

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

Minister 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

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



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

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 effective, 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

cult 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.

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.

THUMBNAILS



Rajya Sangit Academy and State Nritya 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. ■ SNS

SMP launches volume-based 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. K. Mehra. ■ SNS

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 from Dakshineswar. The city metro has, however, kept the timings of the last services from the terminal stations unchanged. ■ SNS

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

Abhishek announces 'short hiatus' from politics

He has cited medical grounds as the reason for this break

AGENCIES
KOLKATA, 12 JUNE

Trinamul 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.

Witnessing first-hand the hardships caused by rising prices and the stoppage of MGNREGA dues deeply affected me," Banerjee's message read.

He claimed that following this observation during the mass outreach programme, Trinamul Congress organised nationwide protests and took the matter to Delhi to fight

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 Lakshmi Bhandar scheme to help families," his message read.

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, Trinamul in 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 Assembly-wise gain 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



this paltry gain margin at Maniktala is far lower compared to Trinamul Congress winning margin from that Assembly constituency of 20,238 just three years back in the 2021 Assembly polls.

This paltry gain margin at 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 Maniktala 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 election as Trinamul Congress 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.

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

Job scam: ED identifies 222 individuals from expired panel recommended for appointment

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 central 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, which they have submitted to the court.

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



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

The screening committee was constituted by the commission during the tenure of Partha Chatterjee as then 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 commit-

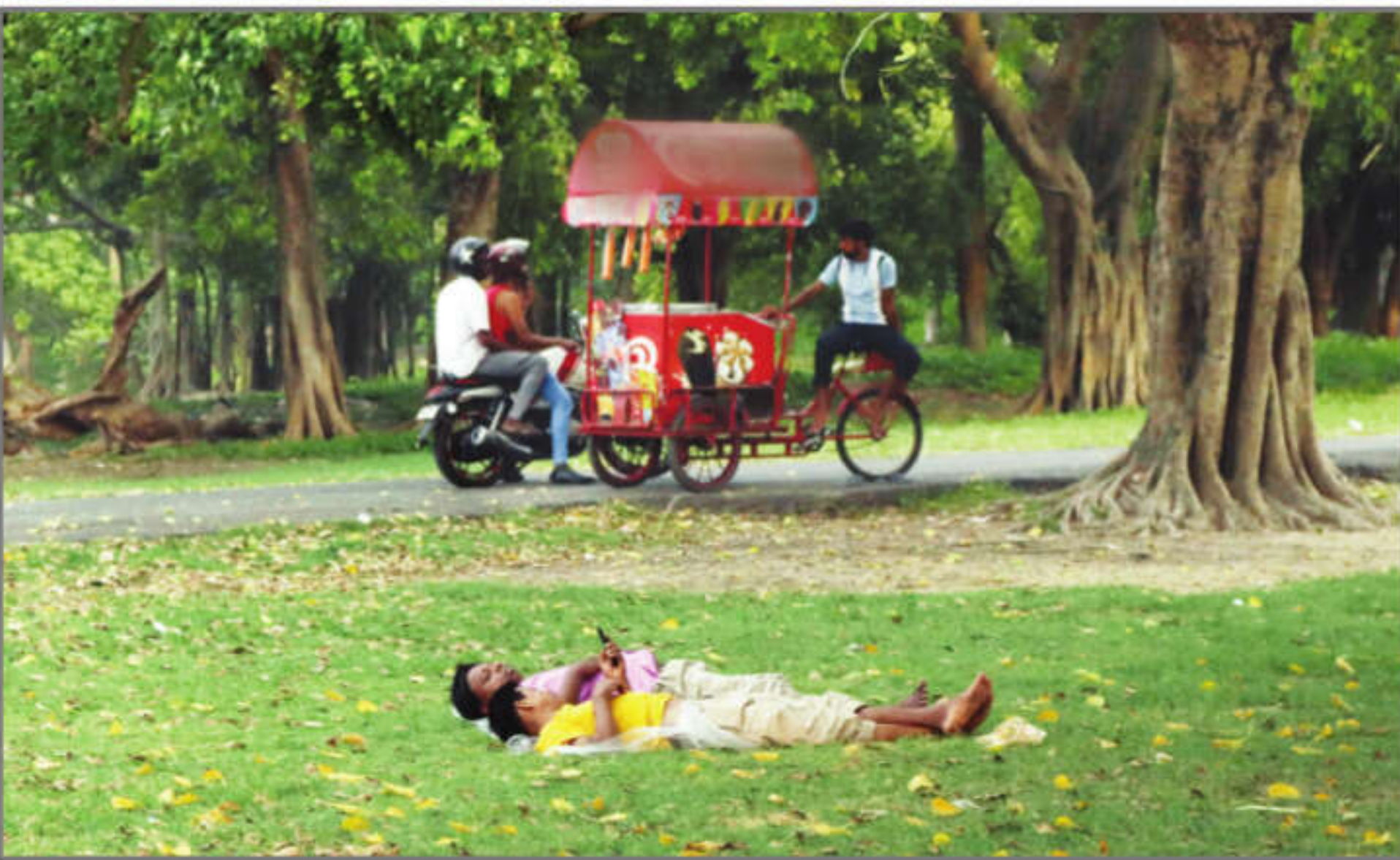
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tee was constituted flouting all norms and Sinha was made to head that committee to facilitate illegal recruitments of teaching and non-teaching staff in state-run schools.

