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LS session from June 24; MPs to take oath

NEW DELHI
The first session of the 18th Lok Sabha will be held from June 24 to July 3, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju announced on Wednesday. The Rajya Sabha session will start on June 27. » **Page 13**



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Rein in water tanker mafia: SC to Delhi govt.

NEW DELHI
The Supreme Court on Wednesday warned the Delhi government to rein in the tanker mafia and wastage of water in the national capital. The court identified spillage and the tanker mafia as the two main reasons for the chronic water shortage during summer in Delhi. » **Page 2**

40 Indians among 49 workers killed in Kuwait inferno

Over a dozen injured in apartment fire; most of the victims hail from Kerala; PM announces aid of ₹2 lakh, deutes Minister for relief work

Kallol Bhattacharjee
NEW DELHI

At least 49 people, including 40 Indian citizens, were killed in a deadly fire that devastated an apartment complex in Kuwait's southern district of Al-Mangaf. Most of the Indian victims hail from Kerala. The fire that broke out in a kitchen in the apartment in Al Ahmadi Governorate early on Wednesday also left over a dozen injured, reported the Kuwait News Agency. Most of the deaths were due to smoke inhalation, Kuwaiti media said. Construction firm NBTC group had rented the building for its staff, reports said.

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Fire fury: Fire rages in the apartment building in Kuwait's southern district of Al-Mangaf on Wednesday. PTI

Naidu is back as A.P. Chief Minister

G.V.R. Subba Rao
VIJAYAWADA

Telugu Desam Party (TDP) national president N. Chandrababu Naidu was on Wednesday sworn in as the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh. This is his second stint as Chief Minister of the State post its bifurcation. He had served as the Chief Minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh for two terms. Governor S. Abdul Nazeer administered the oath of office to Mr. Naidu at



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with N. Chandrababu Naidu and K. Pawan Kalyan at their swearing-in ceremony. K.V.S. GIRI

Kesarapalle near Vijayawada. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and

Union Ministers J.P. Nadda, G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay, former Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu,

former Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana, actors K. Chiranjeevi and Rajinikanth, and a host of VIPs attended the ceremony. YSRCP president and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy did not turn up for the swearing-in. According to reports, Mr. Naidu tried to call Mr. Reddy over the phone to invite him for the ceremony. But he could not reach the YSRCP chief.

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Majhi sworn in as Odisha's first BJP CM

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

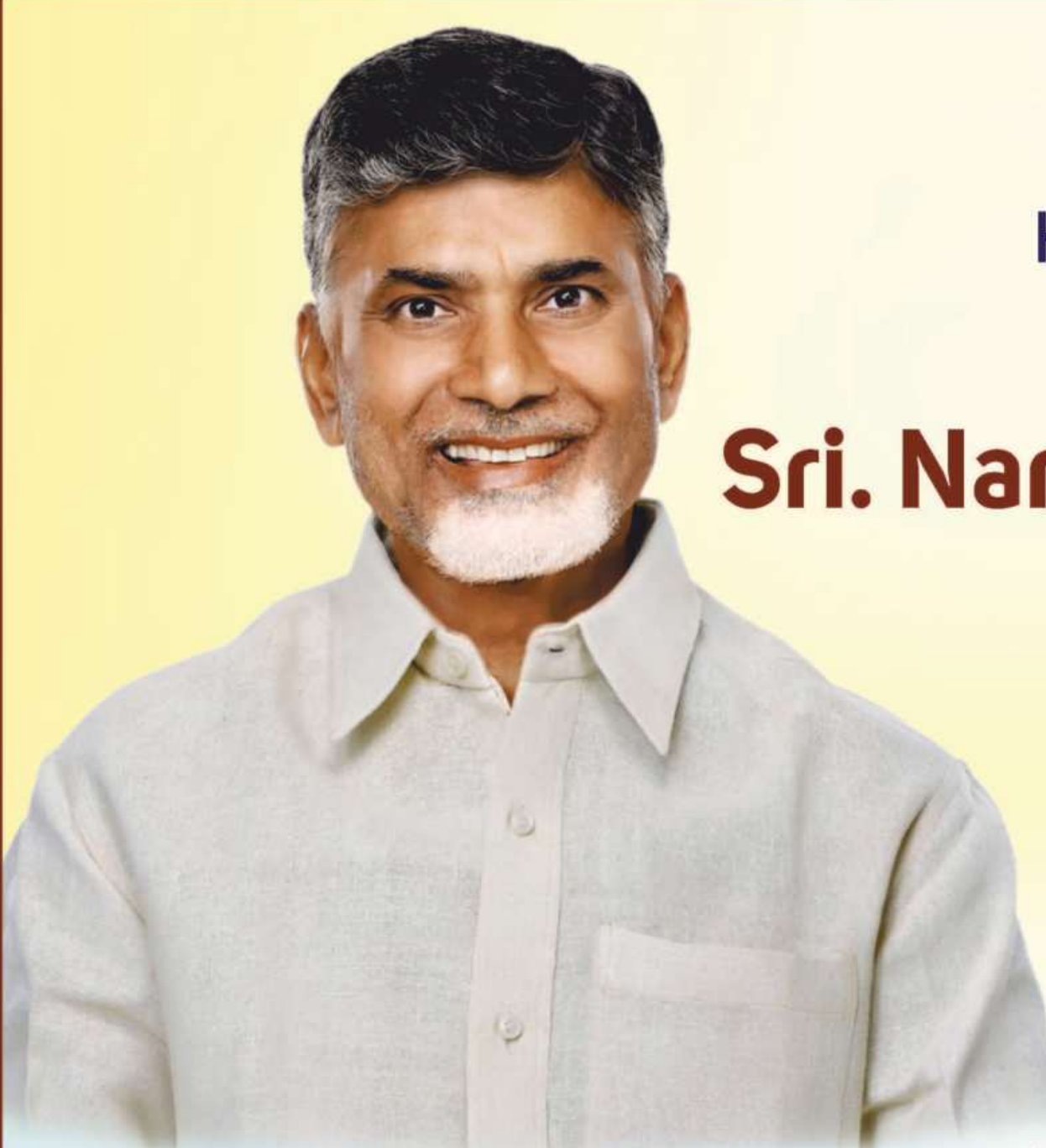
Veteran BJP MLA Mohan Charan Majhi was sworn in as the 16th Chief Minister of Odisha on Wednesday. In the presence of PM Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, their Cabinet colleagues and Chief Ministers of nine BJP-ruled States, Governor Raghuram Das administered the oath

of office to Mr. Majhi, a four-time MLA from Keonjhar. Former CM Naveen Patnaik, who was personally invited by Mr. Majhi, too attended the function. He is the third tribal CM to assume office after late Hemanand Biswal and Giridhar Gamang, since Odisha became a State in 1936.




Mohan Charan Majhi meeting former CM Naveen Patnaik at his house in Bhubaneswar to invite him to the swearing-in. ANI


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Hearty Congratulations to
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Museums, hospitals receive
hoax bomb threat emails

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Several museums, including the National Museum on Kartavya Path and Rail Museum in Chanakyapuri, and two mental health institutes – IHBAS in Shahdara and VIMHANS hospital

in Lajpat Nagar – received bomb threat emails on Wednesday. A thorough search was conducted and the threats were found to be a hoax, a senior police officer said. Similar emails were sent to a number of schools, hospitals, and the IGI Airport last month.

Delhi’s tanker mafia, water wastage to
blame for scarcity every summer: SC

‘What measures have you [Delhi govt.] taken to control water wastage,’ asks apex court, says it will ‘unleash’ Delhi Police on tanker mafia if AAP govt. does not act in time; High Court asks Haryana govt. to respond to plea seeking contempt action against it for not providing enough water to Capital

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday asked the Delhi government to rein in the tanker mafia and wastage of water in the national capital.

A Vacation Bench of Justices P.K. Mishra and P.B. Varale said the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government must take immediate action against the water tanker mafia, or the court would have to “unleash” the Union government-controlled Delhi Police on “these elements”.

The court identified spillage and the tanker mafia as the two main reasons for the chronic water shortage during summer in Delhi, noting that water remains in short supply despite the release of extra water from Himachal Pradesh.

During a previous hearing on June 6, the court had ordered Himachal Pradesh to release 137 cusecs of surplus water to Delhi. The water was to travel through Haryana into Delhi through the Wazirabad barrage.

‘Any FIR?’

“Water is coming from Himachal Pradesh, then where is the water going in Delhi? There is so much



You are not doing anything in this regard; it is a recurring problem every summer, Justice P.K. Mishra observed. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

spillage and the tanker mafia... Have you [Delhi government] taken any action against tanker mafia or registered FIR? If you are not taking action, we will hand this over to Delhi Police to take action against the tanker mafia. We are seeing this on all channels. You are not doing anything in this regard. It is a recurring problem every summer,” Justice Mishra observed orally.

The court asked the Delhi government to submit a report on the action taken against the loss of water so far. “People are suffering, we are seeing visuals on ev-

ery news channel. What measures have you taken to control water wastage?” Justice Mishra asked the Delhi government counsel.

The top court is hearing a petition filed by the Delhi government seeking direction to Haryana to release the surplus water provided by Himachal Pradesh to the national capital.

The court listed the case for further hearing on Thursday.

Meanwhile, the Upper Yamuna River Board (UYRB) told the Supreme Court that Himachal Pradesh should prove it has been releasing 137 cusecs

of unutilised water to Delhi. The UYRB is an inter-State body established to regulate the allocation and management of the water resources of the upper Yamuna basin.

‘Supply cut deliberately’

The High Court on Wednesday asked the Delhi and Haryana governments to respond within three weeks to a plea seeking contempt action against Haryana officials for not supplying adequate water to the national capital.

It listed the matter for further hearing on July 24. A Vacation Bench of Justice Neena Bansal Krishna was hearing a plea by advocate S.B. Tripathi alleging that Haryana has curbed water supply to Delhi, that too during the summer and that the reduced supply was “deliberate, intentional and with malafide intentions”.

The plea said Haryana had filed an affidavit in the High Court in May 2023 stating that it was supplying nearly 1,040 cusecs to the national capital by diverting nearly 321 cusecs from the share of its own citizens and that the court had said that the “statement/undertaking given by the State of Haryana is accepted by this Court and the State of Haryana is bound by the same”.

Delhi’s tanker mafia
getting support from
those in power: Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The blame game over acute water shortage in the city continued on Wednesday, with the BJP accusing the AAP government of colluding with the tanker mafia and Water Minister Atishi levelling the same allegation against Delhi government bureaucrats. The Congress also weighed in on the issue, saying Delhi’s water mafia has been “getting support from those in power”.

Senior BJP leaders met the Delhi Police Commissioner seeking a probe into the “loot” of water with the alleged connivance of the Delhi government and the Delhi Jal Board (DJB). Congress’s Delhi unit chief Devennder Yadav blamed the Haryana government for allegedly preventing the water released by Himachal Pradesh from reaching the Capital but also took on the AAP government for not addressing the water shortage in time. AAP and Congress

fought the recently held Lok Sabha poll in Delhi together.

Lieutenant-Governor V.K. Saxena directed the police chief to increase vigil around the Munak canal to prevent water theft, based on a request by the Water Minister. Ms. Atishi had, in a letter, urged the L-G to order an investigation into the “potential collusion by senior officers in the Delhi government with the tanker mafia”.

A senior Raj Niwas official said, “They never came to the L-G seeking action in the case because the water mafia in Delhi operates under the direct patronage of AAP leaders.”

Later in the day, the Minister and Raj Niwas were involved in a spat on X. Ms. Atishi accused Raj Niwas of abusing her in a press release.

The L-G office responded, saying, “The L-G office has refuted your abuses for him and white lies with evidence and exposed your habit of misleading the people of Delhi.”

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Industrial Tribunal cum Labour

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.....Respondent (s)

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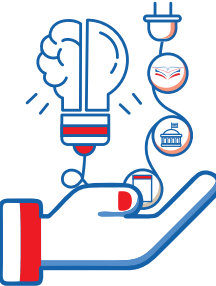
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Punjab CM meets Kejriwal in Tihar, discusses poll outcome

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Wednesday met AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal in the Tihar jail in Delhi and discussed the party's performance in the just-concluded Lok Sabha election, party sources said. It was the first meeting between Mr. Mann and the Delhi Chief Minister after the poll results which came out on June 4. Mr. Kejriwal is lodged in the Tihar jail in the excise policy-linked money laundering case. In the 2024 Lok Sabha poll, the Congress dealt a blow to AAP and the Opposition BJP and SAD in Punjab, winning seven of the 13 seats even as two Independents registered a surprise victory. PTI .

14-year-old raped by minor, his friends in Jharkhand

A 14-year-old girl has been allegedly raped by her minor 'lover' and six of his friends over two days in Jharkhand's Dhanbad district, a police officer said on Wednesday. An FIR has been lodged against seven persons, and raids are on to nab the accused, he said. The police said that the accused not only raped the girl but one of them also filmed the crime on a mobile phone. According to the victim's statement, her 'lover' called her at his residence on Sunday evening and raped her along with a friend. The accused locked her in a room after committing the crime. The next evening, five others of his friends raped her in a bush near the house. PTI

No relief for Pune teen, home remand extended till June 25

The Juvenile Justice Board on Wednesday extended till June 25 the observation home remand of a 17-year-old boy involved in a car crash that killed two IT engineers in Pune last month. The Pune police through prosecutors sought the extension of the juvenile's custody for another 14 days at the observation home citing his safety. He was in the observation home remand till June 12. They also told the board that the teen's release at the current juncture may hinder the ongoing investigation into the case and other related matters, including alleged swapping of his blood samples taken after the May 19 accident. PTI

Navneet Rana fails to appear before court in Chalisa case

BJP leader Navneet Rana has failed to appear before a special court in Mumbai on Wednesday, citing health concerns, in the 2022 'Hanuman Chalisa' recitation row case. Ms. Rana and her husband Ravi Rana, had made an announcement to stage a recitation of 'Hanuman Chalisa' outside Matoshree, the residence of Uddhav Thackeray in Bandra. The move had angered Sena (UBT) men and caused tension in the neighbourhood. While Ravi Rana appeared before the court on Wednesday, it accepted Navneet's plea to exempt her from June 12 hearing and scheduled the matter for hearing on July 2.

CRPF jawan, 2 militants killed, 7 personnel hurt in Jammu encounters

Militants attack Kathua civilian, police cavalcade before being killed; arms, ammunition recovered along with currency; Army, police still searching for militants in Chenab valley checkpoint area

Peerzada Ashiq
JAMMU

Two militants and a jawan from the Central Reserve Police Forces were killed, and seven security personnel were injured, in three encounters in Jammu's Kathua and Doda districts since Tuesday night.

The region has seen four major militant attacks since Sunday, including the one which killed nine pilgrims in Reasi district.

"Initially one terrorist was killed [on Tuesday] and another was killed on Wednesday. The slain were part of a newly-infiltrated group. We have not called off the operation. There may be some more terrorists hiding in the area," said Anand Jain, Additional Director General of Police, Jammu.

The deceased jawan was identified as Kabir Dass of the CRPF's 121 Battalion.

A group of militants surfaced in the Sohla Kootah



Army personnel near the site of an encounter at Saida Sukhal village in Kathua district of J&K on Wednesday. PTI

area of Hiranagar in Kathua district around 7.45 p.m. on Tuesday. Local residents raised an alarm when the militants, searching for drinking water, stopped civilians. Officials said the militants later forced their entry into the house of Onkar Nath, 45. "Mr. Nath sustained bullet injuries when terrorists opened fire in panic," officials said, adding that the condition of the injured civilian is "stable".

One terrorist was killed on Tuesday when he

tossed a grenade at the police party, while another rushed into a nearby forest area.

Arms recovered

Officials said the arms and ammunition recovered from the site of the anti-militancy operation indicated that militants were planning major attacks in the region.

Two rifles, 10 magazines, 382 rounds, eight grenades and currency were recovered.

Earlier, top police offi-

cials, including the Deputy Inspector General (DIG), Jammu, and Senior Superintendent of Police, Kathua, had a narrow escape, as the hiding militant shot a volley of bullets at their cavalcade.

In a separate incident that took place in Chenab Valley, a group of militants opened fire at a joint checkpoint of the Army and the J&K police around 2 a.m. on Wednesday.

The Army and the police continued their anti-militancy operation in Doda's Chattergala area, but did not trace any militant till late Wednesday night.

"The Army and the SOG of the police are searching jointly. It is a hilly and forested area and is taking time. I cannot confirm the number of terrorists. It seems there is a group of terrorists," Shridhar Patil, DIG Ramban-Doda Range said. (With PTI inputs)

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Days of Modi's one-person rule over, says Sharad

Shoumojit Banerjee
PUNE

Taking aim at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Nationalist Congress Party (SP) chief Sharad Pawar on Wednesday said that the days of "one-person rule" were over as the new government at the Centre could not have been formed by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) without support of other parties. "The 'Modi guarantee' is now over, a change made possible by the power of the voters," said the 83-year-old Mr. Pawar, speaking in Baramati where he is on a three-day visit.

He said the Lok Sabha election outcome indicated a similar result would be repeated in the Maharashtra Assembly election.

"After the Lok Sabha election results are replicated in the Assembly election, I will give the reins of the State to the hands of the people and this power will be used to address pressing issues. For that, I need your [people's] co-operation," Mr. Sharad Pawar said.

The NCP (SP) had outshined the rival NCP faction led by his nephew,



NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar

Maharashtra Deputy CM Ajit Pawar, in the recent Lok Sabha election.

The NCP (SP)'s performance has prompted rumours of the defection of legislators from the Ajit Pawar camp.

Speculation denied

Speaking in Mumbai on Wednesday, NCP (Ajit Pawar) faction State chief Sunil Tatkare categorically denied such speculation, while countering that MLAs from Mr. Sharad Pawar's camp were in fact in touch with his party.

Mr. Tatkare, the sole winning candidate from Mr. Ajit Pawar's faction, further pointed to reported schisms within the NCP (SP), alluding to tensions between Rohit Pawar [Sharad Pawar's grand-nephew] and Jayant Patil, who is NCP (SP) State chief.

Modi's guarantees rendered false in Rajasthan, says Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

The Opposition Congress on Wednesday accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government in Rajasthan of proving Prime Minister Narendra Modi's guarantees "false" by withdrawing the relief works rolled out by the previous Congress regime, including the scheme of free electricity up to 100 units to domestic consumers.

Talking to X, formerly Twitter, former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot alleged that the BJP government was not giving relief to new domestic power consumers as well as those who could not get themselves registered earlier – a decision that impacted 30 lakh consumers.

In contrast, under the Congress government, the electricity bills of 1.04 crore consumers had be-



Ashok Gehlot slammed the BJP govt. in the State. FILE PHOTO

come zero, providing them relief from inflation, Mr. Gehlot said.

"Our government had organised inflation relief camps and launched as many as 10 relief schemes for the public. Mr. Modi gave a guarantee during the [2023] Assembly election that these schemes will be taken forward, but the BJP government is proving this guarantee to be false," Mr. Gehlot said in a post on X.

Kejriwal aide moves Delhi HC for bail in Maliwal assault case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's aide Bibhav Kumar has moved the High Court seeking regular bail in the case of alleged assault on Aam Aadmi Party's Rajya Sabha member Swati Maliwal. The plea is likely to be listed for hearing before a Vacation Bench of the High Court on June 14.

Mr. Kumar, who was sent to 14 days of judicial custody on May 31, has been accused of assaulting Ms. Maliwal on May 13 at the Chief Minister's official residence. He was arrested on May 18.

A trial court had on June 7 refused to grant him bail, saying he was facing "grave and serious" charges and that there was an apprehension that he could in-

fluence witnesses.

In his plea before the High Court, Mr. Kumar argued that the trial court had failed to consider that his further custody was not required as all evidence and witness statements had been collected by the investigating officer.

Mr. Kumar's first bail plea was dismissed on May 27 by another sessions court, which said there appeared to be no "premeditation" by the Rajya Sabha member in lodging the FIR and that her allegations could not be swept away.

An FIR was registered against CM's aide on May 16 under various IPC provisions, including those related to criminal intimidation, assault or criminal force on a woman with the intent to disrobe, and attempt to commit culpable homicide.

Malviya to file defamation case against Bengal lawyer

Press Trust of India
KOLKATA

BJP leader Amit Malviya on Wednesday said he would file a criminal defamation case against Kolkata-based lawyer Santanu Sinha for allegedly making 'slandorous' comments against him in a social media post.

Responding to Mr. Malviya's statement, Mr. Sinha said he is ready for a legal fight, and claimed that his remarks were "misinterpreted". In a post on X, Mr. Malviya said, "The alleged post was defamatory, calculated and malicious. The wide dissemination by Opposition parties has added to the defamation."

Claiming that he has not written anything untoward, Mr. Sinha said he will not withdraw the post but expressed "sorrow" if it hurt Mr. Malviya.

