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RAHUL IN DILEMMA ON WHETHER TO RETAIN WAYANAD OR RAE BARELI **AXAR PATEL'S** PRESENCE ADDS **ALL-ROUND DEPTH**

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Chief Minister:

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₹ vs \$ 83.55 ▲ 2 PAISE

GOLD 72.160▲320

SILVER 91.300▲800

WEATHER

Partly cloudy sky. Possibility of thundery development likely towards afternoon/ evening. Maximum and minimum temperatures likely to be around 36 °C and 30 °C respectively. **RAINFALL: NIL**

RELATIVE HUMIDITY

Max. 85 % Min. 63 % **TEMPERATURE** Max: 36.6°C (+2.1) Min: 29.7°C (+2.5) **SUN SETS SUN RISES** 04:52 hrs 18:21 hrs **MOON RISES MOON SETS**

23:7 hrs

Full Moon on 22 June

THUMBNAILS

09:59 hrs



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi shares a light moment with a girl during a public meeting in Malappuram on Wednesday. ANI

India to participate in peace summit on **Ukraine in Switzerland**: India has finally decided to take part in the Global Peace Summit on Ukraine, which is scheduled to take place on 15-16 June in Switzerland. "India will be participating at the Peace Summit which is to be held in Switzerland, at an appropriate level. That consideration is currently going on in the system. As and when we have a decision on the representative from India who will be participating, we will be very happy to share it with you," Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra said at a media briefing.

Naidutakesoathas CM with 24 ministers

JSP leader Pawan Kalyan will be the deputy chief minister

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD, 12 JUNE

DP chief N Chandrababu Naidu today took oath as chief minister of Andhra Pradesh for the fourth time in a star-studded programme attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other key BJP leaders and film stars.

Mr Naidu's new Cabinet comprising 24 ministers including JSP leader Pawan Kalyan, who would be the deputy chief minister, was also sworn in afterwards by governor SAbdul Nazeer.

Three of the ministers sworn in today were from the JSP and one from the BJP. However, the Cabinet can accommodate one more minister, which has been left vacant for the time being.

The oath-taking ceremony began exactly at 11:27 $a.m.\,at\,the\,Kesarapalli\,IT\,park$ near Gannavaram. After taking oath, a visibly emotional Mr Naidu was congratulated by the Prime Minister who also hugged him enthusiastically.

After Mr Naidu, Pawan Kalyan took the oath of office and secrecy, followed by Nara Lokesh and K Atchen Naidu. P Narayana who had been instrumental in taking



up the Amaravati capital city project during Mr Naidu's earlier tenure was also included in the Cabinet.

There were three women ministers in the AP Cabinet this time. Among the 24 ministers, 17 are newcomers including those from JSP and BJP. Apart from Pawan Kalyan, Nadendla Manohar and Kandula Durgesh were sworn in from the JSP while Satya Kumar Yadav is the lone representative from the BJP.

There are eight ministers from backward classes, three belong to Scheduled Castes, one to Scheduled Tribes and there's one minority leader. Although Chandrababu Naidu had been part of the NDA even in 2014 and his swearing-in ceremony then had seen the presence of BJP's old guard like LK Advani and MM Joshi and several union

ministers like Rajnath Singh

and Nirmala Sitharaman,

today's event was far more

star-studded, considering

that the TDP's support is cru-

cial for the NDA government

at the Centre. Apart from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the BJP's top leadership including Union home minister Amit Shah and national president and Union minister JP Nadda, Union surface transport minister Nitin

Gadkari and national gen-

eral secretary BL Santosh

were present at the swearing-in ceremony.

Maharashtra chief minister Eknath Shinde, NCP leader Praful Patel, LJP leader Chirag Paswan were also present along with BJP leader Bandi Sanjay Kumar from neighbouring Telangana.

Actors Rajnikanth and Chiranjeevi added to the star quotient. At the end of the ceremony the PM met Chiranjeevi at the request of his brother Pawan Kalyan and held their hands aloft as the crowd cheered loudly. However, YSRCP leader and outgoing chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy stayed away from the ceremony.

Right from early morning every road led to Kesarapalli IT Hub. There was a huge traffic jam at Kaja toll plaza in Guntur with a large number of vehicles coming from Rayalaseema and Nellore. The atmosphere was electrifying. Mr Naidu will take charge tomorrow evening after a family trip to Tirumala. He will reach the Secretariat at the auspicious moment of 4:41pm and sign several key files pertaining to large scale recruitment of teachers, increase in monthly amount under a social pension scheme to Rs 4000 and the repeal of the

Mohan Charan Majhi takes over as 1stBJP CM of Odisha

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE BHUBANESWAR, 12 JUNE

In a historic event, Mohan Charan Majhi was sworn in as the first BJP Chief Minister of Odisha by Governor Raghubar Das on Wednesday. The ceremony was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, several Union ministers, and the chief ministers of nine BJP-ruled states.

The event also saw the swearing-in of two deputy chief ministers, Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo and Ms Pravati Parida, along with eight Cabinet ministers and five Ministers of State with independent charge. Notably, almost all of the

new ministers, except deputy chief minister KV Singh Deo, do not have any administrative experience and many are first-timers. Two veterans who have

narayan Mishra, the leader of opposition in the outgoing assembly and Ms Surama Padhi ~ did not find place in the ministry. Former Chief Minister and BJD President Naveen Patnaik was present on

ministerial experience ~ Jay-

tors was noticeable. The grand ceremony took place in an open field to accommodate thousands of party workers and supporters from across the state. Colourful tradi-

stage, but the absence of

BJD and Congress legisla-

Ministers:

Suresh Pujari Rabi Narayan Naik Nityananda Gond Krushna Chandra Patra Prithiviraj Harichandan Dr. Mukesh Mahaling **Bibhuti Bhushan Jena** Dr. Krushna Chandra Mahapatra

Mohan Charan Majhi

Deputy Chief Ministers:

Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo

& Ms. Pravati Parida

Ministers of State (Independent Charge):

Ganesh Ram Singkhuntia Suryabanshi Suraj **Pradeep Bala Samanta**

tional dance and music

beginning of a new era,

Gokulananda Mallik

Sampad Chandra Swain

was organised en route to the Janata Maidan where the swearing-in ceremony was held. Prominent attendees included Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, J P Nadda, Nitin Gadkari, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Jual Oram, and other senior BJP leaders. The presence of top BJP leaders and the CMs of nine states highlighted the significance of the occasion.

"This is a momentous day as the BJP is forming a government in the state after 45 years of its formation," remarked Minister Suresh Pujari. Baijayant Panda described it as the

emphasising that a "double engine government" will accelerate development.

Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida highlighted the 'Subhadra Yojana,' whi ch aims to provide a voucher of Rs 50,000 to women. Ms Parida is the only woman in Mr Majhi's cabinet, while veteran Surama Padhi is expected to be appointed as the Speaker of the Assembly.

Earlier in the day, CM and the deputy chief ministers toured the city, paying tribute to legendary leaders whose statues are installed at various loca-

First Session of

18th LS from 24

June to 3 July:

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The first session of 18th Lok

Kiren Rijiju

NEW DELHI, 12 JUNE

PM to leave for Italy today to attend G-7

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI. 12 JUNE**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will leave here on Thursday for Italy to attend the G-7 summit to be held there on 14 June in what will be his first overseas trip after assuming office for a third consecutive term. At a media briefing here this afternoon, Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra said: "At the invitation of Prime Minister of Italy Giorgia Meloni, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be travelling to Apulia, Italy, tomorrow to participate in the 50th G7 Summit which is to be held there on 14 June where India has been invited as an Outreach country."

participation in the G7 Summits and PM Modi's own

fifth consecutive participation. On 14 June, the PM will participate in the Outreach Session along with the other

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India has slipped two spots to

rank at 129 out of the 146

nations in the list of the World

Economic Forum's Global

Gender Gap index data

India figured among the group

of nations to have one of the

lowest level of economic gen-

der parity. India's economic

parity stood at 39.8 per cent,

meaning that women in India

on an average earn Rs 39.8 for

every Rs 100 that men earn.

that India has closed 64.1 per

cent of its gender gap in 2024.

While India's economic par-

ity score has been improving,

it needs to increase by 6.2 per

The report further noted

The index highlighted that

released on Wednesday.

NEW DELHI, 12 JUNE

countries invited for the Outreach Summit. At this session, the focus would be on Artificial Intelligence, Energy, Africa and the Mediterranean. It will be a block agenda item where the G7 and the Outreach Countries will share their views and perspectives.

also invited certain other countries, including Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Egypt, Kenya, Mauritania, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Tunisia, Turkey and UAE, and some international organisations for the summit.

the PM's participation would also provide a timely opportunity to follow up on the outcomes of the G20 Summit held This will be India's 11th under India's presidency last year and deliberate on issues which are significant for the Global South. On the sidelines of the summit, the PM will hold bilateral meetings with other world leaders.

cent points to return to its 2012

torn Sudan has replaced

Afghanistan to stand at the last

rank as the Taliban-ruled

Islamic nation was not covered

Malawi, Myanmar and Rus-

sia were also not covered.

Besides Afghanistan,

As per the WEF index, war-

level of 46 per cent.

in this year's data.

Mr Kwatra said Italy has

The foreign secretary said

At least 40 Indians killed in Kuwait fire, PM holds meet

Land Titling Act.

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 12 JUNE

As many as 40 Indian nationals died while dozens were injured when a major fire broke out in a building housing foreign workers in the city of Mangafin southern Kuwait early on Wednesday.

Kuwaiti authorities said a

total of 49 people died in the incident, while at least 40 were being treated in hospital. "The majority of the deceased were Indian nationals working for NBTC group, with ages ranging between twenty and fifty years. The building houses over 195 labourers, primarily Indians from Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and North India," a local

media report said. The blaze was reported to the fire department at 4:30 a.m. and quickly controlled. Most of the deaths were due to smoke inhalation while the residents were sleeping, and a significant number of occupants were evacuated, the reports said.

ity at 31.1 per cent.

nomic gender parity were

"These economies all reg-

ister less than 30 per cent

gender parity in estimated

earned income," the report

said. It said that bridging the

gap in the economic partici-

pation and opportunity

between men and women is

the second biggest hurdle in

dealing with the global gen-

and Botswana with 85.4 per

cent remain the economies

The report said that where economic gender par-

Morocco: 40.6 per cent.



(L) Kuwaiti security forces stand outside the building which was engulfed by fire; (R)The Ambassador of India to Kuwait, Adarsh Swaika, visits Mubarak Al-Kabeer Hospital, where 11 workers injured in the fire have been admitted, in Kuwait on Wednesday. AP/ANI

The fire broke out in a kitchen on one of the lower floors of the six-storey building in the Mangaf area in Kuwait's southern Ahmadi Governorate. The building

is rented by the NBTC group. Prime Minister Narendra Modi called an urgent meeting of senior officials to discuss the situation. Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs, Kirti Vardhan Singh,

told reporters that he would leave for Kuwait soon after the

meeting. Mr Modi announced exgratia relief of Rs 2 lakh to the families of the deceased India nationals from the Prime Minister Relief Fund.

In a post on microblogging site X, Mr Modi said: "The fire mishap in Kuwait City is saddening. My thoughts are with all those who have lost their

near and dear ones. I pray that the injured recover at the earliest. The Indian Embassy in Kuwait is closely monitoring the situation and working with the authorities there to

assist the affected." External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said: "Deeply shocked by the news of the fire incident in Kuwait city. There are reportedly over 40 deaths and over 50 have been

hospitalised. Our Ambassador has gone to the camp. We are awaiting further information."

The spokesperson for the ministry of external affairs earlier said that Kirti Vardhan Singh, on the directions of the prime minister, was urgently travelling to Kuwait to oversee the relief operations and coordinate with local authorities for early repatriation of mortal remains of those who have died in the incident.

The Indian Embassy in Kuwait has put in place an emergency helpline number (+965-65505246) to connect for updates.

Indian Ambassador to Kuwait, Adarsh Swaika, visited the site of the incident in Mangaf as well as the hospitals where the victims were admitted. He said the Embassy was in constant touch with relevant Kuwaiti law enforcement, fire service and health authorities for necessary action and emergency medical health care.

Sabha will commence on 24 June for oath and affirmation of newly elected members and election of the Speaker, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju announced on Wednesday.

The 264th Session of the Rajya Sabha will commence on 27 June, the minister

added. The agenda of the session includes oath-taking of new members, President Droupadi Murmu's address to both the Houses and a Motion of Thanks on the

President's address. The Session will conclude on 3 July. President Murmu is expected to address a joint sitting of both the Houses on 27 June. She is expected to announce the roadmap of the NDA government for the next

five years. 'First Session of 18th Lok Sabha is being summoned from 24.6.24 to 3.7.24 for oath/affirmation of newly elected Members, Election of Speaker, President's Address and discussion thereon. The 264th Session of Rajya Sabha will commence on 27.6.24 and conclude on 3.7.24," Mr Riji-

ju posted on social media. The last session of the 17th Lok Sabha - the Budget Session - was held from 30 January to 10 February. Overall, the 17th Lok Sabha had 274 sittings in which 202 Bills were introduced by the government while 222 Bills were passed. The most important business of the 17th Lok Sabha included the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution and the passage of three landmark criminal code Bills.

Rajya Sabha had 271 sittings and 220 Bills were passed. Additionally, 31 Bills were also introduced in the Upper

On the other hand, the

Women in India earn ₹39.8 for every ₹100 **State government releases** that men earn, says World Economic Forum

95 per cent or above labour-The lowest levels of ecoforce participation of women. Iceland topped this year's also observed in Sudan: 33.7 list as the most gender-equal per cent; Iran: 34.3 per cent; country in the world, while Fin-Pakistan 36 per cent, and land and Norway followed

Bangladesh has the lowest ity is highest.WEF highlight-

level of economic gender pare ed that these nations have a

next. Some of the other top ranking key countries were the United Kingdom at rank 14, Denmark at 15, South Africa at 18. The United States ranked 43rd, Italy 87th, Israel 91st, South Korea 94th, and Bangladesh ranked 99th.

Considering the set of 101 countries continuously covered since 2006, the gender gap Liberia with 87.4 per cent has closed by 0.1 per cent point since 2023, according to the WEF's Global Gender Gap Report 2024.

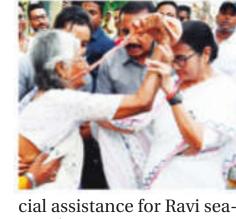
₹2,900 cr for 1.05 cr farmers **STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA. 12 JUNE**

The state government today

released a sum of Rs 2,900 crore which will be directly credited to the bank accounts of 1.05 crore farmers including bargadars who have enrolled under the Krishak Bandhu (Natun) scheme. Chief Minister Mamata

Banerjee, tweeted on her X handle: "Happy to announce that we're now releasing today onwards Rs 2900 crore directly into the bank accounts of our 1.05 crore farmers (including Bargadars) enrolled under our Krishak Bandhu

(Natun) scheme." This is the first instalment for Kharif season 2024 and there will be an equal finan-



son this year.

acre onwards, a farmer gets Rs 10,000 and for lesser quantum of land, a proportionate amount with the minimum

Since inception in 2019, a sum of Rs 18, 234 crore has thus reached the farmers' accounts.

In addition to this, the next of kin of the farmers who die



For cultivable land of one

being Rs 4,000 per year.

between 18 and 60 years gets Rs 2 lakh as compensation. A total of 1,12,000 bereaved families have received a total of Rs 2,240 crore in the last few years on this account. The state government also

released a sum of Rs 293 crore which have been deposited directly to the bank account of 2.10 lakh farmers who suffered crop losses due to adverse weather conditions during the current Rabi season. This was done under Bangla Shasya Bima (BSB) which is the crop insurance scheme where the state government pays the entire premium for all crops.

After coming to power, Miss Banerjee had pledged to increase the income of the farmers.

House.



Hakim proposes to make Siliguri 'model city'

The minister meets SMC, SJDA officials to discuss ways to develop the town after CM Mamata Banerjee expressed interest in developing the region

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

SILIGURI, 12 JUNE

inister of urban development and municipal affairs Firhad Hakim convened a meeting with officials from the Siliguri Municipal Corporation today.

He emphasized the need for further development of Siliguri in order to transform it into a Model City.

According to Mr Hakim, who is also the mayor of Kolkata Municipal Corporation, chief minister Mamata Banerjee has been the driving force for rapid development in this region, as north Bengal holds a special place in her heart.

Siliguri used to be a poorly developed town in the past, but since 2011, significant progress has been made. Despite having a former urban development minister from Siliguri, the town had been falling behind for the past 50 years, Mr Hakim claimed today.

The minister conducted a review meeting yesterday with his party leaders to discuss the Lok Sabha poll results. After the meeting, Mr Hakim concluded that party members require training to effectively communicate the message of development and progress to the public.

Following an extensive



investigation in the past few days in this area, Mr Hakim was surprised by the election outcome and reached the

Molla (62) of Thyangapara village, both within Mongalkote

PS limits in East Burdwan, died

after being struck by lightning.

galkote, a housewife Robina

Biwi (37) also died of lightning.

Sasti Singh (46) of Gagra vil-

lage in Nadanghat PS area,

Kalna, a fisherman, also died

when lightning struck his

boat. At Bankura, Mejia and

Joypur PS areas in Bankura,

three persons, identified as

Purnima Bauri (33) of

Akurabaid village, Tripti Sarkar

(61) of Tarapur village and Jony

Sheikh (25) of Jujura village

died after being struck yes-

terday. Rameswar Murmu

(64) of Ramgarh in Simlapal

PS area also died when light-

ning struck him at his farm-

At Sakona village in Mon-

conclusion that his party's supporters were unsuccessful in gaining votes for their candidates. This was despite chief

minister Mamata Banerjee's immense popularity among the people, who hold her in high regard.

Mr Hakim, following a meeting with Goutam Deb, the mayor of the Siliguri Municipal Corporation as well as

other officials and councillors, emphasized the significant role that councillors play in promoting development initiatives and their implementation to the public.

He stressed the importance of people's participation and highlighted how councillors are essential in driving both development and party organization. In order to be more effec-

tive, councillors should prioritize forming ward committees by engaging with local residents and gaining their trust.

"It is evident that people always support those councillors, who actively work for their benefit, making it difficult to reject them in any election. As a five-term councillor myself, I speak from experience," he added.

Today, Mr Hakim met with the officials of the SJDA and addressed various matters. Following the meeting, he stated that SJDA is focused on promoting green development, a crucial initiative in our current circumstances.

In the meantime, Mr Hakim assessed the possibility of carrying out projects like STP I, II, and III (sewage treatment plant) that are currently in progress. Mayor Goutam Deb prepared a report with his staff to discuss these projects and provided Mr Hakim with

detailed information.

HC extends retention of **CAPF personnel:** Calcutta **High Court on Wednesday** directed an extension in the retention of 400 companies of central armed police forces (CAPF) in Bengal to tackle post-poll violence by two more days till 21 June. The Election Commission of India had earlier directed the retention of the 400 companies till 19 June. IANS

DA STIBIRNO RAVIAWA

Tender Notice No. ELD-125-WC-O 22-23, Dated 10.06.2024. E-tende Notice is invited by the Sr. Divisiona Electrical Engineer (TRD), Eastern Railway, Howrah-711101 against Tender No. ELD-125-WC-OT-22-23 for the following works: Name of the work with its location: Supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 50Hz single phase 25KV AC OHE in connection with provision of slewing of OHE for construction of Limited Height Subway in lieu of L.C.gate no. at 7/C/I (Ahmadpur-Katwa), 29/B/T (Azimgan Poradanga), 24/1/9 (Chowrigacha-Kama Subarna), 24/1/3 (Chowrigacha-Bazarsau), 24/A/5 (Khagraghat Road-Karna Subarna), 6/C/E (Ahmadpur-Katwa) & up-gradation & Interlocking for gate No.24/A/12 (Karna Subarna-Khagraghat Road) in Howrah Division of Eastern Railway. Bidding System: Single Packet. Approx. cost of the work Rs. 68,58,905.84. Earnest money to be deposited: Rs. 1,37,200/-. Cost of Tender Form: Nil, Completion period ssue of LOA. Validity of Offer: 60 Days. Date and Time of uploading Tender: 10.06.2024 at 12.37 hrs., Bidding Start Date: 18.06.2024. Tender Closing Date & Time: 02.07.2024 at 15:00 hrs. Opening of tender: Tender will be opened at any time after closing of tender. Tenderers may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full details/ description/specification of the tenders and submit their bid online. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and

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and time: 26.06.2024 at 12.00 hrs.

E-tenders are invited by Principal Chie

Engineer, 17, Netaji Subhash Road, 2nd

Floor, Fairlie Place, Kolkata-700001 from

reputed and eligible contractors for the

under mentioned works: SI. No.1

E-Tender No.: W2_623_19_8_193_

Z-1_24-25, Date: 11.06.2024. Name o

the work: Zone No. I: Civil maintenance

including Water supply, Sanitary and

Horticulture works at Fairlie Place Building

areas, Eastern Railway, Kolkata for the

period ending 30.06.2025. Approximate

cost of work: Rs. 62,00,000/-, Earnest

Money: Rs. 1,24,000/-. Sl. No.2

E-Tender No.: W2_623_19_8_194

Z-2 24-25, Date: 11.06.2024. Name o

the work: Zone No. II: Civil maintenance

including Water supply, Sanitary and

Horticulture works at Old Kollaghat & New

Kollaghat Building areas, Easter

Railway, Kolkata for the period

ending 30.06.2025. Approximate cost

of work: Rs. 66,00,000/-, Earnest

Money: Rs. 1,32,000/-. Period

of Completion: 12 months. [For Sl. No.

1 & 2]. Date & time of closing of

tender: 02.07.2024 at 14.00 hrs. [For SI

No. 1 & 2]. The details of tender

documents are available at website

https://www.ireps.gov.in Tenderers are

requested to submit their offer online o

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be accepted.

Module:

any manual offer if received shall not be

accepted and will be summarily rejected.

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE **BURDWAN, 12 JUNE**

Twelve persons were killed by lightning in different locations in East Burdwan and Bankura in the last two days.

Four others suffered shocks from lightning and were admitted to hospitals. The heavily parched dis-

tricts have been witnessing lightning and thunderclaps during late afternoon since Monday. East Burdwan recorded eight lightning deaths in the last two days and four deaths were reported from Bankura.

Most of the casualties occurred while villagers were tending to cattle out in the open. Bijoy Ghosh (55) and Ajit Ghosh (59), brothers from Kanaidanga village and Jillal

BASTBRN RAHAWAY E-Tender No.: EL-MLDT-E-Tender-310 dated: 07.06.2024. Open E-Tender

Lightning kills 12 in Burdwan, Bankura

notices are invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G), Eastern Railway, Malda Town Office, Divisional Railway Manager/Eastern Railway/Malda Town Office Building, P.O.: Jhaljhalia, Dist. Malda, Pin: 732102 (West Bengal) from firms/Agencies/Contractors of repute having experience & financial solvency for the following works: Name of the work: Electrical work in connection with Provision of Solar water heating system at running rooms over Malda Division. Tender Value: Rs. 37,43,858.83. Earnest Money: Rs. 74,900/-. Cost of Tender Document: Nil, Date & Time for submission of e-Tender: From 17.06.2024 to 15.30 hrs. of 01.07.2024. Website particulars & Notice Board: Website www.ireps.gov.in, Notice Board Sr. DEE(G)/Eastern Railway/Office/ MLDT. Tenderers are requested to go through the detailed Tender Notice & document on the website www.ireps.gov.in. No manual offer will

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be accepted in any circumstances.

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HWH-111/2024-25

Tender Notice No.: EL/HWH/25/

21(Notice)/587, dated 11.06.2024

Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern

Railway, Howrah, DRM Building

near Railway Station, Howrah-711101

invites Open E-Tenders for the under-

mentioned electrical work/s: Tender No.:

EL-HWH-25-21-3286. Name of work:

Escorting of AC Helpers for Operation,

Record keeping & assistance to the AC

Technician for various trains of Tikiapara

Coaching Depot for one year. Tender

Value: Rs. 2,96,53,695/-. Bid Security

(Earnest Money Deposit): Rs. 2,98,300/-

Completion period: 12 months.

