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Full Moon on 22 June

### **THUMBNAILS**



A portion of a bridge over the Bakra River collapsed in Araria, Bihar on Tuesday. ANI

Airports in Patna, Vadodara receive bomb threats, security heightened: Security has been heightened at airports in Gujarat's Vadodara and Bihar's Patna after bomb threat emails were received by the airport authorities on Tuesday. "A bomb threat email was received by Patna airport. Security heightened at the airport. Further details awaited," Patna Airport's Director said. Security was also tightened at Vadodara airport after a bomb threat email was received by the airport authorities.

# SCon NEET: Even 0.001 pc negligenceneedsaction

Bench told NTA that 'it should come forward & admit (any negligence)'

PARMOD KUMAR **NEW DELHI, 18 JUNE** 

he Supreme Court on Tuesday said that even if there was 0.001 per cent negligence in the conduct of the NEET-UG 2024, the National Testing Agency (NTA) must come forward and admit it, as it issued notice in another set of petitions seeking re-conduct of the examination for admission to undergraduate medical courses in government and private institutions across the country.

Stating that "[e]ven if there is 0.001 per cent negligence (in the conduct of NEET-UG 2024) it should be looked into", a vacation bench of Justices Vikram Nath and S V N Bhatti told the National Testing Agency that "it should come forward and admit it" and "We expect timely action from you".

"Even if there is 0.001 per cent negligence on the part of anyone it should be thoroughly dealt with. All these matters ought not to be treated as adversarial litigation," Justice Bhatti said as the bench tagged the pres-



Members of several students organisations stage a protest over the NEET issue in Hyderabad on Tuesday. ANI

earlier ones which are listedforhearing on 8 July 2024. The court gave the Central government and the NTA two weeks' time to respond to the fresh petitions.

Notwithstanding the

denial of alleged leakage of NEET-UG 2024 paper at certain centres and irregularities in the conduct of the exam, Justice Bhatti further said: "Imagine a situation where a person who has played fraud on the system, becomes a doctor and starts treating patients, he is more deleterious towards society." The bench told counsels appearing for the Centre and NTA that chil-

dren have prepared for the

ent set of petitions with the examination and "we cannot forget their labour".

> As the advocate appearing for one of the petitioners referred to a conversation with the advocates appearing for the Central government and the NTA outside the courtroom before the matter was called, Justice Bhatti said: "Your (the NTA and the Central government) stance ought not to change the moment you enter the court, representing the Agency which is responsible for conducting the examination. You must come forward and admit mistake."

The observations from the vacation bench came in the course of the hear-

The bench tagged the present set of petitions with the earlier ones which are listed for hearing on 8 July 2024. The court gave the **Centre and the National Testing** Agency two weeks time to respond to the fresh petitions.

ing of another set of petitions by Amulya Vijaya Pinapati, Nitin Vijay and others, praying for the NEET-UG 2024 to be conducted again in the wake of widespread allegations of paper leak, irregularities and a large number of candidates getting perfect scores in the result published on 4 June.

On 13 June, the NTA had informed the Supreme Court that the score-cards of 1,563 NEET-UG 2024 candidates who were given "grace marks" to compensate for the loss of time in commencing the paper will be cancelled, with an option given to them to take

# Group of Ministers discusses candidates forpost of LS Speaker

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

A key meeting of the Group of Ministers was held at the residence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday evening to discuss candidates for the post of Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha and also strategy for the upcoming Parliament session which will commence on 24 June, sources said.

The sources further said the meeting, which was also attended by Union Ministers S Jaishankar, Manohar Lal, Dharmendra Pradhan, Kiren Rijiju, and Chirag Paswan, discussed ways to ensure better floor coordination among the NDA partners during the ses-

Rajnath Singh has been given the responsibility to build a consensus for the election of the Speaker's post among the alliance parties as well as opposition parties.

During this Parliament session, the newly elected MPs will be sworn in, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha will be elected and President Droupadi Murmu will deliv-



er her customary address to Parliament. The election to the post of Speaker is scheduled to be held on 26 June during the first session of the 18th Lok Sabha. The President will address a joint sitting of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha

on 27 June. Recently, Janata Dal (United) leader KC Tyagi made it clear that his party, along with the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), would back the candidate nominated by the BJP for the key post in the Lower House of Parliament.

The JD-U leader's comments are an indication that the saffron party is likely to put up its nominee for the Speaker's post and that the candidate may not be from its allies.

The last session of the 17th Lok Sabha (Budget session) was held between 31 January and 10 February.

Toll in rail mishap rises to 10, probe launched



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE SILIGURI, 18 JUNE

The number of fatalities following the collision between the Kanchanjunga Express and a goods train near Rangapani railway station in Darjeeling district on Monday has risen to 10. According to Dr. Sandeep

Sengupta, Dean of the North Bengal Medical College and Hospital, two individuals, including a six-year-old girl, passed away last night, succumbing to their injuries. Morethan 30 passengers who

were injured are receiving medical care. All of them are in stable condition, with three of them having undergone surgery, Dr Sengupta added. Chiefminister Mamata Banerjee yesterday met the injured passengers at the hospital.

Meanwhile, Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety, for the North-east Frontier Railway, Janak K. Garg, has initiated an official investigation into the incident. (See Pg 2)

### Curfew imposed in Balasore after violent clash

**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE** BALASORE, 18 JUNE

Curfew was imposed in Balasore town till Tuesday midnight following violent clashes between two groups which began from Patrapads and spread to other areas on

There are reports that a place of worship and a few shops were damaged by a mob. A house was allegedly torched by the miscreants. Stray incidents of stone pelting also took place at night despite the presence of police.

The curfew order directs closure of all shops, business establishments and other establishments. However emergency services, mainly medical, were exempted, the

order said. The district administration has also suspended internet services for 48 hours. Balasore SP Ms Sagarika Nath said "no movement will be allowed". She claimed that the situation is under control.

**NEW DELHI. 18 JUNE** 

Amid the prevailing heat wave

resulting in increased demand

for power supply, the Ministry

of Power has implemented a series of measures to meet the

highest-ever peak demand of 250 GW during this ongo-

said that the northern region

of India has been experienc-

ing high demand conditions

due to a prevailing heat wave

since 17 May. Despite these

challenging conditions, the

highest-ever peak demand

of 89 GW in the northern

region was successfully met.

made possible by importing

25 to 30 per cent of the region's

power requirement from

neighbouring regions. All util-

ities have been advised to

maintain a high state of alert

and minimise forced outages

This achievement was

The ministry on Tuesday

ing summer season.

### PM: Kisan Samman Nidhi isworld's largest direct benefit transfer scheme

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE VARANASI, 18 JUNE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said that the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi has now become the world's largest direct benefit transfer (DBT) scheme.

"Till now, Rs 3.15 lakh

crore has been deposited into the bank accounts of crores of farmer families across the country. Additionally, Rs 700 crore has been deposited into the accounts of farmers in Varanasi district. I am happy that technology has been utilised more effectively in the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi to ensure all beneficiaries receive their entitled benefits. Just a few months ago, during the Bharat Sankalp Yatra, more than one crore farmers joined this scheme," he said.

Mr Modi arrived in Kashi (Varanasi) on Tuesday on a two-day visit and addressed

of equipment, it said.

According to the IMD fore-

The ministry highlighted

cast, heat wave conditions

in North-West India are expect-

that it has taken measures like

Imported Coal Based (ICB)

Plants Operation to continue

the generation support dur-

ing the high demand period.

Minimum planned mainte-

nance of generating units has

ed to abate from 20 June.

Centre implements measures to meet high power demand amid heat wave

People cover themselves for protection from a dust storm on

a hot summer day at Sangam in Prayagraj on Tuesday. 🛮 ANI



a farmers' rally at Mehdiganj. The PM released the 17th instalment of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi. Through this, Rs 20,000 crore will be disbursed to 9.26 crore beneficiary farmers across the country. The PM also handed over Krishi Sakhi certificates to over 30,000 women from self-help groups. "We have witnessed the work of sisters as Asha workers. Sisters play a crucial role in advancing Digital India. Now, we will see farming getting new strength in the form of Krishi Sakhi. Today, 30,000 certificates have been awarded to support groups under Krishi Sakhi, which is currently oper-

ational in 12 states," he said.

been scheduled during this

period. Efforts are being made

to minimise partial and forced

outages to maximise the avail-

ability of generation capaci-

long-term outage have been

sensitised to revive their units

to ensure maximum power

generation. All generating

companies (GENCOs) have

been advised to keep their

Additionally, plants under

ty, the ministry said.

### Assam Home Secy commits suicide at hospital after wife dies

**GUWAHATI, 18 JUNE** 

Assam Home Secretary Shiladitya Chetia committed suicide at a private hospital in Guwahati following his wife's death on Tuesday, officials said. Chetia, an IPS officer of the 2009 batch, was on leave for the last four months

due to his wife's ill health. According to police sources, Chetia's wife was battling cancer and she passed away at a private hospital here. Following her death, the senior police official shot himself with his service pistol in the hospital. Chetia's wife was in the fourth stage of carcinoma and was under treatment at a private hospital in the city

for the last several days. "Shiladitya Chetia was mentally down due to his wife's ill health for the last few days and the unfortunate incident happened today. He was staying at the hospital and looking after his wife," a police official said on the condition of anonymity. AGENCIES

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ability for optimal operation

of various generation sources

and adequate coal stocks are

being maintained at coal-

serve water during solar hours

and dispatch maximum gen-

eration during non-solar hours

to ensure power adequacy at

the gas-based power plants to

provide grid support. Addi-

tionally, around 860 MW of

additional gas-based capac-

ity (non-NTPC) has been tied

up through competitive bid-

ding specifically for this sum-

Furthermore, approxi-

mately 5000 MW of NTPC

gas-based capacity has been

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immediate operation as per

system requirements.

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# Train mishap: CCRS inspects accident site, hints at probable signalling malfunction

He said it is currently impossible for him to determine who should be held accountable without conducting a comprehensive investigation



Rescue operations underway at the Kanchenjunga Express train accident site. ANI

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE SILIGURI, 18 JUNE

ranak Kumar Garg, the chief commissioner of railway safety for Northeast Frontier Railway, conducted an inspection at the Rangapani and Chaterhaat

section in Siliguri today. Mr Garg acknowledged that the collision between two trains may have been caused by a malfunction in the signalling system. However, it is currently impossible for me to determine who should be held accountable without conducting a comprehen-

sive investigation. "In situations where automatic signalling systems are inoperable due to unforeseen circumstances, employees are empowered to implement alternative methods for ensuring railway safety. Our next course of action is to thor-

oughly investigate the underlying cause of the collision. All relevant documentation has been securely stored. We will carefully scrutinize the details in order to determine the precise sequence of events," Mr Garg said.

Mr Gargwill convene meetings with the employees to discuss the recent accident this evening.

According to sources, Mr Garg will also listen to the concerns of both the general public and those who were injured in the accident yesterday. These individuals were rescued from the Kanchenjunga Express.

The number of fatalities following a train collision has risen from eight to 10.

According to Dr Sandeep Sengupta, dean of North Bengal Medical College And Hospital, two individuals, including a six-year-old girl passed



Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim receives passengers of the Kanchenjunga Express that met with an accident after being hit by a goods train from behind on Monday, at the Sealdah Station in the early morning of Tuesday. Transportation arrangements were made for the passengers to drop them to their homes. 

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away last night due to their

More than 30 passengers, who were injured, are currently receiving medical care. All of them are in stable condition, with three of them having undergone surgery in the trauma care unit, Dr Sengupta added.

Today, the NBMCH officials have transferred another body of Subhjit Malik to his family members. Malik, who worked as a business owner and lived in Sodepur, was en route home from Guwahati. Dr Sengupta stated that the

parents of a young girl, who passed away due to her injuries, will be released from the hospital soon. A BSF jawan stationed in

Tura in Meghalaya recounted his experience when he was on board the Kanchenjunga Express and the accident happened. He emphasized that they are committed to fulfilling their duties even at the risk of their lives.

"Kanchenjunga was moving at a slow pace while I was seated in the general coach. Suddenly, we experienced a strong jolt and heard a loud noise from behind. In the blink of an eye, the compartment turned into a chaotic mess. The force was so great that most of us were thrown off our seats. I found myself pinned under seven other passengers, all of us dazed and confused. It took some time for us to realise that we had

been in an accident," he said. "I calmly tried to help the others get up from their positions, and then I checked on myself. It took me an hour to retrieve my phone and two



The body of 62-year-old Shankar Mohan Das who died in the train accident, is brought to Kolkata. 

SNS

bags, which contained important information. It was a close call for everyone on board, although some sustained serious injuries, luckilv no one lost their life, he said.

"The police arrived shortly after and transported me to this medical college where I was being treated for my leg injuries. I had been on my way home to visit my mother, who is currently in coma," the BSF Jawan said, adding, "As I am being discharged from the hospital today, I consider myself fortunate to have survived such a terrifying experience with only injuries.'

The process of electrification is currently in progress at a rapid pace. As per NFR sources, the restoration of Railway Tracks has been finished. Starting from yesterday, trains have been operating on the Up line. Today, after completing the restoration, railway authorities have resumed

train services on the Down line. In a press statement, the NFR sources said the train that was travelling on the Down line at the site of the accident between Rangapani and Chatterhat stations, belonging to the Katihar division, resumed its operations this morning at | AGENCIES 7.30am. The first passenger train passed through the

Down line at 10.42am. Train

operations on the Up line

were restored yesterday

evening at 5.40pm. railway safety, Mr Garg has ini- 📳 junga Express train accident. tiated an official investigation into the incident under Section 114 of the Railway Act

been announced through various media platforms for public knowledge.

Due to the accident, some trains passing through this section had to be cancelled or rescheduled.



RKM relief to injured passengers: Ramakrishna Mission distributed relief to the passengers of ill-fated Kanchenjunga Express, who are receiving treatment at the North Bengal Medical College. The

monks of the Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Jalpaiguri went to North Bengal Medical College in Siliguri and distributed relief materials among the injured passengers. The monks talked to them and encouraged them to come out of the trauma of the accident. The monks met each and every patient and talked to them. Fifty passengers are receiving treatment at the hospital. The relief packets included fruits, biscuits, water, toned milk, buttermilk and ORS. SNS

### Loco pilot of goods train ignored signal, claims Railway PRO

KOLKATA, 18 JUNE

Chief Public Relations Officer, Eastern Railway, Kausik Mitra claimed that the loco pilot of the goods train ignored the sig-The chief commissioner of anal, causing the Kanchen-

Mr Mitra said: "The prima facie reason is that the loco pilot of the goods train ignored the signal... He (loco Pilot) was Notice of this inquiry has | ordered to stop at the signal for a minute at day time and had to proceed at the speed of 10 or 15 km per hour but he was not proceeding at the speed of 10 km per hour...More reasons will be out after the

investigation by the Com-

mission of Railway Safety." As many as 11 people were killed and around 25 people were injured in the Sealdahbound Kanchanjungha Express near North Bengal's Jalpaiguri station at 8.55 am on Mon-

day. The accident took place

in the Phansidewa area of

Darjeeling district. After the accident, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had attacked the Narendra Modi government over the alleged negligence of Railways. On Monday, Banerjee targeted the central government over their alleged negligence towards Railways saying that they have only engaged in publicity of Vande Bharat trains.

### BJP faces dissent within party over candidate selection

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 18 JUNE

The BJP has just announced the names of candidates for the by-elections in four Assembly constituencies.

However, there is already controversy over the candidates. Some BJP workers have protested against the BJP candidate in Bagda.

The announcement of the BJP candidate's name has charged Bagda.

They have warned that if the candidate is not changed within 24 hours, they will field an Independent candidate. The by-election for the four centres in Bengal are scheduled to happen on 10 July. Bagda is one of these four constituencies.

On Monday afternoon, the BJP announced Binov Biswas as their candidate for Bagda. As soon as the candidate's name was announced, the workers and supporters became agitated.

An impromptu meeting was held by the BJP workers and supporters at Bagda High School grounds.

The supporters stated, "We wanted a native son of Bagda as our candidate. But an outsider has been given the candidacy, someone we have never seen before. We do not accept this candidate." They also warned that if the candidate is not changed within 24 hours, they will not vote for the BJP.

Instead, they will field an independent candidate supported by BJP. BJP leader Amar Pal said, "Previously, an outsider candidate was given, whom we worked hard to

lead him victorious. But, after winning, he switched to another party. Again, an outsider candidate has been given. We do not want this."

Regarding the matter, Bongaon BJP organizational district president Debdas Mandal said, "The party has decided the candidate. He will contest with the lotus symbol. Those who are loyal soldiers of the party will work for the party's candidate. Whoever has issued threats, BJP will not bow down to threats." It is worth mentioning

that the Trinamul Congress has fielded Madhuporna Thakur, a member of the Matua Thakur family from Bagda. She is the daughter of

Mamata Bala Thakur, a Trinamul Congress Rajya Sabha member. This is her first step into

politics. Recently, she protested against BJP MP Shantanu Thakur, accusing him of taking over her grandmother Boro Ma Binapani Thakur's

house. In the 2021 Assembly elections, Biswajit Das contested from this constituency on a BJP ticket. He won, but after the Assembly election, he joined the Trinamul Congress.

He stood against Shantanu Thakur in the recent Lok Sabha election. In this byelection, Binoy Biswas was nominated.

He is a resident of Akaipur in Bongaon, North 24-Parganas. With the internal conflict over the BJP candidate coming to light, the saffron camp is under pressure ahead of the elections.



Australian Consul-General of State Hugh Boylan, Secretary of the West Bengal health and family welfare department Saumitra Mohan and actress Raima Sen during inauguration of a special event which will feature a uniquely decorated tram, bringing a glimpse of Australia's natural beauty and vibrant culture to the streets of Kolkata. ■BISWAJIT GHOSHAL

### Fish die after pond water poisoned

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE HOOGHLY, 18 JUNE

A poor couple, Sanatan Majhi and his wife Mamata from Pundhahit village, under Kumarganj gram panchayat in Goghat earned their livelihood by fish farming. Today, in the morning they were shocked to find hundreds of dead fish floating in the water.

The couple in distress broke down into tears.

Sanatan Majhi said, "It is beyond my imagination that someone can be so cruel to poison the pond water to kill all the fish to ruin us. I am not aware of having any enemy who can inflict a massive loss on us in this inhuman manner.

Sanatan added, "I took a loan of nearly Rs 2 lakh for fish farming. I have to repay the loan by the end of this year but I have lost all the fish. I

ident Anjan Ghosh vowed to stand at the side of the family in great distress

The Kumarganj TMC pres-

am ruined. I have no agricultural land, and have no other source to repay the loan amount. I have to beg now. I request the local administration to help me with some compensation amount.

The Kumarganj TMC president Anjan Ghosh assured to be at the side of the family in great distress.

"I have informed the panchayat pradhan and the BDO, they have also assured me to help the couple. Steps are being taken to provide the benefits of state government beneficiary schemes for fish breeding and fish farming so that the affected couple can again give a new start to their fish farming."

# BJP workers air grouse before central team in S 24-Parganas

ed.

**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE** KOLKATA, 18 JUNE

A Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) central team faced protests while listening to the complaints of displaced and attacked workers.

On Tuesday afternoon in Amtala, South 24-Parganas, a section of BJP workers and supporters stopped the car of the central team member and former Tripura chief minister, Biplab Deb and protested. They expressed their anger against Abhijit Sardar, the

president of the BJP's Diamond Harbour organizational dis-

A section of BJP workers, who were victims of postelection violence, have taken refuge at the house of the defeated BJP MP candidate from Diamond Harbour, Abhi-

jit Das (Bobby). On Tuesday, the central team members started their area inspection after holding a press conference at the party office in Bishnupur,

within the same district. According to BJP sources, their next destination was Altaberia.

However, on the way, party workers and supporters stopped Biplab's car. Some women requested him to get out of the car.

Along with expressing their anger against the organizational district president, they also claimed that no attention was paid to the attacked workers after the election results were announced on 4 June.

The protesters also accused Abhijit Sardar of having an understanding with the Tri-

namul Congress. Since the announcement of the Lok Sabha election results, incidents of unrest have emerged from various parts of the state. In some places, Trinamul Congress workers were being attacked, while in others, the opposition was being target-

The BJP alleged that Trinamul Congress miscreants are attacking their workers and supporters. To assess the situation of this post-election violence, a BJP delegation arrived in the state on Sunday.

The team includes former Tripura chief minister and MP Biplab Deb and BJP MP and former Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad. On Monday, the team members went to Cooch Behar and spoke with the attacked BJP workers and supporters.