In Opposition after 24 years of rule, it's a challenge for BJD to stay relevant in Odisha

NEWS ANALYSIS

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

A photograph of Biju Janata Dal (BJD) president Naveen Patnaik addressing party leaders, both victors and those defeated, at his sprawling residence, Naveen Niwas, the ultimate power centre of Odisha for more than two decades, had surfaced on social media recently in the aftermath of the Assembly election result.

Relaxed and at ease, Mr. Patnaik was seen engaging warmly with the leaders. Several images showing leaders freely taking selfies with the BJD chief, unbound by the usual formalities and restrictions, also emerged from Naveen Niwas.

These photographs, though could be deceptive, were aimed at manifesting

the BJD as a democratised and cohesive regional party, which finds itself in the Opposition role after long 24 years.

Concerns are being raised on the threat of disintegration looming large over the BJD due to its inexperience in Opposition and the BJP's aggressive efforts to expand its influence in Odisha. .

Sooner or later, the BJD may face an exodus of leaders after 24 years of dominant rule in the State like one has seen in case of Bharat Rashtira Samithi in Telangana, according to political analysts.

"The BJD government under Mr. Patnaik was just focused on implementing routine welfare programmes primarily because of its hold on power. Many of the party's leaders seem to have lost sight of the original reasons for the BJD's formation, its core ideologies, and its position



BJD leader and former Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik with party leaders at his residence in Bhubaneswar. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

in the evolving national political landscape. To sustain its unity and relevance, the party needs to reassess and redefine its ideological foundation," said Rabi Das, a veteran journalist.

Soon after its formation in 1997, the BJD had instantly got acceptance in Odisha because the State was then perceived to be neglected by the Centre, Mr. Das elaborated. The sit-

uation has changed now.

Marred by cadre woes

The BJD's cadre structure was not known to be organic. At the grassroots level, both in villages and urban areas, leaders often associated with the party because it facilitated closer ties with the administration, enabling them to effectively get things done. Over time, this led to a scenario where local BJD lead-

ers wielded significant influence; nothing would proceed in field-level offices without their approval.

Now, with the party's diminishing power, this same BJD cadre might struggle to maintain cohesion among their ranks without the administrative clout they once enjoyed.

No second-rung leaders

Out of the 51 newly elected BJD MLAs, only a handful have prior experience of sitting in the Opposition. This could prove crucial for BJD leaders in maintaining composure during challenging times.

"Leaders will feel like a fish out of water. For over two decades, power had become a habit and the glue that held the party together," said author and political commentator Sandeep Sahu.

Mr. Patnaik is expected to become the Leader of the Opposition in the 17th

Odisha Legislative Assembly. He is considered only viable candidate, since the party has not groomed a strong second-rung leadership.

"Potential leaders showing potential to rise in hierarchy have been intentionally kept at a distance from the party's core power structure, either due to perceived or actual capabilities," said Mr. Sahu.

Reliance on officers

The BJD chief's heavy reliance on bureaucrats has now become a significant drawback. No party leaders within the BJD have come as close to him as the retired bureaucrats, such as the late Pyarimohan Mohapatra, and V.K. Pandian.

According to BJD insiders, party leaders were afraid of airing their grievance directly to the party president.

The messages were routed through his bureau-

crat advisers. When the role of leaders is now far more important to sustain party's activities on ground, huge trust deficit has become biggest stumbling block.

There is a huge vacuum in the BJD after the departure of Mr. Pandian, his trusted aide, who was blamed for the party's debacle in the Assembly and the Lok Sabha election. The Tamil Nadu-born former bureaucrat played a key role in at least framing the party's response to State and national developments.

Without Mr. Pandian, there is hardly any structure in place that looks after the party's day-to-day affairs.

Mr. Pandian had previously expressed concerns that the BJP might attempt to split the regional party if they secured 50 seats in the Odisha Legislative Assembly. Now, with

the BJP winning 78 seats – just four more than the majority mark – these concerns are more pressing.

Analysts suggest that the BJP, aiming for more than a simple majority, may look to entice members of the BJD to join their ranks.

At 77 years, Mr. Patnaik has led the BJD for over 26 years and would turn 82 if the next Assembly election takes place in 2029. Many younger BJD leaders are sceptical about his ability to lead the party into the next election due to his age.

Mr. Patnaik has repeatedly stated that his successor will be chosen by the people of Odisha, a statement now seen as vague and non-specific. It is crucial for him to address this issue promptly before time runs out as very few regional parties in India have dominated politics like the BJD has done since its inception.

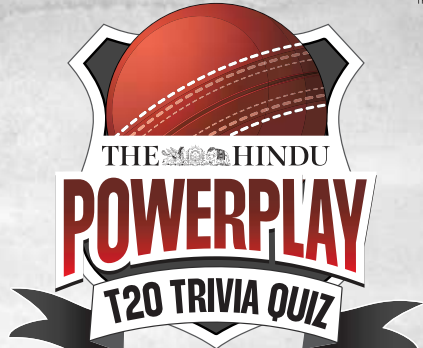
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vious threats he has received from jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi's gang.

So far, six persons have been arrested in connection with the firing case.

Mr. Soren had filed a petition before the high court on May 27, seeking bail in a money-laundering case linked to an alleged land scam. The hearing will continue on Thursday.

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JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED
(Govt. of Jharkhand Undertaking)
JUIDCO BHAWAN, KUTCHERY ROAD, RANCHI, JHARKHAND
Ph. No.: +91-651-2225878, e-mail: uidco@juiddco.com
CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752,

e-Procurement Notice, Tender Notice

NIT No: JUIDCO/NIT/Rehla Bishrampur /UWSS/24/605
Date: 10/06/2024

1.	Name of the work	Rehla & Bishrampur Urban Water Supply Scheme with 5 years of Operation and Maintenance
2.	Mode of Bid Submission	e-tendering - http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in
3.	Estimated Cost	Rs. 103,73,66,490/- (Rupees One Hundred Three Crore Seventy Three Lakh Sixty Six thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Only)
4.	Tender Fee and Bid Security	Tender Document Fee - Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five thousand only) Bid Security - Rs. 1,03,73,665/- (Rupees One crore Three lakh Seventy-Three thousand Six hundred Sixty-Five only)
5.	Date & Time of Publication of Tender on Website	11 th June 2024 at 15:00 hours
6.	Last Date & Time of submission of pre-bid queries	20 th June 2024 till 13:00 hours
7.	Date & Time of pre-bid meeting	20 th June 2024 at 15:00 hours
8.	Last Date & Time of Bid Submission	03 rd July 2024 till 17:00 hours
9.	Date & Time of Bid Opening	04 th July 2024 at 17:00 hours
11.	Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company Limited, JUIDCO Bhawan, Kutcheri Chowk, Ranchi, Pin - 834001.	
12.	Helpline No. of e-Procurement Cell	+91 651 2225878/ 9973768183

Note Only e-tenders will be accepted.
Further details are available on the Jharkhand Government e-procurement website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

Sd/-
Project Director (Technical)
JUIDCO Ltd., Ranchi

PR 326160 Urban Development and Housing(24-25)#D

K RIDE
RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (KARNATAKA) LIMITED
(A Joint Venture of Government of Karnataka & Ministry of Railways)
BENGALURU SUBURBAN RAIL PROJECT

PUBLIC CONSULTATION NOTICE

K-RIDE is organizing a Public Consultation at **1100 Hrs on 14.06.2024** in connection with the Environmental & Social Impact Assessment study conducted for the construction & operation of Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project. The reports are available at <https://kride.in/sub-urban-rail-project/>. Request for participation from citizens. For any issues/suggestions, you may write to us at email@kride.in

Scan Location	Place: Anugraha Community Hall, M.G. Railway Colony, Sevashrama, Bengaluru-560023.	Date	14.06.2024
		Time	1100 Hrs. to 1500 Hrs.

For details, visit: www.kride.in

Sd/-
General Manager (Civil)

TAMILNADU MOTOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT
VELACHERY, CHENNAI-600 042.

In Tamilnadu Motor Vehicle Maintenance Department e-tenders are invited during the month of June – July 2024, for the supply of Tyres & Batteries for the year 2024 – 2025, coming under the maintenance purview of this department. The details regarding downloading of tender documents, last date for submission of e- tender, opening date of e- tender and the terms and conditions of e- tender may be viewed in the Government Website <https://tntenders.gov.in>

Director

DIPR/1895/Tender/2024

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KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383 website : www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-01/800/2024-25 Date: 12.06.2024

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item Rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors who have got adequate financial resources, state of the art technology, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following works as per the schedule given below:

Name of the work: (1) Formation of Industrial Layout including formation of road No.C-05 of 32m wide roads of flexible pavement, construction of RCC side drains, RCC Box culverts, RCC utility ducts, RCC Retaining Wall, drain crossings, etc., at Sector-5 of Phase-3 of Dharwad Industrial Node at Dharwad Taluk and District **(2nd Call)**, **(2)** Supplying, laying, testing and commissioning of dual water supply pipe line networks for supplying potable & recycled water and UGD Network with suitable pipe lines, construction of chambers, etc. at Phase-3 of Dharwad Industrial node at Dharwad Taluk and District **(2nd Call)**.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **26.06.2024 upto 4.30 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/301/Zen/2024-25

U.P. RAJKIYA NIRMAN NIGAM LTD.
TENDER NOTICE
On behalf of Managing Director, U.P. Rajkiya Nirman Nigam Ltd. General Manager (Bareilly Zone) invites online percentage rate bids in two bid system for:-
1-NIT No-1064/NIVIDA/GM/RNN/2024, Date-06-06-2024, e-tender Construction of Community Health Centre Badhapur Distt, Bijnor, Last date of submission of offers upto 2:00 PM on Dated 04-07-2024, all other details on - website: www.elender.up.nic.in and www.upnm.upscd.gov.in

‘People can resolve dilemma over Wayanad, Rae Bareli’

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi says people of both constituencies will be happy with his decision; he claims media and government agencies were against the INDIA bloc during recent LS election

The Hindu Bureau
MALAPPURAM

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday said that the people of Wayanad and Rae Bareli would both be happy about his decision on retaining any one of the Lok Sabha seats that he won in the recent Lok Sabha election.

Addressing his supporters at Edavanna, near here, on Wednesday, Mr. Gandhi said his dilemma over deciding between Wayanad and Rae Bareli could be easily resolved by the people who are his God.

“Unlike Prime Minister Narendra Modi, my God are the people of India. My God are the people of Wayanad. For me it is very easy; I go and talk to the



Victory ride: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during a roadshow in Wayanad district of Kerala on Wednesday. ANI

people. What I will commit to you is that both Wayanad and Rae Bareli will be happy with my decision.”

Coming down heavily on the Prime Minister, Mr. Gandhi said the media which supported Mr. Modi and senior leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party said they would get more than

400 seats, but the Prime Minister barely escaped losing in his constituency Varanasi. The recent election was not normal as the entire media had been against the INDIA bloc.

All government agencies, including the Central Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement Directo-

rate, were against the bloc, he said. Even the Election Commission designed the election to soothe the Prime Minister's needs. The election took place in Varanasi after months of campaigning, but after all this effort the Prime Minister barely escaped in Varanasi, he said.

“The BJP lost at Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh. They lost because they were attacking the very idea of India,” he added.

He also said the government formed in Delhi was a crippled one, adding that the government was beaten so badly by the INDIA bloc, that it could not walk straight. The Congress and the INDIA bloc have also destroyed the idea of Mr. Narendra Modi, he added.

(With inputs from Kalpetta)

Actor Darshan, his associates taken for spot inspection

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A day after film actor Darshan and his 12 associates were taken into six-day custody, the police on Wednesday took the accused to the Pattanagere shed for spot inspection. It was where 33-year-old Renukaswamy was tortured to death on June 8.

The police recorded their statement and are now looking for the weapons used to torture and kill Renukaswamy.

Amid tight security, accused no. 2, Darshan, and accused no. 1, Pavithra Gowda, were among the 13 accused persons taken for spot inspection.

They have been booked under Section 302 (mur-



Darshan

Inquiries have revealed that the accused had abducted Renukaswamy to “impress Darshan” and assaulted him black and blue. Later, when Darshan visited the shed, he too allegedly assaulted him and left the place. Following this, the other accused assaulted Renukaswamy again, after which he succumbed, it is learnt.

According to sources, the accused later called Darshan to inform about Renukaswamy's death. The actor allegedly instructed Nandish, Nikhil, and Kesha-vamurthy to dispose of the body and later surrender to the police. Mr. Darshan reportedly told the accused that he would “take care of their families” and pay them 55 lakh.

der) and Section 201 (causing disappearance of evidence of offence, or giving false information to conceal offence).

Four more suspects

Meanwhile, the police are on the lookout for four other suspects in the case who are said to have provided logistical support and who are presently on the run.

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. E-Mail id : crmd@cityunionbank.in, Ph : 0435-2432322, Fax : 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to City Union Bank Limited will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.2,55,88,823/- (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Five Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Three only)** as on 19-04-2024 together with further interest to be charged from 20-04-2024 onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors No.1/Ms. **Mora Metals**, Having the Registered Office at 3808, Gali Bama, Bars Tooti, Sadar Bazar, Near Heera Jewellers, Delhi-110006, No.2) Mr. **Prakash Daga**, S/o. Mr. Harish Chand Daga, at Flat No.C-5, Plot No.11, Bandu Vihar, Sector - 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075. Also at, Mr. **Prakash Daga**, S/o. Mr. Harish Chand Daga, at Flat No. E-3, Plot No.11, Bandu Vihar, Sector - 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075. No.3) Mrs. **Vijay Laxmi Daga**, W/o. **Prakash Daga**, at Flat No.C-5, Plot No.11, Bandu Vihar, Sector - 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075. Also at, Mrs. **Vijay Laxmi Daga**, W/o. **Prakash Daga**, at Flat No.E-3, Plot No.11, Bandu Vihar, Sector - 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075.

Note : That our 244 - New Delhi-Rohini Branch has also extended Financial Assistance (FITL - ADHOC : 501912090016596) dated 01-09-2020 requested by No.1 of you represented by No.2 of you as Proprietor for which No.3 of you stood as Co-obligant and No.1 of you stood as Guarantor for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.7,58,000/-** at a ROI of **12.25%**. The same has been also classified as **NPA on 22-12-2020** and the outstanding balance as on 19-04-2024 is **Rs.12,30,208/-** plus further interest and penal interest of 2.00% with monthly rests to be charged from 20-04-2024 till the date of realization.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mrs. **Vijay Laxmi Daga**, W/o. **Prakash Daga**)
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing No.3808, without Roof Rights on Ground Floor, One Room, Three Stores, One Verandah, Admeasuring 43 Sq.ft. known as Gali Bama, Sadar Bazar, Delhi and bounded as under : North : Other Property, South : Common Passage, East : Other's Property, West : Other's Property.

Reserve Price : Rs.55,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Five Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
04-07-2024	City Union Bank Limited, New Delhi-Rohini Branch, C-9/115, Sector 8, Rohini, New Delhi, Delhi -110085. Telephone No.011-27941336, Cell No.9350011173.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :
(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. (2) The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, New Delhi-Rohini Branch, C-9/115, Sector 8, Rohini, New Delhi, Delhi -110085.** (3) The intending bidders should submit their bids in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.**, together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of “City Union Bank Ltd.”, on or before 12.00 Noon on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. (4) For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.011-27941336, Cell No.9350011173.** (5) The properties are sold on “As-is-where-is”, “As-is-what-is” and “whatever-there is” basis. (6) The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at 01.00 p.m. on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. (7) The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% (inclusive of EMD paid) of the sale amount immediately on completion of sale and the balance amount of 75% within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of 25% shall be forfeited. (8) The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. (9) The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. (10) The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. (11) The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 11-06-2024 Authorised Officer

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001. CIN : L65110TN1904PLC001287
Telephone No. 0435-2402322, Fax : 0435-2431746, Website : www.cityunionbank.com

विकसित बिहार के 7 निश्चय

बिहार स्टूडेंट क्रेडिट कार्ड योजना

Advt. No. – SPMU/02/2024

सार्वजनिक सूचना

1. बिहार स्टूडेंट क्रेडिट कार्ड योजना अन्तर्गत संस्थानों के नाम एवं पाठ्यक्रमों को MNSSBY पोर्टल पर जोड़ने के लिए मानक संचालन प्रक्रिया (Standard Operating Procedures) के अनुसार अहर्ताधारक संस्थानों द्वारा विभागीय विज्ञापन सूचना SPMU/02/2023, दिनांक-09.07.2023 के अनुसार संस्थान अपना आवेदन विहित प्रपत्र में संबंधित सत्यापित अभिलेख एवं अनुलग्नकों के साथ राज्य परियोजना प्रबंधन इकाई, बिहार स्टूडेंट क्रेडिट कार्ड योजना, मौर्यलोक, पटना स्थित कार्यालय में हार्ड कॉपी एवं Email spmubsc@bihar.gov.in सॉफ्ट कॉपी प्रत्येक माह के प्रथम सप्ताह में समर्पित करना सुनिश्चित करें।
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- FARMERS prospering with 'Krishak Unnati Yojana', Paddy Procurement at Rs 3100 per quintal
- Disbursement of Pending bonus of Rs 3716 crores to FARMERS
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- Free grains for welfare of the POOR, over 1 crore families receive free ration for 5 years
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- Increase in honorarium to tendupatta collectors to Rs 5500, TRIBALS now actually reap Green Gold
- Age relaxation of 5 years for YOUTH in Government Vacancies
- Ensuring a Transparent and Corruption free recruitment process, YOUTH assured of impartial recruitment process
- Effective steps for complete solution of Maoist Terrorism problem- Niyad Nellanar Campaign: Two-pronged strategy of Development & Effective Policing
- Quick Decisions: Strict Administration- 129 Maoists killed, 488 arrested, 431 surrendered in last 6 months
- DEVOTEES benefit from free visit to Ayodhya through 'RAMLALA DARSHAN YOJNA'

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High expectations

Naidu must focus on creating jobs while continuing welfare schemes

With Telugu Desam Party leader Nara Chandrababu Naidu having taken oath as Andhra Pradesh's Chief Minister for a record fourth time, the expectation is that this will bring to an end the vacillations over several policy decisions that have plagued the State and its economy. The grand ceremony saw Prime Minister Narendra Modi and several National Democratic Alliance partners in attendance. As anticipated, top priority has been accorded to Mr. Naidu's unfinished dream – a world-class capital at Amaravati, nestled between two of Andhra's biggest cities, Guntur and Vijaya-wada, and on the banks of the Krishna. Mr. Naidu has already indicated that he would revitalise this project that was stalled by his predecessor, Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. It would be imperative, however, to enact a law on the capital region to settle the matter, as flip flops over a capital for a large State such as Andhra Pradesh have been to the detriment of governance, the economy and businesses, and a psychological dampener for a people already reeling from the loss of Hyderabad. The Chief Minister must also address environmental concerns for the Krishna due to the impending and rapid urbanisation.

Mr. Naidu is viewed as a pro-corporate urbaniser, focusing on building cities and largely neglecting agriculture and allied sectors. While he has been rightly credited for Hyderabad's emergence as an IT power centre, he must now make good his promise to Andhra's farmers to lift them out of stagnation and poverty. Indeed, complimenting the “super six” promises in the manifesto of the NDA alliance in the State was an annual ₹20,000 input cost for the farmer. But Andhra's agriculture sector, much like the rest of the country, requires a systemic approach to increasing farmers' incomes, generating sustainable livelihoods, reducing food waste by expanding cold storage supply chain facilities, and increasing output efficiency by implementing climate-smart farming practices. As a futuristic leader, one would hope Mr. Naidu would take these cues. But the most pressing concern, of creating jobs, while continuing the unemployment allowance and other welfare measures begun by his predecessor, must be his top priority. Only this will inspire faith in his government and his governance.

Right turn

The far-right parties have done unexpectedly well in EU elections

Even before votes of the European Parliament elections were counted, they had delivered their first shock, with French President Emmanuel Macron dissolving France's National Assembly. The results, which have given Mr. Macron's Renaissance party a shocking loss to the far-right National Rally party in the European Parliament, led him to take the risky gamble of calling for fresh elections, due to be held on June 30 and July 7. While Mr. Macron hopes to force the French voter to give his party a majority in Parliament, it could well deliver him another loss, damaging his own presidency, which at present lasts until 2027. Although the final count (still provisional and being counted in many of the 27 EU countries) is expected to give the centrist party coalitions a majority of the 720 seats in the European Parliament, the results have given far-right and ultra-nationalist parties a boost in Germany, France and Austria, delivering a jolt to the ruling parties, while confirming support for Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's far-right “Brothers of Italy” party. In addition, the Green parties have also been dealt a blow. As EU President Ursula Von Der Leyen cobbles together a coalition for another term in office, more than the vote count, it is the issues that led to the surge in support for ultra-right parties that will require study. These include a backlash against immigration, inflation and economic slowdowns, and a pushback to environmental reforms that are compounding losses. In a speech kicking off the campaign for her European People's Party – it remains the single-largest in Parliament – she warned that “European values” were at stake in these elections. “Our peaceful and united Europe is being challenged like never before by populists, by nationalists, by demagogues – whether from the far right or the far left,” she said, pointing to challenges from within Europe and Russia's war in Ukraine.

