00hrs.** in the office of Superintending Engineer, Construction Circle, U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban), Meerut in presence of contractor or their authorized representative, E-tender Cost is Rs. 10000.00 + GST @ 18% for tender. Details are available on U.P. Govt. e- procurement portal http:// etender.up.nic.in & U.P.J.N website www.jn.upsdc.gov.in.

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Date: 07.06.2024

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE

U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban), online e-tender in two bid system on percentage rate basis for construction of **"Repairing of 900 KL Old Existing OHT at Block E-4 Taj Nagri Phase-II Agra"** under Deposit Works Programme are hereby invited on **"TURNKEY"** basis from eligible, reputed and experienced contractors/firms having requisite work experience & financial capabilities. The works includes **"Supply of all materials, labour, T&P etc. required for repairing, Water Tightening, Painting, erection, completion, testing & commissioning of 900 KL Old Existing OHT at Block E-4 Taj Nagri Phase-II Agra and other appurtenant works i.e. scaffolding, epoxy injection chipping of concrete, waterproofing treatment, MS ladder, C.I. manhole, PCC drain, PCC floor, mild steel works, copper lightening conductor, water level indicator, sluice valve & chambers. fixing of railing, mosquito mesh etc under Deposit Works Programme as per specifications in tender document. The scope of work also includes trial run of 3 months & defect liability period of 6 months for Civil works after completion of successful trial run. All completed and commissioned work shall be handed to ADA/Jal kal Vibhag, Nagar Nigam Agra as per direction of Engineer-in-Charge after 3 month of successful trial run period. "** E-bid documents will be available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal https:// etender.up.nic.in and U.P.J.N. (Urban) website **www.jn. upsdc. gov.in** for download from dated **11.06.2024** from **17:00 hrs.** Pre-bid meeting will be held on dated. **18.06.2024** at **12:30 PM** in undersigned office. E-bids can be submitted till **24.06.2024** up to **17:00 Hrs.** Technical bid shall be opened on **25.06.2024** at **12:30 hrs.** in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division-1, UPJN (Urban), Agra, in presence of contractor or their authorized representative who wish to participate, E- tender Cost is Rs. 10000.00+ GST@18%. Details are available on U.P. Govt. e- procurement portal **http://etender.up.nic.in** & U.P.J.N website www.jn.upsdc.gov.in.

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Letter No.: 456/निविदा/13
Date: 07.06.2024

SHORT TERM e-TENDER NOTICE

U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban), online e-tender in two bid system on percentage rate basis for construction of **"Repairing of 750 KL Old Existing OHT at Block-E Shastripuram Agra"** under Deposit Works Programme are hereby invited on "TURNKEY" basis from eligible, reputed and experienced contractors/firms having requisite work experience & financial capabilities. The works includes **"Supply of all materials, labour, T&P etc. required for repairing, Water Tightening, Painting, erection, completion, testing & commissioning of 750 KL Old Existing OHT at Block-E Shastripuram Agra and other appurtenant works ie. scaffolding, epoxy injection chipping of concrete, waterproofing treatment, MS ladder, C.I. manhole, PCC drain, PCC floor, mild steel works, copper lightening conductor, water level indicator, sluice valve & chambers fixing of railing, mosquito mesh etc under Deposit Works Programme as per specifications in tender document. The scope of work also includes trial run of 3 months & defect liability period of 6 months for Civil works after completion of successful trial run. All completed and commissioned work shall be handed to ADA/Jal kal Vibhag, Nagar Nigam Agra as per direction of Engineer-in-Charge after 3 month of successful trial run period."**

E-bid documents will be available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal **https://etender.up.nic.in** and U.P.J.N. (Urban) website **www.jn.upsdc.gov.in** for download from dated **11.06.2024 from 17:00 hrs.** Pre-bid meeting will be held on dated **18.06.2024 at 12:30 PM** in undersigned office. E-bids can be submitted till **24.06.2024 up to 17:00 Hrs.** Technical bid shall be opened on **25.06.2024 at 12:30 hrs.** in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division-1, UPJN (Urban), Agra, in presence of contractor or their authorized representative who wish to participate, E- tender Cost is **Rs. 10000.00+ GST @ 18%.** Details are available on U.P. Govt. e- procurement portal **http://etender.up.nic.in** & U.P.J.N website **www.jn.upsdc.gov.in.**

उत्तर प्रदेश शासन
उच्च शिक्षा अनुभाग–5
संख्याः–519/सत्तर–5–2024–11/2023 टी०सी०–।
लखनऊः दिनॉकः 08 जून, 2024

विज्ञप्ति

उत्तर प्रदेश शिक्षा सेवा चयन आयोग नियमावली, 2023 अध्याय–2 के प्रस्तर–6 में विहित व्यवस्था के क्रम में उ0प्र0 शिक्षा सेवा चयन आयोग में उप सचिव के 04 पद (ग्रेड वेतन–6600/–पे– लेवल–11 के समकक्ष या से उपर) को प्रतिनियुक्ति के माध्यम से भरे जाने हेतु आवेदन पत्र (सेवा विवरण सहित) निर्धारित प्रारूप पर आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त होने की अंतिम तिथि विज्ञापन की तिथि से 21 दिन के भीतर होगी। अंतिम तिथि के पश्चात प्राप्त आवेदन पत्रों (बायो–डाटा) पर विचार नहीं किया जाएगा।

इच्छुक अभ्यर्थी निर्धारित प्रारूप पर अपना आवेदन पत्र (बायो–डाटा सहित) जिस पर आवेदित पद "उप सचिव" का स्पष्ट उल्लेख हो, विशेष सचिव, उच्च शिक्षा अनुभाग–5, नवीन भवन, कक्ष संख्या– 40, उ0प्र0 शासन, लखनऊ के नाम से पंजीकृत डाक द्वारा प्रेषित करें। आवेदन पत्र के साथ समस्त शैक्षणिक एवं अन्य अभिलेखों की पठनीय एवं स्वप्रमाणित प्रतियां संलग्न की जाएगी।

रिक्त पदों की संख्याः–
उप सचिव–04 पद

कार्यावधि एवं आयुः–
उप सचिव नियुक्ति के दिनांक से तीन वर्ष की अवधि तक के लिए पद धारण करेगा।

अर्हताएं :– ग्रेड वेतन–6600/–पे–लेवल–11 के समकक्ष या से उपर तथा प्रतिनियुक्ति के संबंध में सेवा की अन्य शर्ते राज्य सरकार द्वारा समय–समय पर निर्गत शासनादेशों द्वारा अवधारित की जाएंगी। उक्त पद हेतु आवेदन पत्र का प्रारूप, उच्च शिक्षा विभाग की वेवसाइट www.uphed.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

(गिरिजेश कुमार त्यागी)
विशेष सचिव

UP-205781, Dt. 08.06.2024
Website : www.upgov.nic.in

कार्यालय प्राचार्य, वीरांगना अवन्तीबाई लोधी स्वशासी राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, एटा।

पत्र संख्या मे०का एटा / 2024 / 976 –: विज्ञप्तिः– दिनांक 08.06.2024

संविदा के आधार पर आचार्य, सह–आचार्य तथा सहायक आचार्य के पदों पर सेवायोजना हेतु

वीरांगना अवन्तीबाई लोधी स्वशासी राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, एटा के विभिन्न विभागों में संविदा के आधार पर आचार्य, सह–आचार्य एवं सहायक आचार्य के रिक्त पदों को भरे जाने हेतु साक्षात्कार दिनांक–17.06.2024 से प्रतिदिन वॉक–इन (Walk-in-Interview) के माध्यम से प्रधानाचार्य कार्यालय स्वशासी राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय एटा में किया जायेगा। अतः आचार्य, सह–आचार्य, एवं सहायक आचार्य के पदों पर इच्छुक अभ्यर्थी अपने मूल अभिलेखों के साथ वॉक–इन इण्टरव्यू में उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करें। विस्तृत विवरण महानिदेशालय की वेबसाइट **dgme.up.gov.in** व वीरांगना अवन्तीबाई लोधी स्वशासी राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, एटा की वेबसाइट **asmcetah.org** पर उपलब्ध हैं।

प्रधानाचार्य वीरांगना अवंतीबाई लोधी स्वशासी राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, एटा

उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे

शुद्धि–पत्र–3

इस कार्यालय द्वारा ज्ञापित खुली निविदा सूचना संख्याः जीएसयू/सीपीएम/जेपी/निविदा/ 23–24 दिनांक 29.04.2024 में निविदा सं. गति– शक्ति/इन्जी./जय/2024–25/01 जो दिनांक 21.06.2024 को खोली जानी थी। उक्त निविदा अब दिनांक 03.07.2024 को खोली जावेगी। यह अन्य शर्तें यथावत रहेगी।

उप. मुख्य इंजी. (जी.एस.यु.)
664-PS/24 जयपुर

DIRECTORATE OF AVIATION, GOVT. OF M.P.
Request for Proposal Notice

Ref. No.: F-45/Empanelment/541 Dated: 31 May 2024

"EMPANELMENT OF NON SCHEDULED OPERATORS/CHARTER SERVICE PROVIDERS"

Directorate of Aviation desires to empanel Non Scheduled Operators/ Charter Service Providers of Twin engined turbo-prop/ Jet Aeroplanes and Twin turbine engined helicopters to meet the requirements of the State on need basis for one year.

For detail scope of work and other terms and conditions, please refer the RFP document available at **www.aviation.mp.gov.in** and **https://mptenders.gov.in**. Tender document fees of Rs 1,00,000.00 (INR One lac only) (Non-refundable) payable online through **https://mptenders.gov.in** portal.

- **Start date of Submission of Proposals 08/06/2024 from 10:30 am onwards.**
- **Last Date for Submission of Proposals 01/07/2024 till 1200 HRS (IST).**
- **Date of Opening of Technical Proposals 02/07/2024 at 1200 HRS (IST).**

G-11345/24

Commissioner
Directorate of Aviation

STATE HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF JHARKHAND
Government of Jharkhand

e-procurement Notice inviting BID

Ref No: SHAJ/Tech/CW/Banta-Rahe Road/2024/289 Date: 07.06.2024

1. State Highways Authority of Jharkhand, Ranchi invites BID for **"Widening & Strengthening /Reconstruction of Banta-Rahe-Bundu road two lane with paved shoulder (Total Length-30.47km.) in Ranchi district."** The approximate cost of the work is Rs. 149.18 crore (Approx).
2. The interested bidders who have experience in execution of similar works and required technical & financial strength may obtain Bid document from e-tendering portal www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in from **14.06.2024 (15:00 hrs) to 08.07.2024 (15:00 hrs).**
   The complete BID Application shall be submitted online by **08.07.2024 (upto 15:00 hrs)** on e-tendering portal www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in. All the details regarding this BID will be available on the above mentioned website.
3. The contractors are required to submit non-refundable **Tender Fee** of Rs. 50,000/- (Rs. Fifty thousand only) & **Bid Security (EMD)** of Rs. 1.50 crore (Rs. One Crore Fifty Lakhs) only. Tender fees and Earnest money Deposit(EMD) shall be deposited online as per **Information Technology & E-Governance Department order no 120 dated 03.10.2023.** The undersigned will open the received bid online on **09.07.2024** at **15:30 hrs.**
4. ***No claim shall be entertained on account of disruption of internet services being used by bidders. Bidders are advised to upload their bids well in advance to avoid last minute technical snag.***

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State Highways Authority of Jharkhand, Ranchi
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Gopalkrishna Gandhi

In a tale of two nations, a case of shared values

Legacy and contemporary pragmatism can and must combine in South Africa. There are lessons for India as well



Though in the election his ANC had obtained a majority of seats in the National Assembly and was fully within its rights to form the government on its own, Nelson Mandela set up a government of national unity GETTY IMAGES

"India-South Africa: Two struggles, one freedom."

This was a slogan about India and South Africa I heard with joy and repeated with zeal during the little under two years that I was privileged to work in India's High Commission in Pretoria (1996-1997). Those were Mandela years. The great man, freshly released from his 27-year-long captivity under the apartheid regime, had won for his party, the African National Congress (ANC), a spectacular majority in the first multi-racial general elections of April 27, 1994. Having got to my new station just after one of our general elections, I augmented the magnetic slogan to say "India-South Africa: Two nations, one democracy".

Though in the election his ANC had obtained a majority of seats in the National Assembly and was fully within its rights to form the government on its own, Nelson Mandela set up a government of national unity. He asked the party of the apartheid era, the National Party (NP) and the ANC's rival in KwaZulu Natal, the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), to join the cabinet, disregarding their poor numbers in the National Assembly.

One of Mandela's legacies was trust. He wanted to start off the republic trusting people, especially those on "the other side". He reposed in politicians of ideologies different from his own, like his apartheid NP predecessor FW de Klerk, whom he made deputy president and Inkatha chief Buthelezi to whom he gave the ministry of home affairs.

From among those on his "own" side, notable was the presence of many Indian South Africans in the Parliament elected on ANC tickets and many cabinet ministers. Not surprisingly, Mandela was told by African colleagues in his party, "There are so many Indians holding high positions in the new South Africa ...More than proportionate to their numbers..." The response was classic Mandela: "The number of Indians in high positions (in the new South Africa) is not proportionate to their population but proportionate to their contribution to the struggle (for our liberation)." Valuational politics cannot go further than that.

And so Mandela's government was a coalition but much more than one. It was a confluence of colours but also a reservoir of values, the principles coming out of a passion for inclusivity and for the sake of his ethical satisfaction.

Time does not stand still. In the three decades since the 1994 elections, with senior leadership fading away, the ANC's sway with its deliriously loyal mass base changed, its vote share dropping from 70% in 2004 to 59% in 2019 to 40.18% now. Thirty years after Mandela's first election victory, nearly two-thirds of black South Africans steeped in poverty and reeling under a 32% unemployment rate have made the role of President Cyril Ramaphosa unenviable. In the just concluded elections, the people of South Africa have not voted the ANC out but have said to it: "The struggle that brought you to office answered the hunger of our souls, what we now need is something that answers the hunger in our stomachs."