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.

HEAT RELIEF



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

Govt urges schools to 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.

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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 reel 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.

Bird flu scare after 2 human infection cases reported

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 reported 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-

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 have been confirmed.

With lens on groundwater, experts advocate plantation drive

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

ivers, canals, ponds, and other water bodies 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 the Ganga, water sourced from the river is in high demand, especially during summer, often outstripping supply and leading to daytime water supply stoppages. Residents have resorted to installing pumps at home to address the shortfall.

Environmental expert Dr Pravat Kumar Shit explains that climate change is causing significant fluctuations in river and groundwater levels.

Excessive water extraction by upstream states is

exacerbating the drying of the Ganges and its tributaries.

The disruption of natural groundwater replenishment through rainwater in small rivers and water bodies is also a growing concern.

Dr Shit emphasizes the necessity of rainwater harvesting, groundwater regulation, water body preservation and minimizing water wastage as crucial survival strategies.

Historically, wetlands enriched groundwater by capturing rainwater, but cur-



rent extraction rates far exceed replenishment.

In a positive turn, Trinamul Congress MP from Ghatat, 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 Black-

berry will be planted in various locations in Ghatat, 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 Municipality vide Tender 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 Bid submission closing date 26/06/2024 up to 17.00 Hrs. (IST). The details of above tenders may be seen at <http://wbtenders.gov.in>

Sd/-
Chairperson
Bankura Municipality

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 Baileshwar 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 tenders may visit website www.irops.gov.in for full details/ description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for this works will be accepted. **N.B.:** Prospective bidders may regularly visit www.irops.gov.in to participate in all tenders. (PR-244)

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 -10/6) to Sealdah (Km 8/19) including CPD yard of Green line (East-West) Corridor of Metro Railway, Kolkata. **Approx Cost of Work:** ₹ 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.irops.gov.in. Amendments/Corrigendum, if any, would be uploaded only on the website. **Abridged e-Tender Notice No.:** Civil-2481-2024 (Open)

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No. SERNO-STORSALEIDSP/LY/2024-SALE/2 dtd. 11.06.2024
e-AUCTION PROGRAMME FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER, 2024

MONTH	Division and Depot				
	Adra Division	Kharagpur Depot	Chakradharpur Division	Kharagpur Division	Ranchi Division
JULY-2024	01.07.24	02.07.24	03.07.24	04.07.24	05.07.24
	08.07.24	09.07.24	10.07.24	11.07.24	12.07.24
	15.07.24	16.07.24	24.07.24	18.07.24	19.07.24
	22.07.24	23.07.24	31.07.24	25.07.24	26.07.24
AUGUST-2024	29.07.24	—	—	—	—
	05.08.24	06.08.24	07.08.24	01.08.24	02.08.24
	12.08.24	13.08.24	14.08.24	08.08.24	09.08.24
	19.08.24	20.08.24	21.08.24	22.08.24	16.08.24
SEPTEMBER-2024	26.08.24	27.08.24	28.08.24	29.08.24	23.08.24
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	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
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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.

1. 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 quote.

2. 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.

3. Security money of Unsuccessful bidders will be refunded immediately after final selection.

4. 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 order.

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

6. Bidder shall complete the whole work within 30 days of awarding the contract.

7. The Additional Chief Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat Department, Bihar reserves the right to reject / cancel any / all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

8. The tender notice and details of Proposed works can also be seen on this Department's website "http://state.bihar.gov.in/csd".

9. If bidders feel they can freely approach our QC cell or mail to [cadbiar@bihar.gov.in](mailto:cadbihar@bihar.gov.in) required technical information in concern with the Aircraft and installed Engine.

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.

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

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Ref: ADVT.No. 24-25/4 TENDER NOTICE Date: 06-06-2024
IREL (India) Limited, Chavara invites bid for the following items / job descriptions.

