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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



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, deputes Minister for relief work

Kallol Bhattacherjee NEW DELHI

t 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 VVIPs 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

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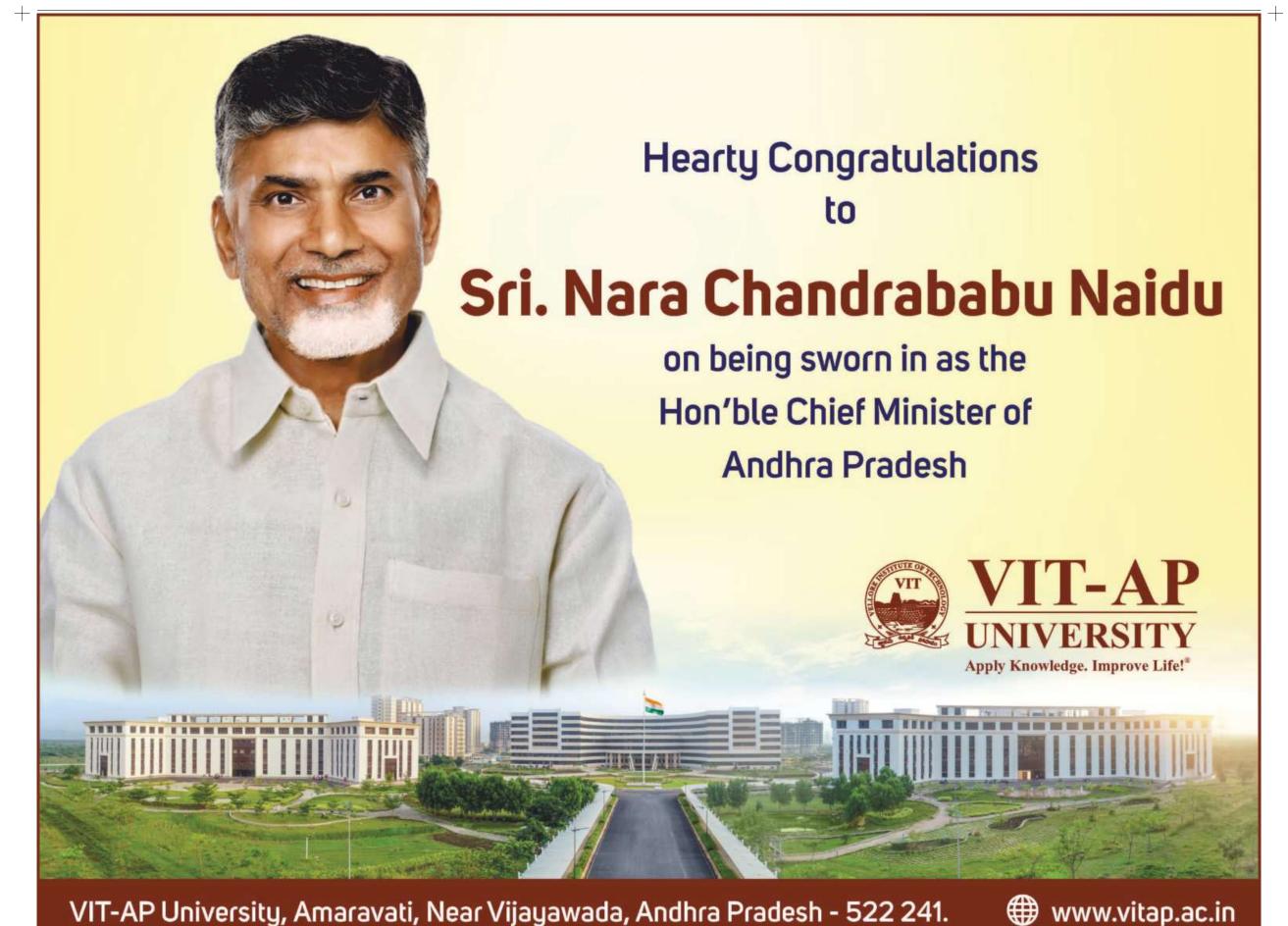
Veteran BJP MLA Mohan Charan Majhi was sworn in as the 16th Chief Minister of Odisha on Wednesday.

In the presence of PM Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, their Cabinet colleagues and Chief Ministers of nine BJP-ruled States, Governor Raghubar Das administered the oath of office to Mr. Majhi, a fourtime 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.

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



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.

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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

he Supreme Court 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 governmentcontrolled 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?'

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



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

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-

Mishra observed orally.

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 BIP 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 Devender 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

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 re-

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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DU to start biannual admissions next year

Ashna Butani NEW DELHI

Delhi University (DU) will start admitting twice a year from the next academic session on a pilot basis, said Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh on Wednesday. This comes a day after the University Grants Commission (UGC) allowed institutes of higher learning to follow a biannual admission process.

The UGC on Tuesday said the decision could be implemented from the 2024-25 academic session, with the admission process taking place in July-August and January-February.

Meanwhile, several teacher bodies condemned the move, terming it a "burden" on the already-overstretched

educational infrastructure. The Democratic Teachers' Front said educational institutes lack the required infrastructure and manpower to implement the new admission process.

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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 checkpost area

Peerzada Ashiq

wo militants and a 'jawan from the 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.

vilian is "stable". A group of militants surfaced in the Sohal 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 ci-

One terrorist was killed on Tuesday when he

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

Arms recovered

Officials said the arms and ammunition recovered from the site of the antimilitancy 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 antimilitancy 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 Taking aim at Prime Minis-

ter 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 83year-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] cooperation," Mr. Sharad Pawar said.

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



NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawa

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-nephewl 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 Bharativa Ianata 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.

The former CM said the State government had also failed to reduce the petrol and diesel prices to bring them on a par with those of Gujarat and Haryana, as promised by the BJP, besides showing no inclination to strengthen the schemes already operative to provide relief from infla-

"This is the reality check of this government's intentions. Its truth is coming out before the public," Mr. Gehlot said.

Mr. Gehlot also made remarks on the lack of adequate representation to the Telugu Desam Party and Janata Dal (United) in the Union Cabinet, and said the two parties should have extended support to the BJP-led government at the Centre from outside to avoid their "humiliation".

This would have saved the dignity and respect of the two parties, he said.

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 influence 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

BIP leader Amit Malviva on Wednesday said he would file a criminal defamation case against Kolkata-based lawyer Santanu Sinha for allegedly making 'slanderous' 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

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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 elec-

tion 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 Rashtra 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 iournalist.

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 situation 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 ef-

fectively get things done.

Over time, this led to a sce-

nario where local BJD lead-

ers wielded significant influence; nothing would proceed in field-level offices without their approval. Now, with the party's di-

minishing 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 develop-

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

Mr. Patnaik has repeat-

edly 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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Salman Khan, brother record statements in April firing case

Ateeq Shaikh MUMBAI

Mumbai Police has recorded statements of Bollywood actor Salman Khan and his brother Arbaaz Khan in connection with the incident of firing outside their Bandra residence in April, officials said on Wednesday.

An officer said that Mr. Salman Khan's statement, which was recorded on June 4, lasted over two hours, while his brother spoke to the Crime Branch for over an hour. He added that the actor also shared

information about the pre-

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.

Soren 'instrumental' in illegal land grab cases, ED tells HC

Press Trust of India RANCHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday informed the Jharkhand High Court that former

Chief Minister Hemant Soren was "instrumental" in illegally occupying land in Ranchi. Arguing for the ED, its counsel S.V. Raju said that Mr. Soren had acquired the land in 2009-10,

and a boundary wall was constructed to secure its possession. He added that the agency had recovered documents that showed land records were interpolated to favour the ex-CM.