Notably, both Amtala and Bishnupur fall under the Diamond Harbour Lok Sabha constituency.

The MP for this constituency is Abhishek Banerjee, the national general sec-

retary of the Trinamul Con-

gress, who defeated the BJP candidate by over seven lakh votes in the Lok Sabha election.

After the results were announced, the BJP had alleged that their workers and supporters were attacked by Trinamul in several areas within the Diamond Harbour

constituency. Now, while trying to listen to the complaints of the attacked workers and supporters in Abhishek's constituency, the BJP central team itself faced protests.

# Felled trees lead to blackout in industrial zone, cause inconvenience

**KANCHAN SIDDIQUI** 

DURGAPUR, 18 JUNE

While greenery is good for mankind and to reduce earth's temperature, it at times can also be a hurdle to life in the city. Durgapur residents are finding it the hard way as the city is facing frequent blackouts due to uprooting of trees or branches breaking and falling on electric poles. With the electric poles being affected and disruption in electric wires, power distribution authorities are in for trouble in between the parched sum-

mer days. Why are the trees in Asansol and Durgapur, where more plantation is required, posing hurdles to power supply so frequently, the residents are trying to find out. Is it because of human error or soil erosion or desperately gravitropism of the casually planted trees, they wonder. Gravitropism is an integral

part of a plant, its growth orienting it's strong foundation on the surface. Hundreds of uprooted trees and their branches fall on the power transmission and distribution networks causing severe interruption to power

supply for prolonged hours in

several sectors in the district. It was evident after last Wednesday's gusty winds. Almost 70 per cent of supply though could be restored by midnight, it took another 20 hours to bring respite for the rest of the localities. Sohail Hossen, divisional manager, West Bengal State Electricity

Distribution Company in Dur-



gapur said, "Trees falling on the live power networks has become a perennial crisis here these days. We maintain regular trimming of the branches but the strong winds took a severe toll on our services."

besides, 30 in Durgapur Steel

Township areas.

In his command area only, 98 big trees were uprooted,

The average 4kmph wind speed suddenly escalated to 60kmph accompanied by repeated gusting thrusts from the south east during a norwester inviting the menacing trouble, opined Sourabh Chat-

terjee, SDM, Durgapur. Trees with shallow root

systems are always vulnera-

ble to the external stresses like

strong wind, heavy rainfall but the city was surprised how and why wind with much lower intensity can be catastrophic and dismantle the trees.

"At 47 to 54kmph wind speed, light structural damages in trees occur, but at 55 to 63kmph the entire tree can  $\ \, \text{be uprooted with considerable} \\$ damage," said Prof Uma Dey, a Botanist in Andal, adding, "Soil erosion alongside lack of gravitation due to desperate digging surrounding root system are responsible for weakening stem and root system of plants here." Besides, large codominant stems, improper pruning are more vulnerable to wind damage, she opined.

Shallow roots provide less resistance against the wind forces, but external injuries caused by human activities or disease uproot trees easily, stated Anupam Khan, DFO, Dur-

He said, "After receiving complaints of human interference, we'd forwarded letters to the Durgapur Steel Plant authorities, the Durgapur Municipal Corporation and the Asansol Durgapur Development Authority to strengthen vigil on this." Trees becoming top-heavy due to surge of saps or dearth of proper trimming fall quickly in storm-hit areas. The WBSEDCL complained that heavily burdened tops of old trees have lent maximum trouble for the power transmission and distribu-

tion networks. "The civic body doesn't bother to trim trees," said the officials. "We've restrained est department issued a structure to us last year about felling of trees," said Dharmendra Yadav, administrator, DMC. He added, "We've however extended logistic support to the power depart-

ment for the purpose."

voluntary efforts after the for-

Irregularities in trimming have also intensified the problem, a section of the power department officials claimed. The trees touching the bare conductors of high-voltage power networks inevitably invite short-circuit.

The divisional forest authorities allowed DSP for trimming of 200 trees and the WBSED-CL to trim 154 trees, recently. The West Burdwan district accommodates forest patches of 4963.207 hectares, which is just 4 per cent of the required

forest zone to combat air pol-

The city requires at least 33 per cent green coverage, the forest officials said.

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03-07-2024 up to 12-00 hrs. For details please visit: https://wbtenders.gov.in

rom 18-06-2024 from 17-00 hrs. respective

Sd/- Prodhan Lataguri Gram Panchayet Kranti Development Block Lataguri, Jalpaiguri



### **THUMBNAILS**



Members of the Breakthrough Science Society who met with KMC officials on environment issues, in Kolkata, on Tuesday. ■ SNS

Woman disciple robs ashram, arrested: A woman disciple was arrested by the police for robbing an ashram in Purbasthali in Kalna and was taken to the same ashram today for reconstruction of the crime. Jharna Das, a middle-aged disciple of Subhas Debnath and Mayarani Debnath allegedly looted the ashram after spraying sedative drugs on the couple whom she considered as Gurudev and Guru Ma. Jharna hailed from Kalyani, Nadia. The police said that she had taken away cash and utensils the other day.

Metro staff helps indis**oosed passenger:** On-duty RPF and station staff found an injured lady passenger aged around 18 years who had a bad fall at stairs of Mahanayak Uttam Kumar Metro station. Her parents who were travelling with her sought help from the on-duty RPF and station staff. Seeing her condition, they rushed to her help. Considering the seriousness of the situation, she was brought to the Station Master`s Office on a wheelchair and given first aid. She was then sent to Tapan Sinha **Memorial Hospital of Metro** Railway, under the escort of lady RPF, station staff and with her family mem-

# Mamata meets BJP RS member Nagendra Ray

The MP described the chief minister's visit as a courtesy call and a goodwill gesture

**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE** 

SILIGURI, 18 JUNE

hief minister Mamata Banerjee took a significant step by visiting the home of Nagendra Ray, also known as Ănanta Maĥaraj, who is a Rajya Sabha member from the BJP. While there, she was engaged in a short discussion with him.

Following her prayer at Madan Mohan Temple today, Ms Banerjee decided to meet with the Rajya Sabha member, Mr Ray. Ms Banerjee refused to comment on her meeting with Mr Ray.

But, Mr Ray seemed very happy and openly shared his contentment with the chief minister's visit and compliments after visiting his palace.

He described her visit as a courtesy visit and a goodwill gesture.

When asked about the

possibility of joining the Trinashared his proposals with Ms mul Congress, Nagendra Ray Banerjee as a five-member simply mentioned that the

NDA team was visiting Cooch Behar, where BJP party memchief minister only had a cup bers had reportedly fled their of green tea and gave him a shawl as a gift. residences due to violence fol-It has been reported by lowing the election results. The

indirectly assisted TMC durthe day before. ing the Lok Sabha election. Today, Ms Banerjee visit-During the meeting, Mr Ray ed Madan Mohan Temple in

team arrived in Cooch Behar

Cooch Behar to offer her prayers. This was a significant moment as her long-awaited goal of regaining the lost seat had finally been achieved.

Mamata Banerjee conveyed her thanks to the residents of Cooch Behar for helping her party reclaim the Cooch Behar parliamentary constituency.

The CM visited numerous injured passengers who were receiving medical care at North Bengal Medical College and Hospital.

The chief minister initially planned to visit the site of the train collision.

However, unforeseen circumstances arose and she had to change her itinerary yesterday. As a result, she decided to go to Cooch Behar and fulfil her commitment of visiting the Madan Mohan Temple and making an offering.

"I expressed gratitude to the said. people of Cooch Behar on

behalf of Maa Mati Manush. As a well-wisher, I offered prayers to Modan Mohan for the well-being of all, regardless of their caste, religion or community. I appreciate their immense support towards our party during the LS elec-

Speaking to reporters, CM Ms Banerjee has stated that the temple and its guest house in the Cooch Behar district will be overseen by the district magistrate.

tion," said Ms Banerjee said.

"The town of Cooch Behar is a charming heritage site and efforts are being made to enhance its beauty. However, due to the Lok Sabha election, work on heritage projects was put on hold. The administration will resume working on these projects soon," she added.

Following her prayer, the CM left for Kolkata, sources

### BJP keeps Suvendu out of campaigning for bypolls

**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA 18 JUNE** 

The BJP has kept Suvendu Adhikari out of the by-election in four Assembly constituencies scheduled to be held on 10 July.

BJP has fielded Kalyan Choubey in Maniktala, Benoy Biswas in Bagda, Manoj Kumar Biswas in Ranaghat Dakshin and Manas Kumar Ghosh in Raiganj.

BJP party insiders said the BJP high command in New Delhi are not happy with Mr Adhikari, who they felt had misinformed the party about the ground reality in Bengal. In the recently concluded general election the high command had given free hand to Mr Adhikari. Mr Adhikari changed the Lok Sabha seats of former BJP state president Dilip Ghosh and Debashree Chowdhury. Both of them lost the election. Following Mr Adhikari's recommendation, the BJP fielded Amrita Roy from Krishnagar and Rekha Patra in Sandeshkhali. Both of them



had to face defeat by huge mar-

Mr Adhikari had informed the high command that the BJP would get 35 out of 42 seats in Bengal. Based on his information, Union home minister Amit Shah had said before the election that the party would bag at least 35 seats and later he said it would get 25

After the election results were out the candidates who lost traded charges against each other and many of them blamed Mr Adhikari without naming him.

Party insiders said the central leadership has expressed concern and kept him out of the campaign for the upcoming by-elections. However, he had been asked to lead the party when the Assembly is in session.

# Post-pollviolence: Bengal govt submits status report to Calcutta HC

political insiders that Mr Ray

**AGENCIES& SNS** 

KOLKATA, 18 JUNE

The West Bengal government on Tuesday submitted a report on post Lok Sabha poll violence to a Division Bench of the Calcutta High Court.

The report submitted at the Division Bench of Justice Kausik Chanda and Justice Apurba Sinha Roy stated that the office of the director general of police received 560 complaints of post-poll violence from June 6 to June 12.

Leader of Opposition in West Bengal Assembly Suvendu Adhikari along with an NGO had filed a case in the Calcutta High Court over the post-poll violence.

Smritivan Earthquake Museum

Based on those complaints, the Bengal Police filed 107 FIRs.

While 92 complaints had no merit, preliminary investigations by the police in 114 plaints revealed that no offense had been committed, the report stated.

As per the report, 88 com-

plaints were repetitions of the plaints made earlier, while 18 complaints had no connection with post-poll vio-In the case of three com-

plaints, the sender was anonymous. The remaining 138 complaints are in the preliminary investigation stage and

in those cases necessary legal

initial probe is completed, the report stated.

This report was submitted by the DG of state police on 14 June in view of the court's order regarding those two cases. The case came up for hearing on Tuesday. But the hearing was not held as the report was not available with all the parties. The case will be heard next Thursday.

On 6 June, the high court had said that the Centre and the state should work together for the sake of public safety to prevent violence. State police DG Sanjay Mukherjee was asked by the high court to receive complaints regarding post-poll violence through email.

### Noted Kolkata chronicler P Thankappan Nair passes away

**AGENCIES** KOCHI, 18 JUNE

Acclaimed Malayalam researcher and author P

Thankappan Nair (91), who spent more than six decades in Kolkatta and is known as the most famous 'Barefoot Historian' of the City of Joy, passed away near here on Tuesday. With as many as 61 books

to his name, Nair did all his typing work on a 1964-make Remington typewriter.

After reaching 'Calcutta' in his early twenties, Nair began his career as a typist. He later wrote extensively on the history of the city, and was honoured with a D.Litt by the Burdwan Uni-



In 2018, he returned from Kolkata and settled down in his hometown Paravur near here. Nair is survived by his wife, son, and a daughter.



A Black Drongo sits on a thin branch in Kolkata on Tuesday.

# steps will be taken after the

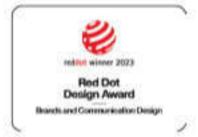
Smritivan

### 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

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### TENDER

Government of Jharkhand Department of School Education and Literacy (Jharkhand Education Project Council, Ranchi) JSCA Stadium Road, Sector- III, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004 Phone: 0651-2444501, E-Mail: jepcranchi1@gmail.com

e-Procurement Notice - 2<sup>™</sup> Call

JEPC invites Separate Technical & Financial Bids through e-procurement method from eligible and interested contractors registered in appropriate class for Strengthening of Existing Schools located in 04 different District of Jharkhand. Interested and eligible bidders are requested to submit their proposal latest by 2:00 PM on 12.07.2024.

The details of tender documents can be seen and applied through website https://jharkhandtendenders.gov.in only. Tender notification & Tender document can also be seen (read only purpose) from departmental website https://jepc.jharkhand.gov.in.

Ref. No.: JEPC/CIV/03/804/2023/ 2045 Ranchi, Date: 13.06.2024

(Aditya Ranjan) State Project Director

PR 326469 Jharkhand Education Project Council(24-25)D

Jharkhand Education Project Council

### Government of Jharkhand Urban Development & Housing Department **Municipal Corporation, Hazaribag**

### e- Procurement **Short Notice Inviting Tender**

Reference No. - UDD/HMC/HZB/03/2024-25

Head :- 15" Finance

Group No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Cost of BOQ	Completion period for construction		
1.	Rejuvenation/Development of Lalki Talab in Ward No. 09 Under Municipal Corporation, Hazaribag	1,32,14,000/-	2,70,000/-	11,800/-	365 Days		
2.	Rejuvenation/Development of Karbala Talab Under Municipal Corporation, Hazaribag	87,96,000/-	1,80,000/-	11,800/-	365 Days		
3.	Rejuvenation/Development of Pandu Talab Under Municipal Corporation, Hazaribag	87,99,000/-	1,80,000/-	11,800/-	365 Days		
4.	Rejuvenation/Development of Lakhe Talab, Near Korra Het Tola at Under Municipal Corporation, Hazaribag	1,44,14,000/-	3,00,000/-	11,800/-	365 Days		
2.	Date of Publication of Tender on website	20.06.2024 at	11:00 A.M.				
3.	Last Date/Time of receipt of bids online	13.07.2024 up	to 5:00 P.M				
4.	Bid Opening date	15.07.2024 at 11:00 A.M.			and a supplier of		
6.	Name & Address of office inviting tender	Name & Address of office inviting					
7.	Contact No. of Procurement officer	8219204356					

Only e-Tenders will be accepted.

Further details can be seen on website <a href="http:/jharkhandtenders.gov.in">http:/jharkhandtenders.gov.in</a>

e-Procurement में Tender Fee एवं EMD की राशि ऑनलाईन सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी एवं ई-गवर्नेस विभाग, झारखण्ड, रांची का आदेश झापांक 120, दिनांक 03.10.2023 एवं नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग, झारखण्ड रांची का पत्रांक 05 / विविध (e-Tender)-12 / 2023 / न0वि- 4847 (अनु.) दिनांक 11.10.2023 के तहत् ली जायेगी।

PR 326793 (Urban Development and Housing) 24-25 (D)

Administrator Municipal Corporation, Hazaribag

# JHARKHAND STATE SPORTS PROMOTION SOCIETY (A CCL- State Govt. of Jharkhand Joint Initiative)

Tender inviting authority

C/o Mega Sports Complex, Khelgaon, Hotwar, Ranchi-835217 Registration under Society Act No.519 Registration under GST No. 20AACAJ6436C1Z9 OUR MISSION- OLYMPIC GOLD

Contact no.: 0651 2543320 NIT:-CEO/LMC/JSSPS/24-25/233 Date:- 11/06/2024 निविदा सूचना

Notice Inviting Tender

1. Tenders are invited on-line under two part system on the website https://jharkhandtenders. gov.infrom the eligible bidders having Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) issued from any agency authorized by Controller of Certifying Authority (CCA), Govt. of India and which can be traced up to the chain of trust to the Root Certificate of CCA, for the following work:

Description of work	Location	Location Estimated Cost of Work (Including GST) (In Rs.)		Period of Completion (In Days)	
On site preparation of buffet style food (hot & fresh).	Mega Sports Complex, JSSPS, Khelgaon, Ranchi	Rs. 17,87,59,350.00	Rs. 22,34,500.00	1095 days	

The bid documents will be available on the website(s) https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in\_and www.central coalfields.in and can be downloaded by the bidder up to the bid download end date. There is no Application Fee. (i). For Site visit of location of work, the prospective bidder(s) may contact Ms.Rakhi Rani

Gupta, Member (Personnel), LMC, JSSPS, Mobile No.: -8987786242

LM		ber (Personnel) SSPS 8987786242	Member (Civil) LMC, JSSPS 809246670	
. Time	Schedule of Tender:			
Sl. No	Particulars	Date	Time	
a.	Tender e-Publication date	18.06.2024	10.00 AM	
b.	Document download start date	19.06.2024	10.00 AM	
c.	Document download end date	05.07.2024	05.00 PM	
d.	Bid Submission start date	19.06.2024	10.00 AM	
e.	Bid submission end date	05.07.2024	05.00 PM	
f.	Start date for seeking Clarification on-lin	19.06.2024	10.00 AM	
g.	Last date for seeking Clarification on-lin		05.00 PM	
h.	Date of Pre-bid meeting (if any)	NA	NA	
i.	Technical Bid (Cover I) opening date	06.07.2024	05.00 PM	
i.	Price Bid (Cover II) opening date	To be notified later	r	

PR.NO.326756 Art Culture Sports and Youth Affairs(24-25):D

Member (Admin), LMC, JSSPS

Contact Person(s)/Tender Dealing Officer(s)

### E-Procurement cell Office of the Executive Officer Nagar Parishad Mihijam, Jharkhand **Urban Development & Housing Department**

e-procurement Notice Very Short Tender notice NIT No - 02/2024-25 Date: 14 06 2024

SL.No.	E-TENDER REF NO.	NAME OF WORK	TENDER VALUE	TIME OF COMPLETION	EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT	BID DOCUMENT FEES
1	NPM/F2/24- 25/ 05	Strengthening of PCC Road from Hill Road More to House of Bishu Yadav in Ward No. 13	11078458.00	06 Months	221600.00	10000.00
2	NPM/F2/24- 25/06	Construction of PCC Road & RCC Drain Beside Ayushman Health Wellness Centre to Global Soft Cock Industry Hasipahadi	8236971.00	06 Months	164800.00	10000.00
3	NPM/F2/24- Construction of Boundary Wall & Light Post at Kabristan Under Ward No. 05		10275936.00	06 Months	205600.00	10000.00
4	NPM/F2/24- 25/ 08	Construction of RCC Drain From house of Ram Chandra Mishra to CLW Boundary Under Ward No. 13	10011052.00	06 Months	200300.00	10000.00
5	NPM/F2/24- 25/ 09		10027043.00	06 Months	200600.00	10000.00
3	Date of Publicat	on of tender on website			18.06.2024	
4	Closing date and	time for receipt of tende	er on website	24.06.	2024 at 11.00	AM
5	Opening date an	d time of opening of tech	nnical bid	25.06.	2024 at 11.00	AM
6	Name and addre	ss of office inviting tend		Office of Execu	Mihijam	
7	Helpline number	of e-procurement cell		+91 7261817234		

REASON THEREOF. FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE SEEN ON WEBSITE HTTP://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

PR 326763 (Urban Development and Housing) 24-25 (D)

Executive Officer Nagar Parishad Mihijam

### MAINTENANCE OF BG TRACK AT RANGIYA DIVISION

E-Tender Notice No. 25-Engg-RNY-2024-25. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: Name of work: Maintenance of BG Track, overhauling of LC gates distressing of track, unloading of ballast on newly constructed BG Track along with all other ancillary works between Km 115.00 to 128.00 km of newly constructed BG double line in New Bongaigaon Goalpara Town - Kamakhya project including Singra, Bamunigaon station. Tender Value: ₹1,22,40,625.77. Earnest Money: ₹2,11,200/-. Date & Time of Closing of Tender: 15.00 hrs. of 08-07-2024 & opening at 15.00 hrs. of 08-07-2024 at DRM (W) Rangiya office. For details please visit www.ireps.gov.in.

DRM (W), Rangiya NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY Serving Customers With A Smile

### e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders are hereby invit-Pradhan Charianantapur Gram Panchayet for execution of 18 (eighteen) Nos. of Scheme NIT No. 03(e) & 04(e) | CAGP / 2024-25, Ref. Memo: |54 & 55 / CAGP / 2024, Dated: 14-06-2024 respectively under the Out Fund of (15th FC & 5th SFC) Details are available in the office of the undersigned & log on to of website: www.malda.gov.in

> Sd/-Pradhan Charianantapur Gram Panchayat, Malda

# एव सीएल Northern Coalfields Limited

(A Miniratna Company) (A subsidiary of Coal India Limited)

Tender Notice

'All the tenders issued by CIL and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, works and Services are available on website of Coal India Limited www.coalindia.in /respective subsidiary Company, CIL e-procurement portal https://coalindiatenders.nic.in & central public procurement portal https://eprocure.gov.in In addition, procurement is also done through GeM Portal https://gem.gov.in

### **TPW@DL**

TP WESTERN ODISHA DISTRIBUTION LIMITED (A Joint Venture of Tata Power and Government of Odisha) Corporate Office: Burla, Dist.-Sambalpur (Odisha)-768017

Corrigendum to Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) Tender Notice No. TPWODL/IA/O/SITC/ 07 Rate Contract for SITC of AR/VR System with Training Module for TPWODL.

