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GST COUNCIL TO MEET ON 22 JUNE

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STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi on Thursday reviewed the security situation in

Jammu and Kashmir with

National Security Advisor

(NSA) Ajit Doval and other

senior officials, govern-

overview of the security-

related situation in Jammu

and Kashmir and the count-

er-terror efforts being under-

Modi emphasised the

importance of deploying the

full spectrum of India's

counter-terror capabili-

ties. He also spoke to Union

Home Minister Amit Shah

and discussed the deploy-

ment of security forces and

counter-terror operations.

Kashmir Lieutenant Gov-

ernor Manoj Sinha to take

stock of the situation and was

briefed on the efforts being

The PM told Jammu &

During the meeting, Mr.

The PM was given a full

ment sources said.

NEW DELHI, 13 JUNE

'DIFFERENT GAME':

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WEATHER

Partly cloudy sky. Possibility of rain/thundershower towards night. Maximum and minimum temperatures likely to be around 35 °C and 27 °C respectively.

RAINFALL: 0.1 mm **RELATIVE HUMIDITY**

Max. 87 % Min. 66 % **TEMPERATURE** Max: 35.0°C (+0.5) Min: 27.9°C (+0.7)

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THUMBNAILS

New Moon on 22 June



People fill their buckets from a water tanker as Delhi's water crisis continues, in New Delhi on Thursday. ■ ANI

Ajit Doval stays as NSA, PK Mishra as principal secy to PM: Ajit Doval and P K Mishra were on Thursday reappointed as National Security Adviser (NSA) and Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister respectively. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the appointments of these key confidants of the Prime Minister with effect from 10 June. Both Mr Doval and Dr Mishra have been assigned the rank of Cabinet Minister in the Table of Precedence.

NTA cancels grace marks of NEET-UC candidates

The candidates, 1,563 in number, will have the option of taking a re-test, agency tells SC



PARMOD KUMAR NEW DELHI, 13 JUNE

mid the allegations over irregularities in conducting the NEET-UG 2024 for admission to medical colleges, the National Testing Agency (NTA) on Thursday told the Supreme Court that the scorecards of 1,563 NEET-UG candidates who were given 'grace marks' for loss of time will be cancelled, and they will be given an option to take a re-test.

Appearing for the NTA, advocate Kanu Agrawal, told a vacation bench comprising Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta that a decision was taken by the NTA to hold a re-test for

those awarded 'grace marks' on account of loss of time at a few exam centres.

Reiterating that the counselling for admission to medical colleges across the country will not be put on hold, the bench said: "Counselling will go on and we will not stop it. If the exam goes then everything goes in totality so nothing to fear."

The NTA told the court that those candidates who choose to take the re-test, their present scores would be cancelled and their new score, after the re-test, will be counted for admission to medical colleges. For those who choose not to take the retest, their original scores would remain but will not include the grace marks

No proof found of paper leak in NEET: Dharmendra Pradhan STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, 13 JUNE

Dismissing allegations of paper leak in medical entrance exam NEET-UG, **Union Education Minis**ter Dharmendra Pradhan said here on Thursday that no proof has been found of paper leak.

Talking to mediapersons, Mr Pradhan pointed out that 24 lakh students have successfully taken the NEET examination. "I want to assure the students and their parents that the government of India and the NTA are committed to

The court took on record the NTA's statement that re-test of 1,563 students will be notified today itself and it would be held on 23 June and results would be declared prior to 30 June so that

awarded to them earlier.

issued later in the day. The bench was told that a committee has been con-

counselling, which is set to

begin on 6 July, is not affect-

ed. The notification was



Twenty-four lakh students have successfully taken the NEET examination. There is no paper leak, no proof has been found so far," he said. "There is no corruption in connection with the NEET examination in which 24 lakh students appeared," he said.

stituted to review the results of the 1,563 candidates who were awarded "grace marks" to compensate for loss of time suffered while appearing for NEET-UG 2024. "The Committee has taken a decision to cancel the score-cards of 1563 NEET-UG 2024 candidates $who\,were\,given\,grace\,marks$ and these students will be given an option to take a re-test," the NTA said.

Deployall counter-terror capabilities in J&K, says PM India rejects reference to J&K in



India on Thursday rejected "unwarranted references" to the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir in the joint statement issued by China and Pakistan during Pakistan Prime

Minister Shehbaz Sharif's

recent visit to Beijing. "We have noted unwarranted references to the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir in the joint statement between China and Pakistan of 07 June 2024."

"We categorically reject such references. Our position on the issue is consistent and well known to the concerned parties. The Union Territory of

undertaken by the local grims, causing the vehicle administration. to plunge into a gorge.

There has been a series of terror attacks in the Jammu and Kashmir region over the past few days, with three significant attacks at Reasi, Kathua, and Doda. In the Reasi incident, nine people died after terrorists fired on a bus carrying pil-

Jammu and Kashmir and

the Union Territory of

Ladakh have been, are

and will always remain

integral and inalienable

parts of India. No other

country has the locus

standi to comment on the

same," Ministry of Exter-

nal Affairs spokesperson

said China and Pakistan

oppose any "unilateral

action" for the resolution

of outstanding issues in

South Asia after Mr Sharif

'briefed' the Chinese lead-

ership on the situation in

The joint statement

Randhir Jaiswal said.

PM leaves for Italy Prime Minister Narendra Modi left for Italy on Thursday to attend the G-7 Outreach Summit in its Apu-

lia region on 14 June at

the invitation of Prime

Minister Giorgia Meloni.

'Showcase West Bengal' this year, not BGBS

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 13 JUNE

Chief minister Mamata Banerjee said at a meeting with captains of industry held at Nabanna Sabhaghar on Thursday that there would be no Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS) this year.

Instead a 'Showcase West Bengal' event would be held from 20 September to 6 October at the Biswa Bengal Convention Centre.

Announcing this at the meet, the chief minister said that the exhibition would showcase the pride of Bengal like handicrafts, textiles and



line the buyers-sellers inter-

Miss Banerjee is also said to have assured the industrialists that the state government would extend its full cooperation to ensure the success of the event, and reiterated that nothing would come in the way of investment in the state.

The chief minister, at the meeting, also stressed on the need to put more thrust on core sectors like food processing. The state would set up four to five economic corridors to expand its industrial footprint, Miss Banerjee was reported as saying. She also said there is no problem of land, pointing out that the state has a land bank to provide land

for industry.

Buoyed by her party's victory in the recently concluded Lok Sabha elections, in which the state-sponsored flagship schemes, particularly Lakshmir Bhandar, played their part in scripting a continued success story for the ruling Trinamul Congress, Miss Banerjee met the captains of industry at Nabanna Sabhaghar in a bid to attract more investment for the state.

The meeting, which lasted for nearly two hours, was attended by industrialists like Harsh Neotia, Sanjay Budhia and many more leaders of industry.

BJP likely to retain Speaker's post in 18th Lok Sabha

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI. 13 JUNE**

After the allocation of portfolios in the new BJP-led NDA government under Modi 3.0, the focus has now shifted to the election of the Lok Sabha Speaker. Sources suggest that the BJP is set to retain the key position in the Lower House of Parliament as a saffron party MP is expected to be elected for the impor-

tant role. Sources further indicated that the name of the new Speaker for the 18th Lok



Sabha will be deliberated upon after Prime Minister Narendra Modi returns from Italy. In the Modi government's first term, Sumitra Mahajan, a BJP MP from Indore, Madhya Pradesh, served as the Lok Sabha Speaker, while in the second term, Om Birla, a BJP MP from Kota, Rajasthan, held the position. Dismissing media reports

suggesting that BJP's allies had demanded the Lok Sabha Speaker's post, a senior party leader said the matter would be first considered internally before discussing it with NDA allies to reach a consensus. As the BJP does not hold a majority as it did in 2014 and 2019, speculation was rife that the TDP and a JD(U) MP were vying for the Speaker's post.

fire claims lives of four firefighters

Uttarakhand forest

ALMORA, 13 JUNE

NEXA

Four firefighters lost their lives and four others sustained serious injuries while battling a blaze in the Binsar forest in Almora district of Uttarakhand.

Forest ranger Manoj Sanwal said that the deaths took place due to the strong wind. "Today at 3 o'clock, on receiving the information about the fire in Binsar, a team of eight people went to the spot, and due to the strong wind, the fire took a terrible form due to which 4 people died on the spot and 4 people are seriously injured," Sanwal said. ANI

Agnipath scheme under review, panel formed

NEW DELHI, 13 JUNE

After the National Democratic Alliance's allies aired their grievances over the appointment of 'Agniveers' under the Agnipath scheme, the Centre has expressed its willingness to address the lacunaeand also promised to make amends in the short-term recruitment to the Armed Forces.

It is now learnt that the BJP-led NDA government has formed a panel of secretaries, from at least 10 ministries to review the scheme and also to deliberate on how to make it more lucrative and rewarding for the young recruits. The group of secretaries

is expected to give their recommendations on making the short-term recruitment programme under the Agnipath scheme, more attractive.

The scheme became a key election issue in the poll campaign with Opposition parties vowing to revoke it, if voted to power.

The panel of secretaries is expected to give a final presentation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, after he returns from the G7 Summit in Italy. A detailed presentation may be made before the Prime Minister

The committee may suggest tweaks in the recruitment process and recommend additional monetary benefits for the Agniveers.

on 17 or 18 June, sources said. The committee may suggest tweaks in the recruitment process and recommend additional monetary benefits for the Agniveers, currently selected for a four-year period.

The Indian Army is also believed to be conducting an internal assessment of the scheme and is likely to submit its report before the government.

As per those privy to the assessment, the Army is likely to suggest certain tweaks which include enhancing the training period for Agniveer recruits and also their retention percentage in the Armed forces.

It may recommend retaining about 60-70 per cent of Agniveers, as against

the existing 25 per cent. The Prime Minister's Office is likely to take a final call on the changes after taking into account all the recommendations and feedback from all stakeholders.

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Portfolios allocated to ministers in Sikkim

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE SILIGURI, 13 JUNE

Porfolios have been allocated to the new council of ministers of Sikkim, headed by chief minister Prem Singh Tamang, which were approved by the Governor, Lakshman Prasad Acharya.

The chief minister personally manages various departments, including home, planning and development, department of personnel, power, excise, land and revenue, disaster management, information and public relations, information technology, skill development, etc.

Sonam Lama has been appointed minister incharge of public health engineering, water resources, and ecclesiastical departments. Arun Kumar Upreti is the minister for rural development and cooperation departments. Social

welfare, women and child development, and printing & stationery departments have been allocated

Bhim Hang Limboo is the buildings & housing depart-

ister in-charge of urban development, food and

G T Dhungel has been assigned health, family welfare, and culture departments. Puran Kumar Gurung has been appointed as the minister for agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, veterinary

Forest and environment, sports and youth, law and parliamentary affairs have

Bhutia is the minister for tourism, civil aviation, commerce, and industry.

TENDER

Following E-tender is invited online by Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway Station, Howrah-711101 from Tenderers having experience of similar nature of work and required Financial capabilities including those Registered with Irrigation/CPWD/SEB/MES or any public sector undertaking for the following work:- Sr. DEN/2/Howrah. Sl. No. 1, E-Tender No. 26_2024-25, Dated: 07.06.2024, Description of work Construction of Limited Height Subway in lieu of Level Crossing No.1/C/E at Km 2/13-14, 4/C/E at Km. 9/4-5, 6/C/T at Km 11/12-13, 9/C/E at Km, 16/17-18 ir Barddhaman-Balgona section under AEN/Barddhaman in Howrah Division Approx Cost: Rs. 21,14,14,651,46 Earnest Money: Rs. 12,07,100/ Sl. No. 2, E-Tender No. 27_2024-25 Dated: 07.06.2024, Description of work Construction of Limited Height Subway in lieu of Level Crossing No.8/C/E at Km 16/1-2, 13/C/E at Km. 21/8-9, 14/C/E Km. 23/7-8 in Barddhaman-Balgona section under AEN/Barddhaman & 14/C/E at Km. 37/1-2 in Ahamadpur-Katwa Section under AEN/Katwa in Howrah Division, Approx Cost Rs. 20,67,31,432.93. Earnest Money Rs. 11,83,700/-. Cost of Tender Form Nil. [For St. No. 1 & 2]. Completion Period: 12 months [For SI, No. 1 & 2], In case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a holiday/ bandh/strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tenders online will be done next working day Closing date and time of Tender 01.07.2024 at 14.00 hrs. [For Sl. No 1 & 2]. The details of tender are available at website www.ireps.gov.in. Tenderers

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are requested to submit their offer online

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Tender Notice No.: EL-20-24 dated 12.06.2024. E-Tenders are invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G) Eastern Railway, Asansol Division, Station Road, Asansol, Pin - 713301 for the following work from reputed tenderers having valid Electric contractor Licence and capable to complete the following its location: Asansol Division: Up-gradation of combined lobby and running room in Asansol Division (Raniganj, Durgapur Steel, Andal Madhupur, Jasidih, Dumka, Siuri) Tender Value: Rs. 62,57,721.80, Earnest Money: Rs. 1,25,200/-. Cost of Tender Document: Nil, Completion period for the work: 120 days. Date & Time of closing & opening: 05.07.2024 at 11.00 hrs. Complete details can be seen in the Railways website www.ireps.gov.in

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📵 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🎕 E-OPEN TENDER NOTICE

Date: 12.06.202 The DRM (Sig. & Telecom)/SEE for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-Tenders for the following works. The last date of online E-tendering 03.07.2024 up to 12:00 hrs. All information and tender documents related to E-tender available on website - www.ireps.gov.in. SI.No.: 1, E-Tender No.: S&T/SEE/E-OT 24-25/16, Name of Work : SEE Div Replacement of overdue signalling asset such as LED, Relays, EKT, Battery Set Chargers, ground connection of EPM different section.. Approx Cost (In Rs.) 1,79,47,379.76, Earnest Money (In Rs.) 2,39,800.00, Cost of Tender Document (In Rs.) (Non-refundable) : 0.00 Completion period: 06 (Six) Month from

The above tender notice is available on website www.ireps.gov.in. Uploading date 12.06.2024. RIGHT OF RAILWAY TO DEAL WITH TENDER: Railway Administration reserves the right to postpone /modify or to cancel any one or all the tenders without

Divisional Railway Manager/Sig. & Telecom E. C. Railway, Sonpur PR/00476/SEE/S&T/T/24-25/36

MADHYA PRADESH BUILDING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION An Agency of Govt. of M.P. Public Works Department) 16-A, CEDMAP Building, Arera Hills, Bhopal (M.P.)-452011

Telephone No.: 0755-4853297, 0755-4853295 E-mail: einc-mpbdc@mp.gov.in, ajay.nagaria@mp.gov.in NIT No.: 6332/GM/MPBDC/DPR/24/NIT-056 Bhopal, Dated: 13.06.2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR NIT No. 056

Madhya Pradesh Building Development Corporation invites online tender for the following work in various District of M.P.:-

 Preparation of Architectural, Design and DPR for Construction of Various Building Works Under MPBDC, Zone-1 Package No. 009/2024/DPR/BDC/Zone-1

Probable Amount of Consultancy Fee (Excluding GST) = Rs. 450 Lacs. 2. Preparation of Architectural, Design and DPR for Construction of

Various Building Works Under MPBDC, Zone-2

Package No. 010/2024/DPR/BDC/Zone-2

Probable Amount of Consultancy Fee (Excluding GST) = Rs. 450 Lacs. Detailed NIT and tender documents can be viewed and purchased online only from 21.06.2024 at 18:00 hrs. to 24.07.2024 at 15:30 hrs. from website www.mptenders.gov.in

PAC can very at the time of uploading in tender document if required Any amendment/corrigendum, if any, will be published on website only. will not be published on newspapers.

M.P. Madhyam/114881/2024 MANAGING DIRECTOR

EASTERN RAILWAY

E-AUCTION NOTICE

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Asansol Division, Station Road, Asansol, Pin-713301 invites open e-Auction through IREPS portal vide website www.ireps.gov.in for provision of Catering Services through Modular Catering stalls over Asansol Division. Details of which (1) Auction Catalogue No. Catg-SMU-24-9

Seq. No.: AA/1. Lot No./Category: Catg-ASN-JSME-SMU- 85-24-1.

Description of works: Provision of Catering Services through Modular Catering Stall 10'X6' (60 Sq. Ft.) at Jasidih Railway Station (Category A) in between Hand Pump No. 2 and Water Tap No. 11, 12 & 13 under Special Minor Unit (SMU) for a period of 05 years. E-Auction Date/Time 21.06.2024 at 12.00 hrs

(2) Auction Catalogue No. Catg-SMU-24-11

Seq. No.: AA/1. Lot No./Category: Catg-ASN-JSME-SMU- 87-24-1. Description of works: Provision of Catering Services through Modular Catering Stall 10'X6' (60 Sq. Ft.) at Jasidih Railway Station (Category A) under middle shed of Platform No. 2 between OHE Post No. 322/27 and Foot Over Bridge Column under Special Minor Unit (SMU) for a period of 05 years. Reserve for Other Backward Classes (OBC). E-Auction Date/Time: 24.06.2024 at 14.00 hrs.

All prospective bidders are advised to visit the website www.ireps.gov.ir for full details and to participate against the above mentioned e-auction as per scheduled given ASN-80/2024-25

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Sikkim landslides kill 3, damage property; road connectivity hit

Tour operators said some 800 tourists and over 100 vehicles are currently stuck in the affected regions of north Sikkim



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE SILIGURI, 13 JUNE

massive and devastating landslide has struck the areas around Mangan and various locations in north Sikkim following incessant rainfall, since yesterday. This tragic incident has resulted in the loss of lives, destruction of houses and the displacement of families, a senior official of the Sikkim government said today.

Due to continuous rain in north Sikkim, the Teesta has risen beyond safe levels and has affected parts of the Kalimpong district since this early morning. The river overflowed and inundated certain areas, including a road connecting Darjeeling and Sikkim. Tour Operators' reported that approximately 800 tourists and over 100 vehicles are currently stuck in the affected regions of north Sikkim.

Chief minister of Sikkim

Stir over rice mill auction:

Rice sellers agitated in front

of a rice mill at Majhrgram in

alleging that a bank is set to

auction the mill without set-

tling the farmers' dues am-

ounting to Rs 2.30 crore. The

agitators said the mill owner

had downed shutters with-

dues and now the bank was

going to auction it without

Open Tender Notice No.: TRD-WC-T

2024-25-11, dated: 11.06.2024

E-Tenders are invited by Sr. Divisional

Electrical Engineer/TRD, Eastern

Railway, Asansol Division, Station Road,

Asansol, Pin - 713301 for the following

works from reputed tenderers having

valid Electric contractor license &

Supervisory license and capable to

complete the following work financially.

Tender Case No.: TRD-WC-T-2024

25-11. Name of the Work: The following

TRD works (A): Asansol Division-

Madhupur-Infrastructure and facilities for

newly allotted 140T BD Crane a

Madhupur (B): Upgrdadation

Development of maintenance

nfrastructure and maintenance facilities

for Vande Bharat trains at New Coaching Depot, Asansol. Tender Value

Rs. 56,01,256.47. Earnest Money

Rs. 1,12,000/-. Completion period for

the work: 06 Months from the date of

issue of letter of acceptance. Validity of

offers for the work: 45 days from the

date of opening. Date and time of

opening: 15.07.2024 at 11.00 hrs.

Complete details can be seen in the

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Following E-tender is invited by the Divisional Engineer (IV), Eastern

Railway, Howrah, DRM Building near

Railway Station, Howrah-711101 from

Tenderers having experience of similar nature of work and required Financial

capabilities including those Registered with

Irrigation/CPWD/SEB/MES or any public

sector undertaking for the following work:- DEN/4/Howrah. E-Tender No.

71_2024-25 DEN/4/HWH , Description

of work: Provision of 10 bedded ladies

RPF escorting party rest room at Dankuni, Bolpur, Rampurhat & Azimganj and

15 bedded at Pakur in Howrah Division.

Approx Cost: Rs. 2,00,11,353.55. Earnest

Money: Rs. 2,50,100/-, Tender Form Cost

(Rs.): Nil. Completion Period: 12 (Twelve)

months from the date of issue of

acceptance letter. In case the date of

closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting

Tender is declared a holiday/bandh/ strike

on any account, the date of closing tender

online will not be changed as the application

in the website of IREPS does not permit

submission of any offer after closing date

and time of the tender. However, opening

of tenders online will be done next

working day. Closing date and time of

Tender: 03.07.2024 at 14.00 hrs. The

details of tender are available at website

www.ireps.gov.in. Tenderers are

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the above website. Payment of Earnest

Money Deposit (EMD) & Tender document

cost , in respect of E-tendering, should be

accepted through net banking or payment gateway only through above website

NOTE: Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) will

not be accepted as EMD for tenders invited

on IREPS (e-tender portal). No manual

Tender Notices are also available at Website

HWH-116/2024-25

offer will be accepted.

ASN-81/2024-25

Railway website www.ireps.gov.in

considering the dues. SNS

out clearing the farmers'

East Burdwan on Thursday

Prem Singh Tamang, who is in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, attending the swearing-in ceremony of the chief minister Pema Khandu of Arunachal Pradesh has communicated with the north district administration, police department and relevant departments to ensure a swift response.

Mr Tamang will return soon to personally oversee and address the needs and suffering of the people of Sikkim, official sources said today.

provide every possible support indicate that electricity poles to the victims and affected families, including recovery assistance, temporary settlement and the provision of basic needs," the chief minister

Due to the recent rainfall, there have been numerous landslides in Mangan district, resulting in road blockages and flooded houses. In response, DM Mangan Hem Kumar Chettri has summoned an





"Efforts are underway to urgent meeting. Reports also have been washed away in cer-

> An excavator has been deployed near Mangshila Degree College on the national highway to remove debris.

The administrative officers of Mangan district, along with the disaster management team and officials from various departments, took immediate action upon receiving news of landslides and damages earlier today.

According to reports, in Pakshep, three people have lost their lives, seven buildings have suffered partial damages, and one house has been completely washed away. In Ambhithang, two individuals are missing and one person is being treated for severe injuries. The situation at Mangshila is currently being assessed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who left for Italy on Thursday to attend the G-7 Out-

DM restricts vehicular movement

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE SILIGURI, 13 JUNE

District magistrate of Kalimpong, Balasubramanian T, has implemented limitations on the transportation of large vehicles such as cargo trucks and buses between Melli and 29th Mile using National Highway 10. In light of the Teesta reaching a dangerous level due to continuous rainfall in its surrounding areas, DM Kalimpong has suggested alternate routes for both heavy and light vehicles that run along the

According to the DM Kalimpong, all vehicles are restricted to use the Rabi Jhora, Teesta Bazar and Pesok route for travel between Darjeeling and its surrounding areas until further notice. This is due to the flood-

reach Summit.

Mangan authorities, who are also coordinating efforts for clearance and providing immediate relief to affected areas. Unfortunately, the road leading to Mangan has been damaged at multiple points, making it difficult for relief materials to be transported by vehicles.

However, alternative measures are being taken to connect the affected regions, such as constructing log bridges by ing of the Teesta river, which has rendered other roads inaccessible.