Lubna Nadvi, senior lecturer at the School of Social Sciences, University of KwaZulu Natal, in a communication to this writer, says tellingly: "While some may have managed to improve their lives due to access to a good education, decent employment, good healthcare and other social benefits, it has become abundantly clear that the majority of citizens have not benefited from the transition to democracy. They still languish in poverty and continue to face many of the same struggles they did during the years of apartheid. In addition, various other social ills such as crime, gender based violence, corruption and state capture have reached almost epidemic proportions in the last three decades." And she adds: "The rainbow nation is now more of a distant memory than a current reality."

The current electoral reality will require Ramaphosa to form a coalition that will not appear like a rainbow on an applauding sky and come, in fact, not from any firmament at all but from terra firma. Finding coalition partners from either the Right-wing Democratic Alliance, which is now the second largest party after the ANC or from the uMkhonto weSizwe or MK Party, the Left-wing outfit formed last year by former President Jacob Zuma, whom Ramaphosa replaced, will be an exacting operation for him. Elinor Sisulu. author and daughter-in-law of the great anti-apartheid leader Walter Sisulu, in an assessment of the post-election scene, says: "The ANC has to rely on coalition partners, yet to be identified. For coalitions to work, leaders must transcend political divides in the interest of the nation. There is no indication so far that this will be the case. "So, does that mean goodbye for the politics that made Mandela opt for a coalition and later, leave office when he need not have, Walter Sisulu to stay off it when he need not have, Desmond Tutu embark on a Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Judge Chaskalson head a constitutional court when that was supremely problematic? Does that mean that golden moments like Mandela's rollback of South Africa's nuclear weapons programme and of the death penalty may never again be expected of post-2024 South Africa?

The genocide case brought before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on December 29, 2023 by Ramaphosa's South Africa against Israel regarding its conduct in the Gaza Strip as part of the Israel–Hamas war tells me no, South Africa will find a way to do right by its people's quotidian entitlements and its legacy of principled politics. South Africa's voters can never want their leaders to bid goodbye to the personal attributes of Albert Luthuli, Oliver Tambo, Mandela and Sisulu.

Let no drums be sounded for the funeral of something that has not died. Valuational politics will not die in South Africa. It is one thing to concede that the era of idealism in South Africa has given way to realism, but quite another to say that South Africa has orbited out of the cosmos of values.

Legacy and contemporary pragmatism can and must combine in South Africa. And perhaps Ramaphosa, who stayed off power for decades after liberation, may startle the world by saying his people, not he, wield power. If he were to form a composite ministry of national unity with the self-denying legacy of trust Mandela showed in 1994, he will coin a new slogan valid for both South Africa and India post their elections: India-South Africa: Two republics, one ethics.

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Karan Thapar

The old order changeth, yielding place to new?

No doubt you've heard this aphorism before but that's because it's undeniably true. The marvel of democracy is that the collective wisdom of the voters can resolve seemingly intractable situations. It happened in 1977. It's happened again on June 4. And although many were hoping for the outcome, few actually thought it would materialise.

No doubt Narendra Modi has been restored to office but in circumstances that are dramatically different to what he envisaged. The BJP has ended up with its worst election result in a decade. It is 32 short of a majority. To form a government it needs support from allies whose loyalty will always be questionable. They've deserted the BJP on earlier occasions and you cannot rule out their doing so again.

This raises several questions about Modi's third spell as Prime Minister (PM). As yet we don't have the answers. Very possibly, even Modi doesn't know them. But the questions delineate the challenge he faces. Their answers will reveal a lot about him. They also spell out the risks or, at least, the issues awaiting India.

Modi began by predicting the BJP would win 370 seats. After the fifth round of polling, he said the party had already crossed 272. It ended up with just 240, way short of a majority. So, today, is he an embarrassed man or thick-skinned enough to brush it off? What about his personal performance in Varanasi? In 2019, he had a 4.8 lakh majority. It's been slashed to just 1.5 lakh. How will a man who last month claimed "*Ma Ganga ne mujhe god le liya hai*" (My mother Ganga has adopted me) handle this very personal reversal?

However, the key question is can Modi, temperamentally and psychologically, adjust to the very different circumstances he now faces as PM? Or is he ill-equipped to handle a coalition government, where he needs to reach out to his allies, often give in to them and always keep them content and satisfied?

Remember, for 13 years as chief minister of Gujarat and 10 more as Prime Minister of India he did not need to do this. Instead, his wish was everyone's command. He ran a centralised government where ministers did what the Prime Minister's office required. None dared to demur.

What about his attitude to autonomous institutions like Parliament, the judiciary and the media? The old Modi often ignored Parliament, was dismissive of the media, and his government held up judicial appointments. But now the weaker Modi will need to adopt a more consensual approach. Or he could annoy his allies and endanger his alliance. Is he willing to do that?

And then there's his attitude to criticism and dissent. It's no secret the old Modi disliked both. The new Modi must learn not just to tolerate and accept but to live with both. How easy will that be?

The questions, of course, go further. Some have to do with his recent pronouncements. He may hope they're forgotten but I doubt they will be. Not in the political climate that prevails.

For a start, there are things he said during the campaign that could haunt him unless he learns to smile and deflect. But is that what he'll do when claims of his non-biological birth are thrown at him as taunts? And mark my words, they will be. When that happens will he bristle?

More importantly, can he resist the temptation to demonise Muslims? His allies are unlikely to accept further occasions when Muslims are called infiltrators or accused of benefiting from reservations snatched from OBCs, SCs and STs. But if such language comes to him instinctively can he resist it? Remember, it's been part of his rhetoric since 2001.

The truth is everything I've raised can be reduced to one simple question: can old Mr Modi become new Mr Modi? His government depends on it. Our governance depends on it. So, too, does his political future. But what's the answer?

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{ ENGENDER }



Lalita Panicker

Mediation matters: A need for more women

Now that the elections are behind us, it's time for political parties that relied heavily on the women's vote to find ways to involve women in decision-making, not just as recipients of welfare schemes. Recently, Indian Army Major Radhika Sen received the United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year award from the UN Secretary-General. "A gender perspective in UN peacekeeping is essential for an effective, inclusive, and sustained peace process. Women and girls are disproportionately affected by conflict, facing increased risk and abuse. The need is to mainstream women in nation-building, particularly in security and governance," Sen said on receiving the award.

Against the backdrop of conflicts abroad (Ukraine, Gaza) and at home (Manipur), we need to look at the role women can play in peacemaking, not just peacekeeping, given outsized adverse impact conflicts have on women. In this context, UNSCR 1325 has been instrumental in providing a platform to nurture peace, emphasising the crucial role of women in peace-making. This resolution underscores the importance of women's participation in all aspects of peace-building and conflict resolution. India, given its efforts to integrate women into peacekeeping, has the potential to bring more women into peacemaking. There has been a noticeable absence of women in peace talks in Gaza, Ukraine, and Manipur. India should create a cadre of mediators with strong women's representation to address the complexities of today's conflicts, and promote collaborative and proactive conflict resolution.

Meenakshi Gopinath, director of Women in Security, Conflict Management, and Peace (WISCOMP), said, "While the discussion around mediation has gained momentum in India, around the globe several women's networks for mediation have created new bonds of solidarity and opportunities for co-learning. Of the 24 members of the Mediation Support Network, one of the most active global networks of NGOs supporting mediation, only eight are located outside Western Europe and North America. There is a need to reinforce the idea based on the perspectives and experiences of the Global South, which offers a rich canvas of traditional and contemporary practices in mediation." Susan Ferguson, country representative, UN Women, India, adds, "Women are often instrumental in bringing about peace at the grassroots level during conflicts, but then not involved in formal peace negotiations. We need women in both these tracks, as men alone cannot find durable peace solutions."

At a recent WISCOMP-IIC dialogue on Conversations in Mediation, Neha Sanghrajka, senior conflict sensitivity advisor at the United Nations and senior advisor at the Geneva Centre for Security, said, "Women have played a significant role in mediation through networks. Wherever they have participated, they have utilised these networks to foster collaboration and support among women mediators. These networks are crucial in creating an environment conducive to peace and conflict resolution."

Mediation can only work if it is aligned with the local environment and must involve a risk mitigation strategy. To its credit, the UN has made several efforts to get more women to the negotiation table. India's new government can learn from global best practices, particularly from Africa, where the number of women in peace-making talks has risen substantially.

The new government must eliminate institutional barriers for women mediators. A key step is ensuring adequate funding and training. If India can raise an effective cadre of women mediators, it would not only benefit the country but also serve as a resource for other nations facing conflicts. Using the NGO and grassroots network of women's groups, the government should strengthen women mediators' capacities and areas of expertise. This would be the next step following the accolades Indian women peacekeepers have earned worldwide.

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Why Big Cats matter for biodiversity and climate



Meet the snow leopard, inhabiting the mountains in some of the harshest conditions on the planet PRATIK CHORGE/HT ARCHIVE

Imagine having the ability to sleep out in the open at minus 40 degrees and jump 50 feet over steep cliffs, or run at 120 kilometres per hour in searing heat across open grasslands. Meet the snow leopard, inhabiting the mountains in some of the harshest conditions on the planet, and the cheetah, the fastest animal on land. Big cats are known for their formidable presence in a wide range of ecosystems. This group includes seven species: the tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, puma, jaguar, and cheetah, spread across 95 countries. They inhabit a diverse range of landscapes including grasslands, savannas, rainforests, mangroves, mountains and deserts.



Caitlin Wiesen



SP Yadav

As "apex predators", their hunting keeps herbivore populations in check, keeping ecosystems healthy. Tigers prey on deer and wild boar, preventing them from overeating fruits and nuts, which are crucial for seed dispersal and forest regeneration. Lions, cheetahs and snow leopards hunt in landscapes with sparse vegetation, ensuring the survival of the limited plant and smaller animal species that can survive in harsh environments.

Big cats also play a vital role in fighting the climate crisis. Ecosystems like forests, grasslands and mangroves are important carbon sinks. These areas store carbon in the form of biomass and also absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, which helps control global warming. By keeping these ecosystems healthy, big cats ensure their optimum capacity to store carbon.

Their roar and purr reverberates across our economies as well. It is estimated that nearly half of the global Gross Domestic Product (GDP), or $44 trillion, depends on nature. Sectors like agriculture, food and beverages, and construction that rely on direct extraction of natural resources or the provision of ecosystem services such as healthy soils, clean water and pollination need thriving biodiversity, which depends on big cats, "keystone species" whose populations are an important indicator of the health of their entire habitats.

Local communities around the world have a close relationship with big cat habitats and species themselves. Tourism is a major draw, with big cat safaris generating revenue through park fees, accommodation, guides and other ancillary activities. Artisans benefit by selling souvenirs featuring these animals. Beyond tourism, big cat presence can indirectly support livelihoods through non-timber forest products. Healthy ecosystems, maintained by big cats, can provide communities with essential resources like medicinal plants besides benefits from carbon sequestration.

Today, their survival creatures are threatened by habitat loss, poaching, illegal trade in wildlife and human-wildlife conflict, leading to a significant decline in big cat populations, with many species on the brink of extinction. Six out of the seven big cat species are classified as either endangered, near endangered or vulnerable in the IUCN Red List.

Global cooperation is imperative to reverse this alarming trend. It allows for the creation of transboundary conservation zones, ensuring safe corridors for big cat movement and minimising habitat fragmentation. Sharing knowledge and expertise is another crucial aspect. Countries with successful conservation programmes can guide others, sharing best practices in areas like monitoring, habitat restoration, community engagement and resource mobilisation among others.

India, home to five of the seven big cat species, has been continually setting new benchmarks in their conservation. Project Tiger, which completed 50 years in 2023, revived the population of the Royal Bengal Tiger from around 1,411 in 2006 to more than 3,600 today. The success of the initiative is reflected in the fact that India is now home to more than 70% of the total wild tiger population in the world. Through Project Cheetah, India set another milestone with the world's first inter-continental carnivore translocation, working to revive the population of cheetahs which went extinct in the country in 1952. In two years, the project has achieved four out of its six short-term success criteria including survival of translocated animals, establishment of home ranges and contribution to community livelihoods.

Building on the success of such initiatives, India has launched the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) to create a global network on big cat conservation, bringing together the 96 range countries as well as non-range countries, conservation organisations, research institutions, private sector, civil society and local communities.

The forum will serve as a platform to catalyse technical and financial cooperation, resource mobilisation and project implementation across borders. As the majority of the big cat countries belong to the Global South, it will add an important facet to the South-South Cooperation agenda, especially in areas like research and technology transfer, capacity building, joint patrolling and trans-boundary conservation areas.

UNDP has been actively working with the government towards big cat conservation, leveraging community participation, nature-based livelihoods and technology to demonstrate innovative pilots that can be adapted and scaled within the country and globally. The SECURE Himalaya initiative in partnership with the Global Environment Facility supported the first-ever scientific estimation of snow leopard population in the country, training scientists and community volunteers to undertake this exercise. Models for habitat restoration and community-driven ecotourism are being implemented in tiger and leopard landscapes that can be replicated across other big cat landscapes.

By protecting big cats, we don't just save these predators but also safeguard the intricate web of biodiversity within their ecosystems, ensuring the survival of countless other species and maintaining a healthy balance in the natural world.

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Responsible reportage is key

This is with reference to '*Forget those vaccine fears, time to move on*' by Anand Krishnan (June 2). The study by BHU on the adverse effects of Covaxin and the resulting reportage by the media should be a cause of concern. Responsible media reporting is crucial to avoid unnecessary alarm.

Kiran Sharma

Spies who came in from the cold

This is with reference to '*Brotherhood of lapsed spies turned chroniclers*' by Karan Thapar (June 2). The book, *Covert*, shines a spotlight on the lives of spies. In an era of frosty India-Pakistan ties, the book is a reassuring reminder of continuing dialogue between the nations.

Atul Kislay

Class hypocrisies should be examined

This is with reference to '*In Pune crash, a mirror to our class hypocrisies*' by Pavan K Varma (June 2). While nobody can condone the family's behaviour to get their *ladla* out of trouble, it is the economical status of the culprit that gets our goat.