Event No. (GeM)	Job / Item Description
GEM/2024/B/5015900	Engaging an agency for Excavation, collection, loading and transportation of mineral sand from VT Ponnana mining area and unloading near to spiral plant at VT mining site
GEM/2024/B/5020407	Desilting, dredging TS canal between Padmanavan jetty and Vattakayal at Vellanathuruthu Ilmenite mine by engaging 100 ton capacity Diesel Dredger

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

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: 3520242025 Dated- 08.06.2024
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/ICNB.
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/ICNB.
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 03.07.2024. 2. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website www.irops.gov.in. up to 13.30 hrs. on the due date of tender opening i.e. 03.07.2024. 1005/24 (AN)
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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

TENDER ID: 2024_WBP_692150_1, DATED: 12-06-2024
TENDER ID: 2024_WBP_692150_2, DATED: 12-06-2024
TENDER ID: 2024_WBP_692150_3, DATED: 12-06-2024
WORK TITLE: RENOVATION WORKS
BID CLOSING DATE: 20-06-2024
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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, AJ/East Coast Railway/Khurda Road, Mob:9455899771.
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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.
1. Name of Work: Tender No. EL/CZ/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. 216162844.00; 3. Earnest Money to be deposited : Rs. 1230900.00; 4. Date of Completion of work: 18 Months; 5. Date & Time of closing E-Tender: 05.07.2024 Upto 15.00 Hrs. 05.07.2024 at 15:30 Hrs. 6. The details of above E-Tender are available on Website: www.irops.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 Gadawara 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://irops.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
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Rahul in dilemma on whether to retain Wayanad or Rae Bareli

Rahul said the people of Wayanad are the ones who stuck together in times of crisis

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, 12 JUNE

Congress 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 Wayanad 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

times of crisis. Taking a dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Rahul said he does not receive any directions from God on what has to be done the way the PM does. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that he is guided by the Paramatma. But I am an ordinary human being and for me the people are the Paramatma," he said. The Congress leader said that he is an ordinary human being and that he would abide by what people will say. "I am a 'biological' human being. My God is the poor people of India," he said. He said the people of the country have defeated hatred with love and affection. "The people of India have defeated hatred with love and affection, and they defeated arrogance with humility," Rahul said.

Union Minister Suresh Gopi visits Nayanar's house in Kannur

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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

Kerala orthodox church says Manipur violence a tribal conflict

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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-

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 BJP-led government returned to power. The church head also expressed happiness over the return of the Modi government to power at the Centre.

CM Stalin attends swearing-in of Cong MLA: TN CM Stalin attended the swearing-in ceremony of newly elected Cong MLA Tharai Cuthbert. Cuthbert, 47, won the by-polls from Vilavancode assembly constituency by a margin of over 40,000 votes.

AGENCIES
BENGALURU, 12 JUNE
Various organisations staged a protest in Karnataka's Chitradurga city on Wednesday against Kannada superstar

NOTICE INVITING SEALED QUOTATION

For proliferation of Digital Payment mode in Railway Passenger Ticketing System and alternative ticketing mode

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 ATM 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. • **Quotation Schedule : Total Cost of the work : ₹ 4,60,766/-.** **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 : www.er.indianrailways.gov.in from 14.06.2024 at 00:05 hrs.**
Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Howrah

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"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 relinquishing 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.

learn that such kind-hearted people exist," added Sarada.

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 Parassinikadavu Muthappan temple, Kottiyoor Mahadeva temple and Raja Rajeswara temple at Taliparamba on Wednesday.

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

Protest against Darshan in K'taka

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Darshan, demanding a life term for him in the brutal murder of his fan, 33-year-old Renukaswamy. Leaders from different political parties also participated in the protest. The protest march started from Nee-lakanteshwara Temple and proceeded to the District Commissioner's Office in Chitradurga. Former BJP MLA G.H. Thippa Reddy said, "Darshan is an onscreen hero, but in real life, he is not a hero at all. We cannot ignore the suffering of Renukaswamy's parents. These incidents have been occurring since the Congress government took power in Karnataka," he charged. "Why has Darshan, who should be accused number 1, been listed as accused number 2? This seems to be an attempt to protect him. Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara talks as if nothing has happened. The government might undermine such incidents. Darshan and the other accused in the case must be given life imprisonment. They should not be released," he stated.

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PM's Grip

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's cabinet announcements 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 maintaining continuity in the leadership of crucial ministries, Mr Modi aims to foster a stable environment conducive to economic growth. The allies, while seemingly acquiescent to this arrangement, have been granted the opportunity to leverage their ministerial positions for regional development, a crucial factor in maintaining coalition harmony. Leaders of the allied parties, like Chandrababu Naidu of the Telugu Desam Party and Nitish Kumar of Janata Dal (United), are seasoned politicians adept at navigating the intricacies of coalition politics. 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 where regional aspirations are balanced against national 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 way for sustained economic growth and political stability in India's complex and diverse democracy. It will also send a clear signal to both domestic and international observers about India's commitment to a steady and predictable policy environment.

Political Shift

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.

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 inundation.

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 productivity 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 innovative 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

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 climate-resilient 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



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and technologies 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 adaptation 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 resilient.

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.

Integrated megapolises next stage of reform

After 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 advance 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 headquarters 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 growth engines.

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-tier cities.

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.