For the world, the European vote may change little in terms of policy direction. Even so, it is important for New Delhi to look more closely. Concerns over immigration are widespread, and will require the government to control illegal immigrants leaving India's shores, while negotiating better terms on mobility agreements to facilitate more jobs for Indian professionals and workers. The EU has been India's third largest trading partner, and any protectionist shift in posture in Europe now could derail the sensitive India-EU Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement negotiations. Divisions within the European Parliament over conflicts that include Ukraine and Israel will not affect New Delhi directly, but a larger trend of fragmentation and disunity in the EU would affect the international order. The EU-India summit is now expected in early 2025, when India will seek closer engagement on all these issues. More immediately, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who leaves for Italy's Apulia on Thursday to attend the G-7 outreach, will meet his European counterparts and the EU leadership, where they will take stock not only of the European Parliament elections but also the Indian elections, that threw up an unexpected result.

In a demonstration of the power of the vote, India's voters have collectively achieved in 2024 what their parents and grandparents did in 1977, when Indira Gandhi was defeated at the polls after a 21-month spell of a National Emergency.

Much like in 1977, it was not the urban voter or the educated or the middle-class who brought the mighty down to earth. It were the rural, the marginalised and the unemployed who had been sold illusions for a decade and decided it was time to say, “No more”.

True, there are regional variations in the outcome: the triumph of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in new areas (Odisha), consolidation in old ones (Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh), and an increase in vote share in a couple of States (Tamil Nadu and Kerala). The big picture is what matters, and the story there is of an outcome that has shattered the myth of invincibility of the Modi persona. There were regional variations at the end of the Emergency too – Indira Gandhi was routed in the north, east and west; the Congress held its own in the south. The big picture at that time was a defeat of the Congress.

The WhatsApp University will pour scorn on such a comparison saying (not argue, for it does not know how to argue) that unlike Indira Gandhi in 1977, Narendra Modi remains in office and has begun a third term as Prime Minister.

Let us just step back and recognise what has indeed happened.

From rejection then to a wounding now

If the voter in 1977 rejected a constitutionally imposed authoritarianism, she has, in 2024, wounded the unconstitutionally imposed authoritarianism of Narendra Modi. If in 1977, India's voters refused to buy Indira Gandhi's 20-point economic programme, they have now refused to buy into “Modi's guarantees”. If in 1977, they refused to be bought over by the slogan, the “Trains are running on time”, in 2024, they have refused to mistake the Vande Bharats for the overcrowded and neglected general railway trains.

There is only one reason why the electorate was not able to evict the BJP from office in 2024: it had to exercise its vote in a battlefield in which everything was loaded against it; it had to fight a war machine that was arguably much more powerful than Indira Gandhi's in 1977.

During the Emergency, there were arbitrary arrests of political opponents; the media was supine, the courts with rare exceptions had



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An earthquake in 2024, as it was in 1977

surrendered, the bureaucracy shuddered in fear, and businesses curried favour with the government. The very air smelt of fear. The middle class of course loved that authoritarianism for the discipline it imposed.

This describes perfectly the atmosphere of authoritarianism that has enveloped India in recent years and the support it has enjoyed among the middle-classes. One can argue until the cows come home about the finer differences between the authoritarianism of Indira Gandhi and that of Narendra Modi, the differences as they exist point to a greater and more frightening force in recent years. During the Emergency there was obedience born out of fear; in the recent past, all institutions of the Union Government – constitutional bodies, the courts, the media, police and the bureaucracy – embraced the political directions they received. They all believed they were doing the right thing in marching to the orders of the Modi government and its political apparatus.

The electoral setting

In 1977, elections were held even while the Emergency was formally still in place. Yet, ahead of the elections, Opposition leaders were released from jail, the press found its voice when restrictions were lifted and the Election Commission of India showed a measure of independence when it conducted the Lok Sabha elections after a gap of six years. You could not call the 1977 elections entirely ‘fair’, but the Opposition and the voter knew they could make it a fighting contest.

This has not been so in 2024. It bears repeating that ahead of the polls, we saw leaders of the Opposition thrown into jail, vulnerable politicians threatened and cajoled to switch sides and the bank accounts of the main Opposition party were coincidentally initially frozen. The media, with a few exceptions, continued with its fawning behaviour, further building up the BJP and spreading the “*Abki Baar 400 Paar*” slogan. If the media questioned anything, it was of the Opposition; the anchors, who had sold their souls, sought to build up an image of an invincible emperor who was to be crowned for life. And the Election Commission was essentially silent when the most vicious of campaigns ever was unleashed by the BJP, targeting the Muslim community.

Yet, the voter this year, just as close to half a century ago, recognised that this was no normal election; that what was at stake was the future of

Britain's summer of discontent



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In the end, Rishi Sunak called the much-anticipated general election six months early, announcing the decision in the pouring rain. The image of the soaking Prime Minister captured the sense of gloom that infects Britain today. The ruling Conservatives appear to have given up – to the extent that one quarter of Tory Members of Parliament, including serving cabinet Ministers, are not standing for re-election.

Labour, currently polling comfortably ahead, seems to both know the scale of the challenge it will face in inheriting a stalled economy, a creaking social contract and a fractured polity, and to know that it does not have any real solutions as yet to these problems. Neither party, nor any other groups, can offer any optimism. Instead of looking forward with hope, Britain is looking back, in anger.

Self-inflicted despair

Yes, Britain's economy is anaemic; and the international security landscape uncertain; and, yes, a global malaise of hopelessness (evident in elections from Russia, to India, to South Africa to the United States) has spread to the United Kingdom. Even so, the despair in Britain is largely self-inflicted.

The country is still coming to terms with its own goal of Brexit – a move that neither solved the ‘problem’ of growing net migration nor provided the promised economic bonanza of numerous trade deals that would unleash its economy. There is no money to pay for a properly functioning National Health Service (NHS) and social care; a competitive and competent education sector; and also help mitigate a cost-of-living crisis that is causing almost three per cent of the population to rely to some extent on food banks (a statistic that has almost doubled in five years).

The Conservatives, having governed for 14

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years, has only itself to blame for its current unpopularity. As the problems mounted, the party descended into chaos. In this Parliament alone (elected in 2019), it has been through three Prime Ministers, four Chancellors of the Exchequer, four Foreign Secretaries and five changes of Home Secretary. It is not hoping for another term.

In 1997, Labour swept the polls after 18 years in the wilderness with a campaign song that promised “Things can only get better”. This time, there is no optimism – either in song, or logo, or campaign promises. ‘Stop the [Tory] chaos’ is unlikely to inspire much of anything, least of all hope. In contrast, Labour in 1997 offered change tinged with optimism. There was aspiration in the air. Tony Blair prepared the ground for the election by relentlessly focusing on ‘education, education, education’.

The problems are domestic

Of course, Britain in the late 1990s was in a different place – the Cold War was over, the economy was strong and ‘Cool Britannia’ ruled the cultural waves. The U.K. was outward looking and confident. In contrast, Keir Starmer's Labour Party is campaigning as the U.K. exits a shallow recession and is still bitterly divided over Brexit and immigration. Internationally, tensions with Russia and differences with China are privileging discussions on defence, but without any money to increase defence spending. And the war in Gaza is fuelling domestic tensions as Britain's support for Israel is deepening social rifts amid accusations and counter accusations of anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, of hypocrisy and of disregarding international humanitarian obligations.

Yet, for all the international angst, the problems are domestic. People worry about the economy, an overburdened NHS, and public services, all of which are affected by migration

India. She had to decide if she wanted to vote for an elected autocracy and a society divided by hate. She had to decide if she was going to be bought over by a barrage of false promises and a mirage of future national glory. She wisely decided that enough was enough. With the power of the (index) finger, she decided that it was not sufficient to deny the BJP its desired super-majority. It had to be reduced to a minority. We must recognise and respect the scale of the political defeat of the BJP in these Lok Sabha elections. We should not be fooled by claims of a “historic third term” (yes, but in a coalition, and not with a BJP majority) or “Modi 3.0” (yes, but again, only the support of coalition partners). A political party that was crowing about its invincibility until just a few weeks ago and planning a “1,000 year legacy” has been humbled at the polls. The BJP holds on to power but it has been taught a lesson.

If all constitutional bodies had been honest in fulfilling their responsibilities and the Executive had not been allowed to get away with its hounding of the Opposition, then the outcome in a truly free and fair election would have been as complete as in 1977.

The enormity of what the voter achieved

For India's voters to have the confidence to complete the job in the next round of elections, they must first take pride in the enormity of what they have achieved. That is why we must acknowledge the extent to which Narendra Modi and the BJP have been humbled.

Narendra Modi and the BJP will certainly not give up in spite of being reduced to a minority in Parliament. They remain in office, they have the money power, they hold all the levers of power, and have big business allied with them. They will not change their mode of functioning, for we have seen over a decade that it is their second nature not to respect democracy. But having tasted defeat they now stand weakened, which is what one must draw strength from after the most consequential of elections since 1977. If in 2024 we had ended up with “400 Paar”, we would have had little hope of rolling back the autocracy that would have emerged. The voters have empowered the Opposition to question the National Democratic Alliance government in Parliament and on the streets; and they have signalled to constitutional bodies that they too have a responsibility to protect India's democracy. We could not have asked more of India's voters.

and Brexit. On these issues, there is very little to distinguish Labour from Conservative. Both parties pledge to ‘protect the NHS’ but cannot find ways to fix it. The Conservatives insist the economic outlook is improving though household bills are yet to reflect this. Labour is wooing business but cannot reassure families. However, it is on Brexit that the greatest convergence lies – and not to Labour's benefit.

More people now regret Brexit than support it. Yet, Mr. Starmer, having campaigned (twice) to remain in the European Union, has now categorically ruled out any return to a common market with Europe or free movement of people. Voting Labour will still return the hardest Conservative line on Brexit, despite the damage it is doing to the economy. And Mr. Starmer chooses this approach not because he cannot see the opportunity costs of Brexit, but because the rhetoric on migration has become so toxic that he will not risk sounding soft on it.

The scandals

It is telling that as the election approaches, there are two scandals dominating the news: one on the miscarriage of justice at the Post Office where hundreds of sub-postmasters were wrongly convicted of theft despite the Post Office leadership knowing a new software might be causing the discrepancy in accounts. The second concerns infected blood that was given to thousands of patients even after the NHS and civil servants knew of the dangers. Both cases span Labour and Conservative governments. And, in both cases, there was obfuscation, denial and dismissal by the state, including politicians and the civil service.

The new government will face a compensation bill of over £10 billion for these cases. But more than that, it will face an electorate that has seen how governments have played politics with their lives. On such rocky ground does hope wither.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

For the Finance Ministry

While the article, “India's looming financial crisis”, by Ashoka Mody (Editorial page, June 12), has highlighted the rising burden of debt on households, it is worrying that the Chief Economic Adviser (CEA), V. Anantha Nageswaran, recently downplayed the concerns over rising household debt and falling net financial savings, by declaring that households borrow solely to finance higher physical savings. His statement is not corroborated by facts. Of particular concern is his, and, by extension, the

present dispensation's lack of seriousness in the matter. Falling real income levels, rising inflation, and joblessness have been primarily responsible for the rise in household debt including unsecured credit card loans. The folly is being compounded by the exceptional boom in the stock markets, wherein, lured by the promise of easy money, unsuspecting traders are indulging in Futures and Options by taking leverage. The under-regulated fintechs and fly-by-night NBFCs, after lending money at exorbitant rates, resort to

illegal means, including threats of physical harm, to get their money back. It is imperative that the Reserve Bank of India and the Finance Ministry work in tandem to regulate financial intermediaries and ensure credit expansion, rather than meeting consumption needs, leading to an increase in the productive capacities of the economy. **Argha Mallick,** Kolkata

The political exams

The exams of May turned out to be substantially off syllabus for the BJP. Promoted, though sans

honours, it enters the next semester, with a few lessons well learnt, hopefully. First, it discovered that it cannot bank only on high scoring subjects and to depend on solved exam papers of the past. Second, chemistry practicals can no longer be taken lightly as both the location of the lab, the salts given for analysis and the invigilators can be unpredictable. The BJP government, version 3.0, has, however, access to a few tested handbooks. ‘Essence of Development’ by N. Chandrababu Naidu, ‘Navigation through Narrow Straits’ by Nitish Kumar,

and, importantly, ‘Value Internalisation’ by Mohan Bhagwat. With cut off marks set to go up substantially in exams down the line, these guidebooks should prove to be useful. **R. Narayanan,** Navi Mumbai

Hold NEET again

The way the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (UG) was conducted this year leaves much to be desired. It has courted controversy. There has to be substance in the protests by aspirants across the country. It would be most appropriate to have a retest

which is the only way to quell the dissatisfaction among a large number of aspirants, and their parents or guardians.

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Unsafe roads

Incidents of bad driving appear to be increasing in the country. The reliance on cameras has left serious offences such as road rage, drunk driving, and over-speeding largely unchecked. These issues require immediate and proactive action.

Adesh A. Jain, Bengaluru

Tackling the fatty liver disease epidemic

The theme for International Fatty Liver Day this year, an awareness initiative observed annually in June, is ‘Act Now, Screen Today’. This theme resonates more urgently today than ever before. Liver diseases were predominantly associated with excessive alcohol use and this remains an important cause of advanced chronic liver disease. However, in recent years, we are seeing the emergence of a silently growing threat to liver health – non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. As our understanding of this condition has evolved, we now know that fatty liver is closely linked to metabolic health, cardiac health, and a risk for developing cancers. This disorder has now been appropriately reclassified and is known as ‘Metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease’ (MASLD). It has also resulted in a paradigm shift in how we approach liver health. The key is to screen, test, and treat.

Growing burden

The trends in fatty liver disease prevalence are alarming. MASH (Metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis), a progressive form that causes liver inflammation and scarring, is expected to become the most common cause of chronic liver disease and the leading indication for liver transplantation. The global prevalence of MASLD is estimated at 25-30%. In 2022, a meta-analysis revealed that in India, among adults, the pooled prevalence of fatty liver was 38.6%, while among obese children, it was around 36%. There is a close link between fatty liver disease and metabolic syndrome, including obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, and abnormal cholesterol levels. Individuals with these conditions have high MASLD prevalence rates: 55.5%-59.7% for diabetes, 64.6%-95% for obesity, and 73% for severe metabolic syndrome. Consuming excessive carbohydrates, especially refined



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carbs and sugars, worsens these conditions by causing metabolic problems. When the body has too much glucose, it increases insulin production to help cells absorb the glucose. However, constantly eating too many carbs causes persistently high insulin levels, leading to insulin resistance, where cells become less responsive to insulin. Insulin resistance disrupts normal metabolism and promotes the conversion of excess glucose into fatty acids, which are then stored in the liver. The liver cells fill up with fat, leading to fatty liver. Over time, this continuous damage affects the liver’s ability to function properly, progressing from simple fatty liver to more severe conditions like such as steatohepatitis and cirrhosis, which are hallmarks of MASLD, and may require a liver transplant. Despite this growing burden of fatty liver disease, it often goes undetected as there is usually no warning or symptom in the early stages. Diagnosis is usually made at an advanced stage, often when significant liver damage has already occurred. The key to early diagnosis is simple – a comprehensive health screening that includes a thorough history, physical examination, blood tests, and an ultrasound of the abdomen. Physical examination will include height, weight, body mass index (BMI), abdominal girth, and waist-to-hip ratio to assess visceral fat, which is an important marker of metabolic health. Blood tests to cover cardio-metabolic risk factors include a blood count, sugar profile, blood lipid profile, liver function tests, and kidney tests. In a cohort of 50,000 people screened at Apollo Hospitals, amongst the 33% that had fatty liver, as observed using an ultrasound of the abdomen, only one in 3 had elevated liver enzymes in their blood test. An ultrasound of the abdomen is an important test to screen for liver disease and an important first step to diagnose fatty liver. It is often

missed or not included in many health checks, largely because of the limited availability of radiologists as well as stringent regulatory approvals. Advanced liver tests will include liver fibrosis assessment to look for liver scarring, most accurately done by using newer technologies such as vibration-controlled transient elastography. This is a simple non-invasive tool and it measures liver stiffness to assess early stages of liver fibrosis. It can also be used to regularly monitor the progression and responses to treatment. Together, these tools – ultrasound, comprehensive metabolic screening, and elastography – form an integrated approach to effectively detect and manage liver diseases at an early stage. **Personalisation is the key** The selection of screening tests and the frequency with which they are performed should be personalised. This decision should be based on factors including an individual’s risk factors such as family history, lifestyle, and pre-existing health conditions. Clinicians should not make generic assumptions given the patient’s age or physical markers alone as we are increasingly witnessing non-communicable diseases break traditional stereotypes and impact very diverse people, including children. Moreover, multiple factors affect liver health, necessitating integrated strategies that combine dietary modifications, regular physical activity, and effective weight management to mitigate liver disease risks. The liver is a ‘silent organ’ that typically does not exhibit noticeable signs of damage until it reaches an advanced stage. It is important that we are aware of the impact our lifestyle choices make in the long run. We need to take active control of our health, be aware of what we consume, and go for frequent screenings because the groundwork for a happy life begins with good health.

The rise of the phoenix

As Naidu rebounds with a big bang, he has many challenges ahead in the State

STATE OF PLAY

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Nara Chandrababu Naidu’s resounding victory in the Andhra Pradesh Assembly elections has confounded political pundits and a majority of the people, too. His Telugu Desam Party (TDP) trounced the ruling YSR Congress Party (YSRCP), led by Jagan Mohan Reddy, bagging 135 of the 175 Assembly seats. Five years later, it was Mr. Reddy who stormed to power in a near-similar fashion, leaving Mr. Naidu staring at what seemed like a bleak political future to many. Several commentators had even written him off. However, it was clear that the election was not to be his political epitaph and that Mr. Naidu could not be dismissed so easily. Rather, it was always going to be difficult, if not impossible, for Mr. Naidu to emulate the welfare path that Mr. Reddy had embarked upon, i.e., giving almost everyone everything gratis. The return of Mr. Naidu was going to be possible, among other factors, only if the policies and governance of Mr. Reddy turned out to be blatantly anti-people and politically suicidal. Moreover, Mr. Naidu created a particular leadership style and party structure after ousting the TDP founder, N.T. Rama Rao, who is also his father-in-law, in 1995. This structure did not allow space for a second rung of leadership, which would have enabled the TDP to plan for a smooth succession. While this strategy worked for a while, it eventually boomeranged. While Mr. Naidu tried his best to groom his son, Nara Lokesh, as his successor, Mr. Lokesh did not measure up. Instead,



he turned into an albatross around Mr. Naidu’s neck. Five years later, the situation has completely changed and Mr. Naidu has come back from near-oblivion politically. Though Mr. Lokesh has improved since then and is being credited, among others, for the party’s recent win, he has a long way to go. The need for a strong and competent second line of leadership in the TDP to take the party forward is more pronounced now. Much of the reason for the successful return of Mr. Naidu and the TDP to power is simply anti-incumbency. While some of Mr. Reddy’s welfare schemes such as ‘Amma Vodi’ and ‘Rythu Bharosa’ were well-intentioned and did benefit a section of the State’s population, the benefits came at a huge price. The schemes were turning out into a bottomless black hole. Add to this, there was no concurrent economic development of the State, which would have subsidised his schemes. Investments were as good as none and businesses shied away from the State. That Andhra Pradesh is in a financial mess today compared to what it was like during the previous regime is an understatement. This also antagonised a large section of the State’s population, particularly the youth who were clamouring for jobs or simply migrating to other States in frustration. Mr. Reddy’s hubris was his electoral nemesis. He also seems to

have forgotten the adage that ‘good economics is bad politics and bad economics is good politics’ as he unknowingly focused only on the second part. The only way to come out of this jinx is to find a smart solution: balance welfare with development, which is revenue positive. This is easier said than done, since Mr. Naidu assured people in his campaign speeches that the current welfare schemes will continue, may be with a few top ups as well. So, the big question is: Where will he get the money from? In fact, Mr. Naidu in his second term as the Chief Minister of the combined Andhra Pradesh (1999-2004) did the opposite: he pushed his growth and development agenda which he rolled out in his first term (1995-1999), while ignoring welfare and a large section of the rural and agriculture-dependent population. He only focused on urban development (read: the Information Technology and Information Technology Enabled Services industry). This strategy eventually led to his downfall and the emergence of his friend-turned-rival Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy as the Chief Minister. Reddy laid out a full welfare agenda and went down a path of pure-play welfare politics, which Chief Ministers of many States copied, and in some cases emulated. This made Reddy synonymous with ‘welfarism’. Twenty years later, much water has flown down the Musi in Hyderabad, and the Krishna in Amaravati. Hopefully, Mr. Naidu is more tempered and wiser now.

