



Mr. B. Singh (Ex. IES)
Renowned Educationist
CMD, NEXT IAS and MADE EASY Group

NEXT IAS

BIG LEARNINGS MADE EASY

Take your CSE preparation to the NEXT level



Mr. Bhim Sain Bassi (IPS Retd.)
Former Honourable Member of UPSC
Chief Advisor to NEXT IAS & MADE EASY Group

GENERAL STUDIES



Scan to
Enroll

PRE-CUM-MAIN FOUNDATION COURSE FOR CSE

DELHI		JAIPUR	PRAYAGRAJ	LIVE-ONLINE
Old Rajinder Nagar		Mukherjee Nagar		
13th June 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM	17th June 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	10th June 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	20th June 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM	11th July 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM
24th June 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	27th June 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM	18th June 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	24th June 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	15th July 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM
				17th June 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
				24th June 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
				27th June 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

More batches to be announced soon.

सामान्य अध्ययन फ़ाउंडेशन कोर्स

सिविल सेवा प्रारंभिक व मुख्य परीक्षा 2025 एवं 2026

दिल्ली : मुखर्जी नगर		प्रयागराज	जयपुर	लाइव ऑनलाइन बैच
18 जून 2024 सुबह 11:30 - 2:30 बजे	27 जून 2024 सायं 6:00 - 9:00 बजे	24 जून 2024 सुबह 8:00 - 11:00 बजे	10 जुलाई 2024 सुबह 8:00 - 11:00 बजे	10 जून 2024 सुबह 8:00 - 11:00 बजे
				27 जून 2024 सुबह 8:00 - 11:00 बजे
				18 जून 2024 सुबह 11:30 - 2:30 बजे
				27 जून 2024 सायं 6:00 - 9:00 बजे



नामांकन के लिए
स्कैन करें

नोट : इंटीग्रेटेड सामान्य अध्ययन फ़ाउंडेशन एवं मेंटरशिप कोर्स (FAIM) भी उपलब्ध | आगामी बैचों की घोषणा शीघ्र | एडमिशन प्रारम्भ

2 Year Integrated Foundation Course
This course is suitable for 1st/2nd/3rd year under-graduate students.



Scan to Enroll

Batches from 16th July 2024

General Studies NCERT Based Course : FIRST STEP
This 12 months course is recommended for students after class 11th.



Scan to Enroll

Batches from 18th June & 16th July 2024

3 Year Integrated Foundation Course
This course is designed for 1st/2nd/3rd year under-graduate students.



Scan to Enroll

Batches from 16th July 2024

2-Year GS Foundation with Advanced Integrated Mentorship for CSE : FAIM
This course is tailored for 2nd/3rd/final Year under-graduate and college pass-out students.



Scan to Enroll

Batches from 13th, 17th, 24th & 27th June 2024

Note : These courses are available in offline and live-online mode.

ADVANCED INTEGRATED MENTORSHIP (AIM)

15 months intensive process oriented

Mentorship program to crack CSE 2025

Offline & Online (English Medium & हिन्दी माध्यम)

AIM Helpline : 9289140303
aim@nextias.com

Commencing from 8th July



Scan to Enroll

GS Mains Advance Course 2024

Offline & Live-online | Commencing from 25th June



Scan to Enroll

Optional Mains Advance Course 2024

Offline & Live-online | Commencing from 25th June



Scan to Enroll

Mains Test Series 2024

- General Studies • Essay • Optional Subjects
 - GS Test Series commencing from 25th June
 - Optional Test Series commencing from 30th June
- (Note : Mathematics and Economics test series are commencing from 23rd June)



Scan to Enroll

OPTIONAL FOUNDATION COURSE

Offline and Live-Online Batches

MATHEMATICS

by AVINASH SINGH SIR

10th June 2024

SOCIOLOGY

by RAJ RAI SIR

24th June 2024

HISTORY

by HEMANT JHA SIR

24th June 2024

ANTHROPOLOGY

by SUDHIR KUMAR SIR

24th June 2024

PSIR

by PIYUSH CHAUBEY SIR

24th June 2024

GEOGRAPHY

by ALOK RANJAN SIR

30th June 2024

ECONOMICS

by VIBHAS JHA SIR

8th Aug 2024



Scan to Enroll



ATTEND OPEN SESSIONS

OFFLINE LIVE ONLINE

HISTORY

18th June

ANTHROPOLOGY

20th June

PSIR

21st June

SOCIOLOGY

22nd June

GEOGRAPHY

23rd June



Scan to register

Delhi Centre :
Old Rajinder Nagar :
27-B, Pusa Road, Metro Pillar No. 118,
Near Karol Bagh Metro, New Delhi - 60
Ph : 8081300200

Mukherjee Nagar :
1422 Main Mukherjee Nagar Road,
Near Batra Cinema, New Delhi - 09
Ph : 9311667076

Bhopal Centre :
Plot No. 46,
Zone - 2, M.P. Nagar,
Bhopal - 462011
Ph : 8827664612

Jaipur Centre :
Plot No - 6 & 7, 3rd Floor,
Sree Gopal Nagar,
Gopalpura Bypass, Jaipur
Ph : 9358200511

Prayagraj Centre :
31/31 Sardar Patel Marg,
Civil Lines Prayagraj,
Uttar Pradesh - 211001
Ph : 9958857757

www.nextias.com

info@nextias.com

The World

TOP OF THE WORLD



Evan Gershkovich

RUSSIA

US reporter to stand trial on espionage charges

Moscow: US journalist Evan Gershkovich, who has been jailed for over a year in Russia on espionage charges, will stand trial in the Ural Mountains city of Yekaterinburg, authorities said. An indictment of the Wall Street Journal reporter has been finalised and his case was filed to the Sverdlovsky Regional Court in the city about 1,400 kilometres east of Moscow, according to Russia's Prosecutor General's office. Gershkovich is accused of "gathering secret information" for the CIA about Uralvagonzavod, a facility in the Sverdlovsk region that produces military equipment. **AP**

FRANCE

Iran releases French national after 20 months

Paris: French national Louis Arnaud arrived in France Thursday after he was released by Iran, where he was imprisoned for over 20 months for allegedly taking part in nationwide protests. Arnaud was greeted by his family in the presence of French Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Séjourné. French President Emmanuel Macron posted on X on Wednesday that "Louis Arnaud is free" and thanked Oman, an interlocutor for the West with Iran, and "all those who helped bring this happy outcome." **AP**

EU COURT

Hungary fined for flouting asylum law

Brussels: The European Union's top court served Hungary a fine of 200 million euros (\$216 million) on Thursday for persistently breaking the bloc's asylum rules despite a previous European Court of Justice ruling, plus an additional 1 million euros for every day they fail to comply going forward. Hungary had not implemented a 2020 ruling from top EU judges in Luxembourg, the ECJ wrote in a press release. "That failure constitutes an unprecedented and extremely serious infringement of EU law," the ECJ wrote. **AP**

GROUP CALLS ON ISRAEL TO REFRAIN FROM FULL-SCALE RAFAH OFFENSIVE

G7 Summit begins with \$50-bn loan deal for Ukraine using Russian assets

Kremlin calls decision criminal, says its response will be very painful for EU

REUTERS

BORGO EGNAZIA, JUNE 13

LEADERS OF the Group of Seven (G7) major democracies agreed an outline deal on Thursday to provide \$50 billion of loans for Ukraine using interest from Russian sovereign assets frozen after Moscow invaded its neighbour in 2022.

The political agreement was the centrepiece of the opening day in southern Italy of the annual summit of G7 leaders, attended for a second successive year by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. He said he had signed a 10-year security accord with Japan on the sidelines of the summit and that Japan would provide Ukraine with \$4.5 billion this year. Zelenskyy will also sign a new, long-term security accord with US President Joe Biden.

The G7 plan for Ukraine is based on a multi-year loan using profits from some \$300 billion of impounded Russian funds.

The technical details are to be finalised in the coming weeks, a G7 diplomatic source told Reuters. The source said the additional funding would arrive by the end of this year.

The United States had agreed to provide up to \$50 billion itself, a senior US official said, but that



(From left) European Council President Charles Michel, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Canada PM Justin Trudeau, French President Emmanuel Macron, Italian Premier Giorgia Meloni, US President Joe Biden, Japan PM Fumio Kishida, British PM Rishi Sunak and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen at Borgo Egnazia, southern Italy, Thursday. **AP**



Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy with Italian PM Giorgia Meloni

amount could decline significantly as other countries announced their participation.

The aim of the deal was to ensure it can run for years regardless of who is in power in each G7 state — a nod to concerns that US Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump may be much less sympathetic to Kyiv if he beats Biden in November's election, according to a person close to the talks.

Russia regards attempts by the West to take income from its frozen assets as criminal, foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said Thursday, adding that Moscow's response would be very painful for the European Union.

"There is a lot of work to be

done, but I am sure that in these two days we will be able to have discussions that will lead to concrete and measurable results," Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni told her G7 guests.

The G7 leaders also expressed their concerns about the situation on the Israel-Lebanon border and endorsed US efforts to secure a ceasefire in the Gaza war, according to a draft communique due to be released following the summit.

In addition, they called on Israel to refrain from a full-scale offensive in the southern Gaza city of Rafah, "in line with their obligations under international law".

Western nations were also

unanimous in their concern over China's industrial overcapacity, which they say is distorting global markets, and their determination to help African states develop their economies, diplomats said.

The G7 has thrown open its doors to a large number of outsiders this year, including the pope, who is expected to give a keynote speech on Friday on the risks and potential of Artificial Intelligence. Among those who have also been invited to Puglia are the leaders of some of the biggest regional powers around the world such as India, Brazil, Argentina, Turkey, Algeria and Kenya.



FISTFIGHT IN ITALIAN PARLIAMENT

5-Star Movement party's Leonardo Donno is protected by other lawmakers during a brawl in the Italian Parliament in Rome on Wednesday. One lawmaker has been hospitalised after the fight over a government proposal that opponents say will impoverish the poor. **AP**

US Supreme Court upholds broad access to abortion pill

REUTERS

NEW YORK, JUNE 13

THE US Supreme Court rejected a bid by anti-abortion groups and doctors to restrict access to the abortion pill, handing a victory on Thursday to President Joe Biden's administration in its efforts to preserve broad access to the drug.

The justices, two years after ending the recognition of a constitutional right to abortion, ruled in a 9-0 decision authored by conservative Justice Brett Kavanaugh

to overturn a lower court's decision to roll back Food and Drug Administration steps in 2016 and 2021 that eased how the drug, called mifepristone, is prescribed and distributed.

The pill, given FDA regulatory approval in 2000, is used in more than 60% of US abortions.

The court ruled that the plaintiffs behind the lawsuit challenging mifepristone lacked the necessary legal standing to pursue the case, which required that they show they have been harmed in a way that can be traced to the FDA.

The Supreme Court, which has a 6-3 conservative majority, in 2022 overturned its 1973 Roe v. Wade precedent that had legalised abortion nationwide, prompting 14 states to enact measures banning or sharply restricting the procedure.

Biden, a Democrat seeking a second term in office in the Nov. 5 U.S. election, took aim at Republican officials behind abortion bans and said Thursday's ruling "does not change the fact that the fight for reproductive freedom continues."



Girls walk carrying a container as Palestinians flee Rafah due to an Israeli military operation on Thursday. **Reuters**

Israel forces advance deeper into Rafah as diplomacy falters

REUTERS

CAIRO, JUNE 13

ISRAELI TANKS advanced deeper into the western area of Rafah, amid one of the worst nights of bombardment from air, ground, and sea, forcing many families to flee their homes and tents under darkness, residents said Thursday.

Residents said the Israeli forces thrust towards the Al-Mawasi area of Rafah near the beach, which is designated as a humanitarian area in all announcements and maps published by the Israeli army since it began its Rafah offensive in May.

The Israeli military denied in a statement it had launched any strikes inside the Al-Mawasi humanitarian zone.

Israel said its assault aimed to wipe out Hamas' last intact combat units in Rafah, a city which had sheltered more than a million people before the latest advance began. Most of those people have now moved north towards Khan Younis and Deir Al-Balah in central Gaza Strip.

The Israeli military said in a statement it was continuing "intelligence-based, targeted operations" on Rafah.

Over the past day, the military said it had struck 45 targets across the Gaza Strip from the air, including military structures, militant cells, rocket launchers and tunnel shafts.

Israel has ruled out peace until Hamas is eradicated, and much of Gaza lies in ruins. But Hamas has proven resilient, with militants resurfacing to fight in areas

LABOUR PLEDGES TO RECOGNISE PALESTINE

Manchester: Britain's opposition Labour Party, which is far ahead in polls before a July 4 election, pledged on Thursday to recognise a Palestinian state as a contribution to a renewed peace process. "Palestinian statehood is the inalienable right of the Palestinian people," said Labour's election manifesto. **AP**

where Israeli forces had previously declared to have defeated them and pulled back.

The group welcomed a new US ceasefire proposal but made some amendments, reaffirming its stance that any agreement must secure an end to the war, a demand Israel still rejects.

Israel described Hamas's response to the new US peace proposal as total rejection. But the efforts to secure an agreement are still continuing, according to mediators Qatar and Egypt, backed by the United States.

Since a brief week-long truce in November, repeated attempts to arrange a ceasefire have failed, with Hamas insisting on a permanent end to the war and full Israeli withdrawal from Gaza.

End war: Spain, Turkey

Spain and Turkey called on the international community on Thursday to stop "looking the other way" and press for the end of Israel's attack on Gaza, following a bilateral summit.

South Africa: Parties hold crunch talks to form govt as deadline ends today

REUTERS

CAPE TOWN, JUNE 13

THE AFRICAN National Congress (ANC) was holding last-minute talks with other parties on Thursday to thrash out a deal on who will be included in South Africa's next government in time for the convening of the newly elected parliament on Friday.

The ANC, a former liberation movement that has been in power since the end of apartheid 30 years ago, lost its majority in a May 29 election that tipped the country into a state of political uncertainty unseen in the democratic era. Lawmakers are scheduled to convene on Friday in Cape Town to elect their speaker, deputy speaker and the country's president — putting pressure on

the ANC and other parties to decide who will govern. The parties were likely to announce their decision on Thursday evening.

President Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC leader, is expected to win a new term in office, but the composition of the new government remains unclear.

The ANC said last week it favoured a broad-based government of national unity and was talking to parties ranging from the white-led, pro-business Democratic Alliance (DA) to its polar opposite, the hard-left Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF).

The clearest indication to date of who might have a seat at the table came from the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), which said on Wednesday it was prepared to join the ANC and DA in a governing alliance.

MIGRATION, CORRUPTION KEY ISSUES; GERMAN STUDY SHOWS YOUNG VOTERS WORRYING MORE ABOUT ECONOMY, LESS ABOUT CLIMATE

Social media proficiency helps far-right gain traction with Europe's youth

SARAH MARSH, BARBARA ERLING & DAVID LATONA
BERLIN, WARSAW, MADRID, JUNE 13

FROM GERMANY and France to Poland and Spain, the far-right made inroads into the youth vote in key states in this EU election — as a generation that has grown up amid constant crises seeks new answers and follows politicians fluent in TikTok and YouTube.

Young voters, traditionally perceived to be more left-wing, drove the wave of support for environmental parties at the last EU election in 2019. But following the

pandemic, the Ukraine war and cost of living crisis, many shifted their support this year towards far-right populist parties that tapped into their concerns, fuelling their overall rise in the June 6-9 EU parliament poll.

"Germany is not going in a good direction and they were the only party with a really clear message, on migration," said Christoph, 17, a trade school student in Berlin.

Support for the AfD, which wants to curb migration and warns against what it calls the Islamisation of Germany, was up 11 percentage points to 16% among under-25 year olds, ac-

cording to an exit poll, more than double the 5-point rise among the broader population.

The shift, which helped the AfD achieve a historic second place nationwide, was notable in that Germany's decision to allow 16-18 year-olds to vote for the first time had been expected to favour left-leaning parties. Though the far-right did not do well everywhere among young voters the trend will still worry mainstream parties, who face a snap election later this month in France, and federal elections next year in Germany.

A recent survey of Germany's youth showed that young people



Alternative for Germany (AfD) leaders Alice Weidel and Tino Chrupalla after EU poll results in Berlin on June 9. **Reuters**

were increasingly worried about inflation, expensive housing and social divisions, and less about climate change. The Greens won just 11% of the youth vote on Sunday, down 23 percentage points.

In France, the far-right National Rally (RN) took a 25% share of the vote among 18-24 year olds, according to pollster Ipsos, up 10 percentage points compared with 8-point gain overall to 31.4%. To be sure, most of the youth in the EU's two top powers still back leftist parties, and many worry about the latest trend.

In Poland, however, support for the far-right Confederation among 18-29 years old voters in-

creased from 18.5% to 30.1%, making them the leading choice for that demographic.

Far-right parties' relative proficiency in young voters' preferred channels of communication — video apps such as TikTok and YouTube and messaging app Telegram — is a big factor behind their increasing success with that generation, analysts said.

The recent German youth study showed that 57% of young people get their news and politics through social media. But German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, like many mainstream politicians, only joined TikTok a few months ago.

The AfD's lead candidate for

the EU elections, Maximilian Krah, went viral on TikTok, for example, with dating tips for young men: "Don't watch porn, don't vote for the Greens, go out into the fresh air... Real men are right-wing."

He has some 53,300 followers on TikTok.

In Spain, social media influencer Alvisé Perez clinched 6.7% of the youth vote, compared with 4.6% of the overall vote, after conducting his anti-immigration and anti-corruption campaign on Instagram and Telegram. Far-right party Vox which was strong on TikTok, garnered 12.4% of the vote among those under 25, compared with 9.6% overall. **REUTERS**



प्रधानमंत्री

नरेन्द्र मोदी

के गतिशील, दूरदर्शी एवं कुशल नेतृत्व में
विकसित भारत बनने की दिशा में अब और
तेज कदमों से आगे बढ़ेंगे हम



समर्पित प्रयासों से बदल रहा
विकास, जनकल्याण और
सुशासन का
परिदृश्य

मध्यप्रदेश सरकार के
180
दिन



“मध्यप्रदेश विकास और जनहित के पथ पर लगातार तेजी से आगे बढ़ रहा है। हर क्षेत्र में हम अपने मजबूत कदम जमा रहे हैं। प्रदेश में आधुनिक अधोसंरचना और गांव-गांव तक विकास को पहुंचाने में अब कोई कोर कसर बाकी नहीं रखेंगे।”

- डॉ. मोहन यादव, मुख्यमंत्री



Why NTA withdrew ‘grace marks’ awarded to 1,563 NEET candidates

DEEKSHA TERI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

THE NATIONAL Testing Agency (NTA) will re-conduct the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test for undergraduate medical studies (or NEET UG) for 1,563 candidates on June 23.

As first reported by *The Indian Express* on Wednesday, these candidates who were awarded ‘grace marks’ due to the loss of exam time now have two options before them: either to accept the NEET-UG score that they were originally awarded (without grace marks) or to re-appear for the exam on June 23. “The exam will be conducted in the same six cities but at different centres,” a senior NTA official told *The Indian Express*.

Why were grace marks awarded in the first place?

After the exam on May 5, many candidates filed writ petitions before the High Courts of

Punjab & Haryana, Delhi, and Chhattisgarh, alleging that they were not given enough time to complete. Exams started late in select centres — two in Chhattisgarh, and one each in Meghalaya, Surat, Haryana’s Bahadurgarh, and Chandigarh.

A Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) set up by the NTA to look into these allegations found merit in the students’ grievances, and suggested that affected candidates be compensated for the time lost. They advised that the same normalisation formula be adopted which had been approved by the Supreme Court in relation to the CLAT examination in 2018, where something similar had occurred.

Based on this, the NTA awarded grace marks to 1,563 candidates. Six of them, however, ended up getting a perfect 720/720 due to this, making them NEET-UG All-India toppers. After the results were announced, several students and other stakeholders approached the NTA and the Supreme Court, alleging that this was not a fair way to deal

with the situation.

On June 8, the Ministry of Education (MoE) and the NTA set up a high-powered committee (HPC) to review the results of the 1,563 candidates in question.

What did the HPC recommend?

The HPC, which was asked to submit appropriate recommendations within seven days, comprised the four senior experts: NTA Chairman Prof. Pradeep Kumar Joshi, Prof T C A Anant, Prof C B Sharma, and Dr (Prof) B Srinivas.

After holding meetings on June 10, 11, and 12, the panel suggested that the normalised scores of all 1,563 candidates be cancelled and withdrawn. It said that the impacted students should be informed of their actual scores (without grace marks) through their registered email IDs, and also be given the opportunity to appear for a re-examination. Those who do not wish to appear for this retest, should be

awarded their actual marks in the test conducted on May 5. Those who do appear for the retest would have their previous score invalidated. The NTA accepted these suggestions.

What was the HPC’s rationale behind these recommendations?

The HPC concluded that the GRC had failed to consider a few points while adopting the normalisation formula of the CLAT 2018 Supreme Court verdict.

In its report submitted to the NTA, a copy of which is with *The Indian Express*, the HPC states that the GRC did not consider the fact that unlike computer-based tests, OMR-based exams such as NEET-UG do not have an automated system for time assessment (i.e. the timestamp of an examinee’s activities during the exam).

The NTA had determined the time lost by candidates (due to delays on the part of the

NTA’s invigilators and staff) based on reports from exam invigilators, staff, observers, and the examination of CCTV footage. This, the committee felt, did not provide a level playing field in terms of determining the time lost across six centers.

Moreover, the HPC noticed that the GRC’s recommended formula to compensate candidates for the time lost did not take into account that the compensation only had to be done for unattempted questions. This led to a “skewed situation” in which many candidates ended up scoring very high marks.

Thus, the HPC concluded that the “most appropriate, fair and reasonable solution to the issue would be to subject 1563 candidates to a retest at the earliest possible.”

What happens now?

The NTA will now conduct a retest for these 1,563 candidates, and any other student for whom the directions of re-examination have been/ will be passed by Courts

in individual cases filed. Official communication will be shared with the affected students via their registered email addresses, and fresh admit cards will soon be issued. Results for the retest will be announced on or before June 30.

The NTA also plans to start the registration process for NEET-UG in advance, next year onwards. “This time, we started the process a month ago, but now we will start much sooner to ensure we have enough buffer time between the registrations and the exam day to ensure that there’s better planning as far as selection of test centres is concerned,” a senior NTA official told *The Indian Express*.

More importantly, the NTA will focus more on better training for all the invigilators and officers involved to avoid the kind of delay experienced in six test centres this year. “We conduct training every year, but from now onwards we will put more focus on it. NTA’s focus is on ensuring such situations do not arise in the future,” the official added.

EXPLAINED GLOBAL

THE BANANAS LINK BETWEEN A FRUIT GIANT AND A COLOMBIAN MILITIA

SAIMA MEHTA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

BANANA GIANT Chiquita Brands International was found liable for financing the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia (AUC) by a federal jury in Florida on Monday.

The landmark verdict comes after 17 years of civil litigation by the families of eight men killed by the AUC. It marks the first time that a major US corporation has been held liable for its role in human rights abuses.

The AUC was a far-right paramilitary group which came up in the late 1980s to protect landowners from left-wing rebels. It ended up being among the worst perpetrators of human rights abuses in Colombia, as well as among its biggest drug traffickers.

A controversial legacy

Founded in 1899 as the United Fruit Company, Chiquita is one of the world’s largest banana producers and distributors. Most of Chiquita’s produce comes from Central and South America but is sold in the US, Canada, and Europe.

Over the years, Chiquita has been accused of shaping the political and economic landscapes of several Latin American countries. For instance, in 1952, when Guatemalan President Jacobo Arbenz introduced land reforms which would distribute United Fruits’ land among poor peasants, the company lobbied the US government. Arbenz was then overthrown in a CIA-backed coup in 1954.

Despite United Fruit’s 1990 rebrand to Chiquita (literally ‘little girl’ in Spanish), the company continued to operate in questionable ways.

Supporting ‘terrorists’

Since 1964, Colombia has been embroiled in a low-intensity civil war, with the government, crime syndicates, right wing paramilitaries like the AUC, and left-wing guerrilla groups such as the FARC, fighting each other for control.

Chiquita, which operates large banana plantations in Colombia, gave significant financial and arms support to the AUC. Court documents show that it continued making these payments even after the AUC had been designated as an international terrorist organisation in the US in 2001.

Case against Chiquita

The lawsuit accused Chiquita of knowingly providing substantial assistance to the AUC. The case was brought by the family members of trade unionists, banana workers and activists who were tortured, killed and disappeared by the AUC, which allegedly sought to control the vast banana-producing regions of Colombia for Chiquita.

In 2007, Chiquita pleaded guilty to engaging in the transactions and was fined \$25 million. It admitted to paying \$1.7 million to the AUC from 1997 to 2004.

In the recent trial, the jury concluded that Chiquita assistance to the AUC “created foreseeable risk of harm” for the victims of AUC’s murders. The class action lawsuit looked at nine murder cases and Chiquita was found guilty in eight of them.

Implications

The verdict can impact similar litigation involving corporate complicity in human rights violations. Some observers, however, have argued that the decision does not do enough. With Chiquita’s annual turnover well above \$3.1 billion, punitive damages of around \$38.3 million are like a slap on the wrist for the company.



HARISH DAMODARAN

IF BEING vegetarian means having diets loaded with *dal* (pulses), *sabzi* (vegetables) and *phal* (fruits), sans any animal-origin products, most vegetarians in India would not make the cut.

The latest official Survey on Household Consumption Expenditure for 2022-23 (August-July) shows that the average monthly per capita spending in rural India on vegetables (Rs 202.86), fresh and dry fruits (Rs 140.16), and pulses (Rs 75.98), was lower than on milk and milk products (Rs 314.22). The value of per capita consumption was similarly higher for milk (Rs 466.01) than vegetables (Rs 245.37), fruits (Rs 245.73), and pulses (Rs 89.99) even in urban India.

No less revealing is the fact that the per capita expenditure on *dal*, *sabzi* and *phal* in “vegetarian” Rajasthan is below the national average (both rural and urban) for these items. Or that the value of vegetable consumption by the average person in the eight Northeastern states is higher than not only the corresponding all-India level, but even that of “Vaishnav-Jain” Gujarat.

Milk’s the difference

Simply put, being vegetarian in India is not being vegan. Indians, if at all, are lacto-vegetarian — even those who call themselves vegetarian generally do not abstain from consuming milk and dairy products.

In a monograph titled *Key to Health*, penned in 1942 while he was incarcerated in Pune’s Agha Khan Palace, Mahatma Gandhi made a distinction between “vegetarian” and “flesh” foods. The latter included fowl and fish. Milk, for him, was an “animal food”, like “sterile eggs” that are laid by hens.

“Milk is an animal product and cannot by any means be included in a strictly vegetarian diet... But experience has taught me that

VEGETARIAN STATES				
(Value of monthly per capita consumption in Rs)				
	RURAL		URBAN	
	Milk*	Meat**	Milk*	Meat**
Haryana	933.28	47.02	1040.79	85.33
Delhi	813.31	103.66	836.74	134.05
Punjab	782.39	66.88	836.85	75.41
Rajasthan	660.85	49.15	776.47	54.87
Sikkim	659.79	555.02	901.17	608.2
Himachal Pradesh	629.21	135.13	686.09	121.92
Gujarat	476.35	47.64	669.78	77.78
Jammu & Kashmir	482.46	219.33	651.82	214.88
Uttarakhand	427.3	131.77	570.32	143.8
Uttar Pradesh	337.02	99.42	516.59	113.88
Bihar	309.51	202.59	420.23	228.93
Madhya Pradesh	302.94	71.21	446.35	83.46
Karnataka	234.08	222.31	332.84	292.38
Maharashtra	226.87	147	393.99	198.41
*Includes milk products; **Includes Egg and Fish. Source: Survey on Household Consumption Expenditure, 2022-23.				

NON-VEGETARIAN STATES				
(Value of monthly per capita consumption in Rs)				
	RURAL		URBAN	
	Meat**	Milk*	Meat**	Milk*
Goa	679.59	419.12	655.15	449.93
Tripura	656.13	232.39	731.99	359.49
Nagaland	652.53	162.94	868.56	258.13
Mizoram	611.94	147.29	720.34	204.22
Kerala	545.44	224.65	503.59	245.61
Manipur	520.05	140.22	430.46	167.96
Arunachal Pradesh	519.13	199.3	706.12	339.21
Meghalaya	442.57	118.77	632.78	207.56
Assam	371.59	149.82	487.99	300.82
Tamil Nadu	325.22	249.21	358.18	345.3
West Bengal	312.64	122.51	442.43	225.03
Telangana	321.05	266.62	344.34	394.53
Andhra Pradesh	317.41	305.93	310.95	390.52
Odisha	186.7	96.6	234.98	224.27
Jharkhand	185.56	147.29	198.52	330.26
Chhattisgarh	102.47	84.84	107.76	234.79

in order to keep perfectly fit, vegetarian diet must include milk and milk products such as curd, butter, ghee, etc.,” he wrote, while hoping for the discovery of a “vegetable substitute” that would obviate the “necessity of adding milk to [a] strict vegetarian diet”.

The monthly per capita consumption expenditure on vegetables may be relatively low, or even below the all-India average in Gujarat and Rajasthan. But the average rural Gujarati spends Rs 476.35 and her urban counterpart Rs 669.78 per month on milk, with these at Rs 660.85 and Rs 776.47 respectively for Rajasthan. This is way above the corresponding average of Rs 314.22 for rural India, and Rs 466.01 for urban India.

There is, perhaps, some nutritional underpinning to milk consumption being high among vegetarians in India. Animal products, including milk, are rich sources of protein. These contain a balanced combination of all essential amino acids that the human body cannot synthesise, and therefore, have to be supplied through one’s diet. Plant proteins, by contrast, are incomplete. Even soyabean, pulses and legumes are deficient in the essential amino acids, methionine and

cysteine.

What this means is that the pure vegan route requires a variety of plant protein sources, used in the right combination, to achieve the desired amino acid balance. An easier, more practical, alternative is to be lacto-vegetarian. Not for nothing that milk has traditionally been synonymous with purity and good health in India — even in regions or among communities steeped in anti-meat values.

Statewise view

The accompanying tables show that the states where the average household monthly per capita expenditure on milk and dairy products is higher than on egg, fish and meat are primarily in North, West and Central India.

These cover the Vaishnav-Jain-Arya Samaj belt of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab, the Hindi heartland of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar, and, to a lesser extent, Maharashtra and Karnataka.

In all, there are some 14 ‘vegetarian’ states. This includes Sikkim, although the average person’s monthly spend on egg, fish

and meat there (Rs 555.02 in rural areas and Rs 608.20 in urban areas) is much above the corresponding all-India numbers of Rs 185.16 and Rs 230.66 respectively.

On the other end are the 16 ‘non-vegetarian’ states, whose average consumption expenditure on egg, fish and meat exceeds that on milk, at least in rural areas.

These include the hardcore fish and meat eating states such as Kerala, Goa, West Bengal and those in the Northeast.

Then there are Odisha, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh — states with significant tribal populations, which is reflected in their high per capita consumption of egg, fish and meat relative to milk, especially in rural areas. Rural households in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, likewise, exhibit a preference for what Indians normally view as “non-vegetarian” items.

The defining factor of being ‘vegetarian’ in India does not appear to be the consumption of dal-sabzi-phal, but doodh or milk. Those who have a lot of it tend to abhor flesh foods. Nutritionally too, so long as they drink doodh, they miss little by not eating fish, meat or egg.

Red Fort case: standards for awarding death & President’s ‘mercy’ power

AJOY SINHA KARPURAM
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

PRESIDENT DROUPADI Murmu has rejected a mercy petition filed by Pakistani national Mohammed Arif who was sentenced to death for the December 22, 2000 terrorist attack at the Red Fort in which three people including two Army jawans were killed.

The President’s decision, made on May 27, came after Arif failed to obtain relief from the Delhi High Court and Supreme Court in his appeals against a trial court order of October 2005. He can challenge the President’s decision and prolong the proceedings further.

What standard do courts apply in death sentence cases?

In 1980, the Supreme Court (*Bachan Singh v. State of Punjab*) upheld the constitutionality of the death penalty, but established important guardrails. “Judges”, the court said, “should never be bloodthirsty”, and the death penalty should not be awarded “save in the rarest of rare cases when the alternative option is unquestionably foreclosed”, and all possible mitigating circumstances have been considered.

The court has reaffirmed the “rarest of rare” standard in several decisions since then.

The Report of the 262nd Law Commission published in 2015 recommended the “absolute abolition” of the death penalty “for all crimes other than terrorism related offences and waging war”.

On the President’s power to “grant pardons, etc., and to suspend, remit or commute sentences in certain cases” (Article 72 of the Constitution), the Law Commission Report said these ‘mercy powers’ provided additional protection against possible miscarriage of justice and, “therefore, cases found unfit for mercy merit capital punishment.”

What happened during the attack at the Red Fort? How was Arif arrested?

Late evening on December 22, 2000, two Lashkar-e-Tayyeba terrorists sneaked into the Red Fort and opened fire, killing two jawans of the Army’s Rajputana Rifles regiment and a civilian security guard before escaping.

Investigators made a breakthrough after assault rifles were found abandoned outside the Red Fort, and four detonators with tags which said in Urdu: “*Khabardar. Grenade firing ke liye taiyyar hai. Safety pin sirf hamle ke waqt nikalein*,” according to reporting by *The Indian Express*.

A polythene bag containing cash and a slip with a mobile phone number on it was also found, which led Delhi Police to Arif alias Ashfaq. He was arrested on December 26,



In November 2022, the Supreme Court rejected Arif’s review petition. Archive

along with his wife Rehmana Yusuf Farooqi.

Arif directed police to one Abu Shyamal alias Faizal, who was killed in an encounter at his hideout in Batla House, Okhla. Another alleged militant identified as Abu Sufian was killed in an encounter in Srinagar.

Delhi Police filed a chargesheet against Arif and 21 others on February 20, 2001, and a supplementary chargesheet on March 25 that year. The trial of 11 accused began on September 11, 2001. Over the next three years, the prosecution examined 235 witnesses, and the trial court reserved judgment on October 14, 2005. On October 31, the court found seven of the accused guilty,

and sentenced Arif to death.

How did Arif’s appeals process progress?

In 2007, the Delhi High Court confirmed the trial court’s decision to sentence Arif to death. Arif then appealed to the Supreme Court. On August 10, 2011, a Bench of Justices V S Sirpurkar and T S Thakur rejected the appeal, calling the attack an “undeclared war by some foreign mercenaries”.

Providing a historical overview of Red Fort to highlight its significance as a national monument, the Bench stated that “even without any reference to any other case law”, the case

satisfies the standard of the “rarest of rare”.

Arif continued to file petitions at the Supreme Court against the death sentence. The first review petition was rejected in August 2012, and the following curative petition — where the apex court can only interfere if there is an obvious error in its decision — was rejected in January 2014.

That same year, Arif filed another writ petition, arguing that cases arising out of a death sentence should be heard by a Bench of three judges or more, and that his 2012 review petition should be heard afresh. A five-judge Constitution Bench in September 2014 agreed with his arguments, and held that “at least three judicially trained minds need to apply their minds at the final stage of the journey of a convict on death row”.

The case was then placed before a three-judge Bench led by former Chief Justice of India U U Lalit. On November 3, 2022, nearly 22 years after the attack, the Bench rejected Arif’s plea, finding that “there was a direct attack on the unity, integrity and sovereignty of India.”

The court set aside findings based on call data records, but held that “other circumstances on record do clearly spell out and prove beyond any doubt the involvement of the review petitioner in the crime...”.

President Murmu received Arif’s mercy petition on May 15, 2024.

What can happen here onward?

Arif has the option of challenging the President’s rejection of his mercy petition.

At a procedural level, the apex court has held that the President’s power must be exercised based on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers, and can be challenged on multiple grounds — including that relevant material was not considered, the power was exercised based on political considerations, or that there was no application of mind.

The top court has also commuted the death sentence in cases of inordinate delay in deciding mercy petitions, such as in the case of *Shatrugan Chauhan v. State of U.P.* (2014).

The court also commuted the sentence of one Gurmeet Singh after he spent 27 years in custody (and 21 years on death row). The court found that there was an inordinate delay in deciding his mercy petition, which was disposed of in March 2013 more than seven years after the Supreme Court first upheld the death sentence.

In April 2023, the Supreme Court declined to interfere with an order of the Bombay High Court, which commuted the death sentence awarded to a woman and her sister on grounds of inordinate delay in deciding the mercy petitions of the accused.

Arif has spent over 23 years in custody, and close to 19 years under a death sentence.



BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNY



Gas cylinders, cardboard partitions, door to roof locked: Kuwait probe into building fire

45 of 49 dead are Indians, officials say; IAF aircraft to fly bodies home after DNA tests

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS into the Kuwait fire incident in which 45 Indians were killed indicate glaring lapses: around two dozen gas cylinders on the ground floor of the seven-storey building, inflammable materials like paper, cardboard and plastic as partitions to separate the workers in the cramped rooms, locked doors to the rooftop that did not allow workers to escape to the rooftop, sources told *The Indian Express* Thursday.

These details emerged as Indian embassy officials met the survivors and the Kuwaiti investigators began probing the fire incident that claimed 49 lives early Wednesday in an apartment building near Kuwait City. According to Kuwaiti authorities, 45 of the 49 dead have been identified as Indians and three from Philippines. One body is still to be identified. About 50 others were injured in the blaze in the building that housed 196 migrant workers in Mangaf, south of Kuwait City.

Minister of State Kirti Vardhan Singh, accompanied by Adarsh Swaika, Indian ambassador to Kuwait, met some of the survivors and senior officials in the Kuwaiti government.

Sources said that the probable cause seems to be a short-circuit on the ground floor, which was aggravated by the two dozen gas cylinders that were stored and kept there — the kitchen was located on the ground floor.

The fire is said to have spread quickly, since the rooms had



MoS External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh meets an injured Indian at a hospital in Kuwait. PTI

Victims worked for firm whose MD was behind film on misery of workers

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 13

IN MARCH this year, *Aadujeevitham*, a movie that captured the trials and tribulations of a Malayali immigrant labourer in Saudi Arabia, was released worldwide. Among the co-producers of the film, which made over Rs 150 crore, was Kerala businessman KG Abraham.

Months later, Abraham is in news again — most of the 45 Indians, including 24 from Kerala, who died in Wednesday's fire at an apartment building in Kuwait are employees of a firm where he is partner and managing director.

The firm, NBTC, was established in 1977 and now operates across Kuwait, United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia. It



PTI



Building where the fire broke out, in Kuwait's Mangaf. (Left) NBTC managing director KG Abraham.

provides services linked to engineering and construction, logistics, hotel and retailing.

Apart from NBTC, Abraham

heads KG Group, which co-produced *Aadujeevitham*, or *Goat Life* in English.

Hailing from Niranam in central Kerala's Pathanamthitta

Engineer who joined father in same firm last week among dead



Sreehari Pradeep, 27, was from Kerala's Kottayam

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 13

IT WAS only last week that 27-year-old Sreehari Pradeep started his first job, at the company where his father has been working for a decade.

On Wednesday, the mechanical engineer from Kerala was among the 49 people who died when a fire broke out at an apartment building in Kuwait's Mangaf area. The building was where the NBTC group, the company Sreehari joined days ago, housed several of its employees.

Around 45 of the 49 people who died in the fire were Indians, and at least 24 of them were from Kerala, according to the state government.

Like Sreehari, 44-year-old Binoy Joseph and 29-year-old Sajjan George — both from Kerala — had also not been in Kuwait for long. Binoy had moved to the country just five days ago to work for the NBTC group. Sajjan, who had joined the company in April, had sent his first salary home only last week. Nithin Kuthoor, 26, had been working in Kuwait for five years, but only

IN WAKE OF ATTACKS

PM: Deploy full spectrum of counter-terror steps in J&K

Takes stock of situation with Shah, L-G at review meeting; NSA too present



Prime Minister Narendra Modi leaves New Delhi for the G7 summit in Italy on Thursday. ANI

REPORT, PAGE 8

AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

IN THE wake of a series of terror attacks in the Jammu region, including on a bus carrying pilgrims near Reasi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who chaired a meeting Thursday to review the situation in J&K, directed the "deployment of the full spectrum" of "counter-terror capabilities".

The Prime Minister, sources said, spoke to Union Home Minister Amit Shah and discussed counter-terror operations and the deployment of se-

curity forces. He also took stock of the security situation in the Union Territory from Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and other senior officials were present at the meeting, sources said.

The Prime Minister, sources said, was given an overview of the security-related situation in J&K and was apprised of the counter-terror efforts being undertaken in the region.

He was also briefed on efforts by the local administration to counter such incidents in future.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

MAXIMUM IN 15 YEARS OF DATA

This summer: Most number of heatwave days and still counting

More days, bigger spread, more severe — first time even in HP and J&K

THE MOST INTENSE EVER

State	Number of heatwave days*	Previous highest since 2010
Odisha	27	19 (2010 & 2016)
Uttar Pradesh	20	17 (2012)
Gujarat	17	9 (2010)
Telangana	16	14 (2016)
Tamil Nadu	14	11 (2019)
Karnataka	13	4 (2020)
Himachal Pradesh	12	0
Kerala	5	0

*This season (until June 9)

AMITABH SINHA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

THIS SUMMER season is still on but it is already set to emerge as the one that produced the most intense heatwave the country has experienced — at least in the last 15 years for which heatwave data is available.

This year, heatwaves began early, were far more widespread and intense, and lasted longer

than usual. At least eight states recorded their highest number of heatwave days since 2010, data from the India Meteorological Department shows (see table). Two states, Himachal Pradesh and Kerala, recorded heatwaves for the first time this year.

Odisha registered as many as 27 heatwave days between March 1 and June 9, IMD data shows. This was the highest

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

NEET: Retest for 1,563 candidates, Pradhan says no paper leak

Grace marks withdrawn, retest result by June 30: NTA to SC; Opp for probe

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND & ANANTHAKRISHNAN
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

AMID THE row over the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (Undergraduate) 2024 results, including allegations of a paper leak, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said Thursday that there was no evidence of a paper leak.

Pradhan, who returned for a second innings as the head of the Ministry and took charge Thursday, made the remark even as the National Testing Agency (NTA) announced that a NEET retest would be conducted for 1,563 candidates who were given 'grace marks' for 'loss of time' during the exams. It said that these 'grace marks' stand withdrawn.

On Wednesday, *The Indian Express* had reported that a retest for these 1,563 candidates was among the options being considered by a four-member commit-

NEET-UG row: Retest for 1,563 candidates an option; exam sanctity affected, says top court



The Indian Express report published on June 12

tee formed last week by the NTA.

Pradhan said: "This year, 24 lakh students took the NEET. Around 13 lakh students qualified. There are 4,500 exam centres for NEET, and there are centres in other countries as well. The exam happens in 13 languages.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Amid BJP churn over poor performance in UP, Balyan and Som target each other

LALMANI VERMA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

AT A time the BJP is set to conduct a review of its Lok Sabha election performance in Uttar Pradesh and several leaders have blamed "internal sabotage" for the party's poor showing, two prominent BJP leaders from west UP are publicly targeting each other.

Former Union Minister and two-term Muzaffarnagar MP Sanjeev Balyan, who lost the



Balyan has accused Som (right) of helping his SP rival in Muzaffarnagar

election this time, has accused the party's former Sardhana

MLA Sangeet Singh Som of sabotaging his re-election effort by "supporting the Samajwadi Party (SP)". Sardhana is one of the five Assembly segments of the Muzaffarnagar parliamentary seat, the others being Budhana, Charthawal, Muzaffarnagar and Khatauli.

Balyan, who lost the seat to SP's Harendra Singh Malik by 24,672 votes, told *The Indian Express* Thursday, "He (Sangeet Som) supported the SP candidate in the election. The atmos-

phere in west UP was spoiled through panchayats (of the Rajput community) and he was the *sutradhar* (facilitator) of these panchayats. That divided the sarv samaj. That affected the results in Kairana and Saharanpur also." While the Congress's Imran Masood won Saharanpur, the SP's Iqra Choudhary bagged Kairana. In the run-up to the elections, Balyan faced boycott calls from Rajputs angry over alleged Jat

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

POCSO court issues non-bailable arrest warrant against Yediyurappa

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, JUNE 13

A SPECIAL court for hearing cases filed under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 Thursday issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against former Karnataka Chief Minister and veteran BJP leader BS Yediyurappa in a case



Had sought time for appearance before CID

of sexual harassment of a minor that was registered in Bengaluru on March 14 this year.