Agriculture's share of our

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 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-

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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

Citizens 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 unecomic 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 target remains unachieved. The new target 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 implies economic growth is associated with technological progress and productivity gain rather than with employment generation.

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.

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 public sector power utility.)

OCCASIONAL NOTE

EARLY in 1923, in the course of certain 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 have 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 were 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 many-coloured 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

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

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.

OFFICIAL CORRUPTION

ACTION TAKEN BY BURMA GOVERNMENT

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

Shortly 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 1944-45.

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 post-war establishments.

The precursor of France's Rassemblement 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

courting Giorgia Meloni, whose 'post-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 inclinations.

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 unfortunate who aspire to a new life on the fringes of a European experiment that they don't realise has failed.

The second round of the French election, on July 7, will precede the opening ceremony of the Paris

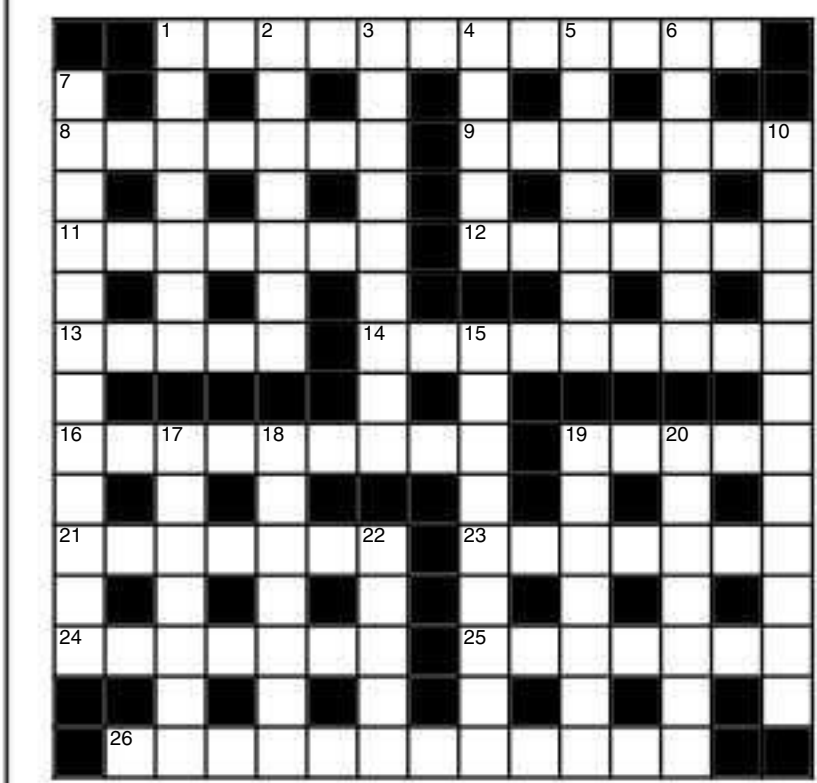
Olympics barely by a fortnight. Macron is obviously hoping that the anti-fascist voters will emerge to thwart the likelihood of an FN majority. As many commentators have indicated, though, it could mean cohabiting with the hard right for the remainder of his presidential term, and then handing over to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



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

TEDROS ACCIDENT
L A L D O O E
BIGBROTHER GUTS
Z B T A N M
BANISH NOCHANGE
B T O R H
DEEP COMMANDER
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THREEDBARE WARP
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I S U A I E
OBAN HOROLOGIST
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ACROSS

- Hardest areas after storm revealing place with water shortage (6,6)
- European city exchange disregarding Germany? (7)
- Agree to take part with mother withholding name? That's for the best (7)
- Mountain range contains popular places to go (7)
- Something missing in favourite feature of skirt (7)
- Intimidating behaviour in the past involving historic monarch (5)

- The writer's weapon to constrain junior academic bias (9)
- Name put down, after reflection, to receive college discourse (9)
- Rat in middle of pigeonry? That's an inspiration (5)
- Biscuit: a form of tack consumed by Old English (7)
- Agree to start work? (4,3)
- Diminish qualification somewhat diminished after receiving commercial endorsement? (7)
- Clean and healthy account about start of month (7)
- Where horse manure may go, confidentially (5,3,4)

DOWN

- Porn suprema perhaps becoming less successful (7)
- Willing to participate, gave out in a ring after heavyweight's entrance (4-1-2)
- Artists risk altering top of traditional mini? (2-2,5)
- 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 (7)
- You and the congregation receiving start of sermon many times over (12)

- Unemotional mother not fancying performance containing minimum of theatricality (6-2-4)
- Run from sponsor cornering male in part of theatre (9)
- Opposed to information describing component of vaccine (7)
- Bean, cheese and meat — not good (7)
- Composer dismissing a writer and painter (2,5)
- Religious traveller embedding stone in a staff (7)
- 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 Quant-based 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 approach.