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Lok Sabha has lowest share of Muslim MPs in six decades

Only 10 States/UTs have at least one Muslim MP in the current Lok Sabha

DATA POINT

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The 18th Lok Sabha has the lowest share of Muslim MPs in six decades. Despite Muslims forming over 15% of the country’s population, only 4.4% of MPs (or 24 MPs) are from the community. Notably, this is a record low despite the fact that there is a considerable spike in the share of Muslim MPs from the Congress, the second-largest party in the current Lok Sabha. **Slump, rise, and slump** The party with the most members, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), has no representatives from the Muslim community at present. In fact, the decline in the share of the Muslim MPs in the Lok Sabha in the 1990s coincided with the rise of the BJP. The party’s total MP tally crossed the 100th mark for the first time in the 10th Lok Sabha (1991-96). **Chart 1** shows the share of Muslim MPs in India from the 3rd to the 18th Lok Sabha. Before the slump in the 1990s, the share of Muslims in the Lok Sabha peaked at 8.3% in the 1980s – that is in the 7th (1980-84) and 8th (1984-89) Lok Sabhas – when the Congress was in power. Following the slump in the 1990s, the share of Muslim MPs again increased incrementally and grew close to 7% in the 14th Lok Sabha (United Progressive Alliance or UPA 1: 2004-09), coinciding with the dip in the BJP’s MP count in the 2000s. In the latest four Lok Sabhas (UPA 2: 4.8%, National Democratic Alliance or NDA 1: 4.7%, NDA 2: 5%, and NDA 3: 4.4%), the share of Muslim MPs declined to 5% or lower, similar to the proportion recorded in the 1990s. **Chart 2** shows the share of Muslim MPs in the BJP and the Congress from the 3rd to the 18th Lok Sabha. At present, with seven Muslim MPs, the Congress is on the top of

the party-wise list. This translates to 7% of the total Congress MPs. This is the first time since the 8th Lok Sabha (1984-89) that the share of Muslim MPs in the Congress has crossed the 7% mark. The share of Muslim MPs in the Congress peaked at around 7.5% in the 6th, 7th, and 8th Lok Sabhas (1977-89). Then the share sharply and consistently declined to reach 1.1% in the 17th Lok Sabha (2019-2024) as shown in **Chart 2**. It has increased again in the latest term. **Chart 3** shows the number of the Muslim MPs in each party in the current Lok Sabha. While the Congress has the highest share, the All India Trinamool Congress (AITC) with 5 Muslim MPs and the Samajwadi Party (SP) with 4 Muslim MPs are second and third in the list of the top five parties with the highest number of Muslim MPs. Eleven percent of the SP’s MPs are Muslim and 17% of the AITC’s MPs are Muslim. The other Muslim MPs are from the Indian Union Muslim League (3), the Jammu and Kashmir National Congress (2), and the All India Majlis-E-Itehadul Muslimeen (1). There are also two independents who are Muslim. **The story of two States** The record low share in the latest Lok Sabha was mostly due to steep declines in the share of Muslim MPs in Assam and Kerala. In Assam, the share declined from 14% to 7%. In Kerala, it reduced from 19% to 15%. Even in Uttar Pradesh, despite the INDIA alliance winning a majority of seats in 2024, the State recorded a slight decline in the share of Muslim MPs from 8% in the previous Lok Sabha to 6% in 2024. **Chart 4** shows the State-wise proportion of the Muslim MPs over time. Union Territories with just one MP were not considered. States with no record of Muslim MPs ever have been excluded from the chart. Only 10 States and UTs have at least one Muslim MP in the Lok Sabha in the current term.

Minority report

The data for the charts were sourced from the Association for Democratic Reforms and Lok Dhaba

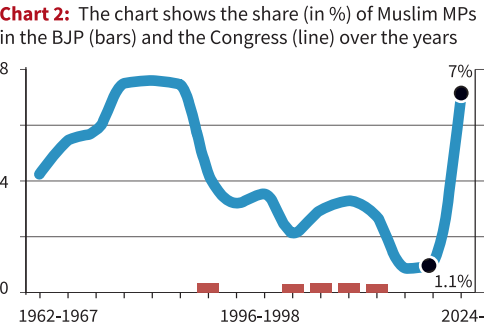
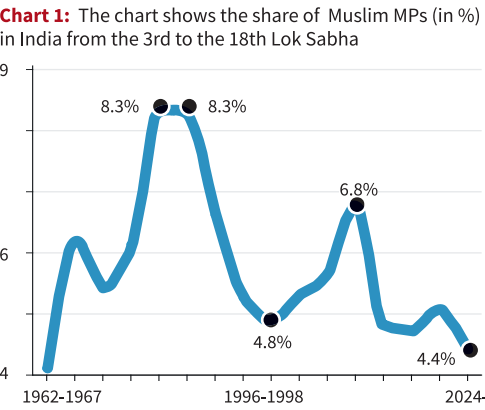
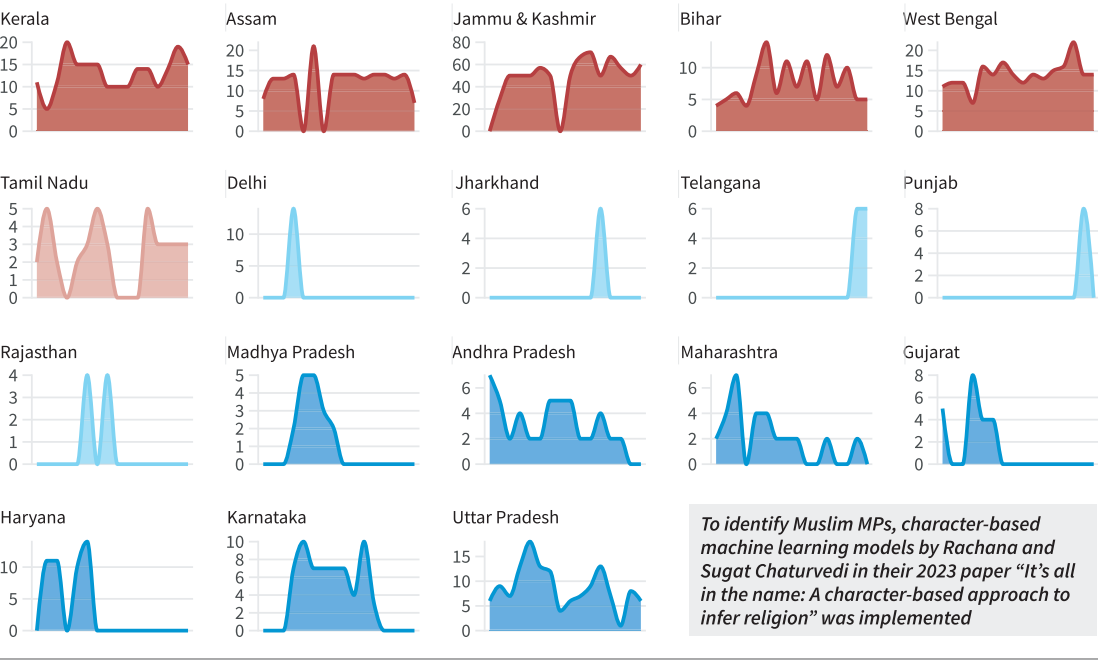


Chart 3: The chart depicts the number of Muslim MPs in each party in the current Lok Sabha



Chart 4: The chart shows the State-wise proportion (%) of Muslim MPs over time. UTs with just one MP were not considered. States with no record of Muslim MPs ever have been excluded from the chart



To identify Muslim MPs, character-based machine learning models by Rachana and Sugat Chaturvedi in their 2023 paper “It’s all in the name: A character-based approach to infer religion” was implemented

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 13, 1974

Corpn. call to citizens to sink filter points

Madras, June 13: With a further fall in the level of the Red Hills lake owing to paucity of rains, the Madras Corporation authorities have advised the citizens to sink filter points, wherever possible, to augment supply and reduce consumption of water to the barest minimum for purposes other than drinking. The Special Officer, Mr. TV. Antony, told pressmen to-day that rainfall in the reservoir areas for the five months from January to May 1974 had averaged only 34.5 millimetres as against an average of over 100 mm in recent years of fair rains. The level at the Red Hills on June 11 stood at 6.07 feet above dead storage which represented only 40 percent of the water available at this time last year, when the lake level was 13 feet over the sill level. Poondi had been dry for the past three months as compared to the availability of 11,000 million gallons at this time last year. Sholavaram had become practically dry recently. The Government and Corporation have taken a number of emergency measures to supplement and conserve the shrinking water supply. About 8 million to 10 million gallons of ground water is being supplied to Red Hills through ground water pumps. About 2,400 filter pumps installed by the Corporation are being put to use by the public and about a million gallons of water, which was previously being consumed for washing the mechanical filter beds at Kilpauk Water Works, is being recycled and supplied to the City. In order to supply water to the slum areas of the City, five tanker lorries were commissioned this month, in addition to the two already in service. Mr. Antony said he would advise all house owners with compounds to sink a filterpoint to guard against a situation when further reduction from the present supply of 35 million gallons a day would become necessary.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 13, 1924

Craft unions

London, June 13: Four craft unions have ordered their men to resume on Monday pending the result of national negotiations. thus completely terminating the strike on underground railways in London.

Text & Context

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

The rise in India's industrial output in the month of April

5 in percentage. India's industrial production growth slipped to a three-month low in April, mainly due to poor show by the manufacturing sector, though mining and power segments performed well, according to National Statistical Office data. PTI

The number of people killed in a devastating fire in Kuwait

41 Officials said majority of the victims of the fire in a building housing labourers are Indians, mostly from Kerala. Kuwait's health ministry said the injured were admitted to several hospitals, with 21 of them sent to Al-Adan Hospital. AP

Number of years since ULBs were conducted in Nagaland

20 years. A total of 669 candidates including 238 women, filed their nominations for the elections to the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in Nagaland that will be held on June 26, according to the State Election Commission. PTI

Increase in nitrous oxide emission in the last four decades

40 in per cent. Between 1980 and 2020, there was a significant growth in the emissions of planet-warming nitrous oxide (N2O), with China being the largest emitter, followed by India and the U.S., according to a report by Global Carbon Project. PTI

India's retail inflation in May as prices decline marginally

4.75 in per cent. Retail inflation eased to a one-year low in May as prices of some kitchen items declined marginally, as per government data. The CPI based inflation was 4.83% in April. PTI
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A far-right swing in European Parliament

Where did the far-right gain the most ground? What can the gains be attributed to? Did the 'Green Deal' play a part in the polarisation of European society? Has the balance of power in the European Parliament shifted? How will the results affect EU policy?

EXPLAINER

Diksha Munjal

The story so far:

As 51.1% of nearly 400 million Europeans voted in marathon polls held across 27 member states of the European Union (EU) from June 6 to 9, the conservative centre-right bloc of European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen managed to retain its status as the biggest political group in the European Parliament (EP). However, right-wing and far-right parties clocked their best performance in the legislative body's history with liberals and Greens being delivered humbling blows. The result caused French President Emanuel Macron to call for snap elections in his country on June 30, with the move being seen as a political gamble to stop in its tracks the rise of the far-right firebrand Marine Le Pen's party, with the latter eying a Presidential term in the 2027 elections.

Which countries led the far-right gains?

While the far-right wave predicted by exit polls did not materialise, far-right parties managed to make significant and historic gains in key member states – France, Germany, and Italy. In France, Ms. Le Pen's nationalist, anti-immigration Rassemblement National (RN) became the biggest party nationally winning 31.5% of the vote and 30 of France's 81 seats in the EP, more than double the vote captured by Mr. Macron's centrist Renaissance party, which finished a distant second.

In Germany, the results directly brought the ruling coalition's legitimacy into question with just 30% of German voters still supporting it. Chancellor Olaf Schulz, whose own disapproval ratings are as high as 70%, however, ruled out early national elections. The extreme right Alternative for Deutschland (AfD) party, despite being marred by a string of scandals involving espionage and bribery allegations and facing nationwide protests, came in second with a record 16% of the vote, winning more seats than Mr. Schulz's Social Democrats (SPD), part of the ruling coalition with the Greens and the Free Democratic Party, who were also left behind by the AfD in terms of vote share numbers. Former Chancellor Angela Merkel's centre-right Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and its sister party Christian Social Union in Bavaria (CSU), finished first securing 30% of the vote.

Italy also saw Prime Minister Georgia Meloni's Brothers of Italy Party with neo-fascist roots consolidating its grip by capturing a quarter of the vote, while far-right parties also made gains in Austria, Hungary, and Spain.

While national political parties contest elections to the 720-seat EU body every five years, they join the transnational political groups of the EP after the polls. As of 9:00 pm, June 12, provisional results indicate a fairly strong showing of centre-right parties across Europe, with the European People's Party group, including the CDU/CSU, emerging as the leading bloc with 189 seats. While the Socialists and Democrats (S&D), having Germany's SPD among others, managed a narrow consolidation with 135 seats, the Renew Europe (RE) group with Mr. Macron's Renaissance, suffered huge losses finishing at 79 seats compared to last time's 102. The pro-climate action Greens saw their seats reduced to 53 down from 71, becoming the sixth largest block instead of fourth. The hard and

Towards the right

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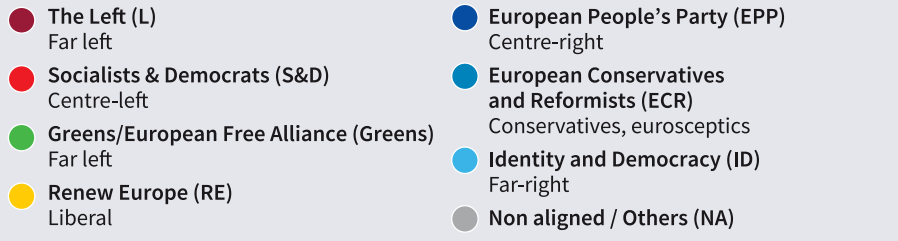
NEW PARLIAMENT 720 seats, as of 9:00 pm, June 12



OUTGOING PARLIAMENT 705 seats



POLITICAL GROUPS



Source: EU Parliament

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Rise of the extreme: Members of the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) in Berlin, on June 9. AFP

far-right European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR) and the Identity and Democracy Group (ID), including Ms. Meloni and Ms. Le Pen's parties, respectively, now collectively hold 131 seats in the chamber, up from 118. The other far-right lawmakers are in the non-attached (NI) group including AfD (which was expelled from the ID in May) with 15 seats and Hungarian PM Viktor Orbán's Fidesz with 10 seats.

What can the right's gains be attributed to?

In 2019, with youth protests across Europe calling for climate action, the EP elections delivered a Green wave, which shaped Brussels' five-year agenda and brought about the ambitious 'Green Deal', laying a roadmap for the EU's 2040 and 2050 net-zero targets. But that was before the COVID-19 pandemic; before pan-continent farmers protests; and the Russian attack on Ukraine sending energy prices skyrocketing, leading to the worst

cost-of-living crisis Europe has faced in years. Besides, the steady rise of Eurosceptic, populist, and anti-immigrant parties, some of whom deny climate change, across Europe also contributed to this year's rightward shift.

In Germany, for instance, which sends 96 seats to the EP, national surveys saw voter priorities shift significantly with peace, social security, and immigration issues dragging the top spots and climate change dropping from first to fourth place. The far-right AfD capitalised on voter anxieties related to a spike in migration numbers in 2023, as migrants and asylum seekers from war-hit Ukraine, Africa, and West Asia were at Germany's doorsteps. While West Germany saw anti-extremist protests against the AfD, East Germany emerged as its natural voter base where many voters have felt left behind by the establishment after the 1990 reunification. Another area where the party seems to have tapped into the voter discontent was the ruling coalition's

2023 clean energy law asking homeowners to replace fossil fuel boilers with expensive heat pumps, with AfD promising to stop the transition.

The EU's climate policy became another bone of contention for a section of voters: European farmers, who have held a record 4,000 different protests so far this year. The EU's Common Agriculture Policy (CAP), which provides subsidies and protects farmers from foreign competition, is a decisive voting issue with large farmer lobby groups. But farming emissions, which haven't gone down since 2005, account for 10% of the EU's total emissions with its farm sector accounting for a quarter of global pesticide use. Farming only contributes 1.3% to Europe's GDP.

Protesting farmers have balked at the policies in the Green Deal which call for redesigning the EU's emission-heavy food systems and carving out land for biodiversity restoration. Right-wing parties like RN, have termed such measures as 'punitive ecology'.

Has the balance of power in the European Parliament shifted?

In the outgoing Parliament, Ms. von der Leyen's EPP, the Socialists and Democrats, and Mr. Macron's Renew Euro groups often termed the 'Grand Coalition', which together held 417 seats, managed to make and push amongst themselves often with support from the Greens. While the EPP and S&D will still largely maintain their old numbers, weakened RE and Greens blocs mean the European Commission President may collaborate with the right-wing ECR and possibly even the ID on issues like migration, restrictions on climate policy and defence issues.

However, nationalist right-wing parties who have made gains this election hold different positions on a spectrum of issues and are unlikely to become a strong and collective decisive force.

The immediate payout of the election results could be seen in the deals Ms. von der Leyen strikes with the blocs to get re-elected as the European Commission President in a secret ballot vote in July. While she could gather enough number of votes from the Grand Coalition, there has historically been a 10% defection margin, which means she could be courting the right's MPs for votes.

How will the results affect EU policy?

While political analysts don't anticipate an immediate drastic shift in EU policy, an overtime rightward pivot of the EU agenda, which was already manifesting before the election, remains of concern. Centre-right parties in some member states have been turning to a strategy of integrating the right's agenda into their own to counter the far-right's popularity. Ms. von der Leyen had already declared that she would be open to working with Italy's Ms. Meloni in the EP.

The strengthened centre-right, as reiterated by EPP President Manfred Weber, is already aiming to overturn the 2035 EU ban on the sale of combustion engine cars.

Earlier this year, the EU parliament also voted to remodel its immigration and asylum policy, which has clauses for expedited deportations and the contentious issue of relocation of asylum seekers. In fact, the European Commission President last year, along with Ms. Meloni signed a pact with Tunisia to receive financial aid for stopping asylum seekers at its borders from entering Europe.

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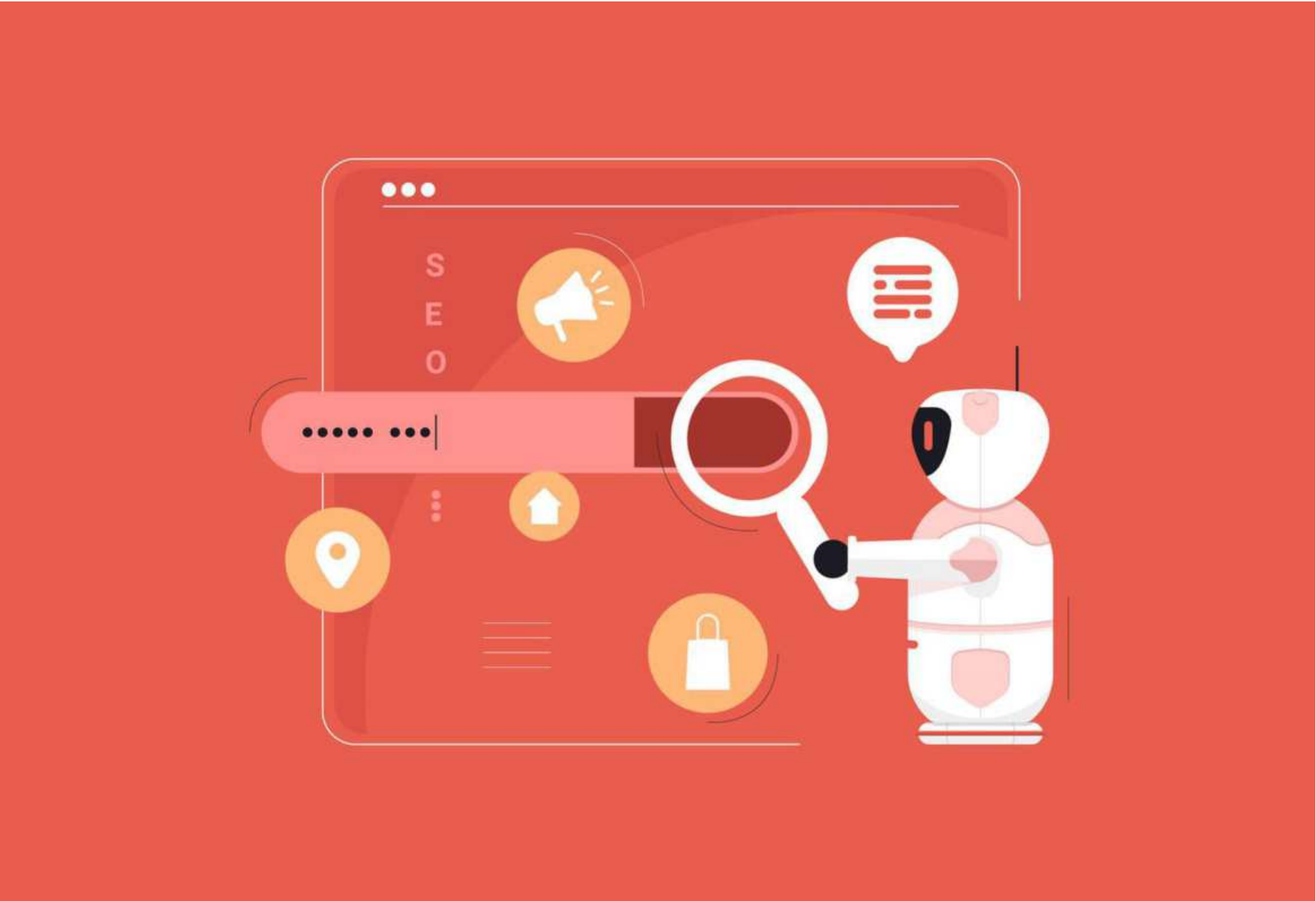
THE GIST

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Decoding a leak: how Google Search’s algorithms work

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Poulomi Chatterjee

In May 5, Rand Fishkin, the CEO of marketing research firm, SparkToro and SEO expert, received an anonymous email making the wild claim of having access to API documents of Google’s Search algorithm. Given how secretive Google is about how its Search mechanism works, Mr. Fishkin was immediately sceptical of these extraordinary claims. After exchanging several emails between them, Mr. Fishkin spoke to the emailer over video call on May 24. Four days later, the source disclosed his identity. Erfan Azimi was the founder of a digital marketing agency and a SEO practitioner himself and had plenty of mutual friends with Mr. Fishkin.