The court issued the arrest

warrant on a plea from the state police's Criminal Investigation Department (CID), which is probing the case.

Yediyurappa, 80, was summoned by the CID on June 12 as part of the investigation. He, however, sought time until June 17 for appearance, stating that he was in New Delhi.

On Wednesday, Yediyurappa

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



The Amazon warehouse in Manesar near Gurgaon. Express

performance and attain the target," he claimed, adding that seniors even go as far as to check washrooms and other places to ensure workers are not spending unnecessary time there.

"The worst affected are women. The trucks are hot from being parked outside, and when they unload articles, they get exhausted quickly," he said.

Amazon has faced such allegations abroad too. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration in the US had in 2022 and 2023 issued citations against the company over unsafe working conditions, ergonomic hazards and failure to properly

report injuries at six warehouses, *The Guardian* reported.

In India, labour associations have alleged that rules under the Factories Act, 1948 are flouted at the five warehouses that operate in and around Manesar. As Haryana has amended its work hours to less than 10 hours a day, the company now has its employees working from 8.30 am to 6.30 pm. As per the Act, if a factory worker works for more than nine hours a day or over 48 hours a week, he is entitled to twice his ordinary wages. However, workers' rights groups claim this is not being fulfilled.

The Act also fixes intervals for

rest: "...no worker shall work for more than five hours before he has had an interval for rest of at least half an hour".

A woman working at the Manesar warehouse said there is no restroom on the premises. "If we are unwell, the only option is to go to the washroom or locker room. There is a sick room with a bed, but workers are asked to leave after 10 minutes," she claimed. Her department, of customer returns, took the oath as well. "Say it after me, we will attain the target, we won't go to the washroom, we will not drink," she repeated the oath.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

PAGE 1 ANCHOR

AISWARYARAJ
GURGAON, JUNE 13

ON MAY 16, after their team's 30-minute tea break ended, a 24-year-old worker in one of Amazon India's five warehouses in Haryana's Manesar was asked to take an "oath" that they would not take toilet or water breaks until their target is achieved. The target: unloading packages from six trucks, measuring 24 feet each.

Over the past month, the "inbound team" at the warehouse

has taken the oath around eight times, particularly on hectic days when the workload is more, employees confirmed to *The Indian Express*. The "outbound team", which took the pledge once, is reminded of their targets daily. The outbound team takes care of articles meant to be shifted/shipped out of the warehouse, while the inbound team deals with articles received from other sources.

An Amazon India spokesperson, when asked about this, said, "We're investigating these claims, but to be clear, we'd never make these kinds of requests on our employees as part of standard business practice. If

we discovered an incident such as the one that's been alleged, we'd immediately put a stop to it and ensure the manager involved was re-trained on our expectations of team support, health, and safety. We'll continue to investigate."

The 24-year-old, who works five days a week, ten hours a day, and earns Rs 10,088 a month, said, "Even if we work without any breaks, including the lunch and tea breaks that are 30 minutes each, we can't unload more than four trucks a day."

"Just two days ago, we took a pledge that we would forgo water and washroom breaks to improve

FROM PAGE ONE FULL REPORTSON WWW.INDIANEXPRESS.COM

PM: Deploy full spectrum of counter-terror steps in J&K

Modi, sources said, “sought deployment of the full spectrum of our counter-terror capabilities”. The review meeting comes in the wake of a series of attacks in J&K.

Last Sunday, nine pilgrims were killed and 33 injured when a bus carrying pilgrims was attacked in Reasi.

Since Tuesday, a CRPF jawan and two militants have been killed and 7 security personnel injured in three separate encounters in Doda and Kathua districts.

An M4 carbine, an AK-47 rifle, six live grenades, bullets, food and medicines with Pakistan markings, and Rs 2 lakh in Indian currency were recovered during the encounters.

News agency PTI reported that about 50 people have been detained in connection with the Reasi attack and the search has been expanded to include far-flung areas like Amas and Mahore.

Last month, an IAF convoy was attacked near Shahsitar in Poonch district, killing one personnel and leaving four others injured.

In April, a 40-year-old villager was killed after militants opened fire on him near Shahdra Sharief area of Thanamandi. In the same month, a village defence guard, Mohd Sharief, was killed in Basantgarh area of Udhampur.

Over the last three years, areas south of the Pir Panjal range have seen a spike in terror incidents.

In Rajouri and Poonch districts,

38 soldiers and 11 civilians have been killed in terror attacks since 2021.

While the Army and the security forces have an established counter-infiltration and counter-terrorism grid in place along the Line of Control and the hinterland of J&K, various geographical and terrain challenges make it difficult to plug all gaps along the LoC and fullproof it from infiltration, particularly well-trained and highly-motivated militants who keep changing their tactics.

Moreover, areas to the south of Pir Panjal can be accessed through easier and all-weather infiltration routes. But since they lack adequate logistical support there, the infiltrators not only tar-

get security forces but also civilians.

Other factors such as two main roads passing through this region — the Jammu-Srinagar highway and the old Mughal Road connecting Poonch and Shopian in the Valley via the Pir Panjal Pass — the demographic constitution and the geographical lay of the land, characterised by forested hills of lower altitude, are reasons why these areas have often been targeted by militants.

There’s a pattern: a group of 10-12 trained militants spread out in sub groups in the Rajouri-Poonch sector where they carry intensive reconnaissance and take advantage of any vulnerability noticed in the CT grid.

According to an official, the fact that the terrorists have been able to remain undetected and avoid any kind of contact in the last 7-8 months indicates a lack of actionable intelligence on their presence or the mode of their infiltration and replenishment while they are there.

Senior defence and security officials had earlier told *The Indian Express* that lack of adequate actionable intelligence on infiltration of terrorists and their sustenance, thinning of security forces from the hinterland and an increasing influx of narcotics are among reasons why Poonch, Rajouri and Jammu have been seeing several high intensity terror attacks.

district, Abraham is among a group of businessmen from the state who flourished in the oil-rich Middle East. The third of seven children from a farmer’s family, Kattunilathi Geevarghese Abraham flew to Kuwait in 1976, when he was 22. He had with him a diploma in civil engineering, and a hunger to make it big.

He joined a construction company for a monthly salary of 60 dinars. Seven years later, with a capital of 4,000 dinars, Abraham became a partner in NBTC, or Naser Mohamed Al-Baddah & Partner Trading and Contracting Company, and started taking up minor civil construction work in Kuwait.

The Kuwait war of 1990 was a turning point in his life. When the war began that August, Abraham

was on vacation in Kerala. In May 1991, a month after it ended, he returned to Kuwait and invested in the country’s revival in the post-war days.

NBTC grew beyond Kuwait and expanded its operations into oil and gas, among other sectors. Having started with 90 workers, it became a major employer in the Middle East, with a staff strength of 15,000.

Back in Kerala, Abraham is a film producer and a stakeholder in the hospitality sector, with a five-star property in Kochi, the Crowne Plaza.

In 2007, he courted controversy that led to the resignation of the then public works minister T U Kuruvila from the Left cabinet. Kuruvila had allegedly tried to sell 50 acres of revenue waste land in

the high ranges of Idukki to Abraham.

Abraham paid an advance of Rs 7 crore to Kuruvila, but backed out from the deal after suspecting fraud. When Kuruvila allegedly refused to return the money, Abraham took up the matter with the government, which probed the matter leading to Kuruvila’s exit.

Abraham, known to be a philanthropist, had also locked horns with the current LDF regime, saying that the 2018 flood relief contributions, mobilised from expatriates, did not reach those eligible. In 2023, when the government proposed a new tax on houses that are vacant, Abraham had criticised the government, saying he will stop the practice of giving contributions to politicians.

Amid BJP churn over poor performance in UP, Balyan and Som target each other

dominance in the party and the alleged sidelining of Rajputs, saying it reflected in the ticket distribution.

Balyan, who is a Jat, said the consolidation of Muslim votes behind the Opposition, the division among Hindus, and low voter turnout were key factors in his defeat. However, he added, that the alliance with Jayant Chaudhary’s Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) helped the BJP. Of the 19 Lok Sabha seats in west BJP, the BJP won 10 and the RLD two. The BJP had won 12 of these seats in 2019. At the time, the RLD was an ally of the SP and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP).

Meanwhile, Som, who is a Rajput, dismissed Balyan’s allegations and claimed that he lost

the election because he had lost the support of BJP workers. “Not a single BJP worker liked Balyan and even people told the party leadership that he should not be given the ticket. He did not work for party workers in the past 10 years. He lost because BJP workers became inactive,” he told *The Indian Express*.

Asked about the former MP accusing him of supporting the SP, Som said, “Balyan himself has been an SP supporter.”

The former MLA said the central leadership had assigned him the responsibility of mobilising voters in Sardhana, claiming that in the constituency the BJP and the SP received almost equal votes. According to official data, the BJP lost Sardhana by 45 votes.

Of the rest of the Assembly segments, the BJP won Muzaffarnagar and Khatauli while the SP took home Budhana and Charthawal.

“In an organisational meeting in the presence of UP Chief Minister (Yogi Adityanath) and the state BJP president, Balyan himself demanded that there should be no interference in Budhana and Charthawal Assembly segments and he looked after poll management in both these segments. He lost both, including Budhana where he lives. He even lost in Soram village in Budhana, which is the biggest village of Jats. How can he blame me for his defeat?” the former MLA asked, adding that BJP workers became inactive in

western UP and did not distribute voter slips. “The division of votes and inactiveness of workers were also the reasons for defeat.”

Dismissing the allegation that he orchestrated the Rajput community’s panchayats against the BJP, Som said, “I did not attend any of these panchayats. I did the damage-control exercise, convinced people and got votes polled for the party. The BJP did not lose in Rajput villages”

On Tuesday, while Som was addressing a press conference to respond to Balyan’s initial allegations, a statement drafted on the former MLA’s letterhead was distributed outside his home. In the statement, Balyan was accused of corruption. Som on

Thursday distanced himself from it and said an “unidentified person” had distributed the statement. He said he had registered a police complaint against the misuse of his letterhead. Balyan, too, dismissed the allegations mentioned in the statement.

Muzaffarnagar is not the only constituency where BJP leaders have blamed sabotage by their party colleagues for the party’s defeat. Some of the other constituencies — some outside west UP — where such allegations have come to the fore are Rampur, Mohanlalganj, Srirawasti, Lalganj, Sambhal, Basti, Barabanki, Faizabad, Sultanpur, Allahabad, Kaushambi, Badaun, and Sitapur.

Engineer who joined firm last week among dead

moved to the apartment building in Mangaf just last week. The three of them were also among the victims of Wednesday’s fire.

Sreehari’s father, Pradeep, lived three buildings away from where the fire took place, and on Thursday morning, he identified his son at a hospital mortuary.

Throughout Wednesday, his family back home in Ithithanam, in Kerala’s Kottayam district, had been praying that Sreehari would be found alive.

Shailaja Soman, the family’s neighbour in Ithithanam, said: “On Wednesday, when the incident happened, Pradeep rushed to the apartment where his son was staying. Due to the fire and warnings from security personnel, he could not go inside.”

Then, somebody told Pradeep that Sreehari was injured and was taken to hospital.

“Throughout Wednesday, Pradeep ran from one hospital to another in search of his son. Eventually, a staff member at a hospital asked for Sreehari’s identification marks — he had tattoos on both wrists. Subsequently, the staff member took Pradeep to the morgue, where he identified his son’s body,” Shailaja said.

According to the neighbour,

Sreehari had not suffered burns, but died of suffocation caused by smoke.

Pradeep has worked for NBTC for around a decade. His wife, Deepa, is a homemaker. Apart from Sreehari, the couple have two other sons — Arjun, who works in the hospitality sector, and Anand, who works in retail.

Binoy Joseph, who also died in the fire, leaves behind wife, Bineetha, and two daughters — the youngest of whom is in class 1 — back home in Palayoor, near Chavakkad in Thrissur district.

He had been working as a salesman at a shop in Chavakkad before going to Kuwait with dreams of earning enough money to build a house for his family.

The family’s neighbour Supriya Ramachandran said: “They don’t have a house of their own. Last year, Binoy purchased a small plot of land to build a house. Now, they have erected a small shed on that land. He went to Kuwait at the age of 44 just so that he can repay the liability incurred in purchasing the land and to find enough money to start constructing a house.”

The father of Sajan George, who also died in the fire,

lamented that it was he who had urged Sajan to go to Kuwait. Sajan, who has a postgraduate degree in engineering, was an assistant professor at a private engineering college in Adoor, in Pathanamthitta district, before moving to Kuwait on April 27 to work as a junior mechanical engineer with NBTC.

A native Punalur in Kollam district, Sajan was not keen on going to Kuwait, his family said. “On June 5, he sent me his first salary,” said George Pothen, his father.

Also among the dead was Nithin Kuthoor from Vayakkara in Kannur district. He had been working as a driver for the NBTC group for the last five years. The company had put him up in other accommodations earlier and was moved to the apartment where the fire took place just a week ago.

“Over a year ago, Nithin had come (to Kerala) on leave. He has a small plot of land, and when he came on leave, he had constructed the base for a house there. A bachelor, his dream was to make enough money to build a house and then return,” his friend Pramod CP said.

Nithin’s father Lakshman and elder brother Lijin work as drivers in Kannur.

IAS | RAS FOUNDATION COURSE 2025

₹1000/- One Month Access to Complete Course

Trust Only Yourself, Everything else TEST First

98878-44044

17 June Sikar | Jaipur

KALAM IAS

PLUTUS IAS UPSC/PCS

PSYCHOLOGY OPTIONAL ZOOLOGY OPTIONAL

Shalini Singh Shivani Sharma

GS 1 Year Foundation Course GS 2 Years Foundation Course GS 3 Years (UPSC Coaching + Graduation)

TEST SERIES:

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

Short Term E-Tender Enq. No. 7559/P-3/EMP-12671 Dated 11.06.24

Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar

For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

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

NO.-34546/PB RTP-46/24

NEET: Retest for 1,563 candidates, Pradhan says no paper leak

There are two question sheets for NEET. On the day of the exam itself, it is informed whether question sheet A or B will be used. This time, by mistake, in six centres out of 4,500 centres, a wrong set of questions was given.”

“When the exam began, cognizance of this was taken and the correct question paper was given. There was some time loss involved. In those six centres, there were 1,563 students. They thought this time loss was unfair. There is a standing order of the Supreme Court... that if such issues are raised in entrance exams, instead of re-exam, an average marking... on the grace marking method... can be done. The NTA applied this.”

“After this, it was seen that some students got 100% after the grace marks. Based on this, some went to court. A committee was constituted... Today, the Supreme Court has made it clear that the 1,563 students should be given the opportunity for a re-exam. On June 23, these students will be given the option of a re-exam. They can either sit for the re-exam or take the original scores,” he said.

An unusually large number — 67 candidates — secured the top rank in the NEET exam.

On the allegations, Pradhan said, “There is no corruption. This environment has been created over the past few days... there are big anomalies... The government has taken seriously the specific instances that have come to the fore. A committee of academicians has been formed and they have given some recommendations. Based on that the government has presented its side to the court. The NTA conducts three big exams successfully: NEET, JEE and CUET. In the incident that has

been brought to the fore, the culprits will most certainly be punished.”

In the Supreme Court Thursday, the Centre and NTA said that the grace marks awarded to 1,563 NEET candidates will be cancelled and a retest organised for those who want to take it again. Advocate Kanu Agrawal, appearing for the NTA and Centre, told a bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta that these candidates would be informed of their “actual scores” without the compensatory marks. A retest will be conducted for these candidates and the results of those who do not wish to reappear will be declared based on the “actual marks” scored by them.

The NTA said the retest will be notified Thursday itself and that it is likely to be held on June 23. The results of the retest will be declared before June 30 so that the counselling process, which is set to begin on July 6, is not affected.

The bench recorded the submissions and disposed of the petition.

Meanwhile, the Opposition demanded a Supreme Court-monitored investigation into the NEET row and removal of the NTA chief.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said that “grace marks was not the only issue, that there was ‘rigging’ and the ‘papers were leaked’.”

Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi told a press conference, “We demand a Supreme Court-monitored investigation into this entire scandal which has affected around 24 lakh students.”

Replying to Kharge, Union Minister Pradhan said that “in the NEET exam case, NTA is committed to take appropriate action by following the directions of the Honourable Supreme Court”.

“As per the Honourable Supreme Court, the examination of 1,563 students will be conducted again,” he said.

“No concrete evidence of any kind of rigging, corruption or paper leak has been found so far in the NEET exam. All the facts related to this are before the Supreme Court and are under consideration,” he said in a post on X.

“I want to remind the Congress that to prevent paper leak and to conduct a cheating-free exam, the Central Government has passed the Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act this year, which has many strict provisions. Congress should not be under the misconception that if any nexus is found, no action will be taken against it. The provisions of this Act will be implemented very carefully.”

Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Priyanka Chaturvedi also raised the issue of the NEET examination. “Besides the arbitrary granting of grace marks which have been withdrawn, the NTA has a lot to answer,” she said.

DMK MP Dayanidhi Maran welcomed the Supreme Court direction in the NEET matter.

“Today’s order asking 1,563 students to re-do the exam is a welcome part. Our leader MK Stalin was the first person who spoke about NEET and was against it. That time they all made jokes about us. They all said NEET is a Tamil Nadu issue and not a national one. Our young leader Udhayanidhi (Stalin) also raised the issue. Not only in Tamil Nadu, suicides are happening even in Rajasthan’s Kota too. Do you know what the BJP government did to solve this problem? They are putting springs in ceiling fans to stop student suicides,” Maran told reporters.

Tenures of NSA Doval, PM’s Principal Secy Mishra extended

conditions” of their appointment will be notified separately, according to the orders.

A 1972-batch Gujarat cadre IAS officer, Mishra has been at the helm of affairs in the PMO for the past 10 years — first as the Additional Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister during 2014-19, and then as Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister since September 2019. He shares a special rapport with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with whom he has worked in various capacities, since his days in Gujarat.

Former IPS officer Doval has been re-appointed as the NSA for a third time. He took over as the NSA in 2014. In a separate order, the ACC also ap-

proved the appointment of former IAS officers Amit Khare and Tarun Kapoor as Advisors to the Prime Minister, in the PMO, in the rank and scale of Secretary to Government of India with effect from June 10. Their term will be for a period of two years with effect from June 10 or until further orders, whichever is earlier, the order said. It said their appointment is on contract basis as per usual terms and conditions.

A 1985-batch Jharkhand cadre IAS officer, Khare retired as Higher Education Secretary. He helped shape the new National Education Policy. Khare was appointed as advisor to the Prime Minister on a contract basis for two years on October 12, 2021. In

September last year, he was given an extension.

Khare, who holds an MBA from IIM Ahmedabad, took charge as the Higher Education Secretary in December 2019. He served as Information and Broadcasting Secretary between May 2018 and December 2019.

While in the PMO, Khare played a key role in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra — a saturation drive launched by the government ahead of the Lok Sabha elections.

Kapoor, a 1987-batch Himachal Pradesh cadre former IAS officer, was appointed as Advisor to the Prime Minister in the PMO in the rank and scale of Secretary to Government of India in May 2022.

At Amazon warehouse, an oath: No washroom breaks

She alleged that on one occasion, when she was caught resting in a washroom, the supervisor took a photograph of her ID card and threatened to get it blocked. The woman, who earns a little over Rs 10,000 a month and has to check returned items to see if they are eligible for refund, said, “I stand for nine hours a day, and am supposed to go through 60 small products or 40 medium-sized products every hour.”

Dharmender Kumar, convener of the Amazon India Workers’ Association, said factories and warehouses in Haryana cater to customers in Delhi help

the company cut costs. “The minimum wage in Delhi is Rs 21,000-23,000 while in Haryana, it is Rs 11,000-13,000. The targets are unrealistic and there is no sitting arrangement, which is violative of provisions of the Factories Act. Labour inspectors can ask employers to rectify this, but there is little will,” he said, adding that not having a union makes it difficult.

The Amazon spokesperson said well-being of employees is their top priority. “All our buildings have heat index monitoring devices and we constantly monitor changes in temperature, especially during summer months. If

we do find increasing heat or humidity inside our buildings, then our teams take action to provide comfortable working conditions, including temporarily suspending work. We have cooling measures in all our buildings, including ventilation systems, fans, and spot coolers. We provide adequate provision of water and hydration, as well as regularly scheduled rest breaks in a cooler environment, and we ensure additional breaks when temperatures are high. Employees are free to take informal breaks throughout their shifts to use the restroom, get water, or talk to a manager or HR.”

Firm MD was behind film on misery of workers

district, Abraham is among a group of businessmen from the state who flourished in the oil-rich Middle East. The third of seven children from a farmer’s family, Kattunilathi Geevarghese Abraham flew to Kuwait in 1976, when he was 22. He had with him a diploma in civil engineering, and a hunger to make it big.

He joined a construction company for a monthly salary of 60 dinars. Seven years later, with a capital of 4,000 dinars, Abraham became a partner in NBTC, or Naser Mohamed Al-Baddah & Partner Trading and Contracting Company, and started taking up minor civil construction work in Kuwait.

The Kuwait war of 1990 was a turning point in his life. When the war began that August, Abraham

was on vacation in Kerala. In May 1991, a month after it ended, he returned to Kuwait and invested in the country’s revival in the post-war days.

NBTC grew beyond Kuwait and expanded its operations into oil and gas, among other sectors. Having started with 90 workers, it became a major employer in the Middle East, with a staff strength of 15,000.

Back in Kerala, Abraham is a film producer and a stakeholder in the hospitality sector, with a five-star property in Kochi, the Crowne Plaza.

In 2007, he courted controversy that led to the resignation of the then public works minister T U Kuruvila from the Left cabinet. Kuruvila had allegedly tried to sell 50 acres of revenue waste land in

the high ranges of Idukki to Abraham.

Abraham paid an advance of Rs 7 crore to Kuruvila, but backed out from the deal after suspecting fraud. When Kuruvila allegedly refused to return the money, Abraham took up the matter with the government, which probed the matter leading to Kuruvila’s exit.

Abraham, known to be a philanthropist, had also locked horns with the current LDF regime, saying that the 2018 flood relief contributions, mobilised from expatriates, did not reach those eligible. In 2023, when the government proposed a new tax on houses that are vacant, Abraham had criticised the government, saying he will stop the practice of giving contributions to politicians.

Engineer who joined firm last week among dead

moved to the apartment building in Mangaf just last week. The three of them were also among the victims of Wednesday’s fire.

Sreehari’s father, Pradeep, lived three buildings away from where the fire took place, and on Thursday morning, he identified his son at a hospital mortuary.

Throughout Wednesday, his family back home in Ithithanam, in Kerala’s Kottayam district, had been praying that Sreehari would be found alive.

Shailaja Soman, the family’s neighbour in Ithithanam, said: “On Wednesday, when the incident happened, Pradeep rushed to the apartment where his son was staying. Due to the fire and warnings from security personnel, he could not go inside.”

Then, somebody told Pradeep that Sreehari was injured and was taken to hospital.

“Throughout Wednesday, Pradeep ran from one hospital to another in search of his son. Eventually, a staff member at a hospital asked for Sreehari’s identification marks — he had tattoos on both wrists. Subsequently, the staff member took Pradeep to the morgue, where he identified his son’s body,” Shailaja said.

According to the neighbour,

Sreehari had not suffered burns, but died of suffocation caused by smoke.

Pradeep has worked for NBTC for around a decade. His wife, Deepa, is a homemaker. Apart from Sreehari, the couple have two other sons — Arjun, who works in the hospitality sector, and Anand, who works in retail.

Binoy Joseph, who also died in the fire, leaves behind wife, Bineetha, and two daughters — the youngest of whom is in class 1 — back home in Palayoor, near Chavakkad in Thrissur district.

He had been working as a salesman at a shop in Chavakkad before going to Kuwait with dreams of earning enough money to build a house for his family.

The family’s neighbour Supriya Ramachandran said: “They don’t have a house of their own. Last year, Binoy purchased a small plot of land to build a house. Now, they have erected a small shed on that land. He went to Kuwait at the age of 44 just so that he can repay the liability incurred in purchasing the land and to find enough money to start constructing a house.”

The father of Sajan George, who also died in the fire,

lamented that it was he who had urged Sajan to go to Kuwait. Sajan, who has a postgraduate degree in engineering, was an assistant professor at a private engineering college in Adoor, in Pathanamthitta district, before moving to Kuwait on April 27 to work as a junior mechanical engineer with NBTC.

A native Punalur in Kollam district, Sajan was not keen on going to Kuwait, his family said. “On June 5, he sent me his first salary,” said George Pothen, his father.

Also among the dead was Nithin Kuthoor from Vayakkara in Kannur district. He had been working as a driver for the NBTC group for the last five years. The company had put him up in other accommodations earlier and was moved to the apartment where the fire took place just a week ago.

“Over a year ago, Nithin had come (to Kerala) on leave. He has a small plot of land, and when he came on leave, he had constructed the base for a house there. A bachelor, his dream was to make enough money to build a house and then return,” his friend Pramod CP said.

Nithin’s father Lakshman and elder brother Lijin work as drivers in Kannur.

Kuwait probe

enough inflammable material — cardboard, papers and plastic were used to separate the otherwise congested rooms where a dozen or more people were staying in each room of the building.

The fire spread quickly and the smoke filled up the rooms on the ground floor and in the upper floors of the building. Those in the upper floors tried to get to the terrace but the door to the rooftop was locked. This trapped the workers in the inferno.

Sources said that buildings in the area have been changed internally to make more space, and there are violations of the building code in Kuwait. This hindered access for fire fighters.

The circumstances that led to the blaze, the worst in Kuwait in an inhabited building, have prompted authorities to crack down against builders and building owners.

In a post on X, the Indian embassy said MoS Kirti Vardhan Singh had called on Kuwait Foreign Minister Abdullah Ali Al-Yahya. “FM Yahya conveyed his condolences on the tragic incident. He assured full support including for medical care, early repatriation of mortal remains and investigation of the incident,” the embassy said. Singh met some of the injured Indians in hospitals and assured them all support from the Indian government.

Most number of heatwave days

number for any state in the country. Rajasthan recorded 23 heatwave days while Haryana, Delhi and UP had at least 20 days each. Even Jammu and Kashmir experienced six days of heatwaves.

Heatwaves have a very specific temperature-dependent definition. In general, a heatwave is declared when the maximum temperature in at least two stations in an area goes either above 45 degrees Celsius, or is above 40 degrees Celsius and at least 4.5 degrees Celsius above normal.

This condition must be met for at least two consecutive days. For hilly or coastal locations, the temperature threshold for heatwaves is 30 and 37 degrees Celsius, respectively.

Heatwaves are declared only in the officially designated summer season that stretches from March to June. So, last year, heatwave-like conditions had prevailed as early as February in some parts of the country, but could not be declared as such.

“The summer season is not yet over, so we do not have complete data. But I don’t think there is any doubt that heatwaves this year have been one of the most intense ever, if not the most intense. Part of the reason could be that this year follows an El Nino season. We have seen earlier as well that the year following an El Nino had produced more intense heatwaves. An example is 2010. But that is only one factor influencing this. Several other factors are also at play,” said M Rajeevan, former Secretary in the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

Under El Nino, the eastern Pacific Ocean warms up more than usual setting off global temperature hikes.

Rajeevan said the impacts of heatwaves on public health were now well-acknowledged and work had been done by IMD, National Disaster Management Authority, state governments and other agencies to minimise the

health impacts. But there were other consequences as well, he said. “Heatwaves are going to become more frequent, more prolonged and more intense going forward. There are implications for water resources, our energy supplies, our agriculture. The economy as a whole is going to be impacted. Some of these impacts are not very well understood. So we need to work a lot towards adapting to these heatwaves,” he said.

As many as 23 states and union territories in the country are considered vulnerable to heatwaves. Each one of them now has a heatwave action plan to deal with the situation. Almost each one of them experienced heatwaves this year, the only exception being the states in the Northeastern region.

Heat-related deaths are widely acknowledged to be going down in the last one decade, but the equality of this data has been called into question. In any case, the heatwave deaths have been showing an upward trend in the last couple of years.

The spread of heatwaves has also been increasing.

“Till a few years ago, heatwaves were mostly restricted to the northern plains and central part of the country. Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Telangana used to be affected but the southern peninsula by and large did not see heatwaves. Not a prolonged or intense heatwave in any case. But now almost the entire country is experiencing heatwaves, even hilly states like Himachal Pradesh or Uttarakhand, and southern states like Tamil Nadu and Kerala,” said K J Ramesh, former director of IMD.

“Also, these are beginning early in the season, in March itself. Traditionally, April and May have been the hottest months. They still are. But increasingly, we are seeing large temperature anomalies in March, and even in February as was seen last year,” he said.

Non-bailable arrest warrant against Yediyurappa

filed a petition in the Karnataka High Court for quashing of the POCSCO case that was filed based on the complaint of the minor’s mother. This came a day after the minor’s brother moved the High Court over slow progress in the probe. Both petitions are likely to be taken up by the High Court on Friday.

In his petition, the minor’s brother sought the High Court’s intervention to speed up investigations in the case filed three months ago. He approached the court days after the death of his mother, who had filed the complaint, on May 26.

In the complaint, the mother had alleged sexual harassment of her daughter when she went to meet the veteran leader for help in a 2015 case of sexual assault on the child allegedly by a relative.


Yediyurappa in his petition in the High Court said the case against him was false and that it should be quashed. “There is no prima facie material on record which discloses that the petitioner has committed the alleged offence of sexual assault,” states the petition. He claimed that the case is politically motivated and that there was more than a month’s delay in its filing.

In the complaint, the mother had alleged sexual harassment of her daughter when she went to meet the veteran leader for help in a 2015 case of sexual assault on the child allegedly by a relative.

Yediyurappa in his petition in the High Court said the case against him was false and that it should be quashed. “There is no prima facie material on record which discloses that the petitioner has committed the alleged offence of sexual assault,” states the petition. He claimed that the case is politically motivated and that there was more than a month’s delay in its filing.

The alleged incident took place on February 2 when the minor’s mother took her to meet Yediyurappa in an effort to rally support in the 2015 sexual assault case. In her complaint, the mother alleged that the former Chief Minister carried out sexual offences against her daughter during the meeting.

The woman along with her daughter went to court on March 20 and provided a statement before a magistrate which was recorded under Section 164 of the Criminal Procedure Code — considered as valid evidence in the investigations.

**गणितीय विज्ञान संस्थान, चेन्नई**
THE INSTITUTE OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES, CHENNAI
(Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India)
14.06.2024
विज्ञापन संख्या/Advt No. 21-R/IMSc/2024
IMSc invites online applications for Direct Recruitment for filling up of One vacant post [UR] of **Scientific Officer “C” [Systems] (Level-10 in Pay Matrix under 7th CPC).** For more details, please visit our website https://www.imsc.res.in/other_positions.
Sd/-
कुलसचिव/ REGISTRAR

**TATA POWER**
THE TATA POWER COMPANY LIMITED
Registered Office: Bombay House, 24, Homi Mody Street, Mumbai 400 001.
Tel: 91 22 6665 6282; CIN: L28920MH1919PLC000567
Email: tatapower@tatapower.com; Website: www.tatapower.com
NOTICE OF RECORD DATE
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 that: **Monday July 8, 2024**, has been fixed as the Record Date for the purpose of payment of Annual interest on the 100 – 9.15% Secured Redeemable Non-Convertible Debentures aggregating a cumulative face value of ₹ 20,00,00,000 each (STRPP N and O) and the redemption proceeds of the Separately Transferable Redeemable Principal Part N of these Debentures (INE245A07259), aggregating ₹ 20,00,00,000, both due on **Tuesday, July 23, 2024**.
For The Tata Power Company Limited
Sd/-
Vispi S. Patel
Company Secretary
Place: Mumbai
Dated: June 13, 2024

Advertisement No. **53 / 2024**
Government of India
Public Enterprises Selection Board
invites applications for the post of
Director (Finance)
in
Numaligarh Refinery Limited
Last date of submission of application
by the applicant is **09/07/2024**
Last date of forwarding of applications
by the Nodal officers to PESB is **18/07/2024**
For details login to website
<https://pesb.gov.in/>

**HARYANA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**
Bays No. 33-36, Sector-4, Panchkula-134109
Telephone No. 0172-2582531;
Fax No. 0172-2572359
Website: <http://herc.gov.in>

PUBLIC NOTICE
Discussion Paper for inviting comments/objections from stakeholders/ general public for finalization of draft Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2014 (5th Amendment) Regulation, 2024.
All general public/stakeholders are requested to submit their objections/comments/suggestions on the above-mentioned draft discussion paper available on Commission website i.e.(<https://herc.gov.in/>), to the Secretary, Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission, Bays No. 33-36, Sector- 4, Panchkula-134112 either in person or through post or e-mail (secretary.herc@nic.in). The last date of submission of objections/comments/ suggestions is 10/07/2024 till 05:00 P.M.
The public hearing will be held on 17/07/2024 at 11:30 AM in the court room of the Commission.
Sd/-
Narendra Kumar, HCS
Secretary, HERC
NO.- 26758/HRY

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION (RULE 8 OF ORDER XIX, SCR 2013)
CIVIL APPEAL No. 868 OF 2022
NTPC LTD VERSUS Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s)
SANDPLAST (INDIA) LTD. AND OTHERS Respondent(s)
TO
1 SANDPLAST (INDIA) LTD., PID: 114000/2024 FOR R[1] IN
THR. MANAGING DIRECTOR C.A. NO.868/2022 (SEC XVII)
RAJESH GUPTA
DVB ASH POND ADJACENT TO
NAGLA MACHHI CNG STATION
RING ROAD, NEW DELHI -
110002.

WHEREAS the appeal above-mentioned filed in the Registry by **Mr.SUDHANSHU PRAKASH**, Advocate, on behalf of the Appellant above-named was listed for hearing before this Court on the 11th February, 2022, when the Court was pleased to pass the following Order: “1 Mr Tushar Mehta, Solicitor General appearing with Mr Shailesh Madiyal on behalf of the appellants submits that:

(i) Paragraph 3 of the report of the Joint Committee constituted by the National Green Tribunal (Annexure A-9) specifically provides under the caption “Limitations” that the assessment of environmental damage (in the amount of Rs 104.1684 crores for the appellant) was “just preliminary for a guidance purpose” and NEERI had been engaged by the industrial units to perform a detailed assessment;

(ii) The NGT, while extracting the table (at page 405 of the paper book) from the report of the Joint Committee has completely overlooked the ‘Limitations’ which indicate that the assessment of damages was preliminary and was to await the report of NEERI; and

(iii) Though the report was uploaded on the website of NGT, there was no opportunity to the appellants to controvert the report or to lodge objections.

2 Issue notice, returnable in twelve weeks.

3 Dasti, in addition, is permitted.

4 Pending further orders, there shall be a stay of the operation of the direction contained in the impugned order of the NGT for recovery of the amount.” AND WHEREAS, the matter above-mentioned was listed before Ld. Registrar's Court on 26th April, 2024, When the following order was passed:-

“Respondent nos. 9, 16, 23, 74, 94, 100, 114 and 123 have been deleted from array of parties.

Respondent nos. 5, 10, 11, 18, 24, 36, 37, 43, 57, 63, 70, 75, 79, 85, 98, 99, 102 and 105 have already filed counter affidavit.

Respondent nos.20, 26, 27, 29, 39, 47, 49, 50, 56, 58, 59, 67, 69, 78, 81, 89, 101, 109, 112, 117, 118, 120 and 121 have failed to file counter affidavit, within the time stipulated under the rules.

However, Ltd. Counsel for respondent nos.26, 27, 47, 67, 89, 109, 112 and 121 seeks for time to file counter affidavit. As a final opportunity, two weeks time is granted to file the same.


Application for substituted service has been filed in respect of respondent no.1. Same is allowed. Registry to proceed further. Despite due service on other respondents, there is no appearance. List again on 30.07.2024.”

NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE that the above appeal above-mentioned will be posted for hearing before this Court in due course when you may appear before the Court either in person or through an Advocate-on-record of this Court duly appointed by you and show cause to the Court on the day that may be subsequently be specified as to why the appeal should not be admitted.

You may file your affidavit in opposition to the petition within 30 days from the date of receipt of notice or not later than 2 weeks before the date appointed for hearing, whichever be earlier, but shall do so only by setting out the grounds in opposition to the questions of law or grounds set out in the Appeal and may produce such pleadings and documents filed before the tribunal against whose order the appeal is filed.

“TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you fail to enter appearance as aforesaid, no further notice shall be given to you and the matter above-mentioned shall be disposed of in your absence.

Sd/
Dated: 08th May, 2024
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR


**CENTRAL WAREHOUSING CORPORATION**
(A Govt of India Undertaking)
4/1, Siri Institutional Area, August Kranti Marg,
Hauz Khas, New Delhi-110016
Warehousing for Everyone
Start Date: 10.06.2024 End Date: 09.07.2024
Advertisement No CWC/J-GM (G)/Deputation/2024/03
Central Warehousing Corporation, a Navratna, Central Public Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, providing scientific storage facilities for agricultural inputs, produce and other notified commodities besides providing logistics infrastructure like CFSs/ICDs, Land Custom Stations, Air Cargo Complexes etc. for import-export cargo, invites application from eligible candidates for the following post:

Post Code	Name of the Post	No. of Vacancies	Mode of Appointment
01	General Manager (G)	01	Deputation


Please visit CWC's Website (www.cewacor.nic.in) for detailed information on eligibility criteria including qualification and experience, selection process, terms and conditions and the mode of application.

**COEP Technological University**
Shivajinagar, Pune - 411005
(A Unitary Technological University of Govt. of Maharashtra)
Tel: 020-2550 7000/09 website : www.coep.org.in
COEP TECH: Registrar Office/Adjunct Faculty Recruitment/2024/
Faculty Recruitment for Department of Management (MBA)
COEP Technological University Pune invites applications from dynamic, eligible and qualified candidates with passion towards research and academics to work as full-time Faculty for 3 years on purely tenure basis as a Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor, in COEP Technological University, to engage academic load for AY: 2024-25 in the Department of Management. Please visit University website (www.coep.org.in/recruitment) for requirements, qualifications, experience and other details under “Recruitment” tab. Reservation policy will be followed in recruitment process.
All interested candidates are requested to visit the website for details and submit an online application form on or before **29.06.2024 upto 5.00 pm.**
Sd/-
Registrar
Date : 14th June 2024 COEP Technological University Pune

**ICAR- Indian Veterinary Research Institute**
Izatnagar-243122 (UP)
Walk-in-Interview
Walk-in interview has been scheduled at **LPM Section, ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar, Bareilly-243122** on **02.07.2024** from **10:00 AM** onwards for engagement of **one (01) Project Associate-I** under DST-SERB sponsored project entitled “Engineered nanosorbents for removal of antibiotic residues from livestock farm wastewater”. The engagement is purely temporary on contractual basis. For details, please visit ICAR-IVRI website (www.ivri.nic.in). Last date of receipt of application through email to ayon.tarafdar@icar.gov.in is **30.06.2024**.

**Indian Bank**
Zonal Office, Gaya(e-AB), South Bihar
Talab Road, Gaya, Bihar-823001
{ Rule-8(1) }
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)
Where as,
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice u/s 13(2) on the date noted against the account as mentioned hereinafter calling upon the borrower(S) to repay the amount mentioning in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower(S) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(S) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules.
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Indian Bank(e-Allahabad Bank)** or an amount and interest thereon. Along with legal expenses and other expenses already incurred/to be incurred by the bank.

1.Name of the Branch	SINGHPUR		
Name of the Accounts	Mrs Savitri Devi, W/o- Vinod Sharma, Vill+Po- Turta, Ps-Kutumba, Aurangabad, 842123		
Name of the Proprietor/ Guarantor/Mortgagor	1) Mrs Savitri Devi, W/o- Vinod Sharma, Vill+Po- Turta, Ps-Kutumba, Aurangabad, 842123. 2) Mr Vinod Sharma, S/o- Shiv Nandan Mistry , Vill+Po- Turta, Ps-Kutumba, Aurangabad, 842123.		
Date of Demand Notice	16-01-2024	Date of Possession Notice	10-06-2024
Amount Outstanding as on the demand notice:	Rs.20,75,713/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Seventy five Thousand Seven Hundred Thirteen Only) as on 16-01-2024 along with legal and other expenses incurred & to be incurred by the bank.		
Detailed description of the Property	Equitable Mortgage of Land and building in the name of Smt Savitri Devi , W/o- Vinod Sharma, Located at Mauza – Chatarua, Ps-Aurangabad, Thana No-256, Anchal-Deo , District-Aurangabad, Bihar, Khata No-7, Plot No-86, Area-3.125 Decimal, Bounded by (as per deed): North – 10 ft Sarwanjan Rasta, South – Mungeshwar Vishwakarma, East – Sangeeta Devi Imroja Khaidar, West – Niz Vikreta.		
2.Name of the Branch	SINGHPUR		
Name of the Accounts	M/s Abhishek Enterprises, Prop- Mr.Shailesh Kumar Singh, Vill- Pandariya Ketki, PO+PS-Deo, Aurangabad 824216		
Name of the Proprietor/ Guarantor/Mortgagor	1. Mr.Shailesh Kumar Singh, Vill-Pandariya Ketki, PO+PS-Deo, Aurangabad 824216 2.Smt. Gyanti Devi , W/o Shri Shailesh Singh, Vill-Pandariya Ketki, PO+PS-Deo, Aurangabad 824216		
Date of Demand Notice	21-11-2023	Date of Possession Notice	10-06-2024
Amount Outstanding as on the demand notice:	Rs.14,29,630/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Only) as on 21-11-2023 along with legal and other expenses incurred & to be incurred by the bank.		
Detailed description of the Property	Equitable Mortgage of Land and building in the name of Gyanti Devi W/o Shri Shailesh Singh, Located at Mauza – Katharua, PO + PS Aurangabad, Thana no 561, Ward no 1, Anchal – Aurangabad, Bihar, Khata No- 11, Plot No-653, Area- 0.50 Decimal, Bounded by (as per deed): North – Satyadeo Yadav, South – Wife of Ramji, East – Nij Kreta, West – Rita Devi.		
Date :- 13.06.2024	Sd/-Authorised Officer, (Indian Bank)		
Place :- Gaya			

**DELHI ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**
Viniyamak Bhawan, C-Block, Shivalik,
Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017.
Website: www.derc.gov.in, Telefax: 41080417

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice for Inviting Applications from Third-Party Meter Testing Laboratories for Empanelment

The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission, in exercise of powers conferred under the Electricity Act, 2003, has notified the DERC (Supply Code and Performance Standards) Regulations, 2017, which details the obligation of the licensee and consumers vis-à-vis each other and specifies the set of practices that shall be adopted by the licensee to provide efficient, cost-effective and consumer friendly service to the consumers.

To protect interests of consumers, the Commission vide Regulation 32(8) of Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Supply Code and Performance Standards) Regulations, 2017, has provided measures to the consumers to get their electricity meters tested at a third-party facility.

In order to facilitate consumers to be aware of the approved NABL third-party testing laboratories within their jurisdiction and testing fee, the Commission desires to invite applications from such laboratories in Delhi and NCR Region with fee details and other terms and conditions latest by 08.07.2024 for consideration and approval of the empanelled list.

Laboratories that have already received approval from the Commission are also mandated to submit fresh applications for empanelment.

Empanelment would be valid for 2 years or limited to the validity period of NABL certification, whichever is earlier.

Application format is available on the Commission's website.

Dated:07.06.2024

Rajesh Dangi, Secretary


DIP/SHABDARTH/CLASSIFIED/0088/24-25


**राजस्थान विद्याविवालय, जयपुर**
आवश्यक सूचना
राजस्थान विद्याविवालय के 33वें वार्षिक सम्मेलन की 13 वीं वृत्त की प्रकाशित सूचना की विवरण:-
उपविधि, मैदान प्राप्त करने वाले विद्यार्थियों को शामिल करने के लिए प्रकाशित सूचना में उल्लिखित होगा है :-
(1) मुख्य :- सर्वेक्षण करने का कुल-पाठ्यक्रम: वेब-
साइट/कोई-कुल-पाठ्यक्रम वेब-
(2) अधिकार :- सर्वेक्षण करने वाले विद्यार्थियों को शामिल करने के लिए प्रकाशित सूचना में उल्लिखित होगा है :-
किसी भी विद्यार्थी को शामिल करने के लिए प्रकाशित सूचना में उल्लिखित होगा है :-
वेबसाइट: www.uniraj.ac.in का विद्यार्थी अवलोकन करें।
कुलसचिव

SHIFTING OF PREMISES
HDFC Bank Branch is shifting to the following address with effect from 26th July 2024.
HDFC Bank Ltd. Plot No. 465, Block B Market, Sec 31, Noida UP, 201301
HDFC Bank Ltd. G. Floor, C-4189, Sector 36, Noida, Dist. Gautam Buddh Nagar, UP-201301
Old Address New Address
Monday to Saturday - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Second & Fourth Saturday - Holiday)
For more details
8882408964, 9643819607
HDFC BANK

"IMPORTANT"

Whilst care is taken prior to acceptance of advertising copy, it is not possible to verify its contents. The Indian Express (P) Limited cannot be held responsible for such contents, nor for any loss or damage incurred as a result of transactions with companies, associations or individuals advertising in its newspapers or Publications. We therefore recommend that readers make necessary inquiries before sending any monies or entering into any agreements with advertisers or otherwise acting on an advertisement in any manner whatsoever.