Only small vehicles are allowed to travel from Rangpoo to Siliguri via Munsong - 17th Mile - Algarah, Lava, Gorubathan and Siliguri. Heavy vehicles, such as those carrying goods or passengers, can only travel from Rishi-Pedong- Algarah- Lava and Gorubathan.

All vehicles travelling from Kalimpong to Darjeeling will use the route of 27th Mile-Teesta Valley to reach Darjeeling.

A bridge collapse at Sangkalang has left over 1,500 tourists stranded in Lachung and Chungthang in Sikkim. The recently built bridge, which was constructed after the Teesta flood on 4 October, 2023, collapsed on Thursday afternoon.

Rafong Khola.

the Forest department in

According to updates from Sikkim, residents living near Kalimpong and Jalpaiguri are concerned about flooding. The continuous rainfall in the upper catchment has caused the Teesta to overflow and affect unprotected areas since midnight. It is important to mention that the river's navigability between Kalimpong and Jalpaiguri district was badly hit last year due to sediment accumulation after a sudden flood in Sikkim.

Prison authorities write to SSKM over Trinamul MLA accused of assaulting restaurant owner deteriorating health of Partha Chatterjee granted anticipatory bail terjee's limbs have swollen

AGENCIES KOLKATA, 13 JUNE

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KOLKATA. 13 JUNE

Calcutta High Court on Thurs-

day directed the Central

Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

to include the name of Gorkha

Janmukti Morcha (GJM)

supremo Bimal Gurung

(photo) in the case relating

to the murder of environment

activist and All India Gorkha

League (AIGL) leader Madan

On May 21, 2010, Madan

Tamang was attacked by

three assassins, led by the

prime accused Nicole

Tamang and was hacked

to death with 'patangs'

Tamang in 2010.

The health condition of formerWest Bengal Education Minister Partha Chatterjee, the prime accused in the cash-for-school jobs case who is under judicial custody for over two years now, has deteriorated.

The authorities of the Presidency Jail where Chatterjee is lodged on Thursday wrote to the state-run S.S.K.M. Medical College & Dispersion of the Medical College & Dispersion o pital recommending proper treatment of the accused.



Sources in the prison department said that besides high blood pressure, Chat-

Gurung's name in Madan Tamang murder case

(small Gorkha daggers).

Although Nicole Tamang

was arrested by Darjeeling

police, he managed to

escape from custody. Later,

the CBI took over the inves-

tigation and filed a charge

sheet against 48 individu-

als, including Bimal Gurung

Calcutta HC directs inclusion of Bimal

for which he needs to undergo treatment. Recently, the Enforce-

ment Directorate (ED) probing the case tracked six additional properties indirectly held by the former Education Minister. The properties are located at Bolpur in Birbhum district and their current market value is worth a few crore rupees.

Bolpur.

and his wife Asha Gurung

and GJM leader Roshon

court provided relief to

Gurung, directing that his

name be expunged from

the charge sheet. However,

Tamang's wife Bharati

Tamang approached the

Calcutta High Court chal-

ing in the matter for around

seven years, the Calcutta

High Court's single-judge

bench of Justice Subhendu

Samanta on Thursday

directed the inclusion of

Gurung's name in the case.

After a prolonged hear-

lenging the order.

However, in 2017, a lower

Giri, among others.

Sources said that out of the six properties, five are plots of land while the remaining is an independent house in

in Kolkata on the night of June 7. After Chakraborty surrendered before the district court on Thursday, his counsel moved the anticipatory bail plea which was grant-

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ed by the judge against a personal bond of Rs 2,000. "The matter is sub-judice and hence I have no comments to make," Chakraborty told mediapersons outside

Chakraborty, who is accused

the court. Chakraborty was granted anticipatory bail a day after Anisul approached the Calcutta High Court accusing the police of not taking any action against the ruling party legislator accused of assaulting him.

In his petition, Alam also accused Chakraborty of constantly threatening him and his associates since the night of the alleged assault. Alam claimed that despite approaching the police, the



latter did not take any step in the matter.

Chakraborty was caught on camera thrashing Alam inside his restaurant premises on the night of June 7. Later, the actor-turnedpolitician claimed that he hit Alam for making abusive remarks against Trinamul General Secretary and Lok Sabha MP Abhishek Baner-

However, Alam denied the allegation and accused Chakraborty of dragging the name of Abhishek Banerjee to hide his guilt.

According to Alam, the row was triggered after he asked the driver and bodyguards of Chakraborty to remove the actor's car that was parked wrongly in the parking lot.

Calcutta HC imposes penalty on West Bengal Madrasah Service Commission for delaying recruitment results for 13 years

Calcutta High Court on Thursday imposed a penalty on West Bengal Madrasah Service Commission (WBMSC) for delaying the results of the recruitment examination for non-teaching staff by 13 years.

of the Calcutta High Court. The court also directed

months. To recall, the preliminary

madrasas in the state was conducted in 2010 and in 2011 there was a written examination. However, the results were ment of non-teaching staff not announced in the last

Some of the candidates who had appeared for the examination approached the Calcutta High Court

High Court's Single- Judge Bench of Justice Rajasekhar Mantha ordered that vacant posts should be filled within 14 days. However, the WBMSC

authorities challenged the order at the Division Bench.

Although the Division Bench upheld the order of the Single-Judge, the WBMSC sought extension and after extension on various grounds and did not announce the results.

Finally on Thursday, the Division Bench made it clear that the recruitment process would have to be completed within the next three months and no further extension beyond that would be allowed.

The penalty was imposed for the inability to complete the recruitment process within the deadlines fixed

HS merit list STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

The West Bengal Council of

3 students enter

KOLKATA, 13 JUNE

Higher Secondary Education today published a revised merit list of the Higher Secondary 2024 results. Three students joined the list after their answer scripts were reevaluated. The students are Soham

Saha of Mathabhanga High School, Cooch Behar, who has now 489 marks from the earlier 482. He is ranked eighth. In ninth position is Pranjal Ghosh of Bishnupur High School, Bankura, who now has 488 marks from the earlier 484. Satyaki Sinha of Malda has now secured the 10th spot. With the joining of the

three students in the merit list, the final count of top 10 students has now gone up to 73. The HS council sources informed that the final list will be sent to the school education department for necessary action on their part.

AGENCIES cation of results. In 2019, the Calcutta KOLKATA, 13 JUNE A Division Bench of the

Imposing a penalty of Rs 200,000 on Thursday, the Division Bench of Justice Harish Tandon and Justice Prasenjit Biswas directed the WBMSC authorities to deposit the sum with the legal services department

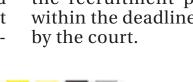
the WBMSC authorities to complete the recruitment process for 3,000 vacancies within the next three

examination for recruit-



ments were made.

seeking immediate publi-



THUMBNAILS



Rickshaw-pullers take rest after a hard day's labour. MOUL MONDAL

7 CRPF Jawans injured in road mishap: Around 7 CRPF jawans were seriously injured in a road mishap today. The jawans are deployed in the Arambagh sub-division area to keep a check on any possibility of post-poll violence there. **Eyewitness said while the** jawans were shifted from one place to another in a bus when a speeding lorry from the opposite side of the road collided with the bus carrying the jawans head on. The police rushed to the spot and rescued the injured jawans and shifted them to the nearest health centre. SNS

Working hours change: The Eastern Railway has decided to change the working hours of UTS-cum-PRS counters of six stations temporarily. The zonal railway has revised the functioning hours of the UTS-cum-PRS counters at Madhyamgram, Barasat, Debagram, Thakurnagar, Majhdia and Habra. The changes are to be in place till 14 July considering an **Advance Reservation Peri**od of 120 days. According to the ER, the timings of the PRS counters have been changed from 8 am to 8.30 am and from 10 am to 12 pm. Likewise, for UTS counters, the timings have been revised from 8.30 am to 10 am and 12

CM orders probe into govt land distribution by HIDCO

Mamata Banerjee has asked H K Dwivedi to look into distribution of govt land in Rajarhat-New Town

SUBHENDU MAITI

KOLKATA, 13 JUNE

hief minister Mamata Banerjee has directed HKDwivedi, former chief secretary and now an advisor to her to initiate an inquiry to probe alleged distribution of government lands in the Rajarhat-New Town area, under HIDCO (Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation) during the period that Debashis Sen was chairman of the corporation.

Miss Banerjee's directive to conduct the inquiry involving Mr Sen, a former bureaucrat who was once said to be a favoured officer, has raised eyebrows among senior IAS officers in the state.

While holding an administrative review meeting with chief secretary BP Gopalika, secretaries of different depart-



health etc, IPS officers, includafter his retirement, to probe ing director general of police how many agencies have been (DGP) and districts magistrates given lands in the Rajarhat-New at the state secretariat Naban-Town areas when Mr Sen was na on Tuesday she raised the the CMD of HIDCO. issue of irregularities in dis-"The chief minister has tribution of government lands

asked Mr Dwivedi to make onin Rajarhat-New Town areas. the-spot visits to Rajarhat-New Miss Banerjee directed Mr Town areas to inspect the Dwivedi, who was appointed condition of government lands given to private entrepreneurs instead of sitting at the CMO at Nabanna," sources in the state secretariat said.

She also asked Mr Dwivedi to look into the status of lands leased out to private companies and whether all legal processes were followed when the lands were handed over to them.

Recently, serious allegations of nepotism were brought against Mr Sen, who reportedly, violating rules and regulations of the New Town Kolkata Development Authority (NKDA) had approved his relative to use a big plot of government land in the NKDA area for Durga Puja celebration.

Besides the alleged irregularities in connection with leasing out of government lands to private companies, there are other allegations like

handing over most of the government housing projects in the New Town area to private developers during his long stint as a HIDCO chair-

Sources in the HIDCO also alleged that no fresh engineers and officers in senior posts were recruited during his tenure. Several retired engineers and officers of HIDCO were rehabilitated every year on contractual basis in the organization when he was the chairman.

Some senior bureaucrats said Mr Sen was given extension as HIDCO chairman for about four times after his retirement as he was very close to the chief minister.

Mr Sen was not available for comment. He did not respond to WhatsApp messages sent to him by this correspondent and did not take calls made to him.

No fresh case of human infection of avian influenza in Bengal: Health dept

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 13 JUNE

No fresh case of human infections of avian influenza among people who had come in close contact with the two bird flu-infected children in West Bengal was reported so far in the state, claimed the health department on Thursday.

While speaking to reporters today at Swasthya Bhaban, Narayan Swarup Nigam, principal secretary in charge of health department, said, "We have not yet received any fresh case of avian influenza in any person who had come close in contact with any one of the two bird flu-infected children in the state. There is also no report of surge in the state-wide survey on cases like influenza like illness (ILI)."

"No bird flu case among poultry birds has been reported so far even after strong surveillance. Therefore, there is no reason to panic. The health department has not yet imposed any restrictions on The WHO on Wednesday pressed an alarm button and confirmed about one case of human infection of bird flu in a child in the state

consumptions of chickens and eggs," Mr Nigam said.

Vivek Kumar, additional chief secretary in charge of state animal resource and development (ARD) department, said that samples of 1,728 poultry birds have been tested in ARD laboratory during April-May but no case of bird flu was reported so far.

Bird flu scare came back again in the state after two cases of human infections of the avian influenza caused by two variants H5N1 and H9N2 respectively were reported in the state. The WHO on Wednesday pressed an alarm button and confirmed about one case of human infection of bird fluin a child in the state.

EC deploys 55 companies of central forces for bypolls in 4 constituencies

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 13 JUNE

The Election Commission of India (ECI) deployed 55 companies of central forces for free and fair by-election in four assemblies Ranaghat Dakshin, Bagda, Raiganj and Maniktala.

The four constituencies in the state will go for by-polls on 10 July.

According to sources in the national poll panel, the highest number of 16 companies of Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) has been deployed in Bagda Assembly constituency in North 24-Parganas while for Ranaghat Dakshin in Nadia, 15 companies of CAPF have been allotted. The ECI had deployed

12 companies of central forces for both Raiganj in North Dinajpur and Maniktala in Kolkata each. Sitting MLAs in Assem-

blies, except Maniktala had contested recently-held Lok Sabha) polls. Maniktala Assembly is lying vacant after death of sitting Trinamul Congress MLA Sadhan Pandey in 2022.

On Monday, Election Commission of India (ECI) had announced the date of bypolls in the Ranaghat Dakshin, Bagda, Raiganj and Maniktala. Counting of the bypolls in the four Assemblies will be announced on 13 July.

The last date for submitting nominations in the four constituencies is 21 June while for withdrawing is 26 June, according to the

Three contestants Krishna Kalyani, Biswajit Das and Mukutmani Adhikari had won from Raiganj, Bagda and Ranaghat Assemblies in 2021 on Bharatiya Janata Party tickets.

But all three switched over to the Trinamul Congress and also resigned as MLAs to fight in LS polls in Raiganj, Bongaon and Ranaghat with Trinamul Congress tickets. Their resignations as MLAs led the bypolls in the three Assem-

Bengal bypolls: Bagda to have maximum CAPF deployment among four Assembly seats

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The Election Commission of India (ECI) has announced a breakup of the Central Armed Police Forces personnel (CAPF) deployment for the bypolls to the four Assembly constituencies in West Bengal on 10 July with the maximum to be in Bagda in North 24 Parganas district.

Sources in the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) said that of the 55 companies to be deployed, the maximum will be at Bagda at 16, following Ranaghat-Dakshin in Nadia district at 15.

In the case of Raiganj in North Dinajpur district and Maniktala in Kolkata, 12 com-



panies will be deployed for each. The deployment is made based on the degree of sensitivity in terms of law and order situation. As per the records, the Bagda Assembly seat is the most sensitive among the four constituencies. The Commission has decided to use EVMs and VVPATs in the bypolls in all the polling stations and for that purpose, adequate numbers

of the machines have been made available and all steps have been taken to ensure that the polling is conducted smoothly with the help of these machines, sources said. The gazette notification for

the bypolls will be issued on

Friday and the last date for filing of nomination by the candidates will be 21 June. The last date of withdrawal of nominations will be 26 June and the counting of votes will be 13 July. The bye-election at Maniktala was necessitated by the

demise of the erstwhile Trinamool Congress legislator from there Sadhan Pande. In the other three con-

stituencies, the erstwhile BJP

legislators, namely Biswajit Das

Students protest on NEET-UG corruption

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 Trinamool 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.

According to statistics from the office of the CEO, in terms of the results of the recently concluded Lok Sabha polls, the BJP is in a stronger position in Bagda, Ranaghat-Dakshin and Raiganj, while Trinamool Congress is better placed in Maniktala.

Dr Sarkar demands audit of NEET-UG results

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 13 JUNE

pm to 2 pm. sns

With the protest surrounding the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) growing louder, eminent city doctor Kunal Sarkar demanded an audit of the results declared this year.

The NEET results were declared on 4 June and as many as 67 students obtained full marks, 720, which is said to be unprecedented in the history of the National Testing Agency. With six aspirants from the same centre figuring in the list, it raised suspicions about irregularities. Scores of students have been protesting in various parts of the country since then seeking a probe into alleged irregularities.

Dr Sarkar was speaking during a press conference highlighting the plight of the NEET aspirants. He demanded that a thorough audit of the entire current year result process be conducted to find



the system. According to Dr Sarkar, this could be one of the ways to help in solving the problem of about 23 lakh aspirants, who are staring at their uncertain future. "To solve the problems, we need to know them first. To know the issues, a thorough investigation or audit needs to be done, in a time-bound manner while keeping the counselling and admission process on hold," claimed Dr Sarkar. According to the noted cardiothoracic surgeon, releout the alleged anomalies in vant steps need to be taken in the medical field.

to solve the problem based on the findings.

Reiterating the time consuming process involved in the legal path, Mr Sarkar also demanded that the help be provided to the aspirants in West Bengal by the state government to follow the legal path.

Echoing the concerns of Dr Sarkar, doctor Arkadeep Biswas demanded fair investigation into the matter so that only eligible and deserving candidates achieve success

KMC, Metro officials inspect Park St station

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 13 JUNE

The officials of Kolkata Metro Railway and the Kolkata Municipal Corporation conducted a joint inspection yesterday to locate the source of water ingress in Park Street Metro station during the downpour brought by cyclone Remal last month.

According to the city Metro, during the inspection the century-old KMC brick sewer was found to be silted, having pores and holes in the manhole wall. "Three holes have also been found in the wall of the brick sewer through which water entered into the station area on 27 May," claimed the Kolkata Metro Railway in an official statement

The carrier also informed that to arrest the seepage from the tunnel wall, the added.

Kolkata Metro Railway has started grouting at locations where visible porous concrete is found in the diaphragm wall. "From 25 May to 10 June, 111 bags of cement have been injected inside the diaphragm wall," said the statement.

The KMC, however,

defied the claims of holes in the brick sewer or even the manhole wall. The drainage department of the KMC issued a report on the joint inspection claiming that the D-walls of the Metro were found to have cracks during the visit by the officials yesterday. "The claims are untrue," said the member-mayor-incouncil for Drainage in KMC, Tarak Singh. "The guard walls on the right side of the stairs were found to have cracks and that has no connection with our drainage system," he

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KOLKATA, 13 JUNE

In a verdict given today regarding the NEET-UG results 2024, the Supreme Court has recognised the massive corruption in the publishing of NEET-UG results and directed the National Testing Agency to conduct re-test for 1,563 students awarded grace marks, on 23 June.

The AIDSO members organised a protest in front of the higher education department in Salt Lake.

On this issue Sourav Ghosh, general secretary of AIDSO, in a statement said, "After publication of NEET 2024 results, the issue of corruption has been expressed from all corners of students and educationists."

"The massive scale of corruption and rank inflation cannot be explained merely by the grace marks awarded to just 1,563 students. There are allegations of leaking of question papers from Patna, and other places. Neither the them to re-exam. "Because the AIDSO All India committee."



government nor the NTA has initiated any serious probe into these matters. Rather, Union minister of education Dharmendra Pradhan has given a clean chit, that no corruption has happened. We strongly condemn his statement."

The AIDSO expressed solidarity to all students engaged in movement in this issue and opine that the student society is not satisfied with mere cancellation of the grace marks of 1,563 and asking

corruption is not limited to giving grace marks to these 1,563 people, the roots of corruption are deeper. In that case re-examination of 1563 people is not a solution either. So, we demand proper investigation of all allegations in wartime activities. It is also to be noted that, if counselling is continued without proper investigation, the future of the students will be jeopardized," said Shibasis Praharaj, office secretary

SUMMER RELIEF



Kids play in the Ganges as the heat and humid conditions prevail in Kolkata. ■ MOUL MONDAL

Century-old car completes world tour

TARUN GOSWAMI KOLKATA, 13 JUNE

It was a great moment for motor car enthusiasts of the city when Lang and Bev Kidby, renowned Australian adventurers, arrived here on a century-old Bean, an English car, recently. The couple have driven

across 17 countries and Bean will be shipped to Darwin, Australia tomorrow. The vehicle will reach Australia in mid-July. The historic drive not only celebrates Francis Britles' legacy, who covered the same route in 1927/28.

Britles was a renowned Australian adventurer.

The century-old Bean has been restored thoroughly. The journey started from the Brooklands Museum, near London on 18 April. After crossing from Dover

elled through Belgium and

Luxembourg, to Germany

facing cold and rainy con-

On 26 April, they reached Zagreb, Croatia with Bean maintaining impressive fuel efficiency despite the challenging condition, the couple said. to Dunkrik, the Kidbys trav-The Bean received full

service in Istanbul and drove

through the serene land-

scapes of Turkey and Iran.

ditions.

The couple, Lang and Bev, said the century-old vehicle developed trouble in Pakistan because of extreme climatic conditions. The electrical wiring developed a snag. In Lahore, mechanics did the necessary repair and ensured that it would not develop any problem during the remaining

part of the journey.

The couple faced visa issues at the Wagah border and Bev took a flight to New Delhi while Lang continued driving. They got united at New Delhi.

The next destination was Agra, where Bean received additional insulation. On 4 June, they left for Lucknow. The century-old Bean has been restored thoroughly. The journey started from the Brooklands Museum, near London on 18 April

The next destination was Varanashi and Gaya and then to Durgapur.

From Durgapur the couple went to Murshidabad, where they were guests of Cossimbazar Palace, owned by vintage car connoisseur and restorer Pallav Roy. They spent two nights there.

On 10 June, the couple left for Kolkata via Krishnagar. "We set out at 5 in the morning and reached Kolkata at 11am. The Calcutta Motor Sports Club (CMSC) welcomed them in the city and the couple became its guests. "We are touched by the hospitality and warmth of the people of Kolkata," the couple said.



Kerala HC orders FIR against ex-DGP for revealing rape victim's identity in book

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOCHI, 13 JUNE

The Kerala High Court on Thursday directed the state police to proceed against retired DGP Siby Mathews for allegedly disclosing the identity of the survivor in the 1996 Sooryanelli rape case through his book "Nirbhayam: Oru IPS Officerude Anubhavakurippukal".

A single bench of Justice A Badharudeen said that registration of FIR would be necessary in the case as the details revealed in the book were sufficient to identify the victim which is

punishable under Section 228A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), which prohibits publishing information that could reveal the identity of a rape victim.

"Even though the name of the victim was not specifically disclosed, the details of the parents of the victim, the place where the victim and parents resided, the school where the victim studied, were disclosed in detail. This disclosure prima facie shows commission of offence punishable under Section 228A of the IPC," the court said. The Court directed the Station House Officer, Mannanthala to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether Siby Mathews has disclosed the details of the identity of the rape victim in the Sooryanelli case in his book 'Nirbhayam: Oru IPS Officerude' Anubhavakurippukal', potentially committing a cognizable offence war-

ranting registration of FIR. A retired police officer KK Joshwa approached the High Court seeking action against Siby Mathews after Thiruvananthapuram City Police Commissioner refused to act on his complaint.

Kuwaitfire tragedy: Death toll of Keralites rises to 26

Kerala government announces ex gratia payment of Rs 5 lakh for the families of the deceased

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, 13 JUNE

he death toll of Keralites who died in the devastating fire that swept through a labour camp in Kuwait has climbed to 26.

The Department of Non-Resident Keralites Affairs (NORKA) confirmed that 26 Keralites had died in the tragic Kuwait fire. It is feared that the death toll of workers from the state might rise further.

At least 50 people lost their lives in the devastating fire that broke out in a six-storey building in the Mangaf block of Kuwait's Ahmadi Governorate on Wednesday. NORKA officials here said that seven Keralites are in critical condition. The bodies of the deceased will be repatriated to Kerala on Thursday, NORKA said.

The Kerala government has announced an exgratia payment of Rs 5 lakh for the families of the deceased Keralites and Rs 1 lakh for the next of kin of those who suffered burn and fall injuries in the disaster. The state cabinet took a decision to this effect during a meeting held here on Thursday.

The cabinet also decided to send a delegation headed by Health Minister Veena George to Kuwait. The state director of the National Health Mission, Jeevan Babu, will accompany Veena George.