MRL54-KHARUDAK (NANKAR) GHASSIKURA KHAIRBARI TO MALANI RCC

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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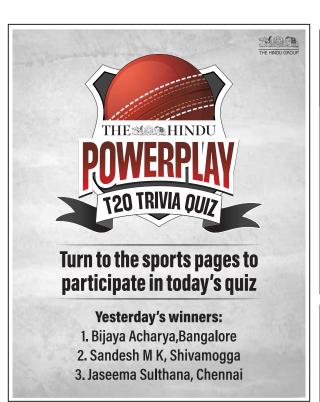
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Stat	curement	system) froi Govt. depa	m bona fide,	, approved and	es Percentage rate Tender on eligible Contractors registered v PMGSY-III works including mair	with RW	D/RCD/C	PWD/N	/IES/ Rail	ways/Other	34	Kishanganj	Thakurganj	BR18P3R117	Bridge	MRL54-KHARUDAK (NANKAR) GHASSIKURA KHAIRBARI TO MALANI RCC BRIDGE AT KHARUDAK (NANKAR) GHASSIKURA KHAIRBARI TO MALANI AT	36.00	390.58	5.83	7.95	EE, RW Work Divisio Kishanga
SI.	District	Block	Package No.	New Technology / Bridge	Name of Road / Bridge	Length (in km/ m)	Package Amo (Rs. in Const.	unt Lakhs) Maint.	Earnest Money (Rs. in Lakhs)	Amount Payable to Works Division	35	Kishanganj	Thakurganj	BR18P3R119	Bridge	CH-2.860KM MRL37-MDR ROAD TO KANHAIYA JI HAAT BORDER ROAD BHAEDRANI TAK RCC BRIDGE AT MDR ROAD TO KANHAIYA JI HAAT BORDER ROAD BHAEDRANI TAK AT CH-3.783KM	36.00	388.23	5.56	7.90	EE, RV Work Divisio Kishang
1	2 Kishanganj	3 Kishanganj	BR18P3R17	5 Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	6 MRL10-MAHESH BATHNA TO KOLHA SONTHA TOLA	6.56	466.16	23.74	9.82	EE, RWD, Works Division,	36	Kishanganj	Thakurganj	BR18P3R120	Bridge	T09-NH327 RASIA PAWAKHALI MDR ROAD TO SUKHANI TAT POUA RCC BRIDGE AT NH327 RASIA PAWAKHALI MDR ROAD TO SUKHANI TAT POUA AT CH-3-113KM	36.00	389.70	6.11	7.94	EE, R' Wor Divis Kishang
2	Kishanganj	Kishanganj	BR18P3R18	Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	MRL41-KISHANGANJ BLOCK CHOWK TO GOBINDPUR	7.05	688.32	35.13	14.51	Kishanganj-1 EE, RWD, Works Division, Kishanganj-1	37	Kishanganj	Thakurganj	BR18P3R121	Bridge	MRL42-OLD MECHI (MANGLI CHOWK)TO KARUAMANI RCC BRIDGE AT OLD MECHI (MANGLI CHOWK)TO KARUAMANI AT CH- 3.820km	40.50	398.26	5.88	8.10	EE, R Wo Divis Kishan
3	Kishanganj	Koch Dhaman	BR18P3R23	Cold Mix Technology/ Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	MRL41-BHAWANIGANJ TO SHAHPUR	8.66	549.80	33.11	11.69	EE, RWD, Works Division, Kishanganj-1	38	Kishanganj	Thakurganj	BR18P3R123	Bridge	T03-THAKURGANJ COLLEGE MORE TO CHURLI BENGAL SIMA TAK RCC BRIDGE AT T03-THAKURGANJ COLLEGE MORE TO CHURLI BENGAL SIMA TAK AT CH - 5.900KM	19.55	248.42	2.90	5.04	EE, R Wo Divis Kishan
4	Kishanganj	Dighalbank	BR18P3R30	Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	MRL41-KURHAILI - PATHARGHATTI - LAKSHMIPUR-FAUDAR PALSA PATH	14.95	1,488.75	68.85	31.23	EE, RWD, Works Division, Kishanganj-2	39	Kishanganj	Thakurganj	BR18P3R124	Bridge	T03-THAKURGANJ COLLEGE MORE TO CHURLI BENGAL SIMA TAK RCC BRIDGE AT T03-THAKURGANJ COLLEGE MORE TO CHURLI BENGAL SIMA TAK AT CH - 11.346KM	17.50	178.45	3.38	3.65	EE, F Wo Divis Kishan
5	Kishanganj	Thakurganj	BR18P3R53	Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	MRL15-CHURLI CHOWK TO BAZAR BASTI BENGAL SIMA TAK	6.35	395.31	25.72	8.44	EE, RWD, Works Division, Kishanganj-2	40	Kishanganj	Thakurganj	BR18P3R127	Bridge	MRL02-MAHANANDA PUL (SH KTTG) ROAD TO DOGACHHI TETALGURI RCC BRIDGE AT MRL02-MAHANANDA PUL (SH KTTG) ROAD TO DOGACHHI TETALGURI AT	25.90	216.62	3.96	4.42	EE, F Wo Divi
6	Araria	Araria	BR01P3R42	Bridge	MRL04- PALASI MANTU CHOWK TO MADANPUR RCC BRIDGE AT PALASI MANTU CHOWK TO MADANPUR AT CH - 4.633KM	17.50	184.32	3.77	3.77	EE, RWD, Works Division, Araria	41	Kishanganj	Thakurganj	BR18P3R128	Bridge	CH- 8.459KM MRL42-OLD MECHI (MANGLI CHOWK)TO KARUAMANI RCC BRIDGE AT OLD MECHI (MANGLI CHOWK)TO KARUAMANI AT CH-	17.50	170.22	5.31	3.52	Kishar EE, F Wo Divi
7	Araria	Joukihat	BR01P3R51	Bridge	MRL98-BENGA CHOWK TO HARWA RCC BRIDGE AT BENGA CHOWK TO HARWA AT CH-1.670KM	17.50	133.02	2.69	2.72	EE, RWD, Works Division, Araria EE, RWD,	42	Kishanganj	Thakurganj	BR18P3R129	Bridge	9.562KM MRL42-OLD MECHI (MANGLI CHOWK)TO KARUAMANI RCC BRIDGE AT OLD MECHI (MANGLI CHOWK)TO KARUAMANI AT CH-	17.50	168.01	4.68	3.46	Kishar EE, F Wo Divi
8	Araria	Forbisganj	BR01P3R64	Bridge	MRL23-DHOLBAJA TO PARWA RCC BRIDGE AT DHOLBAJA TO PARWA AT CH - 7.600KM	17.50	124.21	2.44	2.54	Works Division, Forbisganj EE, RWD,	43	Kishanganj	Thakurganj	BR18P3R134	Bridge	9.900KM MRL33-KHUTTAMANI PATH (TULSIA BHITTA)TO JANGALBHITTA MALAKATA RCC BRIDGE AT MRL33-KHUTTAMANI PATH (TULSIA BHITTA)TO JANGALBHITTA	17.50	163.61	3.72	3.35	Kishan EE, F Wo Divis
9	Araria	Raniganj	BR01P3R92	Bridge	MRL01-PWD Road Bistoriya to Jagta Rcc Bridge at PWD Road Bistoriya to Jagta at ch-2.980km T29-Koshi Bandh Mushariya To Jhagruwa	17.50	126.78	2.68	2.60	Works Division, Forbisganj EE, RWD,	44	Kishanganj	Thakurganj	BR18P3R135	Bridge	MALAKATA AT CH - 1.784KM MRL44-MAHATA TOLA GUALDANGI CHOWK TO NAIKA GACHH BENGAL SIMA RCC BRIDGE AT MRL44 -MAHATA TOLA	17.50	168.50	2.99	3.44	EE, F Wo Divis
10	Darbhanga	Kiratpur	BR10P3R107	Bridge	Tetri Kuboul Hote Huye Kiratpur Tak H.L.B.Bridge across Gehunwa River on T29-Koshi Bandh Mushariya To Jhagruwa Kiratpur tak at ch 10630M	34.44	493.10	3.57	9.96	Works Division, Biraul	45	Kishangani	Thakurganj	BR18P3R136	Bridge	GUALDANGI CHOWK TO NAIKA GACHH BENGAL SIMA AT CH-2.590KM MRL38-KHARUDAH BASAK TOLA TO BHAYANKARDURI RCC BRIDGE AT MRL38 -	17.50	160.70	2.88	3.28	Kishar EE, F Wo
11	Darbhanga	Kiratpur	BR10P3R108	Bridge	T29-Koshi Bandh Mushariya To Jhagruwa Tetri Kuboul Hote Huye Kiratpur Tak H.L.B.Bridge across Gehunwa River on T29-Koshi Bandh Mushariya To Jhagruwa Kiratpur tak at ch 10800M	34.44	464.79	3.47	9.39	EE, RWD, Works Division, Biraul	46		Thakurganj	BR18P3R137	Bridge	KHARUDAH BASAK TOLA TO BHAYANKARDURI AT CH -1.517KM MRL43-BENGAL SIMA HARA MOTI TO SAKRA KATHA PWD ROAD RCC BRIDGE AT MRL43-BENGAL SIMA HARA MOTI TO	25.90	219.31	4.27	4.48	Divis Kishar EE, F Wo
12	East Champaran	Ramgarhwa	BR11P3R58	Bridge	T01-Ramgarhwa to Piparpati via Pakhnahiya, Dhangarhwa CONSTRUCTION OF H.L BRIDGE AT - 4+500 IN RAMGARHWA TO PIPARPATI VIA PAKHNAHIYA , DHANGARHWA	20.33	255.82	0.58	5.14	EE, RWD, Works Division, Raxaul	47	Kishanganj	Thakurganj	BR18P3R139	Bridge	SAKRA KATHA PWD ROAD AT CH - 3.162KM T10-MDR ROAD MANIKPUR TO KHUTAMANI BENGAL SIMA RCC BRIDGE AT T10-MDR ROAD MANIKPUR TO	17.50	178.09	3.12	3.63	Divi Kishai EE, I We
L3	Kishanganj	Kishanganj	BR18P3R63	Bridge	MRL40-T02 to Chhagalia Via Kulamani Insanpur RCC BRIDGE AT T02 to Chhagalia Via Kulamani Insanpur at ch-1.870KM	34.40	226.42	7.43	4.69	EE, RWD, Works Division, Kishanganj-1	48	Kishangani	Thakurganj	BR18P3R140	Bridge	KHUTAMANI BENGAL SIMA AT CH - 6.166KM MRL40-KHARUDAH ROAD (FULBHASA)BENDOGRA SAWAN TO BIRAN TOLA RCC BRIDGE AT MRL40-KHARUDAH	17.50	162.07	3.01	3.31	Kisha EE, W
14	Kishanganj	Koch Dhaman	BR18P3R65	Bridge	MRL43-MASJIDGARH POKHAR (T12) TO KUTTI GOLA VIA CHARAIYA RCC BRIDGE AT MASJIDGARH POKHAR (T12) TO KUTTI GOLA VIA CHARAIYA AT CH -6.040KM	26.00	177.39	2.94	3.62	EE, RWD, Works Division, Kishanganj-1	40	Kistidilgalij	makurganj	BN10F3N14U	bridge	ROAD (FULBHASA)BENDOGRA SAWAN TO BIRAN TOLA AT CH - 0.470KM MRL40-KHARUDAH ROAD (FULBHASA)BENDOGRA SAWAN TO BIRAN	17.50	102.07	3.01	5.51	Div Kisha EE,
15	Kishanganj	Koch Dhaman	BR18P3R66	Bridge	MRL40-PIPLA CHOWK (T11) TO CHARAIYA VIA HIMATNAGAR RCC BRIDGE AT MRL40 - PIPLA CHOWK (T11) TO CHARAIYA VIA HIMATNAGAR AT CH - 4.440KM	17.50	146.26	4.01	3.01	EE, RWD, Works Division, Kishanganj-1 EE, RWD,	49	Kishanganj	Thakurganj	BR18P3R141	Bridge	TOLA RCC BRIDGE AT KHARUDAH ROAD (FULBHASA)BENDOGRA SAWAN TO BIRAN TOLA AT CH-6.620KM MRL48-PWD ROAD BELBARI TO PITHAKHA	36.00	392.69	6.47	8.00	Divi Kishai EE,
16	Kishanganj	Koch Dhaman	BR18P3R67	Bridge	MRL28-DUBRA TO MASTALIYA RCC BRIDGE AT DUBRA TO MASTALIYA AT CH - 4.540KM	17.50	151.15	5.08	3.13	Works Division, Kishanganj-1 EE, RWD,	50	Kishanganj	Thakurganj	BR18P3R143	Bridge	KUA MAKHANPUR HOTE HUE PWD ROAD RCC BRIDGE AT MRL48-PWD ROAD BELBARI TO PITHAKHA KUA MAKHANPUR HOTE HUE PWD ROAD AT CH - 3.470KM MRL07-CHHILKA BARI KATHALBARI KHAAL	17.50	160.39	2.88	3.27	Wi Div Kisha
17	Kishanganj	Terhagachhi	BR18P3R76	Bridge	MRL19-RCD ROAD JHALA TO NISHANDRA RCC BRIDGE AT RCD ROAD JHALA TO NISHANDRA AT CH-23.500KM MRL12-RCD ROAD KALIYAGANJ TO	17.50	160.15	4.20	3.30	Works Division, Kishanganj-1 EE, RWD,	51	Kishanganj	Thakurganj	BR18P3R145	Bridge	BASTI TO TEMORH PWD ROAD RCC BRIDGE AT MRL07-CHHILKA BARI KATHALBARI KHAAL BASTI TO TEMORH PWD ROAD AT CH-0.100KM	25.90	214.13	4.24	4.38	EE, Wo Divi Kishai
18	Kishanganj	Terhagachhi	BR18P3R80	Bridge	GHANIPHULSARAI RCC BRIDGE AT RCD ROAD KALIYAGANI TO GHANIPHULSARAI AT CH-4.260KM MRL19-RCD ROAD JHALA TO NISHANDRA	17.50	169.37	3.66	3.47	Works Division, Kishanganj-1 EE, RWD,	52	Kishanganj	Thakurganj	BR18P3R150	Bridge	MRL23-NH327 E BIRANBARI TO KHATKHATI TAK RCC BRIDGE AT MRL23 - NH327 E BIRANBARI TO KHATKHATI TAK AT CH-3.600KM	17.50	162.96	3.87	3.34	EE, I Wo Divi Kishai
19	Kishanganj	Terhagachhi	BR18P3R81	Bridge	RCC BRIDGE AT RCD ROAD JHALA TO NISHANDRA AT CH-21.250KM	34.40	248.52	6.61	5.12	Works Division, Kishanganj-1 EE, RWD,	53	Purnia	Kasba	BR27P3R91	Bridge	MRL03-Mirza Bari TO Santhal tola Via Mohani Coloy , TIKAPUR CONSTRUCTION OF BOX BRIDGE AT CH - 0+250 in Mirza Bari to Santhali Tola via Mohani Colony	17.70	121.30	0.42	2.44	EE, Wi Div
20	Kishanganj	Dighalbank	BR18P3R83	Bridge	TO1-TULSIA TO BIBIGANJ RCC BRIDGE AT TULSIA TO BIBIGANJ AT CH -6.140KM MRL28-MOHAMARI - KALIGRAM - BIHAR TOLA BATH BCC BRIDGE AT MIN 19	17.50	166.30	4.01	3.41	Works Division, Kishanganj-2 EE, RWD,	54	Samastipur	Khanpur	BR30P3R27	Bridge	TO1-KAHANPUR TO MANANPUR VIA SHADIPUR CONSTRUCTION OF BOX BRIDGE At CH 3+645 Km	19.90	134.74	2.14	2.74	EE, I Wo Divi Sama
21	Kishanganj	Dighalbank	BR18P3R87	Bridge	TOLA PATH RCC BRIDGE AT MRL28 - MOHAMARI - KALIGRAM - BIHAR TOLA PATH AT CH -1.520KM MRL04-TULSIA CHOUDHARY BASTI - KACHCHUNALA - BETBARI TO KAMATI	17.60	193.48	3.39	3.95	Works Division, Kishanganj-2 EE, RWD,	55	Samastipur	Warisnagar	BR30P3R28	Bridge	T01-BALLIPUR - NAKTA CHOWK VIA WARIS NAGAR (MDR1) CONSTRUCTION OF BOX Bridge At CH- 1+265 KM MRL50-PMGSY SHAHWASHPUR TO	26.30	186.90	2.58	3.80	EE, I Wo Divi Sama EE, I
22	Kishanganj	Dighalbank	BR18P3R94	Bridge	PATH RCC BRIDGE AT MRL04 -TULSIA CHOUDHARY BASTI - KACHCHUNALA - BETBARI TO KAMATI PATH) AT CH - 1.030KM	17.50	173.75	4.64	3.58	Works Division, Kishanganj-2	56	Araria	Forbisganj	BR01P3R62	Bridge	HATEWA RCC BRIDGE AT PMGSY SHAHWASHPUR TO HATEWA AT CH - 1.832KM MRL28-MOHAMARI - KALIGRAM - BIHAR	52.50	519.14	6.85	10.55	Div Forb
23	Kishanganj	Pothia	BR18P3R102	Bridge	MRL41-Taiyabpur sonapur road kathkuwan to Birpuer dalua tak RCC BRIDGE AT MRL41-Taiyabpur sonapur road kathkuwan to Birpuer dalua tak AT	17.50	162.76	2.89	3.32	EE, RWD, Works Division, Kishanganj-2	57	Kishanganj	Dighalbank	BR18P3R92	Bridge	TOLA PATH RCC BRIDGE AT MOHAMARI - KALIGRAM - BIHAR TOLA PATH AT CH - 0.710KM MRL17-MILBHITTA TO DHOBINIA	60.00	599.25	8.54	12.19	Divi Kishai EE,
24	Kishanganj	Pothia	BR18P3R106	Bridge	CH-1.950KM MRL16-KUNJ MANI(DANGIPOKHAR) TO FULHARA (NIMLA GAON) RCC BRIDGE AT MRL16-KUNJ MANI(DANGIPOKHAR) TO	17.50	163.06	4.00	3.35	EE, RWD, Works Division,	58	Kishanganj	Pothia	BR18P3R103	Bridge	(MASHANDANGI) RCC BRIDGE AT MILBHITTA TO DHOBINIA (MASHANDANGI) AT CH -3.00KM MRL17-MILBHITTA TO DHOBINIA (MASHANDANGI) BCC BRIDGE AT MBL17	52.50	522.30	7.75	10.63	Divi Kishai EE, I
25	Kishanganj	Pothia	BR18P3R108	Bridge	FULHARA (NIMLA GAON) AT CH-3.650KM MRL42-Taiyabpur to sonapur RCC BRIDGE AT TAIYABPUR TO SONAPUR AT CH - 7.450KM	36.00	394.67	5.63	8.03	Kishanganj-2 EE, RWD, Works Division,	59		Pothia	BR18P3R104	Bridge	(MASHANDANGI) RCC BRIDGE AT MRL17 - MILBHIITA TO DHOBINIA (MASHANDANGI) AT CH-3.400KM MRL48-Khairbari to bangal border to pothiya RCC BRIDGE AT KHAIRBARI TO	60.00	577.23	7.42	11.72	Divi Kishai EE, I
26	Kishanganj	Pothia	BR18P3R109	Bridge	MRL41-Taiyabpur sonapur road kathkuwan to Birpuer dalua tak RCC BRIDGE AT TAIYABPUR SONAPUR ROAD KATHKUWAN TO BIRPUER DALUA TAK AT	36.00	388.74	5.49	7.90	Kishanganj-2 EE, RWD, Works Division, Kishanganj-2	60	Kishanganj	Pothia	BR18P3R112 BR18P3R144	Bridge Bridge	BANGAL BORDER TO POTHIA AT CH - 0.820KM MRL48-PWD ROAD BELBARI TO PITHAKHA KUA MAKHANPUR HOTE HUE PWD ROAD RCC BRIDGE AT MRL48-PWD ROAD	81.00	590.87 792.42	7.97 7.90	12.01	Div Kisha EE, W
27	Kishanganj	Pothia	BR18P3R110	Bridge	CH-1.850KM MRL43-Kttg rcd road talbari chowk to bhuta thana rcd road RCC BRIDGE AT KTTG RCD ROAD TALBARI CHOWK TO BHUTA THANA RCD ROAD AT CH -5.00KM	36.00	393.73	6.46	8.02	EE, RWD, Works Division, Kishanganj-2					-	BELBARI TO PITHAKHA KUA MAKHANPUR HOTE HUE PWD ROAD AT CH - 8.100KM MRL07-CHHILKA BARI KATHALBARI KHAAL BASTI TO TEMORH PWD ROAD RCC					Div Kisha EE, W
28	Kishanganj	Pothia	BR18P3R111	Bridge	MRL48-Khairbari to bangal border to pothiya RCC BRIDGE AT KHAIRBARI TO BANGAL BORDER TO POTHIA AT CH-2.282KM	36.00	390.19	5.91	7.94	EE, RWD, Works Division, Kishanganj-2	62	Kishanganj	Thakurganj	BR18P3R146	Bridge	BRIDGE AT CHHILKA BARI KATHALBARI KHAAL BASTI TO TEMORH PWD ROADAT CH-1.800KM MRL07-CHHILKA BARI KATHALBARI KHAAL BASTI TO TEMORH PWD ROAD RCC	52.50	520.32	7.67	10.59	Div Kisha EE,
29	Kishanganj	Pothia	BR18P3R99	Bridge	MRL16-KUNJ MANI(DANGIPOKHAR) TO FULHARA (NIMLA GAON) RCC BRIDGE AT KUNJ MANI(DANGIPOKHAR) TO FULHARA (NIMLA GAON) AT CH-3.100KM	17.50	165.29	3.15	3.38	EE, RWD, Works Division, Kishanganj-2	63 Date	3 7	Thakurganj for Download	BR18P3R147	Bridge Documents	BASTI TO TEMORH PWD ROAD RCC BRIDGE AT MRL07-CHHILKA BARI KATHALBARI KHAAL BASTI TO TEMORH PWD ROAD AT CH-4.838KM : From 18.06.2024 (09:30 AM)	52.50 to 25.06.2	511.69 2 024 (12:0	7.40 O Noon)	10.41	W Div Kisha
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No: KST/CO/S&P/SSD/465/2024-25

Date: 11.06.2024

"e"-Auction Notice

Scrap Vehicles and Materials available at Regional Workshops, Kengeri/Hassan and Divisions of KSRTC will be sold through e-Auction to be conducted by M/s. M.S.T.C. (A Govt. of India undertaking).

The e-Auction schedule is as under:-Scrap Vehiclel e-Auction Start from: 25.06.2024. Scrap Materials e-Auction Start from: 26.06.2024.

The interested bidders may log onto www.mstcecommerce.com for further details and registration. They may also contact M/s. M.S.T.C. Ltd., at below mentioned address for needful clarification.