Amazon India helps people with disabilities: Amazon India is running its annual Global Month of Volunteering 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.

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 organization.

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

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 12 JUNE

The 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 all-time 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 all-time 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), Healthcare (0.84 per cent) and Oil & Gas (0.83 per cent) clocked significant gains.

Nifty Bank rose 0.38 per

cent, while the Private Bank index ended 0.39 per cent higher.

The BSE mid and small-caps continued their out-performance as the BSE Mid-cap index rose 1.07 per cent and the Smallcap index clocked a gain of 1.06 per cent.

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 dol-

lar 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 company's robust Q4 results.

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.

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

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
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



ago. It is to be highlighted that 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-durables.

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.

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 start-up, 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 specialists.

Speaking to The Statesman, the official spokesperson of RAILBUS Inc, said, "Yes, RAILBUS, the state-of-the-art, 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-



cost and green mass transportation system for cities that have a lack of infrastructure. Significantly, RAILBUS is 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 RAILBUS Vehicles, 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 supply.

- *Advanced Design: RAILBUS 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 disability legislation, 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: RAILBUS 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

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

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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

LOST & FOUND

My client Mr. Atanu Bhaduri, Residential address: 31, Brojonath Lahiri Lane, Howrah-711104, have lost an original deed, Deed No. 3221, year 1985. If anybody have this, or anybody have legal wariorian as per this deed, then please contact with me with necessary proof, within 7 days from the date of publish of this advertisement. Otherwise if anybody claim anything, any obligation, whatever it would be - would not be accepted.

Subrata Mukherjee
(Advocate)
Ph.: 9836589476

TENDERS

E-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tenders are invited for engagement of security personnel in the college premises from registered security agencies within 20-06-2024 with reference to the Tender Notice Nos. DHE / SMHGC / eNIT01 / 2024-25 Date: 13-06-2024, available at https://wbttenders.gov.in

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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 Golamsul 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, WEST BENGAL-700135.

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 disputes/ 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 entertained.

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-700135.

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

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MD. SHAHABUDDIN, S/o. Late Mohammad Abdul Ghaffar of G81A, Battikal 1st Lane, P.O. & P.S.: Garden Reach, Kolkata-700024 declare vide Affidavit No. 1340 sworn before the 1st Class Metropolitan Magistrate, Bankshall Court, Kolkata-700001 on 10-06-2024 that Md. Shahabuddin and Shahab Omer is the same and identical person.

I, KIRAN Shah Ray, D/o. Siddhartha Ray, residing at Ground Floor-C, S.P.G. Plaza, 3 No. Basudevpur Main Road, Mondal Para, P.O. & P.S.: Belgharia, Kolkata-

700056 District: North 24 Parganas shall henceforth be known as Kiran Shah as declared before the First Class Judicial Magistrate North 24 Parganas, vide Affidavit No.: 62AB654934 Dated: 15-09-2021. Kiran Shah and Kiran Shah Ray both are same and identical person.

I, AMIT Kanti Bose, S/o. Late Amal Kanti Bose, R/o. Niva Apartment, 12B/1, Padmapukur Road, Flat # 2, Ground Floor, P.O.: Regent Estate, Kolkata-700092, shall henceforth be known as Amit Bose sworn before by the Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Alipore vide Affidavit No. 9335 on 15-02-2024. Both are one and the same person only.

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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;

... Plaintiff

-Versus-

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

LOST & FOUND

SHARE Certificate No. 16 issued by SCHSL 18/3 Gariahat Road, Kolkata-19 has been misplaced. If found contact: 9230533037.

TENDERS

THE UNIVERSITY OF BURDWAN
For AMC of CCTV Surveillance System (2nd call), please visit: https://wbttenders.gov.in (Tender ID: 2024_BU_691640_1).

Sd/-
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Hunter Biden found guilty: What's next

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Hunter 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

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-

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, first-time offenders don't get any-

where near the maximum sentence. Federal sentencing guidelines—which judges use as they weigh punishments 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

home detention.

In pressing the judge not 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.

TENDER

Corrigendum
Corrigendum : NIT No. 2024-May-05-04

Due to unavoidable reasons NIT No. 2024-May-05-04 is cancelled.

941/24 (AN)
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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.in or <https://wbftenders.gov.in>

Sd/- **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender Notice has been floated for 01 No. works under Old Malda Development Block, Malda. N.I.T. No. 01(e) / OMB / 2024-25 circulated vide Memo No. 1201 / OMB Dated: 11-06-2024 and Last of deadline: **26-06-2024** up to 11-00 a.m. Bona fide contractors are requested to visit: www.wbtenders.gov.in or contact office notice board.

Sd/-
Block Development Officer
Old Malda Development Block, Malda

Tender Notice No. AGC-EL-GSU-T-10-24 Date: 07.06.2024

TENDER NOTICE

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Gati Shakti), North Central Railway, Agra on behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on line only (E-Tendering) for the following works.