Veena George will coordinate efforts to repatriate the bodies of the deceased to Kerala and assist in providing the best medical care to those injured in the fire.

that two prominent businesspersons from Kerala, MA Yusuff Ali and Ravi Pillai, will donate Rs 5 lakh and Rs 2 lakh, respectively, to the families of the deceased. This is in addition to the government's

aid, bringing the total com-

pensation to Rs 12 lakh for each

It has also been announced

victim's family. NORKA officials have stated that out of the 26 Keralites who died in the disaster in Kuwait, 22 have been identi-

The deceased Keralites,

who have been identified so far, are Akash S Nair (23) from Pandalam, Umarudheen Shameer (33) from Kollam Pooyappally, Stefin Abraham Sabu (29) from Kottayam Pampady, KR Ranjith (34) from Kasaragod, Kelu Ponmaleri (55) from Kasaragod, P V Muraleedharan from Vazhamuttom, Pathanamthitta, Sajan George from Punalur, Kollam, Lukose (48) from Kollam, Saju Varghese (56) from Konni, Thomas Oommen from Tiruvalla, Viswas Krishnan from Dharmadom, Kannur, Nooh from Kootayi, Tirur, Malappuram, MP Bahulayan from Malappuram, Srihari Pradeep from Changanassery, Kottayam, Mathew George from Niranam, Pathanamthitta, Sibin T Abraham from Keezhvaipur of Pathanamthitta and Binoy Thomas from Chavakkad in Thrissur.

Efforts are being made under the leadership of NORKA and through the initiative of NRIs to provide all possible assistance to those affected by the accident.

Meanwhile, Kuwaiti authorities said that 45 Indians were among the dead. They said that 3 Filipino nationals and one unidentified person died in the accident.

MoS KV Singh meets Kuwait FM: Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh met with Foreign Minister of Kuwait Abdullah Ali Al-Yahya on Thursday during which he was assured of full support and early repatriation of the mortal remains of Indian nationals killed in the fire tragedy.

Ali Al-Yahya conveyed his condolences on the tragic incident and assured Kuwait's full support, including medical care, early repatriation of mortal remains and investigation into the incident, the Indian embassy in Kuwait said.

The MoS arrived in Kuwait to oversee assistance for those injured in the fire tragedy and coordinate with local authorities for early repatriation of mortal remains of the deceased, it said.

TENDER

Corrigendum Corrigendum No. 1 to Tender Notice No. ASN/I/01 of 2024-25 for the work of Preparation of General Arrangement Drawing for Minor bridges, ROB, Major Bridges, ROR, Multicelled Box bridges, non standard RCC boxes and structural design & drawing of important Bridge. major bridges, RORs, multicelled Box bridges, non-standard RCC Boxes etc. in New Andal to Pradhankhanta section under Dy.CE/ Con-I/Eastern Railway/ Asansol in connection with New Andal-Pradhankhanta multi tracking work published earlier by Dy. Chief Engineer/Con/I, Eastern Railway, Asansol, The E-Tender No.of the above Tender Notice should be read as 01-WT-DCE-I-ASN-ER-24-2 instead of 01-WT-DCE-I-ASN-ER-24-25

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CON-29/2024-25

DASTIDEN RATIAWAY Tender Notice No: SANDT/CON/ HWH/TN/06/2024, Dated: 11.06.2024

Tender No.: SANDT-CON-06-2024-HWH, Open Tender is invited through a tendering procedure by Dy. Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer (Con) Eastern Railway, Howrah, 371, Telkol Ghat Road, Howrah-711101 from experienced Signalling & Telecommunication Contractors holding valid Contractor's license, Partnership firms etc. with adequate financial Capacity and sufficient experience for the following work: Name of the Work: Telecom Work of OFC and Quad Cable based Telecommunication System Including Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and Failure Rectification work in relation to different telecom Activities (eg. Jasidih Bye pass Line, Sitarampur-Jhajha Capacity Augmentation work, Sitarampur Byepass, Madhupur Byepass, Sainthia Byepass, DGR-DCOP 5th Line Work etc.) and corresponding associated S&T and Engineering activities at different stations in Asansol Division and Sainthia Station (for Sainthia Byepass Work) in Howrah Division of Eastern Railway, Approx, Tender value: Rs. 16,25,37,068/-. Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 9,62,700/- to be deposited in favour of FA & CAO/Con/Eastern Railway/ Kolkata. Cost of the Tender Document: Rs. 0.00. Completion Period of the Work: 12 (Twelve) Months from the Date of issue of LOA. Validity of Offer and Earnest money should be 90 days from date of Opening Tender. Date & Time of Closing of Tender: 05. 07.2024 at 15.00 hrs The Tender Documents can be downloaded and bids can be submitted at www.ireps.gov.in after online payment of "Cost of Tender Document" and "Earnest Money" as mentioned above against this tender on or before the tender closing date and time mentioned above. Tenders complete in all respects and with all documents as stated above should be uploaded at www.ireps.gov.in against this tender. Bidding for the tender is to be submitted through e-tendering on above website. Manual Offers are not allowed against this tender. Any manual offer if received shall not be accepted and will be summarily rejected. Tender Documents, details of tender notice, corrigendum(s) issued from time to time (if any) and other basic information are available at www.ireps.gov.in. Detail tender notice can also be seen in the notice board of Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom. Engineer (Con), Eastern Railway, 371 Telkol Ghat Road, Howrah -711101.

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Special Pocso court issues non-bailable warrant against former CM Yediyurappa

BENGALURU, 13 JUNE

In a major development, a special court in Bengaluru on Thursday issued a non-bailable warrant against veteran BJP leader and former Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa in connection with the POCSO case, relating to the alleged sexual harassment of a minor, against

The First Fast Track Court, for Pocso cases, issued the warrant, considering the submission by the prosecution that Yediyurappa is powerful and there is information that he is presently located in another state.

Yediyurappa had attempted to hush up the case and also tried to lure the complainant by giving Rs 2 lakh to withdraw the complaint, it added.

The prosecution also brought to the notice of the



court that Yediyurappa had not appeared for the investigation even after being issued notice.

Following the order, the Karnataka Police are preparing to arrest Yediyurappa in connection with the Pocso case.

Meanwhile, Yediyurappa on Thursday moved the Karnataka High Court seeking anticipatory bail in the case. The petition is yet to be taken up by the court. Yediyurappa had also filed a petition seeking a stay on the probe and quashing of the case. The plea is likely to be taken up by the court on Friday.

The victim's mother, who passed away on May 26, had filed a case against Yediyurappa in March this year under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Pocso) Act, alleging harassment of her daughter when she went to the former CM's residence to seek help.

Meanwhile, a writ petition was submitted to Karnataka High Court on Wednesday, seeking Yediyurappa's arrest in the case. The victim's brother filed the writ petition, claiming that the police did not take any action despite months having passed since the complaint was filed against the veteran leader.

According to sources, the Congress government has decided to initiate legal action against Yediyurappa and appointed Special Public Prosecutor Ashok N. Nayak to represent the prosecution

ED to probe sheep-rearing scamduring KCR's tenure

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD, 13 JUNE

The Enforcement Directorate will probe into the alleged irregularities committed in the Sheep Rearing Development Scheme, which was launched during the tenure of previous BRS government under K Chandrasekhar Rao.

The ED would be conducting investigations under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), a state government agency, already has a probe underway and even arrested several officials including the former OSD to the then Animal Resources Development Minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav, an influential minister in Rao's ministry and an MLA from Sanath Nagar in Hyderabad.

The joint director of ED zonal office in Hyderabad wrote a letter to the managing director of State Sheep and Goat Development Cooperative Federation that an investigation will be taken up by the agency under the PMLA. The letter asked for complete details about the scheme.

The ACB took up investigations due to allegations that there was a scam worth Rs 700 crore in connection with the purchase of sheep. But now the ED will look into the money laundering aspect of the case since the scam was linked to other states as well.

The ED has asked for complete details of the beneficiaries, the officials who handled the purchase or the funds that included the share of the beneficiaries as well as the involvement of sheep transporting companies and those who sold fodder for the

scheme.

EASTERN RAHWAY

Following E-tender is invited online by the Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building near Railway Station, Howrah-711101 from Tenderers having experience of similar nature of work and required Financial capabilities including those Registered with Irrigation/CPWD/SEB/MES or any public sector undertaking for the following work:- DEN/3/Howrah. St. No. 1, E-Tender No. 69_2024-25, Description of work: Provision of Standard Height Gauge in place of Non-Standard Height Gauge at various level crossing gates under jurisdiction of AEN/Azimganj. Approx Cost: Rs. 2,25,07,087.64, Earnest Money: Rs. 2,62,500/-. Sl. No. 2 E-Tender No. 73 2024-25, Description of work: Construction of single storied RPF office at Nabadwip Dham in the section of SSE/W/Nabadwip Dham under AEN/Nabadwip Dham. Approx Cost: Rs. 86,66,084.40, Earnest Money: Rs. 1,73,300/-Completion Period: 06 (Six) months from the date of issue of acceptance letter [For St. No. 1 & 2], In case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a holiday/ bandh/ strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tenders online will be done next working day. Closing date and time of Tender: 08.07.2024 at 14.00 hrs. [For St. No. 1 & 2]. The details of tender are available at website www.ireps.gov.in. Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. Payment of EMD and TDC - Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) & Tender document cost , in respect of E-tendering, should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. NOTE: Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) will not be accepted as EMD for tenders invited on IREPS (e-tender portal). No manual

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India sends humanitarian aid to landslide-hit Papua New Guinea

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in the case.

NEW DELHI, 13 JUNE

India on Thursday sent 19 tonnes of Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief (HADR) to Papua New Guinea's Enga province, which was devastated by a landslide that claimed over 2,000 lives.

The landslide, which also

tion, prompted India to extendits support as a partner under the FIPIC. "In the wake of the devastating landslide in Enga Province of Papua New Guinea, India had announced immediate assistance of USD 1 million to our close FIPIC partner," said Randhir Jaiswal, spokesperson for the MEA, in a post on X. He added,

ment, a flight carrying approximately 19 tons of HADR supplies departed today."

"The aid comprises 13 tonnes of disaster relief material including temporary shelter, water tanks, hygiene kits, meals ready to eat; 6 tonnes of emergency use medicine, medical equipment including dengue and malaria diagnostic kits, baby



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EASTERN RAILWAY

NOTICE INVITING E-AUCTION E-Auction Notice No.: COM/PUB/HWH/PMBJK/24, Dt. 12.06.2024

E-Auction is invited by Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, 4th floor, Yatri Niwas, near Howrah Station, Howrah-711101 for awarding contract of Commercial Publicity Rights. CATALOGUE NO.: HWH-PMBJK-BWN-1. Seq. No.: AA/1, Lot No.: PMBJK-HWH-BWN-PMBJK-1-24-1. Name of the Work: Operation of Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadi Kendra (PMBJK) at Barddhaman Railway Station to enhance wellness and welfare of passengers. Tenure of Contract: Three (03) years. Railway Station where PMBJK will be fabricated: Barddhaman Railway Station. Location of PMBJK outlet: Circulating area - Platform-1 side. Size & Area of PMBJK outlet: 13 ft. x 10 ft. - 130 sq.ft. Design of PMBJK outlet: As provided by National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad Fabrication of PMBJK outlet: Railway will provide fabricated PMBJK outlets. EMD: Rs. 50,000/-. Auction Start Date & Time: 28.06.2024 at 12:00 hrs. Awarding of License to operate PMBJK outlet: License to operate PMBJK will be awarded through e-auction in IREPS portal (H1 basis - among the qualified bidders). Eligibility Criteria for participating in e-auction of PMBJK: Prospective bidders of PMBJK must satisfy the criteria stipulated by Government of India for the operation of PMBJKs as given below: Individual applicants must be having D. Pharma/B. Pharma Degrees, or he/she has to employ D. Pharma/B. Pharma degree holders and upload the same on the e-auction module. OR, Any organization, NGO applying for a Janaushadhi Kendra will have to employ B. Pharma / D. Pharma degree holders and upload the same on the e-auction module. Policy Governed: (1) PMBJK Policy - CC-12 of 2023 (2) E-Auction Policy-FM-11of 2022 (3) Guidelines of PMBI. Address for Correspondence: Sr. Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, 4th Floor, Yatri Niwas, Howrah Railway Station, Pin-711101. HWH-117/2024-25

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caused significant destruc-"According to the announcefood etc," he said. Demand Special Category Status

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD, 13 JUNE

Andhra Pradesh chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu should demand for Special Category Status since the BJP was now dependent on its NDA allies for majority said YSRCP chiefYS Jagan Mohan Reddy even as the former officially today took charge at the state Secretariat and signed files taking key decisions over teacher recruitment, enhancement of pensions and revival of free canteens for poor.

The TDP supporters gave the new chief minister a grand welcome by showering flower petals on him while he was on his way to the Secretariat to take charge as chief minister. He sat on the designated chair at the auspicious time of 4:41 pm and signed the files taking five key decisions including announcement for a mega teachers' recruitment drive, enhancement of pensions to Rs 4000, repeal of the controversial Land Titling Act, revival of Anna canteens for



the poor and census to assess

Earlier in the day he prayed at the Lord Venkateswara Temple in Tirumala along with his family. He said he prayed for the overall prosperity of the state. He also said " I want to see the Indian community on the top and 35 per cent of the Telugus in the Indian community as number one. We should work for a zero poverty nation, zero poverty state and zero poverty district."

However, his arch rival and

for Andhra: Jagan to Naidu YSRCP chiefYS Jagan Mohan Reddy reminded the chief minister about the special category status that was promised to Andhra Pradesh in the Parliament but was not implemented by the Centre. Reddy held a meeting with his party MLCs at his camp office where he criticised Chandrababu Naidu for not demanding Special Category status despite being in a bargaining position." The current political situation at the Centre is one that has never been seen in recent times. The ruling party is limited to 240 at the Centre. On the other hand TDP got good numbers in the state," said Reddy. He then went on to add,

"It is another sin for Chandrababu to not ask for special status even in such situations. If you don't ask for special status then not a single youth in the state will forgive you ever." Reddy reminded his MLCs that even though they have only a handful of MLAs their numbers are good in the Legislative Council.



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Kharge demands SC-monitored probeinto NEET-UG 2024 exam

He also said the Narendra Modi-led NDA government cannot shirk its accountability in the matter

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI, 13 JUNE**

lleging a scam in the 2024 NEET-UG exam, **Congress President** Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday demanded a Supreme Court-monitored

investigation into the matter. He said the Narendra Modiled NDA Government cannot shirk its accountability in the

In a post on X, the Congress chief said, "Grace marks was not the only problem in the NEET exam. There was rigging, papers leaked, and corruption. The future of 24 lakh students appearing for the NEET exam is at stake due to the Modi government."

He said, "Modi government cannot shirk its accountability by placing the responsibility of its actions on the shoulders of NTA (National Testing Agency). The Congress party demands an impartial investigation under the supervision of the Supreme Court into the entire NEET scam."

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

The Union Government has

decided to convene the first

meeting of the Goods and Ser-

vices Tax (GST) Council in the

third tenure of Prime Minis-

ter Narendra Modi on June

22. This will be held after eight-

and-a-half months since its

last meeting, the Finance

Ministry said on Thursday.

Council meet, which is to be

held under the chairmanship

of Finance Minister Nirmala

Sitharaman, is not known

the State Finance Ministers

can be expected to flag sug-

gestions for the indirect tax

regime that can be incorpo-

rated in the Union Budget like-

ly to be presented next month.

from the upcoming GST

meet, the industry will also

be keen for signals on the

revival of a plan to restruc-

Reports also suggested that

However, it is likely that

The agenda for the GST

NEW DELHI, 13 JUNE



"After investigation, the culprits should be given strictest punishment and lakhs of students should be compensated and their years should be saved from getting wasted. In the last 10 years,

GST council under FM to meet on 22 June

ture the complex multiple-

rate tax structure, now that

GST revenues have risen sig-

nificantly, along with a prom-

ised review of the 28% levy

on bets made in online gam-

ing, casinos, and horse rac-

gested that the committee

may also issue clarification

on claiming Input Tax Cred-

it (ITC) as well as on ratio-

A few reports have also sug-

the Modi government has ruined the future of crores of youth due to paper leaks and rigging," he said.

Echoing similar sentiments at a press conference here, Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi

The committee could

study the prospects of bring-

ing ATF under 5% GST slab,

and will also assess the oil min-

istry's proposal to tax Natural

Gas under 12 or 18% tax slab.

October 7, 2023, the GST

Council initiated discussions

on a perspective plan to

impose a cess or surcharge

on top of GST levies after

March 2026, when the GST

Compensation Cess is due to

decided to meet in the future

to discuss a replacement levy

for the cess and how those

tations on resolution of some

long-pending operational

issues and challenges at the

that the Council is general-

ly expected to meet every

quarter. But it has met just six

It is to be highlighted

Further, there are expec-

funds could be used.

upcoming meeting.

times since 2022.

The Council had then

expire.

At the last meet, held on

nalisation of rates.

said, "The Congress party believes that the BJP government's attitude towards the demand for an inquiry into the NEET exam is irresponsible and insensitive. We demand a Supreme Court-monitored

investigation into the entire scandal because it has affected around 24 lakh students.' "We believe that no inquiry

can be a just and fair and comprehensive if it is headed by the NTA themselves," he contended.

Drawing the government's attention towards the agony of the students, Gogoi said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi should not forget the mental anxiety of these potential undergraduate. Instead of paying attention to the NEET scam, he is busy attending oath-taking ceremonies and going on foreign trips."

"The INDIA alliance will take up the cause of these students because that is our responsibility. Now, the INDIA alliance has the sufficient strength to bring the government to its knees and make them accountable to the students," he added.

Last week, Subodh Kumar Singh, Director General, National testing Agency (NTA) said the integrity of the exam was not compromised.

Fourwomenamongfive killed in Nagpur factory blast

AGENCIES

NAGPUR, 13 JUNE

At least five workers were killed, and another eight injured when a massive blast ripped through an explosives manufacturing company in Maharashtra's Waddhamna town on Thursday, officials said.

The blast was reported at around noon from the Chamundi Explosives Co. Ltd., situated on the Amravati-Nagpur Road, around 15 km from here.

Nagpur Commissioner of Police Ravinder Singhal told the media that at least five persons including 4 women, lost their lives in the tragedy and police teams have rushed to the site to probe.

Eyewitnesses said that the explosion was heard in a radius of several km followed by a fire with clouds of dark

smoke billowing in the sky, alarming people in the vicinity, even as the nearby Hingna Police Station and fire brigade rushed teams to the factory.

The victims who are suspected to have perished instantly in the explosion have been identified as --Pannalal Bandewar, 50 -- and four women, Vaishali Kshirsagar, 20, Prachi Phalke, 20, Pranjali Morde, 22 and Monali Aloney, 27. Among the injured, including several women, the condition of at least one was described as very critical, and all have been rushed to a nearby hospital, while the cause of the explo-

sion is being investigated. This is Nagpur's second major industrial tragedy in the past six months.

In December 2023, nine persons were killed in an explosion at the Solar Explosive Ltd factory.

Mrs. Shreya Ajitsaria w.e.f.

Debts Recovery Tribunal Kolkata (DRT 3) 8th Floor, Jeevan Sudha Building 42-C, Jawahar Lai Nehru Road, Kolkata - 700 071 Case No.: OA / 589 / 2023

Summons under Sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with Sub-rule (2A) of Rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Exh. No.: 4260

CANARA BANK RAJA BISWAS AND ANR.

(1) Raja Biswas And Anr., Son of Mr. Kalipada liswas, 11E, Tahakur Ramkrishna Road, Post Office - Nona Chandanpukur, Police Station Fitagarh, Barrackpore, North Twenty Fou Parganas, West Bengal - 700 122.

WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to

n accordance with Sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed

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

3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of

number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets o

other assets and properties in the ordinay course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in nstitutions holding security interest over such You are also directed to file the written statement

at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 29.05.2024.

Sd/- Registrar-In-Charge Kolkata Debts Recovery Tribunal -

PM Modi heading to Italy to 'salvage diminished image', says Jairam Ramesh

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 13 JUNE

In a fresh attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Thursday said Modi is heading to Italy to attend the G7 Summit to "salvage his diminished international image".

Ahead of the PM's visit to Italy, Ramesh in a post on X wrote, "The G7 Summit of the heads of state of USA, Canada, Germany, France, Italy,

UK and Japan has been taking place since the late 1970s. Between 1997 and 2014, Russia was also a member. Since 2003, India, China, Brazil, Mexico and South Africa have also been invited to G7 Summits."

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We, M/s. ZEST ENTERTAINMENT, Karnani Mansion, Flat-310, 25A, Park Street, Kolkata 700016, do hereby give Public Notice u/s 32(3) r.w.72 of the Partnership Act, 1932 that the following persons have retired from our Firm as partners:

1. Mrs. Rashprit Kaur Bagga w.e.f. 01.08.2023

01.06.2024

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WHEREAS, OA/589/2023 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer / Registrar on 03.05.2024.

issue summons / notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed agains you for recovery of debts of Rs. 30,33,238.85 application along with copies of documents etc

 to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should i) to disclose particulars of properties or assets

and properties disclosed under serial number

his business any of the assets over which security properties specified or disclosed under serial

with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 20.06.2024

Regulation of Trains for Traffic & Power Block in Sealdah Division

For replacement of cross girder and rail bearers, Traffic & Power Block will be necessary on the intervening night of 15/16.06.2024 (Saturday/Sunday) at Br. No. 2 CCR over Up CCR line between Dum Dum Jn. & Baranagar Road stations from 22.30 hrs. to 06.30 hrs. and between Dum Dum Jn. & Belgharia (Up sub and Dn sub) stations from 23.40 hrs. to 05.40 hrs. Consequently, the following arrangements have been made in train running :- Cancellation : On 15.06.2024: Sealdah-Dankuni - Up 32249/Dn 32252. On 16.06.2024 : Sealdah-Dankuni - Up 32211, 32213, 32215, 32217/Dn 32212, 32214, 32216, 32218. Diversion of Mail/Express on 15.06.2024 : 13165 Kolkata-Sitamarhi Jn. Express, 12987 Sealdah-Aimer Express, 12377 Padatik Express and 03187 Sealdah-Jaynagar Special

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will be diverted via Dum Dum Jn.-Naihati-Bandel instead of

Dum Dum Jn.-Dankuni. Inconvenience is regretted.

Temporary Change in Working Hours of UTS-cum-PRS Counters at Some **Locations Over Sealdah Division**

To tackle ensuing Puja rush temporary measure has been taken by changing the working timing of the UTS-cum-PRS counters of Madhyamgram, Barasat, Debagram, Thakurnagar, Majhdia and Habra locations. The changed timings for the period till 14.07.2024 are as follows : PRS : 08.00 hrs. to 08.30 hrs. & 10.00 hrs. to 12.00 hrs. and UTS: 08.30 hrs. to 10.00 hrs. & 12.00 hrs. to 14.00 hrs. The demand of PRS tickets within the time schedule for UTS tickets will be met meticulously at local level.

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The Medical Superintendent, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital & ABVIMS, New Delhi invites applications from Indian National in the **prescribed form** available on website: rmlh.nic.in for the posts of Senior Resident (Non-Academic) on regular basis.