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Lavanya Lakshminarayan

Gaming the system

The 35-year-old is the second Indian writer nominated for the Arthur C Clarke Award. Her debut novel The Ten Percent Thief imagines a dystopian Bengaluru ruled by a technocratic caste system. A former game developer, she loves building imagined worlds. In games and life, there are rules, rewards, obstacles, she says: 'It's all just a social experiment'

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Lavanya Lakshminarayan has always loved a good story. As a child, she carried a notebook around and scribbled in it, building fictional worlds about supernatural beings and people spirited away to magical realms.

She went on to study English literature at Christ University, Bengaluru, and that's where she first encountered the work of Ursula K Le Guin, creator of genderless future worlds in which hope and goodness could be wielded like superpowers.

"She was so far ahead of her time, and just for that, she was an all-time inspiration," Lakshminarayan says.

The 35-year-old now has a science-fiction work of her own that has been adjudged ahead of its time. Her debut novel, The Ten Percent Thief (published in India as Analog / Virtual: The Other Simulations of Your Future, by Hachette), has been shortlisted for the Arthur C Clarke Award, making her only the second Indian writer ever nominated. If she wins, she will be the second Indian to win; her predecessor on both counts was Amitav Ghosh, who won for The Calcutta Chromosome, in 1997.

"I still find it hard to believe," Lakshminarayan says. "It took me several minutes and re-reads to believe the news when it broke. It has been rather surreal."

Published in India in 2020, and then by Solaris Books for the US and UK in 2023, The Ten Percent Thief is set in a Bengaluru of the future. One of the few urban centres to survive an apocalypse, it has been renamed Apex City, and is now ruled by a corporation, via a technocratic caste system that ranks all individuals on a bell curve.

Technology isn't just key to survival in Apex City, it is also a sort of socio-economic currency. Algorithms dispense justice and allocate resources. Failure to keep up with their targets results in banishment; one must then eke out a short-lived life in analog. Lakshminarayan's heroine Nāyaka fails on some of these targets, and is given a taste of what this life would be like, as she is imprisoned in a dark cell. This is where we meet her, as the novel begins.

Lakshminarayan has been building imagined worlds for over a decade. In her first job, in 2011, she worked with California-based videogame developer Zynga, designing side quests in their games, fleshing out characters, and helping design plotlines and gameplay. Lakshminarayan went on to work on a series of Zynga games played via Facebook, including Farmville, Fishville, Mafia Wars and Vampire Wars.

Working closely with the art and technical teams, she drew satisfaction, she says, from seeing a story through from start to end. She believes these years contributed to her ability to make it through the gruelling, two-year process of writing her book.

"Ideas are easy. You may have a million of them. But sticking to one, from start to finish, and imposing a structure on the telling of that story, that is where gaming really helped me," she says. "It taught me how to turn thought clouds into stories etched out on paper." It also made her less afraid to take on a sweeping project with several moving parts.

What she hadn't expected from gaming was an altered worldview. But she gained that too, as she watched how people played the games that she had helped build.

"All games are simulations. You give people a situation and set some rules, and you tell them that within these rules, they must solve this puzzle or find a solution within six minutes. I viewed gaming as a social experiment in some ways," she says.

It struck her, at some point, that the real world worked a lot like this too. Isn't it all just a social experiment? "If you look at the rules within which we function as a capitalist society, that's gamified too, isn't it? We're told the steps we must take, promised certain rewards, told which assets to corner in order to be valued within our society. Warned of 'obstacles' and 'enemies' who might 'distract us' along the way."

It dawned on her that reality and gamification had coalesced such that, even in our leisure time, we were accumulating, chasing, accruing — and doing as we were told. In a surreal case of wheels within wheels, the economy of infinite growth continued to make its demands. And gaming, of course, was just one example. There was also the infinite scroll; social media; the endless rows of items on the supermarket shelves.

In her imagined Apex City, individuals are compelled to stretch themselves thin to reach required productivity levels, which include virality in social-media posts. Falter for even a brief while, and one's position on the bell curve slips. Slip far enough, and the dark prison cell beckons. There is no room in this world for you, if you cannot deliver.

Well, that's how it's supposed to go.

What autocracies, real or imagined, rarely account for is the human spirit.

Lakshminarayan says she was always surprised to see it rear its head, as the games she worked on were rolled out.

Players so rarely did exactly what they were expected to do, she says laughing. They scampered off on side quests of their own making. The reason videogames have so many pathways and multiple endings? It isn't just for fun, or extended play. It's partly because makers can't really control how their maze is used, and they know it.

In her novel too, Nāyaka starts out afraid, intimidated, compliant. And then something else kicks in. Is it defiance, despair, a drive to know what else is out there? As in gaming and in the real world, it is hard to say. What is certain is that it fuels the plot.

Up next in Lakshminarayan's own tale, is a lighter story. Her next book is about a budding chef who finds herself competing in the galaxy's most-watched and most-prestigious cooking show. Interstellar MegaChef is due out by the end of the year.

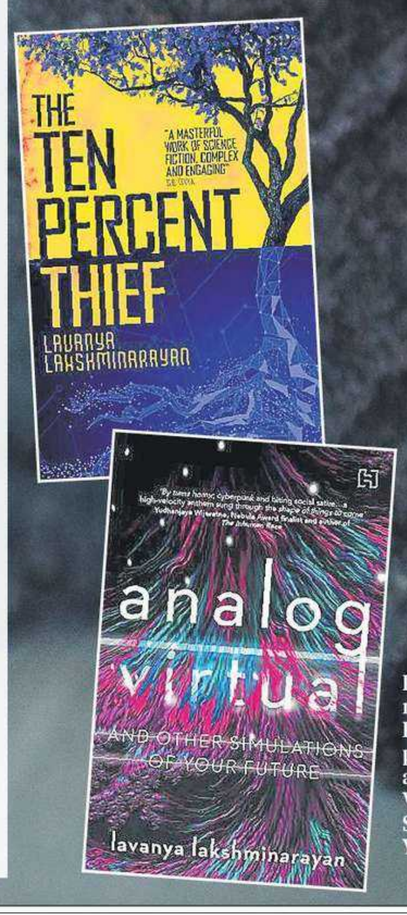
"Seeing dystopian realities come to life with such urgency and immediacy in the pandemic made me want to take a break from mulling over all that," she says. "I do mull over the politics of food, which is also disturbing in many ways. But I try to do that in a lighter manner in Interstellar MegaChef. It is a lighter book because I wanted a breath of fresh air. And because, eventually, it can help to see the world in a more positive light."

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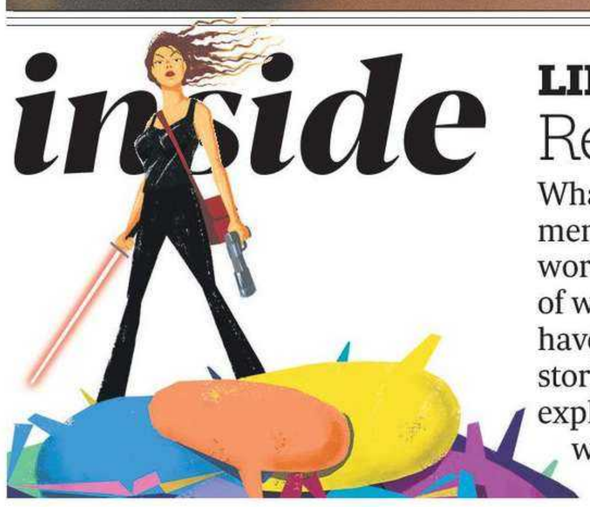
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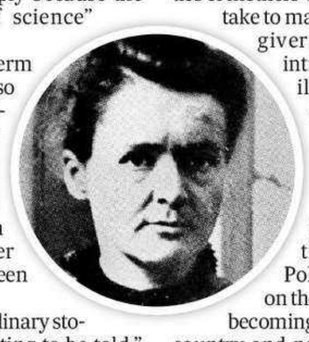
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We prefer not to use the "Did you know" line in Wknd... But did you know that the term scientist was coined for a woman? (We thought this one warranted it.)

Here's how it happened: Cambridge University historian William Whewell invented the phrase in the early 19th century, to describe Mary Somerville, a woman known for her English translation of the French mathematician Pierre-Simon Laplace's five-volume work on the mechanics of the solar system.

The term stuck on simply because the more common "man of science" needed an alternative.



If we didn't even have a term for women of science until so recently, how were we telling their stories? The answer is that we weren't. Which isn't new. What's new is the ways in which this is changing, as women begin to tell stories of other women that should have been told long ago.

"There's a sea of extraordinary stories out there that are waiting to be told," says journalist turned historian Anita Anand, author of Sophia: Princess, Suffragette, Revolutionary (2015) and co-host of the Empire podcast with William Dalrymple. "And more boats are fishing in that sea, mostly manned by women, who are pulling those stories out for a wider public."

Sometimes these are biographies or biopics; or corrective notes made in the annals of history. "He didn't invent that, actually. She did."

This week, we're looking at four projects that take a wider view, zooming out to explore an entire landscape differently: botany, math, war.

In Mathematics for Ladies (2022), American library curator Jessy Randall frames poems about women in science, infused with humour and outrage, surprise and sarcasm, as she documents the lives and work of people who resisted the conventions of their times, succeeded where no one expected it, and were still rendered invisible.

There's a poem on the Iranian mathematician Maryam Mirzakhani (1977–2017), who became the first woman to be awarded a Fields Medal — in 2014. There are ironic references to **Marie Curie (below; 1867–1934)**, who won two Nobels, one each in physics and chemistry, and went on to become the only woman scientist most people could name, for several decades.

"Stop comparing me to every woman scientist!

Another Madame Curie this. A new Madame Curie that," the poem goes.

"Stop re-naming women altogether!"

From poetry and science to botany and motherhood, Canadian evolutionary biologist Erin Zimmerman recently released a memoir titled Unrooted: Botany, Motherhood and the Fight to Save an Old Science (April; Melville House). It is her response to being edged out of a highly competitive research career, she says, as soon as she started a family.

In her book, Zimmerman explores the battles of mothers with PhDs, and what it would take to make academia kinder to caregivers. She also traces the intriguing history of botanical illustration (one of her specialties), which started out as a rare field open to women.

In war-ravaged Ukraine, meanwhile, where stories are centred on violence, bloodshed and forced migrations, British photographer Polly Braden decided to focus on the women who were suddenly becoming single mothers, fleeing the country and navigating new worlds with their children. Her subjects range in age from 16 to 51.

And in India, Nidhi Goyal, founder of the disability rights group Rising Flame, is rewriting classic European fairytales. And They Lived... Ever After (March; HarperCollins), features a wheelchair-using Rapunzel who won't leave her tower till the prince builds ramps across his province. A neurodivergent duckling finds their tribe. And a Cinderella refuses to marry a visually challenged but rather spineless Prince Charming.

Each tale is written by a differently abled woman; Goyal, who has also written one of the stories, is blind herself. The idea came to her, she says, because "across rural and urban India, I would meet women resigned to the idea of never finding love because they never saw themselves as the main character of these stories."

Seeing oneself as the main character can be hard, when one is a woman.

"In history, economics, science and even in recorded data, women have been conspicuous by their absence through the years because nobody had thought it worth recording their lives and contributions," says writer and essayist Urvashi Butalia, founder of Zubaan, the feminist publishing imprint of Kali for Women.

"Ethnographers, till barely 20 years ago, were going into villages and writing definitive stories about spaces by talking only to men, and never thinking that their work was incomplete." This led to an exclusion that was barely missed because not enough women themselves questioned this lack of representation, she adds.

The change today is small but impactful. It will be hard to lose these voices again, Butalia says, as more women also, finally, insert themselves into the narrative.

There's a sea of extraordinary stories waiting to be told. And more boats are fishing in that sea, mostly manned by women, who are pulling those stories out for a wider public.

ANITA ANAND, journalist turned historian

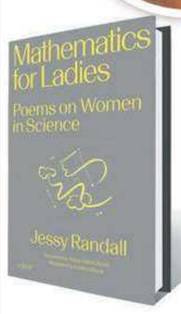
Hidden figures: Old stories in new verses

"Being a woman is such a huge handicap that my religion has never mattered," the Jewish physicist Lise Meitner said, when what should have been a shared Nobel went to her collaborator, the German chemist Otto Hahn, in 1944. They had worked together for years on their discovery of nuclear fission, and all she got was a brief mention in Hahn's acceptance speech.

It is stories like this one that inspired Jessy Randall's book of 70 poems on 70 long-overlooked women scientists, titled Mathematics for Ladies: Poems on Women in Science (2022; Goldsmiths Press).

The poems weave professional and biographical details into exasperated, mischievous and easy-to-read verse. The women range from astronomers and physicians to botanists, physicists and chemists. They include women from the Middle Ages, such as Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179; a philosopher, composer, medical writer and practitioner) and more recent legends such as the Iranian mathematician Maryam Mirzakhani (1977-2017), who became the first woman to win a Fields Medal, in 2014.





They include her personal heroes too. "As a kid, I admired Elizabeth Blackwell very much, not just for becoming the first doctor in the US, but for very specifically choosing a career path so that she could make it easier for other women after her," **Randall (above)** says.

Raised by a working single mother, Randall grew up being told she could be anyone she wanted to be, which makes her marvel, she says, at women who were raised so differently, and yet blazed new trails.

Some faced challenges that most of us cannot even begin to know.

James Miranda Barry (1789–1865) was much admired for his skills as a military surgeon, until at death it was revealed he had been a woman, born Margaret Ann Bulkley. "Some of the poems almost wrote themselves, the metaphors and lyricism were unmissable," Randall says. Of Rebecca Lee Crumpler (1831–1895), the first black woman doctor in the US, she writes:

"They call her
the first Black woman
to earn a medical degree.
She called herself doctress.
She called herself businesswoman.
She called herself being.
They say first, first, first,
as though everyone before her lost."

