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# THE WORLD

## TOP OF THE WORLD



Former Thai PM Thaksin Shinawatra

### THAILAND Thaksin indicted on charge of royal defamation

**Bangkok:** Former Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra was granted release on bail hours after he was formally indicted on Tuesday on a charge of defaming the country's monarchy in one of several court cases that have rattled Thai politics. Thaksin, an influential political figure despite being ousted from power in a coup 18 years ago, reported himself to prosecutors on Tuesday morning and was indicted, Prayuth Bejragna, a spokesperson for the Office of the Attorney General, said. Thaksin, 74, voluntarily returned to Thailand last year from self-imposed exile and served virtually all of his sentence in a hospital rather than prison. **AP**

### SRI LANKA Ranil forms panel after SC rules against Bill

**Colombo:** Sri Lanka's Supreme Court has ruled that the enactment of the 'Gender Equality' Bill is inconsistent with Article 12 of the Constitution, prompting President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Tuesday to propose to appoint a select committee to look into the judgment, saying the apex court has engaged in "judicial cannibalism". The gender equality bill seeks to legalise equal opportunities to all irrespective of sex or gender identity in Sri Lanka, a Buddhist-majority country of 22 million people. **PTI**

### RUSSIA 3 held as dozens hospitalised with botulism

**Moscow:** Russian authorities on Tuesday detained three people in connection with a suspected botulism outbreak, a move that comes after dozens of people in four different regions have been hospitalised with symptoms of the rare and dangerous disease. Officials link the outbreak to ready-to-eat salads made by a popular delivery service. Russia's top investigations agency, the Investigative Committee, said Tuesday authorities detained two top managers of the delivery service and a head of a company that produces canned beans. **AP**

### MYANMAR Rohingya have nowhere to flee: UN rights chief

**Geneva:** Tens of thousands of Muslim-minority Rohingyas, who were feared to be trapped amid fighting in western Myanmar, had nowhere to flee, the United Nations human rights chief said Tuesday. The Arakan Army, which is fighting for autonomy for Myanmar's Rakhine region, said late on Sunday that residents of the town of Maungdaw, inhabited primarily by the Rohingyas, should leave by 9 p.m. ahead of a planned offensive. "I am very concerned about the situation in Maungdaw," Volker Turk said. **REUTERS**

## NETANYAHU: BLINKEN ASSURED TO CANCEL LIMITS ON WEAPON SUPPLIES Israel deepens Rafah op as US envoy visits Lebanon to stave off wider war

US envoy says situation serious, urges Hamas to accept truce deal

REUTERS  
CAIRO, BEIRUT, JUNE 18

ISRAELI AIRSTRIKES Tuesday killed at least 17 Palestinians in two of the Gaza Strip's historic refugee camps and Israeli tanks pushed deeper into the enclave's southern city of Rafah, residents and medics said.

Residents reported heavy bombardments from tanks and planes in several areas of Rafah, where more than a million people had taken refuge before May. Most of the population has fled northwards since then as Israeli forces invaded the city.

In the central Gaza Strip, two separate Israeli air strikes on two houses killed 17 Palestinians in Al-Nuseirat and Al-Bureij, two designated refugee camps that are home to families and descendants of people who fled to Gaza in the 1948 war around the creation of Israel, medics said.

The United States is trying to avert a greater war between Israel and Lebanon's Hezbollah movement, US envoy Amos Hochstein said on Tuesday, following an escalation in cross-border fire between the foes along Lebanon's southern frontier. Iran-backed Hezbollah has been trading fire with Israel for the last eight months in parallel



People take part in a protest against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government, demanding new elections and the release of the hostages held in the Gaza Strip by the Hamas, in Jerusalem on Monday. **AP**

with the Gaza war. Last week, the group fired the largest volleys of rockets and drones of the hostilities so far at Israeli military site. Hochstein, special envoy to US President Joe Biden, said he had been dispatched to Lebanon immediately following a brief trip to Israel because the situation was "serious". He had met with the head of Lebanon's army earlier on Tuesday morning and spoke to reporters following a meeting with parliament speaker Nabih Berri, who heads the armed Amal movement,

which is allied to Hezbollah and has also fired rockets on Israel in recent months. Hochstein urged Hamas to accept a US-backed proposal for a ceasefire in Gaza. Hochstein also met caretaker Lebanese PM Najib Mikati, who told him that "Lebanon does not seek escalation".

Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that US Secretary of State Antony Blinken had assured him that the Biden administration was working to cancel restrictions on arms deliveries to Israel.

## Anti-govt protesters rally in Jerusalem, seek new polls

**Jerusalem:** Anti-government protesters took to the streets of Jerusalem on Monday, clashing with police near the house of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and calling for new elections. Israel's wartime unity government fell apart a week ago when two centrist former generals, Benny Gantz and Gadi Eisenkot, quit. Following this,

opposition groups declared a week of street protests.

By sundown, a crowd of thousands had gathered outside the Knesset, Israel's parliament, before marching to Netanyahu's home. Some of the protesters broke off and tried to break through barriers set up by the police. Nine people were arrested for attacking police. **AP**

## Sunak welcomes Boris Johnson's poll campaign support to Tories

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
LONDON, JUNE 18

BRITISH PRIME Minister Rishi Sunak, arguably facing an uphill task in his ongoing campaign for the July 4 general election, on Tuesday welcomed the support of former prime minister Boris Johnson with letters and videos backing some candidates from the governing Conservative Party.

Sunak was asked about this unexpected intervention from his former boss at Downing Street by reporters on the campaign trail, to which the British Indian said the move had been "coordinated by the campaign" at the Tory headquarters.

"It's great that Boris is supporting the Conservative Party, I very much welcome that," said Sunak. "He is endorsing many candidates in videos and letters which have been coordinated by the campaign. I know that will make a difference and, of course, every week he is making the case in his column and making sure that everyone understands what the Labour government would do to this country and why it's important that everyone votes Conservative and I'm glad he's doing that," he said. Johnson, still a popular Tory veteran despite his decision to resign in the wake of the "partygate" scandal, is not contesting as a member of Parliament in the election.

Shodladd, member of a parliamentary committee on same-sex marriage. "Today love triumphed prejudice ... after fighting for more than 20 years, today we can say that this country has marriage equality."

Lawmakers and activists were seen celebrating in Thailand's parliament, waving rainbow flags and smiling.



Members of the LGBTQ+ community celebrate after passage of marriage equality Bill in Bangkok on Tuesday. **Reuters**

for social rights for all people regardless of their status."

LGBT advocates called the move a "monumental step forward," as Thailand would be the first nation in Southeast Asia to enact marriage equality legislation and the third in Asia, after Nepal and Taiwan.

"We are very proud to make history," said Plaifah Kyoka

## Thailand's Senate passes landmark Bill to legalise same-sex marriages

REUTERS  
BANGKOK, JUNE 18

THAILAND'S SENATE passed the final reading of a marriage equality law on Tuesday, paving the way for it to become the first country in Southeast Asia to recognise same-sex couples.

The bill, the culmination of more than two decades of effort by activists, was supported by an overwhelming majority of lawmakers in the upper house.

The law, which needs royal approval, will come into force 120 days after it is published in the royal gazette, meaning the first same sex weddings could take place later this year.

"Today we celebrate another significant milestone in the journey of our Equal Marriage Bill," Thai Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin said in a post on X.

"We will continue our fight

## 36 Ahmadi members arrested in Pak for animal sacrifice on Eid-ul Adha

**Lahore:** At least 36 members of the minority Ahmadi community were arrested in Pakistan on the charges of sacrificing animals on Eid-ul Adha as they have been declared non-Muslims in the country, a community leader said on Tuesday.

The Jamaat-e-Ahmadiyya Pakistan, which represents the

minority community in the country, strongly protested the authorities preventing Ahmadis from offering their religious rites within the confinement of their homes during Eid.

"At least 36 members of the minority Ahmadi community have been arrested for offering sacrificial animals for slaughter



French actor Anouk Aimée and British actor Albert Finney after their wedding in London in 1970. **AP**

## HER ROLE IN CLAUDE LELOUCH'S 1966 ROMANCE EARNED HER AN OSCAR NOMINATION AND A GOLDEN GLOBE

# Anouk Aimée, enigmatic star of 'A Man and a Woman', dies at 92

ANITA GATES  
JUNE 18

ANOUEK AIMÉE, the French film actress who became an international sex symbol as the aloof, enigmatic and sensual star of Claude Lelouch's 1966 romance "A Man and a Woman," died on Tuesday at 92.

Her death was announced on social media by her daughter, Manuela Papatakis, who said her mother died at home in Paris.

Aimée had already made a considerable impression in international film, particularly in Federico Fellini's movies *La Dolce*

*Vita* (1960), in which she played a sex-hungry Italian socialite, and "8 1/2" (1963), in which she portrayed the lead character's jealous but patient wife.

But it was with *A Man and a Woman*, a 28-year-old director's low-budget project that went on to win the Oscar for best foreign film, that she created the image that endured throughout her career. As an emotionally reluctant young widow and movie-industry script girl, she falls in love with a racecar driver and widower played by Jean-Louis Trintignant. Their long, long-awaited kiss, enhanced by a circling camera and Francis Lai's hit theme, became



French actor Anouk Aimée and British actor Albert Finney after their wedding in London in 1970. **AP**

one of the era's most revered and recognisable movie images. Aimée was nominated for a best actress Oscar for the role. It also brought her the BAFTA film award for best foreign actress and the Golden Globe for best actress.

In 2002 she received an honorary César, the French equivalent of the Academy Award, for career achievement. She was named best actress at the 1980 Cannes International Film Festival for a darkly comic role, that of a mentally disturbed woman whose brother hopes she will commit suicide, in the Italian film *Salto nel Vuoto*, released in the United States as *Leap Into the Void*.

## Biden's poll-year gambit: Citizenship for migrants who married US citizens

Over 500,000 spouses and 50,000 children under 21 will be eligible

REUTERS  
WASHINGTON, JUNE 18

PRESIDENT JOE Biden Tuesday will announce a programme offering a path to citizenship to hundreds of thousands of immigrants in the US illegally who are married to US citizens, a large-scale legalisation effort that contrasts sharply with Republican rival Donald Trump's plan for mass deportations.

The program, which will roll out in coming months, will be open to an estimated 500,000 spouses who have lived in the US for at least 10 years as of June 17, senior Biden administration officials said in a call with reporters on Monday. Some 50,000 children under age 21 with a US-citizen parent also will be eligible, they said. The majority of people who would likely benefit are Mexicans, they added.

The program will allow the spouses and children to apply for permanent residence without leaving the US, removing a potentially lengthy process and family separation. They could eventually apply for US citizenship.

Biden, a Democrat seeking a second term in the White House, took office vowing to reverse many restrictive immigration policies of Trump, who is also seeking a second term in the White House. But faced with record levels of migrant arrests at the U.S.-Mexico border, Biden has toughened his approach in recent months.

Earlier this month, Biden barred most migrants crossing



US President Joe Biden

### EXPLAINED Biden's campaign message

BIDEN'S PLANNED legalisation programme for spouses of US citizens could reinforce his campaign message that he supports a more humane immigration system and show how he differs from Trump, who has long had a hardline stance on both legal and illegal immigration. A little more than half of US voters back deporting all or most immigrants in the US illegally, a survey shows. Still, separate polling Immigration Hub found 71% of voters in seven battleground states backed allowing spouses in the US for more than five years to remain.

the U.S.-Mexico border from requesting asylum, a policy that mirrored a similar Trump-era asylum ban.

Biden is expected to make the announcement at a White House event on Tuesday tied to the anniversary of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals programme.

## Putin vows to back N Korea: Will beat sanctions together

REUTERS  
SEOUL, MOSCOW, JUNE 18

RUSSIAN PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin vowed on Tuesday to deepen trade and security ties with North Korea and to support it against the United States, as he headed to the reclusive nuclear-armed country for the first time in 24 years.

The US and its Asian allies are trying to work out just how far Russia will go in support of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, whose country is the only one to have conducted nuclear weapon tests in the 21st century.

In a signal that Russia, a veto-wielding member of the United Nations Security Council, is reassessing its entire approach to North Korea, Putin praised Pyongyang for resisting what he said was US economic pressure, blackmail and threats.

In an article published by North Korean state media, Putin praised "Comrade" Kim, and promised to "jointly resist illegitimate unilateral restrictions", to develop trade and strengthen security across Eurasia.



Vladimir Putin with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. **File**

"Washington continuously puts forward new, increasingly stringent and obviously unacceptable demands," Putin said in the article, printed on the front page of North Korea's Rodong Sinmun, the ruling Workers' Party mouthpiece. "Russia has supported and will continue to support the DPRK and the heroic Korean people in their opposition to dangerous and aggressive enemy." North Korean media also published articles praising Russia and supporting its military operations in Ukraine, calling them a "sacred war of all Russian citizens".

Putin's foreign policy adviser, Yuri Ushakov, said Russia and North Korea may sign a partnership agreement during the visit.





Met office downgrades June rainfall forecast to 'below normal'

ANJALI MARAR  
BENGALURU, JUNE 18

THE INDIA Meteorological Department (IMD) Tuesday downgraded its June rainfall prediction for the country to "below normal".

"The average June rainfall for the country as a whole is most likely to be below normal, that is less than 92 per cent of the Long Period Average (LPA) which is 166.9 mm," the IMD said in its monthly rainfall update.

Normally, the Met department issues the monthly rainfall prediction at the start of every month. Seen as a departure from norm, the IMD Tuesday retracted its original rainfall forecast within 20 days of the release of the second stage Long Range Forecast on May 27.

Last month, the IMD had said the country would receive normal rainfall in June, which would be 92-108 per cent of the LPA.

"Below normal rainfall is likely over Central, Northwest and some areas of Northeast India in June," the updated forecast stated.

Being the monsoon onset month, June contributes to about 15 per cent of the country's seasonal rainfall. Normally, the southwest monsoon covers the entire country around July 15. However, it is the rainfall during July and August, each contributing

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## EXPLAINED

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GOOD START, THEN A DRY SPELL PAGE 14

## GROUND REPORTS SOUGHT BY JUNE 25

# Constitution, quota impact, Govt's role: Questions in BJP's UP poll post mortem

Review to cover all Lok Sabha seats in state barring Varanasi and Lucknow

LALMANI VERMA  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

HOW WELL-CONNECTED were candidates with the public? What was the impact of the Constitution and reservation issues on the campaign? Did deci-



Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan felicitates Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Varanasi, Tuesday. UP Governor Anandiben Patel, CM Yogi Adityanath were also present. PTI

sions of the government, the Centre and/or the state, play a role in a loss?

These questions form part of a checklist prepared by the BJP to try and ascertain reasons for its debacle in Uttar Pradesh in the Lok Sabha polls.

The party's below-par performance in the state saw its tally of seats fall from 62 in 2019 to 33 this time while its vote share declined from 49.98% to 41.37%.

The party will explore reasons why it lost so many constituencies and, except for Varanasi and Lucknow, also look

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Why the state matters

UNDER ITS rule since 2017, UP with 80 seats in Lok Sabha was to take the BJP past the halfway mark. The poor showing there contributed to the party losing majority in the House. Defeats in Ayodhya (Faizabad) and Amethi have added to the BJP upset in the state.



## EXTRADITION FROM PRAGUE

Footage released by Czech police shows Pannun plot accused Nikhil Gupta being extradited from Prague to the US Monday. He has pleaded not guilty to charges in a New York court. PTI

## 10,000 cops transferred as Mann cracks down on Punjab drug mafia

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 18

IN AN unprecedented move to crack down on the drug menace in Punjab, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann announced Tuesday that at least 10,000 police personnel, from the rank of constable onward, have been transferred. He said more transfers are on the cards.

Speaking to reporters after chairing a meeting attended among others by DGP Gaurav Yadav, Commissioners and SSPs, Mann said the transfers were

made after he realised that drug peddlers had a nexus with police.

He said several complaints had gone unheeded and, in some cases, the accused had been let off even before the complainants could return to their villages.

"There is a nexus at the munshi level. The SHOs are accused of sitting in the same police station for 10-20 years. That is why I ordered en masse transfers. If a police officer is found to have some nexus, he will be immediately dismissed from service. In the next seven days, his property will be confiscated and he will

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## ROW OVER CONDUCT OF EXAMINATIONS

# Under fire on NEET, NTA to Govt: Patna, Godhra results show no unusual spike

In Bihar & Gujarat, most under scanner got below 500 — not good for govt seat

DEEKSHA TERI  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

UNDER FIRE over its conduct of the NEET examinations, the National Testing Agency (NTA) is learnt to have conveyed to the Education Ministry that examinees from Patna and Godhra, under scrutiny for benefitting from alleged irregularities, do not appear to have had any unusual advantage as per an analysis of their marks.

Of the 13 candidates from Patna, who are under the Bihar Police scanner in their investigation into allegations of a paper leak, eight have scored less than 500 marks out of 720, *The Indian Express* has learnt. Almost 98% of the students who appeared from two exam centres in Godhra, which are being probed for manipulation of OMR sheets, have also scored less than 500 marks.

To get a seat in a government

medical college under the all-India quota, a score of 650-plus of 720 is considered the norm.

This analysis is part of the NTA's note on the allegations regarding the conduct of NEET-UG this year, which the agency submitted to the Ministry this week. The Union government, it is learned, will factor this in while preparing its response before the Supreme Court which will hear a batch of petitions on the conduct of the medical entrance test on July 8.

Sources said of the 13 Patna candidates, four are from general category, eight from OBC category and one candidate's details provided by the Bihar Police does not match with NTA's record.

Of the 12 (five women and seven men), only four have got more than 500 marks and obtained more than 90 percentile in their results. Further, the best-performing student of this lot

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## EXPRESS NETWORK

SIKKIM LANDSLIDES: 200 EVACUATED, 1,000 STRANDED

BALASORE UNDER CURFEW AFTER CLASH PAGES 8, 12

## 11 HOUSES DEMOLISHED IN MANDLA DISTRICT VILLAGE IN MADHYA PRADESH

# Bulldozers came the day after police: 'We demolished homes where beef was found'

ANAND MOHAN J  
MANDLA (MP), JUNE 18

ELEVEN DEMOLISHED homes, and 16 that are yet untouched, paint a picture of contrast at a neighbourhood in Bhainswahi village, in Madhya Pradesh's Mandla district.

The homes were razed by authorities on June 15 after police, in an operation targeting cattle smuggling, said they had found beef inside fridges, animal hides in sacks, and bones in pickup trucks there. While authorities maintain the 11 structures were built on government land, 16 homes in the same neighbour-



'No one wants to help because they fear their homes may be next': Sultana Qureshi (above) with her family. Anand Mohan J

hood — which authorities acknowledge are also illegal but where beef was not recovered — are still standing.

"We demolished the homes where beef was found and left the others alone for now. Which homes to demolish is not part of our protocol. It is decided by the revenue department. We were taking action against cattle smugglers. Leather companies in Jabalpur which bought animal hides and local tribal people who bought cow meat from this gang will be investigated. The NSA will be invoked against five accused who are repeat offenders," said Inder Baldev, SHO of Nainpur

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## Wary after LS defeat, BJP-Sena govt stalls Nagpur-Goa highway project

ALOK DESHPANDE  
MUMBAI, JUNE 18

DAYS AFTER the Lok Sabha defeat in seats along the proposed route and amid protests from farmers, the Maharashtra government is said to have put on hold work on the 802-km greenfield highway project connecting Nagpur to

Goa until the Assembly elections later this year. The project is estimated to cost the state exchequer Rs 80,000 crore.

"We have received reports that farmers and individuals affected by the project are protesting in every district... It has been conveyed to the administration to not acquire land for at least the next 3-4 months. After the

Assembly elections (in October), the new government will decide on the fate of this project," a senior government functionary related to the project told *The Indian Express*.

The project was first announced in September 2022. The bids for appointing a consultant for the feasibility study

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## BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNY

Don't walk in and out. Spend time in parliament.



## Fringes to Olympics via French Open door: How journeyman Balaji got his lucky break

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ANCHOR

NAMIT KUMAR  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

EARLIER THIS month, Sriram Balaji, the World No. 62 and the third-highest-ranked Indian doubles tennis player, arrived in Paris uncertain if he was playing the French Open at all. Typically fickle Parisian weather meant there were enough withdrawals by singles players in the doubles cate-



Sriram Balaji will partner Rohan Bopanna in Paris. Express

gory for Balaji, alongside Mexican partner Miguel Reyes-Varela, to make it into the main draw.

He would leave the French capital with three solid Grand Slam matches under his belt — his best-ever finish at a Major — and more importantly, ensuring his return ticket to Paris next month.

Balaji has been picked by World No. 4 Rohan Bopanna to partner him in the men's doubles category for the upcoming Paris Olympics, ousting the higher-ranked Yuki Bhambri to make it to his first Games.

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# Questions in BJP's UP poll post mortem

into seats that it, and its allies, retained but where their victory margins dropped.

While Prime Minister Narendra Modi retained Varanasi for the third straight time, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh bagged Lucknow. However, their victory margins fell.

The BJP has assigned senior state leaders for the review process, instructing them to visit every Assembly segment of the Parliamentary constituency assigned to them. They have to submit their reports to the state leadership by June 25. The state leadership will then send a report to the central leadership.

The BJP checklist will look at the following questions:

- How active were party workers on the ground?
- Did decisions of the government, the Centre and/or the state, play a role in a loss?
- What were the strategy failures?

- How well-connected were candidates with the public?
- What was the movement of party leaders among people of their castes and communities?
- Why did voters from a community drift away from the party?
- Why did Hindus voters get divided along caste lines?
- How effectively were publicity materials used?
- What were the resources available?
- How was the coordination between the organisation and candidates?
- What effect, if any, did visits by leaders have on various communities?
- How was the booth management?
- What was the decline in vote share in Assembly segments and how did the Opposition gain advantage?
- What was the narrative created by the Opposition parties against the BJP?

- What was the movement of Opposition candidates on the ground and what resources did they use in their campaign?
- What was the impact of the Constitution and reservation issues on the campaign?

During ground visits, BJP leaders will collect feedback on these points from mandal unit leaders, district office-bearers, the party's elected public representatives, and the candidates. Besides this, the BJP leaders will also collect information about what the Opposition candidates did, such as how they campaigned and the resources they had at their disposal.

"We have to ask about the narratives set by the Opposition on various issues and also about the impact of their campaign on the Constitution and reservation," said a BJP leader associated with the review process.

A senior party functionary said, "Such a detailed review is essential because we have to face

Assembly elections in UP in three years (2027). Law and order is okay but paper leaks in recruitment exams and unemployment are matters of concern.

The SP is upbeat after the Lok Sabha election. They benefitted from the flaws in our strategy and so we have to prepare in advance for the 2027 polls and bring back the voters who drifted from the BJP."

BJP state president Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary will tour Ayodhya (Faizabad constituency), a prestige battle that the party lost within months of the inauguration of the Ram temple. He will also review Amethi where former Union Minister Smriti Irani lost to Gandhi family loyalist K L Sharma.

Part state general secretary (organisation) Dharampal Singh will review Rae Bareilly, another Congress bastion, where Congress leader Rahul Gandhi

won — he has decided to retain the seat by resigning from Wayanad.

BJP state general secretary Govind Narayan Shukla will review Saharanpur and state vice-president Dharmendra Singh will visit Muzaffarnagar, where former Union Minister Sanjeev Kumar Balyan lost. Balyan and former Sardhana MLA Sangeet Singh Som have blamed each other for the party's defeat.

A senior BJP leader, associated with the party's organisational affairs, said, "More than 15 days have passed since the results but no structured meeting has taken place with the state government and the RSS regarding the UP results.

A general discussion occurred in Delhi last week. Once the reports of review meetings are collected from the field, the BJP will be prepared for meetings with the state government, the leaders at the central headquarters, and the RSS."

## ● NEET: Patna, Godhra results show no unusual spike

has scored 609 marks and is ranked just under 71,000. Four of the 13 candidates have been arrested by the Bihar Police.

At the two branches of Jay Jalaram School in Godhra, a total of 2,514 candidates appeared for the test and barely above 2% (or 58 students) have got more than 500 marks.

The two centres are under scrutiny for allegedly being at the centre of a nexus between a coaching institute and staff at the exam centre. Of the 58, eight candidates have scored more than 640 marks. Here, allegedly, some students had help in filling the right choices in their OMR sheets.

As an additional exercise, the NTA has also included the analysis

of the results of all students who sat for the paper at 12 centres, which the Bihar Police suspect could have been affected by the alleged paper leak.

Of the 12 centres, 11 are in Patna and one in Hajipur. The analysis shows that a total of 10,352 students appeared for the exam from these 12 centres, 5,803 have qualified the exam. Only 440 of the total candidates (or 4%) scored more than 600 marks.

Announced on June 4, the NEET-UG results drew immediate attention after 67 candidates got the perfect score of 720/720 and some candidates got 718 or 719 — marks others claimed were not possible in the scheme of the exam. The NTA attributed this to

a combination of factors including a relatively easier paper, the decision to award additional marks to students who lost time during the exam because of errors and delays on the part of NTA staff and invigilators, and an incorrect question.

While the NTA has decided to withdraw grace marks awarded to 1,563 candidates who were first compensated for lost time and conduct their retest, the government has been denying allegations of paper leak and irregularities in Bihar and Godhra. However, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has told reporters that if any such allegation is found true, the culprits will not be spared.

## ● 10,000 cops shifted, Mann cracks down on drug mafia

be investigated. If a police officer does this, it is a sin. He has to pay the price for this," Mann said.

According to the CM, he got a drug seizure database prepared when the Model Code of Conduct for the Lok Sabha elections was in place. The period was the longest in Punjab because the state went to polls in the last phase on June 1, while the MCC came into effect March 16.

"During this time, I got a database prepared to check the flow of drugs to Punjab and where these packets were to be delivered. We have prepared a database of 9,000 suspects who were involved in the business of carting drugs. Do not be surprised when you see a huge number of arrests being made in the coming days," he said, adding that police have identified at least 750 hotspots where drugs are sold.

DCP Yadav said, "We have carried out a massive rejig under the police rules that say no police officer can be posted at a place for more than nine years and also in his home district. We have now

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- Opium recovered: 2,218 KG

carried out this massive exercise. More transfers will be taking place in the coming days."

The menace of drugs in Punjab has acquired worrying proportions with drugs being sold in even grocery stores, in village corners, and under over-bridges in towns.

Mann said, "I have told the DGP to launch a crackdown on

drugs. Now, we are working towards eliminating the menace. The peddlers will go to jail, their property will be confiscated and the drug addicts will be taken to hospitals. We have a plan for de-addiction and their rehabilitation."

He said the number of police personnel in the state had been around 81,000 since 2002. "We need to increase the numbers. I have directed the DGP to create at least 10,000 police posts."

Referring to the flow of drugs from across the border, he said, "Enemy countries are not only dropping drugs through drones in our territory but also pistols and money. We will also take strong action against gangsters."

"I made it clear to the Deputy Commissioners yesterday that they will be held accountable. Now, I have made it clear to police personnel that this will not be tolerated. Also, I will not tolerate any black sheep in the police, who have a nexus with peddlers. I have told the police that we are working on a mission, not on commission."

## ● Bulldozers came the day after police

police station.

All the homes belong to members of the Qureshi community. One person has been arrested, while 10 are absconding.

Mandla District Collector Saloni Sidana told *The Indian Express* that authorities "have not targeted specific homes". "The local administration has been serving notices to residents of this village since 2022. It is very difficult for the authorities to operate here. In 2016, a policeman serving a warrant in this village was beaten to death. We managed to remove the illegal structures only after residents fled (during the police crackdown). This area was earmarked as semi-forest land for cattle grazing and it was illegally occupied," she said.

Asked why 16 homes adjacent to the demolished ones were spared, she said, "We did not demolish the other homes as there were constraints — it was Eid and given the sensitivity, we left them. We will take action against all illegal structures in this village soon. This exercise is being carried across the district and we have demolished 32 structures in the last one month."

The police raids follow a freak accident four days prior, when a dhaba owner in Dithori village, on the outskirts of Mandla, spotted a cow being dragged by a rope attached to a white Bolero pickup, at around 9 am.

Some locals intercepted the truck and questioned the two occupants, Sev Prasad Dhurve and Bhainswahi resident Salim Qureshi.

The police recovered five cows, including one that died later, leading to protests by local outfits.

This case led the police to Bhainswahi, which already has a

history of violence linked to cattle smuggling. At Nainpur police station here lies a bust of constable Kamla Prasad Yadav, who was killed while serving an arrest warrant in a cattle smuggling case. So far this year, 12 cases of cattle smuggling have been registered at this station.

Said a woman officer who was part of the raids, "We cleaned up that village and residents can finally rest easy."

Bainswahi village has around 1,100 residents comprising tribal and Muslim communities. There are around 80 Muslim households across the village. On July 14, around 27 homes, allegedly on 15,000 square feet of government land, were raided by a heavy police contingent, turning the settlement into towering piles of rubble and debris. Many brick homes had come up over the past two years, though some were decades old.

According to the FIR in connection with the raids, an informer had tipped police that one Adil Qureshi was behind a cow slaughter racket and had a large quantity of cow meat stored at his home along with live cows meant for slaughter. "We tried to arrest Adil but he gave us the slip. He was accused in a previous case as well. His whole family fled. We went with a large force and made a large recovery from each house," the officer said.

Amidst the wreckage of the homes on Tuesday, personal belongings lay scattered — a bike that was a wedding gift, a fan, dry rations, and clothes.

Sultana Qureshi's home, painted in bright blue, had been partially destroyed, with some walls still standing. She managed to save a small bed and her pet

parrot. "We slept out in the open on Eid. Today it rained and we have three other women in the family who all have one set of clothes. We begged the local sarpanch for help. No one wants us to come to us. Everyone here fears their home is next in line for demolition," she said.

Ashiya Qureshi was in Mandla when a frantic call from her daughter forced her to rush to the village. "I have two homes in this village and thought they would both be demolished. My home is also built on government land and I have been staying here for 25 years. If others' homes are being destroyed, then so should mine. Only difference is that they claimed to find beef in other homes and not mine," she said.

Saiman (27) could be seen trying to push a slab of concrete to retrieve his cousin's wedding gifts from under the rubble. "We were never served notices. If we knew a demolition was going to happen, we would have saved all our belongings," he claimed.

Occupants of the homes still left standing are tense. "My family was spared as nothing was found in our home even though this too is built on illegal land. I don't want any trouble, so we are just keeping quiet. We hope this incident passes," she said.

Sameena Qureshi's family, who have been living in the village for 30 years, had four of their homes demolished. "My husband stores chicken and lamb meat. He also collects skeletons of dead cows. But there was no cow meat. This is a false allegation," she claimed.

Her extended family members turned up on Tuesday carrying boxes filled with food ration that can last them a few days.

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## ● BJP-Sena govt stalls Nagpur-Goa highway project

was floated in October 2022 and the bid was awarded in early 2023. The Budget for 2023-24 approved funding for the project.

The Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC), which was asked to execute the project, had conducted a feasibility study and issued a notification of section 15(2) regarding land acquisition for the expressway.

The e-way proposes to connect Pavnar in Wardha district in Nagpur division to Patradevi in Sindhudurg district. The road will pass through 11 districts — Wardha, Yavatmal, Hingoli, Nanded, Parbhani, Latur, Beed, Dharsdiv, Solapur, Kolhapur and Sindhudurg.

In February 2024, the state government gave a green signal for the project, which was seen as connecting all important Hindu religious pilgrim centres in these 11 districts, and hence named it Shaktipeeth e-way.

Of the 8,419 hectares required for the project, around 8,100 is private agriculture land. There have been continuous protests from farmers, and leaders across the political spectrum, including those from the ruling coalition, have sup-

ported the farmers.

In the recent Lok Sabha election, the ruling coalition lost in 10 out of 11 districts through which the road will be passing. The results also seem to have put the ruling alliance on a defensive mode given that Assembly polls are just four away.

The opposition to the project was a key issue in Kolhapur, which has the maximum area of irrigated land. During the campaign, farmer leader and candidate from Hatkanangale Raju Shetti had warned the state government to not go ahead with land acquisition. After the poll results, the newly-elected MP from Kolhapur and the candidates from the losing side also joined the chorus against the project.

On Tuesday, hundreds of farmers in Kolhapur hit the street opposing the project. Last week, ruling Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Mandlik visited Chief Minister Ekanth Shinde and handed him the memorandum against the project.

"This road will lead to a lot of loss of land for farmers. Instead they can create smaller bypass roads to connect the pilgrim centres," said Mandlik, who lost to Congress

Shahu Maharaj Chhatrapati from Kolhapur seat in the LS election.

"The road was planned without anyone demanding it. It will destroy the farm lands and jeopardise the interests of farmers," Shahu Maharaj had said. Medical Education Minister and NCP leader Hasan Mushrif too cited the Shaktipeeth Expressway as one of the reasons behind the defeat of the ruling alliance.

BJP Rajya Sabha MP from Nanded Ashok Chavan, too, wrote to Shinde conveying the opposition of farmers from his district. "Not just in Nanded, but farmers are protesting it in every district. I have spoken to Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis and Minister Dada Bhuse about it. They have agreed to stop the work until further notice," Chavan said.

Kailas Jadhav, Joint MD, MSRDC, however, said the agency has received no written report from the collector about protests nor anything about stopping the process of land acquisition. "We cannot comment unless we get anything in writing. We haven't received anything yet," he told *The Indian Express*.

## ● From fringes to Paris Olympics via French Open door: How journeyman Sriram Balaji got his lucky break

Perhaps it is strengths specific to Balaji's game, perhaps it was the match he played against Bopanna in the third round (taking him to the wire, with Bopanna and his Australian partner Mathew Ebden, second seeds, escaping in the deciding set tiebreaker). Perhaps Bopanna's decision was premeditated.

Yet, there is little doubt that Balaji's leap of faith, to arrive at Roland Garros even though he was uncertain to play when he could have earned prize money and ranking points elsewhere, paid off in extraordinary fashion.

"When I got there, we were sixth out (as alternates) so I was not sure we'll get into the draw," he tells *The Indian Express* from London, where he has travelled to play a Challenger event on grass. "And as soon as we got into the draw, it was like a bonus for us. We didn't have anything to lose. We were just playing free and just focusing on every point by point and then it worked actually."

For players outside the very elite, they often go through the dilemma of travelling to Majors despite being uncertain they will even play. The financial burdens can be high for very little return. But Balaji, currently based out of Frankfurt, Germany, says he did not mind the uncertainty, being able to experience the Grand Slam atmosphere was enough.

"It's not easy," he says. "The cuts have been so high and there are a lot of single players too so making the draw at the Majors has been tough.

Anything could happen. If we don't get in, then I was ready for it. I was okay to miss one week of playing challenges or just sit there in a slam, you know, where also you get to practice with very good players."

"There's no 'faith' or anything, but that's the risk you're supposed to take. If it works, it works. I got into the draw and was happy and I think I made maximum use of it... Fortune favours the brave, I guess," he adds with a self-aware chuckle.

Now 34, Balaji had been somewhat of a promising junior before his career tailed off due to injuries and the typical malaise of making the tough transition to the seniors. Even as he accepted his limitations and switched track to doubles, his parents continued to provide as much support as they could — his father was a Customs officer in his hometown of Coimbatore.

His may seem like the case of a typical tennis journeyman; this is essentially a sport that only does enough to support its top 100 players. But his run at the French Open and Olympics call-up has renewed faith.

It was the third-round match against Bopanna that showed many of Balaji's strengths on clay; while Bopanna will claim that did not sway his decision, it's hard to think it did not have any impact.

Balaji is quite certain that it was not the turning point though. "No, no, no, it wasn't just the match. He also told me, one or two weeks before, he hinted that I'm one of the po-

tential partners, me or Yuki," he said.

Balaji insists it was his results on slow clay at Challenger events, and his consistency, that got the job done for him.

He elaborates on how playing styles may also be complementary, which may be why Bopanna opted to partner him instead of the more-experienced, higher-ranked Bhambri.

"Both of us have big serves, so hopefully we make the maximum use of it. And then Bops has big returns also, an overall big game," he says. "So if one or two returns crack, and if we can break them, and keep holding our serves, the match can turn."