Closing date and time of tender:

03.07.2024 at 15.00 hrs. In case the date

of closing mentioned in the notice inviting

tender is declared a holiday/bandh/strike

on any account, the date of closing of

tender online will not be changed as the

application in the website of IREPS does

not permit submission of any offer after

closing date and time of the tender

However, opening of tenders online will

be on any convenient day after closing

date and time of the tender. The details

of tender are available at website

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NOTICE INVITING E-AUCTION

E-Auction is invited by Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern

Railway, Howrah, 4th floor, Yatri Niwas, near Howrah Station, Howrah-

711101 for the following work: Name of work: Awarding contract for

operation of parking lots at various stations over Howrah Division for

a period of 03 years. For more details and participation in E-Auction

kindly visit the website www.ireps.gov.in through E-Auction Leasing

Catalogue No. PARK-HOWRAH-2

SI. No., Lot No./Category & Name of the Station: (1) PARKING-

HWH-LLH-TW-3-24-1 (Parking - Two Wheeler), Liluah (2) PARKING-

HWH-BDC-MX-30-24-1 (Parking - Mixed), Bandel. Auction start date

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School job case: ED, CBI attach assets worth Rs 161 cr so far

KOLKATA, 12 JUNE

land on Monday.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) conducting a parallel probe in theWestBengalmulti-crore cash-for-school jobs case, have so far attached assets and properties worth Rs 161 crore in the course of its probe and searches in connection with the case, the ED counsel told Calcutta High Court on Wednesday.

Justice Amrita Sinha was told that of Rs 161 crore, Rs 148 crore had been confiscated by the ED and Rs 13 crore by the CBI. Of the Rs 161 crore attached property, assets worth Rs 7 crore belonged to a corporate entity whose name has surfaced repeatedly in the entire school job case as well as in the coal smuggling case in West Bengal.

When Justice Sinha asked whether the source of funds for purchasing that attached fund had been identified or not, the counsel of CBI submitted a report to a bench in a sealed envelope. Although the details of the contents of the report could not be known, the CBI counsel said that their officials had tracked the person who collected money in the school job matter, but the collection was on behalf of someone else.

On Wednesday, Justice Sinha expressed ire over the lackadaisicalapproachofasection of the central agency officials in carrying out the probe process. She also asked the central agency counsel to ask their officers to be more carefulintheprocessofinvestigation since this is a court-monitored probe. AGENCIES

Restaurant owner assaulted by TMC MLA approaches HC

AGENCIES

KOLKATA, 12 JUNE

A restaurant owner at New Town in the northern outskirts of Kolkata, Anisul Alam, who was severely beaten up by actor-turned-politician and Trinamul Congress' celebrity MLA Soham Chakraborty on June 7 night, approached the Calcutta High Court on Wednesday.

In a petition filed at the single-judge Bench of Justice Amrita Sinha, Alam accused the police of not taking any action against the ruling party legislator in the assault case.

Alam has also accused the actor-turned-politician of constantly threatening him and his associates since the day of the assault.

Alam has also claimed that despite approaching the police no action has been taken. Justice Sinha has admitted the petition and the matter is expected to come up for hearing on June 14. Chakraborty's name came

into the negative limelight after he was accused of severely beating up Alam within the premises of the same building where his restaurant is located on the night of June 7.

Later, footage from the CCTV cameras installed there also showed Chakraborty severely assaulting Alam.

The actor-politician admitted that he had beaten up Alam and explained that he lost his



temper after the said restaurant owner made abusive statements about Trinamul Congress general secretary and the party Lok Sabha member Abhishek Banerjee.

However, Alam denied the allegations of abusing Banerjee and accused Chakraborty of using the name of Banerjee to hide his own guilt.

According to him, the incident occurred when he asked the driver and the bodyguards of Chakraborty to remove the actor's car illegally parked in his parking spot.

"When I asked them to remove the car, one of them tried to intimidate me by saying that Chakraborty was a close friend of Trinamul Congress' General Secretary and party MP Abhishek Banerjee. I told them that whoever he might be, he does not have the authority to park his vehicle $in \, anyone \, else \'s \, parking \, place$ illegally. First, his bodyguard tried to attack me. Soon after that the actor-turned-MLA joined them and beat me up," Alam told the media

New MLAs take oath in Sikkim

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE SILIGURI, 12 JUNE

The initial meeting of the eleventh Sikkim Legislative Assembly (SLA) commenced today as the newly-elected MLAs took their oaths.

Chief minister Prem Singh Tamang, was the first to be sworn in as a member of the House by Sanjit Kharel, Pro Tem Speaker of the SLA.

Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya administered the oath of office to Mr Kharel as the Pro-Tem Speaker of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly at Raj Bhavan. Fourteen of the recentlyelected MLAs, including the chief minister, recited their oath in Nepali. In addition, one MLA each recited their oath in Bhutia and Lepcha languages, while the rest chose to do so in English.

Following that, Mingma Norbu Sherpa was unanimously chosen as the Speaker by the House, and Raj Kumari Thapa was elected as the Deputy Speaker.

Subsequently, the chief minister Mr Tamang introduced the ministers, who have recently been inducted into the council of ministers to the august House, namely, Sonam Lama, Arun Kumar Upreti, Samdup Lepcha, Bhim Hang Limboo, Bhoj Raj Rai, G T Dhungel, Puran Kumar Gurung, Pintso Namgyal Lepcha, Nar Bahadur Dahal, Raju Basnet



and Tshering Thendup

Chief minister Prem Singh Tamang, initially conveyed his sympathies to the families who lost their loved ones in the Majuwa landslide in Yangang on 10 June. He recognized the immense sorrow felt by those affected and guaranteed them that the government would provide assistance during this challenging period. Mr Tamang expressed his appreciation to the citizens for their strong backing and confidence in the recent elections, both for the 11th Legislative Assembly and the 18th Lok Sabha, which took place on 19 April.

He acknowledged the electorate's trust in the SKMgovernment (Sikkim Krantikari Morcha) and saw it as a validation of the govern-

ment's accomplishments. He promised to remain dedicated in his work to ful-

its goal of Sunowlo Sikkim, Samriddhi Sikkim'. He further thanked the state election commission officials for ensuring a successful election, the DGP and police officials for maintaining law and order, and the press and media for their reporting and dissemina-

fil the desires of the people

and steer the state towards

tion of information. The CM also expressed his gratitude to the Assembly members, administrative staff, security personnel and everyone involved in ensuring the smooth conduct of the 11th Sikkim Legislative Assembly's inaugural ses-

Fibreglass finds its use as flood barriers

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 12 JUNE

Fibreglass wind turbine blades have been used in a unique way as barriers to strengthen embankments in flood prone areas of Murshidabad and Sunderbans.

This concept has been mooted by iLEAD Institute under its waste-to-water initiative.

In India, wind turbine blades are generally composed of fibreglass, which is difficult to recycle. There are certain advantages of using fibreglass blades for embankments.

The team working on the project has repurposed discarded fibreglass wind turbine blades. Fibre glass is strong and resistant to corrosion, making it ideal for flood barriers.

It is very cost effective and the repurposed blades reduce waste and provide a cost-effective solution for flood management. iLEAD has applied for

a patent for the innovative use.

SER revises timings of 186 trains to improve punctuality

NISHAT NIZAMI KOLKATA, 12 JUNE

after that incident.

The South Eastern Railway that has witnessed developmental works and other kinds of traffic blocks in different zones, of late, has announced major changes in its train timings. The zonal railway has announced revision in the timings of around 186 trains to

improve punctuality. The zonal railway yesterday announced cancellation of around 24 trains, including 07234 Secunderabad-Santragachi Special, 08845 Santragachi-SMVT Bengaluru Special, 06090 Santragachi-Tambaram Special, 06079 Chennai Egmore-Santragachi Special, 06508 Kharagpur-SMVT Bengaluru Special, 06566 Malda Town-SMVT Bengaluru Special and so on.

The cancellations start from 16 June varying to different dates for different trains as per their schedules. The cancellations that are

to continue until further notice, however, come as a result of the developmental works in South Central Rail-



way. According to official sources in the zonal railway on several occasions, the trains of the SER are getting late due to blocks or other kinds of delays in the zones through which the trains have to pass. "It has been observed that

there are uncertainties in train timings following maintenance blocks or other kinds of activities in the zones through which the SER trains are passing," informed the chief public relations office of the SER, Om Prakash Charan. "Considering the situa-

tion, the Railway Board has adjusted the timings to the revised schedule," he added.

To avert such delays, the zonal railway, according to the SER, has brought changes in the schedule of several cru-

cial trains including popular ones. Among the trains that have undergone a change in their schedule are 12813 Howrah-Tata Steel Express, 12860 Howrah-CSMT Gitanjali Express, 12884 Rupashi Bangla between Purulia and Howrah, 18615 Kriya Yoga Express, 12827 Purulia SF Express, 12130 Howrah-Pune Azad Hind Express, 08160 Tata-Kharagpur Memu, 18013 HWH BKSC EXP from Kolkata Howrah Junction (HWH) to Bokaro Steel City and 18028 Asansol-Kharagpur MEMU Express among others.

These trains run by the South Eastern Railway cater to a large number of passengers from Kolkata as well as other parts of West Bengal.

Some of the other trains from the neighbouring states that have undergone a revision in time table include 13301 Swarna Rekha Express, 13303 Dhanbad-Ranchi Intercity Express, 18451 Tapaswini Express between Hatia and Puri, 08150 Rourkela to Hatia, 12874 Jharkhand Swarna Jayanti Express and so

HC grants protection against arrest, coercive action to leader of DA movement in Bengal The single-judge

Bench of Justice Amrita Sinha granted protection against coercive action including arrest to **Ghosh in a case regis**tered against him earlier this year

AGENCIES KOLKATA, 12 JUNE

A single-judge Bench of the Calcutta High Court on Wednesday granted protection against arrest to Bhaskar Ghosh, a leader of the Dear-

ment in Bengal. The state government employees are demanding DA at par with central government employees and the

ness Allowance (DA) move-

arrears accrued on it. The single-judge Bench of Justice Amrita Sinha granted protection against coercive action including arrest to Ghosh in a case registered

against him earlier this year. Ghosh is the convener of the joint forum of state government employee associations spearheading the DA movement.

However, Justice Sinha said that the police will be able to carry out their own investigation in the case as per schedule. The next date of hearing in the case is July 18. Ghosh's counsel, on Wednesday claimed that the police were framing false charges against his client and his associates just because they were conducting movements in support of the legitimate demand of state government employees for DA payment at par with central government employees. "Several false cases have been registered against my client. Their only aim is to put him behind bars," Ghosh's counsel claimed.

Free guidance to pursue higher studies, civil services STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE tarily take classes on various step was taken by setting up

HOOGHLY, 12 JUNE

A free education guidance centre, 'Stairs to Success' was jointly inaugurated on Tuesday evening at Champdany Municipality by Chandan-

nagar police commissioner Amit P Jawalgi, Champdany MLA Arindam Guin and Champdany Municipality chairman Suresh Mishra. To carry out social responsibilities towards the society, especially towards the hidden talents among the

underprivileged students in

Champdany town and adja-

cent areas, an innovative

a free education guidance centre for talented students aspiring for civil services. Mr Jawalgi said many hid-

den talents among the underprivileged students do not get the chance to bloom for lack of financial assistance and proper guidance in studies. Hence with the help of the

municipality chairman Suresh Mishra, a free education guidance centre has been set up in the air-conditioned municipality hall with a library for students aspiring for civil services. The Chandannagar police commissionerate officials and personnel will volunsubjects. The Champdany Munic-

ipality chairman, Mr Mishra said, "Already free coaching classes are being run in Champdany for secondary and higher secondary students by different social welfare organisations, assisted by us. However, the need was felt for Joboriented approach. I have come across many underprivileged talented students who are capable enough to go ahead for civil services. We are very confident that the joint venture will groom the hidden talents and bring pride to our society."



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THUMBNAILS



Rajya Sangit Academy and State Nrittya Academy organised a prize distribution ceremony for song, music & dance for 2023 at Sisir Mancha, in Kolkata on Wednesday. ■ SNS

Hospital unveils Chest Tree: HP Ghosh Hospital in Salt Lake launched its latest initiative, the Chest Tree, a unique and innovative approach to showcase its comprehensive respiratory care services. The Chest Tree symbolizes the hospital's dedication to address a wide range of respiratory conditions with state-of-the-art technology and a team of highly specialized doctors. The Chest Tree is a visual representation that highlights the various respiratory conditions treated at the hospital, including COPD, asthma, tuberculosis, lung cancer, respiratory allergies, sleep disorders, pulmonary hypertension, and

smoking cessation.

SMP launches volumebased rebate scheme: The Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP) in Kolkata has introduced a volume-based rebate scheme for the ongoing financial year. The scheme offers customers a rebate of up to rupees 100 per metric ton of cargo handled that is hoped to significantly reduce cargo-related and vessel-related charges. According to the city port, there is also provision for new customers willing to come to Haldia Dock Complex. The scheme is aimed to facilitate more cargo traffic at the ports and to enable ease of doing business for attracting more clients. To facilitate the utilisation of the rebate scheme, the SMP, organised an interactive session on 10 June with the key stakeholders on June 10. The session was conducted by the chairman of SMP, Rathendra Raman and Deputy Chairman of Kolkata Dock System. Samrat Rahi, along with the deputy chairman of Haldia Dock Complex, A.

Additional Metro services on sunday for UPSC exam: The Kolkata Metro Railway has decided to run additional services from 7 am instead of 9 am this Sunday in the Blue Line for the aspirants of UPSC Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2024. On 16 June, the carrier would run 138 services instead of 130 in the north-south corridor at a 30 minutes interval between 7 am and 9 am. Of the total, 133 services are to be run to and fro Dakshineswar. The city metro has, however, kept the timings of the last services from the terminal stations unchanged.

K. Mehra.

Eastern Railway achieves record passenger revenue: The Eastern Railway has achieved a growth of 1.82 percent in passenger revenue as compared to that of May 2023. The zonal railway is said to have registered a passenger revenue of rupees 308.12 crores in the month of May against rupees 302.61 crores earned in May 2023. SNS

Sealdah & Howrah railway reservation to remain open in the morning shift on Sundays: Following the anticipated rush during the upcoming Puja season, the Eastern Railway has decided to keep its reservation offices both PRS and SRO open in the morning shift on Sundays. The reservation offices are to remain open from 16 June to 14 July on Sundays in Sealdah and Howrah Division to enable passengers book tickets in advance. SNS

Abhishekannounces 'short hiatus' from politics

He has cited medical grounds as the reason for this break

AGENCIES KOLKATA, 12 JUNE

rinamul Congress' national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee, on Wednesday afternoon, announced his decision to take a "short hiatus" from political and organisational activities.

He has cited medical grounds as the reason for this break.

"In light of some pressing

medical reasons, I will be taking a short hiatus from the organisation. This time off will be an opportunity for me to humbly explore and understand the needs of our people and community," Banerjee said in a message posted on his official X handle on Wednesday afternoon.

In the message he has also said that he trusts that the West Bengal government will act swiftly and leave no stone unturned to ensure justice to all those in need. He has referred to the

mass-outreach programme

that he organised last year before the panchayat elections in the state, for which he travelled throughout West Bengal interacting with people.

"Last year around this time, I had the opportunity to participate in Nabo Jowar Yatra and travelled across West Bengal to understand the issues and challenges faced by the people on the ground.

for people's rights.

The job card holders accompanied Trinamul Congress leaders went to Delhi to press their demand. Finally, the state government had cleared the dues of 59 lakh job card holders.

"Thankfully, this was addressed in February, along with an increase in financial assistance through the Lakshmir Bhandar scheme to help families," his message

He also thanked the people of West Bengal for the trust and faith in Trinamul Congress in the recently-concluded Lok Sabha polls.

"The results of the 2024 Lok

Sabha elections reflect the anger and frustration of the people, especially regarding the neglect of basic housing rights due to the state-Centre conflict. We have committed to addressing this by December 31, and I have already requested the HCM and relevant authorities of GoWB to prioritise this issue," his message read.

Bengal bypolls: BJP better placed in three Assembly seats, Trinamulin one

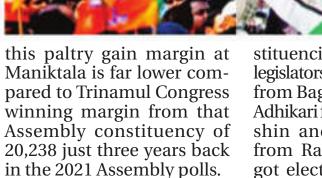
AGENCIES KOLKATA, 12 JUNE

As West Bengal will be heading for the crucial bypolls to four Assembly constituencies on 10 July, detailed statistics of the seat-wise results in the recently concluded Lok Sabha polls show that the BJP is ahead in three constituencies, while the Trinamul Congress is marginally ahead in just one.

BJP is ahead in Raiganj constituency in North Dinajpur district, Bagda in North 24 Parganas and Ranaghat-Dakshin in Nadia. Trinamul Congress is better placed in Maniktala constituency in Kolkata.

As per the statistics of the Assembly-wise results in the recently concluded Lok Sabha polls, the gain margin of BJP was the maximum in Raiganj at 46,739, followed by Ranaghat-Dakshin at 35,936 and Bagda at 20,614.

However, the Assemblywise gaining margin for Trinamul Congress at Maniktala in the recently concluded Lok Sabha polls is just 3,575. What is even more of a concern for the ruling party is that



Maniktala has left Trinamul Congress leadership, including chief minister Mamata Banerjee, worried and she had constituted a four-member committee to oversee the preparations for the bypolls there.

The by-election at Manik-

This paltry gain margin at

tala has been necessitated by the demise of the erstwhile Trinamul Congress legislator from there Sadhan Pande.

In the other three con-

stituencies, the erstwhile BJP legislators, namely Biswajit Das from Bagda, Dr Mukut Mani Adhikari from Ranaghat-Dakshin and Krishna Kalyani from Raiganj, all of whom got elected in 2021, had to resign from Assembly as they contested Lok Sabha elec-

candidates. Although all three of them got defeated this time, bypolls need to be conducted in these three Assembly constituencies from where they had resigned.

tion as Trinamul Congress

Trinamul Congress insiders said that it has been in-principally decided to field Sadhan Pande's widow Supti Pande from Maniktala this time, although her name is yet to be officially announced.

Jobscam: ED identifies 222 individuals from $expired panel \, recommended \, for appoint \, ment$

AGENCIES KOLKATA, 12 JUNE

The Enforcement Directorate (ED), has identified 222 individuals from an expired panel, who were recommended for teaching jobs in government schools in West Bengal.

Sources said that out of these 222 individuals, 183 were in the secondary teachers category, while remaining 39 were in the higher secondary teachers category. Sources said that the cen-

tral agency officials secured

this information after interrogation of a state education department official. On the basis of his statement the ED officials have prepared a list with the names of these 222 individuals,

ED sleuths have identified that most of these 222 individuals were recommended

which they have submitted

to the court.



for appointment by SP Sinha, who was heading the screening committee of the West Bengal School Service Commission (WBSSC), at that

The screening committee was constituted by the commission during the tenure of Partha Chatterjee as thethen state education minister, who is currently behind bars because of his alleged involvement in the school job case.

A judicial probe committee formed earlier and headed by retired Justice Ranjit Kumar Bag had observed that the screening commitSources said that out of these 222 individuals, 183 were in the secondary teachers category, while the remaining 39 were in the higher secondary teachers category.

Witnessing first-hand the

hardships caused by rising

prices and the stoppage of

MGNREGA dues deeply affect-

ed me," Banerjee's message

this observation during the mass outreach programme,

Trinamul Congress organ-

ised nationwide protests and

took the matter to Delhi to fight

He claimed that following

read.

tee was constituted flouting all norms and Sinha was made to head that committee to facilitate illegal recruitments of teaching and nonteaching staff in state-run schools.

Sources said that the ED has also informed the court that of the 222 individuals identified by their officials, some were those who took leading roles in the movement against irregularities in recruitments in schools.

Hence, it is perceived that they were recommended by vested interests to weaken the movement against the irregularities to an extent.



People rest under a tree at Maidan to escape the afternoon sun on Wednesday. MOUL MONDAL

Govturgesschoolsto switch to morning session

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 12 JUNE

With the sweltering heat continuing to trouble, the state school education department today asked the West Bengal Board of Primary, Secondary and Higher secondary councils to mull change in school timing keeping the cruel

weather condition in mind. The school education department has in an advisory asked all the boards that they should ask all schools affiliated to the government and ones government-aided to bring in changes of timing depending on the situation but take utmost care that change in timing does not come in the way of studies and hamper mid-day meals.

According to the advisory

According to the advisory issued to the schools, the department has asked all schools to mull morning sessions instead of noon to give comfort to the students

issued to the schools, the department has asked all schools to mull morning sessions instead of noon to give comfort to the students. This should be applied to all schools,

the advisory read. As north Bengal experiences rain, south Bengal continues to reeling under severe heat and humid conditions, bringing in extreme discomfort. Earlier, the government had in a circular ordered to extend summer vacation due to heat and the Lok Sabha polls to 3 June.

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 12 JUNE

The bird flu scare has come back to the state after two cases of human infections of the avian influenza caused by two variants H5N1 and H9N2 respectively were reported.

The WHO on Wednesday has pressed the alarm button and confirmed about one case of human infection of bird flu in a child in West Bengal With the two cases report-

ed in the state, India recorded the third human infection of bird flu caused by the H9N2 virus since 2019, when the first one was reported in the country.

The child has recovered and was discharged from hospital, according to the

global health body. "On 22 May, the International Health Regulations (IHR) National Focal Point



(NFP) for India reported to WHO a case of human infection with avian influenza A (H9N2) virus detected in a child resident of West Bengal state in India," a media release issued by the WHO said on Wednesday.

The first case of human infection of bird flu caused by H9N2 virus was detected in a two-and-a-half-year-old baby of Indian origin in Jan-

uary. The baby who was diagnosed with the bird flu virus in the city has already gone back to Australia, sources in the state health department said.

According to the sources in the state health department at Swasthya Bhaban, the four and a half-year-old child is a resident of Manikchak in Malda district.

The child fell ill showing

symptoms of abdominal pain, breathlessness, respiratory tract infections with fever and cough during January. The child was diagnosed with bird flu caused by H9N2 virus and admitted to a hospital.

However, on 3 March, with a recurrence of severe respiratory distress, she was referred to another government hospital in Kolkata and was admitted to the pediatric ICU and incubated.

On 5 March, a nasopharyngeal swab sample was tested positive for influenza A in a laboratory in the city.

The same sample was sent to the National Institute of Virology (NIV) in Pune for sub-typing and the test confirmed it was a case of influenza A.

A team of public health experts of the state government and WHO are likely to visit Manikchak on Thursday

to take stock of the situation there, it's learnt. Bird flu in humans caused

by a novel influenza A virus subtype is an event that has the potential for high public health impact and must be notified to the WHO, as per international norms.

Most human cases of infection with avian influenza A (H9N2) viruses are exposed to the virus through contact with infected poultry or contaminated environments, the

WHO said. "Human infection tends to result in mild clinical illness,"

the WHO release said. Sources in the health department also said that the state animal resource and development department has already tested samples of around 29,000 poultry birds so far but no cases of bird flu has been con-

With lens on groundwater, experts advocate plantation drive

address the shortfall.

BISWABRATA GOSWAMI MIDNAPORE, 12 JUNE

The recent parliamentary elections witnessed political parties acknowledging environmental issues in their manifestos, yet their primary focus remained on immediate concerns like energy usage and pollution control.

Critical environmental issues such as environmental degradation, livelihood challenges, and broader climate change impacts were conspicuously underrepresented in electoral debates.

Key environmental concerns, including open-cast coal mining, air pollution, climate change, forest fire threats, policies concerning the Himalayas, the pending Ganga Act for a pollution-free Ganga, preservation of small rivers, arsenic contamination in water and access to clean drinking water, were largely ignored in the political discourse.



While environmental organizations have raised these concerns with political parties, their influence has been minimal.

Notably, the BJP candidate for the Jadavpur constituency stood out by promising to develop area-specific climate models. Despite this, environmental advocates remain sceptical about the practical implementation of such models in Kolkata.

Environmental challenges

are intensifying. The agricultural sector is facing a severe water crisis with rivers, canals, ponds, and other waterbodies drying up during the scorching summer months.

River water levels have plummeted, rendering many river lifting pumps inactive, affecting regions like Murshidabad, North and South Dinajpur, North 24-Parganas, Nadia and beyond.

Groundwater, the last resort, is also depleting rapidly, as highlighted by the 'National Compilation on Dynamic Groundwater Resources of India, 2023' report.



In municipalities around exacerbating the drying of the the Ganga, water sourced Ganges and its tributaries. from the river is in high The disruption of natural demand, especially during groundwater replenishment through rainwater in small summer, often outstripping supply and leading to daytime rivers and water bodies is water supply stoppages. Resalso a growing concern. idents have resorted to

Dr Shit emphasizes the necessity of rainwater harinstalling pumps at home to vesting, groundwater regu-Environmental expert Dr lation, water body preservation and minimizing water Pravat Kumar Shit explains that climate change is causwastage as crucial survival ing significant fluctuations in strategies.

Historically, wetlands river and groundwater levels. enriched groundwater by Excessive water extraction by upstream states is capturing rainwater, but cur-



rent extraction rates far exceed replenishment.