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S. No.	Name of Course	Duration	Age(as on 1 June, 2024	
A)	KATHAK DANCE			
	a) Elementary Courses			
	1. Foundation Course- 1" Year	5 Years	10-15 years	
	 Diploma (Pass) Course – 1" Year (Eligiblity: Successful completion of Foundation Course from Kathak Kendra or equivalent training) 	3 Years	15-20 years	
	b) Advance Course (Full time)			
	 Diploma (Hons.)- 1" Year (Eligibility: Successful completion of Diploma (Pass) Course from Kathak Kendra or equivalent training) 	3 Years	19-23 years	
	 Post Diploma Course – 1" Year (Eligibility: Successful completion of Diploma (Hons.) Course from Kathak Kendra or equivalent training) 	2 Years	21-26 years	
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'PM Shri Tourism Air Service' launched in Madhya Pradesh Indore, Jabalpur, Rewa, Ujjain, famous Jyotirlingas at

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE BHOPAL, 13 JUNE

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Thursday inaugurated the intra-state air service facility 'PM Shri Tourism Air Service', connecting eight cities of Madhya Pradesh, by flagging off the inaugural flight from the Bhopal airport.

He highlighted the significance of the 'PM Shri Tourism Air Service', emphasizing its benefits not only for tourism but also for industry, trade, health and education. The introduction of the 'PM Shri Tourism Air Service' aims to enhance accessibility for both national and international tourists.

The CM pointed out that Madhya Pradesh is geographically bigger than many European countries and the state's population is also more than that of several countries of the world. He said that the



intra-state air service facility is ideal for MP.

Yadav said on the occasion that the country's first helicopter pilot training school has also been started at Khajuraho. He said the state government would try and open pilot training schools at all

places in the state, which have airstrips. He said efforts would also be made to engage nearby universities to conduct degree and diploma courses in the field.

> The CM said efforts are being made to provide air connectivity to the two world

Omkareshwar and Maheshwar in the state. Popular religious sites like Orchha, Salkanpur, Katni and Datia would also be connected by air services in the near future.

He informed that air ambulance services are already operating in all regions of the state.

On 11 May, Yadav inaugurated the digital ticket window for the PM Shri Tourism Air Service. The booking Counters for the service are currently available at the airports of Indore, Bhopal and Jabalpur.

Tourism and Culture, Sheo Shekhar Shukla informed that the 'PM Shri Tourism Air Service', operated by Madhya Pradesh Tourism in partnership with 'M/s JETSERVE Aviation Private Limited (FLY-OLA)' under the PPP mode, will connect eight cities within the state, namely Bhopal,

Gwalior, Singrauli, and Kha-On Wednesday, the inau-

gural flights of the service commenced operations from Bhopal, Jabalpur, Rewa, and Singrauli. Gwalior would join the network on June 15, followed by Ujjain on June 16. The air service will utilize two aircraft with six passen-

ger seats each. The official said that under the service, Rewa city is being connected to Indore, Jabalpur, and Bhopal two days a week on Monday and Thursday. Gwalior city is connected to Principal Secretary of Indore and Ujjain on Tuesdays and Bhopal on Saturdays. Ujjain city is connected to Indore, Bhopal and Gwalior on Tuesdays, Indore, Bhopal and Jabalpur on Wednesdays, and Indore and Bhopal on Sundays. Khajuraho city is connected to Bhopal and Jabalpur once a week on Fri-

Pandey retires on 30 June.

MP Chief Minister Dr

Mohan Yadav on Thursday

extended heartiest congratu-

lations and best wishes to

Lieutenant General Upendra

Dwivedi on his appointment

moment of pride for the entire nation, especially for Mad-

aged numerous significant

responsibilities throughout

his four-decade-long career. His

Dr Yadav said that this is a

Lt Gen Dwivedi has man-

as Chief of Army Staff.

hva Pradesh.

Chiefs of Navy and Army from MP; both are school-time friends

together in the Rewa Sainik

School of MP. According to peo-

ple who know them, the two

studied together in the school

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

BHOPAL, 13 JUNE

Two top ranking officers of the Indian Armed Forces have made Madhya Pradesh proud, as for the first time in the country's history, the Chief of Navy and Chief of Army would be from this central state of the

country. Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi, named the new Chief of Army on Wednesday. belongs to MP.

Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi also hails from MP.

Lt Gen Dwivedi is from village Mudla in the Gadh region of Rewa district of MP while Admiral Tripathi is from village Maduhar in the Rampur Baghe-

the state.



Another common factor

between the two officers is that

they both are school-time

for seven years, from 1973 to 1980. Lt Gen Dwivedi would take

charge as Chief of Army, after incumbent General Manoj

contributions to anti-terrorism operations have been noteworthy. Dr Yadav expressed confidence that the Indian Army would grow stronger under the leadership of Lieutenant General Dwivedi.

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Poll dissection

The 2024 Lok Sabha election results underscore the dynamic nature of Indian politics. As the dust settles, a closer look reveals intriguing insights into the performances of the two main contenders: the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and the INDIA bloc. The electoral outcomes, winning margins, and regional variances tell a story of a nation divided yet united in its democratic spirit. In general category seats, the NDA, led by the Bharatiya Janata Party, won 227 out of 412 seats compared to the INDIA bloc's 174. However, the INDIA bloc showed strength in seats reserved for Scheduled Castes (SC), winning 43 out of 84, a slight edge over the NDA's 40. In contrast, the NDA dominated the Scheduled Tribes (ST) seats, securing 26 out of 47, while the INDIA bloc managed only 17.

The urban-rural divide offers another fascinating lens through which to view the election. The NDA's dominance is clear in urban areas, winning 39 out of 55 seats, compared to the INDIA bloc's 15. However, the INDIA bloc managed to narrow the gap in rural constituencies, winning 219 out of 488 seats, while the NDA secured 254. This suggests that while urban voters continue to favour the NDA, the rural electorate is more contested, reflecting perhaps different priorities and issues. Winning margins provide another layer of analysis, revealing the extent of each alliance's hold on their constituencies. The NDA has a significant advantage in seats won by margins over 25 per cent, securing 55 out of 79 such seats. Conversely, the INDIA bloc performed better in closely contested seats with winning margins between 5-10 per cent, capturing 62 out of 122 seats in this category. This pattern indicates that while the NDA claimed decisive victories in several areas, the INDIA bloc remained competitive in tighter races.

Regionally, the results paint a diverse picture. The INDIA bloc performed well in southern India, winning 75 out of 129 seats, while the NDA won 49. This is notable given the BJP's historic challenges in these states. In contrast, the NDA demonstrated strongholds in central and the Himalayan states, winning 48 out of 54 and 11 out of 15 seats, respectively. The northern and western regions showcased mixed results, with the NDA leading in northern India and a close contest in the west. Eastern India saw a balanced performance, with the NDA securing a slight edge. The 2024 Lok Sabha elections highlight the complexity of India's political landscape.

The NDA's overall victory, bolstered by strong urban support and decisive wins in general category and ST seats, contrasts with the INDIA bloc's resilience in rural areas and SC seats. These results underscore the dynamic interplay of regional and demographic factors in Indian elections. As both alliances reflect on their performances, the focus will inevitably shift to addressing the diverse aspirations of the Indian electorate, ensuring that the democratic process continues to thrive.

Cautious Fed

The US Federal Reserve's decision to maintain interest rates within the 5.25 per cent-5.50 per cent range and signalling only one rate cut in 2024 reveals a nuanced approach to economic management. Despite acknowledging progress towards its 2 per cent inflation target, the Fed's caution reflects a broader concern about the resilience of inflationary pressures and the need for sustained economic restraint. This conservative stance highlights the complexity of the current economic landscape. The Fed's projection of only a single rate cut in 2024, down from three anticipated cuts in March, indicates a deliberate pivot.

This move, despite the modest progress in reducing inflation, underscores a growing recognition that the fight against inflation is far from over. The central bank's increase in the estimated long-run neutral rate to 2.8 per cent from 2.6 per cent suggests that policymakers are adjusting to a reality where higher interest rates may be necessary for longer to achieve price stability. One critical aspect of this decision is its timing. By pushing the start of rate cuts potentially to December, the Fed effectively removes the possibility of a rate reduction before the November Presidential election. This delay could be seen as an attempt to maintain economic stability and avoid any perception of political influence. It also aligns with the Fed's mandate to focus on long-term economic health rather than short-term political cycles.

The Fed's acknowledgment of "modest further progress" towards the inflation target, coupled with a slightly higher end-of-year inflation rate projection of 2.6 per cent, signals a cautious optimism. However, it also reflects the challenges of navigating an economy where inflationary pressures, though easing, remain persistent. The fact that consumer prices did not rise at all in May is a positive sign, yet the central bank's cautious approach suggests that one month of data

is insufficient to declare victory over inflation. This decision also has implications for market expectations and investor sentiment. The initial market response, with US stocks holding gains and US Treasury yields paring losses, indicates a degree of confidence in the Fed's measured approach. However, traders of rate futures who had anticipated a September start to policy easing may need to recalibrate their expectations. The market's reaction underscores the delicate balance the Fed must maintain between managing inflation and sustaining economic growth. The Fed's new economic projections, indicating a slightly above-trend growth of 2.1 per cent and a stable unemployment rate of 4 per cent, present a mixed picture. On one hand, these projections reflect a resilient economy capable of growth despite higher interest rates. On the other hand, the need for higher rates over a longer period suggests underlying vulnerabilities. This careful balancing act will be crucial in navigating the economic uncertainties of the coming year, underscoring the importance of a steady hand at the helm of monetary policy.

Personalized Medicine

Today there is a lot of discussion in scientific circles about personalized medicine. It is now recognized that the same medicine may not work on all patients suffering from a disease, because the biological constitution of the patients is not the same. The first example of personalized medicine is transfusion medicine based on ABO blood groups; Karl Landsteiner should be recognized as the father of the concept of personalized medicine



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ber. On this day in 1868, Karl Landsteiner was born. Two hundred years before this date, on 15 June 1667, the first human blood transfusion was administered by Jean-Baptiste Denis. Denis was accused of murder, because the person who received the transfusion died.

For millennia, the life-preserving function of blood was strongly believed. For curing seizures, Romans who suffered from epilepsy drank the blood of bleeding gladiators.

Blood is considered a symbol of life in most religions and cultures. Even though blood has been considered as a substance that contributes to good health, the idea of transfusion was conceived because of two scientific breakthroughs; William Harvey's discovery in 1628 that blood circulates in the body and Christopher Wren's invention of the syringe in 1659.

Withdrawal of blood, known as bloodletting, was one of the commonest medical practices to cure or prevent illness. It was practiced from antiquity until the late 19th century. Leeches or razors were used to draw blood.

Bloodletting was not done by physicians but by barbers, who were called barber-surgeons. During those times, physicians considered performing of

surgery to be below their dignity. A 15-year old boy was suffering from uncontrollable fevers for two months. A barbersurgeon performed bloodletting by leeches 20 times, to no effect. With the assistance of Paul Emmerez, a barber-surgeon, Jean-Baptiste Denis transfused, on 15 June 1667, about twelve ounces of lamb blood into the veins of

the boy. Apparently, the boy's condition improved the next morning. With this success, Denis became bold and performed a few more such transfusions.

a third transfusion of calf blood into a notorious madman of Paris in November 1667, the patient started to shake violently. The transfusion had to be aborted. The patient died the next day. A court-case was filed by the patient's wife accusing Denis tion of human red blood cells

une 14 is a day to remem- of murder. After some hearings, was reported in a footnote. For This led to the demonstration of the court cleared Denis. The court also banned blood transfusions. Soon thereafter, the French parliament, the Catholic Church, and the Royal Society also declared ban on blood transfusions. Until the mid-19th century, transfusion ceased to be a part of medical practice. James Blundell, an obstetri-

> cian and surgeon at the Guy's Hospital in London revisited blood transfusion as a treatment option. Blundell's humanitarian instincts were aroused by the frequently fatal outcome of women who bled profusely after childbirth. He decided to revive what he called the "neglected operation" of blood transfusion.

However, unlike his predecessors, he decided not to use animal blood, but to use human blood for transfusion to

Blundell's procedure of transfusion was to collect blood of a donor in a cup and then to quickly infuse it into the recipient's vein by using a syringe. After a series of failed transfusions, in December 1828, Blundell carried out an unquestionably successful blood transfusion on a woman who bled profusely after delivering her third child. A physician who was present during the transfusion was the donor.

However, the bases of a failed or a successful blood transfusion was not understood. In 1875, Landois noted in his book "The transfusion of blood" (in German) that when red blood cells of one species were mixed with the serum of another, clumping or lysing of the cells

The full understanding was However, while performing published by Karl Landsteiner in knowledge of the anti-fermentative lytic and agglutinating effects of blood serum and the lymph" published in a German science journal.

Interestingly, the agglutina-

the first time, Landsteiner pointed out the physiological behavior of the agglutination reaction among specimens of mixed human blood, discussing the possibility of individual variations.

Before this publication, human red cell agglutination generally had been accepted as being caused by an abnormality

> the reacting specimens. The irony, in his article on blood groups, was that Karl Landsteiner did not recognize the importance of his contribution; "I hope this will be of some use to mankind," he wrote. Eventually, in 1947, he published a book titled "The Specificity of Serological Reactions.'

in at least one of

Landsteiner (fourth from left in accompanying photograph) was awarded the Nobel prize for his discovery of the blood groups in 1930. (Interestingly, this is the same year in which C.V. Raman was also awarded the Nobel prize.)

He not only discovered the ABO blood groups, but also many other blood groups including the Rhesus blood group. When we say that my blood group is A, positive; the A refers to my blood group with respect to the ABO system (for which four types A, B, AB and O are possible) and the 'positive' refers to the Rhesus system (for which two types 'positive' and 'negative' are possible).

Landsteiner worked out the donor-recipient blood-group relationship to prevent fatal agglutination reaction.

An interview for the newspaper Der Wiener Tag (The Vienna Day) on 15 November 1930 contained the following: When asked "What led you to the discovery of blood groups?" Land-1900 in his article titled "On the steiner replied "I began these investigations 30 years ago, starting from the fact that differences exist in the blood of different animal species. I set out to examine the question whether individual differences are not present within a species.

individual differences, the blood groups in humans... but this will not interest the layman.'

When asked by a New York Times reporter what other applications his discovery of blood groups might have, he answered, "I think this discovery may aid in determining the perpetrator at the scene of a crime." In fact, in 1903, with Max Richter, Landsteiner had already shown how a blood group could be determined from a sample of

Karl Landsteiner trained in medicine at the University of Vienna. He worked in Austria. In 1919, through the assistance of friends of his wife, he left impoverished Austria to accept an appointment at the Catholic Hospital in The Hague, Holland. Had it not been for several Dutch scientists who brought the talents of this remarkable man to the attention of Simon Flexner, Director of the Rockefeller Research Institute, Landsteiner and his son likely would have perished in a Nazi gas chamber. Landsteiner joined The Rockefeller in 1923 and worked there for 20 years until he passed away on 26 June 1943.

Today there is a lot of discussion in scientific circles about personalized medicine. It is now recognized that the same medicine may not work on all patients suffering from a disease, because the biological constitution of the patients is not

The first example of personalized medicine is transfusion medicine based on ABO blood groups; Karl Landsteiner should be recognized as the father of the concept of personalized

medicine. Professor Herman Chiari, head of the Vienna Institute of Physical Anatomy, where Landsteiner made his blood group discoveries, in a lecture said, "Thus, by his untiring research in the tranquility of his laboratory, Landsteiner became one of the greatest benefactors of human suffering. Wherever in the world today a blood transfusion is performed, whenever a distraught mother finds her child's life has been saved, Landsteiner is at her side, although we cannot see him.'



ASIAN VOICES

Fight against drug trafficking remains challenging

ccording to authorities, the number of drug cases and of-fenders arrested have increased with more serious, complicated and unpredictable developments. There are many new drugs that are not included in the list of manage-

Hidden drugs blended in goods, foods, drinks have been illegally traded and transported illegally in larger quantity to Viet Nam for consumption, or then transported to the third country. By road, criminals often take advantage of long borders, complex mountainous terrain, many trails, openings and gaps, as well as open mechanism and policies in export, import, immigration, customs procedures for mixing, hiding and illegally transporting narcotics from Laos and Cambodia to Viet Nam through the northwestern, central ~ Central Highlands and southwestern provinces.

The smugglers concealed narcotics in their own backpacks, in food and even within their own bodies. Substances have been combined with items that have been deposited, expressed, or non-commercial presents given to Viet Nam from nations in Europe, America, Africa and Oceania for use domestically or to be transported to a third country, or vice versa.

The customs sector has promoted the combined strength of the whole industry, especially the specialised

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forces in drug prevention and control. In order to effectively combat drug smuggling in all stages, routes, and places we have maximised external assistance resources within the framework of mechanisms, coordination and collaboration with functional forces, ministries, sectors, agencies and organisations.

We have also organised training to raise awareness, skills and knowledge of laws and drug prevention and control in the field of customs.

We still actively participate in international collaboration initiatives as well as worldwide drug prevention and control campaigns. Collecting drug evidence and arresting traffickers is the only way to successfully prevent illegal drug transit rings from abroad to Viet Nam. To accomplish this, close combat collaboration is required.

Customs has collected, analysed and evaluated information and documents related to criminal gangs and taken professional measures to arrest offenders

The police and customs authorities have been actively coordinating from the information sharing and verification stages. We break crime rings fast and efficiently by using expert techniques. Customs force faces many

Buying and selling goods via electronic method is very easy. While drugs are purchased without paying in advance, traffickers can monitor the shipping time as well as time for customs clearance. If the goods arrive in Viet Nam but it faces obstacles in customs clearance, they will abandon the

Traffickers hide drugs in shipments of sea transport which is difficult to check such as frozen goods, detergent, animal feed, wooden furniture, agricultural products, plastic particles, machinery and exported

More traffickers are taking advantage of the sea route to buy and sell drugs. In addition, there are more and more new synthetic drugs, some of which have not been updated in the data of drug detection devices and are not included in the control list of legal documents.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Positive signs

SIR, Please refer to today's report "Nawaz Sharif, Pak PM Shehbaz Sharif congratulate Modi on assuming office". Shortly after assuming charge as Foreign Minister for a second term, S Jaishankar said with reference to Pakistan that India would want to find a solution to the years-old cross-border terrorism. His statement came on the heels of the messages posted on X by Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and ex-PM Nawaz Sharif, congratulating PM Modi on his reelection. While Mr Shehbaz confined himself to a terse sentence, Mr Nawaz expansively appealed for replacing hate with hope and seizing the opportunity to shape the destiny of the two billion people of South Asia. Mr Modi was equally terse in thanking Mr Shehbaz and no less eloquent in reminding Mr Nawaz that the

people of India had always stood for peace, security and progressive ideas. The exchange of messages is significant as India-Pakistan ties have been in deep freeze since the Pulwama terror attack and the retaliatory Balakot airstrikes of February 2019. The situation worsened after India revoked Article 370 of the Constitution and bifurcated Jammu and Kashmir in August that year, even as the hopes raised by the opening of the Kartarpur corridor were snuffed out. However, some positive signs have been visible of late. Alluding to the 25-year-old Kargil War, Mr Nawaz admitted last month that Pakistan had violated the Lahore Declaration in 1999. Interestingly, during their Lok Sabha election campaign, some BJP candidates promised the resumption of India-Pakistan trade via the Attari-Wagah crossing. Given the context, both New Delhi and Islamabad need to take a step forward, even if it's tenta-

tive to start with. This will help in reducing the trust deficit and bring the two neighbours to the talks table.

> Yours, etc., Khokan Das, Kolkata, 11 June.

DIRE POVERTY

SIR, This refers to your editorial 'Rural Rejection' (The Statesman, June 11). The spectre of growing unemployment and unabated price rise of daily needs looms large, specially over the marginalized rural class. The glaring economic inequality is evident from the statistics that one per cent of the population possesses 40 per cent national wealth and the poor 50 per cent hold 6.4 per cent. The world's hunger index indicates India's position at 111 out of 125 countries and the country trails behind all the neighbouring countries. This is indeed an appalling socio-economic sce-

BE FEARLESS

SIR, The fourth pillar of democracy in India is seeing a new low as India's rank in the World Press Freedom Index has dropped from 150 in 2022 to 161 in 2023. It is a big blow to the voices of the people. Almost all newspapers and news channels are seen singing praises of the ruling government which is embarrassing for any sensible person. They have forgotten that they are the voice of 1.4 billion people. Neglecting their aspirations will cost them dear in the future. It is time that they mend their ways and stay true to the people even if it means going against the government. They need not fear anyone because they are backed by 1.4 billion people who have the power to change the government according to their will and they have released a trailer of that in 2024 General Elections. Yours, etc., Noopur Baruah, Tezpur, 12 June.

suffered a serious setback and failed achieve the expected mandate in the just concluded parliamentary election primarily because it lost over a third of of the rural constituencies it had won in 2019. Despite the claim that India is the fastest growing economy globally, the benefits of growth have failed to reach to the Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party rural heartland which constitutes

60 per cent of India's population. During the Covid period, while a vast majority of rural people were practically languishing under serious economic distress, the number of billionaires increased. It is insignificant if the national economy flourishes leaving the vast majority of the population in dire poverty.

Yours, etc., Dilip Kumar Sengupta,





Trapped in America with love for cricket

BASAB DASGUPTA

aseball, hotdog, apple pie and Chevrolet are said to be the essence of Americana. In my desire to get assimilated into American society I have dabbled in all of them. I had a Chevrolet Vega during my university days which proved to be a low-cost reliable mode of transportation. A hotdog is often an inexpensive but tasty and filling lunch. I have tried and liked apple pie on many occasions.

Baseball is a different story. It did not appeal to me because it reminded me of cricket but appeared to be a distorted version. I didn't even try to watch or understand the game until the local team "Padres" made it to the World Series while I was living in San Diego.

The games share some similarities. There are batsmen, bowlers (pitchers), fielders, wicketkeepers (catchers) and wickets (bases). There are eleven players in a cricket team and nine in baseball. In both games one can score by running between bases or hitting the ball over the boundary. The batsman is "out" if he pops up a ball which is caught by a player of the opposite team or misses the ball which then strikes a certain zone behind the batsman or is tagged before reach-

ing a base while running. There are only two innings in a cricket test match but nine in a baseball match for each team. However, only three players at a time bat in baseball (more if any of the first three advances to the next base) in an innings while all eleven players get a chance to bat in each inning in cricket. Cricket has only two bases and a "run" is scored when the batsman can run to the opposite base. In baseball there are four bases at corners of a diamond and a run is scored only when the striker makes a complete trip around the diamond touching all



strikes a ball; these moments are few

ence is that the pitcher in baseball

throws the ball directly at the bats-

man standing at the same location.

Bowling in cricket requires an ele-

gant circular motion of the arm by

raising it above the head and this can

be done to deliver the ball in various

ways. The bowler is allowed to run

for several yards before delivering

the ball. Although the baseball pitch-

er can put different types of spin and

swing on the ball, the delivery is still

a brute force action; one key meas-

ure of success is the speed of the ball.

Bowling in cricket is an art and relies

on delicate movements of fingers,

The second important differ-

and far between.

wrist and elbow.

