

Portfolios allocated to ministers in Sikkim

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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 in-charge 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 to Samdup Lepcha.

Bhim Hang Limboo is the minister for labour and buildings & housing departments.

Bhoj Raj Rai is the minister in-charge of urban development, food and civil supplies.

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 service, and fisheries.

Forest and environment, sports and youth, law and parliamentary affairs have gone to Piatso Namgyel.

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

Sikkim landslides kill 3, damage property; road connectivity hit

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A 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

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.

"Efforts are underway to provide every possible support to the victims and affected families, including recovery assistance, temporary settlement and the provision of basic needs," the chief minister said.

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



urgent meeting. Reports also indicate that electricity poles have been washed away in certain locations.

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 Pakshap, 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

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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 river.

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-

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.

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.

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Following E-tender is invited online by 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:- Sr. DEN/2/Howrah. SI. 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. 213-14, 4/C/E at Km. 9/4-5, 6/C/T at Km. 11/12-13, 9/C/E at Km. 16/17-18 in Bardhaman-Balgaona section under AEN/Bardhaman in Howrah Division. Approx Cost: Rs. 21,14,14,651.46. Earnest Money: Rs. 12,07,100/- SI. 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 at Km. 23/7-8 in Bardhaman-Balgaona section under AEN/Bardhaman & 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 SI. 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/bandhi/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 SI. 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. No manual offer will be accepted. HWH-114/2024-25

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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 work financially. Name of the work with its location: Asansol Division: Up-gradation of combined lobby and running room in Asansol Division (Raniganj), Durgapur Steel, Andal, Madhapur, Jasidih, Dumka, Suri). 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 ASN-82/2024-25

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E-OPEN TENDER NOTICE E-OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO. S&T/SEE/ E-07/24-25/16 Date: 12.06.2024 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 is 03.07.2024 up to 12.00 hrs. All information and tender documents related to E-tender is available on website - www.ireps.gov.in. SI.No.: 1, E-Tender No.: S&T/SEE/E-07/24-25/16, Name of Work : SEE Div- Replacement of overdue signalling assets such as LED, Relays, EKT, Battery Set, Chargers, ground connection of EPM in different section. Approx Cost (In Rs.): 1,79,47,379.75. Earnest Money (In Rs.): 2,39,800.00. Cost of Tender Document (In Rs.) (Non-refundable) : 0.00. Completion period : 06 (Six) Month from date of issue of LOA

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

Stir over rice mill auction:

Rice sellers agitated in front of a rice mill at Majhrgram in East Burdwan on Thursday alleging that a bank is set to auction the mill without settling the farmers' dues amounting to Rs 2.30 crore. The agitators said the mill owner had downed shutters without clearing the farmers' dues and now the bank was going to auction it without considering the dues. SNS

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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- Madhapur-Infrastructure and facilities for newly allotted 140T BD Crane at Madhapur (B): Upgradation / Development of maintenance infrastructure 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 Railway website www.ireps.gov.in ASN-81/2024-25

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Prison authorities write to SSKM over deteriorating health of Partha Chatterjee

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The health condition of former West 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 & Hospital recommending proper treatment of the accused.



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

terjee's limbs have swollen for which he needs to undergo treatment.

Recently, the Enforcement 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.

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

Calcutta HC directs inclusion of Bimal Gurung's name in Madan Tamang murder case

AGENCIES
KOLKATA, 13 JUNE

Calcutta High Court on Thursday directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to include the name of Gorkha Jannukti Morcha (GJM) supreme Bimal Gurung (photo) in the case relating to the murder of environment activist and All India Gorkha League (AIGL) leader Madan Tamang in 2010.

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'



(small Gorkha daggers). Although Nicole Tamang was arrested by Darjeeling police, he managed to escape from custody. Later, the CBI took over the investigation and filed a charge sheet against 48 individuals, including Bimal Gurung

and his wife Asha Gurung and GJM leader Roshon Giri, among others.

However, in 2017, a lower 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 challenging the order.

After a prolonged hearing 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.

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

AGENCIES
KOLKATA, 13 JUNE

A Division Bench of the 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.

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 of the Calcutta High Court.

The court also directed the WBMSC authorities to complete the recruitment process for 3,000 vacancies within the next three months.

To recall, the preliminary examination for recruitment of non-teaching staff



in the Group-D category for madrasas in the state was conducted in 2010 and in 2011 there was a written examination.

However, the results were not announced in the last

13 years and no recruitments were made.

Some of the candidates who had appeared for the examination approached the Calcutta High Court seeking immediate publi-

Trinamul MLA accused of assaulting restaurant owner granted anticipatory bail

AGENCIES
KOLKATA, 13 JUNE

A district court in West Bengal's Barasat on Thursday granted anticipatory bail to actor-turned-politician and Trinamul Congress MLA from Chandipur, Soham Chakraborty, who is accused of assaulting a restaurant owner named Anisul Alam 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 granted 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 media persons outside the court.

Chakraborty was granted anticipatory bail a day after Anisul Alam 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-turned-politician claimed that he hit Alam for making abusive remarks against Trinamul General Secretary and Lok Sabha MP Abhishek Banerjee.