In a positive turn, Trinamul Congress MP from Ghatal, Deepak Adhikari (Dev) has launched an initiative to combat environmental degradation by pledging to plant trees based on the number of votes he received in seven

Assembly areas. Orders for saplings have been placed with ten nurseries, and approximately 2,00,000 saplings will be

planted in the first phase. Species such as Sal, Teak, Mango, Jackfruit, and Blackberry will be planted in various locations in Ghatal, with Dev personally starting the planting process as soon as

the monsoon season begins. This initiative by Dev offers a glimmer of hope and represents a tangible step towards addressing environmental issues at the local level.

However, the broader lack of focus on environmental concerns in the recent elections underscores the need for a more integrated and sustained approach to

environmental policy and action.



TENDER

E Tender Notice e-Tenders are being invited by the undersigned from bonafied agencies for Civil works in different ward under Bankura Tender Municipality vide Reference No. WBMAD/CM/BM/ 1/SI1-6/24-25 vide this office memo no. 675/VIII-14 dated 12/06/2024; Tender IDs: 2024 MAD 692264 1-6 submission closing 26/06/2024 up to 17.00 Hrs. (IST). The details of above

S. E. RAILWAY TENDER e-Tender Notice No. : e-Tender/GSU/ 2024/02 dtd. 11.06.2024. Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur-721301 for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-Tender for the following works before 15.00 hrs. on the date mentioned against items and will be opened at 15.30 hrs. Tender No. : E-KGP-GS-02-2024. Description of the work : Redevelopment of Baleshwar Railway station in Kharagpur Division, South Eastern Railway on EPC mode. Tender Value : ₹ 193,41,00,000/-. Earnest Money 96,70,500/-. Tender document cost Nil. Date of opening: 29.08.2024 Completion period of work: 30 months. Bidding start date: From 15.08.2024 and upto 15.00 hrs. on 29.08.2024 Interested tenderers may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full details description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case nanual tenders for this works will be accepted. N.B.: Prospective bidders may

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Bidder may download tender document from http://irel.co.in or http://gem.gov.in website. Any corrigendum / extension to above tenders shall be hosted in above websites only

Sd/- Head, Chavara CBC 48139/12/0004/2425

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering) / North Central Railway / Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-Tender on prescribed form for the following works up to 13:30 hrs. on 03.07.2024 The details of the tender are as under-Tender No : 85 Approx. Cost of Work (Rs.) : 2,33,94,946.83 Earnest money (Rs.) : 2,67,000.00 Name of work: Kanpur - Central: Construction of RCC boundary wall to protect encroachment/trespassing in the section of ADEN/HQ/II/CNB.

Tender No : 86 Approx. Cost of Work (Rs.) : 2,33,94,946.83 Earnest money (Rs.) : 2,67,000.00 Name of work: Kanpur - Central: Construction of RCC boundary wall to protect encroachment/trespassing at vulnerable location under ADEN/HQ/I/CNB. Completion Period: 06 Months, Date of Opening of tender: 03.07.2024, Similar work for Eligibility Criteria: Any Civil Engineering Work, which includes RCC work among other works. Note: 1, Tender on line can be submitted up to 13,30 hrs. on

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Tenders are available on Website www.ireps.gov.in. up to 13:30 hrs. on the due date

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> > **Superintending of Police** Cooch Behar

retain Wayanad or Rae Bareli Rahul said the people of Wayanad are the ones who stuck together in times of crisis

Rahul in dilemma on whether to

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, 12

JUNE

ongress leader Rahul Gandhi, who won from Wayanad Lok Sabha seat in Kerala and Rae Bareli in Uttar Pradesh with a thumping margin of votes, on Wednesday said he is in a dilemma as to which constituency he should retain.

Rahul Gandhi, who reached Wayanad constituency from where he was elected for a second term in the Lok Sabha, said: "I have a dilemma before me, whether I should be the MP of Wayanad or of Rae Bareli. What I will commit to you is that both Wayand and Rae Bareli will be happy with my decision."

Rahul, who was addressing a public meeting at Edavanna in Malappuram, which is a part of Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency, said that the people of Wayanad are the ones who stood for him in

Sex videos case: Prime

accused in the sex videos

case, former JD(S) MP Prajw-

al Revanna was handed over

to the custody of the Spe cial Investigation Team (SIT)

in connection with a rape

that he is an ordinary human Taking a dig at Prime Minbeing and that he would abide ister Narendra Modi, Rahul by what people will say.

said he does not receive any "I am a 'biological' human directions from God on what being. My God is the poor peohas to be done the way the PM ple of India," he said.

He said the people of the country have defeated hatred dra Modi has said that he is with love and affection.

"The people of India have But I am an ordinary human defeated hatred with love and affection, and they defeated arrogance with humility," The Congress leader said Rahul said.

"Before the elections, the BJP leaders said that they will change the Constitution. After the polls, you saw Prime Minister Modi bowing before the Constitution," he added.

Taunting Prime Minister Modi, Rahul said that God directs the PM to hand over the country's major airports and power plants to Adani.

"Modi ji has a strange Paramatma, who guides him to take decisions in favour of Adani and Ambani" he said.

Meanwhile, KPCC president K Sudhakaran said that he feels depressed and happy at the same time over Rahul Gandhi, leaving Wayanad.

"The Congress victory and Rahul Gandhi's achievement in UP brings happiness to me. But at the same time I feel depressed over Rahul relinguising Wayanad," he said.

The KPCC chief's statement shows that Rahul has already made up his mind to relinquish Wayanad Lok Sabha seat and retain Rae Bareli.

Union Minister Suresh Gopi visits Nayanar's house in Kannur

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"Prime Minister Naren-

guided by the Paramatma.

being and for me the people

are the Paramatma," he said.

times of crisis.

does.

In a novel gesture, Union Minister of State for Petroleum and Tourism Suresh Gopi on his first trip to Kerala after assuming office visited the house of CPI-M leader and former Chief

Minister EK Nayanar at

Kalliasseri in Kannur on

Wednesday. Suresh Gopi is an ardent admirer of Nayanar. Suresh had visited the late communist stalwart's house two years ago and shared the photo with Nayanar's wife Sarada on social media with the caption: "There was a chief minister like this in Kerala. Why did you depart so early, leaving us orphaned?

We Malayalees need your presence now more than ever."

Nayanar's wife Sarada said: "This is not the first time that Suresh Gopi is coming to our house. He has made several visits here whenever he comes to Kannur. If he arrives in the morning, he calls me up and says he will come for breakfast. The same goes for lunch."

"I first saw Suresh Gopi long ago at Thiruvananthapuram Medical College when Sakhavu (Nayanar) was there. Later, a nurse approached me and mentioned that Suresh Gopi frequently inquires at the hospital about poor children who need financial assistance for heart surgeries. I was genuinely surprised and impressed to

learn that such kind-hearted people exist," added Sara-

Earlier on Wednesday morning, Suresh Gopi visited Tali Mahadeva Shiva Kshetram in Kozhikode. From Delhi, he reached Kozhikode airport late on Tuesday.

After visiting Nayanar's residence, Suresh Gopi visited Mararji Smriti Mandapam at Payyambalam in Kannur and paid tributes to the late BJP leader KG Marar, who was instrumental in creating the base for the BJP in Kerala. He also visited Parassinikkadavu Muthappan temple, Kottiyoor Mahadeva temple and Raja Rajeswara temple at Taliparamba Wednesday.

Wednesday.

case by a court on

EASTERN RAILWAY E-Tender No.: EL-MLDT-E-Tender-307 dated: 07.06.2024. Open E-Tender notices are invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G), Eastern Railway Malda Town Office, Divisional Railway Manager/Eastern Railway/Malda Town Office Building, P.O.: Jhaljhalia, Dist Malda, Pin: 732102 (West Bengal) fron irms/Agencies/Contractors of repute having experience & financial solvency for the following works: Name of the work: Electrical work in connection with Construction of conference roon with development of surrounding area backside of DRM Office. Tender Value Rs. 30,30,045.56. Earnest Money Rs. 60,600/-. Cost of Tender Document Nil, Date & Time for submission o e-Tender: From 17.06.2024 to 15.30 hrs of 01.07.2024. Website particulars & Notice Board: Website www.ireps.gov.in, Notice Board Sr. DEE(G)/Eastern Railway/ Office MLDT. Tenderers are requested to go through the detailed Tender Notice & document on the website www.ireps.gov.in. No manual offer wi be accepted in any circumstances. MLD-37/2024-25

Tender Notices are also available at Website www.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in

Tender Notice No.: EL-19-24 dated:

11.06.2024. E-Tenders are invited by

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G).

Eastern Railway, Asansol Division, Station

Road, Asansol, Pin - 713301 for the

following work from reputed tenderers

having valid Electric contractor Licence

and capable to complete the following

work financially: Name of the work with

its location: Asansol Division: Deoghar

-Augmentation of Deoghar Coaching

maintenance pit for 24 nos. LHB type

coach maintenance and Sick line. Tende

Value: Rs. 1,72,90,969/-, Earnest

Money: Rs. 2,36,500/-. Cost of Tender

Document: Nil, Completion period

for the work: 6 months. Date & Time

of closing & opening: 05.07.2024

at 11.00 hrs. Complete details car

be seen in the Railways website

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Kolkata-700001 for the following works:

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Kerala orthodox church says Manipur violence a tribal conflict **STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE**

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, 12

JUNE

Changing its stance on the Manipur violence, the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church on Wednesday said the violence in the northeast state is not a religious issue but a tribal conflict. Speaking to a Malayalam

news channel, Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church head Basalios Marthoma Mathews III said the Manipur violence is not a religious conflict, it is a tribal conflict - a conflict between two tribal groups in the state.

Earlier, the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church had slammed the Union government over the Manipur violence. Basalios Marthoma Mathews III himself has come

out against the Central gov-

CM Stalin attends swearing-

in of Cong MLA: TN CM Stal-

in attended the swearing-in

ceremony of newly elected

bert. Cuthbert, 47, won the

assembly constituency by a

by-polls from Vilavancode

margin of over 40,000

Cong MLA Tharahai Cuth-

ernment over the violence against the Christians in Manipur. The Church now maintains

that a clash between tribes led to attacks on churches in Christian-dominated areas. Baselios Marthoma Mathews III said it is natural for one tribe to destroy everything of another tribe and may have destroyed the shrines of other tribes. He also said that the Christian community now understands they need not be overly concerned about the situation.

The Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church's change of stance on the Manipur issue comes days after the BJPled government returned to power. The church head also expressed happiness over the return of the Modi government to power at the Centre.

POCSO case: Victim's brother moves K'taka HC seeking former CM's arrest

BENGALURU, 12 JUNE

In a setback to former Chief Minister and BJP Parliamentary Board member B.S. Yediyurappa, a writ petition was submitted in the Karnataka High Court on Wednesday seeking his arrest in a POCSO case lodged against him in Bengaluru before the Lok Sabha

elections. The victim's brother filed the petition before the high court, claiming that the police have not taken any action though it has been months since the complaint was filed against the

veteran BJP leader. The victim's mother, who passed away on May 26, had filed a case against Yediyurappa

in March this year. AGENCIES

Darshan, demanding a life

term for him in the brutal

murder of his fan, 33-year-old

ical parties also participated

in the protest. The protest

march started from Nee-

lakanteshwara Temple and

proceeded to the District Com-

missioner's Office in Chi-

tradurga. Former BJP MLA

G.H. Thippa Reddy said, "Dar-

shan is an onscreen hero, but

in real life, he is not a hero at

all. We cannot ignore the suf-

fering of Renukaswamy's par-

ents. These incidents have

been occurring since the Con-

gress government took power

should be accused number 1,

been listed as accused num-

ber 2? This seems to be an

attempt to protect him. Home

Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara

talks as if nothing has happened.

The government might under-

mine such incidents. Darshan

and the other accused in the

case must be given life impris-

onment. They should not be

released," he stated.

"Why has Darshan, who

in Karnataka," he charged.

Leaders from different polit-

Renukaswamy.

Protest against Darshan in K'taka

AGENCIES

BENGALURU, 12 JUNE

Various organisations staged a protest in Karnataka's Chitradurga city on Wednesday against Kannada superstar

Passenger Ticketing System and alternative ticketing mode

 Quotation Schedule : Total Cost of the work : ₹ 4,60,766/www.er.indianrailways.gov.in from 14.06.2024 at 00:05 hrs.

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Howrah

NOTICE INVITING SEALED QUOTATION

For proliferation of Digital Payment mode in Railway

Quotation Notice No.: COM/CF/MOBILE-TKT/Quotation/ HWH/24, Dated: 14.06.2024. Sealed Quotation is invited by Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah from the Bidders for the following work: Name of work: Proliferation of Digital Payment mode in Railway Passenger Ticketing System and alternative ticketing mode such as Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) on Mobile ATVM etc. by Posters, Banners and Stickers under the jurisdiction of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Eastern Railway, Howrah. For details Schedule of materials & work (in Annexure-A & B) please visit www.er.indianrailways.gov.in and contact office of Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), Eastern Railway, Howrah (Rail Yatri Niwas Building), 4th floor. Date of Notification: 14.06.2024. Last date & time for submission of sealed quotation: 25.06.2024 at 13:00 hrs. Date & time for opening of tender: 25.06.2024 at 14:00 hrs. Validity of offer: 45 days from date of opening. Website address, time and date from which Quotation form & documents will be available :

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http://wbtenders.gov.in

Metro Railway, Kolkata

Tender Notice for e-tendering is invited by Principal Chief Engineer, Metro Railway, Kolkata for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work: Name of work: Special works related to track for execution in connection with construction, remodelling repair of BLT & Ballasted track from Salt lake sector V (Km (-)0/6 to Sealdah (Km 8/19) including CPD yard of Green line (East-West Corridor of Metro Railway, Kolkata. Approx Cost of Work: 3 3,18,16,529.50, Earnest Money: ₹ 3,09,100/-, Completion Period: Twenty Four (24) Months, Date and Time of Closing: 11.07.2024 at 12:00 hrs. The Tender Document and other details can be obtained from the website www.ireps.gov.in. Amendments/ Corrigendum, if any, would be uploaded only on the website.

Abridged e-Tender Notice No.: Civil-2481-2024 (Open) Follow us at: Mathematical Math

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कायलिय भवन निर्माण विभाग भवन प्रमण्डल संख्या—।, राँची

शुद्धि सूचना

एतद द्वारा भवन निर्माण विभाग में निबंधित सभी समुचित श्रेणी के संवेदकों को सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक-1669(अनु०) दिनांक 07.06.2024 पी० आर० संख्या-325571 (भवन) 2024-25.D द्वारा प्रकाशित ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना में -

Start Date of Submission of Bids 21-06-2024 at 3.30 PM

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कार्यपालक अभियंता भवन निर्माण विभाग भवन प्रमण्डल संख्या-1, राँची

SCRAP SALE THROUGH e-AUCTION No. SER/HQ-STOR0SALE(DSPL)/4/2024-SALE/2 dtd. 11.06.2024 e-AUCTION PROGRAMME FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER, 2024 Division and Depot Adra Kharagpur Chakradharpur Kharagpur Ranch Division Depot Division Division Division 01.07.24 02.07.24 03.07.24 04.07.24 05.07.24 JULY-08.07.24 09.07.24 10.07.24 11.07.24 12.07.24 2024 15.07.24 16.07.24 24.07.24 18.07.24 19.07.24 22.07.24 31.07.24 25.07.24 23.07.24 26.07.24 29.07.24 05.08.24 07.08.24 01.08.24 02.08.24 06.08.24 AUGUST-14.08.24 12.08.24 13.08.24 08.08.24 09.08.24 19.08.24 20.08.24 21.08.24 22.08.24 16.08.24 29.08.24 26.08.24 27.08.24 28.08.24 23.08.24 04.09.24 02.09.24 03.09.24 05.09.24 06.09.24 SEPTEMBER-09.09.24 10.09.24 11.09.24 12.09.24 13.09.24 23.09.24 17.09.24 18.09.24 19.09.24 20.09.24 30.09.24 24.09.24 25.09.24 26.09.24 27.09.24

NB : Please visit website : www.ireps.gov.in/e-Auction for details of e-Auction schedule and Catalouge.

(PR-245)

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Letter. No: वा०संजनिक (विविध)-05-06 / 2024-467

Short Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from DGCA's approved firms/Companies/ Public enterprises for Government Aircraft King Air C-90 A/B (MSN 1752) to carry out overhaul of LH & RH main landing gear, nose landing gear and LH & RH 4 bladed Hartzell propeller along with removal & installation and satisfactory performance check.

The tender must reach to Director, Directorate of Aviation, Patna Airport, Patna on or before 21.06.2024 at 03:00 P.M.

- Bidders Shall Submit their offer in two separate sealed envelopes one as technical Bid and other as Financial Bid. These two bids shall be kept in another big envelope which should be sealed and subscribed, "Tender for overhaul of landing gears & propellers of Government Aircraft King Air C-90 A/B (MSN 1752)."
- a. Technical Bid should contain self attested copies of GST and PAN, Photo copy of DGCA CAR145 approval certificate with current validity schedule, self Certificate that the Company has not been black listed by Public Sector undertaking/ Government Organization/ DGCA., Income Tax Return of previous year and a Bank Draft of Rs 50,000.00 (Rs. Fifty Thousand) as security money payable to Bihar Flying Inst. C.A. Department, Cabinet Secretariat Department, Patna.
- b. Financial Bid should contain the cost of the proposed work for overhaul. Rate should be quoted in Indian Rupees (₹) only. Validity of the rate quoted should be given. Financial bid may be evaluated for Landing gear overhaul and Hartzell propeller overhaul separately, whereas preference will be given to consolidated
- Technical & Financial bid of the tenderer will be opened on 21.06.2024 at 05:00 PM before the committee headed by Additional Chief Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna or by an officer so authorized by him before representatives of Companies / Organization and Public enterprises.
- selection. Successful bidder (L1) have to deposit performance guarantee in the form of bank draft for an amount equal to 5% of total quoted amount within 7 days of receipt of work

Security money of Unsuccessful bidders will be refunded immediately after final

EMD of successful bidder may be adjusted towards the performance guarantee, if

- Bidder shall complete the whole work within 30 days of awarding the contract.
- The Additional Chief Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat Department, Bihar reserves the right to reject / cancel any / all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- website "http://state.bihar.gov.in/csd". If bidders feel they can freely approach our QC cell or mail to cadbihar@bihar.gov.infor

The tender notice and details of Proposed works can also be seen on this Department's

10. Special Tools and Ground support equipments which are serviceable and available with Govt. of Bihar can be utilized by the contractor free of cost rest all the required specials tools and ground support equipment will be procured by the contractor for which no extra payment will be made.

required technical information in concern with the Aircraft and installed Engine.

PR-001740 (C S D) 2024-25

order.

नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

Directorate of Aviation, Cabinet Secretariat Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna

Director

EAST COAST RAILWAY EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR ADVERTISEMENT ON PRÈMIÚM COACHING TRAINS

No. Sr.DCM/55/Com.Pub/NFR/Train Advt.24 Dated: 07.06.2024 East Coast Railway, Khurda Road Division seeks Expression of Interest (EOI from Government Departments/Government Agencies/PSUs/Constitutional Bodies/Statutory Bodies for advertisement of their brands/products or services on

(A) Mail/Express/Passenger Trains; Advertisement will be permitted for Vinyl wrapping on exterior of coaches (Below the window portion/full Vinyl wrapping of the side walls) in the following Premium trains:

20841/42 BHUBANESWAR-VISAKHAPATNAM-BHUBANESWAR VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS 20835/36 PURI-ROURKELA-PURI VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS

20817/18, 22823/24 & 22811/12 BHUBANESWAR-NEW DELHI-BHUBANESWAR TEJAS RAJDHANI EXPRESS (03 RAKES) 12277/78 PURI-HOWRAH-PURI SHATABDI EXPRESS Detailed proposal along with the Expression of Interest should reach on or

before 1700 hrs. of 30.06,2024 to the office of the Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, East Coast Railway, Khurda Road, Jatni. Please visit East Coast Railway's website: www.eastcoastrail.indianrailways.gov.in for further details For further query, if any, regarding this EOI, please contact Shri Jitendra Mohanty, Al/East Coast Railway/Khurda Road, Mob:8455889771.

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Khurda Road PR-201/P/24-25

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE For and on behalf of President of Republic of india, Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Construction-1) North Western Railway, Jaipur invites E-Tender for the following works upto 15.00 Hrs. on the mentioned date Name of Work: Tender No.EL/C/JP. NMH-BI/T05-R/2023-24 Design. Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Railway Electrification work of 2x25 KV OHE system in Nimach-Badi Sadari section in connection with New Line work; 2. Approximate cost of the work: Rs. 216182644.00; 3. Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs. 1230900.00; 4. Date of Completion of work: 18 Months; 5. Date & Time of closing E-Tender Date & Time of opening E-Tender: 05.07.2024 Upto 15:00 Hrs. 05.07.2024 at 15:30 Hrs. 6. The datails of above E-Tender are avilable on Website: www.ireps.gov.in 682-AD/24

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Engineering Department OPEN TENDER, Date: 11.06.2024

E-tender on behalf of the President

of India acting through Sr. Divisional Engineer (Co-ordination), Divisional Railway Manager (Works), West Central Railway, Jabalpur for the following works: S.N.-1, NIT No.: DRMW-JBP-95-2024 date: 10.06.2024, Name of work with location: Provision of TRD Depot at Gadarwara station under ADEN Narsinghpur sub division, Approx cost of the work (₹): ₹ 88,30,550/-, Earnest Money (In ₹): ₹ 1,76,600/-, Completion period: 10 Months, Last date & Time for submission of tender (Up to 15.00 Hrs. On): 02.07.2024, Tender to be opened at 15.15 Hrs on: 02.07.2024, S.N.-2, NIT No.: DRMW-JBP-96-2024 date: 10.06.2024, Name of work with location: Store Room Facilities for TRD Depots over JBP Division in Pipariya, Narsinghpur, Kachhpura, Sihora, Katni, Satna, Katni-Murwara, Saraigram, Rewa sub-division (Part of Store Room Facilities for TRD Depots over JBP Division in Pipariya, Narsinghpur, Kachhpura, Sihora, Katni, Satna, Damoh, Sagour, Katni-Murwara, Saraigram, Rewa sub division), Approx cost of the work (₹): ₹ 1,23,10,866/-, Earnest Money (In ₹): ₹ 2,11,600/-, Completion period: 12 Months, Last date & Time for submission of tender (Up to 15.00 Hrs. On): 02.07.2024, Tender to be opened at 15.15 Hrs on: 02.07.2024, Note: The complete information of the above 'e-tender' is available on website https://ireps.gov.in and also placed on the notice board of the Divisional Railway Manager (Works) Office, West Central Railway, Jabalpur, Tenders other than in the form of e-bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. Divisional Railway Manager (Works)

West Central Railway, Jabalpur ि रवच्छ भारत अभियान एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर

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2024: Open EPC E-Tender in Single Stage-Two Packet System, Dated: 10.06.2024. Tender for open EPC E-tendering is invited by Chief Administrative Officer/Con/Eastern

Name of work: Execution of Earthwork in formation, minor bridges, major bridges ROR, protection works including approaches, staff quarters and other service buildings, supply of track ballast, P.way linking including supply of all P.Way materials excluding Rails and other allied works between Ch. 1480.400 M (from CL of Kajoragram Station) at Andal End to Ch. 4800.000 M (from C/L of Kajoragram Station) near Bakhtarnagar Block Station including Electrification and Signalling 8 Telecom works in connection with Andal-Sainthia BG By-Pass Line on EPC mode Approx Value: Rs. 105,55,00,000/-Earnest Money: Rs. 54,27,500/-. Cost of Tender Document: Rs. 0.00 Completion Period: 15 (Fifteen) months Date of closing: 05.09.2024 at 16.00 hrs The tender document and other details can be obtained from the website www.ireps.gov.in. The bidding for the tender is to be submitted through the e-tendering on EPC mode on above website. Manual offers are not allowed

CON-27/2024-25 Tender Notices are also available at Website www.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at: X @EasternRailway

against this tender and any manual offer

if received, shall not be accepted and will

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be summarily rejected.

Kathua encounter: CRPF man, two terrorists killed

Six security forces personnel injured in another attack by terrorists in Doda district

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, 12 JUNE

CRPF jawan was killed on Wednesday in the ongoing encounter with terrorists in the Saida Sukhal village, along the Pakistan border, in Kathua district, while five soldiers of the Army and a cop were injured in a separate midnight terrorist attack in the Doda district.

Two heavily armed Pakistani terrorists have been killed and a massive search operation is underway in the area. These terrorists attacked inmates of a house in the Saida Sukhal village of the Hiranagar Sector of Jammu on Tuesday evening after which the encounter started.