Of the first professional woman astronomer in the US, Maria Mitchell (1818–1889), Randall writes:

"My" comet.
"My" observatory, built for me.
"My" moon crater.
I'll lay claim. I'll take them all.
Most of all, "my" students. If they
belong to me, let me let them
stay up late. Curse your curfews,
Vassar. We can't study stars
in the daylight.
These students are mine,
and the night is ours."

The book's title draws from the fact that descriptive math was at one time derided as a useless branch of the subject, more philosophy than math. It was called Mathematics for Ladies, "and that idea was just absurd to me. Math is not subjective! There are times when you have to take a break from crying and screaming and just laugh," Randall says.

The title sets the tone: wry, exhausted, but retaining a sense of wonder and pride. "I figure that these women had to be wry and snappy and have a sense of irony, or they could never have stayed in STEM."



Maria Mitchell,the first professional woman astronomer in the US, gazing at the stars in a painting by artist Herminia Dassel in 1851.
WIKIMEDIA, BRYAN OLLER

But poems don't wholly do justice to the stories of these powerful women, she adds. If Randall were to reimagine Blackwell's life, she'd like to do it as a Broadway musical, she says. American marine biologist Rachel Carson (1907-1964) deserves the full Hollywood treatment, "a biopic that would win an Oscar". June Bacon-Bercey (1928 –2019), the first female African American meteorologist who landed her job after her predecessor was arrested for robbing a bank, should have a comedy feature based on her, she adds.

"If we can imagine what it was like for these women, doing what they did at the time, we can understand the history of science and sexism, and can perhaps see the value — for everyone — in a more gender-balanced future of STEM."

READ excerpts of the poems on inspirational women in science from Randall's book

Roots and wings: Footnotes from academia

Evolutionary biologist Erin Zimmerman on field. She left research as a botanist after the intense system left no room for motherhood.
ERIC CHEVALIER



In Europe, between the late 17th and early 19th centuries, botany was one of the branches of science that women had the greatest access to. One could have samples dispatched to one's address, and create sketches without ever leaving the house.

This is how it works for the reclusive protagonist Kya, in the 2022 Hollywood film, Where the Crawdads Sing (based on the novel by Delia Owens). Only now do we call these women what they were: naturalists.



Meanwhile, as botany moved into the labs and became more organised, the women began to be edged out. Many of the scientific societies where new discoveries were unveiled and discussed didn't admit women as members.

"As part of some rather insidious re-branding, the activities of women in the field were dubbed 'polite botany' and dismissed as a hobby," says Erin Zimmerman, 41, an evolutionary biologist from Ontario, Canada. The struggles of women in botany are far from over, she adds.

Zimmerman's memoir Unrooted: Botany, Motherhood and the Fight to Save an Old Science (April; Melville House) traces the intriguing history of the field, and unpacks the biases and obstacles of today. "Running in parallel to the loss of both species and our capacity to build knowledge about them, a different loss of diversity is happening within scientific research..." she writes.

Women who have spent years studying, training and rising through the ranks are leaving academia after they become parents. Within months of completing her PhD, Zimmerman was pregnant with her first child. With no room for motherhood in the intensity of the system, "things really quickly got impossible to maintain," she says.

She felt isolated; faced snide remarks about how she was changing.

She found herself pumping breast milk in a mildewed shower stall and remembers thinking: "How was I once worth six figures in doctoral scholarship money and now was not worth a clean pumping space?" She remembers feeling humiliated and unwelcome.

Her observation, that the field is mostly women at the undergraduate level but mostly men in the middle and higher ranks, is borne out by research.

An eight-year study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences in 2019 found that 43% of women leave full-time STEM employment after their first child.

Zimmerman left too. She is now a science writer and botanical illustrator.

"I felt a lot of shame when I left research, as though I just hadn't tried hard enough," she says. "I'd like other women like me to see that it's okay to make this choice and that there are other ways to use their skills and expertise too."

READ an excerpt from Unrooted: Botany, Motherhood and the Fight to Save an Old Science

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Zooming in...and zoning out

The memes are true: Virtual meetings are leading to boredom, fatigue, stress. And AI now offers hacks: Summaries, transcription, better sound. Can technology bail us out?



(Above) There are simply too many meetings in our calendars: some that are endless, others without agenda and still more filled with tech glitches that have sparked a frenzy of memes.

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It's been four years since the world stalled without warning, and some things have never been the same.

Among those is the office meeting. Virtual meetings can be quite convenient. They can also feel endless, boring and overwhelming. There's the long wait for everyone to appear; the anxiety of "Can everyone see my screen?" There's the e-meeting that should have been an email, the weekly pre-set meets that shouldn't exist at all. Is there a way to do this right?

First, the problems

It is generally agreed that there are simply too many meetings in our calendars, since Zoom, Teams and the rest took off globally in 2020. There are items overlapping on schedules; key people "dropping off" to rush off into another virtual conference room.

The background noise, breaks in connectivity and other technical glitches add to the strain, states a global study released by technology market research company Dimensional Research in 2022. The study featured participants in small, medium and large enterprises across Asia, Europe, Africa, North America and Australia-New Zealand.

Now, the impact

Amid the disruptions, two rather contradictory emotions have been linked to e-meetings in study after study: Boredom and fatigue.

In a study titled Virtual Meeting Fatigue published in the Journal of Occupational Health Psychology in October, researchers at Finland's Aalto University and the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health tracked precisely how the human mind and body react, by monitoring heart rate during virtual meetings and in-person meetings, by attaching monitors to 44 knowledge workers across 400 meetings.

IN A STUDY, RESEARCHERS TRACKED HEART RATES OF PARTICIPANTS DURING VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON MEETS. THEY FOUND SIGNS OF VIRTUAL-MEETING FATIGUE AND DROWSINESS, LIKELY A RESULT OF MENTAL "UNDERLOAD", BOREDOM

They found signs of virtual-meeting fatigue, characterised by symptoms of exhaustion. And the researchers found that many experienced drowsiness, likely a result of mental "underload" and boredom.

"Studies suggest that (virtual-meeting) fatigue may result from increased cognitive demands, when individuals are required to pay constant attention to the screen, and be constantly presentable," Niina Nurmi, assistant professor of organizational design and leadership at Aalto University, states in the study.

Meanwhile, when cameras are off, those participants not directly engaged experience a sense of boredom. Over time, they typically respond by multitasking, the study found.

While some level of stimulation is beneficial for the brain, this kind of "forced multitasking" during camera-off meetings can circle all the way back to stress and exhaustion.

The solution to "Zoom fatigue" is to encourage employees to meet in person, and limit the number of meetings they attend, the paper states. The in-person alternative offers rich social and nonverbal cues that "may enable participants to stay engaged".

Could more tech help?

It is inevitable, at this point, to ask if artificial intelligence might offer effective ways out too. The answer, as with most things AI at the moment, is maybe.

Zoom's AI Companion, rolled out late last year, summarises meetings in multiple languages, offers highlights for those who were napping, multitasking or simply had that experience of brain-freeze that seems universal. For basic issues of quality of experience across platforms, Google is looking to its new Gemini AI models to reduce ambient noise, increase sharpness of sound and picture, and moderate lighting during Meet calls. Microsoft's AI is looking at ways to improve voice isolation, background rendering and speaker recognition on the Teams app. (No, it's not just you; it is often almost impossible to tell who has just spoken.)

Microsoft's big bet, the Copilot assistant, will help Teams 2024 offer 3D environments, meeting transcriptions, summaries and collaborative notes for all participants in a call.

Interestingly, there isn't yet talk of an AI assistant standing in for the user, attending on our behalf.

But that is the dream: A future in which one is asked, "Honey, how was your day?" and the response could be, "I have no idea. Let me check the summary notes."





Photos by Braden show, Lena (above) calling her mother after getting a job in London in 2022 and Yuliia (top), at Poland's Independence Day march last year. COURTESY POLLY BRADEN; FERNANDO MANOSO

New battles, old scars

In February 2022, British photographer **Polly Braden (below)** had just created a project called Holding Baby, documenting single-parenthood, when she saw similar frames splashed across newspapers and on TV screens.

They were images of women leaving Ukraine, babies wrapped in their arms, teenagers by their sides. "With the men not allowed to leave Ukraine these women weren't only crossing a border, they were becoming single mums," says Braden, 49.

It struck her that they would have to find housing and schooling, make their way through a new bureaucracy while perhaps not knowing the local language. The artist decided to travel to the region, go beyond the frontlines, stay with them, "dig into what it is like to become a single parent in the face of war", and tell their story.



She flew into Moldova, which shares a border with Ukraine, and started documenting the lives of six women. She stayed with them, on and off, for two years. Her photo and video project, Leaving Ukraine, is currently on display at the Foundling Museum in London until September.

Braden, a single mother herself, captures the women in the listless moments before their next move, in the emotional highs of finding work in a new country, in the isolation of living far from loved ones and from home, while surrounded by people whose lives have not changed at all.

These women (Braden has only used first names) were teachers, lawyers, sign language interpreters for the news, before Russia's invasion of their country.

"I was like, 'Oh, no no no! It's going to end in like two weeks.' But then it all changed," says Lena, 21, a lawyer, in a video that forms part of the project. She had just started her first job when her life was reduced to scrolling through the news on her phone, unable to imagine her future. She fled with her mother, Tatiana, a sign-language interpreter with a Ukrainian news channel, but then they parted ways too, after Lena moved to London under the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

A year on, Lena has found love, married and had a son she named Noah. Tatiana is back in Ukraine, desperate but unable to be the involved grandmother she had dreamed of being.

Meanwhile, 16-year-old schoolmates Sofiia, Aliesia and Yuliia started out attending online classes in which the teachers and students were scattered across countries and time zones. They have since graduated from those classrooms, and have new homes. Sofiia is enrolled in school in Switzerland, where her mother Nataliia, once a teacher and real-estate agent, now works the night shift at a bakery. Yuliia is similarly settled at a university in Poland. Aliesia is back to online learning in Ukraine. The teenagers reunited recently in Ukraine for prom, but their school had been bombed so it had to be held at a private hall.

"It's been really important to document all these women because they are the future, the people who will be rebuilding Ukraine," Braden says.

If it seems like there's an element missing (What happened to the men?), try a thought experiment: If the genders were reversed, would one still be asking that question?

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POLLY BRADEN, British photographer

From fairytales to fierytales

A wheelchair-bound Rapunzel saves a prince and his province. A neurodivergent Ugly Duckling finds a sense of community. A female Rumpelstiltskin learns that one needn't have extraordinary talents in order to be worthy of love.

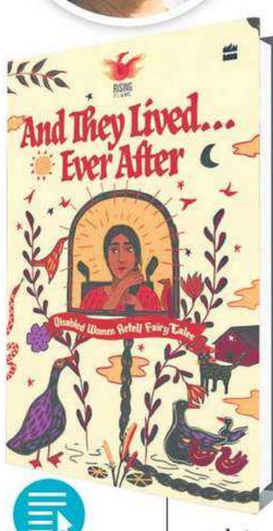
Classic European fairytales are being retold, by differently abled women, as stories that are full of female agency, joy and compassion. Written by 13 women authors from India and Sri Lanka representing autism, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, and visual, hearing, locomotor and psychosocial disabilities, And They Lived... Ever After (March; HarperCollins) was born as a part of an online workshop organised during the pandemic, by the disability rights NGO Rising Flame.

Nidhi Goyal (below), 38, founder of Rising Flame, realised the power stories had when she would meet women at workshops across India who only identified with disabled characters: the hunchback of Notre Dame, the scarred witch with a crooked nose, the villainous captain with an eye patch and a wooden leg.

The idea was to break down this prevailing structure and replace it with a new set of tales, says Goyal, who wrote one of the retellings, and is blind.



The stories don't just recast their main characters. They make room for a range of smaller players who have also been stereotyped or ignored in the originals, such as a Cinderella's stepsister, also trapped in a world governed by her mother; Rapunzel's guardian, recast as a woman who is independent and strong yet isolated and struggling; and the mother of the Ugly Duckling, quietly soldiering on, trying to be a good parent to her differently abled child.



This approach allowed the writers to get a lot said. Kolkata-based entrepreneur Soumita Basu, 41, for instance, used part of the Rapunzel tale to address a pet peeve. Basu runs an inclusive clothing line called Zyenika, operates with 20% mobility, and is always irked when well-meaning people intervene and "help her" without speaking to her first.

So, in her story, a character named Grandpa Tebog is blind and stands at the corner of a street. "People routinely just take his hand and help him across. So he keeps going back and forth, back and forth, when all he wants is to stand at the corner and enjoy the breeze," she says laughing.

The hope is that a book like this aimed at children will introduce an altered mindset early on. "A mother told me that this was her six-year-old son's first exposure to fairytales. She'd kept them away from him so far," says Goyal. "I was delighted because now he will never find it odd if Snow White is deaf or Rapunzel saves the prince."

SCAN the code to read about the Rapunzel who saved the prince and his people

{ ALWAYS AT THE MOVIES }



Anupama Chopra

Desi odyssey: A new movie dreams big

With Kalki 2898 AD, Nag Ashwin attempts sci-fi like never before. It's got A-listers, tech, and a story that's distinctly Indian

I might be a film critic, but one of my favourite quotes begins with the line: It is not the critic who counts.

In 1910, American president Theodore Roosevelt declared that the credit belongs to "the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood". The man, "who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly."

In Indian cinema this year, perhaps we will see no bigger example of daring greatly than Kalki 2898 AD, due for release later this month. The Telugu film will be released in five languages (key dialogue was also shot in Hindi; and there are dubbed versions in Tamil, Malayalam and Kannada), and it represents a leap of faith, propelled by staggering ambition.

Set in a dystopian future, this is a science-fiction drama that attempts worldbuilding of the sort we are only used to seeing in Hollywood (think Star Wars, Blade Runner or, more recently, the Dune films). Even more exciting, the influences here are distinctly Indian: Kalki refers to the Kali Yuga, when Ashwatthama, born to Dronacharya and cursed with immortal life, meets Kalki, the tenth avatar of Vishnu.