**Canara Bank**
BEGUSARAI HARRAKH BRANCH
POSSESSION NOTICE (SECTION 13 (4)) (For Immovable Property)
Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as " the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 27/02/2024 calling upon the Borrower : **M/s Swastika Traders, Proprietor – Mrs. Kanchan Devi, W/o Sanjay Kumar, Near NH-31, Amrou, Singhaul, Begusarai, Bihar – 851134** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 39,36,890.44/- (Rs. Thirty Nine Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety and Paise Forty Four only) [Account No- 5750261000032 (Rs 31,68,617.00/-), A/C No 5750755000003 (Rs 1,14,531.32/-), A/C No 170002454067 (Rs 4,66,148.83/-), A/C No 5750271000040 (Rs 1,87,593.29/-)]** Plus int. & other charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **12th JUNE of the year 2024**.
The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank** for an amount of **39,36,890.44/- (Rs. Thirty Nine Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety and Paise Forty Four only) [Account No- 5750261000032 (Rs 31,68,617.00/-), A/C No 5750755000003 (Rs. 1,14,531.32/-), A/C No 170002454067 (Rs 4,66,148.83/-), A/C No 5750271000040 (Rs 1,87,593.29/-)]** and interest there on . The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
Description of the Immoveable Property
All that part and parcel of the property in the name of **Mr. Vishveshwar Sah, S/o Dhodha Sah, L&B measuring 02 katha 9.25 dhur** covered under Khata-283, Khesra – 1328, Tautzi No. – 822, Thana No. – 373 situated at Mouza – Singhaul, Pargana – Malki, Thana + Sub Division – Begusarai, Registry + District – Begusarai, Bihar
Boundary - North :- Late Smt. Mridula Devi, **South :-** Late Smt. Jayamanti Devi, "Now" Proposed Kacchi Road Approx 6 Ft. **East :-** Siwan Mahamadpur Raghunath, "Now" Brick Soling Road Approx. 10 Ft. **West :-** Hissedar Surendra Ray, Name of Title Holder: **Mr. Vishveshwar Sah, S/o Dhodha Sah**
Date : 12.06.2024 Authorised Officer (CANARA BANK)

**Indian Bank**
Zonal Office, Gaya(e-AB), South Bihar
Talab Road, Gaya, Bihar-823001
{ Rule-8(1) }
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)
Where as,
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice u/s 13(2) on the date noted against the account as mentioned hereinafter calling upon the borrower(S) to repay the amount mentioning in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower(S) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(S) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules.
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Indian Bank(e-Allahabad Bank)** or an amount and interest thereon. Along with legal expenses and other expenses already incurred/to be incurred by the bank.

1.Name of the Branch	BIHARSHARIF MAIN BRANCH		
Name of the Accounts	Smt. Saroja Devi W/o Late Daro Chaudhary & Sri Dharmendra Kumar Chaudhary, S/o Late Daro Chaudhary , Both Resident of Mauza- Kohnasari , Mohalla –Khankh Chhandani Kalai, PS – Laheri Thana no. 123, Ward No 3 & 4(O) 37(N), Holding no 538, Bihar Sarif, Dist – Nalanda, Bihar – 803101		
Name of the Proprietor/ Guarantor/Mortgagor	1.Smt. Saroja Devi , W/o Late Daro Chaudhary, Mauza- Kohnasari , Mohalla –Khankh Chhandani Kalai, PS – Laheri Thana no. 123, ward no 3 & 4(O) 37(N), Holding no 538, Bihar Sarif, Dist – Nalanda, Bihar – 803101. 2.Sri Dharmendra Kumar Chaudhary , S/o Late Daro Chaudhary, Mauza- Kohnasari , Mohalla –Khankh Chhandani Kalai, PS – Laheri Thana no. 123, ward no 3 & 4(O) 37(N), Holding no 538, Bihar Sarif, Dist – Nalanda, Bihar – 803101. 3.Sri Ranjeet Kumar, S/o Late Daro Chaudhary, Mauza- Kohnasari , Mohalla –Khankh Chhandani Kalai, PS – Laheri Thana no. 123, ward no 3 & 4(O) 37(N), Holding no 538, Bihar Sarif, Dist – Nalanda, Bihar – 803101. 4.Sri Ravindra Kumar, S/o Late Daro Chaudhary, Mauza- Kohnasari , Mohalla –Khankh Chhandani Kalai, PS – Laheri Thana no. 123, ward no 3 & 4(O) 37(N), Holding no 538, Bihar Sarif, Dist – Nalanda, Bihar – 803101.		
Date of Demand Notice	16-03-2024	Date of Possession Notice	11-06-2024
Amount Outstanding as on the demand notice:	Rs. 15,88,757/- (Rupee Fifteen Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Seven Only) as on 16.03.2024 along with legal and other expenses incurred & to be incurred by the bank.		
Detailed description of the Property	Registered mortgage of land and building along with present and future construction thereon in the name of (1)Smt. Saroja Devi W/o Late Daro Chaudhary, (2) Sri Ranjit Kumar, (3) Sri Rabindra Kumar, (4) Sri Dharmendra Kumar all sons of Late Daro Chaudhary, located at Mauza – Kohnasari, Mohalla – Khankh, Chhandi Kalai, Thana no 123, Ward no 3 & 4 Old, 37 New, Town – Biharsharif, PS – Laheri, Subdivision – Biharsharif, Dist – Nalanda, Bihar, Holding No- 538 , Area- 1.319 Decimal. Bounded by (as per deed): North: Ramprasad Ram, South: Gali after Murat Das, East: Gali after Purchaser, West: Fakira Chaudhri.		
2.Name of the Branch	ISLAMPUR BRANCH		
Name of the Accounts	Smt. Tanuja Kumari, W/o- Sri Sunil Kumar Singh, Vill-Vishnupur, P.O- Ranipur, P.S-Islampur, Nalanda, Bihar.		
Name of the Proprietor/ Guarantor/Mortgagor	Smt. Tanuja Kumari, W/o- Sri Sunil Kumar Singh, Vill-Vishnupur, P.O- Ranipur, P.S-Islampur, Nalanda, Bihar.		
Date of Demand Notice	18-03-2024	Date of Possession Notice	11-06-2024
Amount Outstanding as on the demand notice:	Rs.36,84,511/- (Rupee Thirty Six Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen Only) as on 18-03-2024 along with legal and other expenses incurred & to be incurred by the bank.		
Detailed description of the Property	Equitable mortgage of land and building along with present and future construction thereon in the name of Mrs Tanuja Kumari , W/o- Sri Sunil Kumar Singh at Mauza- Korawan, Thana-Islampur, Thana No-95, Halika No-01, Dist-Nalanda, Bihar, Khata No-43, Plot No-1160, Deed No-2903 dated 26-04-2019, Area- 4.50 Decimal. Bounded by (as per deed): North: Pain, South: Number Haza Habib, East: Number Haza 3 feet Rasta left by Bikreta, West: Late Parsan Ram.		
Date :- 13.06.2024	Sd/-Authorised Officer, (Indian Bank)		
Place :- Gaya			

**यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण**
प्रथम तल, कॉमर्सियल कॉम्प्लेक्स, ओमेगा-1, (पी-2), ग्रेटर नोएडा
Toll Free No. 18001808296 वेबसाइट : www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com

पत्रांक : वाई0ईए0/OSD(M)/2024/109 ई-निविदा सूचना दिनांक: 13.06.2024

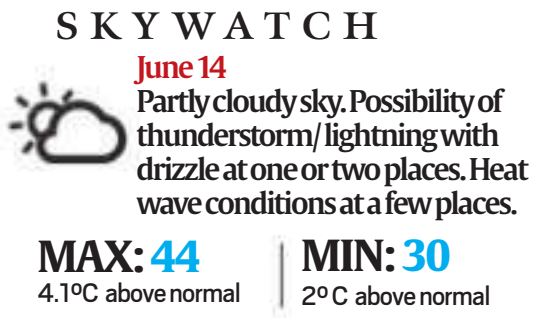
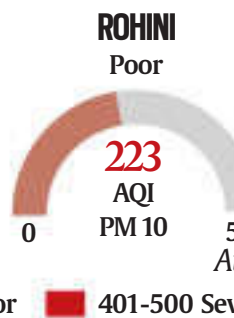
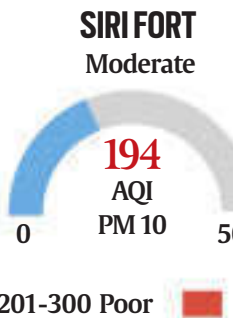
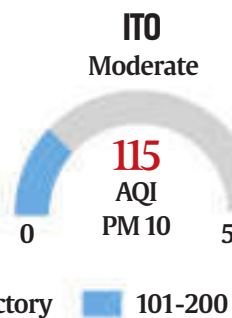
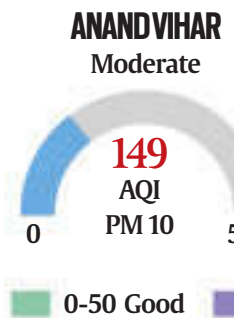
निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु केन्द्र सरकार / राज्य सरकार / केन्द्र शासित / अर्द्धशासित / सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों के कार्यों का काम से कम चार वर्ष का अनुभव रखने वाले ठेकेदारों / फर्मों से ई-निविदाये आमंत्रित की जाती है। ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट सोल्यूशन द्वारा निविदाये डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरी पद्धति से खोली जायेगी।

कार्यालय आदेश संख्या : वाई0ईए0/OSD(M)/2024/108 दिनांक : 13.06.2024 के अनुपालन में यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण की कार्यों में सविदाकार द्वारा बिल ऑफ क्वान्टिटी (बीओक्यू) पर डाले गये 10 प्रतिशत काम दरो तक 0.5 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत काम दर पर तथा उसके पश्चात 10 प्रतिशत से अधिक काम दरो पर 1.00 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत काम दर पर रिवर्योरिटी / परफॉर्मन्स गारन्टी प्राप्त की जायेगी तथा परफॉर्मन्स गारन्टी एफ0डी0आर0 / सी0डी0आर0 / बैंक गारन्टी / एन0एफ0सी0सी0 के रूप में न्यूनतम सविदाकार द्वारा अनुबन्ध गठन से पूर्व देनी होगी, जो कार्य के अन्तिम बीजक होने के बाद वापस होगी।

क्रम सं०	कार्य का नाम /वर्क सॉकिल	अनुमानित लागत
1	Operation & Maintenance of 2 NOS Tubewell at Sector-24A (year 2024-2025) yeida WC-(E&M-03)	₹0 09.97 लाख
2	Providing Electrician Supervisor and Helper for lift and Electrical Work in LIG/MIG and Affordable Housing Sector-22D YEA WC-(E &M-02)	₹0 14.77 लाख
3	Operation & Maintenance of LED Street Light for one year in Pocket-J & 24mtr wide road 60 mtr wide road to Pocket-I Sector-18 yeida WC-(E &M-03)	₹0 17.78 लाख
4	Operation and Maintenance of LED Light for one year at Village Gupura Salarpur Milak Ronija Chak Jalalabad Kadarpur Janabad as Package-06 YEA WC-(E&M-03)	₹0 18.55 लाख
5	Shifting of 11kv Over Head line at Plot No 127, 128 & in other Plots Sector-33, YEA WC-(E&M-03)	₹0 19.22 लाख
6	Operation and Maintenance of LED Light for one year at Village Dhak Mufad Dairy Gujran Mohammadpur Gurjar Dhanauri Kalan Milak junaipur ki madiya dhanauri khurd parsaul sakka as Package-7 yea WC-(E&M-04)	₹0 24.18 लाख

जिन्हें दिनांक 20.06.2024 से 27.06.2024 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालीफिकेशन दिनांक 28.06.2024 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे खोली जायेगी।

क्रम सं०	कार्य का नाम /वर्क सॉकिल	अनुमानित लागत
7	Maintenance of Street light for one year in 5 Village Clubbed as Package-2 (2024-2025) YEIDA WC-(E&M-04)	रु 25.85 लाख
8	Maintenance of Street Light on 30Mtr wide road Ch.No. 6.95Km to front ATS Township, YEA WC-(E &M-04)	रु 31.87 लाख
9	Maintenance of Street light in 5 villages Package-3 (2024-2025) YEA WC-(E &M -03)	रु 33.93 लाख
10	Providing Street light at village Kallupura YEA WC-(E&M-04)	रु 34.23 लाख
11	Replacement of Existing Sodium Light by LED Light on 30mtr wide road ch No-06.95km to Village-Chaparghar yelda WC-(E&M-03)	रु 41.37 लाख



TWIN FIRES IN DELHI-NCR

5 of family charred to death in blaze at Ghaziabad home

NEETIKA JHA
GHAZIABAD, JUNE 13

FIVE PEOPLE of a family, including a seven-month-old boy and a seven-year-old girl, were killed and two others injured after a massive fire broke out in a residential building in Ghaziabad, Wednesday night.

The incident took place around 8 pm in Loni's Behta Hazipur locality. The deceased have been identified as Nazira (32), her husband Saif ul Rehman (35), their daughter Ifra (7), Nazira's sister-in-law Farheen (25) and her seven-month son Mohammad Sheesh.

Nazira and her family were visiting her brother, Mohammad Shariq (28). The latter had gone to a nearby shop to buy milk for his son, Sheesh, when the fire broke out.

Nazira and Saif's 10-year-old son Arsh and Uzma (22), Shariq's sister, were admitted to GTB Hospital in Delhi's Shahdara. Arsh was discharged Thursday after initial treatment; he suffered burns on both hands and a minor burn on his face. Uzma, whose injuries are severe, is under observation.

According to a preliminary investigation, a short circuit led to the fire, police said.

Uphaar fire: 27 yrs on, victims' kin say strict action needed against violators

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

DEMANDING STRICT action against those accused of flouting fire safety rules, Neelam Krishnamoorthy, president of the Association of The Victims of Uphaar Tragedy, said the government must bring in a new legislation to deal with man-made disasters and set up Fast Track Special Courts to expedite such cases and ensure swift punishment.

On June 13, 1997, 59 people, including 23 children, died when a fire broke out at Uphaar Cinema in Green Park. Krishnamoorthy's two children were among the victims. "Ever since the Uphaar tragedy, virtually no efforts were made to enforce fire safety regulations in public spaces. As a result, people in India still remain vulnerable and unsafe in public places, with the possibility of tragedies of the same magnitude looming large... In the two recent major tragedies — one in the TRP Gaming Zone, Rajkot and the other at Baby Care Hospital, Delhi — lives were lost because the owner/occupiers violated the rulebook with impunity," she said.

Krishnamoorthy said the accused need to be booked under stringent sections to ensure accountability. "There is rampant violation of fire-safety measures in public spaces by owners and occupiers. Perpetrators of such heinous crimes are often booked under IPC Section 304 A (rash & negligent act) which is bailable. Thus, they are given leniency and the opportunity to avoid adequate punishment, despite having neglected safety rules," she said.

3 new criminal laws come into force from July 1, Delhi's judges and lawyers gear up for changes

NIRBHAY THAKUR
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

FROM HOLDING orientation programmes to handing out free reading material, Delhi's judges and lawyers are gearing up for a huge change in courtrooms come July 1 when the three new criminal laws will come into force.

Over their summer break, lawyers, public prosecutors and judicial officers will be reading about the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS) which seeks to replace the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC); the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) which seeks to replace the Indian



The house in Loni caught fire late on Wednesday. Gajendra Yadav

Ritesh Dhaman, a 32-year-old neighbour of the family, said it appears "a gunny bag kept on the ground floor, which had plastic foam cups and bowls, caught fire which spread to a Vitara Brezza car, a Pulsar bike and a scooter parked nearby".

Locals told *The Indian Express* that the flames soon spread to the first floor where the family lived.

Firefighters, meanwhile, had their task cut out owing to the narrow lanes and panic in the area.

Rahul Pal, Chief Fire Officer of Ghaziabad, told *The Indian Express* that they received the first call at 8.42 pm. "Two fire-fighting vehi-

cles, which are always stationed in Loni, were immediately dispatched. Later, two more fire tenders which were stationed at Sahibabad and Vaishali were also dispatched. On the way, we were informed that the vehicles would not be able to enter inside as the lane is narrow so we took a diversion and reached the spot by 9.12 pm," Pal said.

He added, "On the other route too, the lanes were narrow and so we had to park the vehicles nearly 300 metres away... The area was crowded and there was panic. No one knew how many people were

trapped inside."

He said the house, the only two-storeyed building in the area, had a single entrance, which complicated rescue operations. "The building also had no windows so we broke the walls of the house with the help of locals, police and our team. We managed to rescue the woman and the minor child," Pal said.

"People informed us late. They first tried to douse the fire themselves. Had we been informed as soon as the fire broke out, we could have saved the others," he added.

Locals also alleged that fire tenders arrived late as there was a barricade put up by a resident.

Additional Commissioner of Police (Sahibabad), Bhaskar Verma, told *The Indian Express*, "By 8.50 pm, the first set of vehicles had reached the spot. There have been allegations of fire tenders reaching late because of a private barricade put up by a resident, but we are confirming this with the CFO. If the fire tenders were sent through that route and faced any problem, an FIR will be registered and we will take all necessary action against those responsible."

However, CFO Pal said they did not take that route which had the private barricade as they were alerted about it in advance.

80 shops gutted as fire rips through Chandni Chowk's Nayi Sadak market



UPASIKA SINGHAL
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

AROUND 80 shops were gutted in a massive fire that raged for over five hours at Chandni Chowk's Nayi Sadak on Thursday evening. Over 40 fire tenders were deployed at the spot to douse the blaze, officials said.

After the call regarding the fire was received at 5 pm, 14 fire tenders were initially rushed to the spot. But as the fire continued to rage, more and more fire tenders were sent over the evening. By 10 pm, over 40 fire tenders had tended to the fire over five hours. The fire continued to smoulder through the night.

"The cooling process will continue till tomorrow," said Deputy Fire Chief Sanjay Tomar.

The fire started from a godown on the third floor of a building in Marwari Katra in Nayi Sadak, although fire officials have still not determined the cause. The building was determined to be structurally weak by fire officials and a part of it collapsed during the fire tending.

"The building collapse has complicated matters. The water we've poured will seep down the rubble and dust... we'll remove the rubble and continue the cooling process when the fire dies down," said Tomar.

It was over before we knew it: Shop owners

Locals said around 80 shops were gutted in the fire. Shop owners in buildings nearby



The fire continued to smoulder through the night at Nayi Sadak. Tashi Tobgyal

rushed to save their wares before the fire spread.

Akash Jain, who owns a salwar-suit shop, was quickly packing his wares into white sacks when he said, "We saw the fire start sometime between 3 and 4 pm... it quickly spread into the trees... we saw ashes and sparks

flying down from the flames and thought we need to get our things out before it spreads here too."

"The tin sheet next to the building was glowing red because of the heat," said Babbi, who owns a fabric shop right next to the building that caught fire. His shop's third floor, which was used

as a godown, was fenced off by tin sheets. "We had to throw water on the shed to cool it down... I told my helpers to remove all the fabric because all the smoke and the water would ruin my things," he said.

While Babbi was lucky, Pankaj Gupta and his son Sanchit Gupta were not. Their shop, Rajdhani Saree Sadan which was on the ground floor of the burning building, was completely gutted. "It was more than 50 years old, the shop... we saw the fire coming from above, we couldn't do anything. It was over before we knew it," said Pankaj.

According to fire officials on site, several hindrances caused the fire to spread rapidly. "The primary challenge was narrow roads and lanes. Then the wires hanging overhead made it difficult for our trucks to go in quickly... shops are also very small, closely situated to each other and densely packed with materials... this caused the fire to spread very quickly," said a fireman who requested not to be named.

The fire department has not reported any casualties.

Senior Delhi minister Atishi also posted on social media regarding the fire. "I am in constant touch with the district administration regarding the fire incident in Chandni Chowk. It is God's grace that no life has been lost in this incident... In this season of scorching heat, I request all of you to not allow any possibility of short-circuit around you, take precautions, and stay safe," she wrote on X.

BRIEFLY

Bharadwaj seeks drain desilting report

New Delhi: Urban Development Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj has written to Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar seeking a status report on desilting of various drains within the next seven days to prevent waterlogging during the monsoon. In a letter to Kumar, Bharadwaj said on June 10, a review meeting was held to look into the progress of desilting of drains by various agencies. During this, the PWD had claimed that out of 2,156 km of drains, about 61% have been completely desilted. Similarly, the MCD also claimed 87.14% drains have been desilted. Pointing that in the previous years, works were shown completed on paper but not on the ground, Bharadwaj said, "... It is very important to verify claims of agencies..." **ENS**

Light rain forecast today

New Delhi: The IMD has forecast light rain in Delhi on Friday, potentially offering respite from the scorching heat beating down on the national capital. On Thursday, the maximum temperature recorded at the Safdarjung Observatory, considered the official marker of the city, was 4.9 notches above normal at 44.8 degrees Celsius. **PTI**



Shariq lost his wife and son in the blaze. Gajendra Yadav

Arsh survived.

The suspected cause of the fire was a short circuit in the electric meter. A spark fell on a gunny bag, which contained foam cups purchased for Eid, kept in the ground floor, resulting in a fire that engulfed the house, said officials.

The ground floor of the house was used as a garage where Shariq's Vitara Brezza car, a Pulsar motorbike and a scooter were parked. All the vehicles were burnt in the fire.

Farhan, who stays next to Shariq's house, said he saw smoke coming out of the garage. "As I opened the garage, the flames were all over my face," he said. "I screamed for help."

Fighting back tears, Shariq, who works as a parking attendant, said: "I had gone to fetch milk. When I returned, I saw flames everywhere."

Shariq's sister Nazira had come to his place with her children during their summer vacation. Her husband had come earlier in the day to stay for the night and take them home on Thursday.

Shariq's other two sisters were inconsolable. "*Ek aakhri baar goud mein le leno do mujhe bachche ko* (Let me hold the baby for one last time)," Shariq's sister, who had come from Muradpur, said.

Outside the burns unit at GTB Hospital in Delhi's Shahdara, Mohammad Faiz, 18, a relative, sat waiting. "The doctor told us she (Uzma) is on the ventilator and is critical. Her face and body have burnt completely. Doctor told us that the ICU ward has no space and if her condition worsens, we will have to take her to Safdarjung Hospital," said Faiz.

A relative, Tehseen Khan, said he couldn't muster the courage to see the bodies. "They said it is all black bones, there is nothing left to see...", he added.

There is another reason for the fire to have engulfed the entire house: The blaze started at 8 pm and for the next 42 minutes, people tried to douse the flames themselves before a neighbour, Ishtiyaq Khan, dialed 112.

The fire tenders arrived only at 9.12 pm.

that they gain free access to reading material regarding the new laws. The Delhi Judicial Academy, along with Delhi Bar Association, also held an orientation programme at the Tis Hazari Courts for five days in May to familiarise advocates with the new laws.

Overview of the criminal laws, a comparison with the older laws, the addition of new offences, trials in absentia, and rights of victims and accused were the main focus of the 10 sessions which spread out over five days.

"There are not many new offences, but the sequence of all the offences has been changed," Delhi Bar Association President Nitin Ahlawat told *The Indian Express*,

adding that educating lawyers was of utmost importance if the judiciary was to function effectively. He also said that every day, around 400 lawyers from across Delhi attended the sessions.

While there are many overlaps between the new and old laws, there are 33 offences in the new laws where imprisonment has increased. In 83, fines have increased and in 23 punishment has been made mandatory.

Additional offences include "beggary" under Section 143 of the BNS, "mob lynching", "hate crimes" and "sexual intercourse by deceitful means". Along with these, "petty organised crimes" like snatching have been added.



Dr Aditi Choudhary, DJHS Director, at a session for lawyers at Tis Hazari Courts

Penal Code; and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam which seeks to replace the Indian Evidence Act.

At court complexes, QR codes printed on A4 sheets can be found scattered for lawyers to scan so



उन्नति और खुशहाली की ओर निरंतर बढ़ते कदम

मध्यप्रदेश सरकार के 180 दिन



नरेन्द्र मोदी, प्रधानमंत्री

सुशासन से समृद्धि

- प्रधानमंत्री जी द्वारा साइबर तहसील परियोजना प्रदेश के सभी 55 जिलों में लागू। नामांतरण, बंटवारा आदि विभिन्न राजस्व प्रकरणों के ऑनलाइन निराकरण की पहल करने वाला मध्यप्रदेश, देश का पहला राज्य
- ध्वनि विस्तारक यंत्रों की अनियंत्रित आवाज का प्रयोग प्रतिबंधित
- खुले में मांस-मछली की बिक्री पर प्रतिबन्ध
- यातायात सुगमता के लिए भोपाल में बीआरटीएस कॉरिडोर हटाने का निर्णय
- जिलों, संभागों, तहसीलों की सीमाओं के पुनर्निर्धारण के लिए पृथक प्रशासनिक इकाई पुनर्गठन आयोग बनाने का निर्णय
- उज्जैन शहर के केडी गेट से इमली तिराहा मार्ग चौड़ीकरण के लिये 23 धार्मिक स्थलों को हटाने के लिये व्यवस्थापकों, पुजारियों और नागरिकों द्वारा सहयोग कर साम्प्रदायिक सौहार्द का उल्लेखनीय उदाहरण प्रस्तुत
- निजी स्कूलों द्वारा कोर्स की किताबें, यूनिफार्म एवं अन्य शिक्षण सामग्री किसी निर्धारित दुकान से खरीदने के लिए पालकों पर अनुचित दबाव डाले जाने के मामले में मुख्यमंत्री द्वारा स्कूलों के खिलाफ सख्त कार्यवाही के निर्देश
- 2000 से अधिक पुलिसकर्मियों को मिला पात्रतानुसार उच्च पद
- बालाघाट के कमकोदादर में हुई मुठभेड़ में नक्सलियों को खत्म करने वाले 24 शासकीय पुलिस सेवकों का आउट ऑफ टर्न प्रमोशन
- पुलिसकर्मियों के लिए मुख्यमंत्री आवास योजना के अंतर्गत 25 हजार मकान बनाने का लक्ष्य
- मध्यप्रदेश में आयी अपराधों में कमी, थानों की सीमाओं के पुनर्निर्धारण का कार्य तेजी से जारी
- 105 वर्ग मीटर तक के आवासीय भू-खंडों के लिए ऑनलाइन आवेदन कर डीम्ड अनुज्ञा प्राप्त करने और 300 वर्ग मीटर तक के आवासीय भू-खंडों पर त्वरित अनुज्ञा प्रदान करने की व्यवस्था लागू
- दो चरणों में राजस्व महाअभियान चलाकर 30 लाख 48 हजार से अधिक राजस्व प्रकरणों का निराकरण
- प्रदेश के सभी बोरवेलों की जानकारी रखने हेतु शासन द्वारा पोर्टल तैयार। खुले बोरवेलों को बंद करने के लिए अधिकारियों की जिम्मेदारी तय
- सभी संभागों में समीक्षा बैठकों के दौरान बड़े पैमाने पर विकास कार्यों का लोकार्पण एवं शिलान्यास
- शासकीय सेवकों के महंगाई भत्ते में 4 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि से 46% हुआ डीए



समावेशी शिक्षा से संवरता कल

- प्रधानमंत्री उच्चतर शिक्षा अभियान (पीएम उषा) के अंतर्गत 8 विश्वविद्यालयों में अधीसंरचना तथा अन्य विकास कार्यों के लिए ₹400 करोड़ स्वीकृत
- हर जिले में पीएम कॉलेज ऑफ एक्सीलेंस की स्थापना। गुणवत्तापूर्ण शिक्षा की उपलब्धता सुनिश्चित करने हेतु ₹485 करोड़ के निवेश से 55 जिलों में पूर्व से संचालित एक महाविद्यालय का पीएम कॉलेज ऑफ एक्सीलेंस में उन्नयन। इन कॉलेजों में 1750 शैक्षणिक एवं 369 तृतीय व चतुर्थ श्रेणी के पद सृजित
- पीएम कॉलेज ऑफ एक्सीलेंस को बहुसंकायी बनाने एवं स्नातकोत्तर कक्षाओं के संचालन हेतु 7 महाविद्यालयों में स्नातक स्तर पर नवीन संकाय एवं 55 महाविद्यालयों में स्नातक व स्नातकोत्तर स्तर पर संस्कृत, बायोटेक्नोलॉजी, कम्प्यूटर साइंस विषय प्रारंभ
- पीएम कॉलेज ऑफ एक्सीलेंस में सेंटर फॉर रिसर्च इन स्कीम एंड पॉलिसी (CRISP) के माध्यम से 8 रोजगारोन्मुखी स्किल-आधारित पाठ्यक्रमों का संचालन
- आईआईटी इंदौर के सहयोग से उज्जैन में निर्मित देश के प्रथम शोध-आधारित नवाचार, प्रौद्योगिकी एवं उद्यमिता अनुभववात्मक विद्यार्जन केंद्र (डीप-टेक रिसर्च और डिस्कवरी सैटेलाइट कैम्पस) का उद्घाटन
- खरगोन में ₹170 करोड़ से क्रांतिसूर्य टंट्या भील विश्वविद्यालय का उद्घाटन
- 369 सर्वसुविधायुक्त सीएम राइज विद्यालयों का संचालन
- विश्वविद्यालयों के कुलपति को कुलगुरु कहे जाने का निर्णय
- सागर में रानी अवंतीबाई लोधी विश्वविद्यालय एवं गुना में तात्या टोपे विश्वविद्यालय प्रारंभ
- आचार्य श्री विद्यासागर महाराज के नाम से होगा सागर में आयुर्वेद मेडिकल कॉलेज
- राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति-2020 लागू करने वाला देश का पहला राज्य बना मध्यप्रदेश
- अंतरराष्ट्रीय शिक्षा की गुणवत्ता से जुड़ने के लिए 12 अंतरराष्ट्रीय संस्थानों के साथ एम.ओ.यू.
- विश्वविद्यालयों में छात्र-छात्राओं की अंक सूची एवं उपाधियों को डिजी लॉकर में अपलोड करने की व्यवस्था लागू
- व्यावसायिक शिक्षा एवं सामान्य शिक्षा का एकीकरण कर 35 व्यावसायिक विषयों का पाठ्यक्रम में समावेश
- इंजीनियरिंग-मेडिकल की तर्ज पर नर्सिंग स्टूडेंट की स्टेट लेवल पर परीक्षा का निर्णय, केंद्र के नर्सिंग एक्ट के अनुसार राज्य में आयोग गठित होगा। भविष्य में नर्सिंग संस्थाओं को मान्यता राष्ट्रीय आयोग देगा
- शिक्षा में गुणवत्ता के लिये भोपाल, ग्वालियर, जबलपुर, इंदौर, उज्जैन, रीवा के विश्वविद्यालयों में इन्क्यूबेशन केंद्रों की स्थापना
- पायलट ट्रेनिंग के लिए विश्वविद्यालयों में कोर्स शुरू होगा
- एमपी बोर्ड 12वीं में 75 फीसदी अंक पाने वाले करीब 90 हजार छात्रों को लैपटॉप के लिए दी जायेगी ₹25-25 हजार की राशि
- सागर, खरगोन और गुना में नए विश्वविद्यालयों की स्थापना
- शासकीय महाविद्यालयों में कृषि को एक विषय के रूप में जोड़ा गया



स्वास्थ्य सुविधाओं का विस्तार

- प्रदेश के दूरस्थ क्षेत्रों से गंभीर रूप से बीमार/दुर्घटनाग्रस्त लोगों को एयरलिफ्ट कर समय पर उपचार उपलब्ध कराने के लिए सरकार की संवेदनशील पहल के तहत पीएमश्री एयर एम्बुलेंस सेवा का शुभारंभ
- कार्य दक्षता के लिए चिकित्सा शिक्षा विभाग और लोक स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग का विलय
- आयुष्मान भारत योजना में 3 करोड़ 99 लाख से अधिक आयुष्मान कार्ड वितरित। अब तक 38 लाख से अधिक मरीजों का निःशुल्क उपचार
- जिला अस्पताल एवं सिविल अस्पतालों को एक-एक शव-वाहन उपलब्ध कराने का निर्णय
- सागर, शहडोल, नर्मदापुरम, धार, झाबुआ, मंडला, बालाघाट, श्योपुर एवं खजुराहो में नए आयुर्वेदिक महाविद्यालय स्थापित करने का निर्णय
- सिंहस्थ को देखते हुए उज्जैन में नवीन शासकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय की स्थापना का निर्णय
- चिकित्सा महाविद्यालयों को पीपीपी मोड पर स्थापित करने का निर्णय। मेडिकल कॉलेजों के साथ नए नर्सिंग कॉलेजों की स्थापना के लिए राशि स्वीकृत
- स्वास्थ्य संस्थानों में 46 हजार 491 नये पदों (नियमित/संविदा/आउटसोर्स) के सृजन की स्वीकृति
- स्वास्थ्य सूचकांकों में बेहतर प्रदर्शन के लिये स्वास्थ्य संस्थानों में चिकित्सीय विशेषज्ञों के 607 पदों पर पूर्ति सीधी भर्ती से कराने की मंजूरी



सशक्त बनती नारी शक्ति

- लाइली बहना योजना के अंतर्गत 1 करोड़ 29 लाख बहनों के स्वातंत्र्य में जनवरी से अभी तक ₹9 हजार 455 करोड़ से अधिक की सहायता राशि का अंतरण
- लाइली लक्ष्मी योजना अंतर्गत दिसंबर 2023 से अभी तक 73 हजार 880 लाइली बालिकाओं के स्वातंत्र्य में ₹34 करोड़ की छात्रवृत्ति का अंतरण
- 45 लाख 89 हजार बहनों के स्वातंत्र्य में ₹450 में गैस सिलिंडर की रीफिलिंग के लिए ₹118 करोड़ का अंतरण
- प्रधानमंत्री उज्ज्वला योजना अंतर्गत 3 चरणों में अब तक 88 लाख से अधिक निःशुल्क गैस कनेक्शन दिये
- महिला स्व-सहायता समूहों को दी गयी ₹9 हजार 560 करोड़ से अधिक की सहायता



युवा कल्याण के सतत् प्रयास

- सरकारी नौकरियों के लिए चयनित 11 हजार से अधिक उम्मीदवारों को सौंपे गए नियुक्ति-पत्र
- स्टार्ट-अप को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए नई पहल के तहत, प्रदेश के स्टार्ट-अप को राष्ट्रीय और अंतरराष्ट्रीय आयोजनों में सहभागिता के लिए ₹50 हजार से लेकर डेढ़ लाख तक वित्तीय सहायता का प्रावधान
- राज्य स्तरीय 'रोज़गार दिवस' के अवसर पर रिकॉर्ड 7 लाख युवाओं को ₹5 हजार करोड़ का स्व-रोज़गार ऋण वितरित
- अग्निवीर योजना में युवाओं का अधिक से अधिक चयन हो, इस उद्देश्य से 360 घंटे प्रशिक्षण देने का लक्ष्य
- मुख्यमंत्री सीखो कमाओ योजना में फरवरी 2024 में 8 हजार प्रशिक्षणार्थियों को ₹6 करोड़ 60 लाख का स्ट्राइपेड वितरित



“हमारा उद्देश्य है कि सरकार उपलब्ध संसाधनों के साथ जनहितैषी गतिविधियों को प्रभावी तरीके से क्रियान्वित करे। प्रदेश को विकास के पथ पर निरंतर आगे ले जाना और सुशासन को सच्चे स्वरूप में धरातल पर उतारना ही हमारा लक्ष्य है”

अन्नदाता के जीवन में आयी खुशहाली

- प्रधानमंत्री किसान सम्मान निधि एवं मुख्यमंत्री किसान कल्याण योजना अंतर्गत 80 लाख से अधिक किसानों को प्रतिवर्ष ₹12 हजार की सहायता
- फसल बीमा योजना खरीफ-23 के अंतर्गत 25 लाख से ज्यादा किसानों को ₹750 करोड़ से अधिक की राशि के दावों का भुगतान
- श्रीअन्न (मिलेट्स) उत्पादन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए रानी दुर्गावती श्रीअन्न प्रोत्साहन योजना में प्रति विघंटल ₹1000 का विशेष प्रोत्साहन
- रबी विपणन वर्ष 2024-25 में 6 लाख से अधिक किसानों से 48 लाख 35 हजार मीट्रिक टन से अधिक गेहूँ का समर्थन मूल्य पर नकद भुगतान कर उपार्जन। प्रति विघंटल ₹125 बोनस का भुगतान
- किसानों के लिए शून्य प्रतिशत ब्याज दर पर अल्पावधि फसल ऋण योजना लागू रखने का निर्णय
- मुख्यमंत्री सोलर पंप योजना अब प्रधानमंत्री कृषक मित्र सूर्य योजना के नाम से लागू
- सात जिलों (उमरिया, अलीराजपुर, बैतूल, मंडला, खंडवा, सीधी एवं सीहोर) में 71 हजार 345 हेक्टेयर वन क्षेत्र से लघु वनोपज के निर्यात के लिए मिला जैविक प्रमाण-पत्र



गरीब वर्ग को मिला सम्मानजनक जीवन

- इंदौर की इकुमचंद मिल के 4 हजार 800 श्रमिक परिवारों को ₹224 करोड़ की राशि का भुगतान
- स्वामित्व योजना में 23 लाख 50 हजार लोगों को स्वामित्व अधिकार पत्र वितरित
- श्रमिकों को ई-स्कूटर खरीदने के लिए ₹40 हजार की आर्थिक सहायता का निर्णय
- 'मुख्यमंत्री जनकल्याण (संबल) योजना 2.0' के अंतर्गत 30 हजार से अधिक श्रमिक परिवारों को ₹670 करोड़ से अधिक की अनुग्रह सहायता राशि का अंतरण
- दिव्यांगता और मृत्यु के आधार पर मिलने वाली सहायता राशि को बढ़ाकर ₹4 लाख किया
- विभिन्न श्रेणी के ऊर्जा उपभोक्ताओं के लिये 24 हजार 420 करोड़ रुपये की सब्सिडी का निर्णय



कमजोर वर्ग के साथ प्रदेश सरकार

- सामाजिक सुरक्षा पेंशन योजनाओं के माध्यम से प्रतिमाह 55 लाख 60 हजार से अधिक हितग्राहियों को पिछले एक वर्ष में लगभग ₹4 हजार करोड़ से अधिक पेंशन राशि का अंतरण
- तैदूपता संग्राहकों का मानदेय ₹3000 प्रति बोरा से बढ़ाकर ₹4000 हजार किया। लगभग 35 लाख तैदूपता संग्राहक लाभान्वित
- पीएम जन-मन योजना अंतर्गत विशेष पिछड़ी जनजाति बहुल जिलों में ₹7300 करोड़ से अधिक की लागत से हो रहे अधोसंरचना के कार्य। कुल 11 लाख से अधिक भाई-बहन लाभान्वित होंगे। साथ ही बैगा, भारिया और सहरिया परिवारों के अविद्युतकृति घरों तक बिजली पहुंचाने की कार्ययोजना स्वीकृत
- आहार अनुदान योजना अंतर्गत विशेष पिछड़ी जनजातियों की बहनों के स्वातंत्र्य से अभी तक ₹148 करोड़ से अधिक की राशि अंतरित



आर्थिक समृद्धि की ओर बढ़ता मध्यप्रदेश

- मध्यप्रदेश के चौराहा और तेज गति से विकास के लक्ष्य को लेकर चल रही मध्यप्रदेश सरकार की पहली प्राथमिकता अंत्योदय और विकसित मध्यप्रदेश के संकल्प को पूरा करना है। इस दिशा में कदम बढ़ाते हुए प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा वर्ष 2024-25 के लिए ₹1 लाख 45 हजार करोड़ से अधिक का लेखानुदान प्रस्तुत
- पिछले 6 माह में जीएसटी अंतर्गत कुल ₹19091 करोड़ का राजस्व प्राप्त, जो पिछले वर्ष से 28% अधिक है। अप्रैल की जीएसटी राजस्व वृद्धि दर में मध्यप्रदेश देश में प्रथम स्थान पर
- राजस्व वृद्धि के विशेष प्रयासों से ₹4150 करोड़ का अतिरिक्त राजस्व स्कूटीन प्रवर्तन, ITC रिवर्सल आदि के माध्यम से प्राप्त हुआ



औद्योगिक निवेश को प्रोत्साहन

- आष्टा (सीहोर) में लगभग ₹60,000 करोड़ के निवेश से पेट्रोकेमिकल कॉम्प्लेक्स तथा इथेन क्रैकर परियोजना की स्थापना का प्रस्ताव
- 1 एवं 2 मार्च, 2024 को उज्जैन में रीजनल इंडस्ट्री कॉन्क्लेव ऐतिहासिक रूप से सफल रही
- कॉन्क्लेव में 283 इकाइयों को 508 हेक्टेयर भूमि के आवंटन-पत्र प्रदान किये। इन इकाइयों द्वारा ₹12 हजार 170 करोड़ से अधिक का निवेश से 20 हजार से अधिक लोगों को रोजगार
- ₹10 हजार करोड़ लागत की 60 से अधिक उद्योग इकाइयों का शुभारंभ हुआ, जिनसे 17 हजार से अधिक रोजगार सृजित होने की सम्भावना है
- ₹1 लाख करोड़ से अधिक के व्यवसाय और उद्योग निवेश प्रस्ताव मिले
- कॉन्क्लेव में कुल 12 देशों और 650 से अधिक औद्योगिक निवेशकों की भागीदारी हुई, 2100 से अधिक बिजनेस-टू-बिजनेस बैठकें, 4000 से अधिक डेलिगेट्स ने लिया भाग
- उज्जयिनी विक्रम व्यापार मेला एवं ग्वालियर व्यापार मेला-2024 में वाहनों के आरटीओ पंजीयन पर 50% की छूट पर उज्जैन में हुई 23,000 वाहनों की रिकॉर्ड बिक्री
- व्यापार मेले में हस्तशिल्प और हाथकरघा उत्पादों के क्रय-विक्रय के जरिए लोकल को बनाया गया वोकल। ₹2300 करोड़ का हुआ कारोबार