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.

3 students enter HS merit list

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KOLKATA, 13 JUNE

The West Bengal Council of 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 re-evaluated.

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 Maldah 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.



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 DGPSibyMathews for allegedly disclosing the identity of the survivor in the 1996Sooryanelli rape case through his book “Nirbhayam: Oru IPS OfficerudeAnubhavakurippukal”.

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 warranting registration of FIR.

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

Kuwait fire 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

The 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 ex gratia 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.

It has also been announced that two prominent businesspersons from Kerala, MA Yusuf 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 compensation to Rs 12 lakh for each victim's family.

NORKA officials have stated that out of the 26 Keralites who died in the disaster in Kuwait, 22 have been identified.

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, Kulu Ponnaleri (55) from Kasaragod, P V Muraliedharan from Vazhanattom, Pathanamthitta, Sajjan George from Punalur, Kollam, Lukose (48) from Kollam, Saju Varghese (56) from Konni, Thomas Oommen from Tiruvalla, Viswas Krishnan from Dharmadam, Kannur, Nooh from Kootayi, Tirur, Malappuram, MP Bahulayan from Malappuram, Srihari Pradeep from Changanassery, Kottayam, Mathew George from Niranam, Pathanamthitta, Sabin 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

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Corrigendum

Corrigendum No. 1 to Tender Notice No. ASN/101 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 Andol to Pradhankhanta section under Dy.CE/Con-I/Eastern Railway/Asansol in connection with New Andol-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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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 e-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. Jaisidh Bye pass Line, Sitarampur-Jhalpa Capacity Augmentation work, Sitarampur Bypass, Madhupur Bypass, Sainthia Bypass, 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 Bypass 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

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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 POC SO case, relating to the alleged sexual harassment of a minor, against him.

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 in the case.

ED to probe sheep-rearing scam during 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.

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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. SI. 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/Azimgarh. **Approx Cost:** Rs. 2,25,07,087.64, **Earnest Money:** Rs. 2,62,500/-, **SI. No. 2, E-Tender No. 73, 2024-25.**
Description of work: Construction of single storied RPF office at Nabaddwip Dham in the section of SSE/W/Nabaddwip Dham under AEN/Nabaddwip 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 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:** 08.07.2024 at 14.00 hrs. [For SI. 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 offer will be accepted. HWH-115/2024-25
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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 Bardhaman Railway Station to enhance wellness and welfare of passengers. **Tenure of Contract:** Three (03) years. **Railway Station where PMBJK will be fabricated:** Bardhaman 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 Janaushadi 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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India sends humanitarian aid to landslide-hit Papua New Guinea

AGENCIES
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 caused significant destruc-

tion, prompted India to extend its 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, "According to the announce-

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 food etc," he said.

Demand Special Category Status for Andhra: Jagan to Naidu

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 skills.

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

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.



Kharge demands SC-monitored probe into 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

Alleging 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 Modi-led NDA Government cannot shirk its accountability in the matter.

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.”



“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,

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

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.

GST council under FM to meet on 22 June

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 13 JUNE

The Union Government has decided to convene the first meeting of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council in the third tenure of Prime Minister 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.

The agenda for the GST Council meet, which is to be held under the chairmanship of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, is not known yet.

However, it is likely that the State Finance Ministers can be expected to flag suggestions for the indirect tax regime that can be incorporated in the Union Budget likely to be presented next month.

Reports also suggested that from the upcoming GST meet, the industry will also be keen for signals on the revival of a plan to restruc-



ture the complex multiple-rate tax structure, now that GST revenues have risen significantly, along with a promised review of the 28% levy on bets made in online gaming, casinos, and horse racing.

A few reports have also suggested that the committee may also issue clarification on claiming Input Tax Credit (ITC) as well as on ratio-

nalisation of rates.

The committee could study the prospects of bringing ATF under 5% GST slab, and will also assess the oil ministry’s proposal to tax Natural Gas under 12 or 18% tax slab.

At the last meet, held on 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 expire.

The Council had then decided to meet in the future to discuss a replacement levy for the cess and how those funds could be used.

Further, there are expectations on resolution of some long-pending operational issues and challenges at the upcoming meeting.

It is to be highlighted that the Council is generally expected to meet every quarter. But it has met just six times since 2022.

Four women among five 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 Wadhamna 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 explosion 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.

‘PM Shri Tourism Air Service’ launched in Madhya Pradesh

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

famous Jyotirlingas at Omkareshwar and Maheshwar in the state. Popular religious sites like Orchha, Salka-npur, Katmi 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.

Principal Secretary of 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,

Indore, Jabalpur, Rewa, Ujjain, Gwalior, Singrauli, and Khajuraho.

On Wednesday, the inaugural flights of the service commenced operations from Bhopal, Jabalpur, Rewa, and Singrauli. Gwalior will join the network on June 15, followed by Ujjain on June 16. The air service will utilize two aircraft with six passenger 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 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 Friday.

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

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 Gadch region of Rewa district of MP while Admiral Tripathi is from village Maduhar in the Rampur Baghe-



lan region of Satna district of the state.