That aspect of Bopanna's game was visible at Roland Garros: the same venue set to host the Olympics. The 44-year-old, with limits to his movement, prefers to end rallies quickly with his big serve and forehand combination. But throughout their matches in Paris, Ebden — who has formed a solid partnership with the Indian as the more athletic baseliner — struggled to hold serve and let rallies roll long enough for them to be outside of Bopanna's comfort zone. That will be an area where the Indian duo may have an edge at the Games.

Balaji's career has never quite seen the kind of highs of that Bopanna. He is currently enjoying his highest-ever ranking, and making main draws of big tournaments has been rare. The last month has been the most significant of his career so far, but the next few hold the potential to be life changing.

## ● Met downgrades June rainfall forecast to 'below normal'

35 per cent to the country's seasonal rainfall, which is crucial for agriculture activities and replenishment of water resources.

"As this is the onset month, the rainfall deficit in June is not as much a concern," M Rajeevan, former secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, told *The Indian Express*.

The downgraded rainfall forecast could mean that the chances of the southwest monsoon advancement, and hence rainfall, especially to the eastern and central regions, is most likely to be delayed.

This year, if the monsoon progress was timely, the monsoon should have covered West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh by now. Whereas, the progress has remained stalled since June 11 with the northern limit of the monsoon passing along Navsari,

Jalgaon, Amravati, Chandrapur, Bijapur, Sukma, Malkangiri, Vizianagaram and Islampur.

The all-India rainfall on Tuesday stood at -20 per cent and quantitatively it was 64.5 mm against a normal of 80.6 mm.

Additionally, the likely delay in the monsoon onset over Central, East and North India during the coming days could potentially contribute to continued hot conditions. Heatwave conditions and warm nights have persisted over these regions since early June.

On Tuesday, some of the warmest nights were recorded in North India where the minimum temperatures soared to as high as 37 degrees Celsius in Rajasthan's Alwar, Varanasi (33.6 degrees Celsius) and Lakhimpur Kheri (33 degrees Celsius).

For comparison, the maximum

temperature recorded on Tuesday over Kolkata was 36.2 degrees Celsius, Bhopal (34.2 degrees Celsius) and Thiruvananthapuram (33.1 degrees Celsius).

The ray of hope during this season rests on the emergence of La Nina conditions during July-September. La Nina, the cooler-than-normal temperatures over the equatorial Pacific Ocean, is known to aid the monsoon rainfall over India.

"We can expect good rainfall during July, August and September this year," Rajeevan said.

According to latest forecasts, the monsoon will continue to remain active over eastern India regions through this week. On Tuesday, Mawsynram in Meghalaya recorded 780 mm in 24 hours, making it one of the wettest days for the location this season.

# ‘Oh, you defeated me’: Naveen to BJP MLA Bag in Odisha Assembly

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BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 18

BJD PRESIDENT and former Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik on Tuesday greeted newly elected first-time BJP MLA Laxman Bag, who defeated him in the recently concluded Assembly polls from Kantabanji seat in Bolangir district.

Patnaik, known for his composed demeanour, was making his way through the House after taking the oath as a member of the Assembly when he came face-to-face with Bag, who stood up from his seat.

"How are you?" Bag inquired with folded hands.

As Bag introduced himself, Patnaik responded, "Oh, you defeated me." Accompanied by Aul MLA and former minister Pratap



BJD chief Naveen Patnaik takes oath as MLA in Bhubaneswar, Tuesday. PTI

Keshari Deb, Patnaik congratulated Bag.

The entire house including Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and his deputies — KV Singh Deo and Pravati Parida — also stood up from their seats to greet Patnaik in the Assembly, where he was an undisputed

leader for 24 years.

The narrative of Patnaik's defeat was twofold. Not only had he lost his chief minister's chair, held firmly since 2000, but he also faced an unexpected defeat in Kantabanji, which he contested alongside his traditional Hinjili assembly seat.

In Hinjili, Patnaik clung to victory by a slender margin of 4,636 votes. BJP's Bag amassed 90,876 votes against Patnaik's 74,532, securing the seat by 16,334 votes.

Bag, 48, confessed his initial doubts about toppling a political titan like Patnaik. "The voters were silent throughout the campaign, but they voted for me," he recounted.

In a poignant scene, many newly elected MLAs were seen prostrating themselves before entering the Assembly building.



# Battling 107°F fever with ice: Inside RML Hospital’s heat stroke unit

ANKITA UPADHYAY  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

DAILY-WAGE WORKER Raju Kumar is lying on a bed, connected to a ventilator. The 35-year-old migrant worker from Jhansi breaks stones at a road construction site in Mahipalpur. He has had a heat stroke and after several hours in the critical care unit, doctors are finally hopeful he may make it.

It is around 2 pm on Tuesday and a large number of patients have lined up outside the Emergency of Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) Hospital near Rashtrapati Bhavan, waiting. A group of 10 doctors are busy triaging patients, based on their condition. The hospital has divided its emergency response into three sections: the ‘Red Zone’ is exclusively for critical patients, the ‘Yellow Zone’ is for patients who are out of danger, and the ‘Green Zone’ is for people with minor injuries.

Raju was put in the ‘Red Zone’ as soon as he arrived in the morning. Doctors immediately diagnosed him as having suffered a severe heat stroke.

“He works as a daily wage labourer,” 30-year-old Anjana Kumari, his wife says. “He was working all day on Monday and was fine when he returned home around 7-7.30 pm.”

The couple lives in a jhuggi in Mahipalpur. “We have a fan in our jhuggi which wasn’t working. My husband went to sleep but soon, there was a power cut in our entire area. It was suffocating inside our home. Raju woke up and went out to sleep in the open. But he couldn’t sleep and after a few hours, he started feeling uneasy,” she recalls.

Anjana brought him to the RML Hospital around 10 am. Once admitted to the emergency, his body temperature was more than 107 degrees Fahrenheit – which is unprecedented. This was his rectal temperature, say doctors, which is measured using a special instrument after inserting it in a person’s rectum. The rectum is near the body’s core, where internal



(Top) Immersion tubs inside the unit; (above) the hospital also has an inflatable tub to be used in emergency, Express

organs are located which is why it is the most accurate way of measuring a person’s temperature.

Raju also had seizures. “He was vomiting and also had uncontrolled diarrhoea. He didn’t sweat though,” she says.

Doctors immediately moved him to the heat stroke unit where he was put in a bathtub filled with ice and cold water to regulate his body temperature.

This specialised unit for heat stroke patients was, in fact, launched at RML hospital on May 8 as the temperatures started soaring in Delhi. Two bathtubs, an ice maker and two ventilator beds were included in this unit. One of the ventilator beds also has an inflatable tub in case more than two heat stroke patients require an immersion procedure to lower their body temperature.

Till now, around 20-25 pa-

tients have been admitted to the unit.

Anjana recalls that doctors kept her husband in the tub for around half an hour before he was shifted to the ‘Red Zone’. “Doctors said he will take time to heal. They told me he won’t be able to walk for some time and will need a lot of care,” she says.

Doctors say Raju arrived at the hospital very late, 12 hours or more after the heat stroke.

Head of Emergency Medicine at RML hospital, Dr Seema Balkrishna Wasnik, says heat stroke patients coming in late makes their management a big challenge. “They do not understand the symptoms and don’t rush to the hospital,” she says. “Considering the soaring temperatures, the treatment requires that the patient must be immersed in ice and cold water immediately.”

On Tuesday, the heat stroke

unit saw four patients who were later put on a ventilator in the Intensive Care Unit. In the ‘Yellow Zone’, 36 patients were suffering from high fever after heat-related illnesses. Seven patients with heat stroke were admitted to the Emergency Cardiac and Stroke System of the RML hospital.

## ‘First-such facility in North India’

Wasnik says the RML’s heat stroke unit is the first such exclusive facility in North India and was specially launched to look after patients of heat-related illness. “We had anticipated that because of the rising temperatures, we may face an emergency situation,” she says.

Wasnik says a lot of such patients reach the hospital in critical condition. “They are mostly from poor backgrounds exposed to heat, many are those going on pilgrimages, others are security guards, ragpickers, those living on top floors of the house,” she explains.

“... When they arrive (at the hospital), they have symptoms like seizures, are unconscious, the heart is not functioning properly, pulse rate is irregular, are severely dehydrated, and have an electrolyte imbalance”.

She says in the unit, the hospital’s specialists use the immersion procedure to lower body temperatures of patients. “When we immerse these patients in a bathtub filled with ice, we have to keep their faces out because most of them are already unconscious. This procedure helps bring down the body temperature to 102 Fahrenheit within 20-30 minutes,” she says. “The routine procedure of giving paracetamol injections doesn’t work in such patients.”

She says they are seeing patients aged between 20 and 80 years. “... majority of them are between 60 and 65 years with co-morbidities,” she says.

Meanwhile, Raju is still unconscious. His wife was silently weeping while sitting on a chair right outside the ‘Red Zone’. “Will he be cured?” she keeps asking.

## AROUND 15 SHOTS FIRED

# 1 dead in shooting inside Burger King outlet in Rajouri Garden

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

MULTIPLE GUNSHOTS rang out inside a Burger King outlet in West Delhi’s Rajouri Garden late Tuesday evening, leaving a person dead, police officers said.

Around 12-15 shots were fired, said police, adding that the assailants have not been identified yet. The victim too is yet to be identified.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (West) Vichitra Veer said, “An incident of firing, resulting in the death of a person, has been reported at Burger King in Rajouri Garden... officers and a crime team are at the spot... more teams have been formed to gather information and check CCTV cameras for clues.”

A senior police officer said the incident took place around 9.42 pm on Tuesday when two groups came to the burger joint.



Outside the Burger King outlet in Rajouri Garden; (R) an employee being questioned by police officers, Express

## Police said the 2 groups got into a n argument, which escalated later

They got into an argument which escalated. Suddenly, both

sides, who were armed, began firing at each other. One person was injured in the crossfire.

He was rushed to a hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival, police said, adding that senior officials were at the spot.

According to another police officer, the accused persons fled the spot soon after the incident on their two-wheelers which they had parked in a service lane in J Block, Rajouri Garden, near the outlet.

Police said further investigation is on.

## Water crisis extends to Lutyens’ area, top NDMC official blames Jal Board

SAMAN HUSAIN  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

AT VIVEKANAND Camp in Lutyens’ Delhi, residents line up every morning with drums, buckets, and pipes. “The tanker comes for only 5 minutes,” said Shanti, who lives with her family of six.

The water crisis, though, extends beyond slum clusters to major hospitals – Ram Manohar Lohia, Kalawati, Lady Hardinge – and areas including Gole Market, Bengali Market, Tilak Marg, Parliament House, President Estate, Chanakyaपुरi, embassies, the Prime Minister’s House, and Members of Parliament flats, said New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) officials.

NDMC vice-chairperson Satish Upadhyay and member Kuljeet Chahal, both from BJP, placed the blame squarely on the Delhi Jal Board (DJB).

The Jal Board supplies the NDMC with 125 MLD of water daily but currently, the supply is between 70 to 80 MLD.

“The Delhi government has not improved water reservoirs or undertaken comprehensive desilting of the Yamuna River to enhance water retention capacity,” said Upadhyay.

In response, the Delhi government in a statement said, “we appeal to the BJP to stop making baseless allegations and jointly appeal to the Haryana government to release adequate amount of water.”



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RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION

Recruitment of meritorious Female Sportspersons - Project 2024-25

BANK OF MAHARASHTRA, a leading listed Public Sector Bank, having its Head Office in Pune and network of more than 2500 branches across the country invites offline application for the post of Clerks (Customer Service Associate) reserved for meritorious female sportspersons in volleyball discipline. The details are as under :

Sports	Vacancies	Age	Designation	Pay Scale*
Volleyball	12 (Female)	18 - 25 years	Clerk (Customer Service Associate)	Rs. 24050 - 13400/3 - 28070 16500/3 - 33020 20000/4 - 41020 23400/7 - 57400 44000/1 - 61800 26800/1 - 64480

\* The selected candidates will be eligible for DA / HRA / Other allowances and reimbursements like medical, LFC & other perquisites over and above the pay scale as per prevailing rules and regulations in the bank subject to the place of posting.

Selection Process : Proficiency in Volleyball. Qualifications as per sports policy of the bank.

Last Date for Submission of application is 08.07.24

The guidelines on Eligibility Criteria, Selection Process, Documents & Procedure of application etc. is available in Bank's Website : <https://bankofmaharashtra.in/careers>

Date : 18.06.24  
Place : Pune

General Manager,  
Human Resource Management














## From India to the World! Smritivan Earthquake Museum, Bhuj is now among World’s Most Beautiful Museums 2024!

Bhuj’s Smritivan Earthquake Museum has been listed as one of the world’s seven most beautiful museums by the renowned Prix Versailles Award for Architecture and Design, presented annually at UNESCO. This historic nomination marks the first time an Indian museum has been recognized by the prestigious Prix Versailles World Selection for Museums 2024, boosting Gujarat’s global recognition and prestige.

Here’s a look at other national and international accolades that celebrate Smritivan’s innovative design and cultural heritage, bringing immense pride to India.



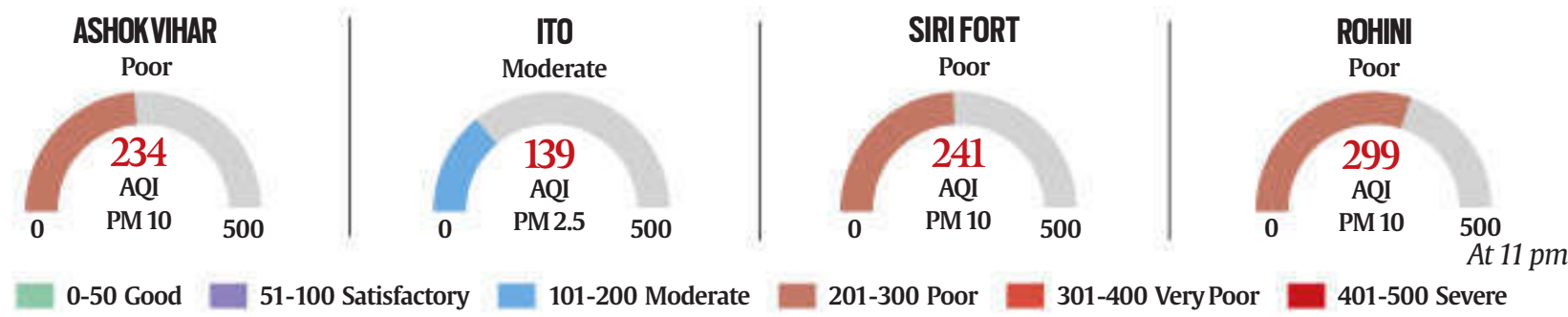




“ Smritivan in Kutch is a tribute to those we lost in the tragic Earthquake of 2001. It is a reminder of human resilience and courage as well. Glad that this Museum has found a place on the World Selection for the Prix Versailles Museums 2024. ”

Shri Narendra Modi  
Honourable Prime Minister, Bharat





**SKYWATCH**  
June 19  
Partly cloudy sky. Dust storm/ thunder storm with very light rain accompanied by gusty winds (speed 40-50 kmph)  
**MAX: 43**  
4.2°C above normal  
**MIN: 34**  
6.5°C above normal

YAMUNA BODY PLANS TO CANCEL ALLOTMENT

2 top builders may lose plots over unpaid dues

ATS Realty and Supertech have not submitted their land dues despite getting relief under Kant package: YEIDA

DHEERAJ MISHRA  
NOIDA, JUNE 18

TROUBLE MAY be in store for two prominent builders with the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) planning to cancel the allotment of their plots as they have not submitted their land dues despite getting relief under the Amitabh Kant package.

Officials said that ATS Realty Private Limited and Supertech Township Project Limited have not paid their dues despite multiple chances.

Both builders have their projects in Sector 22D of YEIDA area. Officials said a report in this regard will be placed before the YEIDA board on June 22 to take a final decision. If the board approves the proposal, this will be the first action by the Authority against any builder under the Kant package.

“Yamuna Authority gave both builders many chances to submit the dues, so that the registration of flats can begin as intended under the Kant package. However, ATS and Supertech township did not reply to our letter. So, we will now place this matter before the board, seeking action against the builders, which will involve cancellation of their plots,” said Dr Arun Vir Singh, CEO, Yamuna Authority.

When contacted, Supertech Chairman R K Arora said the plots can’t be cancelled as the Allahabad High Court has already issued a “no-coercive order” since the land is in dispute. “This action of YEIDA will be illegal, if they do this,” he told *The Indian Express*.

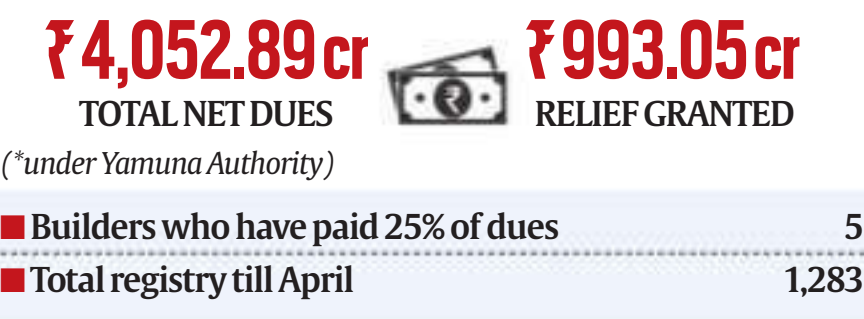
A spokesperson of the ATS group could not be contacted for comment.

There are around 2,400 units in the ATS project and 3,200 units in Supertech project. Singh said

STATUS OF CASES UNDER KANT PACKAGE\*



Both builders have projects in Sector 22D of YEIDA



that if the proposal is approved by the board, the land parcel, excluding the residential portions, will be cancelled to recover the land dues of the authority.

The data available with the authority shows that ATS Realty owed Rs 668.14 crore to YEIDA as land dues for an area of 4.09 lakh square meter (around 101 acres land), which was allotted to the company in June 2013.

However, after applying the Kant relief package formula, a total of Rs 136.77 crore relief was granted to the builder, bringing down the net dues on ATS to Rs 531.37 crore. Communicating this to the developer, Yamuna Authority, through its letter dated February 29, 2024, asked it to pay Rs 132.84 crore, which is 25% of the outstanding dues, to start the registration process.

Similarly, the total land dues on Supertech for its 22D project was Rs 677.79 crore for an area of 4.07 lakh square meter (around 100 acres), which was allotted in August 2011.

However, after deducting Rs 128.68 crore relief granted as per Kant package, the net dues on the company is now Rs 549.11 crore. On February 29, the authority wrote to Supertech to pay Rs 137.28 crore as 25% of net dues to start the registry. However, the company did not deposit the money despite the 60-day period for payment expiring on April 28.

The Kant package provides a number of waivers to builders, including a two-year zero-period relief, taking into account Covid period, which translates to around 20% waiver of total outstanding land dues.

Under the zero-period waiver clause, interest and penal interest will not be levied on the builder for two years, and the installments will be shifted beyond it. However, there is a provision that registration of flats could begin after the builder pays 25% of the outstanding amount (land dues) within 60 days.



Malcha Mahal is a Tughlaq-era hunting lodge in Ridge area. Archive

Structure developing cracks, Malcha Mahal now closed for haunted walks

GAYATHRI MANI  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

IN MAY 2023, the Delhi Tourism department kicked off its ambitious “Haunted Heritage Walks” scheme to give Delhiites a chance to explore monuments with an air of mystery around them as well as to encourage tourists to look beyond the well-known Qutub Minar and Humayun’s Tomb during their Delhi stay.

The flagship venue for this initiative was the Malcha Mahal — the Tughlaq-era hunting lodge in Ridge area that served as a home for a family claiming to be descendants of a Lucknow *nawab* for decades.

A little over a year later, the department has decided to discontinue the walks at Malcha Mahal since the monument is developing cracks, said officials.

A senior Delhi government official said, “The directions have been given keeping in mind the dilapidated and poor condition of the Malcha Mahal... The monument has never been restored or conserved... We have noticed that cracks are developing on the structures, walls and the terrace...”

The official further said that though many did not visit the monument in the recent past due to the scorching heat, the approaching monsoon would have likely increased the footfall.

“People love to visit monuments and parks during this time due to the pleasant weather. And in monsoons, the structures can get more fragile and collapse. So, keeping in view public safety, the government has decided to ban entry into the premises.”

Officials said people can still visit the ridge area and view the monument from outside, but

they cannot go near the monument premises or enter it.

“The archaeology department had made a proposal for conservation of the monument but before it could be implemented, a court case was filed with regard to constructing roads inside the Ridge. So, the conservation plan is currently on hold. Otherwise, the monument would have been restored by now,” said an official.

The Archaeology Department of Delhi recently issued directions disallowing any activity at the central ridge area. The order by the department read: “It is informed that the Central Ridge (including Malcha Mahal monument) is a sub-judice matter under the High Court of Delhi. To avoid any contempt of the order, it is hereby directed that no activities, including heritage walks, may be undertaken at the Malcha Mahal monument till the

final verdict of the court.”

Officials said more than 20 walks have taken place under the haunted walk initiative, which saw participation by 500 people from across the city, and even abroad. Of these, 80% were for Malcha Mahal.

“Malcha Mahal was very popular because it is located inside a forest area. The location gives a chilling experience with bats, monkeys and other animals around, besides the birds. A large number of bookings came for Malcha Mahal.”

The last walk at Malcha Mahal took place in March. “It is a court matter; plus, public safety is important... We may add other monuments in its place,” said a senior official from the tourism department.

Besides Malcha Mahal, other monuments covered under the haunted walks series are Feroz Shah Kotla and Khooni Darwaza.

Maliwal writes to INDIA bloc leaders, seeks meeting to discuss ‘assault’ at CM home

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

AAP Rajya Sabha member Swati Maliwal has written to senior leaders of the INDIA bloc, including NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar, the Congress’s Rahul Gandhi, the Shiv Sena’s (UBT) Uddhav Thackeray and the Samajwadi Party’s Akhilesh Yadav, seeking appointments with them to discuss the assault she was allegedly subjected to at Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal’s home. Maliwal alleged last month that she had been assaulted by Kejriwal’s aide Bibhav Kumar when she had gone to the CM’s home to meet him. She filed a police complaint three days later, alleging that no action had been taken against Kumar despite assurances from the party. Police arrested Kumar, who is lodged in Tihar Jail at present.

In her letter, Maliwal wrote: “I was assaulted by the PA of the Chief Minister of Delhi at his residence on 13 May, 2024. Following this traumatic incident, I took the necessary step of filing a police



AAP MP Swati Maliwal

complaint. Regrettably, instead of finding support, I was confronted with incessant attacks on my character and victim-shaming orchestrated by the leaders and volunteers of my own party.”

Seeking a meeting to discuss the issue, she wrote, “Over the past month, I’ve encountered firsthand the pain and isolation a survivor faces when she fights for justice. The brutal victim-shaming and character assassination I have been subjected to would discourage other women and girls from speaking up against abuse. I would like to seek your time to discuss this pertinent issue.”

Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva said Maliwal’s letter indicated she had given up hope for justice from her party.

Ashwani Kumar appointed MCD commissioner by Home ministry

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

THE MINISTRY of Home Affairs (MHA) on Tuesday appointed IAS officer Ashwani Kumar as the Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD).

A 1992-batch AGMUT cadre IAS officer, Kumar is currently serving as Delhi Divisional Commissioner and Principal Secretary (Home).

He succeeds Gyanesh Bharti, a 1998-batch AGMUT cadre IAS officer, who was transferred to the post of Additional Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, in March before the Lok Sabha election.

“I am directed to say that with approval from the competent authority, it is decided to appoint Ashwani Kumar, IAS (AGMUT) 1992, as Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, with immediate effect,” read an order from the Home Ministry to Raj Niwas.

Eid celebrated in Delhi in ‘befitting manner’, Saxena thanks people

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

DELHI LIEUTENANT Governor VK Saxena Tuesday thanked the people, particularly Muslims, in the city for celebrations of Eid-ul-Adha in a “befitting” manner, said a statement from Raj Niwas.

According to the statement, the devotees performed *namaz* on the festival inside mosques and idgahs, and not on the roads. “In a stark departure from the past, there was no open slaughtering of sacrificial animals,” the statement added.

Naming two areas — North East Delhi and Shahdara — the statement said they had seen “sights of blood-drenched bodies and entrails of sacrificed animals lined up in open on streets and even main arterial roads” last year.

This is not the first time this year that Saxena has “thanked” the Muslim community for its cooperation during festival celebrations.

In April, on Eid al-Fitr,

Saxena said this was the first time that devotees did not offer prayers on roads, “ensuring that any eventuality of a flare-up by miscreants or vested groups was averted”.

Officials said that the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and the police ensured that carcasses of sacrificed animals were immediately picked up and disposed of at identified sites.

Tuesday’s statement from Raj Niwas added, “It may be recalled that last year, various locations in Delhi, especially those in North-East and North Shahdara Zone, had witnessed sights of blood-drenched bodies and entrails of sacrificed animals lined up in open on streets and even main arterial roads.”

The L-G said celebrations of Eid-ul-Adha in a befitting manner was possible because of proactive cooperation by the Muslim community and its religious heads, underlining that everything could be achieved by dialogue and discussion in a diverse city like Delhi.

1,000 cluster buses get nine-month extension

GAYATHRI MANI  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

A WEEK after internal disagreements over phasing out nearly 1,000 cluster buses, the Delhi Transport Department decided to extend their contract period for another nine months — April 15, 2025 — till new electric buses are inducted to replace them.

The 10-year contract for these buses ends Wednesday. The decision comes after Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot directed the department to give a nine-month extension to the buses so that the public does not face a transportation crisis and workers don’t lose jobs.

“The High Court had extended the Concession Agreements till July 15... In this context, Minister Transport has extended the concession period of clusters 6, 7 and 9, initially for an additional period of 9 (nine) months from 16.07.2024 to 15.04.2025,” the special commissioner, transport, said in a recently issued order.

The order also reads, “Capital charges (cost of bus and finance) will not be payable for buses that have completed 10 years of life... however, other costs as calculated by DIMITS or existing contract terms shall be payable to the concessionaires in respect of such buses as being done currently for the buses which had completed 10 years of life.”

GREEN BOOST FOR CAPITAL

25L tree saplings, 31L shrubs: Govt plans monsoon drive

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

NEARLY 25 lakh tree saplings will be planted in the city in the coming months, alongside 31 lakh small shrubs and other plants.

With the monsoons expected to hit Delhi by the end of this month, drives to plant trees are being planned across the city. The Delhi government Tuesday said nearly 8 lakh saplings will be distributed to people free-of-cost as part of its target to plant 64 lakh trees, shrubs and other small plants in the city.

Delhi environment minister Gopal Rai said Tuesday that though the AAP government had promised to plant 2 crore trees in five years, it managed to meet the target in four years.

Meanwhile, instructions have also been given to all the departments concerned to conduct a third-party audit to check the survival rate of the saplings planted in Delhi under the tree plantation campaign.

Earlier, Rai had said that audit reports for trees planted before the Covid pandemic show that the survival rate of plants was between 60-75%.

Delhi Lieutenant Governor (L-G), Vinai Kumar Saxena,



Environment minister Gopal Rai said Tuesday that though the AAP government had promised to plant 2 crore trees in five years, it managed to meet the target in 4 years. Archive

meanwhile, also passed directions to agencies carrying out the drive.

These include: ■ Planting fruiting trees, such as bananas, guavas, jamun, mangoes and ber etc, in the Ridge and other forested areas, to ensure that animals and birds get a sustainable habitat. This, the L-G said, would reduce man-animal conflicts, and arrest the monkey menace in the city.

■ Use planters made of dry cow dung instead of plastic bags for saplings, provide organic fertiliser, and find use for cow dung generated in the city.

■ Stop planting along footpaths and plant trees on central

verges instead.

■ He also directed that stretches where sprinklers can be installed be identified and taken up to ensure that plants are watered at site and tankers don’t add to pollution and cause traffic jams.

■ Distribute saplings free-of-cost.

■ Plantation along railway tracks.

■ Plantation along the boundary of school premises.

■ Identify land where people can plant trees under the ‘*ek ped ma ke naam*’ initiative launched by the Prime Minister.

■ Ensure least 90% survival rate for saplings.



**CORRIGENDUM - 01, 02 & 03  
AGAINST TENDER NOTICE NO.:  
CON/2024/MAY/05,  
Dated : 15-05-2024**

Corrigendum-01, 02 & 03 has  
been issued against **Tender No. CE/  
CON/DMV/PMS/2024/04** for details  
please visit [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in).

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**TENDER NOTICE**  
**E Tender For LIDAR Survey Service**  
**Tender No. 2024/1/PIU BLA4**  
Bid submission end date:  
**04/07/2024, 04.00 PM.** Prebid  
Meeting: **20/06/2024.** For more  
details please visit our website:  
[www.kila.ac.in](http://www.kila.ac.in)  
(Sd/-) Director General

**PRESS NOTICE INVITING  
PERCENTAGE RATE  
e- TENDER**

Executive Engineer(C), Postal  
Civil Division, New Delhi invites  
on behalf of The President of  
India, online percentage rate  
(CPWD-7) e-tenders for the  
following work:  
**N.I.T. No.: NIT/EEPCND/2024-  
25/07** dated: 18.06.2024

**Name of Work:** Miscellaneous  
civil work including ARMO to the  
P.O. Building, Malkaganj,  
Delhi. **Estimated Cost:**  
₹ 3094996/- **Earnest Money:**  
₹ 61900/- **Period of  
completion-** 180 days. **Last time  
and date of submission of bid:**  
02.07.2024 at 15:00 hrs.  
The bid forms and other details  
can be obtained from the website  
<https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>

**North Eastern Railway**  
**Open E-Tender Notice**  
**No. IZN/Elect/OT/10/2024 Dt. 14.06.2024**  
E-Tenders are invited by Sr. Divisional  
Electrical Engineer (G)/N.E. Railway/  
Izatanagar for & on behalf of  
the President of India for the  
following work:

**S.No. : 01. Description of work :**  
Electrical Work in connection with  
provision of new goods shed at  
Manimau by converting hall at a  
crossing Station in CPA-FBD section &  
procurement of M&P; augmentation of  
coaching depot service building &  
provision of 01 stabilizing line & 02  
spur lines for NMG of Kasganj station in  
Izatanagar division. **Approximate  
tender value in Rs. : 35,50,00.45,  
Earnest money in Rs. : 71,100.00,  
Cost of tender paper in Rs. : Nil,  
Date & Time of closing E-tender :**  
11.07.2024 at 11.00 hours. **Completion  
time from the date of issue of  
letter of Acceptance :** Four months.  
**S.No. : 02. Description of work :**  
Electrical Work in connection with  
provision of SPART stabling line,  
pathway, shed and point line work  
including fencing in LKU yard in  
Izatanagar division. **Approximate  
tender value in Rs. : 16,39,795.88,  
Earnest money in Rs. : 32,800.00,  
Cost of tender paper in Rs. : Nil,  
Date & Time of closing E-tender :**  
11.07.2024 at 11.00 hours. **Completion  
time from the date of issue of  
letter of Acceptance :** Four months.  
**S.No. : 03. Description of work :**  
Electrical Work in connection of  
Augmentation & Improvement of  
Reliability of 12 Nos. mid section  
interlocked LC gates through provision  
of IPS, RTU datalogger, ELD and  
FACS at various sections of IZN Div.  
and Interlocking of 11 nos. LC gates  
having restricted visibility in various  
sections of Izatanagar Division and  
Provision of RPF post at KGM, KPV,  
HTC. **Approximate tender value  
in Rs. : 32,02,380.61, Earnest money  
in Rs. : 64,100.00, Cost of tender  
paper in Rs. : Nil, Date & Time of  
closing E-tender : 11.07.2024 at 11.00  
hours. Completion time from the date  
of issue of letter of Acceptance :  
Four months.**

- Manual offers are not allowed  
against this tender and such manual  
offer received shall be ignored.
- The tender can be viewed at website  
<http://www.ireps.gov.in>.
- The tender/bidders must have Class-III  
Digital signature certificate & must  
have registered on IREPS portal.
- Only registered tenderer/bidders can  
participate in e-tendering.
- All relevant  
papers must be uploaded at the time of  
participating in e-tendering.

**Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G)/  
CPRO/Elect-66** Izatanagar  
**Do not travel with inflammable article in train**

**Advertisement No. 55/2024**  
**Government of India**  
**Public Enterprises Selection Board**  
invites applications for the post of  
**Director (Technical)**  
in  
**The Braithwaite Burn & Jessop**  
**Construction Company Ltd. (BBJ)**  
Last date of submission of application by  
applicants is by 15.00 hours on **12<sup>th</sup> July, 2024**  
Last date of forwarding of applications by the Nodal  
Officers to PESB is by 15.00 hours on **22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2024.**  
For details login to website  
<https://pesb.gov.in>

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**NOTICE OF THE 105<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the 105<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of The Tata Power Company Limited ("the Company") will be held on **Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 3.00 p.m. (IST)** through Video Conference ("VC")/Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") to transact the businesses as set out in the Notice of the AGM, in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") and rules made thereunder, read with General Circulars No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020, No. 02/2021 dated January 13, 2021, No. 21/2021 dated December 14, 2021, No. 2/2022 dated May 5, 2022, No. 10/2022 dated December 28, 2022 and No.09/2023 dated September 25, 2023 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (collectively "**MCA Circulars**") and Circulars dated May 12, 2020, January 15, 2021, May 13, 2022, January 5, 2023 and October 7, 2023 and other applicable circulars issued in this regard by Securities and Exchange Board of India (collectively "**SEBI Circulars**").

In compliance with the above MCA and SEBI Circulars, the Company will be sending the electronic copy of the Notice of the 105<sup>th</sup> AGM along with the link for the Integrated Annual Report of the Company for FY24 to the Members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company/ Link Intime India Private Limited - Registrar and Transfer Agent ("RTA")/ National Securities Depository Limited ("NSDL") and/or Central Depository Services (India) Limited ("CDSL"), (NSDL and CDSL collectively "**Depositories**"). Pursuant to the above circulars, the requirement of sending physical copies of the Annual Report has been dispensed with. The Company shall send the physical copy of the Annual Report for FY24 only to those Members who specifically request for the same at [investorcomplaints@tatapower.com](mailto:investorcomplaints@tatapower.com) or [csgr-annualreports@linkintime.co.in](mailto:csgr-annualreports@linkintime.co.in) mentioning their Folio numbers/DP ID and Client ID.

The Integrated Annual Report along with the Notice of the 105<sup>th</sup> AGM will also be available on the website of the Company at <https://www.tatapower.com/investor-relations/annual-reports.aspx>, the websites of BSE Limited ("**BSE**") at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("**NSE**") at [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com), and on the website of NSDL at [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com).

Members can attend and participate in the AGM through the VC/ OAVM facility only and their attendance shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Act. The instructions for joining the AGM are provided in the Notice of the AGM.

**Remote e-Voting:**  
The detailed instructions pertaining to (a) Remote e-voting before the AGM and (b) Remote e-voting on the day of the AGM will be provided in the Notice of the AGM. The remote e-voting facility would be available during the following period:

<b>Commencement of e-voting</b>	Friday, July 12, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. (IST)
<b>End of e-voting</b>	Monday, July 15, 2024 upto 5:00 p.m. (IST)

**Registration of e-mail addresses and Updation of Bank Details:**  
If your e-mail address is not registered with the Company/Depositories, you may register on or before 5:00 p.m. (IST) on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, to receive this Notice of the AGM and the Integrated Annual Report for FY24 by clicking the link [https://linkweb.linkintime.co.in/EmailReg/Email\\_Register.html](https://linkweb.linkintime.co.in/EmailReg/Email_Register.html) and completing the registration process as guided therein.

To register e-mail address for all future correspondence and update the bank details, please follow below process:

Physical Holding	Register/Update the details in the prescribed Form ISR - I and other relevant forms with RTA and the said form is available on the website of the RTA at <a href="https://linkweb.linkintime.co.in/KYC-downloads.html">https://linkweb.linkintime.co.in/KYC-downloads.html</a>
Demat Holding	Register/Update the details in your demat account, as per the process advised by your (DP).

**Norms for furnishing of PAN, KYC, Bank details and Nomination:**  
Pursuant to the relevant SEBI Circulars, with effect from April 1, 2024, **dividend shall be paid through electronic mode to the members holding shares in physical form only if the folio is KYC compliant.** A folio will be considered as KYC Compliant on registration of all the details viz. full address with pincode, mobile no., e-mail address, bank account details, specimen signature, valid Permanent Account Number ("PAN") linked to Aadhaar of all the holders in the folio, etc.