Here are the aspects of baseball I A similar difference exists in batnever liked. The baseball bat is a ting. The batsman in baseball has only skinny round stick; the chance of the two choices: he can take a wild swing bat hitting the ball thrown at a high and hope to hit the ball as hard as he speed is dramatically lower than in can or lightly deflect the ball the case of cricket where the bat is ("bunting") to give his partner an flat and significantly wider. As a opportunity to run to the next base. result, baseball is inherently a low-In cricket there is a wide variety of scoring game where the result is typstrokes that the batsman has at his ically decided by single-digit scores disposal: drives, hooks, glances, cuts, as opposed to hundreds of runs in a sweeps, and so on. Each stroke cricket match. The baseball spectarequires a rather delicate movement tors must patiently wait for the moment when the batsman's bat

The third annoying aspect of baseball is that the decision about a "strike" seems to be subjective based on visual judgment by the umpire. In cricket, whether a batsman is "bowled" is clear by looking at the "bails" and the stumps without any

A cricket "test match" goes on for five days (regional ones for three days) while a baseball match typically lasts no more than four to five hours. The reason again is the structure of the bat. The narrow baseball bat means a much higher probability of the ball striking the target zone. A batsman in cricket can play for hours if not days without being out.

However, there are some appealing aspects of baseball. In a baseball match one can watch the entire game

in one afternoon or evening. To watch a complete cricket match, one must take time off from work or school for five full days - an impractical proposition. One usually watches only a portion of the match.

Secondly, a cricket test match gives a clue about how the game is going to end after about three days. The result of a baseball game is highly uncertain partly because of the unpredictable probability of a run being

A baseball game ends with one team being the victor. There is no such thing as "draw" or "tie". The game continues with extra innings added until it is decided. A cricket test match is never allowed to extend beyond five

I was, nonetheless, unimpressed

Baseball was invented by Abner Doubleday in 1839. Cricket, on the other hand, is believed to have been invented in England a couple of hundred years earlier and the first documented cricket match in the US was played in 1751.

Cricket is played only in countries that were part of the British Commonwealth. Baseball is common in the Western hemisphere and a few Asian countries. Most major sport

powerhouses in the world, including Germany, France, Italy, China, Russia as well as the countries in Africa, Latin America and the middle east do not seem to have any interest in either sport. As a result, cricket has never been included as an Olympic sport whereas Baseball was included in only five Olympics.

Baseball seems to be an Americanization of the game of cricket with the goal of reducing the duration of a match. During the 1970s, cricket authorities realised this important point about the spectators' desire to watch a complete match and introduced "one-day international" tournaments by limiting the number of "overs" to 50 per side with one inning each. A similar concept, "T20" tournaments, further shortened to 20 overs for each side, was introduced in 2003.

Baseball is a game of physical strength. Skill in Cricket, on the other hand, lies all in the wrist and arm movement. The entire strategy of the batsman is how to deflect the trajectory of a ball with minimal exertion. The bowler uses his grip on the stitches of the ball and the location on the turf where the ball hits ground to his advantage in addition to arm movement. This subtlety perfectly fits the Indian temperament.

It is impossible to like baseball if one is passionate about cricket. However, I am overjoyed at the news about the current "T20 cricket world cup" and the US cricket team's recent victory over Pakistan in Dallas. Governor Hochul of New York had signed legislation in 2021 to promote and expand the game of cricket in her state. Now I am hoping that the popularity of cricket in this country will spread to all big cities and someday even reach the same status as baseball. Perhaps I can then become fully Americanized even without being a fan of baseball.

(The writer, a physicist who worked in industry and academia, is a Bengali settled in America.)



100 YEARS AGO

OCCASIONAL NOTE

ANOTHER advance towards the set-

tlement of the Franco-German difficulty is indicated by the decision of the Reichstag to accept the experts' scheme for Reparations in its entirety, though the opposition was considerable, 183 votes against 242. The Nationalist party had declared against the proposals, and in the confused and unstable condition of German politics it was far from certain that Dr. Marx would succeed in forming a combination to carry the day. That so strong an opposition could be well beaten on so important an issue seems to indicate that German opinion has been modified by the result of the French elections, and that suspicion and fear have been so far lessened that Germany may venture, if not to stretch out an olive branch, at least to hold one in her hand. If, when her temporary internal difficulties are settled, France elects to follow suit, the good offices of England Belgium, and Italy should succeed in bringing the two nations to a satisfactory understanding.

NEWS ITEMS

Y.M.C.A. FOUNDER'S DAY

REPRESENTATIVE EMPIRE LUNCHEON

MR. HOWARD WILLIAMS, the founder's son and chairman of the Y. M. C. A. and of the British Empire Union, gave a luncheon to a large gathering representing every part of the Empire on the occasion of Founder's Day today.

The enthusiastic speeches of the chairman, the hon. secretary Mr. J. J. Virgo, Sir Arthur Lawley and others, dwelt on the United Service Fellowship and the development of true brotherhood, of which Wembley was the symbol. A wreath was placed on the founder's grave at St. Paul's this morning.

ALLEGED MURDER

APPEAL FROM SENTENCE OF DEATH

AT the Allahabad High Court, to-day, before the Chief Justice Walsh and Mr. Justice Ryves, commenced the hearing of the appeal of Risaldar-Major Asaram of the Indian Army, who was convicted of the murder of his cousin and sentenced to death by the Sessions Judge of Kumaon. The occurrence took place on January 20 last on the estate of the accused, with whom his brother and cousins were alleged to be on bad terms owing to accused partitioning family property on retirement from the Army.

The prosecution alleges the accused with four others went armed to the deceased's house and shot him in the back with a gun, from the effects of which he died a few days later. The accused's counsel Mr. Dillon denied the charge and alleged that his client was attacked by the deceased and that the shot was fired in self

defence. The court room was crowded with officers and men of the accused's regiment. The hearing is proceeding.

DROUGHT IN RUSSIA

SERIOUS SITUATION IN UKRAINE

("TIMES" SPECIAL SERVICE)

SINCE the end of May, says the Times Riga correspondent, the Soviet Press has been steadily publishing alarming reports about crops, particularly in the Ukraine, where, according to Pravda, conditions are daily becoming worse. If the drought continues another week, it is declared, there will be a serious danger of the spring crop being com-pletely ruined. Winter crops may be partially

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destroyed and fruit trees are also affected.

UNVEILING OF THE MOLTKE STATUE

THE new Moltke statue, which was the occasion of a collision between Communists and police, is part of the

Emperor William I. monument. The occasion of the re-erection and unveiling of the Moltke statue was made use of by the Nationalists to inaugurate a wholly new movement for the awakening of the "German spirit" so that the yoke of the conqueror-i.e., France-may eventually be thrown off by force. Eighty special trains brought some 200,000 Nationalists into the town from all parts of the Reich. General Ludendorff and Prince Oskar (one of the sons of the Emperor) were there, Both made speeches, Ludendorff calling for three cheers for his

"Emperor now languishing in exile." This Moltke demonstration, with all its ceremony, pomp, and display, was meant to be the beginning of a movement for the revival of the militarist monarchy.

Money will decide future of game in US

RICHARD THOMAS

ithin a congested sporting summer, we might have already witnessed the most unexpected sporting moment of 2024. In what has been dubbed "one of the biggest shocks in cricket history", the ICC Men's T20 World Cup co-hosts USA beat Pakistan in a pulsating game on June 6. With seven runs needed off the last ball of a "super over" tiebreaker, Pakistan could only manage a single.

Few saw this coming. Pakistan has significant cricketing pedigree, including winning this tournament in 2009 and finishing runners-up in 2022. Cricket is also hardly a mainstream sport in the US. Indeed, the New York Times suggested that many Americans were "oblivious to the magnitude" of the victory.

But history suggests perhaps it should be less of surprise. After all, the first ever international cricket match took place in what is now Manhattan, with the US losing a low-scoring game to Canada in September 1844. And when the Philadelphian cricket team visited England in 1897, 1903 and 1908, they were good enough to win 12 matches against first-class counties at a time when English cricket was in its "golden age".

Their star player, John "Bart" King, was among the most innovative bowlers of the era. His baseball-



inspired bowling action and express pace proved too much for many hapless English batsmen.

During a tour of Australian cricketers to North America in 1932, sponsors saw great promotional mileage in orchestrating an off-field meeting between the world's best cricketer at the time, Donald Bradman, and its greatest baseballer, Babe Ruth. The "two greatest hitters of the moving ball" apparently hit it off, albeit the incredulous American was heard to ask: "You mean to tell me sometimes you don't have to run when you hit the ball?"

But if US cricket is to kick on following the momentous victory against Pakistan (and its preceding win against Canada), then the US game must move beyond continual negative comparisons with baseball.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Described by American comedian and actor Groucho Marx as "a wonderful cure for insomnia", is cricket really too ponderous and long winded for American audiences, given that a baseball game takes nearly as long as a T20 match? The 200,000 Americans regularly playing cricket in 400 different leagues would argue that this version of the game is every bit as dynamic and exciting as baseball.

The traditional US diet of American Football, baseball and basketball is a difficult triumvirate to disturb. But the emergence of Major League Cricket (MLC) is at least daring to mount a challenge.

Now in its second season, MLC has six franchise teams (with more planned) and is already attracting many of the world's best male cricketers. Australia's star internationals Pat Cummins, Travis Head, Glenn Maxwell and Steve Smith will all participate in this year's tournament, which starts on July 5, with fellow countrymen Mitchell Marsh (the current T20 World Cup captain) and Marcus Stoinis likely to join

The tournament overlaps with the UK's still relatively new limitedovers franchise competition The Hundred. And MLC's ability to draw private investment – and the higher salaries that will inevitably follow – means the American short-form game might prove more attractive to top players than the UK tournament.

While this all bodes well for cricket in the US, there are some operational challenges to overcome. The first is whether its administrative infrastructure can recover after the USA Cricket Association was suspended by the International Cricket Council in 2015 because of concerns regarding its "governance, finance, reputation and cricketing activities". The old association had somehow found itself US\$4 million in debt despite there barely being an established cricket ground in the country at that time.

This brings us to the next challenge: the quality of the grounds. However loud the hype and marketing, poor pitches – the central cut strip the game is played on – will always be open to heavy cricketing scrutiny.

the US pitches being used for the World Cup are substandard. Indeed, the playing surface at Nassau County **International Cricket Stadium in New** York has been described as "bordering on dangerous" after a succession of low-scoring matches.

Most experts agree that some of

Ultimately, the future of US cricket is all about money. Will there be enough advertising, broadcasting and sponsorship revenue? And will it be used to pay marquee players to play on poor surfaces, or invested in infrastructure, facilities and grassroots development?

It seems unlikely that cricket will take long-lasting root in America until the game is played in schools and colleges, and women's cricket acquires the momentum it has elsewhere.

More positively, a women's MLC is already being discussed, and cricket will make an appearance in the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028. These are further significant platforms to expose the game to a wider audience – but time will tell how far it manages to squeeze itself into the national psyche and a sporting landscape steeped in history, culture and big business principles.

For now, though, team USA can only do what they are doing – win with style and terrify some cricketing titans into the bargain.

(The writer is Professor of Journalism at Swansea University.)

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ACROSS

See 11 **Boycott Government** opponent over a little bit of

10 Market always has salmon

11/7 Fathead! Soon deduce a timeless quality, unfortunately, that's shared by Johnson and his cohorts (8,2,8)

12 Tired of being rudely assaulted Double bed artist in

attendance (8)

15 Look, talent and ability ultimately deficient

17 Keen smallholder originally keeping old ducks

20 Undistinguished salesmen getting sacked (8) 22 Drink in clubs – may attempt

to return (6) 23 Very discontented – a 9,10

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1 Wolfish? That's a nervous reaction! (8) 2 Fire in Notre-Dame upset

American Football people 19's good for Sunday Post

journalist (6) Top in English, fifth in History, German unknown, with pass in Science

Telling Dracula maybe to stop slightly twisted rule?

Labour stronghold supports left wingers quitting

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> 16 Old city getting top people? Not quite (6)

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18 Small matters worried fashionable types

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

THUMBNAILS

Electric Chetak expands its portfolio: Bajaj Auto Ltd., the world's most valuable 2wheeler and 3-wheeler company, announced the expansion of its popular electric scooter portfolio with the introduction of the affordable Chetak 2901. Chetak possesses distinct advantages such as a robust metal body and advanced technological features has firmly positioned itself in the electric scooter market. Bajaj Auto is now democratizing access to its range of electric Chetak scooters, making it an attractive offering for both, ICE vehicle and electric vehicle riders. This aims to appeal to consumers who value an elegant, durable, and feature-rich scooter

Corporate meet organised **by Canara Bank:** Canara Bank, Circle Office, Bhubaneswar organized "Corporate Meet at The Crown Hotel, Nayapalli Bhubaneswar on 13.06.2024 under the able guidance and leadership of Jagdish Chander, General Manager and Circle Head of Canara Bank, Circle Office, Bhubaneswar. More than 70 numbers of existing and prospective Corporate/MSME customers have participated in the programme. The meet start with lighting lamps, floral tributes to A Subbarao Pai, Founder of Canara Bank.

without breaking the bank.

Domino`s crosses 2.000-store mark: Domino's announced the opening of its 2000th store in the country. The brand celebrated this occasion by opening seven new stores in its seven operating regions nationwide. Domino`s Pizza India opened its first store in New Delhi in 1996, and today serves over 200mn pizzas annually through 2,000 stores spread across

Benchmarkindicesendin greenatrecord closing highs

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¬he stock market ended in green on Thursday at record closing highs after paring partial intraday gains.

Sensex opened at a record high of 77,102.05, and pared some gains to close at 76,810.90, up 204.33 points, or 0.27 per cent. The index surged to create a fresh alltime high of 77,145.46.

On the other hand, the Nifty 50 opened at a record high of 23,480.95, and closed at 23,399.90, up 75.95 points, or 0.33 per cent. The index climbed to a fresh all-time high of 23,481.05 during the

On BSE Sensex, Hindustan Unilever, Power Grid Corp., Axis Bank, Bharti Airtel, and ICICI Bank, were the top drags. Mahindra & Mahindra, Titan, Larsen & Toubro, IndusInd Bank, and Tech Mahindra, were the top gainers for the day.

On the Nifty 50, Hindustan Unilever, Eicher Motors, Axis Bank, Power Grid Corp, and Britannia Industries, were the top drags. Shares of Shriram Finance,

Mahindra & Mahindra, HDFC life, Divi's Laboratories, and Titan were the top gainers for the day.

The broader market outperformed the benchmarks



with both BSE Midcap and Smallcap rising nearly 1 per cent each. The volatility index, IndiaVIX, declined over 7 per cent to 13.4.

Among the sectors, Nifty Realty and Nifty IT were the major gainers as they rose 2 per cent and 1 per cent respectively. Meanwhile, Nifty Media and Nifty FMCG were the worst hit, declining 1 per cent and 0.6 per cent.

Shriram Finance Ltd surged over 4 per cent to reach

company's overall market capitalization past the Rs 1 lakh crore mark. Global rating agency

an all-time high of Rs 2,679.

This milestone pushed the

Moody's said the Indian banks are likely to log in a 12-14 per cent growth in credit disbursal over the next 12 to 15 months on the back of a revival in demand in the economy.

Shares of Whirlpool of India surged up to 1.8 per cent to touch a fresh 52-week high of Rs 1,827 a piece on Thursday after it announced a new marketing alliance for Surf Excel in partner-

ship with Hindustan Unilever. On global parameters, the STOXX 600 (stock index of European stocks) was down 0.5 per cent as of 0828 GMT, after closing around 1 per cent higher in the previous session.

The Fed held interest rates steady on Wednesday and pushed out the start of rate cuts to perhaps as late as December, with the central bankers projecting only one quarter-point rate cut this year from three projected in

European equities have pulled back from last week's record highs hit on the back of the European Central Bank's rate cut, as investors assessed France's political uncertainty.

March.

Go First gets 4th extension of 60 days from NCLT

This is the fourth extension to complete the Corporate **Insolvency Resolu**tion Process (CIRP) for the airline struggling to find a buyer.

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The grounded airline, Go First, has received an extension of 60 days from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) to complete the insolvency process.

This is the fourth extension to complete the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) for the airline struggling to find a buyer. On April 8, the insolvency tribunal granted an extension of 60 days, which ended on June 3, 2024. Fol-



lowing the latest extension, the CIRP of GO First will end on August 3, 2024. A twomember bench came down heavily on the Resolution Professional for seeking an extension. The counsel appearing for the Resolution Professional informed the tribunal that they were seeking this extension in view of an extraordinary situation they were facing post-Delhi High Court judgment asking the DGCA to deregister all of its 54 aircraft. According to the Resolution Professional, those who have shown interest in buying the to consider them, hence the 60-day extension is needed. The NCLT, on May 10, 2023, admitted the plea of Go First, which stopped operating flights on May 3, to initiate voluntary insolvency resolution proceed-

The Central Bank of India will auction over 94 acres of land owned by Wadia Realty situated at Bhayandarpada on Thane's Ghodbunder Road, to recover loans extended to Go Airways. This comes after the Delhi High Court allowed lessors of Go First to deregister and take possession of 54 planes. The airlines blamed the 'faulty' engines of Pratt & Whitney for its financial woe leading to the grounding of half of its fleet. Go First's combined liabilities to all its creditors are worth Rs 11,463 crore.

Govt keeping a close watch on market price of wheat

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The Department of Food wheat till 11.06.2024 during and Public Distribution under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution is keeping a close watch on the market price of Wheat, the government said on Thursday.

In addition, suitable interventions, as warranted, shall be undertaken to ensure that there is no hoarding by unscrupulous elements and the price remains stable, it said. During RMS 2024, the department reported production of 112 million MT of wheat. Food Corporation of India (FCI) has procured approximately 266 LMT of

After meeting the requirement for Public Distribution System (PDS) and other welfare schemes, which is approximately 184 LMT, sufficient stock of wheat will be available to undertake market interventions, as and when required, the ministry said in a statement.

Buffer stocking norms vary for each quarter of year.

As on 1st January, 2024, the wheat stock was 163.53 LMT against prescribed buffer norm of 138 LMT.

KOLKATA, 13 JUNE The Indian ship recycling industry will see revenue grow nearly 15 per cent this

Indian ship recycling biz to grow 15pc, riding on edge over Pakistan & B'Desh

fiscal after two years of decline of 22 per cent in fiscal 2024 and 8.5 per cent in fiscal

2023.

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The growth will be supported by two factors. First, the increased availability of ageing vessels for recycling due to addition of new vessel capacity globally. Second, the higher competitiveness of Indian ship recyclers compared with the key rival nations, Bangladesh and Pak-

The increased availability of ageing vessels will bring down input cost for ship recyclers, This, along with higher capacity utilization leading to better efficiency, will improve operating profitability by 75 basis points (bps) to 6.5 per cent this fiscal.

Higher cash generation and absence of capital expenditure (capex), along with healthy balance sheets, will keep credit profiles stable for Indian ship recyclers. A CRISIL Ratings analysis of 22 ship recyclers, accounting for close to half of the industry revenues of Rs 4,400 crore, indicates as

"The addition of ship freight capacity for container and dry-bulk fleet globally will bring down the freight rate over the medium term. In fact, container fleet capacity alone is expected to increase 10% this fiscal. The lower freight rate will make ageing vessels operating beyond their age limit uneconomical due to high repair and insurance cost which in-turn will

lead to increase in vessels available for dismantling

globally," said Nitin Kansal, Director, CRISIL Ratings. Indian ship recyclers are expected to grab a lion's

share of the increased volume of condemned vessels, given their higher competitiveness leading to likely volume growth of around 20-23 per cent. Key competitors Bangladesh and Pakistan are facing a severe crisis of foreign currency availability and ship recyclers in these countries are hence taking longer to complete vessel purchases and thus owners of condemned vessels likely to avoiding these markets. For the record, these three countries account for 85 per cent of the global

ship recycling volume. Operating margins are seen improving this fiscal for two reasons. First, increased availability of condemned vessels is likely to bring the purchase cost down by nearly 6 per cent, while output (scrap steel) prices are

expected to remain firm. Second, the increase in volume of ship recycling will lead to better cost efficiency as capacity utilization is seen improving to nearly 50 per

inDrive sets out on a new journey to promote women drivers

RITWIK MUKHERJEE KOLKATA, 13 JUNE

421 cities.

California-based super mobility app ~ inDrive, that disrupted the market by allowing passengers and drivers the option to negotiate and fix fares online, before getting boarded, is now gearing up to provide a platform for women from all walks of life from all over India to register for the inDrive Driving-Naari programme and take up commercial driving as a career option to become independent drivers and find their dream job on the road.

At its core, the DrivingNaari initiative is more than just a campaign; it's a movement challenging entrenched gender stereotypes within the ride hailing industry. This purposedriven project by inDrive has been launched with a mission to challenge injustice and encourage women to become professional drivers and give them access to remunerative 'livelihoods with dignity', said Pratip Mazumder, India Country Manager, inDrive.

Driving Naari is about



boundaries and discover their true potential behind the wheel. It's about driving change. By empowering women to take up driving as a career, inDrive is not only reshaping the ride hailing landscape but also paving the way for the future where gender equality reigns supreme on the road.

"We have successfully done the piloting in Delhi with 10-odd women drivers. We are now keen on expanding and replicating the same model in other cities and eventually in tier-II cities. We are not only giving them a holistic training, but also providing them with rent-free vehicles in the initial months, on completion of their trainempowering women to push ling, so that they can set out and secure.

on their professional journey much more comfortably, financially," said Mazum-

airline have revised their

offers and the lenders are yet

inDrive, which, at present, operates across 12 Indian cities with its multiple fleettwo-wheelers, three-wheelers, four-wheelers, cargo and so on, has also lined up plans to mark its presence across many other cities, including some of the tier-II cities. It is also working on to bring on road electric vehicles (EVs), as part of its global focus and priorities, he said.

Meanwhile, inDrive is

partnering with different academies (for instance, it has partnered with Maruti Suzuki Driving School-Machino in Kolkata) to offer Safety Education. The SafeDrive with inDrive campaign will educate drivers on how to ensure their passengers' safety and comfort. This is in addition to inDrive's ongoing educational program for drivers, which reinforces their safety training and spans road safety and the safety of women, so that every choice users make with inDrive is safe

"We have a 360 degree approach and it's a holistic training module. It also covers topics such as the prohibition of discrimination, ways to promote passengers' comfort, and how to use all the safety features available should anyone need assistance during a trip (for example, the Shield icon, which allows the user to contact emergency services). It is a 360 degree programme. which provides drivers with timely communication tools and strategies to prevent cases of harassment or violence - among other things.,' said Mazumdar.

"For example, data from our platform shows that women feel unsafe in a cab when the driver plays loud music, is unkempt, or drives at a high speed; they are also uncomfortable when the driver looks at them in the rearview mirror or pays them a compliment. So our SafeDrive with inDrive campaign also addresses these issues with our driver partners, to ensure that all our riders feel safe and comfortable," he added.

APEDA facilitates export of first consignment of MD 2 pineapples to UAE Chairman Abhishek Dev in

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The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, facilitated the successful export of the first consignment of MD 2 variety pineapples to the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

This is a significant stride for India's fresh fruit export sector.

The Commerce & Industry Ministry said on Thursday that the consignment, comprising 8.7 metric tonnes (650 boxes) of the prized MD 2 pineapples, was ceremoniously flagged off by APEDA

the presence of senior officials from APEDA and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research - Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR CCARI).