Another common factor between the two officers is that they both are school-time



friends as they have studied together in the Rewa Sainik School of MP. According to people who know them, the two studied together in the school

for seven years, from 1973 to 1980.

Lt Gen Dwivedi would take charge as Chief of Army, after incumbent General Manoj

Pandey retires on 30 June.

MP Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav on Thursday extended heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi on his appointment as Chief of Army Staff.

Dr Yadav said that this is a moment of pride for the entire nation, especially for Madhya Pradesh.

Lt Gen Dwivedi has managed numerous significant responsibilities throughout his four-decade-long career. His 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.

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.”

PUBLIC NOTICE

We, M/s. ZEST ENTERTAINMENT, Karmani 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:

- Mrs. Rashprit Kaur Bagga w.e.f. 01.08.2023
- Mrs. Shreya Ajitsaria w.e.f. 01.06.2024

Debts Recovery Tribunal Kolkata (DRT 3)
8th Floor, Jeevan Sudha Building
42-C, Jewehar Lal 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) Rules, 1993.

Exh. No.: 4260

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- VS -
RAJA BISWAS AND ANR.

To:
(1) Raja Biswas And Anr., Son of Mr. Kallipada Biswas, 11E, Tahakur Ramkrishna Road, Post Office - Nona Chandanpukur, Police Station - Titagarh, Barrackpore, North Twenty Four Parganas, West Bengal - 700 122.
Also at : 203, Sarat Bose Road, Kolkata - 700 029, P.S. - Tollygunge.

SUMMONS

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

WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons / notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 30,33,235.85 (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).

In accordance with Sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-

- to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
- to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;
- you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
- you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial 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 or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 20.06.2024 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 - 3

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-Ajmer Express, **12377** Padatik Express and **03187** Sealdah-Jaynagar Special will be diverted via Dum Dum Jn.-Naihati-Bandel instead of Dum Dum Jn.-Dankuni. Inconvenience is regretted.

Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah

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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, Thakumagar, 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.

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Sealdah

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No. HA-II-11022/1/2023-HA-II Section-Dr. RMLH

Recruitment Notice for the post of Senior Resident (Non-Academic)

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.

The detailed advertisement, numbers of posts, eligibility conditions, pay structure, age criteria, application form and other details can be seen in the full advertisement on the website: **www.rmlh.nic.in** Any corrigendum / modification order regarding this advertisement will be issued on the hospital website only. Candidates are advised to visit hospital website: **www.rmlh.nic.in** regularly for this purpose. Last date for submission of application is **29-06-2024** till 3-00 p.m.

OFFICER In-Charge (HA-II)
A.B.V.I.M.S. & DR. RML HOSPITAL
NEW DELHI

CBC 17147/11/0002/2425

Kathak Kendra, New Delhi
National Institute of Kathak Dance
(Constituent Unit of Sangeet Natak Akademi
An Autonomous Organisation under the
Ministry of Culture , Govt. of India)
2, San Martin Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi – 110021

ADMISSION NOTICE
Academic Session 2024-2025

Applications are invited on the prescribed form for admission to the following Kathak Dance and Music training Courses offered by Kathak Kendra, New Delhi :-

S. No.	Name of Course	Duration	Age(as on 1 June, 2024)
A)	KATHAK DANCE		
	a) Elementary Courses		
	1. Foundation Course- 1st Year	5 Years	10-15 years
	2. Diploma (Pass) Course – 1st Year (Eligibility : Successful completion of Foundation Course from Kathak Kendra or equivalent training)	3 Years	15-20 years
	b) Advance Course (Full time)		
	1. Diploma (Hons.)- 1st Year (Eligibility : Successful completion of Diploma (Pass) Course from Kathak Kendra or equivalent training)	3 Years	19-23 years
	2. Post Diploma Course – 1st Year (Eligibility : Successful completion of Diploma (Hons.) Course from Kathak Kendra or equivalent training)	2 Years	21-26 years
	3. Refresher Course (Eligibility : Successful completion of Diploma (Hons.) Course/ Post Diploma Course from Kathak Kendra or equivalent training)	6 Months	Below 40 years
	4. Preparatory Phase (For Diploma Course only)	1 Year	19-23 years
B)	MUSIC		
	1. Certificate Course (Tabla/Pakhawaj/Sarangi/Vocal)	1 Year	19-21 years
	2. Diploma Sepcial Course (Tabla / Pakhawaj/Sarangi / Vocal)- 1st Year (Eligibility : Having Minimum one year training certificate in Tabla/ Pakhawaj/Sarangi/Vocal)	3 Year	20-25 years

For further details please visit Kathak Kendra's website: www.kathakkendra.in .

Application forms may be downloaded from the website of Kathak Kendra-www.kathakkendra.in or applicant may be collected Form along with Prospectus from Kathak Kendra reception from **14th to 22nd June, 2024**, between **10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Monday to Saturday)** on payment of **Rs. 300/- (cash)**.