The cast is a who's who of Indian cinema, led by Prabhas and Deepika Padukone, featuring the iconic Amitabh Bachchan (as Ashwatthama) and Kamal Haasan, Rana Daggubati, Disha Patani, Dulquer Salmaan and Saswata Chatterjee. Keerthy Suresh plays a pivotal role as the voice of Bujji, an AI bot who serves as the brain of a futuristic car.

Keerthy won a National Award for her last association with director Nag Ashwin, Mahanati (2018); Bujji is already making waves.

In the run-up to the release, an animated series called B & B: Bujji and Bhairava (that's the character played by Prabhas) is out on Amazon Prime. The series, set two years before the film, introduces this world that is divided firmly into haves and have-nots.

Bhairava is a bounty hunter who seems to owe everyone money. The currency of the time is units, which are transferred via armbands. For Bujji and Bhairava, the ultimate aspiration is to live in The Complex, an inverted pyramid where the powerful reside.

This is only Nag's third feature but, clearly, he isn't a timid storyteller. There is little precedent in Indian cinema for what he is attempting here. The various introductory and behind-the-scenes assets being released offer a peek into what has gone into the making of this film. Among other things, the team designed futuristic technology, weapons, homes and a car for Bhairava, in a process aided by Mahindra and CEAT.

In an interview, Nag said he made Kalki 2898 AD for his younger self and hopes that people will exit the theatres as disoriented as he was after watching James Cameron's Avatar in 2009. We are meant to be so fully immersed in his imagined world that the real one feels jarring and unfamiliar at first.

It is impossible to predict whether audiences will be adequately seduced (the film is rumoured to have cost Rs 600 crore), but what supreme effort, passion, courage Nag and his producers — his wife Priyanka Dutt, her sister Swapna Dutt and their father, veteran producer C Aswani Dutt — have shown in taking a swing this big.

In the movies at least, the meek rarely inherit the earth.

Kalki 2898 AD, with its star-studded cast including Deepika Padukone and Amitabh Bachchan, follows the story of a bounty hunter played by Prabhas.



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All the right noises

From the five-day work week to women casting their vote, the rights we enjoy today were only won because, at some point in history, someone demanded that they be granted to us. As protests sweep public sites across the world, a look at what makes one successful and how a single person can turn the tide

(Clockwise from top) Anti-Israel protests by students in the US; Olympian Vinesh Phogat being manhandled while protesting against a wrestling federation chief who was accused of sexual harassment; Irom Sharmila, who went on a 16-year hunger strike against the Armed Forces Special Powers Act in Manipur; the Women's March on Washington in 2017, the day after the inauguration of Donald Trump as the US president. HT ARCHIVES, GETTY IMAGES, AP, REUTERS. IMAGING: PUNEET KUMAR

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Protest is a uniquely human activity. We've been at it for at least a few thousand years, in surprisingly similar formats.

The earliest such movement on record is a labour strike in Egypt in the 12th century BCE, during the reign of Ramses III. Tomb builders and artisans from Deir el-Medina set down their tools to protest poor working conditions and consistent late payments. Large sums were being donated to temples across Egypt. There had been successful war campaigns against the Libyans and the Sea Peoples (marauders who arrived via the coast). Why then were they not being paid, they demanded.

Their stir was recorded in a scroll called the Judicial Papyrus of Turin, an administrative document found in Deir el-Medina in the early 19th century. The workers were appeased when their dues were eventually cleared, but periodic strikes continued over three years, every time payments were delayed, the scroll notes.

Labour strikes have followed a similar format, then, for millennia. In the US, it is considered very poor form to cross a picket line and patronise a business that has driven its workers to protest outside.

As tactics change, with children skipping school, and climate protestors throwing soup at works of art, to little effect, researchers are examining what makes for a successful protest. In their 2011 book Why Civil Resistance Works, political scientist Erica Chenoweth and political strategist Maria J Stephan found that non-violent movements were twice as likely to succeed. The authors examined 323 violent and non-violent campaigns from 1900 to 2006 and analysed how success typically does hinge on numbers. If one can galvanise about 3.5% of the population, it more or less guarantees a successful campaign, the book states.

"That sounds like a really small number, but in absolute terms it's really an impressive number of people," Chenoweth added, in an interview in the Harvard Gazette. "In the US, it would be around 11.5 million people today. ...that's about three times the size of the 2017 Women's March."

The chances of such a mass gathering depend partly, of course, on the ruling dispensation. In the US, thousands of students have demonstrated against Israel's war on Gaza since it began in October. By May, more than 2,000 student protestors had been arrested, suspended, expelled and prevented from graduating.

In India, wrestlers who were protesting a lack of action against a wrestling federation chief who was accused of sexual harassment, were manhandled and dragged away from their protest site in Delhi.

"I am concerned that the decline of the global left has taken the teeth out of protest over the last 100 years, and the rise of social media has dematerialised protest over the last 10 or 15 years," says journalist and writer Raghu Karnad.

Lone rangers

Perhaps the most unusual kind of protest is the one consisting of a single individual.

A new film still under production explores the life of Irom Chanu Sharmila, before, during and after what has gone into the records as the world's longest hunger strike. It lasted for 16 years, with Sharmila force-fed through a tube as she protested the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA).

The Act gives soldiers the power to arrest without warrants and shoot to kill, if there is "reasonable suspicion", while fighting insurgents in the state. Sharmila was a 28-year-old activist in Manipur when, empowered by the Act, Indian soldiers shot and killed 10 civilians, including a teenager and a senior, at a bus stop near Imphal. From that year, 2000, to 2016, Sharmila stopped eating, making news statewide, then countrywide, then worldwide as she demanded a repeal of AFSPA.

In August 2016, with tears streaming down her face, she ended her fast with a few drops of honey. The protest hadn't worked. AFSPA remains in place in parts of Manipur and in parts of Nagaland, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

Sharmila has since found love, married, and has two daughters, twins aged six.

"What drew me to her story was this idea of how the world is quick to create heroes and is equally quick to discard them," says Akshat Nauriyal, the new-media artist who is making the film, titled How Sweet Does the Honey Taste?

A protest does work best when it is joined by multitudes. Rosa Parks leading to the bus boycott and then to "I have a dream"... the power of one paired with the power of the crowd has changed the world. Pharaohs learned to pay workers on time. Women were included among those with the right to vote. Monarchies fell, modern democracies were born. Slavery came to an end, then segregation. India was freed from its colonisers.

We have the five-day work week and eight-hour workday (at least notionally) because of workers' protests in the late 1800s in the US.

Even when success is less dramatic, or not visible at all, every protest succeeds in at least one way. Because of Sharmila, parts of the world—and millions in India—were forced to learn about AFSPA, what it is, and what it can be used to do.

"What a protest tries to manifest is a growing circle of awareness and of agitation. So even a small protest is meant to inform and awaken a larger group of people who witness it," says Karnad. "You want to capture people's attention and that is the main threat to the powers you are standing up against."

What is a protest you joined or a mission you wish to see succeed? Write in and add to our history of humanity's ancient way of sending out the message: We've had enough.



{ SOUND BITES } CHEESY DETAILS

When acid meets milk: Paneer's origin story

Swetha Sivakumar

Whenever I make paneer, I am amazed at the smooth slab that seems to magically emerge from what was just a vessel of milk.

Chemically, I can understand sugar dissolving in water and then reverting to crystals as the water boils away. But to think that all the crumbly proteins and fats that make up paneer were suspended in the smooth milk, seems incredible.

The truth is, milk is nothing like salt or sugar. It is a far more complex chemical marvel. And that is why one can do amazing things with it, once it is truly understood.

Milk contains various proteins, with casein being the most abundant. Proteins are essentially long chains of amino acids that are larger than typical molecules but still invisible to the naked eye. In milk, casein proteins are organised as micelles, which resemble tightly wound balls of yarn.

By default, casein micelles repel each other, but are attracted to the water molecule. Thus they remain more or less evenly distributed in a solution.

Add acid, and one gets a trail of loose hydrogen ions in the liquid too. These ions react with the micelles, upending the delicate balance. The more acid one adds, the greater the turbulence. Add a small amount of hydrogen ions, and the milk proteins form soft gels such as yoghurt. As more acid is added, the micelles steadily lose their charge, until at some point they arrive at a net charge of zero. At this point, they no longer interact well with water and do not repel each other. The proteins now start to coalesce, pushing out the water, and forming paneer.

Fat plays a key role in quality. The hardest paneer comes from skimmed milk.

For the smoothest, spongiest paneer, use buffalo milk rather than cow's milk, because it has larger fat globules and micelles, and more calcium and phosphorus, allowing for a denser and more even network of bonds. Even a 1:1 blend of buffalo and cow's milk will yield distinctly spongier slab.

The situation is reversed when it comes to mithai. Cow's milk is the milk of choice for chenna, the soft paneer used to make sweets such as rasgullas and chum chum. Cow's milk creates a soft, smooth chenna that is vastly superior to the coarse, greasy, chewy one yielded by buffalo milk.

The process for both paneer and chenna is similar. Boil the milk, let it cool slightly, then add an acid (such as a little vinegar or a squeeze of lime or of any citrus fruit). Once the cheese coagulates, strain the mixture. For chenna, use as is at this stage. For paneer, keep the cheese pressed for about an hour, to shape it.

The temperature of the milk and the levels of acidity will determine the texture now. If both are high, casein micelles clump up, resulting in a dryer, chewier paneer. For paneer tikkas, which need to offer resistance when bitten, a higher temperature (about 85 degrees Celsius, when the acid is added) is preferable. For a soft malai paneer, keep the milk at about 70 degrees Celsius and acidity levels low (typically two to four teaspoons of lime juice per litre).

A common complaint about store-bought paneer is that it is often too hard. This is partly because manufacturers deliberately dry it out a little. Reducing moisture content by even 5% can extend shelf life. If you then fry it or use it in an acidic (say, tomato-based) sauce, the proteins tighten and it hardens further. To avoid this, soak it in warm water or a 3% brine solution for a few minutes and let it absorb some moisture before adding it to a dish.

It really is that easy to use paneer well, or to make it. I'd love to hear your hacks, or know how your next paneer dish turns out.

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READ: What makes some cheeses gooey and stringy, and others hard and sharply flavoured? Swetha Sivakumar explains



Buffalo milk makes smooth, spongy paneer. Cow's milk, used for chenna, is good for sweets. IMAGES: ADOBE STOCK

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The rebel sounds of the Sahara

Sanjoy Narayan

A couple of years ago, when I first watched a livestream of Mdou Moctar and his band playing on KEXP, the non-commercial Seattle FM radio station, two things amazed me. First, how he can absolutely electrify and blow one's mind with the way he shreds his guitar; and, second, how absolutely calm and composed he remains as he does this.

There is no dearth of guitar heroes in rock music's past and present; in fact, a list of their names would be long. Yet, few lead guitar virtuosos as talented as Moctar appear as tranquil as he does when he belts out his searing, soaring, intricate lead riffs.

Now in his late-30s, Moctar is a Tuareg musician based in Agadez in Niger. The genre of music he plays is known as tishoumaren, a fusion of blues and rock with Tuareg, Malian, and other North African music styles.

In the West, the genre is referred to as the desert blues. Songs are usually sung in Tamasheq, a variety of Tuareg. The guitar is the genre's central instrument.

Tishoumaren is believed to come from the French "chômeur", or unemployed. The Tuareg are a semi-nomadic pastoral ethnic group that inhabits Saharan regions in countries such as Mali, Niger, Morocco, Burkina Faso, southern Libya and southwestern Algeria.

Tuareg history is marked by rebellion against French colonialism, and massacres of their tribes, who were forced to flee their original settlements. In a post-colonial Africa, the Tuareg continued to clash with the armies of countries such as Mali and Niger. There have been violent clashes as recently as in 2012. Many have had to give up their traditional nomadic way of life. Their music, including tishoumaren, faces bans; musicians have been imprisoned and detained; some have lost their lives.

Moctar grew up in the mining town of Arlit. He took up the guitar as a child, inspired by the music of Niger's Abdallah Oumbadougou, considered the godfather of the desert blues. Unsurprisingly, this music is highly political and often contains anti-establishment protest lyrics.

Moctar fashioned his first guitar out of bicycle cables and taught himself how to play it. Soon he was playing at weddings and sharing his music with local fans via Bluetooth. By 2008, he had recorded his first album locally, but it would be a while before he became internationally known.

Tishoumaren already was. It began to spread beyond Saharan Africa in the 1970s, via the prominent collective from Mali named Tinariwen (Tuareg for Desert People). In 2012, Tinariwen's LP, Tassili (named for a plateau in the Sahara), even won the Grammy for Best World Music Album. But, that same year, Islamist factions in Mali banned their music and refused some of their members permission to travel abroad. Several were then imprisoned. This would have long-lasting effects on Tinariwen's music, and on the tishoumaren genre in general.

On Moctar's latest album, Funeral for Justice, released in May, the mood is certainly political. His fiery solos, which fuse Tuareg musical traditions with psychedelic rock and blues guitar riffs, are angry. The Tamasheq lyrics speak of political strife, rebellion and protest.

In the past, Moctar has been vocal about how uranium mining exploits the people of Niger. On the opening track of his album, the lyrics address this directly, referring to how former occupiers exploit Niger's domestic resources.

On the track Oh France, he sings in French about how devastating colonialism has been for his country and its people; on another track, Modern Slaves, he sings in Tamasheq but the title is self-explanatory.

To most audiences outside his home region, the lyrics may not be decipherable. But Moctar's angry riffs and spontaneous melodies leave even casual listeners with little doubt about the mood of his songs. The accompanying musicians, Mikey Coltun (bass), Souleymane Ibrahim (drums) and Ahmoudou Madassane (rhythm guitar), complement his vocals and riffs.

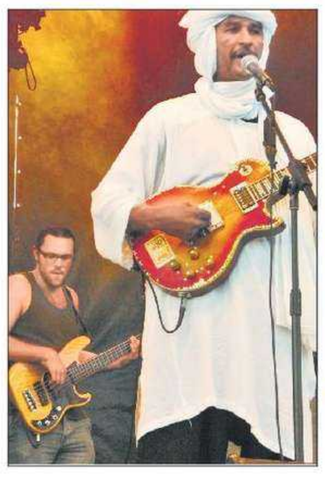
Funeral for Justice is Moctar's sixth studio album. His previous one, Afrique Victime (2021) is also politically charged.