The MD 2 pineapple, also known as "Golden Ripe" or "Super Sweet," has become the gold standard in the pineapple industry, with significant cultivation in countries like Costa Rica, the Philippines, and Thailand.

The Chairman of APEDA said, "This marks a pivotal moment in India's agricultural export history, showcasing our ability to produce and supply premium quality pineapples to global mar-

SECURITIES 223 **AND EXCHANGE**

BOARD OF INDIA APPLICATIONS FOR THE POST OF EXECUTIVE **DIRECTOR ON CONTRACT DEPUTATION**

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), is a statutory regulatory body established by an Act of Parliament, to protect the interests of investors in securities, to promote the development of and to regulate the securities market. SEBI invites applications from Indian citizens for One (01) post of Executive Director, on contract / deputation basis. Last date for receipt of application is July 13, 2024.

For more details of the advertisement visit SEBI website: www.sebi.gov.in

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at Calcutta. Hence I shall

be know as Raj Kumar

I, GULSHAN Ara, W/o. Ibrarul Haque, residing at 56 Pilkhana 2nd Bye Lane, occupation-Business, by Howrah-711101 shall hence- nationality-Indian, residing forth be known as Gulshan at No. 3, Kings Road, Haora, Jahan as declared before under Howrah Municipality, the Notary Public / First Howrah-711101 declared Class Judicial Magistrate - that Ashish Singh hence-Howrah Court (District: forth be known as Ashish Bengal) vide Affidavit No. of an affidavit affirmed 3652, dated: 16-05-2024, before the Learned Gulshan Ara and Gulshan Metropolitan Magistrate at Jahan both are same and Calcutta dated 12-06-2024. identical person.

I Putul Karmakar Sabui Alias Putul Sabui , D/O Late Basudeb Karmakar Vill- Sahapur P.O.-Nalikul , P.S. - Haripal, District Hooghly Pin-712407, Shall henceforth be known as Putul Karmakar as declared before the Ld. 1st class Judicial magistrate court at Chinsurah Hooghly vide affidavit (NO-1618) dated 11/6/2024 Putul Karmakar, Putul Karmakar Sabui and

Putul Sabui are same and

one Identical person.

CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE is hereby given to all concerned that I, Ashish Kumar Singh, son of Sri Sudhakar Singh, aged about 38 years, by faith-Hindu, by / State: West Kumar Singh upon strength

TENDERS

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Phone: (0353) 2432804, 2435444, 2433277, 2433744, 2526780 2435282, 2536311, Website: www.siligurismc.in E-mail: smcwb@hotmail.com / smcwb2@gmail.com Memo No. 137/Estt./SMC Date: 11-06-24

Notice Walk-in interview will be held on **01-07-2024** at **12-00 noon** in the Conference Hall of Siliguri Municipal Corporation for engagement of the following staffs for he Guest House of Borough No. IV (Kshaniker Atithi) on a "no work, no pay" asis under Siliguri Municipal Corporation.

Sl. No.	No. of staffs to be engaged	Eligibility criteria
1	04	i) Age as on 01-01-2024: 18 to 40 years (Relaxation of upper age limit 5 years for SC / ST & 3 years for OBC)
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		iii) Remuneration: Daily wages as applicable
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Sd/-Commissioner Siliguri Municipal Corporation



TENDER

BIDHANNAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION POURA BHABAN, BIDHANNAGAR (i) NIT No. 113/PWD/ROAD/BMC, Dated 3/06/2024, (ii) NIT No. 114/PWD/ROAD/BMC Dated - 13/06/2024, e-Tender has been invited for Construction of concrete road, Repairing, maintenance of bituminous road at different locations within ward no.16,28,29,30,31 and construction of open drain with cover R.C.C.slab and construction of 12.0 mtr.width paver block at chalpatty road under BMC. For details, please follow For details, please follow [Tender Id (i) 2024_MAD_693250_1 to 7 (ii) 2024 MAD 693194 1 and 2] in www.wbtenders.gov.in, Office Notice Board. Last date of Bid submission - (i) 29/06/2024 up to 3.00 p.m. (ii) 06/07/2024 up to 3.00 p.m.

> **Executive Engineer Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation**

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, चाईबासा। email- rwdchaibasa64@gmail.com

शुद्धि पत्र।

एतद द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक- 824 (अनु0) दिनांक- 07.06.2024 द्वारा आमंत्रित ई निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं0-11/R1/2023-24/RWD/EE/ CHAIBASA जिसका PR No -325671 West Singhbhum (24-25) : D है, में प्रकाशित निविदा को अपरिहार्य कारणों से रदद किया जाता है।

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PR 326244 West Singhbhum(24-25)D चाईबासा ।

कार्यपालक अनियंता, वैशाली भवन प्रमंडल, हाजीपुर।

अधीक्षण अभिवंता, भवन अंचल मुजपफरपुर,

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दिनांक-03.07.2024 से दिनांक-25.07.2024 को 15:00 बजे

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JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY NIT No : JU/UE/NAAC/06/24-25 e-Tenders are invited from the eligible contractors for civil works related Tender ID as under 1 2024 JU 689330 1 Rt 3,98,235.00 2 2024 JU 691003 1 Rt 2,15,294.00 3, 2024 JU 691007 1 Rs.3,47,029.00. 4. 2024 JU 891009 1 Rs.1,10,160.00 Please contact office of the University Engineer Jadavpur University for physical Verification of the work site. For detail visit https://wbtenders.govt.in ast date of e-submission is 22.06.24 upto 06.00 pm.

e-TENDER NOTICE

Executive Officer, Jalpaiguri Municipality invited e-tender vide N.I.T. No. 1) WBMAD / JM / CH / eNIT-1 / 2024-25 Memo No. 563 / JM, Dated: 13-06-2024 (Tender ID: 2024_MAD_692862_1) 2) WBMAD / JM / CH / eNIT-2 / 2024-25,

Memo No. 564 / JM, Dated: 13-06-2024 (Tender ID: 2024_MAD_692880_1)) WBMAD / JM / CH / eNIT-3 / 2024-25, Memo No. 565 / JM, Dated: 13-06-2024 (Tender ID: 2024_MAD_692912_1)) WBMAD / JM / CH / eNlT-4 / 2024-25,

Memo No. 566 / JM, Dated: 13-06-2024 (Tender ID: 2024_MAD_692931_1) (i) WBMAD / JM / CH / eNIT-5 / 2024-25, Memo No. 567 / JM, Dated: 13-06-2024 (Tender ID: 2024_MAD_692945_1)

B) WBMAD / JM / CH / eNIT-6 / 2024-25

Memo No. 568 / JM, Dated: 13-06-2024 (Tender ID: 2024_MAD_692965_1) WBMAD / JM / CH / eNIT-7 / 2024-25, Memo No. 569 / JM, Dated: 13-06-2024 (Tender ID: 2024_MAD_692980_1)

Last date of bidding (online): 08-07-2024 at 6-55 p.m. Details of which are available in the web

the office of the undersigned during the office hours.

portal: www.wbtenders.gov.in &

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Executive Officer Jalpaiguri Municipality

S. E. RAILWAY TENDER e-Tender Notice Nos.: (1) Elect-G-ADA-2024-11, (2) Elect-G-ADA-2024-12, (3) Elect-G-ADA-2024-13, dated 03.06.2024. Divisional Electrical Engineer/G, South Eastern Railway, Adra for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-Tender for the following electrical work : SI. No., Description of works (1) Electrical work for Construction of Type-II Qrs. 12 units at Adra (4 units), BQA (8 units) in replacement of condemned Quarters. (2) Electrical work for Provision of auxiliary shed at WRD/Adra for bogie overhauling and wheel attention to initiate ROH activities at WRD/Adra. (3) Electrical work for Development of freight mainte nance facilities at Adra Yard and sick line for Maintenance of BCN and other rakes for Adra Division. Tender value: ₹ 9,05,554/- (for Sl.No. 1), ₹ 32,54,388/-(for Sl.No. 2) & ₹47,61,191/- (for Sl.No. 3). The closing date and time of e-tenders is on 25.06.2024 at 12.00 hrs. and opening

of tender will be done on 25.06.2024 after 12.30 hrs. Details of above e-tender may please be seen at website www.ireps. (PR-247) gov.in e-Tender Notice Nos.: (1) E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-91-24, (2) E-DRM-Engg-ADRA 92-24, (3) E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-93-24 dated: 12.06.2024. Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), South Eastern Railway, Adra for and on behalf of the President of India invites 3 nos. e-Tender for the following Bridge, Cess Repair, El Building works: Sl. No. 1, Description of work Construction of new one El Main Building (47.61 m x 8.81 m) and one El Goomty (23.88 m x 8.46 m) at Charrah station in Adra Division. Sl. No. 2, Description of work: (1) Adra Division - Cess repair for 18.565 Tkm under DEN/North/Adra. (2) Construction of side drain under the jurisdiction of DEN/North/Adra. Sl. No. 3, Description of work : Construction of Birdge No. 1 (1x4Mx2.7M RCC Box by box pushing method) beside existing Br. No. 1 (2x0.915 m stone slab) at km 323/PK 7-8 between PRR-KSX section of Adra Division. Tender value: ₹ 1,41,57,507.04 (for SI. No. 1). ₹ 1,40,28,056.71 (for St. No. 2) & ₹ 2,23,24,973.45 (for Sl. No. 3). The closing date and time of e-tender is on 05.07.2024 at 15.00 hrs. Details of above e-tender may please be seen at website www.ireps.gov.in (PR-249)

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- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय (तकनीकी बीड) दिनांक-26.07.2024 को 15:30 बजे अपराहन्
- परिमाण विपन्न की बिकी स्थान
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UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA

University of Calcutta invites the e-tender vide Ref. No. [E-Tender No. L / 411 / 22 / 23-24 (2ND CALL) & Tender ID: 2024_CU_692925], (E-Tender No.: E-tender / Eng / CT-33 / 24-25 & Tender ID: 2024_CU_689322_1) Dt 13-06-2024. For details visit:

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE E-TENDER NOTICE No. SG-664-07-Sig-2024-25

E-Tender is invited on behalf of the president of India for the under mentioned work. 1. Name of the work: Provision of Automatic Fire Suppression System for signaling installation at Central Relay Room with two Object Controller (OC) at Patratu Station. Appox. Cost of the work. : ₹1,32,77,428.09 (Approx). 3. Earnest Money : ₹2,16,400/-4. Date & time for closing of tender 02.07.2024 at 12:30 Hrs. 5. Any E-Tenders which is sent by Post /Courier/FAX or self Manual proposals although the letter is or firms letter pad or received in time will not be accepted. The above E-Tenders, E-Tendering document alongwith ful information is available on website i.e. http://www.ireps.gov.in Note :-Tenderers are requested to visit the website http://www.ireps.gov.in atleast 10 days before last date of closing for latest

to this E-tender Sr. D.S.T.E./ECR/Dhanbad PR/00465/DHN/S&T/T/24-25/32

corrigendum / corrections etc. in response

e-TENDER NOTICE

कार्यपालक अभियंता

वैशाली भवन प्रमंडल, हाजीपुर

E tender notice invited by the Executive Officer Hanaskhali Panchayaet Samity, Hanaskhali, Nadia. NIT NO: 34/15th FC/HNK, DEV./2023-24, Memo No. 511/HNK P.S. Dated 11.06.2024.Last date of submission BID 19-06-24 upto 5.00 P.M.(as per server clock) Technical Bid Opening Date 22-06-2024 at 11.00 A.M.(as per server clock) more details: please visit https://wbtenders.gov.in.

Executive Officer, Hanaskhali Panchayet Samity Hanaskhali, Nadia.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNCILORS OF RANAGHAT MUNICIPALITY RANAGHAT, NADIA

NOTICE INVITING E-QUOTATION Memo. No. 688/RM

Date - 13.06.2024 Tender Ref No : WBMAD/ULB/ RM/NIQ-1e/2024-25/SL1 Tender ID:

2024 MAD 692908 1 Name of the work : Supply and delivery of 100liters capacity Waste Bins(Green 100pcs & Blue 100pcs)= Total 200pcs, and 240 liters capacity Waste Bins (Green 100pcs & Blue 100pcs)=Total 200pcs for Ranaghat Municipality. Pri Bid Meeting Date: - 26.06.2024, Last Date Of Submission of Bid : 29.06.2024. Intending bidders may download tender documents and all other Terms and Conditions from the website https://www. wbtenders.gov.in

> Chairman, Ranaghat Municipality

HOWRAH MUNICIPAL CORPORATION 4, MAHATMA GANDHI ROAD, HOWRAH-711101

2 033 2638 3211 / 3212 / 3213 Fax: (033) 2654 0830 Memo No. 030 / NULM / CPO / 2024-25 Dated: June 12, 2024 ABRIDGED NOTICE FOR E.O.I. (2nd Call)

Sealed Expression of Interests are hereby invited by the Secretary & CPO, NULM, HMC on behalf of the Commissioner, Howrah Municipal Corporation in the prescribed profor ma from the registered ALF / CLF / SHG of the DAY - NULM Dept. of HMC only having previous experience in similar nature of job for Operation & Maintenance of the 2nd MAA Canteen set-up at the premises of the second Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUH) of this Corporation located at 1/1, Kissanlal Burman Road, Bandhaghat, Howrah. Intending organisations fulfilling the above criteria may visit the official website of the HMC: www.myhmc.in for detailed information. Last date for receipt of the duly filled-in E.O.I. is up to 3-00 p.m. on 01-07-2024.

Secretary

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Howrah Municipal Corporation

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES CIRCLE, UDAIPUR Near Akashvani, Chetak Circle, Udaipur (Rajasthan)-313001

Phone No.: 0294-2414794 E-mail: sewrcudr@gmail.com No. SE/Actt. /Udaipur/F./2024-25/3326 Dated: 10-06-2023 E-NIT No. 01 / 2023-24 NIB No .WRD2425A0055

Bids for the following work are invited from interested bidders up to 6-00 p.m., dated 11-07-2024

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost of work
1.	Rehabilitation of Baxa ka Naka Irrigation Project, Distt. Udaipur (under RWSLIP) UBN No. WRD2425WSOB00257	Rs. 281.25 lakh

Other particulars of bid may be visited on the Procurement portal: http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in / http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in & www.water.rajasthan.gov.in/wrd Superintending Engineer DIPR/C/4201/2024 Water Resources Circle, Udaipur

E-AUCTION NOTICE FOR LEASING OF SLR/LVPH

e-Auction Notice No.:LEASE-KGP-2024-07 Dt.: 13.06.2024 For and on behalf of the President of India, the Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur Division invites e-Auction for leasing of SLRs/LVPHs for a period of 2 (two) years for transportation of parcels in the trains which are notified in the https://www.ireps.gov.in website.

Catalogue Date of Auction Auction Category Auction start Time closing Time Parcel Lease-KGP-2024-07/27.06.24 12.00 hrs. 16.00 hrs. Interested parties and contractors to take note of this and go through the website as mentioned above for details of the trains and related information about the E-Auction notice. For enquiries/clarifications, if any, please contact the office of the undersigned.

(PR-251) Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Kharagpur

South Eastern Railway

閩 URBAN IMPROVEMENT TRUST ALWAR

NOTICE INVITING BID-01/2024-25

Bids for Park Repairing & Maint, carpeting work for paver finisher, Plantation, CC Work, BT Patch Repair work, Thermoplastic Paint work, invited from interest bidders up to 14/06/2024 (For item no-32 up to 04/07/2024) 4.00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state and www.uitalwar.in. The approximate Value of the Procurement is Rs. 1237.24 Lakhs. UBN No.: UAL2425W5OB00016, 00017, 00018, 00019, 00020, 00021, 00022, 00023, 00024, 00025, 00026, 00027, 00028 00029, 00030, 00031, 00032, 00033, 00034, 00035, 00036, 00037, 00038, 00039 00040, 00041, 00042, 00043, 00044, 00045, 00046, 00047 Executive Engineer Raj.Samwad/C/24/601 UIT, Alwar

EASTERN RAILWAY

E-Auction Notice

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, 4th floor, Yatri Niwas, near Howrah Station, Howrah-711101 invites e-Auction for leasing of parcel space of 14 Nos. of SLRs in 10 passenger carrying trains and 03 Nos. of RTVPs in 03 passenger carrying trains originating from Howrah Division for two years through e-Auction module of IREPS website. Non-transferable Auction catalogue containing detailed terms and conditions are available at www.ireps.gov.in. The bidding for the instant e-Auction is to be submitted through e-Auction module on www.ireps.gov.in. For participation in e-Auction process, one time Registration of merchants through e-Auction module in website www.ireps.gov.in is mandatory. Merchants are also required to take digital signature of Class-III. Auction Catalogue No.: PCL-HWH-L-24-6D, Train: 14 Nos. of SLRs in 10 passenger carrying trains and 03 Nos. of RTVPs in 03 passenger carrying trains. Auction Start Date & Time: 26.06.2024 at 13:00 hrs. HWH-113/2024-25

Tender Notices are also available at websites: www.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at: Mac @EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter

> Office of the Board of Councillors **Konnagar Municipality**

73, G. T. Road (West), Konnagar, Hooghly E-Tender has been invited by Chairman, Konnagar Municipality from manufacturer/authorized dealers for "Construction of Shed at Office Garage opposite of Konnagar Municipality" For details please visit www.wbtenders.gov.in. E-Tender ID: 2024 MAD 692814 1. Bid Submission Start Date: 14-06-2024 10:00 AM. Bid Submission Closing Date: 22-06-2024, 4.00 PM. Bid Opening Date: 24-06-2024, 5.00 PM.

> Sd/-Chairman Konnagar Municipality



नॉर्दर्न कोल्फील्ड्स लिमिटेड (एक मिनिरल केम्पनी) (कोल इण्डिया लिमिटेड की एक सहायक कम्पनी)

कार्यरत/सेवानिवृत्त कर्मचारियों, उनके आधितों और आम जनता के इलाज के लिए, एनसीएल "नेहरू शताब्दी चिकित्सालय (एनएससी), जयंत में इंटरवेंशन कार्डियोलॉजी सेंटर" की स्थापना हेत् ग्री-बिड मीटिंग के लिए ईंजोआई ग्रस्ताव आमंत्रित करता है। प्री-बिड मीटिंग की विस्तृत जानकारी तथा ईंओआई की शर्तें एनसीएल वेबसाइट (nclcil.in) पर उपलब्ध हैं।

प्री-बिड मीटिंग दिनांक 06-07-2024 को नेहरू शताब्दी चिकित्सालय में आयोजित कराई जाएगी। सी.एम.एस,(एन.एस.सी. जयंत) (R-21)



E-Tender Notice Dy. Chief Signal & Telecomm Engineer/Construction/North Central Railway/Allahabad, GM Office, Betwa Building, Subedarganj, Prayagraj for and on behalf of President of

India invites E-tenders on the prescribed form upto 15:00 Hrs. on 05.07.2024 for the under noted work, which will be opened on the same day at 15:30 Hrs. Name of work: Supply, Designing, Installation, testing and commissioning of Electronic interlocking system with complete Signalling and Telecom Indoor and Outdoor works at Stations (i.e. Ohan, Bahilpurwa, Khoh, ChitrakutDham, Shivrampur, Bharatkup, Badausa, Atarra, Khurhand and Dingwai) alteration in existing Electronic interlocking at Khairar

Jn. Station, Banda and Manikpur Junction station in connection with Khairar-Manikpur

double line work of Jhansi Division of North Central Railway. Approx. Cost of work (Rs.): Rs. 629181442.87 (Sixty Two Crore Ninety One Lacs Eighty One Thousand Four Hundred Forty Two and Palse Eighty Seven only), Earnest Money (Rs.): Rs. 3295900/- (Rs. Thirty Two Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Nine Hundred Only), Completion period: 11 Months, Date & Time of Closing/Opening of tender: upto 05.07.2024 15:00 Hrs. and will be opened at 15:30 Hrs. on the same day. Website particulars and Notice Board location where complete details of tender can be seen: Website www.ireps.gov.in Notice Board provided in the office of the Dy. Chief Signal & Telecomm Engineer/Construction/North Central Railway/ Prayagraj, GM

Office, Betwa Building, Subedarganj, Prayagraj.

G2@ **NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**

Tender Notice No. 3720242025 E-Tender Notice Dated: 10.06.2024 Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/North Central Railway/ Prayagraj

for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-Tenders on prescribed form for the following works up to 13:30 hrs. on 03.07.2024. The details of the tenders are as under Tender Name of Work: Leading, Loading & Unloading of various P.Way

Materials in RRH-TDL section in the jurisdiction of Sr.DEN/III/PRYJ Approx Cost of work (₹): Bid security (₹) Completion Period: 18425950.62 242100.00 12 months

Similar work for Eligibility Criteria: Date of Opening of tender: 03.07.2024 Any Civil Engineering Work or transportation work Note:- 1) The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders is available on website www.ireps.gov.in up to 13:30 hrs. on the due date of tender opening i.e.03.07.2024. The tender shall be opened at or after 15:00 hrs on due date. 2) Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. 3) Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightaway ignored and shall not be considered. 4) Tender No. 91 is having advertised value more than 50 Lakhs, therefore, Annexure-V & V (A) (Document Verification Certificate) are required. The supplier / contractor of goods and/or services would be subject to GST Act and Rules as applicable from time to time. Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. 6) This tender notice has also been uploaded on www.ncr.indianrailways. gov.in. 7) Cost of Tender document and Bid Security can be deposited Online through Internet Banking or Payment Gateway or Bank Guarantee Bond as detailed in para 12 of tender document. 8) In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. 9) Tender on line can be submitted up to 13:30 hrs. on 03.07.2024. 10) Along with other instructions given to Tenderers, Tenderers are required to Pay special attention on Para 12.0 of Tender Document for Bid Security Deposit. 11) E-Tender Forms shall be issued

free of cost to all Tenderers. 12) For tender no. 91: The tenderer has to submit necessary documents in compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-1) of IRGCC-2022 (Works matter) mandatorily, otherwise their offer will be considered as Incomplete Offer and accordingly shall not be considered. 💢 @CPRONCR ず North central railways 🙆 @ oproncrty 💹 @northoentralrailway 🕮 www.ncr.indiannailways.gov.in

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION, HAZARIBAG. e-Procurement Tender Notice Tender Reference No. :- DMFT/MID/HAZARIBAG/ F2-05/2024-25

Date:- 13.06.2024

Letter no - 631

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1.	Name of the work	Construction of Road from Mandu Gidhi Main Road to Bhelwa Tungari Via Rawan Hotel in Village+ Panchayat Kanki Block - Dari District- Hazaribag
2.	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Rs 1,46,74,100.00
3.	Time of Completion	11 Months
4.	Date of Publication of e-Tender on website	01.07.2024 at 3:00 P.M (e-Procurement Portal http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)
5.	Last date/Time for Submission of e-Tender bids Online	10.07.2024 up to 5:00 P.M
6.	Last Date for Online Submission of Tender Fee and EMD	10.07.2024 up to 5:00 P.M
7.	Date of opening of e-Tender	12.07.2024 at 03:00 P.M
8.	Name & address of office Inviting tender	Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Hazaribag
9.	Contact no. of e-Procurement officer	06546-270485
10.	E-mail of e- Procurement officer	eemidhbg-cemr-jhr@nic.in
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Note:- 1). Published Estimated Cost May be Increased or Decreased. 2). Mode of Submission of Online Tender/Tender Fee/EMD Through http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer, PR 326353 Minor Minor Irrigation Division, Hazaribag. Irrigation(24-25)D

Following NIQs are invited for **TENDER** Different Works by the Block Development Officer, Dinhata-

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE

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

E-Tender No.: JHS-ENGG-C-2024-117

Description of work: VGLJ-CNB Section: Provision of limited height Pedestrian Subway at various trespassing locations. (15 no. subway in

PRN-CNB section)

Approx Cost: 327955865.15 Earnest Money: 1789800.00

Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter: 12 Months Date of closing Tender: 05.07.2024 at 15:00 hrs. Tender on line can be submitted up to 15:00 hrs on 05.07.2024, ●For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in

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II Development Block,

NIT No. 01 / EO / DIN-II

2023-24, Memo No. 465 / EO

DIN-II / 2023-24. Dated:

◆ All details are available at

MORE TENDER ADS

ON PAGE 4

DM's Office, CZP's Office &

Sd/-

Executive Officer

Dinhata-II P.S.