Address: M/s. M.S.T.C. Ltd.,

No.19/5, 19/6, 3rd Floor, Kareem Towers, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru - 560 052. Contact Phone Nos.: 080-22260054, 22266417, 22287356 Fax No: 080-22256365

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INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED (Govt. of Jharkhand Undertaking) JUIDCO BHAWAN, KUTCHERY ROAD, RANCHI, JHARKHAND Ph. No.: +91-651-2225878, e-mail Id-juidcolimited@gmail.com CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752, e-Procurement Notice, Tender Notice

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

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

Note Only e-tenders will be accepted. Further details are available on the Jharkhand Government e-

procurement website http//: jharkhandtenders. gov.in

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Project Director (Technical) #D JUIDCO Ltd., Ranchi Development and Housing(24-25)#D

RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (KARNATAKA) LIMITED **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, | Date | 14.06.2024

M.G. Railway Colony, Sevashrama, Bengaluru-560023.

For details, visit: www.kride.in

General Manager (Civil)

Time | 1100 Hrs. to 1500 Hrs



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

. ऑफलाईन / ऑनलाईन आवेदन जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय 11 / 06 / 2024 12.00 बजे तक) एवं ऑफलाईन / ऑनलाईन ई—निविदा खोले जाने कि तिथि एवं सम 1 / 06 / 2024 (15.00 बजे से) थी। अपरिहार्य कारणों से विस्तारित किया जाता है -निविदा संख्या 70 / 2023–24 को ऑफलाईन / ऑनलाईन आवेदन जमा करने व भन्तिम तिथि एवं समय 20 / 06 / 2024 (12:00 बजे तक) एवं ऑफलाईन / ऑनलाई-खोले जाने कि तिथि एवं समय 20 / 06 / 2024 को क्रमशः (15.00 बजे से) की जाती है ावलोकित किया जा सकता है। ईं—निविदा से सम्बन्धित अन्य समस्त शर्ते यथावत रहेंगी। द्युत बिलों के 24X7 ऑनलाइन मुगतान हेतु <u>www.upcl.org</u> पर जायें। **अधीक्षण अभियन्ता**

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

ongress 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 Directorate, 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)

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 Date: 12.06.2024

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

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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:

(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

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/-

DIPR/CP/301/Zen/2024-25

Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru

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.

under Section 302 (mur-



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.

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 Keshavamurthy 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" them ₹5 lakh.

TENDER NOTICE General Manager (Bareilly Zone) invites online percentage rate bids

I-NIT No-1064/NIVIDA/GM/RNN/2024, Date-06-06-2024, e-tende Construction of Community Health Cente Badhapur Distt, Bijnor Last date of submission of offers upto 2:00 PM on Dated 04-07-2024, all other details on:- website: www.etender.up.nic.ii and www.uprnn.upsdc.gov.in

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Advt. No. - SPMU/02/2024

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Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website and NIC Portal only. Detailed Terms & conditions are available in the tender docume websites: www.tnpl.com/https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app

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TRIPURA RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (Department of Power, Government of Tripura)

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

On behalf of Tripura Renewable Energy Development Agency (TREDA) Joint Director, TREDA invites e-tender for the Solarization of existing 2 HF grid connected Agriculture Pumps (IPS) including 5 (five) years Warranty Guarantee and Annual Maintenance Contract including insurance coverage on turn-key basis in Tripura under PM-KUSUM Scheme (Component C) of Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Govt. of India vide DNIe-T No.F.6(433) TREDA/NCES/2023-24/859, dated 11/06/2024.

The tender papers may be downloaded from e-procurement portal http://tripuratenders.gov.in and the deadline for submission of online e-bid s 03/07/2024 upto 3:00 PM.

> (DS DAS) Joint Director



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Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale

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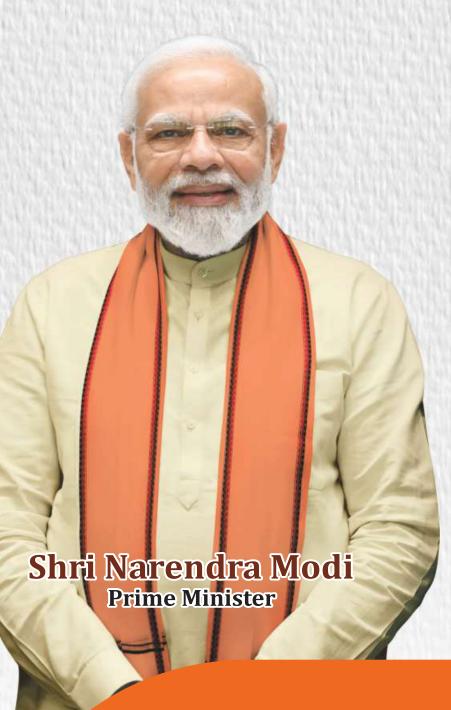
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- Disbursement of Pending bonus of Rs 3716 crores to FARMERS
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High expectations

Naidu must focus on creating jobs while continuing welfare schemes

ith 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 Vijayawada, 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

ven 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 farright 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.

An earthquake in 2024, as it was in 1977

n 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,

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.

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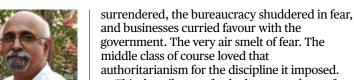
railway trains.

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



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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 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

Britain's summer of discontent

n 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

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).

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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.

years, has only itself to blame for its current

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

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

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

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,

honours, it enters the next

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,

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. Ravi Bhushan,

Unsafe roads

Kurukshetra, Haryana

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

he 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 tronds in fetty

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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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

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

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.

weight management to mitigate

The rise of the phoenix

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

STATE OF PLAY

Satya Nagesh Ayyagary

ara 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 ago, 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 antipeople 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 prepayinged new.

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 se-

cond 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

<u>Nitika Francis</u> <u>Vignesh Radhakrishnan</u>

he 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-Ittehadul Muslimeen (1). There are also two independents who are

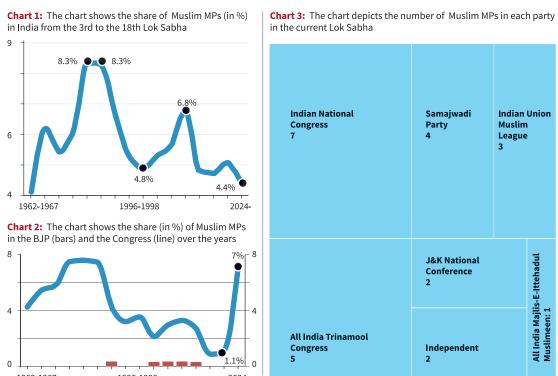
The story of two States

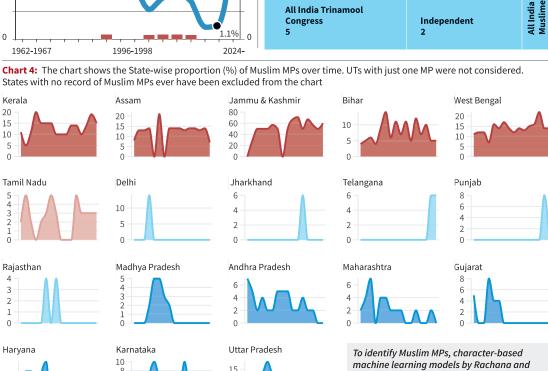
The record low share in the latest Lok Sabha was mostly due to steep declines in the share of Muslim MPs in Assam and Kerala. In Assam, the share declined from 14% to 7%. In Kerala, it reduced from 19% to 15%. Even in Uttar Pradesh, despite the INDIA alliance winning a majority of seats in 2024, the 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





Sugat Chaturvedi in their 2023 paper "It's all

in the name: A character-based approach to

infer religion" was implemented

DOM THE ADOHIVES



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, whereever possible, to augment supply and reduce consumption of water to the barest minimum for purposes other than drinking.

The Special Officer, Mr. T.V. 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 negotations. thus completely terminating the strike on underground railways in London.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

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

📕 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

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

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

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

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 COMPILED BY THE HINDU DATA TEAM

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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:

s 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 Leven 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

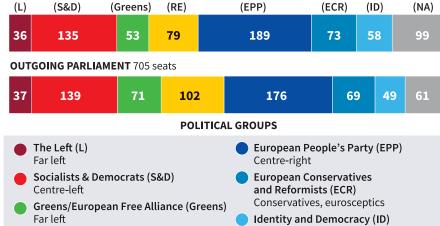
Italy also saw Prime Minister Georgia Meloni's Brothers of Italy Party with neo-fascist roots consolidating its grip by capturing a quarter of the vote, while far-right parties also made gains in Austria, Hungary, and Spain.

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 Rennaissance, 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

Far-right parties clocked their best performance in European Parliament election history with liberals and Greens being delivered blows. However, right-wing parties hold different positions on a spectrum of issues and are unlikely to become a collective decisive force

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



Libera Source: EU Parliament

Renew Europe (RE)

Non aligned / Others (NA)

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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 Orban'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 bagging 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 Leven'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 playout 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

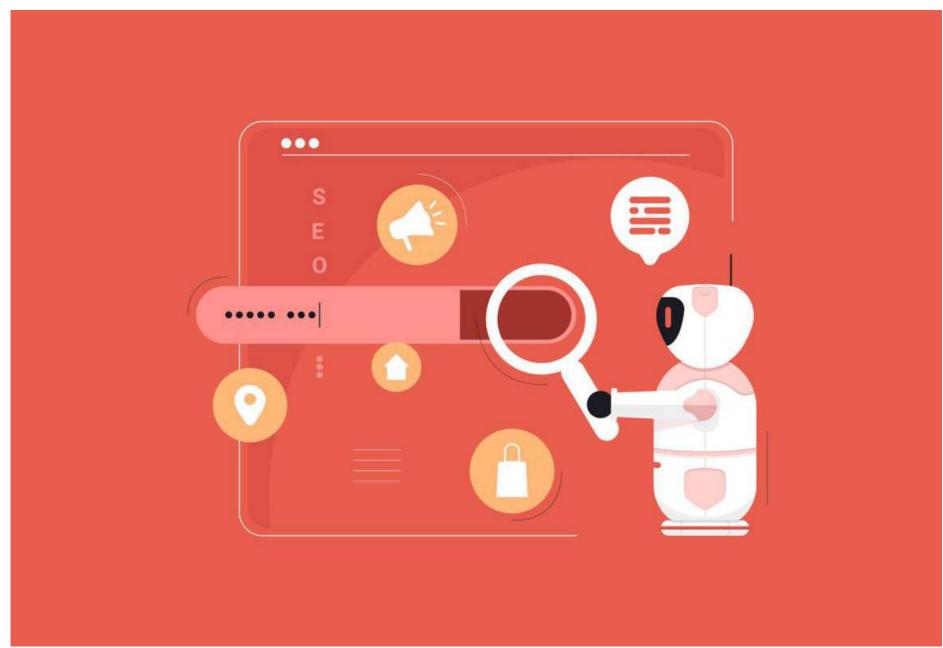
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Decoding a leak: how Google Search's algorithms work

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

Poulomi Chatterjee

n 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 /elixer-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

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

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

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

QUESTION 2

posthumously?

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

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:

3. The name of the world's deepest freshwater lake which is located in Russia. Ans: Lake

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:

Visual: The name of this world-famous edifice in Moscow. Ans: St. Basil's Cathedral Early Birds: Rajmohan. V K.N. Viswanathan Jyot Prakash Gulati | Sunil Kannada | Priyadarshi Manoranjan



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 severa 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:

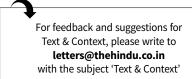
acquire or deserve by one's efforts or actions; assemble or get together

Synonyms: win, earn, gather,

pull together, collect **Usage:** I managed to garner some information

Pronunciation: bit.ly/garnerpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈgaː.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.

Maihi 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.

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

ejpal 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 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 June 9 when the call came. There has been no response by the Indian Embassy to our calls and mails," the relative said.

At least two other Indians are known to have been killed in the Russia-Ukraine war zone so far. Ashvinbhai Mangukiya (23), a resident of Surat in Gujarat, and Mohammad Asfan (31) from Hyderabad, who were hired as helpers for the Russian Army but forced to participate in the ongoing war, were killed on January 27 and February 21, respectively. Their bodies were, however, brought back to India on March 16.

Perks and promises

The Hindu reported first on February 20 that at least three Indians who were hired as security helpers by Russia were forced to fight alongside that country's forces on the Russia-Ukraine border, and there are around 100 Indians who are said to have been hired in the past year. They were promised a salary of ₹1.5 lakh-₹2 lakh a month, and the option to choose Russian citizenship after a

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

The government source said, "The Russians have confirmed the deaths but they are yet to provide any information on where the bodies are. We have been told that the bodies will be handed over at Rostov-on-Don (in southern Russia)."

Mohammad Mustafa, brother of Sameer Ahmad from Karnataka, among the 30 Indians who have sought help, told The Hindu that they were yet to see any concrete steps taken by the government.

"My brother is still stuck at the Ukraine border; he has been living like a prisoner for the past four months. We are able to speak with him now and then. All we are told by the Embassy officials is that repatriation is under process. Is India that weak that the Russians are not paying heed to us?" he said.

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



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 attack-

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 station within two days prior to the election date and deinducted 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

"Helicopter assets of the Army and the Border Security Force were also dovetailed into the overall plan towards smooth conelections-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.

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

The Hindu Bureau

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-



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

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 chestthumping and hollow claims of return of peace tions in Kashmir Valley is a testament to the fact that their 'Naya Kashmir' policy is an abject failure," Mr. Khera said in a statement.

10 years, "loud chest-Minister?"

the past two years.

and normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir have been thoroughly exposed. The fact that the BJP did not even bother to fight elec-

He said that in the past

thumping" by the Modi government had made national security a "casual-While innocents suffered the consequences of cowardly terror attacks, business as usual continued, he added. "Did the victims not deserve a word of sympathy from the selfproclaimed 'divine' Prime Mr. Khera asked. He asked if it was not a fact that the Pir Panjal Range, Rajouri and Poonch had become a hotbed of cross-border terrorism in

Food inflation spikes in urban India, nears 9%

Vikas Dhoot NEW DELHI

India's consumer price inflation eased a tad to a oneyear 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 8.5%, 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 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

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

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 secre-

tary K.C. Venugopal said, "I urge the Ministry of External Affairs to urgently assist those injured in this accident and 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."

Lok Sabha session from June 24; new MPs to take oath, elect Speaker

Treasury and Opposition benches will have to contribute to run the House well, says Parliamentary Affairs Minister 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

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

he 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.

President Droupadi Murmu will address a joint sitting of the two Houses on June 27 and is likely to outline the new government's road map for the next five years.

Mr. Rijiju 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



A view of the Parliament hall in New Delhi. The 18th Lok Sabha will have 208 first-time MPs. ANI

the first three days of the Lok Sabha session.

"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

play a constructive role. Both Treasury and Opposition benches have to contribute to run the Parliament well," Mr. Rijiju said, speaking to presspersons.

The BJP, which is likely to keep the post of the Speaker with itself, has not yet revealed the name of the candidate. Even as several Opposition leaders have implored the two key NDA allies to keep the Speaker's position for themselves, the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has publicly clarified that it has not sought the post.

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader

Aaditya Thackeray exhorted the TDP and the Janata Dal(U) to ensure that one of them gets the post, warning them of a split in their parties if the Speaker is from the BJP.

A statistical analysis by PRS Legislative Research shows that 280 MPs-elect are first-timers and of the 216 from the 17th Lok Sabha who were re-elected, only eight changed their constituency. In 2019, 43% of the sitting MPs had returned to the Lok Sabha, but this time, it was 3%.

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.