As a left-handed guitarist known for his electrifying riffs, Moctar is sometimes called the Hendrix of the Sahara. He is much more than that. Tishoumaren has always been a genre marked by the struggles of an ethnic community's attempts to assert its identity. Moctar is today's trailblazer of that movement.

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LISTEN to a Mdou Moctar playlist by Sanjoy Narayan

(Clockwise from below) Niger's Abdallah Oumbadougou, who is considered the godfather of tishoumaren, a genre known in the West as desert blues. Tassili, the LP of the prominent collective from Mali named Tinariwen, won a Grammy in 2012. Mdou Moctar, whose latest album Funeral for Justice has themes of political strife, rebellion and protest. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS







{ LIFE HACKS }

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Coming of age

As our lives intersect less and less with our ageing loved ones, the worst thing we can do is take away their agency. Change is inevitable, so let them lead the way

The import of "old age" did not sink in until I started to tend to my mother after a recent hospitalisation. While she is back on her feet, I can see that something has changed. Her demeanour doesn't bear the same confidence. Her gait is slower. She has lost something.

While it is unclear to me what that is, and she is unable to articulate it, there are others who have. I have read their works in the past, and the significance of it all is beginning to sink in now.

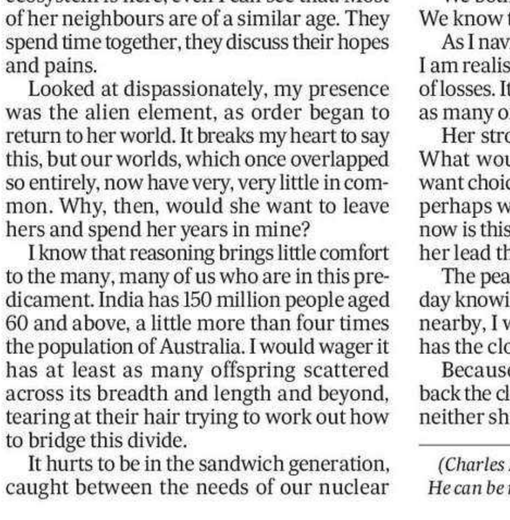
Dr Atul Gawande offered context in his book, Being Mortal (2014). "Old age is a continuous series of losses," the surgeon wrote. "Decline remains our fate. Death will come someday." Most of us, through most of our lives, refuse to acknowledge how hard this journey really is, he adds. "Old age is not a battle. Old age is a massacre."

This raises a fundamental question: What typifies "old age"? The way I see it now, it isn't a number, or a medical condition.

It is the vulnerability that comes from losing a little of oneself, and then losing a little more, and then knowing that there will now be more losses than there will be gains.

I am learning just how hard this is to acknowledge, for the person themselves.

I would like to take my mother from Kochi to Mumbai to live with me, at least for a while, at least until she "recuperates". She declined the offer. She fought back against it with an energy I hadn't seen in her in weeks.



Victoria and Abdul (2017) explores the relationship between an ageing queen and her Indian Muslim Urdu teacher. In Star Trek: Picard (2020 -), Patrick Stewart reprises his role 20 years after the death of his second officer Data.

Desperate, I turned to Meenakshi Menon, founder of the NGO GenSxty Tribe, which works to reimagine life for seniors. Menon's advice was simple: "Leave her alone." The worst thing one can do to someone at this stage is take away their agency, she said.

Where does this leave us? My mother's ecosystem is here; even I can see that. Most of her neighbours are of a similar age. They spend time together, they discuss their hopes and pains.

Looked at dispassionately, my presence was the alien element, as order began to return to her world. It breaks my heart to say this, but our worlds, which once overlapped so entirely, now have very, very little in common. Why, then, would she want to leave hers and spend her years in mine?

I know that reasoning brings little comfort to the many, many of us who are in this predicament. India has 150 million people aged 60 and above, a little more than four times the population of Australia. I would wager it has at least as many offspring scattered across its breadth and length and beyond, tearing at their hair trying to work out how to bridge this divide.

It hurts to be in the sandwich generation, caught between the needs of our nuclear families, and the care we want to give our ageing parents. It hurts to see my mother fend for herself in so many ways. It hurts to see how little she demands, and how she has instead found strength and comfort in her community, her ecosystem and her continued independence.

We both know it cannot continue like this. We know there is more change coming.

As I navigate this journey with my mother, I am realising that old age is not just a series of losses. It is a desperate struggle to stave off as many of those losses as one can.

Her strongest argument so far has been: What would I want in her place? I would want choice, dignity, and respect. In the end, perhaps what she most needs from her son now is this admission. So I have agreed to let her lead the way.

The peace I would have felt in starting my day knowing she was safe and cared for and nearby, I will now find in knowing that she has the closest thing to what she wants.

Because what we truly want — to turn back the clock, or even just to slow it down — neither she nor I can have.

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Israel saves 4 hostages, Hamas vows resistance

At least 94 Palestinians were killed as heavy fighting continued around the sites in central Gaza

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Palestinians inspect a house hit by an Israeli strike, in Nuseirat refugee camp, amid the Israel-Hamas conflict, in central Gaza, on Saturday. REUTERS



Family members of hostages, kidnapped on October 7, react after Israeli forces rescued four hostages alive from central Gaza on Saturday, in Ramat Gan, Israel. REUTERS

DEIR AL-BALAH: Israel on Saturday rescued four hostages who were kidnapped in the Hamas-led attack on October 7, the largest such recovery operation since the war began.

At least 94 Palestinians including children were killed as heavy fighting continued around the sites in central Gaza, the health ministry said.

Israel's army said it rescued Noa Argamani, 25; Almog Meir Jan, 21; Andrey Kozlov, 27; and Shlomi Ziv, 40, in a complex daytime operation in the heart of Nuseirat on Saturday morning, raiding two locations at once and under fire.

All were well, the military said, and they were taken by helicopter for medical checks and reunions with loved ones after 246 days in captivity.

Argamani had been one of the most widely recognised hostages after being abducted from a music festival in southern Israel.

The video of her abduction was among the first to surface, with Argamani detained between two men on a motorcycle as she screamed, "Don't kill me!"

Her mother, Liora, has stage four brain cancer and in April released a video pleading to see her daughter before she dies.

An elated Argamani spoke by phone with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. In a message released by the government, Netanyahu is heard asking how she's feeling.

She tells him she is "very excited," saying she hasn't heard Hebrew in so long.

Netanyahu in a statement said that "Israel does not surrender to terrorism and acts with creativity and boldness that knows no bounds to bring home our abductees."

He vowed to continue the fighting until all are freed. Israel's military said it attacked "threats to our forces in the area." The military said one commando died from his wounds.

'Resistance will continue'

Meanwhile, Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh said on Saturday that the "resistance will continue" after the deadly fighting in a central Gaza refugee camp.

"Our people will not surrender, and the resistance will continue to defend our rights in the face of this criminal enemy," Haniyeh said in a statement, after the Hamas-run government media office reported 210 people killed in Nuseirat camp.

Saturday's hostage recovery operation brings the total of rescued captives to seven.

Two men were rescued in February and a woman was rescued in the aftermath of the October attack. Israeli troops have recovered at least 16 bodies of hostages, according to the government.

{ DANISH PRIME MINISTER }

Frederiksen, who was assaulted in Copenhagen, suffers whiplash

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COPENHAGEN: The Danish prime minister Mette Frederiksen is suffering a minor whiplash but is otherwise fine after a man assaulted her in central Copenhagen, her office said in a statement on Saturday.

Police confirmed on social media platform X on Friday that "there has been an incident" with Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen and that a 39-year-old man was arrested.

The accused was sentenced on Saturday to 12 days in custody, Danish police said.

Frederiksen was rushed to a hospital for a check-up soon after, and though unharmed, she was "shaken by the incident," according to her office, adding that she has cancelled her programme for the day to rest.

Details of the incident remain unclear but local media reported that the man seems to have forcefully walked toward Frederiksen and pushed her hard while she was passing Kultorvet Square, one of Copenhagen's main piazzas.



Denmark's Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen AP

Two eyewitnesses, Anna Ravn and Marie Adrian, told the daily BT that they saw a man walking toward the prime minister and then "pushing her hard on the shoulder so she was shoved aside." They stressed that she did not fall down.

Another witness, Kasper Jørgensen, told the Ekstra Bladet tabloid that a well-dressed man, who seemed part of Frederiksen's protection unit, and a police officer took down the assailant.

Meanwhile, Danish authorities confirmed on Saturday that the attack on Frederiksen, which left her "shaken", was likely not "politically motivated".

"It is not our guiding... hypothesis that there is a political motive here. But that is something that the police of course will investigate," prosecutor Taruh Sekeroglu said.

World leaders react

Politicians in the Scandinavian country and abroad condemned the assault.

Jens Stoltenberg, NATO Secretary-General, said he was shocked to hear what happened to Frederiksen, whom he called a friend.

"NATO allies stand together to protect our values, freedom, democracy and our rule of law," Stoltenberg wrote on X, on Saturday. Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson said that "an attack on a democratically elected leader is also an attack on our democracy."

Finnish Prime Minister Petteri Orpo said he strongly condemned "all forms of violence against the democratically elected leaders of our free societies." Charles Michel, president of the European Council, condemned on X what he called a "cowardly act of aggression."

European Union parliamentary elections are currently underway in Denmark and the rest of the 27-nation bloc and will conclude on Sunday.

Frederiksen has been campaigning with the Social Democrats' EU lead candidate, Christel Schaldemose. Media reports said the attack was not linked to a campaign event.

Violence against politicians has become a theme in the run-up to the EU elections. In May, a candidate from Germany's centre-left Social Democrats was beaten and seriously injured while campaigning for a seat in the European Parliament.

Frederiksen, 46, is the leader of the Social Democratic Party and has been Denmark's prime minister since 2019.

She has steered Denmark through the global Covid-19 pandemic and a controversial 2020 decision to wipe out Denmark's entire captive mink population to minimise the risk of the small mammals retransmitting the virus. Assaults on politicians in Denmark are rare.

'Putin won't stop at Ukraine': Biden vows support for Kyiv

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PARIS: US President Joe Biden on Saturday pledged Washington's support for Kyiv in its battle against the Russian invasion, warning that Vladimir Putin would "not stop" at Ukraine.

"Putin is not going to stop at Ukraine," Biden said alongside French President Emmanuel Macron after talks in Paris.

"All of Europe will be threatened, we are not going to let that happen," Biden told journalists during his state visit to France.

"The United States is standing strong with Ukraine. We will not, I say it again, walk away," he added.

Macron told Biden in front of reporters: "I thank you, Mr President, for being the president of the world's number one power but doing it with the loyalty of a partner who likes and respects the Europeans." Both Biden and Macron on Friday met Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in Paris, pledging support for the Ukrainian cause. The US president, 81, has been in France since Wednesday and took part in this week's commemorations marking the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings that changed the course of World War II.

On Friday, Biden warned of the need to preserve American democracy and drew parallels between World War II and Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Biden is set to face his Republican rival and predecessor Donald Trump later this year in presidential elections that commentators predict will subject US democracy to a severe test.

Biden calls France "our first friend"

On Saturday, Biden said France was America's "first friend". The state visit began with a ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe, including a wreath-laying at France's tomb of the unknown soldier, and a military parade along the Champs-Élysées leading to the Élysée Palace, where the two held official meetings and delivered public statements. Later, there was a state dinner at the palace for Biden and his wife, Jill.



French President Emmanuel Macron with his US counterpart Joe Biden in Paris on Saturday. AP



Volodymyr Zelensky AFP

Calling himself a student of French history, Biden said the visit was a "great honour" and he noted that America's ties to France date to the Revolutionary War. "France was our first friend," Biden said. "It remains one of our best friends." Macron praised Biden as not just the leader of a world power but also for bringing the "clarity and loyalty of a partner that loves and respects the Europeans." It appeared to be a subtle criticism of Trump, whose "America First" foreign policy has shaken European leaders.

Macron hosted Trump for Bastille Day in 2017, and the French president came to Washington for a state visit in 2018 before their relationship soured.

Despite disagreements over whether to send allies trainers onto Ukrainian soil to support the country's defence against Russia's invasion, Macron insisted that, "I think we see eye to eye on this war raging in Ukraine."

He tempered his previous concerns about US commitment to Europe — which he has used to argue that the continent must do more to provide for its own defence — to praise Biden's leadership: "Thank you for being at Europe's side."

Macron expressed hope that when the Group of Seven leaders meet this coming week in Italy they will agree to a $50 billion "solidarity fund" for Ukraine that will be backed by sanctioned Russian assets.

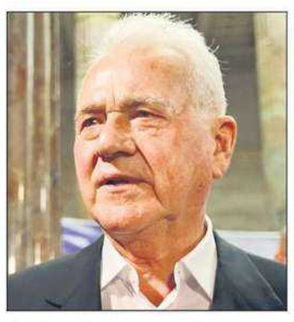
As the president's trip draws to a close, the far right is likely to emerge as one of the biggest winners in Sunday's European Parliament election while Macron's pro-European Union movement is flagging.

Italy votes in EU polls, gauging Meloni's clout

BRUSSELS: Italy became the first heavyweight nation to cast votes for the EU's next parliament on Saturday, in a test of far-right leader Giorgia Meloni's strength at home -- and future influence in the bloc. Most of the European Union's 27 member countries, including powerhouses France and Germany, go to the polls on Sunday, the final day, with projected overall results due late that evening. The two-day ballot in Italy -- the EU's third-largest economy with 76 of 720 seats in the new parliament -- could have big consequences. AFP

Pak: 15 terrorists arrested during intelligence ops

LAHORE: As many as 15 terrorists from banned militant outfits have been arrested by police in Punjab province of Pakistan as it foiled a major terrorist attack, an official said on Saturday. "During intelligence-based operations, 15 terrorists belonging to Daesh (ISIS), Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ) have been arrested. The terrorists wanted to target important installations in Punjab," a spokesperson for the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) said. He said the terrorists were arrested during operations in Lahore, Rawalpindi, Sargodha, Gujranwala, Multan, Toba Tek Singh, Muzaffargarh, Attock, and Mianwali. PTI



Austro-Canadian billionaire Frank Stronach AP

CANADIAN BIGWIG STRONACH HELD ON CHARGES OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

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TORONTO: Austrian-Canadian auto parts billionaire Frank Stronach was arrested on sexual assault charges spanning decades, police said.