Both the terror strikes came in quick succession following the killing of nine pilgrims in the Reasi district.

The CRPF jawan, identified as Kabir Dass of 121 Battalion, was critically injured during the gunfight with terrorists in the Saida Sukhal village, and

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

The Chhattisgarh govern-

ment has removed the Dis-

trict Collector and Superin-

tendent of Police (SP) of Balo-

da Bazar district following

issued late Tuesday night.

IAS officer Deepak Soni has

been appointed as the new

District Collector of Baloda

Bazar, while Vijay Agarwal

KL Chauhan, was reassigned

as Special Secretary in the Min-

istry, whereas SP Sadanand

Kumar was transferred to the

Raipur Police Headquarters.

PARMOD KUMAR

NEW DELHI, 12 JUNE

The Supreme Court on

Wednesday pulled up the

Delhi government for its inac-

tion against the water tanker

mafia, which continues to

control the supply of water with

impunity, while people suffer

from an acute water shortage.

Aadmi Party government to

list the steps it has taken to pre-

vent wastage of water, which

ernment to state on affidavit

the steps taken by it to pre-

vent water wastage, a vacation

bench of Justice Prashant

Kumar Mishra and Justice

Prasanna Balachandra Varale

said that even a 10 per cent

reduction in water wastage

would help mitigate the seri-

ous water shortage faced by

the people in the national

ter for further hearing on

ment to spell out the steps it

has taken to rein in the water

tanker mafia, Justice Mishra

warned that the court would

direct Delhi police to inves-

tigate the tanker mafia if the

Delhi government fails to

Thursday, 13 June.

take any action.

The court posted the mat-

Asking the Delhi govern-

Directing the Delhi gov-

exceeds 60%.

capital.

It also asked the Aam

The outgoing Collector,

will assume the role of SP.

The transfer orders were

recent violent unrest.

RAIPUR, 12 JUNE



succumbed in the hospital later, officials said.

One civilian, Onkar (45) received multiple bullet injuries, including one on his left arm, and was rushed to the hospital at Kathua. The village head, Bittu was also injured.

While top Army, Police and CRPF officers were supervising the operation in the Saida Sukhal village, another terrorist attack was reported at a joint check post at Chattergalla on the Bhaderwah-Chamba road in the Doda district where 5 troops of the 4 Rashtriya Rifles

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

Union Minister of Agriculture

& Farmers' Welfare and Rural

Development Shivraj Singh

Chouhan on Wednesday dis-

cussed in detail with senior

officials of the Agriculture and

Farmers' Welfare Depart-

ment the 100-day agriculture

action plan, as per 'sankalp'

(pledge) by Prime Minister

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai

has ordered the immediate

arrest of those responsible for

ed during a protest by the Sat-

nami community, resulted

in property damage esti-

mated in crores. The BJP gov-

ernment in Chhattisgarh has

attributed the unrest to a

political conspiracy alleged-

ly incited by the grand old party

claiming that Congress leg-

islators, former ministers,

and leaders provoked the

people. The government has

also stated that it will seek com-

pensation from those respon-

labeled the incident a failure

In response, Congress has

"Water is coming from

Himachal Pradesh, then where

is the water going in Delhi? Are

there such significant trans-

portation losses? There is a

tanker mafia operating in

Delhi, and you are not taking

any action. Have any FIRs

been registered against the

tanker mafia? Tanker mafias

get water while pipelines are

running dry," Justice Mishra

said, warning the Delhi gov-

ernment: "If you don't take any

action, we will hand over the

Abhishek Manu Singhvi, rep-

resenting the Delhi govern-

ment, referred to the problem

in previous years – 2018, 2019,

2020, and so on - the bench

said: "It is a recurring prob-

lem every summer. What have

As senior advocate

case to the Delhi police."

sible for the damages.

The violence, which erupt-

the violence.

NEW DELHI, 12 JUNE

(RR) and a special police officer (SPO) were injured.

Additional DGP (Jammu) Anand Jain was personally monitoring the operations against the terrorists.

DIG (Doda-Kishtwar Range) Sridhar Patil said a group of 3 to 4 terrorists had recently become active in the higher reaches of the area and they attacked the joint check post at Chattergalla.

Tourists have been stopped from proceeding towards the spots around the higher reaches of the district.

He told the officials that

they should focus their entire

attention on farmer-orient-

ed works so that work can be

standing all the aspects of the

departmental action plan

for the first 100 days in the

third term of the Modi gov-

ernment, directed officials to

take strong steps to strength-

Chhattisgarh govt removes collector & SP

of the state government and

demanded the resignation

of the Chief Minister. Congress

leaders are scheduled to visit

the incident site on June 14,

while the Chamber of Com-

merce has called for a bandh

in Baloda Bazar on June 13 in

istered in connection with the

violence. So far, 73 individu-

SC pulls up Delhi govt for inaction against water tanker mafia, seeks steps taken to prevent wastage of water

you done to prevent water

wastage coming from all these

transmission losses in elec-

tricity have been addressed,

the wastage of water must be

dealt with in a similar man-

tricity; similar measures need

to be taken to prevent the loss

said that tankers belong to the

Delhi Jal Board, the bench

retorted, saying that they have

seen reports about the tanker

Divan, appearing for Haryana,

told the bench that there was

more than 60 per cent wastage

of water in Delhi. Mr Singhvi

Senior advocate Shyam

of water," the bench said.

"There was a loss of elec-

As senior advocate Singhvi

The bench said that just as

sources?"

mafia.

Seven FIRs have been reg-

following violent unrest in Baloda Bazar

The minister, while under-

Shivraj Chouhan discusses 100-day agriculture action plan with officials

Narendra Modi.

done speedily.

Reports said two senior officers of J&K Police, DIG of the Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range and SSP Kathua, had a narrow escape after their vehicles came under firing by the terrorists in the Kathua village. About a dozen bullets were fired at their vehicles and grenades were also exploded, reports

Having remained dormant for several years, the Kashmir Tigers terrorist outfit has claimed responsibility for the attack in Doda.

ADGP Jain said the attack in the Kathua village appears to have been done by freshly infiltrated terrorists. The police said that a group

of terrorists barged into a house yesterday and asked for drinking water but were denied by the inmates. After that, the terrorists fled to forests and fired in the air to scare the villagers who noticed their suspicious movement at about 7.45 pm.

Thereafter, the area was cordoned off by the Army, CRPF, and J&K Police and the encounter broke out. The

en the country's agriculture

sector and to reduce the

pain and suffering of farm-

He said the availability of

quality fertilizers, seeds and

other inputs to farmers should

be ensured on a priority

basis. The minister said the

farmers should not face any

problem in this regard and

special care should be taken

als have been arrested, and

200 others are in custody. To

apprehend the remaining

perpetrators, the police have

formed 12 teams, and 22

police officers have been

assigned to the investigation.

an incident on the night of May

15, when a religious symbol,

Jaitkham, located near the

Baghin Cave in Manakoni,

approximately 5 km from

Giroudpuri Dham, was van-

dalised. Thousands of Satnami

community members had

been protesting at Dussehra

Maidan near the Collectorate

for several days. Although

the police had arrested three

individuals in connection

with the vandalism, the com-

and the national average.

shift in the stand of the

Himachal Pradesh govern-

ment, which in the last hear-

ing had said that 137 cusecs

of surplus water will be released

on 7 June, but now states that

the surplus water was being

released to Delhi, the bench

ordered the presence of the

officer whose statement

formed the basis of the 6 June

if the statement given by the

Himachal Pradesh officer on

6 June is found to be incor-

rect, consequences will follow.

Court permitted the Himachal

Pradesh government to release

137 cusecs of its surplus water

on 7 June to address the acute

shortage of drinking water

in the national capital. It had

also directed the Haryana

government to facilitate the

flow of water through its canal

network so that the water

released by Himachal Pradesh

from Hathnikund Barrage

reaches Wazirabad Barrage in

we direct Himachal Pradesh

to release the water tomorrow

(June 7) with prior intimation

to Haryana and Upper Yamu-

"Considering the urgency,

Delhi "uninterrupted".

On 6 June, the Supreme

The court made it clear that

order.

Taking a serious note of the

The unrest traces back to

on this.

police said the dead terrorist had Rs 1 lakh in Indian currency in his bag. Besides, the items recovered from the slain terrorist included an AK rifle, three magazines containing 30 rounds, one magazine having 24 rounds, 75 rounds in a separate polythene bag, three live grenades, eatables (Pakistan-made chocolates, dry chana and stale rotis, medicines and injections, painkillers, one syringe, two packs of A4 batteries, one handset wrapped in tape having antenna and two wires hanging from this hand-

set). Meanwhile, the Reasi Police released the sketch of terrorists involved in the attack on the pilgrims bus and has announced a reward of Rs 20 lakh to anyone providing credible information about the whereabouts of these terror-

With these attacks, six of the ten districts of Jammu division, Reasi, Doda, Kathua, Udhampur, Rajouri and Poonch, witnessed terror attacks in the past few days.

Mr Chouhan emphasised

that agricultural production

and productivity should

increase in the country, and

a concrete action plan devised

so that India can export qual-

ity agricultural products to

other countries of the world

as per their needs besides ful-

filling its domestic needs.

In the meeting, senior offi-

cials gave presentations of

department-wise schemes.

munity accused the author-

ities of protecting the real

culprits, leading to heightened

Monday, resulting in the

destruction of 75 motorcycles.

20 cars and two fire trucks.

Rioters vandalised vehicles

parked at the Collectorate

and set several of them on fire,

destroying important docu-

ments. A white flag was hoist-

ed on the flagpole in front of

the Collector's office. The

ensuing clash between pro-

testers and police left sever-

al people, including police offi-

cers, injured. Deputy Chief

Minister Vijay Sharma visit-

ed the site late Monday night

supply. Compliance reports be

submitted on Monday (June

10), list on Monday," the court

had said in its order on 6 June

asked the Upper Yamuna

River Board to measure water

released by Himachal Pradesh

at Hathnikund Barrage in

Court asked the Upper Yamu-

na River Board to convene an

urgent meeting on 5 June of

Delhi, Haryana, Himachal

Pradesh and the Centre to

address the problem of acute

water scarcity being faced by

the people in the national

capital in the midst of an

today, the vacation bench

had asked the UYRB to place

before it the minutes of the

meeting and the suggestions

to deal with the situation in

ernment approached the top

court seeking immediate addi-

tional water from neigh-

bouring Haryana. It said that

the people of Delhi were fac-

ing an acute shortage of water

because of the ongoing severe

heat conditions in North India,

particularly in Delhi.

On 31 May, the Delhi gov-

the national capital.

Posting the matter for

unprecedented heatwave.

On 3 June, the Supreme

The top court had also

to assess the situation.

urged the court to see the na River Board (UYRB) shall

wastage of water in Haryana measure the water for onward

2024.

Haryana.

The protests escalated on

tensions.

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Hon'ble Presiding Officer/ Registrar on

WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased copies of documents etc. annexed). In accordance with sub-section (4) of section

directed as under:-

(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted (ii) to disclose particulars of properties or

assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application (iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other

assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties; lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over

original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal; (v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale

bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets

and decided in your absence. Tribunal on this date: 04.06,2024.

Signature of the Officer authorised to issue summons

Registrar-in-Charge

Gadkari, Scindia take charge of their ministries in Modi Cabinet 3.0



kari conveyed his heartfelt

gratitude to the prime min-

ister for reassigning him this

role in Modi 3.0 and assured

that "India will be equipped

with world-class modern

infrastructure at an acceler-

ated pace under Modi Ji's

Scindia assumed charge as

Meanwhile, Jyotiraditya M

visionary leadership".

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI, 12 JUNE**

Nitin Gadkari, who took charge as the Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways for the third consecutive time in the BJP-led NDA government under Modi 3.0, on Wednesday said India would be equipped with world-class modern infrastructure at an accelerated pace under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visionary leadership.

Ajay Tamta and Harsh Malhotra also took charge as ministers of state (MoS).

MoRTH Secretary Anurag Jain and other senior officials welcomed Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and Ministers of State Ajay Tamta and Harsh Malhotra at the Transport Bhawan premises here.

On the occasion, Gad-

Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), an autonomous prescribed format through cadre controlling authority, so as to

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to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act. (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 95,12,066.17 (application along with

19 of the Act, you, the defendants are

(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, which security interest is created and/or other assets properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the

proceeds in the account maintained with the

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 02.08.2024 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard Given under my hand and the seal of this

CBC 03110/12/0006/2425 Kolkata Debts Recovery Tribunal-3

Union Minister in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.

Dr. Majumdar, Minister of State in the Ministry of DoNER, along with the senior officers of DoNER Ministry welcomed the Union Minister. After assuming the charge, Scindia met senior officials of the ministry and reviewed the schemes.

While interacting with the media, Scindia said the prime minister has always prioritised the North Eastern region, and "we are committed to realising the Prime Minister's vision". "It is our commitment to

accelerate the development of this region and establish new benchmarks for modern development," he said.

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PM's Grip

rime Minister Narendra Modi's cabinet announcemaintaining continuity in the leadership of crucial minconducive to economic growth. The allies, while seemed the opportunity to leverage their ministerial positions for regional development, a crucial factor in main-Nitish Kumar of Janata Dal (United), are seasoned politicians adept at navigating the intricacies of coalition polwhere regional aspirations are balanced against nationway for sustained economic growth and political stabilsend a clear signal to both domestic and international observers about India's commitment to a steady and

Political Shift

predictable policy environment.

The political landscape in Odisha has undergone a seismic shift, with the election result ending Naveen Patnaik's unbroken 24-year tenure as chief minister. This electoral upheaval, which saw the BJP wrest control of both the assembly and a majority of Odisha's Lok Sabha seats, is a remarkable turn of events in the state's political narrative. Mr Patnaik's political journey has been characterised by his ability to remain equidistant from the two national parties, the Congress and the BJP. This balancing act allowed him to navigate the complexities of state and national politics effectively. His welfare schemes and a steady administrative hand earned him considerable popularity, enabling him to win election after election. However, the recent elections revealed cracks in this once unassailable fortress. One of the critical factors that contributed to Mr Patnaik's downfall was increasing reliance on his aide, V.K. Pandian, a former bureaucrat from Tamil Nadu. Mr Pandian's growing influence within the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) became a focal point for the BJP's campaign. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other BJP leaders capitalised on this by portraying Mr Patnaik as a leader who had become captive of an "outsider." This narrative struck a chord with voters, who began to question the extent of Mr Pandian's control and the implications for the state's governance. The BJP's campaign strategy was relentless and multifaceted. Mr Modi, known for his combative style, led a vigorous campaign across Odisha, holding numerous rallies and leveraging the BJP's organisational strength. In contrast, Mr Patnaik's campaign was relatively subdued, and his limited public appearances did little to counter the BJP's narrative. Mr Modi's allusions to Mr Patnaik's alleged health issues further compounded the problem, casting doubt on the BJD leader's ability to lead effectively. Moreover, the BJP's strategy involved a sharp critique of Mr Patnaik's role, highlighting alleged inefficiencies and the need for change. They skillfully wove a narrative that combined criticism of Mr Patnaik's reliance on Mr Pandian with broader themes of development and governance, resonating with a populace eager for new leadership. Mr Patnaik's failure to adequately address the succession question also played a role in his defeat. With no clear successor within the BJD, voters were left in a state of uncertainty. In retrospect, Mr Patnaik's defeat was not just a result of external pressures but also a series of strategic missteps. His underestimation of the BJP's organisational prowess and the growing discontent among the electorate regarding his reliance on Mr Pandian were significant factors. Additionally, his failure to communicate a compelling vision for the future or to engage more directly with the electorate allowed the BJP to dominate the narrative. But the BJP has big boots to fill, and the party has acknowledged this by choosing a chief minister and two deputy chief ministers, unusual for a state the size of Odisha. The days ahead will tell us if this arrangement provides better administration or just confusion.

ments reflect his style of coalition politics, underscoring his firm control over the government despite the BJP's reliance on allies for a parliamentary majority. This move signifies not only a strategic decision to maintain continuity in governance but also Mr Modi's intent to steer India through a steady economic trajectory amid the complexities of coalition dynamics. Retaining key ministers in pivotal portfolios such as finance, home affairs, defence, and foreign affairs demonstrates a clear message: stability and consistency are paramount. In a political landscape where frequent ministerial changes can lead to policy disruptions, Mr Modi's decision to keep trusted figures in their roles is a calculated effort to ensure uninterrupted progress on crucial national issues. However, this firm grip on key ministries has not come without its challenges. The BJP's coalition partners, though awarded a modest five out of 30 cabinet seats, have been placated with ministries that, while important, do not overshadow the BJP's stronghold on critical portfolios. This distribution reveals a delicate balance: acknowledging the allies' contributions while ensuring the BJP's core agenda remains unimpeded. The strategic allocation of ministries such as civil aviation, food processing, steel, animal husbandry, and small and medium enterprises to coalition partners is a testament to Mr Modi's shrewd political acumen. These sectors, although critical, do not pose a direct threat to the BJP's control over broader national policies. Instead, they offer regional allies a platform to drive development in their respective states, thus securing their continued support without ceding substantial power. This approach aligns with the BJP's broader objective of economic momentum and job creation. By istries, Mr Modi aims to foster a stable environment ingly acquiescent to this arrangement, have been granttaining coalition harmony. Leaders of the allied parties, like Chandrababu Naidu of the Telugu Desam Party and itics. Their public acquiescence and private negotiations highlight a pragmatic understanding: supporting the BJP's central agenda while ensuring their states benefit from the alliance. This dynamic, while complex, underscores the transactional nature of coalition politics al imperatives. Mr Modi's chosen strategy to manage this coalition reflects his understanding of the nuances of Indian politics. By retaining control over key ministries and judiciously distributing others, the Prime Minister has managed to keep his allies content while ensuring that the BJP's core objectives remain on course. This balance of power, if maintained, could pave the ity in India's complex and diverse democracy. It will also

Farm challenges

Multi-stakeholder engagement and collaboration are crucial for improving the effectiveness of policies and facilitating the widespread adoption of agricultural adaptation technologies. Cooperation and collaboration among various stakeholders at different levels are necessary for the smooth dissemination of these technologies

The relationship between climate and agriculture is closely interconnected with worldwide processes. Even a minor alteration in climate can have detrimental impacts on agricultural productivity and the production of agricultural goods. While the contribution of agriculture to India's economy has been decreasing over time, approximately 75 per cent of India's population relies on rural incomes.

Furthermore, India's ability to ensure adequate food supply depends on the cultivation of cereal crops and the enhanced yield of fruits, vegetables, and milk to satisfy the needs of an expanding population with increasing incomes.

Nevertheless, the Indian agricultural sector encounters difficulties due to severe weather phenomena such as floods, droughts, heatwaves, and others, which have severely impacted overall productivity.

Therefore, it is crucial to enact policies that focus on enhancing overall agricultural productivity, expanding diversification, and encouraging sustainable agricultural practices. India's agriculture sector encounters a multitude of challenges. The adverse consequences of climate change include the occurrence of extreme weather events such as droughts, floods, heatwaves, and coastal in-

These events have resulted in a decrease in crop yield, reduced productivity in livestock, and have caused millions of people to fall into a cycle of poverty and food insecurity. In India, a rise in temperature of 1.5° C and a decrease in precipitation of 2 mm result in a reduction in rice yield ranging from 3 to 15 per cent.

Soil fertility is reduced due to the excessive use of fertilisers and chemicals, which leads to soil degradation and erosion. Consequently, the soil becomes more vulnerable to pests and diseases. The overall productivity has stagnated as a result of insufficient nutrients in the soil. In addition, the implementation of inappropriate land use practices and the burning of crop residues during harvest season have contributed to soil erosion, resulting in significant and lasting impacts on agricultural pro-

ductivity and sustainability. In India, the lack of adequate agricultural infrastructure, such as storage facilities, pack houses, and efficient supply chains, contributes to higher

post-harvest losses. Moreover, the absence of fundamental infrastructure such as road and rail connectivity impedes the farmers' access to markets and contributes to increased production expenses. The Indian agricultural sector continues to rely on primitive agri-technologies for the production of agricultural goods. The limited availability of modern technologies hampers the ability to widely adopt innova-

tive agricultural practices. In numerous rural regions, the absence of banking institutions and financial establishments poses challenges for farmers in securing loans and credit facilities. Furthermore, the combination of exorbitant interest rates and restricted availability of formal credit impede the productivity of farmers. This, in turn, prevents them from embracing contemporary farming methods, effectively managing market risks, and promoting sustainable agricultural practices. In the Indian context, land-



holdings are fragmented, meaning that the average size of land owned by individuals is relatively small. This poses challenges in adopting modern farming techniques and achieving economies of scale.

Insufficient mechanisation is evident in the agricultural sector, where traditional methods and tools such as sickles and wooden ploughs are still predominantly utilised. There is a need to transition from traditional approaches to contemporary methodologies in order to enhance production on a large scale. Inadequate agricultural marketing infrastructure results in farmers being dependent on local traders and intermediaries to sell their produce, often at prices that do not reflect true value. As per the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, if

adaptation measures are not adopted, rainfed rice yields in India are estimated to decrease by 20 per cent in 2050 and 47 per cent in 2080 scenarios. Similarly, irrigated rice yields are projected to decrease by 3.5 per cent in 2050 and 5 per cent in 2080 scenarios. Climate change diminishes crop yields and de-

creases the nutritional quality of produce.

The writer, a development economist, is alumna of the

London School of Economics

Moreover, the occurrence of severe events such as droughts and flash floods has a detrimental effect on the consumption of food and nutrients, thereby exacerbating the overall impact on the welfare of farmers.

The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (2020) report says India still struggles to feed its undernourished population despite producing an estimated 314 million metric tonnes of food in 2021-22, which falls short of achieving food security and meeting the Global

Goals for Adaptation. In order to satisfy the increasing need for food due to a growing population and higher income levels, India will have to almost double its food production by the year 2050. In order to surmount these ever-changing obstacles, the Government of India has devised strategies to enhance the adaptability of agriculture to climate change. The National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) is a component of the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC). Its objective is to develop and execute strategies to enhance the adaptability of agriculture to the impacts of climate change. It is imperative to prioritise the development of adaptation strategies that specifically target climate-resilient agricultural

practices. These practices should focus on enhancing agricultural productivity to meet global and food security objectives, enhancing the resilience and adaptability of agricultural systems to climate change, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate climate risks.

India must adopt a multidimensional approach to address challenges related to climate change by implementing a diverse set of adaptation strategies, in addition to adopting climateresilient practices. Technologies for Adaptation refer to the utilisation of technology to decrease susceptibility or improve the ability to withstand the effects of climate change.

In the field of agriculture, technologies for adaptation refer to the process of identifying and evaluating agricultural practices

> that improve overall productivity, food security, and resilience in specific agro-ecological zones and farming systems. Multi-stakeholder engagement and collaboration are crucial for improving the effectiveness of policies and facilitating the widespread adoption of agricultural adap-

and technologies

tation technologies. Cooperation and collaboration among various stakeholders at different levels are necessary for the smooth dissemination of these technologies.

Capacity building is crucial for the government to improve its ability to adapt to and address the negative impacts of climate change in any policy. As per the OECD, it is crucial to enhance absorptive capacity, which refers to a system's capability to effectively handle immediate climate-related consequences.

This encompasses strategies like implementing early warning systems to assist farmers in adapting their practices and establishing crop insurance schemes to provide compensation for any incurred losses. Infrastructure capacity development is crucial for enhancing overall productivity, and it is imperative that the infrastructure is designed to be climate

The government should implement policies aimed at constructing and enhancing current storage facilities in order to mitigate post-harvest losses. Simultaneously, it is crucial to establish basic infrastructure such as road and rail connectivity to enhance farmers' access to markets, thereby facilitating the connection between farmers and consumers. Soil management is crucial for agriculture to cope with climate change, improve

soil durability, and support sustainable farming methods. The government should enforce diverse soil management techniques to achieve these goals. Cover crops are cultivated specifically to provide soil coverage during periods of inactivity, effectively mitigating soil erosion. Furthermore, implementing crop rotation in a methodical manner can enhance the equilibrium of soil nutrients and decrease the need for fertilisers and chemicals, thus augmenting the content of organic matter in the soil and improving its overall health.

Water management is crucial in conjunction with agricultural policies and investments to ensure the development of climate-resilient agriculture production systems. Utilising a blend of regulatory, economic, and collective strategies is necessary to effectively address groundwater sustainability. This is crucial because aquifers are the largest water reservoirs worldwide and play a vital role in supporting irrigated agriculture in important production areas.

Water policies encompass water allocation systems that can effectively manage water demand and supply in response to variations in precipitation.