**Record Date and Dividend:**  
The Record Date for determining entitlement of Members to dividend for FY24 is Thursday, July 4, 2024. The dividend of ₹ 2 per equity share of ₹ 1 each (200%), if approved by the Members at the AGM, will be paid subject to deduction of tax at source ("TDS"), on or after Thursday, July 18, 2024.

**Tax on Dividend:**  
Pursuant to the Finance Act, 2020, dividend income is taxable in the hands of the Members and the Company is required to deduct TDS from dividend paid to the Members at rates prescribed in the Income-tax Act, 1961 (IT Act). In general, to enable compliance with TDS requirements, Members are requested to complete and/or update their Residential Status, PAN, Category as per the IT Act with their DP's or in case shares are held in physical form, with the Company/RTA, by sending documents through e-mail on or before Saturday, June 29, 2024. For the detailed process, please visit the website of the Company at <https://www.tatapower.com/investors/tds-on-dividend.aspx>.

In this regard, the Company, vide its email communication dated June 4, 2024 to all the Members, having their e-mail address registered with the Company/Depositories, has explained the process of withholding tax from dividends paid to the shareholders at prescribed rates along with the necessary annexures. This communication is also available on the website of the Company at <https://www.tatapower.com/investors/tds-on-dividend.aspx>.

For The Tata Power Company Limited  
Vispi S. Patel  
Company Secretary  
FCS No.: 7021

Place: Mumbai  
Date: June 18, 2024

**सेन्ट्रल बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया**  
**Central Bank of India**

**REGIONAL OFFICE, WHITE HOUSE COMPOUND, GAYA-823001**

**NOTICE U/S 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002**  
**(READ WITH RULE 3 (1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002)**

That the under mentioned Borrowers were granted Over Draft facilities by the Bank, SASARAM Branch but they have defaulted in repayment of the outstanding dues (which represents the principal plus interest due thereon). Notices under Sec. 13(2) of the Act were sent to them through Registered Post calling upon the Borrowers/Guarantors to repay the entire Bank's dues within 60 days of receipt of the said Notice of which notice issue to Mrs. Farjana Khanam D/o Nasir Ahmad Khan (Borrower) and Mr. Mirza Sahib Beg S/o Mr. Abdul Majeed Beg (Guarantor) were returned undelivered. The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank has reasons to believe that the Borrowers/Guarantors are avoiding service of the Notice. Hence, the Borrowers/Guarantors are being given Notice under Sec. 13(2) of the Act by way of Publication while following the procedure enumerated under Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Details of borrowers/guarantors and credit facilities extended to them against the secured assets are mentioned as under:

Sl. No.	Branch	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Credit Facility (Rs.)	Total Amount Dues as on 21.05.2024 (In Rs.)
1	SASARAM	<b>Borrower:- (1) FARJANA KHANAM, D/o Nasir Ahmad Khan, (2) Nasir Ahmad Khan S/o Late Vasi Ahmad Khan</b> <b>Guarantors:- (1) Mirja Sahid Beg S/o Abdul Majeed Beg (2) Zeeshan Ali S/o Nasir Ahmad Khan</b>	1. OD Cent Mortgage A/c No. 3971451822, Limit- 13,00,000/-	Rs. 15,08,172/-

**Details of Security**  
**All the part and parcel of House property (Land & Property) in the name of Nasir Ahmad Khan S/o Late Vasi Ahmad Khan**

Sl No.	Deed No.	Area	Location	Property Details	Boundary
1	Deed No. 592, Dated- 19.01.2012	1.10 Decimal	Mauza- Sasaram, Mohalla- Bada Sheikhpora, PS- Sasaram, Dist.- Rohtas	Thana No.- 126, Holding No.- 4A, Municipal Survey Plot No.- 961, Old Ward No.- 4, New Ward No.- 11	North- Warisan Juman Khan, South- Rasta 10ft wide, West- Gail, East- Jahiuriddin Ansari and Israil Ansari

1) As the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) have defaulted in repayment of their full liabilities, their accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Asset on 31/12/2022 in accordance with the guidelines of the Bank/directions or guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

2) The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) are hereby called upon to discharge in full their liabilities to the Bank within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the Bank will be exercising the powers conferred under section 13 (4) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and Rules made thereunder against the secured assets mentioned above.

3) Please take note that after publication of this notice, the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the secured assets described above and any dealings with the secured assets shall be subject to the charge of Central Bank of India.

4) Your attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available to redeem the secured assets.

**Place:- 13.06.2024**  
**Date:- Sasaram**

**Authorised Officer**  
**Central Bank of India**

**भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड**  
**CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.**  
एक नवहन कम्पनी (भारत सरकार का उपक्रम)  
**A Navratna Company (A Govt. of India Undertaking)**  
NSIC New MDSP Building, 2nd-3rd Floor, Okhla Ind. Estate (Opp. NSIC Okhla Metro Station), New Delhi-110020

**TENDER NOTICE (E-Tendering Mode Only)**

CONCOR invites E-Tender cum Auction in two bid system for leasing out Three (3) Warehouse Space (80700 Sq.ft. x 03 Nos.) on Long Term basis at ICD Dahanu, Uttar Pradesh.

<b>Tender No.</b>	<b>CONArea-ITC/WH-Lesse/DER/2024</b>
<b>Name of Work</b>	Leasing Out of Three(3) Warehouses on Long-Term Basis at ICD Dahanu, U.P.
<b>Period of the contract</b>	Fifteen (15) years.
<b>Bid Reserve Price</b>	The reserve price of Rs. 25/- per sqft per month for each warehouse
<b>Earnest Money Deposit*</b>	₹2,50,000/- for each Warehouse, eligible MSEs are exempted.
<b>Cost of Document*</b>	₹1,000/- Inclusive of all taxes and duties (Non-refundable)
<b>Tender Processing Fee*</b>	₹2,360/- Inclusive of all taxes and duties (Non-refundable)
<b>Date of Sale (Online)</b>	From 19.06.2024 at 16:00 hrs. to 10.07.2024 (upto 16:00 hrs.) on <a href="http://www.tenderwizard.com/CCL">www.tenderwizard.com/CCL</a>
<b>Pre-Bid meeting</b>	On 27.06.2024 at 15:30 hrs.
<b>Competition opened, if any</b>	On or before 04.07.2024 on <a href="http://www.tenderwizard.com/CCL">www.tenderwizard.com/CCL</a>
<b>Date &amp; Time of submission</b>	On 11.07.2024 upto 15:30 hrs.
<b>Date &amp; Time of Opening for Technical Bid</b>	On 12.07.2024 at 15:30 hrs.

\*Through e-Payment  
For eligibility criteria and other details please log on to: [www.concorindia.com](http://www.concorindia.com) or [eprocure.gov.in](http://eprocure.gov.in) or [www.tenderwizard.com/CCL](http://www.tenderwizard.com/CCL). Bidders are requested to visit the website regularly. CONCOR reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason therefor. For complete details log on to [www.tenderwizard.com/CCL](http://www.tenderwizard.com/CCL).

Executive Director  
Area-I, North

**CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
**7TH FLOOR, TOWER-B, WORLD TRADE CENTRE**  
**NAUROJI NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110029**

**Petition No. 179/DT/2024** **Dated: 14.06.2024**

**NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE (a) OF SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003 (the Act)**

An application for grant of Category-V licence for inter-State trading in electricity in all States and Union Territories of India has been made before the Commission by Enfinity Global Power Management Private Limited, 8-2-610/68/1, 2, 3, 5th Floor, Accord Blue, Road No. 10- Banjara Hills, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500034, Telangana.

2. A copy of the application, along with its annexures and enclosures, made by the applicant for grant of inter-State trading licence to Enfinity Global Power Management Private Limited before the Commission can be accessed at the website [enfinity.global](http://enfinity.global) or inspected by any person in the Commission's office by following the laid down procedure.

3. On consideration of the material available on record, the Commission is satisfied that prima facie the applicant qualifies for grant of licence for inter-State trading in electricity and by order dated 13.6.2024, the Commission has proposed to grant a Category-V licence to the applicant for inter-State trading in electricity in all States and Union Territories of India.

4. Notice is hereby given in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act to invite suggestions or objections, if any, to the proposal to grant licence for inter-State trading in electricity as aforesaid by the Commission to be received by the undersigned latest by **25.06.2024** at the above noted address. The objections or suggestions received after the specified date shall not be considered.

5. The Commission has fixed the application for final disposal on **27.06.2024** and the person who files the suggestions or objections may in his discretion attend the hearing, for which no TA/DA shall be paid by the Commission.

Sd/-  
(Harpreet Singh Pruthi)  
Secretary

**TATA**  
**TATA POWER**  
**THE TATA POWER COMPANY LIMITED**  
Corporate Identity No. (CIN): L28920MH1919PLC000567  
Regd. Office: Bombay House, 24, Homi Mody Street, Mumbai 400 001.  
Tel: +91 22 6665 8282 e-mail: [tatapower@tatapower.com](mailto:tatapower@tatapower.com) Website: [www.tatapower.com](http://www.tatapower.com)

**NOTICE**

**Claim your outstanding dividend(s) on or before Friday, September 20, 2024 to avoid transfer of your equity shares to Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF)**

This Notice is hereby given to shareholders of the Company pursuant to the provisions of Section 124 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016 ("the Rules"), as amended, **all the unpaid or unclaimed dividend(s) for the past 7 years shall be transferred to IEPF and all shares in respect of which dividend(s) has not been paid or claimed for 7 consecutive years or more shall also be transferred to the IEPF.**

As provided in the Rules, the Company has sent individual communication in physical mode to the concerned shareholders at their registered address whose dividend are lying unpaid/unclaimed for 7 consecutive years and whose shares are liable to be transferred to IEPF as on the due date i.e. **Friday, September 20, 2024**. The said details are also available on the Company's website at <https://www.tatapower.com/investors/investor-resources/unclaimed-dividends.aspx>. The concerned shareholders are therefore, requested to verify the details of the shares liable to be transferred to IEPF.

The shareholders are advised to claim the same before the due date i.e. Friday, September 20, 2024 to avoid transfer of equity shares and dividend(s) to IEPF by writing to the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent - Link Intime India Private Limited ("RTA") along with supporting documents as follows:

**For shares held in electronic form:** Copy of the client master list. Payment will be made to the Bank Account registered against the demat account.

**For shares held in physical form:** Investor Service Request Form ISR - 1, Form ISR - 2 and Form No. SH 13 (Nomination Form) or Form ISR 3 (Opt-out of Nomination) duly filled as per the instructions stated therein along with the supporting documents including original cancelled cheque stating the name of the Account holder. These Forms can be accessed on Company website at <https://www.tatapower.com/investors/investor-resources/investor-insights.aspx> and also at RTA's website at <https://linkweb.linkintime.co.in/KYC-downloads.html>

No further notice shall be given after the due date and no liability shall lie against the Company in respect of the equity shares so transferred.

Pursuant to SEBI circular dated November 3, 2021 (subsequently amended by circulars dated December 14, 2021, March 16, 2023 and May 7, 2024), outstanding dividend payments for shares held in physical form will be credited directly to the bank account only if the folio is KYC Compliant. In this regard, you are required to update complete address with pin code, mobile no., e-mail id, bank details, valid PAN linked to Aadhar of all holders in the folio, etc. with the Company/RTA.

The concerned shareholders are further informed that all future benefits arising on such shares would also be issued/transferred in favor of IEPF.

The Shareholder(s) may note that as per the Rules, both the unclaimed dividend amount(s) and the equity shares transferred to the IEPF including all benefits accruing on shares, if any, can be claimed by submitting the physical copy of the required documents duly signed, to the attention of the Nodal Officer, The Tata Power Company Limited at Bombay House, 24, Homi Mody Street, Mumbai 400 001 for obtaining an Entitlement Letter and thereafter make an online application in the e-Form IEPF-5 available on the website [www.iepf.gov.in](http://www.iepf.gov.in). The said e-form is also available on the website of the Company at <https://www.tatapower.com/investors/investor-resources/unclaimed-dividends.aspx>.

In case you have any queries or need any assistance in this regard please contact:

Company	RTA
The Tata Power Company Limited Bombay House, 24, Homi Mody Street, Mumbai 400 001 Tel No: +91 22 6665 8282 Email: <a href="mailto:investorcomplaints@tatapower.com">investorcomplaints@tatapower.com</a>	Link Intime India Private Limited C-101, 1st Floor, 247 Park, Lal Bahadur Shastri Marg, Vikhroli (West), Mumbai 400 083 Tel No.: +91 810 811 8484 Email: <a href="mailto:csgr-unit@linkintime.co.in">csgr-unit@linkintime.co.in</a>

For The Tata Power Company Limited  
Vispi S. Patel  
Company Secretary  
FCS No.: 7021

Place: Mumbai  
Date: June 18, 2024

**बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ोदा**  
**Bank of Baroda**

[www.bankofbaroda.in](http://www.bankofbaroda.in)

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS – TAX ON DIVIDEND**

Board of Directors of the Bank in their Meeting held on May 10, 2024, have recommended a Dividend of ₹ 7.60 per Equity Share of face value of ₹ 2/- each, i.e., for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2024. The said dividend if approved at the ensuing Annual General Meeting scheduled on July 05, 2024, will be paid to those shareholders whose names appear in the Register of Members of the Bank or in the records of the Depositories as beneficial owners of the shares as at the close of business hours on **June 28, 2024 ("Cut-off Date")**.

The dividend would be paid to the eligible shareholders within a period of 30 days from the date of AGM, electronically, through various online modes to those members who have updated their bank account details or through any other permissible mode.

Pursuant to provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (Act), as amended by the Finance Act 2020, dividends paid or distributed by a company on or after April 1, 2020 shall be taxable in the hands of the shareholders. The Bank shall therefore be required to deduct tax at source at the time of making the payment of said dividend, at prescribed rates including applicable surcharge and cess, as notified from time to time. Please note that this dividend will be taxable in your hands in the FY 2024-25. Thus, all the details and declarations furnished should pertain to FY 2024-25.

Shareholders who do not have PAN / have not registered their valid PAN or who have not filed their return of income, are considered non-compliant as per provisions of Section 206AB of the Act and tax shall be deducted at source from the dividend amount at rate of 20% in such cases.

All the shareholders are requested to ensure that their details with reference to valid Permanent Account Number (PAN), Residential status as per the Act i.e. Resident or Non-Resident as applicable for FY 2024-25, category of their account as per the PAN, email/postal address, Bank Account Details are complete / updated, as applicable, with their account maintained with Depository Participant (in case of Shares held in dematerialized form) and in case of shares held in physical form, complete / updated with KFin Technologies Limited, the Bank's Registrar & Share Transfer Agent ( "RTA" / KFin").

Bank has already sent a detailed email communication to shareholders in this regard. The same is available on the website of the Bank under <https://www.bankofbaroda.in/shareholders-corner/shareholders-meeting-agm-egm/egm-for-election-of-shareholder-director-july-2024>

The TDS will be deducted unless exempt under the provisions of the Act and subject to furnishing the prescribed self-certified documents, which may be downloaded from the website of the Bank at [https://www.bankofbaroda.in/shareholders-corner/\\_shareholders-meeting-agm-egm/egm-for-election-of-shareholder-director-july-2024](https://www.bankofbaroda.in/shareholders-corner/_shareholders-meeting-agm-egm/egm-for-election-of-shareholder-director-july-2024) or RTA at <https://ris.kfintech.com/form15/>

Shareholders are requested to upload aforementioned documents latest by 5.00 PM (IST), June 28, 2024 on the website of the RTA viz <https://ris.kfintech.com/form15/> and also email them at [einward.ris@kfintech.com](mailto:einward.ris@kfintech.com) in order to enable the Bank to determine and deduct appropriate TDS / withholding tax rate. No communication on the tax determination/deduction shall be entertained after 5.00 PM (IST), June 28, 2024.

**Place: Mumbai**  
**Date: 19.06.2024**

**For Bank of Baroda**  
**P K Agarwal**  
Company Secretary

(30/2024-25)

**बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया**  
**Bank of India**

**ZONAL OFFICE, SIWAN ZONE**  
1st Floor, Tarwara More  
Siwan - 841226

**[Appendix-IV, Rule 8 (1)], Possession Notice (for Immovable Property)**

Whereas,  
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **BANK OF INDIA, BETTIAH BRANCH, BETTIAH** under the Securitisation 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 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002 issued a demand notice as detailed in the table hereunder written calling upon the below mentioned borrowers to repay the amount shown in the respective notices mentioned against their names in the table, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/s and/or guarantor/s mentioned below having failed to repay the amount shown in the respective notices issued u/s 13(2) within the stipulated time, notice is hereby given to the below borrower/s and/or guarantor/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property/ies (Secured Assets) described in the table given below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **14<sup>th</sup> day of June of the year 2024**. The borrower/s and/or guarantor/s in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies mentioned in the table hereunder written and any dealings with the said property/ies will be subject to the charge of the **BANK OF INDIA, BETTIAH BRANCH, BETTIAH** for the amount shown in the respective column of the table and interest thereon. The borrower/s and/or guarantor/s attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of Borrower & Guarantor	I. Branch, ii. Date & Amount as per Notice u/s 13(2)	Details of property	Date of Possession of Assets
<b>Borrower: Mr. Manjay Kumar, S/o-Late Ram Chandra Prasad Prop.-M/s. Jai Traders</b>	<b>(i) Bettiah Branch, Bettiah (ii) Demand Notice Date: 15.03.2024, ₹ 13,48,454.16 and interest thereon.</b>	All that part and parcel of the following properties in the name Mr. Manjay Kumar, S/o-Late Ram Chandra Prasad: (1) Land and building in the name of Mr. Manjay Kumar (Proprietor of M/s. Jai Traders) situated at Vill-Dhumnagar, Kachahari Tola, Ward No 13, P.S-Nautan, Khata no./Survey No. 314, Khesra No./Plot No. 2540, Sale deed no. 707 dated 18.01.2017, Area: 11 dhur 05 dhurki, Sub Registry Bettiah, Dist-West Camparan, <b>Boundaries:</b> North: Dhruv Prasad, South: Road/Sadak, East: Mrityunjay Kumar, West: Mokiran/Lekhyakarigan, (Total Area of Sale Deed No 707, Khata No 314, Khesra No 2540 is 2 Khata 1 Dhur and 17.5 Dhurki), (3) Land and building in the name of Mr. Manjay Kumar (Proprietor of M/s. Jai Traders) situated at Vill-Dhumnagar, Kachahari Tola, Ward No 13, P.S-Nautan, Khata no./Survey No. 508, Khesra No./Plot No. 4020, Sale deed No. 1436 dated 03.02.2017, Area: 01 dhur, Sub Registry Bettiah, Dist-West Camparan, <b>Boundaries:</b> North: Amaral Prasad, South: Mrityunjay Kumar, East: Mrityunjay Kumar, West: Road/Sadak, (4) Land and building in the name of Mr. Manjay Kumar (Proprietor of M/s. Jai Traders) situated at Vill-Dhumnagar, Kachahari Tola, Ward No 13, P.S-Nautan, Khat No./Survey No. 508, Khesra No./Plot No. 3277, Sale deed no. 1436 dated 03.02.2017, Area:01 dhur, Sub Registry Bettiah, Dist-West Camparan, <b>Boundaries:</b> North: Amaral Prasad, South: Mrityunjay Kumar, East: Mrityunjay Kumar, West: Road/Sadak, (Total Area of Sale deed no 1436, Khata No-508, Khesra No 4020 & 3277 is 02 Dhur)	<b>14.06.2024</b>

\* With further interest at applicable rate till repayment.

**Date: 14.06.2024**  
**Place: Bettiah**

**Authorized Officer**  
**Bank of India**

**राजस्थान सरकार का उपक्रम**

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GROW WITH RAJASTHAN

**नए उद्योग लगाने का सुनहरा मौका**  
**रीको के साथ सरल ई-नीलामी के माध्यम से**

**आधारभूत सुविधाओं युक्त औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में करें उद्यम की स्थापना**

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**ईएमपी**  
प्रारम्भ तिथि : 20 जून, 2024 (घात: 10:00 बजे)  
अंतिम तिथि : 04 जुलाई, 2024 (साथ 06:00 बजे)

**ऑनलाइन बिड**  
प्रारम्भ तिथि : 05 जुलाई, 2024 (घात: 10:00 बजे)  
अंतिम तिथि : 09 जुलाई, 2024 (साथ 05:00 बजे)

**ईएमपी**  
प्रारम्भ तिथि : 20 जून, 2024 (घात: 10:00 बजे)  
अंतिम तिथि : 05 जुलाई, 2024 (साथ 06:00 बजे)

**ऑनलाइन बिड**  
प्रारम्भ तिथि : 08 जुलाई, 2024 (घात: 10:00 बजे)  
अंतिम तिथि : 10 जुलाई, 2024 (साथ 05:00 बजे)

06 अलवर	15 जयपुर (ग्रामीण)	05 आबू रोड़	10 नागौर	26 बोरानाडा
04 भिवाड़ी-I	08 ईपीआईपी, सैतपुर (जयपुर)	08 राजसमंद	04 झुन्झुन	23 कोटा
28 भिवाड़ी-II	47 अजमेर	02 बालोतरा	07 जोधपुर	20 उदयपुर
05 नीमराना	20 किशनगढ़	06 बांसवाड़ा	20 मण्डोर	10 जालोर
08 पीलोट	30 सवाईमाधोपुर			



# 6 GOVT & POLITICS

RELEASES PM-KISAN INSTALMENT, SAYS NEW GOVT'S FIRST DECISION FOR POOR AND FARMERS

## PM thanks Varanasi: Ma Ganga has adopted me

MANISH SAHU  
VARANASI, JUNE 18

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi Tuesday released the 17th instalment of the ₹20,000-crore PM-KISAN scheme for more than 9.26 crore farmers during an event at Mehandiganj village in Varanasi, the Lok Sabha he represents. This was the first visit of Modi to his parliamentary constituency after assuming office for a third consecutive term. "Today, the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi has become the biggest DBT scheme in the world. Till now, ₹3.25 lakh crore has been deposited in the bank accounts of crores of farmers of the country, and ₹700 crore has been transferred to families of farmers in Varanasi alone. I am happy that technology was used to better deliver the benefits of



PM Narendra Modi at Dashashwamedh Ghat on Tuesday. PTI

the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi to beneficiaries," Modi said. Speaking before a gathering of farmers in Bhojpuri in the initial part of his speech, Modi said, "Baba Vishwanath aur Ma Ganga ke aashirwad se; Kashiwasiyon

key aseem sneh se mujhe teesri baar desh ka pradhan sevak banne ka saubhagya mila hai... ab toh Ma Ganga ne bhi jaise mujhe godh le liya hai, main yahin ka ho gaya hun (With the blessings of Baba Vishwanath and Mother Ganga,

### PM to inaugurate new campus of Nalanda University in Bihar today

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Bihar Wednesday, where he will inaugurate the new campus of Nalanda University, located close to the ruins of the ancient university in Rajgir. The event will also be attended by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and ambassadors from 17 partner countries, as per officials.

Even as the new university started functioning in 2014 from a makeshift location with 14 students, the construction work on the new campus started only in 2017.

The University offers Post Graduate and Doctoral research courses and short-term certificate courses. It also offers 137 scholarships to international students. ENS

"I consider farmers, women, the youth and the poor strong pillars of 'Viksit Bharat' (developed India)," Modi said and added that the first decision of the new government was related to farmers and the poor.

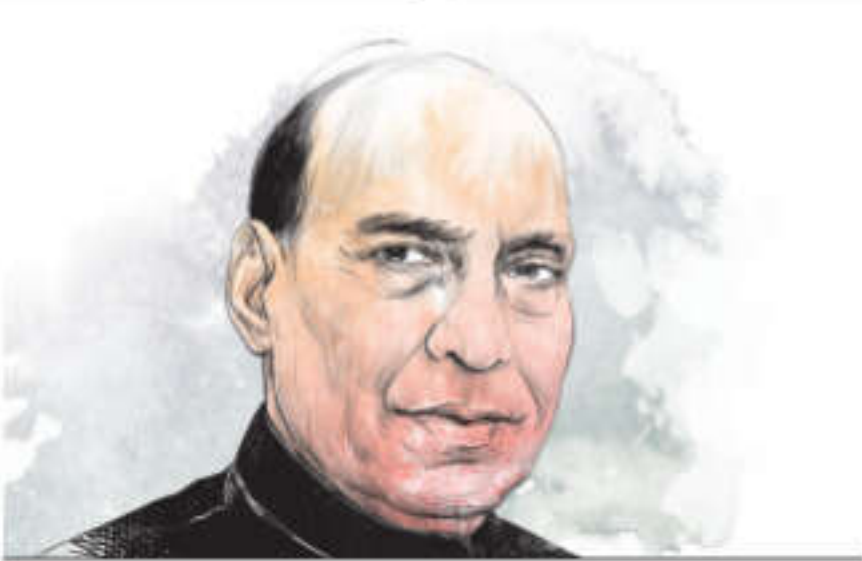
More than 64 crore people voted in this election, Modi said and added that there is no bigger election than this in the whole world. "I recently went to Italy to attend the G7 meeting and even if we add all the voters of all these G7 nations, the number of voters in India is one and a half times more than that number," he said.

In the evening, the PM participated in the Ganga Aarti at the Dasaswamedh Ghat and later visited the Kashi Vishwanath Temple, where he offered prayers. He also conducted a surprise inspection of the Indoor Sports Complex built at Sigra Stadium in Varanasi.

and love of the residents of Kashi. I have the privilege to become the pradhan sevak for the third time... Mother Ganga has adopted me and I have become a part of Varanasi." Prominent among others

present at the function included Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, UP Governor Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, and Deputy CMs Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brijesh Pathak.

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### ALLAYING DIFFERENCES

THERE MAY not be big changes in the Union Cabinet in the new government, but one difference is visible — the emergence of Defence Minister and BJP veteran Rajnath Singh as the key figure for coordinating with the NDA partners. Known for his warm ties with leaders across the parties, Singh has been assigned by the party to take up the frosty issues with the allies to evolve a consensus. The first two meetings of the NDA partners since the government formation took place at Singh's residence — 17, Akbar Road.

### MUSCULAR MONIKER

BJP KAISERGANJ MP Karan Bhushan Singh, 33, who is the son of former Wrestling Federation of India chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, is being called "Bahubali bhaiya" (muscleman brother) by his supporters. His supporters, mostly youths, have put up hoardings across the constituency, addressing Karan with the new moniker. BJP had fielded Karan from Kaiserganj after his six-time MP father was dropped after charges of sexual harassment were levelled against him by six women wrestlers.

### CHANGE OF GUARD

WITH THE CISF recently taking over the security of the Parliament complex, some longtime staff and senior officials have started wearing their ID cards in lanyards around their necks to make it easier for the new security personnel to recognise them. Earlier, the Parliament's own security staff would recognise the employees. After the Parliament security breach last year, the CISF was entrusted with the responsibility and it is learnt that the new security personnel are being trained in how to behave around MPs.

## BJP rules out change in Maharashtra, tells Fadnavis to continue



At the BJP meeting in New Delhi on Tuesday. ANI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
MUMBAI, JUNE 18

THE CENTRAL leadership of the BJP has again urged Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis to continue in the Maharashtra government and also work for the organisation in the upcoming state elections, after his offer to resign. The decision was taken at a core committee meeting in New Delhi on Tuesday.

Sources in the central BJP told *The Indian Express*: "The top brass of the BJP has once again conveyed to Fadnavis to continue in the government. Along with his government duties, he has been asked to carry out the organisational work for the party, which is heading for the crucial Assembly polls in Maharashtra." The Lok Sabha election results were reviewed at the core committee meeting, presided

over by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. It was underlined that the party had not gained electorally from its alliance with Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar-led NCP. The alliance vote share did not transfer to BJP candidates but, on the contrary, BJP vote share helped both Shinde and Pawar, leaders noted.

The BJP won nine seats out of 28 contested, which was its worst performance in Maharashtra, with Shinde Sena winning and Ajit NCP one seat. The total tally was 17 out of 48, while the MVA won 30 seats.

After the three-hour meeting, Fadnavis said, "We deliberated on reasons along with course correction. We also discussed the blueprint for the Assembly polls and will hold discussions with our partners."

Responding to a question on organisational changes, Union Minister Piyush Goyal said, "There will be no change."

## Cong fields Sukhu wife for July 10 Dehra bypoll

Shimla: The Congress Tuesday fielded Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's wife Kamlesh Thakur as its nominee for the July 10 Dehra Assembly bypoll.

Thakur, 54, hails from Nalsuha village in Kangra district and completed her education from Chandigarh. In June 1998, she married Sukhu with whom she has two daughters. Though

Thakur will be making her electoral debut, she has been a member of the Himachal Congress for the last two decades. She will take on the BJP's Hoshiyar Singh Chambyal.

Dehra along with Hamirpur and Nalagarh will see bypolls after the Assembly Speaker on June 3 accepted the resignations of three Independent MLAs who switched over to the BJP. ENS

## Rahul to FT: Smallest disturbance can drop govt, one ally has to turn

'The space in the Indian political system has been blown open. A tectonic shift has taken place in Indian politics,' Congress leader tells *The Financial Times*

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

A FORTNIGHT after the INDIA bloc decided that it was not going to make proactive efforts to explore the possibilities of government formation to unseat the BJP, senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has signalled that the Opposition parties are keeping a close watch for contradictions to emerge in the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA).

In an interview to *The Financial Times* published on Tuesday, his first after the parliamentary elections, Gandhi said, "The space in the Indian political system has been blown open. A tectonic shift has taken place in Indian politics."

### Mamata meets BJP MP at his home, setting off speculation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
KOLKATA, JUNE 18

WEST BENGAL Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee Tuesday met BJP Rajya Sabha MP Ananta Maharaj at his residence in Cooch Behar's Chakchaka, sparking speculation that Maharaj may join Trinamool Congress.

After his 35-minute meeting with Banerjee, Maharaj called it courtesy meeting. "I am a BJP MP. Why would I join TMC? I don't know what will happen in the future... (but) this is a meeting exclusively out of courtesy," he said.

However, a senior TMC leader said the meeting was "very, very important." "In Cooch Behar LS seat and many other seats of North Bengal, the Rajbanshi vote bank is a factor (Maharaj is from the Rajbanshi community). The BJP made Ananta Maharaj the Rajya Sabha MP," the TMC leader said. "He did not campaign for (BJP's Lok Sabha candidate) Nishith Adhikari, which may have become a factor for the TMC's win in Cooch Behar this time," the TMC leader said.



Cong leader Rahul Gandhi

Gandhi told the newspaper that there was "great discontent" within Modi's camp and that there were "people who are in touch with us" from within it. But he declined to give details. "The numbers are such that they

## 4-time Haryana MLA, daughter resign from Cong, to join BJP

SUKHBIR SIWACH  
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 18

IN A setback to the Haryana Congress ahead of the Assembly elections, senior leader and sitting MLA Kiran Choudhry and her daughter Shruti, one of the four working presidents of the state Congress, resigned from the party Tuesday. "We will join the BJP Wednesday morning," Kiran told *The Indian Express*.

The daughter-in-law of former Haryana chief minister Bansi Lal, a four-time MLA from Tosham (Bhiwani), Kiran has been critical of the party leadership, particularly former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda, for ignoring her daughter and fielding Hooda loyalist Rao Dan Singh from the Bhiwani-Mahendragar Lok Sabha seat. Rao lost the election.

In her resignation letter addressed to Congress national president Mallikarjun Kharge, Kiran said: "It is most unfortunate that the Congress party in Haryana is being run as a personal fiefdom, leaving no space for sincere voice like mine, who has been stifled, humiliated and conspired against



MLA Kiran Choudhry has been critical of Hooda

in a most well-orchestrated and systematic manner... The Congress in Haryana has unfortunately become one-person-centric who has compromised the interest of the party for his selfish and petty interests and it is, thus, time for me to move on so that I may continue to uphold the interest of my people and the values that I stand for."

Hooda's rival camp in Haryana is led by three senior leaders — Kumari Selja, Randeep Singh Surjewala and Kiran Choudhry.

Choudhry's move may deal a blow to the Haryana Congress which is looking to continue its winning streak of the Lok Sabha election (won five seats) to the Assembly polls in the state in October this year. The Congress-led INDIA bloc maintained a lead in 46 Assembly seats in Haryana, while the BJP on 44 in the recent parliamentary elections.

In 2022, the Hooda camp ac-

cused Choudhry and Kuldeep Bishnoi, then with the Congress, of the defeat of Congress candidate Ajay Maken in the Rajya Sabha elections, but Kiran rubbished the charges.

Choudhry was a Delhi MLA before she entered Haryana politics following the death of her husband and Bansi Lal's son Surender Singh in a chopper crash in 2005. Surender Singh was then a minister in the Hooda government.

With the joining of Kiran, the BJP would have members from all three prominent political Lal families of Haryana — Bansi Lal, Bhajan Lal and Devi Lal.

Bhajan Lal's son Kuldeep Bishnoi joined the BJP in 2022. Later Kuldeep's son won the family's pocket borough of Adampur on a BJP ticket. From Devi Lal's family, the BJP has his son Ranjit Singh Chautala as the state power minister in Haryana government.

Welcoming her decision to join the BJP, the party's national secretary Om Prakash Dhankar said, "Congress ignored and sidelined a good leader (Kiran) while refusing to give her dues in the party."

## Ahead of session, plantation drive in full swing at Parliament complex

DAMINI NATH  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

CONSTRUCTION OF a transit lounge for the MPs and plantation drive with 19 varieties of saplings, including that of Rudraksha trees which is considered auspicious, are in full swing at the Parliament complex ahead of the first session of the 18th Lok Sabha that begins on June 24.

Trucks could be seen moving in and out of the complex, which includes the new Parliament House and the old building, which has since been renamed Samvidhan Sadan. At several

spots, slabs of stones, debris and other materials were piled up.

Apart from the landscaping and construction of new pavements, work was underway at the transit lounge where the MPs would wait after disembarking their vehicles before being taken to the main building in battery-operated golf carts. The landscaping work is likely to continue for another four to five days, sources said.

The first two days of the session, which will continue until July 3, have been set aside for oath-taking of the newly-elected members. Thousands of saplings, including that of bamboo, red bottlebrush, champa, night-flow-

ering jasmine and rudraksha, have been planted, sources said.

Speaking to reporters Sunday, Speaker of 17th Lok Sabha Om Birla said efforts were being made to ensure the campus is "eco-friendly", with additional greenery being planted. There was a plan to allow vehicles till a designated spot, after which golf carts would ferry the passengers, he said.

Even before the session, the golf carts, with drivers wearing uniforms at the wheels, were seen parked outside Parliament, from where visitors were being taken into the complex from a newly-opened reception building this week.

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

MANIPUR CHIEF Minister N Biren Singh will likely be called to New Delhi later this week or early next week for a discussion on the security situation in his state — roiled by ethnic clashes for over a year now — *The Indian Express* has learnt.

Singh was not present at the security meeting chaired Monday by Union Home Minister Amit Shah at North Block.

Sources said the agenda of the meeting will likely revolve around finding a political solution to the ethnic conflict. "The next step is to



Biren Singh was not present at meet held on Monday

initiate a comprehensive dialogue with both Meiteis and Kukis to find a lasting solution agreeable to all stakeholders. Discussions with the CM will take place in this regard. Steps will be taken to initiate dialogue with Kuki representatives too," said a senior Union government official.