Application forms duly filled in may be submitted through Courier or E-mail at admission@kathakkendra.in at Kathak Kendra after payment of **Rs.200/- by 26th June, 2024** through Online or Draft in favour of “ Director Kathak Kendra”. For more details refer to Kendra's website www.kathakkendra.in .

For any query please Contact: 011-26874252/53/54 **CBC 09141/12/0002/2425**



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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



June 14 is a day to remember. 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 barber-surgeon performed bloodletting by leeches 20 times, to no effect. With the assistance of Paul Emmeretz, 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.

However, while performing 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

of murder. After some hearings, 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 obstetrician 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 humans.

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 occurred.

The full understanding was published by Karl Landsteiner in 1900 in his article titled "On the knowledge of the anti-fermentative lytic and agglutinating effects of blood serum and the lymph" published in a German science journal.

Interestingly, the agglutination of human red blood cells

was reported in a footnote. For 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



in at least one of 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."

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?" Landsteiner 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.

This led to the demonstration of 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 dried blood.

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.

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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."

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Fight against drug trafficking remains challenging

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

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

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 challenges.

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 goods.

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 granite.

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 scenario.

Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party

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 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 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

Baseball, 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 reaching 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 bases.



Here are the aspects of baseball I never liked. The baseball bat is a skinny round stick; the chance of the bat hitting the ball thrown at a high speed is dramatically lower than in the case of cricket where the bat is flat and significantly wider. As a result, baseball is inherently a low-scoring game where the result is typically decided by single-digit scores as opposed to hundreds of runs in a cricket match. The baseball spectators must patiently wait for the moment when the batsman's bat strikes a ball; these moments are few and far between.

The second important difference is that the pitcher in baseball throws the ball directly at the batsman standing at the same location. Bowling in cricket requires an elegant 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 pitcher can put different types of spin and swing on the ball, the delivery is still a brute force action; one key measure of success is the speed of the ball. Bowling in cricket is an art and relies on delicate movements of fingers, wrist and elbow.



A similar difference exists in batting. The batsman in baseball has only two choices: he can take a wild swing and hope to hit the ball as hard as he can or lightly deflect the ball ("bunting") to give his partner an opportunity to run to the next base. In cricket there is a wide variety of strokes that the batsman has at his disposal: drives, hooks, glances, cuts, sweeps, and so on. Each stroke requires a rather delicate movement of the arm.

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 guessing.

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 scored. 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 days.

I was, nonetheless, unimpressed by baseball. 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

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

OCCASIONAL NOTE

ANOTHER advance towards the settlement 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. 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 completely ruined. Winter crops may be partially destroyed and fruit trees are also affected.

GERMAN MILITARISM

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

Within 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.

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 crick-

eters. 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 them.

The tournament overlaps with the UK's still relatively new limited-overs 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.

Most experts agree that some of 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.

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?

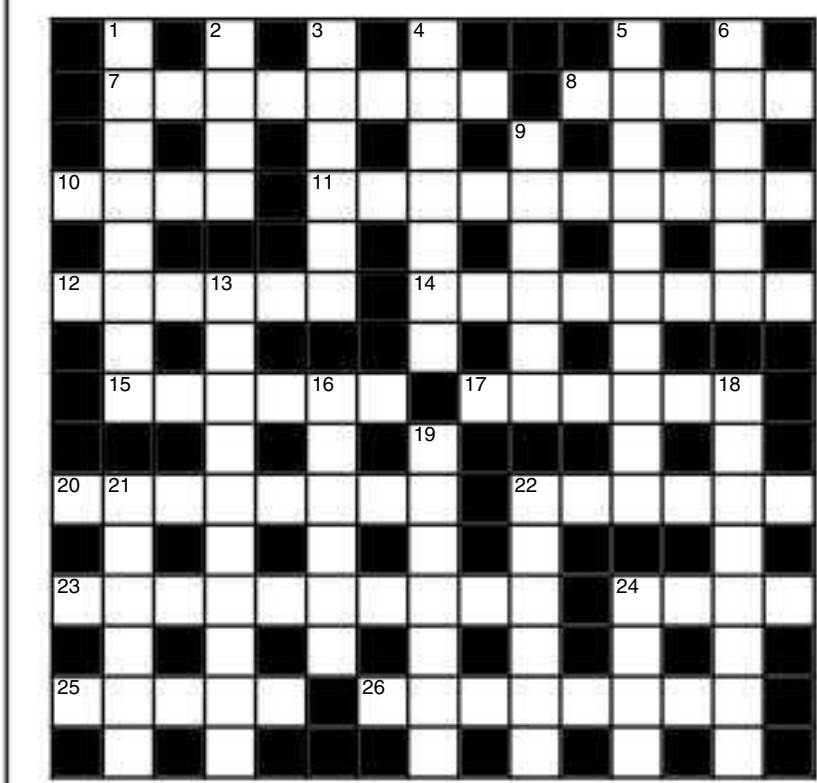
It seems unlikely that cricket will take long-lasting root in America until the game is played in schools and colleges, and women's cricket acquires the momentum it has elsewhere.

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.