Sahebganj, Cooch Behar.

13-06-2024.

SDO's Office.

JHARKHAND URJA SANCHARAN NIGAM LIMITED (CIN: U40108JH2013SGC001704)

(GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND UNDERTAKING) OFFICE:

General Manager, Contracts & Materials, Multi-Lateral Funding Projects, JUSNL Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi - 834002 (Jharkhand) Email: piujusnl@gmail.com Visit us on: www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in

e-Tender

Jharkhand	Urja Sancharan Nigam Limited invites Bids (to	be submitted i	n the e-Procuremer	nt Portal) for the	following works:-
NIT No.	Name of work (Request for Bid (RfB))	Date of publishing e-NIT	Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	Last date of submission/ uploading bid by the bidder	Date of Opening of technical part of Bio
28/PR/ JUSNL/ 2024-25	Design, Engineering, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 220/132 kV Grid Substations at Jadugoda and additional 132 kV Bays at Dhalbhumgarh GSS along with dismantling Works)	14.06.2024	21.06.2024 at 12:30 Hrs	09.07.2024 upto 16:00 Hrs	10.07.2024 at 16:30 Hrs
29/PR/ JUSNL/ 2024-25	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 220 KV Double Circuit Transmission Lines (1)Transmission line from Chaibasa (PGCIL) – Jadugoda (New) (47.7 km) (2)Transmission line from Chandil (New)-Jadugoda (New) (51.3 Km)	14.06.2024	21.06.2024 at 12:30 Hrs	09.07.2024 upto 16:00 Hrs	10.07.2024 at 16:30 Hrs
30/PR/ JUSNL/ 2024-25	Design, Engineering, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 132 KV Double Circuit Transmission Lines from Judugoda(New)- Dhalbhumgarh	14.06.2024	21.06.2024 at 12:30 Hrs	09.07.2024 upto 16:00 Hrs	10.07.2024 at 16:30 Hrs

(63.4 Km) Detailed Invitation of Bids which includes instructions for submission of Bids and all other relevant information are available on http://www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in along with Bidding Documents. Any details required in this regard can also be obtained from the office of the undersigned (+91-9430090855) during office hours.

The firms that technically qualify will be informed for date of opening for financial part of Bid. Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in bidding document. Interested bidders may participate in the bidding process as per instructions given in the bidding document.

Ajay Kumar, General Manager, Contracts & Materials, Multi-Lateral Funding Projects, JUSNL Address - JUSNL Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi - 834002, Jharkhand, India

Mobile: +91-9430090855

Name Of Work

Date/Time of Publication of Tender on

Last Date/Time of Bid Submission

Last Date/Time of Submission of

Date and Time of Bid opening

Tender Fee & EMD

Website

Email: piujusal@gmail.com स्वहित एवं राष्ट्र हित में ऊर्जा बचावें। कृपया अपनी शिकयतों को टॉल फी नं० 1800 345 6570 पर दर्ज करायें।

General Manager C&M, MLFP, JUSNL, Ranchi

PR 326276 Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd(24-25)D

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SOIL INVESTIGATION DIVISION, ADVANCE PLANNING, ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT, RANCHI NirupanBhawan,3rd Floor,Room No. 401,56-Set,Doranda,Ranchi-834002

e-Procurement (Very Short Tender Notice) Letter of Invitation (LOI) No.-02/2024-25

1"Call

e-Tender Ref No:-RCD/SID/AP/RAN/02/2024-25 Date:-12.06.2024 Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Reconstruction/ Widening & Strengthening of Road from Belwana More to Nima-Jalgora-Narotand Road via Golgo-Tilkimaran-Tisro village including Replacement of Culverts and Bridges, Proposal for Construction of new Culverts, Bridges, ROB's, RUB's, Complete Land Acquisition Proposal including Ownership details all complete as pe r latest guidelines, Resettlement and

Rehabilitation Proposal, Forest Diversion Proposal and Proposal of Utility Shifting in details etc. as required by the Department (If any) under Road Division Giridih in the State of Jharkhand. (Tetative Length 24 k.m.) *Empanelled consultant with RCD under category -I vide letter No. 3063(S) WE Dated 22.08,2022are allowed to Bid. 24.00 km Tentative Length Period of Completion of Work 60 Days Cost of Tender documents Rs 5,000/- (Five Thousand) only. Non refundable Fee. Tender fee will be recived through The quotationers have to deposit a fixed amount of Rs 30,500 as Earnest Money. As per the Departmental Letter no. -4652(S) dated 06.10.2023, cost of tender document and Earnest Perothen De posit be received in online mode only through e -procurement (http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in) by internet banking/NEFT/RTGS facility as per Standard Operating sistim Procedure (SOP) issued by Information Technology & e -Governance Department, Government of Barkhand vide letter no 120 dated 03.10.2023. Mode of Bid Submission e-tendering(http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)

14.06.2024,10:30 AM

23.06.2024 12:00PM

23.06.2024 12:00PM

24.06.2024 12:30 PM

10 Bid validity Bid Submission Address Chief Engineer(Communication), Road Construction Department, № Floor, Engineer Hostel No.-2, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004 12 Designation and Contact no. of Tender Executive Engineer, Soil Investigation DivisionAdvance PlanningRCD, Ranchi Mob-9905660677. inviting Officer

PR 326274 Road(24-25)D

Note:-Only e-Tender shall be accepted.

Executive Engineer, Soil Investigation Division, Advance Planning, Road Construction Department, Ranchi.

Sd./-

(Ravi Shankar Pravakar)

SOIL INVESTIGATION DIVISION, ADVANCE PLANNING. ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT, RANCHI NirupanBhawan,3[™] Floor,Room No. 401,56-Set,Doranda,Ranchi-834002 e-Procurement (Very Short Tender Notice)

Letter of Invitation (LOI) No.-01/2024-25 1"Call

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

e-Tender Ref No%&RCD/SID/AP/RAN/01/2024-25 Date:-12.06.2024 Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Reconstruction/ Widening & Strengthening of Road from (1)Moktama to Kari Road (Tentative Length 03k.m.) (2) Jori to Pratappur Headquarter via Sardam, Raksi, Yogiyara, Mairag (Tentative length 18k.m.) (3) Kedli Bridge to Dumaria Pundri Road (Tentative length 12k.m.) including Replacement of Culverts and Bridges, Proposal for Construction of new Culverts, Bridges, ROB's, RUB's, Complete Land Acquisition Proposal Name Of Work including Ownership details all complete as per latest guidelines, Resettlement and Rehabilitation Proposal, Forest Diversion Proposal and Proposal of Utility Shifting in details etc. as required by the Department (If any) under Road Division Chatra in the Stateof Jharkhand. *Empanelled consultant with RCD under category-I vide letter No. 3063(S) WE Dated 22.08.2022are allowed to Bid. Tentative Length 33.00 km Period of Completion of Work 60 Days Rs 5,000/- (Five Thousand) only. Non refundable Fee. Tender fee will be recived through online mode only. The quotationers have to deposit a fixed amount of Rs 42,000 as Earnest Money. As per the Departmental Letter no.-4652(S) dated 06.10.2023, cost of tender document and Earnest Perothen Deposit be received in online mode only Cost of Tender documents through e-procurement (http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in) by internet banking/NEFT/RTGS facility as per Standard

Operating sistim Procedure (SOP) issued by Information Technology & e-Governance Department, Government of Jharkhand vide letter no- 120 dated 03.10.2023. e-tendering(http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in) Mode of Bid Submission Date/Time of Publication of Tender on Website 14.06.2024,10:30 AM Last Date/Time of Bid Submission 23.06.2024 12:00PM 8 | Last Date/Time of Submission of Tender Fee & EMD 23.06.2024 12:00PM 24.06.2024 12:30 PM Date and Time of Bid opening

12 Designation and Contact no. of Tender inviting Officer Note:-Only e-Tender shall be accepted.

PR 326267 Road(24-25).D

Bid validity

Bid Submission Address

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Sd./-(Ravi Shankar Pravakar) Executive Engineer, Soil Investigation Division, Advance Planning, Road Construction Department, Ranchi.

120 days

Chief Engineer(Communication), Road Construction

Department, 1st Floor, Engineer Hostel No.-2, Dhurwa,

Ranchi-834004

Executive Engineer, Soil Investigation Division, Advance

Planning, RCD, Ranchi Mob-9905660677.

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BJP MP FROM BENGALURU SOUTH TEJASVI SURYA EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO THE PEOPLE FOR RE-ELECTING HIM



Pema Khandu sworn in as Arunachal CM for third term

The oaths were administered by Governor KT Parnaik at a grand ceremony

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE ITANAGAR, 13 JUNE

JP leader Pema Khandu was on Thursday sworn in as the chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh for the third consecutive term.

Alongside Mr Khandu, senior party leader Chowna Mein took oath as the deputy chief minister. Ten other legislators also took oath as members of the council of ministers.

The oaths were administered by Governor KT Parnaik at a grand ceremony held at the Dorjee Khandu Convention Centre in Itana-

Prominent leaders, including Union Home Minister



Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, BJP president J P Nadda, Union minister Kiren Rijiju, and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma attended the swearingin ceremony.

Mr Khandu, who took over the reins of the frontier state for the third consecutive time, was elected as the BJP legislature party leader on Wednes-

Subsequently, Governor Parnaik invited Mr Khandu to form the government.

Mr Khandu first assumed the role of chief minister in 2016 and took office again on 29 May 2019, after the BJP secured 41 out of 60 seats in the assembly polls.

In the recent Arunachal Pradesh assembly election, the BJP won 46 out of the 60 seats, including 10 seats won unopposed before the polls.

The NPP, part of the NDA government at the Centre, secured five seats. The NCP won three seats,

the PPA secured two seats, and the Congress won one seat. The remaining three seats went to independent candi-

dates. Ahead of the oath-taking ceremony, Mr Khandu expressed his commitment to the state's development in a post on microblogging plat-

form 'X'.

"We are committed to the development of our state, taking along all citizens, including tribals, for the growth of all regions," he said.

"With the support of the people, we will work even harder to make Atmanirbhar Arunachal Pradesh a reality that will contribute vibrantly to the making of Viksit Bharat," the newly-elected chief minister added.

Arunachal will establish new benchmarks for good governance, public welfare, says Yogi: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday congratulated Pema Khandu on becoming the chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh.

The UP CM also congratulated Chowna Mein on becoming Deputy Chief Minister of the North Eastern state.

Uttar Pradesh BJP to set up task force to investigate Lok Sabha seat loss

force of party leaders will be

have created panic among the

local and top leadership of the

BJP. This time, around nine

per cent fewer votes were

received compared to the

leaders have also been select-

ed for this task. "These lead-

ers will investigate the reasons

for the defeat in every assem-

bly constituency of all Lok

Sabha constituencies. The

members of the task force will

go from village to village to

determine which party has

He said around 60 party

The election results in UP

formed.

last election.

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, 13 JUNE

Grappling to revive the party's lost glory after the dismal results in the Lok Sabha elections in Uttar Pradesh, the ruling BJP has set up a 60-member task force to determine the

The BJP had won just 33 seats, and its alliance secured only 3 seats in the Lok Sabha polls, while the Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Congress together won 43 seats.

reasons for the electoral loss.

With by-elections in 9 assembly seats expected to be announced soon, the BJP is trying to identify the main reasons for the defeat and find ways to bring OBCs and Dalits back into the party fold.

A senior BJP leader said here on Thursday that the party has decided to investigate the reasons behind the low voting in favour of the BJP. For this purpose, a task

made inroads into the OBC and Dalit communities, who are considered the core voters of the BJP," the leader added.

Apart from the officials of the organisation, local public representatives will also be a part of this task force.

The agenda of the task force will also include identifying those responsible for alienating non-Yadav OBCs and non-Jatav Dalits from the BJP. Besides, the party leaders involved in graffiti will also be traced. Despite the BJP forming the government at

the Centre for the third time

in a row, all the leaders are feeling the pain of losing UP, the

strongest political ground for the party. Sources said preliminary discussions have already been held between the government and the organisation regarding the BJP's defeat in

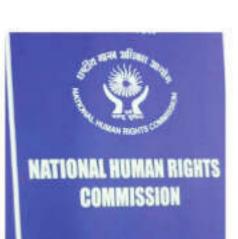
NHRC notice to UP govt on death of three workers in Vrindavan

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW. 13 JUNE

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) served a notice on the Uttar Pradesh government for the death of three workers, who were electrocuted inside a septic tank in Vrindavan on June 8

The rights body has taken a suo moto cognizance of a media report that three workers died after going down a private septic tank of a food outlet in Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh on June 8. They were reportedly electrocuted while repairing a motor inside the septic tank without safety

The workers were hired



by a private contractor.

According to a press statement issued by the commission on Thursday, notices have been issued to the state Chief Secretary and the Director General of Police calling for a detailed report on the matter. It asked the UP government report to include the status of the FIR

registered in the matter, action taken against the responsible persons as well as relief and rehabilitation provided to the next of kin of the deceased workers by the authorities.

The NHRC further observed that the contents of the media report, if true, amount to a violation of the human rights of the victims. The negligence on the part of the contractor and the local authorities has caused the loss of three lives.

It is indeed a matter of grave concern that the workers are still being exposed to life-threatening acts at the behest of the public authorities without the necessary safety equipment.

Gorakhpur Link Expressway to be ready by month-end

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE GORAKHPUR, 13 JUNE

The Yogi Adityanath Government, committed to enhancing road connectivity in Uttar Pradesh, is set to open the Gorakhpur Link Expressway to traffic by the end of this month.

As of the first week of June, more than 97 per cent of the expressway's construction has been completed. Once operationalised, the expressway will provide a swift and seamless traffic corridor linking the Gorakhpur region to Lucknow, Agra, and Delhi via the Purvanchal Expressway, officials said here on Thursday.

The Gorakhpur Link Expressway, a key project under Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's administration, will stretch from Gorakhpur



Bypass NH-27 near Jaitpur village to Salarpur in the Azamgarh district, connecting to the Purvanchal Expressway. Builtatacost of Rs 5876.67 crore (including land acquisition expenses), this expressway, with a total length of 91.352 km, will directly benefit districts like Gorakhpur, Ambedkarnagar, Sant Kabir Nagar, and Azam-

The expressway promises enhanced connectivity, ensuring quicker travel and a more efficient transportation experience. Moreover, it aims to foster closer community ties within the region.

According to the latest updates on the UP Expressway Industrial Development Authority's official website, 97 per cent of the construction

work for the Gorakhpur Link Expressway is complete as of

The key achievements include finishing 100 per cent of the clearing and grubbing work on the main carriageway and completing all soil-related tasks. Of the planned 341 structures along the expressway, 337 have already been constructed, with rapid progress ongoing for the remainder.

During a meeting, directives were issued to accelerate the construction progress and ensure the completion of the link expressway by the month's end. Once operational, the Gorakhpur Link Expressway will reduce travel time between Purvanchal and Lucknow to just three and a half hours, significantly improving connectivity for travelers from Delhi to Agra.

Yogi govt to organise 'Saas, Beta, and Bahu Sammelan'

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, 13 JUNE

The second phase of the UP government's Population Stabilization Fortnight, focusing on community mobilisation, is set to begin on June 27 and will continue till July 10.

During this period, the Yogi Adityanath government will organise various activities, such as 'Sarathi Vahan' and from July 11 to 24.

The first phase of Population Stabilization Fortnight began on June 1 and will run until June 20. During this period, preparations are underway to motivate targeted couples and effectively imple-

The programme will

Uttar Pradesh govt preps for grand Yoga Day celebrations at historic sites

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW. 13 JUNE

The Yogi Adityanath government is gearing up for the 10th International Yoga Day on June 21 with extensive plans for a grand celebration at historic sites, rivers and lakes in Uttar Pradesh.

Key decisions have been made regarding the selection of venues, with a focus on prioritizing ancient cultural and historical tourist sites, along with rivers, lakes, ponds, and Amrit Sarovars, officials here on Thursday confirmed.

Additionally, yoga sessions will be held in police stations, schools, and hospitals. Notably, to promote health benefits, Yoga Week

will be organized across every district in the state from June 15 to June 21. This initiative will extend beyond district headquarters to include tehsils, blocks, and gram panchayats. During a recent review

meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary regarding Yoga Week, it was emphasized that site selection should prioritize locations of significant importance. Accordingly, ancient cul-

tural tourist sites, historical landmarks, banks of major rivers, lakes, ponds, all Amrit Sarovars, and areas of natural beauty will be given priority for mass yoga practice programs and related activities.

Additionally, the event will also take place in all



will be organized in all police stations, police lines, PAC battalions, NCC, NSS, Scout Guides, and Prantiya Rakshak

Dal (PRD) across the districts. Yoga practice programs

primary, secondary, and higher secondary schools, where sweets, fruits, and clean drinking water will be distributed to students.

Furthermore, events will be held in Resident Welfare

Associations (RWA), Primarv Health Centers, Community Health Centers, Health and Wellness Centers, AYUSH Hospitals, 50-bed Integrated AYUSH Hospitals, and AYUSH Health and Wellness Centers.

Extensive promotion and dissemination efforts will be undertaken to raise awareness of Yoga Week. The Yogi government will advertise through various newspapers, hoardings, banners, and social media networks to ensure widespread pub-

lic participation. Information about International Yoga Day 2024 will also be featured on the government website and included in communications sent

to the public and government

employees.

Additionally, videos featuring prominent personalities, athletes, yoga gurus, and cultural icons will be created and broadcast to encourage public engagement with the event. The state government

has allocated Rs four crore for the entire program. This includes a budget provision of Rs 1.12 crore for events at the headquarters level, Rs 9.5 lakh for college-level events, Rs 2.63 crore for districtlevel events, and Rs 15 lakh for the opening and closing

ceremonies. As in previous years, a committee has been established under the chairmanship of the District Magistrate to ensure the successful execution of the program in each district.

According to protocol, group yoga sessions will be conducted daily from 6 am to 7 am from June 15 to June

The event will be inaugurated on June 15. On June 16, a Rangoli competition and a seminar on managing high blood pressure through yoga will be held.

On June 17, a slogan competition and a seminar on the importance of yoga in addressing lifestyle problems will be held.

An essay writing competition and a seminar on the importance of yoga for women in the modern lifestyle are scheduled for June 18.

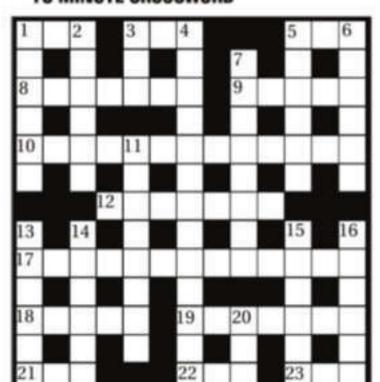
'Saas-Beta-Bahu Sammelan,' to raise public awareness about the importance of family planning. Following this, the third phase of the programme will be observed

ment various activities.

include consultations on various family planning methods and family planning facilities will be made available at all health units for the eligible and willing beneficiaries. The Health Department is continuously working to accelerate family welfare programs and achieve population stabilisation. World Population Day, celebrated annually on July 11, aims to increase societal awareness about population stabilisation. In this context, Principal Secretary of Medical, Health, and Family Welfare Parth Sarathi Sen Sharma has issued a letter with necessary guidelines to all District Magistrates and Chief Medical Officers in the state.

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that no row, no column and no 3x3 box contains the same number. The difficulty level increases through the week.



Stress can also be a trigger for the onset of autoimmune rheumatic diseases, says expert

n autoimmune disease is an inflammatory condition where the immune system malfunc-Lions and attacks your own tissue. Women have a higher prevalence than men. The incidence of autoimmune diseases is increasing year over year. This is likely due to many factors, including hormonal changes, environmental toxins, food, stress, trauma, lack of exercise, infection, and other factors. Apart from compliance with rheumatic medicines, there are several lifestyle measures that may have a positive influence on the disease process. Dr Parthajit Das, the director of the Asian Institute of Immunology and Rheumatology, therefore enlightens us with lifestyle advice for personal care.

1. Eat healthy - Nutrition and immunity are closely related. 80 per cent of the immune system is within the gut lining; any imbalances regarding your microbiome can contribute to the development or flare of an autoimmune disease. An adequate hydration level should be maintained. Organic food packed with natural probiotics and prebiotics, whole foods (especially fruits and vegetables), and meals rich in dietary fibre must be consumed. Avoid processed foods, artificial sweeteners, colours, other antibiotics, simple carbohydrates and gluten, as these may aggravate your autoimmune dis-

2. Manage weight - People who are overweight or obese have an increased risk of more inflammation. Hence, weight must be managed. Fat cells located in the belly area produce and secrete compounds that can contribute to inflammation. Even a modest weight loss of 10 per cent of body weight can help reduce the inflammatory burden in the body.

3. Manage stress - Stress causes an increase in cortisol, which then causes inflammation in the body. Studies show that stress can also be a trigger for the onset and flares of autoimmune rheumatic diseases. The ability to manage stress can be developed. A positive attitude towards life and nurturing healthy relations with friends and family help with stress management. Additionally, sleeping well and breathing exercises like pranayam help avoid stress. Engaging in meditation, yoga, and tai-chi and avoiding alcohol and drugs may reduce stress and compulsive behaviours.

4. Sleep more - The average adult needs seven to nine hours of quality sleep on a regular basis. Less than that doesn't allow your immune system to perform at an optimum level, plus your brain won't be able to fully function without that sleep. Sleep helps tissues in the body heal appropriately and also helps the body restore hormonal imbalances with a positive impact on autoimmune diseases.

5. Exercise often - Due to the antiinflammatory effects of exercise, strong evidence has shown it to be protective against chronic autoimmune diseases. Regular aerobic exercises (walking, jogging, cycling, swimming) mixed with muscle-building exercises help to decrease tissue inflamma-

tion and



Exercises increase cognitive ability and improve bone and musculoskeletal health.

Lastly, alcohol consumption on regular and excess limits must be reduced, while mild exercises must be induced to keep your body fit and healthy.