Name of work with its location & Completion period: Electrical general work-related Tank Wagon Depot, Development of Sick line shed at Existing steam cleaning Area and Extension of Existing trolley section shed at TWD Baad.

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.

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e-TENDER NOTICE

Office of the E.O., Banarhat 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. respectively. For further details you may visit: <https://wbtenders.gov.in>

Sd/-
E.O., Banarhat Panchayat Samity

e-TENDER NOTICE

Office of the E.O., Banarhat Jalpaiguri

Notice Inviting eTender by the undersigned for different works vide NIT No. BANARHAT / EO / NIT-015 / 2023-24 (2nd Call). Last date of online bid submission: 19-06-2024 at 3-00 p.m. respectively. For further details you may visit: <https://wbtenders.gov.in>

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e-TENDER NOTICE

Office of the E.O., Banarhat Jalpaiguri

Notice Inviting eTender by the undersigned for different works vide NIT No. BANARHAT / EO / NIT-012 / 2023-24 (2nd Call). Last date of online bid submission: 19-06-2024 at 3-00 p.m. respectively. For further details you may visit: <https://wbtenders.gov.in>

Sd/-
E.O., Banarhat Panchayat Samity

MORE TENDER ADS ON PAGE 4

Tender Notice No. 3620242025 Dated: 07.06.2024

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:	Approx Cost (In ₹):	Earnest Money (In ₹):
1.	3620242025-87	Miscellaneous Environmental related work & associated drainage work & connection with Jal Nigam sewer at DSA Prayagraj.	1,10,22,316.08	2,05,100.00
SN	E-Tender Notice No.	Name of Work:	Approx Cost (In ₹):	Earnest Money (In ₹):
2.	3620242025-88	Heavy repairs to GM Bungalow & surrounding campus at Leader Road, Prayagraj	99,39,030.00	1,98,800.00
SN	E-Tender Notice No.	Name of Work:	Approx Cost (In ₹):	Earnest Money (In ₹):
3.	3620242025-89	Afforestation and development of green area at various locations under jurisdiction of DEN/EP/RYJ	2,03,79,999.00	2,51,900.00
SN	E-Tender Notice No.	Name of Work:	Approx Cost (In ₹):	Earnest Money (In ₹):
4.	3620242025-90	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.	1,56,69,185.58	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.

1004/24 (ADM)
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E-Tendering Notice No: 2024-June-02 Dated: 07.06.2024

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 following works. The details of the tender are as under:-

S.No.:	Tender No.:	Approx. Cost (Rs.):
1	2024-June-02-01	₹ 9904876.35

Description of work : Cleaning of sewer line and manhole etc. in the jurisdiction of SSE/WIDH & SSE/W/AGC for two years under ADEN-HQ, Agra.

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

Description of work : Provision of Boundary wall along the length of 2nd pit line at C&W depot, AGC.

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

Description of work : Provision of Ladies Toilets and Changing Rooms at DHO(P), DRM office, AGC(P), AGC(TL/AC), IDH(P), AF(P), KSV(P) & BAAD(P) Depot.

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

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SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS

"THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT TENDERS"