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

The Hindu Bureau BHUBANESWAR

With the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) establishing its first independent government in Odisha on Wednesday, veteran Congress leader Jairam Ramesh urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to address pressing issues concerning the State.

"As PM Modi is attending the swearing-in ceremony of the new Chief Minister of Odisha, he must answer as to why his government had steadily reduced Odisha's Central funding in recent years," Mr. Ramesh said in a message on X.

Steady decrease

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



Jairam Ramesh

receipts had been consistently decreasing from 57% in 2017-18 to 38% in 2021-

"The Sitalapalli rail wagon factory has been in cold storage ever since it was sanctioned by the UPA (United Progressive Alliance) government in 2013. The previous government undertook zero work on this project, and then finally dropped it in 2018. The project is yet to take off," Mr. Ramesh said.

He also drew attention

to two other projects, the Gopalpur-Rayagada rail-way line and the Rairakhol-Gopalpur railway line, saying the future of these projects was uncertain.

Unfilled vacancies

Mr. Ramesh alleged that three railway officials were held responsible for the horrific train accident that claimed 293 lives and left 1,000 injured in Balasore, but those who helmed the Railway Ministry were absolved of their role.

"The Railway Ministry itself admitted that there were 2.74 lakh vacancies, including 1.7 lakh vacancies in the safety category. This has not changed despite a track record of accidents," he said.

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

Chouhan responsible for farmers' killing: SKM

The Hindu Bureau BHOPAL

The Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) on Wednesday objected to former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan's appointment as Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister, alleging that Mr. Chouhan was responsible for the death of six protesting farmers in police firing in Mandsaur of Madhya Pradesh in June 2017

"The decision symbolises arrogance and insensitivity exhibited by the former regimes of 2014 and 2019 with an absolute majority to BJP. It has aroused wrath among the farmers and the rural people across the country," the SKM eaid

Six farmers were killed in Mandsaur's Pipaliya Mandir area, when the police opened fire at a protest.

PM to attend G-7 outreach in Italy; all eyes on possible interaction with Zelenskyy, Trudeau

Suhasini Haidar NEW DELHI

Just four days after being sworn in for a third term, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will travel to the Apulia region of Italy on Thursday to attend the G-7 outreach meet.

Mr. Modi will meet Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said at a briefing on Wednesday, but declined to comment on specific questions on which other leaders he would hold bilateral meetings with.

Apart from leaders of other G-7 countries – Canada, France, Germany, Japan, the U.K., and the U.S. – and the European Union leadership, Mr. Modi will be among leaders of 12 countries invited to the outreach on Friday, including Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Egypt, Kenya, Mauritania, Saudi Arabia, South



Friendly ties: Narendra Modi meeting Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni in New Delhi in March 2023. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Africa, Tunisia, Turkiye, and the UAE. All eyes will be on a possible meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who is also expected.

The event will give Mr. Modi the opportunity to meet a host of leaders to discuss his plans for his new term in office, even as many of the leaders such as U.S. President Joe Biden and British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak face elections in the next few months, while countries such as Ita-

ly, Germany, and France witnessed the European Parliament polls on Sunday.

This is the 11th time that India has been invited to the G-7 outreach, and the fifth that Mr. Modi will participate. He will take part in a special session for discussions on artificial intelligence, energy, Africa and the "Mediterranean", Mr. Kwatra said, indicating that the Russia-Ukraine conflict and Israel's war in Gaza will also be on the agenda.

"India's regular participation at the G-7 summit clearly points to increasing recognition and contribution of the efforts India has been consistently making in trying to resolve global challenges, including those of peace, security, development, and environmental preservation," Mr. Kwatra told presspersons.

Peace summit

While most of the G-7 leadership with the exception of Mr. Biden will travel directly from Apulia's Borgo Egnazia luxury resort to the Swiss town of Burgenstock for a peace conference on Ukraine, India is yet to announce the level of its participation at the conference

"India will be participating at the Peace summit in Switzerland on the [June] 15th," Mr. Kwatra said when asked for a response. "That consideration is currently going on in the sys-

tem and as and when we have a decision on the representative from India who would be participating, we would be happy to share that with you."

Any interaction between Mr. Modi and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will be closely watched, given the tense ties over Mr. Trudeau's allegation that "Indian government agents" were behind the killing of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada last June.

The Khalistan issue has sparked a row after a statue of Mahatma Gandhi, due to be inaugurated in the town of Brindisi not far from the G-7 venue, was defaced with graffiti hailing Nijjar. Mr. Kwatra called it "deplorable".

While he said that Italian authorities had "rectified" the situation, he took aim at Canada for support to Khalistani activism.

Will Modi visit

INBRIEF



Jarange-Patil given IV fluids on Day 5 of hunger strike

Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange-Patil, whose indefinite fast over Maratha reservation reached its fifth day on Wednesday, began taking intravenous fluids after Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar MP-elect Sandipan Bhumre and a Maharashtra Minister assured him that the issue would be resolved. Mr. Jarange-Patil, who started his latest protest on Saturday in his native Antarwali Sarati village in Jalna district, warned that he would stop taking fluids again if the government did not act immediately. "We have been protesting for 10 years, and our patience is wearing thin," the activist said.

BJP wins 2 wards unopposed in Nagaland municipal polls

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has continued the trend of winning elections unopposed in the northeast. Two months after winning 10 Assembly seats in Arunachal Pradesh, the party bagged two wards in Nagaland without any contest ahead of the civic polls on June 26. The two victorious candidates are Visheli Zhimo and Kakheka Zhimomi. They won Wards 1 and 9 under the Niuland Town Council. State election officials said the two BJP candidates were among the 669 candidates who filed their nomination papers on June 11.

Assam counters girls' early marriage with stipends

The Assam government has announced a fiscal scheme for girl students in a bid to prevent them from being married off before they come of age. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday said the State Cabinet had approved the Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina scheme as an "admission assistance" to help increase the enrolment of girls in institutes of higher studies. According to the scheme, girl students enrolled in Class 11, the first year of a degree programme, and the first year of a postgraduate programme in government-run schools, colleges, and universities will be provided with a monthly stipend.

Man assaulted by Trinamool MLA moves Calcutta HC

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.

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After Lok Sabha poll win, Trinamool faces squabbles within

Shiv Sahay Singh KOLKATA

After a stellar show in the Lok Sabha election in which the party won 29 of the 42 seats in West Bengal, leaders of the Trinamool Congress are targeting one another, appearing out of sync with the party line.

Satabdi Roy, four-time Trinamool Lok Sabha member for Birbhum who won by a margin of over 1.97 lakh votes, took a dig at the party's Birbhum district president Anubrata Mondal, saying it is "possible to win elections without violence".

Birbhum has been synonymous with political violence, and Mr. Mondal, now in Tihar Jail, has been accused of targeting the supporters of Opposition parties. The Trinamool leader was arrested in July 2022 by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with the cattle smuggling scam and has been behind the bars since then.

After his arrest, the Trinamool won the panchayat elections and the Lok Sabha election in the district



Satabdi Roy

without much resistance. The party won the Bolpur Lok Sabha seat in Birbhum district by a margin of 3.27 lakh votes this time. The remarks by the veteran party MP came despite the Trinamool leadership keeping faith in Mr. Mondal and retaining him as district president even two years after his arrest.

In Hooghly district, Balagarh MLA and Dalit writer Manoranjan Byapari said he was asked to keep away from the Lok Sabha election on the "instructions" of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. The awardwinning author said he was being singled out for raising questions on the corruption within Trinamool. The party won the Hooghly seat by 76,000 votes.

Akhilesh resigns as MLA from U.P. Assembly, will represent Kannauj in LS

The Hindu Bureau LUCKNOW

Samajwadi Party (SP) president and Leader of the Opposition in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly Akhilesh Yadav on Wednesday resigned as the MLA for Karhal after deciding to continue as the Lok Sabha member for the Kannauj seat, which he won in the recent election.

His resignation letter was received by the office of the Principal Secretary of the Legislative Assembly, Pradeep Dubey. Mr. Yadav won the Kannauj Lok Sabha seat by a margin of roughly 1.71 lakh votes.

Earlier on Tuesday, he declared his decision to resign from the Karhal Assembly seat.

"I met the workers of

"I met the workers of Karhal and Kannauj, and informed them that since I have won elections from two seats, I have to leave one. So, I will inform you about leaving the Vidhan Sabha seat soon," he told presspersons.

Similarly, Awadhesh Prasad, who won the Fia-



Akhilesh Yadav being garlanded at an event after the Lok Sabha election, at the party office in Saifai, Uttar Pradesh. PTI

zabad Lok Sabha seat (under which falls Ayodhya) also resigned from the membership of the Assembly. Mr. Prasad was elected from the Milkipur Assembly seat in the 2022 Uttar Pradesh Assembly election.

Key role

The SP will be nominating a new Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly with party leaders hinting that the PDA (*Pichda*, Dalit, and *Alpsankhyak*) will play a key role in choosing the next LoP.

"It is certain that the new Leader of the Opposition will be from the PDA. Our PDA signifies backwards, Dalits and minorities. The decision will be taken by our national president," said Sunil Singh Yadav 'Sajan', the SP's national spokesperson.

The names doing the

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

Manipur, asks Uddhav Thackeray

The Hindu Bureau MUMBAI

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray on Wednesday asked if Prime Minister Narendra Modi would visit Manipur in light of recent comments by Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat regarding the situation in the northeastern State.

He also enquired about the tangible changes on the ground following the dilution of Article 370, which had granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir. "Mohan Bhagwat has said that Manipur is burning. He has at least said this after a year [since the violence began]. Will the Prime Minister and Home Minister not go there?" Mr. Thackeray asked.

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.



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

The national winners in three categories were announced.

Winners

Tuesday.

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, Udupi; and Asmit Mukherjee of Class 3, Lions Calcutta Greater Vidya Mandir, Kolkata.

Junior category: Abinesh D.T. of Class 8, Montfort School, Guindy, Chennai; Subhodeep 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



"At The Hindu, we believe in educating, engaging and enlightening chil-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

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











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 com-

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.

Across

1 Shoots government boats (6)

10 Wise men fix occult device (5,4)

12 Soldier with very large umbrella (7)

13 Fresh bit of toast, cereal and syrup (7)

11 Lives filled with most precious thoughts (5)

4 Businesslike cold call in mobile describing insurance basically (8)

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

he 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 Eligibilitycum-Entrance Test for ad mission 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



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

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.

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 assessblished 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



washed away pollution in Agra, Uttar Pradesh. SANDEEP SAXENA

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,

contain climate change. such as ammonia, and animal manure contributed 74% of the total anthron genic 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.

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14 Poet from University in Asian port city (5)

To solve this puzzle online,

get across to our crossword site.

- One gulping soft drink down gets pat on the back (8)
- **18** Friend reaching Ohio on small, tailless horse (8)
- 20 Enthusiasm of zealots ugly, repulsive (5) 23 Repeat 1-3 times, finally close (7)
- 25 An auditor eventually brings up outstanding debts (7) Joint supporter for a killer? (5)
- 27 Philosopher from Israel happily hugging child (9) 28 Fan of American firm leading a comfortable life? (2,6)
- 29 Transforms game in the middle, hitting goals (6)
- **1** Good design ample to arrive at a new strategy (4,4)
- **2** School argued about uniform, as predicted (7)
- **3** 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) 7 Under pressure, associate leaves competition to crack buggy
- Whips criminal as he steals sandwiches (6) Treatment in case of cancer - alleviate endless pain somehow
- 16 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)
- 21 Plain box with strap (7)
- 22 Heartily relish eating pine fruit (6) 24 Like Missouri's historical monument (5)

SUDOKU



Solution to yesterday's Sudoku Solution to previous puzzle 4 1 8 2 3 9 7 5 6 8 3 7 5 6 2 4 9



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.



PLI to attract ₹3-4 lakh crore investments over 4 years: Icra

The PLI scheme is expected to attract investments of ₹3-4 lakh crore in the next four years and generate 2 lakh jobs as large projects in sectors including semiconductor, solar module and pharmaceutical intermediaries are expected to take off, said Icra executive vice president and chief ratings officer K. Ravichandran. He said going ahead private sector capex is expected to pick up in oil and gas, metals and mining, hospitals, healthcare and cement sectors. PTI

Dr. Reddy's to market Ingenus Pharma's cancer drug in U.S.

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, through a subsidiary, has obtained exclusive rights to commercialise in the U.S. market Delaware LLC Ingenus Pharma's cancer drug Cyclophosphamide Injection RTD (500 mg/2.5mL; 1g/5mL; 2g/10mL). Under the in-licence agreement, Dr. Reddy's will pay Ingenus 50% of the calculated profit share. Sales of the Ingenus product was \$51.8 million for the 12 months ended March 2024, the drugmaker said citing IQVIA numbers.

Dee Development fixes IPO price band at ₹193-203

Dee Development Engineers Ltd., an engineering company, has announced to open its initial public offering (IPO) of equity shares for bidding on Wednesday (June 19), in the price band of ₹193-203 per equity share of face value of ₹10 each. The IPO comprises fresh offer of up to ₹325 crore and offer for sale of up to 45,82,000 equity shares. Bids can be made for a minimum of 73 equity shares and in multiples of 73 shares thereafter.

Industrial output growth dips to 3-month low of 4.97%

Manufacturing growth fell to 3.9% in April, with consumer non-durables' output contracting yet again; the IIP declined 7.6% from March's levels, indicating a sequential downturn in production

Vikas Dhoot

NEW DELHI

ndustrial output growth eased to a three-month low of 4.97% in April, from an upgraded 5.4% in March, with manufacturing growth slipping to 3.9%, from 5.8%, electricity generation accelerating, and production of consumer nondurables contracting for a third time in six months.

Compared with March, the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) slid 7.6%, signalling a sequential down-

Manufacturing drags IIP

April industrial output was weighed down by a slowdown in its largest constituent as manufacturing growth slid to 3.9%



- IIP expanded 5.4% in March, when manufacturing growth was 5.8%
- Electricity generation rose 10.2% versus a 1.1% contraction in April 2023 and was almost 7% higher than in March
- Six of the 23 manufacturing segments reported contractions

turn in output. Electricity generation rose 10.2% compared with a 1.1% contraction last April and was almost 7% higher than in March as well, likely due to higher demand triggered by a heatwave across India.

Within manufacturing, six of the 23 segments reported contractions, including food products (-12.7%),and leather (-8.6%). In March, 10 segments had logged declines.

Consumer non-durables' output shrank 2.4%.

Economists at India Ratings and Research said the divergence in consumer goods reflected the ongoing consumption patterns, which were skewed in favour of households belonging to the upper 50% in income bracket, and termed it a "worrisome" augury.

Reforms to boost growth, stability will continue: FM

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The NDA government will continue to push the reforms drive initiated after 2014 with an eye on bolstering India's macroecostability nomic and growth, Nirmala Sitharaman asserted after taking over the reins of the Ministries of Finance and Corporate Affairs again.

After assuming charge, she was briefed by top officials from the two Ministries on policy issues that need resolution. She said the government is fully committed to ensuring 'ease of living' for citizens and will continue to take steps in this direction, and projected a positive outlook for the economy.

"She urged the departments to advance the NDA government's ment agenda with renewed vigour and ensure responsive policymaking to achieve the Prime Minister's vision of a 'Viksit Bharat'," the Finance Ministry said in a statement.

"The reforms undertaken since 2014 will continue, which will further provide macroeconomic stability and growth for India," she said, pointing to the country's "commendable growth story in recent amid years global challenges".