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- 7 See 11
8 Boycott Government opponent over a little bit of flak (5)
10 Market always has salmon (4)
11/7 Fatehead! Soon deduce a timeless quality, unfortunately, that's shared by Johnson and his cohorts (8,2,8)
12 Tired of being rudely assaulted (6)
14 Double bed artist in attendance (8)

DOWN

- 15 Look, talent and ability ultimately deficient (6)
17 Keen smallholder originally keeping old ducks (6)
20 Undistinguished salesmen getting sacked (8)
22 Drink in clubs - may attempt to return (6)
23 Very discontented - a 9,10 spelt out regardless (2,3,5)
24 Stroke ram turning on ewe's neighbour, reportedly (4)
25 12 taking time off (3,2)
26 Confidence expressed before 24A in a nasty spot (8)

DOWN

- 1 Wolfish? That's a nervous reaction! (8)
2 Fire in Notre-Dame upset American Football people (4)
3 19's good for Sunday Post journalist (6)
4 Top in English, fifth in History, German unknown, with pass in Science (7)
5 Telling Dracula maybe to stop slightly twisted rule? (10)
6 Labour stronghold supports left wingers quitting (6)

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एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक- 824 (अनु०) दिनांक- 07.06.2024 द्वारा आमंत्रित ई निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं०-11/R/1/2023-24/RWD/EE/CHAIBASA जिसका PR No -325671 West Singhbhum (24-25) : D है, में प्रकाशित निविदा को अपरिहार्य कारणों से रद्द किया जाता है। विरवासमाजन, कार्यपालक अभियंता ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, चाईबासा। PR 326244 West Singhbhum(24-25)D

URBAN IMPROVEMENT TRUST ALWAR
प्रकाश - 06/06/2024/2283-93 दिनांक - 11/06/2024
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.raajasthan.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. : UAL2425WSOB00016, 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.Samwadi/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-711011 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
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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

एन सी एल नॉर्डिन कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड
(एक लिमिटेड कंपनी)
(कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड की एक सहायक कंपनी)
सूचना
कार्यरत/मेधानिवृत्त कर्मचारियों, उनके अधिकारों और आम जनता के हितों के लिए, एनसीएल "नेहरू भवन" (एनएचबी), जयपुर में इंटरनेशनल कॉन्फ्रेंस सेंटर की स्थापना हेतु प्री-बिड मीटिंग के लिए ईओआई प्रस्ताव आमंत्रित करता है। प्री-बिड मीटिंग की विस्तृत जानकारी तथा ईओआई की प्रतें एनसीएल वेबसाइट (nclcil.in) पर उपलब्ध हैं। प्री-बिड मीटिंग दिनांक 06-07-2024 को नेहरू भवन, (एनएचबी) में आयोजित कराई जाएगी। (R-21) सी.एम.एस. (एन.एस.सी. जयपुर)

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. SIG-WS-CONTRACT-572 Dated: 10.06.2024
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. Chan, Bahilpurwa, Khoh, ChitrakutDham, Shivpuram, Bharatpur, Badausa, Alaura, Khurhand and Dingwa) alteration in existing Electronic interlocking at Khairair Jn. Station, Banda and Manikpur Junction station in connection with Khairair-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 Paice 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. 1010(24)(K)
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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 No	Name of Work: Leading, Loading & Unloading of various P.Way Materials in RRH-TDL section in the jurisdiction of SR.DEN/IN/PPRYJ.	Approx Cost of work (₹)	Bid security (₹)	Completion Period:
91		18425950.62	242100.00	12 months

Date of Opening of tender: 03.07.2024 **Similar work for Eligibility Criteria:** 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. 5) 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. 1013(24) (ADM)
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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION, HAZARIBAG,
e-Procurement Tender Notice
Tender Reference No. :- DMFT/MID/HAZARIBAG/ F2-05/2024-25
Letter no - 631 Date:- 13.06.2024

1.	Name of the work	Construction of Road from Mandu Gidhi Main Road to Bhehwa 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	ccmidhbg-cemr-jhr@nic.in

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

Following NITs are invited for Different Works by the Block Development Officer, Dinhat-II Development Block, Sahebganj, Cooch Behar.
NIT No. 01 / EO / DIN-II / 2023-24, Memo No. 465 / EO / DIN-II / 2023-24, Dated: 13-06-2024.
• All details are available at DM's Office, CZP's Office & SDO's Office.

Sd/- Executive Officer Dinhat-II P.S.

MORE TENDER ADS
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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 1009/24(P)
[X North central railways](https://x.com/northcentralrailways) www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in [Facebook @northcentralrailway](https://www.facebook.com/northcentralrailway) [Instagram @CPRONCR](https://www.instagram.com/CPRONCR)

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: pijujsnl@gmail.com Visit us on: www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in
e-Tender
Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Limited invites Bids (to be submitted in the e-Procurement 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 Bid
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 Chaihasa (PGCL) – 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 Jadugoda(New)-Dhalbhumgarh (63.4 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

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 Email: pijujsnl@gmail.com
Sd/- 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
1stCall
e-Tender Ref No–RCD/SID/AP/RAN/02/2024-25 Date:-12.06.2024