How did the leak happen?
Over the call, Mr. Erfan showed Mr. Fishkin the documents, running to more than 2,500 pages of API documentation and containing 14,014 attributes or API features. While it isn’t confirmed who exactly put them up, the document history showed a “yoshi-code-bot /elixir-google-api” as the origin which indicates that Google’s own internal Content API Warehouse possibly accidentally published them on the repo.

The code was published on March 27 and stayed up until May 7 allowing enough time for the public to pick them up. Even though the documents didn’t explicitly share what exactly tickled the Search algorithm to push a story up in ranking, they laid bare a list of factors that Google Search was definitely tracking which in itself is revelatory. The secret sauce of Google’s algorithm has been as much a black box as that of a large language model or the human mind. Company execs have protected details around how the Search ranking works, going out of their way to lie about what’s important when publishing content deceiving marketing professionals and publishers and content makers much of whose jobs revolve around “optimising content on Google Search.” Mr. Fishkin shared the documents with another SEO veteran and CEO of a marketing agency, iPullRank, Mike King after which both shared their own analyses of the leak popularising findings valuable to an industry working in the dark. A lot of this was debunking what Google employees had lied about.

What has Google lied about?
In the past, in multiple instances, Google had explicitly repeated that domain authority wasn’t considered as a focal

point. But turns out, Google has a feature called “siteAuthority”, even though there’s little clarity around how the metric is calculated. Also, contrary to their previous assertions that clicks aren’t used as a way to calculate ranking, there is solid evidence now that clicks are very much a measure. During his testimony at the Department of Justice (DOJ) antitrust trial in November last year, Vice President of Search, Pandu Nayak spoke about the NavBoost and Glue ranking systems both of which use click-driven ways to boost, demote or reinforce a ranking in Search. Mr. Nayak revealed that Google had been employing NavBoost since 2005 and historically used 18 months of click data. Google reps have also stated earlier that “dwell time” wasn’t a feature but Navboost does indeed consider long clicks which is basically the same thing. Another major point is that Google may use Chrome data to determine rankings – something that they had denied earlier. Mr. King noted that Chrome appears in more than one module – one related to page quality scores has a site-level measure of views from Chrome, while another module that seems to be related to the generation of sitelinks has a Chrome-related attribute as well.

There isn’t much known about what exactly “twiddlers” are but Mr. King described them as re-ranking functions. Just how important are they? Former Googler, Debarghya Das shared on X that once he had disabled twiddlers without realising that “all of YouTube search depended on it.” Google also stores the author’s name of the article. “This combined with the in-depth mapping of entities and embeddings showcased in these documents, it’s pretty clear that there is some comprehensive measurement of authors,” Mr. King noted. The leak is reminiscent of what happened with AOL. Back in 2006, the web portal’s research section accidentally released a compressed file containing 20 million keyword searches by more than 6,50,000 users over a three-month period., in plain sight for everyone to see. Google’s leak is not as egregious but it does serve as a lesson for journalists and SEO professionals to not take the company’s word a gospel. More than a day after the leak was covered, Google did admit that the data was 100% theirs but “cautioned against making inaccurate assumptions about Search based on out-of-context, outdated, or incomplete information.” But do we believe them anyway?

THE DAILY QUIZ

Anne Frank, who described everyday life from her family’s hiding place in an Amsterdam attic during World War II, was born on June 12, 1929. A quiz on her

Sindhu Nagaraj

- QUESTION 1**
Let’s start simple. What is the name of the book that she is known for, that was published posthumously?
- QUESTION 2**
What is the hiding place where Anne hid, from Nazi persecution with her family and four other people, called?
- QUESTION 3**
What did Anne aspire to become when she grew up, according to her diary entry?

- QUESTION 4**
Who was the only person in the family who survived the confinement, who published Anne’s book later?
- QUESTION 5**
The diary is not written in the classic forms of “Dear Diary” or as letters to oneself. What did Anne instead call her diary?
- QUESTION 6**
The Anne Frank House is a writer’s house and biographical museum dedicated to Anne, which preserves the hiding place. In which present-day country is it located?



Visual question:
This 1959 film (in the image) won three Academy Awards. Who played Anne? Who, in the image won the Academy Award for the Best Supporting Actress?

- Questions and Answers to the previous day’s daily quiz:** 1. The event which is celebrated on Russia Day. **Ans: The adoption of the Declaration of State Sovereignty of the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic (RSFSR) on that date in 1990**
2. Russia’s lower House of Parliament. **Ans: Duma**
3. The name of the world’s deepest freshwater lake which is located in Russia. **Ans: Lake Baikal**
4. The city in which the State Hermitage Museum is located. **Ans: Saint Petersburg**
5. This individual has served as President of Russia apart from Boris Yeltsin and Vladimir Putin. **Ans: Dmitry Medvedev**
6. The number of time zones Russia has. **Ans: 11**
Visual: The name of this world-famous edifice in Moscow. **Ans: St. Basil’s Cathedral**
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmaniam

“Botanomancy. (Neeraja, Bhubaneswar)”
“The word is from ‘botany.’ Some try to get an insight into the future by unconventional methods. One of them is to write sentences on leaves and leave them in the open. Some leaves will be blown away and some left behind. You read the sentences written on the leaves left behind and decide whether you should do something or not. You decide your future on the basis of what is written on the leaves left behind. This method of deciding your future is called ‘botanomancy.’ Only a couple of dictionaries have recorded this word.”
“In for a penny, in for a pound. (A. Azeerudin, Agra)”
“This is an ‘exhortation to total commitment to an undertaking.’ Once you are involved in something, you must carry it through, whatever be the difficulties. Now that you have decided to do it, do it well and not half-heartedly. In for a penny, in for a pound.”

“(a) The Present Perfect Tense”
“Let us look at the following sentences:
(a) She worked here for 20 years (b) She has worked here for 20 years. (a) tells us that the period of her work has come to an end. She is no longer working here. (b) tells us that she started working here 20 years ago, and is still working here. (a) is in the past tense. It tells us about the past: She worked here for ten years. (b) is in the present perfect tense.

The present perfect relates the past event to the present. The present perfect tense refers to ‘the past with present relevance’ or ‘the past involving the present.’ The present perfect is a kind of present tense which connects the past with the present. The present perfect includes the present and some grammarians refer to it as an ‘inclusive present.’ The present perfect refers to a state beginning from the past and leading up to the present time.

(a) The house was vacant for several years (b) The house has been vacant for several years. (a) means that the house is no longer vacant. It was vacant for several years. (b) means that the house became vacant several years ago and continues to be vacant. The present perfect may also refer to an indefinite past. It may not specify any specific time in the past. Have you been to Delhi? means ‘Have you seen Delhi at least once?’ Have you listened to his talks? Have you ever listened to the new Governor? ‘I went to Delhi last week.’ Here the emphasis is on the visit to Delhi at a point of time in the past.

‘I have visited Delhi’ means that the person concerned visited Delhi in the past and has still recollections of it. The past experience continues to be felt in the present. ‘He has been to Calcutta’ means that he visited Calcutta some time ago and has experience of it. ‘He has been to Calcutta’ means that he has visited Calcutta but is not there now. ‘He has gone to Calcutta’ means that he is in Calcutta now or is on his way to Calcutta. (a) The train has arrived. (b) The train arrived on time. ‘The train has arrived’ means that it is still there in the station. (b) tells you that the train arrived on time. It may or may not be there in the station.”
Published in The Hindu on April 7, 1992.

Word of the day

- Garner:**
acquire or deserve by one’s efforts or actions; assemble or get together
- Synonyms:** win, earn, gather, pull together, collect
- Usage:** I managed to garner some information from him.
- Pronunciation:** bit.ly/garnerpro
- International Phonetic Alphabet:** /ˈɡɑː.nə/

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From Page One

40 Indians among 49 killed in Kuwait fire

Prime Minister Narendra Modi despatched Minister of State for External Affairs Kirtivardhan Singh to Kuwait to oversee the help being rendered to the injured and to bring back the mortal remains of the victims. The Indian embassy in Kuwait has set up a helpline number (+965-65505246) that can be reached by phone and WhatsApp. Mr. Modi announced an ex gratia of ₹2 lakh to each of the families of the deceased Indian nationals.

Mr. Modi and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar expressed shock over the deaths. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi expressed concern over the living condition of Indians in the Gulf region.

Indian Ambassador to Kuwait Adarsh Swaika visited the Mubarak Al-Kabeer Hospital where 11 workers were admitted.

The Government of Kuwait has not made any statement officially so far but Interior Minister Sheikh Fahad Al-Yousuf Al-Sabah has ordered the police to arrest the owner of the building. *(With PTI inputs)*

Naidu is back as A.P. Chief Minister

Janasena Party president Pawan Kalyan was among the 24 MLAs from the NDA partners (the TDP, BJP and the JSP) who took oath as Ministers.

The NDA partners won 164 of the 175 Assembly seats in the elections, while the YSRCP won 11 seats. While the TDP won 135 Assembly constituencies, the JSP and the BJP won 21 and eight Assembly seats respectively. Mr. Naidu allocated three berths to the JSP and one to the BJP.

Mr. Naidu adopted a formula to ensure that the NDA partners get their due share in the Cabinet. He selected one Minister for every seven seats won by the alliance partners. As the JSP won 21 seats, it got three berths, while the BJP got one. The remaining were earmarked for the TDP. The Chief Minister will allocate the portfolios to his Cabinet colleagues soon.

It is widely discussed in the political circles that Mr. Pawan Kalyan will be made Deputy Chief Minister with a key portfolio. The actor-turned-politician had played a key role in the formation of the alliance between the TDP and BJP.

Kolusu Parthasarathy, who switched loyalties from the YSRCP to the TDP before the elections, was taken into the Cabinet. K. Atchannaidu and P. Narayana, who were in 2014-19 Cabinet, got a chance in the present Cabinet as well. N. Md Farooq, a senior leader who had been with the TDP since its formation and served as a Minister earlier, was the lone minority face in the Cabinet.

The lone Minister from BJP was Satya Kumar Yadav, who won from Dharmavaram Assembly constituency. He is a close aide of Mr. Venkaiah Naidu, and works as BJP national secretary.

Majhi sworn in as Odisha’s first BJP CM

K.V. Singh Deo, a six-time MLA from the Patnagarh constituency, and Prabhati Parida, Nimapara MLA, also took oath of office as Deputy Chief Ministers in the State’s first BJP government. Sixteen BJP MLAs were sworn in as Ministers.

The new government has four Ministers from the tribal community; two of them are from the Scheduled Castes.

Eight MLAs who were handed over Cabinet and independent charge are first-time legislators.

The Prime Minister flew down to Bhubaneswar after attending the swearing-in of N. Chandrababu Naidu as the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

Why is PM busy ‘celebrating’ when there are terror strikes in Jammu & Kashmir: Rahul

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Wednesday slammed the Narendra Modi government over the three terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) in the past three days, with former party chief Rahul Gandhi stating that the country wants to know why the people behind the terror attacks were not apprehended.

“Narendra Modi is busy responding to congratulatory messages and cannot even hear the cries of the families of the devotees who were brutally killed in Jammu and Kashmir. There have been three separate terror incidents in the past three days in Reasi, Kathua and Doda in Jammu and Kashmir but the Prime Minister is still busy celebrating,” Mr. Gandhi said in a post on social media plat-



Rahul Gandhi

form X. “The country is demanding answers – why are those plotting terrorist attacks not getting caught under the BJP government,” asked the Congress leader.

Congress leader Pawan Khera also questioned the silence of Mr. Modi on the matter, claiming he has time to respond to Pakistani leaders, but no time to condemn the brutal terror attacks.

“BJP’s loudmouth chest-thumping and hollow claims of return of peace

Shock as Indians die in distant battlefields

Russia confirms two deaths in Ukraine conflict but yet to reveal details of where the bodies are; India has demanded a ‘verified stop’ to any further recruitment of Indian nationals by Russian Army, says Ministry; the matter has been taken up with Kremlin and Ambassador in New Delhi directly

Vijaita Singh
Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Tejpal Singh (29), one of the two Indians recruited by the Russian Army, who was recently killed in the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, had last spoken with his family on March 3, a relative said.

The identity of the other Indian recruit, also deceased, is yet to be known. Russian authorities are yet to hand over the bodies to the Indian Embassy officials in Moscow, a government source said.

India took a stern view of the Russian Army’s continued recruitment of Indian nationals for the conflict, saying it was not in “consonance” with the India-Russia partnership. Announcing the death of the two nationals, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the matter had been taken up both with the Kremlin in Moscow and with the Russian Ambassador in Delhi directly, calling for the “early release

and return” of all Indians in the Russian Army.

“We have expressly told Russian officials that no matter how these Indians have reached the war front and under what circumstances, they should be returned,” Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra told presspersons when asked about the latest deaths, adding that India was also trying to halt all illegal recruitment by middlemen in India, who are taking Indians to Russia for jobs with the Russian Army.

In a particularly strong statement on Wednesday, the MEA said that India has also demanded a “verified stop” to any further recruitment of Indian nationals by the Russian Army. “Such activities would not be in consonance with our partnership,” the MEA said in the statement, indicating that bilateral ties were under strain over the continued deployment of Indians at the war front.

‘In search of livelihood’
Tejpal, a resident of Amritsar in Punjab, left India on



At least 30 Indians have contacted the MEA and the Indian Embassy in Moscow, seeking help to return. AP

December 20, 2023. He first went to Thailand, and travelled to Russia on a tourist visa from there.

“He joined the Russian Army and was in regular touch with us. There was no problem. He last spoke with his wife on March 3. After that, he had been incommunicado. On June 9, his uncle received a call from an acquaintance that Tejpal is dead,” Harjinder Singh, Tejpal Singh’s brother-in-law, said.

Tejpal is survived by his father, wife, and two children – a five-year-old son and a two-year-old daughter.

“He told his wife that he was going for training. We are yet to get a confirmation about his death from official channels,” the relative said.

Tejpal aspired to join the Indian Army but after he failed at his attempts, he decided to go abroad to make money, another relative said.

“We are told that he was killed on March 12 but we did not hear anything till

Firing at Moirangpurel in Manipur; Meitei protesters block Assam Rifles

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

With tensions already simmering in Jiribam district in western Manipur after a recent spate of violence there, intermittent firing was reported further east on Wednesday, in the Moirangpurel area along the boundary of Kangpokpi and Imphal East districts.

As security forces conducted area domination exercises, some of them were blocked by civilian women’s groups protesting the presence of the Assam Rifles, according to videos of the incident that have been circulating online.

Some Assam Rifles units were blocked from carrying out their duty by the Meitei protesters, a source said, adding that no injuries or casualties have been reported as a result of the Moirangpurel firing. The gunfire has stopped, and there was no further incident throughout the day.



A video grab shows women clashing with security forces at Moirangpurel on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

This comes in the wake of last week’s violence in Jiribam district, with many Meitei people saying that their homes were burnt down in villages such as Lamtai Khunou and Mongbum after they were evacuated by security forces on June 6. They asked why the security forces were removing them from their homes instead of protecting them from their attackers.

Meitei civil society organisations alleged that this has been a pattern throughout the conflict. “The Central government’s strategy of evacuating Meitei villages under the guise of protection has instead facilitated the occupation of these areas by Kuki groups. This demographic reshuffling, purportedly for safety, is a tactical manoeuvre that favours Kuki aggressors and displaces

Meitei communities,” CO-COMI, a valley-based organisation, said in a statement on Tuesday.

Throughout the conflict, each warring community has alleged that certain security forces are biased towards the other. While the Kuki-Zo community maintains that the Manipur Police is biased towards the Meitei community, the Meiteis insist that certain Central forces such as the Assam Rifles are biased towards the Kuki-Zo. Both the Assam Rifles and the Manipur police, however, say they have been working without bias for the last year to contain the violence in the State.

On Tuesday, a convoy carrying Chief Minister N. Biren Singh’s advance security team was “ambushed” near the K. Sinam village in Kangpokpi district on Jiribam Road, as they headed to Jiribam ahead of a visit by the Chief Minister in the wake of the recent violence.

IAF flew over 1,750 sorties to help EC in conducting LS polls

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Indian Air Force (IAF) flew over 1,000 hours in over 1,750 sorties in five of the seven phases of the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

The IAF played a pivotal role in extending the reach of the Election Commission (EC) into remote corners of the country and to places where movement by road was a security concern, it said in a statement on Wednesday.

“During the General Elections-2024, substantial flying effort has taken place over the last few months by the medium lift helicopters [Mi-17 Variants], light utility helicopters [Chetaks] and the indigenously manufactured Advanced Light Helicopters [ALH] Dhruv,” it said.

“The task was time bound as polling officers had to be positioned at each remote polling sta-

tion within two days prior to the election date and de-inducted on the day of polling.”

This herculean task was achieved through close coordination with the EC and Chief Electoral Officers of various States through nodal officers to optimise utilisation of assets factoring security, weather, road connectivity, according to the IAF.

“Helicopter assets of the Army and the Border Security Force were also dovetailed into the overall plan towards smooth conduct of general elections-2024.”

The transport and helicopter fleets of the IAF undertake various war and peacetime tasks. In addition to the peacetime role of sustaining our troops by air maintenance and airlift of combat troops during exercises, a number of tasks are undertaken in aid of civil authority.

Food inflation spikes in urban India, nears 9%

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India’s consumer price inflation eased a tad to a one-year low of 4.75% in May, from 4.83% in April, but food price rise remained unchanged at 8.7%, with urban households facing a sharper 8.83% spike in food inflation. Retail inflation stood at 4.31% in May 2023, with food prices rising less than 3%.

May was the fourth successive month with food inflation of over 8.7%, though it cooled fractionally for rural consumers from 8.75% in April to 8.62%. On a month-on-month basis, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was up 0.5% in May, while the food price index had risen 0.73% from April’s levels. The sequential rise in food prices was 0.7% for rural consumers and 0.9% for their urban counterparts.

The gap between urban and rural consumers’ inflation trends was sharp for the third consecutive

month, with rural households seeing a 5.3% rise in prices in May. For urban consumers, the retail inflation pace was 4.15%, just fractionally higher than 4.14% in March and 4.11% in April.

While retail inflation has now been below 6% since September 2023, it is still far from the central bank’s 4% target. The Reserve Bank of India expects retail inflation to average 4.5% this year and has projected an average of 4.9% for the April to June quarter. With April and May inflation coming in slightly below that, it is likely that price rise may resurge to over 5% this month.

Barring spices, where the inflation rate cooled to 4.3%, the lowest level in at least two years, price pressures persisted for most food items. Vegetable prices rose 27.3% in May, while the inflation rate accelerated for cereals (8.7%), eggs (7.6%), fruits (6.7%) as well as pulses.

Kuwait fire deaths: Congress leaders question ‘appalling’ living conditions of workers

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Condoling the loss of lives in a building fire in Kuwait, the Congress on Wednesday urged the Ministry of External Affairs to provide all possible assistance to the Indian victims and their families.

The party pointed out that the incident showed the “appalling” conditions in which Indian workers live in West Asia, and said the government must ensure complete safety of citizens, including proper housing facilities for them.