She "also called for the continued support and cooperation of all stakeholders, including industry leaders, regulators, and the citizens, to ensure a strong and vibrant economy," as per the statement.

MARKETS

	WEDNESDAY	% CHANGE
ensex	76,607	0.20
S Dollar	83.48	0.13
old	72,200	0.34
rent oil	82.20	0.07

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ian Paints	2905.80	3.35
is Bank		
ijaj Auto		
ijaj Finserv		
ijaj Finance		
narti Airtel	1438.40	11.15
CL	613.35	6.15
itannia Ind	5439.30	78.45
pla	1540.95	10.70
al India	488.70	12.35
vis Lab	4452.35	23.10
Reddys Lab	6060.05	20.80
cher Motors	4850.65	92.00
asim Ind	2450.15	6.75
CL Tech	1438.75	9.95
OFC Bank	1574.15	9.35
OFC Life	572.70	1.00
ero MotoCorp	5790.20	3.60
ndalco	673.90	0.95
nd Unilever	2528.70	27.65
ICI Bank	1119.55	1.35
dusInd Bank	1484.25	3.20
fosys	1485.20	10.55
C	432.30	-0.70
W Steel	916.90	6.80
tak Bank	1715.75	-4.25
τ	3630.30	31.60
IMindtree Ltd	4951.10	47.55
&M	2787.55	-48.00
aruti Suzuki	12849.35	14.30
estleIndia	2537.30	-4.65
ГРС	371.30	3.90
VGC	275.50	1.95
werGrid Corp	324.65	8.10
liance Ind	2926.65	13.30
BI Life	1452.70	24.65
ate Bank	839.10	3.55
riram Finance		
d	2566.95	33.95
ın Pharma	1506.85	7.10
taConsumerPro-		
ıct	1124.65	10.95
ta Motors	988.70	1.60
ta Steel	182.23	0.90
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ch Mahindra	1370.60	21.15

EXCHANGE RATES

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URRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
IS Dollar	83.35	83.67
uro	89.69	90.04
ritish Pound	106.39	106.80
apanese Yen (100)	52.97	53.17
hinese Yuan	11.49	11.54
wiss Franc	93.07	93.43
ingapore Dollar	61.64	61.89
anadian Dollar	60.64	60.87
Ialaysian Ringitt	17.66	17.74
ustralian Dollar	55.13	55.34

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U.S. Fed holds rates steady, now foresees just one cut this year

Agence France-Presse WASHINGTON

The U.S. Federal Reserve left its key lending rate unchanged on Wednesday and penciled in just one rate cut this year, down from the three it had expected in March. The Fed voted unani-

mously to maintain the benchmark rate between 5.25-5.50%, and said in a statement that "modest" progress had been made toward its long-term inflation target of 2%.

The announcement sug-

gests central bank officials remain wary about cutting rates too soon, despite consumer inflation data published earlier Wednesday, which pointed to a slowdown in the rate of price increases in May.

Raise inflation view

The annual consumer price index (CPI) based inflation came in at 3.3% last month, down 0.1 percentage point from April.

Fed officials also raised their inflation forecasts for 2024 and kept their growth outlook unchanged.

Loan on life savings products must: IRDAI

The Hindu Bureau HYDERABAD

Insurance regulator IRDAI has made policy-loan facility mandatory in all life insurance savings products to enable policyholders to meet their liquidity needs.

All non-linked savings products should have the facility of policy loan based on eligible surrender value. The insurer may also offer such facility under annuity products with 'Return of Purchase Price' option based on eligible surrender value. No loan, however, will be permitted under unit linked insu-



rance products, IRDAI said issuing a master circular on life insurance business.

"Partial withdrawal under pension products is now allowed enabling the policyholders meet specific financial needs such as higher education or marriage of children," it said.

UltraTech Cement.

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.35	83.67
Euro	89.69	90.04
British Pound	106.39	106.80
Japanese Yen (100)	52.97	53.17
Chinese Yuan	11.49	11.54
Swiss Franc	93.07	93.43
Singapore Dollar	61.64	61.89
Canadian Dollar	60.64	60.87
Malaysian Ringitt	17.66	17.74
Australian Dollar	55.13	55.34
Source:Indian Bank		

Sundaram Home Finance unveils 'emerging business'

The Hindu Rureau

As part of its diversification plan, Sundaram Home Finance Ltd. (SHFL) has unveiled an 'emerging business' segment targeted at the affordable housing (AH) market.

"To start with, the emerging business segment will comprise small business loans (SBL) and the newly launched AH financing," MD D. Lakshminarayanan said in a statement.

Going forward, SHFL will have two business drivers - the prime housing market focusing on the traditional housing finance, and the newly created emerging business.



SHFL was targeting to disburse about ₹300 crore in the emerging business segment this year, he said. "In the near term, our

plan is to open about 20 branches in the emerging business segment in Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. We plan to hire about 200 people for this segment, largely frontend staff," the MD said.

Brigade may invest ₹8,000 cr. in Chennai

The Hindu Bureau

Leading real estate developer Brigade Group is planning to invest more than ₹8,000 crore in Chennai by 2030 with a view to making it the second-largest market for the firm after Bengaluru, said its MD.

"Our aim is to double our growth in the city by expanding all four verticals of residential, commercial, retail and hospitality [segments]," Brigade Enterprises Ltd. MD Pavitra Shankar said.

The realtor unveiled ₹1,000-crore Brigade Icon Residences. A beach resort and luxury hotel are also on the anvil.

Talking about the Brigade Icon Residences, Ms. Shankar said it was an ex-



JMD Nirupa Shankar, MD Pavitra Shankar and ED Pradyumna Krishnakumar.

quisite high-end and mixed use development project on five acres of prime property of the TVS group on Anna Salai.

JMD Nirupa Shankar said the group had a pipeline of more than 15 million sq.ft. In FY25, Brigade plans to unveil more than 3 mn sq.ft. of residential and 1 mn sq. ft. of commercial projects in Chennai.

Office of the Chief Engineer

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KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No: 1-3/2024-25/PHC/KNR, KIIFB - Kannur District - Thalassery - Kuthuparamba Peravoor, Muzhakkunnu, Ayyankunnu - Construction of Reservoirs, Treatment Plant Hatake Well, Sump, OHSR, Gravity Main, Pumping Main, Distribution System, providing FHTCs, Pumpsets, Transformer, and Road Reformation Work, EMD: Rs. 500000/- Each. Tender fee: Rs. 19518/- Each, Last Date for submitting Tender: 08-07-2024 Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

KWA-JB-GL-6-44-2024-25

Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.
(Office: Chief Engineer/ P&M, PSPCL, Ludhiana.)
CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website: www.pspcl.in (Contact No. 96461-61158)

Tender Enquiry no. 10/CE/P&M/2024-25

CE/P&M, PSPCL, Ludhiana invites e-Tender for Manufacturing Testing, Supply & Delivery of 1617 no. Discharge/Earthing Rods for 66 KV Voltage level as per PSPCL Specifications. For detailed NIT & Tender specifications please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 08.06.2024 (11:00 hrs) onwards.

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

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PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD. Regd. Office: PSEB H.O Building, The Mall, Patiala Corporate Identification Number (CIN):U40109PB2010SGC033813 Contact No. 96461-18773

Tender Enquiry No. QQ-1329/PO/C&S dt 11.06.24

Chief Purchase Officer / MM, Central Purchase Organization, PSPCL, 2nd floor Multistorey Building, The Mall, Patiala, invites e-Tender for procurement of 3Cx150 sq. mm-500KM HT XLPE insulated, PVC sheathed, Stranded Aluminum Conducto Screened, armoured cable, ISI marked as per tender specification no. QQ-1329 PO/C&S dated 11.06.2024. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 11.06.2024 (5:00 PM) onwards NOTE: Corrigendum and addendum if any will be published online a

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PUNJAB STATE GRAINS PROCUREMENT **COROPORATION LIMITED (PUNGRAIN)** Anaaj Bhawan, Sector 39 C, Chandigarh

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

PUNGRAIN, invites online tenders through GeM Portal (Bid Number GEM/2024/B/5037479) for the purchase of 10760 Heavy Duty Cross Laminated Thermoplastic Fumigation Covers (CLTF Covers) for storage of wheat during RMS 2024-25 on behalf of all State Procuring Agencies (Pungrain, PSWC, Punsup and Markfed) in the State of Punjab under two Bid system 'Technical Bid' and 'Financial Bid'. The bid/tender documents (MTF) & other details will be available

on the GeM Portal, i.e., https://gem.gov.in from 11.06.2024 to 21.06.2024. MTF will also be available on Department's website i.e. http://foodsuppb.gov.in. Bids completed in the manner prescribed in MTF should be uploaded upto 6:00 PM on 21.06.2024. Pre-bid meeting will be held on 13.06.2024 at 3:00 PM in the Committee Room, Pungrain Head Office, Anaai Bhawan, Sector 39 C, Chandigarh, PUNGRAIN reserves the right to scrap tender at any stage without

assigning any reason and PUNGRAIN will not be liable for any costs and consequences incurred by the intending bidders Any corrigendum / addendum will be uploaded on GeM portal and

http://foodsuppb.gov.in. NA/12/23358/2023/34479 Managing Director, Pungrain

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD. (Office : Chief Engineer/ P&M, PSPCL,Ludhiana.) CIN:U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website: www.pspcl.in

(Contact No.96461-61158) Tender Enquiry No. 11/CE/P&M/2024-25

CE/P&M, PSPCL, Ludhiana invites e-tender for Design, Manufacture, testing supply & Delivery of 1591 nos. 11KV Vacuum Interrupters (Max voltage-12KV Normal amperes 2000A, Min. rupturing capacity-25KA) of various types suitable for various types of 11KV Vacuum Circuit Breakers installed at various Sub-Stations in PSPCL. For detailed NIT & Tender specifications please refer to ttps://eproc.puniab.gov.in from 08.06.2024 (11:00 hrs) onwa Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online a

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Tender Enquiry No. 319/HPs/ED-II/ASHP- 139

Dv. CE/ Hydel Projects, PSPCL, Shed A-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala Invite E-Tender for Procurement of 1 No. 6000 LPH Transformer Oil Filtration Set fo 4x150MW Ranjit Sagar Dam, Power House, Shahpurkandi and 2 No. 3000 Later. Hr. Capacity Transformer Oil Filtration sets for ASHP Hydel Projects Shri Anandpu Sahib (one for each Power House i.e., Gangwal & Nakkian)

For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 14.06.2024 onwards.

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BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED (Wholly owned by Government of Karnataka undertaking) (CIN-U04010KA2002SGC030438)

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal) Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited invites

tender vide Enquiry No.: BESCOM/BC-53/CGM(OP) DGM(EV)/2024-25/ENQ-01 Dated: 01.06.2024 through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal platform from eligible bidders for "Setting up Battery Swapping Stations for 2W & 3W at 20 BESCOM owned locations in Bengaluru Urban & Rural district under PPP Model".

Issue of Bid Documents: From 19.06.2024 @ 11:00 Hrs Onwards. Last Date for Bid Submission: Up to 06.07.2024 @17:00 Hrs. Opening of Bid Documents: On 08.07.2024 @ 17:00 Hrs Onwards. Last Date for submission of Queries through KPP Portal: 21.06.2024 up to 17:00 Hrs. Pre Bid Meeting: 24.06.2024 @ 11:00 Hrs. Video Conference Link https://meet.google.com/fra-yxuc-rjp

The tenders can be obtained through KPP Portal from the tendering website. Aspiring bidders need to register on KPF portal. Further, bidders can take assistance with e-procurement nelpdesk at +91 80 46010000, +91 80 68948777

Electricity related complaints call: 1912 The Chief General Manager, vnload "BESCOM Mithra" Mobile APP Operations RESCOM

India's finished steel imports touched a five-year high in the first two months of the fiscal year that began in April, with the country continuing to be a net importer, according to provisional government data seen by Reuters. Steel demand has been

buoyant in India with ro-

and May, up 19.8% from a year earlier, the data showed.

ACT Fibernet adds cities in steel imports A.P., NCR; home broadband hit 5-year high growth outpaces telecom

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from Guntur), Bhimava-

ram and Tadepalligudem.

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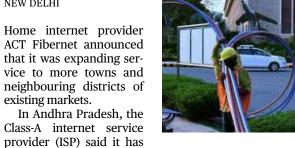
Reuters NEW DELHI

April-May

on demand

bust demand from construction and auto sectors. India imported 1.1 million metric tonne of fin-

ished steel between April



to Kanchipuram, adding to Chennai, Coimbatore and Madurai. This brings the firm's ov-

erall presence to 30 cities and towns.



While 5G coverage has

dia show that as of March, there were four crore wired internet subscribers in India, compared with 88.3 crore mobile internet However,

expanded exponentially

nationwide following an

aggressive push by Bharti

Data by the Telecom

month-on-month growth, wireline subscriptions are outpacing a saturated wireless market.

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 Ambrev



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



REUTERS

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

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

ebanon'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"

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

in Gaza. That has raised fears of an even more devastating regional conflagration.

only stop if there is a truce

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 noncombatants. 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

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 farright National Rally party of Marine Le Pen triumphed at the election for 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 na-

tional 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 coun-

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+ Russia keeps up its Ukraine attack despite diplomacy buzz

Associated Press

Russian forces fired missiles and drones at the Kviv region and five other areas of Ukraine in a nighttime

Wednesday, ahead of several days of intense diplomatic activity around the

Ukraine's air force said it shot down more than two dozen air targets, including

Muhammad Yunus

15, he said.

he denied.

strated the misappropria-

tion of funds and the illegal

money transfers abroad.

The trial will begin on July

was sentenced to six

months in prison for viola-

tions of labour law, which

Although he is not in pri-

son after securing bail in

that case, Mr. Yunus faces

more than 100 cases re-

garding the violations and

graft accusations, which he

said in an interview with

Reuters last week was "ve-

During the interview,

Mr. Yunus said Bangladesh

had turned into a "one-par-

ty" state as the ruling party

stamps out political com-

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denied his allegations on

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In January, Mr. Yunus

ballistic missile 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

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 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 tary 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-host-

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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 Arafat Hossain dismissed petitions seeking the charges to be dropped, saying the prosecution had demon-



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 Fok 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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THE ZAMPA SHOW

Australia proves too good for Namibia, storms into Super 8



Leg-spinner Adam Zampa starred in the middle overs as Australia annihilated Namibia by nine wickets in North Sound (Antigua) to qualify for the Super Eight stage of the T20 World Cup.

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.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

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



Heavy rain and a waterlogged outfield led to the abandonment of the T20 World Cup match between Sri Lanka and Nepal on Tuesday in Florida. The result meant that Group-D leader South Africa, which has won all three of its games, becomes the first team to qualify for the Super Eight stage.

MILESTONE

Zampa becomes first Australian to take 100 T20I wickets



Leg-spinner Adam Zampa became the first Australian to take 100 wickets in T20Is. The 32-year-old bagged four wickets in the T20 World Cup match against Namibia, removing Zane Green, David Wiese, Ruben Trumpelmann and Bernard Scholtz. Zampa has 100 wickets at an economy rate of 7.20 in 83 matches.

CATCHING UP

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



Mohammad Rizwan equalled Rohit Sharma's record of most fifties (30) as an opener in T20Is during Pakistan's seven-wicket win over Canada in New York on Tuesday. Rizwan took 71 innings to achieve 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

T20 WORLD CUP

Ashwin Achal

ndia booked a spot in the Super 8 with a seven-wicket win over USA in its Group-A ICC Men's T20 World Cup encounter at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium here on Wednesday. The two points did not come easy as a gritty USA made India sweat.