तेज गति से अधोसंरचना विकास

- पार्वती-कालीसिंह-चंबल लिंक परियोजना के लिए मध्यप्रदेश, राजस्थान और केंद्र सरकार के बीच समझौता। 10 जिलों को मिलेगा लाभ
- केन-बेतवा लिंक परियोजना के लिये ₹24 हजार 290 करोड़ से अधिक की राशि स्वीकृत। परियोजना के दोहन बांध के निर्माण हेतु ₹5,137 करोड़ लागत की निविदा स्वीकृति के अंतिम चरणों में। प्रेशराइज्ड पाइप प्रणाली के निर्माण हेतु ₹12 हजार 210 करोड़ लागत की निविदाएं आमंत्रित
- ₹308 करोड़ की लागत से खरगोन जिले में जलूद ऊर्जा संयंत्र का भूमिपूजन
- ग्वालियर-बैंगलुरु, ग्वालियर-अहमदाबाद और ग्वालियर-दिल्ली-अयोध्या विमान सेवा का शुभारंभ
- इंदौर उज्जैन सिक्स लेन परियोजना को स्वीकृति
- इंदौर में ₹350 करोड़ से एलिवेटेड कॉरिडोर का भूमिपूजन। भोपाल, देवास, ग्वालियर, जबलपुर एवं सतना में भी बन रहे हैं एलिवेटेड कॉरिडोर
- ₹10 हजार करोड़ से अधिक की लागत से 724 किमी लम्बी 24 सड़क परियोजनाओं का लोकार्पण एवं शिलान्यास
- माननीय प्रधानमंत्री जी के कर-कमलों से ₹24 हजार 500 करोड़ की अधोसंरचना परियोजनाओं का लोकार्पण और शिलान्यास
- प्रधानमंत्री जी द्वारा अमृत भारत स्टेशन योजनांतर्गत मध्यप्रदेश के 33 स्टेशनों के पुनर्विकास कार्य का शिलान्यास एवं 133 रेल ओवर ब्रिज एवं अंडरपास का शिलान्यास और लोकार्पण
- प्रदेश को 364 रेल परियोजनाओं की सौगात। प्रदेश की चौथी सेमी-हाई स्पीड वंदे भारत एक्सप्रेस खजुराहो से हजरत निजामुद्दीन ट्रेन मिली
- भोपाल में वंदे भारत ट्रेनों के रख-रखाव और सुविधाओं के लिए लगभग ₹100 करोड़ की लागत से नए कोच कॉम्प्लेक्स का शिलान्यास
- निशातपुरा-संत हिरदाराम नगर रेल खण्ड का लोकार्पण
- राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग परियोजनाओं के निर्माण और सुदृढीकरण के लिए ₹3 हजार 500 करोड़ की राशि स्वीकृत
- जबलपुर में ₹485 करोड़ से अधिक की लागत से मध्यप्रदेश राज्य न्यायिक अकादमी को स्वीकृति
- उज्जैन-जावरा के मध्य 4-लेन ग्रीनफील्ड एक्सेस कंट्रोल्ड हाई-वे निर्माण के लिये ₹5 हजार 17 करोड़ से अधिक की स्वीकृति। इस मार्ग के निर्माण से उज्जैन, इंदौर एवं आस-पास के क्षेत्र मुम्बई-दिल्ली 8 लेन इंडस्ट्रीयल कॉरिडोर (एक्सप्रेस-वे) से जुड़ेंगे
- ₹1540 करोड़ की लागत से बनने वाले भोपाल मेट्रो के नए 8 स्टेशनों का भूमिपूजन, नगरीय निकायों को विकास कार्यों के लिए ₹1 हजार करोड़ की राशि का अंतरण
- मुख्यमंत्री शहरी क्षेत्र अधोसंरचना (चतुर्थ चरण) निर्माण योजना के लिए ₹1630 करोड़ से अधिक राशि स्वीकृत
- भोपाल, इंदौर, ग्वालियर, जबलपुर, उज्जैन एवं सागर में प्रधानमंत्री ई-बस सेवा योजना में 550 से अधिक शहरी ई-बसों के संचालन का निर्णय
- कायाकल्प अभियान के अंतर्गत ₹2500 करोड़ के निवेश से बदल रही है शहरों में सड़कों की सूरत
- प्रदेश के सभी प्रमुख शहरों में PNG पाइपलाइन से गैस कनेक्शन व्यवस्था करने का निर्णय
- देश में सबसे कम समय में बनकर तैयार हुये मध्यप्रदेश के सबसे बड़े राजमाता विजयाराजे सिंधिया एयरपोर्ट (ग्वालियर) का उद्घाटन



सांस्कृतिक एवं आध्यात्मिक आयुदय

- पर्यटकों को हवाई यात्रा की सुविधा उपलब्ध कराने के लिए 'पीएमश्री पर्यटन वायु सेवा' एवं 'पीएमश्री धार्मिक पर्यटन हेली सेवा' का शुभारंभ
- नदी, तालाबों, कुओं, बावड़ियों एवं अन्य जल स्रोतों के संरक्षण एवं इनके पुनर्जीवन के लिये 5 जून विश्व पर्यावरण दिवस से 16 जून गंगा दशहरा तक जल-गंगा संवर्धन अभियान चलाया जा रहा है
- विक्रम सांस्कृतिक पर्व का 1 मार्च से 9 अप्रैल, 2024 तक किया गया आयोजन। इस दौरान कालजयी महानायकों की तेजस्विता पर केन्द्रित भारत के अपने किस्म के पहले संग्रहालय 'वीर भारत न्यास' का शिलान्यास एवं उज्जयिनी गौरव दिवस का आयोजन
- 29 फरवरी, 2024 को प्रधानमंत्री जी के कर-कमलों से विक्रमोत्सव के अवसर पर विश्व की पहली 'विक्रमादित्य वैदिक घड़ी' का शुभारंभ कर भारतीय काल गणना परंपरा का साक्षात्कार पूरी दुनिया से कराया गया
- पूर्व प्रधानमंत्री भारत रत्न स्व. श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी जी की स्मृति में ₹20 करोड़ की लागत से बनने वाले अटल स्मारक का भूमिपूजन
- शासकीय कैलेण्डर में विक्रम संवत् अंकित करना प्रारंभ
- मंडला में वीरांगना रानी दुर्गावती की प्रतिमा का अनावरण
- 1450 किमी लंबे श्रीराम वन गमन पथ के निर्माण का निर्णय
- जहाँ-जहाँ भगवान श्रीकृष्ण के चरण पड़े, उन स्थानों को तीर्थ के रूप में विकसित करने का निर्णय
- सिंहस्थ-2028 की तैयारी प्रारंभ, टास्क फोर्स गठित
- इंदौर से उज्जैन एवं ममलेश्वर ज्योतिर्लिंग तथा जबलपुर से चित्रकूट और ग्वालियर से ओरछा एवं पीताम्बरा पीठ के लिए हेलीकॉप्टर सेवाएँ
- वर्ष प्रतिपदा नव संमत्सर के शुभारंभ एवं सृष्टि आरंभ दिवस को पूरे प्रदेश में भव्य रूप में मनाने का निर्णय
- मध्यप्रदेश के श्रद्धालुओं की सुविधा के लिए अयोध्या में एक आस्था भवन (धर्मशाला) निर्माण करने का निर्णय
- देवालयों में लगने वाली सामग्री जैसे- भगवान के वस्त्र-आभूषण, श्रृंगार सामग्री, धातु व पत्थर की मूर्तियों के निर्माण को कुटीर उद्योग के अंतर्गत प्रोत्साहित करने स्व-सहायता समूह तथा क्षेत्र के युवाओं को इसके लिए प्रख्यात कलाकारों से प्रशिक्षण उपलब्ध कराने और मंदिरों में इन सामग्रियों के विक्रय के लिए स्टॉल की व्यवस्था करने का निर्णय
- स्वदेश दर्शन योजना 2.0 के अंतर्गत चित्रकूट के घाट पर अध्यात्म के अनुभव की नवीन परियोजना का भूमिपूजन
- चित्रकूट नगर के प्राकृतिक, ऐतिहासिक और धार्मिक विकास के लिये चित्रकूट विकास प्राधिकरण की स्थापना को स्वीकृति
- यूनेस्को के विश्व हेरिटेज सेंटर द्वारा भारत की अस्थायी सूची में मध्यप्रदेश की 6 धरोहरें सम्मिलित। ग्वालियर किला, धमनार का ऐतिहासिक समूह, भोजपुर का भोजेश्वर महादेव मंदिर, चंबल घाटी के रॉक कला स्थल, खूनी भंडारा बुरहानपुर और रामनगर मंडला का गौड स्मारक इसमें शामिल हैं
- कूज टूरिज्म को गति देने के लिए मध्यप्रदेश में ओंकारेश्वर स्थित एकात्म धाम (स्टैच्यू ऑफ वननेस) से गुजरात के कावड़िया में स्थित स्टैच्यू ऑफ यूनिति तक कूज संचालित किये जाने का निर्णय



गौ-संरक्षण एवं संवर्धन

- भारतीय नव वर्ष अर्थात इस चैत्र माह से अगले वर्ष तक गौ-वंश रक्षा वर्ष मनाने का निर्णय
- गौशालाओं में गौ-वंश के लिए बेहतर आहार हेतु प्रति गौ-वंश मिलने वाली ₹20 की राशि बढ़ाकर ₹40 करने का निर्णय
- चरनोई की भूमि से अतिक्रमण हटाए जाएंगे
- गौशालाओं को भूसा प्रबंधन के लिये आधुनिक मशीनों एवं उपकरणों के लिये अनुदान तथा प्रोत्साहन
- प्रत्येक 50 किलोमीटर पर घायल गायों को इलाज के लिये परिवहन हेतु हाइड्रोलिक कैटल लिफ्टिंग वाहन का टोल व्यवस्था के अंतर्गत प्रबंध का निर्णय
- अधूरी गौशालाओं का निर्माण पूर्ण कर नई गौशालाएं प्रारंभ करने का निर्णय



स्वच्छ भारत अभियान में मध्यप्रदेश बना सिरमौर

- स्वच्छ सर्वेक्षण-2023 में देश के सबसे स्वच्छ शहर का पुरस्कार लगातार सातवीं बार इंदौर को मिला
- मध्यप्रदेश, देश का दूसरा स्वच्छतम राज्य और भोपाल स्वच्छतम राजधानी बना
- प्रदेश के 7 शहर वाटर प्लस, 361 शहर ओडीएफ डबल प्लस, एक शहर 7-स्टार, एक 5-स्टार, 24 शहर 3-स्टार और 132 शहर 1-स्टार गावेंज फ्री श्रेणी में पुरस्कृत



अन्य उपलब्धियां

- 50वें खजुराहो नृत्य समारोह के अवसर पर 1 हजार 484 कथक कलाकारों ने एक साथ कथक नृत्य का बनाया गिनीज़ वर्ल्ड रिकॉर्ड
- ग्वालियर में आयोजित ताल दरबार में प्रदेश के 1300 से अधिक कला साधकों ने वंदे मातरम् की धुन बजाकर गिनीज़ वर्ल्ड रिकॉर्ड में प्रदेश का नाम दर्ज किया
- देश में सर्वाधिक खनिज ब्लॉकों की नीलामी कर पाया प्रथम स्थान
- प्रत्येक जिले में जिला पुलिस बैंड का गठन
- भारत सरकार के गृह मंत्रालय द्वारा देशभर के 10 सर्वश्रेष्ठ थानों में देवास के सिविल लाइन थाने का चयन
- राज्यों की स्टार्टअप रैंकिंग 2022 और राष्ट्रीय स्टार्टअप पुरस्कार 2023 के अंतर्गत मध्यप्रदेश 'लीडर' के रूप में पुरस्कृत
- 'एक जिला-एक उत्पाद' के अंतर्गत बुरहानपुर को केला प्रसंस्करण क्षेत्र में विशेष कार्य के लिए राष्ट्रीय सम्मान
- प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना (शहरी) के क्रियान्वयन में मध्यप्रदेश को बेस्ट परफार्मिंग स्टेट अवॉर्ड की श्रेणी में दूसरा स्थान
- मध्यप्रदेश टूरिज्म बोर्ड देश के बेस्ट टूरिज्म बोर्ड के रूप में सम्मानित
- मध्यप्रदेश टाइगर और चीता स्टेट के बाद बना लेपर्ड स्टेट
- अशोकनगर के चंदेरी के प्राणपुर ग्राम में ₹7 करोड़ से अधिक की लागत के देश के पहले 'क्राफ्ट हैण्डलूम टूरिज्म विलेज' का लोकार्पण
- 'एक जिला-एक उत्पाद' के तहत विभिन्न प्राचीन कलाओं को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए परी बाजार, भोपाल में 'गोलघर स्मारक' का शुभारंभ
- पंडित सुशीलाल शर्मा शासकीय स्वशासी आयुर्वेद महाविद्यालय के चिकित्सालय को एनएबीएच सर्टिफिकेशन



भारत सरकार की योजनाओं के क्रियान्वयन में लगातार अग्रणी मध्यप्रदेश

- पीएम स्व-निधि योजना
- प्रधानमंत्री ग्राम सड़क योजना
- पीएम आवास योजना
- कृषि अवसंरचना निधि
- प्रधानमंत्री मातृ वंदना योजना
- स्वामित्व योजना
- नशामुक्त भारत अभियान
- आयुष्मान भारत योजना
- मछुआ क्रेडिट कार्ड योजना
- राष्ट्रीय पशु रोग नियंत्रण कार्यक्रम
- प्रधानमंत्री आदर्श ग्राम योजना
- राष्ट्रीय आजीविका मिशन
- स्वच्छ भारत मिशन

मध्यप्रदेश शासन

8 GOVT & POLITICS

Discontent in Ajit Pawar-led NCP as it nominates Sunetra to RS after poll loss

ALOK DESHPANDE
MUMBAI, JUNE 13

NATIONALIST CONGRESS Party (NCP) president and Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar's wife Sunetra Pawar was named as the party's nominee for the Rajya Sabha bypoll on Thursday. The development is likely to ruffle many feathers in the NCP even though senior party leader and minister Chhagan Bhujbal claimed that he was not upset over rejection of his claim to this nomination.

Bhujbal was however vocal about his desire for a Rajya Sabha berth. He said, "The party's core group members have unanimously decided to give the Rajya Sabha seat to Sunetra Pawar. Several people, including me, wanted this seat but after discussions, we have decided that Sunetra Pawar should be sent to the Rajya Sabha. I am not at all upset by this decision. We have taken this decision for the party."

Replying to a question whether he was disappointed by the NCP leadership's move, Bhujbal told reporters, "Can you see it on my face?... When you work in a party, you have to make certain sacrifices."

The NCP brass also put up a united face as all ministers and senior party leaders joined Sunetra while she filed her nomination during the day, Thursday

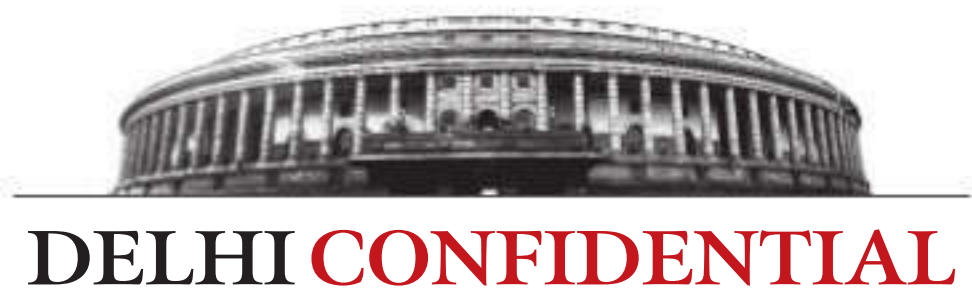


Ajit Pawar's wife Sunetra Pawar

was the last day for filing nomination for the June 25 bypoll necessitated by senior party leader Praful Patel's move to vacate his seat after just two years as he got elected for a full six-year term in the Rajya Sabha biennial elections held in February this year. Sunetra's bid for a four-year Rajya Sabha term has got the backing of her party's Mahayuti partners including the BJP and CMEknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena. With the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) deciding to not field its nominee, given the absolute majority of the ruling coalition, Sunetra is set to get elected unopposed on June 18, the last date for withdrawal of nomination.

In the recent Lok Sabha polls, Sunetra was trounced by her sister-in-law Supriya Sule, Sharad Pawar's daughter, by over 1.58 lakh votes in Baramati, the home turf of the Pawar family.

The NCP leadership's decision to still send Sunetra to the Rajya Sabha after her rout in Baramati has caused resentment in a section of party leaders and workers, with murmurs having already started within its ranks.



COURSE CORRECTION

WHEN FORMER Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar took charge as a Union minister (Power, and Housing & Urban Affairs) on Tuesday, the armed commandos of the Haryana Police in his security detail accompanied him inside the offices, making for an unusual sight. However, things have changed since. Now, armed commandos stay outside the buildings and only unarmed PSOs in safari suits accompany the minister inside.

RISE & FOOTFALL

SINCE THE Samajwadi Party has become the third largest party in the Lower House of Parliament with 37 members, its national headquarters on Copernicus Marg in Central Delhi has an increased footfall of party workers and leaders. Party's secretary-general and Rajya Sabha member Prof Ram Gopal Yadav and another Rajya Sabha member Javed Ali Khan have been attending to the visitors at the office on a daily basis. In contrast, before the Lok Sabha results, the office wore a deserted look as the party had only five Lok Sabha MPs in each of the past two terms. Also, the party has been out of power in UP for seven years.

Modernisation, welfare of veterans: Rajnath takes charge, outlines goals

Defence Minister to make first official visit to Eastern Naval Command this week

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

STRENGTHENING THE country's security apparatus and achieving self-reliance in defence manufacturing are among the key aims for the next five years, said Defence Minister Rajnath Singh as he assumed charge for the second consecutive term on Thursday.

"Armed forces' modernisation and the welfare of soldiers, both serving and retired, will continue to be our main focus," he said while outlining his vision for the next five years. He said the Armed Forces are being equipped with state-of-the-art weapons and platforms.

He said the objective will also be to increase defence exports in the time to come. "Defence exports touched a record ₹21,083 crore in the financial year 2023-24. It was historic. Our target will be to export defence equipment worth over ₹50,000 crore by 2028-2029," he said.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is welcomed by the three service chiefs as he takes charge of the ministry, in New Delhi on Thursday. Tashi Tobgyal

Soon after assuming charge, Singh chaired a meeting on a 100-day action plan where issues pertaining to the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare were discussed. He

urged officials to help implement the 100-day agenda, a statement said. The Defence Minister said he will conduct regular meetings to fast-track the progress of the ministry's

flagship schemes and initiatives.

Later this week, Rajnath is set to make his first official visit to the Eastern Naval Command in Visakhapatnam where he will speak with officers and sailors.

Meet new Army Chief: Avid reader, led Galwan talks

AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13



Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi

LT GEN Upendra Dwivedi, the next Army chief, is known to be a tech-savvy officer who has held a wide range of posts during a nearly four-decade career — including that of Northern Army Commander, a position in which he oversaw talks with China over the military standoff.

Currently serving as the Vice Chief of Army Staff, Lt Gen Dwivedi was appointed as Army chief earlier this week. He will assume the role on June 30, when current Army Chief General Manoj Pandey retires. Lt Gen Dwivedi is the senior-most offi-

cer in the Army at present.

Army officers, who know Lt Gen Dwivedi well and have worked closely with him, told *The Indian Express* that he will likely carry forward Gen Pandey's work of infusing new technology into the Armed Forces.

"He will be ensuring induction of maximum hi-tech equipment in the Army which have been brought through the Army Commanders Special Financial

Powers," an officer said.

These officers also said Lt Gen Dwivedi is an avid reader and can present in-depth analyses of any security issue, considering the wide range of roles he has held during his career.

"Among other issues of his focus, he has always given primacy to the welfare of troops," said an officer who knows him closely. Before he took over as the Vice Chief of the Army, Lt Gen Dwivedi was the Northern Army Commander, during which he oversaw military talks with China in the thick of the ongoing stand-off between the countries, as well counter-terrorism operations in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in the Jammu region which had

seen a spike in terror attacks.

Lt Gen Dwivedi was commissioned into the Infantry (Jammu & Kashmir Rifles) of the Army on December 15, 1984. During his service, he has served in a variety of Command, Staff, Instructional and Foreign appointments. His Command appointments include Command of Regiment (18 Jammu & Kashmir Rifles), Brigade (26 Sector Assam Rifles), as Inspector General, Assam Rifles (East) and 9 Corps.

The senior officer is an alumnus of the Sainik School Rewa, National Defence College, and US Army War College. He was conferred 'Distinguished Fellow' in the coveted NDC equivalent course at USAWC, Carlisle, USA.

Police stop BJP's Suwendu from entering Raj Bhavan with 'poll violence victims'

Kolkata: Leader of the Opposition in the West Bengal Assembly Suwendu Adhikari, along with the alleged victims of the post-poll violence in West Bengal, was stopped by police from entering the premises of the Raj Bhavan and meeting Governor C V Ananda Bose on Thursday, citing Section 144 of the CrP.

The BJP leader said: "The TMC government cannot act in such an authoritarian manner. As the police looks after the premises outside the Raj Bhavan, it stopped us. I will move Calcutta High Court... I waited for more than one hour, but the police did not allow us inside the Raj Bhavan. The Governor gave me an appointment, but the police violated his instructions. I also communicated this to the Governor's office." **ENS**

Khandu sworn in as Arunachal CM for third consecutive term

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ITANAGAR, JUNE 13

BJP LEADER Pema Khandu Thursday took oath as Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister for the third consecutive term.

Khandu, who was reelected unopposed from the Mukto constituency in the border district of Tawang, was sworn in by Governor K T Parnaik in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP chief JP Nadda, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang, among others.

Eleven other MLAs were also sworn in as ministers. Among them were Deputy CM Chowna Mein, former Assembly speaker PD Sona, BJP state chief Biyuram Wahge and Dasanglu Pul, the widow of former chief minister Kalikho Pul.

While Dasanglu Pul is the



Arunachal Pradesh Governor K T Parnaik administers oath of office to CM-designate Pema Khandu in Itanagar on Thursday. Union ministers Amit Shah and J P Nadda were also present at the ceremony. PTI

lone woman minister, the new council has eight fresh faces.

Others inducted into the cabinet include Palin MLA Balo Raja, Kanubari's Gabriel Denwang Wangsu, Panging legislator Ojing Tashing, Kento Jini of Aalo East

and Nyato Dukam, who won the Taliha seat unopposed.

Three sitting ministers in the previous government in Arunachal Pradesh failed to secure cabinet berths in the new council of ministers.

MODI LEAVES FOR ITALY

PM may meet Meloni, Scholz, Sunak, Macron on G7 sidelines

Also on cards, Biden-Modi meeting

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will likely meet Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, French President Emmanuel Macron, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz in separate bilateral meetings on Friday.

These meetings will take place on the sidelines of G7 outreach summit in Italy. Modi left for Apulia region in Italy to participate in the G7 Outreach Summit on 14 June.

In his departure statement, he said: "I am glad that my first visit in the third consecutive term is to Italy for the G-7 Summit."

"I warmly recall my visit to Italy for the G20 Summit in 2021. Prime Minister Meloni's two visits to India last year were instrumental in infusing momentum and depth in our bilateral agenda. We remain committed to consolidate the India-Italy strategic partnership, and bolster cooperation in the Indo-Pacific and the Mediterranean regions," he said.

"During the discussions at the Outreach session, the focus would be on artificial intelligence, energy, Africa, and the Mediterranean. It will be an opportunity to bring greater synergy between the outcomes of the G20 Summit held under India's Presidency and the forthcoming G7 Summit, and deliberate on issues which are crucial for the Global South," the Prime



(Clockwise from top left) Italian PM Giorgia Meloni, French President Emmanuel Macron, British PM Rishi Sunak and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz

Minister said.

US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said US President Joe Biden and PM Modi are expected to meet each other during the summit.

"He (Biden) expects to see Prime Minister Modi here. It's up to the Indians to formally confirm his attendance, but our expectation is that the two of them will have the opportunity to encounter one another. What the nature of that encounter is still fluid because so much of the schedule is fluid," said Sullivan.

The agenda of the summit is likely to be dominated by the Russia-Ukraine war and the situation in Gaza. There is an expectation that there will be a proposal for increasing the funding for Ukraine, to be funded by seized Russian assets.

India slams 'unwarranted' references to J&K in joint China-Pakistan statement

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

INDIA THURSDAY rejected "unwarranted" references to Jammu and Kashmir in a recent joint statement by China and Pakistan.

The joint statement was issued in Beijing on June 7 following talks between Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Chinese Premier Li Qiang.

India also criticised the mention of projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in the statement and said New Delhi rejects any move to legitimise Islamabad's illegal occupation of territory. The CPEC passes through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

"We have noted unwarranted references to... Jammu & Kashmir in the joint statement between China and Pakistan of June 7. We categorically reject such references," External Affairs Ministry spokesman Randhir Jaiswal said. "The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the Union Territory of Ladakh have been, are and will always remain integral and inalienable parts of India."

The China-Pakistan joint statement said the Pakistani side briefed the Chinese side on the latest developments in Jammu and Kashmir.

It said the Chinese side reiterated that the "Jammu and Kashmir dispute is left over from history, and should be properly and peacefully resolved..."

SANJANA JATAV, 26, WON FROM RAJASTHAN'S BHARATPUR

Big win and victory jig later, youngest Dalit MP: 'Like moving a mountain'

PARUL KULSHRESTHA
KHERLI (BHARATPUR), JUNE 13

AMONG THE many videos that went viral on June 4, the day the results for the general election were announced, one stood out — that of 26-year-old Sanjana Jatav, a Congress leader and the youngest Dalit parliamentarian to be voted in this election, dancing uninhibited to the song Rajasthanis song 'Chori tane kariyo Bharatpur jaam' to celebrate her victory.

"It wasn't planned," Sanjana, who beat BJP's Ramswaroop Koli by over 53,000 votes to win the Bharatpur Lok Sabha — part of the home district of Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma and a BJP seat since 2014 — tells *The Indian Express*. "After the results, party workers were waiting with a DJ and so I began dancing."

Since her victory, Sanjana has

been busy entertaining a steady stream of visitors who trickle into her office at Kherli village despite the unbearable heat to meet their new MP, "madamji". Her head covered with her pallu, Sanjana attends to each visitor personally — she appreciates the significance of her victory, which comes months after she lost the 2023 Assembly polls from Kathumar by just 409 votes.

"It was a tragedy," the young mother of two says between visitors. "I refused the ticket for Lok Sabha initially but Congress leaders insisted. So, I took it as a challenge and put everything into winning."

This victory is especially sweet given how she fought the polls. With funds quickly drying up, she had to fall back on supporters to chip in for the campaign as she took on the might of the BJP machinery.

"Our opponents had money power and we had the power of

the people," she says. "Many of our vehicles that were taken by the administration. Police tried to interfere in our campaign. Our vehicles were followed. BJP leaders called on local Congress leaders and sarpanches to support them. Fighting this election felt like trying to move a giant mountain".

Born in a lower income family in Alwar district's Bhusawar town, Sanjana was 18 when she married her husband Kaptan Singh, a 32-year-old constable in the Rajasthan Police. Although she would have liked to study further, she fell in line with her family's plans to get her married. However, she lucked out — her husband's family was supportive of her ambitions, and she got an LL.B. degree from Lords University, Alwar.

In 2021, Sanjana won the Kathumar zilla parishad election. Even then, it was her in-laws, particularly her mother-in-law Rambati, who took charge of her two children — a son, now 6,



Sanjana Jatav with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in New Delhi after her election victory. @IncSanjanajatav

and daughter, now 3.

"I could have never contested elections without the support of my mother-in-law. Now, after becoming an MP, I'm planning to move my children to Delhi or Alwar so I can be closer to them. I don't want nannies to take care of my children. I want a healthy

work-life balance," she says.

After the election, the MP-elect and her husband travelled to Delhi to meet the Congress high command. She also went to see Parliament and was moved by the experience.

"The feeling of walking into Parliament for the first time is

precious. Officials gave me great respect," she says.

Back at Kherli village, she insists on not keeping her guests waiting. "When I was in Delhi before the assembly polls, I had to wait for up to four hours to meet senior political leaders. I know what it's like, sitting in the waiting area," Sanjana says.

Among these guests is an old villager she refers to as "Nanaji" (grandfather). The conversation lasts exactly two minutes — she touches his feet, enquires after his family and asks him to stay for tea. He gives her a ₹50 note — his blessings — and departs.

"This is the love that made me MP," she says with a smile.

Sanjana says it was her father-in-law Harbhajan Singh Jatav, a local government contractor, who encouraged her to join politics, having harboured some ambition to contest the urban local body elections himself. So in the 2021 local polls, when Ward No 29 of

the Kathumar zilla parishad, became reserved for women, he encouraged his young daughter-in-law to try her luck.

In 2023, Sanjana came to the notice of Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra for her efforts to help organise two significant party events — the Bharat Jodo Yatra and the 'Ladki Hoon Lad Sakti Hoon' campaign. She eventually came to Delhi to meet central leaders and lobby for a ticket for the Assembly polls.

"After a month of meeting several big leaders, I was given a ticket," she says. "We gave it our 100 per cent in the elections but luck was not on our side."

The Lok Sabha polls were no cakewalk either. Apart from spending hours away from her children, facing the BJP meant she had to deploy monetary resources that weren't always at her disposal. It's here that her supporters came in handy.

She says of the campaign: "It

was tiring, and having a low budget meant that we had to arrange for cars on our own. Luckily, there were people who gave them to us for free and with petrol. Some even dipped in by providing food and refreshments, or organising events for us. I'm thankful for their support".

At home, Sanjana's 55-year-old mother-in-law Rambati is feeding her toddler granddaughter. She's promised her MP daughter-in-law that while she carries on her political duties, the children will be taken care of.

What will Sanjana's priorities as MP be? The youth, specifically the rising mental health issues among them, will be her focus, as will ensuring good infrastructure and better educational facilities for Bharatpur. "I have visited so many village panchayats that now I know the problem people are facing. I want to work towards bettering the lives of my people and my age will not be a hurdle," she says.

CCPA imposes ₹3 lakh penalty on edtech firm for ‘false’ ads

New Delhi: The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) imposed a penalty of Rs 3 lakh on an edtech platform for publishing “false and misleading” advertisements claiming 144 selections in Reserve Bank of India Grade B exam 2023.

The CCPA, headed by Chief Commissioner Nidhi Khare, in an order against EduTap Learning Solutions dated June 12, 2024, directed them to discontinue the impugned advertisement with “immediate effect.” The company has also been asked to deposit the penalty amount and submit a compliance report to the consumer watchdog within 15 days from the date of the order. The CCPA issued the directions under the Section 21 of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. Under Section 21 of the Act, the CCPA is empowered to issue directions to the advertiser of false or misleading advertisement to discontinue or modify the advertisement if necessary. Under the same section, the CCPA can also impose a penalty which may extend to Rs 10 lakh and for every subsequent contravention may extend to Rs 50 lakh. The CCPA had issued a notice to the company on January 10, 2024. **ENS**

Cong, SP bonhomie continues: Plans afoot for joint yatra in UP

MAULSHREE SETH
LUCKNOW, JUNE 13

BUOYED BY the success of their tie-up in Uttar Pradesh in the recent Lok Sabha polls, the Congress and the Samajwadi Party (SP) are ready to walk the extra mile and continue their bonhomie in the coming days, aiming to become “a force and a stronger Opposition” against the BJP.

The decision comes after an analysis of the Lok Sabha results by both the parties revealed that the alliance not only managed to consolidate votes of the minority and Most Backward Classes (MBCs) but also the Scheduled Castes (SCs) in their favour.

In the 2019 polls, the Dalit votes had not been transferred to the SP despite its alliance with the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) as a part of the Mahagathabandhan. Dalits are seen to be the traditional voter base of the BSP, but a section of them appears to have shifted their allegiance to other parties over the last several years.

The SP put up its best-ever show in UP in the recent polls, winning 37 out of the 80 seats,



SP chief Akhilesh Yadav with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi at a poll campaign meeting in Kushinagar in May. File

while the Congress, which had won a single seat in 2019, upped its tally to six.

Indicating that the SP-Congress ties are set to continue, Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, during his recent Rae Bareilly visit, referred to the leaders of both parties as his “sena (army)”. “We have our army in Parliament now. And despite being in the Opposition, we will ensure that schemes like Agniveer are revoked,” he said.

On their part, the SP leaders, who shared the stage with All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary Priyanka Gandhi

Vadra during the Congress’s “Abhaar Sabha (thanksgiving gathering)” on June 11, addressed the gathering. The SP’s Rae Bareilly president Birendra Yadav said his party chief Akhilesh Yadav had personally monitored their party leaders’ support to the Congress candidates in the recent polls.

Two days later, the Congress suspended its “dhanయాad yatra (thanksgiving rally)”, planned across all 403 Assembly constituencies of the state between June 11 and 15 to thank people for their support, to ensure better and more visible participation of sen-

ior SP leaders. Sources said the new yatra, which will now be planned after the Parliament session, will not be a mere organisational activity of the Congress and will be launched on a grander scale. “We will do a grander yatra after the Parliament session. As the support of allies (like SP) is strengthening us, senior leaders of both parties will be a part of the programme,” state Congress chief Ajay Rai said. A senior Congress leader confirmed that the yatra was suspended as a few SP leaders pointed out that the party was holding the programme alone despite contesting the polls in alliance. “Even though their local leaders were invited, planning was not done jointly. You will see this yatra in a bigger manner with equal participation of both the Congress and SP,” the leader said.

Sources in the Congress said the party is willing to “sacrifice” its share of seats in the upcoming bypolls, given that the SP had won a lion’s share of these seats in the past. “We do not know about the 2027 (Assembly polls) but in near future, we are ready to go the extra mile to make this alliance work,” a Congress leader said.

HC to CBI: Name Bimal Gurung as accused in 2010 murder case

ATRI MITRA
KOLKATA, JUNE 13

THE CALCUTTA High Court on Thursday directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to include the name of Bimal Gurung, leader of the Gorkha Janamukti Morcha (GJM), as an accused in the Madan Tamang murder case and set aside an earlier order by a sessions court that had discharged Gurung.

Reacting to the issue, Gurung said that he will appeal against the order while calling it a “political conspiracy”.

The court said: “Madan Tamang, a political leader of Darjeeling and the then president of the All India Gorkha League (referred to as AIGL hereinafter), a political party in Darjeeling was murdered in broad daylight at Darjeeling Mall on 21.05.2010.”

Later, a murder case was registered at Darjeeling police station and the CID started the probe.

One of the main accused, identified as Nikol Tamang, was arrested.

However, Nikol escaped from police custody. Afterwards, the CBI took charge of the probe. In a chargesheet filed subsequently, 48 hill leaders, including Bimal



Gorkha Janamukti Morcha leader Bimal Gurung

Gurung, Roshan Giri, Asha Gurung and Binay Tamang, were named. In August 2017, the Calcutta City and Sessions Court ordered that Bimal Gurung’s name should be dropped from the chargesheet.

Madan Tamang’s wife Bharti moved the Calcutta High Court against this directive.

On Thursday, a single bench of the Calcutta High Court comprising Justice Subhendu Samanta said, “The learned Chief Judge, City Sessions Court, has committed an error by separating/segregating Bimal Gurung from other accused persons. The value evidence is similar to that of all the other accused persons and Bimal Gurung; merely not collecting CDR of Bimal Gurung cannot itself exonerate him from the direct allegation of criminal conspiracy.”

“It is quite impermissible to discharge an accused from a criminal case where his name is directly stated by the available witnesses regarding his involvement in the alleged offence.

Bimal Gurung was cited as a leader of other accused persons.” Samanta added in the order, “Thus, complicity against Bimal Gurung has been sufficiently established at this stage. Some witnesses disclosed the conduct and public remarks of Bimal Gurung regarding threatening the victim... it can very well be observed that there are grave suspicions against Bimal Gurung in this case,” said the court.

The order also stated, “Considering the entire material, I am of the view that the instant criminal revisions got merit and they are required to be allowed. The alleged portion of the impugned order passed by the learned Chief Judge, City Sessions Court, through which he discharged Bimal Gurung from this case is hereby set aside. The charge in this case is required to be framed against Bimal Gurung with other accused persons. The learned trial judge is to proceed with this case according to the law and as per direction of the honourable Apex Court.”

Meanwhile, GJM leader Bimal Gurung later on Thursday told The Indian Express over phone, “It is nothing but a political conspiracy. I have full faith in the judiciary. I will appeal against this order.”

Naidu, Day 1: Revival of Anna canteens, scrapping land Act among 5 decisions

REENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

SCRAPPING THE controversial Land Titling Act, sanctioning teacher recruitment and skill census, increasing social welfare pensions, and reviving Anna canteens — these are the five key decisions that Telugu Desam Party’s N. Chandrababu Naidu took Thursday evening after he took charge as the state’s chief minister for the fourth time.

A day after he was sworn in, Naidu signed files related to these at the Amaravati Secretariat — giving his stamp of approval to implement some of the promises he made during his election campaign. These decisions are to be implemented immediately. As priests chanted hymns, Naidu, with his wife Bhuvaneswari be-



Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu takes charge at his office in Amaravati. PTI

side him, took charge in a special chamber in Block 1 of the Secretariat after 4:45 pm. His first act as Chief Minister was to scrap

the highly controversial Land Titling Act, enacted by the previous YS Jagan Mohan Reddy government.

This legislation had become a major election issue in the assembly polls, with Naidu’s TDP alleging that it could be misused to grab or entangle immovable properties that did not have the requisite documentation — including ancestral lands — in endless litigations.

The second file pertained to recruitment for 16,347 teacher posts under the District Selection Committee. He also approved proposals to increase social welfare pensions to Rs 4,000/month, conducting skill census among youth and reviving the ‘Anna’ canteens.

A flagship initiative under the previous Naidu government, breakfast at the Anna canteen

cost Rs 5/plate while other meals cost between Rs 5 and Rs 15/plate. The YSR government scrapped the programme after it came to power.

Before he took charge as Chief Minister, Naidu visited the Lord Venkateshwara temple at Tirumala and the Sri Druga temple at Vijayawada to offer his prayers before heading to Amaravati. Besides Naidu, 24 ministers, including Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan and the Chief Minister’s son Nara Lokesh Naidu — a first-time MLA — were also sworn in Wednesday. Although the official announcement is still awaited, Pawan Kalyan is likely to be made deputy Chief Minister. Later in the evening, Naidu went into a huddle with allies such as BJP and JSP to discuss portfolio allocation.

SUJIT BISOI
BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 13

AS NEW Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi takes guard, the BJP-led government is bracing for a bumpy road, with the first challenge before it to deliver on the promises made during the election campaign. For the 52-year-old CM, who has no previous ministerial experience, keeping all the factions in the party united and facing the Biju Janata Dal in the Opposition for the first time will also be among the major challenges.

After taking the oath on Wednesday, Majhi chaired his first Cabinet meeting, where the government announced its decision to open on Thursday all four entrance gates of the Jagannath Temple in Puri, which was one of the party’s poll promises. Entry for devotees had been restricted since the Covid-19 pandemic. The Cabinet also approved a corpus of Rs 500 crore for the security and beautification of the



CM Mohan Charan Majhi during a visit to Jagannath Temple, in Puri. PTI

shrine. On the issue of the missing keys of the temple’s “Ratna Bhandar (treasure trove)”, which the BJP had used to target the Naveen Patnaik government, the party has promised to publicise an inquiry report into the matter. Besides, it also promised to open the Ratna Bhandar for a fresh inventory of the precious jewels stored in it — last done in 1978 — but no decision was made at the Cabinet meeting.

The state Cabinet also approved the implementation of two of its major poll promises

within 100 days — increasing the minimum support price (MSP) of paddy to Rs 3,100 per quintal and Subhadra Yojana, under which it has promised to provide a voucher of Rs 50,000 to every woman that can be encashed in two years. Government officials said both promises would impose a “considerable financial burden” on the state exchequer. “We are committed to implementing all the promises made in our manifesto,” said a senior BJP leader.

The government also has to take a call on the BJD administration’s many populist schemes. The Patnaik government’s Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) was a popular health insurance scheme that entitled beneficiaries to coverage of up to Rs 5 lakh in treatment costs (Rs 10 lakh for women). The BJP has promised to implement the Centre’s Ayushman Bharat scheme in the first 100 days of its government.

With its promise to create 25 lakh “Lakshpati Didis” by 2027, the BJP managed to garner support from women vote base in villages. However, keeping their support intact will be a challenge for the new dispensation.

the highly controversial Land Titling Act, enacted by the previous YS Jagan Mohan Reddy government.

This legislation had become a major election issue in the assembly polls, with Naidu’s TDP alleging that it could be misused to grab or entangle immovable properties that did not have the requisite documentation — including ancestral lands — in endless litigations.

The second file pertained to recruitment for 16,347 teacher posts under the District Selection Committee. He also approved proposals to increase social welfare pensions to Rs 4,000/month, conducting skill census among youth and reviving the ‘Anna’ canteens.

A flagship initiative under the previous Naidu government, breakfast at the Anna canteen

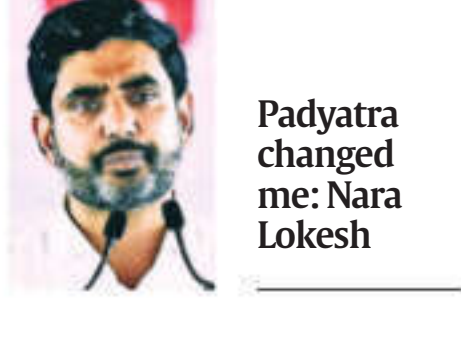
From poll debacle to victory, how Nara Lokesh revived TDP

NIKHILA HENRY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

WRITTEN OFF after he lost the Mangalagiri constituency amid his Telugu Desam Party (TDP)’s drubbing in the 2019 Andhra Pradesh Assembly elections by the Jagan Mohan Reddy-led YSR Congress Party (YSRCP), Nara Lokesh, swept the polls, storming back to power in the state. With Naidu emerging as a key player on the national stage besides returning to the helm of the TDP-led government in Andhra Pradesh, Lokesh, 41, is expected to set the tone for the coalition regime in the state.

“We are looking forward to running a government that can work with humility and deliver on its promises,” Lokesh said.

His close aides attribute Lokesh’s comeback to his resilience and his ability to learn from the worst situations. “My padayatra changed me funda-



Padayatra changed me: Nara Lokesh

mentally as a person and made me humbler and grounded, and eager to help people,” he said.

His associates say Lokesh describes his over 3,000-km padayatra “Yuva Galam” — which he undertook from Kuppam to Sriakulam during January-December last year — as “a learning and a Stanford moment”.

The TDP general secretary, Lokesh is an MBA from Stanford University and had undertaken the yatra, which is seen as one of the key reasons for the revival of the TDP. Lokesh’s moment of truth came in September last year, when Naidu was arrested in connection with an alleged AP Skill Development Corporation scam. It was Lokesh who rose to the occasion and held the party together as the TDP leaders wondered if Naidu would be able to walk out of prison and campaign for the polls. “Lokesh knocked on all doors — from Andhra to Delhi — to ensure his father’s release. Those were tough times but he held the party together,” a TDP leader said.

Row over Shah video snowballs, Tamilisai says were discussing ‘post-poll challenges’

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

AMID THE controversy surrounding a video of Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP’s former Tamil Nadu chief Tamilisai Soundararajan, the former Telangana governor Wednesday attempted to end speculation of her getting “admonished” by posting on X that the two were discussing post-poll challenges in the state.

The DMK and Congress, however, appear determined to keep the issue alive, with the Congress planning to launch a protest on Thursday in the state, said sources. The incident has also taken on a caste angle as members of the influential Nadar community, which Tamilisai belongs to, took umbrage over the video.

In the clip, Shah is seen wagging his finger while speaking to Tamilisai on stage at Chandrababu Naidu’s swearing-in ceremony Tuesday. It went viral after state BJP leaders posted it on social media and suggested that Shah was rebuking Tamilisai over remarks purportedly targeting Tamil Nadu BJP chief K Annamalai.

On Wednesday, Tamilisai said on X: “Yesterday as I met our Honorable Home Minister Sri @AmitShahji in AP for the first time after the 2024 Elections he called me to ask about post poll followup and the challenges faced.. As I was elaborating due to paucity of time with utmost concern he advised to carry out the political and constituency work intensively which was reassuring. This is to clarify all unwarranted speculations around..”

While a DMK spokesperson questioned the Home Minister for “exhibiting harsh words with a threatening body language” against a woman leader, Nadar community leaders sought an apology from both Shah and Annamalai, asking if such treatment would be accorded to upper caste leaders from the party.

The Nadar community has largely stood by national parties in a state where Dravidian parties have dominated politics for decades.

Veteran Congress leader K Kamaraj and senior BJP leader Pon Radhakrishnan belong to this community. BJP sources said the incident could be damaging unless “handled carefully”.

WORLD BANK FINANCED ASSAM AGRIBUSINESS & RURAL TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

Agriculture Campus, Khanapara, G.S. Road, Guwahati-781022
(Email: hrdepriass@gmail.com)

REOI No. ARIAS-13018/14/2022-APART-ARIAS

ARIAS Society invites applications for the recruitment of two (2) purely contractual position viz. 1) **Project Finance Consultant (PFC)** and 2) **Project Management Consultant (PMC)** from candidates who fulfill the criteria provided in the Terms of Reference at <http://www.arias.in/career.html>, only through email before 4:30PM of 4th July, 2024.

Sd/-
State Project Director
ARIAS Society

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
भारत सरकार का उपक्रम सिंडिकेट Syndicate A Govt. of India Undertaking

Notice under Sec. 13 (2) read with Sec. 13 (3) & 13(8) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 2 of 2002)

Demand Notices were issued to the below mentioned borrower/guarantor in respect of loan availed by them and after the loan account becoming **NPA** giving them 60 days, time to pay the outstanding dues of the bank. Notice (s) sent but acknowledgment yet not received. We have indicated our intention of taking possession of secured assets detailed below in case of failure of borrower/guarantor in repaying the outstanding dues within the said time of 60 days. These borrower(s)/guarantor (s) are notified hereby to repay the outstanding dues as mentioned below within 60 days from the publication of this notice to avoid further action under SARFAESI Act. They are also advised to collect detailed notice lying in our office.