Policy formulation involves the development of strategies and guidelines to address adaptation principles at various levels, including local, regional, national, and international. These policies aim to ensure that the factors that contribute to successful adaptation are replicated across different scales. Past experiences with agricultural adaptation technologies have revealed specific requirements for effective policies and recommendations to facilitate the successful implementation of these technologies in adapting agriculture to climate change.

Financial inclusion is essential for addressing the substantial lack of funding for climate adaptation. To bridge this gap, it is crucial to gather financial resources from private sector investments. Inclusive financial systems play a vital role in directing finance to the most vulnerable individuals and last mile workers, including farmers. Establishing Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) can enable farmers to enhance productivity, allocate resources towards farm mechanisation, and take advantage of economies of scale. Moreover, agricultural-focused non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and financial technology (Fintech) can assist farmers in fulfilling their extended credit requirements, thus promoting their income expansion.

Although these strategies are in place, the benefits of adapting to climate change also contribute to mitigating its effects through various methods. These benefits encompass enhanced energy efficiency, decreased urban energy and water usage resulting from greening and recycling initiatives, sustainable farming practices, and the preservation of ecosystems and their associated advantages.

To effectively tackle the challenges in India's agriculture sector, a comprehensive strategy is needed, encompassing technological advancements, optimal utilisation of resources, policy restructuring, and enhancing capabilities. India can bolster agricultural productivity and guarantee food security by implementing these adaptation strategies, thereby making a significant contribution to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals.



ASIAN VOICES

Integrated megapolises next stage of reform

fter record rapid urbanization, China is moving to the next stage with the development of integrated and coordinated multi-city clusters. The Yangtze River Delta region is a case in point. To identify the best ways to advan-

ce the integrated development of the Yangtze River Delta region, President Xi Jinping chaired a symposium in Shanghai in November 2023. Half a decade before that, the president had championed an initiative that made the integrated development of the delta region a national strategy.

From the standpoint of development, I believe China has entered the next stage of reform and opening-up, essential to propel Chinese modernization. The Yangtze River is China's longest waterway. Running more than 6,300 kilometers, it encompasses a set of economic powerhouses and megacities, including the provinces of Jiangsu, Zhejiang and Anhui, and the megapolis of Shanghai.

Between 2018 and 2022, the Yangtze River Delta region's GDP grew at an average annual rate of about 5.5 percent, accounting for 24 percent of the national total ~ the region's GDP exceeds that of Japan's.

Recently, Tesla inaugurated its new megapack battery factory in Shanghai, which highlighted the US carmaker's increasing investment in China amid intense competition.

Among other industrial ecosystems, the Yangtze River Delta (YRD) region is a major automobile production base, and a hub of new energy vehicles (NEVs), including a variety of electric vehicles. With chip and software sourced from Shanghai, batteries from Jiangsu, die-casting machines from Zhejiang, an NEV factory in the YRD region can reportedly acquire all the

auto parts within a four-hour drive. From microchips to large aircraft, and cloud computing to artificial intelligence, coordination among these locations fosters industrial transformation and upgrading in the region. Because of its status as one of the most economically vibrant regions in China, the YRD city cluster has attracted major State-owned and private enterprises, and a large number of Fortune 500 companies for setting up head-

quarters in China. As an increasingly diversified industrial, financial, retail and corporate hub, Shanghai can drive regional clusters while benefiting from their complementary strengths. But Shanghai is not alone. It is developing in tandem with China's other major regional

Consider these important facts of development. In 1950, only 13 percent of the Chinese people lived in cities. By 1980, just after China launched reform and opening-up, the figure had increased to 19 percent. Since then, it has soared to a stunning 66 percent, with the initial urbanization drive taking off in the special economic zones of the largely coastal first- and second-

Now, urbanization is intensifying even in third- and fourth-tier cities. Moreover, the development momentum is shifting from urbanization toward the integration of major regional city clusters.

China has several major "megapolises". In addition to the Yangtze River Delta region, the megapolises and economic hubs include the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, the Jing-Jin-Ji (Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei city cluster), and the Chengdu-Chongqing dual-city hub. Furthermore, some emerging multi-city clusters have the potential to develop into new regional growth engines in a decade or two.

Internationally, China's emerging megapolises also face competitive threats and cooperative opportunities from the regional engines of the advanced economies.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Village woes

SIR, Apropos your editorial "Rural rejection", rural constituencies have sent a strong message to the BJP that it cannot ignore them at any cost. The BJP lost 60 odd rural constituencies and its strength is reduced by almost the same number in comparison to 2019. Hopefully, the party has learnt its lesson.

There is no doubt that our economy and GDP have grown in the last two tenures of the BJP government but rural rejection is testimony that inequality has also grown and has resulted in distress to rural people.

GDP is 15 per cent while it deploys almost 46 per cent of the workforce. There are glaring gaps which need to be bridged at the earliest. BJP may have thought that its welfare schemes, which indeed reached the needy, would help it sail through, but in the end those were not enough.

New agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan has an excellent track record in Madhya Pradesh. So hopefully he will play a solid and positive role in addressing rural distress in many parts of the country. To increase the overall income level of farmers, the government must handhold the small and marginalized farmers and provide them all Agriculture's share of our technical tools like drones. It

must teach them how to better their crop yield, crop diversification etc. and do periodic monitoring to assess the progress.

Yours, etc., Bal Govind, Noida, 11 June.

SHINDE SNUBBED

SIR, This refers to the front page news report, "Big Four unchanged, boost for regional allies", published in today's edition of *The* Statesman.

As expected, the new Council of Ministers has members primarily from the Bharatiya Janata Party and also from JD(S), JD(U), TDP and HAM, with important portfolios being awarded to these allies. However, what comes to me as a surprise is the non-inclu-

PARCHED

SIR, Apropos Abhijit Roy's letter to the editor 'Water woes' published today, it is about time to address the water crisis in Delhi. The legal decision of the Supreme Court to provide riverine water to this metropolis ought to be translated into practice.

Many residents of Delhi are at the receiving end of water shortages. Regretably there are multiple incidences of water crisis in this country.

Yours, etc., Anindya Ghosal, Burdwan, 10 June.

sion of any member from the Shiv

Sena (Eknath Shinde faction).

With the Maharashtra Assembly elections scheduled for later this year, this move by the Narendra Modi led thinktank might prove to be costly. I doubt

whether the Eknath Shinde camp

would be okay with this decision. I expect some political movements in the coming months as a result of this development.

Yours, etc., Anupam Neogi,

Kolkata, 11 June.



Small can be beautiful with proper planning

PATRANGA BASU

itizens and their families are at the centre of society or the nation. Economic development of a nation is for the well-being of citizens. Economic development is primarily a question of getting more work done. To work is the common and the most natural thing in the world. Every eligible youth of the country has the right to seek gainful employment. A large section of the population, say elders and children, depend on young family members.

India has to create ample employment opportunities over the next decade to reap the benefit of demographic dividend. India has a large workforce. About 64 per cent of the population was in the working age group 15-59 years during 2021 which is expected to drop to 36 per cent in 2036. Each year about 12 million persons are added to the working group population. This work force has varied knowledge, experience and skill sets.

Creation of large numbers of good-quality jobs with decent earnings is the basis of long-term economic development. But some experts are of the opinion that India has witnessed jobless growth. This is also reflected in the current data on unemployment. The recent 'India Employment Report 2024' of ILO says the share of unemployed youth was almost 83 per cent in total unemployed population of 2022 with the share of educated youth at 65.7 per cent. According to ILO, in 2022, 18 per cent youth with higher education remained jobless whereas 29 per cent graduates did not have jobs. One among every three young persons is not in employment, education or training. This is after all an uneconomic situation for the nation.

Underemployment or underutilisation of the workforce is another crucial aspect to be reckoned with. The rate of underemployment at 16.8 per cent in 2022 was on the higher side.

Employment in India is predominantly, about 90 per cent, in low-income generating agriculture, informal sector



or in self-employment. These sectors do not provide social security provisions. It is also revealed that real per capita wage in India has not increased substantially, commensurate with the growth of the economy over the years. Job conditions in most workplaces are also not suitable. Gig workers are tightly controlled by algorithmic management.

A much faster growth in the manufacturing sector is necessary to create more employment opportunities for a young and increasingly educated population which has high expectations and aspirations. Growth in the manufacturing sector has a multiplier effect and creates jobs in other sectors such as services and ancillary industries. The average earnings of workers in the formal manufacturing sector are higher than in agriculture and the unorganised sector. There is also a good prospect of individual growth. Rapid growth in the manufacturing sector will reduce dependence on agriculture.

The share of the manufacturing sector in India's GDP is a major concern for the economy. It has remained stagnant at around 15-16 per cent since the 1980s. The National Manufacturing Policy (NMP) of 2011 announced by the Government of India targeted to achieve an increase of this share to 25 per cent by 2022. It

was considered that the manufacturing sector has the potential to contribute more to the national economy. The policy also aimed at generating 100 million jobs by 2022. To achieve

these targets, an average annual

growth rate of 12-14 per cent in the

manufacturing sector over the next

few years was envisaged. But the tar-

get remains unachieved. The new tar-

get has been set for 2025. The manufacturing sector employs about 15 per cent of the workforce. But this has remained stagnant. Employment increased at 1.7 per cent per year during 2000-2019. Capital intensive large manufacturing units increase production and productivity with the help of advanced technology, reducing scope of employment. It also

For the manufacturing sector to grow at 12-14 per cent p.a. is a daunting task. It needs an exquisite action plan and policies, and efficient implementation of the same.

implies economic growth is associat-

ed with technological progress and

productivity gain rather than with

employment generation.

The NMP 2011 emphasised on employment-intensive industries like garments and textiles, food processing, gems and jewellery, leather and footwear. A special focus was also given to capital goods industries and R&D

activities. Emphasis was also given on industries with strategic significance like defence, IT, telecommunications and solar energy. The MSME sector had also attracted attention of the policy.

One important criteria of performance of the Indian manufacturing sector is the low rate of return on investment which is often less than the cost of capital. It is estimated that 700 out of the top 1,000 industrial establishments experience returns less than the cost of capital. So it is a challenge to bring in new capital in these industries. Only chemical and automobile industries give returns of 13.4 and 13.7 per cent respectively.

The MSME sector plays a crucial role in overall economic development and employment generation. A little over 60 million MSME units produce about 40 per cent of the manufacturing sector output and contribute 45 per cent of exports. Its share in GDP is about 27 per cent. This sector provides employment to about 110 million people, the most after agriculture. So the obvious choice of the economy would be to boost MSMEs.

Out of a total 60 million MSMEs, about 31 per cent of enterprises are engaged in manufacturing. MSMEs with low investment create mass employment. But the major challenge in this sector is finance and low return. Most of the units, about 85 per cent, are owned by individual entrepreneurs who cannot provide adequate resources. Productivity is low. Average fixed assets held by each individual-owned enterprise are Rs 0.80 lakh. Annual revenue generated is only Rs 0.62 lakh and outstanding loan per enterprise stands at Rs 0.27

lakh. Small here is not beautiful. These small enterprises wish to grow and do better but often find it difficult. A majority report stagnation. An estimate also shows that about 60-80 per cent individual endeavours fail to achieve success in the MSME sector. Institutional support becomes necessary to make them a success. There must also be additional markets for additional output produced. Contrarily, an additional market is created only when employment increases, as the purchasing power of people increases.

The market, if allowed to function freely, will try to maximise profit. Market does not recognise societal problems like unemployment, poverty and inequality. Given the correct resources, capital investment and technology, the market will go on producing profits. Big players have the natural advantage as they grab most of the resources. The question is in such a market how can a small player stand.

Institutional governance is necessary to manipulate the market to move in a certain direction so as to provide a level playing field to all participants in the market. Such direction is necessary in countries like India where there exists large-scale poverty, unemployment and inequality.

Policy action on many fronts by central as well as state governments is required to activate directional changes in market and economic activities. It will not come by following business as usual. A special impetus is necessary. A National Plan should provide a detailed outline of key steps needed in each area for sustainable and inclusive growth. Regional imbalances in development are also to be

considered for its correction. Earlier, this job was performed by the Planning Commission. Presence of such an institution is necessary now. A comprehensive strategic planning for a short to mid-term is needed. National, regional and sectoral growth targets, and plans and programmes to achieve targets, must be prepared after wide consultation with all the stakeholders. Ultimately the benefits of growth must reach every section of society, every region, every nook and corner of the country.

The Indian economy is now majorly driven by the service sector with a share of over 50 per cent of GDP and 25-30 per cent of workforce. But if the manufacturing sector does not flourish, who will be served by the service sector?

(The writer, a cost accountant, served as General Manager (Finance and Accounts) of a

100 YEARS AGO

OCCASIONAL NOTE

EARLY in 1923, in the course of cer-

tain excavations in Swallow Lane, a large oyster shell was discovered a few feet below the level of the street. In 1904 an "oyster band" containing similar remains was found in Clive Street. These discoveries created quite a sensation in scientific circles in Calcutta, and have formed the subject of learned papers both in the Records of the Geological Survey of India and in the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, New excavations in Swallow Lane hare recently led to the discovery of another "oyster band," mingled in this case with cinders and broken pottery. The story is told with a certain amount of dry humour by Dr. Passooe in his Report of the Geological survey for 1923. He gravely states: "It can now be definitely asserted that the shells ware deposited on their present site by human agency in comparatively recent times." He might added that we now know why Swallow Lane is so called.

NEWS ITEMS

'WHAT WE WEAR'

I went to a specially cheery little party the other day, and met a novelist who tells me she is coming to India, to put you all in a novel (a thing I should not dare to attempt) and many of my old friends and enemies. There was a society chronicler, who tells me she has to dance four nights a week in order to earn her bread (to judge by her frock she also earns a little cake!) and Jane Welsh in a gown in which, she informed the company, it was impossible for her to sit down. It was a slim black thing, with a flare of Chinese red embroidery down the front, and the skirt set in wide flat tucks. You may go as you please in skirts, for Hilda Bayley, who is playing lead in the new mystery play "The Lure" was at the same party in a long coat of manycoloured tinsel brocade, made with a wide flare in the skirt. Our hostess wore a sleeveless gown of red Chinese embroidery, and nearly everybody wore glass bangles to match their gowns. You pay 5/6 a dozen for these bangles over here, but, as they break when you look at them, they are not a good investment.

MODERATE SIKHS FORM ANTI-AKALI COMMITTEE

IT is gratifying to note that the moderate Sikhs who constitute a sensible section of the community have organized themselves in the form of the Amritsar District Sikh Publicity Committee. This committee contemplates counteracting the A kali propaganda and its baneful influences mostly created through the rumours and false news spread by them going unchallenged.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of that body was held here on June 3, when its aims and objects were framed and a constitution devised. Among other things it expressed the vital need of a strong propaganda among the Sikh masses to maintain the good relations between the Government and the Sikhs, it was further explained that it was through the mischievous lies circulated by the Akalis that there appeared to be a feeling of discontent among the Akalis. They formed separate Tehsil committees with some responsible Sikhs at their head to hold Dewans and issue posters contradicting the false rumours. Among other things they requested these Tehsil committees report the progress or their working to the General Secretary, Sardar Sadhu Singh.

ACTION TAKEN BY BURMA GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL CORRUPTION

A statement issued by the Burma; Government gives the number of cases in which corruption or reasonable grounds for suspecting corruption have been in 1923, the cause of punishment or of retardation of promotion of subordinates of the Government. The number was eighty-three, and some of these

originated in 1922. Of these punishments twenty-two were for accepting illegal gratification (four of these being demanded or extorted), three for offering illegal gratification, nine for dishonesty in the case of public money, sixteen were due to suspicion of accepting or offering illegal gratification, and the remainder to other causes which involved loss to Government, falsification of bills and diaries, alteration of measurements, excess issue of opium

and salt, and tampering with records. The number of cases by departments were - Public Works' Department, live; Public Health four. Education seven, Customs four, Excise live, Settlement four, Veterinary two, Forest six, Police twenty-seven, Survey two, Burma Civil Service four, Subordinate Civil Service six, Ministerial five, Income-tax one, Miscellaneous one.

The total of eighty-three includes dismissed and prosecuted three, dismissed twenty-four, removed eight, and services dispensed with three.

Europe's centre is shifting to the right

MAHIR ALI

hortly after Joe Biden and a phalanx of European leaders gathered in Normandy last week to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings that launched the endgame in the continent's bitterest conflict, citizens in 27 states began to vote in European parliamentary elections that were predicted to demonstrate a surge in support for precisely the kind of ideologies that purportedly perished in

One aspect of Operation Overlord

that seldom scores a mention in current commentary is that the Soviet Union had been pleading for a second front since soon after Operation Barbarossa, when the Nazis swept across its territory three years before D-Day. There were those in Europe who relished the prospect of a combat between the USSR and Nazi Germany, and the Normandy landings were at least partly motivated by the fear that the Red Army would overrun Europe and take sole credit for Hitler's defeat.

Soviet forces did indeed reach Berlin before their Western allies and a brief camaraderie made way before long for the Cold War. Stalin's regime is accurately accused of imposing its will on Eastern Europe. Somewhat more subtly, the US did the



same in Western Europe. One of the CIA's first missions was to ensure that Italy did not vote in a communist or socialist majority in its first postwar poll. Part of the effort involved incorporating Nazi operatives or collaborators into 'democratic' Europe's postwar establishments.

The precursor of France's Rassemble-ment National, whose gains in last week's polls panicked Emmanuel Macron into calling a snap parliamentary election, was Front National, which was co-founded by Nazi collaborators. RN leader Marine Le Pen has been trying to cleanse the party of its fascist associations, including by distancing it from Germany's

Alternative für Deutschland, some of whose leaders refuse to stop expressing their admiration for the Third Reich. Notwithstanding some recent scandals involving its international associations — kowtowing to the Kremlin, for instance, and spying for China — the AfD did better in the Euro polls than any component of Chancellor Olaf Scholz's supposedly centre-left coalition, but not as well as the Christian Democrats (CDU).

The CDU's Ursula von der Leyen, who greeted the European election results by offering the assurance that the centre is holding, hopes to win a second term as European Commission president. She has lately been neofascist' Brothers of Italy came on top in another former Axis state. Meloni postures on the international stage as the acceptable face of Europe's far right, while her government's domestic attitudes reflect a clearer image of its perverse inclina-

courting Giorgia Meloni, whose 'post-

A defining feature of European politics in recent decades has been the extent to which the centre (both left and right) has sought to 'combat' the hard right by co-opting its ideas, notably (but not exclusively) on immigration. In many parts of Europe, for instance, economic distress is related to ageing societies and diminishing populations. But where is the party advocating better-organised immigration as a possible solution? The focus is identitarian, powered mainly by white Christian nationalism, and dedicated to excluding black and brown ethnicities. Hence the EU devotes its energies not to educating the masses but to bribing North African states to detain and brutalise the politically or economically persecuted unfortunates who aspire to a new life on the fringes of a European experiment that they don't realise has failed.

The second rou-nd of the French election, on July 7, will precede the op--ening ceremony of the Paris

Olympics barely by a fortnight. Macron is obviously hoping that the anti-fascist voters will emerge to thwart the likelihood of an FN majority. As many commentators have indicated, though, it could mean cohabiting with the hard right for the remainder of his presidential term, and then handing over to Le Pen in 2027.

Whether or not it crossed voters' minds, the war in Ukraine was a factor in the EU elections, with some of the far right as well as far left parties calling for accommodation with Vladimir Putin — the D-Day ceremonies also highlighted Russia's aggression as an echo of Nazi attitudes from long ago. Without excusing Putin's self-serving trespasses, it might have been more fruitful to focus on why Moscow might suspect the intentions of hostile neighbours.

Neither the EU's dedication to Ukraine nor its devotion to Israel notwithstanding the latter's genocidal tendencies, is likely to shift much in the near future, but the future of the anyhow inadequate Europ-ean Green Deal is in doubt. Add a second Trump administration to the equation, and humanity's short-term future shifts from gloom to doom, regardless of anything Putin or Xi Jinping might be plotting.

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

BIGBROTHER ANIMATES INTREPID

ACROSS

Hardest areas after storm revealing place with water shortage (6,6)

European city exchange disregarding Germany?

Agree to take part with mother withholding name? That's for the best (7) 11 Mountain range contains

popular places to go (7) 12 Something missing in favourite feature of skirt

3 Intimidating behaviour in

monarch (5)

the past involving historic

14 The writer's weapon to constrain junior academic bias (9)

16 Name put down, after reflection, to receive college discourse (9)

19 Rat in middle of pigeonry? That's an inspiration (5) 21 Biscuit: a form of tack consumed by Old English

23 Agree to start work? (4,3) 24 Diminish qualification somewhat diminished after receiving commercial

25 Clean and healthy account about start of month (7) 26 Where horse manure may go, confidentially (5,3,4)

endorsement? (7)

DOWN

Porn supremo perhaps

becoming less successful 2 Willing to participate, gave

heavyweight's entrance (4-1-2)3 Artists risk altering top of traditional mini? (2-2,5)

out in a ring after

Look defeated – day turning not so good (5) Sea still not quite stormy?

Be on your way (3,4) Recipe: various ingredients to make in small baking dish 20 Religious traveller

7 You and the congregation receiving start of sermon many times over (12)

10 Unemotional mother not fancying performance containing minimum of theatricality

15 Run from sponsor cornering

male in part of theatre 17 Opposed to information describing component of

(6-2-4)

vaccine (7) 18 Bean, cheese and meat -

19 Composer dismissing a

not good (7)

writer and painter (2,5) embedding stone in a staff (7)

22 Upright before going to court (5)

NOTE: Figures in parentheses denote the number of letters in the words required. (By arrangement with The Independent, London)

THUMBNAILS

Scope for investment: Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund has launched Aditya Birla Sun Life Quant Fund, an open-ended equity scheme following Quantbased investment theme. The New Fund Offer (NFO) will remain open from 10 June to 24 June. The fund's investment strategy is built around a proprietary quantitative model that aims to capture the best of both worlds by involving man and machine. Quant investing is unaffected by greed & fear and is therefore, an emotion free investment

Amazon India helps people with disabilities: Amazon India is running its annual **Global Month of Volunteer**ing since May 2024. Employees can engage in a variety of volunteer activities with an emphasis on education, food security, wellness and women's empowerment. Amazon India in partnership with Sarthak Education Trust has launched Global Resource Centre (GRC) to empower people with disabilities.

approach.

NBCC inks MoU with Oil India Limited valuing approx. Rs. 100 cr: NBCC (India) Limited, a Navratna CPSE, inked Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Oil India Limited (OIL) on 11.06.2024, for Construction of OIL`s centralized core repository with advanced laboratory facilities at Guwahati, Assam. This work is valued at Rs. 100 Crore approximately. The MoU was signed by Shri SalomaYomdo, ED (E&D), OIL and Shri Pradeep Sharma, ED (Engg.), NBCC in the presence of Dr. Ranjit Rath, CMD, OIL, Shri K.P. Mahadevaswamy, CMD, NBCC, Shri Saleem Ahmad, Director (Projects), NBCC and other senior level officials from both the organi-

India's tech spending to be highest in APAC this year: India's technology spending this year is estimated to be the highest in Asia Pacific (APAC) and will grow by 8 per cent, said a report on Wednesday.

Stock markets surge led by heavyweights, Nifty touches new high

Sensex opened at 76,679.11, and rose as much as 594 points to its intraday high of 77,050.53

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he stock market on Wednesday surged, led by heavyweights, and at the fag end of the session, indices came off their day's high and closed with mild gains.

Sensex opened at 76,679.11, and rose as much as 594 points to its intraday high of 77,050.53.

The index missed its alltime high level of 77,079.04 by just 29 points which it hit on June 10.

It finally closed 150 points,

or 0.20 per cent, at 76,606.57, with 19 stocks in the green.

The Nifty 50 hit its fresh alltime high of 23,441.95 during the session today. Nifty50 opened at 23,344.45 and the index closed 58 points, or 0.25 per cent, higher at 23,322.95, with 32 stocks in the green and 18 in the red.

Shares of Coal India (2.78 per cent), Power Grid (2.43 per cent) and Eicher Motors (1.81 per cent) were the top gainers in the Nifty 50 index while the Mahindra and Mahindra (1.37 per cent), Britannia (1.26 per cent) and Hindustan Unilever (0.97 per cent)



were the top losers. Among the sectors, all indices ended with gains barring Nifty FMCG (down 0.51 per cent), Auto (0.05 per cent) and Realty (0.04 per cent).