The qualification criteria is revised and the time period is hereby extended for Submission of Tender Participation Fee and Authorization Letter through e-mail till 24th June 2024, after which link from e-Tender system shall be shared. A Corrigendum to the said notice has been uploaded in our website www.tpwesternodisha.com, Prospective bidders are requested to visit the website for detailed amendment and updated tender document. Sd /- Chief-Contracts and Stores

Kamarhati Municipality Memo No - 121/KM/PW/NIQ/24-25

1, M.M. Feeder Road, Rathtala, Kolkata-56 Date: 18.06.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender are invited by the Chairman, Kamarhati Municipality, North 24 Parganas for publishing the tender notice in the following leading daily newspaperforrate/cm<sup>2</sup> Tender ID No - 2024\_MAD\_695287\_1

NIT No - WBMAD/KM/NIT-02(e)/24-25

(a) Ananda Bazar (b) Telegraph (c) Time of India (d) Statesman

(e) Ei Samay (f) Sangbad Pratidin (g) Bartaman (h) Khabar 365 din (i) Aajkal (j) Sanmarg (k) Prabhat Khavar Bid submission start date: 19.06.2024 at 6.00 P.M.

Bid submission end date: 26.06.2024 at 6.00 P.M. Bid opening date: 28.06.2024 at 6.00 P.M.

N.B: For details and any other information, please visit Govt. website http://wbtenders.gov.in this advertisement is also given http://Kamarhatimunicipality.org.

Kamarhati Municipality

Kamarhati Municipality Memo No - 122/KM/PW/24-25

1, M.M. Feeder Road, Rathtala, Kolkata-56 Date: 18.06.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE E-Tender are invited by the Chairman, Kamarhati Municipality, North 24 Parganas for purchase of Mahindra Dead Body Carrier Van at Kamarhati Municipality area under BEUP Fund.

Tender ID No - 2024\_MAD\_695293\_1 NIT No - WBMAD/KM/PW/BEUP/NIT-39(e)/23-24 (2nd Call) Bid submission start date: 19.06.2024 at 6.00 P.M. Bid submission end date: 03.07.2024 at 6.00 P.M.

Bid opening date: 05.07.2024 at 6.00 P.M. N.B: For details and any other information, please visit Govt. website http://wbtenders.gov.in this advertisement is also given http://Kamarhatimunicipality.org.

Chairman Kamarhati Municipality

Kamarhati Municipality 1, M.M. Feeder Road, Rathtala, Kolkata-56 Memo No - 120/KM/PW/24-25 Date: 18.06.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender are invited by the Chairman, Kamarhati Municipality, North 24 Parganas for purchase of "KSB/CROMPTON/KIRLOSKAR" make bore well submersible pump motor set and COLUMN FLANGE PIPE at Kamarhati Municipality area under 15th Fin Fund.

Tender ID No - 2024\_MAD\_695299\_1 NIT No-WBMAD/KM/PW/15th Fin/NIT-01(e)/24-25 Bid submission start date: 19.06.2024 at 6.00 P.M. Bid submission end date: 03.07.2024 at 6.00 P.M. Bid opening date: 05.07.2024 at 6.00 P.M.

N.B: For details and any other information, please visit Govt. website http://wbtenders.gov.in this advertisement is also given

Chairman http://Kamarhatimunicipality.org. Kamarhati Municipality

### BASTBRN RAHAWAY

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Asansol Division, Station Road, Pin-713301 invites open e-Tender through IREPS portal vide website www.ireps.gov.in for awarding the contract. Details of which are as: Category of Auction: Leasing of space in Parcel Van-per round trip (both ways), e-Auction Catalogue No.: C-3-PARCASN2806. Date of Auctions start: 28.06.2024 at 12.00 hrs. Train No.: 15625/15626 (Deoghar-Agartala-Deoghar Express). All prospective bidders are advised to visit the website www.ireps.gov.in for full details and to participate against the above mentioned e-Auction as per schedule given. Tender Notices are also available at website: www.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at: @@EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter

### BASTIBIRA RATIAWAY

Tender Notice No.: 222-S/1/W-II, dated: 14.06.2024. Following e-tenders

are invited online by the Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, 2nd Floor, Control Building, DRM Building, Kaizer Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 for the following works: SI.No.-1. Tender No.: TN-83-24-25. Name of the work: Provision of INSITU glued joints (52/60kg) in connection with replacement of defective glued joints/block joints in the section of Assistant Engineer/Sealdah under the jurisdiction of Senior Divisional Engineer/1/Sealdah. Tender value: ₹ 36,65,457.60. Earnest Money Deposited: ₹ 73,300. Sl.No.-2. Tender No.: TN-87-24-25. Name of the work: Provision for new construction of standard gang hut under the jurisdiction of Sr. Divisional Engineer/1/Sealdah. Tender value: ₹70,56,058.35. Earnest Money Deposited: ₹1,41,100. Sl.No.-3. Tender No.: TN-88-24-25. Name of the work: Rehabilitation of bank by cess repair/sub bank in Dum Dum Junction-Dankuni UP line (from KM 8.00 to 10.00), Dum Dum Junction-Dankuni DN line (from KM 8.00 to 10.00) and Dum Dum Junction-Kankurgachhi Road Junction DN main line (from KM 4.00 to 5.00) in the jurisdiction of Assistant Engineer/Sealdah. Tender value: ₹ 1,25,40,123.80. Earnest Money Deposited: ₹ 2,12,700. Sl.No. Tender No.: TN-89-24-25. Name of the work: Proposed 2nd despatch line connecting with the existing despatch line at Titagarh Wagon Limited in the section of Senior Section Engineer [P.Way]/Barrackpore under Assistant Engineer/Sealdah. Tender value: ₹ 7,53,705.58. Earnest Money Deposited: ₹ 15,100. Date and time of closing of tender 08.07.2024 at 15.00 hrs. (for Sl.No. 1 to 4 each). Completion period for the work: 12 (twelve) months (for Sl.No. 1 to 3 each) and 03 (three) months (for St.No. 4). The tender documents and details are at www.ireps.gov.in. The bidding for the tender is to be submitted through the e-tendering on above website. Manual offers will be summarily rejected. Date and time of opening of tender is 08.07.2024 at 15.30 hrs. (for SI.No. 1 to 4 each)

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

### S. E. RAILWAY - CORRIGENDUM CORRIGENDUM to NIT No

### E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-74-24, dtd 17.05.2024 published earlier on 21.05.2024 by the Sr. Divisional Engineer (Co), South Eastern Railway, Adra. Due to administrative reasons, the closing date of the above tender scheduled on 18.06.2024 is rescheduled or 25.06.2024. (PR-272/C)

### BASTIBIRN RAHIAWAY Tender No.: MC-Vehicle-Hire-Chg-

24, Dated: 14.06.2024, Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer (Chg. & T/S), Eastern Railway, Howrah, near Howrah Station, Howrah-711101 invites Open Tender for the following work Name of the work : Hiring of one Non AC 4 wheeler (SUV) under Sr. DME (Chg. & T/S)/Howrah for transportation of men and materials for a period of 3 years. Tender Value: ₹ 17,46,180, Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹ 34,930. Period of contract: 36 months from the date of commencement of work Website particulars for submission of tender online: GeM Portal. Bid closing date and time: 05.07.2024 up to 14.00 hrs.

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### Rail Wheel Plant/Bela (Distt. - Saran), Bihar - 841221

E-Open Tender Notice No.:- S/RWP/E/ 2024-25/11 dated: 14.06.2024, Principal Chief Materials Manager/Rail Wheel Plant, Bela for and on behalf of the President of India invites online "e-Open Tender", through Indian Railways E-Procurement Website www.ireps.gov.in, for supply of following Stores item at RWP/Bela. The closing time of all tenders is 14:00 hrs., SN: 1, Tender No.: 01241137, Short Description of item: Cast Iron Slag Pot, Quantity: 06 Nos., Date of Tender Closing/Opening: 15.07.2024, SN: 2. Tender No.: 01245042B, Short Description of item: Feston Cable, Quantity: 2400 MTR, Date of Tender Closing/Opening: 15.07.2024, Vebsite address, on which full tender details can be seen and downloaded from, s www.ireps.gov.in. 2. The prospective irms / bidders submitting bid are advised to remain in touch with the above website for updates including Addendum/ Corrigendum/ Cancellation with respect

to the above tender. However, this

nformation will also be invariably

published in the all concerned

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Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern

Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, near

Railway Station, Howrah-711101 from

tenderers having experience of similar

nature of work and required financial

capabilities including those Registered

with Irrigation/CPWD/SEB/MES or any

public sector undertaking for the

following work: [DEN/3/HWH]. E-Tender

No.: 76\_2024-25, Date: 14.06.2024.

Description of work: Supplying of

For PCMM/RWP/Bela

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Quarry Stone Dust as emergency material during monsoon in Howrah Division. Approx. Cost: ₹82,29,640.77. Earnest Money: ₹ 1,64,600. Completion Period: 06 (six) months from the date of issue of acceptance letter. In case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a holiday/bandh/ strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tender online will be done on the next working date. Closing date and time of tender: 02.07.2024 at 14.00 hrs. The details of tenders are available at website: www.ireps.gov.in. Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. Payment of EMD and TDC-payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) & Tender document cost (TDC), in respect of E-tendering, should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. NOTE: Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) will not be accepted as EMD for tenders invited on IREPS (e-tender portal). No manual offer will be accepted. (HWH-123/2024-25) Tender Notices are also available at website: rww.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at: @@EasternRailway easternrailwayheadquarter क्रमांक > काईम सउस/24-25/ई-02/7 रूप.संबद/सी/24/808

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**PANCHAYAT** KRANTI, JALPAIGURI Notice Inviting eTender by the

undersigned for different works vide NIT No. eNIT-01 / CPGP 2024-25, dated: 14-06-2024. Last date of online bid submission: **03-07-2024** up to **12-00 hrs.** For more details you may visit: https://wbtenders.gov.in

Pradhan, Chapadanga GP



### **UNIVERSITY OF** CALCUTTA

University of Calcutta invites the e-tender vide Ref. No. [E-Tender No.: R / 52 / 24 (2nd call) & Tender ID: 2024 CU 693763 1], Dt. 14-06-2024 (Tender Ref. No.: SD / 01 and 02, 55 / 02 / 2022-PHY BMS & Tender 2024 CU 694980\_1), Dt. 18-06-2024 & (E-Tender No.: R / 175 Tender ID: & 2024 CU 695050 1), Dt. 18-06-2024. For details please visit: wbtenders.gov.in

### BASTIBIRN RATIAWAY

Open Tender Notice No.: TRD-WC-T-2024-25-12, Date: 13.06.2024. E-Tender is invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/ TRD, Eastern Railway, Asansol, Station Road, Pin-713301 for the following work from required tenderers having valid Electric contractor Licence & Supervisory Licence and capable to complete the following work financially. Tender Case No.: TRD-WC-T-2024-25-12. Name of the work: Asansol Division: Replacement of existing 105 sq.mm. isolator Jumpers by 160 sq.mm. Large Jumpers in other than 160 kmph route. Tender value: ₹ 2,28,21,749.49. Earnest Money: ₹ 2,64,100. Date and time of opening: 19.07.2024 at 11.00 hrs. Completion period for the work: 12 (Twelve) months from the date of issue of letter of acceptance. Validity of offers for the work: 45 days from the date of opening. Complete details can be seen in the Railway's website www.ireps.gov.in (ASN-85/2024-25)

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टिलांक :- 14/06/2024

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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 DRM 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.ireps.gov.in (NORTH CENTRAL RLY/ JHANSI DIVISION-S AND T). ■ North central railways 

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SI. No.	Name of work	Approximate Value based on Schedule of rates / item rates / lump sum (Rs. in lakh)	Earnest Money	Tender Fee	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date / time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1	Deployment of staff at various sites of Haiderpur WTP, Ph-I up to 31-10-2024. Tender ID: 2024_DJB_257821_1.		Rs. 67,600	Rs. 500	14-06-2024	24-06-2024
2	Removal of floating material manually by labour at different bar screens installed at RWPH of WTP Haiderpur Ph-I and II up to 31-10-2024. Tender ID: 2024_DJB_257821_2		Rs. 64,300	Rs. 500	14-06-2024	24-06-2024

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Council of Scientific & Industrial Research) अडयार, चेन्नै, तमिलनाड्, भारत Adyar, Chennai - 600 020, TamilNadu

दूरमाथ Telephone : 91-44 -24437162, 24437420, 24437193 ई-- मेल Email : spo@clri.res.in No. Pur/3(00)/1/2024-25 Date: 14.06.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE (www.etenders.gov.in ) Director CSIR - CLRI invites bids from manufacturers for concluding rate contract of items listed below through CPP Portal (www.etenders.gov.in).

S.No. Tender ID & Description of Item Ref. Proposal for Rate contract for period of 1 year and extendable by 2 years from manufacturers for supply of the following: 2024\_CSIR\_ 1. Laboratory chemicals including Biochemical, Fine Biochemical 198606\_1 & Commercial chemical, Chemicals for Leather processing Pur/3(00)/1/ 2. Glassware 2024-25/T-08 3. Plasticware 4. Other Consumables

> 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 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 under the heading Tenders. CONTROLLER OF STORES & PURCHASE

(For & on behalf of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research)

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# Rahul questions PM Modi's silence on NEET-UC exam row

BJP-ruled states have become the epicenter of paper leaks, says Congress leader

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

lleging scam in the 2024 NEET-UG exam, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's silence over the matter.

In a post on X, he said, "As always, Narendra Modi is maintaining silence on the issue of playing with the future of more than 24 lakh students in the NEET exam."

Attacking the BJP, the Congress leader said, "The arrests in Bihar, Gujarat and Haryana clearly indicate that there is systematic organised corruption in the examination and these BJP-ruled states have become the epicenter of paper leaks."

Referring to the Congress' Lok Sabha poll manifesto "Nyay Patra" which had vowed



to bring a strict policy against paper leaks, Gandhi said fulfilling the responsibility of the Opposition he was committed to strongly raise the voice of the youth from the streets to the Parliament.

Last week, Congress pres-

ident Mallikarjun Kharge demanded a Supreme Court monitored investigation into the matter.

**Union Education Minis**ter Dharmendra Pradhan has dismissed the allegation and said there was no paper leak in the NEET-UG exam

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

**Union Education Minister** Dharmendra Pradhan dismissed the allegation and said there was no paper leak in the NEET-UG exam.

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

# Modi-led NDA govt 'fragile', could collapse if one ally turns the other way: Rahul Gandhi

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

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, in his first interview after the Lok Sabha elections 2024 to a British daily, has said that the Indian political landscape witnesses a "tectonic shift" after the narrower than expected victory of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led

The Gandhi scion has claimed that the newly formed NDA coalition government is "fragile" and that it could collapse if one ally turned the other way.

"The numbers are such that they are very fragile, and the smallest disturbance can drop the government...Basically, one ally has to turn the other way," Gandhi told the British daily.

Claiming that people of India have rejected the idea of spreading hatred for political gains, the Congress leader said that the NDA coalition will struggle as things didn't work out for Mr Modi the way they did in 2014 and 2019.

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'The idea that you can spread hatred, you can spread anger and you can reap benefits of that ~ the Indian people have rejected it in this elec-

tion. "That's also why the coalition will struggle....Because what worked for Mr Narendra Modi in 2014 and 2019 is not working," he added.

The Modi-led BJP failed to win a majority in a 543-member Lok Sabha but formed the government for the third consecutive term with the help of smaller regional allies.

This was also the first time in a decade that Mr Modifailed to lead his party to a clear majority. In the previous two elections, the BJP has secured a majority on its own but its tally came down significantly from 303 in 2019 to 240 in 2024.

The Congress could not even reach the three digit figures but the party is treating the election results like a victory as it managed to nearly double its seats rally from 52 in 2019 to 99 in 2024.

Moreover, the Congressled INDIA bloc won 234 seats, which is a huge boost to the Opposition's overall strength in Parliament.

### Kharge, Rahul to hold meetings with Congleaders of 4 poll-bound states, UT

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

Buoyed by its performance in Lok Sabha polls, the Congress on Tuesday announced that party president Mallikarjun Kharge and former party chief Rahul Gandhi will hold meetings with the senior leaders of four poll-bound states and Union Territory.

The Assembly elections in Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir are due later this year.

Notably, in December last, the Supreme Court had ordered the Election Commission to hold Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir by 30 September 2024.

In a post on X, Congress General Secretary in-charge of Organisation KC Venugopal said, "Carrying forward the momentum in our favour, we are dedicated to

Nikhil Gupta, who has been

accused of being involved in

a 'murder-for-hire' plot against

Khalistani separatist Gur-

patwant Singh Pannun (photo),

has told a federal court here

trate Judge James Cott on

Monday, he made the "not

guilty" plea through his lawyer

ance before a US court after

he was extradited on Friday

Chabrowe told reporters that

the case is a "complicated mat-

ter for India and the US" and

there should be "no rush to

"We will pursue his defence

He added that information

Assistant Federal Prose-

will come out that will call into

question the prosecution ver-

cutor Ashley Nichols told the

court that Gupta is charged

from the Czech Republic.

This was his first appear-

Outside the courtroom,

Appearing before Magis-

that he is not guilty.

Jeffrey Chabrowe.

judgment".

rigorously," he said.

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**NEW YORK, 18 JUNE** 

ensuring a handsome victory in the upcoming state elections.'

"To kick-start our efforts, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge ji and former president Rahul Gandhi ji will be holding strategy meetings with senior leaders of the election-going states," he said.

The senior Congress leader said that they will hold a meeting with the party's Jharkhand unit on 24th June, Maharashtra on 25th June, Haryana on 26th June and Jammu and Kashmir on 27th June. The announcement of

the Congress came a day after the BJP appointed several of its key leaders as election in-charges in these poll-bound States and Union Territory.

the 543 Parliamentary seats.

in the murder-for-hire plot.

in custody till the next court

date on June 28, when a con-

ference on the case is sched-

bail while reserving the right

ment ~ the chargesheet ~

Gupta, who also uses the

name "Nick", is accused of par-

ticipating in a plot to assas-

sinate the leader of a "US-

based organisation that advo-

cates for the secession of

Punjab state" and the estab-

to ask for it later.

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Chabrowe did not ask for

According to the indict-

In the recently concluded general elections, the Congress had won 99 out of

### Foolproof security in place for PM Modi's Kashmir visit

**AGENCIES** 

SRINAGAR, 18 JUNE

The highest level of security preparedness and foolproof arrangements are in place for the forthcoming visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Srinagar city in J&K on June

The Prime Minister is

arriving here on the evening of June 20 and will participate in the 18th International Yoga Day at the Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) on the banks of the Dal Lake in Srinagar next day. Over 6,000 other participants will likely join the Prime Minister on International Yoga Day on June 21.

This is PM Modi's first visit to J& K after being elected as the country's Prime Minister for the third term.

Teams of SPG, those deployed for the Prime Minister's security, reached here five days earlier than the VVIP visit to coordinate secu-

Nikhil Gupta produced in US court, pleads not guilty in 'murder plot'

lishment of a "Sikh sover-

eign state called Khalistan".

not named in the court doc-

uments, is Gurpatwant Singh

Pannun, a lawyer with US

and Canadian citizenships,

who lives in New York and runs

the Indian government, Pan-

nun leads the organisation

called Sikhs for Justice which

is conducting what it calls a

"referendum" on Khalistan

year-old, entered the court-

Gupta, a slightly-built 52-

among Sikhs.

Designated as a terrorist by

a campaign for Khalistan.

The group's leader, who is



rity arrangements with the J& K security staff.

The venue of the function has been thoroughly sanitized and the SPG will take over the venue two days ahead of the Prime Minister's visit.