It was the Men in Blue's third win in as many matches while USA suffered its first loss in three games.

USA set India a target of 111 on a tricky pitch. India lost openers Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma cheaply, slipping to 15 for two. When Rishabh Pant was dismissed for 18 by a ball which kept low, there were a few nervous faces in the Indian camp.

Suryakumar Yadav (50 n.o., 49b, 2x4, 2x6) and Shivam Dube (31 n.o., 35b, 1x4, 1x6) bailed India out. Dube struggled to middle the ball for a large part of his stay before breaking free with a six off Corey Anderson in the 15th over.

Survakumar to get going in the previous two outings, played an exceptional hand. He shelved the big shots and preferred a conservative approach. It was only when the required run-rate threatened to reach eight an over did





Roaring start, rousing finish: Arshdeep trapped Jahangir in front off the first delivery of the match while Suryakumar guided the Men in Blue home with an unbeaten half-century. K.R. DEEPAK

he free his arms.

USA suffered greatly when it was penalised five runs at the end of the 15th over. Umpire Paul Reiffel imposed the punishment as the team took more than the allowed time between overs on three occasions. This freebie eased the load

off India considerably. It

did not help that Saurabh match. Jahangir, who re-Netravalkar dropped Survakumar when the batter was on 22.

Earlier, Rohit Sharma's decision to field paid quick dividends as Arshdeep rattled USA with two wickets in the first over. It was curtains for Shayan Jahangir in the opening delivery of the placed an injured Monank Patel in the XI, was trapped leg-before by Arshdeep. Andries Gous did not last long either, splicing a pull to mid-off.

At three for two, USA was in danger of winding up early. Steven Taylor and skipper Aaron Jones dug in,

new ball. Jones got one maximum when he hooked Siraj into the stands. When Jones tried a repeat act off Hardik Pandya, the ball landed in the hands of Siraj at deep fine-leg.

Taylor got his scoring opportunities when seamer Shivam Dube was intro-

determined to see off the duced. Dube bowled too short, allowing the batter a free swing. Nitish Kumar (27, 23b, 2x4, 1x6) built his innings well on a challenging pitch. Nitish, who has previously led Canada, started by nudging it around and taking the quick singles. When he got

his eye in, he took on Har-

dik. Nitish was going great guns when a fine catch by Sirai ended his innings. Si raj settled under the swirling skier at deep backward square-leg, and grabbed the ball over his head just inside the rope. The acrobatic effort put a dent on USA's hopes of posting a

challenging total.

SCOREBOARD

Shayan Jahangir lbw b Arshdeep 0 (1b), Steven Taylor b Axar 24 (30b. 2x6), Andries Gous c Hardik b Arshdeep 2 (5b), Aaron Jones c Siraj b Hardik 11 (22b, 1x6), Nitish Kumar c Siraj b Arshdeep 27 (23b. 2x4, 1x6). Corey Anderson c Pant b Hardik 15 (12b, 1x4, 1x6), Harmeet Singh c Pant b Arshdeep 10 (10b, 1x6), Shadley van Schalkwyk (not out) 11 (10b, 1x4), Jasdeep Singh run out 2 (7b); Extras (lb-1, w-7): 8; Total (for eight wkts. in 20 overs): 110.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-0 (Jahangir, 0.1 overs), 2-3 (Gous, 0.6), 3-25 (Jones, 7.2), 4-56 (Taylor, 11.4), 5-81 (Nitish, 14.4), 6-96 (Anderson, 16.5), 7-98 (Harmeet, 17.3), 8-110 (Jasdeep,

INDIA BOWLING

Arshdeep 4-0-9-4, Siraj 4-0-25-0, Bumrah 4-0-25-0, Hardik 4-1-14-2, Dube 1-0-11-0, Axar

INDIA Rohit Sharma c Harmeet b Netravalkar 3 (6b). Virat Kohli c Gous b Netravalkar 0 (1b). Rishabh Pant b Ali Khan 18 (20b, 1x4, 1x6), Suryakumar Yadav (not out) 50 (49b, 2x4, 2x6), Shivam Dube (not out) 31 (35b, 1x4, 1x6);

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3-44 (Pant, 7.3) USA ROWI ING

Netravalkar 4-0-18-2, Ali Khan 3.2-0-21-1, Jasdeep 4-0-24-0, Schalkwyk 4-0-25-0, Anderson

3-0-17-0. Toss: India. PoM: Arshdeep

India won by seven wickets with 10 deliveries to spare

Today's matches

Tarouba, 6.00 a.m

HEAD-TO-HEAD T20Is

Played: 19

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

Ayan Acharya

TAROUBA (TRINIDAD)

The early stages of the T20 World Cup have revealed a stark contrast in fortunes within Group-C.

Co-host West Indies is riding high after a commanding 134-run victory over Uganda, the secondlargest margin of win by runs in the tournament's history.

Conversely, New Zealand sits at the bottom of the group after collapsing for 75 in pursuit of Afghan-

WI is second with two wins out of two. NZ, on the other hand, teeters on the brink of an early exit.

As the teams prepare for their Wednesday evening clash, the West Indies is expected to stick with its winning XI.

Same line-up

The Kiwis, despite their recent setback, might also retain the same line-up, aiming to avoid a reactionary shake-up after one poor performance.

This match will mark the first T20 WC fixture at the Brian Lara Stadium, a

venue built in 2017. Known for its batter-friendly conditions, the ground boasts an average first innings score of 185.

England posted the second-highest T20I total by a Test-playing nation here last December (267 for three).

This is particularly good news for NZ's Kane Williamson and Devon Conway, who have not seen much game-time recently. Although both players excel against spin, they will face a formidable challenge in Akeal Hosein.

Adding flexibility

NZ's spin attack, led by Mitchell Santner, with support from left-arm spinner Rachin Ravindra and offspinner Glenn Phillips, adds flexibility.

They will be wary of WI's power-hitters, including Andre Russell, as they look to click up a gear ahead of the Super Eights.

After a slightly overcast and rainy morning on match eve, the weather forecast for Wednesday looks promising, setting the stage for an intriguing contest.



in a do-or-die clash against the Windies. GETTY IMAGES

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



New Zealand have always flown under the radar in World Cups but have invariably been in the semifinals. So the defeat to Afghanistan will not worry them too much. They have two Associate Member countries, Papua New Guinea and Uganda, to play and should be able to get through that quite comfortably.

West Indies, on the other hand, are two-time world champions in the ultrashort format, and will be buoyed by the support of the home crowd. In any case, with the kind of experience that the players from the Caribbean have in this format and their players being in great demand in the T20 leagues all over the world, they will be pretty much unbeatable if they combine well.

We just saw in the recently concluded Indian Premier League the contribu-



Key factor: Boult, centre, will rely on his effectiveness in the PowerPlay to swing it New Zealand's way. PTI

tion made by the West Indian players. Yes, they could have done with Sunil Narine, who was the Playerof-the-tournament in the IPL, in their World Cup squad. But him not being there is yet another West Indian story that is hard to explain. The West Indies team is blessed with some of the biggest hitters in the game and some of them can bowl too. They have plenty of game-changers. New Zealand, although

beaten soundly by Afghanistan and its spinners, will feel a lot more comfortable playing against the West Indian attack. This is where the host could have done with a mystery bowler like

Narine. The Kiwis, though, will have to sort their batting order because getting off to a brisk start in the PowerPlay has become such an important aspect of the game today. The pitches in the Caribbean will be more conducive for that compared to the pitch in New York. They have to improve their batting considerably against the West Indies because qualification for the Super Eight could well depend on the Net Run Rate (NRR).

Rain can be a spoilsport in the West Indies, especially at this time of the year, and New Zealand will be keen to get a favourable result. The West Indies, on



to keep the winning momentum going and top the group. This is a match-up between a predictable New Zealand against an unpredictable West Indies. A lot will also depend on what Trent Boult does for the Ki-

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Germany calls up Can to replace sick Pavlovic for Euros

Euro 2024 host Germany has called up Emre Can to replace Aleksandar Pavlovic for the tournament, who misses out through tonsillitis, the DFB confirmed on Wednesday. Can, who captained Borussia Dortmund in its Champions League loss to Real Madrid in June, made his Germany debut in 2015 but has not played for his country since September 2023. The former Liverpool and Juventus midfielder has played 43 times for Germany, scoring one goal.

In-demand Leipzig striker Sesko extends contract

Sought-after striker Benjamin Sesko has extended his stay at Bundesliga side RB Leipzig until 2029, the club announced on Wednesday. Sesko, 21, was in high demand after an impressive first season at the club, with reported interest from Premier League sides Arsenal and Manchester United. The Slovenia forward arrived in Leipzig from sister club Red Bull Salzburg last summer and despite a slow start, scored 14 goals in 31 Bundesliga games, netting in each of his last seven league fixtures.

India teams begin well at the Asian squash championships

The Indian men's and women's teams made a winning start at the Asian team squash championships at Dalian (China) on Tuesday.

The results: Men: Pool D: India bt Kuwait 2-1 (Velavan Senthilkumar bt Athbi Hamad 11-4, 11-5, 11-4; Rahul Baitha lost to Md. Alkhanfar 8-11, 12-10, 8-11, 11-9, 2-11; Suraj Kumar Chand bt Bader Almoghrebi 11-6, 11-7, 11-6).

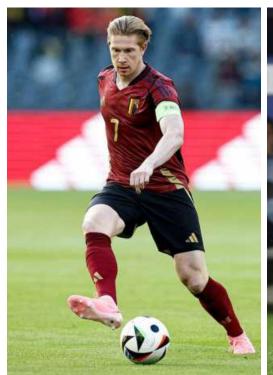
Japan bt India 3-0 (Ryunosuke Tsukue bt Velavan Senthilkumar 11-7, 11-9, 11-6; Tomototaka Endo bt Rahul Baitha 3-11, 11-9, 11-5, 13-11; Naoki Hayashi bt Suraj Kumar Chand 11-6, 6-11, 11-2, 8-11, 11-9).

Women: Pool A: India bt Macau 2-1 (Rathika Suthanthira Seelan bt Liu Kwai Chi 11-4, 11-4, 11-5; Pooja Arthi Raghu lost to Yeung Weng Chi 6-11, 5-11, 2-11; Janet Vidhi bt Yeung Wai

Leng 11-9, 6-11, 14-12, 11-9). India bt Mongolia 3-0 (Rathika bt Ariunbileg Altankhuyag 11-2, 11-3, 11-4; Pooja bt Myadagaa Dogsom 11-1, 11-1, 11-1; Sunita Patel bt Saran Khishigbaatar 11-1, 11-1, 11-1).

Can Mbappe help France regain crown? Last dance for Ronaldo?

The Les Bleus are expected to go all the way while Netherlands will look to spoil the French dream; De Bruyne's Belgium and Martinez's Portugal will hope to top their groups; underdogs Austria, Ukraine will be keen to build on their fine form







X-Men: Belgium's 'golden generation' will want to go out with a bang while Mbappe and Ronaldo will strive to make a big impact for their respective countries. AFP & AP



Agencies

s Germany gets ready to host Euro .2024 from June 14 (Friday), an analysis of Groups D to F:

Group D: Poland, Netherlands, Austria, France.

France is the undoubted favourite to top Group D at Euro 2024 but it might not be smooth sailing with formidable oppositions like Netherlands and Austria in the same group. Deschamps' men are leading contenders to win the Netherlands should be

the next strongest side in the group, but defeats home and away to France in qualifying indicate a gulf between the two. The Dutch were quarter-finalists at the last World Cup, since then Ronald Koeman has returned for a second spell in charge Louis van Gaal's successor.

Poland beat Wales on penalties in the playoffs to qualify for the finals. Its qualifying campaign was rescued by Michal Probierz after he was promoted from his role as Under-21 coach to succeed sacked former Portugal boss Fernando Santos.

In contrast, Austria approaches the tournament in fine fettle, even if star player David Alaba is unavailable due to injury. Revitalised under the management of Ralf Rangnick, Austria finished just behind Belgium in its qualifying group and has had some remarkable results recently having beat Germany 2-0 and Turkey 6-1.

Group E: Belgium, Slova-Romania kia, Ukraine.

Belgium is unquestionably the team to beat in Group E where all four countries will believe they can advance to the knockout phase.

The number one ranked team in the world between 2018 and 2022 will rely on powerhouses Kevin De Bruyne and Romelu Lukaku for inspiration throughout the tournament.

Ukraine return for a fourth successive appearance after defeating Iceland in the play-offs, delivering an emotional boost to a country ravaged by war since the Russian invasion of February 2022. Slovakia enjoyed

strong qualifying campaign to book a third consecutive trip to the finals, but lacks a genuine goal threat. Romania is the only

team in the section that did not take part in Euro 2020.

The national team has fallen on hard times over the past two decades, hindered by the decline of the country's leading clubs and a lack of investment. Group F: Turkiye, Geor-

gia, Portugal and Czechia.

Roberto Martinez has given Cristiano Ronaldo his full backing since taking over as Portugal coach and he will be hoping that his faith helps provide the nation a second European Championship title.

Portugal will be the red-

hot favourite to progress from Group F as Martinez's men kick off their campaign against Czechia in Leipzig on June 18.

Georgia makes its major tournament bow relying on star man Khvicha Kvaratskhelia, against the backdrop of turmoil and political violence back home.

The Czechs will be favourites to progress alongside Portugal and have often impressed at previous Euros, including three years ago with a run to the quarter-finals that was ended by Denmark. Patrik Schick will again be expected to provide the goals after finishing as joint-top scorer at Euro 2020.

Montella's Vincenzo Turkiye, led by Hakan Calhanoglu, will be out to prove a point after a dismal group stage exit at Euro



Scheffler... eyeing another

Scheffler primed to continue stellar run

Agence France-Presse PINEHURST

Scottie Scheffler appears unstoppable as Thursday's first round of the US Open approaches, with many top rivals amazed the World No. 1 already has five wins this year, including the Augusta Masters.

Scheffler is the first player since Tom Watson in 1980 to win five PGA Tour events before the US Open, having won at Bay Hill, the Players, the Masters, the Heritage and last week's Memorial.

The 27-year-old American has 12 top-10 efforts in 13 PGA Tour events this

"I'm not thinking about my wins anymore," Scheffler said. "All I'm focused on is this week and getting ready to play. Last week doesn't really matter."

"I still don't feel like there's much of a target on my back," said Scheffler. "It's not like anybody is out there playing defence. When I play with Xander and Rory here Thursday and Friday, they're not going to be saying weird stuff to me or trying to block my putt from going in."

irregular goal: Stimac

Press Trust of India

India football coach Igor Stimac said "injustice" was done and his team's "dream was killed" by a blatant "irregular" goal that allowed Qatar to claw back and clinch the mustwin World Cup qualifying match 2-1 here on Tuesday.

India was leading 1-0 before Qatar scored the contentious equaliser by dragging the ball back after it had crossed the line of

"Qatar were lucky tonight, especially because they came back from 0-1 with an irregular goal. I can confirm that now because I have seen the replay. The whole ball was out of play and the goal was given," Stimac didn't mince words as he spoke about what went wrong in the game.

"It shouldn't be happening in today's football because that goal changed everything in this game. It could've happened to Qatar today and I would say the same. I'm not looking for an excuse.