Nifty Media (1.89 per cent), PSU Bank (1.16 per cent), clocked significant gains. Nifty Bank rose 0.38 per

Healthcare (0.84 per cent) and Oil & Gas (0.83 per cent)

cent, while the Private Bank index ended 0.39 per cent

The BSE mid and smallcaps continued their outperformance as the BSE Midcap index rose 1.07 per cent and the Smallcap index clocked a gain of 1.06 per

The overall market capitalisation of companies listed on the BSE increased to nearly Rs 429.3 lakh crore from approximately Rs 427 lakh crore.

Indian Rupee appreciated 3 paise to close at 83.56 (provisional) against the US dollar riding on positive domestic market, wherein benchmark sensitive index Nifty touched a fresh all-time high.

Forex traders said rupee is trading in a narrow range as all eyes are on the US May CPI print and the US Federal Reserve's rate decision on the global front and India's Consumer Price Index (CPI)

on the domestic front. The volatility index India VIX fell over 2 per cent to 14, marking its third day of decline.

Shares of Oracle spiked nearly 9 per cent as investors cheered a boom in demand for the company's relatively low-cost cloud infrastructure services from artificial intelligence applications. The shares have so far this year gained 18 per cent.

Shares of newly listed Go-Digit General Insurance shares were trading 2 per cent higher to Rs 343, paring gains after the scaling 10 per cent to hit an all-time high of Rs 372, following the compa-

Ahead of US inflation data and the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting, global markets largely remained positive. Asian markets traded on a mixed note.

ny's robust Q4 results.

Retail inflation for May eases at 4.75 pc, the lowest in a year

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NEW DELHI. 12 JUNE:

The headline retail inflation for May eased to the lowest in a year at 4.75%, data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) showed on Wednesday.

The corresponding inflation rates for rural and urban areas are 5.28 and 4.15%, respectively.

All India inflation based on General CPI is lowest for the month of May 2024 after May 2023. It is less than 6% since September 2023, the government data said.

Notably, last month in April, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation in April was at 4.83%, the lowest after May 2023. The data released by the

ministry said in May, the 'Spices' have shown a considerable decline at a subgroup level in year-on-year inflation as compared to April 2024. Among the groups, inflation corresponding to 'Clothing & Footwear', 'Housing', and 'Miscellaneous' has decreased since last month. However, the Consumer Price Food Index or CPFI remained almost flat at 8.69% versus 8.7% a month



in its latest policy review, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) maintained its FY25 inflation projection of 4.5% but added that food prices could continue to be sticky. The MoSPI also released

the Quick Estimates of Index of Industrial Production (IIP). It said the growth rate for the month of April 2024 over the corresponding period of the previous year is 5% as compared to the IIP growth rate in April 2023 at 4.6%. The growth rates of the three sectors, Mining, Manufacturing, and Electricity for the month of April 2024 over April 2023 are 6.7%, 3.9%, and 10.2% respectively, the government data said.

Within the manufacturing sector, the growth rate of the top three positive contributors to the growth of IIP for

the month of April 2024 is -"Manufacture of basic metals" (8.1%), "Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products" (4.9%), and "Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers, and semi-trailers" (11.4%). Further, the data said the corresponding growth rates of IIP as per Use-based classification in April 2024 over April 2023 are 7% in Primary goods, 3.1% in Capital goods, 3.2% in Intermediate goods, 8% in Infrastructure/ Construction Goods, 9.8% in Consumer durables and -2.4% in Consumer non-

Based on the use-based classification, the top three positive contributors to the growth of IIP for the month of April 2024 are – Primary goods, Infrastructure/Construction goods, and Consumer durables.

durables.

RAILBUS can be a gamechanger for congested, polluting cities

RITWIK MUKHERJEE KOLKATA, 12 JUNE

India and Bangladesh have been coughing up a large sum, putting in place a large metro railway network across their cities and urban areas as a fast mass transit system. However, here is a Silicon Oasis, Dubai-headquartered startup, that feels that the two neighbouring countries would have done much better by building and developing Railbus network, a 100 per cent solar-powered mass transportation system. Railbus is a start-up floated by a group of ambitious visionary entrepreneurs, industrial designers and transportation special-

Speaking to The Statesman, the official spokesperson of RAILBUS Inc, said, "Yes, .RAILBUS, the state-of-theart, environmentally friendly and low-cost vehicle, would surely have been more efficient and effective in old and congested cities like Kolkata and Dhaka. Railbus would have also taken care of the vexed issues and burning problems of air and noise pollution, carbon emission and so on, she said.

The vision of the startup is to bring the modern transportation for many cities to create and support a sustainable development and the mission is to create the most low-



considered one of the few startup companies that has obtained membership in the International Union of Public Transport (UITP) due to its development of a system that is considered a major addition and a qualitative shift in public transportation.

Some of key features of RAILBUSVehicles, as pointed out by her include:

*Solar-Powered Efficiency: At the heart of RAILBUS's sustainability pledge is its reliance on solar energy. ?All tracks will be covered with state-of-the-art solar panels, harnessing renewable energy to power its journeys. This not only reduces carbon emissions but also ensures a consistent, cost-effective energy

*Advanced Design: RAIL-BUS vehicles boast a sleek, modern design optimized for urban landscapes. The aerodynamic structure minimizes energy consumption while maximizing passenger comfort. Attention to detail in design contributes to a pleasing aesthetic that integrates smoothly into the cityscape.

*Spacious and Accessible: Comfort and accessibility are central to the RAILBUS experience. The vehicles are designed to be spacious, with ample room for seating and standing passengers. They are

also compliant with disabilitylegislation, ensuring that they are accessible to all, including

those with mobility challenges. *Eco-Friendly Materials: In line with its commitment to the environment, RAILBUS vehicles are constructed using recyclable and eco-friendly materials. This approach reduces the ecological footprint of manufacturing and maintains the ethos of sustainability throughout the vehicle's lifecycle.

*Low Noise Emission: RAIL-BUS vehicles are designed to operate with minimal noise, contributing to reduced sound pollution in urban areas. This feature is particularly advantageous in densely populated cities, where noise pollution is a significant concern.

*High Efficiency and Reliability: Engineered for optimal performance, RAILBUS vehicles are reliable and efficient. They are equipped with the latest in transportation technology, ensuring that they meet the high demands of urban public transit in terms of both performance and durability.

* Safety and Security: Safety is paramount in the design of RAILBUS vehicles. Equipped with advanced safety features and monitored by a dedicated team, these vehicles provide a secure and reassuring environment for passengers.

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COURT NOTICES

IN THE LEARNED CITY CIVIL COURT AT CALCUTTA BEFORE THE LEARNED 11TH BENCH **TITLE SUIT NO. 2033 OF 2023**

Maharshi Commerce Limited, a Company within the meaning of the Companies Act, 2013 having its Registered Office at 18. Rabindra Sarani, Kolkata-700001, Police Station: Bowbazar;

... Plaintiff

-Versus-

Abanar Marketing Limited, a company within the meaning of the Companies Act, 2013 having its Registered Office at 113, Park Street, 8th Floor, Kolkata-700016, Police Station: Park Street, and also at 18, Rabindra Sarani, Basement, Kolkata-700001, Police Station: Bowbazar:

... Defendant

Abanar Marketing Limited, 113, Park Street, 8th Floor, Kolkata-700016, P.S.: Park Street, and also 18, Rabindra Sarani, Kolkata-700001, Basement, P.S.: Bowbazar.

WHEREAS the Plaintiff herein has filed the above Title Suit against the Defendant for eviction on 05-10-2023 before the Ld. XIth Judge, City Civil Court at Calcutta.

Now it is notified that on **08-07-2024** has been fixed for appearance of the Defendant, so you being the defendant abovenamed may appear in person or through authorized agent before the said Learned Court on the said date at 10-30 a.m. and to file written statement against the said suit for contesting the same or by taking over steps according to the provisions of law. In default the said suit will be heard and disposed off ex parte in accordance with law.

By Order Kallu Prasad Gond **Chief Administrative Officer** City Civil Court at Calcutta Date: 30-04-2024

COMPANY NOTICES

JAMSHEDPUR CONTINUOUS ANNEALING & PROCESSING COMPANY PRIVATE LIMITED

Registered Office: Tata Centre 43-Jawahar Lal Nehru Road Kolkata-700071, West Bengal **Corporate Identity Number:** U27310WB2011PTC160845

Contact: +91 9031000750 Website: www.jcapcpl.com Corporate E-mail id: communication@jcapcpl.com

NOTICE

(Pursuant to Section 201 of the Companies Act, 2013)

Pursuant to Section 201 of the Companies Act

("the Act"), notice is hereby given that the Company intends to make an application to the Central Government under Section 196, 197, 203 and rules made thereunder read with Schedule V and any other applicable Provisions of the said Act, for seeking approval of the Central Government to appoint / re-appoint Mr. Junichi Matsunaga (DIN-09119707), as the Executive Director of the Company with effect from April 1, 2024 till March 31, 2025. For Jamshedpur Continuous Annealing &

Processing Company Private Limited Prashant Kumar Company Secretary

Place: Kolkata, West Bengal Dated: June 13, 2024

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claim anything, any obligation, whatever it would be - would not be accepted. Subrata Mukherjee

(Advocate)

Ph.: 9836589476

PUBLIC NOTICES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO PUBLIC AT LARGE THAT my client MR. TAPASH ROY is intending to purchase the below mentioned Scheduled Property from its owner ANAR ALI MOLLA, son of Golamrsul Molla, by religion -Islam, by nationality – Indian, by occupation Business, residing at MAHAMMADPUR MAIN ROAD, KADAMPUKUR, P.O.: RAJARHAT, P.S. RAJARHAT, DIST.: NORTH 24 PARGANAS

If anybody is having any objection, claim, interest dispute for the above intended sale transaction, he she / they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his / her / their objections / claims / details of dispute/s within seven (7) days from the date of this publication, failing which, my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owner, as if there are no third party claims / objections / disputes in respect of the Scheduled Property and thereafter no claims / objections / disputes will be

Schedule of Property

ALL THAT piece and parcel of Vacant Shali Land measuring an area of 3.30 Decimals, more or less, out of total 11 Decimals, comprised in R.S. / L.R. Dag No. 731, under L.R. Khatian No. 78, of Mouza – Mohammadpur, J.L. No. 32, R.S. No. 84, Touzi No. 173 at present 10, under Gram Panchayet: Rajarhat Bishnupur - II, P.S.: Rajarhat, District: North 24 Parganas, within the jurisdiction of A.D.S.R. Rajarhat, Dist.: North 24 Parganas, West Bengal-

> **SWAPAN DASGUPTA** Advocate High Court, Calcutta Mobile No. 91-9830011303 E-mail:

CHANGE

Late Mohammad Abdul Lane, P.O. & P.S.: Garden declare vide Affidavit No. 1340 sworn before the 1st Metropolitan Magistrate, Bankshall Court, Kolkata-700001 on 10-

that Shahabuddin and Shahab Omer is the same and identical person.

700056 District: North 24

Parganas shall henceforth

I, AMIT Kanti Bose, S/o.

be known as Kiran Shah as **OF NAME** declared before the First Class Judicial Magistrate I, MD. SHAHABUDDIN, S/o. 3rd Court Barrackpore, North 24 Parganas, vide Ghaffar of G81A, Battikal 1st Affidavit No.: 62AB654934 Dated: 15-09-2021. Kiran Kolkata-700024 Shah and Kiran Shah Ray both are same and identical

Late Amal Kanti Bose, R/o. Md. Niva Apartment, 12B/1, Padmapukur Road, Flat # 2, Ground Floor, P.O.: Regent Estate, Kolkata-700092, shall henceforth be known as I, KIRAN Shah Ray, D/o. Amit Bose sworn before by Siddhartha Ray, residing at the Judicial Magistrate 1st Ground Floor-C, S.P.G. Plaza, Class, Alipore vide Affidavit 3 No. Basudevpur Main No. 9335 on 15-02-2024. Both Road, Mondal Para, P.O. & are one and the same

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

District: 24 Parganas (South) In the Court of the Learned 2nd Civil Judge (Senior Division) at Alipore

Money Suit No. 725 of 2023 Bells Advertising Syndicates, a registered partnership firm, having its Registered Office at 381, Madurdaha, Post Office: Madurdaha, Police Station: Anandapur, Kolkata-700107;

-Versus-

... Plaintiff

Align Media, a sole proprietorship company represented by Mr. Sanjay Saha Mondal, as the sole proprietor thereof, having its principal place of business at PS Arcadia Central, 9th Floor, 4A, Camac Street, Elgin, Police Station: Park Street, Kolkata-700017 and also its office at P223, Block-J, New Alipore, Police Station: New Alipore, Kolkata-700053;

... Defendant Please take notice that the abovenamed plaintiff has instituted the abovementioned Money Suit against you, being the defendant therein and you are hereby directed to appear either by person or through an Advocate within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice and to file the written statement before the Court of the Learned 2nd Civil Judge (Senior Division) at Alipore, Kolkata-700027, failing which the above suit will be heard ex parte against you. By Order

Tanay Mondal Sherestadar Court of the Learned 2nd Civil Judge (Senior Division) at Alipore Date: 05-06-2024

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Hunter Biden found guilty: What's next

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unter Biden's legal woes are not over after his conviction on three felony firearms charges in a trial that put a spotlight on his drug-

fueled past. Now, President Joe Biden's

son faces sentencing, and another criminal trial on tax charges in the middle of his father's reelection campaign.

Jurors found Hunter Biden guilty on Tuesday after just three hours of deliberations over two days in the federal court in Wilmington, Delaware. The case stemmed from a gun Hunter Biden bought in

36A, Hemanta Basu Sarani, Kolkata-70000

WBIDFC LTD. invites e-tender from

bonafide agencies for Maintenance and

Operation of Existing Fire Fighting

Systems (Detection and Protection) (3rd Call). Last date of submission of

application: 20.06.2024. For further

details, please visit: www.wbidfc.co.ir

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2018 while, as prosecutors say, he was in the throes of a crack cocaine addiction. Here's a look at what's next

for Hunter Biden:

Sentencing He was convicted of lying on a mandatory gun purchase form by saying he was not illegally using or addicted to drugs, and illegally hav-

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E-Tendering Notice No: 2024-June-02

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"www.ireps.gov.in" up to 15.00 hrs on 01.07.2024.

SSE/W/IDH & SSE/W/AGC for two years under ADEN-HQ, Agra.

S.No.: 1 Tender No.: 2024-June-02-01

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering), N.C. Rly Agra for and on behalf of the

President of India invites "Open Tender" through on Line only (E-Tendering) for the

Description of work: Cleaning of sewer line and manhole etc. in the jurisdiction of

S.No.: 2 Tender No.: 2024-June-02-02 Approx. Cost (Rs.): ₹ 5896040.35

Description of work: Provision of Boundary wall along the length of 2nd pit line at

S.No.: 3 Tender No.: 2024-June-02-03 Approx. Cost (Rs.): ₹ 6436939.20

Description of work: Provision of Ladies Toilets and Changing Rooms at DHO(P).

For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website

'www.ireps.gov.in". Tenders can only be submitted through web portal

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DRM office, AGC(P), AGC(TL/AC), IDH(P), AF(P), KSV(P) & BAAD(P) Depot.

contact office notice board.

ing the gun for 11 days.

The three counts carry up to 25 years in prison. But whether the president's son actually serves any time behind bars will be up to U.S. District Judge Maryellen Noreika. The judge, who was nominated to the bench by former Republican President Donald Trump, didn't immediately set a date



for sentencing. In the federal system, firsttime offenders don't get any-

Date: 07.06.2024

where near the maximum home detention. sentence. Federal sentenc-In pressing the judge not ing guidelines—which judges

to put him behind bars, defense lawyers will likely note that. unlike many illegal firearm possession cases, Hunter Biden's gun was not used in a crime. Hunter Biden never even fired the gun, which he had for 11 days before it got thrown in the trash, his lawyers have said.

The defense will also likely emphasize that Hunter Biden has since turned his life around. He has said he has been sober since 2019. Also, there have been no reported violations of his conditions of release, including that he continues to abstain from drugs and alcohol and participate in a recovery program.

Jalpaiguri

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY Corrigendum

Corrigendum: NIT No. 2024-May-05-04 Due to unavoidable

reasons NIT No. 2024-May-05-04 is cancelled.



E-Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/ North Central Railway, Prayagraj for and on behalf of the President of India, invites online open tenders (E-tender) as detailed below-

SN E-Tender Notice No. Name of Work: Miscellaneous Environmental related work & associated drainage work & 3620242025-87 connection with Jal Nigam sewer at DSA Prayagraj. Approx Cost (In ₹): 1,10,22,316.08 Earnest Money (In ₹): 2,05,100.00 Name of Work: Heavy repairs to GM Bunglow SN E-Tender Notice No. & surrounding campus at Leader Road, 2. 3620242025-88 Approx Cost (In ₹): 99,39,030.00 Earnest Money (In ₹): 1,98,800.00

SN E-Tender Notice No. Name of Work: Afforestation and development of green area at various locations under 3. 3620242025-89 jurisdiction of DEN/E/PRYJ Approx Cost (In ₹): 2,03,79,999.00 Earnest Money (In ₹): 2,51,900.00 SN E-Tender Notice No. Name of Work: Provision of one additional room

with toilet in 23 No's. Type V quarter and one additional toilet in 06 No's. Type V special quarter in Railgaon colony. Approx Cost (In ₹): 1,56,69,185.58 | Earnest Money (In ₹): 2,28,400.00

Date & Time of Closing of tender (For SN 1 to 4): 01.07.2024 at 15:00 PM Completion Period: (For SN 1,3, 4): 6 Months, (For SN 2): 4 Months, Nature of work: (For SN 1): Any Civil Engineering work., (For SN 2,4): Building works. (For SN 3): Horticulture Work., Note: 1) For full details and submission of tenders, please see the Indian Railway website www.ireps.gov.in. 💢 @CPRONCR 🚹 North central railways @ @ oproncrty 💹 @northoentralrailway 🚟 www.ncz.indianrailways.gou.in

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2.	प्राक्कलित राशि (रूपये में)	रुपये 4,93,90,562.00 (चार करोड़ तिरान्वे लाख नब्वे हजार पाँच सौ बासठ) मात्र				
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5.	निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	24 / 06 / 2024 12:00 बजे दिन तक				
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04th July 2024 at 17:00 hours

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834001.

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Project Director (Technical)

JUIDCO Ltd., Ranchi

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PR 326104 (Road) 24-25 (D)

Name of the work

Mode of Bid Submission

Estimated Cost

Tender Fee and Bid Security

Date & Time of Publication of

Tender on Website

Date & Time of pre-bid

Last Date & Time of Bid

Submission

Date & Time of Bid Opening

Bid Submission Address

Note Only e-tenders will be accepted.

Development and Housing(24-25)#D

procurement website http://:jharkhandtenders.gov.in

12. Helpline No. of e-Procurement

PR 326160 Urban

6. Last Date & Time of submission of pre-bid queries

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS "THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT TENDERS" TENDER NOTICE No.: S/2024/61 The Principal Chief Material Manager, North Western Railway, headquarter 3rd floor, Near Jawahar circle, Malviya Nagar, Jaipur-302017 for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-tenders on www.ireps.gov.in site as follows. All the E- tenders will be closed at 14.25 hrs. Sr.No. Tender No. **Brief Description** Qty. Unit Due date 30243329 ELASTOMERIC PAD 181 Set 20.06.2024 30242151 KIT FOR SELF LUBRICATED 427 Set 24.05.2024

2	30242151	POLYSTER RESIN (SLPR) BUSHES/ HIGH PERFORMANCE POLYMIDE (HPPA) BUSHES	427	Set	24.06.2024
3	37242953	Knuckle pivot pin with washer for BCNHL, BOXNHL wagon.	7847	Nos	26.06.2024
4	30242269A	Foot step complete for LHB coaches	883	Nos	26.06.2024
5	37243044	Yoke to RDSO drg. no.SK-62724 Alt- 30, item-3.	3826	Nos	27.06.2024
6	30242246	Rubber pad for primary suspension for fiat IR bogie	7290	Nos	01.07.2024
7	30243379	OVER HAULING KIT FOR BRAKE CYLINDER PBEC 254-160 FTRTIPL PART NO 139800 FOR LHB COACHES	1055	Set	01.07.2024
8	60245024	DOUBLE ENDED CARTIDGE TPAER ROLLER BEARING MOUNTING MACHINE FOR CLASS E CTRB.	01	Nos	01.07.202
9	30243190	CIRCUIT BOARD PB03 A FOR WSP SYSTEM OF LHB COACHES	32	Nos	01.07.202
10	30242171	Secondary vertical damper	631	Nos	01.07.202
11	30240118	Air brake hose pipe coupling for feed pipe BG to RDSO	13187	Nos	01.07.202
12	30242178	Traction center elastic joint.	2200	Nos	01.07.202
13	10240644	BEARING ASSEMBLY PE TO BHEL CAT No.428430001 AND BHEL DRAWING No.04394328002V00 OR EQUIVALENT FOR TRACTION MOTOR TM 4303 DY FOR 1400HP DEMU/DPC	49	Nos	01.07.2024
14	30242197	Ball joint roll link to flat	8963	Nos	02.07.202
15	30243186	CIRCUT BOARD MB 04B FOR WSP SYSTEM OF LHB COACHES KBI PART NO. STN 28339/00000	42	Nos	03.07.202
16	37242854A	Side bearer top for BCN wagon.	2709	Nos	03.07.202
17	30240175	BRAKE CYLINDER PBAC 254-130 FTRTIPL-PART NO 4 F-125156 FOR LHB COACHES.	11	Nos	150550000
18	30240334	ELASTOMERIC PAD (TPE SPRING PAD) COMPLETES SET	255	Set	08.07.202
19	30242187	Lateral bump stop to FIAT	3159	Nos	08.07.202
20	30241264	Mirror assembly	9755	Nos	08.07.202
21	30242181A	Secondary lateral damper	376	Nos	
22	20231384A	SET OF LOCK NUT F.S. ALL STEEL	60	Set	08.07.202
23	30242203	Set of 35 mm Non Asbestos based organic brake pads for LHB coaches.	32683	Set	09.07.202
24	30240172B	Hanger for bolster suspension	9333	Nos	15.07.202
25	30242177	Secondary spring for LHB coaches	221	Nos	15.07.202
26	30243089	OVERHAULING KIT FOR COCK DH7 FOR LHB COACHES	861	Set	15.07.202
27	30242247	Water tank (2 x 685 Ltrs.) Assembly with lower frame for LHB type coaches	17	Nos	15.07.202
28	37241966	Narrow jaw adapter.	32650	Nos	16.07.202
29	37242820	Lock bolt (22.2 mm)	38629	Nos	16.07.202
30	37242770	Guard chair	609	Nos	22.07.202
31	30240103A	DISTRIBUTOR VALVE WITHOUT COMMON PIPE BRACKET WITH RELAY VALVE FEATURE	84	Nos	22.07.202
32	85242079	CONE ROLLER AND CAGE ASSEMBLY FOR CTRB CLASS-E (6" x 11") FOR FREIGHT STOCK 22.3/22.9 T. AXLE LOAD MAKE NEI - TO DRG. NO. PESD-6085 (NARROW) REV. D. STR NO. AB/RB39-2002 REV.4 OF FEB. 2018 (EACH CONE ASSEMBLY SHALL CONSIST CONE-01 NO, CAGE, 01 NO, ROLLER SET 1 OF 24 NOS ROLLER DULY ASSEMBLED CONDITION)	590	Set	29.07.202
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33 81241186A HFC REFRIGERANT GAS R-407-C, IN 6390 Kgs 05.08.2024 CAPACITY OF 45KG CYLINDER EACH. CORRIGENDUM Opening Date Sr.No. Tender Description Existing To be read as 24.06.2024 10.07.2024 50245063 Running contract for power | S/2024/58 cable size 2cx25 sq.mm. for a period of one year NOTE- Another tender condition has been added in tender document, details may

Note:- (1) Interested tenderers may visit the website ireps.gov.in for Full details/ description/Specification/EMD & tender cost etc. All tenderers are requested to obtain digital signatures and get them registered on above site and quote electronically only. (2) For viewing and participating in other tenders such as open tender costing below Rs. 25 Lakh, limited tenders, special limited tenders and low value

be seen on site of IREPS

679-AD/24 tenders, please visit www.ireps.gov.in Please join us on (*) (*) NWRailways

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY 624

Tender Notice No. AGC-EL-GSU-T-10-24

TENDER NOTICE

Old Malda Development Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Gati Shakti), North Central Railway, Agra or Block, Malda. N.I.T. No. 01(e) behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on line only OMB / 2024-25 circulated (E-Tendering) for the following works. vide Memo No. 1201 / OMB Name of work with its location & Completion period: Electrical general work Dated: 11-06-2024 and Last of related Tank Wagon Depot, Development of Sick line shed at Existing stean deadline: **26-06-2024** up to cleaning Area and Extension of Existing trolley section shed at TWD Baad. 11-00 a.m. Bona fide contrac-Completion Period: 09 months. Approx Cost of the work: ₹7989511.05,

> Closing date of Tender: 01.07.2024 @ 12.00 Hrs. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway website www.ireps.gov.in.Tenders can only be submitted through web portal www.ireps.gov.in up to 12.00 hrs. on 01.07.2024.