Human surveillance, electronic equipment, drone supervision, vast area domination and Hawkeye surveillance of the VVIP route are being maintained for the

Every detail in the blue book that describes the PM's security is being followed to the minutest precision.

room dressed in black pants

and a sweater and sat beside

his lawyer at the defence

before the proceedings began,

at one point both of them

laughed during their con-

over, the marshals escorting

him made him take off the

sweater and give it to his

lawyer because he was not

shirt he wore underneath.

room, his handcuffs had been

He was left with the T-

Before entering the court-

Chabrowe told the mag-

istrate the conditions are bad

at the Metropolitan Detention

Centre where Gupta is being

held and that he has not eaten

because vegetarian food was

ter of religion for Gupta.

He said that it was a mat-

Cott told the lawyer and

prosecutors to take it up with

the prison officials and report

to him if it was not resolved

allowed to have it.

versation.

removed.

not available.

in 24 hours.

He and his lawyer talked

When the hearing was

J&K DGP, R.R. Swain supervises and coordinates each detail related to the Prime Minister's security.

"All roads leading to the venue would be completely sealed a day ahead of the visit and passage on these routes would be highly regulated and allowed only after attending to the security drill as described in the blue book. "No chance is being taken with anything that concerns the security of the Hon'ble Prime Minister," said a top intelligence offi-

Chabrowe also told the

During the proceedings

magistrate that arrangements

should be made to allow

when the lawyers and the

defendants had to identify

themselves, Cott greeted him,

as is customary, when it was

his turn, "Good afternoon, Mr

a podium with the US Seal and

Flag behind him, read him his

rights to a fair trial such as his

right to remain silent if inter-

rogated and the right to a

was a foreign citizen, the US

government may have to

it was not mandatory in this

case, the government would

cution of the rules for a fair

trial that requires them to

provide the defence with all

information that is "favourable

to the accused" as soon as it

becomes available to enable

the defence to make its case.

inform consular officials.

He also said that since he

Nichols said that although

Cott reminded the prose-

The magistrate, seated on

Gupta to pray.

Gupta".

lawyer.

do so.

5 MLAs resign from Rajasthan assembly after being elected as MPs

in Chamoli on Tuesday. ANI

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE JAIPUR, 18 JUNE

Five MLAs of the Rajasthan Assembly, who were elected as MPs in the just-concluded general election, submitted their resigna-

tions to Speaker Vasu Dev Dev-

nani on Tuesday. Devnani accepted the resignations of the five MLAs, including three of the Congress -- Dausa MLA Murari Lal Meena, Deoli Uniara MLA Harishchandra Meena, Jhunjhunu MLA Brijendra Singh Ola one each of RLTP Hanuman Beniwal of Kheenvsar, and Bhartiya Adivasi Party(BAP) Rajkumar Roat of Chaura-

sia assembly seats. A bypoll in five legislative assembly seats, which fell vacant now, would be held in the next six months

in the state. Meanwhile, the Election Commission has also released a gazette notification of these MLAs' resignations. One Rajya Sabha seat would also fall vacant in Rajasthan.

### Might think about entry into active politics after seeing Priyanka in MP's role: Robert Vadra **STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE** ployment, women securi-

NEW DELHI, 18 JUNE

Devotees throng to offer prayers at the Badrinath temple on the occasion of Nirjala Ekadashi,

A day after Congress announced that party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra would contest elections from Ker-

ala's Wayanad Lok Sabha seat, her husband Robert Vadra on Tuesday said he might think about entry into active politics after seeing Priyanka in the role of an MP.

Reacting to the announcement, Robert Vadra said, "I am very happy that Priyanka will contest elections from Wayanad. She will work hard there also. I hope the people of Wayanad will make her win with a majority."

"Whenever I have been asked about my entry into active politics, I have always said that I might think about it after seeing Priyanka in the role of an MP," he told a news agency.

Robert Vadra further said, on entering Parliament, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will raise issues of farmers welfare, unem-

ty, which the "BJP doesn't raise".

"Smriti Irani never did anything for women, our women wrestlers...Priyanka will certainly voice people's concerns in Parliament," he added.

Priyanka will make her electoral debut from Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency, a decision that marks a significant stride for the leader who was appointed Congress general

secretary in 2019. She will contest in a Lok Sabha bypoll with her brother and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi deciding to retain the Rae Bareli constituency in Uttar Pradesh

and vacate the Wayanad seat. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge announced that Priyanka

Gandhi will contest from Wayanad at a special press conference on Monday. Rahul Gandhi, who contested from two seats --

Rae Bareli and Wayanad -- won from both the constituencies.

# MP government forced to scrap project endangering environment

**GAURAV CHANDRA** BHOPAL, 18 JUNE

pressure from all sections of society and environmental protection groups have succeeded in forcing the Madhya Pradesh BJP government to scrap a proposal for constructing a lavish housing project for ministers, MLAs and bureaucrats at the cost of mowing down nearly 27,000-29,000 trees in

Bhopal's Shivaji Nagar area,

which is known as the 'lungs

of the city' due to its years-

Relentless campaigning and

old dense flora. The proposal was floated

ing Board a few days ago and it immediately faced vehement protests from not only residents of the area but also from people of all walks of life, including children, students, women, and even MLAs of the ruling BJP.

The proposal was considered totally contrary to the principles of sustainable development, as its implementation would have meant demolition of more than 2,000 inhabited government houses and the cutting down of thousands of trees, most of which are many years old.

by the Madhya Pradesh Hous-

Moreover, the cutting



down of trees would have led to the loss of habitats for many species of birds, small animals, and insects, besides the

loss of a large variety of shrubs, small plants and flowers.

Citizens held protests

The Madhya Pradesh government had planned to hand over the project to one or more private builders for construction and final implementation

daily against the proposal. The protests involved 'chipko andolans' (people hugging trees), delegations meeting the officials concerned, protest marches and kids and women tying 'raksha sutras' (sacred threads) to the trees, as a sign of taking a vow to be their saviours.

Crumbling under the pressure, the Madhya Pradesh Government decided to scrap the proposal completely.

State Urban Administration and Development Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya wrote in Hindi on his X account on Monday evening that the New Bhopal re-densification proposal has been rejected.

"Keeping in view environmental protection and trees present in the area of the New Bhopal Re-densification Plan, the presented proposal was rejected after thorough consideration and instructions were given to

examine other alternative locations," the minister wrote. "Discussions should be held with citizens and public representatives at the initial level for the new proposal,"

The MP Housing Board also issued a formal order late Monday evening stating that the proposal has been cancelled.

he added.

The project proposed demolition of 2,267 government houses in the Tulsi Nagar and Shivaji Nagar localities in the heart of Bhopal, the capital city of Madhya Pradesh.

It aimed at constructing

3,480 residences for ministers, MLAs and bureaucrats, including big bungalows, high-rise buildings with flats, clubhouses, swimming pools, and other amenities.

The project's implementation would have led to the cutting down of nearly 29,000 trees in the area.

The project was to be spread in an area of 297 acres and its initial cost was projected to be nearly Rs 2,400

The government had planned to hand over the project to one or more private builders for construction and final implementation.



### **Bridging a Divide**

with Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state, highlighme, a level of inequality comparable to the colonial era. in driving infrastructure development and economic grofood prices, intended to tame inflation and support urban consumers, effectively subsidise the better-off at the expense of rural farmers. This perverse redistribution exacerbates ving competition within the economy is essential. Encouraging the growth of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) can diversify economic activity and create more employment opportunities. Additionally, investing in human capital through education and skills development is crucial. A well-educated and skilled workforce is the foundation of a robust and inclusive economy. Infrastructure development, another vital component. Improved transportation, communication, and energy infrastructure can stimulate economic activity and attract investment. However, these efforts must be complemented by social policies that directly address inequality. This could include redistributive measures such as progressive taxation and targeted welfare programmes. Moreover, India's economic policy needs to reforms that enhance the economic participation of historconcerted effort to overhaul the education system, scale up skilling programmes, and reform the agricultural sector. The path ahead is challenging, and there are no easy soluits economic inequality, the resulting social unrest could undermine decades of progress. The country's leadership must recognise that sustainable growth is not merely about increasing GDP but about ensuring that all citizens share in the nation's prosperity.

Cabinet Collapse The dissolution of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's six-member war cabinet marks a significant turning point in the country's politics, underscoring deep-seated tensions within the government and highlighting the complexities of managing the Gaza conflict. This decision, spurred by the departure of centrist ministers Benny Gantz and Gadi Eisenkot, reflects broader issues that transcend mere cabinet reshuffling. Mr Netanyahu's choice to dissolve the war cabinet and consult with a smaller group of ministers, including Defence Minister Yoav Gallant and Strategic Affairs Minister Ron Dermer, reveals an attempt to streamline decision-making processes in the face of a protracted and volatile conflict. However, this move also exposes the internal strife within Mr Netanyahu's coalition. The demands from nationalist-religious partners like Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich and National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir for inclusion in the war cabinet signal a struggle for influence and representation in critical security discussions. This internal discord is not merely a matter of political manoeuvring; it has substantial implications for Israel's strategic approach to the Gaza war. The inclusion of figures like Mr Smotrich and Mr Ben-Gvir could shift the government's stance towards a more hardline, nationalistic perspective, potentially alienating key international allies, including the United States. The delicate balance Mr Netanyahu must maintain between appeasing his coalition partners and adhering to international expectations is becoming increasingly precarious. The departure of Mr Gantz and Mr Eisenkot, both of whom cited Mr Netanyahu's failure to form a coherent strategy for the Gaza conflict, underscores a significant leadership vacuum. Their exit signals a profound dissatisfaction with the current administration's handling of the war, raising questions about Mr Netanyahu's capacity to lead Israel through one of its most challenging security crises. The absence of a clear, unified strategy not only hampers military operations but also diminishes public confidence in the government's ability to protect and advance national interests. Furthermore, the dissolution of the war cabinet can be seen as a reflection of Mr Netanyahu's broader political strategy which often involves consolidating power and minimising dissent within his ranks. While this approach may offer short-term gains in terms of streamlined decision-making, it risks undermining the democratic principles of transparency and accountability. In times of war, when national unity and coherent leadership are paramount, such a strategy can be particularly detrimental. As Israel navigates the complexities of the Gaza conflict, the need for a comprehensive, well-articulated strategy becomes increasingly urgent. This strategy must not only address immediate security concerns but also consider the long-term implications for regional stability and international relations. The departure of experienced military leaders like Mr Gantz and Mr Eisenkot highlights a critical loss of expertise that could have provided valuable insights into crafting such a strategy. Mr Netanyahu's dissolution of the war cabinet is a stark reminder of the intricate and often contentious na-

ture of coalition politics in Israel.

### Incorporating and directly descended from THE FRIEND OF INDIA - Founded 1818

India's economic landscape presents a paradox of rapid growth alongside deep-seated inequality. The disparity between the prosperous and the impoverished is stark, ting the chasm. With an average annual income per capita of just Rs 60,000 in 2021-2022, Uttar Pradesh's economic struggles exemplify a broader issue that could threaten the stability and sustainability of India's growth. Economic growth in India has been impressive, averaging over 8 per cent annually and fostering a booming stock market. Yet, this growth masks a troubling reality: the benefits have been unevenly distributed. The top 1 per cent of India's population now commands nearly 23 per cent of the national inco-This concentration of wealth is not merely an academic concern but a tangible threat to India's long-term economic stability. One of the critical drivers of this inequality is the structure of India's economic development. Over the past decade, the country's growth has increasingly been driven by a handful of large conglomerates that dominate the economic landscape, executing government projects and wielding significant pricing power. This model, while effective wth, often sidelines smaller firms and fails to create widespread, high-quality employment opportunities. The agricultural sector, which employs 43 per cent of the population, is particularly affected. Despite its importance, the sector has seen stagnant incomes and limited investment. Lower rural poverty and deepens economic divides. Addressing these challenges requires a multi-faceted approach. Improparticularly in underdeveloped states like Uttar Pradesh, is shift towards inclusivity. Policymakers should prioritise ically marginalised communities. Ensuring that economic growth translates into broad-based prosperity will require a tions. However, the stakes are high. If India fails to address

# Ifs and Butts

Cigarette filters, capturing some of the toxic chemicals from smoking, still harbour over 7,000 compounds, with at least 150 known toxins. Each discarded butt can contaminate up to 1,000 litres of water, releasing hazardous substances such as toxic metals, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and nitrogenic compounds. Studies reveal that these chemicals persist in the environment, bioaccumulate in organisms, and induce harmful effects. Most cigarette filters, despite seeming like cotton, are really composed of plastic fibres called cellulose acetate, which can take up to a decade to decompose



his summer, India endured an unprecedented heatwave, with Odisha facing the harshest brunt, recording 27 extreme weather days. Western Rajasthan followed with 23 days, Gangetic West Bengal with 21, and Delhi, Haryana, Chandigarh, and western UP each with 20 days.

These figures, more than double the usual, highlight a growing climate crisis demanding urgent attention. We have often discussed and dissected the myriad factors causing these environmental issues in an intellectual manner, all while a burning cigarette dangles between two fingers.

This irony underscores our complacency, as the very act of smoking contributes to the degradation we so passionately debate. It's time to confront our contradictions and act decisively for the planet's sake.

"Smoking is injurious to health" is perhaps India's most well-publicized health warning, an omnipresent reminder of the personal toll tobacco takes. Yet, lurking beneath this familiar refrain is a less popular but equally critical truth: cigarettes wreak havoc on the environment. In the quiet corners of our cities, along the once-pristine banks of rivers, and scattered across our beaches, a silent scourge festers ~ cigarette butts.

These toxic remnants of a fleeting vice silently poison our planet, leaving an indelible mark on our ecosystems. As we grapple with the visible health impacts of smoking, it's imperative to confront its insidious environmental consequences.

Each year, the staggering worldwide production of 5.5 trillion cigarettes results in the inappropriate disposal of approximately 4.5 trillion cigarette butts. India's landfills receive over 100 billion cigarette butts per year.

Amidst the smoke haze of tobacco's impact on our environment, a startling statistic emerges: each year, our nation discards over 17 million kilograms of tobacco-related garbage. With legal cigarettes representing just 10 per cent of the market share, the alarming weight of bidi waste looms ominously, highlighting the urgent need for comprehensive action to address this environmental crisis.

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ette filters, despite seeming like cotton, are really composed of plastic fibres called cellulose acetate, which can take up to a decade to decompose. Imagine a threat from plastic that has been quietly leaking lead, formaldehyde, nicotine, and arsenic into our ecosystems over a ten-

effects. Most cigar-

year period. Every butt, a storehouse of dangerous substances, is a little time bomb waiting to devastate the ecosystem. As the most common form of anthropogenic litter, cigarette butts pose a dire environmental threat.

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These ubiquitous pollutants wash into rivers, lakes, and oceans, becoming a fatal snack for unsuspecting birds, animals, and fish. These filters, non-biodegradable in nature, stubbornly resist the natural order of decay. While the sun's ultraviolet rays may eventually fragment them into smaller pieces, the toxic materials they contain persist, contaminating soil and water alike.

What we face here is not just litter; it's a global crisis. The implications extend beyond environmental damage. Cigarette butts have sparked wildfires, laying waste to wildlife, vegetation, and human struc-

On the other hand, the economic burden of clearing littered tobacco products falls unjustly on taxpayers, not the industry responsible. Annually, this expense amounts to approximately USD 2.6 billion in

China and USD 766 million in ase in spending on paan, tobac-India, with Brazil and Germany co, and intoxicants in both rural each surpassing USD 200 million. Such enormous expenses underscore the urgent need for industry accountability and proactive solutions.

Recently, we graciously passed World No Tobacco Day on May 31, which is commemorated to raise public awareness of the risks associated with tobacco use, expose the practices of the tobacco industry, emphasize the WHO's anti-tobacco initiatives, and support future gener-

ations' health and protection. The United Nations **Environment Pro**gramme (UNEP) has labelled tobacco as "a threat to our oceans." Article 18 of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) urges countries to safeguard both the environment and public health. To address the signifi-

cant environmental and health impacts of microplastics in cigarette filters, UNEP and the WHO FCTC Secretariat have partnered to raise awareness and promote action. On 5 February 2004, India became a signatory to the WHO FCTC. The agreement became operative on 27 February 2005.

On the other hand, decades of the tobacco industry's deception have ensnared generations, fuelling a global epidemic. This multi-billion-dollar behemoth preys on children and adolescents with cunning advertising by employing cinema and sports celebrities, launching products faster than regulations can

Despite evidence-based measures and governmental efforts, these industries relentlessly expand their market share, prioritizing profit over public health and targeting our most

As a result, people light up while at work and during leisure. In some colleges and universities, it becomes a tradition to

permit smoking by students. Recently, the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey 2022-23 indicated an incre3.21 per cent (2011–12) to 3.79 per cent, while urban spending increased from 1.61 per cent to 2.43 per cent, indicating the production of more cigarette butts

Rural expenditure rose from

to fulfil the demand. So, the time has come for collective action. It is crucial to understand that the fight against cigarette waste is a struggle for a healthier future as well as a cleaner environment as we tack-

le this widespread issue. By addressing the root of the problem ~ holding the tobacco industry accountable, enhancing public awareness, and implementing stringent regulations ~ we can begin to reclaim our landscapes from this silent scourge.

Here the chronicle of the long-protracted battle provides us with encouragement in this regard. In 1970, Clara Gouin, a stay-at-home mother, sparked a grassroots movement against tobacco's grip.

Fuelled by personal tragedy and societal indifference, she founded the Group Against Smokers' Pollution (GASP). Their mission: to challenge the social acceptance of smoking.

Though outnumbered, they fought valiantly, paving the way for today's citizens to reclaim clean air. A few well-known figures who effectively advocate for the rights of non-smokers are Luther Terry and John Banzhaf.

Today amidst mounting environmental concerns, local authorities must confront the lash of non-biodegradable cigarette butt waste. Initiatives like Nirit Datta's ButtRush campaign and Naman Gupta and Vipul Gupta's Code Effort, highlight the urgent need for action. But enlightenment alone is insufficient; laws and institutions must evolve.

Political manifestos should address cigarette butt pollution. People need to be forced. Here, we must choose between the democratic right to smoke and preserving the environment for future generations. And in the end, the true measure of our progress can be a world where cigarette butts are no longer a thoroughgoing blight but a relic of a past we've risen above.



### **ASIAN VOICES**

### **Among the** world's worst for workers

The murders of two prominent trade unionists last year have earned the Philippines ignominy as one of the 10 worst countries in the world for workers. Red-tagging, abductions, arbitrary arrests, and violence resulting in death, such as in the case of Alex Dolorosa and Jude Thaddeus Fernandez, were factors why the country was ranked for the eighth consecutive year among the 10 worst globally by the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) ~ a shameful record for a government that has promised to champion the rights of Filipino workers under the "Bagong Pilipinas" rebranding.

Last Sunday's editorial on a new law protecting the rights of television and movie workers may have been a positive development ~ though implementation has yet to be seen ~ but the fact remains that majority of Filipino workers across different sectors continue to suffer from unfair labor practices ranging from low wages, lack of security of tenure, and the curtailment of their rights to freedom of association or to organize.

These conditions have prevailed despite the many flowery promises made by leaders past and present to improve their plight.

The accountability, however, should not be entirely placed on the current administration. The previous administration, through the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-Elcac) formed in

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2018, was notorious for Red-tagging and launching violent attacks on rights

"Workers and unions in the Philippines remained at the mercy of Redtagging (being blacklisted by the government as a communist subversive and branded an extremist), violence, abductions, and arbitrary arrests," said ITUC in its country profile on the Philippines. It said the government "fostered a climate of fear and persecution, silencing the collective voice of

Workers across many sectors still faced significant obstacles when attempting to form trade unions." ITUC's Global Rights Index 2024 report released on June 12 gave the Philippines a rating of 5 on a scale of 1 (sporadic violation of rights) to 5+ (no guarantee of rights due to the breakdown of the rule of law).

This rating, which means "no guarantee of rights" for workers despite the enactment of laws, was unchanged from last year and was based on violations recorded annually from April to

No arrest has been made so far in the April 2023 murder of Dolorosa, a call center organizer who was among those who filed complaints against forced overtime in May 2019 and was found to have been stabbed multiple

Fernandez, an organizer from the Kilusang Mayo Uno, on the other hand, was shot dead in September 2023, during a police raid in Binango-

nan, Rizal. Police justified the shooting due to Fernandez's resistance to a search warrant even though he was unarmed; he was the 72nd victim of labor-related

killings since July 2016. Workers' rights are enshrined in the 1987 Constitution with Section 3 on labor guaranteeing rights to selforganization, collective bargaining and negotiations, and peaceful concerted activities, including the right to strike

in accordance with law. However, ITUC observed that these rights are "strictly regulated" and that there is no adequate means to protect workers from anti-union discrimination.