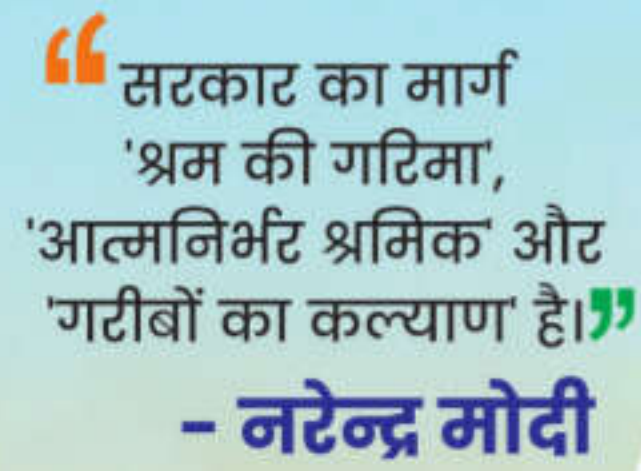
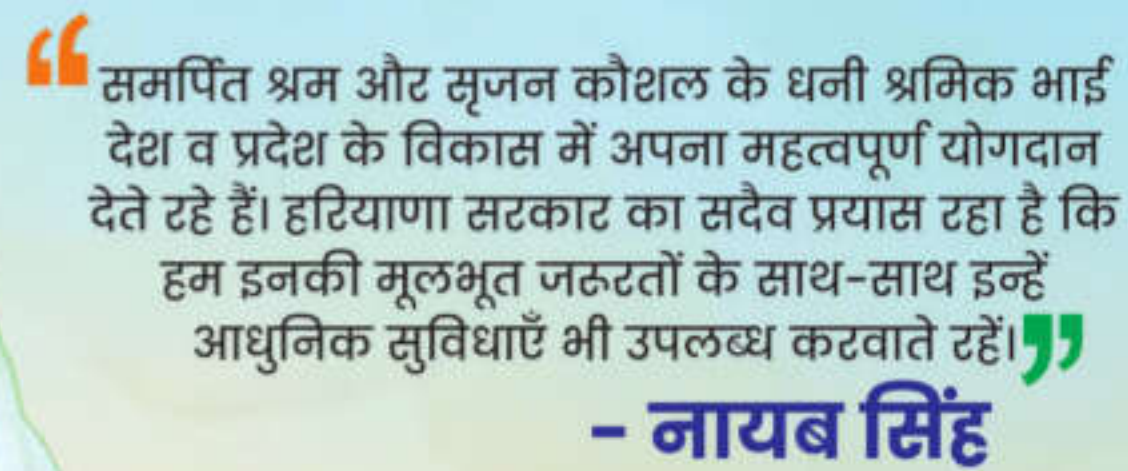
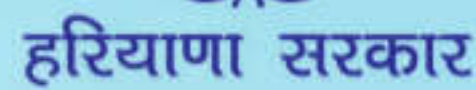
Sources said the initial focus would be to arrive at a ceasefire agreement between the two

groups and then thrash out a framework under which further negotiations can go forward. "The idea is to achieve these things in the next few months at least," the official said.

The North Block meeting was attended by members of the security establishment — including the Army chief — and key administration officials from Manipur and the Ministry of Home Affairs. Manipur has witnessed a fresh spurt in violence earlier this month with reports of murder and arson in Jiribam district.

The meeting came days after RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat urged the Union government to deal with the problem on priority.





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**GOA**  
If liberated in '47, growth would've been faster: CM

*Panaji:* Goa CM Pramod Sawant said Tuesday Goa would have grown at a faster pace if the state was liberated from Portuguese rule when India gained Independence in 1947. Speaking on the occasion of Goa Revolution Day in Panaji, he said, "India got freedom from British rule, but Goa continued to reel under Portuguese power for the next 14 years. It was only after sustained pressure from the freedom fighters that the then Central government launched Operation Vijay (to liberate Goa in 1961)." **ENS**

**NEW DELHI**  
Portal for instant food licenses soon

*New Delhi:* The FSSAI will launch a portal to allot "instant" licenses to certain types of food business operators — those not involved in large-scale manufacturing or processing of food items. Licenses will be valid for a year. The portal is likely to be launched in a fortnight, as per an official in know of the matter. **ENS**

**KERALA**  
Minister signs key order, quits

*Thiruvananthapuram:* On the day he resigned as Minister for Welfare of SC/ST and Backward Classes, CPI(M) leader K Radhakrishnan ordered tribal areas should not be referred to as colony, sanctuary or ooru. He quit Tuesday following his election to LS from Alathur seat. In the order from SC/ST Development Director, it is stated that addressing tribal areas as "colony", "sanctuary" or "ooru" creates a contempt and those places should be addressed as "nagar", "unnathi" or "prakrthi". **ENS**

## US lawmakers to meet the Dalai Lama; China urges Biden not to sign Tibet Bill

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

ALMOST TWO years after former US Congress Speaker Nancy Pelosi went to Taiwan, she is visiting Dharamsala as a member of a US Congressional delegation led by US House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Michael McCaul to meet Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama.

Apart from McCaul and Pelosi, who is now Speaker Emerita, the delegation consists of prominent US Congressional members --- Mariannette Miller, Gregory Meeks, Nicole Malliotakis, Jim McGovern, and Ami Bera.

The delegation is on a two-day visit to Dharamsala and will meet the Dalai Lama on Wednesday morning, officials said in Dharamsala. Pelosi had visited Taiwan in August 2022 and Beijing had reacted strongly against the US delegation's visit there as well.

After arrival at the Gaggal Airport in Dharamsala, McCaul expressed enthusiasm about the visit and said, "We are excited to meet His Holiness the Dalai Lama



Former US Congress Speaker Nancy Pelosi in Dharamshala, Tuesday. PTI

and to talk about many things, including the Bill which passed by Congress basically says that the United States of America stands with the people of Tibet." Asked if US President Joe Biden will sign the bill, McCaul said, "Yes, he will."

High-level officials from the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), including Dolma Tsering, the Exile Tibetan Minister for the

Department of Information and International Relations, greeted the Congressional delegation at the airport. Dharamsala is the seat of power for Tibet's government

in exile since the spiritual leader stepped into India six decades ago.

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson, Lin Jian, urged Biden not to sign the bipartisan Tibet Policy Bill adopted by both the US Senate and the House of Representatives. The Bill awaits Biden's signature to make it into a law, according to media reports in Washington.

The US House of Representatives voted 391-26 last Wednesday to approve the Promoting and Resolution to the Tibet-China Dispute Act, which was passed by the Senate, a media report said, adding, that the Bill would direct funds to counter what it calls "disinformation" from Beijing about Tibet's history, people and institutions. The bill seeks to counter China's narrative about its control over Tibet and promote dialogue between the Chinese government and the Dalai Lama.

The Chinese Embassy in New Delhi reacted sharply to the visit by the US delegation and "urged" the US side to "adhere to its commitments of recognizing Xizang as part of China and not support-

ing "Xizang independence"." China officially refers to Tibet as Xizang.

"China will take resolute measures to firmly defend its sovereignty, security and development interests," the Chinese Embassy Spokesperson tweeted.

The spokesperson said, "It's known by all that the 14th #DalaiLama is not a pure religious figure, but a political exile engaged in anti-China separatist activities under the cloak of religion. We urge the US side to fully recognize the anti-China separatist nature of the Dalai group, honor the commitments the US has made to China on issues related to Xizang, stop sending the wrong signal to the world."

"Xizang has always been part of China since ancient times. Xizang's affairs are purely China's domestic affairs and no external interference will ever be allowed. No one and no force should ever attempt to destabilize Xizang to contain and suppress China. Such attempts will never succeed," the Chinese Embassy said. It also tagged McCaul and Pelosi. **WITHPTIINPUTS**

### Owaisi targets NCERT over Babri demolition tweak in its textbooks

*Hyderabad:* AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi Tuesday said children should not grow up "glorifying criminal acts" in reference to Babri Masjid demolition being tweaked in NCERT textbooks.

On X, he said India's children should know the Supreme Court called demolition of Babri Masjid an "egregious criminal act".

"The NCERT has decided to replace Babri Masjid with the words 'three domed structure.' It has also decided to call the Ayodhya judgement an example of 'consensus'. India's children should know that the Supreme Court called the demolition of Babri Masjid an egregious criminal act," Owaisi said.

He said India's children should know that a functioning masjid was "desecrated" in 1949 and then demolished by a mob in 1992. "They should not grow up glorifying criminal acts," he said. **PTI**



Stranded tourists being evacuated in Sikkim's Mangan district on Tuesday. PTI

## Sikkim landslides: 200 evacuated, 1,000 stuck

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
GANGTOK, JUNE 18

MORE THAN 200 tourists have been evacuated while around 1,000 are still stranded in Lachung in Sikkim's landslide-hit Mangan district, a senior police officer said Tuesday.

The tourists were evacuated via Chungthang and taken to Mangan town from where the vehicles have been arranged by the Transport Department to take them to Gangtok, Superintendent of Police (SP) Sonam Detchu Bhutia said.

Around 150 stranded tourists were evacuated on Tuesday while 64 were evacuated on Monday from North Sikkim's Lachung and moved to Mangan town, officials said.

The district administration along with Border Roads Organisation (BRO), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and other volunteers are taking the stranded tourists to safer ground, he said.

More tourists are likely to be evacuated and moved to safer places as the day progresses, he said. The district administration had to set up log bridges over the

**1.61 LAKH PEOPLE HIT IN ASSAM FLOODS**

*Guwahati:* Assam's flood situation worsened Tuesday as over 1.61 lakh people were affected in 15 districts while another person died and fresh areas were inundated, according to a government bulletin. One person died in Hailkandi taking total death toll to 35 due to floods, rains and storms in the state since May 28. Over 1.05 lakh people across 8 districts were affected by the calamity Monday. Karimganj is the worst affected district, a bulletin by Assam State Disaster Management Authority said. **PTI**

slides to facilitate movement by foot and by vehicles where roads were motorable, they said.

The Mangan district administration on Tuesday ordered the closure of all government schools in the district with immediate effect due to safety concerns of students in view of damage to property and road blockages.

Incessant rains since June 12 wreaked havoc in Mangan, causing multiple landslides, and sev-

ering connectivity to most parts of the district. Due to the blockage of various roads at several locations, around 1,200 tourists got stranded in Lachung town, officials said.

At least six people have been killed in Sikkim due to landslides triggered by heavy rain over the past few days. The natural calamity has also damaged properties and disrupted power and food supplies and mobile networks in several areas, officials said.

The situation became grave after the collapse of the newly constructed suspension bridge at Sanklang as it was the main connection to North Sikkim and Dzongu, they said.

"Responding to the natural disaster by overcoming severe weather conditions and heavy rainfall in the region, the BRO launched restoration efforts by mobilising huge manpower and machinery to restore connectivity to North Sikkim at the earliest," a statement said.

"Swift and efficient response by a brave team of 758 BRTF under Project Swastik once again demonstrated their selfless commitment, resilience and determination in restoring vital connectivity and rescue of stranded tourists from North Sikkim," it said.

### Militants open fire on police in Poonch, search op launched

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUNE 18

MILITANTS ON Tuesday opened fire on personnel of the Jammu and Kashmir Police who were carrying out search operations at Behramgala area in Poonch district, police sources said.

The police personnel conducted searches in the area along Mughal Road for two days, and were returning to Surankote when, at around 4 pm, some militants opened fire at them from inside the dense forest.

None of the personnel were injured, and they immediately returned fire, causing the militants to flee, sources said.

Subsequently, search operations at a much bigger scale, involving the police and other security agencies, were launched in the area to locate the militants.

Since June 9, when militants targeted a bus carrying pilgrims in Reasi district, which led to the death of nine people, this has been the fifth militant attack on police and security forces in the Jammu region.

Police have so far detained more than 50 people in connection to the Reasi attack.

They also detained two people in Doda district's Jhai area for not informing authorities about militants taking food from them at gunpoint.

These militants, according to police, later attacked a joint police-Army checkpoint at Chattergala, injuring five Army soldiers and a police officer. The next day, they also attacked a police search party at Kota Top in Gandoh area, injuring an officer.

Police had also killed two militants in Kathua district's Saidda village last week after they opened fire on a house, injuring a civilian.

## Man bludgeons woman to death in Maharashtra as crowd watches

**VIJAY KUMAR YADAV**  
MUMBAI, JUNE 18

POLICE ARRESTED a 29-year-old man for allegedly murdering his 22-year-old friend in Vasai area of Palghar district Tuesday.

According to police, the accused and the victim were in an relationship for the past six years and he attacked her with an industrial spanner multiple times leading to the murder.

Police suspect that the accused, Rohit Yadav, committed the crime on the suspicion that the woman, Aarti Yadav, was in a relationship with another person.

In a purported video of the incident, which has surfaced on social media, many people were seen witnessing the crime without trying to stop the accused.

According to Aarti's family,



Police at the crime scene in Palghar's Vasai, Tuesday. PTI

Yadav had allegedly assaulted and threatened her around 10 days ago. According to police, Aarti and Yadav, both live in the same locality in Nalasopara (East).

Yadav, who hails from Haryana, lives alone in Santosh Bhavan in Nalasopara and works as labourer. However, since the past two months he has been un-

employed. On Tuesday morning, when Aarti, who works in a private company, was heading to her office, Yadav stopped her in Gavrayi Padain Wali, police said.

Yadav was trying to speak to her as she had stopped talking to him lately. When Aarti did not listen to him, police said, Rohit started arguing and later took out an industrial spanner from his bag and attacked Aarti multiple times.

There are nearly 16 wounds on Aarti's body, said a police officer. After the incident, Yadav sat near Aarti's body. He was arrested on charges of murder. "We are in the process of identifying and recording the statement of the witnesses," said Sachin Sanap, assistant inspector and the IO. CCTV

footage showed that among those who were witnessing the crime, one of them tried to stop Yadav but could not overpower him.

## NEET row: Even 0.001% negligence should be thoroughly dealt with, SC tells Govt, NTA

**ANANTHAKRISHNAN G**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

HEARING PETITIONS highlighting the alleged irregularities in this year's National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (Undergraduate) exams, the Supreme Court on Tuesday told the Centre and the National Testing Agency (NTA) that "even if there is 0.001% negligence on the part of anyone, it should be thoroughly dealt with".

"All these matters ought not to be treated as adversarial litigation," Justice S V Bhatti, who was part of a two-judge bench hearing the matters, said.

Advocate Kanu Agarwal who appeared for the Centre and the NTA told the bench presided by Justice Vikram Nath that the government had not seen it as ad-

versarial at all.

Justice Bhatti referred to the consequences of a person who committed fraud going on to become a doctor. "Imagine a person who has played fraud on the system becomes a doctor! He is more deleterious to the society...." he remarked.

Agarwal urged the court not to come to a conclusion before the Centre and the NTA had filed their response to the petitions.

The court also referred to the effort candidates put in to prepare for the exam. "We all know the labour children undergo especially for preparing for this exam," said Justice Bhatti.

"Your stance ought not to change the moment you enter the court... Representing an agency, which is responsible for conducting the examination, you must stand firm. If there is a

mistake, yes this is a mistake, this is the action we are going to take. At least that inspires confidence in your performance," added Justice Bhatti.

Agreeing, Agarwal said, "Perhaps that is what weighed with the NTA and therefore the stance was taken on grace marks."

On June 13, the Centre and the NTA had informed the Supreme Court that the grace marks awarded to 1,563 candidates in the NEET exams will be cancelled and a retest organised for those who want to sit for it afresh.

Justice Bhatti said, "If someone keeps just a table in front of him, find out the performance of most of the candidates, one can easily understand where it has gone wrong. How many cell phones were used? What are the

places to which the ... papers had come."

Stressing the need for timely action, the judge added that there should be "timely action from you". "Merely we react. During vacation we react very slowly," he added.

The court, meanwhile, issued notices on the petitions and posted them for hearing on July 8 along with other similar petitions and asked the Centre and the NTA to file their response in two weeks.

The NEET results announced on June 4 have drawn flak as 67 students secured the first rank with a total score of 720/720, followed by candidates who scored 718 or 719, which many said was improbable. Questions have also been raised over the NTA awarding grace marks and allegations of paper leaks.

## In process of enacting religious conversion law: Rajasthan to SC

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

THE RAJASTHAN government has told the Supreme Court that it is in the process of enacting a law on religious conversions.

Responding to an apex court notice on a plea which urged the court to "direct Centre and states to take stringent steps to control fraudulent religious conversion and religious conversion by intimidation, threatening, deceivling luring through gifts and monetary benefits", the state said in an affidavit that it "does not have any specific legislation with respect to conversion from one religion

to another".

It said that the state government, however, "is strictly adhering to the guidelines issued by "SC and Rajasthan High Court as "laid down in different cases and the Centre".

The state said it "is in the process of bringing its own legislation and till such time it will strictly abide by the law on the subject, guidelines or directions passed by" the SC.

The petition was filed by advocate Ashwini Upadhyay seeking direction to the CBI, NIA, NHRC or NCPCR "to investigate the root-cause of the death of 17-year-old Lavanya, who died by suicide in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu" in January 2022.

## A day after accident in Bengal, families of two Railway staff struggle to come to terms with loss

**SWEETY KUMARI**  
RANGAPANI, JUNE 18

A DISTRAUGHT wife in one home and a locked door at another tell the tale of the two Railways staffers who died on Monday when the Sealdah-bound Kanchanjunga Express was hit by a goods train from the rear in West Bengal's Darjeeling district. While Anil Kumar (46), the loco pilot of the goods train, and Ashish Dey (46), the guard on the passenger train, died in the accident, assistant loco pilot Monu Kumar (30) was injured.

At Dey's neighbourhood of NJP Gate Bazar, Siliguri, most were yet to come to terms with the loss. "I am not in a condition to speak, please don't ask me any-



Relatives of a victim of the Kanchanjunga Express accident mourn at his house in Kolkata, Tuesday. PTI

thing," said Geetika, his wife, surrounded by Dey's family members, colleagues and neighbours.

Like every day, Dey rode his two-wheeler to NJP station to board the Kanchanjunga

Express, on which he was assigned morning duty. "I saw him leave for work. He was a jolly person, always keen to strike a conversation," said Pampa Saha, whose tea shop Dey frequented.

Sanjit Chakraldar, a family member and colleague, recalled speaking to him the previous night. Dey had encouraged Sanjit, who was on sick leave because of jaundice, to take care of himself and return to work soon.

Those in the neighbourhood said they came to know of the accident from the sound of ambulance and police sirens.

Dey joined Railways in 1999, and was an active member of the North Frontier Railways employee union. Another family member said Dey's daughter is in college, and he had big dreams for her.

A few kilometres from Dey's house, the home of loco pilot Anil Kumar, who was crushed under a wheel of the Kanchanjunga Express, was empty. Neighbours said his family has left for Patna.

"He is survived by his wife and two young sons. How will they manage," said Archana Kumari, a neighbour.

Neighbours also wondered why the Railways had blamed the accident on him even though the probe was still underway. "He cannot defend himself anymore," said a neighbour.

The assistant loco pilot, Monu Kumar, is admitted at a private nursing home in Khalpara, Siliguri. "His vitals are normal, he doesn't have any fracture, but mentally he is traumatised. No one is allowed to meet him at present," said a doctor.

On Tuesday, the death toll in the accident reached 10. According to officials, 46 people also suffered injuries in the crash and had to be hospitalised.





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- नायब सिंह

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# To get back on track

West Bengal train accident highlights need for review  
of misplaced priorities of past two decades



ALOK KUMAR VERMA

THE INDIAN RAILWAYS is back in the news after a freight train rammed into a passenger train on Sunday, June 16, near Siliguri in West Bengal, which left at least nine people dead and more than 40 injured. Since 1995, the country has witnessed seven deadly train accidents, five of which took more than 200 lives — the highest number of deaths, 358, was recorded in the Firozabad collision of 1995. The multiple train collision at Balasore in Odisha, about a year ago, claimed 287 lives. Together, these seven accidents took more than 1,600 lives.

Among railway planners, it is widely held that a large, densely populated developing country like India should have a strong railway system that can compete with road and air transport to serve the needs of the people and economy. Neither the Railway Board nor the Centre has ever denied this imperative. In fact, plans have been repeatedly announced to double the speed of trains while improving safety and drastically increasing line capacity, as most trunk routes have faced acute congestion. But the results have been very discouraging.

The Indian Railways has consistently lost market share in both passenger and freight streams. In fact, since 2010-12, the total volume of both freight and passenger traffic has stagnated or declined, while air and road modes have seen growth of 6-12 per cent each year. Between 2014-15 and 2019-20, passenger traffic declined from 995 billion pass-km to 914 billion pass-km, and freight stagnated between 682 and 739 billion net tonne-km. For the period after 2019-20 to the present, the Railways has not made these traffic figures public.

It is no exaggeration that the Indian Railways (IR), which enjoys a monopoly on rail transportation, is facing a severe crisis. If the present trend of declining market share continues for another decade, which

seems likely in view of the failure to raise speed, increase line capacity, and improve safety to the required standards, IR could be relegated to a secondary role where it primarily carries heavy freight and some slow-moving passenger trains, as in large, thinly populated, economically advanced countries like the US, Canada, and Australia. Surely, with its high population density, a large developing country like India can't afford such a decline in rail transport.

Rail safety must be viewed in this larger context. Over the past two decades, the Railway Board, the highest administrative body under the Union Minister of Railways, has been a rudderless ship, marked by abrupt changes in policies and plans for the future growth and expansion of the IR network. It has failed to raise the speed of its excruciatingly slow trains, the punctuality of trains has shown no improvement, and safety has continued to be an issue.

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India has recently issued two important reports on safety, speed, and punctuality on IR. The report on speed and punctuality for the years 2019-20 says that between 2014 and 2019, there has been no increase in the average speed of mail and express trains — this has remained at 50 to 51 kmph, contrary to claims of achieving an average speed of 75 kmph under Mission Raftar, which has appeared in some form every five to seven years since 2005. As for freight trains, the average speed actually declined marginally, contrary to the Board's claims of doubling the speed. It is pertinent to mention that 20 years ago, IR acquired technology and manufacturing capabilities to build coaches and locomotives to raise the maximum operational speed from 110-130 kmph to 160-200 kmph.

The second CAG report, which is on accidents, is equally sobering. Though there has been a reduction in the number of acci-

dents, it is largely a result of the manning of unmanned railroad crossings. And the improvement with respect to derailments and collisions is not good enough. The report has expressed serious concerns about the continuing high rate of asset failures, particularly signal failures and rail fractures. Some of the worst accidents on IR have been due to these. Last year's multiple train collision at Balasore was caused by a signal failure. The essence of these two CAG reports is that this high asset failure rate, coupled with numerous speed and capacity bottlenecks in the existing IR network, has led to inadequate safety and punctuality and stagnant speed.

While the IR's existing network was caught in a downward spiral, with increasing intensity every passing year, the country was inundated by big plans for extremely costly projects with seriously questionable financial viability. This included, for example, plans for several standalone bullet-train lines which would be cut off from the main broad gauge network because these lines would be built on standard gauge, and dedicated freight corridors (DFCs), exclusive to heavier and longer trains.

Construction of the first bullet-train line started in 2017. Earlier, in 2012, construction of two DFCs had begun. In the past three years, the nation has seen the introduction of about 50 pairs of "semi-highspeed" Vande Bharat trains, which are more about luxury and cosmetics than speed.

Clearly, a thorough review of the misplaced priorities of the past two decades that are driving IR to a continuing decline is absolutely required. Will the new government pick up the gauntlet?

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## IT TAKES TWO

Without Russia, Ukraine peace meet is unlikely  
to be of significance in the long term

GOING BY NUMBERS alone, it would seem that the Ukraine peace summit held in Switzerland over the weekend made significant headway. Of the 90 countries that attended the summit, 82 backed the communique that called for the safety of all nuclear installations — including the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, which has been at the centre of fighting between Russian and Ukrainian forces. It also asked for the free flow of Ukrainian agricultural products and the return of prisoners of war and displaced Ukrainians, especially children. However, despite a majority backing the communique, the summit suffered from a glaring absence and some notable abstentions.

Among the countries that did not endorse the demands were India, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, the UAE, Thailand and Indonesia. They represent important regional powers and significant players in the Global South. Many, like India, have an ongoing and important engagement with Russia. Significantly, the G7 summit held just before the Switzerland meet took the severe step of committing to a \$50 billion loan for Ukraine, secured via interest on Russia's frozen assets in the West. New Delhi's rationale for the abstention — echoed by others — is that peace in Ukraine requires "all stakeholders and a sincere and practical engagement between the two parties to the conflict". Without Russia's presence, then, the peace conference may not have had a significant impact. On the other hand, the delicate balancing act that India has thus far managed between maintaining ties with Moscow even as it deepens its engagement with the West, may become harder to sustain if and when the conflict deepens and intensifies.

The fact remains that Russia's entrenched position and its violation of Ukraine's territorial integrity cannot be addressed without a meaningful dialogue and compromise. Vladimir Putin's current rigidity is bolstered by the fact that the West is not completely united on how to deal with the Ukraine conflict and that Russia's economy has not suffered as much as was initially believed. The longer the conflict drags on, the greater the chances of the differences within Europe, between Europe and the US and within America becoming sharper. Another Donald Trump presidency — and the rise of the far right in European powers like France, for example — could alter the geopolitical picture. In fact, in such a scenario, all major and middle powers, including India, might recalibrate their position. For now, given these uncertainties, it seems that the peace summit may not be as consequential as it was expected to be.

## SURPRISE, SURPRISE

As the Super Eight Stage kicks in, the T20 World  
Cup is poised on a knife edge

TWO FORMER CHAMPIONS from the subcontinent, Sri Lanka and Pakistan, bombed in the group stage of the T20 World Cup; perennial bridesmaid New Zealand caught an unusually premature flight back home. Some of the other powerhouses suffered scares — Nepal were two runs away from upsetting South Africa, rain saved England from the blushes against Scotland. Afghanistan and Bangladesh emphasised that calling them minnows is condescending. In that great Hollywood tradition of movies like "Any Given Sunday", "Rocky" and "Remember The Titans", co-hosts United States topped Pakistan, gave India a scare and advanced to the Super Eights for the first time. The David slaying Goliath thread has only enlivened the tournament, compensating to an extent for the substandard pitches (in New York), unexpected rain (Florida), empty stadiums and bizarre match timings.

The wave of surprises flows with a fine tradition, beginning with upstarts India stunning the all-conquering West Indies to lift the 1983 50-over World Cup. The T20 version is a more favourable stage for lower-ranked teams to pinch the established ones. An incisive spell or a burst of boundaries, a mind-stopping catch or run-out is all it sometimes takes to put the most perfect team under pressure. The tacky nature of pitches further reduced the gap between the elite and non-elite teams. Besides, the mere idea of playing a World Cup match is an extra motivation, a spur for lower-ranked teams to exceed their capabilities.

The end product is a fascinatingly unpredictable tournament where anyone could beat anyone else on their day, an air of suspense and intrigue hanging over every game. The event is buzzing on a knife edge, as the Super Eight Stage kicks in. Bigger teams are wary of the threat the US possesses, or the giant-slaying knack of Afghanistan and Bangladesh, two exceptionally gifted teams often undone by freezing in big games. It would not be a surprise if one of them, or even both, progresses to the last four. For this has been a tournament of underdog thunder so far, akin to the most scintillating Hollywood sports narratives.



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IN THE TENSE moments during the 2003 Ashes Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground, Australian captain, a slightly out-of-form Steve Waugh who'd been dealing with questions of retirement, found himself facing the last ball of the day, just two runs short of a century. The 100 would have been his 29th Test ton, equaling cricketing giant Don Bradman's record.

In the build-up that can be called theatrical at its best, English captain Nasser Hussain took his sweet time to set the field, while the crowd roared. And then, just like that, commentator Kerry O'Keeffe broke into 'Lose Yourself' by Eminem. He rapped, on air, "Lose yourself in the moment, you own it... from the middle of the piece that begins with... If you had one shot or one opportunity/ To seize everything you ever wanted in one moment/ Would you capture it or just let it slip?"

Waugh smacked a four of the last ball. The song, from *8 Mile* (2002), a film with autobiographical elements about Eminem's struggles in Detroit and the eponymous street that acted as a de facto divider between White and Black, rich and poor neighbourhoods, won an Oscar (the first hip-hop piece to do so) and a Grammy. It stuck, not just with O'Keeffe, but also with the 2003 English rugby team, blaring it in the dressing room as a motivational anthem. Then there was actor Jodie Foster, who recited it at the University of Pennsylvania's commencement address in 2006. But what one absolutely needs to

## THE REAL SLIM SHADY

With 'Houdini', Eminem revisits his heyday

In terms of music, the charm of 'Houdini' lies in its light, unpretentious tenor. While it harks back to the nostalgia of the older, notorious days and equally notorious hooks, it is unlike the darker and intimate space Eminem once touched, speaking intimately of his personal life.

marvel at is how the song by Marshall Mathers as Jimmy "B-Rabbit" has zipped along, for years, and is pitched up on the Billboard charts yet again, right after he released his latest single, 'Houdini'. The song is a prelude to the rapper's upcoming 12th album *The Death of Slim Shady (Coup De Grâce)*, which will drop later this summer.

While the critical response to the rhyme schemes, lyrics, cadence and delivery has been unenthusiastic, even frosty at times, the song went straight to No 1 on the US iTunes chart. It was interesting and a little strange to watch a creatively weak piece by Eminem climb the charts in this manner. Its video trended at No 1 on YouTube. And despite Taylor Swift's pervasive sway, it's selling like hotcakes.

What 'Houdini' also did was bring 'Lose Yourself' back to No 10 on Billboard's list of best-selling rap tracks besides spending 475 weeks on Rap Digital Song Sales chart. As if this wasn't enough, 'Lose Yourself' was also presented as a cover by Grammy-winning singer SZA, who sang it like a soft ballad.

But why is Eminem, once a tsunami, making waves again? This is in spite of not really being the most important or the most controversy-generating rap star at this point. Is it nostalgia? Or popular culture's current affection for the Y2K era? Or is it about an older, once supremely famous musician, back in the game like a bolt from the blue — Eminem saying, "Hey, y'all always

asking for the old me, well here you go". Or is it only now that Gen Z, whose parents were once Eminem fans, are discovering him? Generations streaming his music together. I think the answer is all of the above.

In the 'Houdini' video, his Slim Shady avatar steps out of a wormhole from 2002. One hears the old refrain, "Guess who's back", a tribute to his 2002 No 1 single 'Without Me' along with the 1982 song 'Abracadabra' from Steve Miller Band.

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But he was almost always provocative (like the shot he takes at Megan the Stallion, or his own children in "F\*\*\* my own kids, they are brats". In 'Houdini', they are shown with squeamish expressions). Yes, he's being Eminem. But at 51, one also expects him to grow up and talk of real things. Maybe a take on Gaza? Or the war in Ukraine? We'll need to wait and watch.

But love him or not, Slim Shady is back and he wants the spotlight.

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## JUNE 19, 1984, FORTY YEARS AGO

### ARMY WITHDRAWAL

THE ARMY WILL hand over control of law and order in Punjab to the paramilitary forces in stages over the coming few weeks. It has already launched phase III of Operation Blue Star, which is aimed at flushing out terrorists from the countryside in the state. These announcements were made to the international and national press, who were acquainted with the flushing-out operations that were carried out across temples and gurdwaras in Punjab, as well as the terrorist fortifications around the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

### TRIPURA LANDSLIDE

AT LEAST 12 people were buried alive and

about 20 others are missing in landslides across three villages under the Sonamura sub-division, which is about 80 km from Agartala, on June 18. The villages are — Thalibari, Dhupchhera and Monalpathar. Official sources said that the heavy landslides on the Assam-Agartala road in the Atharamuga ranges have rendered the highways unmotorable, as two important bridges have collapsed.

### EXTREMISTS ARRESTED

IN THEIR CONTINUED action to root out terrorism in Punjab, the security forces raided more hideouts and arrested 76 extremists, seizing a sizable quantity of arms and ammunition on June 18. The security forces also shot dead an individual who was at-

tempting to escape custody. Meanwhile, normalcy returns to Punjab, as day curfew restrictions are relaxed and rail traffic is restored.

### RAILWAY ROW

A SERIES OF feuding letters have been exchanged between Railway Minister A B A Ghani Khan and his junior colleague, Minister of State C K Jaffer Sharief. Sharief's letters are just short of being abusive, calling out Choudhury's "behavioral eccentricities" and luxurious lifestyle as being a burden on the railway exchequer, as well as the indiscriminate ordering of passenger trains, diverting line capacity for essential materials to the disturbed north-eastern region.



# THE IDEAS PAGE

## Be self-assured, don't overreach

As the NDA government enters its third term, it must square up to at least five major challenges on the international stage



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AS THE NDA government settles down to govern in the third term of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, five new themes will shape its engagement with the world. Delhi now faces an international context that is quite different from 2014 or 2019. Deep structural changes are unfolding in the international system that demand major adjustments in India's worldview and adaptations to its domestic policies. The five imperatives outlined below are by no means the only challenges that will confront the new government, but they are among the main geopolitical imperatives.

The first is the return of great-power rivalry that demands an approach driven by interest rather than ideology. The renewed conflict between the West on the one hand and China and Russia on the other has begun to produce a very different set of external conditions for the conduct of India's international relations than the one it had to deal with in 1991. At the end of the Cold War marked by the collapse of the Soviet Union, Delhi had the room to engage with all the great powers without looking over its shoulder.

It was widely presumed that India can replace its policy of "non-alignment" between competing powers with the idea of "multi-alignment" — of cooperating with all the great powers. However, several trends make the idea of "multi-alignment" problematic. So long as the major powers got along well with each other, it did not matter what you called your policy. The conflict between the great powers has intensified since 2019, when Modi's second term began. The freedom to do what you want with each one of them without incurring costs with the other has begun to reduce.

Multi-alignment also gives a false sense of symmetry in the relations with the major powers. In the real world, though, there is considerable variation in the current economic and security salience of these relations and their future possibilities. For example, the trade and technology relationship with the US and Europe far outweighs that with Russia. While Moscow was a major defence partner in the past, Delhi's security ties are far more diverse now. India's large trade relationship with China is marred by massive deficits and security challenges. Equally important is the logic of geography: Unlike in the Cold War, when the great powers were some distance away, today the second-most important power, China, is India's neighbour. And to make matters worse, Delhi is locked in a wide-ranging conflict with Beijing that is at odds with Washington and getting closer to Moscow.

The expansion of India's own weight in the international system has certainly given some space to Delhi in navigating the new great-power rivalry. But that space is limited and is shrinking. This means India will



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have to make choices on the issues at hand in the unfolding great-power contestation. Ducking can't be a permanent strategy. These choices on each issue will have to be based on a cold calculation of material interests and not slogans like "multi-alignment" and "multipolarity".

Second is the changing structure of the global economy that demands more reform at home. If India adapted to the logic of economic globalisation at the turn of the 1990s, it must now deal with the impact of geopolitics on the global economy. To be sure, the Modi government has broken away from the faith in economic globalisation since it walked out of the Asia-wide free trade negotiations (RCEP) in 2019. And the efforts of major Western economies to reduce the dependence on China have opened new opportunities for India to enhance its geoeconomic position.

However, Delhi is some distance away from seizing those possibilities. Delhi does chant the mantra of trusted geographies, resilient supply chains, and freer trade with strategic partners. But it is yet to translate those slogans into concrete outcomes for trade cooperation. Meanwhile, there is concern that the government's capacity for much-needed reforms to cope with the new global dynamic is constrained by the outcome of the 2024 election. Dismissing the fears about the government's will and capacity to pursue domestic economic transformation will be a major task for the new government.

Three, the unfolding technological revolution promises to redistribute global power and is now an integral part of great-power competition. This again has opened the door for accelerated advanced technological development in India. The initiative on critical and emerging technologies (iCET) with the US, which was reviewed by the national security advisors of the two countries this week in Delhi, points to that. To take full advantage of the new possibilities, though, India will need a modernisation of the advanced S&T sector that has been under the



Delhi needs to tone down its expansive rhetoric on India's rise. There is no doubt that India, well on its way to becoming the third-largest economy, is climbing up the global hierarchy. But its aggregate GDP of nearly \$4 trillion should not obscure the fact that India's per capita GDP is barely \$2,800. If India's developmental challenges are huge, so is the problem of dealing with growing inequality within. India's growing global influence must, in essence, be about leveraging the world for the rapid expansion of domestic prosperity and equity.

domination of state monopolies.

Four, Delhi must adapt to the rise of new regions that break down old regional categories. The emergence of the Indo-Pacific over the last decade cutting across many traditionally defined regions such as South Asia and Southeast Asia is one example. The financial power of the Arab Gulf, Africa's rapid economic growth, and Europe's southern outreach point to the exciting new opportunities for India to the west of the Subcontinent. The India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) is just one sign of the things to come. Delhi must now invest more resources — diplomatic, political, economic, and security — in engaging with Africa, Southern Europe, and the Middle East and erase the old mental maps that saw these regions as separate entities.