1	Name Of Work	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, ROH's, RUB's, Complete Land Acquisition Proposal including Ownership details all complete as per latest guidelines, Resettlement and Rehabilitation Proposal, Forest Division Proposal and Proposal of Utility Shifting in details etc. as required by the Department (If any) under Road Division Grids in the State of Jharkhand. (Tentative Length 24 km.) *Empanelled consultant with RCD under category -I vide letter No. 3063(S) WE Dated 22.08.2022are allowed to Bid.
2	Tentative Length	24.00 km
3	Period of Completion of Work	60 Days
4	Cost of Tender documents	Rs 5,000/- (Five Thousand) only. Non refundable Fee. Tender fee will be received through online mode only. The quotations 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 Jharkhand vide letter no 120 dated 03.10.2023. e-tendering(http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)
5	Mode of Bid Submission	14.06.2024, 10:30 AM
6	Date/Time of Publication of Tender on Website	
7	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
9	Date and Time of Bid opening	24.06.2024 12:30 PM
10	Bid validity	120 days
11	Bid Submission Address	Chief Engineer(Communication),Road Construction Department, 1 st Floor, Engineer Hostel No.-2, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004
12	Designation and Contact no. of Tender inviting Officer	Executive Engineer, Soil Investigation Division/Advance PlanningRCD, Ranchi Mob-9905660677.

Note:-Only e-Tender shall be accepted.
Sd/- (Ravi Shankar Pravakar) Executive Engineer, Soil Investigation Division, Advance Planning, Road Construction Department,Ranchi.
PR 326274 Road(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.-01/2024-25 1stCall
e-Tender Ref No%&RCD/SID/AP/RAN/01/2024-25 Date:-12.06.2024

1	Name Of Work	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, Yogivara, 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, ROH's, RUB's, Complete Land Acquisition Proposal including Ownership details all complete as per latest guidelines, Resettlement and Rehabilitation Proposal, Forest Division 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.
2	Tentative Length	33.00 km
3	Period of Completion of Work	60 Days
4	Cost of Tender documents	Rs 5,000/- (Five Thousand) only. Non refundable Fee. Tender fee will be received through online mode only. The quotations 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 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)
5	Mode of Bid Submission	14.06.2024, 10:30 AM
6	Date/Time of Publication of Tender on Website	
7	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
9	Date and Time of Bid opening	24.06.2024 12:30 PM
10	Bid validity	120 days
11	Bid Submission Address	Chief Engineer(Communication),Road Construction Department, 1 st Floor, Engineer Hostel No.-2, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004
12	Designation and Contact no. of Tender inviting Officer	Executive Engineer, Soil Investigation Division,Advance Planning,RCD, Ranchi Mob-9905660677.

Note:-Only e-Tender shall be accepted.
Sd/- (Ravi Shankar Pravakar) Executive Engineer, Soil Investigation Division, Advance Planning, Road Construction Department,Ranchi.
PR 326267 Road(24-25).D

JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY
Notice Inviting e-Tender
NIT No. : JU/UE/NAAC/09/24-25 Dt.13.06.24
e-tenders are invited from the eligible contractors for civil works related Tender ID as under:-
1. 2024 JU 689330 1 Rs.3,98,235.00 2. 2024 JU 691003 1 Rs.2,15,294.00 3. 2024 JU 691007 1 Rs.3,47,029.00 4. 2024 JU 691009 1 Rs.1,15,160.00
Please contact office of the University Engineer, Jadavpur University for verification of the work site. For detail visit <https://wbtenders.gov.in> Last date of e-submission is 22.05.24 upto 06.00 pm.
Registrar

e-TENDER NOTICE
Executive Officer, Jalpaiguri Municipality invited e-tender vide N.I.T. No.
1) WB/MAD / JM / CH / eNIT-5 / 2024-25, Memo No. 563 / JM, Dated: 13-06-2024 (Tender ID: 2024_MAD_692862_1)
2) WB/MAD / JM / CH / eNIT-2 / 2024-25, Memo No. 564 / JM, Dated: 13-06-2024 (Tender ID: 2024_MAD_692880_1)
3) WB/MAD / JM / CH / eNIT-3 / 2024-25, Memo No. 565 / JM, Dated: 13-06-2024 (Tender ID: 2024_MAD_692912_1)
4) WB/MAD / JM / CH / eNIT-4 / 2024-25, Memo No. 566 / JM, Dated: 13-06-2024 (Tender ID: 2024_MAD_692931_1)
5) WB/MAD / JM / CH / eNIT-5 / 2024-25, Memo No. 567 / JM, Dated: 13-06-2024 (Tender ID: 2024_MAD_692945_1)
6) WB/MAD / JM / CH / eNIT-6 / 2024-25, Memo No. 568 / JM, Dated: 13-06-2024 (Tender ID: 2024_MAD_692965_1)
7) WB/MAD / 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 portal: www.wbtenders.gov.in & www.jalpaigurimunicipality.org & in the office of the undersigned during the office hours.
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 : **Sl. No., Description of works :** (1) Electrical work for Construction of Type-I Cns. 12 units at Adra (4 units), BGA (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 maintenance 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.gov.in (PR-247)