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# A beacon of hope

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR** 

**SIR**, In a world ever yearning for greater interconnectedness, the recent G7 summit has unveiled a momentous initiative: the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC).

This visionary enterprise is not merely a new trade route but a grand tapestry of roads, railways, and maritime paths interweaving from the vibrant markets of India, through the strategic heart of the Middle East, to the storied economies of Europe. It is a grand vision, set to rejuvenate and redefine trade and economic relationships across the vast expanse of Eurasia.

The ramifications of this corridor extend beyond mere commerce. It promises a fertile ground for knowledge exchange, cultural interplay, and cross-sec-

toral collaboration. In essence, the IMEC is envi-

sioned as a bridge - not just of goods and services, but of ideas, cultures, and aspirations.

In a geopolitical landscape often dominated by China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), the IMEC emerges as a compelling alternative.

While the BRI has undeniably catalyzed infrastructure development on a global scale, it has also been mired in controversies concerning transparency and the debt burdens it places on participating nations.

The IMEC, however, champions the tenets of sustainability, transparency, and equitable partnerships. This approach seeks to allay fears of financial dependency and exploitation, offering a more balanced and mutually beneficial model of development.

Countries wary of the potential entanglements associated

with the BRI might find in the IMEC a beacon of hope ~ a pathway to growth that is both prudent and progressive.

By emphasizing these values, the IMEC presents itself as a strategic and attractive proposition for nations seeking to enhance their infrastructure and economic horizons without incurring unsustainable debts.

The endorsement by the G7 confers upon the IMEC not just political gravitas but also a potential influx of financial support. Such backing is indispensable in transforming the corridor from a conceptual marvel into a palpable reality.

Yours, etc., Amarjeet Kumar, Hazaribagh, 16 June.

### IN ATTENDANCE

**SIR**, The BJP governments across the nation are trying to erase the colonial legacies in a number of ways including change in names of regions, railway stations and

### **TOY TRAIN SHOW**

**SIR**, I refer to the local page news report "Century-old car completes world tour" published in the 14 June edition of your paper. The technical hitches in vintage motor cars owe their origin to non-availability of spare parts et al. Many readers of your paper feel nostalgic with regard to such a report of an odyssey in a vintage automobile.

It is commendable that *The Statesman* hosts the Vintage Car rally beckoning vintage car enthusiasts.

Being a toy train enthusiast, I implore the Ministry of Railways to embark on a vintage toy train rally on the narrow gauge trackbed of the Railway Museum. Toy trains abound in the UK whereas in India gauge conversions in the plains have limited the trot of the toy trains to the hill stations.

Yours, etc., Anindya Ghosal, Burdwan, 14 June.

roads. But why is there reluctance to do away with the privileges associated with elected represen-

All personal attendants for them should be discontinued. It is usual for politicians in the West to do their own personal chores. It is not unusual to find a minister waiting patiently in a queue in a

mall or carrying his own luggage. Here there are plenty of underlings to do this work.

They can very well pay for the services from their own pockets. Payments from the public exchequer for such services should stop.

Yours, etc., Anthony Henriques, Mumbai, 15 June.



# Secularism can never be a binary concept

**GAUTAM BHATTACHARYA** 

erhaps in no other general election in the past have issues like 'uniform civil code', 'politics of appeasement', 'secularism', 'illegal infiltration', 'NRC' etc. been so much a part of the campaign of political parties as it had happened this time. Whereas the right-wing political parties had stepped up their pitch to prove that because of the policies of appeasement pursued in the past by the Congress and other left-of-Center liberal parties, the proportion of the Hindu population declined from 84.1 per cent in the 1951 Census to 79.8 per cent in 2011, others alleged that so long as fertility rates of women were declining fast amongst all communities, this kind of narration was aimed at dividing society to gain electoral dividends.

In Western nations, secularism is perceived as a doctrine where religion and religious considerations are not reflected in the policies of the state. If we go by this idea of segregation of state and religion, can a secular state allow its citizens to follow the life practices as per their own religious scriptures? Perhaps the founding fathers of the Indian constitution thought that the two were contradictory. However, at the same time they felt that Indian society at the time of independence was not prepared enough to appreciate such a stricter doctrine of secularism.

In consequence it was stated in the Directive Principles of the Indian Constitution that the "state shall endeavor to secure for citizens a uniform civil code throughout the territory of India". But no time limit for



such an endeavor was indicated. The framers of modern India perceived India as a nation where laws relating to the personal life of citizens viz. marriage, divorce, inheritance of property etc. should all be governed by a set of rules independent of religious affiliation of the citizens. Uniform civil code is, therefore, an integral part of a secular state if we go by the principle of segregation of state

The softer approach to secularism talks of providing equal status, recognition and support from the State to all religions. This doctrine allows different sets of rules to prevail in relation to personal life for people of different religions, depending on the respective religious scriptures. Since independence, India went by this idea of secularism and never took the idea of uniform civil code seriouslv. The idea of this article is not to

compare the merits and demerits of two doctrines but to introspect on different shades of secularism.

Let's first look at our neighboring countries in South Asia. Can a State be secular if it patronizes any particular religion? The Constitution of Bangladesh by an amendment in 1988 declared Islam as the State-religion, though secularism is mentioned in the preamble as a fundamental principle. Family laws there have separate provisions for different religious groups. Though the Constitution says that "the state shall ensure equal status and equal right in the practice of the Hindu, Buddhist, Christian and other religions", the secular credentials of Bangladesh were seriously jeopardised after adoption of a State

Even in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Hindu Marriage Act was implemented in 2017 to register marriages solemnised by Hindu rituals where husband and wife are both Hindus. Such rights relating to marriage or inheritance of property, granted to minority communities do not necessarily establish the doctrine that the citizens from all religions "are given equal status, recognition and support from the State".

If the State identifies one particular religion as a state-religion, that vitiates the eco-system essential to extend equal status, recognition and support to all. What is there in the statute is important but more meaningful is the ecosystem which reflects the mind-set of those who run the state.

The Supreme Court (1975) observed two conditions for secularism: "the State shall have no religion of its own" and "the people of the country shall be equally entitled to their conscience and have the right freely to profess, practice and propagate any religion". However, there are exceptions even in Europe. In Denmark and Greece where politics, education, science and social affairs are independent of religious dogmas and institu-

tions, they have 'state-church'. The antithesis of a secular state is a 'theocratic state' where the legal system is based on religious law. In certain theocratic states, the Head of State cannot be from any religion other than their own. In today's world, it is difficult to find a purely theocratic state. However, in Afghanistan, Iran, Qatar and Saudi Arabia, Sharia laws are retained for personal matters and in the absence of personal law, judges decide based on their own interpretations of Sharia law. In most of these countries, religious minorities, in general, do not

have the right to practice their religion openly.

Contrarily, there are Muslim majority states viz. Indonesia or Turkey where freedom of religion for individuals is recognized. Indonesia recognizes six official religions. In Malaysia, Islam is the state religion and non-Malay citizens can practice any religion of their choice, but one must be a Muslim to be considered as Malay. Syria has a dual legal system where civil and criminal cases are heard in secular courts and in parallel there are also Sharia courts to handle personal matters. Though Syria's constitution claims to be a secular one, the President has to be a follower of Islam. On the other extreme there are Communist countries where atheism is practiced by the State and people are discouraged from practicing religion. China and Vietnam are classic examples.

Secularism is, therefore, not a binary concept. There is a spectrum and the state has to evolve through a process towards the doctrine of separation between the state policies and religion, depending on the preparedness of the society. After the setbacks to the BJP-led NDA in the recently held Lok Sabha election, the present government with a razor-thin majority in all probability will not pursue contentious issues like Uniform Civil Code. However, the debate in civil society on UCC is likely to continue. We need to judge the issue of implementation of the uniform civil code in secular India from an unbiased assessment of readiness of the society.

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### **100 YEARS AGO**

### **OCCASIONAL NOTE**

THE future of the Mosul Vilayet

has been reserved for decision by the League of Nations. This is in accordance with the understanding arrived at during the discussions at Lausanne, where it was agreed that the matter should be omitted from the treaty for further examination by England and Turkey, or in the last resort by the League of Nations. The Turkish view is that geographically and ethnologically the province belongs to Turkey. The English view is that by the same test it belongs to Iraq. The Turks appear to have been surprised at the firmness with which the English view has been maintained, having expected a graceful withdrawal after the amenities of Lausanne. Iraq was constituted as an independent State in 1920, under the mandate of Great Britain. A treaty between the two States was signed in 1922, whereby England undertook to secure a speedy delimitation of the frontier, and to use its good offices to secure the admission of Iraq to the League of Nations The census of 1920 gave the population as 2,849,282, including Mosul.

### **NEWS ITEMS**

### **WORLD ADVERTISERS 250 WOMEN**

"BUSINESS CHIEFS" FIFTEEN countries will be represented at the International Advertising Convention at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley in July. Practically all the business communities of the world are represented with the exception of those in Central and Southern Europe, and it is hoped that with the interchange of ideas, methods of business, may be

revolutionized. No fewer than 250 women are taking part, chiefly from the United States, who will attend the Convention in their

"own right" as business chiefs. There are to be visits to Brighton, Margate, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Sheffield, and every opportunity will be taken of making the visitors thoroughly acquainted with British manufacturing and business possibilities. The chief manufacturers in practically every industry are arranging to show parties of delegates interested in their produc-

tions over their works. The American delegates will arrive about July 12 in five ships specially chartered for them. The Lancastria and Republic will sail from New York, La Salle from Houston (Texas), the Samaria from Boston, and the Montcalm from Montreal.

### **POPULAR TREATY**

### **BRITISH RECOGNITION OF ARAB** CONFEDERATION

DR. NAJI ASSIL, King Hussein's envoy to London, has left for Mecca bearing a new draft of a treaty of friendship with Britain which, Dr. Naji has stated, contains formal recognition of the complete independence of the Arab Hassimite Government, and lays down with greater precision the bases of the confederation of countries under King

Hussein. It deals with the question of Palestine in a manner which he says is likely to be universally approved. Dr. Naji is confident that the treaty will be promptly signed.

### **ALIPORE SESSIONS**

### **CUSTOMS OFFICER** IN TROUBLE

THE case in which Singleton, a Preventive Officer of the Customs in charge of the Diamond Harbour Custom House, and Basanta Sing were charged under sections 120 B and 409 I.P.C. with conspiracy and criminal breach of trust in respect of 34 bags of peacock feathers worth about Rs. 17,000 belonging to the Government under circumstances already reported came on for hearing at the Alipore, Criminal Sessions before Mr. G. N. Roy, district and Sessions Judge, and a special jury of four Europeans and

one Indian. The Public Prosecutor, Mr. N. N. Banerji, conducted the prosecution and Messrs. J. M. Sen-Gupta and Manuel, counsel, with Babu Hit Lal Guha, vakil, appeared on behalf of Singleton, Babus Harsanath Banerji, Gonesh Chandra Sen, and Monindranath Banerji pleaders appeared for the second accused.

It was decided after some discussion that the case against Basanta Sing would be taken up after the disposal of the case against Singleton. The trial is proceeding.

# Can AI unlock productivity and growth?

**ANDREW SHENG** 

f you watched Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang's remarkable presentation at Taipei Computex last month, **L** you would be convinced that AI has ushered in a new Industrial Revolution, in which accelerated computing with the latest AI chips has unleashed the power of doing everything faster, more efficiently and with In this age of intense global rival-

ry and competition, including military power, AI, robotics and improved engineering promise a techno-utopian way to achieve dominance over rivals. McKinsey estimated that Generative AI's impact on productivity could add between \$2.6 trillion to \$4.4 trillion to the global economy annually. That's like adding one UK economy to the global economy every year.

Roughly three-fourths of productivity will come from business improvements in four areas-customer operations, marketing and sales, software engineering, and R&D. Think about it, instead of training everyone to learn coding, we bypass coding because AI can actually translate what you would like done through writing the script, creating the video, and even designing the process. Just ask ChatG-PT's latest version.

The machine has the answers, but ultimately it is the human being who will either execute what is needed, or just not do anything.

The reality is that even though Generative AI will have a significant impact across all industry sectors such as retail, banking, high tech, and life sciences, whether or not the productivity (measured as output per capita) is achieved depends on how individuals, companies, communities



and nations are driving the productivity change. Since Generative AI changes the way we work by automating many individual activities, this is a social and political question. Crossborder language barriers are removed when AI can do the automatic translation, print the transcript and even indicate the next work agenda. Since McKinsey estimates that current generative AI and other technologies can automate work activities by as much as 60 to 70 per cent of present employee time, no wonder many in the workforce fear AI adoption with huge resistance and reluctance to

The latest European Union Competitiveness and Industry Benchmarking Report 2024 indicates how at the high level, the EU realizes that the region is racing against the clock as EU industry has been continuously losing ground on global markets in terms of market share. EU companies are becoming less relevant and EU's future technological leadership is at risk. The reason is obvious to all – the EU's market is much more fragmented than either US or China, being a collection of national markets rather than a Single Market with one currency, the Euro.

The metrics speak for themselves. The EU's share of global trade has fallen by one third to second place (16 per cent of global trade in 2021), compared with China (28.3 per cent) and USA (14.5 per cent) since 2001. In terms of market revenue of companies in Fortune Global 500, EU companies have fallen to third place between 2005 and 2023. American companies lead with 31.8 per cent, Chinese are at 27.5 per cent and EU companies lag with 15.5 per cent.

Europe's adoption of 5G technology is way behind that of China or the United States. Since R&D is a key driver of innovation and technological leadership, EU has lagged with 2.3 per cent of GDP spending by 2021, behind China (2.4 per cent) and USA (3.5 per cent). This is particularly evident in industrial R&D investment amongst the world's largest 2,500 companies. EU's market share has fallen to third place of only 17.5 per cent, overtaken

by China (17.8 per cent), whereas the US leads with 42.1 per cent. Chinese EVs and engineering products (including industrial machinery) are already taking EU markets by storm.

Add to this the fact that the EU's energy costs are higher than the US or China, and that EU regulations are the most complex relative to other markets, it is not surprising that EU companies have been shifting their production overseas. Labour productivity has stagnated for years due to the highest social protection standards. As the report says, the EU's regulatory environment needs an upgrade to empower and reward innovators, a reduction of EU and national regulatory silo-thinking, and enhancement of technology deployment with stronger public-private collaboration.

These European lessons are salutary for real sector transformation for almost all emerging developing market economies (EMDEs). Despite being shocked by the global financial crisis of 2008, Europe has not undertaken structural reforms in the labour and corporate sectors to improve overall competitiveness. The financial sector, dominated by the fragmented banking system, remains risk-adverse. German, French and Swiss banks are a shadow of their former global prowess, having been hit hard by tighter regulations and inept consolidations.

The real issue is who drives the structural changes. In America, it is quite clear that the private corporate sector remains dynamic and committed to profits and innovation. In China, the government or Party takes the lead, but allows enough corporate competition that is aligned with national goals. No one pretends that American or Chinese corporations are neoliberal by inclination.

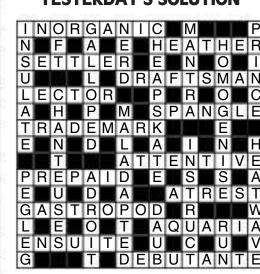
EU and many EMDEs still suffer a schizophrenic tension between the old neoliberal aim of free markets, with newer liking for state intervention and industrial policies. The neoliberal approach failed where governments and the public think that just passing more laws and regulations would solve social and market ills. As we all have learnt from bitter experience, policies and programmes are easily frustrated at the legislative or political levels, or mired in endless legal suits by vested interests against change.

Eco-system change is complex and requires not only the construction of a common narrative of why you need change, but also concrete execution of visible projects that demonstrate determination and engender public trust. If you want the economy to change, appoint business leaders who understand how to manage institutional change that remains business-friendly. Indonesian President Jokowi's appointment of former tech platform Gojek President Nadiem Makarim as Minister of Education is an example of how to shake a traditional educational bureaucracy towards technological eco-system change. Radical change needs radical thinking, but by someone like Jensen Huang who understands both the role of technology and markets.

The AI revolution is already happening at frightening speed. Economies that mess up the transition will be marginalized. Those companies and communities that adapt well will not only survive but thrive. That is the cruelty of Darwinian competition.

(The writer, a former Central banker. is a Distinguished Fellow of Asia Global Institute, University of Hong Kong.) Special to ANN

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



### **ACROSS**

- 9 Butcher's wrapping duck huge duck! (9)
- 10 Flyer that talks about advanced inner personality Somewhat eccentric, or mad, losing power to Democrat?
- (5) Greek leader soon brought about plucky Priam's end 13 50s rocker pinching golden
- chain is fired (7) 14 See 6 Down Two characters abroad initially pursuing model

(3-2)

- 19 His poetry no-go? Or prose uneven?
- 20 Peacock in mating frenzy on the way (5) 21/2 One 6 across left her
  - shaken (7,6)
  - date bread (9)
  - (5) 28/4 Another 6 to trouble Longshanks?
  - 29 Ray powerful toyed with 8 male bears
- Like good brandy found in
- See 21 Across
  - 22 Stanhope for one in time becomes mediocre
  - 24 Carol eating cold and out-of-26 Retreat from Moscow?
- **DOWN**
- drainage ditch? (4)
- Note stain left surrounding crack in cathedral area (4,6)
  - See 28 Across Chest-beater having breakfast in Chardonnay?
  - (5,3)6/14 Novel bleak: an end should incorporate article in work of 23 (4,3,4)
  - Mineral from old Roman watering-hole (8) This will break with martial artist coming round
- 13 Theme work penned by Mark that remains unfinished

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- 15 Mostly useless about missing staff turning up in city (10)
- 16 One used to spin has some control at Headingley (5) 18 One tends cows and three bats (8)
- 19 Sweet bad stuck in gum (8) 22 Respected heads of army units and air force (6)
- 23 Person walking miles leaves old soldier (6) 24 Very hard getting round

London district (4)

- 25 Much drama having no quiet songs (4)
- 27 Culminating point of month in service (4)

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

### **THUMBNAILS**

**NBCC signs MoUs in Odisha:** NBCC, a leading Government of India Navratna **Enterprise under the Min**istry of Housing and Urban Affairs, will soon be constructing projects in the state of Odisha. The company entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Social Security & **Empowerment of Persons** with Disabilities (SSEPD), Government of Odisha on 13.06.2024 for the planning, designing and construction of an Integrated Infrastructure Complex (IIC) in Bargarh district of Odisha. The MoU was signed by Shrimati Niyati Pattnaik (OAS-SS), Director, SSEPD and Shri Rakesh Narayan Sinha, General Manager (Engg), SBG Odisha, NBCC in the presence of officials from both

**NBCC Signs MoU with Grid-**India: NBCC (India) Limited on 14.06.2024 has inked a MoU with Grid-India (Grid Controller of India Limited) for execution of interior, fit outs and other associated infrastructure works for their new Corporate Office at Ayurvigyan Nagar, New Delhi. The tentative value of works to be executed under this MoU is approximately Rs. 70.00 Crore.

organizations.

Central banks plans to add gold to their reserves in a year: Nearly 30 per cent of 70 central banks surveyed have said they plan to add to their own gold reserves within the next year, a **World Gold Council survey** said. According to WGC, the views in favour of the yellow metal from the reserve managers persist despite two successive years of record central bank purchasing and the gold price hitting new all-time highs in 2024. The 2024 Central Banks Gold Reserves (CBGR) survey, collected data from a record 70 of the world's central banks, the WGC said. According to the report, reserve managers indicate that they are looking to gold to help mitigate risks and prepare for further political and economic uncertainty globally.

# Marketsextendgainsfor 4th consecutive session

The rally was supported largely by PowerGrid Corp and Titan

Nifty Media (0.64%), Pharma

Maruti Suzuki (2.14%), Dr.

Reddy's Laboratories (1.60%)

and UltraTech Cement (1.09%)

ended as the top losers in the

outperformed the bench-

marks; the BSE Midcap and

Smallcap indices closed 0.43%

Mid and smallcap indices

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI.18 JUNE** 

he Indian stock market on Tuesday extended their gains for the fourth consecutive session and closed at a fresh record high.

The rally was supported largely by PowerGrid Corp and Titan, which were the major contributors to the positive momentum. Both the Sensex and Nifty

hit their all-time high. Sensex hit its fresh all-time high of 77,366.77 during the session while the Nifty 50 hit its fresh all-time high of 23,579.05. Sensex closed 308 points,

or 0.40%, higher at 77,301.14. Nifty 50 ended 92 points, or 0.39%, higher at 23,557.90. Among the sectors, Nifty

Realty (1.88%), Consumer Durables (1.59%) and Private Bank (1.10%) ended with significant gains.