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Delhi must also remember that world history is littered with rising powers that crashed on their way up the global order. While its newfound self-assurance is welcome, Delhi should avoid the evident dangers of overreach. Overestimating India's strength and underestimating the challenges at hand lead to geopolitical hubris and complacency in policymaking that could cost Delhi dearly.

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## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The dissolution of the war cabinet forum deprives Netanyahu of legitimacy and constricts his manoeuvring room. Now, the US has no forum to engage with. The dissolution may not affect policy, but weakens Netanyahu politically even more..." — THE GUARDIAN

## Riding out a heat wave

We need to prioritise public-health interventions based on intensity and duration, recognise broader implications in context of climate change



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THE RECENT SURGE in temperatures across North India has caused serious concern, with cities facing intense and prolonged heat. Maximum temperatures have exceeded normal levels by 4-8°C across Haryana-Delhi, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Odisha, and West Bengal. Rising humidity and warmer nights have significantly worsened heat stress, especially in warm-humid and moderate climate zones. So even when the temperature is relatively lower, it feels much hotter.

A heatwave is declared when the departure from normal temperature is between 4.5°C and 6.4°C, and a severe heat wave is declared when the departure exceeds 6.4°C. However, the entire region is currently experiencing heatwaves based on actual maximum temperatures above 45°C. When such extreme heat conditions persist for an extended period, they can pose risks to public health and infrastructure. Historically, heat waves in India lasted for five to 15 days. This year, it has persisted through most of May and June.

Cyclone Remal, which originated in the Bay of Bengal, disrupted the arrival of monsoons from this region, exacerbating the intensity of heat waves. The monsoon stream through the Arabian Sea has also progressed steadily, sparing South India from similar heat wave conditions. This changing pattern underscores a direct link between monsoon variability and the duration of heat waves.

Cities are particularly vulnerable due to the urban heat island effect, exacerbated by greenhouse gas emissions. Factors such as increased congestion, paved surfaces, depletion of water bodies, loss of vegetation, and high-density settlements trap heat and contribute to higher urban temperatures. Additionally, cities are no longer cooling at night at the same rate as a decade ago. Heat waves are interconnected with other hazards, such as forest fires, electrical faults, droughts, water scarcity, and lightning.

The socioeconomic impacts of heat waves in India are pronounced. Workers in sectors such as construction, hawking, and vending are disproportionately affected. Women working in kitchens and residents in tin-roofed homes also face extreme discomfort. Reliance on air conditioning is not a sustainable solution.

Large gatherings, such as pilgrimages and elections, magnify the heat wave's impact. The proximity of people in crowds creates a microclimate where body heat accumulates, leading to hyperthermic syndrome, a form of heatstroke. This is further exacerbated by high humidity that hinders the body's ability to cool itself through sweat evaporation. The recent general elections saw polling officials lose their lives due to heatstroke in several states, including West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar, and Uttar Pradesh. In 2023, when 14 people died during a political rally at Kharghar in Navi Mumbai, humidity played a significant role.

These incidents highlight the severe risk to public safety during such events, emphasising the need for better preparedness and immediate measures to mitigate heat-related hazards.

Longer and more intense heat waves result in a higher relative risk of mortality, falling into two categories: Direct heat stroke deaths and increased cardiovascular disease (CVD) incidence. Each 10°F increase in mean daily temperature can lead to a 2.6 per cent rise in CVD mortality. However, accurately measuring heat wave-related deaths presents challenges. The government's health-related illness surveillance has significantly improved preparedness, keeping annual heat stroke deaths below 100. Despite this, the increasing burden of diseases poses a significant public health challenge. Prioritising public health interventions based on the intensity and duration of heat waves and recognising their broader implications in the context of climate change is essential.

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has initiated heat action plans (HAPs) — with the first HAP for Ahmedabad. NDMA is encouraging the preparation of local HAPs to address specific needs at the district, city, and town levels. Appointing dedicated heat officers could enhance the coordination and implementation of these plans. These HAPs require the participation of local governments, civic groups, and communities, promoting behavioural change, adaptation, and urban planning. There are three key strands of support that HAPs must offer.

One, it is crucial to improve temperature monitoring across cities and towns through a dense network of weather stations. This network should provide granular data on microclimates, enabling the identification of high-risk areas.

Two, preparedness measures are essential to mitigate the immediate effects of extreme heat. Regulating working and school hours can help protect vulnerable populations. Ensuring adequate water availability through public drinking water facilities and awareness campaigns is vital. Enhancing health system preparedness by training healthcare workers to recognise and treat heat-related illnesses will improve community resilience.

Three, implementing solutions such as improving and restoring water bodies, increasing vegetation cover, and promoting cool roofs and better ventilation in buildings will enhance thermal comfort.

In the next few years, cities will require significant knowledge support to prepare and monitor heat action plans. Further, financial support for HAPs needs to be evolved based on a pooling arrangement, with governments at different levels and the private sector contributing to the cause. While heat waves are currently considered local disasters, their increasing severity will necessitate a broader national approach.

The rising temperatures forecasted by climate models are becoming a reality, demanding a comprehensive and coordinated response. We must marshal all available resources, wisdom, and commitment to develop effective adaptation and mitigation strategies to protect our communities and ecosystems from the escalating threat of heatwaves.

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## Lessons from a Greek tragedy

Why the ancient play 'Persians' has resonance today — in India and beyond

WHAT COULD THE earliest extant Greek tragedy have to say about the recent elections? Nothing one would expect. Aeschylus' *Persians* is an account of the battle of Salamis in which the Athenian fleet destroyed Xerxes' invading flotilla. In keeping with tragic conventions, there is no action, only reports of the battle, staged before the tomb of Xerxes' dead father, Darius. There is much lamentation for the Persian dead and their grieving families.

How could this possibly be a trope for the recent electoral victory and defeat of the contending parties? And yet, the play, a commentator reminds us, was often recalled in very different contexts. It was performed in Germany during the war years, emphasising heroism, and the grief of women waiting at home. More frequently, it was staged to protest *against* war, in the former East Germany, explicitly anti-fascist and anti-imperialist, equating Xerxes with Hitler.

Later, it was inspired by US involvement in Korea and subsequently turned into a protest against the Vietnam War; then used to question the bombing in 1993 of Iraq by the UN. Although emblematic of a Eurocentric view of the Orient, the play has recently been viewed as emphasising the need for a humane and pacific world order.

In an ongoing tussle between two parties, we can read in it familiar electoral vocabulary: *Fought* between politically distinct formations with their respective *allies*, with ground troops and commanders attacking

opponents, resorting both to bribery and threats. Traps are set, deception and guile are routine. Key themes in the play resonate with the present. Consider the numbers: The vast strength of the invading forces corresponds to the exaggerated outlook flashed by exit polls, making even the doubtful doubt their disbelief. These dubious figures ("such a huge flood of men... an invincible sea wave") are apt metaphors for the asymmetry between the contenders. Nor do ships and men come cheap. The Persians outnumbered the Greeks because of their vast wealth and resources (Xerxes' palace is "rich in gold"), a theme that runs throughout the drama, pitting wealth against courage.

In the play, the catastrophe is over-determined many times over, but for Aeschylus, the victory belonged entirely to *the people*, the ordinary citizens, not to their leaders. There was no implication that particular Athenians were superior by birth, class, or rank. While numerous Persian nobility are named, not a single Greek leader is. This democratic depiction was as much at odds then as it is now, but fundamental to the electoral process, as in the naval battle, is the temporary erasure of all distinctions of wealth and birth.

Those citizens ("called neither the slaves nor subjects of any single man") fought for democracy and freedom. The narrative lifts the sea battle from just another fight between aggrandising monarchs to an ideological plane, represented through the polarities of

freedom/ slavery and democracy/ tyranny. The self-image of the Athenians as democratic, non-hierarchical, espousing ideals of moderation and self-restraint, fits well with the moral dimension of traditional Indian political ideology, which was confronted, as the Athenians saw themselves, with the loud arrogant and boastful rhetoric of their adversaries. In the Greek imagination, the excessive wealth of the Persians led them to hubris and insatiable greed as they trampled all that was regarded as decent and holy.

Although the play is titled *Persians*, the invaders are regularly referred to as "the barbarians", a pejorative term at this time, cognate with its familiar adjective "barbaric". Their acts had all the hallmarks of what we now would call barbaric and unholy: the destruction of civic institutions (Athens was burnt, its sanctuaries defiled) meant that the gods themselves were on the side of justice and morality. Tragedy, according to Aristotle, writing a good three generations later, must have a tragic hero, whose fall from a position of greatness is the result of a flaw. Aeschylus had not read Aristotle, but commentators find the flawed figure necessary to tragic outcomes in Xerxes.

Xerxes, combining foolishness with characteristic arrogance, is likened to a god ("an equal of the gods, born of the golden race"). He exacts the obedience masters demand of slaves. A familiar Greek trope characterised the Persians as a nation where only one man was free. His arrogance (hubris) comes from

excessive power and wealth (His mother fears "great Wealth may kick up a cloud of dust from the ground and overturn prosperity"). With the defeat of his forces, he returns to Susa. The transition is pictured in the rags his otherwise sartorial elegance is reduced to. His mother, Darius' queen, acutely aware of the importance of his regal apparel, is more upset by his torn clothes than the prospect of the wholesale slaughter of Persian forces.

The defeat of the Persians, the queen fears, will result in loss of control over his vast empire. The chorus laments that imperial rule is in danger, that the king's subjects will no longer prostrate themselves before him, or keep their opinions to themselves ("Men will no longer curb their tongues/for people are released to talk freely when a strong yoke has been removed"). Despite this, the Queen reminds them, whatever else happens, the King will remain unaccountable to the people (distinguishing him from the Athenian officials who had to have their "accounts" examined at the end of their tenure). Absolute rulers, unlike democratic ones, are immune to scrutiny.

Xerxes, though defeated, was not dethroned. He went on to rule for another decade or more. But the spirit of freedom and democracy set alight by that struggle lived on for more than a century: A lesson that we are now perhaps fortunate to learn.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### TEACHING HISTORY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Infantilising learners' (IE, June 18). The NCERT has incorporated significant changes in its coverage of Ayodhya, a historically sensitive and controversial topic. These changes reflect a marked shift in the narrative presented to students, sparking a debate about the portrayal of historical events and political intervention in education. Educational materials play a crucial role in shaping young minds. The quick pace at which abrupt changes are being made to the curricula is not prudent. In science and technology, a periodic revision of the syllabi is necessary to keep pace with the times. There should be no unnecessary alterations in political science or history books. The NCERT must not play with history.

SS Paul, Nadia

### GIG WORKERS' PLIGHT

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'High cost of convenience' (IE, June 17). Any economic growth is undesirable if it benefits only the privileged. Even modern marketing management has moved away from a "customer-oriented approach" to a "holistic approach," emphasising aspects like employee well-being and work environment. Terming

delivery personnel as "delivery partners" does not make them real partners unless provided with an equitable share in earnings and a respectable work environment. Amazon, Zepto and app-based transport companies like Uber and Ola, exploit workers under the guise of so-called innovation. This practice also seems to be encouraged in the public sector, where contractual jobs with no social benefits and low pay become more prevalent.

Nitin Navin, Delhi

### INCLUSIVE MANDATE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Against arrogance' (IE, June 18). Iron can only be destroyed by its own rust, symbolising that power is ultimately undone by its own flaws. With power comes arrogance, often leading to blindness and ignorance of one's surroundings. The Congress party, which ruled for many decades, mistakenly believed it was unconquerable. Political parties must remember that their power is granted by the mandate of the citizens. The BJP should learn from this lesson and strive to lead inclusively, focusing on national development, involving all representatives, and the welfare of the people. They must not confuse majority support with true democracy.

Ajay Corriea, Vasai



# Minutes after wife's death, Assam Home Secy kills self

Police say IPS officer shot himself in the ICU where wife was being treated

SUKRITA BARUAH  
GUWAHATI, JUNE 18

MINUTES AFTER his wife was declared dead in a Guwahati hospital after a battle against cancer, senior IPS officer Shiladitya Chetia killed himself with his service weapon Tuesday afternoon.

Shiladitya Chetia (44), a DIG-rank IPS officer from the 2009 batch, had been serving as Secretary, Home and Political with the Assam government. According to sources, he had been on leave for the past four months to tend to his ailing wife, Agamonee Barbaruah. She had been receiving medical treatment at Nemcare Hospital, a private hospital in Guwahati city. "This afternoon, she succumbed to her illness. Almost immediately after the attending physician declared her dead, he shot himself in the Intensive Care Unit where she was being treated," said a police officer. According to the MD of the hospital Dr Hitesh Baruah, the couple had been staying at the hospital for close to two months. "She had been battling for around two years and had received treatment elsewhere as well. For the last two months, she had been receiving conservative treatment here and he had taken up a separate room in the hospital," he said.

"In the last three days, we had informed him that her condition was deteriorating. Today at 4.30 pm, the attending doctor in-



Shiladitya Chetia was a DIG-rank IPS officer from 2009 batch

formed him of her passing," he said. "The doctor and nurse were in the room with him and he requested them to step out, saying that he wanted to pray. Around 10 minutes later, a loud sound was heard from the room," he added. Assam DGP G P Singh expressed grief over the tragic incident.

"In an unfortunate turn of events, Sri Shiladitya Chetia IPS 2009 RR, Secretary Home & Political Government of Assam, took his own life this evening, a few minutes after the attending physician declared the death of his wife who was battling cancer for a long time. Entire Assam Police family is in deep grief," he stated. Chetia had made a steady rise in his career as an IPS officer from the Assam cadre. He had previously served as SP in the Golaghat, Tinsukia and Sonitpur districts, and before his current posting, he had served as Commandant of the 4th Assam Police Battalion. According to sources, his father Pramod Chetia had also been a DIG rank police officer and passed away a few years ago. Chetia is survived by two sisters. He had lost his mother and mother-in-law in the past few months, PTI reported citing sources. Chetia and his wife had no children, said PTI.

# Let CBI probe IIT student's murder: Himanta to Mamata

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
GUWAHATI, JUNE 18

ASSAM CHIEF Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday wrote to his West Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee, requesting that the investigation into the death of IIT-Kharagpur student Faizan Ahmed – a native of Assam – be transferred to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Faizan had been found dead in a hostel room at the IIT-Kharagpur campus in October 2022. While the death was initially reported as a suicide, his parents raised questions over the nature of investigation and went to court.

After this, the body was exhumed last year and a second autopsy conducted on the orders of the Calcutta High Court has now found that his body carried signs of both a gunshot wound and a stab wound on his neck.

In his letter to Banerjee on Monday, Sarma wrote that in the interest of justice, the case should be transferred to the CBI. "In view of the shocking find-

ings of the latest forensic report, it is imperative that the perpetrators of the horrific crime, as well as any other person involved in concealing the crime, are brought to book, thereby ensuring justice to the deceased and closure to the grief stricken parents. I therefore request you to kindly hand over the case to the CBI for a transparent and fair investigation of the crime," the letter said.

He had earlier written to Banerjee on October 20, 2022, six days after Faizan's body had been found, requesting a thorough investigation into the circumstances surrounding his death. Faizan (23), was a third-year mechanical engineering student at the institute and was from Assam's Tinsukia.

His family had alleged foul play over his death from the beginning, saying that he had been the victim of ragging on campus. After the new findings, his mother Rehana, while speaking to *The Indian Express*, had questioned the role of the IIT administration and the West Bengal Police in the botched probe.

# Curfew imposed, Internet services suspended in Balasore after communal clash; 34 arrested

SUJIT BISOIYI  
BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 18

CURFEW WAS imposed in Odisha's Balasore town late Monday night following a clash between two communities after claims of water in a local drain turning red led to allegations of cow slaughter earlier in the day.

Though the administration initially imposed prohibitory orders under CrPC Section 144 in certain pockets of the town, it later decided to impose curfew in the whole town to prevent the situation from escalating. Seven FIRs have been filed in connection with the clash.

"Though there were no reports of fresh violence after prohibitory orders were imposed, we have decided to impose curfew in the entire municipality area as a precautionary measure," Balasore Collector Ashish Thakare said.



A deserted road in Balasore on Tuesday after the curfew was imposed in the town. Express

The state government has also ordered suspension of Internet services in Balasore town and nearby areas for 48 hours, until 10 am on June 20.

Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Sanjay

Kumar, who has been camping in the town, said 34 people from both communities were arrested and that the number is likely to go up.

"Forty-three platoons of police force have been deployed in

the town while an additional 15 platoons are being mobilised. Four IPS officers and senior police officers from the headquarters are also being deployed to keep a tab on the situation," Kumar told *The Indian Express*.

Kumar said steps are being taken to ensure minimum inconvenience to the people, and that essential services are being kept out of the purview of curfew.

According to preliminary investigation, the incident occurred in a communally sensitive area of the north Odisha town following allegations that water in a local drain had turned red, which some suspected was because of "animal blood because of cow slaughter".

"The incident led to altercations between the two communities and then stone pelting. Police resorted to lathi charge to bring the situation under control," police sources said.

Four-five policemen and civilians were injured while some vehicles were damaged, sources said.

Balasore Superintendent of Police Sagarika Nath said the situation in the town is now under control. "At least seven FIRs have been registered, and proper investigation is being conducted. Strict legal action will be taken against those involved. I request people to cooperate with the administration to bring back normalcy," the SP said.

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi discussed the matter with the Balasore Collector, and directed him to bring the situation under control.

Majhi said Odisha is a peace-loving state, and that disruption of public order would not be allowed under any circumstances.

The district administration has also been holding peace committee meetings with local residents.

# Darshan fan murder: SIT formed, police may ask Insta for chat details

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
BENGALURU, JUNE 18

POLICE ARE planning to write to social media site Instagram seeking details of the messages between Kannada star Darshan Thoogudeepa's murdered fan Renukaswamy and the actor's friend Pavithra Gowda.

Confirming the arrest of 17 people in connection with the case, Bengaluru city Police Commissioner B Dayananda said Tuesday that ACP, Vijayanagar will head an SIT, which has been formed "considering the gravity and significance of the case". DCP (West) will supervise the entire probe, he said.

Over the last three days, police have been scouring a drain near an apartment in Summanahalli for Renukaswamy's phone, which a senior police officer told *The India Express* will be crucial evidence in the case. "While Pavithra Gowda's phone has been recovered which contains the messages, it is important to recover the data from Renukaswamy's phone, which will help prove the motive behind the murder," the officer said. A resident of Chitradurga, the body of the 33-year-old man was also recovered from the same drain on June 9. On June 11, Darshan, Pavithra Gowda and 11 others were arrested. The police later arrested 3 others and on Monday, Raju alias Dhanaraj was arrested. All of them are in police custody until 20 June.

"We will be required to get data from Instagram officially," the officer said, adding that the accused had recorded a video on that phone of Renukaswamy apologising for allegedly sending lewd and abusive messages to Pavithra Gowda. On the day Renukaswamy was killed, investigation revealed that Darshan and his associates, excluding Pavithra Gowda, had partied at a bar in RR Nagar.

# Odisha health dept steps up vigil after 5 new diphtheria cases

SUJIT BISOIYI  
BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 18

TO CONTAIN diphtheria outbreak in Odisha's Rayagada district after five samples came back positive, taking the tally to 15, the state health government on Tuesday stepped up measures, including restricting travel movement and increasing vaccination coverage.

Of the total cases reported in Manushpadar village of Kashipur block in the district, the disease has claimed five lives in the last one month, said official sources. State health secretary Shalini Pandit, in a letter to Rayagada district collector Manoj Satyawalan Mahajan, emphasized on surveillance, post-exposure prophylaxis and strengthening vaccination.

The state has asked the officials to take up containment measures and restrict the 'in' and 'out' migration from the village.

The officials have been directed to prepare a plan for rapid assessment of vaccination coverage. "Integrated camps will be conducted for vaccination of all left out/drop out children ..." said health secretary Pandit.



A portion of the 182-metre bridge over the Bakra river collapsed in Araria on Tuesday. PTI

# Newly built bridge collapses ahead of inauguration in Bihar

SANTOSH SINGH  
PATNA, JUNE 18

A MAJOR portion of a 182-metre bridge at Sikti in Bihar's Araria district collapsed on Tuesday afternoon.

The bridge over Bakra river was built by private contractors at a cost of ₹12 crore under the PM Gramin Sadak scheme. Initially estimated to cost ₹7.79 crore, the construction started in April 2021 and was completed in June 2023. It was to be inaugurated soon after the construction of approach roads on either side of the bridge.

Local authorities suspected

that recent digging near two pillars of the bridge to allow smooth flow of water might have weakened the pillars, causing the collapse. The bridge had a total of 16 pillars.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has sought a report on the incident. Meanwhile, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday clarified that the construction of the bridge was not undertaken by the Union Road Transport Ministry, PTI reported.

"The construction of the collapsed bridge in Bihar's Araria district was not carried out under the Union Road Transport and Highways Ministry. The bridge was being constructed by

the Bihar government's Rural Development Ministry," Gadkari said in a post on X in Hindi.

Bihar has also seen other bridge collapses in recent years.

On March 22, one labourer was killed and eight people were injured after three slabs of an under-construction bridge in Supaul over Kosi river collapsed. The 10.5-km bridge was inaugurated in 2014. In June, 2023, a 200-metre stretch of the Aguni-Sultanganj bridge over the river Ganga caved in after three pillars supporting it collapsed.

Passengers crossing through the under-construction structure had a narrow escape. No casualty was reported.

# Eyeing Kerala expansion, BJP overlooks MP's solo act

NIKHILA HENRY  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

ACTOR SURESH Gopi scripted history on June 4 as he became the BJP's first MP from Kerala, winning from Thrissur. Subsequently, he was rewarded with a Union Minister of State (MoS) berth. But since then, Gopi has been treading "uncharted territory", often leaving his party perplexed.

The MP ruffled feathers hours after taking oath on June 9 when he told Malayalam TV channels in Delhi that he wanted to be relieved of the post. "I want to work as an MP. My stand was that I didn't want it (Cabinet

berth). I had told (the party) that I was not interested in it. I think I will be relieved soon," he said. As the Opposition asked him to clarify his comment and stepped up the pressure, Gopi retracted his statement and said the news was "grossly incorrect".

"It is a matter of pride for me to be in the Council of Ministers ... and to represent the people of Kerala," he said in a social media post, leaving the state BJP leadership in a spot. Gopi then left the BJP fending for answers after he visited CPI(M) veteran and former Kerala Chief Minister E K Nayanar's family and the resting place of former Congress CM K Karunakaran and referred to the



MoS for Tourism Suresh Gopi

two as his "political gurus". He has called former PM Indira Gandhi the "mother of India", prompting the BJP to clarify that there were no differences. "There is no rift in the BJP in Kerala," state party chief K Surendran told *The Indian Express*. Amid such "lone forays" by Gopi in the absence of the party's state leadership, the CPI(M) and Congress have dubbed his actions a departure

from the BJP's "traditional" ways. However, the BJP sees in him a leader who can help it expand its vote share, which has risen from 6.56% in 1999 to 16.68% in the recent Lok Sabha polls. "He is not just a politician but a cultural icon. He undertook these visits keeping his personal equations in mind. The party is happy that his actions could help us increase our vote share," Surendran said.

Another BJP leader said it was only appropriate that Gopi projects an "all-encompassing" political image in a seat where the party seems to have made inroads into the Congress's voter base. "He is catering to the followers of both Nayanar and

city. This year's International Day of Yoga will be celebrated in Srinagar on its scheduled date of June 21, 2024," Union Ayush Minister Prataprao Jadhav said at a press conference, in which he also announced that Modi would be part of the celebrations.

The Prime Minister will arrive in Srinagar on Thursday evening, the sources said.

The PM's visit to Srinagar will be his second to the Valley this year. In February, he visited Srinagar and addressed a rally.

Karunakaran as they are disgruntled with their respective parties after the leaders' deaths," said the BJP functionary.

With Gopi attending an iftar party a week after his "Nanni chollunnu daivame (I thank you God)" remark earlier at a church, questions were raised if he was more comfortable flying solo. However, a BJP leader said such "leadership" was key for the party's growth in the state. "With the Assembly polls round the corner (in 2026), the BJP will only gain from Gopi's actions," said the leader. Muslims comprise an estimated 14% of Thrissur's electorate while Christians comprise around 21%.

# 91-yr-old 'barefoot historian' who chronicled Kolkata dies in Kerala

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
KOLKATA, JUNE 18

RESEARCHER, HISTORIAN and author P Thankappan Nair (91), who spent more than six decades in Kolkata and was considered an authority on the city's history, died on Tuesday in Kochi, Kerala.

Known as the "barefoot historian" of Kolkata, Nair stayed for over four decades at Kansaripara Road, Bhawanipur, in a two-room rented house and wrote more than 60 books (in English) on the city.

Decades ago, Parameswaran Thankappan Nair alighted from the Madras Mail at the Howrah railway station, carrying a bag of clothes and certificates. Like countless others before him, Nair, then 22, spent a couple of years looking for a job before de-



Parameswaran Thankappan Nair wrote over 60 books.

ciding to make the long journey to Kolkata (then Calcutta) from Manjapra, a village in Ernakulam district of Kerala.

In the Calcutta of the 1950s, Nair's first job was the role of a typist at a private firm. He soon grew bored of it but became fascinated with Kolkata, its rich colonial past, intellectual heft and its

ability to carry together both the rich and the downtrodden.

Later, he took up jobs in Guwahati (Assam) and Mumbai (Maharashtra) as well but within a short period, returned to Kolkata. From 1976, he started living in Kansaripara Road area and in 2018, after six decades, the 86-year-old eventually gave in to the requests of his family members in Kerala and bid farewell to Kolkata, a city he lovingly chronicled in more than 60 books.

He wrote about the city streets, its police force and history. In the decades spent in Calcutta, mostly on foot, soaking in the sights and meeting people, Nair proved to be more than a temporary migrant. His meticulous documentation of the city earned him the moniker of Calcutta's "barefoot historian".

Nair is survived by his wife, son and daughter.

# Gita lessons for over 600 Ahmedabad schools

RITU SHARMA  
AHMEDABAD, JUNE 18

MONTHS AFTER a resolution to make Bhagavad Gita a part of the curriculum in government schools was introduced in Gujarat Assembly, over 600 schools in Ahmedabad will take the first step in imparting lessons from the Hindu scripture, which is a part of epic Mahabharata. Video lessons – based on shlokas from Gita – will be a mandatory part of the morning assembly at these schools from this week, said officials.

Gujarat Education Minister Praful Pansheriya on Tuesday launched a project titled 'Vidyarthi Jeevan Pathdarshak Banshe Shreemad Bhagwad Gita' (Srimad Bhagavad Gita will become a guide to student life) at an event in Ahmedabad.

The launch of the project comes after Pansheriya – earlier this year on February 7 – had presented a resolution in the Gujarat



Gujarat Education Minister Praful Pansheriya launches the project in Ahmedabad, on Tuesday. Express

Assembly during the Budget Session to make Bhagavad Gita a part of curriculum in government schools from classes VI to XII from June. The resolution was passed without opposition. The Ahmedabad District Education Office (Rural) has created audio-

visual lessons to implement the Gujarat Education Department's decision. These shall be taught in 650 secondary and higher secondary schools in the city. "These videos will be a mandatory part of the morning assembly in more than 600 schools in Ahmedabad.

One shloka or one video will be taken every week. A circular for the same will be issued to all schools in a day or two after the launch today. The move has been taken under the National Education Policy 2020 and the state government's initiative," DEO Ahmedabad Rural Krupa Jha told *The Indian Express*.

"The Education Department – for the statewide implementation of Bhagavad Gita – has incorporated two chapters in the form of stories as a part of Gujarat first language curriculum from Classes VI till XIII for the state board schools while for a separate literature has been prepared for non state board schools," V R Gosai, Director, Gujarat State School Textbook Board (GSSTB), said.

Character-building, distraction management, stress management, and food management – these and many more aspects linked to modern lifestyle challenges will be covered in learnings from 51 shlokas (verses) of

Bhagavad Gita, which will be imparted through video lessons and behavioural weekly assignments to students, said officials. On the project's applicability, Krupa Jha said, "It will apply to all schools – government, grant-in-aid and private. Even as we cannot force it, the minority-run schools will be advised to implement the project in their schools too."

Training of over 3,000 teachers is set to commence this week under the project.

DAV International School principal Nivedita Ganguli was approached for creating these videos.

"We started conducting Bhagavad Gita lessons for schools after the pandemic. At a session on Gita Jayanti last year where officials of the DEO were also present, I was approached to work on this project. Having read and practiced Bhagavad Gita for over 10 years, I readily agreed as I am always open to contribute for the same," she said.



# Shekhawat may attend G7 culture meet

DIVYAA  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

WITH PRIME Minister Narendra Modi just returning from the G7 Summit in Italy, Union Culture Minister Gajendra Shekhawat is now likely to travel to the country for the G7 Culture Ministerial meet, where he will participate in a special session on the impact of culture on economies.

The ministry has received a formal invite in this regard, *The Indian Express* has learnt. This is arguably the first time a Culture Minister of the country has been invited to participate in the deliberations at the



Union Culture Minister Gajendra Shekhawat

G7 Ministerial. The Culture Ministers' Meet will be held in Napoli from September 19 to 21.

Besides, other ministers invited this time include the Foreign and the IT Ministers for the respective ministerial meets, it is learnt. A final decision on the participation will be taken by the respective ministries in conjunction with the Ministry of External Affairs. For the culture meet,

even as the invite came last month from Italian Culture Minister Gennaro Sangiuliano and was addressed to then Union Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy, Shekhawat will now represent the ministry at the meet, as and when India decides to attend it. The G7 Culture track will focus on "the recovery and regeneration of Ukrainian culture and heritage from the damage caused by Russia's war of aggression", as per the agenda documents reviewed by *The Indian Express*.

Also in a first, the G7 framework will address "the issue of culture as a common good of humanity, deliberating on the impact of cultural strategies on sustainable development".

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## Yogasana Super League later this year, says official

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INDIA IS working towards getting yogasana recognised as an Olympic sport before 2036, the year when the country hopes to host the Olympics.

The Ministry of Ayush is working with the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports to begin a Yogasana Super League later this year. "The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has recognised yogasana – not yoga (the practices inclusive of the spiritual aspects) – as a separate sport. It has already been included in Khelo India, university games, and school games. The plan is to identify several teams and by November start in a big way," said Ayush Secretary Rajesh Kotecha.

He added that the ministry was also working on several allied projects, such as an error-free AI-based system for assessing yogasana.

He was speaking at a curtain raiser event for International Day of Yoga celebrated on June 21. The main event for this day will take place in Srinagar.

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1.	M/s Fashion Corner Prop: Md Ahmad Ali S/o Late Md Haji Qamruddin A/c No-0828210306287 BO : Exhibition Road (0380) Patna	Md.Ahmad Ali s/o, Md. Late Qamruddin	EM of Office bearing No- 201 on 2nd Floor having carpet area of 318 sq ft with proportionate share of land situated at Mouza- Arra now known as Budh Marg "BUDHA PLAZA", PS- Kotwali within jurisdiction of Sab and Sadar Registry Office and Distt - Patna, Tazui No- 171, Khata No-2, Part of survey Plot No- 194 & 214, Municipal Survey Plot No-120, Ward No- 2 (old)/18 (New), Present ward No-28, Municipal sheet No- 10, Circle No- 06, Holding No- 342/87/201 and within the limit of PRDA and PMC, Patna vide Sale Deed No- 3567 dated 14-02-2011 pertaining to Md. Ahmad Ali s/o, Md. Late Qamruddin. <b>Boundary of Shop:-</b> North Stair case open setback of complex and then Ashok Cinema., <b>South</b> - Shop No-202 of Sri Satyendra Pd Gupta, <b>East</b> - Common Passage, <b>West</b> - Open space of Complex (Setback) there after Ashiana Plaza. <b>Boundary of whole Complex:-</b> North - Open setback of complex and then Ashok Cinema., <b>South</b> - Open Space thereafter Branch Rd, <b>East</b> - Other Land and then Bhuneshwar Plaza, <b>West</b> - Open setback of Complex and there after Ashiana Plaza.	07.02.2024	15.06.2024	<b>Rs. 15,05,641.65</b> (Rs. Fifteen Lakh Five Thousand Six Hundred Forty One and Sixty Five Paisa Only) and interest thereon.

Date : 15.06.2024  
Place : Patna

(Authorised Officer)  
Punjab National Bank

**Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd**  
A Government of Bihar Undertaking  
Email –contactbstdc@gmail.com/eebstdc2@gmail.com  
Tel: +91 0612 2217045

**Very Short E-Tender Notice No. 03/RFP/2024-25**  
(Only for empanelled Agencies Vide BSTDC Letter No. 104/23 Date- 06.06.2023)  
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER FORSELECTION OF EVENT MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR SHRAVANI MELA - 2024  
(Through E-procurement Mode only - www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

NIT. No:89/ENG/2024/764/engg/24

BSTDC invites e-bids from eligible experiencedEmpanelled Event Management Agencies for organizing Shravani Mela in Bihar, as given bellow.

2	Date of downloading of bid document	From 20.06.2024to 25.06.2024 up to 3.00 PM through website: www.eproc.bihar.gov.in	
3	Place & Date of Pre-bid meeting	Date: 21.06.2024, Time 3.00 PM, BSTDC office Sikh Heritage Building Daroga Prasad Rai Path, Patna-800001	
4	Last date and time for receipt of online bids	Date 26.06.2024, 3:00 PM	
5	Last Date and time for Submission of hard copy of bid	Date 26.06.2024, 3.30 PM	
6	Time and Date of opening of technical bids	Date 26.06.2024, 4.00 PM Through website: www.eproc.bihar.gov.in	
7	Date of Technical Presentation	Date: 26.06.2024, 05:00 PM onwards	
8	Time and Date of financial bids	To be Communicated later on	
9	Period of bids validity	90 days	
10	Officer inviting bids	Executive Engineer (BSTDC)	
15	Further details of works can be obtained from the office of Executive Engineer: For clarification, regarding the e -tendering process, please contact eproc 2.0 helpdesk, Mjunction Services Ltd – Rj complex, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, Canara Bank Complex, Khajpura, Ashiana Road, P5 – Shastri Nagar, Patna – 800014, Bihar, Toll Free number 18005726571; email ID: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in		

For further details please visit : [www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar) Executive Engineer  
PR- 002008 (B & C) 2024-25 BSTDC

नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार

**CANTONMENT BOARD, MATHURA**

**INVITATION OF E-TENDER (DUAL BID SYSTEM)**

Electronic Bids are invited by Cantonment Board Mathura for the under mentioned work.

Sr. No	Description of tender		Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	Earnest Money i.e. 2% of Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	Tender fee (Rs.)
1	2	5	3	4	5
1	Integrated Solid Waste Management i.e. Sweeping/ Cleaning of Roads, Streets, Drains, Door to Door Collection, Transportation, Processing and Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste, and Operational of Waste Processing Plant at Trenching ground as per SWM Rules, 2016, in Mathura Cantt Board.	Supervisor-1 Driver-08 Plant Operator-01 SafaiKarmchari-47 Guard-03 Total=60 Door to door collection by TATA Autos-05 Tractor- Trolley-1 Tractor loader/ICB-1 (for SWM Plant)	4,75,00,000/-	9,50,000/-	3500/-

The interested contractors/firms shall upload the all documents related to above works on the website <http://defproc.gov.in/> w.e.f. starting date 19.06.2024 at 1600 hrs to ending date 09.07.2024 up to 1700 hrs. The terms & condition for the above mentioned work may be look up the ibid website.

NO. CBM/SB/SWM/2024-25/98  
Dated: 06-06-2024

Chief Executive Officer  
Mathura Cantt.  
(Divya R, I.D.E.S.)

**HAFFKINE BIO-PHARMACEUTICAL CORPORATION LTD.**  
(Govt. of Maharashtra Undertaking)  
Acharya Donde Marg, Parel, Mumbai-400 012, Maharashtra, India  
Phone No. : 022-24147564/24129320-22, E-mail : [mm@vaccinehaffkine.com](mailto:mm@vaccinehaffkine.com)

**E-TENDER NOTICE 2024-2025**

HAFFKINE BIO-PHARMACEUTICAL CORP. LTD. (GOVT. OF MAHARASHTRA UNDERTAKING) publishing E-tenders for purchase of following items for our Parel, Mumbai, Pimpri & HAFFKINE AJINTHA PHARMACEUTICAL for Jalgaon units.