"I feel sad that when you have 23 boys working really hard and living the dream, to achieve something, and that dream is killed because we didn't stop such things from happening," the Croat added.

"They were fantastic. All Indian fans can be proud of their team today. We controlled the game for a major part, with a high press against a good Qatari team. You could say that the chances India had were



Stimac. REUTERS

better than Qatar's," he

Stimac also highlighted a few Indian shortcomings. "We should have scored thrice in the first half to kill the game definitely," he said. "But there is something which is missing in Indian football, and that's clinical reactions inside the box," he pointed out.

Meanwhile, Stimac, who had 'promised' to leave if he failed in his "mission" to take India into the third round, said he was not so sure and said he would need a few more days to figure things out.

"That's something we need to discuss internally in the next few weeks where our futures stand. There is nothing I can tell you now," the 56-year-old, who took over in 2019,

Meanwhile, the All India Football Federation has sought a thorough investigation into the controversial goal, the AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey said on Wednesday while urging the concerned authorities to "address the injustice".

Our dream killed by | Consistent Ancy leaps to the top, off-colour Nayana finishes second

INDIAN GRAND PRIX

N. Sudarshan BENGALURU

Asian Games silver medallist Ancy Sojan marked her competitive return after a seven-month injury lay-off by clinching the women's long jump gold with a leap of 6.52m, at the third Indian Grand Prix held at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium on Wednesday.

On a day when no athlete threatened Paris Olympics qualification standards, the 23-year-old from Kerala, who was out of action because of a stressed ankle, was consistent with her jumps, touching 6.33m or more in five of her six

Though Ancy's winning effort was 11cm off her personal best and a whopping 34cm off the Paris threshold, the result should hold her in good stead going into the National inter-state championship – the last of the Olympic qualification events – later this month.

"I came here with no expectations," Ancy told reporters later. "I just took a free approach and I am with happy consistency."

The seasoned Nayana James was off-colour, but managed a 6.48m jump off her last try to finish with silver.

The women's 400m, a mini trial before India's 4x400m Olympics relay team is finalised, was won by Andhra Pradesh's Dandi



Jyothika Sri in 51.53s, more than a second better than her previous best time (52.73s). Subha Venkatesan and Poovamma finished second and third respectively while Vithya Ramraj and V.K. Vismaya did not

There was also a noshow from javelin expert Kishore Jena, leaving Rohit Yadav and Sachin Yadav, the only two athletes in the fray, to share the spoils.

The results:

Men: 100m: 1. Ragul Kumar (TN) 10.56s, 2. Manikanta Hoblidhar (Kar) 10.64, 3. C. Abhinav (Ker) 10.67; 400m: 1. Rince Joseph (Ker) 46.46, 2. Jay Kumar (Del) 47.11, 3. Aakash Babu Chinthala (TN) 47.20; 800m: 1. Prakash Gadade (Mah) 1:48.53, 2.

Krishnan Kumar (Har) 1:50.03, 3. Anu Kumar (Utk) 1:50.37. 3000m: 1. Kiran Matre (Mah) 8:09.86, 2. Harpreet Singh (Pun) 8:15.28, 3. Deepak Bhatt (Utk)

High jump: 1. Swadhin Majhi (Odi) 2.10m, 2. Nishant (Del) 2.00, 3. Rakesh Kumar (Har) 2.00; Long jump: 1. S. Arya (Kar) 7.76, 2. Sanmath Sakth (TN) 7.55, 3. J.

Sharon Jestus (TN) 7.54. Triple jump: 1. U. Karthik (Ker) 16.11, 2. Krishna Singh (Mah) 15.62, 3. Puneet Kumar (UP) 15.43; Shot put: 1. Prabhkirpal Singh (Pun) 17.49, 2. Omesh Ranga (Pun) 16.19; Javelin: 1. Sachin Yadav (UP) 82.69, 2. Rohit Yaday (UP) 75.52

(Kar) 11.41s, 2. Abinaya Rajarajan (TN) 11.60, 3, V. Sudheeksha (Kar) 11.75; 200m: 1. Nithya Gandhe (TG) 24.23, 2. Kaveri Laxmangouda (Kar) 24.38, 3.

Women: 100m: 1. S.S. Sneha

Abinaya Rajarajan (TN) 24.39; 400m: 1. Dandi Jvothika Sri (AP) 51.53, 2, Subha Venkatesan (TN) 52.34, 3. Poovamma (Kar) 52.62; 800m: 1. Heena (Har) 2:12.21, 2. E.B. Arpitha (Kar) 2:12.69, 3. Vineeta Gurjar (UP) 2:13.80; 3000m: 1. Akshana (MP) 9:55.14. 2. Sanghamitra Mahata (Jha) 9:55.60, 3. Prachi Devkar (Mah) 10:17.10.

High jump: 1. Abhinaya S. Shetty (Kar) 1.74m, 2. Kevinaa Annavi (TN) 1.65; **Long jump:** 1. Ancy Sojan (Ker) 6.52, 3. Nayana James (Ker) 6.48, 3. Bhavani Yaday (AP) 6.27; Triple jump: 1. Poorva Sawant (Mah) 13.14, 2. Sharvari Parule (Mah) 12.74, 3. Ambrika Narzary (Asm) 12.51.

Shot put: 1. Abha Khatua (Mah) 17.93, 2. Shiksha (Har) 15.38, 3. V. Ambika (Kar) 14.32: Javelin: 1. K. Rashmi (AP) 49.69, 2. Lalita Choudhary (Raj) 43.24, 3. K.M. Saloni (UP) 43.21.

Another win takes Divya closer to glory



On top: Gharibyan, right, outwitted Makarian to take the lead in the Open section. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

WORLD JUNIOR CHESS

P.K. Ajith Kumar GANDHINAGAR

Divya Deshmukh on Wednesday posted another win to further brighten her chances going into the final round of the World junior girls' chess championship. She has a half-a-point lead over Mariam Mkrtchyan of Armenia.

In an all-Indian battle on the top board in the 10th round at the Gift City Club, Divya defeated Sachi Jain, whose weak manoeuvres with her knights on successive moves proved costly in the Queen Gambit Declined game. The top seed won in 26 moves to take her tally to nine points.

If she wins against Beloslava Krasteva of Bulgaria, she will emerge as the clear champion.

Mkrtchyan defeated Sri Lanka's Oshini Gunawardhana to keep her hopes alive. The Armenian is on 8.5 points.

An Armenian, though, is in the sole lead position in the Open section. The 15th seed Mamikon Gharibyan, who defeated the sixth-

seeded Russian Rudik Makarian on the top board, has eight points and is followed half-a-point behind by four players.

Open: Rudik Makarian (FIDE) 7

lost to Mamikon Gharibvan (Arm)

Important results (10th

8; Daniel Quizon (Phi) 7.5 drew with Kazybek Nogerbek (Kaz) 7.5; Jose Gabriel Cardoso (Col) 7 lost to Emin Ohanyan (Arm) 7.5; Aleksey Grebnev (FIDE) 6 lost to Luka Budisavljevic (Srb) 7.5; Artion Stribuk (FIDE) 6.5 drew with Pranav Anand 6.5; Baris Ozenir (Tur) 7 bt Siddharth Jagadeesh (Sgp) 6; Vuppala Praneeth 6 lost to Shawn Rodrigue-Lemmieux (Can) 7; Arsen Davtvan (Arm) 6.5 drew with L.R. Srihari 6.5; Bendeguz Bodrogi (Hun) 6 lost to Tobias Koelle (Ger) 7; Aditya Samant 7 bt

(SL) 6.5 lost to Mariam Mkrtchyan (Arm) 8.5; Narmin Abdinova (Aze) 6.5 lost to Rakshitta Ravi 7.5; Shubhi Gupta 7 drew with Ksenia Norman (FIDE) 7; Ayan Allahverdiveva (Aze) 7.5 bt Swara Lakshmi Nair 6; Beloslava

Girls: Divya Deshmukh 9 bt Sachi

Jain 7: Oshini Gunawardhana

Krasteva (Bul) 7 bt Sannidhi Bhat 6; Martyna Wikar (Pol) 7 bt Sneha Halder 6; Sofia Hryzlova (Sui) 6.5 drew with V. Rindhiya 6.5; Mervem Agaianova (Tkm) 6 lost to Ayalum Kaladorva (Kaz) 6.5; Xeniya Balabayeva (Kaz) 6.5 bt Kheerthi Ganta 5.5.



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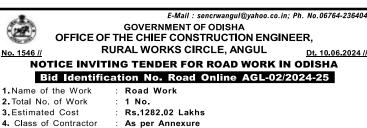
भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली की अधिसूचना दिनांक 14.09.2006 (यथा संशोधित) के तहत सर्व संबंधितों को सचित किया जाता है कि Expansion of Steel Plant- Sponge Iron from 1,20,000 TPA to 4,17,000 TPA, MS Ingots / Hot Billets from 90,000 TPA to 2,38,500 TPA, TMT Bars/Rolled products (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, Distict-Raigarh, Chhattisgarh- Grant of TOR under SOP dated 07.07.2021 (Violation Category) की स्थापना के लिए पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतु लोक सुनवाई बाबत् छ.ग. पर्यावरण सरक्षण 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 र 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 अमता विस्तार परियोजना के संबंध में आपित्त 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 फार्मे के समीप का स्थल, ग्राम- शिवपुरी, तहसील व जिला - रायगढ़ (छू.ग.) 🖣 नियत की गई है। भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवाय परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ले के पत्र क्रमांक F. No. IA-J-11011/154/2021-IA.II (I), दिनांक् 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 ड्राफ्ट 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 व्ही. टॉवर रोड रायगढ़, मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी, जनपद पंचायत रायगढ़ / घरघोड़ा / तमनार, जिला - रायगढ़, सरपंच / सचिव कार्यालय ग्रामपंचायत-देलारी, गेरवानी, सराईपाली, भुईकुर्री, लाखा, गदगांव, तराईमाल, तहसील - रायगढ़ / घरघोडा / तमनार. जिला - रायगढ. डायरेक्टर पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवाय परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, इंदिरा पर्यावरण भवन, जोर बाग रोड, नई दिल्ली, एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, पर्यावरण वेन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय अरण्य भवन, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर एवं मुख्यालय, छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मण्डल, पर्यावास भवन, नार्थ ब्लॉक, रोक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर (छ.ग.) में रखी हुई है।

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

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"- PROCUREMENT NOTICE WORKS DEPARTMENT E-mail : ceworldbankprojects@gmail.con ndum to Bid Identification No. CE-WBP (0) - 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 - Kaliahata road fron 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 (0)-19/2023-24 is hereby cancelled due Administrative ground. All other term and conditions remain unchanged. Chief Engineer, Bridges, Odisha, Bhubaneswa OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR.



5. Period of Completion : As per Annexure 6. Other details								
Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.			Last Date & Time of	Date & Time of Opening of Tender			
υπισει	No.	From	10	seeking tender Clarification	Technical Bid	Financial Bid		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works	Road Online -AGL-	20.06.2024 at	03.07.2024 up to	02.07.2024 up to	04.07.2024 at	Will be intimated		

Online -AGL- at up to 02/2024-25 10.00 A.M. 5.00 P.M. For detailed Notice Inviting Tenders, Please visit to the website www.tendersorissa.gov.in Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul. O-20



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कार्यपालक अभियता का कार्यालय भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमंडल, अरवल अतिअल्पकालीन राष्ट्रीय/स्पर्द्धा पुनः ई० निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

संख्या 01/ARWAL/2024-2025

(एस0बी0डी0 आधारित प्रतिशत दर निविदा)

- 1 विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एव पता
- 2 निविदा आमत्रित करने की तिथि
- 3. निविदा कागजात प्राप्त (डाउनलोड) करने की तिथि एवं समय
- निविदा जमा (अपलोड) करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय
- 5. निविदा बिक्री का स्थान
- :- केवल वेवसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in

गया का कार्यालय में ।

:- दिनांक- 10.06.2024

:- कार्यपालक अभियता, भवन प्रमंडल, अरवल ।

15.00 बजे तक। केवल वेवसाईट

:- दिनांक-25.06.2024 से 17.07.2024 को

:— दिनांक—18.07.2024 को 15.00 बजे तक । केवल वेवसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in

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- 6. तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :— दिनांक—22.07.2024 को 15.30 बजे |
- वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- तकनीकी वीड मूल्यांकन के पश्चात्।
- 8. प्री बीड मीटींग की तिथि समय एवं स्थान (i):—दिनांक— 02.07.2024 को 15.00 बजे अधीक्षण अभियता, भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन अचल,
 - (ii) दिनांक- 08.07.2024 को 15.00 बजे मुख्य अभियता (द0), भवन निर्माण विभाग, बिहार, पटना का कार्यालय में।
 - :-- 120 दिन

निविदा की वैधता की अवधि 10. कार्य का विवरण

क0 ग्रुप स0 संख्य गरिमाण विपन्न ई—निविदा बीड प्राक्कलित राशि अग्रधन की राशि प्रोसेसिंग फी की अवधि का मूल्य अरवल जिलान्तर्गत, अरवल प्रखंड के पंचायत खभैनी एवं प्यारेचक में 10,000.00 As Per Online
Requirement 5,00,46,258.00 10,01,000.00 पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य (विद्युत कार्य सहित)। अरवल जिलान्तर्गत, कुर्था प्रखंड के पंचायत अहमदपुर हरणा, $15,\!01,\!500.00 \quad \middle| \quad \textbf{10,000.00} \quad \middle| \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{As Per Online} \\ \text{Requirement} \end{array}$ इब्राहिमपुर एव कोदमरई 7,50,69,387.00 12 महीन में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य (विद्युत कार्य सहित)। अरवल जिलान्तर्गत सोनभद्र वंशी सूर्यपुर प्रखंड के पंचायत सोनभद्र As Per Online 2,50,23,129.00 5,00,500.00 10,000.00 12 महीना में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य (विद्युत कार्य सहित)। 4 | 4 | अरवल जिलान्तर्गत, कलेर प्रखंड के पंचायत पहलेजा, इस्माईलपुर As Per Online कोयल एवं जयपुर में 7,50,69,387.00 15,01,500.00 12 महीन पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य (विद्युत कार्य सहित)। अरवल जिलान्तर्गत. करपी प्रखंड के पंचायत दोर्रा, नरगा, किजर, As Per Online कोचहासा एवं करपी में 12,51,15,645.00 25,02,500.00 12 महीन पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य (विद्युत कार्य सहित)।

PR-001604 (BCD) 2024-25 नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार

वेस्तृत जानकारी state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar से प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

कार्यपालक अभियता का कार्यालय भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमंडल, सुपौल राष्ट्रीय स्पर्द्धा ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

(ई० निविदा पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

अल्पकालीन ई0 निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं०-02 (S.B.D. भ० प्र०, सुपौल)/2024-25

1 विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एव पता :- कार्यपालक अभियता, भवन

प्रमडल, सुपौल। 2 निविदा आमत्रण सूचना निर्गत की तिथि :- 10.06.2024 3. निविदा कागजात डाउनलोड (प्राप्त) करने की :— दिनाक—26.06.2024 से

अवधि एवं समय 17.07.2024 के 3:00 बजे अपराहन तक (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

4 प्रिबीड मिटिंग की तिथि, समय एव स्थान :- (a)दिनाक-02.07.2024 को 3.00 बजे अपराहन् को - अधिक्षण अभियता,भवन अचल