“Anguished by the terrible tragedy in Kuwait, where several Indian labourers have lost their lives and many are said to be injured. Our heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims. Our thoughts and prayers are with the injured. We sin-

Party says Indian govt. must work with its counterparts to ensure the safety of workers

cerely urge the External Affairs Ministry to provide all possible assistance to the victims and their families,” Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said on X.

Expressing shock at the loss of lives and wishing speedy recovery to the injured, Rahul Gandhi, in a post on X, wrote, “The condition of our workers in the Middle East is a serious matter of concern. The Government of India, working alongside its counterparts, must prioritise the safety of our citizens and ensure dignified living standards.”

The party’s general secretary Priyanka Gandhi

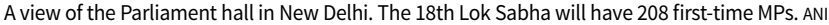
Vadra said, “I request the External Affairs Minister to make proper arrangements for the treatment of the injured workers and announce compensation for the families of those who have died.”

Congress general secretary K.C. Venugopal said, “I urge the Ministry of External Affairs to urgently assist those injured in this accident and ensure handsome compensation to all victims and their families. This incident is a stark reminder of the appalling conditions in which Indian labourers live in the Middle East. The government, in collaboration with their respective counterparts, must ensure complete safety of our citizens – including proper housing facilities, with adequate safety precautions and amenities, to ensure they live a life of dignity.”

Modi should try to solve pressing issues concerning Odisha: Jairam Ramesh

Kiren Rijiju; BJP likely to keep the post of the Speaker with itself, while the TDP has said that it has not demanded the post

Mr. Rijju appealed to all political parties to have a constructive debate during the session. The MPs-elect will take oath or make affirmation of their membership of the Lok Sabha and elect the Speaker during



“The mandate of the people has to be respected. Those who have been directed by the voters to run the government, should run it well and those who have got the direction to sit in the Opposition should

The BJP, which is likely to keep the post of the Speaker with itself, has not yet revealed the name of

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader

In the 17th Lok Sabha, there were 78 women members, while this time there are only 74. Nine MPs re-elected represented a different party in the 17th Lok Sabha and eight represented a party that split from their earlier outfit.

The Congress leader said that as per Comptroller and Auditor-General (CAG) reports, Central transfers as a percentage of revenue



He also drew attention

The senior Congress leader drew attention to neglect towards the Amarda airstrip of Second World War vintage.

Four days after actor-turned-Trinamool Congress-MLA Soham Chakraborty was caught on camera assaulting a restaurant owner in Kolkata's New Town area, the victim, Anisul Alam, on Wednesday approached the Calcutta High Court accusing the police of not taking action against the legislators. Mr. Alam has accused Mr. Chakraborty of punching him and assaulting the restaurant staff after an altercation over vehicle parking. The restaurateur's lawyer, who alleged that Mr. Alam was being threatened, requested an investigation.

The names doing the rounds in the political corridors for the post of LoP include senior leader Shival Singh Yadav, five-time MLA Ram Achal Rajbhar and leading Dalit face and deputy leader in the Assembly Inderjit Saroj.

Mr. Thackeray stated that if Mr. Modi could not manage these issues, he did not deserve a third term as Prime Minister. He said that Jammu and Kashmir was experiencing significant turmoil. "Lives are being lost. Who is accountable for the terror attacks in J&K," he asked.

INBRIEF



Nepal seeks India's help to set up Jan Aushadhi Kendras

After Mauritius, now Nepal has approached India to set up Jan Aushadhi Kendras in their country, which would allow their citizens to benefit from low cost 'Made in India' generic medicines. The Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana is a Central government scheme under which quality generic medicines are made available at affordable prices via dedicated outlets called Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJK). India currently has over 10,000 PMBJKs across the country.

Heatwave grips south Bengal, school timings to be changed

Southern parts of West Bengal continued to reel under the ongoing heatwave with high humidity. In response, the State has asked all government and government-aided schools in south Bengal to change their timings so that students do not fall sick due to the extreme heat during the day. Primary and middle schools have been issued the same advisory. The government has said change in class timings would not affect mid-day meal services. The India Meteorological Department on Wednesday said rain may soon offer relief.

Young artists make a splash at JSW Paints Futurescapes contest held in association with The Hindu Young World

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The national finale of the JSW Paints Futurescapes Painting Competition, 2024, held in association with *The Hindu* Young World, concluded with a valedictory function on Tuesday.

The national winners in three categories were announced.

Winners

The winners of the first three prizes in that order are as follows:

Sub-junior category: Yash Jain of Class 5, Hillwoods Academy, Preet Vihar, New Delhi; Adithi M. of Class 5, Vidyodaya Public School, Udipi; and Asmit Mukherjee of Class 3, Lions Calcutta Greater Vidy Mandir, Kolkata.

Junior category: Abineth D.T. of Class 8, Montfort School, Guindy, Chennai; Subhdeep Sinha of Class 8 P.M. Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya, Cossipore, Kolkata; and Ridham of Class 8, Army Public School, Danapur Cantonment, Patna.

Senior category: Kavyashree K. of Class 10,

SBOA School and Junior College, Anna Nagar, Chennai; Alakananda T. of Class 11, RKM Higher Secondary School, Kannanchery, Kozhikode; and Gouri Parvathy S. of Class 12, Bhavan's Adarsha Vidyalaya, Kakkanad, Kochi.

"We believe that India aims to be a great country in the world going into the future, and this is possible if the people who are going to be building the future do great things. One of the best ways to connect with this future of India is by giving children an avenue to express themselves and bring out their ideas," said Sundaresan A.S., Joint Managing Director and CEO, JSW Paints Pvt Ltd.

"Children have a very different take on issues that affect the country. Some of these views are innovative and inspirational. We wanted our participants to have freedom to express themselves. It is our fervent hope that one day some of these ideas can be made into reality," said Anuradha Bose, Senior Vice-President (Marketing) at JSW Paints Pvt Ltd.



"At *The Hindu*, we believe in educating, engaging and enlightening children. Our constant endeavour is to give them the right information, the right narrative and the right content," said Sridhar Aranala, Vice-President (Sales & Distribution), The Hindu Group.

The competition, which began in February this year, saw children from around the country participate in the preliminary stage, the regional finale held in 30 cities, and the national finale.

Topics

From around 1.42 lakh entries from over 1,500 schools in the preliminary round, around 5,500 students made it to the regional finale, from which 90 qualified for the national finale.

The topics for the national finale were as follows: sub-junior category (Classes 3 to 5): "My colourful underwater birthday party" and "Beautiful tourism with Incredible India"; junior category (Classes 6 to 8): "Colours of friendship with my favourite fictional character" and "Beautiful technology with Digital India"; senior Category (classes 9 to 12): "Colours of passion during a race to Mars" and "Beautiful future in self-reliant India".

Prizes

The first three winners in each category were awarded a prize money of ₹15,000, ₹10,000 and ₹7,500, respectively, along with a certificate and a trophy.

Additionally, winners of seven consolation prizes in each category were awarded ₹3,000 each. All the national finalists were awarded six months' free digital subscription to *The Hindu* Group's exclusive products for children.

For the full list of winners, visit ywc.thehindu.com/results/jswpaints

Winners in all categories

SUB JUNIORS

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For the complete list of winners, visit ywc.thehindu.com/results/jswpaints

63 cases of use of unfair means, but no paper leak, says NTA

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Sixty-three cases of students using unfair means were reported in NEET-UG out of which 23 have been debarred for varying periods, National Testing Agency officials said on Wednesday, but reiterated that there has been no paper leak and the sanctity of the test has not been compromised.

The result of the remaining 40 candidates who were found using unfair means have been withheld, NTA Director-General Subodh Kumar Singh said.

"A committee was constituted to put forward cases of use of unfair means," he said.

On its recommendation, 12 candidates were debarred for three years, nine for two years and two for one year, he said, adding that the total number of cases of usage of unfair means was 63.

SC to hear pleas challenging results of NEET-UG today

Delhi HC issues notice to NTA to respond to four petitions filed by candidates; Vacation Bench refuses to stay counselling process; testing agency to file a transfer petition to consolidate all pleas

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Thursday as many as three petitions, including the one filed by the founder of edtech firm 'Physics Wallah', pertaining to the controversy-ridden National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test for admission to MBBS, BDS and other medical courses.

The top court's updated list of business say a Vacation Bench comprising Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta will take up the petitions.

Alakh Pandey, the founder of an edtech firm, has moved the court against alleged arbitrary award of grace marks by the National Testing Agency (NTA) to over 1,500 candidates.

The top court has also listed for hearing the two pleas filed by Abdullah Mohammed Faiz and Jaripiti



NEET candidates protesting at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi, demanding a re-test, on Wednesday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Kartheek separately. Mr. Pandey has urged the court to set up an expert panel under its supervision to "enquire into the examination process and results".

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday issued notice to the NTA to respond to four petitions filed by NEET candidates.

A Vacation Bench of Justice Neena Bansal Krishna, following in the footsteps

of the Supreme Court, refused to stay the counselling process. It listed the matter for further hearing on July 5.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta said several pleas had been filed in seven High Courts relating to alleged irregularities in the conduct of the test, and some were pending before the Supreme Court. He said the NTA would soon file a transfer petition in

the Supreme Court for consolidating all the pleas. "We are filing transfer petitions in the Supreme Court because there is a likelihood of conflicting views by different High Courts. Could your lordship consider waiting for a week or two? We will file a transfer petition," Mr. Mehta said.

'Inconsistency' flagged

One of the petitions, filed through advocate Abiha Zaidi, specifically challenged the "inconsistency between the instructions given in the question booklet and the answer key published". "The petitioner [Mohammed Florez] faced an issue with the answer key provided for Question No. 14 in Test Booklet Code Q4. This question ambiguously suggested two correct answers contrary to the instructions, adversely impacting the petitioner's score," the plea said. (With PTI inputs)

Study ranks India second in nitrous oxide emissions

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

India is the world's second largest source of nitrous oxide (N2O), a greenhouse gas that heats up the atmosphere far more than carbon dioxide. Nearly 11% of such global man-made emissions in 2020 were from India, topped only by China at 16%.

The major source of these emissions comes from fertilizer usage, according to a global assessment of N2O emissions published in the journal *Earth System Science Data* on Wednesday.

In 2022, the concentration of atmospheric N2O reached about 25% above the levels seen before the industrial age. In comparison, the concentration of carbon dioxide was 417 parts per million in 2022.

This means that the current level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is a thousand times more than that of nitrous oxide, making carbon dioxide reduction the bigger priority among countries trying to



Monumental change: The Taj Mahal on a clear day after rain washed away pollution in Agra, Uttar Pradesh. SANDEEP SAXENA

contain climate change. However, because nitrous oxide stays longer in the atmosphere and is rising rapidly, scientists in recent years have been warning that it must also be tackled with a greater sense of urgency.

N2O emissions from human activities have increased by 40% (three million metric tonnes of N2O per year) in the past four decades, with growth rates between 2020 and 2022 higher than in any previous period since 1980, when reliable measurements began.

Agricultural production using nitrogen fertilizers,

such as ammonia, and animal manure contributed 74% of the total anthropogenic N2O emissions in the last decade. N2O emissions from human activities, responsible for 6.4% of the effective radiative forcing of greenhouse gases, have added about 0.1 degree Celsius to current global warming.

"This report on the nitrous oxide budget is timely and alarming. It is time India took this wake-up call seriously and changed cropping systems and production practices," said G.V. Ramanjaneyulu, director of the Centre of Sustainable Agriculture.

THE CROSSWORD+ 14200 (set by KrisKross)

To solve this puzzle online, get across to our crossword site. @ <https://qrgo.page.link/jjpTn>

SCAN TO PLAY

Across

- Shoots government boats (6)
- Businesslike cold call in mobile describing insurance basically (8)
- Wise men fix occult device (5,4)
- Lives filled with most precious thoughts (5)
- Soldier with very large umbrella (7)
- Fresh bit of toast, cereal and syrup (7)

Down

- Good design ample to arrive at a new strategy (4,4)
- School argued about uniform, as predicted (7)
- After cycling fast, one (not surprisingly) eats hungrily (5,4)
- Playing politics, a king grabs power making a superficial improvement (8,2,1,3)
- Innocent KrisKross punching rascal, knocking head off (5)
- Under pressure, associate leaves competition to crack buggy code (7)
- Whips criminal as he steals sandwiches (6)
- Treatment in case of cancer - alleviate endless pain somehow (10,4)
- Enter complex, extremely irregular math function (9)
- Surrender, say, overwhelmed by spinners who are the highest-rated (3,5)
- A vocal European in charge is bitter (7)
- Plain box with strap (7)
- Heartily relish eating pine fruit (6)
- Like Missouri's historical monument (5)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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MADGALDEEP SCENT 3in1

PREMIUM QUALITY INCENSE PERFUME LIKE FRAGRANCES

FAITH

Serve guru, attain moksha

Four aspects of our life are pre-programmed based on our deeds in our previous *janma*. These are owning land, finding a spouse, health and lastly, a guru. Why is it important to have a guru and serve him? Being devout and serving Him with dedication is not enough to attain *mukti* (freedom from rebirth). That ultimate goal is achievable only through a guru, said P. Swaminathan in a discourse.

Tirukkachi Nambi, the venerated Vaishnavite saint, is a case in point. As one of the four sons of a merchant, he spent his share of inheritance in creating a flower garden at a place that is now known as Poonnamallee. Every day, he carried the fresh flowers from the nandavanam to the presiding deity of Varadaraja Perumal temple in Kancheepuram. He also found that the deity appeared to be sweating and informed the priests, who were not blessed to share his experience. Perumal informed Nambi that only he could see him in such a state. Nambi gained permission to fan the deity daily. The two also fell into the habit of conversing with each other. The legend of Nambi grew and an ordinary peasant fell at Nambi's feet, declared him as his guru and asked him to find out if God would offer him *mukti* in his conversations with Perumal. Without hesitation, Perumal said the peasant would be at His feet in Vaikuntam, since he had found a guru.

BEIJING

Former Navy captain who entered Taiwan acted on his own: China



A former Navy captain arrested in Taiwan for illegal entry was acting on his own accord and would be punished if returned to China, Beijing said on Wednesday. Taiwan's coast guard picked up the man on Sunday after his vessel collided with other boats on the Tamsui river, which flows from the self-ruled island's capital Taipei. AFP

DUBAI

Merchant ship hit in Red Sea off Yemen, says security firm Ambrey



A merchant ship issued a distress call after being struck in the Red Sea off Yemen, a security firm said on Wednesday, in what appeared to be the latest attack by Iran-backed Houthi rebels. The ship was hit about 68 nautical miles southwest of the rebel-held port city of Hodeida, maritime security firm Ambrey said. AFP

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan increases Defence Budget by nearly 15% for the year 2024-25



Pakistan Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb on Wednesday announced a nearly 15% hike in defence spending and allocated Rs. 2,122 billion in the 2024-25 Budget, marking a significant increase from last year amidst strenuous efforts to secure a fresh loan from the IMF to meet the cash-strapped nation's external liabilities. PTI

BRUSSELS

EU threatens to increase tariffs on Chinese electric car imports



The European Union threatened on Wednesday to hike tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles, escalating a trade dispute over Beijing's subsidies for the exports that Brussels worries is hurting domestic automakers. The European Commission's new tariffs would amount to additional duties of as much as 38%, up from the current 10%. AP

U.S. hopes to close gaps in Israel-Hamas truce talks

Agence France-Presse
DOHA

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken vowed on Wednesday to keep pressing to seal a Gaza ceasefire deal, saying that not all Hamas demands were acceptable but voicing hope that gaps could be closed. Consulting with key mediator Qatar, Mr. Blinken said Hamas could have given a "clear and simple yes" but voiced guarded hope for moving forward. Of the demands of Hamas, Mr. Blinken said "some of the changes are workable, some are not". "We are determined to try to bridge the gaps. And I believe those gaps are bridgeable," he said.

Hezbollah fires rockets at Israel to avenge senior commander's killing

About 160 projectiles were fired from southern Lebanon, making it one of the largest attacks since the fighting began; Hezbollah said it fired missiles and rockets at two military bases in retaliation for the killing of Taleb Sami Abdullah

Associated Press
BEIRUT

Lebanon's Hezbollah fired a massive barrage of rockets into northern Israel on Wednesday to avenge the killing of a top commander, further escalating regional tensions as the fate of an internationally-backed plan for a ceasefire in Gaza hung in the balance. The retaliatory attack came as U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken was in the region to push a ceasefire proposal with global support that has not been fully embraced by Israel or Hamas. The militant group



Scorched earth: An Israeli firefighter walks near smoke and fire following Hezbollah's strikes in Israel on Wednesday. REUTERS

submitted its first official response late on Tuesday, requesting "amendments" to the deal. Hezbollah, an Iran-

backed ally of Hamas, has traded fire with Israel nearly every day since the 8-month-long Israel-Hamas war began and says it will

only stop if there is a truce in Gaza. That has raised fears of an even more devastating regional conflagration. Air raid sirens sounded across northern Israel, and about 160 projectiles were fired from southern Lebanon, making it one of the largest attacks since the fighting began. There were no immediate reports of casualties as some were intercepted while others ignited brush fires. Hezbollah said it fired missiles and rockets at two military bases in retaliation for the killing of Taleb Sami Abdullah, 55. Known within Hezbollah as Hajj Abu

Taleb, he is the most senior commander killed late on Tuesday since the fighting began eight months ago. Israeli strikes Israeli airstrikes on Lebanon have killed over 400 people, most of them Hezbollah members, but the dead also include more than 70 civilians and non-combatants. On the Israeli side, 15 soldiers and 10 civilians have been killed since the war in Gaza began. Mr. Blinken, who is on his eighth visit to the region since the start of the war, headed to Qatar on Wednesday to follow up on the negotiations.

Macron calls for moderates' unity to beat far right in polls

Associated Press
PARIS

French President Emmanuel Macron on Wednesday urged moderate politicians from the left and the right to regroup to defeat the far right in the upcoming national legislative elections he had called for after his party's crushing defeat in the European parliamentary vote.

A sombre-looking Mr. Macron addressed French voters for the first time since his stunning decision on Sunday to dissolve the National Assembly, France's lower House of parliament. His move triggered an early legislative election that will take place in two rounds on June 30 and July 7, three weeks after the far-right National Rally party of Marine Le Pen triumphed at the election for the European Union Parliament. During a press conference on Wednesday, Mr. Macron said he decided on the risky move because he could not ignore the new political reality after his pro-European party was handed a chastening defeat and garnered less than



Emmanuel Macron

half the support of the National Rally with its star leader, Jordan Bardella. Unlike in his recent national addresses, the French President stuck to his country's internal issues favoured by the surging right, including curbing immigration, fighting crime and Islamic separatism in France. Mr. Macron, who has three years left of his second presidential term, hopes voters will band together to contain the far right in national elections in a way they did not in European ones. He called on "men and women of goodwill who were able to say 'no' to extremes to join together to be able to build a joint project" for the country.

Russia keeps up its Ukraine attack despite diplomacy buzz

Associated Press
KYIV

Russian forces fired missiles and drones at the Kyiv region and five other areas of Ukraine in a nighttime attack, officials said on

Wednesday, ahead of several days of intense diplomatic activity around the war. Ukraine's air force said it shot down more than two dozen air targets, including cruise missiles, a Kinzhal

ballistic missile and Shahed drones. Several people were injured. How best to support Ukraine's efforts to stop Russia's invasion will be a central issue in international meetings in coming days.

Leaders of the Group of Seven rich democracies, including U.S. President Joe Biden, are due to gather on Thursday in Italy for their annual summit to discuss how to squeeze more money for Ukraine from

Russian assets frozen in their countries. Also on Thursday, defence chiefs from the U.S., Europe and other nations hold their monthly meeting on Ukraine's security needs. U.S. Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin is to host the event in Brussels. Next weekend, representatives of nearly 90 countries and organisations, half from Europe, are to attend a Swiss-hosted Ukraine peace summit.