Sr.No.	Description	Sr.No.	Description
•	<b>Raw Materials</b>	•	<b>Packing Materials</b>
1	Various API & Excipients for our Parel, Mumbai & HAPL Jalgaon	1	Duplex Boxes
	<b>Consumables</b>	2	Moulded Glass Vials
		3	Grey Butyl Rubber Stoppers (RFS)
1	Lab Chemicals/ Bulk Chemicals	4	Aluminium Seals & Foils
		5	25 MM PP Caps
		6	Pet Bottles
		•	Machineris for Parel, Mumbai, Pimpri & HAPL Jalgaon
		•	Dry Hay (रुके गवत), Animal Feed

Detail of this e-tender is available on <https://mahatenders.gov.in> Interested bidders are requested to submit their bids online within stipulated time period. E-mail address : [mm@vaccinehaffkine.com](mailto:mm@vaccinehaffkine.com) Phone No. : 022-24147564/ 24129320-22. For New Vendor registration kindly contact our office at Acharya Donde Marg, Parel, Mumbai-400 012.

Managing Director  
Haffkine Bio-Pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd.

DGIPR/2024-25/311

**मध्यप्रदेश शासन**  
कौशल विकास संचालनालय, मध्यप्रदेश  
( मध्यप्रदेश राज्य कौशल विकास एवं रोजगार निर्माण बोर्ड )

क्रमांक-कौविस/परीक्षा/2024/847  
रिक्वेस्ट फॉर प्रपोजल-आईटीआई में ऑनलाईन परीक्षा हेतु  
मध्यप्रदेश राज्य कौशल विकास एवं रोजगार निर्माण बोर्ड भोपाल द्वारा मध्यप्रदेश में स्थित विभिन्न आईटीआई में प्रशिक्षणार्थ प्रशिक्षणार्थियों को ऑनलाईन परीक्षा आयोजित करने के लिये एजेंसी का चयन किया जाता है। जिसके लिये आरएफबी दिनांक 15.03.2024 से 25.04.2024 तक जारी की गई थी, जिसमें प्रांन 05 में से 04 निविदाएं अपात्र पाई गई। पुनः आवेदन हेतु दिनांक 14.06.2024 से 13.07.2024 तक ऑनलाईन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है। पूर्व में आवेदित एजेंसी भी पुनः आवेदन कर सकती है। निविदा प्रपत्र तथा संबंधित शर्तें एवं संपूर्ण विवरण [www.mptenders.gov.in](http://www.mptenders.gov.in) एवं [www.dsd.mp.gov.in](http://www.dsd.mp.gov.in) पर उपलब्ध है।  
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संयुक्त संचालक  
कौशल विकास म.प्र.

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**सी.एस.आई.आर - केन्द्रीय धर्म अनुसंधान संस्थान**  
**CSIR - CENTRAL LEATHER RESEARCH INSTITUTE**  
(वैज्ञानिक तथा औद्योगिक अनुसंधान परिषद्  
Council of Scientific & Industrial Research)  
अदयार, चेन्नै, तमिलनाडु, भारत Adyar, Chennai – 600 020, TamilNadu  
दूरभाष Telephone : 91-44-24437162, 24437420, 24437193 ई-मेल Email : [spo@clri.res.in](mailto:spo@clri.res.in)

No. Pur3(00)/1/2024-25 Date: 14.06.2024

**E-TENDER NOTICE (www.etenders.gov.in )**

Directed CSIR – CLRI invites bids from manufacturers for concluding rate contract of items listed below through CPP Portal ([www.etenders.gov.in](http://www.etenders.gov.in)).

S.No.	Tender ID & Ref.	Description of Item
1	2024_CSIR_198606_1 & Pur3(00)/1/2024-25/T-08	Proposal for Rate contract for period of 1 year and extendable by 2 years from manufacturers for supply of the following: 1. Laboratory chemicals including Biochemical, Fine Biochemical, Commercial chemical, Chemicals for Leather processing 2. Glassware 3. Plasticware 4. Other Consumables to CLRI Chennai and its Regional Centre at Ahmedabad, Jalandhar, Kanpur, Kolkata

Tender Closing Date: 16th July, 2024 at 3.00 P.M.(IST)  
Tender Opening Date: 17th July, 2024 at 3.00 P.M.(IST)  
E-tender document can be downloaded from [www.etenders.gov.in](http://www.etenders.gov.in) and is free of cost. Tenders should be submitted through e-Procurement portal as above only. The Tender Document can also be seen at our website [www.clri.org](http://www.clri.org) under the heading Tenders.  
CONTROLLER OF STORES & PURCHASE  
(For & on behalf of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research)

**UTTAR PRADESH SHASAN PARIVAHAN ANUBHAG-4**

In pursuance of the provisions of clause (3) of Article 348 of the Constitution of India, the Governor is pleased to order the publication of the following English translation of Notification no.12/2024/559/XXX-4-202430-4099(099)/229/2022, dated 11 June, 2024.

**Notification**  
No.12/2024/559/XXX-4-202430-4099(099)/229/2022  
Lucknow: Dated 11 June, 2024

WHEREAS under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Uttar Pradesh Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1997 (U.P. Act no. 21 of 1997), the penalty payable under section 9 of the said Act, on all types of non-transport and transport vehicles to be scrapped at the Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility Centre established under the Motor Vehicles (Registration and Functions of Vehicle Scrapping Facility) Rules, 2021 issued by the Central Government, were exempted vide notification no. 7/2023/372/XXX-4-2023-30-4099(099)/229/2022 dated 11 March, 2023; AND WHEREAS the aforesaid exemption was effective for a period of one year from the date of issuing the aforesaid notification i.e. till 10 March, 2024; AND WHEREAS there has been felt a need to extend the aforesaid period of exemption; NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers under section 3 of the aforesaid Act, the Governor is pleased to provide 100% exemption in penalty payable under section 9 of the said Act, on all types of non-transport and transport vehicles, to be scrapped at the Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility Centre established under the Motor Vehicles (Registration and Functions of Vehicle Scrapping Facility) Rules, 2021 issued by the Central Government;

Provided that exemption of the penalty on the vehicles as said in the schedule of the aforesaid notification shall be admissible on the entire due tax.

(2) The exemption as said in the schedule of the aforesaid notification shall be available to the vehicle owner only on depositing the remaining amount in lump sum payable after the exemption.

(3) The exemption as said in the schedule of the aforesaid notification shall be effective for a period of six months from 11 March, 2024 i.e. till 10 September, 2024 the date of issue of this notification.

By Order,  
L. Venkateshwar lu  
Principal Secretary

UPID-206277 Date. 18.06.2024  
[www.upidadv.gov.in](http://www.upidadv.gov.in)

**बिहार सरकार**  
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय  
भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमण्डल, भुमुआ

**शुद्धि पत्र**

कायां0 आदेश सं0-182/2024

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय द्वारा निर्गत निविदा सं0-24 / 2023-24 ज्ञापक-368 दिनांक-15.03.2024 द्वारा दैनिक समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित हुआ है, जिसका पी0आर0 सं0-20171(BCD) / 2023-24 एवं पी0आर0 सं0-000343(BCD) / 2024-25 है, जिसमें निम्न प्रकार से संशोधित किया जाता है :-

कार्य का नाम :- कैमूर जिला-तार्गत विभिन्न पंचायत सरकार नवनों का निर्माण कार्य।

क्र0	विवरणी	पूर्व में निर्धारित तिथि	प्रथम संशोधित तिथि	द्वितीय संशोधित तिथि
01	निविदा आमंत्रण करने की तिथि	दि0-15.03.2024	दि0-26.04.2024	दि0-14.06.2024
02	परिमाण विपत्र फिक्की (ब्राउनलोट / अपलोड) करने की तिथि।	दि0-15.04.2024 से दि0-15.05.2024 तक।	दि0-03.06.2024 से दि0-24.06.2024 तक।	दि0-08.07.2024 तक।
03	निविदा (तकनीकी बीड) खोलने की तिथि एवं समय।	दि0-16.05.2024 को 3:00 बजे अपराह्न तक।	दि0-25.06.2024 को 3:00 बजे अपराह्न तक।	दि0-09.07.2024 को 3:00 बजे अपराह्न तक।
04	प्री बीड मिटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान। (कार्यपालक अभियंता, भवन प्रमण्डल, भुमुआ के कार्यालय)	दि0-10.04.2024 को 3:00 बजे अपराह्न।	दि0-29.05.2024 को 3:00 बजे अपराह्न।	दि0-22.06.2024 को 3:00 बजे अपराह्न।
05	प्री बीड मिटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान। (अधीक्षक अभियंता, भवन अंचल आर के कार्यालय)	दि0-12.04.2024 को 3:00 बजे अपराह्न।	दि0-31.05.2024 को 3:00 बजे अपराह्न।	दि0-23.06.2024 को 3:00 बजे अपराह्न।

शेष सभी शर्तें पूर्ववत्: रहेंगी।  
PR- 001992 ( B C D ) 2024-25  
नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

कार्यपालक अभियंता,  
भवन प्रमण्डल, भुमुआ।

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**Short Tender Inviting Notice**

Online tender is being invited by Chief Engineer (O&M) SBPDCL for Execution for Erection of Dedicated 11KV Feeder for Engineering/ Polytechnic Colleges under Electric Supply Circle Gaya, Sasaram and Aurangabad under SBPDCL Under Deposit head Scheme. Details are as below:-

SL NO	NIT NO.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (In INR)	Cost of EMD with GST (In INR)	Cost of BOQ/Tender Document (In INR)	Bid Processing Fee (In INR)
1	47/PR/SBP DCL/2024	Execution for Erection of Dedicated 11KV Feeder for Engineering/ Polytechnic Colleges under Electric Supply Circle Gaya, Sasaram and Aurangabad under SBPDCL Under Deposit head Scheme	115455431.00	2154554.00	17,700.00 (15,000.00 +GST @18%)	As per eproc2

**The Time line for the above tender is as follows:**  
Bid submission start date : From 24/06/2024, 12:00 Hrs  
Bid submission due date (Last Date): Up to 08/07/2024, 15:00 Hrs  
Date of Opening of Technical & Commercial Part (Part-I) On 09/07/2024, 15:00 Hrs onwards  
Date of Pre Bid Meeting: On 27/06/2024, 12:00 Hrs

• The details are available at the website [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in).  
• Date of opening of price part: To be notified after Technical Bid Evaluation  
Toll Free Number: 1800 572 6571  
Email Id: [eproc2support@bihar.gov.in](mailto:eproc2support@bihar.gov.in)  
Working Hours: 8AM to 7PM (All days in week except few selected state holidays)  
**Note- (1) Subsequent information / notification/ corrigendum will be available only on website of EPROC and/or SBPDCL i.e [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) and/or [www.sbpdccl.co.in](http://www.sbpdccl.co.in).**  
For further details please visit website [state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar)  
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Chief Engineer (O&M)  
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THIS WORD MEANS

PRO TEM SPEAKER

A senior Lok Sabha MP who is temporarily appointed Speaker and administers oath to new Members

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

THE 18TH LOK SABHA will hold its first session between June 24 and July 3, during which the new Speaker will be elected. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will move the motion for the election of the Speaker in the Lok Sabha on June 26. Congress leader K Suresh, an eight-term MP, is expected to be appointed *pro tem* Speaker.

Who is a *pro tem* Speaker?

As the Presiding Officer of Lok Sabha, the Speaker has to fulfil certain duties and is elected by a simple majority vote in the Lower House. Until the Speaker is elected, the *pro tem* Speaker is appointed to administer some important duties. '*Pro tem*' means 'for the time being' or 'temporarily'.

The Constitution does not mention the post, but the official 'Handbook on the Working of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs' mentions the appointment and swearing in of Speaker *pro tem*.

How is the *pro tem* Speaker chosen?

The handbook states that when the Speaker's post is vacant before a new Lok Sabha meets, "the duties of the Speaker are to be performed by a Member of the House appointed for this purpose by the President as Speaker *pro tem*".

Normally, the seniormost MP is ap-

pointed as the Speaker *pro tem*. Three other MPs, the next in terms of seniority, are appointed to assist the Speaker *pro tem*.

As soon as the new government is formed, the Legislative I Section of the Legislative Department of the government prepares a list of the seniormost Lok Sabha members. It is then submitted to the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs or the Prime Minister for identifying an MP as Speaker *pro tem* and another three members for oath-taking.

How are oaths administered?

After the Prime Minister's approval, the Ministry gets the consent of these MPs. The Minister then submits a note to the President, seeking approval for their appointments. The date and time for the ceremony are also decided.

Once the President approves, the Ministry informs the appointed members. Finally, the President administers the oath to the Speaker *pro tem* at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The other three members appointed by the President are administered the oath by the Speaker *pro tem* in the Lok Sabha.

The Speaker *pro tem* then administers the oath or affirmation to the newly elected MPs with the help of the other three members. Since the session of the Lok Sabha starts at 11 am, the time generally fixed for swearing in of the Speaker *pro tem* is on the morning of the same day at 9.30 am, subject to the convenience of the President.

EXPLAINED SCIENCE

# DORMANT SUPERMASSIVE BLACK HOLE ROARS TO LIFE: NEW STUDY

RESEARCHERS SAID on Tuesday they have observed a dramatic brightening at the heart of a galaxy, apparently caused by a supermassive black hole awakening from dormancy and beginning to gorge itself with nearby material. It marks the first time this process has been seen as it happens.

Galaxy SDSS1335+0728 is located roughly 360 million light-years from Earth. A light year is the distance light travels in a year, or 9.5 trillion km.

A bright and compact region such as this, powered by a supermassive black hole at the centre of a galaxy, is called an "active galactic nucleus."

"These nuclei are characterised by emitting large amounts of energy at a variety of wavelengths," said Paula Sanchez Saez of the European Southern Observatory in Germany, lead author of the study published in *Astronomy & Astrophysics*. "Studying active galactic nuclei is crucial to understanding galaxy evolution and the physics of supermassive black holes."

What activated it?

"At the moment, we do not know," Sanchez said.

Another researcher said it could be a natural process, as galaxies pass through different phases of activity and non-activity during their lifetime.

If the observations represent something other than the onset of an active galactic nucleus, it would have to be an astrophysical phenomenon never before seen.

REUTERS

ANJALI MARAR  
BENGALURU, JUNE 18

ON ALMOST all days in June so far, North and Northwest India have experienced 'heatwave' to 'severe heatwave' conditions. The southwest monsoon that made an early onset over Kerala has advanced until Maharashtra, but maximum temperatures in the plains of North India have sustained around 45-47 degrees Celsius.

Monsoon basics and dates

The June-September southwest monsoon brings more than 70% of India's annual rainfall. Climatologically, the monsoon arrives over the Andaman Sea in the third week of May and advances into the mainland through Kerala, June 1 being the normal date of onset.

It then advances in surges — typically, the progress until central India is fast, after which it slows down. The monsoon normally reaches north Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and neighbourhood areas by the end of June, and covers the entire country by July 15.

An early or timely onset of the monsoon does not guarantee good rainfall or its distribution over the country throughout the four-month season. And a delayed onset does not necessarily mean below-average rainfall for the entire season.

Cumulative rainfall over the country from June to September depends on multiple factors. It also shows natural inter-annual variability, which makes every monsoon different. Alongside the quantum of rainfall, its distribution is also vital.

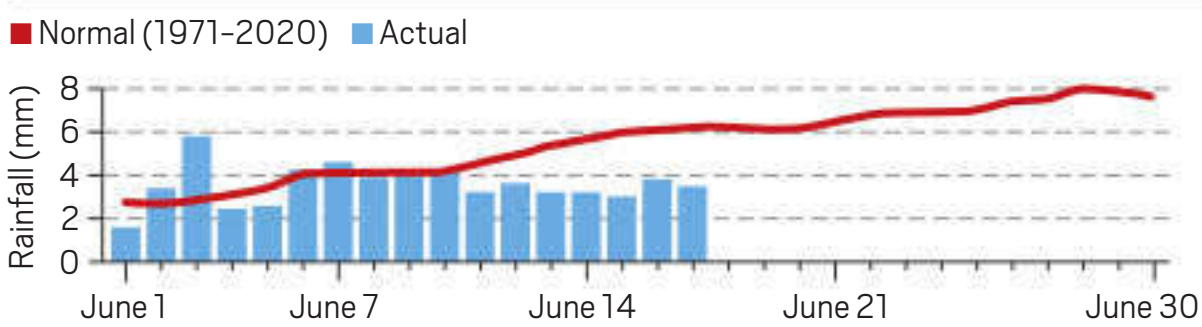
The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast 'above normal' rainfall this season. Quantitatively, it is expected to be 106% of the Long Period Average of 880 mm (1971-2020 data).

The 'above normal' rainfall is being attributed mainly to the soon-to-emerge La Niña conditions, which are known to positively influence the Indian monsoon, and a positive phase of the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD).

Good start followed by dry spell

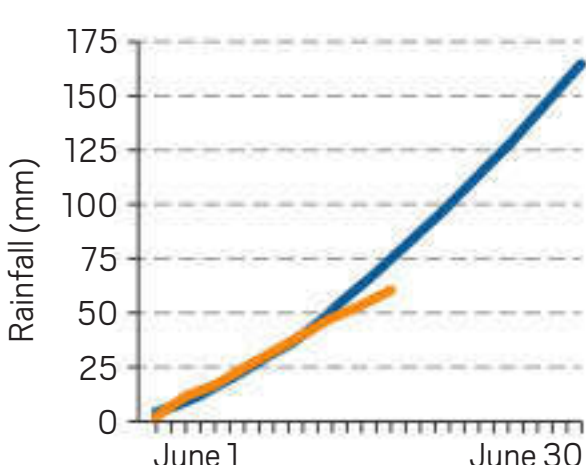
The monsoon arrived over the Andaman Sea and Nicobar Islands on May 19, and hit the Kerala coast on May 30, two days ahead of its normal date. It reached over Nagaland,

## DAILY MEAN RAINFALL (MM) OVER INDIA AS A WHOLE, 2024

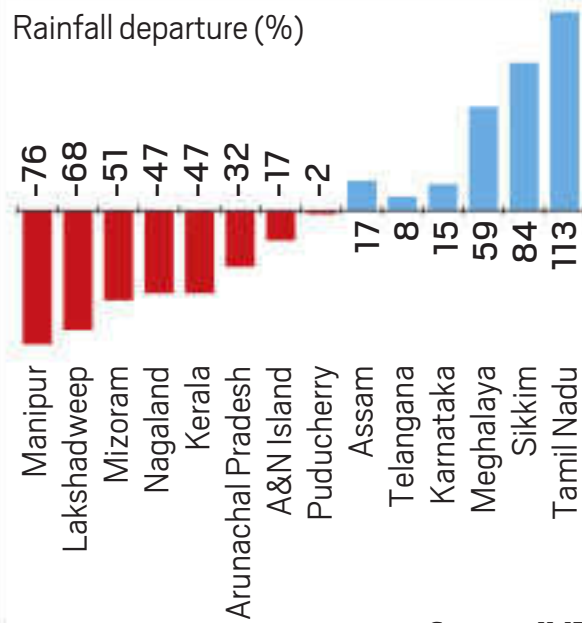


## CUMULATIVE RAINFALL (MM) OVER INDIA AS A WHOLE, 2024

■ Cumulative normal (1971-2020)  
Till Jun 17: 74.3 mm  
■ Cumulative actual till Jun 17: 59.4 mm



## RAINFALL STATUS AFTER ONSET OF MONSOON (JUNE 1 – 18)



Source : IMD

Manipur, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, and parts of Tripura six days early — marking a rare but not-unheard-of simultaneous onset over Kerala and large parts of Eastern India.

After May 30, the monsoon progressed every day, and it had covered Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Mahé, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karnataka, Telangana, and large parts of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra by June 10.

This kept the all-India rainfall positive at 36.5 mm, or 3% surplus as on June 10. Over all these states and UTs, the monsoon arrived three to five days early.

From June 11 onward, the monsoon has remained stagnant, and dry and hot conditions have returned to the Southern peninsula. Over the past week, all-India rainfall has been consistently below average. On Tuesday, it was minus 20% (64.5 mm against normal 80.6 mm).

"Initially, the monsoon came in as a big current but did not bring much rain. This is not a typical monsoon flow, compared to what was expected," M Rajeevan, former secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, said.

On Tuesday, the Northern Limit of Monsoon — the imaginary line indicating the monsoon's progress — passed through Navsari, Jalgaon, Amravati, Chandrapur, Bijapur, Sukma, Malkangiri, Vizianagaram and Islampur.

The overall deficit is mainly due to states where the onset of the monsoon has been delayed. These include Odisha (minus 47%), West Bengal (minus 11%), Bihar (minus 72%) and Jharkhand (minus 68%) as on Tuesday.

The return of dry conditions over Manipur, Mizoram, Lakshadweep, Nagaland, Kerala, Arunachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar islands, too, has contributed to the deficient all-India rainfall.

# Disease that has struck singer Alka Yagnik

## EXPERT EXPLAINS



KALPANA NAGPAL

IN A post on Instagram, Bollywood singer Alka Yagnik on Monday revealed that she has been diagnosed with a "rare sensory neural nerve hearing loss", known as sensorineural deafness, after suffering from a viral infection. A leading ear, neck, and throat (ENT) specialist explains what sensorineural deafness is, what causes it, and how it can be prevented.

What is sensorineural deafness?

The human ear consists of external, middle, and inner structures. When you listen to a sound, your eardrum or tympanic membrane (which divides the external ear from the

middle ear) vibrates. The vibration passes on to three tiny bones — malleus, incus, and stapes — in your middle ear. These bones transmit the sound waves to the cochlea — a fluid-filled chamber in your inner ear — which is lined with tiny hair cells, called stereocilia, that vibrate when the sound waves hit them. These hair cells convert the sound waves into an electrical signal, which is then sent to the brain, through the auditory nerve — a nerve that runs from the inner ear to the brain.

Sensorineural hearing loss occurs when the inner ear is damaged. In this case, stereocilia or the auditory nerve is not able to function properly, leading to deafness.

Unlike in the case of damage to the external or middle ear, deafness due to damage to the inner ear may not always be cured if not addressed promptly within 48 hours. Ideally, you should consult a specialist within a week.

How can the inner ear be damaged?

Like in the case of Yagnik, the inner ear

can be damaged by a viral infection, leading to sensorineural deafness. The infection typically triggers inflammatory responses and swelling, which puts pressure on the inner chamber. The situation can worsen as stem cells in the ear are not able to quickly repair the damaged tiny hair cells.

This season, many people with viral flu have been diagnosed with sensorineural deafness. Every year, the flu season has certain dominant characteristics — this time, it is hearing loss.

The inner ear can also be damaged due to a head injury, exposure to very loud sounds, or loud sounds that last for a long time.

What are the symptoms?

The sense of hearing drastically goes down or you cannot hear at all. You are not able to catch words coherently when others are talking and they may seem like mumbling. There can also be a ringing or buzzing sound in the ear. Numbness can also occur.

Two branches of monsoon

The IMD declared onset over Kerala on May 30, and the monsoon advanced over large parts of eastern India on the same day, mainly due to Cyclone Remal, which made landfall over the West Bengal and Bangladesh coasts on May 26, and its remnants travelled further inland. Heavy to very heavy rain lashed Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Sikkim, leading to floods, mudslides, and landslides in early June.

Strong westerly/ southwesterly winds from the Arabian Sea propelled the monsoon over the Southern peninsula in early June. Multiple cyclonic circulations along the western coast also provided conducive conditions until June 10, after which the absence of synoptic systems led to the southwesterly winds losing steam and the monsoon weakening.

"In the absence of strong easterly winds, the Bay of Bengal branch of the monsoon [too] could not advance. We will have to wait for a fresh pulse and monsoon trough to establish itself, so that the monsoon system regains strength," D Sivananda Pai, senior meteorologist at IMD, said.

When could it rain?

The monsoon is currently active over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura and sub-Himalayan West Bengal. Rainfall activity will pick up along Konkan and northern Karnataka during the latter half of this week. But all other regions of the country will remain dry.

Towards the end of this week, the monsoon could advance into the remaining areas of Maharashtra, some areas of West Bengal, Odisha, some areas of Chhattisgarh and Bihar, and coastal Andhra Pradesh.

"We expect the monsoon to revive towards the end of June," Pai said. However, it remains uncertain when the monsoon could set in over northern India.

The IMD has said that some respite in the heatwave is likely over Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh during this week. Warm nights and hot conditions shall persist over Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi, and Chandigarh until Wednesday, but will abate thereafter. The June rainfall may end up below normal over the country.

What is the treatment?

If a patient goes to the doctor within a week of the symptoms surfacing, doctors can administer steroid injections in the eardrum. It will improve the hearing and relieve the swelling. If the damage is more serious, then there are solutions such as hearing aids, which can amplify sounds near the patient. You can also opt for cochlear implants.

How can it be prevented?

The forms of flu are becoming more aggressive with each passing year. As a result, one should try their best to avoid catching it — wear a mask in public places, and take an annual shot of flu vaccine. To protect yourself from any kind of hearing loss from external sources, wear good earplugs.

Dr Nagpal is a senior consultant at the ENT in Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi. She spoke to **Rinku Ghosh**.

# Strategic imperative and environmental concern in Great Nicobar project

NIKHIL GHANEKAR  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

THE CONGRESS party has described the proposed Rs 72,000-crore infra upgrade at the Great Nicobar Island as a "grave threat" to the island's indigenous inhabitants and fragile ecosystem, and demanded "immediate suspension of all clearances" and a "thorough, impartial review of the proposed project, including by the Parliamentary committees concerned".

Great Nicobar is the southernmost and largest of the Nicobar Islands, a sparsely inhabited 910-sq-km patch of mainly tropical rainforest in southeastern Bay of Bengal. Indira Point on the island, India's southernmost point, is only 90 nautical miles (less than 170 km) from Sabang at the northern tip of Sumatra, the largest island of the Indonesian archipelago.

Great Nicobar has two national parks, a biosphere reserve, small populations of the Shompen and Nicobarese tribal peoples, and a few thousand non-tribal settlers.

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands are a cluster of 836 islands, split into two groups — the Andaman Islands to the north and the Nicobar Islands to the south — by the 150-km wide Ten Degree Channel.

So why does India want to develop Great Nicobar, and why has the proposed three-phase, 30-year project faced sustained criticism from conservationists, wildlife biologists, and some local tribal councils?

The infra project

The mega infrastructure project — which is being implemented by the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation (ANIIDCO) — is proposed to include an International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT), a greenfield international airport with a peak hour capacity to handle 4,000 passengers, a town-ship, and a gas and solar based power plant spread across 16,610 hectares.

The project for the "holistic development" of Great Nicobar Island was implemented after a report by NITI Aayog. A pre-feasibility report flagged the opportunity to leverage the

strategic location of the island, which is roughly equidistant from Colombo in Sri Lanka to the southwest and Port Klang (Malaysia) and Singapore to the southeast.

It is close to the Malacca Strait, the main waterway that connects the Indian Ocean to the Pacific, and the ICTT is expected to "allow Great Nicobar to participate in the regional and global maritime economy by becoming



a major player in cargo transshipment". A proposed "greenfield city" will tap into both the maritime and tourism potential of the island.

The site for the proposed ICTT and power plant is Galathea Bay on the southeastern corner of Great Nicobar Island, where there is no human habitation. The project was granted in-principle forest clearance and environmental clearance in October 2022. A detailed project report (DPR) has been prepared, and the union government is likely

to invite bids for the initial phase of construction of the terminal in the coming months.

Strategic importance

The Bay of Bengal and Indian Ocean region are of vital strategic and security interest to India as the Chinese People's Liberation Army Navy seeks to expand its footprint across the region. India is wary of a build-up of Chinese maritime forces at the Indo-Pacific choke points of especially

Malacca, Sunda, and Lombok. China's attempts to expand its footprint in the region includes building a military facility at Coco Islands (Myanmar) lying just 55 km to the north of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

In April this year, *The Indian Express* reported that a major military infrastructure upgrade was underway at the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, including revamping airfields and jetties and building additional logistics and storage facilities, a base for military personnel, and a robust surveillance infrastructure. The upgrade is aimed at facilitating the deployment of additional military forces, larger and more warships, aircraft, missile batteries, and troops.

Close surveillance of the entire area around the archipelago, and the building up of a strong military deterrence at Great Nicobar is crucial for India's national security.

Environmental concerns

The proposed infra upgrade has been opposed on grounds of the threat it poses to the ecology of the islands. The opposition — by wildlife conservation researchers, anthropologists, scholars, and civil society apart from the Congress — has focused on the potentially devastating impact on the Shompen, a particularly vulnerable tribal group (PVTG) of hunter-gatherers with an estimated population of a few hundred individuals who live in

a tribal reserve on the island.

It has been alleged that the project violates the rights of the tribal population, and will impact the island's ecology with the felling of nearly a million trees. It is feared that the port project will destroy coral reefs with spinoff effects on the local marine ecosystem, and pose a threat to the terrestrial Nicobar Megapode bird and leatherback turtles who nest in the Galathea Bay area.

The Congress statement, issued by senior leader and former Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh, has also pointed out that the proposed port is in a seismically volatile zone that saw permanent subsidence of about 15 ft during the 2004 tsunami. The statement has accused the local administration of not consulting the Tribal Council of Great and Little Nicobar Islands adequately as per legal requirements. In November 2022, the tribal council revoked a no-objection certificate it had issued for diversion of about 160 sq km of forest land, saying they had not been given full information.

In April 2023, the Kolkata Bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) declined to interfere with the environmental and forest clearance granted to the project. The Tribunal, however, ordered that a high-power committee should be constituted to look into the clearances. An appeal against the NGT's order was dismissed in 2023.



GOLD	USD RATE	OIL	SILVER
₹72,350	₹83.42	\$82.18	₹91,300
Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of June 13			

‘SUPPLY-SIDE FACTORS AFFECTED BY THE WEATHER CONDITIONS’

# Disinflation process facing resistance from stubborn food inflation: RBI Governor

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, JUNE 18

RESERVE BANK of India Governor Shaktikanta Das on Tuesday said although inflation has eased, the pace of moderation is very slow mainly due to sticky food inflation. Das, however, said he is confident of achieving the 4 per cent target for consumer price-based inflation (CPI).

In May, retail inflation eased to a one-year low of 4.75 per cent, from 4.83 per cent in April 2024. It was 4.31 per cent in May 2023. While core inflation stood at 3 per cent, food inflation was at 7.9 per cent in May.

“The disinflation process is getting a lot of resistance from food inflation remaining stubborn and very high, primarily because of supply-side factors which are affected by the weather conditions. The extreme heat in the last summer has affected cultivation



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of pulses and vegetable production,” Das said at an event.

The Governor said in the last six to seven months, food inflation stood at an average of about 8 per cent. The last mile of the disinflation journey is proving to be very sticky, arduous and very slow, he said, adding that the RBI is carefully watching the situation.

Earlier this month, the RBI’s

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— SHAKTIKANTA DAS  
GOVERNOR, RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided to leave the repo rate, the key policy rate, unchanged at 6.5 per cent for the eight consecutive policies due to concerns around food inflation.

For FY25, the RBI has projected CPI at 4.5 per cent. It has estimated inflation for Q1 at 4.9 per cent, Q2 at 3.8 per cent, Q3 at 4.6 per cent and Q4 at 4.5 per cent.

When asked if the RBI may look at changing the policy stance of withdrawal of accommodation, the Governor said it would be premature to talk about it.

“There is a clamour that one should change the stance but we want clear evidence that inflation should moderate and perhaps a little faster. At this point in time, we should avoid any form of adventurism. It is better to stay the course, be watchful and play ball by ball,” he said. In the June monetary policy, the RBI revised the real gross domestic product (GDP) growth projection for FY25 to 7.2 per cent, as against an earlier forecast of 7 per cent.

Das said the factors that led to the upward revision of the GDP projection for FY25 included strong momentum in economic activity, a pick up in rural demand and improvement in the external sector.

He said that in the January-March quarter (Q4 FY25), the mo-

mentum of economic activity was strong. The RBI data for April, May and June (till the third week) shows that the same momentum has continued into the first quarter of this year, he said.

The Governor said the rural consumption, which was lagging since the Covid, started to improve from the first half of the previous year. The FMCG (fast-moving consumer goods) sales in the rural sector have increased, the demand for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme labour has gone down and the agricultural season also looks very optimistic because of the projections of above normal monsoon this year.

“All our analysis indicates that the rural demand will hold,” he said.

Das said as the expenditure from the government side and the private investment start picking up, rural demand will be well sustained this year.

GOVT SET TO PRESENT UNION BUDGET NEXT MONTH

# Industry seeks removal of ‘Angel Tax’; to greatly aid capital formation, says CII

RAVI DUTTA MISHRA  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

AMID A sharp decline in funding for startups and consequent job losses, Indian Inc has sought the removal of Angel Tax that has been a subject of heated debate between the industry and the government ever since the scope of the controversial tax was expanded in the Finance Bill 2023.

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in its Union Budget recommendation on Tuesday suggested the removal of Section 56(2)(viib) of the Income-tax Act colloquially known as the ‘angel Tax’ stating that the step “would greatly aid capital formation in the country”.

Angel Tax was first introduced in 2012 to deter the generation and use of unaccounted money through the subscription of shares of a closely held company at a value that is higher than the fair market value of the firm’s shares.

The industry has argued that the government is wrong in citing the difference between valuations and actual performance as a sign of money laundering, adding that investors fund startup based on their future potential. Taxes levied on the difference between issue price of

What is  
Angel Tax?

ANGEL TAX – which is income tax at the rate of 30.6 per cent – is levied when an unlisted company issues shares to an investor at a price higher than its fair market value. Earlier, it was imposed only on investments made by a resident investor. However the Finance Act 2023 proposed to extend Angel Tax even to non-resident investors from April 1, 2024.

unlisted securities and its fair market value (FMV) has hurt funding, it said. The changes in the Angel Tax provisions came at a time when an estimated 100 Indian startups laid off over 15,000 employees in 2023, as funding winter that began in 2022 persisted. Moreover, Indian startups witnessed over 60 per cent decline in funding in terms of value in 2023.

The Finance Act, 2023, had amended Section 56(2)(viib) of the Income-tax Act. The provi-

sion stated that when an unlisted company, such as a startup, receives equity investment from a resident for issue of shares that exceeds the face value of such shares, it will be counted as income for the startup and be subject to income tax under the head ‘Income from other sources’ for the relevant financial year.

With the latest amendment, the government had proposed to also include foreign investors in the ambit, meaning that when a startup raises funding from a foreign investor, that too will now be counted as income and be taxable.

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)-recognised startups were excluded from the Angel Tax levy.

However, after pushback from the industry and reports of decline in funding, the Finance Ministry exempted investors from 21 countries including the US, UK and France from the levy of Angel Tax for non-resident investment in unlisted Indian start-ups.

But the list excluded investment from countries like Singapore, Netherlands and Mauritius – which have traditionally been key geographies for start-ups to raise money.