North central railways 🔣 @CPRONCR 🔚 @north central railway 🔞 www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

Dated: 07.06.2024

Approx. Cost (Rs.): ₹ 9904876.35

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ments for defendants — are

expected to recommend a far

lighter punishment. And judges

aren't bound by the guidelines,

so she could decide not to send

him to prison at all. Other

options include probation or

Jalpaiguri Notice Inviting eTender by the undersigned for different works vide NIT No. BANARHAT / EO / NIT-018 / 2023-24. Last date of online bid submission: 19-06-2024 at 3-00 p.m.

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बिहार पुलिस भवन निर्माण निगम (बिहार सरकार का उपक्रम) कौटिल्य नगर, पटना–14, फोन नं0– 0612–2950702

राष्ट्रीय / स्पर्द्धा / ई० निविदा (एस०बी०डी०)

ई0-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या- 01/SBD/2024-25

1 विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता : मुख्य अभियन्ता, बिहार पुलिस भवन निर्माण निगम, मुख्यालय, पटना। 2. निविदा आमंत्रित करने की तिथि : दि0-10-06-2024 3. निविदा डाउनलोड करने की तिथि : दि0- 08-07-2024 से 18-07-2024 तक | 4. निविदा अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : दि0-20-07-2024 को 17.00 बजे तक। 5. प्री बीड मिटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान : दि0- 10-07-2024 को 15.00 बजे। मुख्य अभियन्ता, बिहार पुलिस भवन निर्माण निगम, मुख्यालय, पटना के कार्यालय कक्ष में। ६. (क) तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय: दि0- 22-07-2024 को 16.00 बजे। (ख) वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : तकनीकी बीड का निष्पादन सक्षम प्राधिकार से होने के पश्चात । 7. निविदा पत्र बिकी का स्थान : www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर । ह. निविदा की वैद्यता अवधि : 120 दिन । 9. कार्य का विवरण :--

कम संठ	कार्य का नाम	कार्यं0 अभि0, बि0पु० भ0 नि0 नि0, कार्य प्र0	परिमाण विपन्न की राशि (लाख रू० में)	अग्रधन की राशि (रूo में)	निविदा कागजात का मूल्य (रू० में)	बीड प्रोसेसिंग चार्ज सेवा कर सहित	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	मधुबनी जिलान्तर्गत पुलिस केन्द्र, मधुबनी में प्रस्तावित भवनों का विद्युतिकरण सहित निर्माण कार्य। (पुनर्निविदा)	दरभंगा	5067.21	6067300	10000	As per eproc 2.	17 माह
2.	वगहा पुलिस जिलान्तर्गत वगहा पुलिस केन्द्र के विभिन्न भवनों का विद्यतिकरण सहित निर्माण कार्य।	मुजफ्फरपुर	5061.44	6061500	10000	As per	17 माह

10. इस निविदा की अन्य विस्तृत जानकारी एवं आवश्यक शर्ते अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय के सूचना पट एवं बेवसाईट www.bpbcc.co.पद पर देखा जा सकता है तथा ई-निविदा-पत्र www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है ।

विस्तृत जानकारी www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर देखी जा सकती है।

नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार। PR-001563 (B & C) 2024-25

मुख्य अभियंता, बिहार पुलिस भवन निर्माण निगम, पटना।

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Notice Inviting Tender

The E-Bids is hereby invited on behalf of the Chairman, Ashokenagar Kalyangarh Municipality.

Tender ID: 2024 MAD 692157 1 to 3 **Bid Submission End Date:** 21-Jun-2024 09:00 AM for details, please see website at www.wbtender.gov.in.

Ashokenagar-Kalyangarh Municipality

BENFISH G.N. 31, Block, Sector-V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700091 NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Ref. No.: BENFISH/MD/NIT-01(e)/2024-25 Memo No.: 774/IV-291/11 Date: 12.06.2024

MD, BENFISH invites the above mentioned e-Tender for Renovation of Ganga Bhawan Tourist Lodge Painting (Priming) etc. works at Ganga Bhawan, Diamond Horbour, Dist. South 24 Pgs. from the reliable reputed companies. Closing Date 26.06.2024. For details please visit (https://wbtenders.gov.in) / benfish.co.in/Tenders

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, राँची पश्चिम, राँची

ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना

Tender Reference No. - DWSD/RW-01/2024-25 Date - 12-06-2024

S.No	Name of the Work	Estimate Cost (in Lac)	Ernest money (in Lac)	BOQ cost (in Rs.) 8			
1	2	6	7				
1	Shifting of pipe line of Tatisilway RWSS due to Road widening of Ranchi-Purulia road in Namkum Block under D.W. & S. Division, Ranchi West for the year 2024-25 on turnkey basis."	410.709	4.11	10000.00			
2	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि		06 Months				
3	वेत्रसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	15-0€	06-2024 at 05:00 P.M				
4	प्री—बीड बैठक का स्थान एवं तिथि		18-06-2024 /12:30 P.M मेत्रीय मुख्य अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, राँची प्रदे राँची।.				
5	निविदा ऑन लाईन बिढींग करने का तिथि एवं समय	20-06-2024 /05:00 P.M					
8	निविदा प्राप्ति (ऑन लाईन बिडींग) की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय (सरकार के सचिव, सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी एवं ई-नवर्नेस, झारखण्ड मत्रांलय, के झापांक 120 दिनांक 03.10.2023 के आलोक में)	26-06-2024 up to 05:00 P.M					
7	बीड खोलने की तिथि/समय	27-06-2024 up to 05:00 P.M					
8	निविदा प्रकाषित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता।	कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, राँची पष्टि राँची।					
9	ई-प्रोक्योरमेट सेल का हेल्पलाईन संख्या	50	0651-2491247				

किसी भी प्रकार का बदलाव http://jharkhandtendars.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

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निविदा में प्राक्कलित राशि घट—बढ़ सकती है, तत्पश्चात अग्रधन की राशि मान्य होगा।

कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, रोंची पश्चिम, रांची। PR.NO.326206 Drinking Water and Sanitation(24-25):D

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल, दुमका। ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सचना

कमांक	योजना का नाम	प्रसम्ब	प्राक्कलित राजि (लाख में)	अग्रधन की राशि (रुपये में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रुपये में)	वेबसाईट में ई-निविदा प्रकाशन की तिब्धि एवं समय	वेबसाईट में ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	खोलने की	ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी के कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता		कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
1	अगोईया बाँध मध्यम सिंघाई योजना का जीजाँद्वार	जामा	68.673	1,38,000.00	10,000.00			3000	41.5-1	11 माह			
2	खरना बाँध मध्यम सिंचाई योजना का जीर्णोद्धार	सरैयाहाट	94,902	1,90,000.00	10,000.00				5.7	9693906454	11 माह		
3	कमरबीहा बाँध का जीर्णोद्धार	सरैयाहाट	51,329	1,03,000.00	10,000.00						11 मार		
4	जोंकी बाँध मध्यम सिंचाई योजना का जीर्जोद्धार	सरैयाहाट	231.969	4,64,000.00	10,000.00						12 माह		
5	मुगांबनी/धानबारी जोरिया पर शृंखलाबद्ध चेक डैम निर्माण	दुमका	169.386	3,39,000.00	10,000.00						12 माह		
6	भीखा नदी पर शृंखलाबद्ध चेक डैम निर्माण	दुसका	151.269	3,03,000.00	10,000.00						12 माह		
7	गोलक्षा जोरिया पर शृंखलाबद्ध चेक डैम निर्माण	मसलिया	156.951	3,14,000,00	10,000.00						12 मार		
8	बिंदासराय/लेटो जोरिया पर शृंखलाबद्ध चेक डैम निर्माण	रामगढ	161.485	3,23,000.00	10,000.00	19/06/2024	04/07/2024	35/07/2024			12 माह		
9	संथाली बेदिया जोरिया पर चेक डैम निर्माण	मसलिया	66.097	1,33,000.00	10,000.00	(पूर्वाहन	(अपराहन	(अपराहन			11 माह		
10	छोटा चापुड़िया जोरिया पर चेक डैम निर्माण	मसलिया	77.008	1,55,000.00	10,000.00	10.30 वजे	05.00 बजे	05.00 बजे)			11 मार		
11	बेलियाडीह सलाई आहर जोरिया पर चेक डैम निर्माण	मसलिया	83,415	1,67,000.00	10,000.00	से)	तक)				11 माह		
12	बेलातारी/कुरमटॉड जोरिया पर चेक डैम निर्माण	रामगढ़	85.563	1,72,000.00	10,000.00						11 माह		
13	भागाबीच / सुद्धीगमरिया जोरिया पर शृंखलाबद्ध चेक डेम निर्माण	रामगढ	148,285	2,97,000.00	10,000.00						12 माह		
14	ग्राम – द्वारपहाड़ी के बोकवा जोरिया पर घेक डैम निर्माण	रामगढ	77.008	1,55,000,00	10,000.00							11 माह	
15	कैरासोल जोरिया पर चेक डैम निर्माण	रामगढ	70.646	1,42,000.00	10,000.00							11 मार	
16	ग्राम – उपर मंझयाडा / लेटो जोरिया पर चेक डैम निर्माण	दुभका	64.452	1,29,000.00	10,000.00								
17	बाराटींड जोरिया पर चेक डैम निर्माण	दमका	64.032	1,29,000.00	10,000.00						11 मार		

केवल ई-निविदा ही स्वीकार किया जायेगा।

PR 326078 Minor Irrigation(24-25)D

निविदा शूल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा ही स्वीकार्य होगी।

निविदा शूल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई-भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो सारी जवाबदेही संबंधित निविदादाता की होगी।

(4) प्राक्कलित राशि घट बढ़ सकती है। अग्रधन की राशि परिमाण विपत्र की राशि के अनुसार होगी।

(5) राज्य सरकार के द्वारा निर्गत सभी अद्यतन आदेश / परिपत्र लागु होंगे। विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in में लॉगआन करें।

कार्यपालक अभियता,लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, दुमका।





CM Sarma announces ₹800 cr package for Assam tea gardens

Every teagarden in Assam will receive a grant of Rs 1 crore dedicated to road construction.

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE GUWAHATI, 12 JUNE

o facilitate the construction of roads across the tea gardens of Assam, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has unveiled a substantial pack-

age of Rs 800 crore. This initiative specifically targets the enhancement of infrastructure within the state's tea gardens.

In a major boost to the state's tea industry, every tea garden in Assam will receive a grant of Rs 1 crore dedicated to road construction. This funding aims to improve accessibility and connectivity within the tea garden

During a recent cabinet meeting, the state government sanctioned the necessary funds, emphasising its



Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma addresses a press conference in the presence of State Minister Pijush Hazarika and others, in Guwahati on Wednesday. ANI

ongoing commitment to annually enhance the roads in tea gardens. This move underscores the government's dedication to improving the quality of life for those working and living in these areas.

Shifting the focus to the education sector, Chief Min-

ister Sarma announced an ambitious plan to modernise over 500 schools across Assam by the end of the next year.

This initiative is part of a broader effort to elevate the state's educational infrastructure.

Highlighting the govern-

ment's commitment to education, Sarma revealed that the state has been constructing 126 schools each year, with each school receiving an investment ranging from Rs 7.5-8 crore.

This consistent investment is aimed at providing better learning environments for students.

In a significant policy move, the Chief Minister introduced the 'Nijut Moina' scheme, designed to bring down the number of early marriages and promote higher education among girl students in Assam. This scheme represents a comprehensive approach to tackling social issues while encouraging academic

achievement. Under the 'Nijut Moina' scheme, girl students will receive financial support based on their educational level. Those enrolling in classes 11 and 12 will receive a monthly stipend of Rs 1,000, those pursuing graduation will get Rs 1,250, and postgraduate students will receive Rs 2,500 per month.

The stipends will be disbursed on the 11th of every month, providing timely financial assistance to families. This initiative aims to alleviate economic burdens and incentivise families to allow their daughters to continue their education.

The 'Nijut Moina' scheme is projected to require an annual budget of approximately Rs 300-350 crore. However, as more students begin to benefit from the programme, the budget could potentially rise to Rs 1,500 crore, reflecting the growing impact and reach of this initiative.

Meghalaya's VPP to sit in Opp in LS, not to join INDIA bloc

AGENCIES

SHILLONG, 12 JUNE

The new regional outfit in Meghalaya, Voice of the People Party (VPP), which won the Shillong Lok Sabha seat, will sit in the opposition in the Lower House, but will not join the INDIA bloc.

Ardent Miller Basaiawmoit, the president of VPP, told a news agency, "We have a certain ideology that asserts safeguarding the minority people and we can not compromise on that front. That is why we will not support the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) led by the BJP."

He said that as they have not supported the NDA, the lone MP of VPP will sit in the opposition but they are not going to join the opposition

"Our MP will sit in the opposition bench in the Lower House of Parliament. However, the VPP will not join the INDIA bloc," Basaiawmoit



We fought LS polls as people helped us a lot. Our party did not have enough money to contest elections and the general people funded us. So, we have to give priority to solving people`s difficulties

ARDENT MILLER BASAIAWMOIT

said. The VPP leader also said that based on Meghalaya's development issues, their Lok Sabha MP may support the decisions of the ruling gov-

ernment at the Centre as well. He asserted that the development of the hill state stands as a priority for the VPP and people have supported them for this.

Basaiawmoit stated, "We fought Lok Sabha polls as people helped us a lot. Our party did not have enough money to contest elections and the general people funded us. So, we have to give priority to

solving people's difficulties." Notably, Ricky Andrew J. Syngkon, the leader of VPP, stunned two political heavyweights in the hill state by defeating them in the Lok Sabha polls by a formidable margin of more than 3.71 lakh votes.

Syngkon, a professor of commerce at North Eastern Hill University (NEHU) in Shillong, defeated three-time MP from Shillong Lok Sabha seat Vincent Pala in the Lok Sabha polls. Moreover, the ruling party's candidate and state health minister, Ampareen Lyngdoh, also could not hold ground before Prof Syngkon, who contested the polls for the first time.

Akhilesh resigns from UP Assembly; SP starts hunt for new LoP



LUCKNOW, 12 JUNE

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Wednesday resigned from the membership of the Karhal assembly seat in Uttar Pradesh.

He was elected MP from Kannauj Lok Sabha seat and therefore had to resign from the Karhal assembly seat in Etawah district.

With his resignation, he will also lose the leader of the opposition post and the party will have to scout for a new

Principal Secretary of the Assembly, Pradeep Dubey said he has received the Samajwadi Party (SP) leader's resignation letter.

SP under Akhilesh won 37 seats in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Earlier, SP MLA Lalji Verma had also resigned from Katheri assembly segment after he got elected from Ambedkarnagar Lok Sabha

Meanwhile, SP leadership is in search of a new leader of the opposition in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly.

Akhilesh's uncle MLA Shivpal Singh Yadav is the front runner for the post besides three other MLAs~ Ram Achal Rajbhar, Inderjit Saroj and Kamal Akhtar.



A man carrying his child commutes with their heads covered with a cloth on a scorching hot afternoon, at Heritage Street, near the Golden Temple, in Amritsar on Wednesday.

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UP by-elections: BJP resolves to regain lost ground

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LUCKNOW, 12 JUNE

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Uttar Pradesh has decided to regain lost ground by winning the 10 assembly seats where by-elections are to be held in the coming months.

These seats are those that will be vacated due to the resignations of those legislators who have been elected to the Lok Sabha in the just-concluded elections. The seats that will fall

vacant are Karhal in Mainpuri (Akhilesh Yadav), Awadhesh Prasad (Ayodhya), Lalji Varma (Ambedkar Nagar), Zia-ur-Rehman Barq (Moradabad). All these seats are held by the Samajwadi Party.

The seats where by-elections will be held and are presently held by BJP include

elected to the Lok Sabha in the just-concluded elections. Anoop Valmiki (Aligarh), Atul Garg (Ghaziabad), Parveen

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Patel (Phulpur) and Vinod Kumar Bind (Mirzapur). By-elections will also be held in the Meerapur assembly seat since the MLA from here, Chandan Chauhan has

been elected to Lok Sabha on

RLD symbol. Uttar Pradesh minister Jitin Prasada, who won from the Pilibhit seat, was a member of the Legislative Council and he has sent his resignaBy-elections will also be

The sword is also dan-

gling on the heads of six SP

MLAs who cross-voted in the Rajva Sabha elections earlier this year in February. They include Manoj Pandey (Raebareli), Rakesh Pandey (Ambedkar Nagar),

Abhay Singh (Faizabad) Rakesh Pratap Singh (Amethi), Vinod Chaturvedi (Jalaun), Puja Pal (Kaushambhi), The Samajwadi Party which recorded a win with 37 seats in the Lok Sabha elections, is

in no mood to forgive these

rebel MLAs. SP President Akhilesh Yadav has made it clear that action will be initiated against them 'soon'.

If the SP moves a disqualification petition against these

rebel MLAs and the Speaker disqualifies them, by-elecheld for his seat in the Upper tions will be held on their six

> A senior BJP functionary told a news agency on Wednesday, "We have already started preparing for by-elections without wasting any time. We have learnt lessons from the Lok Sabha polls and we will make sure that we win back the seats in the by-elections. The process of shortlisting candidates is already about to begin."

The Samajwadi spokesman, on the other hand, said, that the voters had already taught the rebel MLAs a lesson and the SP had won in their respective constituencies.

"The by-elections will further consolidate the INDIA bloc position in the UP assembly," he said.

UP govt focuses on making Chitrakoot's Ranipur Tiger Reserve a hub of eco-tourism

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, 12 JUNE

Committed to enhancing the state's forested areas, sanctuaries, and reserves, the Uttar Pradesh government is transforming the Ranipur Tiger Reserve in Chitrakoot into a premier eco-tourism destination.

A detailed action plan has been devised to realize the vision of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and the Forest Department has already commenced project implementation, officials here said on Wednesday.

The plan includes allocation of an estimated Rs 38 lakh for upgrading tourist facili-



ties within the reserve and enhancing infrastructure in the surrounding buffer zone. To facilitate these endeavors, directives have been issued by the office of the Deputy Director of the Ranipur Tiger Reserve/Divisional Officer in Chitrakoot.

The Ranipur Tiger Reserve

covers an expansive area of 230 square kilometres. It is the fourth such reserve in UP and the 53rd nationwide. Situated a mere 150 kilo-

metres from Madhya

Pradesh's Panna Tiger Reserve, it serves as a haven for tigers and a diverse array of wildlife, including leopards, bears, sambar deer, and chinkara. Recognising the significant tourism potential of this region, the Yogi government

has intensified development efforts here. Adhering to stringent environmental standards, the area is being meticulously developed to ensure sustainable growth.

The primary focus of tourist amenities currently under development in the Ranipur Tiger Reserve is the luxury tent area. This space aims to allow visitors to immerse themselves in the unparalleled beauty of nature while enjoying top-notch amenities.

In addition to upgrading civic amenities within the forest, the plans entail developing lawn areas and designated parking spaces. Moreover, the installation of cane benches and the establishment of interpretation centres will bolster the monitoring system. Applications are invited to oversee these projects' completion, ensuring the selection of capable developer agencies.

Deployment of NSG commandos in Ayodhya under consideration

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE AYODHYA, 12 JUNE

The Central government proposed the deployment of a unit of the National Security Group (NSG) commandos in the city of Ram Lalla soon for the enhanced protection of the Ram temple and other religious places.

Sources said here on Wednesday that the Centre is preparing to set up an NSG commando unit here for which the search is on for a suitable land.

After the proposal is approved by the Central Government, the Black Cat commandos of the NSG will be

After the proposal is approved by the Central Government, the **Black Cat commandos** of the NSG will be deployed in Ayodhya

rity agencies of the Central government and four of the state government are deployed in the district. National Security Group

deployed here. So far, two secu-

commandos are called from Delhi on any VVIP visit.

After the construction of the Ram temple, VVIP visits have become frequent in the district and there is a huge

crowd of devotees all the time. Besides, Ayodhya has also been the target of terrorists from time to time. In view of

this security here is being tightened. This is the reason preparations are on to establish a unit of NSG commando here,

sources said. According to sources, the NSG team contacted the district administration to identify the land and make it

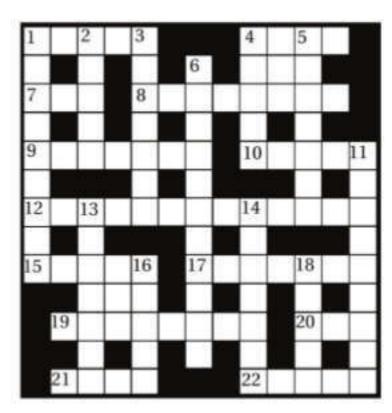
available to them. A senior police officer confirmed the proposed deployment of an National Security Group (NSG) unit in Ayodhya but did not give any

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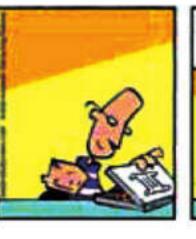




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Beyond the 'angry young man'

SANJUKTA DASGUPTA

cclaimed film critic Shoma A. Chatterjee won her first National Film Critics Award in 1990, in the same year that Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan received the National Best Film Actor Award for the first time. The film actor and film critic are contemporaries; Chatterjee is a year or two younger than Bachchan. Recently, Chatterjee published her thirty-second book on Indian cinema, titled Amitabh Bachchan As The Other. The book was launched a month ago at The Bengal Club in Kolkata by film actors, directors, critics and Bachchan fans.

Amitabh Bachchan As The Other is not a biography of the celebrated film actor. In that case, we could have pondered over his first name, which was rejected in favour of 'Amitabh', the name everyone knows him by. If the first name had not been changed, it could have been the first Other in the life and career of the superstar. Initially, he was named by his highly educated, cultured and progressive parents as "Inqilab". His poet father changed the family's caste-based surname 'Srivastava' to Bachchan. So one may state that Amitabh Bachchan (Ingilab Srivastava) was already the non-conformist 'Other' challenging the conservative, casteist, patriarchal ecosystem.

The title of Chatterjee's book has roused a lot of curiosity. Many have wondered about Chatterjee's claim of otherization, which defines the inimitable career of the phenomenal icon of Bollywood. In fact, in the foreword to the book, filmmaker and founder of the Film Heritage Foundation Shivendra Singh Dungarpur observed that Chatterjee's book "will give readers a sense of the extraordinary trajectory of the career of Amitabh Bachchan.". Dungarpur further comments that "her definition of 'other' is sweeping" as it encompasses the superstar's career, as he keeps on adding one path-breaking achievement after another in his diverse roles that focus on out-of-the-box content.

Chatterjee herself considers the writing of her book to have been the most challenging among all her other books on Indian films. In the preface, Chatterjee states, "After serious contemplation for several months, I finally decided to focus on fifteen select films and, through these, to place him neatly as the Other, which I consider to be the critical reason for his legendary status that will most certainly find its place in the history of Indian cinema."

In her well-researched discourse, Chatterjee disagrees with the popular view that the stellar contribution of the superstar is limited to his iconisation as Indian cinema's Angry Young Man. Chatterjee considers this to be a rather myopic understanding of Bachchan's film career, as the actor had simulta-

neously excelled in films diametrically opposite to the so-called Angry Young Man roles, beginning with his spirited acting in Zanjeer, Deewar, and Agneepath, spanning a period of about twenty years, 1970–1990. Chatterjee observes, "But almost like a miracle, the mass audience of India, barring the Southern states, swallowed, digested and truly accepted Amitabh Bachchan as the Other because of the qualities he represented as 'different' from all the heroes and villains and character actors that came before him. This began with *Anand* and got consolidated in Zanjeer.".

De-stereotyping mainstream middle- and upper-middle-class male protagonists in films, hitherto represented as romantic heroes caught in familial and personal relationships, Bollywood filmmakers reinvented the hero as an anti-hero by casting a towering, urbanlooking young man as a coolie. This was a clever strategy by the commercial filmmakers of Bollywood. Think of the Govind Nihalini films, the new wave films, Amol Palekar, the man on the street, Om Puri and Naseeruddin Shah. Then there was this sudden emergence of a more than six-foot-tall, bigger-than-life coolie. Re-inventing the marginalised Other and casting a superstar as a member of the disadvantaged classes had surely been a brilliant sleight of hand for the ace filmmakers of Bollywood. On the celluloid screen, the working class was, in fact, given a mesmerising baritone voice and the power of dissent for the first time in Indian cinema.