S. No.	Name of Branch Name & Add. of Borrower/ Guarantor	Loan No. Nature of Loan Sanction Amt. (In Lakh)	Description of Immovable Property	Date of NPA/Date of Demand Notice	Total Outstanding Amount
1.	Patna Boring Road II Branch (17433) M/s Jayanti Store, Ganga Market Shivpuri Ps Sastri Nagar Patna Bihar 800023. Proprietor - Sri Arun Kumar Singh S/o Shiv Nandan Singh, Jayanti Store Ganga Market Road, Shivpuri Patna -800023, Reena Kumari (Guarantor), W/o Arun Kumar Singh, Jayanti Store Ganga Market Road Shivpuri Patna -800023	74339450001058 - MSME TERM LOAN Rs.10,33,000	All that part and parcel of Residential Plot situated at Mauza - Khadagchak, P.S- Phulwari sharif, Thana No. 51, Thana Code No.-103, Tauzi Bihar Sarkar, Khata No.- 42, Plot No. 181 (Part), Patna District Area 1760.16 SQFT (4.041 Decimal). Boundries : North- Part of plot No.181, South- Smt Anju Singh (Recent Purchaser), East- Successors of Sri Sudeshwar Singh, West- 5 Feet rasta left by vendee, Name of Title holder - Smt. Reena Kumari, W/o Sri Arun Kumar Singh, Cersai id: 200010278354	29.05.2024 31.05.2024	Rs. 9,57,405.67 as on 31.05.2024
2.	Patna Hanuman Nagar Branch (2820) Sri. Santosh Kumar, Legal heir and Son of, Late. Bhola Prasad Gupta, Bashudev Marg, Near Road no. 4, Behind Babloo Kirana Store, West Nayachak, Kachhuara, Patna, Bihar - 800016. Smt. Mina Devi, Legal heir and Wife of Late. Bhola Prasad Gupta, Bashudev Marg, Near Road no. 4, Behind Babloo Kirana Store, West Nayachak, Kachhuara, Patna, Bihar - 800016. Sri. Surendra Prasad, S/o Nakhu Ray, K-69, P. C. Colony, Kankarbagh, Hanuman Nagar, Patna, Bihar - 800020. Smt. Swapna Devi Legal heir and Daughter of Late. Bhola Prasad Gupta, Bashudev Marg, Near Road no. 4, Behind Babloo Kirana Store, West Nayachak, Kachhuara, Patna, Bihar - 800016. All other legal heirs of Late. Bhola Prasad Gupta (Borrower), Bashudev Marg, Near Road no. 4, Behind Babloo Kirana Store, West Nayachak, Kachhuara, Patna, Bihar - 800016	74329830000045 - Mortgage Loan Rs.5,00,000	All that part and parcel of Land and Building situated at Khata No. 51, Survey Plot No. 179, Tauzi No. 426, Mauza - Nayachak, P.O. & P.S. - Phulwari Shariff, Thana No. 113, Patna District, Area: 1088 Sq. Ft. Boundary of Land: North - Hal Kharidhar Digar (other than purchaser) South - Ved Narayan Singh, East - Ram Gyani Singh, West - 3 feet wide rasta then Sahdeo Singh (As per sale deed no. 8362 dated 17.12.1993 and Deed No. 4754 dated 09.08.1994) Name of Title holder - Late. Bhola Prasad Gupta	29.11.2023 20.05.2024	Rs. 3,49,480.58 as on 30.04.2024
3.	Patna City Branch (1592) M/s. Apurva Garment Prop: Mrs. Apurva Jaiswal, Harimandir Gali, Patna City, Patna — 800008. Mrs. Apurva Jaiswal, W/o Mr. Sunny Kumar, Madarsa Gali, Chamdoria, Jhauganj, Patna, Bihar — 800008., Mr. Ankit Kumar (Alias) Akshat Kumar, S/o Late Kailash Prasad Jaiswal, Jhauganj, Near Devi Asthan, Patna, Bihar — 800008, Mr. Sunny Kumar Jaiswal, S/o Late Kailash Prasad Jaiswal, Jhauganj, Near Devi Asthan, Patna, Bihar — 800008.	7434140000342 - MSME - OD/OCC Rs.10,00,000	All that piece and parcel of Land/ property situated at Mauza/ Mohalla - Madarsa Gali, Patna City, Thana - Chauk Kalan (Patna City), Ward No. 28/34, 66 (presently), Circle No. 181, Sheet No. 261, Holding No. 53/A/A, Municipal Survey Plot No. 01 (part) and said property is within the jurisdiction of Sub Registry Office, Patna City and District Registry Office, Patna together will all buildings, structures, additions and improvements constructed on the above said land and bounded as follows. Area of land - 06 dhur 7.25 dhurich, Boundary	28.04.2024 29.04.2024	Rs. 10,24,766.55 as on 09.04.2024

: North - Sri Kailash Prasad Jaiswal, part plot, **South** - Sri Shyam Babu Jaiswal, part plot, **East** - Sri Shambhu Prasad Jaiswal, part plot, **West** - Gali corporation, municipal survey plot no. 1392. **Name of Title holder - 1) Mr. Ankit Kumar (alias) Akshat Kumar, S/o. Late Kailash Prasad Jaiswal & 2) Mr. Sunny Kumar Jaiswal, S/o. Late Kailash Prasad Jaiswal, CERSAI security interest id: 400023260197 / Asset id: 200023210337**

The above said loan / credit facilities are duly secured by way of mortgage of the assets more specifically described in the schedule hereunder, by virtue of the relevant document executed by you in our favour. Since you had failed to discharge your liabilities as per the terms and conditions stipulated, the Bank has classified the debt as **NPA** on above mentioned date. Hence, we hereby issue this notice to you under section 13(2) of the subject Act calling upon you to discharge the entire above mentioned liability with accrued and up to date interest and other expenses, within sixty days from the date of the notice, failing which we shall exercise all or any of the rights under section 13(4) of the subject Act. Further, you are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets mentioned in the schedule in any manner whatsoever, without our prior consent. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to us under the subject Act and / or any other law in force. Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act., in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The demand notice had also been issued to you by registered Post Ack. due to your last known address available in the Branch record.

Authorised Officer (Canara Bank)



The Indian EXPRESS

FOUNDED BY

RAMNATH GOENKA

BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

A FIRE IN KUWAIT

Workers' deaths underline vulnerability of Indian migrants. Government must step up, ensure humane working conditions

THE DEATH OF 45 Indian workers in a fire in Kuwait is a reminder of the dismal working conditions of a large, and often ignored, section of the Indian diaspora. The labour camp that was gutted on Wednesday was reportedly packed beyond capacity. The rapid spread of the blaze and the high number of casualties indicate that the six-storey building did not have adequate safety provisions, such as fire exits and fire-fighting equipment. The Kuwait government has ordered an investigation and assured that the guilty will be held to account. The country's deputy prime minister has asked the Kuwait Municipality and the Public Authority of Manpower to address similar violations elsewhere, where a large number of workers are crowded into residential buildings. India's Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh has reached the Gulf nation to ensure early repatriation of mortal remains and speedy medical assistance to the injured. But the Centre and state governments must do much more — they should use the growing goodwill for India in the West Asian countries to guarantee the well-being of the migrant labour force.

According to the Ministry of External Affairs data, nearly 8.8 million Indians live and work in the Gulf. The money they send back home makes for more than a fourth of the diaspora's annual remittances. In Kuwait, Indian carpenters, masons, electricians, construction site labourers, factory and domestic workers and food delivery agents constitute nearly a fifth of the country's workforce. Several studies and reports have shown that they are vulnerable to exploitation by employers. Two years ago, for instance, an investigation by this newspaper underlined the precarity of the lives of Indian workers employed in the construction of soccer stadiums in Qatar. While the significantly high salaries in the Gulf continue to make countries in the region a favoured employment destination, at the same time, the availability of a large number of unskilled and semi-skilled workers and footloose labourers reduces the bargaining capacity of the migrants. Many are recruited through the visa sponsorship, or *kafala* system, which binds workers to their employers, severely limiting the capacity of the migrants to seek better housing or occupational safety improvements. Fear of loss of employment or deportation prevents most from complaining about the quality of working or living conditions.

India has signed MoUs with West Asian countries, including Kuwait, to streamline procedures for recruiting workers and providing them with legal protection. However, the course of legal redress is prolonged, court processes are expensive and an already vulnerable community has to contend with the absence of legal assistance and shortage of interpreters in an alien country. The problem also is that India deals with migration through a 40-year-old Emigration Act, which leaves the migrant worker at risk. In the Budget session of Parliament last year, the External Affairs Ministry acknowledged the need for an updated law to deal with migration issues. That piece of legislation is still in the works. The toll taken by the Kuwait fire is a reminder that the new government has to do much more to safeguard the lives of Indians who go abroad to work.

STAYING HAWKISH

Fed's restraint gives RBI another reason to desist from cutting domestic interest rates too soon

AS THE US heads for a presidential election in November, the Federal Reserve, the country's central bank, has signaled that it is unwilling to let interest rates soften in a hurry. This may not just be a concern for President Joe Biden and his chances of re-election. Given that the US is the world's largest economy and the US dollar is the most important global currency, actions of the "Fed" (as the Federal Reserve is called) are keenly watched by policymakers across the world, especially among emerging economies like India. That's because higher interest rates in the US strengthen the dollar vis a vis other currencies, and this, in turn, incentivises investors to pull their money out of emerging economies and take it back to the US. In fact, even the mere suggestion of an interest rate hike can derail the macroeconomic stability of emerging economies, as was witnessed during the Taper Tantrum episode in 2013 when the then Fed chair, Ben Bernanke's, hint at monetary tightening led to a flurry of capital outflows from the "fragile five" economies, which also included India.

Unlike India, where the RBI directly tweaks the repo rate (or the interest rate at which it lends to the banking system), in the US the Fed "targets" the so-called Federal Funds Rate. The FFR is the interest rate at which commercial banks borrow from each other. But the Fed can make this rate go up or down by tweaking the overall supply of money. Justifying the decision, current Fed chair Jay Powell said that the Fed does not expect it would be appropriate to reduce the target range from 5.5 per cent until it has gained greater confidence that inflation is moving sustainably to the 2 per cent target. Again, unlike India, where the RBI targets 4 per cent inflation, the Fed targets 2 per cent. In many ways, the Fed's action is similar to the RBI's hawkish stance. Just like the RBI, the Fed also wants to make sure that it does not reverse its policy restraint too soon lest it leads to a spike in inflation.

It is true that over the years, India's economy has become more resilient to the actions of the Fed. The RBI has repeatedly said that its actions are independent of the Fed — that is, it can cut or raise rates even when the Fed doesn't. Still, the Fed's restraint gives the RBI another reason to desist from cutting domestic interest rates too soon, lest it worsens the interest rate differential between the two economies.

POOR LITTLE RICH BOY

He's richer than the king. That should be reason enough for UK PM Rishi Sunak not to play at being everyman

IT IS UNFAIR, perhaps, to compare suffering. After all, to those who have it all, the slightest inconvenience, the smallest wish unfulfilled, is a tragedy. Besides, as many esoteric thinkers have pointed out, the only inner life a person has access to is their own. Then there's the more real way that people react to those who are, for want of a better phrase, just spoiled brats. As most people struggle at their jobs — and even to find one — it's hard to have empathy for the sufferings of the rich and famous. A politician, more than most, should know that.

He's richer than the king. That's reason enough for Rishi Sunak, prime minister of the United Kingdom, not to play at being everyman. After a career in finance and through his marriage to Infosys founder Narayana Murthy's daughter, Akshata, he is reportedly the 245th richest person in Britain, several places above Charles Windsor. Understandably, his opponents in the Labour Party have sought to paint Sunak as out of touch with the people, and rather than side-step the issue, he has only confirmed their accusation. In an interview earlier this week, when asked to give an example of something he missed out on as a child, Sunak replied "Sky TV... was something we never had actually."

Perhaps it's a unique campaign strategy. Few leaders facing an election — especially one in which their party is widely believed to be on the back foot — have chosen to play the poor-little-rich-boy card. It is more likely, though, that the suave PM put his foot in his mouth. As the healthcare system crumbles, a war rages in Europe and climate change threatens doomsday, Sunak is better off highlighting his economic expertise. The Sky TV trauma is too let-them-eat-cake-ish.



S IRUDAYA RAJAN AND VARSHA JOSHI

Indifference lies at the heart of tragic incidents involving migrants, as in Kuwait

THE MORNING OF June 13, 2024 marred by terrible news for all Indians but especially for the families of over 40 Indian migrant workers in Kuwait. The country woke up to the news of their deaths in a fire in the six-storey building where they lived. As of now, a total of 49 deaths have been reported and at least 50 people have been injured. Among the deceased, 42 were reportedly Indians and 24 of them were from Kerala.

Most of those who died were aged between 20 and 50. Although an accidental blaze — the investigation into its causes and details is underway — this incident has once again brought attention to the lack of safety and deplorable living conditions of migrants in destination countries. Sadly, this is not an isolated event.

Two years ago, during the football World Cup in Qatar, there were several news reports about rising migrant deaths, harsh working conditions and severe violations of human rights. There was similar media coverage during the Dubai Expo, which saw the massive involvement of migrant workers to ensure the rapid development of infrastructure. Even during the Covid-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Health in Saudi Arabia reported that migrants constituted 75 per cent of the total people who tested positive for the virus as of May 2020. The dingy living spaces and cramped dormitories were noted as a major reason for the virus's rapid spread among the migrant community.

The tragic deaths of migrants in Kuwait add to the list of serious risks — sometimes even leading to death — faced by migrants in the short span of the last five years. These crises are a result of a chronic indifference towards addressing migrant rights, safety and working conditions in destination countries. The repetition of the incidents also suggests that we have not learned the lessons

The tragic deaths of migrants in Kuwait add to the list of serious risks — sometimes even leading to death — faced by migrants in the short span of the last five years. These crises are a result of a chronic indifference towards addressing migrant rights, safety and working conditions in destination countries. The repetition of the incidents also suggests that we have not learned the lessons we should have: Migrant issues are only in momentary focus and are topics of debate as long as there is an alarming situation.



VANDINIKA SHUKLA

THE BJP FALLING short of its predicted majority in Parliament was not the only surprise of the world's largest election. Despite widespread fears of an election cycle riddled with AI-generated dis/misinformation campaigns, the deepfake apocalypse did not come to India. The access to cheap and fast synthetic media changed political campaigning in India, but for the most part, campaigns, candidates, and party workers used AI for familiar political activities, including trolling the Opposition, and for targeted communication with their constituencies.

Indian voters received and circulated a variety of synthetic media — voice clones, AI-generated videos, personalised audio messages in different Indian languages, automated calls to voters in a candidate's voice, and AI-generated songs and memes. Most of that content was authorised by political parties who spent an estimated \$50 million. Young AI companies, with their origins in serving the entertainment industry, were quick and proficient to respond to this growing demand.

Hyper-realistic AI-generated content in India was designed to appeal to emotions. Translated to regional languages, particularly to make parties accessible beyond the Hindi heartland, it leveraged relational bonds, especially with the resurrection of superstar politicians. Muthuvel Karunanidhi and Jayalalithaa were among the first politicians to be resurrected with deepfake videos and voice clones posted by their political parties. A fellow party member circulated Arvind Kejriwal's message from behind bars through a convincing AI voice clone. Meanwhile, more than 50 million voters received calls from local representatives about the most concerning issues in their area — except the leader on the phone was an AI avatar. Political parties also used AI to bolster

FACT OVER FICTION

Lok Sabha election's experiment with AI offers hope for India's democracy

Party campaigning showed us new examples of using AI for more individualised communication across linguistically, ideologically, and ethnically diverse constituencies, with messages that were more accessible — especially among rural, low-income or low-literacy areas. India can take its recent fluency in AI-led party-people communications and transform it to more than one-way service clientelism.

their ongoing meme wars, with cheap fakes, propaganda images, and AI parody videos.

Yet, the rural information ecosystem was not as sophisticated. The fact-checking unit Logically Facts reported that of their 224 fact-checks between February and June 2024, merely four per cent covered AI-generated content. Facebook, Instagram and local content aggregators like Moj and Public featured old-fashioned cartoons, easily recognisable and low-tech face-swaps or doctored content, supercuts of local video footage, or simply text on coloured backgrounds. The content largely mocked or expressed public frustration with the BJP's "400 paar" slogan. In Uttar Pradesh, a viral cartoon rebuked Modi's claim to God-like power with Lord Ram showing him the way out of the Ayodhya temple.

Two trends stand out now: The race to get content to the voter faster and with more targeted relevance in a permissive regulatory environment will place ethics in the hands of small enterprises. AI start-ups like Polymath Solutions (commonly known as The Indian Deepfaker) and Muonium AI have committed to an "Ethical A.I. coalition manifesto" pledging to protect data privacy and prevent the creation or distribution of harmful content. As the post-election market opens for new clients to leverage these AI tools, other start-ups may not have the same consideration for labelled or ethically produced content or self-regulation.

India's experiment with AI can also open a new chapter for AI in participatory democracy. Consensual uses of AI in the context of renewed competition in the Lok Sabha can have a positive role in making democracy and governance more accessible, deliberative and representative.

Party campaigning showed us new ex-

defend themselves.

Although sources of data like the KMS provide regular updates regarding patterns of emigration, return migration and remittances in Kerala and have been replicated in many Indian states, including Jharkhand, Punjab, Goa, Tamil Nadu and Odisha, we still have a long way to go in systematically studying migration from India. There is an urgent need, especially given the large number of migrants from India to various parts of the world, to study the conditions of their migration and their lives in the destination country. A national-level migration database is a necessary step forward to adequately understand the various sections of migrants from India and also the increasing trend of return migration, as observed in the latest KMS figures.

Most Indians migrate with dreams of a better future for themselves and their families. But far too often, they are seen only in a reductive manner, as people sending remittances to the home country. We often fail to look at the people behind the remittance and the human cost of migration. New Delhi has signed Memoranda of Understanding with almost all of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries on mobility and migration. Yet, India has not yet been fully successful in tapping the potential of being one of the strongest migrant-sending countries to ensure the well-being of its people in the destination country. It is high time that India is known as the country with the most efficient infrastructure for ensuring safe migration and life at the destination for migrants, not just the highest migrant-sending country that receives the most remittances.

The writers are Chair and Research Fellow respectively at the International Institute of Migration and Development (IIMAD), Kerala, India



JUNE 14, 1984, FORTY YEARS AGO

NO KHALISTAN

IF ARMY ACTION had not been taken in Punjab, the state would have ceased to exist. The direction of the terrorist movement was towards an independent Khalistan fully supported by neighbouring and foreign powers. The Home Ministry stated this in a document on the army action in the Golden Temple. The movement would have been directed towards full-scale insurgency, if not stopped, he said.

NEW JNANPITH AWARD

THE BHARATIYA JNANPITH has chosen eminent Kannada writer C K Nagaria Rao for its

newly instituted award named "Moortidevi Sahitya Puraskar". This award of Rs 11,000 will be given away every year to a writer for a work in any Indian language or English which highlights the importance of eternal values cherished in Indian life, according to a press release by the Jnanpith.

PUNJAB SEDITION CASES

THE PUNJAB POLICE have registered cases against Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, the All India Sikh Students Federation, Dal Khalsa, Shahbeg Singh, former major general, and Kuldip Singh Kohla for waging war against the Union of India. The inspector general of

police (law and order), P S Bhinder said an FIR against them was registered at Amritsar on June 10. They have been charged under various sections of the Indian Penal Code.

POONCH CURFEW

CURFEW WAS REIMPOSED at the border town of Poonch. Reports said that there were clashes between the security forces and the Sikh militants and a powerful bomb blast had taken place at the Parade ground area. The spokesman, however, refused to confirm or deny this saying that the only communication that was received from Poonch was about the reimposition of curfew.

THE IDEAS PAGE

Rise of the charismatic state

The most fundamental threat to cultures of dissent — fundamental to any democracy — come from it



SANJAY SRIVASTAVA

IN THE QUEUE where I voted on May 25, there was a middle-aged, middle class man talking loudly about, as he put it, the fantastic progress India had made in the field of digital technology led service delivery. He was rapturous about the ways in which a very complex election process was being conducted with efficiency and, indeed, aplomb. The conversation was joined by a slightly older man who spoke of Covid-related vaccination and how he had experienced a seamless process via Indian apps whereas, stranded in London for some time, he had “experienced incredible inefficiency in their (NHS) medical system”. The younger man concluded by adding that “I tell my US-based sister not to lecture us in India as we are far ahead in all these matters. We have a focussed leader”.

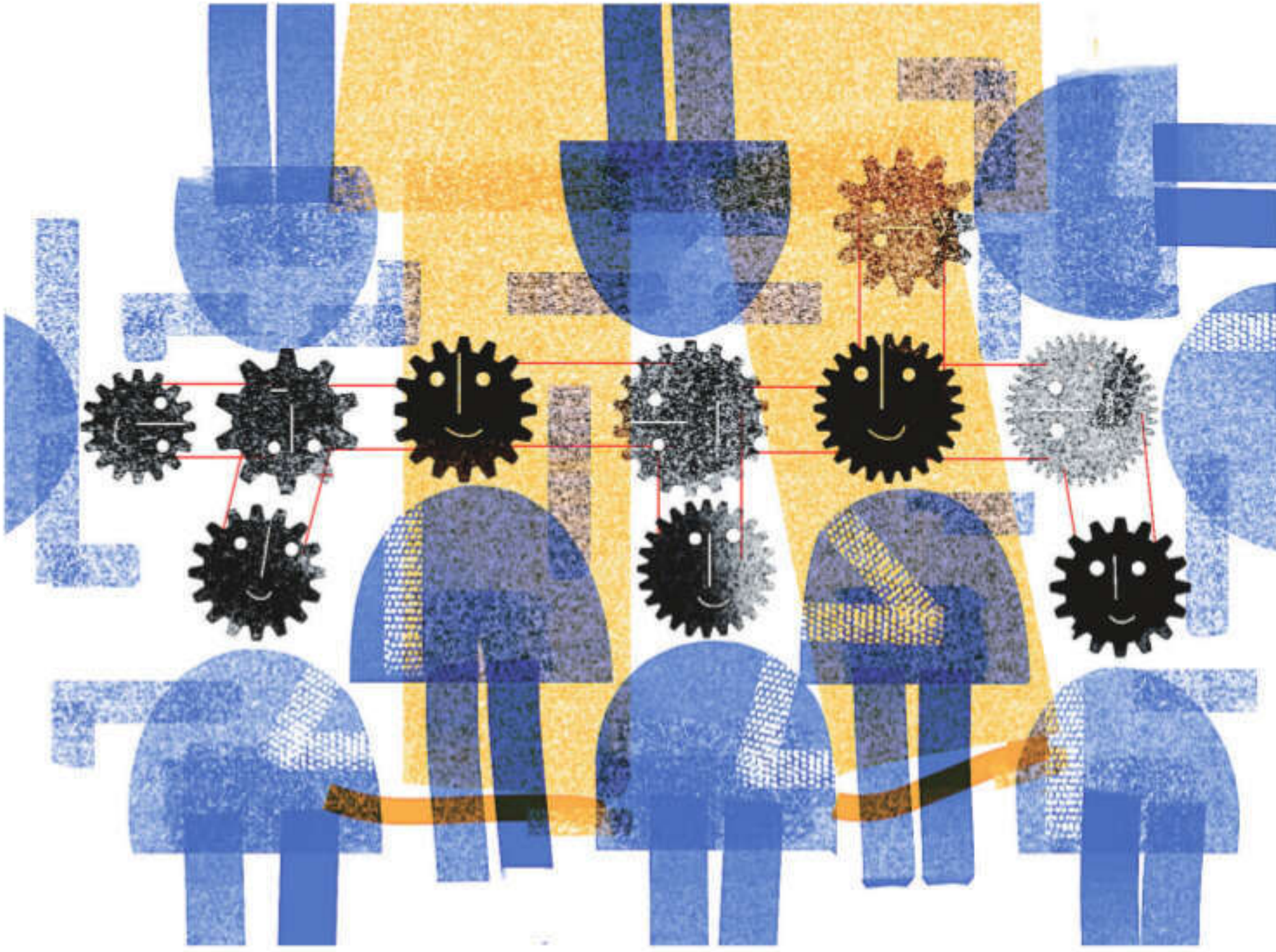
The day after the vote, I was in a chemist shop, not far from my voting booth. Among all the post-voting banter, a customer was asking others there if they are prepared for “another terrible five-years of Modi”. There were smirks around the counter and the man, straightening his crumpled and slightly soiled kurta, added that he cannot believe that “in a country with a 85 per cent Hindu majority, there is fear of being swamped by a minority of the population. People believe anything”. Shaking his head, he walked out of the shop.

Though diametrically opposed in their political stance, these two comments have something to tell us about the chronicle of the 2024 election result.

Both comments puncture the persistent myth about India that conflates the idea of “society” with that of the “nation”. One aspect is common to almost all countries that were subject to European colonialism: Their political leaders pinned their hopes for emancipation — political as well as cultural — on the idea of the nation.

The nation was a holdall of emotions about togetherness, fellow-feeling, commonality and striving together for the common good of all who belonged to it. From the voting queue to the chemist shop, there is, however, now a strong sense that it is not the nation that is central to Indian life but, rather, the state. It is the state that influences the life of a society and, most significantly, the state has been made visible as a human figure of both veneration as well as fear. In effect, there is both enthusiasm and resignation that it is now the state, which is the nation. The state, as distinct from the nation, is — in its most fundamental and unavoidable form — a mechanism. It has the capacity of enforcement through its bureaucracies, policing bodies and, perhaps most importantly, vast financial resources.

It is conversations on the ground — rather than academic arguments about the centrality of “constitutional” values — that tell us something about a fundamental shift in how Indians imagine democracy at home. It is imagined as a situation where what is good for the state — a mechanism for ruling — is seen to be good



C R Sasikumar

for society. There are two aspects to this. First, if the state says that society is threatened by “internal enemies” it identifies, then it becomes an accepted fact. And, second, there is acceptance that the mechanisms of the state — its capacity for enforcement of its will — must be utilised to thwart the objectives of the apparent enemies of society. The grounds on which the 2024 elections were conducted by the party in power were prepared through imagining the Indian state as society itself: Unquestionable because it represents the “genuine” interests of the entire population. However, the party that most strongly represented itself as the state was not as successful as it had imagined because of strong resistance to the idea that state equals society and that its claims in the name of doing unequivocal social good cannot be questioned.

The collapse of the society-state distinction has been assiduously nurtured over a decade and a half. This has produced a particular danger as far as genuinely democratic politics is concerned. The latter depends on not accepting that what is good for the state is unquestionably good for society: Indira Gandhi's defeat in the 1977 general elections demonstrated an awareness of this distinction. However, in the current scenario, the state has acquired a charismatic personality. Charisma is the capacity to undermine independent thinking and the suspension of disbelief. It is fundamental to the career of “heroic” figures across a number of contexts, including films, religious veneration and political life. When the state comes to be accepted as charismatic — rather than a mechanistic device for public welfare — we are truly in the realms of passive national life.

When a state is treated as charismatic — a machine becomes a personality — it has the

Beyond ‘voting patterns’ and ‘exit polls’, we also need an understanding of how voters relate to the most fundamental aspect of Indian society — the state. Threats to the democratic culture do not come from hyper or bigotry-inspired nationalism, for these are frequently countered by dissenting voices. The most fundamental threat to cultures of dissent — fundamental to any democracy — derives from the rise of the charismatic state, for this impairs our capacity to object to its actions by believing that whatever it does is for the benefit of society.

effect of producing unquestioning admiration and support for centralised forms of power and those who promise centralised forms of power. This is the demonic beauty of the charismatic state: All ideas of freedom, autonomy and the public good come to be seen as deriving from the state. Even the individual is no longer an entity separate from the state, it is the state. This is a fundamental aspect of the political processes of the immediate past that were contested — and discarded in the elections.

Beyond “voting patterns” and “exit polls”, we also need an understanding of how voters relate to the most fundamental aspect of Indian society — the state. Threats to the democratic culture do not come from hyper or bigotry-inspired nationalism, for these are frequently countered by dissenting voices. The most fundamental threat to cultures of dissent — fundamental to any democracy — derives from the rise of the charismatic state, for this impairs our capacity to object to its actions by believing that whatever it does is for the benefit of society. Electoral victories that are achieved on the basis of blurring the distinction between the state and the society are the most significant dangers to a national life of genuine public welfare. The question isn't so much about “why don't Indians subscribe to constitutional values?” Rather, we should ask: Under what conditions, and through which means, are the values of constitutionalism undermined by those of statism?

For now, independent thought — in favour of genuine social and public welfare — has triumphed over the dangers of statism.

The writer is British Academy Global Professor, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, SOAS University of London



K P KRISHNAN

THERE IS A tradition in India of civil servants writing books. As a former civil servant, I value these for their contribution to the historical record, and for helping improve the intellectual climate through post-mortem debate. Duvvuri Subbarao represents the best combination of intellectual and professional prowess, and humility that the Indian civil services display. All his books are special — his latest, *Just A Mercenary: Notes from my Life and Career*, is no exception.

Three ingredients make up this well-established genre. First is the first-person view of life and events. Here, the author has to make difficult judgements on how much she would like to share, especially when she gets privileged access to confidential and inside information on account of the office she held. Every civil servant should carry some stories to her grave, and there has to be a sense of propriety with the stories told.

The second ingredient is a window into the deeper strategy at play, which generally cannot be fully articulated at the time. It makes room for an omniscient reader watching the events unfold.

Finally, the third ingredient is reflection. With the passage of time, the best civil servants are able to look back and reflect dispassionately. They are able to discuss the problems of India through a frame larger than themselves or the organisations they served. They show their regrets for the paths not taken, and the strategic thinking which failed to take root in the din and fury

of execution and fire-fighting.

Every book by a civil servant can be weighed against these three ingredients. Many write multiple books. Each can have differing ratios of the three ingredients, and an author's collection represents the full picture of all of them.

Autobiographies can be ego trips, a combination of truth and embellishment that makes the author look good. Subbarao has avoided falling into this trap and has been open and self-critical. I found the last chapter, his letter to his late mother, the best part of the book. This chapter, like the rest, shows us the Subbarao that we admire and love: The self-effacing, caring, shy and non-demonstrative person.

With two books published, Subbarao has amply engaged in the first two ingredients. As readers, we are now thirsty for the third ingredient, of reflection, of his journey of ideas with the benefit of hindsight.

A fascinating chapter describes his attempt as collector of his first district to restore land to the tribal communities as mandated by the land related legislation/regulations in the “agency areas”. Governments of the newly independent India attempted serious land reforms and redistribution of ceiling surplus land as an important component of development and poverty alleviation. Three or so decades later, in what may be loosely called land reforms round two, many states had passed legislation of the kind described by the author in this chapter. These laws essentially

undid registered market transactions in land with retrospective effect. We now have reasonable evidence to show that these land reforms did not lead to serious poverty alleviation or economic development.

The author recounts the transactional part of the tribal-land story in a lively manner. Soon thereafter, the author was a participant and witness to the more market-oriented reforms of the early 1990s where the attempt was not redistribution of a limited-sized cake — it was making a bigger cake. There is a natural springboard to a deeper discussion on law as an instrument of asset redistribution and economic change, the failure of land reforms and ceiling surplus legislation, etc.

We have a great discussion of the state takeover of the liquor trade, and are thirsty for a greater discussion of one of the messiest areas of policy in India — excise laws. Complete prohibition, state monopolies and combinations thereof have all failed. For India today, what would be the ideal way forward to balance freedom and responsible individual choice?

Subbarao knows the Ministry of Finance deeply. This can be a great foundation to discuss its organisational structure. For example, he wrote the cabinet note for the re-creation of the Department of Financial Services (DFS) which was undone by the reforms of the early 1990s. With the strengthening of regulation and supervision of banks in the RBI, it was felt then that a government department for banks would

create conflict with the regulator and lead to greater and needless political and bureaucratic interference. The recreation of DFS indeed led to all these. Subbarao has a unique opportunity to view these experiences from the vantage point of creating the DFS and then leading the RBI.

In his years in office, Subbarao carried cudgels for the RBI, championing its sprawling role as “a full service central bank”. Montek Ahluwalia's memorable turn of phrase, RBI is the “serpent guarding a hundred eggs”, comes to mind. Loyalists have to often defend the indefensible. Subbarao has been the upright IAS official. But as RBI governor, he wrote in opposition of the “examination of concerns around the rule of law” in the terms of reference of the U K Sinha Working Group on Capital Controls. He inherited an RBI that performs regulatory roles while violating constitutional principles in myriad ways. To protect the RBI's conflicts of interest with monetary policy and debt management functions, his institutional role involved portraying the Ministry of Finance in a one-sided way, as intruding upon the monetary-policy independence of the RBI.

There is a role memoirs play within a paradigm where structural problems are treated as a given. But we know that Subbarao is a deep-thinking economist and not just a mercenary. We are thirsty for a third book — of reflection.

The writer is honorary professor, Centre for Policy Research. Views are personal

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“The challenge extends beyond the green agenda. It requires overcoming the radical polarisation that has reshaped politics from New York to Brussels, to convince voters of the legitimacy and fairness of government action.”

— THE WASHINGTON POST

Ineffective dispute resolution

Decision to prioritise settlement over arbitration process is short-sighted and damages long-term economic interests



SUMEET KACHWAHA

ON JUNE 3, the Finance Ministry announced a surprising policy decision. After trying to promote India as a hub for arbitration for decades, the Government of India now feels that arbitrations do not work for them and that the arbitration clause should be dropped from all future government/government-controlled entities' contracts (except in relation to minor disputes of a value of Rs 10 crore or less).

The new policy is set out in the form of an Office Memorandum and provides that the government departments/ entities/ agencies should, “... amicably settle as many disputes as possible... in overall long-term public interest, keeping legal and practical realities in view, without shirking or avoiding responsibility or denying genuine claims of the other party.”

To facilitate amicable settlement, the government agencies will constitute “high-level” committees composed of former judges/retired senior officials to vet or approve such settlements. If settlement efforts do not work out, the dispute will be left to the courts for adjudication.

The core reason given for this dramatic shift in policy is the government's perception that arbitrators often lack integrity and collude with private parties and the resultant award becomes difficult to dislodge (given the limited grounds available in law to challenge an arbitral award on merits).

The government's change of stance in abandoning arbitration and pitching all its hope in its ability to settle disputes “without shirking or avoiding responsibility or denying genuine claims” is fundamentally flawed and rests on misplaced wishful thinking. It will also prove to be a costly mistake and a major impediment in bridging the infrastructural gap, rendering projects bankable and achieving the five trillion-dollar economy aspiration.

One may start with the government's perceived lack of trust in arbitrators. First, arbitrators are meant to be independent and impartial and decide disputes on merits. They are not there to toe the government line or do its bidding. If the government is looking for “yes men”, it is looking for biased arbitrators and destroying the sanctity of the arbitral process. The government should be insightful enough to recognise that adverse orders do not necessarily mean that the tribunal has been compromised. The correct conclusion to draw is that the government, its agencies and officials have fallen short in meeting their legal obligations and must, therefore, face the legal consequences. The government's alleged inability to find men and women of integrity and trust them to do the right thing cannot be a reason to abandon a widely accepted dispute resolution method and replace it with a dysfunctional one.

Moreover, if the government does not trust arbitrators as such (though it usually nominates former Supreme Court or High

Court judges as arbitrators), why would it repose greater trust in its officials in negotiating a settlement? It matters little that the settlement is approved by a “high-level” committee (comprising inter alia of former judges) as it is and will remain a voluntary, administrative decision. A mediator (if involved) cannot advocate any particular position. He or she can only facilitate (and not recommend) any settlement. In terms of transparency and accountability, a settlement can never rest on an equal footing with an award which is issued following a judicial process and by a process known to law (failing which it is liable to be challenged, including on the grounds of bias, fraud or corruption).

Further, the government is surely overestimating its ability to settle disputes anything close to the scale and extent required. The government is rule-driven and its officials are answerable to multiple (internal and external) authorities. It is also answerable to courts for any arbitrary or discriminatory decision. The decision-makers are not immune to any later questioning by criminal investigating agencies. It is naive to imagine that the decision makers (no matter how senior in the hierarchy) will fearlessly sign off and agree to liability which can run into several hundred crores. This will be a road to nowhere.

The government's current attitude can be seen from its 2023 Vivad se Vishwas - II scheme for contractual disputes, which stipulates that even when an arbitral award is rendered, the government may, instead of honouring the award, agree to a 35 per cent discount on the sum awarded by way of a settlement. It is anybody's guess what its attitude would be when it is on a clean slate and there is no pronouncement of liability by an independent tribunal authorised by law to settle the dispute.

Finally, if there is no settlement, the aggrieved party is left to the mercy of the courts. There can be no two opinions that the courts are not equipped to handle heavy commercial disputes in any sensible way. The courts are so overworked that they are barely able to deal with the award challenge proceedings (where the scope of judicial review is minimal). The 2015 Amendment to the Arbitration Act, prescribes that award challenges shall be disposed off expeditiously “and in any event” within one year. The reality is that these challenges linger for around five years or so in the court of first instance alone. What would be the fate of an original suit with substantial stakes, voluminous documents, intricate facts and expert witness testimony (and where witnesses need to be directly questioned by the judge)?

Arbitrations may not be perfect, but they are clearly more workable than court litigation. To ask the private party to take its dispute to court is to turn a blind eye to reality and throw the litigant under the bus. Effective dispute resolution methods are a necessary adjunct to economic growth.

It is clear that the government has not thought this through, including how it can better address its concerns and what it can do to improve arbitrations.

The policy change is short-sighted and needs a swift reversal.

The writer is an advocate and specialises in arbitration cases

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FAILING AT PEACE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Remember Manipur’ (IE, June 13). In his interview with *The Indian Express*, Manipur CM N Biren Singh insinuates that he is getting little support from the Centre. The interview highlights his failure to rein in thugs in the state for more than one year. The defeat of the BJP made him realise his duty to restore peace. Even now, he tries to escape responsibility by blaming “outsiders” for the trouble. This shows that he belongs to the tribe of the politicians who raise the bogey of a “foreign hand” to hide their incompetence. Manipur is a classic case study of the BJP's double-engine sarkar.

SH Quadri, Bikaner

TROUBLE IN EUROPE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Far right moves in’ (IE, June 13). EU President Ursula Von Der Leyen cobbled together a coalition for another term in office, but the issues that led to the support for ultra-right parties require study. These include a backlash against immigration, economic slowdowns, and a pushback to environmental reforms. The EU has been India's third largest trading partner, and any protectionist shift in posture in Europe now could derail the sensitive India-EU Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement negotiations.

SS Paul, Nadia

FOR THE CHILD'S PRIDE

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘My friend Jiten’ (IE, June 13). The article gives an insight on the consequences of a homophobic society and the impact that has on a child. Though NPOs like the Centre for Social Research in India have taken initiatives such as setting up helpline numbers for the victims of bullying, children may not have any knowledge of or access to such helplines. Peer-support groups at school are essential for a sense of belonging for each child. Further, absenteeism and drop-out rate can be used as a factor to evaluate the need to put in place anti-bullying programmes.

Aerika Singh, Chandigarh

SAVING FACE

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘The importance of Bhagwat’ (IE, June 13). RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat ought to have counselled the BJP about hate speeches long ago. His sporadic muted criticism lends itself to acquiescence, if not overt support. Even while sermonising on the traits of a true *sevak*, Bhagwat remained ambivalent by not naming any leader. His advisory before election would have been more impactful for national unity, but it would have done more damage to BJP's prospects. Bhagwat is merely doing post election damage control and restoring the RSS's image.

LR Murmu, New Delhi



The site of the blast in Nagpur on Thursday. PTI

5 women among 6 killed in blast at explosives unit in Nagpur

SAGAR RAJPUT
MUMBAI, JUNE 13

SIX PEOPLE, including five women, were killed and three others are severely injured in a blast in an explosive manufacturing unit in Maharashtra's Nagpur district on Thursday.

According to police, the explosion occurred at around 1 pm at Chamundi Explosive Private Limited in Dhamna village, which is about 25 kilometres from Nagpur city. The company, established in 1987, produces explosive safety fuses.

"The micro-cords used in explosives were stored in the unit of Chamundi Explosive Private Limited. We are conducting an inquiry into it," said Ravinder Singal, Commissioner of Police, Nagpur.

Police said the incident took place when around 15 workers were packing explosives.

Inspector Vinod Godbole of Hingna police station said, "Out of the 15 workers, nine were working at the exact location of the explosion due to which they were severely affected while the rest did not sustain any injury."

Police and fire brigade personnel reached the spot, after which the victims were rushed to Dande and Sengupta hospitals. Five persons identified as Pranjali Kiswa Modere (22), Prachi Srikanth Phalke (19), Vaishali Ananda Khirsagar (20), Monali Shankar Alone (25) and Pannalal Bandewar (60) were declared dead before admission at hospital, while Sheetal Ashish Chatap (30) died during treatment in a private hospital in Nagpur, police said.

Three other workers — Shradha Vanraj Patil, Pramod Chavare and Dansa Mhraskolne — are critically injured.

Police suspect that a friction while packing the explosives with excess force would have triggered a spark in one of the

explosive cords, leading to the blast.

"Experts have been roped in to ascertain the cause of the incident," said Singal.

Nationalist Congress Party (Sharadchandra Pawar) leader and local legislator Anil Deshmukh visited the spot along with other NCP workers on Thursday afternoon when the party workers also staged a protest.

Raising safety concerns for those working in the factory, Deshmukh said, "The owner and the manager of the factory escaped from the spot. There was no ambulance inside the unit. People had to approach other authorities to get the ambulance and take the injured to the hospital."

Deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis posted a message on X, "The news is very sad that 6 people died in an explosion at Chamunda Explosive Company in the Hingna MIDC area of Nagpur. I am in touch with the district administration and police commissioner and all the necessary help is being provided by the district administration. I offer heartfelt tributes to the deceased and pray for the speedy recovery of the injured. The families of the deceased will be given financial assistance from the Chief Minister's Assistance Fund."

Personnel of Hingna police station said that they are in process of registering a case. Inspector Godbole said, "Once the relatives of the victims approach us, we will initiate the process of registering an FIR. The owner and manager of the unit are at the police station and their interrogation is underway."

This is the second incident of fatal explosion in a factory in the state in six months. In December 2023, nine people were killed and three others were injured in an explosion at a solar explosive company in Nagpur.

5 elephants, 140 forest officials and a tranquiliser dart – how a tiger that killed a man was caught

It took a month to track and capture the 4-year-old male, which had killed a farmer near Bhopal

ANAND MOHAN J
BHOPAL, JUNE 13

A TIGER and five elephants were locked in a game of hide and seek for over a week in the forests of Raisen district in Madhya Pradesh.

This was the first time the big cat, which officials believe had killed a 62-year-old farmer on the outskirts of Bhopal around a month ago, had seen an elephant in its life. It was not accustomed to seeing mammoths while traversing the forests of Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary, forest officials said.

Divisional Forest Officer Vijay Kumar had pulled all the stops to catch the tiger, which had spread panic across villages in Raisen. On Thursday afternoon, the animal finally let one of the elephants come close to it. What it didn't know was that an expert was sitting atop the mammoth, armed with a tranquiliser.

And thus ended the month-long chase.

"We had a team of 140 people, including over 100 from the local team and staff from Kanha and Satpura Tiger reserves. The five elephants from Kanha helped track down the tiger, but it never allowed them to come



It was for the first time in decades that a tiger had killed a man in the area, which is just over 30 kilometres from Bhopal. Express

close. We waited patiently, and it gradually grew comfortable. Once we got to the 40-metre range, we managed to dart the tiger, a four-year-old male," Kumar told *The Indian Express*.

Its victim was 62-year-old Maniram Jatav, a farmer and fa-

ther of six. He was killed at Neemkheda village while he was out picking tendu leaves, around 7 am. The tiger was hidden in four-foot-tall grass, where wildlife officers speculate it was resting.

It was for the first time in

decades that a tiger had killed a man in the area, which is just over 30 kilometres from Bhopal.

Forest officials had formed a team comprising animal trackers, another team to set up camera traps and pug impression pads, and a third team super-

vised by the local Sub-Divisional Forest Officer to analyse field data and formulate a strategy.