The 91-year-old was charged on Friday with five crimes including rape, indecent assault on a female, sexual assault and forcible confinement, Peel Regional Police said.

He was released with conditions and will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton, Ontario, at a later date, the police statement said.

Peel Regional Police Constable Tyler Bell said there is more than one accuser but declined to say how many.

"Obviously, this is a high-profile case. Our special victims unit is bound to protect the victims and in doing so that's why were are being vague," Bell said. "There is more than one victim but we won't confirm that number yet."

Police allege the sexual assaults occurred from the 1980s to as recent as 2023. Bell said they are appealing for people to come forward if they have information or have been victims.

Stronach didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. He has hired prominent Canadian defence lawyer Brian Greenspan.

"Mr. Stronach categorically denies the allegations of impropriety which have been brought against him," Greenspan said in an e-mail.

"He looks forward to the opportunity to fully respond to the charges and to maintain his legacy both as a philanthropist and as an icon of the Canadian business community."

Stronach, born in Austria, became one of Canada's wealthiest people by creating Magna in his garage in 1957 and building it into one of the world's largest suppliers of auto parts.

He also founded The Stronach Group, a company specialising in horse racing.

Normandy marks 80 years since D-Day landings





(Left) A man dressed as Captain America poses for photos with enthusiasts dressed in replica WWII-era military attire in Sainte-Mere-Eglise, northwestern France, on Friday, as part of the "D-Day" commemorations marking the 80th anniversary of the World War II Allied landings in Normandy; (right) A French resistance flag adorns a Harley Davidson motorcycle during a parade in Sainte-Mere-Eglise, Friday. The June 6 D-Day ceremonies mark the 80th anniversary of 'Operation Overlord,' the Allied invasion of Normandy that turned the tide of WWII, leading to France's liberation and Nazi Germany's defeat. AFP

{ PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS }

Iran reformists insist on approval for candidate

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TEHRAN: The main coalition of reformists in Iran said on Saturday that it would only participate in this month's presidential election if at least one of their candidates is approved to run.

"Reformists participate in elections if they have a candidate, otherwise, participation should not be expected," said the Reform Front spokesperson, Javad Emam, according to reformist newspaper Etemad.

June 28 early presidential election aims to replace conservative President Ebrahim Raisi, who died in a helicopter crash on May 19.

The 80 hopefuls await Guardian Council approval by Thursday, an unelected body dominated by conservatives which vets all candidates for public office. Before legislative elections on March 1, the Reform Front said it would not take part in "meaningless, non-competitive, and ineffective elections", after massive disqualification of its candidates.

"The Guardian Council cannot nominate a candidate for the reformist movement," said the leader of the Reform Front, Azar Mansouri, quoted by the local Fars news agency. "We must have our own candidates."

The reformists call for more social freedoms and the establishment of a civil society.

They have named a list of three candidates: Former first vice-president Eshagh Jahangiri, whose 2021 candidacy was invalidated, along with former ministers Abbas Akhoundi and Masoud Pezeshkian.

{ NORMANDY } BEST DAY OF MY LIFE, SAYS WAR VETERAN

WWII vet marries in French town after D-Day commemorations



Newly-weds Jeanne Swerlin, (R) and Harold Terens, (L) pose for photographs as they celebrate their marriage at the town hall of Carentan-les-Marais, in Normandy, France, on Saturday. AFP

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CAEN, FRANCE: Together, the collective age of the bride and groom was nearly 200. But World War II veteran Harold Terens and his sweetheart Jeanne Swerlin proved that love is eternal as they tied the knot on Saturday inland of the D-Day beaches in Normandy, France.

Their respective ages — he's 100, she's a youngster of just 96 — made their nuptials an almost double-century celebration.

Terens called it the best day of my life. On her way into the nuptials, the bubbly bride-to-be said: "It's not just for young people, love, you know? We get butterflies. And we get a little action, also.

The location was the elegant stone-worked town hall of Carentan, a key initial D-Day objective that saw ferocious fighting after the June 6, 1944, Allied landings that helped rid Europe of Adolf Hitler's tyranny.

Like other towns and villages across the Normandy coast where nearly 160,000 Allied troops came ashore under fire on five code-named beaches, it's an effervescent hub of remembrance and celebration on the 80th anniversary of the deeds and sacrifices of young men and women that day, festooned with flags and bunting and with veterans feted like rockstars.

As the swing of Glenn Miller and other period tunes rang out on the streets, well-wishers — some in WWII-period clothes — were already lined up a good hour before the wedding, behind barriers outside the town hall, with a rousing pipe and drum band also on hand to serenade the happy couple.

After both declaring "oui" to vows read by Carentan's mayor in English, the couple exchanged rings.

"With this ring, I thee wed," Terens said. She giggled and gasped, "Really?"

With Champagne flutes in hand, they waved through an open window to the adoring crowds outside.

"To everybody's good health. And to peace in the world and the preservation of democracy all over the world and the end of the war in Ukraine and Gaza," Terens said as he and his bride then clinked glasses and drank.

The crowd yelled "la mariée!" - the bride! — to Swerlin, who wore a long flowing dress of vibrant pink. Terens looked dapper in a light blue suit and matching pink kerchief in his breast pocket.

And they're promised a very special wedding-night party: They were invited to the state dinner at the Elysee Palace on Saturday night with President Emmanuel Macron and US President Joe Biden, the mayor said.

SPORT

India and Pakistan revive rivalry on an uneven pitch

Rohit and Co made a winning start while their rivals suffered a Super Over stumble; it will add spice to Sunday's iconic clash

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NEW DELHI: From Durban to Dubai, Mirpur to Melbourne, eight previous editions of the T20 World Cup have taken the storied rivalry between India and Pakistan across different continents. On Sunday, an exciting new chapter will be added to this frenzied face-off in the unlikeliest of places — the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium in a corner of Long Island, an hour's drive from the hustle and bustle of New York.

The offbeat destination and expensive ticket prices won't deter cricket fans of both countries — New York, pretty much like anywhere else in the world, has a sizeable population of Indians and Pakistanis — from strutting into the stadium in large numbers to provide a carnival atmosphere befitting a clash between these two great adversaries. The International Cricket Council (ICC) is all too aware of this unquenchable thirst for cricket between India and Pakistan, which is why they are made to face each other early on in every marquee event.

Beyond the venue, adding to the sense of the unknown is also the nature of the pitch for the match. With the makeshift venue put together just in time for the T20 World Cup in the US and Caribbean, the four drop-in pitches in the centre square have simply not had enough time to settle in. The balance of play, as a result, hasn't been in favour of the batters. Variable bounce has meant that a few balls have kept a fraction low while some others have taken off disconcertingly even when the length hasn't been all that short. Excessive movement off the pitch has also troubled batters.

All four games (including South Africa-Netherlands on Saturday) at the venue so far have been low-scoring affairs. While Sri Lanka were bowled out for 77 against South Africa to lose the opening game by six wickets, Ireland did only marginally better against India with a total of 96. After India sealed an eight-wicket win, ICC, amid growing concerns, issued a statement acknowledging the undercooked tracks and said that they are working hard to redeem the situation.

For what it's worth, Canada did slightly better against Ireland on the surface by scoring 137/7, securing a 12-run win on Friday. So, what will Sunday bring?

While the characteristics are unlikely to drastically change, one can only hope the surface somehow produces an even and enjoyable contest between bat and ball. Having been in New York for more than a week, India are likely to be more attuned to the subtleties of the pitch and boundary dimensions. They are also likely to be more relaxed despite the hype and fervour that will reach a crescendo at 10.30am local time. They are comfortably placed in Group A — the top two teams from each group advance to the Super Eight stage — after a comprehensive win against Ireland in their opening fixture.

In contrast, Pakistan's predicament is dire. Stung by debutants USA in Dallas on Thursday, Pakistan are facing a crunch game far earlier in the tournament than they would have anticipated. Before the tournament, this game seemed designed to serve the purpose of raking in the moolah and satisfy fans starved of the rivalry, for neither team's fortunes in this tournament seemed dependent on the outcome.

Now, Pakistan are in desperate need of a positive result to try and force a three-way tie in the group. It's not beyond them, although the head-to-head record at T20 World Cups favours India at 5-1.

While Pakistan's batting unit may be cut some slack for its meek effort against USA since it is their weaker suit, their excellent pace attack cannot afford to be as lacklustre as it was in Dallas. If pacers Shaheen Afridi, Mohammad Amir and Naseem Shah get their radar right with the new ball, there is enough in their repertoire to suggest they can trouble Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli. For the players, these high-pressure games are often about visualising positive thoughts as part of their preparation, something Kohli should have in abundance given his record against Pakistan.

In 10 matches versus the old rivals, Kohli has scored 488 runs at 81.33, his exploits including a nerveless 82* in a cracking run chase at Melbourne two years ago.

Even if India's two most distinguished batters at the top have an off-day, they are unlikely to be overly perturbed. In Pant, Suryakumar Yadav, Shivam Dube and Hardik Pandya, there is enough middle-order meat to propel the innings. Pant sparkled in his unbeaten cameo versus the Irish bowlers the other day, finishing the game with a flourish, a cheeky reverse lap for six. That Jasprit Bumrah led an all-round bowling display was further cause for comfort.

These differing circumstances early on in the tournament should enliven a contest that has lost some of its edginess in recent years.



Mohammad Amir could prove to be a crucial factor for Pakistan in the tie against India. PTI

Yorkers and cutters make Amir a threat against India

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KOLKATA: Not too many positives can be gleaned from a shocking loss to the United States but if Pakistan were asked to find one ahead of Sunday's clash with India, Mohammad Amir's 19th over could be instructive. You could contend that in the context of the match that was lost in the Super Over that was also bowled by Amir, the set-up shouldn't matter. But it does, irrespective of how the highlights reel may portray the left-arm fast bowler. Partly because conceding just six runs when the ask was a highly gettable 21 off 12 balls is praiseworthy, notwithstanding the result. More so, when one does that negating a highly deceptive pitch.

That last bit shouldn't be any different at the makeshift stadium in New York's Nassau County, handing fast bowlers a greater advantage than in any other ICC event from recent memory. Jasprit Bumrah's curiosity is bound to be piqued, so should that of Shaheen Afridi, Naseem Shah, Haris Rauf and Amir. Probably none more than Amir, and for valid reasons as well. Shah has been the quickest, but still lacks the maturity to work out the lengths early. Rauf tends to get carried away by movement off the pitch, and Afridi often seems to flounder with his lengths after those initial bursts with seam.

Amir brings all those to the fore, and then tops it with an unsurprising bouquet of variations, all of which were on display in that 19th over against USA. There was the fullish length slower ball angled across the right-handed Aaron Jones, teasing him to chase it as its pace dropped. Next up was a dipping yorker, near impossible to dig out; and even if it is, the ball can't clear short midwicket at best. The following delivery was an angled yorker landing on middle-stump that had to be squeezed back to Amir. Full on the stumps, or dying on the batter angling across the stumps — deliveries like these are like gold dust in situations like this. And Amir was producing them at will.

That over was also an example of what Amir can and cannot do, a remarkable display of his limitations as well as his range while catering to the constraints of defending a meagre total. Deploying third man, point, deep cover and a short midwicket, Amir had sealed the scoring points by blocking both the singles as well as the boundaries. But bowling to that field is a different task altogether, something that only Amir could have pulled off at that point.

There was also a bigger brief he was adhering to. "The plan was simple. We were just trying to bowl yorkers," Pakistan captain Babar Azam had said after that match. "We did not change the plan because the ball was reversing and our bowlers were very accurate with the yorkers. So, our plan was simple, not doing anything different, just go and use the yorkers."

That becomes more achievable when Amir is in charge. Once hailed as Wasim Akram's successor, Amir is no longer Pakistan's fast bowling pinup. But the run-up is still seductively measured, and that quick-arm release does a stupendous job of masking those yorkers and deceptive cutters. The pace has dipped, but the skill has gone through the roof. It understandably has increased the tentativeness in facing Amir, be it with the new ball or the old.

The post-ban avatar of Amir thus has been menacing, but more to India than any other team. No left-arm fast bowler has a better economy (4.14) or average (7.25) than Amir against India in T20Is. Afridi, the next best current Pakistan fast bowler on that list, has an economy of 8.54 and an average of 21.66 (both off two games). That Amir can also be human was evident in the manner he strayed from his lines in that Super Over against USA. India would hope it happens on Sunday as well.



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Praggnanandhaa beats Nakamura

STAVANGER: India's R Praggnanandhaa ended his campaign on a positive note by defeating American Hikaru Nakamura on the final day to finish third even as Magnus Carlsen won the Norway Chess event.

Reetika wins silver in Budapest

NEW DELHI: Wrestler Reetika Hooda (76kg) won silver in Budapest Ranking Series after winning three of her four bouts in the Nordic system. The Indian challenge ended with silver medals from Aman Sehrawat, Antim Panghal, Anshu Malik, and Hooda.

Nagal enters Challenger final

MUMBAI: Sumit Nagal stormed into the ATP Heilbronn Challenger final beating Luca Van Assche of France 6-2, 7-6(5). This will be his second Challenger final of the year.

Pro League: India lose to Germany

NEW DELHI: The Indian men's hockey team lost 2-3 to world champions Germany in the Pro League in London on Saturday. Earlier in the day, the Indian women's team lost 2-4 to Germany.