TENDER NOTICE No. : S/2024/61 Date: 10.06.2024

The Principal Chief Material Manager, North Western Railway, headquartered 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
1	30243329	ELASTOMERIC PAD	181	Set	20.06.2024
2	30242151	KIT FOR SELF LUBRICATED POLYESTER RESIN (SLPR) BUSHES/ HIGH PERFORMANCE POLYIMIDE (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 IRT bogie	7290	Nos	01.07.2024
7	30243379	OVER HAULING KIT FOR BRAKE CYLINDER PBC 254-160 FRT/TRL PART NO 139800 FOR LHB COACHES.	1055	Set	01.07.2024
8	60245024	DOUBLE ENDED CARDTIDE TPAER ROLLER BEARING MOUNTING MACHINE FOR CLASS E CTRB.	01	Nos	01.07.2024
9	30243190	CIRCUIT BOARD PB03 A FOR WSP SYSTEM OF LHB COACHES	32	Nos	01.07.2024
10	30242171	Secondary vertical damper	631	Nos	01.07.2024
11	30240118	Air brake hose pipe coupling for feed pipe BG to RDSO	13187	Nos	01.07.2024
12	30242178	Traction center elastic joint.	2200	Nos	01.07.2024
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	02.07.2024
15	30243186	CIRCUIT BOARD MB 04B FOR WSP SYSTEM OF LHB COACHES KBI PART NO. STN 28339/00000	42	Nos	03.07.2024
16	37242854A	Slide bearer top for BCN wagon.	2709	Nos	03.07.2024
17	30240175	BRAKE CYLINDER PBAC 254-130 FRT/TRL PART NO 4 F-125156 FOR LHB COACHES.	11	Nos	04.07.2024
18	30240334	ELASTOMERIC PAD (TPE SPRING PAD) COMPLETES SET	255	Set	08.07.2024
19	30242187	Lateral bump stop to FIAT	3159	Nos	08.07.2024
20	30241264	Mirror assembly	9755	Nos	08.07.2024
21	30242181A	Secondary lateral damper	376	Nos	08.07.2024
22	20231384A	SET OF LOCK NUT F.S. ALL STEEL	80	Set	08.07.2024
23	30242203	Set of 35 mm Non Asbestos based organic brake pads for LHB coaches.	32683	Set	09.07.2024
24	30240172B	Hanger for bolster suspension	9333	Nos	15.07.2024
25	30242177	Secondary spring for LHB coaches	221	Nos	15.07.2024
26	30243089	OVERHAULING KIT FOR COCK DH7 FOR LHB COACHES	861	Set	15.07.2024
27	30242247	Water tank (2 x 685 Ltrs.) Assembly with lower frame for LHB type coaches	17	Nos	15.07.2024
28	37241966	Narrow jaw adapter.	32650	Nos	16.07.2024
29	37242820	Lock bolt (22.2 mm)	38629	Nos	16.07.2024
30	37242770	Guard chair	609	Nos	22.07.2024
31	30240103A	DISTRIBUTOR VALVE WITHOUT COMMON PIPE BRACKET WITH RELAY VALVE FEATURE	84	Nos	22.07.2024
32	85242079	CONE ROLLER AND CAGE ASSEMBLY FOR CTRB CLASS-E (6" x 11") FOR FREIGHT STOCK 2.3/22.9 T. AXLE LOAD MAKE NEI - TO DRG. NO. PSD-6085 (NARROW) REV. D. STR. NO. AB/RB39-2002 REV.4 OF FEB. 2018 (EACH CONE ASSEMBLY SHALL CONSIST COME-01 NO. CAGE, 01 NO. ROLLER SET 1 OF 24 NOS ROLLER DULY ASSEMBLED CONDITION)	590	Set	29.07.2024
33	81241186A	HFC REFRIGERANT GAS R-407-C, IN CAPACITY OF 45KG CYLINDER EACH.	6390	Kgs	05.08.2024

CORRIGENDUM

Sr.No.	Tender No.	Description	Nit No.	Opening Date
1	50245063	Running contract for power cable size 2cx25 sq. mm. for a period of one year	S/2024/58 dt. 07.05.2024	Existing : 24.06.2024 To be read as : 10.07.2024

NOTE- Another tender condition has been added in tender document, details may be seen on site of IREPS

NOTE:- (1) Interested tenderers may visit the website www.ireps.gov.in for Full details/ description/ Specification/ EMD & tender cost etc. All tenders 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 tenders, please visit www.ireps.gov.in

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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.

Sd/-
Chairman
Ashokenagar-Kalyangarh Municipality

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 Harbour, 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

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एस०बी०डी० आधारित अति-अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना

ई-निविदा संज्ञा संख्या :- RCD/RAMGARH/437/2024-25 दिनांक :- 11-06-2024

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5.	निविदा प्राप्त की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय		98351-25637
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7.	प्रोक्वोरमेंट पदाधिकारी का सम्पर्क नंबर		
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e-Procurement Notice / Tender Notice
NIT No: JUIDCO/NIT/Rehla Bishrampur /UWS/24/605
Date: 10/06/2024

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

Note Only e-tenders will be accepted.
Further details are available on the Jharkhand Government e-procurement website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>
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Project Director (Technical)
JUIDCO Ltd., Ranchi

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

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e-Tender Reference No. : W.R.D./M.I.D./DUMKA/F-01/2024-25 Dated :-11/06/2024

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Beyond the ‘angry young man’

SANJUKTA DASGUPTA

Acclaimed 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 (Inqilab 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 imitable career of the phenomenal icon of Bollywood. In fact, in the foreword to the book, filmmaker and founder of the Film Heritage Foundation Shivenra 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, urban-looking 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 others.

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 Chatterjee 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 media-constructed mould and evolve as the powerful Other. He was possibly finding himself strapped to an ‘image-prison’ 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 hero, anti-

hero, Other or Othering the Other.

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Transition is a constant phenomenon

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Amit Shankar Saha’s *Transitions: Indian Diaspora and Four Women Writers* is an academic foray into 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 changes brought about by globalisation and the response to them by the diaspora. 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 diasporic authors invigorate robust debates on the “individual, social and cultural aspects of self-fashioning”.