In her book, Chatterjee summarises the alternative anti-hero roles that Bachchan played with ease, thereby destabilising the angry young man image as she refers to these "Other" films in which Bachchan played lead roles. These films were radically different from the known stereotype. The roles in these films, Chatterjee stated, were those of "a ghost in two films, an alcoholic turning into an Alzheimer's patient, a thief. a wastrel who joins a mafia don, a doctor who hardly talks, a psychopathic killer, a restaurateur in London who falls in love with a girl half his age, a talented classical singer uprooted from his family," among oth-

Chatterjee selects 15 films for close reading in her book. These films are Anand (1971) Hrishikesh Mukherjee, *Parwana* (1971) Jyoti Swaroop, Zanjeer (1973) Prakash Mehra, Saudagar (1973) Sudhendu Roy, Namak Haram (1973) Hrishikesh Mukherjee, Abhimaan (1973) Hrishikesh Mukherjee, *Deewaar* (1975) Yash Chopra, Sholay (1975) Ramesh Sippy, Amar Akbar Anthony (1977) Manmohan Desai, *Don* (1978) Chandra Barot, Muqaddar Ka Sikander (1978) Prakash Mehra, Shakti (1982) Ramesh Sippy, Coolie (1983) Manmohan Desai, Main Azad Hoon (1989) Tinnu Anand and

Agneepath (1990) Mukul S Anand. In each of these detailed readings of the films selected, she critiques the content, use of music, use of dialogue, and use of the camera with remarkable expertise.

Also, in Amitabh Bachchan And The Other Shoma Chatteriee identifies two defining categories of 'Othering' in his film career. So Chatterjee structures these as the Other and the Othering of the Other and explains, "The representation of the Other proves that after sometime, Amitabh Bachchan, bored with the stereotypical cliché of anger, tried to break out of the mediaconstructed mould and evolve as the powerful Other. He was possibly finding himself strapped to an 'imageprison' he wanted to break free of, and within the same infrastructure, define himself as the Other... Othering the Other' is about Bachchan coming to terms with his mellowness, age and experience, portraying characters that offer him a great range within which to experiment with different screen images that suit his age".

This book on Amitabh Bachchan As The Other also informs the readers that though the film critic Chatterjee met him three times for interview sessions within a course of two years, the star maintained a studied distance each time, professionally suave, careful and measured in his responses. He did not betray any sign of recognition or familiarity. Both the film critic and the star were in their fifties at the time. Perhaps that's what distinguishes a star from a stargazer. Also, just as this particular book was in the making, Shoma Chatterjee reached out to Bachchan through his secretary, requesting the superstar to check whether her choice of the fifteen films for close reading sufficed or whether he could suggest others. Chatterjee was politely informed that, due to his contracts and their legal implications, it would not be possible for him to do so.

Amitabh Bachchan And The Other is a riveting book that evaluates the multi-dimensional talent of the superstar, whose contribution to the world of cinema in general and Indian cinema in particular is quite unprecedented. Informative, analytical and written with the candid zest of Chatterjee's critically informed yet lucid style, this book is another commendable addition to film studies.

Interestingly, despite being such an incisive and insightful critic, Shoma A. Chatterjee, in her book on Amitabh Bachchan, cannot mask the fact that she is simultaneously a besotted fan of the superstar. As she refers to Bachchan's post-nineteen nineties films such as Paa, Piku, Pink, Badla and Gulabo Sitabo, among others, Chatterjee's adulatory remark that Amitabh Bachchan "proves all over again that he is game for any role at any age, with any look and approach,

and can make the character as charismatic as his young man roles were, though now he does not bother to hide his age..." says it all with admirable precision. It validates the overwhelming impression that Amitabh Bachchan will continue to fascinate his viewers, in his myriad roles as

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Transition is a constant phenomenon

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mit Shankar Saha's *Transitions*: Indian Diaspora and Four Women Writers is an academic Lagrangian for the phenomenon of the Indian diaspora and its literature. The word academic might bear the heavy weight of institutionalised research, but as one goes through this thorough body of in-depth analysis, one discovers a lucid trail of insights that bear the stamp of creative and thoughtful reflections. The book begins with a comprehensive overview of the concepts of displacement and diaspora. Peppered with a range of citations from the stalwarts of diaspora studies, Saha's observations are nothing short of succinct encapsulations of national and transnational configurations: "The phenomenon of displacement seems to define a nation as not of a displaced population but of many displaced populations. This plurality inherent in world culture is not new." Any scholar or reader of diasporic texts would be able to foresee where all this is steering us: the ideas of home, memory and identity. However, Saha, conscious as he is of the marginalisation based on class, race and gender, turns his attention to the "diaspora of the non-white people, especially of African origin" who, as he says, have a radically different trajectory of formation. He then goes on to describe the Indian diaspora and how it stands apart from the other diasporic communities, for example, in terms of its resilience and achievements. Saha then maps the ways in which the modern Indian diasporic community has become "valued contributors in the progress of their adopted countries". When Saha surmises, "Colonial and post-colonial India are divisions that are now more relevant to a historian than a litterateur because Indian English literature has transcended the barriers of petty

classifications and has become amalgamated with mainstream English literature," we cannot help but agree.

The second chapter, titled "The Four Writers" is a detailed, scholarly examination of the four women writers: Anita Desai, Bharati Mukherjee, Sunetra Gupta, and Jhumpa Lahiri. The chapter sweeps across the "private universes" that Desai so pointedly conjures, from Mukherjee's depiction of the "expatriate aristocrat" and the "immigrant nobody" to Gupta and Lahiri, who "fit seamlessly into the tradition of writers from Britain or U.S.A." but continue to struggle with the identity crisis they face. While looking at the dynamics of place and existential anxieties that these women authors delve into, Saha masterfully draws the shifts and transitions that their writing trajectory underlines. That self-fashioning in a diaspora "acquires an additional edge of urgency and poignancy in case of female migrants" brings in the much-needed intersection of gender and displacement. What sets this book apart is Saha's nuanced awareness of his position as a researcher based in Bengal, India. This awareness probably feeds his comprehensions, which effortlessly switch between the distant and the contiguous. The writings, he says, belong to the interface between fiction and testimony since they emanate from lived experiences. While quoting Sunetra Gupta, he infers: "Writing is for me a kind of structured dreaming [...] the act of writing embodies for me a very tender junction between the chaos of my dreams and the stern order of the universe." She is not only speaking about her writing but, more importantly, she is speaking about her existence as well.

Although the demands of an academic template preoccupy Saha, he nonetheless makes way for sentences that border on poetic poignancy. They reflect the multifaceted dilemma of

diasporic individuals. For instance, while discussing Jhumpa Lahiri's short story "Mrs Sen's" in the third chapter titled "Loneliness and Human Relationships" Saha says, "It is the small things that stoke the soft embers of non-belonging in the diasporic Indian's mind to keep it burning." Here Saha refers to Mrs Sen's inability to drive, a relatively insignificant inconvenience in Bengal that poses (quite contrarily) a big challenge and hence a source of alienation in Boston. The chapter is a study of the complex contexts of belonging, non-belonging, alienation, rootlessness, loneliness, the parent-child relationship, the emotional and sexual wants of the diasporic community, and their protean

dimensions. The chapter that follows is called "Identity and Self-Fashioning.". It explores the myriad ways in which the diasporic self is constantly negotiating the challenges and demands of selves left behind and selves encountered. It is this state of flux that offers a rich plethora of experiences for the writers. Saha's readings of Mukherjee's Jasmine and Desirable Daughters, Lahiri's The Namesake and The Interpreter of Maladies, and Gupta's Memories of Rain and Sin of Colour are perceptive. Caught at this ever-demanding crossroads of rootedness and change, Saha underlines the socio-cultural "tightrope" these individuals are constantly subjected to. Quoting R. Radhakrishnan Saha highlights the three different phases of diasporic existence. During the initial phase, immigrants suppress their ethnicity in the name of pragmatism and opportunism. In the second phase, the immigrants refuse to subsume political, civil, and moral resistance and assert ethnicity in all its autonomy. The third phase seeks the hyphenated integration of ethnic identity with national identity under conditions that do not privilege the

'national' at the expense of the 'ethnic'. The fifth chapter, "The Changing West and Postmodernism" is a study of the writers' perspectives on the Occidental and the ways their writing is shaped by their "distinctive individual diasporic condition". Saha observes: "The old Western ideology equates difference with hostility, whereas the new Western ideology equates difference with acculturation". The chapter is an insightful take on the intricate relationship between the the changes brought about by globalisa-

pora. In the postmodern context, Saha surmises that experiences of displacement are an ongoing phenomenon. Hence, looking for fixed identities is a misnomer, and all four women

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diasporic authors invigorate robust debates on the "individual, social and cultural aspects of self-

ing". The book concludes with a note on how the space between

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fixed identifications creates the possibility of hybridity. Saha says: "It is perhaps for this reason that Avtar Brah sees the hyphen, the border space, as the space of the diaspora. For Brah, it is a paradoxical non-space, and for Bhabha, it is a spectral third space". It is this symbolic space of the border that

accords with multiple perspectives. This book is a must-have for aspiring researchers and academics to delve into

social, cultural, and political transitions the world is undergoing owing to the ever-growing movements across borders. A seminal addition to the field of diaspora studies, it is also a welcome deviation from the intimidating formality of academic writing. The seamless flow of words makes it a great reading experience for the sheer pleas-

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'I'VE GOT A BIT OF A SOFT SPOT FOR BUMRAH'

The USA all-rounder Corey Anderson revealed his respect for Indian pace ace Jasprit Bumrah ahead of an anticipated clash between the two sides in the ICC T20 World Cup at Nassau County International Cricket Stadium. Anderson's fondness for Bumrah stems from their shared history in the Indian Premier League (IPL), where both played for the Mumbai Indians (MI). Reflecting on those days, Anderson recalled how Bumrah, then a raw and promising talent, has now ascended to become one of the world's premier bowlers.

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Axar Patel's presence adds all-round depth to India

The decision to field two left-arm orthodox spinners mean that the wrist spinners are warming the bench

TRIDIB BAPARNASH NEW DELHI, 12 JUNE

llrounder Axar Patel emerged the unsung hero in India's T20 World Cup win against Pakistan. He not only provided the depth in the batting but also got in the flexibility factor when he was elevated to the No.4 position to stitch a partnership with Rishabh Pant. Not only that, he also impressed with the ball, especially the crucial 16th over when he gave away only two runs by silencing Imad Wasim, who had the shorter leg-side boundary and favourable wind.

Axar's selection in the squad wasn't conventional, let alone the XI. With Ravindra Jadeja already an indispensable part of the team, Axar, also a left-arm orthodox and an equally handy batter, has done his part to feature in the starting XIs alongside Jadeja. This is a recent change in strategy from the team management, considering India have chosen to go with an offspinner instead of both of them so as to be able play the match-ups well.

After the match, Axar revealed that he wasn't told



to pinch-hit or pinch-anchor to play normal cricketing when he was promoted up the order and he responded with a 18-ball 20 to put up a crucial 39-run partnership with Rishabh Pant.

"From the first match the captain has said only the openers' slot is fixed. He had said in the team meeting that the rest of the batting order will remain flexible. It will depend on the game situation, conditions, bowlers, combinations, match-ups. My brief was not at all to slog widly. Just

The decision to field to two left-arm orthodox spinners mean that the wrist spinners — Yuzvendra Chahal and Kuldeep Yadav are warming the bench. India's bowling coach Paras Mhambrey said Kuldeep understands and appreciates that his sitting out is not an assessment of his skill

but a question of team bal-

shots. The more I could face

the new ball, the easier it

would get for Hardik Pandya

and Shivam Dube," he said.

ance. The pitches in New York have been extremely seam-friendly. It has created both a need to play all three seamers and also to add some depth to the batting.

"It will depend on the opponents, it will depend on the surface. I think with Axar also, if you look at the IPL, he's bowled very well. I think that's an advantage that we have out here for us. In terms of the performance and the rhythm, in terms of the confidence, he's up there."

"Dropping a seamer and playing a spinner (can happen) looking at the conditions, but also the other thing that Axar does is, he gives you that depth as well in terms of the batting, which was pretty evident in the last game. Because we had to promote someone like him, we had to take a chance. He played a very critical role for the team, got those runs at that stage, because the ball was challenging at that situation. It was seaming, swinging," he said.

There will be a time later in the tournament when Kuldeep will be called upon because Mhambrey said the batting depth is not a nonnegotiable. "I don't think so," he said when asked if they were

always going to go with a No. 8 batter. "I think it's (the) surface. It's purely on the opponents, purely on the surface. If you feel, maybe on a surface, you need one extra bowler. We will go with that combination."

This, however, raises a question in case India feel the need to play three seamers but also need more penetration in the spin department or need to counter left-handed batters. In that scenario, Axar could be the better fit, considering the runs he scored against Pakistan only add more pressure on Jadeja.

Mhambrey said that the team isn't worried about Jadeja's batting form. "It's a team game, right?" he said when asked if there have been conversations around Jadeja's

"It's going to be 11 guys. You really don't expect all of them to come into form (at the same time). It's a long tournament. Someone like Jadeja, who's so vastly experienced, he just needs one game out there to just get his groove back. And we know that with the skills that he has and the experience, he's going to go ahead and he's going to win you games," he said.

T20 World Cup: Australia crush Namibia to seal Super 8 berth

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NORTH SOUND, 12 JUNE

Australia qualified for the Super Eight stage of the T20 World Cup after defeating Namibia by nine wickets here at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium on Wednesday (as per IST).

Australia produced a ruthless performance in all departments, chasing down Namibia's total of 72 inside six overs.

Spinner and Player of the Match Adam Zampa picked up a slice of history with his match-winning spell of 4-12, becoming the first Australian men's player to reach 100 T20I wickets milestone.

Overall, Zampa joined Megan Schutt and Ellyse Perry as the only compatriots to reach that mark in the short format at the international level.

Namibia's total against Australia is their lowest in men's T20Is. Their previous lowest was 96 all out against Sri Lanka in the 2021 T20 World Cup and against Netherlands during the T20 World Cup Qualifier in 2019.

Captain Mitchell Marsh won the toss and decided to bowl first. Australia had a fantastic start, taking three wickets for just 17 runs in the first six overs, putting significant pressure on Namibia's top order.

Captain Gerhard Erasmus



hit a rare boundary, bringing Namibia to 5/31 at the 10-over mark. However, shortly after the drinks break, Zampa and Hazlewood combined for the sixth wicket, with Hazlewood taking a sharp catch for Zampa's second with the dismissal of David Wiese.

Ruben Trumpelmann attacked the spinner, hitting a 97-metre six over mid-wicket. However, on the next ball, he was caught by Glenn Maxwell in the same area, giving Zampa his third wicket. The leg-spinner then ended his spell in the same over, with wicket No.4, removing Bernard Scholtz.

As wickets continued to fall, skipper Gerhard Erasmus 36 off 43 balls gave Namibia something to defend. His side was all out for 72 in 17 overs when Marcus Stoinis removed Ben Shikongo.

Zampa (4), Hazlewood (2), Stoinis (2), Pat Cummins (1) and Nathan Ellis (1), who replaced Mitchell Starc for the match, were all wicket-takers for Australia.

Chasing a mere target of 73, Australia's openers picked up the attack right from the outset. DavidWarner went 4-4-6-out in the second over, as David Weise had the last laugh in an eventful exchange.

But it didn't impact Travis Head's approach, who produced an impressive array of strokes on the way to an unbeaten 17-ball 34, laced with seven-boundary. Head was supported by Marsh (18 off 9 balls), as Australia completed the run chase inside the powerplay.

of win for any team in terms of balls remaining at the Men's T20 World Cup, with 86 balls left when Australia achieved their target of 73 runs. Sri Lanka's win against

This victory represents the second-largest margin

the Netherlands in 2014 was the previous biggest, as they chased down the target of 40 with 90 balls to spare. Brief scores: Brief scores:

Namibia 72 in 17 overs (Gerhard Erasmus 36; Adam Zampa 4-12, Marcus Stoinis 2-9, Josh Hazlewood 2-18) lost to Australia 74/1 in 5.4 overs (Travis Head 34*, David Wiese 1-15) by nine wickets.

Fans burst into anger after 'Qatar rob India' of FIFA World Cup qualifying spot

AGENCIES NEW DELHI, 12 JUNE

India's devastating loss against Qatar has broke the hearts of football fans around the country as it resulted in the country being eliminated from the FIFAWC Qualifiers in the second round.

In the 73rd minute of the match, Qatar's Youssef Ayman Farahat scored an equalizer in controversial circumstances. Indian skipper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu saved a header, but the ball slipped through his legs and rolled out of play. Despite protests from Indian players and clear replays showing the ball was out, the goal was allowed, leading to a 1-1 scoreline for Qatar.

Following the loss Indian football fans took to social media to vent out their frustration and slammed the referee for allowing the unfair goal to Qatar.

"FIFA Rank 34th Qatar,

robbed 121nd ranked India of a football world cup qualification with this goal that was noting but blatant #Cheating. They would've still qualified without this goal. What a beautiful game indeed @FIFA-@FIFAWorldCup #QATIND," said a fan on X.

"Qatar robbed India's spot for FIFAWorld Cup by cheating openly It's clearly visible that ball has crossed the line for a goal-kick but the nasty Qataris pull it back to tuck in. CLEARLY NOT A GOAL...!!!" added another.



"Really heartbreaking Pathetic decision making that too in the world cup qualifiers,' another post read.

"@FIFAcom Shall not we deserve impartial justice from you. Cancel this goal or cancel the game for sake of fair play.Let the better team win. Won't you like to check the role of referee," a user added.

"Absolutely nonsense!!! @FIFAWorldCup @FIFAcom ball was clearly outside the line, India robbed of famous victory!!" a fan reacted.

Igor Stimac has been at the helm of Indian football for five years now and the fans seem to have had enough. The team even though has improved under the Croatian's tenure but there has been no quantifiable result to make his case.

Stimac had previously hinted that he may step down

from his post if the team fails to make it to the third round of the qualifiers.

> Following the controversial end of the game, 'Stimac Out' started trending on X. "For a change, walk the talk

> and just LEAVE, Mr. Igor "bigmouth" Stimac@stimac_igor. If he doesn't, will you have the guts to do what should have been done a long ago, Mr. @kalyanchaubey? Just kick him out of Indian soil - at once," read a tweet by a user

"Robbed? Yes. But, still gives us no excuse to lose against Afghanistan & Damp; drop points against Kuwait. It's high time for Stimac to leave, as per his own words & amp; if not, people in power of AIFF should resign too! (Only if there is some shame left) -Every IFT Fan," said another.

Sri Lanka-Nepal match abandoned after rain play spoilsport

AGENCIES FLORIDA, 12 JUNE

The T20 World Cup match between Sri Lanka and Nepal at Central Broward Regional Park Stadium Turf Ground in Florida was washed away after rain played a spoilsport on Wednesday.

At first, the toss was delayed due to heavy rain. However, later the match was forced to cancel due to the wet outfield.

Both Nepal and Sri Lanka gained one point from today's match after the game was called off.

Sri Lanka are placed at the bottom of the Group D points table after losing their first two matches while Nepal hold the fourth place in the standings as they have lost only one game.

Nepal will now travel to the West Indies where they will start the second half of the tournament. In their upcoming match, Rohit Paudel's Nepal will take on South Africa on Saturday at the Arnos Vale Stadium.

On the other hand, Sri Lanka have just one game in their hand as they will face off Netherlands on June 17. The Islanders need to win their upcoming match in order to qualify for the next round of the tournament.

Shooting: Gagan Narang credits systematic selection trials as India fields strong contingent for Paris Olympics

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, 12 JUNE

Gagan Narang, who won a bronze medal in shooting in the 2010 London Olympics, on Wednesday praised the national shooting federation for completing a successful selection trials process, allowing India to field a strong 15-member contingent for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

The former Indian athlete expressed his delight over the rise of the country's overall performance in the sport over the past few years and credited the same for the development of shooting infrastructure and support from the government.

"We saw an incredible show of talent and grit in the recently held shooting trials for Paris 2024. There were some very good performances. The trials were also held in a very systematic way, using the marking system, providing equal opportunity for the participants to showcase their true potential. The close competition shows how much the sport has grown in the country over the past decade, with more emerging talent from across the country," said Narang.

He credited the steady growth of the sport to the development of infrastructure pan-India and a wellequipped coaching staff with in-depth knowledge of international standards.



"The Indian shooters have made a mark across global competitions, particularly in this Olympic cycle. Just a few years ago, the shooting scenario was dominated by other nations. But now Indian shooters are finishing in the top ranking across all major events, which is the biggest sign of our growth in the sport. This stark improvement is a result of government investing in infrastructure that is on par with international standards, and leading a scientific approach and methodology adopted by Khelo India Scheme at the grassroots stage," said Narang. The Padma Shri awardee

who is also a member of the Mission Olympic Cell (MOC), Narang appreciated the effort

made by the MOC and Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) department to provide support on vital areas like equipment and ammunition, foreign exposure, support staff/sports science staff which plays a very important role in the high performance of the athletes. Narang's Gun For Glory,

with 11 centres established across seven states, has also played a significant role in aiding aspiring shooters with systematic training and scientific approach with dedicated physios and mental trainers apart from the highly experienced coaching staff on the ground. The shooters from here

have dominated in the air rifle event with six out of the 10 participants at the recent Olympic Trials from the Gun For Glory Shooting Academy. There were a total of four in the women's category and two in the men's category. Elavenil Valarivan and

Ramita named in the contingent for the Paris Olympics 2024 are from GNSPF. The two shooters will compete in the 10m Women's Air Rifle event along with the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team event, continuing the academy's legacy of producing some of the best rifle shooters in the country. With only two Olympic

quotas available per event, it was a tough road for both Ramita and Elavenil. The top five shooters across each event competed in the four Olympic Selection Trials that were held at Delhi and Bhopal last month. Elavenil, with a score of 254.3 (633.0), and Ramita, with a score of 253.3 (636.4), consolidated their position by finishing first and second, respectively, at the shooting trials that concluded at the Madhya Pradesh Academy in May. "In our endeavour towards

the development of the sport, I am happy that six out of 10 rifle shooters who participated at the trails were from Gun For Glory Shooting Academy. Each one of them showed great spirit and performed to their potential. I feel those who did not make the qualification should draw inspiration from their performances at the trials and strive to achieve good results going forward." Now that the shooting contingent is finally announced, Narang rallied behind the participants who will be going through final preparations ahead of their departure for the muchanticipated Paris Olympics where shooting will be among the medal-winning disci-

plines for India. "These are exciting times for the sport. I am delighted to see a strong contingent selected by the federation and without putting any pressure on our shooters, I am confident they will put up a good show and add to the overall medal tally for India at the Olympics. My best wishes to the entire shooting contingent," Narang signed off.

Rafael Nadal to play doubles with Carlos Alcaraz in Paris 2024 Olympics for Spain

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, 12 JUNE

In what is deemed to be a dream duo, the 22-time Grand Slam champion Rafael Nadal and the tennis sensation Carlos Alcaraz will participate in the upcoming Paris 2024 Olympics as men's doubles partners, the Spanish tennis federation announced on Wednesday.

Paris 2024 Olympics will be played from July 26 to August 11.

Alcaraz and Nadal will be one of the most powerful teams in the men's doubles category, having won 15 French Open titles between them. The tennis sport at the next Olympic Games will take place on the



clay court in Paris. Rafael Nadal has been vociferous about representing Spain in the Paris Olympics, which is believed to be his final year

on the ATP tour as a professional. Nadal underlined his promise to compete in the Olympics after losing in the first round of the French Open in

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May. After his first-ever firstround defeat at Roland Garros, Nadal said the 'King of Clay' also revealed that playing a match in the upcoming Paris

Olympics is "motivation" to continue his glorious career. For now, Nadal will look to continue testing himself against

the best players in the world, with dreams of being back in Paris for the upcoming 2024 Olympic Games.

"I hope to be back on this

court for the Olympics. That motivates me," Nadal said with a smile as quoted by ATP.

"For me, it's difficult to say what will happen in the future. won't be back at Roland-Garros, but I can't say 100 per cent. I enjoy playing here, I like travelling with the family, and my body is feeling a little bit better than it did two months ago," he added. Meanwhile, Alcaraz creat-

It's a big percentage that I

ed history on Sunday at the French Open 2024, becoming the second-youngest claycourt major champion since 2000, at the age of 21. The Spaniard defeated Alexander Zverev in five sets in the final, becoming the seventh Spaniard to win the title.

Nadal bagged the Olympic Gold in men's singles in Beijing 2008 and won the doubles Gold along with Marc Lopez in the Rio 2016 Games.

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