Around ten days ago, the teams managed to narrow down the tiger's location, having planted over 200 cameras to track it. On June 3, five elephants from Kanha joined in the hunt. Doctors from Satpura Tiger reserve were also called in.

But the tiger proved too smart to capture at first. "We were constantly on its tail, but it evaded our teams. It had a lot of hiding spots and would flee after spotting our teams," Kumar said.

After narrowing down the location of the tiger, tranquilisers and trap cages will be used to capture it.

After it was tranquilised, the big cat was taken to Satpura Tiger reserve, where it will be housed inside a one-hectare tiger enclosure. Its behaviour will be closely studied by veterinarians, who will take a call on whether to release the tiger into the wild.

"The tiger should be radio collared and released. We still think the tiger should not be called a man-eater. It made an accidental kill, after a human ventured into its home. Now it will be sent to a new home," Kumar said.

Muslim woman allotted flat under CM scheme in Vadodara, residents protest

ADITI RAJA
VADODARA, JUNE 13

WHEN A 44-year-old Muslim woman, employed with an arm of the Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Skill Development, was allotted a unit in the Vadodara Municipal Corporation's (VMC) low-income group housing complex under the Mukhyamantri Awas Yojana in 2017, she was overjoyed at the prospect of moving with into an inclusive neighbourhood her son. But even before she could move in, 33 residents of the housing complex, which has 462 units, sent a written complaint to the District Collector and other authorities, objecting to a 'Muslim' moving in, citing possible "threat and nuisance" due to her presence. She is the only Muslim allottee in the complex, say officials.

Vadodara Municipal Commissioner Dilip Rana was unavailable for a comment. Deputy Municipal Commissioner Arpit Sagar and Executive Engineer for Affordable Housing Niles Kumar Parmar refused to comment on the issue.

The 44-year-old mother says



The housing colony in Vadodara. Bhupendra Rana

the protests first began in 2020 when the residents wrote to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO), seeking her house allotment to be invalidated. However, the Harni police station then recorded statements of all the parties concerned and closed the complaint. The recent protest against the same issue took place on June 10.

"I have grown up in a mixed neighbourhood in Vadodara and my family never believed in the concept of ghettos... I always wanted my son to grow up in an inclusive neighbourhood but my dreams have been shattered as it has been almost six years and

there is no solution to the opposition I am facing. My son is now in Class 12 and old enough to understand what is going on. The discrimination will affect him mentally..." she told *The Indian Express*.

Calling it a "representation in public interest", 33 signatories in the 'complaint' submitted to the District Collector, Mayor, VMC Commissioner as well as the Commissioner of Police in Vadodara have demanded that the dwelling unit allotted to the beneficiary be "invalidated" and the beneficiary be "shifted to another housing scheme".

The memorandum by the

Motnath Residency Cooperative Housing Services Society Limited states: "We believe that Harni area is a Hindu-dominated peaceful area and there is no settlement of Muslims in the periphery of about four kilometres... It is like setting fire to the peaceful life of 461 families..."

The woman currently lives with her parents and son in another area of Vadodara. "I have repeatedly tried to seek time with the managing committee of the colony but they do not respond. Just two days before they went public with their latest opposition, they called me asking for the maintenance dues. The VMC had already collected Rs 50,000 as a one-time maintenance charge from all residents, which I have paid. I am not sure if I can take legal recourse because the government has not denied me the right to live in the housing colony."

Officials of the VMC's housing department said since government schemes did not segregate applicants and beneficiaries on the basis of religion, the housing draw was conducted as per the norms. "It is a matter that must be resolved by both parties or by approaching competent courts," said an official.

Mathura: Social worker on hunger strike against 'corruption' since February dies

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MATHURA, JUNE 13

A 66-YEAR-OLD social worker on hunger strike for the last four months in protest against alleged corruption in rural development works in Uttar Pradesh's Mathura has died at the district hospital, officials said on Thursday.

Sub-Divisional Magistrate of Mant, Adesh Kumar, said Devki Nand Sharma had earlier lodged

complaints with the rural development department alleging corruption in the construction of toilets and MGNREGA work in the district.

Sharma was part of an inquiry team that probed the complaints of corruption but he disagreed with the report and sat on a fasting protest outside a temple near his residence on February 12, Kumar said.

"At my repeated request, on June 10, he agreed to end his

dharna. However, after consulting fellow villagers, he reversed his decision," Kumar said.

He said that in a last ditch effort to persuade Sharma to end his fast, he ordered a legal action, a notice for which was pasted outside his home. Sharma's family informed officials about his failing health, following which the social worker was taken to a community health centre and later moved to the district hospital. He died at the hospital.

Gujarat HC stays release of 'Maharaj'; issues notice to Netflix, Yash Raj Films

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, JUNE 13

A DAY before the movie was set to release, the Gujarat High Court on Thursday temporarily restrained Yash Raj Films and Netflix from releasing *Maharaj*. The action came following a petition by several followers of Vaishnavite Pustimargi sect who identify themselves as devotees of Lord Krishna. The court has also issued notices to Yash Raj Films and the OTT platform.

Bollywood actor Aamir Khan's son Junaid Khan is making his debut in the movie. The movie is based on the

Maharaj Libel Case 1862 rendered by British judges in the colonial era. The petitioners have raised objections on the ground that excerpts of the movie contain "scandalous and defamatory language, which affects the Pustimargi sect as a whole" and that the release of the movie "is likely to incite feelings of hatred and violence against the Pustimargi sect, which would be in breach of code of ethics under the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.

The 1862 case judgment relates to a libel case brought forth by religious leader Jadunathji

against social reformer Karsandas Mulji who was also an editor of a weekly newspaper after an article was published that Jadunathji had alleged sexual liaisons with female followers and that men were expected to show their devotion by offering their wives for sex. Mulji had won the case.

The petitioners submitted that a representation was submitted in April to Yash Raj Films and Netflix by another body but the producer and the OTT platform did not agree to a request for a private screening or issue a clarification.

The matter has been kept for hearing on June 18.

Among Kuwait fire survivors, Kerala man who jumped from third floor

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

NALINAKSHAN T V had but a moment to make a decision. As flames raged in a Kuwait building, the 58-year-old hailing from Thrikkuripur in Kerala's Kasaragod district jumped out of a third floor window into a water tank below.

Nalinakshan escaped with broken ribs and leg injuries. Not everyone was as lucky. Wednesday's blaze in Mangaf city killed 49 people, 45 of them Indians. Among the Indian casualties were 24 people from Kerala.

Nalinakshan's younger brother, Rajiv TV, told *The Indian Express* over the phone that the former has been working with NBTC for about 12 years and is currently Public Relations Officer with the company owned by Keralite businessman K G Abraham.

"I spoke to him in the evening (on Wednesday) and his wife had a video call with him today (Thursday) morning through the mobile phone of a hospital staff," Rajiv said, adding that Nalinakshan was not fit enough to talk in detail and was scheduled to undergo a surgery for the rib fracture Thursday.

Explaining what happened Wednesday, Rajiv said it was their late father's 8th death an-

niversary that day and Nalinakshan had updated his WhatsApp status a little past 6 am IST and also uploaded a video on Facebook.

"I messaged him soon after asking him to forward me the Facebook video but his internet seemed turned off," said Rajiv. "We came to know about the fire tragedy only by about 10-11 and found that his phone was switched off."

Rajiv said the family then contacted Nalinakshan's friends in Kuwait who told them about his desperate escape. "He regained consciousness in the afternoon and then I could speak with him," said Rajiv.

Nalinakshan is the third of six siblings. He has three sons, the eldest of whom is an ambulance driver.

Rajiv said his brother was in Kerala in March and had only returned to Kuwait in April.

Asked if anyone from the family was going to Kuwait to attend to him, Rajiv said he was told that the plan is to send Nalinakshan back to Kerala after the surgery.

The brother added that Nalinakshan was quite active on the social front and has many contacts in Kuwait who are helping him out in his hour of need.

The Kuwait job, he said, was the family's sole source of support.

'Encroachment' of land in Vadodara: TMC MP Yusuf Pathan gets civic notice

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
VADODARA, JUNE 13

NEARLY A week after he was elected as the Lok Sabha MP from Baharampur in West Bengal, Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Yusuf Pathan has received a notice from the BJP-run Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC) for allegedly encroaching a plot of land that belongs to the civic body. The cricketer-turned-politician has been given two weeks to clear the encroachment, the civic body said, denying that it was a "political move".

On Thursday, the issue came to light after former Vijay Pawar, BJP corporator from Ward 14, wrote a letter to Standing Committee Chairman Dr Sheetal Mistry, demanding that the encroachment be cleared off the land and it be fenced immediately by the civic body.



Yusuf Pathan was served the notice on June 6

Pathan made the request to purchase the land in March 2012. The notice was served to Pathan on June 6 — two days after the Lok Sabha results — by the land estate department of the VMC.

Mistry said, "The issue (of the encroachment on VMC land) had come to our notice. It was also raised by BJP Corporator Vijay Pawar. We had already given a notice to Yusuf Pathan on June 6 and also given him a time of about two weeks. It is a reasonable time for Pathan to clear the encroachment on his own. If he does not comply with the notice, we will proceed with further action."

Sikkim CM's wife Krishna Kumari Rai quits as MLA, day after taking oath



Krishna Kumari Rai

Gangtok: Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang's wife Krishna Kumari Rai on Thursday quit as an MLA, a day after taking oath, according to an official notification. She had won from the Namchi-Singhithang seat in the recently concluded assembly polls, defeating Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF) candidate Bimal Rai.

Speaker M N Sherpa has accepted Sikkim Krantikari Morcha leader Krishna Kumari Rai's resignation, Assembly Secretary Lalit Kumar Gurung said.

The Chief Minister said in a post on Facebook: "With regard to the news of resignation of my spouse... I wish to inform the dear and respected people of Sikkim that she has vacated her seat in alignment with the unanimous decision of the party, prioritising its welfare and objectives."

"Madam Krishna Rai and I will remain deeply involved in addressing your needs, ensuring that the constituency benefits from the care and attention of three representatives: the new candidate, Madam Krishna Rai, and myself," the Chief Minister said in the post.

Bhopal: Elephant kills mahout

Bhopal: An elephant killed its mahout in Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, a police official said on Thursday. The pachyderm killed Narendra Kapadia (55) near Bhanpur bridge at around 11:30pm on Wednesday when he was sleeping close by, the official said.

"The elephant has been tied to a tree on the Cholla Mandir police station premises. We are trying to contact the forest department so that they can take the jumbo away. It poses a danger though it is behaving normally now. The deceased's mahout friend Bhupendra is keeping a watch on the animal," Inspector Suresh Chandra Nagar told PTI.

"The elephant picked up the mahout, threw him to the ground and then trampled him", a police official said.

Darshan case: 3 more arrested, video of suspected abduction out

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BENGALURU, JUNE 13

THREE PEOPLE, including the close aide of Kannada star Darshan Thoogudeepa, were arrested in connection with the murder of Renukaswamy even as the police recovered CCTV footage showing the suspected abduction of the victim in a car.

According to police sources, Darshan's aide Nagaraj was looking after all the dealings of the actor. He was also taking care of Darshan's farmhouse in Mysuru.

Nagaraj was on the run ever since the police arrested Darshan, his friend and actress Pavithra Gowda and 11 other henchmen. Sources did not divulge details about his co-star Pradosh's role in

Six killed, 1,500 tourists stranded as landslides, rain wreak havoc in Sikkim

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JUNE 13

AT LEAST six people were killed, five are missing and 1,500-odd tourists have been stranded as massive landslides triggered by incessant rainfall caused devastation in northern Sikkim's Mangan district, officials said on Thursday. Landslides blocked stretches of roads and several houses were inundated or damaged, while electricity poles were swept away, they said. The situation has worsened with the overflowing Teesta River inundating the Melli Stadium in south Sikkim, while several people have been left homeless, the official said.

North Sikkim has been completely isolated due to the landslides on National Highway 10, the lifeline connecting the region to Kalimpong in West Bengal.

A newly-constructed Bailey bridge at Sangkalang collapsed snapping the link between Mangan with Dzongu and Chungthang. The towns of Dzongu, Chungthang, Lachen, and Lachung in Mangan district known for popular tourist spots



A house damaged due to landslides triggered by incessant rainfall, in North Sikkim, on Thursday. A newly constructed Bailey bridge at Sangkalang collapsed, snapping the link between Mangan and Dzongu. PTI, Express

like Gurudongmar Lake and Yunthang Valley have now been cut off from the rest of the country. Mangan District Magistrate Hem Kumar Chettri convened an urgent meeting with all the heads of various departments to mitigate the situation. "Three persons each died in Pakshap and Ambhithang villages," he said said. A number of houses have been damaged in Geythang, roads

have been blocked at Nampathang near Pentok, a police outpost in Bringbong was shifted to a different location, officials informed. Meanwhile, a relief camp has been set up at Pakshap for the displaced people, Chettri said.

Mobile network services were affected in North Sikkim even as a request was made by the district administration to send an SDRF



team with ration to Mangan, the officials said.

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang has directed the North district administration, the police and officials of other departments to ensure a swift response to the devastation. "Efforts are underway to provide every possible support to the victims and affected families, including recovery assistance, temporary set-

tlement, and the provision of basic needs. The state government stands firmly with the victims of this unfortunate incident, pledging the utmost support to the bereaved families and all those affected and displaced by the landslides," Tamang said from Arunachal Pradesh. The state government is yet to determine the extent of the damage and the number of casualties.

Rajkot fire: HC orders setting up of panel to probe role of officials

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, JUNE 13

EMPHASISING THAT institutional heads, including municipal commissioners, are responsible for everything that goes on at the institution, the Gujarat High Court Thursday directed the state government to constitute an independent fact-finding committee to inquire into the role of erring higher officials in the Rajkot fire incident that killed 27 people.

The court also instructed the education department to carry out inspections at all categories of schools — pre-primary, primary, secondary and higher secondary — across all districts in both city and rural areas within a month from Thursday (June 13).

Recounting the Morbi bridge collapse, Harni lake boat capsize in Vadodara and the gamezone fire, the division bench of Chief Justice Sunita Agarwal and Justice

Pranav Trivedi minced no words to remark that the "inefficiency in the department (urban development and urban housing department [UDD]) is writ large on the face of the record".

Hearing the suo motu PIL instituted following the Rajkot blaze, CJ Agarwal observed that top officers, who are at the helm of affairs, had even attended the inauguration of the gaming zone.

"The top ones (officials) have to go (be removed) and then an inquiry has to be conducted by the urban development department... The SIT (Special Investigation Team) report can only be with regard to the incident. There has to be a disciplinary inquiry and for disciplinary inquiry, there has to be a fact finding inquiry (to find) as to who was at fault," she remarked, adding, "We are not going to believe they were not aware.. If secretary UDD says in the fact-finding inquiry report that they were not aware, then we will see."



Army personnel during a search operation in a forest area after a Special Police officer was injured in an exchange of fire with militants in Gandoh area, Doda, Thursday. ANI

Reasi terror attack: J&K Police detains 50, continues searches

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, JUNE 13

JAMMU AND Kashmir Police Thursday claimed to have arrested 50 people in the Reasi terror attack case in what appears to be a significant breakthrough in the investigation.

The attack on a bus full of pilgrims in the UT's Kanda area on Sunday left nine people dead and scores more wounded.

"Significant leads have been uncovered, aiding in the identification and capture of those who may be potentially involved in orchestrating the attack," a police spokesperson said.

The detentions were made following a thorough probe led by the Kanda Area Police Station. Search has now been expanded to Arnas and Mahore — a hotbed for militancy in the mid-90s.

"These operations aim to uncover further evidence and apprehend terrorists who may be hiding in these remote regions,"

the police spokesperson said.

According to police sources, those investigating the case believe that militants infiltrating India from across the Line of Control in Rajouri and Poonch district were entering Reasi district as well.

According to a police officer in Reasi, given the dense forest cover from Rajouri district to Reasi district, such a possibility cannot be ruled out. The road distance between Poonch and Reasi is over 200 km, and Rajouri and Reasi about 120 km.

Investigators believe that Kanda, the site of the Sunday attack, falls on the route usually taken by militants.

According to sources, militants typically infiltrate from the UT's Sunderbani and Nowshera sectors, trek over Bhamla hills and use a local nullah to Kanda.

From here, they go to Mundi Top and follow the Bambal nullah to reach the bowl between Narkote, Prankote, and Dakkikote in Reasi district.

According to the sources, it's in these areas, which are remote and unconnected by roads, that militants camp.

"Work on road connections to these areas is in progress. Last year, the road to Narkote had been laid," said the police officer quoted earlier, adding that this densely-wooded and sparsely populated bowl is spread over 50 km and a trek could easily take up to 7-8 hours.

Significantly, the major crackdown across Reasi — including the remote areas of Arnas and Mahore — followed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's security review for the UT on Wednesday.

"Law enforcement agencies are committed to bringing the perpetrators to justice and ensuring the safety and security of all residents and visitors in the area," Reasi SSP Mohita Sharma said, urging the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the authorities immediately.

Residential school, 2 trucks torched in Manipur violence

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
IMPHAL, JUNE 13

IN TWO separate incidents of arson in Manipur within a span of 24 hours, a central government-run residential school and two trucks were set on fire.

In the first incident, which took place at around 9 pm Wednesday, armed miscreants torched the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya residential school at T. Minou in Tengnoupal district. The school is located near an Assam Rifles post, and is around 7 km from Moreh police station.

The residential school was also housing around 20 families who had fled areas affected by the ongoing ethnic conflict in Manipur.

The fire reportedly caused damage worth Rs 80 lakh.

In the second incident, at around 9.30 on Thursday morning, two Border Roads Task Force freight trucks carrying construction materials were torched by a crowd on the Sugnu stretch of the Indo-Myanmar road in Kachhing district.

Sources said the trucks were heading towards Serou area when they were intercepted by a crowd at Umathel around 9.30 am. Upon learning that the materials being transported were to be used for the construction of a bridge over the Chakpi river, the crowd diverted the trucks towards Thoudam and then set them on fire.

The drivers were handed over to the police.

CBI launches probe into Odisha postal recruitment 'fraud', searches 67 places

SUJIT BISOIYI
BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 13

THE CENTRAL Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Thursday launched a major investigation into allegations of certificate forgery in Gramin Dak Sevak postal recruitment exams held in Odisha last year. The agency conducted searches at over 67 locations across various districts in the state.

According to sources in the agency, 63 candidates and some unknown officials of the postal department have been booked.

The case pertains to the postal recruitment exam of last year, when officials found that 63 candidates from various postal divisions — including Balasore, Mayurbhanj, Kalahandi, and Brahmapur — had submitted forged Class 10 certificates and marksheets.

The raids came a year after the CBI registered a case under various IPC sections. The case was registered on the back of a complaint by the director of postal services, Bhubaneswar.

In a statement it issued, the CBI said over 204 officials — including 122 officers of its own and 82 from other departments — were involved in the raids considering the "scale and seriousness" of the investigation. Search teams are "striving" to uncover

the interstate organised gang responsible for providing these fake certificates, the statement said. The recruitment in question was conducted to fill up 1,381 posts of Gramin Dak Sevak (GDS), for which online applications were invited on January 27, 2023. The minimum qualification required was a Class 10. Selection was automated and based on the marks secured in Class 10.

Selected candidates were informed via text and email and were asked to report to the verifying authority within 15 days for document verification.

It was during this process that officials found that several candidates had submitted forged certificates. "These certificates were allegedly issued by the Board of High School and Intermediate Education, Allahabad; West Bengal Board, Kolkata; Jharkhand Academic Council, Ranchi; among others. The complaint suggests alleged involvement of an interstate racket in creating and supplying these forged certificates in collusion with the candidates," the CBI statement said Thursday.

According to official sources, while most candidates claimed to have secured 98 to 99 percent marks in matriculation, many struggled with simple English, prompting the postal department to lodge a complaint with the police.

MP set to allow shops to stay open 24 hours

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHOPAL, JUNE 13

MADHYA PRADESH could soon have a nightlife. The state's Mohan Yadav government has decided to allow all shops and commercial establishments in the state to stay open 24 hours in an effort to generate greater revenue and employment opportunities. This will make Madhya Pradesh the seventh state in the country after Maharashtra, Karnataka, Haryana, Himachal

Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Telangana to implement such policy, officials said.

In a statement Thursday, MP's Labour Minister Prahlad Singh Patel said that under the new proposal, all shops and establishments — including hotels, shopping complexes, malls, resorts, and movie theatres — in notified municipal corporations, municipalities, and industrial areas will remain open 24 hours.

"The notification is likely to be issued in a day or two," one government official said.

Rocket boys: Cricket buddies from Chennai built rocket with 3D-printed engine

ANONNA DUTT
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

AT A party in Chennai one evening nearly a decade ago, a discussion between Moin SPM and Srinath Ravichandran shifted to a shared passion — rockets. "Won't it be cool to build one?" Moin recalls telling his friend excitedly.

That audacious question turned into reality in 2024 when their company, AgniKul Cosmos, launched its first sub-orbital test vehicle powered by the world's first single-piece 3D-printed rocket engine. At 7.15 am on May 30, Agnibaan SORTeD (Sub-Orbital Technology Demonstrator) lifted off from a private launchpad the company had set up in Sriharikota (while the rocket lifts-off in a sub-orbital launch, it does not reach the height where it can successfully insert a satellite in an orbit).

Engine parts are typically manufactured separately and assembled. However, 3D printing is likely to lower both launch costs and vehicle assembly time. With 3D printed engines, Moin said, putting together the launch vehicle will likely take only a couple of weeks.

Though the friends, who grew up playing cricket together in Chennai, founded AgniKul in 2017, their paths took a while to converge since Moin, 34, and Ravichandran, 39, specialised in different streams. While Moin did aerospace engineering from Anna University in Chennai and an MBA in the field from the University of Newcastle, Ravichandran studied electrical engineering from College of Engineering in Chennai, followed by a certificate course in aeronautical engineering from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and a master's degree in the same field from the



Srinath Ravichandran and Moin SPM founded AgniKul Cosmos in 2017. AgniKul Cosmos

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Even the career paths they chose early on were quite different: Moin and his cousins set up a company that manufactured and sold fragrances and aromatic compounds, Ravichandran started

working on Wall Street in New York, before shifting to Los Angeles.

Speaking to The Indian Express via a video call from Chennai, Moin said, "The fragrance company was doing well. In fact, we were even exporting

them, but I was starting to wonder what I was doing there. Ravichandran was feeling the same in the United States. Both of us felt the need to do something else." The childhood friends then decided to set up a company, reach out to experts in the field and do something that had never been done before. "We knew 3D printing had been used to make smaller rocket parts. So why not the whole engine, we thought. Since it wasn't possible to 3D print conventional designs, which are not compatible with 3D printers, the entire engine had to be redesigned," Moin said.

Despite the audacity of their idea, Moin and Ravichandran still had to find someone who would help them "print" rocket engines and launch projectiles into space. "We needed people with experience in building rockets from scratch, and funds. Unlike Elon Musk (an investor in space company SpaceX, automotive com-

pany Tesla and social media platform X), we did not have millions to put into our company. Initially, the company was funded by us. Then, we met Prof Satya Chakravarthy (head of National Centre for Combustion Research and Development at Indian Institute of Technology-Madras). When he heard our pitch, his first question was: 'Why haven't you done it yet?'. He put us in touch with R V Perumal (the retired GSVL project director), who has seen the development of ISRO's GSVL (geosynchronous satellite launch vehicle) from the start," added the AgniKul co-founder.

Prof Chakravarthy and Perumal ended up becoming founding advisors in their company, which finally incorporated in 2017. "Since no launch vehicle companies were being set up, the process took a while. Although we did not know whether the government would liberalise the sector at that point, it was the di-

rection in which that major spacefaring countries had gone in. That alone made us hopeful. With India being a spacefaring nation for years and demonstrating reliable launches over and over again, there is a level of confidence in Indian start-ups at the global stage now. And we are riding on their successes," said Moin.

While AgniKul's engine design is patented technology — "and not many details can be revealed" — Moin said there were certain parameters they had to keep in mind while designing the rocket, including the powder residue left behind due to 3D printing. "It was important to develop the ability to remove the powder residue to ensure there was no clogging inside the engine," he said.

A bigger challenge was the build volume — the maximum size of a component that a 3D printer could make — off commercially available printers. "At

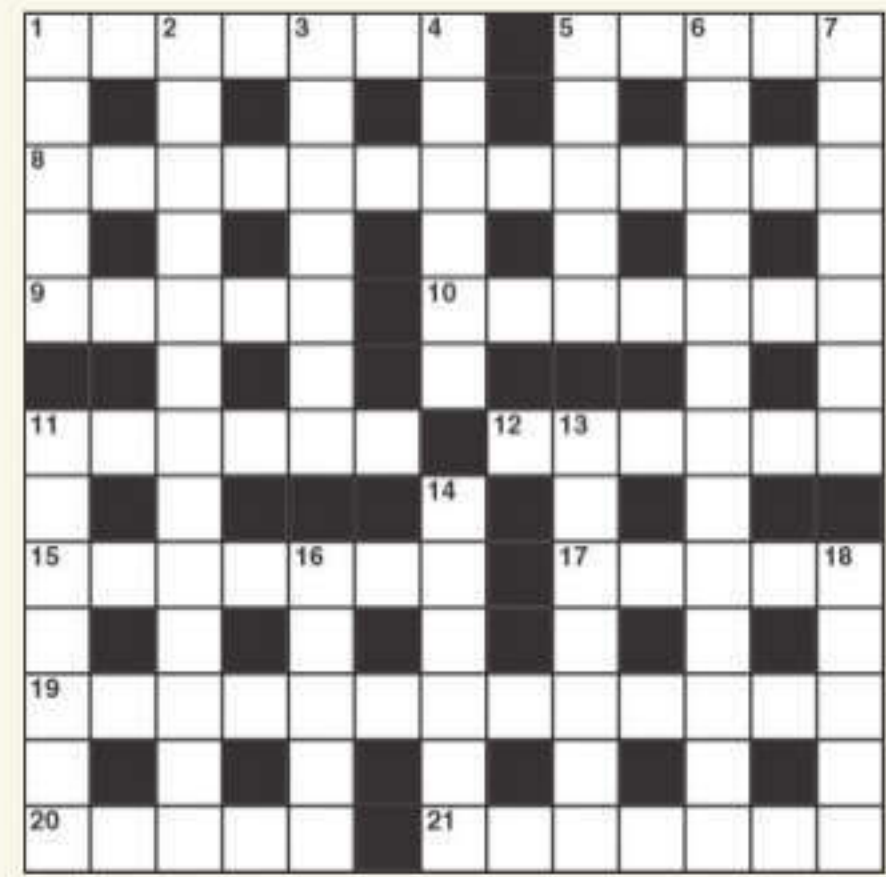
that time, the maximum build volume of 3D printers was 400 mm x 400 mm x 400 mm. Today, there are printers with a build volume of 1 metre, making it possible to print larger rocket engines," said Moin.

AgniKul currently has one 3D printer, but is looking to scale up keeping in mind the large market for small satellite launch vehicles. The bigger printers, it hopes, will also allow it to print the "nozzle skirt", which is currently added after engine manufacturing, along with the engine.

The company aims to conduct its first orbital launch and carry satellites to an orbit around the Earth by the end of the financial year. "We plan to begin commercial launches within nine to 12 months, and scale up to about 50 launches in a year," said Moin.

He added that launches will take place from its existing launchpad in Sriharikota spaceport.

CROSSWORD 5390

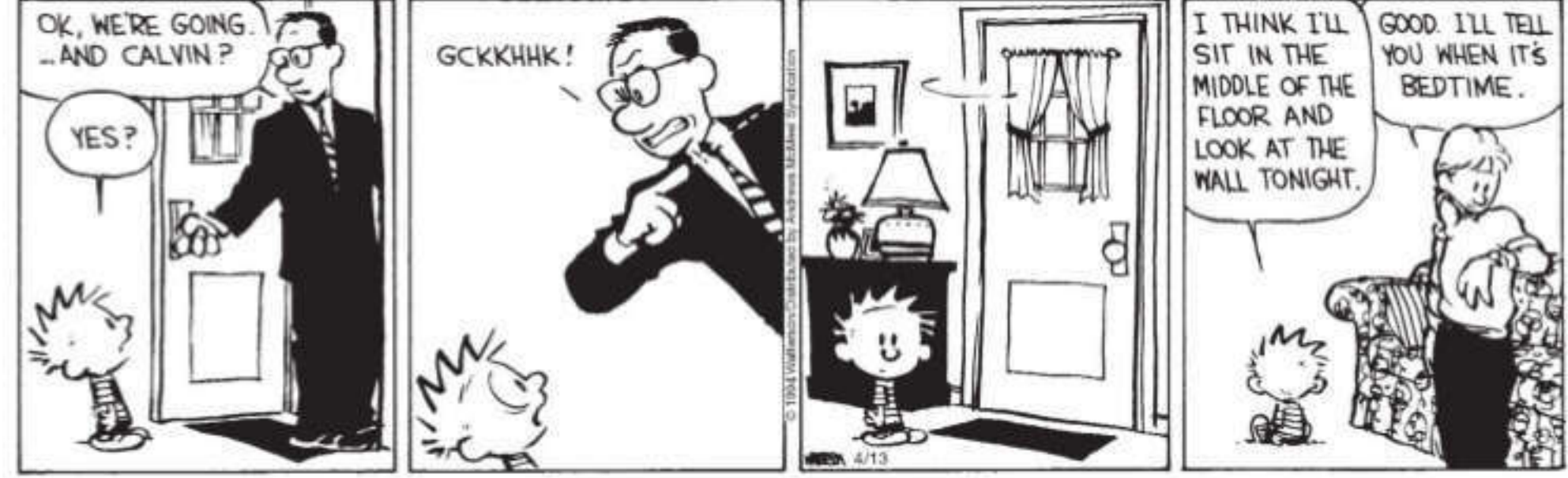


- ACROSS
- DOWN
- Solutions Crossword 5389 Across: 1 Waist, 8 Telltale, 9 Get on, 10 Fittings, 11 Shift, 12 Sea, 16 Asleep, 17 Vacuum, 18 Age, 23 Abate, 24 Entrance, 25 Warm, 26 Domicile, 27 Adore Down: 2 Arethusa, 3 Scot-free, 4 Deride, 5 Slate, 6 Canny, 7 Meuse, 12 Spa, 13 Ave, 14 Scabbard, 15 Customer, 19 Pickle, 20 Seeds, 21 Atoms, 22 Ranch

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

Neither soldiers nor money can _____ but only friends won by good deeds, merit, and honesty. - Sallust (6,1,4)

HVAEE

ELINN

GIKEDD

GIRSYFK

Difficulty Level 4s Instructions To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

SUDOKU 5591

SOLUTION SUDOKU 5590

THE BALLABGARH COOP. MILK PRODUCERS' UNION LTD., BALLABGARH

बीटा मिल्क यूथो का आवंटन

बीटा मिल्क प्लांट, बल्लबगढ़ के अधिकार क्षेत्र में निम्न लोकेशन पर स्थित बीटा मिल्क यूथो का आवंटन हेतु इच्छुक आवेदकों से आवेदन आमंत्रित है। आवेदन प्रपत्र शर्तों सहित किसी भी कार्यदिवस को मिल्क प्लांट, बल्लबगढ़ के कार्यालय से दिनांक 14.06.2024 से 23.06.2024 तक प्रातः 11 बजे से सायं: 4 बजे तक 500/- रुपये के नकद भुगतान पर प्राप्त और जमा किए जा सकते हैं। यूथो का यूथीरा इस प्रकार है।

S.No	Site Name	District	Reserved For Category
1	Sector- 18, Gurugram	Gurugram	General
2	Sector- 22 (Pond Area), Gurugram	Gurugram	General

योजना: आवेदक उसी जिले का निवासी व मैट्रिक पास होना चाहिए, आयु सीमा 18 से 55 वर्ष के बीच होनी चाहिए। आवेदन प्रपत्र के साथ धरोहर राशि के रूप में रुपए 50000/- (रुपए पचास हजार रुपए) का डिमांड ड्राफ्ट जोड़कर "The Ballabgarh Cooperative Milk Producers Union Ltd." के पक्ष में देय हो, सलाना होना चाहिए। धरोहर राशि पर कोई ब्याज नहीं दिया जायेगा तथा बूथ आवंटन होने पर उसे सिक्युरिटी के रूप में परिवर्तित कर दिया जायेगा। बूथ आवंटन विभाग की नीति अनुसार गठित कमेटी द्वारा किया जायेगा जिसका निर्णय अन्तिम होगा।

हस्ता./- मुख् कार्यकारी अधिकारी दुध संघ बल्लबगढ़

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED (Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001) Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2016SGC033813 Website: www.pscpl.in, Mobile No. 96461-55525

Short Term E-Tender Enq. No. 7556/P-3/EMP-12667 Dated 07.06.24

Dy.Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_121923_1 for Procurement of empty gas cylinders for GGSSTP Roopnagar. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 12.06.2024/ 05.00 PM onwards.

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

NO. 34543/PB RTP-44/24

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख् अभियन्ता जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग क्षेत्र उदयपुर ई-मेल ace.udu.phed@rajasthan.gov.in दिनांक 7-06-2024

रूपांक 0294-2481538 कॉलक-अ.यु.अ.उदय/ अंके. / 2024-25/2481-2490 ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 02-13/2024-25 जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग क्षेत्र उदयपुर के अधीन विभिन्न प्रार्यों में "जन स्वास्थ्य विभाग" के तहत पेयजल योजनाओं के कार्य हेतु आगामी निविदा इच्छुक पात्र विद्वान ई-निविदा संख्या 02-13/2024-25 दिनांक 08-06-2024 प्रातः 10.00 बजे से दिनांक 27-06-2024 सां. 6.00 बजे तक ऑनलाइन की जाती है। निविदा से संबंधित समस्त जानकारी प्रोक्वेयरमेंट पोर्टल http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in व http://spgp.raj.nic.in पर देखी जा सकती है। यू.पी.ए.ए.ए.ए.ए.

NIT No. 02/24-25 UBN No. PHE2425WSOB01233	NIT No. 03/24-25 UBN No. PHE2425WSOB01235
NIT No. 04/24-25 UBN No. PHE2425WSOB01236	NIT No. 05/24-25 UBN No. PHE2425WSOB01254
NIT No. 06/24-25 UBN No. PHE2425WSOB01255	NIT No. 07/24-25 UBN No. PHE2425WSOB01256
NIT No. 08/24-25 UBN No. PHE2425WSOB01257	NIT No. 09/24-25 UBN No. PHE2425WSOB01258
NIT No. 10/24-25 UBN No. PHE2425WSOB01259	NIT No. 11/24-25 UBN No. PHE2425WSOB01260
NIT No. 12/24-25 UBN No. PHE2425WSOB01262	NIT No. 13/24-25 UBN No. PHE2425WSOB01263

(मोहन लाल सैनी) अतिरिक्त मुख् अभियन्ता जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग क्षेत्र उदयपुर

DIPR-4125

WESTERN RAILWAY-RAJKOT DIVISION SIGNALLING WORK

(1) E-Tender Notice No. DRM-RJT-24-25-Snt-E-06 Dt: 04/06/2024; Address of the office: Divisional Railway Manager (S & T), Western Railway, Kotli Compound, Rajkot - 360001; Website particular: www.iwreps.gov.in; Tender No: DRM-RJT-24-25-Snt-E-06 DT. 04/06/2024; Name of work: Rajkot Division - Signalling work in connection with Reliability improvement of LC gates by Provision of IPS at 17 No. of LC Gates; Tender Cost: ₹ 2,12,02,063.05 (₹ Two Crore Twelve Lakh Two Thousand Sixty Three Rupees and Five Paise only); Earnest Money Deposit: ₹ 2,56,000/- (₹ Two Lakh Fifty Six Thousand only); Tender Form Fee: ₹ 00.00 (ZERO) As Per Para - 3, GCC/JY-2022; Last Date & time for online apply: on Date 04/07/2024 up to 15:30 hours.

Live us on: f facebook.com/WesternRly 32

"IMPORTANT"

Whilst care is taken prior to acceptance of advertising copy, it is not possible to verify its contents. The Indian Express (P) Limited cannot be held responsible for such contents, nor for any loss or damage incurred as a result of transactions with companies, associations or individuals advertising in its newspapers or Publications. We therefore recommend that readers make necessary inquiries before sending any monies or entering into any agreements with advertisers or otherwise acting on an advertisement in any manner whatsoever.

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता पंचम वि०/या० वृत्त लोक निर्माण विभाग, हल्द्वानी Office of the Superintending Engineer 5th E/M Circle P.W.D. Haldwani(Nainital) Website: http://pwd.uk.gov.in, Tel./Fax: 05946-220782, E-Mail ID- seemhld.pwduk@gov.in Tender Notice No. 1177/18 C.B-05/24-25 Date : 13/06/2024

National Competitive Bidding (e-tender)

The Superintending Engineer, 5th E/M Circle, PWD, Haldwani on behalf of "Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand" invites online tender for the following work in two bid system. The Bid Documents will be available online at website https://uktenders.gov.in from 18-06-2024 after 05:00 P.M.

S. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Validity of Tender	Time of Completion	Tender Cost	Category of Registration
1	Establishment of Hybrid Court Systems in 11 Court Rooms at Hon'ble High Court - Nainital	9,43,000.00	120 Days	04 Months	Cost of Tender Rs. 5000.00 and 18% GST Extra	OEM/ Authorized Dealer/ Authorized System Integrator

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./ AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ EMAIL
1	HVPNL	ADDITIONAL 20/25 MVA 132/33 KV T/F AT 132 KV S/STN GHARAUNDA WITH 33 KV BAY FOR NEW 33 KV S/STN CHAURA AND 33 KV BAY FOR 2ND CONNECTIVITY TO 33 KV S/STN GHARAUNDA. (SITE SURFACING, SUPPLY AND SPREADING OF GRAVEL, (CIVIL WORKS)). (KARNAL)	11.06.2024 03.07.2024	2.92 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPNL.ORG.IN
2	HVPNL	REPAIR OF BITUMINOUS ROAD 3.66 MTRS WIDE AT 132KV S/STN. RAJOUND. (CIVIL WORKS). (KARNAL)	11.06.2024 03.07.2024	3.84 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPNL.ORG.IN
3	HVPNL	CONSTRUCTION OF 1 NO. 33 KV BAY AT 132 KV SUBSTATION KHEDAR TO FEED 33 KV NANGHALA(HISAR)	11.06.2024 24.06.2024	2.89 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPNL.ORG.IN
4	HVPNL	CREATION OF ONE NO. 33KV BAY AT 132 KV SUBSTATION BALLAH TO ACCOMMODATE NEW 33KV SUBSTATION MOR MAJRA (12.5 MVA) IN FY 2022-23 (CIVIL WORKS). (KARNAL)	11.06.2024 03.07.2024	3.56 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPNL.ORG.IN
5	HVPNL	CREATION OF DOUBLE BUS BAR ARRANGEMENT ALONG WITH BUS COUPLER AT 132 KV SUB-STATION ATELA KALAN(HISAR)	11.06.2024 24.06.2024	27.02 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPNL.ORG.IN
6	HVPNL	CONSTRUCTION OF 1 NO. 33KV BAY AT 220KV S/STN SAFIDON TO FEED PROPOSED 33KV S/STN SAFIDON (NEW) WITH CAPACITY 2X12.5MVA, 33/11KV T/Fs IN FY 2021-22 WITH EXTENSION OF 33KV SWITCHYARD TOWARDS OLD CONTROL ROOM BUILDING. (PLANNING CODE- 3B34599)(HISAR)	11.06.2024 24.06.2024	14.20 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPNL.ORG.IN
7	HVPNL	CONSTRUCTION OF 66KV SUBSTATION UTAWAR WITH 2X12.5/16MVA 66/11KV POWER TRANSFORMERS (TO BE PROVIDED BY HVPNL) ON TURNKEY BASIS	11.06.2024 25.07.2024	1.10 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPNL.ORG.IN
8	HVPNL	CONSTRUCTION OF 132 KV SUBSTATION SANGROLI WITH 1X40/50MVA 132/33KV POWER TRANSFORMER (TO BE PROVIDED BY TURNKEY CONTRACTOR) AND 1X20/25MVA 132/33KV POWER TRANSFORMER(TO BE PROVIDED BY HVPNL) ON TURNKEY BASIS	07.06.2024 22.07.2024	EMD 32.96 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPNL.ORG.IN
9	HVPNL	PAINTING OF CONTROL ROOM BUILDING AND BOUNDARY WALL AT 132 KV SUB STATION JASSIA(ROHTAK)	11.06.2024 18.06.2024	3.41 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPNL.ORG.IN
10	HVPNL	CONSTRUCTION OF 66KV GIS S/STN. MEHRAULI ROAD, GURUGRAM IN THE EXISTING YARD OF 66KV AIS MEHRAULI ROAD, GURUGRAM ON TURNKEY BASIS	11.06.2024 25.07.2024	EMD 51.34 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPNL.ORG.IN
11	HVPNL	CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL AT 132KV SUBSTATION HVPNL MEHA GROUND. (HISAR)	10.06.2024 24.06.2024	38.61 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPNL.ORG.IN
12	HVPNL	AUGMENTATION OF 400 KV SUB STATION NUHIYAWALI BY PROVIDING ADDITIONAL 100 MVA, 220/132 KV T/F AT 400 KV SUBSTATION NUHIYAWALI (HISAR)	10.06.2024 24.06.2024	71.51 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPNL.ORG.IN
13	HVPNL	SUPPLY OF FOUR NO. NON AC BOLERO PICKUP/BOLERO CAMPER COMMERCIAL VEHICLES OR EQUIVALENT VEHICLES WITH DRIVER AND FUEL (MAKE MAHINDRA & MAHINDRA/TATA/ FORD/TOYOTA/MARUTI /HONDA ETC.) FOR AEE 220 KV SUB STATION HVPNL KATHAL & 220 KV SUB STATION HVPNL BATTAL & 132KV S/STN HVPNL THANA, SDO CONST S/DIVN HVPNL KATHAL ON CONTRACT BASIS DURING THE PERIOD (01-07-2024/01-03-2025)FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-25 RUNNING UPTO 2500 KM PER MONTH ONCONTRACT BASIS DURING THE PERIOD (01-07-2024 / 01-03-2025) FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-25	07.06.2024 18.06.2024	17.82 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPNL.ORG.IN

26743/HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./ AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ EMAIL
1	THE BALLABGARH COOP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LIMITED	DESIGN, FABRICATION, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF BLAST ROOM	13.06.2024 03.07.2024	640000/-	www.vitaindia.org.in	9980604725 vitab@igmail.com
2	THE BALLABGARH COOP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LIMITED	PUBLICATION FOR E-TENDER NOTICE REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF STORE AT MILK PLANT,BALLABGARH	13.06.2024 03.07.2024	300000/-	www.vitaindia.org.in	9980604725 vitab@igmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in No-26739 HRY

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./ AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ EMAIL
1	HARYANA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED	TENDER NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR THE RATE CONTRACT FOR THE EYE SCREENING AND SUPPLY OF SPECTACLES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN AND SUPPLY OF PRESBYOPIC FOR ADULTS FOR THE STATE OF HARYANA * 4 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 03.07.2024	8130 LACS	www.hmscd.org.in	8929299829 equipment-dgm2020@gmail.com

26740/HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

SMFG India Home Finance Company Ltd. (Formerly Fullerton India Home Finance Co. Ltd.) Corporate Off. : 503 & 504, 5th Floor, G-Block, Inspire BKC, BKC Main Road, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400015, Regd. Off. : Megh Towers, 3rd Floor, Old No. 307, New No. 165, Poonamallee High Road Madhavayal, Chennai - 600 095.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE OF 30 DAYS FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISION TO RULE 8(6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the Public in General and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below listed immovable properties ("Secured Assets") mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of SMFG India Home Finance Company Ltd. (Formerly Fullerton India Home Finance Co. Ltd.) (hereinafter referred to as SMHFC) ("Secured Creditor"), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on the date and time mentioned herein below, for recovery of the dues mentioned herein below and further interest and other expenses thereon till date of realization, due to SMHFC Secured Creditor from the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) LAN	Description of the Properties	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit :	Date & Time of E-Auction	Date of EMD Submission
1.	Lan No. 610607510468782 / 610639510735929 1. Ravinder Kaur Srivastava, S/D/O- Surendra Pal Singh 2. Rashika Srivastava 3. R. Cube Healthcare Industries Private Limited	All That Piece and Parcel Apartment No. 496 (Without Roof Rights) Known As Project Princess Park Situated At Village Majra & Sewalkalan Distt. Dehradun-248001 Having Land Area 165 Sq. mts. and Covered Area of 121.30 Sq. Mts. Only On Fourth Floor.	Rs. 73,80,000/- Rs. 7,38,000/-	16.07.2024 at 11.00 AM to 01.00 PM	15.07.2024

Details terms and conditions of the sale are as below and the details are also provided in our/secured creditor's website at the following link website address (https://disposalhub.com and https://www.grishashakti.com/pdf/E-Auction.pdf) The Intending Bidders can also contact Ashish Kaushal, on his Mob. No. 9527134222, E-mail : Ashish.Kaushal@grishashakti.com and Mr. Niloy Dey, on his Mob. 9920697801, E-mail : Niloy.Dey@grishashakti.com

Place : Dehradun, Uttarakhand Date : 13.06.2024 Authorized Officer, SMFG INDIA HOME FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED (Formerly Fullerton India Home Finance Co. Ltd.),

EURO SCHEDULE

(JUNE 15 TO JULY 15)



Walter the Orangutan predicts Germany to win their first game against Scotland.