APARUPA OJHA, the clinical psychologist of Monoshij, an initiative of Techno India Group, consistently provides valuable guidance to maintain mental well-being on a regular basis by disconnecting oneself temporarily from a digital screen and participating more in offline activities.

1. Many times, we might be caught in situations where we fail to assert ourselves. For instance, your team leader might assign you work right before you are about to leave the office. In such scenarios, we often give in and end up working around the clock. Setting boundaries and communicating one's limits can help. It is important to remember that saying 'no' is an act of selfcare and self-respect.

2. Taking time for things or activities that give you joy and help you relax can contribute to a sense of well-being. Engaging in hobbies, indulging in a book, chalking out an activity schedule and following it keeps one focused.

3. Sleep is an important mechanism that recharges the mind and body. Establishing a relaxing bedtime routine and creating a conducive environment can promote restful sleep. There are several sleep hygiene techniques one can

Dr MS PURKAIT, the medical superintendent of Techno India DAMA Hospital, shares a few incumbent suggestions which can be adopted on a regular basis, irrespective of gender.

1. A healthy diet rich in proteins, fibre and vitamins is advised. The diet should consist of naturally sourced fruits, vegetables, and seeds. The cooking should be done in healthy oil like olive, canola, mustard, or sunflower oil. Non-vegetarians can include fish, lean meat and eggs in their diet. The intake of salt and sugar should be controlled.

2. Avoid alcohol consumption over an excess limit. Quit smoking or addiction to drugs.

3. Mild to moderate exercise for 20 to 40 minutes a day for four to five days a week or walking 10,000 steps five days a week is advised.

4. Adequate sleep of six to eight hours a day is a definite task.

5. Meditation and yoga are to be incorporated into the daily routine to relieve stress, anxiety, panic attacks, and sleep deprivation issues.

6. Practising proper hand hygiene and proper food preparation methods, such as the use of hand washing soaps, liquid hand washes, and sanitisers. Healthy food preparation contributes greatly to stable human health. Maintaining hygiene in the kitchen, choosing healthy vegetables and fruits, eating fewer spices, and controlling oil intake are some of the prime factors in healthy food preparation. Avoid open, street-side foods. Drink clean and filtered water.

7. Doing regular tests, as advised by the physician, is important. Taking vaccines on time and also seeking proper advice from a trained professional if one is feeling stressed or depressed are crucial.

> 4. Engaging in regular exercise releases endorphins, which can boost one's mood and reduce stress levels. Finding an activity that is the right fit for you and sustaining it can

> 5. Nurturing supportive relationships is vital. Having peo-

ple who inspire and uplift us can enhance our self-esteem. Keeping aside time to interact with your loved ones can strengthen bonds. In difficult times, having close friends can make you feel

6. Practising gratitude by spending a few minutes every day thinking about what one is thankful for. This can make one feel a sense of contentment by focusing on good things in life.

7. Even if technology has numerous advantages, it's important to disconnect from the internet. Chalking out a time to disconnect from the screen and participate in offline activities can help. One can utilise this time for introspection, reading, hobbies, or face-to-face interactions with loved ones.

8. Perspective-taking can help us develop empathy and compassion, reduce disagreements, and strengthen relationships with others. It enables us to see that there are

other realities except our own. Saltora Netaji Centenary College - Symbol of the hopes and aspirations of the local people

here nature is very dry, people's lives are sweltering in the scorching heat for most of the year, where most of the citizens live below the poverty line, those who do not even have a sign of so-called social aristocracy, and find it difficult to make ends meet, where most of the students get the first education in their lineage, where the house is mud walls and thatched roofs and bedrooms, kitchens, dining rooms - whatever we say, they are all one, whose name in life is hindrance. Today, we walked to Saltora Netaji Centenary College, a symbol of self-esteem and self-motivation for the common people of Saltora of Bankura district, which is geographically very remote.

Saltora Netaji Centenary College is the result of many sacrifices and constant efforts of the intelligent people of Saltora and its neighbouring villages. This college was established in 2000 through novel initiatives. Before, there was no degree college in Saltora. Their children had to go to colleges in distant Raniganj, Bankura or Raghunathpur in Purulia for higher educa-

tion. For the people of Saltora, who are economically backward, to send their children to distant colleges to study or to keep them in hostels and bear the expenses was a distant dream. Enthusiastic, socially conscious people decided that they would build a college here by collecting 'donations' from people from all walks of life, resulting in the setup of a 'Donation

Fair' on a particular day. The day-long donation raised land and huge sums of money for the college with great enthusiasm, which was entirely given by the common people irrespective of religion, caste, poor and rich, educated and uneducated to build the college. The establishment of the college was possible due to the incredible response of the donation

The construction of the extensive college campus and the huge playground adjacent to the college has become possible today due to the gen-

erous mentality of the people of Saltora. Saltora Netaji Centenary College was built as a symbol of hope and aspiration for the people of Saltora. Standing at the gate of that college and looking ahead, the thick green Biharinath hill seems to say, 'Come to this green valley'. Purulia begins just three to four kilometres from here.

While Dr Kishore Kumar Biswal is the principal of the college, Dr Tushar Mandal is the coordinator of the college's internal quality assurance cell. These people are the face of this college- a symbol of the hopes and aspirations of the people here.

The college, which was built with donations from the general public, started its journey in 2000, being affiliated with Burdwan University. Then, in 2014, when Bankura University was formed, the college went under Bankura University in 2017-18. Currently, as per NEP 2020, major courses and minor courses are taught here, including subjects like Bengali, English, political science, philosophy, history, Sanskrit, Santali, physical education, and geography. About 70 per cent of the college's total student body is female, and 30 per cent is male.

Currently, there are 42 professors in the college. However, for the sake of the students, it has always been customary to invite expert professors of various subjects here to conduct class-

are celebrated with respect. Attempts are made to discover the latent talents of the students by organising various cultural competitions.

Council organises various programs

throughout the year. Birthdays of sages

Convener of the College's Cultural Council, Professor Soumyabrata Banerjee, said, "In today's era of cultural decline, our col-

> lege students are carrying healthy cultural heritage." The college has an MoU

with various and government and non-

jointly initiated seasonal awareness among the mothers and sisters of the neighbouring villages. Free sanitary napkins were also distributed by the

The college has a government-registered sports academy. Apart from college students, the academy provides football and athletic training two days a week for free to the boys and girls from nearby villages. The whole thing is handled by the physical education department. The physical education department also has its own gym. This department organises a special camp at Susunia Hill every year in winter to improve the physical ability of the students for rock climbing.

Each department of the college has a departmental library as well as a central library. The library of the small and young college in this remote area has about 24 thousand books. Sufficient journals, magazines, and newsing facility as well. Rainwater is stored in three tanks of 30,000 litres. This stored water is very useful during the

Under the initiative of Ramki Foundation, Bengal Waste Management Limited, Saltora Branch recently provided five 75-inch interactive multitouch 4K UHD android screen display boards to Saltora Netaji Centenary Col-

As a result, with the help of modern technology, education has reached newer heights. The teachers of this college are using smart boards to make teaching more enjoyable. So, the interest of the students in coming to the class has also increased.

Dr BC Roy Engineering College, Durgapur, responded to the college's request and provided 30 computers for the students. As a result, a computer lab is running in this remote area without any government grant. Some computer-based add-on courses will be launched for the students very soon.

The anti-ragging cell of the college is very active. The college campus is completely polythene-free and environment-friendly. The college campus

is surrounded by sal and palash trees. The three units of the National Service Scheme of the college are con-

tinuously doing social service work. The College has adopted three villages, Collegepara, Bamniishala and Natundihi,

adjacent to the college. The three units of NSS are constantly working to improve the education and health of these three villages.

There is a vending machine and napkin disposer or incinerator in the girls' common room of the college as well, which no other college seems to have.

Let Saltora Netaji Centenary College move forward towards its desired goal.



The college emphasises the intellectual and personality development and self-confidence of students by organising debate competitions, quiz competitions, and student seminars at regular intervals.

Every department arranges remedial classes for backward students. Evening online classes are held for special needs. International, national or state-level discussion events are organised in the college every year under the initiative of various departments. Workshops were held on various topics. For example, the Bengali Department recently organised a seven-day workshop on 'Proofreading and Editing'.

In the international seminar of the Bengali department, the traditional writers of the two countries often come to give speeches. Students from the geography department are taken on educational trips every year. Other departments also organise occasional educational trips. The College Cultural

government agencies to carry out many collaborative ventures for the benefit of the students. Here, the student-teacher relationship is very healthy. The students are very polite. They learn this etiquette from the inner atmosphere of the college. The students of the Santali department carry their own culture with dignity.

An important and exceptional initiative of this college is the 'Ritusathi' scheme. Through this project, 'Women's Cell' and the 'Hygiene and Sanitization Committee' of the college

papers are kept for the students. The library has a substantial amount of e-resources. National Digital Library Club is present in the college. The college has a herb garden and vermicomposting facility.

The alumni association of the college works continuously in remote areas to increase the education rates, which are low in that area. The college has a Rooftop solar energy system. Besides, there is a rainwater harvest-





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Rohit effusive in praise for Yadav's 'different' game against USA

Rohit Sharma called the conditions "very tough" for batters, but showered praises on his bowling unit, particularly Arshdeep Singh, for leading the way

TRIDIB BAPARNASH NEW DELHI, 13 JUNE

oments after Suryakumar Yadav helped India avoid an almighty upset against T20 World Cup 2024 co-hosts USA with a match-winning halfcentury which was nowhere near the Mumbaikar's typical 360-degree knocks, his captain Rohit Sharma was impressed with Yadav's change in tactics on a tricky Nassau County International Cricket Stadium pitch on Wednesday.

Yadav's unbeaten 49-ball 50 bailed the world's topprecarious 10/2 chasing 111. with star openers Virat Kohli (0) and Rohit Sharma (3) both dismissed early by Saurabh Netravalkar.

Rishabh Pant's 18 from 20 balls helped lay the platform, with Shivam Dube (31 not out) playing a good hand to help SKY seal the win with 10 balls to spare and ensured India's smooth sailing into the Super Eight stage.

Impressed with Suryakumar's knock on a low-scoring surface, Rohit said, "He showed



that is what you expect from take the game till the end." experienced players. To come out and bat differently if the situation demands, that is what Surva did. The partnership (67-run stand) with (Shivam) Dube was very important for us. In the end, to take us home was a great effort."

"We knew it was going to be a tough task scoring those many runs (111), but credit to us. At the end, we held our nerves, got that partnership as well. We lost wickets upfront but credit to Surya and Dube

Dube finished on 31 off 35, and more importantly played the perfect supporting act to SKY. While the scorecard won't reveal his struggle to force the pace against cutters dug into the surface, Dube was on 5 off 14 balls at one point, but muscled a six off Corey Anderson in the 15th over just when USA were beginning to tighten the screws. Before that shot, India needed 44 from 35.

It led to lingering USA hopes, who were also penalised



penalty has been handed out in the game.

Meanwhile, Dube, whose spin-hitting led to his selection for the World Cup, was on Wednesday also asked to roll his arms for an over with his military medium pace. He gave away 11 runs but Rohit is happy to have his weapons ready to fire as and when the situation demands.

"I think that is something we want; we want options with us. As and when we feel

Today, I thought we could use them, the pitch had something in it. But yeah, again, all I want is to have options mov-

ing forward," Rohit said. Rohit called the conditions "very tough" for batters, but showered praises on his bowling unit, particularly Arshdeep Singh, for leading the way. Arshdeep struck twice in his first over - the first of the match - and finished with 4 for 9, his career-best figures in T20Is. Hardik Pandya also

ranked T20I side out from a he's got a different game as well, to show that maturity and five runs for a stop clock vio-like we can use them, we stood out with two key wick-managed to pull through in lation – the first time such a should be able to use them. ets, of Aaron Jones and Ander- all three games and (we) take son, with short deliveries.

> "We knew bowlers had to take the lead. We knew runscoring is difficult on this pitch. Again, all our bowlers did the job, particularly Arshdeep, the way he started off was magnificent. Playing cricket here wasn't easy. It could've been anyone's game," the captain said.

"All three games we played, we had to stick in till the end and take the game as deep as possible. Lucky for us, we a lot of confidence for a vic-

tory like this," he added. Rohit also hailed USA's Indian-origin players for their performance. Saurabh Netravalkar, the left-arm seamer, was his junior in the Mumbai circuit once upon a time, while Harmeet Singh, the left-arm spinner, went to the same school as him in the Mumbai suburb of Borivali.

"Lot of these guys, we've played cricket together. But I'm very happy to see them,

their progress in cricket. Last year, we saw them play in the MLC (Major League Cricket) as well, they're going from strength to strength, and I can hope for nothing but the best for them. They're hard-working guys making their mark here in US," he said.

Despite the result, the match was another example of USA's quality against the world's best, and they remain in with a good chance of joining India in the Super 8. The Americans were worthy winners over Canada in the tournament opener, and pulled off the shock of the World Cup with their outstanding SuperOver victory against Pakistan last week – a match that caused shockwaves around the sporting

And they will guarantee a top two finish and a place in the next round should they beat Ireland in Lauderhill on Friday. Meanwhile, India remain the only unbeaten team in Group A and Rohit Sharma's men would want the trend to continue when they take on Canada in their final group outing on June 16 in Florida.

New York's Nassau Stadium set to be dismantled in middle of T20 WC

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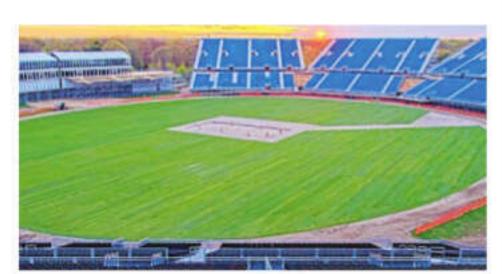
The Nassau County stadium that hosted India's four games, including the warmup against Bangladesh on June 1, is set to be dismantled after the New York leg of the T20 World Cup ended with India's seven-wicket win over tournament co-hosts USA on Wednesday. The Stadium, construct-

ed in just 106 days, will take approximately six weeks to be wiped out and that work actually began right after the India-USA match ended in the afternoon. The Eisenhower Park, which housed the stadium will be reverted to its original state, with free public access.

The pop-up stadium, one of the three venues in the USA, has faced criticism for the nature of its drop in pitches due to its penchant for unpredictability. Grand Prairie Stadium in Dallas and the Central Broward Regional Park Stadium Turf Ground in Florida are the two other venues in the USA.

"After the last match is held at East Meadow on June 12, the stadium will be dismantled, the parts shipped back to Las Vegas and another golf event, and Eisenhower Park will return to normal, but with a world-class cricket pitch left behind," a New York Times report stated.

The stadium had a capacity of 34,000 and hosted a



packed crowd during India's clash against Pakistan with some tickets sold at an astronomical price of \$2500 to \$10,000. The stadium consisted of 10 drop-in pitches, four for the main ground and six for the nearby training facility in Cantiague Park. They were prepared by the Adelaide Turf International and maintained in Florida during the colder months, before it's installation in New York

The drop-in pitches hosted eight matches and produced unpredictable and occasionally dangerous bounce, resulting in low scores in the first two matches where no team crossed 100 runs. It led to widespread criticism and prompted the International Cricket Council (ICC) to issue a statement acknowledging that the "pitches have not played consistently".

The highest successful chase at the venue was only 111 runs by India in their win over USA on Wednesday. Canada's 137/7 against Ireland was the highest total recorded, while India successfully defended a low total of 119 against Pakistan.

In a nail-biting match, South Africa barely chased down 103 runs against the Netherlands losing six wickets in the process, and later defended 113 runs against Bangladesh, winning by a narrow margin of four runs. "The playing field, with the

rectangular pitch in the middle, was fashioned from special grass grown in Florida. The grandstands are borrowed materials most recently used at Las Vegas's Formula 1 race and professional golf events,' the NYT report added. While the modular com-

ponents of the stadium will be dismantled and repurposed, local cricket clubs and fans will continue to have access to the top-tier turf and infrastructure.

Meanwhile, the second stage of the tournament, super 8, will see action shifting completely to the Caribbean islands, leading up to the final on June 29 in Barbados.

Messi says he won't play for Argentina at Paris Olympics



AGENCIES NEW DELHI, 13 JUNE

Lionel Messi has decided not to be part of Argentina's squad for the Paris Olympics as he is no longer at an age where he can play in every tournament.

Messi shared his thoughtful perspective, expressing his gratitude for the invitation from former teammate and under-23 manager Javier Mascherano.

"I talked to Mascherano and the truth is we both understood the situation," Messi told ESPN.

However, with the rigors of Copa America looming large and the demands on his aging physique becoming more pronounced, Messi recognised the importance of pacing himself.

Balancing club commitments, international tournaments, and personal wellbeing, he conceded that participating in two consecutive tournaments would be too taxing at this stage of

his career. "It's hard (to think about the Olympics right now) because we're in Copa America. It would be two, three straight months of not being with the club, and more than anything I'm not at an age to be in everything.

"I have to choose carefully, and it would be too much to play two straight tournaments. I've been very lucky to play in the Olympics, of winning it together with (Mascherano). It was a wonderful experience on a football level. Olympics, U20, memories I'll never forget."

T20 World Cup: Rutherford, Joseph power Windies to Super 8 after win over NZ

AGENCIES TAROUBA, 13 JUNE

Sherfane Rutherford's blistering 68 not out and Alzarri Joseph's four-wicket haul helped West Indies to seal a Super Eight berth in the T20 World Cup after a 13-run win over New Zealand on Thursday (as per IST).

Windies have won all three matches in Group C and will face Afghanistan in the last group stage clash. On the other hand, New Zealand are on the brink of getting knocked out of the tournament following two consecutive defeats.

New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson won the toss and invited the co-hosts to bat first. Windies had a troubling start as Kiwi pacers reduced them to 30/5 in 6.3 overs. However, Sherfane Rutherford played a target-setting unbeaten knock of 68 off 39 despite losing wickets from the other end.

Rutherford's quickfire innings was laced with six maximums and two fours as the batter got brief support from Akeal Hosein (15), Andre Russell (14), Romario Shepherd (13), and Alzarri Joseph (6) in the end.

Rutherford's masterclass enabled West Indies to post a respectable target of 149/9 in 20 overs at Brian Lara Stadium.

For New Zealand, Trent Boult returned with the figures of 3-16 while Tim Southee and Lockie Ferguson bagged



two scalps each.

In reply, opener Devon Conwoy (5) departed cheaply as Hosein provided the early breakthrough in the third over. However, Finn Allen aimed to change the tide, scoring 26 off 23 before being caught by Andre Russell. Despite Allen's effort, New Zealand ended the powerplay at 36/2.

The possibility of someone replicating Rutherford's performance was uncertain as bothWilliamson (1 off 2) and Rachin Ravindra (10 off 13) struggled to make an impact. The hosts further tightened their grip when Gudakesh Motie bowled Daryl Mitchell (12) with a delivery that clipped the top of the middle stump.

With five overs remaining, New Zealand needed 65 runs to win, with Glenn Phillips and James Neesham tasked with rebuilding. However, Neesham's dismissal by Joseph

dented their hopes further. Phillips fought hard, striking four boundaries to instill some optimism.

But Joseph continued to dominate, claiming another wicket with his pace. Phillips eventually fell for 40 off 33 balls, caught by Rovman Powell off Joseph's bowling. Joseph's 4-19 and Motie's 3-25 kept the

hosts in control. Despite Mitchell Santner's late effort of 21 not out off 12 balls, the West Indies secured a 13-run victory, confirming their spot in the second round. New Zealand's innings concluded at 136/9

after 20 overs. Brief scores: West Indies 149 for 9 in 20 overs (Sherfane Rutherford 68*, Nicholas Pooran 17; Trent Boult 3-16, Tim Southee 2-21) beat New Zealand 136/9 in 20 overs (Glenn Phillips 40, Finn Allen 26; Alzarri Joseph 4-19, Gudakesh Motie 3-25) by 13

runs.

With quota finally in her bag, Jaismine working her way for a podium finish in Paris

TRIDIB BAPARNASH

NEW DELHI, 13 JUNE

In less than a month, boxer Jaismine Lamboria's career trajectory changed from a mere Olympic hopeful to a serious medal contender after she got back India's lost quota in the 57kg category at the World Qualifying Tournament in Bangkok.

The journey, however, hasn't been a cakewalk for the 22year-old pugilist, a regular in the 60kg weight division as she had to overcome an extra hurdle to book herself a ticket to the upcoming Paris Olympics.

With India losing the quota place in the women's 57 kilo-

gram category after Parveen Hooda was banned by the International Testing Agency (ITA) following her three whereabout failures between April 2022 and May 2023, Jasmine, who as per the Boxing Federation of India's (BFI) evaluation for the Olympic Qualifiers was No.2 in the 60kg list, was tasked to step into the breach.

Such a transition is a difficult proposition for most athletes at the senior level, let alone an all-important Olympic qualifier. Jasmine however, took up the challenge into her stride with ease as she had only a solitary chance to

clinch a berth. The youngster worked

with the BFI nutritionist to plan her dietary requirements to meet the criteria. "The BFI nutritionist planned the diet for me, it wasn't like I was starving to cut down my weight. It was more about the proportion and cutting down on carbs. I was mostly relying on a liquid diet with one roti (bread)."

"It is easier for me to lose weight rather than gaining. So I did not face too many problems while cutting down to 57kg and my weight stabilized at one point," Jasmine told The Statesman during a chat facilitated by the Sports Authority of India, along with BFI and

Eventually, Jaismine man-

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aged to book her berth after prevailing over Mali's Marine Camara 5-0 in the quarterfinals of the Olympic qualifiers in Bangkok.

Redemption for Jais-



weight division is nothing mine had earlier failed to book her ticket in the 60kg division in the first World Olympic Boxing qualifier tournament, held in Italy in March. The 2022 Birmingham

Commonwealth Games bronze medallist lost by a 0-5 unanimous verdict to Japan's Ayaka Taguchi in the women's 60kg round of 64. Back home, she went back to the drawing board and worked with her coaches in pursuit of that Olympic berth.

However, with Parveen's suspension, Jaismine faced a do-or-die situation ahead of the final qualification tournament in Thailand. She admitted that she was under pressure but was confident of her preparation for that one

final chance. "I must admit that I was

under a lot of pressure before the tournament in Thailand. However, that extra pressure and tension also proved to be a plus point as it gave me the impetus to perform well and win back the Olympic quota we had lost due to the ban on Parveen," she said.

"Thailand was the last chance for me as I knew the quota place won by Parveen at the Asian Games was lost and I failed to perform well in Italy. As a result, I was under pressure. But that pressure somehow helped me to produce my best performance," she further stated.

With the Olympic quota

now in her bag, Jasmine is eagerly looking forward to competing in the first Olympic Games of her career.

"I have gained valuable experience in the Olympic qualifiers. Many of those opponents will be at the Olympics. I will try to rectify my mistakes and give my best at the Olympics," she said before signing off.

Apart from Jaismine, Nikhat Zareen (50 kg), Preeti Pawar (54 kg) and Lovlina Borgohain (75 kg) are the other women boxers vying for a podium finish in Paris. Amit Panghal (51 kg) and Nishant Dev (71 kg) are the men boxers that will represent India at the 2024 Summer Games.

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