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## FM to meet economists today

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will kick-start her pre-Budget consultations with a meeting with a group of economists on Wednesday. On Thursday, she will meet representatives from the financial sector and capital markets. Same day she will also meet industry chambers. On June 21, Sitharaman will meet farmer associations and agriculture economists as well as MSMEs. On June 24, she will meet trade unions. The first leg of her pre-Budget consultations will conclude with a meeting with representatives from the employment and skilling sector on June 25. FE

## USEV firm Fisker files for bankruptcy

Bengaluru: Fisker filed for bankruptcy protection late on Monday, as the US electric-vehicle maker looks to salvage its operations by selling assets and restructuring its debt after burning through cash in an attempt to ramp up production of its Ocean SUVs. It becomes the latest electric vehicle firm to collapse after Arrival and Lordstown Motors in a market dominated by Tesla and Chinese automakers. REUTERS

## Apple kills off its buy now, pay later service

New York: Apple is discontinuing its buy now, pay later service known as Apple Pay Later barely a year after its initial launch in the US, and will rely on companies who already dominate the industry like Affirm and Klarna. AP

## Fed officials steer cautiously, wait for data

New York: US Federal Reserve officials, encouraged by recent data, are looking for confirmation that inflation is sustainably cooling. “I expect interest rates to come down gradually over the next couple of years...,” New York Fed President John Williams said. Boston Fed President Susan Collins, in a separate event, cautioned against over-reacting to “promising” economic news. To Richmond Fed President Thomas Barkin, the key will be for price pressures to ease persistently in services as well as in goods. Meanwhile, US Federal Reserve Governor Adriana Kugler said, while more progress is required on moving inflation back to the Fed’s 2 per cent target, “I believe economic conditions are moving in the right direction.” REUTERS

## ‘Infrastructure, realty may get ₹15 lakh cr in investments’

Infrastructure and realty sectors are likely to get Rs 15 lakh crore worth of investments till March 2026, Crisil Ratings said in a research note



MASSIVE LOAD DROP ON MONDAY, MULTIPLE POWER SYSTEM ELEMENTS TRIP

# After demand surge, multiple tripping incidents in northern region: NRLDC

AGGAM WALIA  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

THE ELECTRICITY grid supplying power to northern states recorded a massive load drop of 16.5 GW after multiple power system elements tripped at around 2 pm on Monday, the Northern Regional Load Despatch Centre (NRLDC) said. The multiple tripping event occurred right after power demand in the northern region peaked at an unprecedented 89.4 GW, driven by severe heatwave conditions prevailing across the region.

The grid incident unfolded as a key body of power engineers employed across state and central utilities sounded the alarm over an impending surge in agricultural load in Punjab by end-June, warning it “may lead to an unmanageable power situation”.

As peak demand in the northern region touched 89.4 GW at around 1:53 pm on Monday, mul-



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tiple grid elements tripped leading to a load loss of 16.5 GW, or 18 per cent of peak demand. Haryana experienced the highest load drop of 4.1 GW, followed by Punjab at 3.8 GW. Both Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan faced a load loss of around 2.8 GW each, while Delhi saw a drop of 2.2 GW.

All transmission elements that tripped were restored by 4 pm, NRLDC said in a release. On the generation side, tripping of hydro and thermal generating units lead to a cumulative loss of 1.2 GW each. Additionally, 2.8 GW of solar capacity in Rajasthan was also affected. In its letter to Punjab

## Maintain alert: PowerMin

New Delhi: The power Ministry on Tuesday said it has asked all utilities “to maintain a high state of alert and minimise forced outages of equipment” amid heatwave pushing electricity demand, especially in the northern region where Monsoon is yet to arrive. Northern region has been experiencing high demand, the ministry said in a statement. PTI

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann sent on Monday, the All India Power Engineers Federation (AIPF) chairman Shailendra Dubey, said, “While the situation of power availability and supply is becoming serious day by day, neither the government of India nor any state government has initi-

ated steps to control the power demand. If the situation continues, there are fair chances of grid disturbance.”

“In the state of Punjab, the power consumption has gone up by 43 per cent between June 1 to 15, 2024, when compared to the same period during 2023... additional agricultural load expected to rise by the end of June due to paddy cultivation in the whole state of Punjab, may lead to an unmanageable power situation,” Dubey cautioned. While a surge in domestic consumption load in the country’s northern parts is behind the multiple tripping, a Ministry of Power spokesperson told *The Indian Express*, “All utilities have been advised to maintain a state of high alert and minimise forced outage of equipment”. To meet demand, the Northern Region is also importing 25-30 per cent of its power requirement from the neighbouring regions, the spokesperson said.

## Google’s Gemini now available as app in India

New Delhi: Google on Tuesday said its AI assistant Gemini is now available as an app for Android smartphone users in India with support for English, Hindi and eight other Indian languages.

For iPhone users, access to Gemini will be rolled out through the Google app over the next few weeks, according to a blog post by Amar Subramanya, vice president, Engineering, Gemini Experiences.

Additionally, users of Gemini Advanced in India will now be able to access features of Gemini 1.5 Pro, Google’s latest next-gen AI (Artificial Intelligence) model.

The expanded capacity of Gemini Advanced will allow users to upload multiple large documents and emails for quick summaries, feedback, and actionable insights. PTI

# More central banks to increase gold reserves within 12 months, says WGC

REUTERS  
LONDON, JUNE 18

MORE CENTRAL banks plan to add to their gold reserves within a year and more of them expect others to do so as well, due to ongoing macroeconomic and political uncertainty despite high prices for the precious metal, the World Gold Council (WGC) said in its annual survey.

Demand for gold from central banks has been elevated in the last two years as some countries diversify their foreign currency reserves. Their demand contributed to the gold price rally in March-May with the spot price hitting a record high of \$2,449.89 per ounce on May 20.

“Despite record demand from the official sector in the last two years, coupled with climbing gold prices, many reserve managers

## DIVERSIFYING FOREIGN CURRENCY RESERVES



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still maintain their enthusiasm for gold,” Shaokai Fan, WGC head of central banks sector, said in a statement.

The survey, which was conducted in February-April and included a total of 69 responses, showed that 29 per cent of central banks expected their own gold re-

serves to increase in the next 12 months.

This is the highest level since the WGC, an industry body whose members are global gold miners, began the survey in 2018 and compares with 24 per cent in 2023. The WGC said 81 per cent of respondents expected global cen-

tral bank gold reserves to increase over the next 12 months compared with 71 per cent a year ago. While in prior years, gold’s “historical position” was the top reason for central banks to hold gold, this factor dropped to fifth among WGC survey responses this year.

The top reasons given for the increases now are “long-term store of value or inflation hedge,” “performance during times of crisis” and “effective portfolio diversifier.” Some 41 per cent of 58 respondents listed domestic storage as the vaults where their gold reserves are kept, compared with 35 per cent in 2023. However, the Bank of England remains the most popular location listed in 55 per cent of the responses.

Among 57 respondents, 15 per cent said they planned to change custody arrangements for their gold in some way in the next year compared with 6 per cent in 2023.



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**I BNGORI W/O B**  
LALKHUMMAWIA R/o Assam Regt. C/O-56 APO Pallanwala J&K 910402 have changed my name from BNGORI to S NGORI  
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**I Anju Mehroolia W/o Adeep**  
Kumar R/o A-116, Shardapuri, Ramesh Nagar, Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Anju for all purposes.  
0040734380-4

**I Adeep Kumar Mehroolia S/o Shiv Ram R/o A-116,**  
Shardapuri, Ramesh-Nagar, Delhi-110015,have changed my name to Adeep Kumar For all purposes. 0040734380-3

**I, SHAHER BANO W/O.SALMAN HAIDAR, R/O-T.21, GALI PHOOL WALI BASTI HAZRAT NIZAMUDDIN, SOUTH EAST DELHI-110013,**changed my name to SEHER BANO,for all,future purposes.  
0040734371-5

**I, Saroj Nehra, spouse of Sunil Kumar Nehra** resident of at Village - Kulod Khurd, PO-Khatehpura, PS-Jhunjhunu, District-Jhunjhunu, State-Rajasthan, PIN - 333001, have changed my name from Saroj Nehra to Saroj, vide Affidavit dated 12/06/2024 before Notary Public, Srinagar, Government of Jammu and Kashmir. 0020477268-1

**I,Amit Sachdeva S/o Devanand Sachdeva R/O B-180 Sector 105 Noida 201304,** have changed my minor daughter's name aged about 4 years, from Suhanya Sachdeva to Suhanya Gauri Sachdeva.  
0130042904-1

**I, Kumari Binita W/o Ram Praveish Prasad R/O H.No. 102/A-4 Railway Colony, Basant Lane, Pahar Ganj, Delhi 55,** do hereby declare that my Son's name previously know as PIYUSH. I hereby changed my son's name from PIYUSH TO PIYUSH PRASAD. My son will be known as PIYUSH S/O RAM PRAVESH PRASAD in future for all purposes.  
0040734403-1

**I, Amit Kumar Gupta S/o Shiv Shankar Lal Gupta R/o C-1301, Tower-C, Great Value Sharnam, Sector-107, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar- 201301,** have changed my minor son's name about 08 years, from Sanidhya Gupta to Arjun Gupta. 0130042903-1

**It is for general information that I,NANDINI JAISWAL,D/o Pawan Jaiswal,R/o-A-163,Shanti Niwas school,wali Gali,Near Shiv-Mandir North-Ghonda,Delhi-110053,** declare that name of my father and my mother has been wrongly written as Pawan Kumar and Priti Devi in my 10th-class and 12th-class marksheet and certificate educational documents. The actual name of my father and my mother are Pawan Jaiswal and Priti Jaiswal. Which may be amended accordingly.  
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**I, Railee Behen,** spouse of Khant Shankar Bhai resident of at Village - Torna Muvada, PO-Dobari, PS-Virpur, District-Kheda (Nadiad), State-Gujarat, PIN-388261, have changed my name from Railee Behen to Khant Hiraben Shankarbhai, vide Affidavit dated 12/06/2024 before Notary Public, Srinagar, Government of Jammu and Kashmir.- 0020477271-1

**It is for general information that I,MAHI JAISWAL,D/o Pawan Jaiswal,R/o-A-163,Shanti-Niwas school-wali Gali,Near-Shiv-Mandir,North-Ghonda,Delhi-110053,** declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as Pawan Kumar Jaiswal in my 10th-class and 12th-class marksheet and certificate educational documents.The actual name of my father is Pawan Jaiswal.Which may be amended accordingly.  
0040734371-7

**It is for general information that I, KANIKA GARG D/O SATISH KUMAR GARG R/O B-15 NANDA ROAD 3RD FLOOR, ADARSH NAGAR DELHI-110033,** declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as SATISH GARG in my DRIVING LICENCE NO. DL0820160351482. The actual name of my father is SATISH KUMAR GARG, which may be amended accordingly.  
0070908500-1

**I,Zahir Ahmed,S/O Jameel Ahmed,R/O J3/126,Krishan Khur,Laxmi-Nagar,PO: Shakarpur, DIST:East Delhi,Delhi-110092,**have changed my name to Zaheer ahmed,for all,future purposes.  
0040734314-5

**I,Swati,W/o Neeraj Kumar,R/o-180 Pandwala Kalan,Dwarka,Delhi-110043,**have changed my name to Swati Tyagi,for all,future purposes. 0040734314-1

**I,Surinder Pal S/o-Joginder Singh Pahwa R/o B-1102,Omaxe Forest Spa,Sector-93B, Noida,GautamBudh Nagar,U.P-201304,**have changed my name to Surinder Singh Pahwa, permanently. 0040734315-1

**I,Sunny S/o Suresh Verma R/o House, No-49 street No.01, Chandu park Krishna nagar Delhi-110051,**have changed my name to Sunny Verma  
0040734314-10

**I,Raj Sindhi W/o Raj Kumar, R/O 13A, Rashid Market,Ganesh Park,East Delhi-110051,**have changed my name to Raj Rani.  
0040734314-8

**I,Sachin Kumar,S/o-Jagdish,R/O-1182/3, Gali.No-12,Behind-Iswa Hotel,Kapashera, South-West Delhi,Delhi-110037,**have changed the name of my-minor son Kaavya aged-10-years and he shall hereafter be known as Hitansh Kumar. 0040734371-6

**I,SYED ANWAR ABBAS,S/O Late syed Sabit Husain,R/O-k-65,2nd-Floor Batla-House, Jamia-Nagar,Okhla, New Delhi-110025,**have changed my name to Anwar Abbas,for all,future purposes 0040734314-3

**I,SEEMA BHADORIA,W/O MADHUSUDAN SINGH KUSHWAH,R/O H.No.1004,Tower-G-8,Nirala Greenshire Plot no-GH-03,Sector-2,Greater Noida (west),District Gautam Buddha Nagar** have changed my,Name to SEEMA BHADORIYA.  
0040734381-2

**I,SATYAJIT S/O DURGA PRASAD SINGH,H.NO-317, MOUNT-KAILASH,APARTMENTS,EAST OF KAILASH SOUTH DELHI-110065,**HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SATYAJIT SINGH.  
0040734376-2

**I,Rajesh Kumar S/o-Ganga Ram R/o Plot No.29, Third Floor, Shivaji Enclave Extn., Delhi-110027** have changed my name to Rajesh Kumar Jarwal for all purposes. 0040734345-1

**I,Raj Kumar Sindhi,S/O Tek Chand R/O-13A, Rashid Market,Ganesh Park,East Delhi-110051,**have changed my name to Raj Kumar.  
0040734314-7

**I,Prerna D/o Mahesh Kumar, R/o 1/4491,Ram Nagar, Shahdara,Delhi-110032,**have changed my name from Prerna to Prerna Rani,for all future purposes. 0040734371-2

**I,Km Preeti Gupta,W/o-Deepak Gupta,R/O,B-146 FF,Freedom Fighter-Enclave,Vishal-Mega Mart,IGNOU-Road Neb-Sarai,Delhi-110068,**Have Change My Name,From Km Preeti Gupta To Preeti Gupta.  
0040734371-3

**I,JYOTI W/O PARVEEN SONI,R/O-46/2B UGF,GALI NO-15, EAST AZAD-NAGAR, KRISHNA NAGAR,DELHI-110051,**HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO JYOTI SONI. 0040734314-6

**I,isha gupta,D/o-MANISH GUPTA,R/O-4/13,Jai Dev Park,East Punjabi Bagh,New Delhi-110026,**Have Changed My Name from esha gupta to isha gupta both are one and same Persons. 0040734379-1

**I,HARSIMRAN KAUR SANDHU,D/O BALDEV SINGH,R/O RZ-89,GALINO-4,RAVI NAGAR EXTN,TILAK NAGAR,DELHI-110018,**HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO HARSIMRAN KAUR.  
0040734381-1

**I,Gul Samer D/O Mohammad Muzaffar-Baig, N-71/A,Batla House,Jamia Nagar,Okhla ND-110025,**have changed my name to Gulsamar,for all,future purpose. 0040734314-4

**I,Geeta Rawat,W/o Virender Singh,R/O K-25/3,Street.No.-3,West Ghonda,Delhi-110053,**have changed my name to Geeta Payal after my marriage for all purposes. 0040734371-1

**I,Ekta Tomar,W/O Upendra Tomar,R/O 588, Aashirwad Bhawan,Peeli kothi,Saray Mohar Singh Khurja, Bulandshahr,**have changed my name to Ekta Chauhan.  
0040734314-9

**I,Divya W/o Hemant Sati R/O E-76, Sector-20, Noida** have changed my name from Divya to Divya Sati for all future purpose. 0040734347-1

**I,ANKUSH S/O-ANIL KUMAR,ADD,FLAT-1718, TOWER-10,ROYAL-PARK PURVANCHAL SECTOR-137,NOIDA,GAUTAM-BUDDHNAGAR -201305,U P,**changed my name to ANKUSH OBEROI,for all,future purposes. 0040734315-3

**I,AMARPEET KOUR,S/O-MANINDER SINGH ADD,FLAT-21032,TOWER-21 ATS-GREEN PARADISO APARTMENT'S SECTOR-CH-46 GREATER-NOIDA,GAUTAM-BUDDHNAGAR -201310,U.P,**changed my name to AMARPEET KAUR,for all,future purposes. 0040734315-2

**I,ALOK SINGH,S/O-SWATANTRA KUMAR SINGH,R/O-25/51,CIVIL-LINES,MAHATMA GANDHI MARG, ALLAHABAD, PRAYAGRAJ,UTTAR PRADESH-211001** have changed my name to ALOK KUMAR SINGH.  
0040734381-3

**I,ABHISHEK,S/O SHRI RAJPAL SINGH,RESIDENT OF,VPO-CHIRAWA, W.NO.25, MANDRELA-ROAD C/O SHAMSHER SINGH, DIST-JHUNJHUNU,(RAJ),**HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ABHISHEK CHOUDHARY, FOR ALL,FUTURE PURPOSES.  
0040734376-3

**I,ABHISHAK VARMA S/O BABU LAL, H.NO-75, GALI NO-19 CHANCHAL PARK NANGLOI DELHI 110041,**changed my name to ABHISHEK for all future purposes. 0040734315-4

**I, sudharshan kuttapam, S/o-kuttappan,house no.57 1st-floor,block-7 single storey Ramesh Nagar Delhi 110015,** changed my name to Sudarshan. 0040734371-4

**I, Dinar S/o Ram Narain Singh Dinkar R/o H.No-596, Sector-4, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, U.P-201010** have changed my name to DINAR NARAIN for all future purposes  
0070908542-1

**I, Vimalesh Singh,** spouse of Vijay Singh resident of at Village & PO- Karhi Kala, PS-Unchehra, District -Satna, State-Madhya Pradesh, PIN - 485447, have changed my name from Vimalesh Singh to Vimlesh Singh, vide Affidavit dated 12/06/2024 before Notary Public, Srinagar, Government of Jammu and Kashmir. 0020477273-1

**I, Vijay Singh,** resident of at Village & PO- Karhi Kala, PS-Unchehra, District-Satna, State-Madhya Pradesh,PIN-485447, have changed my father name from Ram Het Singh to Ramhet Singh, in my service document, vide Affidavit dated 12/06/2024 before Notary Public, Srinagar, Government of Jammu and Kashmir. 0020477269-1

**I, VINOD KUMAR, S/O RAM CHAND AHUJA, R/O 79, GEETA APPARTMENT, GEETA COLONY, GANDHI NAGAR, EAST DELHI DELHI-110031,** have changed my name to VINOD KUMAR AHUJA For all future purposes.  
0070908489-1

**I, Tanuja Nair, W/O Vikram Nair, R/O 12/6 Cassia road Shipra Sun City, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad-201014** have changed my fathers name to Ramchandra verma for all future purposes. 0070908479-1

**I, Sunil Kumar Nehra,** resident of at Village - Kulod Khurd, PO-Khatehpura, PS-Jhunjhunu, District-Jhunjhunu, State-Rajasthan, PIN - 333001, have changed my son name from Abhishek Nehra to Abhishek Nehra,vide Affidavit dated 12/06/2024 before Notary Public, Srinagar, Government of Jammu and Kashmir. 0020477267-1

**I, Sukhvirvi Mother of No.**  
16018837L, Hav Sundar Kumar S/o Jaykar Singh R/o- Unit 23 Para (SF) presently residing at Village- Akbarpur, Ichchhabad, Po,Meeva, Tehsil- Mawana, Distt.- Meerut-UP 250401. have changed my date of birth from 01-07-1959 to 01-01-1961 vide Affidavit No. 68AE T72527 dated 13.06.2024 Distt. Court Agra.  
0040734318-1

**I, Saurabh s/o Sant Kumar, R/o 46-a, Arya Samaj, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026,** have changed my name to Saurabh Arya. 0040734331-1

**I, Satish Kumar S/o Bhagmal Singh R/o-4/87, Ground-Floor, Front-Side, Block-4, Ramesh-Nagar, New Delhi-110015,**have changed my name to Satish Kumar Brudyaan. 0040734380-2

**I, Sanjay S/o Kewal Kishan R/o House No.11 Block B,Gali No.4, Parshuram,Enclave Burari Delhi-110084,**have changed my name to Sanjay Bharaa.  
0040734314-11

**I, Ritesh Yadav S/o Vinod Kumar, R/o RZ-257/3, Dayal Park, West Sagarpur, New Delhi-110046** have changed my name to Ritesh Kumar Kumar.  
0040734380-1

**I, Ram Rai S/o Rajvanshi Rai R/O, D-455, Madipur J.J. Colony, Paschim Vihar West DELHI-110063** Have Changed my name from RAM LAL TO RAM RAI for all Purposes. 0040734380-5

**I, Panchu Ram S/o Lal Chand R/o A-131, Ekta Vihar, Gyan Mandir Road, Jaitpur Badarpur, South Delhi, New Delhi-110044,** have changed my Daughter's name from Kumari Shejal to Kumari Sejal for all future Purposes.  
0070908534-1

**I, PRAVEEN ARORA, S/O KASHMIRI LAL , R/O House no-176, III FLOOR, ARJUN NAGAR, SAFDARJUNG ENCLAVE S.O, SOUTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110029,** have changed my name to PARVEEN KUMAR For all future purposes. 0070908486-1

**I, PRAKASH CHANDR, S/O HRIDAY RAM, R/O D-48, 2ND FLOOR, GALI NO-8, RAJ NAGAR-2, PALAM COLONY, BAGDOLA, SOUTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110077.** Have changed my name to PRAKASH CHANDER For all future purposes  
0070908484-1

**I, PARDEEP KUMAR JAIN, S/O BIMAL PRASAD JAIN, R/O A-2/904, OLIVE COUNTRY, SECTOR-5, VASUNDHRA, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH, 201012,** have changed my name to PRADEEP JAIN For all future purposes.  
0070908485-1

**I, Neelam kumari Kakaria D/o Ved Prakash R/O 37- C, Block CC, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064** have changed my name to Neelam Kakaria. 0050244186-1

**I, LOVELY SALHOTRA, R/O A-1/165,KESHAV PURAM, ONKAR-NAGAR, DELHI-110034,**HAVE CHANGED MY CHILD NAME PARINEET TO PARINEET SALHOTRA. 0040734314-2

**I, Jyoti Narpat R/O B-499, Gali No.2, Subhash Vihar North Ghonda, Delhi.110053** After Marriage have changed my name from Jyoti Ganesh Patel to Jyoti Narpat for all purposes.  
0040733786-2

**I, Dubal Akshay Suresh,** resident of at Village & PO- Bambavade, PS-Palus, District-Sangli, State-Maharashtra,PIN-416310, have changed my father name from Dubal Suresh Yashwantrao to Dubal Suresh Yashwant, in my service document, vide Affidavit dated 12/06/2024 before Notary Public, Srinagar, Government of Jammu and Kashmir. 0020477270-1

**I, Gandharva S/o Ram Narain Singh Dinkar R/o H.No-596, Sector-4, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, U.P-201010** have changed my name to GANDHARVA NARAIN for all future purposes  
0070908546-1

**I, Diksha W/o Dharmender R/o B-79, 1st Floor, Rama Park, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059** have changed my name to Diksha Sharma 0070908532-1

**I, DEEPALI ARUN KUMAR PRASAD,W/O,ROHIT KUMAR,R/O.59B DDA-FLATS POCKET-A3,KALKAJI EXTENSION,SOUTH-EAST,DELHI-110019,**CHANGED MY NAME TO DEEPALI PRASAD,FOR ALL,FUTURE PURPOSES. 0040734376-1

**I, CHANDRA DEVI W/O No 1141542 RANK Ex /HONY/NB/ SUB LATE SH. NAND KISHOR R/O 197, VILLAGE PANDWALA KHURD, NAJAFGARH, NEW DELHI-110043** HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO CHANDRO DEVI VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATE 18.6.24 BEFORE DELHI. MY ACTUAL DOB 01/01/1940 0070908498-1

**I, Abhishek Ahuja S/O Ashok Ahuja, R/O Kirti Nagar Block C-19, Ramesh Nagar, West Delhi-110015,** have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Abishek Ahuja.  
0070908480-1

**I, Abdul Wajid S/o Jamil Ahmad, R/O E.50 Gali No.11, Subhash Vihar, North Ghonda, Delhi.110053** have changed my name from Abdul Wazid to Abdul Wajid for All Purposes. 0040734361-1

**I Swati Kumari D/O, Amit Anand R/O A31, Tyagi Vihar, Nangloi, New Delhi-110041** have changed my name to Swati Pandey. 0040734355-1

**I Parveen Kumari D/o Chiman Lal and W/o Harish Chander R/O House No- G-26/325, Sector-3, Rohini, Rohini, North west Delhi-110085,** have changed my name to Parveen Kumari Jaggi 0070908528-1

**ISURAJ MUKHI W/O Late DAYA KISHORE (D K JHA), R/O B-4, 17A, MVP3, Delhi 110096** have changed my name to SURAJ MUKHI DEVI. 0070908521-1

**IPRASHANT SHARMA S/O ANIL KUMAR SHARMA R/O 183, STREET NO- 4/1, KARAWAL NAGAR EXT. NORTH EAST DELHI-110094** have changed the name of my minor son VIVAAN SHARMA aged 1 years and he shall hereafter be known as VEDANSH SHARMA. 0040734316-1

**I POONAM KUMARI SANTOSHI, D/o VIMAL PRASAD R/O B1517, 6TH AVENUE, GAUR CITY-1, GREATER NOIDA WEST, GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR, U.P-201318** have changed my name to POONAM SANTOSHI  
0070908475-1

**I Guddo Saini D/o Hardwari Lal and W/o Satyaveer R/O Dhani Kirarod, Ward No.-1, Narnaul, Mahendergarh, Haryana-123001,** have changed my name to Gitanjali Saini  
0070908476-1

CHANGE OF NAME

I Nidhi Kapil Bhargava w/o of Kapil Bhargava resident of Tata Primanti, sector 72 Gurugram have changed my daughter's name from Riya Kapil Bhargava to Riya Bhargava for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I Nidhi Kapil Bhargava w/o of Kapil Bhargava resident of Tata Primanti, sector 72 Gurugram have changed my daughter's name from Niyati Kapil Bhargava to Niyati Bhargava for all future purposes.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Public Notice**  
Reg: House Bearing No. 114, area measuring 100 sq. yds., Out of Khassra No. 826, situated at Mahamaya Enclave Village Dhoorn Manikpur, Pargana & Tehsil Dadri, District Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.; (Hereinafter referred to as the "said property") NOTICE is hereby given to general public that the aforesaid property is owned by Mr. Vinod Kumar Bhatti (hereinafter called the owner) vide Sale Deed registered as Document No. 54833 Book No.1, Volume No. 20710 pages 247-258 on 15/12/2023 (SRO Dadri) executed by Mr. Rajeev Kumar in his favour in respect of the said property. In this connection, the owner has informed that the original page No.21 of Sale Deed registered as Document No.9413 Book No.1, Volume No.15135, pages 22-72, on 04/08/2020 executed by Mr. Ajeet Singh in favour of Mr. Rajeev Kumar has been lost, misplaced and not traceable. The said sale deed forms a part of public documents and is hereafter called the "said document" and its page No. 21 is called the "said page". An FIR to this effect has been lodged by Mr. Rajeev Kumar vide FIR No. 1815101 dated 13/06/2024 with Crime Branch, Delhi Police, Delhi. If the aforesaid original said page of the said document is found or has been found by any person, the same may be returned and delivered to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below. Further, if any person, body, institution is having any claim and/or objection in respect of the said property, he/she/they may raise his/her claim or objection in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 07 days of publication of this notice. Otherwise, after expiry of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, no objection shall be acceptable. General Public may also take note that any deal or transaction done by anybody on the basis of the said page of the said document shall be illegal and not binding on our client. The person doing so shall be liable to be prosecuted under the law. Manoj Sharma, Advocate M/s Intelective Law Offices A-74, LGF, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024

**Public Notice**  
Reg: Plot Bearing No. 01, area measuring 245.81 sq. mtrs., falling in Khassra No. 3 Kha, situated at Shiv Shankar Vastika Village Chapraula, Pargana & Tehsil Dadri, District Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.; (Hereinafter referred to as the "said Property"). Be it known to all that our clients, Mr. Pradeep Kumar & Mrs. Anshu (hereinafter called the "Purchaser") intend to purchase the said property from Mrs. Pushpa Chauhan (hereinafter called the "Seller"). In this connection, the Seller has informed the purchaser that she is the sole and absolute owner in respect of the said property vide Sale Deed executed by Mr. Sunil Arora in her favour in respect of the said property. The said deed is registered as Document No. 295, Book No. 1, Volume No.9026, pages 282-317, on 06.01.2016 (SRO Dadri). The seller has further informed that Mr. Sunil Arora became the joint owner to the extent of 5% in the land measuring 0.2100 Hectare, Khassra No.3 Kha vide Sale Deed dated 05.12.2007 registered as Document No. 225 executed by Mr. Omprakash Sharma & Mr. Rahul in favour of (i) Mr. Shiv Shankar Vinayal through Mr. Gopal Krishan Goyal (50% share), (ii) Mrs. Sonal Arora (45% share) & (iii) Mr. Sunil Arora (5% share) and later on a Partition Deed was executed amongst the joint owners. Seller has also informed the purchaser that the said property is not mortgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending regarding the said property. Any person including Bank/s, Financial Institution/s, relative/s having any claim, right, title or any interest of any nature whatsoever into or upon the aforesaid property is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 07 days of publication of this notice and in the event of no response having been received to the notice, the title of the seller in respect of the said property shall be deemed to be clear of any charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever and any subsequent claim shall not bind our clients/Purchaser, in any manner whatsoever. Manoj Sharma Advocate M/s Intelective Law Offices A-74, LGF, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024

**Public Notice**  
General public is hereby informed that my clients Ved Pal S/O Pritish Singh, and his wife Umsha both R/O 26/1, Sector-19, Nangloi, Delhi-110034 have severed all relations with their son Nitin Dahiya due to his bad habits, as he does not respect us and he is under our control. Both of my clients have also disowned and denounced their above-named son from all their movable and immovable assets. Anybody dealing with Nitin Dahiya will do so at his/her their own risk, and my clients would not be responsible for any of the deed of Nitin Dahiya. Sd/- KARTIKAY KATSHIKH Advocate Ch. No. 323, Lawyer's Chamber Block Rohini Court Complex, Delhi-110085

**Public Notice**  
My clients Sudesh Kumar Dabas S/o Risal Singh and Neelam W/o Sudesh Dabas both R/o D-12/18-219, SF, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have debarred their son Ashish Dabas About 32 Yrs. and his wife Deepa Age About 34 and their children, from their movable and immovable properties and have severed all relations from Ashish Dabas and Deepa, due to their misconduct, bad behaviour and bad intentions. My Clients shall not be liable and responsible for any civil or criminal activities, or omission of Ashish Dabas and Deepa. Any person dealing with Ashish Dabas and Deepa shall be doing so at his/her own risk, cost and responsibilities. Sanjeev Jain Advocate Enrl. No. D/226/1991

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1	THE AMBALA DISTT. COOP. MILK PRODUCERS UNION LIMITED	ANNUAL RATE CONTRACT FOR RUNNING OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF DAIRY EFFLUENT TREATMENT PLANT	19.06.2024 21.06.2024	50000/-	<a href="http://www.vitaandia.org.in">www.vitaandia.org.in</a>	9729875323 milkplant@vitaambala.com

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: [www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in](http://www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in) or [www.etenders.hry.nic.in](http://www.etenders.hry.nic.in)

**HIMACHAL PRADESH****PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**Telephone No. 01893-220098, E-mail :- [hp-kan2@nic.in](mailto:hp-kan2@nic.in)**  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

The Superintending Engineer HPPWD 9th Circle Nurpur H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the lump sum bids, in the electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of work.	Estimated Cost (In lac.)	Starting date for downloading Bid.	Earliest Money (In lac.)	Deadline for submission of Bid.	Eligible Contractor.
1	Jawal Constituency Construction of Rajat Anshi Jangal Bagga road Km. 0/0 to 1/00 including bridge over Dehar Khad (SH)- Formation Cutting, Retaining wall, Breast wall, Cross Drainage work, GSR, WBM-II, Road side Drains, Parapets, Cement Concrete Pavement and Construction of 182.59 Meter span prestressed concrete box girder bridge over Dehar Khad at RD. 8/240 including five year Routine Maintenance after completion of work) under NABARD RIDF-XV.	993.56	25-06-2024 10.00 AM.	19.87	16-07-2024 (05.00 PM)	'A' Class.

The bidders are advised to note other details of tender from the department website :[www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in). Date of opening of tender is 11-07-2024 at 11.00 AM.

Superintending Engineer,  
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**HIM LOK SAMPARK.**

Civil Surgeon,  
Sonipat

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**सिविल सर्जन,**  
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**Civil Hospital, Bahalgarh Road, Sonipat 131001 Contact No.0130-2218-407, E-mail: [dhs.cssnp@hry.nic.in](mailto:dhs.cssnp@hry.nic.in)**

**शुद्धिपत्र**  
जिला स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण समिति सोनीपत  
एनएचएम के तहत सविधा आधार पर र्तिर्या  
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जिला स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण समिति, सोनीपत एन.एच.एम.के अंतर्गत 31.03.2025 तक (जो कि आवश्यकता अनुसार आगे बढ़ाया जा सकता है) सविधा आधार पर विशेषज्ञों एवं डाक्टरों को निम्न प्रकार से पात्र उम्मीदवारों से आवेदन आमंत्रित किये गये थे।

Sr. No.	Name of Post	No. of Posts
1	Gynaecologists	5 (Gen.)= (2 for SDH Gohana & 3 For SDHGannaur)
2	Paediatricians	5 (Gen.) (1 For CH Sonipat, 2 for SDH Gohana & 2 for SDHGannaur)
3	Anaesthetists	5 (Gen.)= (2 For CH Sonipat, 1 For SDH Gohana & 2 for SDHGannaur)
4	Medical Officer	3 (Gen.) each for UPHC Jatwara, UAAM Indian Colony & UAAM Gannaur

उपरोक्त पदों की भर्ती के लिए पद भरने तक या दोबारा रिक्त होने पर या RoP में स्वीकृत पदेनुसार किसी भी स्वास्थ्य संस्था पर पद रिक्त होने पर आवेदक 30 जून 2024 तक प्रतिदिन, उसके उपरांत समाह के प्रत्येक वीरवार प्रात 11.00 बजे सिविल सर्जन कार्यालय सोनीपत में रिपोर्ट करें। आवेदन पत्र 200रु प्रति आवेदन (Non refundable) फीस जमा करवा कर एनएचएम कार्यालय सोनीपत से प्राप्त करें। पदों से संबंधित अधिक विवरण के लिए आवेदक एन.एच.एम कार्यालय सोनीपत या [www.nhmharyana.gov.in](http://www.nhmharyana.gov.in) वेबसाइट पर देखें। किसी भी पद के लिए कोई भी लिखित परीक्षा/साक्षात्कार नहीं होगा। किसी भी उम्मीदवार को कोई अतिरिक्त सूचना व्यक्तिगत रूप से नहीं दी जाएगी।

हस्ता./-  
सिविल सर्जन कम मैमबर सैकटरी (जी०)  
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Following Property owned by the M/s Parsavnath Developer Ltd., M/s Trisla Realators Pvt. Ltd., M/s Archetic Buildwell Pvt. Ltd., M/s Harmany Buildwell Pvt. Ltd. will be sold/disposed off on "As is where is whatever there is basis" through Online Auction hosted on e-Auction portal of HSIIDC through Online Auction hosted on [HTTP://HSIIDC.BIDX.IN](http://HSIIDC.BIDX.IN)

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1	High School Site in Parsvanath City, Sonipat	High School Site in Parsvanath City, Sonipat admeasuring 5.07 Acre or say 40 Kanal or say- 24538 Sq. Yards, located at Khasra No. 13/8 min, 9 min, 12 min, 13,18, 19 min, 22 min situated in revenue estate of Village Raipur Tehsil & Distt. Sonipat	i) Rs. 28,21,87,000/- ii) Rs. 2,82,18,700/- (iii) Rs. 10,00,000/-

\* Physical possession with M/s Parsavnath Developer Ltd. and above property is attached by order of Collector Sonipat vide letter no.115/D.R.A Dated 12/04/2023

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1	Shambhu Dyal Modern School Gohana Road Gadh Brahman Tehsil & Dist. Sonipat	Shambhu Dyal Modern School, Gohana Road Gadh Brahman Sonipat Land measuring 14 Kanal 19 Marla or say-9044 Sq. Yards, located at Khasra No. 8/13min, 14/1 min, 14/2 min, 17/1/1 min, 17/1/2 min,18/1 min, 13,9, 10,576/-	iv) Rs. 13,91,05,764/- v) Rs. 1,39,10,576/- vi) Rs. 13,00,000/-

\*Note:-\* Under Physical possession with Shambhu dyal Modern School and above property is attached by order of Collector Sonipat and sale permission by order of Collector Sonipat vide Dated 03/11/2023

**Schedule for Registration:**

Opening date of Registration/Deposit of Participation fees (EMD)	Last date of Registration at <a href="http://hsiidc.bidx.in">hsiidc.bidx.in</a> and Deposit of Participation fees (EMD)	Date of E-auction
20.06.2024 from 10 A.M.	25.06.2024 till 11.59 P.M.	03.07.2024 11:00 Hrs to 14:00 Hrs (Subject to extensions)

The Brochure containing detailed terms and conditions including process of e-auction is available on the portal <https://hsiidc.bidx.in>

For any help during registration process & e-auction, the bidders may refer to the 'User Manual' available on the e-auction portal <http://hsiidc.bidx.in> or contact M/s NSEIT at Helpline no. +91-96939-91992. Email ID [hsiidc.auction.bidx@gmail.com](mailto:hsiidc.auction.bidx@gmail.com) from Monday to Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:45 PM.