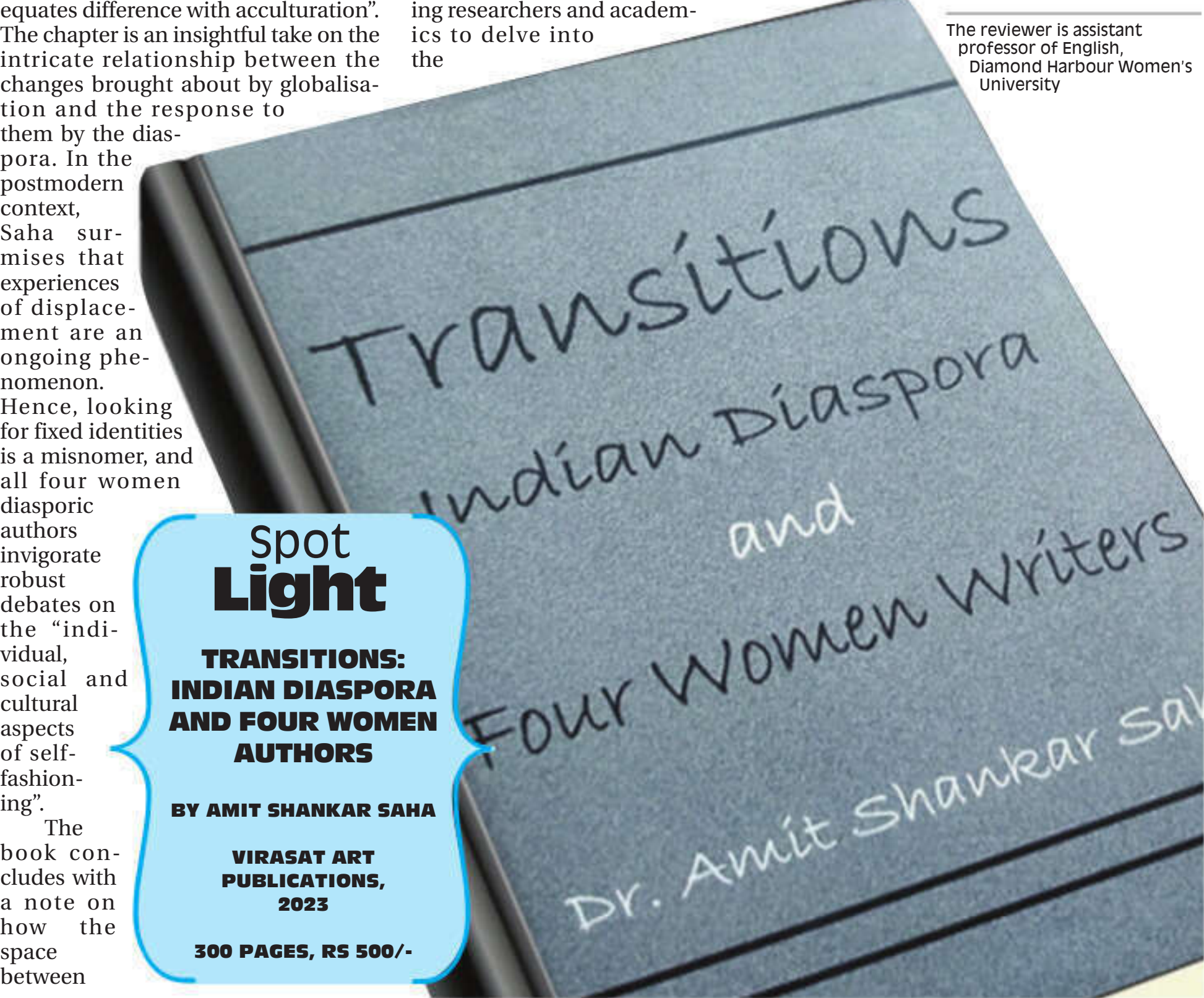
The book concludes with a note on how the space between

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 the

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 pleasure of reading.

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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

Allrounder 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 off-spinner instead of both of them so as to be able to play the match-ups well.

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



to pinch-hit or pinch-anchor 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 widely. Just

to play normal cricketing shots. The more I could face the new ball, the easier it would get for Hardik Pandya and Shivam Dube," he said.

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 Kuldeep understands and appreciates that his sitting out is not an assessment of his skill but a question of team bal-

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 non-negotiable. "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 batting.

"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

AGENCIES
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. David Warner 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.

This victory represents the second-largest margin 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 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 FIFA World Cup 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 nothing but blatant #Cheating. They would've still qualified without this goal. What a beautiful game indeed @FIFA-com @FIFAWorldCup #QATIND," said a fan on X. "Qatar robbed India's spot for FIFA World 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 'big-mouth' 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 on X

"Robbed? Yes. But, still gives us no excuse to lose against Afghanistan & drop points against Kuwait. It's high time for Stimac to leave, as per his own words & 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

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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

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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 well-equipped 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 trials 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 much-anticipated Paris Olympics where shooting will be among the medal-winning disciplines 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

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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

May.

After his first-ever first-round 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.

It's a big percentage that I 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 created history on Sunday at the French Open 2024, becoming the second-youngest clay-court 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.