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, EI Building works: **Sl. No. 1, Description of work :** Construction of new one EI Main Building (47.61 m x 8.81 m) and one EI 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 Bridge No. 1 (1x4Mx2.7M RC Box by box pushing method) beside existing Br. No. 1 (2x0.915 m stone slab) at km 323/PR-7.8 between PRR-KSX section of Adra Division. **Tender value:** ₹ 1,41,57,507.04 (for Sl. No. 1), ₹ 1,40,28,056.71 (for Sl. 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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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 Patrauli Station.
2. Approx. 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-tender, which is sent by Post /Courier/FAX or self, Manual proposals although the letter is in formal letter pad or received in time will not be accepted. The above E-Tenders, E-Tendering document alongwith full information is available on website i.e. <http://www.ireps.gov.in> Note :-Tenders are requested to visit the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> atleast 10 days before last date of closing for latest corrigendum / corrections etc. in response to this E-Tender.
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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 proforma 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 7/1, Kisanlal Burman Road, Bandhaghat, Howrah. Intending organizations fulfilling the above criteria may visit the official website of the HMC: www.myhmc.in for detailed information. Last date for receipt of the fully filled-in E.O.I. is up to 3-00 p.m. on 01-07-2024.
5(3)/24-25 13-06-24 Secretary 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/Aett./Udaipur/F/2024/25/3236 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



With the blessings of the people of Bengaluru South, we have got a second consecutive term to serve the people of the constituency. We are opening the MP office again today, which for the last 5 years was the centre which served the people relentlessly.

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

BJP 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 K T Parnaik at a grand ceremony held at the Dorjee Khandu Convention Centre in Itanagar.

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 swearing-in ceremony.

Mr Khandu, who took over the reins of the frontier state for the third consecutive time, was elected as the BJP legis-

lature party leader on Wednesday.

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 candidates.

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

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 reasons for the electoral loss.

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.

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



force of party leaders will be formed.

The election results in UP 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 last election.

He said around 60 party leaders have also been selected for this task. "These leaders will investigate the reasons for the defeat in every assembly constituency of all Lok Sabha constituencies. The members of the task force will go from village to village to determine which party has

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 UP.

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 last.

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 gear.

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. Built at a cost 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 Azamgarh.

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 June 10.

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 '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 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 implement various activities.

The programme will 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.

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 cultural 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 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 will also take place in all

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), Primary 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 public 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 district-level 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 exe-

cution 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 21.

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.

LEISURE

10 MINUTE CROSSWORD

1 Across

1 Was victorious (3)

2 Rowing blade (3)

3 In addition (3)

4 Chair part (7)

5 Mexican Indian (5)

6 Voice communication (9,4)

7 Intricate (7)

8 Retail employee (4,9)

9 Surpass (5)

10 Orchestra (7)

11 Spoil (3)

12 Consume (3)

13 Not well lit (3)

1 Down

1 Riches (6)

2 Agile (6)

3 A person (3)

4 Significant life event (4,2,7)

5 Italian painter (6)

6 Supernatural (6)

7 Anonymous (8)

8 Likely (8)

9 High regard (6)

10 Agree (6)

11 Put in hock (6)

12 Waterway (6)

13 Furrow (3)

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

Across

1 Allah

2 Day

3 Twin tubs

4 Casanova

5 Gem

6 Sea horse

7 Cousin

8 Hates

9 Troll

10 Lumbago

11 Aggrieved

12 Limbo

13 Hessian

14 Croft

15 Respond

16 Valediction

17 Layabouts

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Figures in parentheses denote the number of letters in the words required

BEETLE BAILEY/Mort Walker

I THINK I HAVE A SNORING PROBLEM, DOC

WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?

SARGE KEEPS FINDING ME WHEN I'M TRYING TO SNEAK A SNOOZE

RED EYE/Bill Yates & Mel Casson

THE PALEFACES CAPTURED TANGLE-FOOT, CHIEF!

THEY WON'T GET ANYTHING OUT OF HIM!

THEY'LL TORTURE HIM AND HE'LL TELL THEM EVERYTHING HE KNOWS!

LIKE I SAID...

DADDY DAZE/John Kovalieski

HI, ANGUS. READY TO GO TO MAMMA'S HOUSE?

LOOKS LIKE HE HAS A HOLE IN THE FOOT OF HIS ONESIE

HUH... MAYBE HE'S GROWING

OR MAYBE HIS TENDRILS NEED TRIMMING

NEED TO KNOW

Ambulance

FD Block Association (Amb)

9830452536, 9830181286

Happy Calculators 24400160

City Point Nurses Centre

2567-4113, 9831142623

People's Relief Committee

2280-4943/9444

24 hrs Medical Oxygen Delivery

BOC India Ltd. 9831277777

Blood Banks

Ashok Laboratory 24720333

Central Blood Bank 23510619

Life Care 2284-6940

Peoples Blood Bank

2455-5164/ 5557

RK Mission Seva Pratishthan

2475-3636/39

Police/Fire

Lalibazar (Police Control Room) 22143230

S. P. (North 24-Pgns) 25423005

S.P. (South 24-Pgns) 2479-3333/1311

Bhawan Bhawan

24791761/9, 24791933

Fire Service Station Salt Lake: 2357-5293;

Howrah 2666-8111; Behala 2497-6285

Civic Services

Kolkata Municipal Corporation: 2286-1000

Water: 2543-1602

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Police Toll Free No. 1073

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CESC Fault Reporting

1912 and 4403-1912

Trains

Howrah Station Old Complex

1331/1332 (Auto Telephone Numbers), 1310, 2636

7412/3542/2581 (manual)

Sealdah: 2350-3535/3537

Shallimar Station: 2668-1121, Eastern Railway and South-Eastern Railway: 139.