Nifty Bank closed 0.88% higher, while the PSU Bank index rose 0.25%.

On the losing side were and 0.96% higher, respec-

tively.

(0.35%) and Metal (0.22%). The overall market capi-On Nifty 50, the top gaintalisation of the firms listed ers were Shriram Finance on the BSE rose to nearly Rs 437.3 lakh crore from nearly (3.22%), Power Grid (3.13%), Wipro (2.94%) and ICICI Bank Rs 434.9 lakh crore in the previous session.

The rupee appreciated 13 paise to settle at 83.42 (provisional) against the US dollar buoyed by fresh inflow of foreign capital and a firm trend in domestic equity markets, wherein benchmark

indices scaled new peaks. At the interbank foreign

exchange market, the local unit opened at 83.52 and hit the intraday high of 83.39 against the greenback during the session. Shares of Mahindra and Mahindra (M&M) rallied 3% to Rs 3,008 to hit a new 52-week high in the Tuesday morning after international brokerage Nomura raised the target price citing multiple levers of growth.

RITES share price gained as the company signed an MoU with Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), a statutory body under the Ministry of Power.

The share price of One97 Communications, the parent company of Paytm, witnessed a 3% downfall during Tuesday's trading session.

In the global parameter, the S&P 500 achieved another record high fuelled by a surge in major US tech firms.

This marks the index's 30th all-time high this year, despite concerns over limited market breadth and sustained US interest rates.

# Net Direct Tax collections for FY25 record 20.99 per cent spike



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

The Direct Tax collections for the Financial Year 2024-25, as on June 17, indicate a 20.99% spike compared to last fiscal, the data from the Ministry of Finance said on Tuesday.

The provisional figures of Direct Tax collections show that Net collections are at Rs 4,62,664 crore, compared to Rs 3,82,414 crore in the corresponding period of FY 2023-24.

Notably, the Net Direct Tax collection includes Corporation Tax (CIT) at Rs 1,80,949 crore (net of refund) and Personal Income Tax

(PIT) including Securities

Transaction Tax (STT) at Rs

2,81,013 crore (net of refund). The Gross collection of Direct Taxes, before adjusting for refunds, for FY25 stands at Rs 5,15,986 crore compared to Rs 4,22,295 crore in the corresponding period of the preceding financial year, showing a growth of 22.19% over the collections of FY 2023-24, data from the ministry said.

The Gross collection of Rs 5,15,986 crore includes CIT at Rs 2,26,280 crore and PIT including STT at Rs 2,88,993 crore.

Minor head-wise collection comprises Advance Tax of Rs 1,48,823 crore; Tax Deducted at Source of Rs 3,24,787 crore; Self-Assessment Tax of Rs 28,471 crore; Regular Assessment Tax of Rs10,920 crore; and Tax under other minor heads of Rs 2,985 crore. The ministry data further said that the provisional figures of total Advance Tax collections for FY25, as on June 17, stand at Rs 1,48,823 crore, against Advance Tax collections of Rs 1,16,875 crore for FY24, showing a growth of 27.34%.

The Advance Tax collection of Rs. 1,48,823 crore comprises CIT at Rs 1,14,353 crore and PIT at Rs 34,470 crore.

Refunds amounting to Rs 53,322 crore have also been issued in the FY25 till June 17, which are 33.70% higher than refunds issued during the same period in the preceding year.

### Forex reserve and financial stability gave confidence to international investors: Das

**AGENCIES** 

MUMBAI, 18 JUNE

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, Shaktikanta Das, outlined the nation's solid economic trajectory during his address at the ET NOW Leadership Dialogues 2024 on Tuesday, emphasizing the continuous growth momentum and the positive outlook for India's economy.

On the international front, Das underscored India's strong forex reserves and financial stability, which continue to inspire confidence among international investors.

"Forex reserve and financial stability gave confidence to international investors", he noted. The central bank's com-

mitment to maintaining finan-

cial stability and its future-ready

plans are crucial factors in bolstering investor confidence. He highlighted significant

improvements in economic

activities, rural demand, and financial stability, projecting a robust growth for the current financial year.

Das said, "We see the growth momentum, we see every strong momentum of economic activities as a strong momentum of growth." Governor Das stated that

India's economy has displayed a remarkable growth trajectory, with the last quarter of 2023 showing a substantial 7.6 percent growth. Das stated, "If you look at

the last Q4 2023 January to March this year, the momentum of activity is much stronger. In fact it was the strongest momentum of the last year and the growth in the last quarter was itself 7.6 per

projections of 5.9 percent by the National Statistical Office (NSO), indicating a strong underlying economic momen-

This exceeded the initial

He said, "Although the implicit number behind NSO's number was 5.9 per cent but the momentum was so strong that it came at 7.6 per cent resulting in high growth of last year. And that same strong momentum of economic activity has also continued into the first quarter of this year."

He also pointed out that this

momentum has carried into the first quarter of 2024. The RBI's optimistic projection of a 7.2 percent growth for the first quarter is expected to slightly surpass expectations, potentially reaching 7.3 percent. The central bank raised its overall growth projection for the financial year 2024-25 to 7.2 percent from the earlier estimate of 7 percent. Das shared detailed quarterly projections, anticipating consistent growth rates across the fiscal year, with 7.3 percent in Q1, 7.2 percent in Q2, 7.3 percent in Q3, and 7.2 percent in

## Fitch Ratings increases India's growth forecast for current fiscal to 7.2 per cent from 7 per cent

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI. 18 JUNE** 

Fitch Ratings increased India's growth forecast for the current fiscal to 7.2 per cent, up from 7 per cent projected in March due to a recovery in

consumer spending and

increased investment.

For the fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27, Fitch projected growth rates of 6.5 per cent and 6.2 per cent, respective-

In its global economic outlook report, Fitch said, "We expect the Indian economy to expand by a strong 7.2 per cent in FY24/25, an upward revision of 0.2 pp from the March Global Economic Outlook (GEO)."

Fitch's estimates align with those of the Reserve

India witnesses exponential

rise in FY24: A latest report

by Fintech Association for

**Consumer Empowerment** 

ed that the digital lending

nessed an exponential rise

in Financial Year 2024. The

worth Rs 146,517 crore at

12,648. The growth rate

an average ticket size of Rs

has moderated with the ris-

ing scale and macro-devel-

opments compared to the

Name of Borrower (s) / Outstanding Dues

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previous year.

Fintechs have disbursed

about 10.19 crore loans

industry in India has wit-

(FACE) on Tuesday highlight-



Bank of India (RBI), which earlier this month projected a 7.2 per cent growth for the current fiscal year, supported by improving rural demand

and moderating inflation. The rating agency said that the investment will continue to rise, albeit more slowly than in recent quarters. Consumer spending is expected to recover, supported by

high consumer confidence.

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"We expect growth in later years to slow and approach our medium-term trend estimate," Fitch added, indicating that growth will be driven by consumer spending and investment. Fitch anticipates that

investment will continue to

rise during Prime Minister

Narendra Modi's third term,

albeit slower than in recent quarters. Additionally, consumer spending is expected to recover due to high consumer con-

fidence. An 'above normal' monsoon forecast for June-September is expected to mitigate risks of food price spikes. Fitch projects that headline inflation in India will decrease to 4.5 per cent by the end of

2024, averaging 4.3 per cent

in 2025 and 2026. In contrast, Fitch fore-

casts a slowdown in global growth in 2025 despite monetary easing expected in 2024.

The Fitch Ratings revised its growth forecast for the global economy to 2.6 per cent from the earlier projected 2.4 per cent.

Last week, the World Bank retained its growth forecast for India at 6.6 per cent for FY25. In its latest biannual Global Economic Prospects it said India will remain the fastest-growing of the world's largest economies, although its pace of expansion is expected to moderate. After a high growth rate in FY 2023/24, steady growth of 6.7 per cent per year, on average, is projected for the three fiscal years beginning in FY 2024/25.

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### **LEGAL NOTICES**

IN THE COURT OF THE LD. 1ST CIVIL JUDGE (SENIOR DIVISION) TITLE EXECUTION NO.725 OF 2014 (ARISING OUT OF TITLE APPEAL (ARISING OUT OF TITLE SUIT-DECREE HOLDERS NIRANJAN residing at holding No.8, Ray Ballav Saha 1st Bye Lane, P.S & District- Howrah- 711101, 2(a) SRI AMAL GHOSH, 2(b) SRI AMIT GHOSH, both sons of Late Prafulla Kumar Ghosh, both residing at 43/1, Shastri Narendra Nath Sanguly Road, P.S. previously Shibpur at present Chatterjeehat District-Howrah-711104 t is hereby notified to all concern that the decree holders viz. 1(a) Smt. Depali Dutta alias Maya Dutta, wife of Arun Dutta, 1(b) Jayanta Ghosh, 1(c)(i) Smt. alita Ghosh, wife of Late Srimanta Ghosh @ Shrimanta Ghosh, residing at 10/1/1, Priyonath Shosh Lane, P.S. Chatterjeehat old Shibpur, District-Howrah-711104, 1(c)(ii) Sri Amitava Ghosh, son of Late Srimanta Ghosh @ Shrimanta Ghosh, residing at 6/7. Nabin Banerjee Lane, P.S. Chatterjeehat old Shibpur,

Execution Case against all of you in execution of the decree passed in above noted suit and in the said Execution Case filed against you the Court has been pleased to direct you to execute and register the Deed of Sale in respect of the schedule xecution Case the Ld. Cour has been pleased to direct to cause service of notice of execution of the Deed of Sale as you have not yet appeared in the said Execution Case til appear before the Court of Law within 30 days from the date of this

owrah have filed the above

publication and submit written objection, if any, otherwise this matter will be disposed off exparte against you and the Deed of Sale will be executed in the name of Decree Holders in accordance with law SCHEDULE All that piece and parcel of land

of bastu land with two rooms including verandah and structure including kitchen, privy wall situated in holding No.8 Raj Ballav Saha 1st Bye Lane, P.S. + District- Howrah, which is the land being plot No. D. shown in the plan attached t final Decree in Title Suit No.42 1959 of 1st Sub-Judge, Howrah.

Moni Mohon Shee Signature of the Sheristadar 1st Court of Civil Judge (Senior Division) at Howrah

### CHANGE OF NAME

1(d) Hemanta Ghosh, 1(e)

Susanta Ghosh, all sons of

ate Subodh Chandra Ghosh.

residing at 8, Raj Ballav

Howrah-711104

I, ASWANI Kumar Das have rectified my wife's name vide Affidavit No. 1201 dated 10 June, 2024 and hereafter K Anjali, W/o. Aswani Kumar Das shall be known as Anjali Das. I. MOUSUMI Chakraborty, W/o. Manas Chakraborty, residing - North Bawali,

Nodakhali, South 24 Parganas, shall henceforth be known as Mausumi Chakraborty as declared before the Notary Public Alipore West Bengal vide affidavit, dated: 11 June, 2024. Mousumi Chakraborty and Mausumi Chakraborty both are same and identical person.

### NAME CHANGE

I, Aloke Kumar Banerjee S/O Late Shyam Sankar Banerjee, residing at Kolkata West International City (KWIC), Unit No. - A / 08 /05, Salop More, P.O. Bankra, Dist. - Howrah, Pin No - 711403, hereby solemnly declare vide affidavit No. 914, before the court of the 1st Class Metropolitan Magistrate, at Calcutta. Date. 06/06/2024 that ALOKE KUMAR BANERJEE and ALOKE BANERJEE is the same and one identical person in

the eye of law.

### CHANGE **OF NAME**

Soumendra Nath

Kashinath Bhandari aged about 54 years, by faith Hindu, residing at P83, Natabar Pal Road, Howrah-711105, West Bengal, Dasnagar, affirm that correct spelling of my name is Soumendra Nath Bhandari as mentioned in my Aadhaar Card, PAN Card and Eastern Railway ID Card. Whereas, my name has been recorded as Saumendra Nath |Bhandari in my Service| Book of Eastern Railway. I do hereby solemnly affirm that Soumendra Bhandari Saumendra Bhandari is same and

on 01-05-2024.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

Bhandari, S/o. Late P.O.+P.S.: Nath and Nath identical person vide affidavit before 1st Class Metropolitan Magistrate at Kolkata

This is to inform the General Public that Putul client Biswas, 1/9, Naskar Para Lane, Kolkata-700031, have lost four Registered Deed (being GDE No. 1839, Dated: 23-04-2024 of Garfa P.S.) being No. 3855 Year 1957, Deed No. 177 Year 1952, Deed No. 1260 Year 1994 & Release Deed No. 5464 Year 1994 if found please inform within 15 days.

> R. G. Pal Advocate **Alipore Police Court** Kolkata-700027 Enrl. No. WB/3498/1999 Mob.: 9831673789

### PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE Under instruction and on behalf of my client Sri Arjun

Naskar, son of Ajit Naskar of Village: Bhandaria, P.S.: Bishnupur, District: South 24 Parganas, Pin-743610, I like to let you know that the land measuring about 6 cottahs of L.R. Plot No. 612 of Malipukuria Mouza, P.S.: Sonarpur, District: South 24 Parganas originally belongs to (1) Anjali Chakraborty, wife of Shambhunath Chakraborty, and (2) Chandreyi Chakraborty, wife of Bibhas Chakraborty all are of Village: Aghar Sarani, Police Station: Sonarpur, Kolkata-149 executed a registered general Power of Attorney in favour of their well-wishers Rupali Naskar which was registered on 06-02-2020 being No. 111/2020 and Rupali Naskar on that basis of Power of Attorney sold the said land to my client Shri Arjun Naskar, son of Ajit Naskar by dint of two Sale Deed being No. 1099/24 and 1100/24 which was executed and registered on 12-02-2024 at Sonarpur, A.D.S.R. on the basis of those deeds Arjun Naskar filed the Mutation Case being No. MN/2024/1615/6336 and MN/2024/1615/6402 before the Sonarpur B.L. & L.R.O. If anyone have objection regarding that matter he have to filed objection within 15 days in that Mutation case.

Sujay Nandy Advocate E-mail: sujay.nandy@hotmail.com Phone: 9564871716 Date: 10-06-2024

### Digital lending industry in **NOTICE OF SALE**

It is hereby notified to the general public that the following immovable property owned by Gautam Ghosh will be sold by auction as per the order of the court. Tenders shall be invited in sealed envelopes to the address mentioned below. Every auction participan shall pay a Demand Draft of 10 per cent of their payable price to the bank account specified below and to the account holder. The highest bidder must submit the remaining 90 per cent of the draft to the office within the next 15 days i.e. **02-08-2024**. After completion of all the process the demand draft payable to the remaining participants shall be returned within 15 days rom 18-06-2024 Deposit will be made daily from 10-15 a.m. to 5-30 p.m. except holiday, till 18-07-2024. Last day to give closes 18-07-2024 time 3-00 p.m. at the market price set by the government

The sealed envelopes will be opened on 19-07-2024 at 12-00 noon in Certificate Section, Howrah. Submission Address Old Collector Building Room No. 21, Certificate Section Howrah

Details of the underwritten property District: Howrah, Block: Sankrail, Gram Panchayat: Duila, Mouja-Duila, JL No.-35 SI. No. Deed No. **Nature** of Deed value 3876/2009 3 katha 14 chatak 22,67,533/-2716/2010 LR-791 LR-421/1 7 katha 9 chatak 15 sq ft. 47,29,725/-3 4475/2011 LR-804 & LR-768 LR-1079 3.4725 Dec. 16,34,342/-BASTU

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Participation can be done with a demand draft of 10 per cent of amount i.e. Rs. 9.78.220.50 Demand Draft to be made payable to: Akash Enterprises

LR-1079

According to the order

**BASTU** 

11,50,605/-

Amount 97,82,205

Description of Immovable Property (les) / Secured Asset (s)

For HDFC Bank Ltd.

### THE HDFC BANK

**HDFC Bank Limited** 

LR-804

Branch: 4, Mangoe Lane, 5th Floor, Surendra Mohan Ghosh Sarani, Kolkata-700001. Tel: (033)- 6608-6234 CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

Whereas the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC), under the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and i or realisation.

Date of

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1 Tolories	Representative(s)		Notice		
1.	Borrower: Mr. Debabrata Chatterjee  Co- Borrower: Mrs. Jayanti Chatterjee	Rs. 46,94,759/- as on 30.11.2023	11.01.2024	13.06.2024 (Symbolic Possession)	The property being a plot of land admeasuring 01 cottah 08 chittaks (100.37 sq. mtrs) approx., situated at Holding No.: 29/C, Rammohan Mukherjee Lane, within the limits of Howrah Municipal Corporation, P.S.: Shibpur, Dist.: Howrah, Pin: 711102, alongwith the construction thereon present and in future (the said property). The said property is butted and bounded as follows: On the North: Koipukur Lane, On the South: Property of Baidyanath Banerjee, On the East: Koipukur Lane, On the West: Property of Baidyanath Banerjee.
2.	Borrower : Mr.Rabiul Islam Shaikh	Rs. 32,35,486/- as on 31.01.2024	04.03.2024	13.06.2024 (Symbolic Possession)	The property beind a Plot of Land admeasuring 2 Cottah 10 Chattak 35 Square feet on LR Dag No569, R.S. Kh No. 301, Hal Khatian No. 1775, Debanandapur Gram Panchayat, Mouza-Manushpur, PS-Chinsurah, Hooghly-712123 and the undivided proportionate share of the land and construction thereon present and in future (the said property). The property butted and bounded as follows: On the North: 12 feet wide road; On the South: 12 feet wide road; On the West: House of Sudhan Kumar Barua.
3.	Borrower : Mr. Subhas Paul Co- Borrower : Mrs. Anni Paul	Rs. 21,64,525/- as on 31,01,2024	04.03.2024	14.06.2024 (Symbolic Possession)	The property being Shop-20-Block-A, admeasuring 474 Sq ft. (44 Sq. mtr) approx., Super Built Up Area, Floor-Ground, "Panchanan Apartment", on a piece of land admeasuring 15 Cottah 14 Chattak 37 Square feet on 20 (New), (13-Old), Nagendra Nath Road, Mouza-Satgachi, Dumdum, Kolkata – 700028, P.SDumdum, along with the undivided proportionate share of the land and construction thereon present and in future (the said property).

with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realisation. However, since the borrower/s / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken symbolic possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.

the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available

The borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with

Copies of the Panchanma drawn and Inventory made are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) is / are requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Place: Kolkata Sd/- Abir Kumar Bhattacharjee / Hirak Kumar Parai Date: 19.06.2024 **Authorised Officer** 