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Bangladeshi Nobel Prize winner Yunus indicted in graft case

Reuters
DHAKA

Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus and 13 others were indicted by a Bangladesh court on Wednesday on charges of embezzlement of 252.2 million taka (\$2 million) from the workers' welfare fund of his telecoms company. Mr. Yunus, 83, and his Grameen Bank won the 2006 Nobel Peace prize for work to lift millions out of poverty by granting tiny loans of under \$100 to the rural poor of Bangladesh, pioneering a global movement now known as microcredit. The prosecution accuses Mr. Yunus and the others of embezzling 252.2 million taka from the welfare fund of Grameen Telecom, which owns a 34.2% stake in Grameenphone, the country's largest mobile phone company and a subsidiary of Norway's telecom giant Telenor. They are also accused of money laundering. Mr. Yunus denied any involvement in corruption, telling reporters that he and his coworkers were being harassed by the authorities. Special Judge Syed Arfat Hossain dismissed petitions seeking the charges to be dropped, saying the prosecution had demon-



Muhammad Yunus

strated the misappropriation of funds and the illegal money transfers abroad. The trial will begin on July 15, he said. In January, Mr. Yunus was sentenced to six months in prison for violations of labour law, which he denied. 100 cases registered Although he is not in prison after securing bail in that case, Mr. Yunus faces more than 100 cases regarding the violations and graft accusations, which he said in an interview with Reuters last week was "very flimsy, made-up stories". During the interview, Mr. Yunus said Bangladesh had turned into a "one-party" state as the ruling party stamps out political competition. The government denied his allegations on the cases and the style of rule. (\$1 = 117.0000 taka)

Hong Kong govt. cancels passports of six activists

Associated Press
HONG KONG

The Hong Kong government on Wednesday cancelled the passports of six overseas-based activists under the new national security law, stepping up its crackdown on dissidents who moved abroad. Among them were former pro-democracy lawmaker Nathan Law, unionist Mung Siu-tat and activists Simon Cheng, Finn Lau, Johnny Pok and Tony Choi – all accused of endangering national security by authorities in the southern Chinese city. The government said they have "absconded" to the U.K. Last year, police offered rewards of 1 million Hong Kong dollars (\$128,000) each for information leading to their arrests and drew sharp criticism from Western governments. Authorities also banned anyone from providing funds or economic resources to the six, leasing properties to them or forming any joint venture with them, or risk a penalty of up to seven years in prison. The government said it acted because the six were continuing to engage in activities that endanger national security, smearing the city and colluding with external forces.

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बिड आमंत्रण सूचना (NIB) संख्या 01/2024-25
राजस्थान के राज्यपाल की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु लोक निर्माण और वित्तिय नियम के पार्ट-4 नियम 334 (ए) (iii) के तहत रु. 150.00 लाख तक की निविदाओं हेतु केवल जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग में पंजीकृत एवं इससे अधिक लागत की निविदाओं हेतु जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग में पंजीकृत निविदादाताओं हेतु नियमानुसार घूट के साथ एवं केन्द्र/ राज्य सरकार के अधिकृत विभागों/ संगठनों, केन्द्रिय लोक निर्माण विभाग, रेल डाक, वृद्धसंचार विभागों में उपयुक्त समकक्ष श्रेणी में पंजीकृत संवेदकों से पूर्ण धरोहर राशि के साथ ई-टेंडरिंग प्रक्रिया द्वारा निम्न ऑन लाईन बिड आमंत्रित की जाती है।


बिड संख्या	UBIN No.	अनुमानित लागत (लाखों में)	धरोहर राशि 2 प्रतिशत	बिड शुल्क (रुपये)	ई-प्रक्रिया शुल्क	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
01/2023-24	PHE2425WLOB01238	1612.55	32,25,100	10000/-	2500/-	60 माह

ऑनलाईन बिड उपलब्ध होने की तिथि 07.06.2024
ऑनलाईन बिड डाउनलोड/ अपलोड करने की अन्तिम तिथि 02.07.2024 को 6.00 पी.एम.
ऑनलाईन बिड खोलने की तिथि 03.07.2024 को 2.00 पी.एम.
बिड से संबंधित समस्त विवरण वेबसाईट www.dipronline.org, sppp.raj.nic.in व www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।
(जुगल किशोर करवा)
अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियंता
जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग, क्षेत्र द्वितीय जोधपुर


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- As of the start of this World Cup, with bowling figures of 6/8, which Sri Lankan bowler holds the record for the best bowling figures in a World T20 match?
- The highest score by any team against India in T20 World Cup history is 200. Which team achieved this in the inaugural edition of the T20 World Cup?
- Before this World Cup, India's highest margin of defeat by runs in T20 World Cup history was 49 runs. Which team inflicted this defeat in 2010?



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Answer to yesterday's quiz:

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- 2
- Shakib al Hasan

Australia proves too good for Namibia, storms into Super 8



The scores: Namibia 72 in 17 overs (Erasmus 36; Zampa 4/12) lost to Australia 74/1 off 5.4 overs (Travis Head 34 n.o.); **PoM:** Zampa.

South Africa clinches a berth in the next round after SL-Nepal washout



has won all three of its games, becomes the first team to qualify for the Super Eight stage.

Zampa becomes first Australian to take 100 T20I wickets



Wiese, Ruben Trumplemann and Bernard Scholtz. Zampa has 100 wickets at an economy rate of 7.20 in 83 matches.

Rizwan pulls level with Rohit for most T20I fifties as an opener



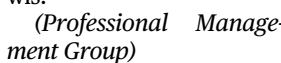
the milestone, while Rohit took 118 innings. Pakistan skipper Babar Azam stands third with 28 fifties.


After Arshdeep breathes fire, Suryakumar takes over

The left-arm seamer finishes with sensational figures of 4-0-9-4; chasing a target of 111, India loses Kohli and Rohit cheaply before the No. 4 batter seals the deal and puts the team in the Super 8

Desperate New Zealand faces a big test against high-flying West Indies

Much will depend on what Boult does for the Kiwis against the Windies





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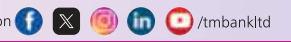
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छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल
पर्यावास भवन, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, रायपुर (छ.ग.) 492002

// सर्वसंमतिों को सुचना //

भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली की अधिसूचना दिनांक 14.09.2006 (यथा संशोधित) के तहत सर्व संबंधितों को सूचित किया जाता है कि Expansion of Steel Plant- Sponge Iron from 1,20,000 TPA to 4,17,000 TPA, MS Ingots / Hot Billets from 90,000 TPA to 2,38,500 TPA, TMT Bars/Rolled products (Rolling Mill with 85% Hot Charging & 15% RHF) from 90,000 TPA to 2,55,000 TPA (or) MS Strip Mill of 1,65,000 TPA (OR) MS Pipe Mill of 1,65,000 TPA, WHRB Power from 8.0 MW to 28 MW, FBC Power from 4 MW to 14 MW, Ferro Alloys 2x9 MVA (FeSi-14,000 TPA/FeMn-50,400 TPA/SIMn-28,800 TPA/FeCr-30,000 TPA/Pig Iron-50,400 TPA), New Briquetting Plant (200 Kg/hr) & Fly Ash Brick Making unit (55,000 Bricks/Day) by M/s Raigarh Ispat and Power Private Limited, located at Delari & Saraipali Villages, Tehsil-Raigarh, District-Raigarh, Chhattisgarh- Grant of TOR under SOP dated 07.07.2021 (Violation Category) की स्थापना के लिए पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतु लोक सुनवाई बाबत छ.ग. पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल में आवेदन किया गया है। उक्त क्षमता विस्तार परियोजना हेतु लोक सुनवाई दिनांक 21.03.2024 को नियत की गई थी जिसे कार्यालय कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी, जिला - रायगढ़ के पत्र क्रमांक 3209/ज.सु./ पर्यावरण / अप. कले. / 2024, दिनांक 18.03.2024 के माध्यम से अपरिहार्य कारणों से आगामी आदेश पर्यन्त तक उक्त प्रस्तावित लोकसुनवाई को स्थगित किया गया था। भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय नई दिल्ली की अधिसूचना दिनांक 09.05.2022 के परिपेक्ष्य में उक्त क्षमता विस्तार परियोजना के संबंध में आपत्ति / सुझाव / विचार / टीका-टिप्पणी, इस सूचना के जारी होने के दिनांक से 15 दिवस के अंदर क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी, छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, रायगढ़ के कार्यालय में मौखिक अथवा लिखित रूप से कार्यालयीन समय में प्रस्तुत की जा सकती है। इस परियोजना के लिए लोक सुनवाई दिनांक 27/06/2024, दिन-गुरुवार को प्रातः 11:00 बजे से स्थल - सिन्धु फार्म के समीप का स्थल, ग्राम- शिवपुरी, तहसील व जिला - रायगढ़ (छ.ग.) में नियत की गई है। भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली के पत्र क्रमांक F. No. IA-J-11011/154/2021-IA-II (I), दिनांक 17/05/2021 एवं भारत सरकार गृह मंत्रालय के आदेश दिनांक 30/09/2020 में दिये गये दिशा-निर्देशों तथा कानून व्यवस्था के दृष्टिकोण से लोक सुनवाई की कार्यवाही संपन्न कराया जाना है। ई.आई.ए. अधिसूचना दिनांक 14 सितंबर 2006 (यथा संशोधित) के अनुसार, संबंधित व्यक्तियों के अवलोकन / पठन हेतु डाफ्ट ई.आई.ए. रिपोर्ट अंग्रेजी भाषा में एवं इसकी संक्षिप्त सार रिपोर्ट हिन्दी एवं अंग्रेजी तथा सी.डी. (सॉफ्ट कॉपी) कार्यालय कलेक्टर रायगढ़, कार्यालय मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी, जिला पंचायत रायगढ़, कार्यालय महाप्रबंधक, जिला व्यापार एवं उद्योग केन्द्र रायगढ़, कार्यालय अनुविभागीय अधिकारी (राजस्व), रायगढ़ / घरघोड़ा, जिला - रायगढ़, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल टी.डी. टॉवर रोड रायगढ़, मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी, जनपद पंचायत - रायगढ़ / घरघोड़ा / तमनार, जिला - रायगढ़, सरपंच / सचिव कार्यालय ग्रामपंचायत- देलारी, गेरुवानी, सराईपाली, भुईकुर्सी, लाखा, गदगांव, तराईमाल, तहसील - रायगढ़ / घरघोड़ा / तमनार, जिला - रायगढ़, डायरेक्टर पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, इंदिरा पर्यावरण भवन, जोर बाग रोड, नई दिल्ली, एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय अरुण्य भवन, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर एवं मुख्यालय, छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मण्डल, पर्यावास भवन, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर (छ.ग.) में रखी हुई है।

सदस्य सचिव

छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल,
नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, जिला- रायपुर (छ.ग.)




GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-Mail : ceworldbankprojects@gmail.com
2nd corrigendum to Bid Identification No. CE-WBP (O) - 19 / 2023-24
File No. P-IM-Misc.-10 /2008 (Pt.)

The bid for the work of IFB of SI.01 Improvement to Telkoi - Bimala - Petraghati - Raisuan - Kalahata road from 21.370km to 44.520km in the District of Keonjhar under DMF (Tender Id: 2023_EICCL_93576_1) invited vide Bid Identification No. CE-WBP (O)-19/2023-24 is hereby cancelled due Administrative ground. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Chief Engineer, Bridges, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR.
B-19: OPR-34003/11/0002/2425



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA E-Mail : sencrwangul@yahoo.co.in
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER,
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, ANGUL Ph.: 06764 - 236404

No. 1533// Dt. 10/6/24 //

Cancellation of Tender for Road work

The tender for the work "Construction of flood resilient road from Pingua to Dasmanapatna via- Manjuripada road in Gondia Block in the District of Dhenkanal for the year 2023-24 invited vide this office Tender Call Notice No. 619 dt.21.02.2024 (Bid Identification No. Road Online-AGL- 50) by the Procurement officer, Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul is hereby cancelled vide letter No.19290 dt.07.06.2024 of Chief Engineer, Roads, R.W.(O), Bhubaneswar due to first time single responsive tender as per the Tender Evaluation Committee under the Chairmanship of Engineer-in-Chief-I, R.W.(O), Bhubaneswar on 05.06.2024 at 11.30 A.M.

Chief Construction Engineer,
Rural Works Circle, Angul.
OIPR-25160/11/0003/2425

e-Procurement Cell
JHARKHAND STATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION LTD., RANCHI

Very Short Term e-Procurement Notice
Date-12-06-2024


Sl. No	Tender Reference No.	Work Name	Amount in (Rs)	Completion Time	Call	Advt. PR No.
1	JSBCCL/01/2024-25	Construction of Synthetic Athletic Track (08 Lane) at Kumaitha Sports Complex, Jasidih, Deoghar	Rs. 19,72,53,143/-	12 Months	2nd	317039
2	JSBCCL/02/2024-25	Construction of Synthetic Hockey Field with Lighting at Swami Vivekanand Sports Complex, Gumla	Rs. 22,81,51,203/-	12 Months	3rd	320805

3	Date of Publication of Tender on Website	19-06-2024 at 11:00 AM
4	Start Date of Submission of Bids	19-06-2024 at 11:00 AM
5	Last Date/Time of Submission of Bids	03-07-2024 at 05:00 PM
6	Date/Time of opening of Bid	04-07-2024 at 05:00 PM
7	Name & Address of office Inviting tender	e-Procurement Cell, Jharkhand State Building Construction Corporation Ltd., Ranchi.
8	Helpline Number of e-procurement Cell	0651-2446259
9	e-mail ID	jsbcecljharkhand@gmail.com

Note:- Cost of bidding document for a non-refundable fee & Bid Security (EMD) shall be payable online through <http://Jharkhandtenders.gov.in>. Any change can be seen on Website <http://Jharkhandtenders.gov.in>. Any other information can be seen on <http://Jharkhandtenders.gov.in>.

Executive Director
Jharkhand State Building Construction Corporation Ltd., Ranchi.

PR 326211 Jharkhand State Building Construction Corp. Ltd.(24-25)D



झारखण्ड सरकार
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, साहेबगंज

ई- अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई0-अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा संख्या-318/R/II/2023-24 /RWD/SAHIBGANJ दिनांक 12.06.2024

कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्ड साहेबगंज द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से पैकेज के रूप में निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र० सं०	आइडेंटिफिकेशन संख्या / पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रु० में) अंर्कमें	अक्षरमें	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि	टेंडर कोल संख्या
1	RWD/SAHIBGANJ/23/SRPGK-01/2022-23	मोशाला रेलवे कॉरिडोर से मंड्री कोला तक पथ का विशेष मरम्मत कार्य। (लं०-3.20 कि०मी०)	14,71,38,325.00	चौदह करोड़	15 माह	पंचम
2		पी०डब्ल्यू०डी० पथ बायसी से गमहरिया भागा बथानी तक पथ का विशेष मरम्मत कार्य। (लं०-3.37 कि०मी०)		एकहत्तर लाख		
3		आर०ई०ओ० रोड चालकोटा मोड़ से रामपुर भागा कुमहरिया तक पथ का विशेष मरम्मत कार्य। (लं०-6.25 कि०मी०)		हजार तीन सौ पचास रु० मात्र		
4		जेटक से तोलाटाड़ करासोल होते हुए महाकुली तक पथ का विशेष मरम्मत कार्य। (लं०-4.60 कि०मी०)				
5		पी०डब्ल्यू०डी० पथ तारर केन्द्र से बड़ा पान्दन भागा मुर्गाबनी तक पथ का विशेष मरम्मत कार्य। (लं०-3.25 कि०मी०)				
6		पी०डब्ल्यू०डी० रोड हरिंगकोल से महुआकोल घटियारी तक पथ का विशेष मरम्मत कार्य। (लं०-2.60 कि०मी०)				
7		पी०डब्ल्यू०डी० रोड खाड़ बगीचा से धोवना मोड़ भागा खैरा तक पथ का विशेष मरम्मत कार्य। (लं०-3.936 कि०मी०)				
8		एन० एच० 80 से पटवर टोला तक पथ का विशेष मरम्मत कार्य। (लं०-1.800 कि०मी०)				

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि- 20.06.2024

3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय- 29.06.2024 अपराह्न 05.00 बजे तक।

4. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रपंथन की राशि Jharkhandtenders.gov.in के माध्यम से ऑनलाईन मोड में स्वीकार की जाएगी।

5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय- 02.07.2024 अपराह्न 11.00 बजे।


6. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता -कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्यप्रमंडल, साहेबगंज, पिन-816109

7. ई-निविदा प्रक्राइट का मोबाइल नं०- 8292371115

8. विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट-<https://www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in> में देखा जा सकता है।

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कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग,
कार्य प्रमंडल,साहेबगंज

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कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमंडल, अरवल
अतिअल्पकालीन राष्ट्रीय/स्पर्धा पुनः ई० निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
संख्या 01/ARWAL/2024-2025
(एस०बी०डी० आधारित प्रतिशत दर निविदा)

1. विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, भवन प्रमंडल, अरवल।

2. निविदा आमंत्रित करने की तिथि :- दिनांक- 10.06.2024

3. निविदा कागजात प्राप्त (डाउनलोड) करने की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक-25.06.2024 से 17.07.2024 को 15.00 बजे तक। केवल वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर

4. निविदा जमा (अपलोड) करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक-18.07.2024 को 15.00 बजे तक। केवल वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर

5. निविदा विक्री का स्थान :- केवल वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर

6. तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक-22.07.2024 को 15.30 बजे।

7. वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- तकनीकी बीड मूल्यांकन के पश्चात्।

8. प्रो बीड मीटिंग की तिथि समय एवं स्थान (i)-दिनांक- 02.07.2024 को 15.00 बजे अधीक्षण अभियंता, भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन अंचल, गया का कार्यालय में।

(ii)- दिनांक- 08.07.2024 को 15.00 बजे मुख्य अभियंता (द०), भवन निर्माण विभाग, बिहार, पटना का कार्यालय में।

9. निविदा की वैधता की अवधि :- 120 दिन


10. कार्य का विवरण :-

क्र० सं०	गुण संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रपंथन की राशि	परिमाण का मूल्य	निविदा बीड प्रोसेसिंग की की	समाप्ति की अवधि
1	1	अरवल जिलान्तर्गत, अरवल प्रखंड के पंचायत खमैनी एवं प्यारेचक में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य (विद्युत कार्य सहित)।	5,00,46,258.00	10,01,000.00	10,000.00	As Per Online Requirement	12 महीना
2	2	अरवल जिलान्तर्गत, कुर्था प्रखंड के पंचायत अहमदपुर हरणा, इमाईमुपुर एवं कोदमई में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य (विद्युत कार्य सहित)।	7,50,69,387.00	15,01,500.00	10,000.00	As Per Online Requirement	12 महीना
3	3	अरवल जिलान्तर्गत, सोनमद दंशी सूर्यपुर प्रखंड के पंचायत सोनमद में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य (विद्युत कार्य सहित)।	2,50,23,129.00	5,00,500.00	10,000.00	As Per Online Requirement	12 महीना
4	4	अरवल जिलान्तर्गत, कलेर प्रखंड के पंचायत पड़यंजा, इसाईनपुर कोयल एवं जयपुर में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य (विद्युत कार्य सहित)।	7,50,69,387.00	15,01,500.00	10,000	As Per Online Requirement	12 महीना
5	5	अरवल जिलान्तर्गत, करपी प्रखंड के पंचायत दोर्रा, नरगा, किंजूर, कोहसा एवं करपी में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य (विद्युत कार्य सहित)।	12,51,15,645.00	25,02,500.00	10,000	As Per Online Requirement	12 महीना

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PR- 001604 (BCD) 2024-25

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कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमंडल, सुपौल
राष्ट्रीय स्पर्धा ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
(ई० निविदा पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)
अल्पकालीन ई० निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं०-02 (S.B.D. No प्र०, सुपौल)/2024-25

1. विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, भवन प्रमंडल, सुपौल।

2. निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना निर्गत की तिथि :- 10.06.2024

3. निविदा कागजात डाउनलोड (प्राप्त) करने की अवधि एवं समय :- दिनांक-26.06.2024 से 17.07.2024 के 3:00 बजे अपराह्न तक (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

4. प्रिबीड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान :- (a)दिनांक-02.07.2024 को 3.00 बजे अपराह्न को - अधीक्षण अभियंता, भवन अंचल सहरसा के कार्यालय कक्ष में। (b)दिनांक -08.07.2024 को 3:00 बजे अपराह्न मुख्य अभियंता (उ०) भवन निर्माण विभाग, बिहार, पटना के कार्यालय कक्ष में।

5. निविदा कागजात अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक-18.07.2024 के 3.00 बजे अपराह्न तक। (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

6. तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक-19.07.2024 को 3.30 बजे अप०। (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

7. अग्रपंथन की राशि एवं अन्य कागजात मूल में जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक-19.07.2024 को 3.00 बजे अप० तक।

8. वित्तीय बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक-19.07.2024 को 3.30 बजे अप०। (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)


9. निविदा वैधता की तिथि कार्य की विवरणी:-

क्र० सं०	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (लाख में)	अग्रपंथन की राशि (रु० में)	परिमाण- विपत्र का मूल्य (रु० में)	बीड प्रोसेसिंग चार्ज एवं सर्विस टैक्स (अप्रत्यक्षीय) (रु० में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1.	सुपौल अभियंत्रण महाविद्यालय, सुपौल में 300 बजे का अतिरिक्त बारिका छात्रावास के निर्माण कार्य। (विद्युतीकरण सहित)	2602.36	3603000.00	10000.00	As per Website	15 (पन्द्रह माह)

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए यह निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in/ www.prdbihar.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। कार्यपालक अभियंता भवन प्रमंडल, सुपौल

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e-Mail: theoccltd@odishaconstruction.com; GSTIN- 21AAOC2571K2ZM
"e"-Procurement Notice No. 02 /OCCL/2024-25 (on-line)