Reuters

GROUP A	
Germany vs Scotland	June 15, 12:30 am
Hungary vs Switzerland	June 15, 6:30 pm
Germany vs Hungary	June 19, 9:30 pm
Switzerland vs Germany	June 24, 12:30 am
Scotland vs Switzerland	June 20, 12:30 am
Scotland vs Hungary	June 24, 2:30 am
GROUP B	
Spain vs Croatia	June 15, 9:30 pm
Italy vs Albania	June 16, 12:30 am
Croatia vs Albania	June 19, 6:30 pm
Spain vs Italy	June 21, 12:30 am
Albania vs Spain	June 25, 12:30 am
Croatia vs Italy	June 25, 12:30 am
GROUP C	
Slovenia vs Denmark	June 16, 9:30 pm
Serbia vs England	June 17, 12:30 am
Slovenia vs Serbia	June 20, 6:30 pm
Denmark vs England	June 20, 9:30 pm
England vs Slovenia	June 26, 12:30 am
Denmark vs Serbia	June 26, 12:30 am
GROUP D	
Poland vs Netherlands	June 16, 6:30 pm
Austria vs France	June 18, 12:30 am
Poland vs Austria	June 21, 9:30 pm
Netherlands vs France	June 22, 12:30 am
Netherlands vs Austria	June 25, 9:30 pm
France vs Poland	June 25, 9:30 pm
GROUP E	
Belgium vs Slovakia	June 17, 9:30 pm
Romania vs Ukraine	June 20, 6:30 pm
Slovakia vs Ukraine	June 21, 6:30 pm
Belgium vs Romania	June 23, 12:30 am
Ukraine vs Belgium	June 26, 9:30 pm
Slovakia vs Romania	June 26, 9:30 pm
GROUP F	
Turkey vs Georgia	June 18, 9:30 pm
Portugal vs Czech Rep	June 19, 12:30 am
Georgia vs Czech Rep	June 22, 6:30 pm
Turkey vs Portugal	June 22, 9:30 pm
Czech Rep vs Turkey	June 27, 12:30 am
Georgia vs Portugal	June 27, 12:30 am
KNOCK OUTS	
Pre - quarterfinals: June 29 to July 3	
Quarterfinals: July 5 to 7	
Semifinals: July 10 & 11	
FINAL : JULY 15	

The enormity of the opening game is a sideshow. Hopefully, on the night we can show the host nation we are a good side."

STEVE CLARKE
SCOTLAND MANAGER

SUMMER TIME MADNESS

Football's Continental platter

An upset is always round the corner and several favourites jostle to even get out of the group at the European spectacle

SHASHANK NAIR
JUNE 13

IT TAKES quite an ear-catching hail mary for Lionel Messi to sit up in his Florida home and take notice. But Kylian Mbappe managed to draw out a Messi opinion. The latest Real Madrid recruit suggested that winning the European Championship was more 'complicated' than winning the World Cup, forcing the Argentine to retort that the Euros didn't have World Cup winners like Brazil, Argentina, and Uruguay (Last won the WC in 1950). It isn't the first time that Mbappe has waxed lyrical about the intensity of competition faced in Europe versus what Messi & Neymar have to deal with in the Copa America. And the Frenchman isn't the only European who believes this.

Messi wouldn't even need to dig too far. His own former teammate Xavi believes that the Euros are a tougher prospect than the World Cup – and the Catalan metronome was at the heart of Spain's greatest generation – one that took the European crown in 2008, conquered the world in 2010 and then returned to defend their continental crown again in 2012. His famous words were: "In the World Cup, with all respect, you can face Honduras or Saudi Arabia."

Why the Euros are tough

Go through the bookmakers and the defending champions are considered nowhere near the favourites. That tag goes to the Germans, Portuguese, French and even this Rashford-less English team, over Italy. The same Italy that previously clinically dispatched Luis Enrique's Spain in the semi-finals and then Gareth Southgate's Three Lions in the final, and still couldn't qualify for the 2022 World Cup. In a group that they should have topped at a gallop, Italy came second to Switzerland. The very same Italy then lost to North Macedonia in a play-off race to reach the World Cup. The statistics back the Italians over here – there are now four European champions who have failed to qualify for the subsequent FIFA World Cup – Czechoslovakia, Denmark, and Greece.

Because Europe enjoys 13 of the 32 spots in a World Cup, there would always be a great team that wouldn't be able to make the cut. But once those 13 teams reached the World Cup, chances are that they would dominate. At Qatar, eight of the thirteen teams reached the Round-of-16. Five European countries have won the World Cup thirteen times between them and five other European countries have been finalists at least once.

There is no doubt that the competitive gap between the European footballing power-houses and other continents is closing down rapidly – Japan, South Korea and Iraq in Asia; Morocco, Egypt and Senegal in Africa; and Uruguay and Colombia in South America, are all teams that can now compete against the best in Europe. But if the heart of football continues to reside in South America, Europe and its industrial blueprint of football continue to rule the numbers game. Italy and Brazil have won back-to-back World Cups – only Spain has been able to defend their European crown.

Predictions go haywire in the Euros as well – just take the previous edition. France may have won the World Cup in 2018 but the team that they brought to the European



A giant replica football outside Munich Football Arena, where the opening game between hosts Germany and Scotland will be played. Reuters

Championships in 2021 was simply diabolical. A front two of Karim Benzema and Kylian Mbappe. A midfield three of Antoine Griezmann, Paul Pogba and N'golo Kante. A centre-back triple threat of Raphael Varane, Clement Lenglet and Presnel Kimpembe. This was the 96' Chicago Bulls of football teams. What happened next? Switzerland in the Round-of-16 scored three goals to match the

three put in by the French and then beat this crack team on penalties with Mbappe missing his from the spot. Best in the world but beaten by the Swiss in Romania.

Tougher to predict

When Germany begins their campaign against Scotland on Saturday, they go into this tournament as the favourites, and not just because they are the hosts. On paper, their offensive talents get the supply of possession they need now that Toni Kroos was pulled out of his retirement. Jamal Musiala, Kai Havertz and Florian Wirtz's danger quotient goes up exponentially because of the amount of possession control Joshua Kimmich, Kroos and captain Ilkay Gundogan can exert. Thomas Mueller and Leroy Sane can turn up from the bench when goals and pace are the need of the hour.

The French have evaded any Mbappe transfer drama spilling over and Didier Deschamps will be looking to finally win the European trophy after 12 years in charge of his country's football team. Spain and Italy find themselves in a group with Croatia – and while the Croats do wonderfully at the World Cup now – at the Euros, their best performances have been two quarter-final appearances – the last of which was in 2008.

England, if they top their group and manage to circumvent the Round of 16, will likely meet Germany, Italy, or Spain. That should be the end of the tournament for Southgate unless the English can finally come true on the promise of their simply astounding talent pool and drop a statement-defining victory.

Why young guns Musiala and Wirtz could light up the event

SANDIP G
JUNE 13

A PAIR of 21-year-olds are entrusted with Germany's playmaking duties at Euro 2024. Jamal Musiala of Bayern Munich roaming on the right of the veteran Ilkay Gundogan, and Florian Wirtz of Bayer Leverkusen buzzing on his left. Slotting two No 10s itself is a rare tactic in the modern game, deputing two raw youngsters for the role is rarer. It was not a strategy born out of necessity, but manager Julian Nagelsmann's conviction that the team should be built around them.

But these are not ordinary talents. Musiala, the youngest player to play a league game for Bayern aged 17 years 115 days, who became their youngest goalscorer 90 days later, has twinkling feet which he uses to weave and dribble past crowded backlines, make space in the most congested corners and accelerate without seeming so. A smooth passer, a smoother mover, he can create and score, sustain a press and snatch the ball from the opponent. He has mastered the elusively dark art of La Croqueta, the two-touch side-step, and has quickly become the attacking axis of Bayern Munich, scoring a dozen goals and assisting another eight for the Bavarians last season. Better finishing could make him a deadlier entity, but the legendary Lothar Matthaus has praised him effusively. "He can be the (Lionel) Messi of the future, he is excellent, he is doing the things that will make him a top footballer. He has great passing, he is clever with his thinking and he loves football."

Wirtz, the ticking brain of Bayer's triumphant season (11 goals and 12 assists), does not possess the stealthy feet of Musiala,



Florian Wirtz was the ticking brain behind Bayer Leverkusen's great season with 11 goals & 12 assists. Reuters

but is faster and is a better finisher, a scorer of spectacular goals too, and recently authored the fastest-ever goal for his country. He can perform multiple roles, that of a conventional playmaker behind the striker, on the wings, or as a narrow number 10, as Nagelsmann often deploys him, and is exceptional in breaking the lines with clever passes. Another Messi comparison was inevitable. This time coming from one of the Argentine's La Liga rivals, and Leverkusen's manager Xabi Alonso. "Why is Messi so good? Because he knows how and when to play simple passes. Messi says: 'You're in a better position? Here, there you have the ball!' It's not always about making the most brilliant move, but the best and smartest. Florian can do that. That's why he's so good," the coach would say.

But combining the two No 10s in one team, a Steven Gerrard-Frank Lampard quandary, had its challenges. The team could run the risk of two similar players operating close to each other in the area normally reserved for the sole No.10. But the coach solved the potential problem of similitude

by knitting together a compact midfield three behind the false nine, Kai Havertz. Wirtz assumes a slightly withdrawn role, like a midfielder. Musiala lingers just behind Havertz. Wirtz would then emphasise on passing, whereas Musiala looks to spin inside the box.

A classic example was how they combined for Havertz's goal in a friendly against France. The moment he saw Wirtz in acres of space in the midfield, he began to sprint upfield, twisting into the right side of an isolated Lucas Hernandez. The long pass found Musiala inside the box. He slid to the right, dribbled past the goalkeeper Brice Samba and from the edge of the box, rolled a delicious cutback to Havertz, who found the back of the net. It was a lightning move, consuming only seven seconds

Both the midfielders interchange their positions, ping-pong a flurry of short passes and building patiently to unlock low blocks and then attacking with explosiveness. Their communication is often telepathic, which Musiala attributes to "connection off the field." "It's not just football that connects us. We're the same age and have the same interests. He can play table tennis pretty well, but I've got more quality in basketball. We combine well together," he recently said in a press conference, sitting beside Wirtz. The latter would say: "We both want to win the title and we know we need each other for that. We have a lot of ideas in our gameplay and are always looking for solutions. It would not be healthy if we were trying to outdo each other. Personally, it doesn't matter to me who scores more goals."

Together, they could be the most exciting pair of youngsters to watch out for at this Euros.

Sameer crunches Loh with his reflex defense

SHIVANI NAIK
JUNE 13

SAMEER VERMA might easily be India's finest shuttler to never qualify for the Olympics. But every once in a while he pops up on the circuit, and plays an enchanting match like a dream, to rephrase that question - why has the freakishly talented Madhya Pradesh player never gotten into Olympic contention. On Thursday, surfacing at the Australia Open Super 500, Verma, known for one of the fastest defensive games, outgunned 2021 world champion Loh Kean Yew on the Singaporean's best quality - speed. The Dhar Knight with his bat-mobil blur-reflex limbs, won 21-14, 14-21, 21-19 in a 62-minute thriller where he was flying on court as if he was surfing off some golden beach, to make the quarterfinals.

Loh prides himself on his fast-twitching speedy attack. But Verma beat him with pristine technique in strokes, often at double clip. The modestly built and perennially under-funded Verma, whose entire career has been a struggle to turn up fit, has always needed to work hard to make his game look effortless. He has lightning quick reflexes, but the results didn't fetch up quickly. In 2018 he beat Kento Momota on way to winning



Sameer Verma won 21-14, 14-21, 21-19 in a 62-minute thriller. PTI file

the Swiss Open title, and handed out defeats at Denmark to Shi Yuqi and Jonatan Christie, now Paris gold contenders. But that was six seasons ago, and he's spent a dozen of those being held back by crippling injuries at recurrent intervals.

His game style - crackling but bruising reflex defense - takes a heavy toll on his body, but when he's fit like he was on the Melbourne Thursday, he can serve up a masterclass. His win over Loh is a perfect projec-

tion of where similarly-designed Lakshya Sen's current game ought to go. And India's other promising youngster, Priyanshu Rajawat vocally adores and idolises the humble Verma's oeuvre of stylised strokes. His patched back body never afforded him consistency, but Loh was reminded of just how dangerous Verma can be against top players.

The former World No 14's vintage defensive style comprises whiplash wristy flicks from below the tape that travel deep into opponent courts. Verma also has some ridiculous body-defense parries and low sideways diving retrieves, and he was bouncing away against Loh in the opener, taking it 21-14. Sen makes these look spectacular, while Sameer, the OG, is just nonchalant. What helped Verma keep Loh, quite the hopping bunny himself, quiet on court, was taking the shuttle high and early.

At the net, Loh was boggled, because Verma doesn't dribble tight angles. He imparts awkward spin spells on regulation hair-pin net exchanges and floats the shuttle, and the taller Singaporean just couldn't flick it back, dumping it in the net. Loh would respond with his trademark down the line quick smashes and level the set scores, but he was struggling to plainly power past and hit through Verma.

The 29-year-old Indian fell behind 3-9 and

5-11 in the decider, and a nondescript outing loomed. But at change of ends, playing from the seemingly non-advantageous side, Sameer would ambush Loh for 7 straight points in a phase that witnessed supreme shot-making, tweaking the angles, varying the pace within a rally, while he glided around the court and cut off Loh's options of playing to the centre.

Sameer Verma routinely logs some of the highest defensive winners that once stopped Momota's 60-match win streak. But against Loh, even after receding 14-16 down, he brought out the attacking verve with cross drops and smashes struck from the centre of the court. Loh can counter with power smashes, but Verma starved him off pace with clever lofted shuttles. It was his split-second defensive returns though that punctured Loh's confidence in his own quick smashes, and the Singaporean detests when his monster hits get retrieved. Verma was sending them back - quick and querulous.

Down 18-19, Verma charged the net with a short smash and then played 2 exquisite points, prancing like he was a prodigious 19-year-old, not 29, to pocket a pretty win. Briefly, amidst his disappearing absences from international badminton, Sameer Verma showed there could be beauty in his game beyond the breakdowns.

Nadal to skip Wimbledon to prepare for Olympics

REUTERS
JUNE 13

RAFA NADAL will skip Wimbledon in July in order to prepare for the Olympic Games in Paris which will be played on the clay courts at Roland Garros, the Spaniard said on Thursday. Nadal, a record 14-times winner of the French Open, has been far from his best after returning from injuries and he exited the tournament at Roland Garros in the first round this year, losing in straight sets to eventual runner-up Alexander Zverev.

The 38-year-old missed almost all of 2023 with a hip problem and his comeback earlier this year was stalled by a muscle tear, before small niggles affected his preparation for the claycourt major. "During my post match press conference at Roland Garros I was asked about my summer calendar and since then I have been practising on clay. It was announced yesterday that I will play at the summer Olympics in Paris, my last Olympics," Nadal said.

"With this goal, we believe that the best for my body is not to change surface and keep playing on clay until then. It's for this reason

We believe that the best for my body is not to change surface and keep playing on clay until then. It's for this reason that I will miss playing at the championships this year at Wimbledon."

RAFAEL NADAL

that I will miss playing at the championships this year at Wimbledon.

"I am saddened not to be able to live this year the great atmosphere of that amazing event that will always be in my heart, and be with all the British fans that always gave me great support. I will miss you all."

Nadal, who won an Olympic singles gold medal in 2008 and a doubles gold in 2016, will team up with newly-crowned French Open champion Carlos Alcaraz to play in the doubles at the Olympics. A twice-champion at Wimbledon, Nadal said he would continue his preparations for the Olympics by playing in the ATP 250 claycourt event in Bastad, Sweden that will be played from July 15. The Paris Olympics run from July 26-Aug. 11.

Muscle > touch, timing

On lethargic, sluggish surfaces of the West Indies and America, it's brawn that is proving more beneficial

SANDIP G
JUNE 13

THE DOORS of Barbados cricket slammed on Aaron Jones because, as the story goes, he batted too slow and didn't fit the new-age white-ball hitter mould. Half a decade later, turning up for the USA, he helms the six-hitting charts of the World Cup, with 13 blows over the ropes, in three games. The fellow residents of the top-five six-hitters club are identical to him—none belong to the elite six-hitting league; all are distant from the T20 batting cream, all are mavericks with wildly fluctuating form. But one uniform and often devalued gift unites them all—the ability to generate muscle-bursting power into the shots, and clear the ropes.

On lethargic, sluggish surfaces of the West Indies and America, muscle has out-muscled touch. Batsmen resorting predominantly on timing rather than brawn—most batsmen rely on both components, only the degrees varies—have found that sixes, the money shot in the modern game, are not rolling off the bat as frequently as they used to. The programmable six-hitting machine of this era, Rohit Sharma has struck one in every 13.75 balls; Virat Kohli and Kane Williamson have yet to open the six-hitting registry; Mitchell Marsh (per 18.3 balls) and Babar Azam (per 29) have mustered just three apiece; Suryakumar Yadav only two in the 61 balls.

The pitch has been the villain in the piece. Too slow that batsmen can't harness pace to hit behind square. Hence, fewer ramps, scoops and upper cuts. The pet six-fetching area has thus been the unfashionable cow corner. Too much of indifferent bounce, more so in the US, that hitting through the line is rolled in danger. Fewer, thus, the sixes over extra cover. That most splendid sight.

Some of the recurring images of the tournament thus have been—balls getting stuck on the pitch, stopping on batsmen; batsmen mistiming, playing too early and too committed into the stroke, or toe-ending the delivery. And none of these, often, were not slower balls.

A string of low scores capture the story—200 has been breached just once in the first 26 games; in those there have been 34 instances of scores below 150. The average sixes per game has been 8.6. In comparison,



USA's Aaron Jones has hit 13 sixes in the tournament so far. AP

an average of 17.81 maximums were wrought in the IPL. In such batting-unfriendly climes, power hitting has emerged the most valuable asset, and an understated art in itself.

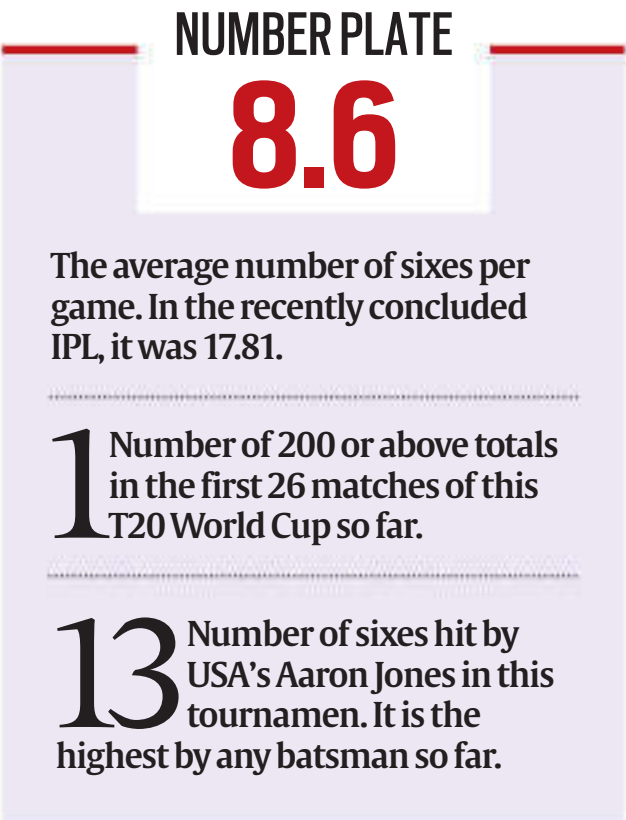
It's not a simple business, not a matter of blindly whacking the ball with all your might. It requires an awareness of your strengths, the field, an intuition about the bowler's lengths, courage, self-belief, and of course immense power, be it from your shoulders, bat-swing, forearms or lower body. It's fraught with risk, one could easily end up hitting the ball too hard, lose the balance and shape of the head and body. It's tightrope, one that all these five have managed.

Different styles to get power

They generate power differently; Jones does so with his fluid transfer of weight and bat-swing. He often waits on the back-foot, clears the front-leg and clubs the ball over

the midwicket fence. Eight of his ten sixes struck against Canada were parachuted through this region. Cow corner and long-on accounted for 12 of his 13 sixes. Only one was hit behind fine-leg, more a top edge off Mohammed Siraj. Rahmanullah Gurbaz has a broader hitting range; against New Zealand he flat-batted Trent Boult over his head for a thunderous six; against Uganda he hit a couple over long-off. But he, like Jones, has a leg-side predilection (five of his nine). But he is more of a front-foot player, likes to drill the ball down the ground, and uses his wrists and forearms to good effect.

The most naturally powerful among them is Marcus Stoinis, a devastating embodiment of explosive power. Often, he might not be in the best position to hit a six, but so powerful is he that he injects ample impetus into the stroke, from his shoulders and arms; West Indies's Sherfane Rutherford channels a lot of power from the lower half of his body, which allied with his



bat-speed, results in humungous sixes. Not the most muscled of men, but he gets a lot of body into his shots. When he pulls, he almost traces the full circle in the follow-through. Bangladesh's Towhid Hridoy has an excellent oeuvre of strokes behind the square, but with little pace on the decks, he resorted to brute force for most of his sixes. Apart from the glorious inside-out six he essayed on Wanindu Hasaranga, the rest were fashioned through the leg-side, often the deep midwicket region.

What makes them even more fascinating is that they are men of different builds—which debunks the big men hitting big sixes myth. Jones has a compact frame, stands at five foot eight inches, muscles don't ripple from his forearms. Gurbaz is stockier, of broad shoulders and strong biceps; Marcus Stoinis is a bronze Greek God statue in flesh; Sherfane Rutherford is wiry and supple, like a middle-distance runner; Towhid Hridoy has the stringy physique of a racer. But all could whip up a dizzying force. It's no coincidence that two of them—Gurbaz and Jones in that order, are the highest run-getters in the tournament too.

As the tournament progresses, with the pitches likely to get slower, their stocks could only shoot up. Others of their ilk would join them; the touch players could dial more power into their shots. But muscle has out-muscled touch this World Cup. It powered an unusual group of batsmen to the top of the six-hitting pile, too.

Rutherford constructs great knock to put NZ to the brink

VINAYAKK MOHANARANGAN
JUNE 13

NEW ZEALAND reached 100/6 at the end of 17 overs in their run-chase. West Indies were 112/9 at the end of 18 overs. In an ideal world, New Zealand would have been needing somewhere like 25 to 30 off the last 3 overs, a very doable task. But instead, they needed 50 more runs off the last 18 balls.

The reason? Sherfane Rutherford. In what will go down as one of the best knocks of the tournament, the left-hander displayed immense ability to hold down his end under pressure before going big later. His 39-ball 68 on a night almost everyone struggled to get going with the bat was the big difference as West Indies staged a remarkable fightback from 76/7 to post 149/9. The bowlers then stepped up, led by spinner Gudakesh Motie and pacer Alzarri Joseph to hand New Zealand a 13-run defeat, a result that all but eliminated Black Caps from Super 8 contention.

It started off as an emotionally charged night – a packed Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Trinidad & Tobago's first match of the World Cup gave a rousing applause to a rendition of 'Rally 'round the West Indies' by the original singer David Rudder. And it percolated into West Indies' batting as they made rash decisions, sliding to 22/4 within the powerplay.

That's when Rutherford walked in. And decided to do what goes against the grain for T20 batters these days: bat for time. He shelved the big shots, and went about getting his eye in. At the 10-over mark, he was on 6 off 10. Then came a potentially decisive blow at the start of the 11th over: Kane Williamson had held Mitch Santner back till that point, because of two left-handers in the middle, and as if to vindicate that, he smashed the first ball of the left-arm spinner for a six. Even though Santner picked up the wicket of Akeal Hosein in that over, it sowed enough doubt in Williamson's mind regarding the usage of his main spin option.

The fallout of that will be felt later in the innings. New Zealand decided to go all pace from there on...and it nearly paid off. For 18 overs of that innings, the Kiwis were getting it right. After a dreadful first half on the field against Afghanistan, they were sharp on the field and with their bowling plans. They kept picking up wickets in regular intervals, with Trent Boult removing Andre Russell in the 13th over seen as a potential turning point.

But when Boult finished the 18th over, Rutherford's plan to bat deep paid off. NZ had



WI's Sherfane Rutherford hit an unbeaten 39-ball 68 against NZ. PTI

to turn to Daryl Mitchell and Santner to bowl the 19th and 20th. Rutherford's time had come. He smashed Mitchell for three sixes in the 19th over, and added 18 more runs off the 20th by Santner. A 86m six off Mitchell off the third delivery was a stunning short-arm jab over long off, all wrists and forearms, as if his body was storing that energy all this while waiting to be unleashed.

"My role was basically to take it to the 15th, 16th over. But then after we lose wickets, I just tell myself, I'm going to try and take it to the 20th over and try and maximise the last two overs which they had to make up with two bowlers," Rutherford said.

Williamson had no doubts where they lost the match. "We saw a fantastic knock from Rutherford and he certainly timed it beautifully. He got his match up and I think at the end of the day that was the difference," Williamson said after the match. "From 90 for seven, whatever the West Indies were, to get to 150 was a fantastic effort and incredibly smart and calculated batting from Rutherford. To put a contribution like that up on that surface was world-class and really got them a strong total on that wicket."

For Rutherford, the night was a vindication of the training he had put in when he was with the KKR during the IPL, although he didn't get to play for the champions. "I would put it as my best knock. It's a World Cup, this is my dream."

It will be for the West Indies as well, who overcame an almighty challenge to keep their dream on track. **BRIEF SCORES:** West Indies 149-9 in 20 overs (S Rutherford 68*; Trent Boult 3-16, T Southee 2-21, L Ferguson 2-27) bt New Zealand 136-9 in 20 overs (G Phillips 40; A Joseph 4-19, G Motie 3-25)

SCENARIOS

Black Caps all but out

GROUP C

	M	W	L	T	Pts	NRR
WI	3	3	0	0	6	2.596
AFG	2	2	0	0	4	5.225
UGA	3	1	2	0	2	-4.217
PNG	2	0	2	0	0	-0.434
NZ	2	0	2	0	0	-2.425

Florida: With their superb fightback against New Zealand, co-hosts West Indies made it three wins out of three and qualified for the Super 8. That result has all but ended New Zealand's hopes of qualifying. Kane Williamson's men were already behind the (Super) 8-ball after a damaging heavy defeat against Afghanistan to begin their campaign and their second defeat means they need a mathematical miracle to stay in contention. For starters, they need Papua New Guinea to beat Afghanistan. A washout or Afghanistan win seals their fate. Even if Rashid Khan and co somehow slip up against PNG, New Zealand will need mammoth wins in their last 2 matches because of a woeful NRR that reads -2.425 after two defeats. Even after that, Afghanistan still have a match left against West Indies. So yeah, chances are the Kiwis will be flying home after their group stage.

Bangladesh close in on Super 8 berth

Kingstown (St Vincent): Shakib Al Hasan regained form with a sublime half-century before leg-spinner Rishad Hossain struck twice at a crucial juncture as Bangladesh inched closer to Super 8s with a 25-run win over Netherlands in the T20 World Cup here on Thursday. Set a target of 160, the Netherlands ended at 134 for eight in their allotted 20 overs at the picturesque Arnos Vale Ground, which was hosting an international for the first time in 10 overs.

The result meant Sri Lanka were knocked out of the tournament. Shakib roared back to form with a 46-ball 64 as Bangladesh posted a competitive 159 for five after being asked to bat. **BRIEF SCORES:** Bangladesh 159-5 in 20 overs (S Al Hasan 64*) bt Netherlands 134-8 in 20 overs (S Engelbrecht 33, V Singh 26; R Hossain 3-33)

Heavy rains in Florida keeps Pakistan sweating as India checks-in to bright sunshine

TUSHAR BHADURI
JUNE 13

IN THE backdrop of the Florida leg of the T20 World Cup in great danger of being a total washout due to thunderstorms over the last few days, the Indian team landed at Fort Lauderdale for their last Group A match against Canada on Saturday. In a slightly positive development, it wasn't raining when Rohit Sharma & Co arrived there.

The sun had come out and it was dry, for the moment. Sources in the Indian team management told The Indian Express that, according to local officials, there was a chance of clear skies for the India game.

India have won their first three pool games and are already through to the Super Eight, but the games at Fort Lauderdale are crucial for the identification of the second team in the group to go through. The other games scheduled in Florida are Pakistan vs Ireland and USA vs Ireland. Pakistan cannot afford either of those to matches to be abandoned as it would take the co-hosts to the next stage at their expense. Pakistan need to beat Ireland and for the Americans to lose to the Irish to make it. But the prospect of either game – before and after the India match – going ahead is bleak at the moment.

The organisers of the Florida leg of the T20 World Cup say that even if the rain isn't torrential, the biggest problem for cricket in the region are the strong winds that often blow away the covers. For this reason, more covers to protect the ground from the elements are in place.

But cricket can be possible only if the rain relents. Adding to the pessimistic outlook is the poor drainage facility at the ground.

The only game of the tournament that was supposed to be held at Central Broward Regional Park Stadium Turf Ground – between Sri Lanka and Nepal – was abandoned on Tuesday evening without a ball being bowled. That contributed to the islanders' ouster from Super Eight contention.

According to the US National Weather Service (NWS), a "flood watch" remains in effect for all of southern Florida through Friday evening. That makes the USA-Ireland game highly improbable, as all remaining matches at the venue are day

games, scheduled to start at 10.30 am local time.

"Heavy to excessive rainfall over southern Florida may continue to bring areas of flash and urban flooding, with locally considerable urban flooding possible, at times into this weekend," the NWS posted on X.

Pictures of flooded roads were seen on social media over the last few days. Fort Lauderdale received up to 9 inches of rain in some areas on Wednesday, in addition to the 3 inches on Tuesday between 2 and 10 inches of rain had been predicted for Thursday. Wet weather is likely to continue in parts of Florida through the weekend.

If the rest of the Florida leg follows the same script, it would be a somewhat fitting end to the American part of the T20 World Cup. Matches in New York saw indifferent

After pitch issues in New York, the USA leg continues to face new challenges as Florida braces for heavy rain and windy conditions.

the lack of sufficient time to get a drop-in pitch prepared in Adelaide, nourished in Florida and bedded in the suburbs of The Big Apple. As it is, ticket prices and access to the stadium were bottlenecks that only the most die-hard cricket enthusiasts were willing to negotiate. In many instances, ticket-buyers didn't get the seats they expected to.

The non-expat population in the United States would be more put off than interested with a game that is often dependent so much on the weather for the players to even get on the park, and often doesn't provide the big-hitting entertainment it promises.

But vagaries of nature look likely to trump vagaries of cricket in a place that's ironically called the 'Sunshine State'. The tropical disturbance has prompted a flash flood emergency in southern Florida, putting the World Cup matches in grave uncertainty.

The T20 World Cup, followed shortly by the second season of Major League Cricket, were expected to provide a major fillip to cricket in the States, which will stage the return of the sport to the Olympic fold in four years' time.

As things stand, the jury is still out on the incision cricket has made into the biggest sports market in the world.

Call For Entries

HONOURING THE FINEST
DISTRICT MAGISTRATES IN INDIA

NxtGen⁺
Infinite Datacenter

Presents



scan to apply



or visit
eigawards.indianexpress.com

AWARD CATEGORIES

Innovative Education | Healthcare | Swachhata
Gender & Inclusion | Social Welfare | Agriculture
E - Governance | Skill Development | MSMEs
Start-up & Innovations | Sustainability | Water | Energy
Resource utilisation from Central & State Schemes

JURY AWARDS

Disaster Management | Law & Order | Public Amenities
Jury Special

The Indian EXPRESS
JOURNALISM OF COURAGE

Associate Partner
VAJIRAM & RAVI
Institute for IAS Examination

BRIEFLY

India Inc looking for credit: SBI

New Delhi: State Bank of India Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara has said there is a demand for credit from corporate sector and loans worth Rs 5 lakh crore are in the pipeline. **PTI**

Yellen: Job mkt resembling pre-Covid era

New Delhi: US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has said the US employment picture resembles the job market that existed prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, and slowing wage growth is not a threat to add to inflation. **REUTERS**

Need to ease tax rate, widen base: Experts

New Delhi: There is a need for a shift in the taxation mindset in order to achieve the goal of 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047, experts said. "Conventional higher tax rates haven't resulted in significant tax buoyancy ...," EY India senior partner Sudhir Kapadia said. Tax to GDP ratio suffers from the presence of a thriving informal sector, which still accounts for 30 per cent to 35 per cent of the economy, Kaushik Dutta, Director, Thought Arbitrage Research Institute, said at a seminar organised by Think Change Forum. **PTI**

Shareholders in favour of pay package: Musk

New Delhi: Tesla shareholders were set to approve Elon Musk's \$56 billion pay package in what is being seen as a thumbs-up to his leadership. Musk posted a chart on his social media platform X late Wednesday that showed the resolution. "Thanks for your support!" Musk said. **REUTERS**

'Mumbai, Delhi among top five global cities in house price rise'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 13

MUMBAI AND Delhi were among the top five global cities that recorded an increase in their average annual house prices while Bengaluru witnessed a slight drop in prime residential or luxury homes in the January-March quarter of calendar year 2024, says a study.

Mumbai, with a rise of 11.5 per cent in the index, recorded the third highest year-on-year (YoY) growth in prime residential prices in the January-March quarter among global cities, pushing it up the ranking table by 3 places to the third position from its sixth position in January-March 2023, Knight Frank said in its recent report 'Prime Global Cities Index January-March 2024'. National Capital Region of Delhi which witnessed a rise of 10.5 per cent in house prices during the quarter was at the fifth position. NCR rose from 17th ranking in Jan-Mar 2023 to fifth in Jan-Mar 2024 with a growth of 10.5 per cent YoY.

ADANI GROUP COMPANY TO BUY FROM P PRATAP REDDY & FAMILY

Ambuja Cements to acquire Penna Cement for ₹10,422 cr

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 13

ADANI GROUP owned Ambuja Cements on Thursday said it has signed a binding agreement for the acquisition of Hyderabad-based Penna Cement Industries Ltd (PCIL) at an enterprise value of Rs 10,422 crore. Ambuja Cements will acquire 100 per cent shares of PCIL from its existing promoter group P Pratap Reddy and family. The acquisition will be funded by internal accruals.

PCIL has 14 million tonne per annum (MTPA) capacity in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Rajasthan (under construction). With the acquisition, Ambuja Cements total capacity will increase to 89 MTPA. It will help Ambuja in reaching the target capacity of 140 MTPA by 2028, the company said in a press release.

"By acquiring PCIL, Ambuja is poised to expand its market presence in south India and reinforce its position as a pan-India leader

ACQUISITION TO BE FUNDED BY INTERNAL ACCRUALS

PENNA CEMENT Industries Ltd has 14 million tonne per annum (MTPA) capacity in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Rajasthan (under construction)

WITH THE acquisition, Ambuja Cements total capacity will increase to 89 MTPA. It will help Ambuja in reaching the target capacity of 140 MTPA by 2028, the company said

in the cement industry. PCIL's strategic location and sufficient limestone reserves provide an opportunity to increase cement capacity through debottlenecking and additional investment," said Ajay Kapur, CEO and Whole Time Director of Ambuja Cements.

Adani Group is the second largest cement manufacturer in India behind the Aditya Birla Group. Adani Group has set a target to corner 20 per cent market share in the country's cement sector by 2027-28, up from the current 14 per cent. Ambuja, with its subsidiaries ACC and Sanghi Industries Ltd, has taken the Adani Group's ce-

ment capacity to 78.9 MTPA, with 18 integrated cement manufacturing plants and 19 cement grinding units across the country. The acquisition will improve Adani Cement's market share pan India by nearly 2 per cent and around 8 per cent in south India, according to the company. PCIL has 14 MTPA cement capacity, of which 10 MTPA is operational, and the remaining is under construction at Krishnapatnam (2 MTPA) and Jodhpur (2 MTPA) and will be completed within 6 to 12 months.

Around 90 per cent of the cement capacity comes with railway sidings, and some are sup-

ported by captive power plants and waste heat recovery systems. Further, surplus clinker at the Jodhpur plant will support an additional 3 MTPA cement grinding capacity over and above 14 MTPA.

The acquisition will strengthen Adani Cement's sea transportation logistics with five bulk cement terminals at Kolkata, Gopalpur, Karaikal, Kochi and Colombo to serve peninsular India. "The bulk cement terminals will prove to be a game changer by giving access to the eastern and southern parts of peninsular India, apart from an entry to Sri Lanka, through the sea route," Kapur said. The existing dealers of PCIL will move to Adani Cement's market network.

In the fiscal ended March 31, 2024, Ambuja Cements' stand-alone profit after tax stood at Rs 2,335 crore as compared to Rs 2,058 crore. Revenue from operation was Rs 17,919 crore in FY24, as against Rs 16,060 crore in FY23. The shares of Ambuja Cements ended at Rs 664.3 apiece, down 0.63 per cent.

GST Council set to meet on June 22

New Delhi: The GST Council, chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, will meet after a gap of eight months on June 22, and is likely to review the implementation of 28 per cent GST on the online gaming sector.

"The 53rd meeting of the GST Council will be held on 22nd June, 2024 at New Delhi," the GST Council Secretariat said in a post on X.

The 52nd meeting of the GST Council, which comprises finance ministers of all states and UTs, was held on October 7, 2023. The agenda for the 53rd meeting is yet to be circulated amongst the Council members.

This would be the first Council meeting after Lok Sabha elections. Results of the elections were declared on June 4, and Sitharaman was sworn in as a Cabinet minister in the on June 9. **PTI**

Raise capital expenditure by 25%; focus on education: CII



Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) president Sanjiv Puri in New Delhi. **PTI**

AS PART of a 14-point agenda for the new government to help boost economic growth, the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on Thursday suggested the government to utilise the Rs 2.1 lakh crore windfall dividends received from the Reserve Bank of India to raise public capital expenditure by 25 per cent and focus on education to bridge the skill gap.

CII president and chairman & managing director of ITC Limited, Sanjiv Puri during a press conference said that India's growth estimate hinges critically on addressing the unfinished reform agenda on priority, and that geopolitical conflicts, high interest rates and high global commodity prices that continue to be above pre-pandemic levels are risk that the economy is facing.

"What we are strongly advocating is another 25 per cent increase in capex over last year. It is sitting at about 16.8 per cent in the interim budget, but we believe 25 per cent will provide a good boost to the economy and this kind of investment is also required to strengthen competitiveness.

There have been some additional revenue flows through RBI. So, that has provided some opportunity to increase spending in certain areas," Puri said.

India's capital expenditure as per revised estimates stood at Rs 9,49 lakh crore for 2023-24. India had raised capex by 42 per cent in FY22 and 24 per cent in FY23.

Puri also highlighted that the issues of trade, investment and industrial policies need to be thought through synergistically as India is trying to integrate more with global value chains. Global value chains make up for over 70 per cent of the global trade, he

highlighted.

"There are many interrelated issues. There are requirements for trade and standards domestically. We need to look at how to harmonise all of these things seamlessly so that it enables the country to enhance investment and have greater participation in global value chains," Puri said.

He further stressed on the need for investment to bridge the skill gap in the country by increasing investment in education.

"CII recommends that over a period of time the public expenditure on education should be brought to 6 per cent. A lot more focus on early learning should be given ... skillling is an extremely important area for human capital development. Today, unlike various developed countries suggests that our number of formally skilled people is about 5 per cent. And it varies from about 52 per cent in the US, to 80 per cent in Japan. So the intensity of formal skillling as per the reported numbers is much lower. So, this needs to be taken up to 25 per cent to provide the resources for growth manufacturing," Puri said.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

Sensex, Nifty at new peaks on positive inflation data

EXPLAINED On rate cut expectations

THE CONSUMER price-based inflation in India eased to a one-year low of 4.75 per cent in May from 4.83 per cent in April while, in the US, the consumer price index slowed to 3.3 per cent in May, against an expectation of 3.4 per cent. The easing of inflation have raised expectations of rate cuts, both in India and the US.

In the US, the consumer price index slowed to 3.3 per cent in May, against an expectation of 3.4 per cent.

"The domestic equity benchmark traded with a modest gain, with domestic CPI data indicating that inflation is on a slow track of decline. A similar trend is reported in the US CPI, which brought down the market expectation from 2 rate cuts in calendar year 2024 to 1, which is having a mixed effect on the global markets," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

The US Federal Reserve in its policy announced on Wednesday left the interest rate unchanged at 5.25-5.5 per cent and indicated the start of rate cuts as late as December 2024. Among the NSE firms, the companies that gained the most included Shriram Finance (4.92 per cent), Mahindra & Mahindra (3.21 per cent), HDFC Life Insurance (3.2 per cent), Divi's Laboratories (3.16 per cent) and Titan (2.68 per cent).

India to remain fastest-growing Asia-Pacific economy: Moody's

New Delhi: Moody's Ratings on Thursday said India will remain the Asia-Pacific region's fastest-growing economy in 2024, sustaining last year's domestically driven momentum.

In a report titled Credit Conditions - Asia-Pacific H2 2024 Credit Outlook, Moody's Ratings said Indonesia, the Philippines and India led the way in terms of growth in first half of 2024 and should continue to outperform pre-COVID growth numbers on the back of rising exports, local demand and government spending on infrastructure.

"India will remain the region's fastest-growing economy, sustaining last year's domestically driven momentum. We anticipate policy continuity after the general election, and a continued focus on infrastructure development and encouragement of private sector investment," it said. **PTI**

RajCOMP Info Services Limited (RISL)
C-Block, 1st Floor, Yojana Bhawan, Tilak Marg, C-Scheme, Jaipur.
RISL invites e-bids from the eligible bidders for the following:

NIB No. / Date / Unique bid no.	Particulars	Estimated Cost/EMD (Lakhs)	Start of sale date
1255/07.06.24 (RIS2425SLO B00020)	RFP for Hiring of Technical Experts Services for SAS Analytics Stack.	Rs. 2.97 Cr Rs. 5.94 lacs	07.06.2024 21.06.2024

Details can be seen on the websites <http://risl.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://dolc.rajasthan.gov.in>. Bids are to be submitted through <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>.
Raj. Samwad/C/24/639 SA (Jt. Dir.)

Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited
Corporate Identification Number (CIN) - U40109RJ2000SG016482
(Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhawan, Panchsheel Nagar, Makarwal Road, Ajmer-305004)
Office of The Superintending Engineer (MM)
Vidyut Bhawan, Panchsheel Nagar, Makarwal Road, Ajmer-305004

UBN- AVVNL2425GLOB00003
Short Term "E" TENDRING INVITING TENDER NOTICE
"E"- TENDERING ARE INVITED FOR Rate Contract for supply of 11/0.4 KV DIST. T/F315 KVA TN-1912, 11/0.4 KV DIST. T/F25 KVA TN-1913, 11 KV GI PIN TN-1914, CRC Rate contract for supply & installation of spare parts of VCBs TN-1915, Rate Contract for supply of Pre-Printed Continuous Computer Stationary TN-1916, Rubber Hand Gloves TN-1917, 33 KV LATTIS STRUCT 36 TN-1918, CT PT Set 33 KV 200/5 Amp. CT PT Set 33 KV 100/5 Amp., CT PT Set 33 KV 50/5 Amp., CT PT Set 33 KV 30/5 Amp., CT PT Set 33 KV 15/5 Amp. TN-1919, LT A-B. CABLE3x50+35 Sq. MM, LT A-B. CABLE3x25+25 Sq. MM TN-1920, CRC Rate contract for supply of Aluminium Lugs TN-1921, 33/11 KV POWER T/F 8.0 MVA TN-1922, HT-TV METERS STATIC C TYPE TN-1923, DISC INSULATOR (T&C) 45 KN (Polymer type) TN-1924, SINGLE PHASE DIS. TRANSFORMER 25 KVA TN-1925, LT TV METER STATIC TN-1926, LT XLPE 4 CORE Cable Armoured 185 Sq. MM TN-1927, DISC INSULATOR (T&C) 45 KN (Porcelain type) TN-1928, SINGLE PHASE DIS. TRANSFORMER 16 KVA TN-1929, Rate Contract for printing of stationery without paper & allied works TN-1930, 11/0.4 KV DIST. T/F 100 KVA TN-1931, Safety Belt TN-1932, 33/11 KV POWER T/F 3.15 MVA TN-1933, LT XLPE 4 CORE Cable Armoured 50 Sq. MM TN-1934, HT-TV METERS STATIC B TYPE TN-1935, 11/0.4 KV DIST. T/F 160 KVA TN-1936, cut point channel 1.4 meter long, Stay Clamp for 9 M/200 KG TN-1937, Photo Copy Paper A-4 Size 7.5 GSM 210x297 mm size, File Pads made by 36 ounce card board size 10" x 14.5", TN-1938, 33 KV XLPE CABLES 300 SQ MM TN-1939, CT PT Set 11 KV 200/5 Amp. TN-1940, H/W. FOR LT SHACKLE INS., LT GI PIN TN-1941, SINGLE PHASE DIS. TRANSFORMER 10 KVA TN-1942, LT CT200/5 Bar type, LT CT 100/5 Bar type TN-1943, G.I. STAY SET 8"x3/4" (20X2400) TN-1944, 33 KV LATTIS STRUCT 42" TN-1945, Fibre Glass Extendable Ladder TN-1946, 33 KV S/S SET, 33 KV LINE D/P SET, 11 KV LINE D/P SET, 33 KV CROSS ARM TN-1947, LT SHACKLE INSULATORS, LT PIN INSULATOR TN-1948, SINGLE PHASE DIS. TRANSFORMERS KVA TN-1949, LT POWER CAPACITORS 9 KVAR, LT POWER CAPACITORS 6 KVAR, LT POWER CAPACITORS 3 KVAR, TN-1950, Transformer oil TN-1951, PCC Poles 9 meter long 400 KG TN-1952, 12 KV KIOSKS O/D TN-1953, Automatic Test Bench for Testing of 11/0.43 KVA Three Phase Distt. Transformer TN-1954, Ring main Unit (RMU) 1955, EMD and date of uploading/opening of tender and G.C.C. etc WILL be available at web site WWW.AVVNL.COM & [HTTP://EPROC.RAJASTHAN.GOV.IN](http://EPROC.RAJASTHAN.GOV.IN), Raj. Samwad/C/24/641 Superintending Engineer (MM)

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking)
Victoria Cross Vijeta Gagar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwal Road, Dehradun-248001
Corporate I. D. No. U40109UR2001SG025867, E-mail ID: cecommercial@upcl.org
Website: www.upcl.org, Telephone No. - 0135-2762444, Fax: 0135-2763639

CORRIGENDUM FOR PURCHASE OF POWER AGAINST TENDER SPECIFICATION No. 15/CE (COMM)/UPCL-15/2024
The tender process and activities timeline modifications against tender specification No. 15/CE (COMM)/UPCL-15/2024 are as under:-

Last Date of request for purchase of tender document	14/06/2024 upto 11:00 hrs.
Last date and time of submission of e-tender document	14/06/2024 upto 12:00 hrs.
Date and time of opening of tender document (Part-1)	14/06/2024 upto 13:00 hrs.
Date and time of opening of Initial Price Offer (IPO) & e-Reverse Auction (e-RA).	18/06/2024 at 11:00 hrs.

All other terms and conditions shall remain as per bid document of Tender No. 15/CE (COMM)/UPCL-15/2024.
No.: 286/EE(CM)/UPCL/A-2 Date:- 13.06.2024 Superintending Engineer (Commercial)
SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF NATION. Use LED Bulb. Save Electricity. (Toll Free No. 1912)
"Pay Electricity bill online 24x7 from www.upcl.org" (For Information on Electricity Theft, Informer may report to Toll Free No. 18001804185/Fax No. 0135-2760911)

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN)
(Dept of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan))
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India
MANOVIKAS NAGAR, SECUNDERABAD - 500 009
An ISO 9001:2015 Institution
Tel. No. 27751741-745, Fax No. 040-27750198
Website: www.nimhindia.nic.in

INVITATION OF "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST" FOR COLLABORATION WITH NIEPID IN THE AREA OF NEURO-DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS
This Institute invites "Expression Of Interest" for collaborating with NIEPID in its activities of digital adaptations, research, development of assessment modules, tailored solutions in the area of Neuro-Developmental Disorders without any financial liability on the part of the Institute and the Institute will provide all the technical expertise required. The terms and conditions for such collaboration will be such that they are mutually agreed upon.
Sd/-
DIRECTOR (OFF.)

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 13

AFTER RAISING Rs 18,000 crore from the market in April this year, Vodafone Idea Ltd on Thursday said its board has approved a preference share issue to mop up Rs 2,458 crore from Nokia Solutions, Networks India Private Ltd and Ericsson India Pvt Ltd.

In a regulatory filing, Vodafone Idea said that it will allot 102.7

crore shares aggregating Rs 1,520 crore to Nokia Solutions and Networks India Private Limited, and remaining 63.37 crore shares aggregating Rs 938 crore to Ericsson India Private Limited.

The telecom company will issue equity shares of face value of Rs 10 each at an issue price of Rs 14.80 per equity share (including a premium of Rs 4.80 per equity share) to the three entities.

Vodafone shares declined by 2.25 per cent to Rs 16.07 on the

BSE on Thursday. Vodafone raised Rs 18,000 crore from the market through a follow-on public issue (FPO) in April this year. It has proposed to use Rs 12,750 crore for expanding its network infrastructure by setting up new 4G sites, expanding capacity of existing 4G sites and setting up new 5G sites.

In the last 5 years, out of Rs 30,000 crore raised by the company, more than 75 per cent has come from the two promoter groups.

SALUTE THE SOLDIER

SALUTE WAR HEROES

14 JUN 1999

HAV UDHARN SINGH, Vrc
06 MAY 1958 – 14 JUN 1999

HAV SIDH KAM
30 DEC 1962 – 14 JUN 1999

These brave soldiers made the supreme sacrifice in BATTLE OF TOLOLING in OP VJAY on 14 JUN 1999. Their leading company attack with their section kept on neutralizing enemy's resistance enroute on area Hump. In ensuing fierce fight they crawled close and destroyed bunker impeding their advance, paving the way for capture of important tactical feature Hump on TOLOLING ridge. Their courage and bravery would remain an abiding source of inspiration for all ranks.

COMMANDING OFFICER & ALL RANKS

18 GRENADIERS (Tiger Hill - PVC Paltan)ITBP

INDO-TIBETAN BORDER POLICE (ITBP)

Constable

Harvard Singh

ITBP salutes its braveheart Constable Harvard Singh of 24 Battalion, who made supreme sacrifice in the line of duty on this day in J&K in 1995.

Resident of : Village & P.O.- Binjon, Distt.- Hoshiarpur,
State- Punjab.



PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT

INLAND WATERWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

(Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Govt. of India)

A-13, Sector-1, Noida-201 301 (U.P.)

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER – NIT

No. IWAI / Noida / NER / PMU / 06 /2024-01

Online Bids are invited from experienced consulting firms in two cover systems for **"Hiring of Consultants for Project Management Consultancy Services for Implementation of Projects in North- East Region (NER)." The details of tender document can be download from our web site www.iwai.nic.in and CPP portal web site <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> from 14.06.2024 at 15:00 Hrs. Last date of submission is upto 03.07.2024 at 15:00 hours. **Date of opening on:** 05.07.2024 at 15:30 Hrs. Cost of Tender document is Rs. 5900/- including GST at 18%. For details please visit to IWAI website www.iwai.nic.in and CPP portal website <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>**

Chief Engineer (Technical)

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय

तेनुघाट बाँध प्रमंडल, तेनुघाट (बोकारो)

कार्यालय-आदेश

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 663 दिनांक 07.06.2024 के द्वारा नेकाली गई ई० निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या जल संसाधन विभाग /तेनुघाट बांध प्रमण्डल, तेनुघाट /आई. एफ.बी./ एस०बी०डी-०२/ 2024-25 दिनांक 07.06.2023 को अपरिहार्य कारण वश रद्द किया जाता है, जिसका PR No. 325884 WRD (24-25)#D है ।

कार्यपालक अभियंता,

तेनुघाट बाँध प्रमंडल, तेनुघाट

PR 326310 Water Resource(24-25)#D

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.KPCL/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT1528 Date: 13.06.2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Through Karnataka Public Procurement portal only)
(Two Cover System)

Tenders are invited (through e-portal) from the eligible Bidders for **Consultancy work for obtaining Forest Clearance Stage I & II Environmental Clearance and Wildlife Clearance for the Durgapur III/ Sarya Coal Block.** The last date for receipt of the completed bids is **28.06.2024, 5.30 PM.** The tender document can be downloaded from the website: <https://kpmp.karnataka.gov.in> Further details can be had from The Superintending Engineer (Mines), KPCL, No 82, Shakti Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560 001. Telefax No. 080-22203894. e-Mail: semeskins@gmail.com, Website: www.kpcl.karnataka.gov.in **KPPM (e-Portal) helpdesk/ Hp help desk: +91-8046010000, +91-8068948777**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION	
<p>General public is hereby informed that one unidentified dead body of female</p> <p>Name: Malti Devi, W/o: Basant, R/o : P-29, Pilanji, Sarojini Nagar South West Delhi. Age: About 67 Years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Brown, Built: Strong, Face: Long, Wearing: Saree, who was found at Rain Basera Sarai Kale Khan, Delhi. In this regard a case FIR/DD No. 64A dt. 13.05.2024 has been registered at PS: Sunlight Colony, Delhi.</p> <p>Any person having any information or clue about the above deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sd/- SHO P.S: Sunlight Colony, Delhi Ph. 8750870928</p>	
<p>DDP/7328/SE/2024</p>	
<p>कार्यालय कलेक्टर, बस्तर जिला, जगदलपुर (आदिवासी विकास शाखा)</p> <p>Email:- actd,jdp@gmail.com Phone/Fax No. 07782-222520</p>	
<p>Expression of Interest (EOI)</p>	
<p>In reference of order No. 1742/ZP/AD.SA/DMFY/2023-24 Jagdalpur, Dated 19-02-2024, Expression of interest is invited by Tribal development department to hire a capable organization to manage mental health of children's residing in hostels maintained by Tribal development department. EOI format for the above can be downloaded from www.bastar.gov.in and can be submitted along with DD of sum of Rs:- 2,000/- (Two thousand Rupees only) in favor of Assistant Commissioner Tribal Development, District Bastar which will be non-refundable. Walk in interview will be held on Date 24-06-2024, Monday in Assistant Commissioner, Tribal Development office premises.</p> <p>Details of Expression of Interest is uploaded in District Administration website www.bastar.gov.in.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sd/- Assistant Commissioner Tribal Development Jagdalpur, Bastar</p>	

	<p align="center">Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd., Victoria Park, Meerut</p>	<p align="center">Notice Inviting Offer</p>
<p>SHORT TERM E-TENDER INVITING NOTICE 1. Open short term tender is invited through e-tendering for supply of 109,000 Kg Solid Press Board Sheet Type-D Size 1.0 mm and 21,000 Kg Solid Press Board Sheet Type-D Size 2.0 mm against tender specification no. PVPVNL-MT/MM/70(s)/24-25. Tender Cost:- Rs. 5,900.00 (with GST), Earnest Money, Deposit (EMD):- Rs. 2,03,000.00 (with GST), Last Date & Time of tender submission :- 28.06.2024 at 2.00 PM. Tender opening date & Time (Part-Ist & IInd):- 28.06.2024 at 5.00 PM. Note:- In case of any amendment in tender specification or extension of date, the same shall be uploaded on e-tender website www.etender.up.nic.in and www.pvpnl.in "Help line Number For Information of Theft of Electricity: "1800-180-3002 (Meerut) & 9412207451" Sd/- Superintending Engineer (MM-I) For Managing Director "SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION" RO-No. 267 Date: 13.06.2024</p>		

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Mayava W/o** Sh. Nitus R/o 89, Dehali Darvaja 2, Anoop Sahar, Bulandshahar Uttar Pradesh has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **Case No. 11367/17, U/s 138 NI Act. IPC P.S.: Rani Bagh** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Mayava**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Mayava**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).





Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Mayava**, accused of **Case No. 11367/17, U/s 138 NI Act. IPC P.S.: Rani Bagh** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **20.07.2024**.

By Order
Ms. Divya Arora
MM Room No. 112, Rohini Court

E-Tender

SRDMM, DRM office NWR first floor/Mall road Ajmer acting for and on behalf of the President of India invite the E-Tender against Tender no. 52245426 closing date 03/07/2024 at 14:25 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

1. Description of work: 5 Watt VHF Full band Digital Hand Held Transceiver, Make: Motorola or Kenwood or similar as per RDSO Spec. No. RDSO/SPN/TC/107-2018 Ver. 2, 1 Dtd. 21.08.2023 or latest and Product/Item to be supplied should clear PoC as per latest RDSO Guidelines 2. **Quantity:** 220 Nos; 3. **Revised date and time for submission of E-Tender:** Submission of E-Tender up to 03/07/2024 at 14:25 Hrs.; 4. **Website particular:** www.irops.gov.in 684-AD/24

Please join us on     NWR/Railways

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

कार्यालय कार्यापालन अभियंता

मिनीमाता बांगो बांध संभाग क्र. 03 माचाडोली (छ.ग.)

निविदा निरस्तीकरण आदेश

आदेश क्र. 1559/व.ले.लि./2024-25 **माचाडोली, दिनांक 12-06-24**

कार्यालय प्रमुख अभियंता जल संसाधन विभाग, शिवनाथ भवन, सेक्टर-19, नाथ ब्लॉक, नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर, रायपुर का पत्र क्र. 4262952/निविदा प्रकोष्ठ/2023/11961 (T.C.) दिनांक 07.06.2024 के अनुपालन में इस कार्यालय की निविदा सूचना क्र. 17/व.ले.लि./2023-24 दिनांक 19.12.2023 सिस्टम नं. 1500777 (प्रथम अंश) मिनीमाता बांगो परियोजना अंतर्गत बांध में पुराने इरोशनर स्लुट्स गेट अंतर्गत इम्पर्सोमी तथा सर्विस गेटों का ऑरेंजिंग सिस्टम सहित बलवाहन नवीन गेटों का प्रतिस्थापन संबंधी कार्य तथा इन गेटों के संचालन हेतु गेट्यून्कीन स्थापना कार्य की अनुमोदित राशि रु. 426.28 लाख (जी क्र. जी-06845/5) एवं कार्यालय प्रमुख अभियंता जल संसाधन विभाग, शिवनाथ भवन, सेक्टर-19 नाथ ब्लॉक, नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर, रायपुर का पत्र क्र. 4263049/निविदा प्रकोष्ठ/2023/11957 (T.C.) दिनांक 07.06.2024 के अनुपालन में इस कार्यालय की निविदा सूचना क्र. 21/व.ले.लि./2023-24 दिनांक 29.01.2024 सिस्टम नं. 152082 (प्रथम अंश) मिनीमाता बांगो बांध परियोजना अंतर्गत बांध मेसेनरी बांध (NOF) तथा कांक्र्रीट बांध (OF) में जल रिसाव को रोकने हेतु टी.बी.एल. / फ्ल्टर पर बयामंड ड्रिलिंग एवं ग्राउंडिंग का कार्य तथा गैलरी अंतर्गत पोर्स ड्रेन को रिंगिंग तथा सफाई कार्य की अनुमोदित राशि रु. 289.08 लाख (जी क्र. 077390) के कार्यों के लिये आमंत्रित की गई दोनों निविदा में प्रतिभाग निविदाकार की संख्या निरंक होने के कारण निविदा निरस्त की जाती है।

हस्ता/-कार्यालयपालन अभियंता

मिनीमाता बांगो बांध संभाग क्र. 03 माचाडोली (छ.ग.)

North Western Railway acting for and on behalf of The President of India in invitation E-Tender no. Carriage-11-2024 Date 12.06.2024 Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Details are as under: 1. **Name of work With its location:** 'Remove, Refit, Scraping, Painting & Hydraulic testing of Auxiliary Reservoir of Air Brake System of ICF BG Coaches, DEMU/MEMU/TC Coaches and LHB Coaches in Carriage Workshop Ajmer (As per Scope of work)' 2. **Approx cost of the work:** Rs. 1579638.90/- 3. **Tender Document Cost:** Rs. 00.00; 4. **Earnest Money to be deposited:** Rs. 31600.00/- 5. **Date and time for submission of E-Tender:** Submission of E-Tender up to 04.07.2024 at 15:00 Hrs. 6. **Website particular:** www.irops.gov.in; 7. **Eligibility Criteria:** Applicable. **Note:** Tender document cost & Earnest Money to be deposited online through payment gateway facility on the irops website only.

IEEE/AD/24

Please join us on /NWRRailway

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PWD (ROADS),
ASSAM, CHANDMARI, GUWAHATI-03

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Lalit Chauhan R/o G-606, Charms Castle, Rajnagar Extn., Ghaziabad-201017 have changed my name to Lalit Kumar Chauhan for all purposes. 0070907955-1

I, Kanta Satija, W/o-Late Shri Radha Krishan Satija alias Radhey Shyam Satija, R/o- House No.153, Sec-15, Part-1, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, declare-that I am a Citizen of India, and that in my Aadhar Card No.xxxxxxxx7806, my husband's name has been written as Radha Krishan Satija and in my property documents such as Agreement to sell, Will, affidavits etc., pertaining to property-bearing No.10/58-58A, First Floor, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar-4, New Delhi-110024, has been written as Radhey Shyam Satija. That Radha Krishan Satija and Radhey Shyam Satija both are the same person. 0040733571-1

I, KAMLESH KUMAR S/O AADIRAM SINGH R/O A-71, GALI NO.-4, MAIN MARKET GARHI, EAST OF KAILASH, PO: EAST OF KAILASH PHASE-1, DELHI-110065, declare That name of my minor daughter KRISHNA aged 13 years has been wrongly written as KISHNA in her school records. The actual name of my minor daughter is KRISHNA 0070907970-1

I, Jugal Kishor S/O Ruldu Ram R/o B-184, Clock-Tower, Hari Nagar, South West Delhi-110064 have changed my name to Jugal Kishore Sareen. 0040733684-5

I, Intazar s/o Mohd. Ishaq, WZ-29A, Tihar Village, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to MOHAMMED INTAZAR permanently 0040733574-3

I, HARNEET KAUSHIK w/o HARSHUL KAUSHIK r/o 70/3, Ashok Nagar, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to HARNEET KAUR permanently. 0040733574-2

I, Goury Yadav W/o Sandeep Sharma R/o B-242/275, Gali-No.2 Dabua colony, faridabad, have changed my name to Gauri Sharma 0040733575-2

I, Geetika, W/O Hitesh Seth R/O 196 Block C, 1st Floor Back Side Hari Nagar, Delhi 110064, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO Geetika Seth FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES. 0070907959-1

I, DIMPLE SHARMA D/O No.15137311M RANK HAV MANOJ KUMAR R/O F-2/108, Mangol Puri New Delhi-110083 have changed my name to DIMPLE VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATE 13.26 BEFORE DELHI 0070907974-1

I, Bharat Satija, S/o-Late Shri Radha Krishan Satija alias Radhey Shyam Satija, R/o- House No.153, Sec-15, Part-1, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, declare-that I am a Citizen of India, and that in my Aadhar Card No.xxxxxxxx7245, my father's name has been written as Radha Krishan Satija and in my property documents such as General & Special Power of attorney, affidavits etc., pertaining to property Bearing No.10/58-58A, First Floor, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar-4, New Delhi-110024, has been written as Radhey Shyam Satija. That Radha Krishan Satija and Radhey Shyam Satija both are the same person. 0040733570-1

I, Apoorvi Shakun D/o Kishore Kumar Shakun R/o H-NO-17 Second Floor, Block-C, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017 have changed my name to Kanak Shakun for all purposes. 0040733588-2

I, Anshu Garg S/O Sh Satya Prakash Garg, R/o 2 Brij puri Extension, Parwana Road, LIC Office, Krishna Nagar, East Delhi-110051, I have changed the name of my minor Son Anay Garg aged about 15 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Ujjwal Garg 0070907960-1

I, Davinder Gupta S/o Baburam Gupta R/o B-404, Pujia Apartments, Plot-7, I.P.Ext. Delhi have changed my name to Devender Gupta. 0070907950-1

I, Annu Soni w/o MANOJ KUMAR, HNo-130, Upper Ground Floor, Pocket-B, DWARAKADISH Enclave, Sectar-26, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name ANU SONI permanently. 0040733574-1

I, Ankur Shakun S/o Kishore Kumar Shakun R/o H-NO-17 Second Floor, Block-C, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017 have changed my name to Kabir Shakun for all purposes. 0040733588-1

I, Surinder Kumar Manocha S/o Lt. Mr. Gurdasml Minocha R/o C-284A, First Floor, Sushant Lok-1, Gurgaon, Haryana-122002 have changed my name to Surinder Minocha for all purposes. 0040733562-2

I, Sreedhar V S/O, Vasudevan.v R/o 12-c, Pocket-6, Mig Flats , Mayur Vihar Ph-3, Delhi-110096 have changed my name to Sreedhar Vasudevan. 0040733621-1

I, MEENA ARORA w/o VINOD KUMAR NAYYAR R/O D-129/130, Jhilmil Colony, Shahdara, Delhi-110095 have changed my name to MEENA NAYYAR permanently. 0040733574-5

I Sameep Kumar Munshi S/o Sh. Paliram Munshi R/o 64-D, Satyam Enclave, DDA Flats, Near Vivek Vihar Police Station, Jhilmil, East Delhi-110095 have changed the name of my minor son from Nihit Munshi to Nihit Agarwal for all purposes. 0040733562-3

I, PUNAM CHOCHAN is legally daughter of No 13765952A Rank HAV Name MAHIPAL SINGH is Presently residing ad Vill Samalkha PO Samalkha Teh Samalkha Distt Panipat (HR) have changed my name from PUNAM CHOCHAN to PUNAM CHAUHAN vide affidavit No 1295 dated 22 May 2024 before Notary Panipat. 0040733572-1

I No. TJ-6538X Subedar Harshpati Niwas Village Kandwal Village PO- CHHAIKURA, Tehsil-Narayan Baggar, District-Chamolli UK-246455 My son's name is Mayank in my Service record which is wrong, And in Aadhar card and other certificates the main name is Mayank Kandwal. 0070907958-1

I Manoj S/O Balkishan Gupta R/O House No-1496 Sector-15, Sonipat Haryana-131001, Have Changed My Name To Manoj Mangal Permanently 0040733671-3

I Manoj Maran Alias Manoj Meena S/O Bhojraj Maran R/o Lig-15, Shyadai Parisar, Bhadbhada Road, Huzur, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462003, have changed my name to Manoj RJ Meena 0070907944-1

I Manish Arora S/O, Shubhash Chand R/o 7/77 A Arjun Gali Vishwas Nagar Shahdara Delhi 110032 have changed my name to Manish Singh for all purposes. 0040733573-1

I Karlapudi Kalpana Devi D/o Lakshmaiah and W/o Karlapudi Raju R/O 1-67, Vanamvari Kistapuram, Mudigonda Mandalam, Khammam, Telangana-507158, have changed my name to Kalpana Devi Kalaka 0070907936-1

I Devender S/O, Chander Pal R/o Q-36 A Budh Vihar Phase-1 North West New Delhi 110086 have changed my name to Devender Kumar for all purpose 0040733564-1

I Arjun Manocha S/o Mr. Surinder Minocha R/o C-284A, First Floor, Sushant Lok-1, Gurgaon, Haryana-122002 have changed my name to Arjun Minocha for all purposes. 0040733562-1

I *PREENA P* W/o JC-389732F Sub Satheesh S R/o Vill/Post Kumarapuram, Alappuzha (Kerala), 690548 declare that in my husband's army service record's my name is written as "Preena Satheesh" but my correct name is "PREENA P". Kindly concern note this. 0020477082-1

I, Khushbu Chawla W/o Nitin Chawla R/o 56-GP Block Maurya Enclave Pitampura Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Mansi Chawla 0040733687-10

I, REWAIL KAUR, W/O, MANINDER SINGH, R/O-B-13, CHANDER-VIHAR, NILOTHI EXTN. WEST DELHI 110041, changed my name to RAWEL KAUR for all, future purposes 0040733690-2

I, NARENDER KUMAR RAJPOOT, S/O, HAKUMAT RAY, R/O-B-104, UGF BS, BLOCK-B, RAMA-PARK UTTAM-NAGAR D K MOHAN GARDEN, DWARKA, DELHI-110059, changed my name to NARENDER KUMAR, for all, future purposes 0040733690-4

I, ALKA, W/O, NARENDER KUMAR, R/O-B-104, UGF-B5, BLOCK-B, RAMA PARK UTTAM-NAGAR D K MOHAN GARDEN, DWARKA, DELHI 110059, changed my name to ALKA RAJPOOT for all, future purposes 0040733690-3

I, SAM SHEHZAD S/O SHEHZAD ABDUL SAMI born on 06/01/1993 residing at 1167 BARADARI STREET BEHIND NOVELTY CINEMA DELHI-110006, have changed my name to SAAM SHEHZAD for all purposes. 0050243898-1

We Gaurav Jain and Rachna Jain R/o D-3/64 Rajasthali Apartment Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed our minor son name Arnav Jain to Arnav Jain 0040733687-9

I, hitherto known as B.K.Vijay Prakash Rao alias Vijay Prakash Rao Bobbili Kumar Swamy alias Vijay Prakash Rao B.K. Son of, Bobbili Mallalaih Kumar Swamy, residing at, E-306, Ground-Floor, East-of-Kailash, South Delhi, Delhi-110065, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as B.K.Vijay Prakash Rao. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection. 0040733711-1

I, Vandana Yadava, W/o/ Puspendar Kumar Yadav, R/o Flat.No.4102, Iords CGHS Plot.No.07, Sector-19B, DWARKA PHASE-2, SOUTH-WEST DELHI.110075, have changed my name to Vandana Yadav. 0040733681-6

I, Shashi Baia Mathur W/o Late Gobind Prakash Mathur R/o Antriksh Apartment, Flat E-1004, New Delhi, Dwarka Sector-4, Plot-26 South West Delhi-110078 have changed my name to Shashi Mathur for all future purposes. 0070907949-1

I, Swati Ravinder Kumar Yadav W/o Ankur Sagar R/o D-1503, Sethi Max Royal, Sec-76, Noida have changed my name to Swati Sagar. 0070907952-1

I, VISHAL SRIVASTAVA/ VISHAL KUMAR SRIVASTAVA, S/O SACHIDA NAND VERMA, R/O-A2-480, GAUR HOMES, GOVIND PURAM, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH-201002, have changed my name to VISHAL KUMAR SRIVASTAV. 0040733584-5

I, Usha Tomer, W/o Arvind Kumar, R/o Village-Bhiriyaekhara, Post-Bakaina, Chandpur, Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh-246725, have changed my name, from Usha Tomer to Usha Rani Choudhary, for all, future purpose. 0040733687-6

I, Sourav Choudhary S/O Swapn Kumar Choudhary R/O JG-2/624/Vikasपुरी, New Delhi-110018, Have Changed my Name to Saurabh Kumar Choudhary. 0040733676-1

I, SWATI JAGGI W/O GURPREET SINGH, R/O 64, SECOND-FLOOR, BLOCK-UU, PITAMPURA, DELHI-110034, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SWATI KAUR. 0040733584-2

I, SAMRITI ARORA, D/o Ramesh Chander Parashar, R/o J-35A, Veer Sawarkar Road, Lajpat Nagar-II, New Delhi-110024 have changed my name to Samriti SAMRITI PARASHAR, permanently. 0040733684-1

I, Renu Kumari Sharma D/O Prem Chandra Sharma R/O C-9/9919/Vasant Kunj New Delhi-110070 Have Changed my Name to Renu Sharma. 0040733687-8

I, Rajesh Kumar, S/O Late Deep Chander, House, no-B-29A First floor Kalkaji New Delhi-110019, have changed my Name to Rajesh Kumar Julka Permanently. 0040733681-3

I, Rajan, s/o-Vinod Das, H.No.76, Plot.No.34, Gali.No.4, BIK E-1(Partap-Vihar Phase-3), Kirari, Suleman-Nagar, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Rajan Das, for all, future purposes. 0040733687-3

I, Ashish S/O, Shri Moti Lal Sharma R/o B-8/5, Ff-1, Dif, Ankur Vihar, Loni, Ghaziabad, Up-201102 have changed my name to Ashish Sharma for all purposes. 0040733565-1

I, Priyanka, D/o-Shiv Prasad Jayaswamid, W/o-Rajneesh Pal, R/o, H.No.161, Block, Ashok-Vihar Phase-2, Gurgaon, (Haryana), have changed my name to Priyanka Pal. 0040733687-1

I, Priyanka Bhardwaj, wife of, Anil Kumar presently, residing at, Flat.No.204, Dhanraj Apartment, Raj-Nagar-2, Palam, New Delhi 110077, has changed my name from Priyanka Bhardwaj to Priyanka Prasad, vide affidavit dated-13-June-2024. 0040733584-10

I, PANKAJ KUMAR SACHDEVA, S/O, MANOHAAR LAL SACHDEVA, R/O-D-4, PLOT NO-17, AGGARWAL FARM, SATBARI, SOUTH DELHI 110074, changed my name to PANKAJ SACHDEVA, for all, future purposes 0040733690-5

I, NEERJA KHERE, W/O, SANJAY THAKUR, R/O-A-6/4/71C, MAHAVIR ENCLAVE PALAM VILLAGE SOUTH WEST DELHI-110045, changed my name to NEERJA THAKUR, for all, future purposes. 0040733690-6

I, Manav Moda, S/O Surender Kumar Moda, R/O-Moda Nursing Home Hjaajar-Road, Rohtak Haryana-124001, Have Changed My Minor Son's Name Raghav To Raghav Moda, Permanently 0040733671-2

I, MAMITA SAHU W/o SUMIT KUMAR SAHU, R/o Rawta-Mor, Najafgarh, New-Delhi, have changed my name from MAMITA SAHU to MAMITA SENAPATI vide-affidavit no.IN-DL93571192531278W dated 24/05/2024 before public notary Delhi area. 0040733671-1

I, MANAMITA SAHU W/o SUMIT KUMAR SAHU, R/o Rawta-Mor, Najafgarh, New-Delhi, have changed my name from MAMITA SAHU to MAMITA SENAPATI vide-affidavit no.IN-DL93571192531278W dated 24/05/2024 before public notary Delhi area. 0040733671-1

I, AVISHA D/O SURENDER KUMAR RAHEJA, R/O 1900, SECTOR-13, HUDA BIHANI, HARYANA-127021, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AVISHA RAHEJA. 0040733671-5

I, AVINASH MITTAL, S/o SHRI.SUSHIL MITTAL, R/O-A-663, NEW ASHOK Nagar, DELHI-110096, inform that ABHISEKH & AVINASH MITTAL, both names are same person/Lady. My correct, name is AVINASH MITTAL, for all future purpose. 0040733584-6

I, APARNA VINOD SHENOY, W/O-POZHAYIL PARAMBIL VISHWANATHA VINOD SHENOY, ADDRESS-FLAT NO-244, SUNRISE APARTMENTS, SECTOR-45, NHPC-COLONY, FARIDABAD, HARYANA-121010, have changed my name to APARNA LAKSHMANA, for all, future purposes. 0040733671-7

I, Tarunveer Singh Rayat alias Tarun Veer Singh alias Tarunveer Singh S/o Sh. Narinder Singh, R/o E-12, Rajouri Garden, Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Tarunveer Singh, for all future purposes. 0040733578-1

I, MOHAMMAD HASIV S/O MOHAMMAD NASIR R/O G-3/24A, GANGA VIHAR MOHAN GARDEN DELHI-110059, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHD HASIB. 0040733584-1

I, Tanvi Srivastava W/o Kartik Bhatnagar R/o Flat No.1681A, Sector-B, Pocket-1, Vasant Kunj, Delhi-110070, have changed my name to Tanvi Bhatnagar. 0040733684-4

I, Janhavi, D/O Rajiv Kumar, R/O House no-A-871, Third floor Pocket-A sector-28, Sushant Lok-1, Gurgaon-122002, have changed my Name to JANHAVI RAJIV KUMAR Permanently. 0040733681-4

I, Jagjit Singh Gupta S/O Raghubir Singh H.No-31 Yadavpuri Ram Nagar Roorkee Haridwar Uttarakhand-247667 have changed my name to Jagjeet Singh. 0040733676-4

I, ISHPREET SINGH SAHANI S/O Sh. Satpal Singh, R/O J-12/69, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110027, have changed my name to ISHPREET SINGH. 0040733671-4

I, Hitesh Kumar, S/O Ramesh Lal Chandok R/O-K-31-A Third-Floor Lajpat Nagar-2 Delhi-110024, Have Changed My Name To Hitesh Chandok, For All Purposes. 0040733681-2

I, Harsimran S/o Jagjeet Singh H.No-31 Yadavpuri Ram Nagar Roorkee Haridwar Uttarakhand-247667 have changed my name to Harsimran Singh. 0040733676-3

I, Harsh Srivastava, S/O Kuldeep Kumar Srivastava, R/o-B-1703, Heritage One Sector-62, Gurgaon-122101 (Haryana), have changed my minor Son's name from Shaurya Srivastava to Shauryaa Srivastava. 0040733681-5

I, Govindpreet Singh, S/o Sh.Taranjeet Singh Sapra, R/o A-45, 1st-Floor, Ramprastha Chander-Nagar, Gaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201011, have changed my name from Govindpreet Singh to Govindpreet Singh Sapra, for all, future purposes. 0040733687-2

I, Gurpreet Singh KABLI, S/O-LATE PRITAM SINGH KABLI, R/O-H.NO.73, MASJID ROAD, BHOGAL JANGPURA, NEW DELHI-110014, have changed my name, from GURPREET SINGH KABLI, to GURPREET SINGH, for all purposes. 0040733687-4

I, Dheeraj Singh, S/o-Late Uttam Singh, R/o-Flat No.304, Sai Homes, Hardik Tower, Phase-4, Sector-53, Noida, G.B. Nagar, U.P.201301, have changed my name to Dheeraj Singh Rawat for all future purposes. 0040733686-1

I, DHEERAJ KUMAR SHARMA/DHIRAJ KUMAR, S/O MUNSHI RAM SHARMA, R/O 13/82, ASHOK-VIHAR PHASE-3 EXTENSION, GURGAON, HARYANA-122001, have changed my name to DHIRAJ KUMAR SHARMA. 0040733584-4

I, DEVENDER MITTAL S/O MURARI LAL MITTAL R/O 19/216, GALINO.1, NAI-BASTI, BAHADURGARH, JHAJJAR, HARYANA-124507, HAVE CHANGED MY CHILD NAME EKAANSH TO EKAANSH MITTAL. 0040733681-1

I, BADIUZZAMAN, S/O, MOHAMMAD YAQUB, R/O, A-383/1, LEFT PORTION, 1ST-FLOOR STREET, NO-9, WAZIRABAD-BURARI, NEW DELHI-110084, changed my name to MOHAMMAD BADIUZZAMAN for all, future purposes 0040733690-1

I, AMANJOT SINGH S/O GURJIT SINGH R/o Flat.No J-120, SF, Rajouri Garden, Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Amanjot Singh Saathi permanently. 0040733687-7

I, Akshita D/O Manav Modia, R/O Modia Nursing Home Hjaajar Road Rohtak, Haryana-124001 Have Changed My Name To Akshita Modia Permanently 0040733671-1

I, Ajeet Singh, S/o Ram Singh, R/O WZ-283/170, U/S/F, Front Floor, Maddi Wali, Gali No-6, Vishnu Garden, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Ajeet Singh Reehal. 0040733671-8

I, AVISHA D/O SURENDER KUMAR RAHEJA, R/O 1900, SECTOR-13, HUDA BIHANI, HARYANA-127021, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AVISHA RAHEJA. 0040733671-5

I, AVINASH MITTAL, S/o SHRI.SUSHIL MITTAL, R/O-A-663, NEW ASHOK Nagar, DELHI-110096, inform that ABHISEKH & AVINASH MITTAL, both names are same person/Lady. My correct, name is AVINASH MITTAL, for all future purpose. 0040733584-6

I, APARNA VINOD SHENOY, W/O-POZHAYIL PARAMBIL VISHWANATHA VINOD SHENOY, ADDRESS-FLAT NO-244, SUNRISE APARTMENTS, SECTOR-45, NHPC-COLONY, FARIDABAD, HARYANA-121010, have changed my name to APARNA LAKSHMANA, for all, future purposes. 0040733671-7

I, Tarunveer Singh Rayat alias Tarun Veer Singh alias Tarunveer Singh S/o Sh. Narinder Singh, R/o E-12, Rajouri Garden, Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Tarunveer Singh, for all future purposes. 0040733578-1

I, MOHAMMAD HASIV S/O MOHAMMAD NASIR R/O G-3/24A, GANGA VIHAR MOHAN GARDEN DELHI-110059, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHD HASIB. 0040733584-1

I, Tanvi Srivastava W/o Kartik Bhatnagar R/o Flat No.1681A, Sector-B, Pocket-1, Vasant Kunj, Delhi-110070, have changed my name to Tanvi Bhatnagar. 0040733684-4

I, Suman Alias Suman Dua W/o Sunny Dua D/o Rajinder Kumar R/o B-1/158, Second Floor, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058 have changed my name to Suman Dua. 0040733659-1

I, Sudha Rani Sharma W/o Maneesh Kumar, R/o-RU-465, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Sudha Sharma, Permanently. 0040733575-1

I, Sitara Achreja Basu Thakur W/o, Late Arindam Basu Thakur R/o-L-203, Sector-25, Noida, Distt.Gautam-Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name to Sitara Achreja. 0040733684-3

I, Shayam Lal S/o Lakhpat Singh R/o H.No.-24, Adarsh Colony, Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad, Up-201009 have changed my name to SHYAM LAL SINGH for all purposes. 0070907967-1

I, SUDESH NAIN W/O SURENDER SINGH R/O 1483, SECTOR 4 EXTENSION, ROHTAK, HARYANA-124001, have changed my name to SUDESH KUMARI. 0040733671-6

I, SEEMA KOHLI D/O YASHPAL KUMAR W/O NEERAJ KUMAR KOHLI R/O K-80, 3rd FLOOR, WEST PATEL NAGAR DELHI-110008 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SEEMA KUMARI FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0070907977-1

I, SATYAWAN S/O BHARPUR SINGH R/O HOUSE NO. 297, MAHMUDPUR MAJRA (122), M.P.MAJRA, JHAJJAR, HARYANA-124103, have changed my name to SATYAWAN SINGH. 0040733687-5

I, Riazuddin (DOB 17/4/1971) S/o Ghasi Khan R/o House 48A, DDA Janta Flats, Palam Village, Delhi have changed my name to Riyajudin Saifi (DOB 12/03/1970) 0040733653-1

I, Renu Singh Dhaka, D/o Jagvir Singh Dhaka, R/o-House No-1992/3, New Mata Road, Near Rohilla Dharamshala, Rajeev Nagar, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001 have changed my name to Renu Dhaka for all purposes. 0040733588-3

I, Prem Devi Chauhan, W/O Om Pal Singh R/o Kh No-135/10 H No-4, Block B-Gali No-30, Near Om Charitable Nursing Home, Sant Nagar, Burari, North Delhi-110084, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Prem Wati 0070907933-1

I, Pardeep S/o Raj Singh R/o 327, Kherakhurd, Delhi-110082, have changed my name from Pardeep to Pardeep Mann permanently 0040733664-1

I, PRIYANKA W/O VIKAS RATHOR R/O 3232, BUDH WALI GALI, ARYA PURA, SUBZI MANDI, MALKA GANJ, DELHI-110007 HEREBY DECLARE THAT PRIYANKA AND PRIYANKA SAINI IS ONE AND THE SAME PERSON. 0070907969-1

I, PRINCE SIHAG, S/O AJIT SINGH, R/O A1/136, U/G, F/FLOOR, VINOD PURI, VIJAY ENCLAVE, PALAM VILLAGE, SOUTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110045 have changed my name to PRINCE SINGH For all future purposes. 0070907953-1

I, Nancy Chadha alias Naina Mittal D/o Surinder Kumar Chadha W/o, Anshul Mittal R/o C-2/357, Janakpuri-West, Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Naina Mittal. 0040733684-2

I, Manoj Soni s/o Amar Nath, HNo-130, Upper Ground Floor, Pocket-B, DWARAKADISH Enclave, Sector-26, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name MANOJ KUMAR permanently. 0040733574-4

I, Sumana De W/o Mrinal Kanti Dey R/o I-1734, Ground Floor, Chitrinagar Park, Delhi-110019 changed my name to Sumana Dey. 0040733261-5

LOST & FOUND

LOST My original Provisional allotment letter dated of 01-Apr-2010, in respect of T08/01 05, Paras Tiera, Sec-137, Noida, if found Contact : 9818322077 0040733684-9

LOST My original Provisional allotment letter dated of 12-Nov-2011, in respect of T12/16 06, Paras Tiera, Sec-137, Noida, if found Contact: 8439800981. 0040733676-9

I, Nisha Arora D/o Sh. Jagdish Wadhwa R/O A-3/100, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi have lost my Original DDA documents i.e. DDA Site Possession Letter, Demand Letter, Allotment Letter, Electricity and Water NOC of Flat No.100, Ground Floor, Pocket-3, Block-A, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085. Finders may contact at above address. 0040733562-4

I, Ganga Baura W/o Late SH. Chedar Singh Baura R/O Kiliyananahla, Ranikhet, Almora, Uttarakhand-263645 have lost my Allotment letter, Allocation letter & TM Property of House No.F-386, Block-F, Sector-Alpha-02, Greater Noida, U.P. Ram kumar Gupta to Praveen Upredy 0070907964-1

I, Vishal Dev, S/O Ajeet Singh, Have Lost Migration-Certificate Of BA Programme From Subharti University Meerut, Uttar Pradesh On-25/005/2024 My EnrollMent No-A1520145512606 Session-2015-2018. Finder Contact no.8700268955. 0040733676-10

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
My clients Babu Lal So Shri Bhoir Lal & Sant Komlesh W/o Babu Lal both R/o D-109, Gali No.1, Gokal Puri, Delhi-110094 have severed all their relations from their sons namely Ravi Kumar and his wife Smt.Rena and their children Nayra and Urvasi and another son namely Sanjay and his wife Smt. Sanyas divorced them from all their movable/immovable properties and all assets due to their disobedience, misbehavior and misconduct towards my clients. My clients shall not be responsible for their any acts, deeds and transactions in future. Sd/- Tanya Kathuria Advocate En. No. D-55897 Ch. No. K1-C, Opp. Lockup E-220, 2nd Floor, Karlaonda Courts, Delhi-110052

PUBLIC NOTICE
BE IT KNOWN TO PUBLIC AT LARGE that my clients (1) Jai Raj Phuteela, S/o Shri Ashok Kumar Chawla D/o Late Neema Phuteela wife of Shri Jai Raj Phuteela, both R/o H.No. 108, 3rd Floor, Block C-2, West Enclave, Pitampura, Saranwadi Vihar Delhi 110034 have severed all her relations with their son Shivam Phuteela and his wife Smt. Swati Chawla D/o Late Smt. Sanyas Chawla. My clients disown them from all their movable and immovable properties due to misconduct and ill behavior towards my clients, they are not entitled to use the names, good-will and relations of my clients in any manner whatsoever. In case, anybody deal with them, the same shall be done at his/her own risks and costs and my clients will not be held responsible for the same under any circumstances in any manner. Sd/- Neeraj Bhardwaj (Advocate) Enrl. No. D-55897 Ch. No. K1-C, Opp. Lockup Near Gate No.-2 Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE
General Public is hereby informed that my client Shri Ashok Kumar Chawla D/o Late Neema Phuteela wife of Shri Jai Raj Phuteela, both R/o H.No. 108, 3rd Floor, Block C