Bangladesh keep cool to win thriller against Lanka

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Spinner Rishad Hossain (R) was named Player of the Match. AFP

KOLKATA: The state of the pitches in the USA notwithstanding, any decent T20 side is expected to add at least 50 runs after getting to 100 in 14 overs with seven wickets in hand. But Bangladesh found a bowling rhythm rarely witnessed, and Sri Lanka too capitulated uncharacteristically, producing a strange match that flattered to deceive despite the top billing this encounter had generated in the build-up.

Chasing 124 should have been a breeze but Bangladesh definitely tried their best to make the match interesting. Losing three wickets in Powerplay while adding just 34, Bangladesh unnecessarily ramped up pressure on their middle order. Thankfully for them, Towhid Hridoy responded with a 20-ball 40 that rode a belligerent attack against Wanindu Hasaranga yielding three consecutive sixes. By the time Hasaranga trapped Hridoy leg before, Bangladesh needed 34 off 50 balls. Another breakthrough in the form of Litton Das in the 15th over, and Hasaranga had started giving Sri Lanka hope.

More drama was to come when Maheesh Theekshana took an excellent catch of Shakib Al Hasab running to his left from deep third, reducing Bangladesh to 109/6. Nuwan Thushara provided another push in the 18th over, dismissing Rishad Hossain and Taskin Ahmed off consecutive deliveries.

Eight wickets down with 12 runs still to get, Bangladesh looked cagey, but Mahmudullah stayed composed, carting a low full toss from Dasun Shanaka over deep square leg for six before calmly rotating the strike to help his team coast home with an over to spare.

But this was a win chiefly engineered by Bangladesh's bowlers, especially in the middle overs of Sri Lanka's innings. Mustafizur Rahman was again the craftiest on a slow Dallas pitch, using his cutters and slower bouncers effectively to return match figures of 3/17. Most valued among his scalps was opener Pathum Nissanka, who kept finding fours to give Sri Lanka a breezy start. But instead of adjusting his approach against Rahman's cutters, he tried to go after a fuller, angled delivery and sliced it straight to Najmul Hossain at cover.

That wicket triggered a change as Bangladesh plugged the holes, kept taking pace off the ball and put their bodies on the line on the boundary.

Complementing Rahman by now was leg-spinner Rishad Hossain who first dismissed Charith Asalanka and then induced a thick edge off Hasaranga to slip. From there, Sri Lanka kept slipping away as they added just 24 runs in the last five overs losing six wickets.

"Our batters batted really well in the first 8-10 overs," said Hasaranga. "After that in the middle overs I think we batted badly. We all know our bowling attack is our strength. Especially if batters put up 150-160, our bowling attack can win games. Last two games the batters didn't do the job. It's tough."

Brief scores: Sri Lanka 124/9 in 20 overs (P Nissanka 47; M Rahman 3/17) lost to Bangladesh 125/8 in 19 overs (T Hridoy 40; N Thushara 4/18) by 2 wickets.

Spirited Afghans clip Kiwi wings to secure massive win

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Afghanistan's Rahmanullah Gurbaz scored a match-winning 80 off 56 balls on Saturday. AP

GEORGETOWN: A determined Afghanistan rode on splendid spells from their skipper Rashid Khan and left-arm pacer Fazalhaq Farooqi to stun an underprepared New Zealand by 84 runs and make a strong case for a Super Eight berth in the T20 World Cup.

Chasing a tricky 160 at the Providence Stadium here, 2021 runners-up New Zealand were shot out for a lowly 75 in an innings that lasted a mere 15.2 overs with only Glenn Phillips (18) and Matt Henry (12) managing double-digit scores.

The decision to bowl after winning the toss backfired on the Black Caps as the Afghans relied on openers Rahmanullah Gurbaz's 56-ball 84 and Ibrahim Zadran's 44 off 41 to post a reasonably good total of 159/6 in the low-scoring tournament.

Gurbaz was expectedly adjudged Player of the Match for his knock. The triumph was a reminder of Afghanistan's first big upset win in 2016 when they defeated West Indies by six runs in Nagpur after restricting the eventual winners to 117/8 in their defence of 123/7.

Farooqi, who snared five wickets for nine runs against Uganda, returned figures of 17/4 off his 3.2 overs, including the match-sealing dismissal.

Rashid was also lethal as he collected the prized scalp of Kane Williamson (9 off 13) with his first ball. He finished overall figures of 17/4 off his four overs.

It took Afghanistan to four points from two matches, having earlier beaten Uganda by 125 runs. The West Indies and Uganda occupy the next two spots, while Papua New Guinea and New Zealand are the last two teams which haven't opened their accounts.

Afghanistan next face Papua New Guinea on Friday while New Zealand will be up against co-hosts West Indies on Thursday. "One of the greatest performances from us in T20I cricket against a big team," said Afghan skipper Rashid Khan.

Brief scores: Afghanistan 159/6 in 20 overs (R Gurbaz 80; T Boult 2/22) beat New Zealand 75 all out in 15.2 overs (F Farooqi 4/17, R Khan 4/17) by 84 runs.

Miller's fifty helps South Africa avoid scare versus Netherlands

NEW DELHI: Another low-scoring game at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium in Long Island, New York, saw South Africa survive a mighty scare against Netherlands and notch up a nail-biting four-wicket victory. In their Group D clash on Saturday, South Africa seemed set for an easy victory when Netherlands scored 103/9 in their 20 overs. The chase was anything but straightforward though as the South Africans found themselves tottering at 12/4 in 4.3 overs.

It needed David Miller to bring all his experience to the fore and score an unbeaten 59 for SA to sneak to victory. Miller got good support from Tristan Stubbs, who made 33.

Brief scores: Netherlands 103/9 (S Engelbrecht 40; O Baartman 4/11) lost to SA 106/6 in 18.5 overs (D Miller 59*) by 4 wickets. HTC

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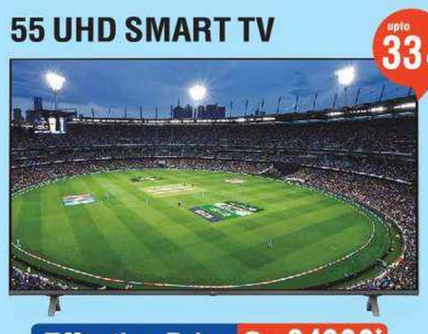
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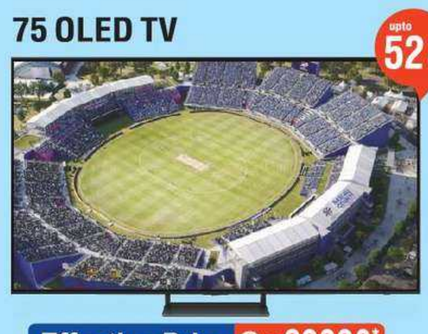
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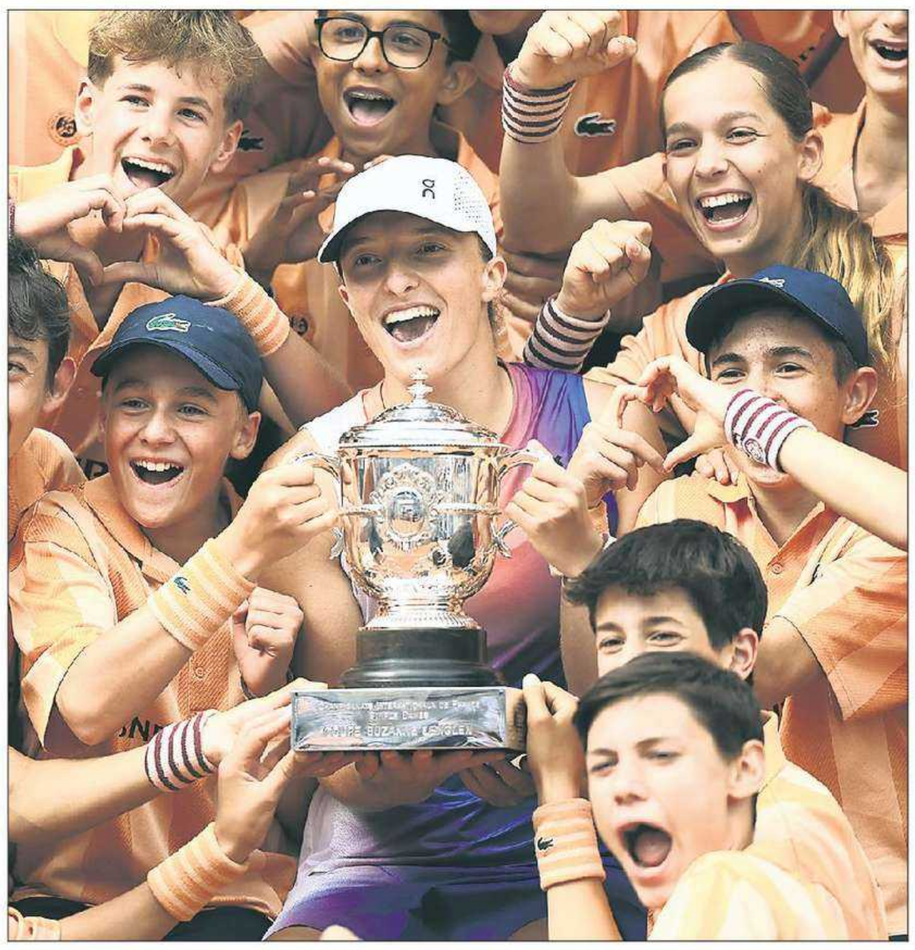
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'Queen of Clay' Swiatek seals a hat-trick at Roland Garros

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Iga Swiatek poses for a picture with the ball kids after winning the French Open in Paris. REUTERS

MUMBAI: What makes Iga Swiatek so good on clay? Is it her serve? She tweaked it a few years ago and has undoubtedly become more versatile and accurate. Is it her powerful play from the baseline? Her incredible forehand, perhaps? She can generate over 3,400 rotations per minute from that shot, which is similar to what some of the best male players produce. How is it that at 23, she's already on her way to being one of the greats on the surface?

Ahead of her French Open final with 12th seed Jasmine Paolini on Saturday, people ran polls on social media wondering whether Swiatek would produce another bagel (6-0 set). It may seem like a ridiculous question to ask heading into a Grand Slam final, but considering that the irrepressible Pole was facing a first-time Major finalist on the red dirt of Paris, it felt very possible. And the Pole almost lived up to that lofty expectation, winning 6-2, 6-1 in just over an hour to claim her fourth Roland Garros title and fifth Major overall.

The world No.1 became the third player in the Open Era, after Monica Seles (1990-92) and Justine Henin (2005-07) to win the French Open women's singles title three years in a row. She also became the fourth woman, after Henin (4), Steffi Graf (6) and Chris Evert (7) to win the tournament four times. After Serena Williams in 2013, she's only the second woman to win the Madrid, Rome and Roland Garros titles in the same year.

With the majority of her career still ahead of her, one can only imagine where she'll finish on this list. As she completed her three-peat in Paris, Swiatek won 40 of the 43 completed sets she competed in. Ten of those were bagels. The closest she came to losing during this 21-match unbeaten run was in the 2023 final against Karolina Muchova, when the Czech served at 4-3 in the third set. And in the second round this year against Naomi Osaka, when the Japanese star had a match point on serve at 5-3 in the decider.

So, again, what's been the secret behind her invincibility on clay? It goes without saying that she's extremely driven. Her shots seem mechanical at times because of how accurate they are, and that can only happen by following mundane practice routines obsessively day in, day out. Her preparation is so thorough, her game so efficient, that she blows most opponents off court even by playing well within herself.

But the real magic appears on the rare occasions when she's put under pressure, like Muchova and Osaka managed to do. Such is her conviction that she can turn the situation around no matter how hopeless it may appear. This wasn't always the case as she struggled with nerves in the early stages of her career, and her sports physiologist Daria Abramowicz probably deserves immense credit. But these days there's precious little that fazes Swiatek, particularly on clay. It's as if a switch gets flicked on and the errors disappear when her back is to the wall. It's the sort of elite mentality that's helped her win 22 of the 26 finals she's competed in.

Against Paolini on Saturday, she was broken early but went on to win 11 of the last 12 games. The 28-year-old Italian, who had got past the fourth round at a Major for the first time, was made to look a shadow of the player who beat fourth seed Elena Rybakina and the up-and-coming Mira Andreeva in the previous two rounds. "It's amazing to be here. I love this place. I wait every year to come back," Swiatek said after her latest victory. "I was almost out of the tournament (in the second round). I also needed to believe this one is going to be possible; it's been a really emotional tournament."

Swiatek was all of 19 when she triumphed at Roland Garros for the first time. She's now the only player along with Seles to have won her first five women's singles Grand Slam finals. She's in a league of her own at the moment and seems on course to establishing herself among the pantheon of all-time greats.



WAITING FOR AITA TO CONFIRM MY PARIS OLYMPICS PARTNER: BOPANNA

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MUMBAI: Rohan Bopanna has only a week's breather at home between his French Open semi-final run and the next block of tournaments — the Olympics sandwiched between two Grand Slams.

For the former he picked a partner — N Sriram Balaji, whom he faced in the French Open third round — and conveyed it to All India Tennis Association (AITA) earlier this week, but is waiting for the federation to second his choice. AITA is set to call a selection committee meeting after ITF releases its Paris Games cut-off rankings list on June 10.

"I'm still waiting to receive an email from AITA to confirm who my partner is. I spoke to them and they said they're waiting for ITF to confirm the rankings, and then they'll tell us," Bopanna said on Saturday.

As a top 10 doubles player, the world No.4 can pick his partner. Although AITA may not go against it this time, it wasn't the case for the 2016 Rio Olympics when the then 10th-ranked Bopanna was made to pair with Leander Paes instead of his selection, Saketh Myneni.

"I mean, the top 10 pick was also there in 2016, right? But they overruled that. I would love to think it is up to me, but it is up to them actually," Bopanna said. "I've been burnt too many times in the past... so, until I officially hear it from them, I don't want to say anything."

Bopanna did say he will look to play a couple of events with the partner in the lead-up to Paris. Clay events in Hamburg and Umag in July are options.