Regd. Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013



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	Head	Office: Plot No 4, Sector-10 Dwarka, New Delhi-110075 SASTRA Division, Kolkata West Circle, h Floor, 11, HEMANTA BASU Sarani, Kolkata-700 001.	<u> </u>	(Govt. of Indi	ional bank a Undertaking) Sale Notice	Lot No.	B) NAME OF THE BRANCH B) NAME OF THE ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES MORTGAGED / OWNER'S NAME	A) DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE B) OUTSTANDING AMOUNT C) POSSESSION DATE	A) RESERVE PRICE (RS. IN LAC) B) EMD (LAST DATE OF DEPOSIT OF EMD) C) BID INCREASE AMOUNT	DATE/ TIME OF E-AUCTION
	uction Sale Notice	E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE T DATE & TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF EMD AI  Property at Lot (mentioned below)  SI. No. 1-20  For Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization of the Security	TE OF ISSION Time Up to 1024 Upto 3.30 PM	on of Financial Ass				THE GROUND FLOOR 3 ROOMS,2 TOILETS, 1 VERANDAH AND ON THE FIRST FLOOR 1 BED ROOM, 1 DINING ROOM, 1 KITCHEN, 3 TOILETS AND 1 VERANDAH HAVING A TOTAL CONTRUCTED AREA OF 1252.35 SQ.FT. ON THE GROUND FLOOR AND 1ST FLOOR BELONGING TO MR.RAM LAL RAM, PARTITION DEED NO 1-02338 OF 2016 REGISTERED IN A.R.A1,KOLKATA.  (THIS PROPERTY IS UNDER SYMBOLIC POSSESSION)			
prop Auti men rese The to bi	norized Officer of the tioned in the table here price and the earsale will be done by deither personally of A) NAME OF THE	to the public in general and in particular to the Botharged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ he Bank/Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is werein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/Semest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table to the undersigned through e-auction platform provided as by duly authorized agent.  DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES	physical/symbolic po where is", "As is what ecured Creditor from the elow against the respec-	ssession of which is", and "Whatever respective borrowe tive properties.	has been taken by the r there is" on the date as r(s) and guarantor(s). The e General Public is invited	13	PNB :Kolkata - Bhowanipur A/C : M/s Welfo Pharmaceutical Pvt. Ltd	MILLEY, 2.F. 140-13, 100E) 110-335/HIGH MILL 140-E 10/DUO 110-	2) Rs. 1,92,34,355.85 Along with interest from date of last intt charged		11.07.2024 From 11.30 am to 3.30 pm with 10 mins extension. (Dealing officer contact no. 7044502060)
	B) NAME OF THE ACCOUNT	MORTGAGED / OWNER'S NAME  All that piece & parcel of land measuring about 5 Satak be the	B) OUTSTANDING AMOUNT C) POSSESSION DATE	B) EMD (LAST DATE OF DEPOSIT OF EMD) C) BID INCREASE AMOUNT A) Rs. 16.05 lac	0.0000000000000000000000000000000000000	14	PNB :Kolkata- Bhowanipur	CHAKRABORTY (UNDER SYMBOLIC POSSESSION)  All that piece & parcel of land measuring 2 cottah 7 chittaks 35 sq.ft.(4.1 Decimal). At Plot no/dag no-92/1668,Khatian No-980,J.L. No-73,Mouja-Amtala,R.S. No-14,17,Touzi No-	2) Rs. 1,92,34,355.85	A) Rs. 20.37 Lac B) Rs. 2.04 Lac	11.07.2024 From 11.30 Am to 3.30
		same or little more or less together with building standing thereon lying and situated in Mouza- Jala Dhulagori, IL. No. 2 comprised in R.S. Dag No. 462 under R.S. Khatian No. 1152 corresponding to & LR. Dag No 480 under LR. Khatian NO. 2665 under Dhulagori Gram panchayat within jurisdiction of Additional Sub Registry Office Ranihati and D.S.R. Howrah and Police Station-Sankarail, District-Howrah, <b>Property</b> owned by Mr. Tapas Mitra, PO: Santoshpur Uluberia Vill-Jala Dhulagori, Shyam Sunder Chak,	B) Rs. 1489443.00 as on 31-08-2021 C) 19/08/2023	B) Rs. 1.61 lac  C) Rs. 0.10 Lac	From 11:30am T0 03.30 pm with 10 mins, Extension, Dealing Officer No 9476368676	15	A/C : M/s Welfo Pharmaceutical Pvt. Ltd  PNB :Kolkata- Bhowanipur	395 of under Chandi Gram Panchayet, P.OKanyanagar, P.SBishnupur, DistSouth 24 Paganas.  Deed No: I-2467/1995 in the name of Smt. Sutapa Chakraborty  (UNDER SYMBOLIC POSSESSION)  Equitable Mortgage: All that piece and parcel of undivided proportionate share of land along with ground floor, roof		A) Rs. 76.95 Lac	Pm with 10 mins extension. (Dealing officer contact no. 7044502060) 11.07.2024 FROM 11.30 AM TO
2	ELECTRONICS, Prop Mr Susanta Sana	& named together proponionate undivided share & interest of land the said building about 12 Decimals in R S Dag NO 1357 corresponding to L R Dag No 1367 under R S Khatian No 85 under L R Khatian No 54,39,66 within Mouza & Police Station -	B) Rs. 3314186.50 Along With interest from date of last intt Charged and all Other charges.	A) Rs. 17.76 Lac B) Rs. 1.77 Lac C) Rs. 0.10 Lac	11-7-2024 From 11:30am T0 03:30 pm with 10 mins. Extension Dealing Officer No 9476368676		A/C : M/s Welfo Pharmaceutical Pvt. Ltd	395,Khatian No-74, Dag No-141,p.sBishnupur, DistSouth 24 Paganas Deed No: I-1969 in the name of Sri Biswanath Chakraborty & Equitable Mortgaged of two flats in the 1st floor measuring 766 Sq.Ft. each at the "Lakhsmi Palace" Dist-South 24 Parganas,Sub Registry Office: Baruipur, Pargana: Azimabad,Touzi No395, Mouja-Amtala, JL No-73, Khatian No-74, Rayati Dakhila Satya Bistiya under Chandi Gram Panchayet,Dag No-141, Danga-766 Sq.ft. in the deed of 6089 & 6085 in the name of Sri Biswanath Chakraborty.	ALONG WITH INTEREST FROM DATE OF LAST INTT CHARGED AND ALL OTHER EXPENSES AND OTHER	C) Rs. 0.10 Lac	3.30 PM WITH 10 MINS EXTENSION. (DEALING OFFICER CONTACT NO. 7044502060)
3	& Smt. Rekha Rani Samanta	Equitable Mortgage of Bastu land & Building. 3.20 decimals Double stories (partly three stories). Building RCC Roofed. Ground floor and 1st floor covered area of 1300 sq.ft. (less of more), each floor & Stair Head & 1 room covered area is 180 Sq.ft. Situated at Mouza-Amrajol, J. L. No.15, R.S. Dag no.931 & 945, L.R. Dag No.948 & 963, under R.S. Khatian No.449, L.R. Khatian No.242,79,678 & 331. After Settlement Mutation Khatian No. 894 & 893 Dag No, are same, D.S.R. at Howrah A.D.S.R. Bagnan, P>S>- Bagnan, Dist- Howrah. Deed No. 01076 of 2011 Property is owned by Sanjay Samanta & Smt. Rekha Samanta.	A) 04-05-2021 B) Rs.16,01,924.04 Along With interest from date of last intt Charged and all Other charges. C) 08.09.2022	A) Rs. 33.60 Lac B) Rs. 3.36 Lac C) Rs. 0.10 Lac	11-7-2024 From 11:30am T0 03.30 pm with 10 mins. Extension Dealing Officer No 9476368676	16	PNB :ATM Road A/c : Bipendra Pandey & Rekh Pandey	FLOOR ,CONTAINING A SUPER BUILT UP AREA OF ABOUT 1000 SQ.FT.OF THE PARTLY (G+3) & PARTLY (G+4) STORIED	2) Rs. 60,36,045.00 along with interest from	A) Rs. 52.33 Lac B) Rs. 5.24 Lac C) Rs. 0.10 Lac	11.07.2024 FROM 11.30 AM TO 3.30 PM WITH 10 MINS EXTENSION. (DEALING OFFICER CONTACT NO. 7044502060)
4	M/s Rukmani Ispat Private Limited Directors: 1) Ravinder Kumar	(UNDER SYMBOLIC POSSESSION)  Equitable Mortgage of all that piece and parcel of Land with 200 sq. ft. R.T. structure being Plot No. 7 and land measuring 04 Cottahs 7 Chhattaks and 39 sq, ft. being a portion of Bally Municipal Holding No. 57/1 Malipanchghara Street and also appertaining to R.S. Dag No. 118, 119, 120, L.R. Dag No. 132, L.R. Khatian No. 28, Mouza Malipanchghara, Ward No. 20 under Bally Municipality, J.L. No. 17, P.S. Bally, District Howrah- 711106 in the name of 1) Sri Ravinder Kumar Goel & 2) Sri Ajay Kumar Gupta being deed No. I 1989 for the year 2008 registered at A.D.S.R. Howrah. (UNDER SYMBOLIC POSSESSION)	B) Rs. 2,53,29,281.15/- along with interest from date of last Intt. charged and all other expenses and other charges	pit to nove and ottomine will	from 11.30 am to 3.30 pm with 10 mins extension. (Dealing Officer Contact no. 7080808830)	17	Road A/c :M/s Surama Enterprise PNB : Brabourn Road	2017, ADMEASURING 853 SQ. FT. BEING PROPERTY IN THE NAME OF MRS. SHUKLA BARMAN  DM PERMISSION RECEIVED (Under Symbolic Possession)  Equitable mortgage of residential Flat No B7 in Block B at 4th floor of 'APARAJITA GARDEN' MEASURING ABOUT 975 Sq. Ft. situated at 98. Sarat Ghosh Garden Road.	along with interest from date of last Intt charged and all other expenses and other charges 3) 14.02.2023 1) 19.10.2022 2) Rs. 99,17,958.99	A) Rs. 24.11 Lac B) Rs. 2.42 Lac C) Rs. 0.10 Lac A) Rs. 37.84 Lac B) Rs. 3.79 Lac	11.07.2024 from 11.30 am to 3.30 pm with 10 mins extension. (Dealing Officer Contact no. 7044502060) 11.07.2024 from 11.30 am to 3.30
5		All that Piece & Parcel of Flat number 8A on the Second Floor East facing, measuring a super built up area of 479 Sqft. more or	C) 14.06.2023 A) 07.02.2023 B) Rs.20,48,468/-	A) Rs. 17.34 Lac	11.07.2024 from 11:30A.M TO 03.30		A/c : M/s Suram Enterprise	No - 1 - 03013 for the year 2010, property in the name of (1) Mrs. Swati Ghosh & (2) Mr. Romit Ghosh.  DM PERMISSION RECEIVED (Under Symbolic Possession)	and other charges		pm with 10 mins extension. (Dealing Officer Contact no. 7044502060)
	Riya Ghosh	less of a G+IV storied building which is situated at Mouza - Ariadaha-Kamarhati, Niz Village Ariadaha, P.S. Belghoria, District - North 24 Parganas, J.L. No. 1, R.S. No. 12, Touzi No. 173, comprised in Dag No. 3490, under Khatian No. 1610, Ward No. 8, Holding No. 1772/1, Premises No. 37, North Nawadapara Road, Kolkata - 700057, under the limits of Kamarhati Municipality within the jurisdiction at the office of the ADSR Cossipore, Dum Dum at present Belgharia, in the District of North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, vide deed no. 3568 of 2019 in the name of Riya Ghosh (UNDER SYMBOLIC POSSESSION)	Along with interest from date of npa / last intt charged and all other expenses and other charges.  C) 11.05.2023	B) Rs.1.73 Lac C) Rs. 0.10 lac	PM With 10 mins extension (Dealing officer no.7080808830)	19	PNB: Tivoli Pari M/s Dutta Ornaments	& 18 SQ.FT AND STRUCTURE 700 SQ.FT., WITH CEMENTED GROUND FLOOR BEING PREMISES NO-20/2A , TARKA SIDHANTA LANE, P.SBALLY, BALLY, HOWRAH, UNDER DAG NO15269, KHATIAN NO-2464, R.S. NO1769, J.L. NO-14, MOUJA-BALLY, UNDER WARD NO-6, UNDER HOWRAH MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (EARLIER BALLY MUNICIPALITY), CONSISTING OF ONE (1) STORIED RESIDENTIAL HOUSE COMPRISING 1 KITCHEN & VERANDAH AND 1 COMMON BATHROOM , 2 BED ROOMS AND A COVERED GARAGE OF 50 SQ.FT WITH ALL	2) Rs.13,30,389.50 along with interest from date of last Intt charged and all other expenses and other charges 3) 25.05.2022	A) Rs. 15.12 Lac B) Rs. 1.52 Lac C) Rs. 0.10 Lac	from 11.30 am to 3.30 pm with 10 mins extension. (Dealing Officer Contact no. 7044502060)
6	<b>7</b> '	ALL that piece & parcel of the flat no-203 on the second floor Measuring about 312 sq. ft together with proportionate share of land situated within District & District Registry, additional District sub Registry Howrah, Mouja & police station Shibpur, Howrah Muncipial corporation ward no.33, Holding no.67/1, Kashinath Chatterjee Lane, P.S Shibpur, District Howrah, vide deed no.02011 of 2014 in the name of Arup Ganguly and Namita Ganguly. (UNDER SYMBOLIC POSSESSION)	A) 01.07.2021 B) Rs. 21,98,044.40/- Along with interest from date of NPA / last intt charged and all other expenses and other charges.	A) Rs. 8.18 Lac  B) Rs. 0.81 Lac  C) Rs. 0.10 Lac	11.07.2024 FROM 11.30 AM TO 3.30 PM WITH 10 MINS EXTENSION. (DEALING OFFICER CONTACT NO 7080808830)	20	PNB: ATM Road	assets thereon situated at Mouja Chandipur "Jl. No-	1) 26.04.2017 2) Rs.9.45.99.620.67	A) Rs. 285.11 Lac B) Rs. 28.52 Lac	11.07.2024 from 11.30 am to 3.30
7	2) Arup Ganguly BO: SHIBPUR, Ambay Cold	ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE DANGA LAND MEASURING ABOUT 2 (TWO) COTTAHS SITUATED AT DISTRICT HOWRAH AND DISTRICT REGISTRY OFFICE	B) 16.09.2021 A) 28.09.2022 B) Rs. 21,16,474.17/-	A) Rs.11.25 Lac	11.07.2024 from 11.30 am to 3.30		Feed Industries	19. P.S-Uluberia, Des-Cowtain, containing an area of	from date of last Intt charged and all other expenses and other charges	C) Rs. 0.10 Lac	pm with 10 mins extension. (Dealing Officer Contact no. 7044502060
	Drinks Stationary Shop, Prop. Dilip Kumar Singh	HOWRAH, ADDITIONAL DISTRICT SUB REGISTRY OFFICE RANIHATI, P.SSANKRAIL, J.L NO-40, MOUZA-THANA MAKUA, UNDER R.S. KHATIAN NO.372, L.R. KHATIAN NO.964, DAG NO.14, WARD NO-45, PO-DANESH SEKH LANE, PS-SANKRAIL, DISTRICT-HOWRAH, PIN-711109.  (UNDER SYMBOLIC POSSESSION)	along with interest from date of last Intt. charged and all other expenses and other charges C) 03.12.2022	B) Rs. 1.12 Lac C) Rs. 0.10 Lac	pm with 10 mins extension. (Dealing Officer Contact no. 7080808830	1. 7 2. 7	sale shall be subject The auction sale will The intending Bidde Further, they are re- working days), the in	IONS OF E-AUCTION SALE of to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security In Il be "online through e-auction" portal http://www.mstce ers/ Purchasers are requested to register on portal (htt quested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the intending Bidders/Purchasers has to transfer the EMD a in the e-Auction Date and Time in the portal. The registra	tps:www.mstcauction.e KYC documents are ver mount using online mode	com) using their mol fied by e-auction ser in his Global EMD \	oile number and email-id. vice provider (may take 2 Vallet by 10.07.2024 (For
8	BO: Calcutta Susanta Parul	All that piece and parcel of residential flat no. 10 B South-East side on the 3rd floor, being covered area 763 SQFT including super built up area on total proportionate Bastu land of 03 Cottah 12 Chittacks 21 SQFT of multi storied building named as Maa Saradha Apartment lying and situated at 51/8, (30/1) Subhas Nagar 2nd Bye Lane, P.S. Durn Durn, Kolkata 700 065, Dist. 24 Pgs (N), Municipality-South Durn Durn, Mouza-Digla, Re. Sa. No. 161, J.L. No. 18, Touzi No. 172 & 173, C.S./R.S./LR. Khatian No. 11, C.S./R.S./L.R. Dag No. 2175, Holding No. 51/8, Ward No05, in name of Sri. Susanta Parui, vide deed being No 190200349 for the year 2020 (UNDER SYMBOLIC POSSESSION)	A) 31.12.2022  B) Rs. 24,82,896.00/- along with interest from date of last Intt. charged and all other expenses and other charges  C) 25.08.2023	A) Rs. 23.59 Lac B) Rs. 2.35 Lac C) Rs. 0.10 Lac	from 11.30 am to 3.30 pm with 10 mins extension. (Dealing Officer Contact no. 7080808830	3. E E r s 4. F E	be completed well in Earnest Money Dep Challan from (https: Bank, however for Chot be accepted. Bis shall not bear any in Platform (https: www.office at 225-C, A.J.: Bidders/Purchasers This Service Provide The Sale Notice of	n advance, before auction. posit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid s:www.mstcecommerce.com) in bidders Global EMD Cash/ Transfer the bidder has to visit Punjab National Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online, will not be	online through 3 modes Wallet. NEFT transfer of ank Branch. Payment of the allowed to participate in the by e Auction service pro- the Numbers 079- 410724 Auction Service Provider auction on the portal. is available / published	i.e. NEFT/ Cash/ Tra an be done from an EMD by any other m in the e-auction. The in vider M/S MSTC Lim 12/ 411 / 413 or 1800 's website https:www	nsfer (After generation of y Scheduled Commercial ode such as Cheques will Earnest Money Deposited lited having its Registered -103-5342). The intending w.mstcecommerce.com
9.	BO: Old Court House Street M/S. Maha Lakshmi Readymade Garments Proprietor: Shri Jitendra Nath Santra	All that Piece & Parcel of Bastu Land Measuring 12 Chattacks 3 Sq Ft together with building thereon situated at Mouza-Dharsha, JL No 5, R.S Dag No-1889, R.S Khaitan No-1009, L.R Dag No-1988(P), L.R Khaitan No-4386, within Howrah Municipal Corporation Ward No-47, at Premises No-10/A, Satyaranjan Street, 4th Bye Lane, PS-Jagacha in the District -Howrah of the Deed No-3306/2000 dated 03.11.2000 and Property Owner Sri Jitendra Nath Santra.  (UNDER SYMBOLIC POSSESSION)	A) 03.05.2021 B) Rs. 55,30,364.84/- along with interest from date of last Intt. charged and all other expenses and other charges C) 16.08.2021	A) Rs. 33.96 Lac B) Rs. 3.39 Lac C) Rs. 0.10 Lac	from 11.30 am to 3.30 pm with 10 mins extension. (Dealing Officer Contact no. 7080808830	7. T F 6. E 8. E 9. C t	operational part of e The intending Bidde Further, they will up days), the intending EMD in his Wallet, t Bidder's Global Wall During the e-auction the bid amount mus- bid and if no higher t is the responsibility	cipants of e-auction may download free of cost, copies e-Auction related to this e-Auction from eB亦年-IBAPI poers/Purchasers are requested to register on portal (httpload the requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents. Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount us the interest bidder will be able to bid on the date of e-auctet should have sufficient balance (>=EMD amount) at the bidders will be allowed to offer higher bid in inter-se bid to effect by any bidder after the expiry of ten minutely of intending Bidder(s) to properly read the Sale Notice.	rtal (https://www.ibapi.ir ps:www.mstcauction.or uments are verified by e sing on line mode in his or ction. he lime of bidding. dding over and above the Ten minutes time will be es to the last highest bid e, Terms & conditions of	n). com) using their mot- auction service provided and the service and the service provided and the service an	pile number and email-id.  pider (may take 2 working)  Only after having sufficient  the minimum increase in  a quote successive higher  be closed.  Bual on operational part of
10	A/c.BABAN GHOSH &	EQUITABLE MORTGAGE OF FLAT NO-A LYING ON 3RD FLOOR MEASURING ABOUT 1050 SFT. SUPER BUILT UP AREAS WITH MOSAIC FLOORING CONSISTING OF BED ROOM, LIVING CUM DINING ROOM, OPEN KITCHEN AND ONE TOILET SITUATED AT PLOT OF LAND MEASURING ABOUT 5(FIVE) COTTAHS 5 (CHATTAK) 17 SFT. BE THE SAME A LITTLE MORE OR LESS. APPEARING TO TOUZI-NO-348, R.S. NO-71, J.L. NO-3, DAG NO-1807(P) & 434(P), KHATIAN NO-491 & 251 UNDER MOUJA-PANCHUR, P.S-RABINDRA NAGAR, DIST-24 PARGANAS(SOUTH), BEING KNOWN AS MUNICIPAL HOLDING NO-A1-93, 3RD FLOOR "ANATHBANDHU APARTMENT", NEW SANTOSHPUR ROAD, WARD NO-6, UNDER MAHESHTALA MUNICIPALITY ALONG WITH UNDIVIDED PROPORTIONATE IMPARTIBLE SHARE OF LAND RELATING TO THE FLAT ,P.S-RABINDRA NAGAR, KOLKATA-700066.DEED NO-10960 FOR THE YEAR 2014 IN THE NAME OF SMT.BABAN GHOSH & SRI ANUVAB GHOSH	A) 01.01.2022 B) Rs. 22,64,516.00 Along with interest from date of NPA / last intt charged and all other expenses and other charges C) 22.04.2022	A) Rs. 22.41 Lac B) Rs. 2.25 Lac C) Rs. 0.10 Lac	From 11.30 am to 3.30 pm with 10 mins extension. (Dealing officer contact no. 7044502060)	11.A 6 12.1 13.1 15. ( 8 6 6 14.F 15. 1 16.h	representative of our After finalization of elemail. (On mobile no The secured asset of the successful bidder when the next working Banker's Cheque (Name of the A/C) is successful bidder with the authorized Official terms of the au	w them strictly. i. In case of any difficulty or need of an e-Auclion Service Provider (https: http://www.mstcede-Auclion by the Authorized Officer, only successful biddedermail address given by them/ registered with the service will not be sold below the reserve price. As per rules, we shall have to deposit 25% (twenty-five percent) of the registered with the service shall have to deposit 25% (twenty-five percent) of the registered and the remaining amount shall be paid, within a Demand Draft issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bar Payable at KOLKATA. In case of failure to deposit the will be forfeited to the Bank and Authorized Officer shall all not have any claim over the forfeited amount and the resideration by the successful bidder to the bank will be a successful bidder only at the time of deposit of remain for reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if a strion at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever or litigation or an adverse order passed by an appropriate the Bidder/s, no interest shall be paid for the period the first order.	commerce.com/). Details er will be informed by our vice provider). the Bidding shall start from the Bidding shall start from the date of 15 days from the date of nk drawn in favor of "The amount as above within have the liberty to cond a property. subject to TDS under Se ing 75 % of the bid amount found acceptable or the ver and his decision in the ate court or tribunal etc.	of which are available above referred serving on one notch higher mount deposited, on Confirmation of Sale Authorized Officer, I the stipulated time, uct a fresh auction/struction 194-1A of Incompution of BID opostpone/cancel/ars regard shall be finally for any reason which	the on the e-Auclion portal ce provider through SMS than the Reserve Price the same day or not later by the Bank, in the form Punjab National Bank, A/o the amount deposited by sale of the property & th
11	PNB:TIVOLI PARK A/c.UMA ENTERPRISE	EQUITABLE MORTGAGE OF HOMESTEAD LAND TOGETHER WITH A STRUCTURE STANDING THEREON CONTAINING AN AREA OF 2 COTTAH 10 CHITTAK, BE IT LITTLE MORE OR LESS SITUATED AT MOUJA-SULTANPUR, J.L. NO-10, R.S. NO-148, TOUZI NO173, KHATIAN NO-477, DAG NO-58, HOLDING NO-113, WEST DURGANAGAR MAIN ROAD, WARD NO-21 OF NORTH DUM DUM MUNICIPALITY, P.SDUM DUM, DIST-24 PARGANAS (NORTH), KOLKATA-700 065. DEED NO 394/2004 IN THE NAME OF SHANKAR MALLICK.	A) 01.08.2021 B) Rs. 95,55,026.73 Along with interest from date of NPA / last intt charged and all other expenses and other charges C) 30.12.2021	A) Rs.63.01 Lac B) Rs. 6.31 Lac C) Rs. 0.10 Lac	11.07.2024 From 11.30 am to 3.30 pm with 10 mins extension. (Dealing officer contact no. 7044502060)	17.1 18.1 19.1 £ 20.1 ii 21.4 22.1	The sale certificat The properties are to The particulars of Sout the Authorized Co t shall be the responspects the propert All statutory dues/a The Authorized Officelse in respect of pro-	te shall be issued in the favor of successful bidde being sold on 'AS IS WHERE IS BASIS' and "AS IS Wiecured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove had been shall not be answerable for any error, misstatementality of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves by in consultation with the dealing official as per the detattendant charges/other dues including registration charges or the Bank shall not be responsible for any charge operties (E-Auctioned) not known to the bank. The Intended on the property including statutory iabilities, arrears of p	HAT IS BASIS" and 'WH ave been stated to the beent or omission in this pro- about the asset and spe- ils provided. rges, stamp duty, taxes , lien, encumbrances, or ding Bidder is advised to it	est of the information oclamation. cification before sub- etc. shall have to be any other dues to the nake their own indep	BASIS" of the Authorized Officer, mitting the bid. The bidder borne by the purchaser, le Government or anyone
12	PNB : TIVOLI PARK A/C :M/S R. B. ENTERPRISE	EQUITABLE MORTGAGE OF PROPERTY: ALL THAT ONE HALF SHARE IN THE TOTAL LAND COMPRISING 2 COTTAHS, MORE OR LESS, AND THE CONSTRUCTED AREA ON THE GROUND AND 1ST FLOOR OF THE TWO STORIED RESIDENTIAL BUILDING TOGETHER WITH ONE HALF SHARE IN THE ROOF RIGHT AT PREMISES NO.3/1A, MATHESWARTALA ROAD (PORTION), P.STANGRA, WARD NO-58 UNDER KMC COMPRISING ON	1) 01.09.2021 2) Rs. 93,58,059.64 Along with interest from date of last intt charged and all other expenses and other charges 3) 10.09.2021	A) Rs. 30.89 Lac B) Rs. 3.09 Lac C) Rs. 0.10 Lac	11.07.2024 From 11.30 am to 3.30 pm with 10 mins extension. (Dealing officer contact no. 7044502060)	23.1 F 24.lt	The bidder should e powerfailure or tech tis open to the Bani For detailed term ar	ensure proper internet connectivity, power back-up etc. inical reasons or reasons/contingencies affecting the e- it to appoint a representative and make self-bid and part and conditions of the sale, please refer: https://www.iba	The Bank shall not be lauctions. ticipate in the auction. pi.in/http://www.mstcedE 8(6) OF THE S	commerce.com/www	w.pnbindia.in