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Concepts: Sudoku

By Dave Green

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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

An autoimmune disease is an inflammatory condition where the immune system malfunctions 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 sweet-

eners, colours, other antibiotics, simple carbohydrates and gluten, as these may aggravate your autoimmune disease.

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 medi-

tation, 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 anti-inflammatory 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 inflammation and pain.



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.

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.



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 self-care 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 adhere to.



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 help.

5. Nurturing supportive relationships is vital. Having people 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 nurtured.

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

NISITH SINHA ROY

Where 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 education.

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 fair.

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 classes.

Apart from syllabus-based studies, every department conducts various programs aimed at the development of students. The college publishes the annual college magazine, Subhasita, regularly, and every department publishes a wall magazine to develop the creative talent of its students. The journal of the philosophy department Srinwantu is different.

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

Council organises various programs throughout the year. Birthdays of sages are celebrated with respect.

Attempts are made to discover the latent talents of the students by organising various cultural competitions. Convener of the College's Cultural Council, Professor Soumyabrata Banerjee, said, "In today's era of cultural decline, our college students are carrying a healthy cultural heritage."

The college has an MoU with various colleges 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 college.

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 news-



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-

ing facility as well. Rainwater is stored in three tanks of 30,000 litres. This stored water is very useful during the dry season.

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

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.

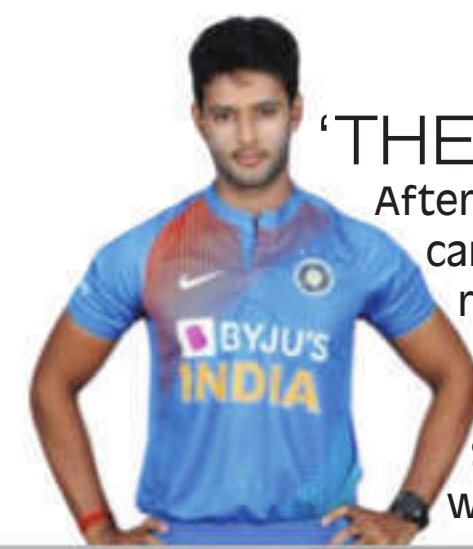
Dr BC Roy Engineering College, Durgapur, responded to the college's request and provided 30 computers for the students. As a result, a computer lab is running in this remote area without any government grant. Some computer-based add-on courses will be launched for the students very soon.

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 continuously doing social service work. The College has adopted three villages, Collegepara, Bannishala 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 PLAN WAS TO TAKE THE GAME DEEP'

After India signed off from New York leg of their Men's T20 World Cup Group A campaign with a hard-fought seven-wicket win over co-hosts USA, batting all-rounder Shivam Dube said the plan alongside Suryakumar Yadav was to take the game deep in order to ace the chase of 111. At the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium, India were at a precarious 39/3 in 7.5 overs, before Suryakumar Yadav stood tall to slam an unbeaten 49-ball 50 while Dube, who struggled to get going initially, made 31 not out off 35 balls.

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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
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Moments after Suryakumar Yadav helped India avoid an almighty upset against T20 World Cup 2024 co-hosts USA with a match-winning half-century which was nowhere near the Mumbaier'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 top-ranked T20 side out from a precarious 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



he's got a different game as well, that is what you expect from experienced players. To come out and bat differently if the situation demands, that is what Surya did. The partnership (67-run stand) with (Shivam) Dube was very important for us. In the end, we held our 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

to show that maturity and take the game till the end."

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



five runs for a stop clock violation – the first time such a 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

like we can use them, we should be able to use them. Today, I thought we could use them, the pitch had something in it. But yeah, again, all I want is to have options moving 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



stood out with two key wickets, of Aaron Jones and Anderson, with short deliveries.

"We knew bowlers had to take the lead. We knew run-scoring 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

managed to pull through in all three games and (we) take a lot of confidence for a victory 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 world.

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, constructed 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 record-

ed, 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 components 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
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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 well-being, 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

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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 Conway (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 both Williamson (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 Rowman 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

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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 22-year-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 whereabouts failures between April 2022 and May 2023, Jaismine, 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. Jaismine 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," Jaismine told The Statesman during a chat facilitated by the Sports Authority of India, along with BFI and IOA.

Eventually, Jaismine man-



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-

mine

For the Bhiwani pugilist, winning the quota in the 57kg weight division is nothing short of redemption, as Jaismine 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 medalist 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, Jaismine 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.