For any further clarification, the intending parties may contact any of the offices listed below:

**Tehsil office:** TRA Branch Room no-3, Ground floor, Mini Secretariat Sonipat Contact Person **Sh. Mukesh Kumar -AWBN Mob-9416411934 & Sh. Rohit- AWBN Mob-8168515528**

**NO. 26863/HRY**

**कार्यालय कार्यपालन यंत्री,**  
**राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन संभाग-ग्वालियर**  
**माधवराव सप्ते मार्ग, ( मुख्य मार्ग क्रमांक-03 )**  
**भोपाल ( म० प्र० ) 462003**

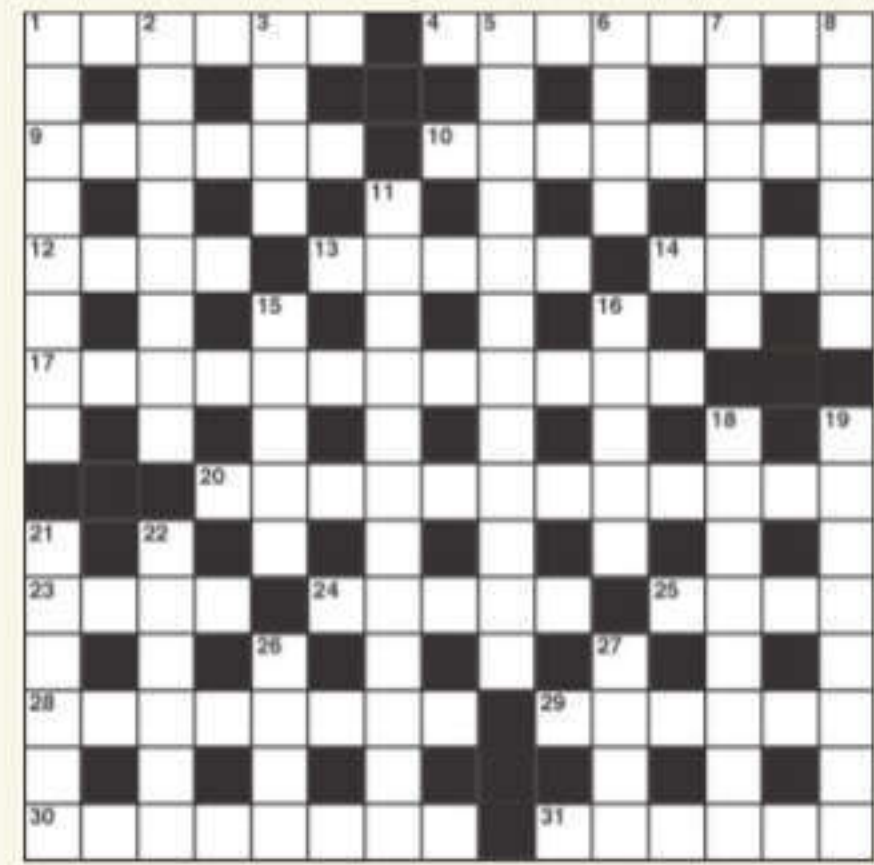
**"निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना"**  
नि.अं.सू. क्र/एन.एच.एम/03/2024-25/220  
राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन संभाग ग्वालियर की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्य संबंधित करने के लिये निविदा फॉर्मल ऑनलाईन ( निविदा ई-टेंडरिंग के माध्यम ) से ([www.mptenders.gov.in](http://www.mptenders.gov.in)) ( Department of Directorate of Health Services ) निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सरल क्रमांक ०1 से ०7 तक 03 किस्मका पद्धति से प्राप्त "अ" फर्म में परसेलिंग बेसिस पर उपयुक्त क्रेमी एवं पंचायत डेक्रेटरी हेतु प्रमुख अधिनियम, लोक निर्माण विभाग (चयन) भोपाल द्वारा जारी चयन एवं विधुत कार्य हेतु एच.ओ.आर. ०1.01.2024 (निविदा सूचना जारी होने तक किये गये समस्त संशोधनों सहित) एवं पर आमतौर की जाती है। निविदा का विवरण निम्नानुसार है:-

**ई-निविदा सूचना क्रमांक-03/2024-25 दिनांक ०7.06.2024 ( द्वितीय आमंत्रण )**

सं. क्र.	शेयर सं.	कार्य का नाम	अनुमानित लागत राशि (लाख में)	जमा धरोहर राशि रु.	शेयर दर राशि रु.	समय सीमा संबंधित सहित
1	349658	जिला अशोकनगर के विकासखण्ड चंदेरी एवं मुगावली में 18 नम उपस्वास्थ्य केन्द्र बन				



CROSSWORD 5394



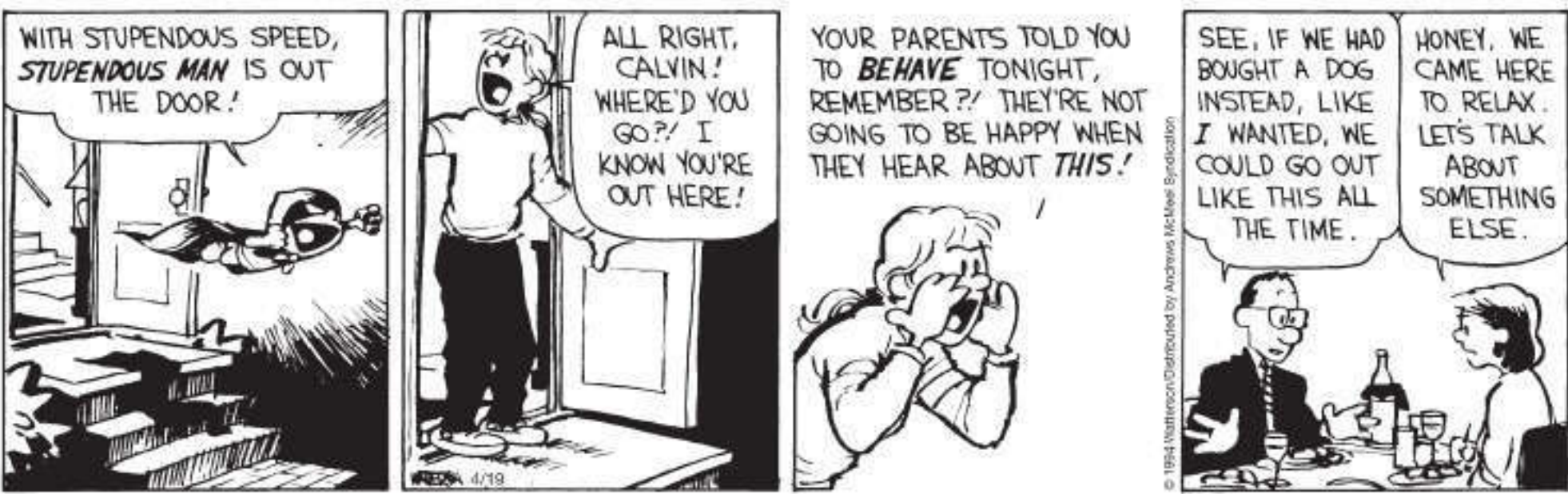
- ACROSS
- 1 Delay by putting the date in wrongly (6)
- 4 Refuse CO agitating to send the troops in (3,5)
- 9 Cyril's transposing songs (6)
- 10 Literary props (4,4)
- 12 The spectators' entrance (4)
- 13 Short pants (5)
- 14 Celebrated kind of Chinese pottery (4)
- 17 What one's prompted to do on a psychiatrist's couch (4,2,6)
- 20 They don't meet in the gymnasium (8,4)
- 23 It's bound to mean a change of plea (4)
- 24 Enclose a brooch (5)
- 25 Formerly part of a population census (4)
- 28 Wood to throw outside for cutting (8)
- 29 Bit of luck in the parental bed (6)
- 30 Busts are developed but not easily perceived (8)
- 31 Old story of Achilles' heel? (6)
- DOWN
- 1 Takes pleasure in being slighted strangely (8)
- 2 Strangle in silence (8)
- 3 Scratch starter (4)
- 5 All the things one wants to buy (8,4)
- 6 Only pretend to coil a rope (4)
- 7 Emerged in haste exhausted (3,3)
- 8 Points to a portent fluttering in the breeze? (6)
- 11 Train bearers (7,5)
- 15 Sort of mistake that could make one late (5)
- 16 It forms a ring in two ways (5)
- 18 It may form a strong attachment to a craft (8)
- 19 A dessert not usually insisted upon (8)
- 21 A psalm is about something in our blood (6)
- 22 Bill is to raise and set sail for French port (6)
- 26 Overcook the fish (4)
- 27 Quiet time for a bellboy (4)

Solutions Crossword 5393 Across: 1 Flush, 4 Beckett, 8 Arc, 9 Sentry box, 10 Cortege, 11 Eggon, 13 Season, 15 Escort, 18 Tonga, 19 Magenta, 21 At leisure, 23 Gun, 24 Against, 25 Noted Down: 1 Francis, 2 Uncertain, 3 Haste, 4 Banded, 5 Corners, 6 Ebb, 7 Toxin, 12 Goodnight, 14 Oration, 16 Trained, 17 Amount, 18 Tiara, 20 Green, 22 Lea

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.  
He is strong and pain is worse to the strong, \_\_\_ is worse. - Robinson Jeffers (10)

GNAAI

EEORCC

HNINT

OSTIPY

SOLUTION: AGAIN, NINTH, COERCE, SPOTTY  
Answer: He is strong and pain is worse to the strong, **incompetence** is worse.

SUDOKU 5596

Difficulty Level 2s  
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

SOLUTION SUDOKU 5595



**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
E-Tender Notice No.: JHS-N-W-37-24 Date: 15.06.2024  
**E-TENDERING NOTICE**  
Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/ Jhansi, DRM's office, Jhansi, for and on behalf of President of India invite open Tender through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following works.  
**Approx Cost:** Rs. 17766179.60 **Earnest Money:** Rs. 238800/-  
**Description of work:** Upgradation of DRM conference room installed at DRMO office of Jhansi division.  
**Cost of Tender Form:** Nil, **Opening of tender:** 10.07.2024 Time 15:00, **Completion period from issue of letter of acceptance:** 06 Months  
•Tender on line can be submitted upto 15:00 hrs on 10.07.2024  
•For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in) (NORTH CENTRAL RLY/ JHANSI DIVISION-SAND T). 1049/24 (P)  
f North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @northcentralrailway @CPRONCR

कार्यालय अति. मुख्य अभियंता, सानि.वि., सम्भाग-द्वितीय, जयपुर  
पी.डब्ल्यू.डी. कैम्प, जैकब रोड, जयपुर क्लब के सामने, जयपुर  
फोन :- 0141-2226537, एक्स-299 फैक्स: 0141-2226537  
क्रमांक-597 दिनांक : 11/6/24  
अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या-01/पीएमजीएसवाई/2024-25  
अन्तर एवं जयपुर विद्युत में प्राचीन राहकों के नवीनीकरण कार्य के कुल 03 पैकेज हेतु दृष्टक निविदादाताओं द्वारा दिनांक 24.06.2024 को दोपहर 12.00 बजे तक अल्पकालीन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। अल्पकालीन निविदा से संबंधित अन्य विवरण राज्य की उपचार पोर्टल <http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in>, <http://ppp.rajjasthan.gov.in> एवं विभागीय वेबसाइट <http://pnd.rajjasthan.gov.in> पर देखे जा सकते हैं। उपरान्त की अनुमति प्राप्त स्तर पर 545.08 लाख है।  
R.O.No: DIPRC/4311/2024 Date: 14/06/2024  
हस्ता./-  
अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियंता  
सानि.वि. सम्भाग द्वितीय, जयपुर

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
E-Procurement Tender Notice No: JHS/DYCM/2024-25/17 Date : 15.06.2024  
**E-Tender Notice**  
On behalf of the President of India, The Dy Chief Material Manager, General Store Depot, Jhansi are invite the following E procurement tender:-  

S.N.	Tender No.	Tender Opening Date	EMD
1	51245191A	12.07.2024	₹114270

Description	Qty.
Inverter based Air Plasma cutting machine capacity - 25mm thick plate cutting as per specification.	10 Nos.
Inverter based Air Plasma cutting machine capacity - 25mm thick plate cutting as per specification.	08 Nos.
Post warranty annual maintenance contract for Inverter based Air Plasma cutting machine capacity - 25mm thick plate cutting. CAMC for a period of 5 years after warranty of 2 Years	18 Nos.

**Note:** 1. The Complete information of above E-Procurement Tender are available on IREPS website i.e. <http://www.irops.gov.in> 2. Bids other than in the form of E bids shall not be accepted against above tenders for this purpose venders are required to get themselves registered with IREPS Website along with class III digital signature certificate issued by CCA under IT act 2000. 3. Rules entered into financial rate page and duly singed digitally signature shall only be considered rates and any other financial entry in any other form/letter had if attached by vender shall be original straight way ignore and shall not be considered. 1046/24 (AN)  
f North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @northcentralrailway @CPRONCR

**PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED**  
REGD. OFFICE: PSEB HEAD OFFICE, THE MALL, PATIALA)147001  
Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SCG033813Web site: [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in)  
(Contact No 96461-17604-96461-17659)  
**Tender Enquiry No. 1670/Th/Op/O&M/PC-2557 Dated: 14/06/2024**  
Chief Engineer / O&M (P&P Cell-II), GHPT, Lehra Mohabbat, invites E-tender for the **Procurement of Sulphuric Acid**, Quantity as per NIT. For detailed NIT & tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 14-06-2024 from 17:00 hrs. onwards.  
Note:Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
No. 34662-PB GHPT43/24

**Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi**  
**DIRECTORATE OF TRAINING & TECHNICAL EDUCATION**  
Muni Maya Ram Marg, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034  
Website: <https://tte.delhi.gov.in>

FULL TIME DIPLOMA COURSES ADMISSION 2024-25

ONLINE Applications are invited from the aspirants for the Admissions to AICTE/PCI/CoA Approved Diploma Programs running in Govt. Aided/ Privately Managed Self Financed Institutes under Board of Technical Education, Delhi for the Academic Session 2024-2025

The details of the Institute along with the courses offered and other information may be seen in the **Information Bulletin** available on the website at <https://tte.delhi.gov.in> and the Online Admission Portal is <https://dtte.ucanapply.com>

**IMPORTANT DATES\***  
**Date of Start of Registration\*\*:** 19.06.2024  
**Last Date of Registration & Fee Submission:** 16.07.2024  
**Tentative online Common Entrance Test: 27.07.24 & 28.07.2024**  
**\* May please refer to the admission portal for any update in the schedule**  
**\*\* Registration Fee of Rs. 500/- (Non refundable) is payable at time of online registration**  
**For any queries, please contact:**  
**ADMISSION CELL, Room No. 5, Board of Technical Education,**  
**Muni Maya Ram Marg, Pitampura, Delhi-110034**  
**E-mail: dtteonline@gmail.com Phone: 011-27323161**  
**DIRECTOR**  
**Directorate of Training & Technical Education,**  
**Delhi**

DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0093/24-25

**UJVN Limited**  
(An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprises)  
H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006  
Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508  
CIN No. U40101UR2007SCG025866  
Website: [www.ujvn.com](http://www.ujvn.com)  
**Ro. No. 505 Tender Notice Dated 18/06/2024**  
Office of Executive Engineer (E/M), Arakot Tiuni & Tiuni Plas, invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:  
**Tender No : 01/EE(E/M)/ Arakot Tiuni & Tiuni Plas /2024-25:**  
"Hiring of 1 no. Diesel Vehicle Bolero/TUV 300 or Equivalent Model with Driver for DGM (E/M), Arakot Tiuni & Tiuni Plas Dakpathar for one year"  
**Estimated cost: ₹ 5,06,000/- (GST Extra)**  
**Tender No : 02/EE(E/M)/ Arakot Tiuni & Tiuni Plas /2024-25:**  
"Hiring of one number diesel vehicle (Mahindra Bolero/TUV 300 or equivalent) with driver for office of Executive Engineer(E&M) office, Arakot-Tiuni and Tiuni-Plasu, Projects, Dakpathar, Dehradun for one year"  
**Estimated cost: ₹ 5,06,000/- (GST Extra)**  
Date of availability of bid on website : 18.06.2024, 16:00 hrs  
Last date for submission of tender : 09.07.2024, 13:00 hrs  
For further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website [www.ujvn.com](http://www.ujvn.com)  
**Executive Engineer (E/M)**  
**"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"**

**Appeal for Identification**  


General public is hereby informed that one male person **Namely:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 55 Yrs., **Height:** 5'7", **Sex:** Male, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Normal, **ID Mark:** "LN" Tattoo on Right Hand, **Wearing:** White Colour Shirt, Black Colour Banyan and Black Colour Lower, **Place of Recovery:** Wine Shop Near EDM Mall, ISBT Anand Vihar, Delhi  
The dead body has been preserved in Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital, Delhi  
Mortuary for 72 Hrs for identification.  
In this regard DD No. 50A Dated: 17/06/2024 has been lodged at **Police Station: Patparganj Industrial Area, Delhi.** Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.  
**SHO**  
**P.S.: Patparganj Industrial Area, Delhi**  
**DP/7558/ED/2024 Mob.: 8750870626, 9968042400**

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
**Tender Notice No. 3920242025 E-Tender Notice Dated: 14.06.2024**  
Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/North Central Railway/ Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-TENDERS on prescribed form for the following work up to 13.30 hrs on 12.07.2024 The details of the Tender are as under:-  

S. N. : 1	Tender No:97	Approx Cost. (₹):54,58,738.43
<b>Name of Work:</b> Construction of new gang rest room at Iradatganj (IDGJ) station in NYN-MKP section under ADEN/NNY		
<b>Bid security (₹): 1,09,200.00</b>		<b>Completion Period:08 Month</b>
<b>Eligibility Criteria for similar work:</b> Building works.		
S. N. : 2	Tender No:98	Approx Cost. (₹):60,00,000.00
<b>Name of Work:</b> Annual Maintenance of Horticulture zone work period ending 30-06-2025 in the section of Sr.DEN/II/PRJ		
<b>Bid security (₹): 1,20,000.00</b>		<b>Completion Period:12 Month</b>
<b>Eligibility Criteria for similar work:</b> Any Horticulture Work		

**Date of Opening of tender (For S.N. 1 & 2): 12.07.2024 Note:** 1. Tender on line can be submitted online up to 13.30 hrs. of tender opening date. 2. The complete information alongwith tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in) up to 13:30 hrs. on due date of tender opening. 1053/24 (ADM)  
f @CPRONCR f North central railways @cproncry @northcentralrailway www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

**GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND**  
**AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & CO-OPERATIVE DEPARTMENT**  
**(CO-OPERATIVE DIVISION)**  
**OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR, CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES JHARKHAND, RANCHI**  
**INTEGRATED CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (I.C.O.P.) CELL, RANCHI)**  
**e-procurement Notice**  
**Tender Reference No:- ICDP/RANCHI/01/2024- Date:- 12.06.2024**  

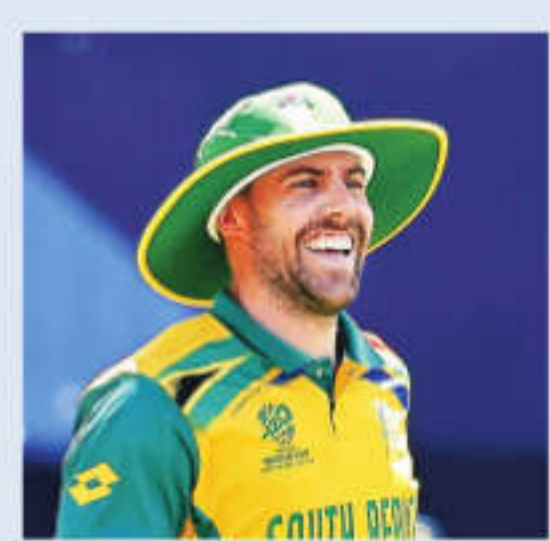
01.	Name of work	Construction of weighbridge Room, Approach Road, with supply, installation and commissioning of weighbridge In District Sahanganj, Dumka (Jama), Dumka (Jarmundi), Saraikela-Kharsawan, Jamtara, Pakur, West Singhbhum (Chaibasa) & Koderma.
02.	Estimated Value of work (IN Rs)	3,45,42,768.00
03.	Earnest Money (IN Rs)	6,90,900.00
04.	B.O.Q. Cost (IN Rs)	10,000.00
05.	Time of Completion	06 Months
06.	Date Of Publication on Website	26.06.2023 AT 11:00 AM
07.	Last Date & Time of Submission of bids	10.07.2023 Up to 05:00 PM
08.	Name & Address of Office Inviting Tender	State Monitoring Officer, ICDP Cell, Ranchi, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Pasupalan-Sahakarita Bhawan, Singh More Hesag, Hatia, Ranchi. 834003
09.	Contact No of Procurement Officer	7979760612, 7250895727

02. Bid document with details terms and conditions will be available online on e-tendering portal, <http://Jharkhandtenders.gov.in> from 26.06.2024 at 11:00 AM to 10.07.2024 up to 05:00 PM. Bids must be Submitted online only at the e- tendering portal <http://Jharkhandtender.gov.in> on or before 05:00 PM on 10.07.2024. Tender Fee and EMD Will be received through online mode only. Bidders can use internet banking facility for faster processing of tender fee and EMD. Alternatively, bidders can use NEFT/RTGS challan generated for the tender from jharhandtenders.gov.in portal. Technical Bid received online will be Opened at 05:00 PM on 11.07.2024  
03. Estimate Cost May Vary.  
04. Corrigendum/Amendment if any will be published only on the above mentioned website. Sd/-  
**State monitoring Officer**  
PR 326710 (Co-opretive) 24-25 (D) ICDP Cell, Ranchi



**TODAY'S GAMES**  
**Euros:** Croatia vs Albania, 6.30 PM;  
Germany vs Hungary, 9.30 PM;  
Scotland vs Switzerland, 12.30 AM  
Sony Sports Network

S AFRICA VS USA



South Africa's pacer Anrich Nortje has taken 9 wickets so far this tournament. *PTI*

Target-setters vs chasers on pacy track at Antigua

LALITH KALIDAS & TANISHQ VADDI  
JUNE 18

UNBEATEN IN the group stage, South Africa will take on the high-flying United States in the first T20 World Cup Super 8 clash at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua that has supported the pace bowlers more than the spinners this tournament. On a ground where the average scores linger in the mid 130s, 24 matches were won by batting first while 23 chasing in all T20Is. Considering the pitch hasn't supported teams batting first or chasing, both sides would vie to play to their strengths on Wednesday.

	Pace	Spin
Wickets	26	12
Economy	7.74 RPO	8.45 RPO
Strike Rate	14.1 balls per wicket	15.5 balls per wicket

T20 World Cup games at Antigua

South Africa have been nervy chasers lately, with eight of their last 10 defeats coming with a score in front of them. Aiden Markram's men were also wobbly chasing small targets against Sri Lanka and the Netherlands in this World Cup.

On the contrary, US has clocked seven of their last 10 wins (including a Super Over win against Pakistan) while chasing down totals. Remember, the USA had shown calmness and composure on the opening night of the tournament against Canada, chasing a massive 195, which essentially kick-started their fairy-tale run.

	Batting 1st	Batting 2nd
Wins	24	23
Average total	137	134.2
Highest score	211	178

Games at Antigua since 2010

Andries Gous, who played a substantial hand on that in Dallas, is the reliable one in chases for the USA. His batting average spikes up to 35.40 from 21.50 when he has a score in front of him. Star batter Aaron Jones has also been influential in both wins, scoring an unbeaten 94 against Canada while playing a crucial hand in the finishing stages of the win over Pakistan.

On the bowling front, the likes of Saurabh Netravalkar and Ali Khan can pose a threat to an erratic Proteas top-order. However, the USA may not be a match for the skill levels of Kagiso Rabada and Anrich Nortje.

South Africa have been the most economical pace bowling unit of the tournament so far, conceding only 4.72 runs per over while bowling 61.1 overs - the second-most behind Pakistan.

**PLAYING TODAY:** US vs SA, 8pm; **Live on:** Star Sports Network and Jio Cinema

REWIND TO FAST FORWARD

# This T20 World Cup, if Bumrah doesn't get you, Rabada, Archer, Starc will



Pacers (from left) Jasprit Bumrah, Mitchell Starc, Jofra Archer and Kagiso Rabada have stamped their authority on the ongoing T20 World Cup. *Agencies*

SANDIP G

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

IN THE halcyon days of Caribbean quicks, the scoreboard operators of the grand old Sabina Park in Kingston would play a spooky prank on the visiting batsmen. "When they came for warmups in the morning of a match, they would put just our names on the scoreboard. Holding, Roberts, Marshall, Garner, two-three times. No batsman, no wicket-keeper. It terrified the batsmen even before the first ball was bowled," the legendary Andy Roberts once told this newspaper.

Their glorious era has long departed, living now through tales and memories. As tombstones of a lost inheritance, the bowling ends, and stands, flash their names in most stadiums in the Caribbean. Some of their most fearsome fast bowlers have departed, some stay detached from the sport, some embraced anonymity, but this World Cup, fast bowling, in its broadest sense, has become the primal force again.

Their numbers reflect their primacy—fast bowlers, of all hues, have priced out 68.9 percent of the total wickets in the tournament. On Monday night, New Zealand's 150-kph speedster Lockie Ferguson achieved the rare feat of bowling four maidens in a row.

At this T20 World Cup, the ten most economical bowlers are pacers and they have also captured seven spots on the Top 10 wicket-takers list. Once in every four games, a fast bowler has been adjudged the player of the match. But beyond the numbers or their role in setting up games, they have achieved a bigger feat. They have been genuine spectacles, the audience breathlessly awaiting them, the batsmen truthfully fearing them.

Boom boom show

Fast bowling is the most athletic pursuit in the game; the most basic and purest thrill in watching cricket is a really quick fast bowler at his physical peak, subjecting the batsmen to misery, splaying stumps, blasting pads, and

THIS HAS been a rare T20 World Cup where the pacers have stamped their authority. Five dismissals that will be remembered for a long time.

BUMRAH'S RIPPER

**Babar Azam c Yadav b Bumrah:** After subtly shuffling his lengths, Jasprit Bumrah ripped in a hard length ball that spat into Babar Azam. The length, shape and the bounce surprised the Pakistan captain who was caught in two minds, whether to leave or not, and in the end played something of a dab-leave. It took his edge to the first slip. Replays showed that the ball had straightened just enough from the angle to fox Babar. This was pure Test match length and quality.

ARCHER'S CUTTER

**Travis Head b Archer:** Jofra Archer had softened the Australia opener with fast, hard length balls that angled into

him from around the stumps. He then slipped in a fuller, inch-perfect off-cutter. Head had backed away to heave him through the off-side. But the change of pace utterly deceived him and he ended up swishing the air as the ball snuck beneath the stumps to disfigure his stumps.

NORTJE'S EXTRA BOUNCE

**Shakib Al Hasan c Markram b Nortje:** This was no trick of the capricious New York surface. He hit the deck hard and manufactured extra bounce. Shakib Al Hasan did not weigh in the strapping South African's ability to extract steep bounce from any track. He did exactly that, the ball reaching Shakib a yard or two faster than he had expected and taking the top-edge of a hideous hook.

FAROQI'S CURLER

**Daryl Mitchell c Gurbaz B Farooqi:** It was the perfect left-armed's away

seamer to the left-handed batsman. The ball curved in the air, lulling Mitchel into believing that the ball was body-bound. Instead, it tailed away ever so subtly after landing. By the time the batsman realised the ball's late change of path, he had committed too much into his defensive push and feathered a catch to the keeper.

AFRIDI'S NIP-BACKER

**Andy Balbirnie b Shaheen Afridi:** Every compilation of wickets would be incomplete without a vicious nip-backer from a left-arm quick. The dreamiest of all balls. This one hemmed away in the air, swung back and after landing seamed back to hammer the stumps of the Ireland opener. Through the gate, bowled neck and crop. Afridi and Pakistan didn't have a great World Cup but this wicket will be talked about for a long time.

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## 5 DREAM BALLS: PACE, GUILE AND SKILL

spreading a whiff of danger.

As though replicating to the millennials on how the West Indies phalanx went about their business in the 70s and 80s, India's Jasprit Bumrah is turning back the clock. Every spell of his has immense archival value. Most wickets he takes are a spectacle - the straightener to snare Babar Azam, the nip-backer that thundered the stumps of Mohammed Rizwan, the meltdown moment of a famous heist. Both resembled men trying to fend off a firing squad with the bat.

Just a pair of fours and six have been hit off the 72 balls he has bowled; of them 42 have been dot balls too. A strike every 13th ball, an economy rate of 4.09, he has been the grandest spectacle of the season. He is the driving

force behind India's quest to end their ICC trophy drought, ably supported by Arshdeep Singh, swinging the new ball to his whims.

Rabada-Nortje threat

Before they bound in from either the Malcolm Marshall End or the Joel Garner End against Afghanistan in Barbados, South Africa's pace pair Kagiso Rabada and Anrich Nortje would snarl from either the Curly Ambrose End or the Andy Roberts End at Antigua.

Rabada, all supple athleticism, has not yet hit the high notes, but has quietly gone about his business. But batsmen would need no reminders of his capacity to blow them apart. His accomplice Nortje is a firebrand, feeding

off his inner rage like his idol Dale Steyn, emerging as South Africa's callous enforcer. He has rediscovered his pace, regularly hitting the early 150 kph mark, and the ability to swing the ball late into the right-handed batsmen. He benefited from the variable bounce on offer in New York, (where he dismantled Sri Lanka) as well as the moisture on the surface in the early starts. The decks in the West Indies would get progressively slower as the tournament drags on, but Nortje wouldn't compromise on his biggest strength.

Neither would Jofra Archer and Mark Wood. A David Warner assault in the opening game aside, Wood has been quick, consistently clocking upwards of 150kph, and accurate. His long-injured partner Archer, of

Barbadian bloodline himself, has masterfully mixed his speeds, fooling batsmen with devious change of pace. One ball to Travis Head was 146 kph, another 30-odd kph slower, casting the Australia opener. Such variations could be more commonly-spotted in the Super Eight, where cutters and slower balls would be stock weapons, even though the wise would slip in the immortal line "pace is pace yaar."

Less speed, same dread

But it's not just those with pace that have thrived. There had been all sorts—speed demons, seam and swing kings, left-arm seamers, dibly-dobbly variety, cutter-merchants. Both Arshdeep and Fazalhaq Farooqi (the highest wicket-taker), left-armers, are lively rather than rapid. Yet, with their angles, the ability to seam with the new ball, discipline and smarts, have prospered.

Farooqi had rendered balance to the historically spin-heavy Afghanistan bowling firm. Like Afghanistan, the traditionally left-arm spinners-oriented Bangladesh have relied on their medium pacers, Mustafizur Rahman, Taskin Ahmed and Tanzim Islam Sakib. The trio have snared 23 off the 33 wickets they have plucked, reducing the spinners to bit-part roles. In the going with the trend, even the scattergun Alzarri Joseph, has managed to marry speed with accuracy.

An aberration has been Australia's pace trio of Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood and Pat Cummins who have combined to snaffle one wicket fewer than leg-spinner Adam Zampa (9). But the three are proven performers in crunch games and clutch junctures and shouldn't be taken lightly.

The exit of Pakistan, New Zealand and Sri Lanka would leave the fast poorer, but this has been a festival of fast bowlers. And it could get more thrilling, as Bumrah and his fraternal friends turn on the afterburners. It couldn't be more fitting—pacers shining in the land of the most fearsome pacers. And just their names on the scoreboard could spook batsmen.

# School dropout, one-time construction worker who dismissed Babar

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THE USA seamer Jasdeep Singh, who dismissed Babar Azam in the game US won, doesn't have an IT degree like his pace bowling partner Saurabh Netravalkar or a hotel management course like his good friend Monank Patel or any first-class experience like Harmeet Singh. He also doesn't have much experience of playing in the league like Ali Khan or the former New Zealand all-rounder Corey Anderson. But along with the opening batsman Steven Taylor, Jasdeep is a rare homegrown talent in the current US team, which has stunned the world by entering the Super 8 and will be facing South Africa on June 19th in Antigua.

And his journey to the pinnacle belies the stereotypical narrative of a cricketer born in the US.

At 16, he dropped out of the school as his father Paramjit Singh lost his job during the recession circa 2007. Jasdeep started to work as a labourer, like his father would also do, at construction sites; it was during a lunch break that his life would begin to turn around. He stum-

bled on the news that USA had qualified for the 2010 U-19 world cup in New Zealand, and he began to wonder how to get himself aboard the cricket caravan.

"Sitting here in Antigua, looking back, the one word that comes to mind is hustle. How I started playing cricket in New Jersey and now I am representing the USA, the country of my birth and now I will be playing in a Super 8 match against South Africa in a Cricket World Cup. It does feel like a dream," Jasdeep tells The Indian Express.

The hustle involved working as an automobile mechanic for six years. "Until US cricket began paying me for cricket. It was hard to hang on to jobs, because every time you are travelling to play cricket, you will have to leave the job and look for something new when you return. I have done so many jobs. I have worked in a gas station, delivered pizzas, this and that. It was always hustle. I was ready to do anything as long as I could continue my cricket."

That dream that started during a lunch break as a labourer had magnificently almost materialised when he found himself on the verge of making his debut for the US in 2009. He had reached Sri Lanka for a first-class season when the next morning landed with a



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tragic news: his father had died.

"It was devastating. That was the time I thought okay this is it. I was chasing my dream because my father wanted me to do it. He was my backbone. One glance at my mom and my sisters, I thought boss I can't be so selfish. I have to be the provider in the house. My dad had started a trucking business, it had just begun to do well and I was like fine I will take over it. I had no clue about it but I was mentally prepared that cricket was not for me. But my family, my mother, my sisters, my girlfriend (now wife), they stepped up and said 'No, you can't leave it here after all this grind. We will hustle and struggle with you and in two years time we will be fine'."

A couple of months later, he suffered a debilitating knee injury, tore his ACL, and even as

he contemplated quitting again, people stood up. "Then it was Pubudu Dassanayake, who is currently the coach of the Canada cricket team. He was on calls with me every day during that period, insisting that I keep chasing my dream."

The dream had begun as a kid in India when at age of three, his father sent him back to his village Pandore in Punjab's Jalandhar district. "My father wanted us to be around the family, and learn the culture and tradition. Being in India, the first thing I was introduced to was cricket." That flourished on his return to the US, a few years later.

Somehow, he held himself together to make it to the current T20 world cup and unsurprisingly was met with more adverse comments. "They would say, 'oh USA couldn't qualify but are playing a world cup just because they are the hosts. That sort of triggered the boys as we wanted to prove everyone wrong.'" Along with Monk, Jaspreet travelled to train in Anand, Gujarat, playing a few games in Baroda.

It was the two series against Canada and Bangladesh that really kicked up the confidence levels in the team before the world cup. "The series against Canada and Bangladesh helped us settle as a team and gel as a unit."

Unlike the cricketing world, Jasdeep does-

n't see the result against Pakistan as an upset. "Before the World Cup, Pakistan had lost a series against a weaker New Zealand side, they lost to Ireland, and they were low on confidence. We were watching all their games, sort of analysing all the players. That's how we came up with the plan of what we are going to do. There was no pressure, we knew that if we play to our potential we have a chance," he says. "Babar's wicket was so satisfying".

Jasdeep says the key behind US cricket's success in the tournament is their diversity. "All of us are chasing the big American dream. I think people look at it like there might be an issue with 15 guys from different parts of the world playing cricket together. But for me, that's our strength," he says.

"Some people listen to Punjabi music, some to Afro beats, Caribbean music and English music. There is a genuine respect towards all the cultures. You will see Caribbean guys grooving on (the Indian rapper) Sidhu Mooswala's songs. The Punjabi lads do bhangra on Caribbean music. The current squad is the true reflection of what the US as a country is," he says. Time will tell if Jasdeep and friends can extend that American dream and go deep into the Super 8's.



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