On-line percentage rate tenders are invited for the following works :

Sl No.	Name of Work	Name of Division	Bid Identification	Approx. Value of Work	Bid Security (through On-Line transfer/as per DTN) (in Rs.)	Period of Completion	Availability & Submision of Tender (on-line)
01	Improvement to left bank service road on NBC from RD 18.00 Km to RD 22.20 Km	Nimapada Irrigation Division	OCCL-HQP/07/ 2024-25	Rs.1.54 Crore	Rs.1,54,000/-		From 13/06/2024, 03.30 PM to 27/06/2024, 5.30 PM.
02	Improvement to service road on left bank of PMC Reach-III from WII-Dhabahara to Rangabazar	OCCL-HQP/08/ 2024-25	OCCL-HQP/08/ 2024-25	Rs.2.30 Crore	Rs.2,30,000/-		
03	Improvement to service road on left bank of PMC Reach-III from Block Office to village Pratap Sasan	OCCL-HQP/09/ 2024-25	OCCL-HQP/09/ 2024-25	Rs.2.30 Crore	Rs.2,30,000/-		
04	Improvement to service road on right bank of Putpada Disy. From RD 0.00 Km to 2.00 Km	OCCL-HQP/10/ 2024-25	OCCL-HQP/10/ 2024-25	Rs.1.54 Crore	Rs.1,54,000/-		
05	Improvement to service road on left bank of PMC Reach-III RD 29.37 Km to 32.370 Km	OCCL-HQP/11/ 2024-25	OCCL-HQP/11/ 2024-25	Rs.2.30 Crore	Rs.2,30,000/-		
06	Improvement to periphery road on right side of Kuanria Dam & road to view tower of Kuanria Irrigation Project .	Nayagarh Irrigation Division	OCCL-HQP/12/ 2024-25	Rs.0.87 Crore	Rs.87,000/-		6 (Six) Calendar months
07	Improvement to periphery road of left Distributary from RD 1.200 Km to 11.150 Km of Kuanria Irrigation Project	OCCL-HQP/13/ 2024-25	OCCL-HQP/13/ 2024-25	Rs.1.93 Crore	Rs.1,93,000/-		
08	Improvement to left bank service road of Guando minor from RD 75 M to RD 4500 M & RD 5700 M to 7000 M of BBIP	OCCL-HQP/14/ 2024-25	OCCL-HQP/14/ 2024-25	Rs.1.74 Crore	Rs.1,74,000/-		
09	Improvement to road on Hada left embankment from Sahajpur to Sagargaon	Khurda Irrigation Division	OCCL-HQP/15/ 2024-25	Rs.0.92 Crore	Rs.92,000/-		
10	Improvement to service road of Sumandal Main Canal from RD 14.00 Km to RD 17.00 Km, Service road of Kanariadi Distributary from RD 00 Km to 1.20 Km & Service road of Sardapur Distributary from RD 00 Km to 3.00 Km of Salia Irrigation Project	OCCL-HQP/16/ 2024-25	OCCL-HQP/16/ 2024-25	Rs.2.06 Crore	Rs.2,06,000/-		

Procurement Officer : Managing Director, OCCL. Date of Opening of the Tender : 28.06.2024, 12.00 Noon onwards. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal: <https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in>

MANAGING DIRECTOR
OIPR-34120/11/0004/2425



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No. 92/ OMC Date: 11.06.2024


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Sl. No.	Name of the Posts	Scale of Pay (in Rs.) under ORSP Rules	Initial Basic Pay (in Rs.)	Total Posts	Age as on 31.05.2024
1.	General Manager (Mining), E-7 Grade	1,27,100/- to 2,16,300/- (Level-16)	1,38,800/- (Cell-4)	02 (Unreserved)	Not above 55 years
2.	Addl. General Manager (Civil), E-6 Grade	1,23,100/- to 2,15,900/- (Level-15)	1,23,100/- (Cell-1)	01 (Unreserved)	Not above 50 years

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Sd/- Executive Director (P&A)
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Letter No. 12474 /SCB MCH Dt. 10.06.2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POST OF ICU / CASUALTY MEDICAL OFFICER FOR TRAUMA CARE CENTRE, SCB MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, CUTTACK ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS THROUGH WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

Eligible candidates are invited to attend the walk-in-interview in the Office of the Superintendent SCBMCH, Cuttack for the post of ICU / Casualty Medical Officer for Trauma Care Centre, SCB Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack on 21.06.2024 (Friday) contractual / deputation basis in view of urgency. The details of the eligibility criteria / vacancies / etc. are available in the SCB MCH website i.e. scbmch.in. The direct candidates shall be appointed on contractual basis. Applications in the prescribed proforma are invited from the eligible candidates for filling up the vacant post of 8 nos. of ICU / Casualty Medical Officer for Trauma Care Centre, SCB MCH, Cuttack on contractual basis till the post is filled up on regular basis.

Candidates are required to submit application online to scbsuperintendent@gmail.com in the format given in the website by **19.06.2024 by 5 PM**.

The engagement is purely temporary and the candidate cannot claim their right to continue in the post on the basis of such appointment/engagement. The selected candidates have to submit an undertaking to this effect.

Medical Superintendent
SCB Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack

INBRIEF



Nadal, Alcaraz to play doubles for Spain at the Olympics

Spain's Rafael Nadal and Carlos Alcaraz will team up to play doubles at this year's Olympic Games in Paris, the Royal Spanish Tennis Federation (RFET) said on Wednesday. Nadal won an Olympic gold in 2008, but the Paris Games will be Alcaraz's first as he returns to Roland Garros where he was crowned French Open champion on Sunday.

Mahika stuns third seed Sejal in pre-quarterfinals

Qualifier Mahika Khanna knocked out third seed Sejal Bhutada 7-6(8), 7-5 in the under-18 girls pre-quarterfinals of the AITA National series junior tennis tournament in Chandigarh on Wednesday.

Other results (pre-quarterfinals):
Boys: Shanker Heisnam bt Amtya Ohlyan 6-2, 6-0; Dhruv Ghanghas bt Kunsh Kakkar 6-3, 1-6, 6-2; Akshat Dhull bt Akshit Kaushik 6-1, 6-0; Aditya Mor bt Rishi Yadav 6-4, 6-1; Ojas Mehlawat bt Gurbaaz Narang 6-4, 6-2; Aryan Chauhan bt Shubham Sehrawat 6-2, 6-2; Aashravya Mehra bt Harsh Malik 6-2, 6-4; Aarav Chawla bt Aksh Sood 6-3, 6-1.
Girls: Shagun Kumari bt Suhani Gaur 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; Devanshi Gohil bt Dhatri Dave 3-6, 6-2, 6-1; Ananya Jain bt Nandini Kansal 6-3, 6-4; Snigdha Pattbandia bt Jasmine Kaur 6-4, 6-0; Anandita Upadhyay bt Rubani Kaur Sidhu 6-2, 6-3; Divya Ungrish bt Vaishnavi Singh 7-5, 4-6, 6-1; Nainika Reddy bt KA Aadirai 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Titmus shatters 200m freestyle world record

BRISBANE: Ariarne Titmus shattered fellow Australian Mollie O'Callaghan's 200m freestyle World record on Wednesday, touching in 1:52.23s just weeks before defending her Olympic title in Paris. Titmus hit the wall at Australia's Olympic trials ahead of O'Callaghan, who also went under her previous world record of 1:52.85.

With no ranking and no seeding, luck will play its part: Nikhat

She wants to remain injury free and in a good mental space in order to achieve her dream of winning an Olympic medal

BOXING

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Nikhat Zareen, the 50kg World champion, wants to remain injury free and in a good mental space in order to achieve her dream of winning an Olympic medal in Paris. The champion boxer said she was excited and nervous ahead of the Olympics.

"It (getting nervous) is my thing before any competition. My body works well if I get nervous. Besides, I have no experience of competing in the Olympics," said Nikhat from Patiala through a virtual interaction organised by the Sports Authority of India on Wednesday.

Nikhat said qualifying for the Olympics at the Asian Games in October last gave her enough time to prepare well as she could follow the coaches' plan of training and exposure at home and abroad.

Nikhat felt her silver winning performance in the Strandja Memorial, training in Montenegro and Turkey and gold winning effort in the Elorda Cup put her on the right track for the Games.

She admitted that her slow start in the semifinals (against Thailand's Chuthamat Raksat) in the Asian



Mixed feelings: Nikhat says she is both excited and nervous. PTI

Games cost her a better medal and taught her a lesson. "I have worked on my mistake."

Nikhat accepted that the Olympics would pose a different challenge. "Some tough opponents are there, but I cannot ignore others. With no ranking and no seeding, luck will play its part. Hope to get a good draw. "In the 2023 World championships, since I came down from 52kg to 50kg, I was unseeded. So it does not matter. You want to win no matter how tough the draw is."

On her mission for Paris, Nikhat said, "I never thought a girl who was once seen as a challenger (to the iconic Mary Kom) could be the face of Indian boxing. I am blessed and grateful to have achieved my dream of becoming a

World champion. Now, I want to fulfil my second dream of winning an Olympic medal."

Preeti Pawar, an Asian under-22 champion who qualified in 54kg, said her challenge was proving herself better everyday. "After the Asian Games, every tournament I competed in I treated it as part of my preparation for the Olympics," said Preeti.

Preeti, who impressed on her elite international debut at the 2023 World championships, took pressure on her stride. "Pressure is expected when you represent India. I forget the pressure when I enter the ring."

The other quota place winners – Amit Panghal, Nishant Dev and Jaismine Lamboria – were also present

Nagal rallies to trump Giannessi

TENNIS

Sports Bureau

Sixth seed Sumit Nagal recovered from an indifferent start to beat Alessandro Giannessi of Italy 0-6, 7-5, 7-6(5) in the pre-quarterfinals of the €148,625 Challenger tennis tournament in Perugia, Italy, on Wednesday.

Other results: €812,235 ATP, Stuttgart: Doubles (quarterfinals): Yuki Bhambri & Albano Olivetti (Fra) bt Theo Arribage & Sadio Doumbia (Fra) 6-3, 6-2.
€148,625 Challenger, Nottingham: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Gabriel Diallo (Can) & Emilio Nava (USA) bt Anirudh Chandrasekar & Arjun Kadhe 7-5, 7-6(5).
\$15,000 ITF men, Martos, Spain: (first round): Siddhant Banthia bt Marcos Fabra (Esp) 6-1, 6-1.
Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Patricio Alvarado (Ecu) & Ivan Curbelo (Esp) bt Siddhant Banthia & Tennyson Whiting (USA) 5-7, 6-4, [11-9].
\$15,000 ITF men, Koszalin, Poland: First round: Powel Juszczak (Pol) bt Yuwan Nandal 6-1, 7-5; Manas Dhamne bt Szymon Kielan (Pol) 6-2, 6-3.
\$15,000 ITF men, Hong Kong: First round: Jake Delaney (Aus) bt Dev Javia 6-2, 7-6(4); S.D. Prajwal Dev bt Credit Chaiyarin (Tha) 6-7(5), 6-4, 3-1 (retired); Tomohiro Masabayashi (Jpn) bt Adil Kalyanpur 6-4, 6-3.
\$60,000 ITF women, Guimaraes, Portugal: Singles (first round): Ankita Raina bt Angelina Voloshchuk (Por) 6-1, 6-3; Gabriela Knutson (Cze) bt Rutuja Bhosale 6-2, 7-6(5).
Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Ankita Raina & Prarthana Thombare bt Gabriela Knutson (Cze) & Alana Prnaby (Aus) 1-6, 6-1, [10-8]; Leonie Kung (Sui) & Vasanti Shinde bt Elena Milovanovic (Srb) & Tamira Paszek (Aut) 7-5, 6-4.

NEW DELHI ROUND-UP

Arnav and Dipesh star for LB Shastri Club
Arnav Singh Bugga's 98 and all-round performance by Dipesh Balyan helped LB Shastri Club beat PMG by eight wickets in the DDCA T20 League.

The scores: PMG 176/5 in 20 overs (Pradeep Malik 61, Dipesh Balyan 2/34) lost to Lb Shastri Club 180/2 in 18 overs (Arnav Singh Bugga 98, Dipesh Balyan 44).
Delhi Wonders 119 in 19 overs (Vimal Dubey 42, Vikas Sharma 3/15, Arman Saifi 2/04) lost to Pelican Club 120/3 in 13 overs (Bhavaya Tiwari 66).
Pioneer CC 205/6 in 20 overs (Yajas Sharma 75, Rahul Bhardwaj 2/36) lost to Ajmal Khan Club 116 in 15 overs (Sarthak Pal 34, Divjot Singh 5/24).
Hind CC 162/4 in 20 overs (Sumit Kumar 81, Rishit Arora 2/23) lost to Delhi CC 117/9 in 20 overs (Pushpendra Verma 4/22).
Young Cricketer 150/7 in 20 overs (Gautam Saxena 51, Piyush Kumar 35, Digvesh 3/25) bt Collage Sports 88 in 14 overs (Atrey Tripathi 3/16, Nikhil 2/13).
Friends Club 153 in 20 overs (Yashvardhan Oberoi 56, Prince Mehra 39, Bhavik Upadhyay 3/39) bt South Delhi Colts 131/8 in 20 overs (Nitin Choudhary 38, Kabir Kohli 3/16, Samarth Vashisht 2/12).

Medhavi excels
Player-of-the-match Medhavi Bidhuri top-scored with 57 and picked up two wickets as RP Academy beat Citi Cricket by five wickets in the 1st Shanti Devi memorial women's tournament.
The scores: Citi Cricket 159/8 in 35 overs (Nishika Singh 60) lost to RP Academy 160/5 in 33 overs (Medhavi Bidhuri 57, Kritika 37 n.o., Priya 3/38).

All-round performance by Gagan Prajapati
Gagan Prajapati's 61 and four wickets saw Ajmal Khan Club beat Sonnet Club by three wickets in

the 4th Harcourt Butler tournament.
The scores: Sonnet Club 141 in 34 overs (Arnav Pratap 34, Gagan Prajapati 4/23, Sahil Tripathi 3/25) lost to Ajmal Khan Club 145/7 in 33 overs (Gagan Prajapati 61, Rishabh Kumar 34, Vinayak 4/21).

Aryan and Aarav's half centuries help Mount Club win easily
Unbeaten half centuries by Aryan Damor and Aarav Sehrawat helped Mount Club beat DC Bal Bhawan by 10 wickets in the 1st Gurmeet Kaur memorial under-13 tournament.
The scores: DCBB 126 in 37 overs (Kartik Rana 3/15) lost to Mount Club 127/0 in 26 overs (Aryan Damor 53 n.o., Aarav Sehrawat 51 n.o.).

Agamjyot, Abhiraj smash quick-fire centuries
Agamjyot and Abhiraj Gagan Singh smashed match-winning centuries as DCBB thrashed SMC Academy by 298 runs in the 5th Srimati Vidya Devi memorial under-17 tournament.
The scores: DCBB 464/5 in 50 overs (Agamjyot 145, Abhiraj Gagan Singh 120 n.o., Aman 73) bt SMCA 166 in 32 overs (Yash Deswal 50, Baljot Singh Gombra 3/33).

Easy win for Maanvish Club
Arjun scored a 74-ball 126 and Tejaswi picked up four wickets helped Maanvish Club beat Mishra Sports by 55 runs in the 4th Friendship Club.
The scores: Maanvish Club 294/6 in 35 overs (Arjun 126, Vivek 49) bt Mishra Sports 239 in 29 overs (Rishi 59, Shaurya Mehta 53, Tejaswi 4/37, Zeeshan Ansari 3/49).

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Slam dunk or fadeaway: a pro basketball league at last?

Even as a legal battle with the Indian National Basketball League (INBL) rages on, BFI President Aadhav is eager to launch India's first professional basketball league as soon as possible; the tournament is expected to be a big learning curve for the homegrown players and inspire a new generation to take up the sport as a career



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The wait has been more than painful for Indian basketball's fans. The aficionados were ecstatic when the Basketball Federation of India (BFI) announced, in June 2010, that it was partnering IMG and Reliance to launch a professional league.

Soon, the dream came crashing down as differences began to crop up among the stakeholders. Now, after 14 years, the newly-elected BFI under the stewardship of its president, Aadhav Arjuna, is expected to launch the professional league soon.

If everything goes according to plan when the bids are opened on June 25, the world will know who the organising partner of the national basketball body will be for the professional league, (men & women) to be held in both 3x3 and 5x5 formats, to be held in six to eight months' time.

Cautiously optimistic

Indian player Muin Bek is eagerly awaiting the commencement of the league but hopes that BFI follows through. "I am very happy with the initiative. It will be great if the league kicks off as promised by BFI. It will definitely motivate lots of players. Though many players play at the school and college level, they do not pursue a career as there are no real prospects for the sport. And I agree with that. The league will hopefully change everything for the better," the 28-year-old said.

"Competing with professional foreign players in the league will be a huge learning curve for Indians, Muin opined. "The BFI will get to know what facilities are needed to improve the lot of Indians as compared to foreigners. We can definitely improve our skill sets and our basketball knowledge will get updated," he said.

When the Tamil Nadu men's team took part in the West Asian league recently in Doha, Muin said playing alongside two Americans in the State team was refreshing. "We know that the two Americans were not of the

first-grade, still they were quite good, and we learnt a lot from them," he informed.

Twenty-year-old Pranav Prince, who is considered one of the brightest young players in the Indian team, said the league will definitely help the next generation of players in taking up the sport. "Our senior players have sacrificed a lot. While playing for the country, they played for their respective departments like Indian Bank, IOB, Income Tax, Punjab Police among others. They didn't get the opportunity to play in the USA like some of us did. We must make sure that we use it in the right way so that next generation can also benefit," he said.

The professional league and especially the 3x3 format, Prince believes, will take the sport to a larger audience.

"3x3 is entertainment and will end in 12-15 minutes. Moreover, it can be held near beaches, at the mall during weekends. With all the commercial aspects, the sport will grow," said Prince.

One of India's finest players and former India captain Vishesh Bhriguvanshi is keeping his fingers crossed when asked about the league. "It should start," he said. "It will enhance our skills and improve our playing style. It is good for Indian players," he said.

But the man behind the to-be-launched league Aadhav Arjuna, BFI president, is confident that the league will change the face of Indian basketball and is occupied in ensuring that



everything falls in place.

Bank shot

Aadhav has lots of big plans up his sleeves. The 41-year-old is crystal clear that without grassroots, no sport can develop. "We are firming up our grassroots structure. We have signed up with Manipal University, and will sign an MoU with the Corvuss American Academy in Mumbai soon. According to the MoU, we will select 30 boys and 30 girls in u-13, u-16 and u-18 from the Nationals and groom them in the academies we are setting up across India," he said.

"Our ambition", asserted Aadhav, "is to ensure India takes part in 3x3 format at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics and be a top 3 team in Asia in four years and am keen to take India in top 3 in Asia in 5x5 format and be in the Olympics in eight years."

The BFI president expressed confidence on the League. "The tender process for 3x3 and 5x5 is midway, and we are very happy with the support of corporate houses that have participated in the tender process. Once the organising partner (for the professional league called the National Star Basketball League) is finalised (likely on June 25), the league will begin in six to eight months' time," said Aadhav.

Aadhav

pointed out that the BFI has created a Talent Research Wing (TRW) on the likes of one created by cricket. It will have prominent former players and coaches who will play a crucial role in developing academies and scouting for talent. "TRW has Aman Sharma, SAI coach, will be TRW Chairman, India coach S. Baskar who is with SAI and has been deputed to BFI. We also have Arnika Gujar Patil, a FIBA Instructor, and former India star Ramkumar in TRW," he said.

BFI is currently embroiled in a legal battle with the Indian National Basketball League (INBL), but Aadhav believes that it will not interfere with the league's commencement and that they will win the judicial dispute. "We believe that the legal battle will not be a deterrent to starting the League," he said.

According to Aadhav, the league ownership remaining with the BFI will ensure that its sustainability in the long run. "BFI is clear that ownership with us. Cricket's (IPL) success was because of that. We want it to be sustainable. We want to take small steps, not big steps. We will win all the legal battles," he said.

Break-even

Knowing pretty well that all not leagues are profitable in India, Aadhav has worked out the details and is hopeful that he will break even. "Very few leagues, including the IPL, are profitable. There are viewers, more contributions but the returns are not that great. We are confident of breaking even," he said.

To buttress his point that he is a doer, Aadhav has constructed the National Sports Centre on the outskirts of the city (Uthandi, ECR near Chennai). It has wonderful facilities for the Indian teams to hold camps, and allows them to engage in match analysis, recovery, and weight sessions in the gym without any hindrance.

"We have 5x5 and 3x3 courts, a gymnasium, a swimming pool, physio centre, video analytics room, 100m & 200m track and a beach volleyball court," he said.

Aadhav and his officials are confident that the League will happen as planned. If and when it happens, it will be a red-letter day for Indian basketball.

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