सहरसा के कार्यालय कक्ष मे। (b)दिनाक -08.07.2024 को 3:00 बजे अपराह्न मुख्य अभियता (उ०) भवन निर्माण विभाग, बिहार, पटना के कार्यालय कक्ष में ।

5. निविदा कागजात अपलोड करने की अतिम :— दिनाक—18.07.2024 के 3.00 तिथि एव समय बजे अपराहन तक । website www.eproc2.bihar.

gov.in) 6 तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनाक-19.07.2024 को 3.30

बजे अप०। (on website www.eproc2.bihar gov.in) ' अग्रधन की राशि एवं अन्य कांगजात मूल :- दिनाक-19.07.2024 को 3.00

में जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय बजे अप० तक । :-। कार्यपालक अभियता, भवन प्रमंडल, सुपौल का कार्यालय। ॥ अधीक्षण अभियता. भवन अचल. सहरसा का कार्यालय। III मुख्य अभियता (उत्तर), भवन

निर्माण विभाग, बिहार, पटना का कार्यालय | :- तकनीकी बीड निष्पादन के 8. वित्तीय बिड खोलने की तिथि एव समय पश्चात् ।

9. निविदा वैधता की तिथि :— 120 दिन। कार्य की विवरणी:-बीड प्रोसेसिंग पाक्कलित अग्रधन की परिमाण– कार्य सं० विपत्र का चार्ज एवं समाप्ति र्क राशि (रु० में) सर्विस टैक्स मूल्य कार्य का नाम (अप्रत्यर्पणीय) (रू० मे) सुपौल अभियंत्रण महाविद्यालय, सुपौल में 300 बेड का अतिरिक्त 15 As per 2602.36 3603000.00 10000.00 बालिका छात्रावास के निर्माण कार्य

(विद्यतीकरण सहित) विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए यह निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in/ www.prdbihar.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। कार्यपा कार्यपालक अभियता PR- 001502 (BCD) 2024-25 भवन प्रमडल, सुपौल

नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार



DESK	"e"-Procurement Noti						
	On-line percentage rate ter	nders ar	e invite	d for t	he followi	ng works	s :
SI No.	Name of Work	Name of Division	Bid Identifi- cation	Approx. Value of Work	Bid Security (through On-Line transfer/as per DTCN) (in Rs.)	Period of Completion	Availability & Submi- ssion 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
02	Improvement to service road on left bank of PMC Reach-III from VIII-Dhabalahara to Rangabazar		OCCL- HQP/08/ 2024-25	Rs.2.30 Crore	Rs.2,30,000/-		to 27/06/2024 5.30 PM
03	Improvement to service road on left bank of PMC Reach-III from Block Office to village Pratap Sasan		OCCL- HQP/09/ 2024-25	Rs.2.30 Crore	Rs.2,30,000/-		
04	Improvement to service road on right bank of Putupada Disty. From RD 0.00 Km to 2.00 Km		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	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	
07	Distributary from RD 1.200 Km to 11.150 Km of Kuanria Irrigation Project		OCCL- HQP/13/ 2024-25	Rs.1.93 Crore	Rs.1,93,000/-	months	
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	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 Kaniaribadi Distributary from RD 00 Km to 1.20 Km & Service road of Sardhapur Distributary from RD 00 Km to		OCCL- HQP/16/ 2024-25	Rs.2.06 Crore	Rs.2,06,000/-		

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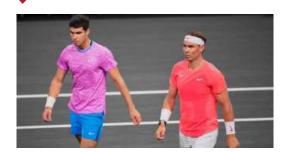
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Nadal, Alcaraz to play doubles for Spain at the Olympics

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

ikhat 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 bet 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.

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Nottingham: Doubles
(pre-quarterfinals): Gabriel
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bt Anirudh Chandrasekar & Arjun

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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 Yuvan 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 (Bhavya 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).

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

Arvan 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



K. Keerthivasan CHENNAI

he 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

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

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'

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,"

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.

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.

THE GIST

The man behind the soon-to-be-launched professional basketball league, BFI President: Aadhav, is confident that the league will change the face of Indian basketball and is occupied in ensuring that everything falls in

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Four new studies report progress towards long-awaited HIV vaccine

Researchers at the Scripps Research Institute and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have outlined two nanoparticle-based vaccine candidates: N332-GT5 and eOD-GT8. These novel vaccines could help the body make two classes of broadly neutralising antibodies to attack HIV

Arun Panchapakesan

n early 1981, Michael Gottlieb, an assistant professor at the University of California Los Angeles Medical Centre, wanted to teach some tenets of immunology to a post-doctoral fellow in his laboratory. Dr. Gottlieb asked the post-doc to select a patient from the hospital who displayed some immunological features that they might find interesting. The post-doc found a patient who had a relatively rare infection called pneumocystis pneumonia and had been admitted after sudden, unexplained

During the course of their discussion, the hospital doctors referred four more patients with the same infection. Dr. Gottlieb published a paper detailing these five cases in a small American journal called Morbidity and Mortality Weekly. At the time, Dr. Gottlieb had no idea his paper was about to change the field of immunology forever.

That paper was the first report of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS).

No vaccine for AIDS

Today, nearly half a century after Dr. Gottleib's landmark publication, AIDS still has no vaccine or cure. This anomaly in humanity's otherwise remarkable track record in tackling major infectious diseases is a result of several factors. Chief among them is that the replication of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which causes AIDS, is an incredibly error-prone process that results in multiple variants of the virus circulating.

The sheer number of all the different strains circulating in the world is in fact the biggest challenge to an HIV vaccine

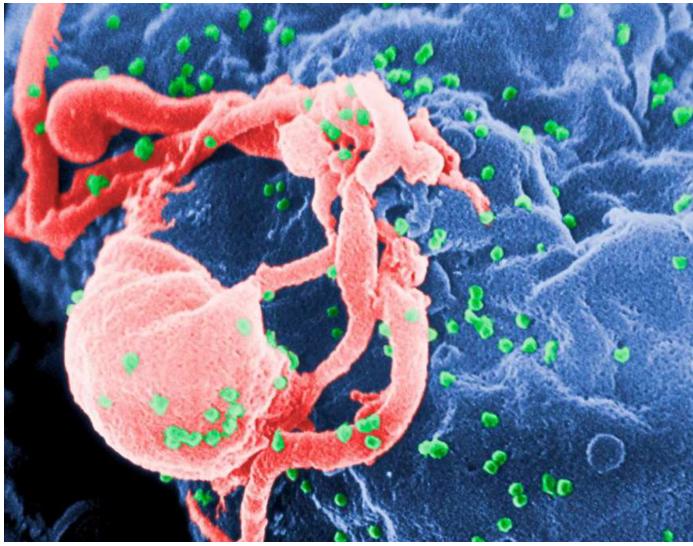
To put it in perspective, HIV has more variants circulating in a single patient at any given point of time than influenza cumulatively generates in one year in all influenza patients around the world combined. And influenza is the second-best virus in terms of genetic variation.

Starring role for B-cells

When the immune system encounters a virus, one of its responses is to produce antibodies highly specific to proteins on the virions' surface. Each antibody is unique to a small piece of a given protein, and the immune system can generate antibodies against any given fragment of

The immune system does this by starting with a pool of specialised cells that produce antibodies, called B-cells. Each B-cell produces an antibody unique to one protein fragment. When a B-cell encounters a similar protein fragment on a foreign object – say, a virus or a bacteria – it begins to divide and refine the antibody until it binds perfectly to the target. These antibodies then bind to their corresponding pieces on the viral surface, rendering them incapable of further infection. The body then retains some of these specific antibody-producing cells in case of a future infection.

A vaccine aims to generate these antibodies prior to viral infection so that whenever a virus enters the body, the antibodies can neutralise the virus and prevent it from initiating an infection. The vaccine basically provides the immune system with a head-start by allowing the



A false-coloured scanning electron micrograph of HIV-1 budding (in green) from cultured lymphocyte, 1984. HIV has more variants circulating in a single patient at any given point of time than influenza cumulatively generates in one year in all influenza patients around the world combined, creating a vaccine development nightmare. U.S. CDC

body to make antibodies without an infection with the real virus.

bNAb, a sliver of hope

However, when multiple variants of the same virus exist, generating antibodies against all the different variants simultaneously becomes very difficult. In the case of most viruses, the immune system ultimately does catch up. But against HIV, it doesn't because of the sheer volume of different variants that are circulating, overwhelming the immune system's ability to generate new antibodies. In fact, by the time the immune system makes antibodies against a few strains, the virus will have produced

In the early 1990s, scientists noticed that in a small subset of HIV-infected individuals, a new kind of antibody was being produced that could neutralise a large number of circulating viral strains. These broadly neutralising antibodies (bNAb) worked by targeting areas of the viral proteins that the virus couldn't afford to change, since doing so would make it lose infectivity. Scientists have since discovered many bNAbs, and they are classified into different groups based on the region of HIV they target. Some of these bNAbs can effectively neutralise more than 90% of circulating strains.

But there is a catch: a body usually takes years to make bNAbs, and by then, the virus has already evolved to escape them. It takes years because the parental B-cell that makes the bNAbs is incredibly rare in the starting pool.

Light at the tunnel's end?

The challenge, therefore, has been to

Researchers demonstrated the efficacy of their vaccine candidates in mice and macagues. These can now be used as model systems for future studies. The

evaluated in a phase-1 clinical trial to assess their performance in humans make the immune system produce these bNAbs in large numbers in response to a vaccine. The route to doing this, called

candidate vaccines are currently being

germline targeting, has three steps. In the first step, those B-cells that can mature into cells that can produce bNAb are identified and engaged to increase their population and prepare them for the second-step, where a booster dose will guide these cells into generating stronger bNAbs against HIV. The third and final step is to refine these bNAbs such that they can neutralise a wide range of HIV strains.

After years of painstaking failures, researchers have established a possible roadmap for the first two steps of germline targeting for two groups of bNAbs. Four papers recently published in *Science* journals outlined two promising nanoparticle-based vaccine candidates: N332-GT5 and eOD-GT8. The teams, based out of the Scripps Research Institute and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, both in the U.S., showed that using these novel vaccines, it may be possible to engage B-cells to make two different classes of bNAbs.

The teams demonstrated the efficacy of their vaccine candidates in two forms,

protein and mRNA. The latter is important because mRNA vaccines are easy to develop and produce. In both cases, the antibodies generated in response to the vaccine were shown by structural analysis to bind to the HIV proteins in a manner similar to that of established bNAbs. Further, the groups also demonstrated the efficacy of their vaccine candidates in two different animal models, mice and macaques. These animals can now be used as model systems for future studies. The candidate vaccines are currently being evaluated in a phase-1 clinical trial to assess their performance in humans.

The research groups have also eported a possible candidate for step II of germline targeting. A protein fragment called g28v2 appears to be able to guide the cells into making bNAbs. Further research in this direction to evaluate its properties is ongoing.

HIV demands patience

While these four papers do imply progress in developing a B-cell based vaccine for HIV after decades of frustrating wait, we must refrain from celebrating too early. Results from mouse and macaque models don't always translate to positive results in the human system. The strategies reported by these publications do have enormous potential for vaccine development against other RNA viruses such as influenza, various coronaviruses, and hepatitis C - but our past failures have also taught us to remain sceptical with HIV until the very end.

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An African elephant matriarch leads her calves away from danger in northern Kenya. AP

Elephants call each other by name, study suggests

Reuters

Over the years, researchers who study elephants have noticed an intriguing phenomenon. Sometimes, when an elephant makes a vocalisation to a group of other elephants, all of them respond. Yet, sometimes, when that same elephant makes a similar call to the group, only a single individual responds.

Could it be that elephants address each other by the equivalent of a name? A new study involving wild African savannah elephants in Kenya supports this idea.

The researchers analysed vocalisations mostly rumbles generated by elephants using their vocal cords, similar to how people speak – made by more than 100 elephants in Amboseli National Park and Samburu National Reserve.

Using a machine-learning model, researchers identified what appeared to be a name-like component in these calls identifying a specific elephant as the intended addressee. The researchers then played audio for 17 elephants to test how they would respond to a call apparently addressed to them as well as to a call apparently addressed to some other elephant.

The elephants responded more strongly on average to calls apparently addressed to them. When they heard such a call, they tended to behave more enthusiastically, walk toward the audio source and make more vocalisations than when they heard one apparently meant for someone else.

Elephants are highly intelligent, have keen memory, are known for their problem-solving skills, and engage in complicated behaviour while socialising

The study's findings indicate elephants "address one another with something like a name", according to behavioural ecologist Mickey Pardo of Cornell University and formerly of Colorado State University, lead author of the study published on Monday in the journal Nature Ecology & Evolution.

"Certainly, in order to address one another in this way, elephants must learn to associate particular sounds with particular individuals and then use those sounds to get the attention of the individual in question, which requires sophisticated learning ability and understanding of social relationships," Dr.

"The fact that elephants address one another as individuals highlights the importance of social bonds – and specifically, maintaining many different social bonds - for these animals," he added.

Elephants are the planet's largest land animals and are highly intelligent. They are known for keen memory, their problem-solving skills, and sophisticated communication. Previous research has shown that they engage in complicated behaviour – visual, acoustic, and tactile gestures – when greeting each other.

Why would an elephant call another elephant by "name"?

"We don't know exhaustively but from our analysis it appears commonly during contact calls where an elephant calls to another individual, often by name," said Colorado State University conservation biologist and study co-author George Wittemyer, chair of the scientific board of the conservation group Save the

'It was also common among a mother's rumbles to her calves, often to calm them down or check in with them. We thought we would find it in greeting ceremonies, but it was less common in those types of vocalisations," Dr. Wittemyer added.



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THE SCIENCE QUIZ

A tribute to the universe's nonmetals

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QUESTION 1

Just five nonmetals account for most of the earth's atmosphere, crust, and the oceans. They are carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, silicone, and __ the blank. Hint: This element is the most abundant in the universe, forming only 370,000 years after the Big Bang.

QUESTION 2

Most nonmetals are either solids or gases at room temperature and pressure. The sole exception is which is a liquid. Its surface often features a top of burgundy-hued fumes; you may have encountered them if you took chemistry in high school. Fill in the

QUESTION 3

Elements whose properties are a mix of those of metals and nonmetals are called metalloids. Many of them are not very expensive but two in particular are more expensive than gold, with an estimated cost of around \$100 million per gram in 2013. Name them.

QUESTION 4

Only three nonmetals exhibit both good thermal conductivity and good electrical conductivity. Two of them are carbon and arsenic. Name the third. Hint: Its chemical symbol is Sb. and there is considerable confusion about the origins of its name itself.

OUESTION 5

In X's theory of metals, the Sun's heat

causes the earth to exhale either a dry vapour or a moist vapour. Within the earth, X continued, the moist vapour produced metals and the dry one nonmetals. Name X.

Answers to June 11 quiz

1. Co-inventor with Walther Müller of the device to detect radiation – Ans: Hans Geiger

2. Device using charged wires to detect particles' paths - Ans: Wire chamber 3. Chamber that detects radiation with a liquid high in potential energy

4. Material of photographic plates on which silver salts were deposited

- Ans: Bubble chamber

5. Materials that produce light flashes when energetic particles strike them - Ans: Scintillators

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Visual: The American chemicals company DuPont first discovered the compound shown above, a polymer of carbon (grey) and fluorine (green) atoms, in 1938. It is famously water-repellent. What is its brand name? PUBLIC DOMAIN