# Before his summit with Kim, Putin vowsthey'll beat sanctions to gether

Putin's comments appeared in an op-ed piece in North Korean state media hours before his arrival

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ussian President Vladimir Putin thanked North Korea L \Lambda for supporting his actions in Ukraine and said their countries will cooperate closely to overcome U.S.led sanctions as he headed to Pyongyang on Tuesday for a summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Putin's comments appeared in an op-ed piece in North Korean state media hours before his expected arrival for a two-day visit as the countries deepen their alignment in the face of separate, intensifying con-

frontations with Washington. In the North Korean capital of Pyongyang, the streets were decorated with Putin's



portraits and Russian flags. A banner hung on a building said: "We warmly welcome the President of the Russian Federation."

Putin, who will be making his first trip to North Korea in 24 years, said he highly appreciates its firm support of his military action in Ukraine. He said the countries would continue to "res-

olutely oppose" what he described as Western ambitions "to hinder the establishment of a multipolar world order based on justice, mutual respect for sovereignty, considering each other's interests." Putin also

said Russia and North Korea

will develop trade and pay-

ment systems "that are not

controlled by the West" and

jointly oppose sanctions against the countries, which he described as "illegal, unilateral restrictions.'

North Korea is under heavy U.N. Security Council economic sanctions over its nuclear weapons and missile programs, while Russia is also grappling with sanctions by the United States and its Western partners over its aggression in Ukraine. Putin said the countries will also expand cooperation in tourism, culture and education.

Before heading to North Korea, Putin traveled to Yakutsk, a city in eastern Russia, where he reportedly planned to meet regional Gov. Aisen Nikolayev, and receive briefings on the area's technology and defenserelated projects.

### S Korean soldiers fire warning shots after North troops cross border

SEOUL, 18 JUNE

South Korean troops fired warning shots to repel North Korean soldiers who briefly crossed the rivals' heavily fortified land border for the second time this month, the South's military said. Both incursions were believed to be unintentional. Around 20 to 30 North Korean soldiers who were doing construction work crossed the military demarcation line that serves as the border between the two countries in the Demilitarized Zone.

# US renews warning it's obligated to defend the Philippines after new clash with China at sea

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MANILA, 18 JUNE

The United States renewed a warning Tuesday that it's obligated to defend its close treaty ally a day after Filipino navy personnel were injured and their supply boats damaged in one of the most serious confrontations between the Philippines and China in a disputed shoal in the South China Sea, officials said.

China and the Philippines blamed each other for instigating Monday's hostilities in the Second Thomas Shoal, which has been occupied by a small Filipino navy contingent aboard a grounded warship that's been closely watched by Chinese coast guard, navy and suspected militia ships in a yearslong territorial standoff. There is fear the disputes, long regarded as an Asian flashpoint, could escalate and pit the United States and China

in a larger conflict.



U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Kurt Campbell discussed China's actions with Philippine counterpart, Maria Theresa Lazaro, in a telephone call. Both agreed that China's "dangerous actions threatened regional peace and stability," State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller said.

Campbell reaffirmed that the 1951 Mutual Defense Treaty, which obligates Washington and Manila to help defend the other in major conflicts, "extends to armed attacks on Philippine armed

forces, public vessels, or aircraft – including those of its coast guard – anywhere in the South China Sea," according to Miller.

A Philippine government task force overseeing the territorial disputes condemned what it said were "dangerous maneuvers, including ramming and towing," which disrupted a routine effort to transport food, water and other supplies to the Filipinos manning the territorial outpost aboard the BRP Sierra Madre at the shoal.

"Despite the illegal, aggressive, and reckless actions by the Chinese maritime forces, our personnel showed restraint and professionalism, refrained from escalating the tension, and carried on with their mission," the Philippine task force said without elaborating. "Their actions put at risk the lives of our personnel and damaged our boats in blatant violation of international law."

# European Union leaders break off talks on top job nominees without result

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BRUSSELS, 18 JUNE

Leaders of European Union countries reached no final agreement on candidates for the bloc's top jobs Monday, but several praised the record of European Commission President Ursula von der

ment later this month for a second term in office. "There is no agreement tonight at this stage," EU Council President Charles Michel said after chairing

an informal dinner summit

Leyen, and she appeared on

track to secure their endorse-

The 27 leaders were weighing the fallout from the recent European elections and how



to take those results into account as they nominate candidates for the top posts.

"This conversation was today a useful step to prepare the next European Council," Michel said, referring to the next meeting of EU presidents and prime ministers June 27-28. He refused to be drawn

out on the chances of von der Leven and others, saying only: "It will be clarified next

The June 6-9 elections saw the European Parliament shift to the right and dealt major blows to mainstream governing parties in Paris and Berlin. The Franco-German motor that usually propels EU politics along was notably weakened, and hard right parties there gained

Still, names for the big posts have circulated in Brussels for months.

Former Portuguese Socialist Prime Minister António Costa is frequently mentioned for Michel's job the role of council president.

# 64 missing, many rescued from two shipwrecks off Italy

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ROME, 18 JUNE

Sixty-four people were missing in the Mediterranean Sea and several were rescued after their ship wrecked off Italy's southern coast Monday, United Nations' agencies said in a statement.

In a separate shipwreck, rescue workers evacuated dozens of suspected migrants but found 10 bodies trapped below the deck of a wooden boat off Italy's tiny Lampedusa island, the German aid group Resqship wrote on Monday on the X social media platform.

The boat that wrecked about 200 kilometers (125 miles) off Calabria had set off from Turkey eight days earlier, but caught fire and overturned, the U.N. agencies said, citing survivors.



operation started following a mayday call by a French boat, the Italian coast guard said in a statement. The boat was sailing in a border area where Greece and Italy carry out search-and-rescue operations. The survivors and people still missing at sea came from Iran, Syria and Iraq, the U.N.

agencies said. The Italian Maritime Rescue Coordination Center immediately diverted two merchant vessels sailing nearby to the scene of the rescue. Assets from the European

Frontex also helped. The survivors were brought to the Calabrian port of Roccella Jonica, where they were disembarked and entrusted to the care of medical personnel. One of the 11 rescued

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border and coast guard agency

In a separate shipwreck, rescue workers evacuated dozens of suspected migrants but found 10 bodies trapped below the deck of a wooden boat off Italy's tiny Lampedusa island.

migrants died soon after, the coast guard said.

In the second shipwreck, the crew aboard Resqship's boat, the Nadir, found 61 people on the wooden boat, which was full of water.

"Our crew was able to evacuate 51 people, two of whom were unconscious," it added. "The 10 dead were in the flooded lower deck of the boat."

### Third trial of suspects in alleged far-right coup plot opens in Germany

BERLIN, 18 JUNE

Eight people accused of involvement in a suspected far-right plot to topple the German government went on trial in Munich on Tuesday, in the last of three trials in the sprawling case.

The eight Germans, six men and two women, are charged with "preparation of high treasonous undertaking." They also face charges of membership in or founding a terrorist organization, and some of them are charged with preparing a serious act of violence. The case came to light in late 2022, shocking the country, and a total of 26 people are now in court. The alleged ringleaders and most prominent suspects, among them a self-styled prince and a former far-right lawmaker, went on trial in Frankfurt last month. A trial of nine people in Stuttgart that began at the end of April is focusing on the "military arm" of the plot.

All are expected to be lengthy proceedings. At the Munich state court, 55 trial sessions have been set so far through the end of January, German news agency dpa reported. Prosecutors have said the suspects believed in "conspiracy myths" including Reich Citizens and QAnon ideology, and were convinced that Germany is ruled by a so-called deep state. Adherents of the Reich Citizens movement reject Germany's postwar constitution and have called for bringing down the government, while QAnon is a global conspiracy theory with roots in the United States.

# Thailand's Senate overwhelmingly approves a landmark bill to legalise same-sex marriages

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in Brussels.

BANGKOK, 18 JUNE

Thailand's Senate voted overwhelmingly on Tuesday to approve a bill that would legalise same-sex marriage, clearing the last legislative hurdle for the country to become the first in Southeast Asia to enact such a law.

Thailand has a reputation for acceptance and inclusivity but has struggled for decades to pass a marriage equality law. Thai society largely holds conservative values, and members of the LGBTQ+ community say they face discrimination in everyday

The government and state agencies are also historically conservative, and advohave had a hard time pushing lawmakers and civil servants to accept change.

Thailand will become the third place in Asia, after Taiwan and Nepal, to allow same-sex marriage. The marriage equality bill, which grants full legal, financial and medical rights for marriage partners of any gender, sailed through the House of Representatives right before the previous parliamentary session concluded in April with the approval of 400 of the 415 members who were pres-

It passed its final reading in the Senate on Tuesday with the approval of 130 of the 152 members in attendance, with 4 voting against it and 18 abstaining.

The bill now needs the pro



forma endorsement of King Maha Vajiralongkorn, followed by its publication in the Government Gazette, which will set a date within 120 days when it becomes effective.

The timing of the Senate's vote on Tuesday, the first day

of the current parliamentary session, suggests the urgency in getting the bill passed. The legislation will amend the country's Civil and Commercial Code to replace gender-specific words such as

"men and women" with gen-

der-neutral words such as

But it was not approved without a hitch. One member of the Senate, retired army Gen. Worapong Sanganet, argued that the gender-specific terms should still be included in the law along with the gender-neutral terms. He said excluding them would be a severe "subversion of the institution of family" in Thailand.

After the vote, Plaifah Kyoka Shodladd, an 18-yearold who identifies as nonbinary, took the floor and thanked everyone who supported the legislation, calling it a "force of hope" that will help Thailand become more accepting of diversity.

"Today, love trumps prejudice," Plaifah said. The government, confi-

announced several days ago it would host a celebration of the occasion later Tuesday at Government House. The ground in front of the main building was decorated with rainbow carpets, flags and a giant balloon in the shape of two hands making a heart sign. The party was joined by politicians, celebrities, diplomats and activists from the LGBTQ+ community and their supporters who rode in a colorful parade of floats from Parliament after the vote.

Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin, who could not join the event because he recently tested positive for COVID-19, wrote his congratulations on social media platlective effort of all stakeholders which reiterates the power of 'unity in diversity' of the Thai society. We will continue our fight for social rights for all people regardless of their status," he wrote. Passing the law is a "tri-

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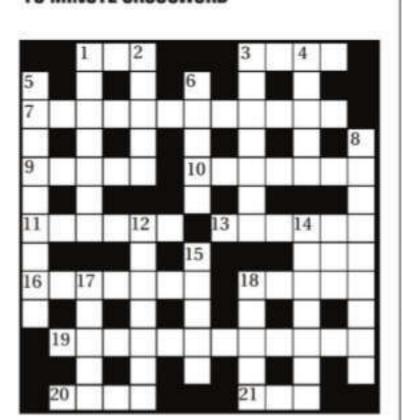
umph for justice and human rights," said Mookdapa Yangyuenpradorn of the human rights organization Fortify Rights. "The Thai government must now focus on ensuring

swift and effective implementation of this law to safeguard LGBTI+ rights,' she said. "Marriage equality is fundamental to human dignity, and it is essential that Thailand protects these rights without delay or discrimination.'

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# Science

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### **OLI PEARCE** JOE WARE

n the six months since the last UN climate conference, COP28, in Dubai, a series of extreme weather events have hit the world. According to official figures, these events caused at least \$41 billion in damage, which is likely a major underestimate. As the world hits the 12th consecutive month with record-high global temperatures, it is no surprise that there have been so many extreme weather events. Nor is it surprising that, when studied scientifically, many of them were found to have been made more likely and more intense by climate change, predominantly caused by burning fossil fuels. Climate attribution studies have been used for 20 years to assess whether climate change made particular weather events more intense or more likely, and more than 400 attribution studies have now been

In Brazil, in April and May, the worst floods on record killed at least 169 people, with 56 still missing, 600,000 people were displaced, and 3.2 million were affected. Fatalities from waterborne illnesses are spreading due to the floods. The floods are estimated to reduce Brazil's GDP by \$7 billion this year, as costs to rebuild exceed billions of dollars. This event was made at least twice as likely by climate change.

Heavy rainfall in Southwest Asia in April killed at least 214 people. In the United Arab Emirates, a year's worth of rain fell in just 24 hours in Dubai. Insured losses are around \$850

million. The rainfall across UAE and Oman was made more likely by climate change.

Record-breaking heat waves from east to west Asia killed at least 1,500 people in Myanmar, 61 people in Thailand, 28 in Bangladesh, 13 in India, and three in occupied Palestinian territory. The heat forced school closures, wilted crops, worsened the situation for displaced Rohingya people in Bangladesh and Palestinians in Gaza, and lowered voter turnout in the world's largest elections in India.

The heat wave is expected to cause higher inflation and slow GDP growth. The heat wave in the Philippines would have been impossible without climate change, while in West and South Asia, it was made at least five times more likely by climate change.

In East Africa, heavy rainfall in May caused landslides and flooding. At least 559 people died, over 400,000 were displaced and 1.6 million affected. The floodwaters are exacerbating waterborne disease outbreaks. Food production was hit hard, with over 12,000 livestock killed and nearly 48,000 acres of cropland flooded in Kenya alone.

Historic water levels in Lake Victoria forced Uganda to open dams and allow floodwaters to drain into South Sudan, which is experiencing its fifth consecutive year of flooding, worsening the situation for the 2.2 million internally displaced people and the 60 per cent of the population that is food insecure. This rainfall was worsened by climate change. Alongside these major

weather disasters driven by climate change, other weather events, from floods to fires, caused billions of dollars worth of damage and tens to hundreds of deaths in countries including the USA, Chile, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Deaths tend to be higher in lower-income countries, with economic damage higher in richer ones, partly because insured losses are more measurable. Many of the most climate-vulnerable countries are lower-income and historically responsible for burning less fossil fuels than higher-income countries. In recognition of this, a fund for 'Loss and Damage' was established by the United Nations. This fund aims to galvanise countries that have cumulatively burned more fossil fuels to support lowerincome countries in dealing with the impacts of climate change. These impacts hit every aspect of life, from health to ability to work and from education to cultural traditions. These cannot all be compensated for financially, but money can help communities to adapt and respond to the chang-

ing climate. Unfortunately, of the current estimate by the UN of \$290-580 billion needed for loss and damage in 2030 onwards, so far, only \$600 million has been delivered. The 60th Bonn Climate Conference that was held recently (3-13 June 2024) aimed at operationalising the 'Loss and Damage Fund'.



# The rise of bio-enzymes: Sustainable cleaning for a better future

·n recent years, bio-enzymes have surged in popularity as effective organic cleaning solutions. These natural cleaners are created . through the fermentation of citrus fruits, jaggery, and water. This fermentation process cultivates beneficial bacteria that generate enzymes capable of breaking down waste, stains, soils, and unpleasant odours. As the bacteria work on the stains, they decompose the molecules into smaller particles, which are then consumed by the bacteria and ultimately converted into carbon diox-

Bio-enzymatic cleaners offer numerous benefits. They promote sustainable living, are environmentally safe, and support a zero-waste lifestyle. Unlike conventional chemical cleaners, bio-enzymes can penetrate small crevices and cracks to eliminate hard-to-reach stains. They are also more affordable and do not pollute water sources. By using bio-enzymes, households can contribute to a cleaner and healthier environ-

ment. Bio-enzyme cleaners contain different types of enzymes, each targeting specific types of stains. Proteases are effective in breaking down proteinbased molecules such as blood and food, while lipases break down fats and grease. Amylases target starch molecules, and cellulases soften fabrics and

restore colour

to fibres. This

variety makes

bio-enzymes ver-

satile and capable of addressing a wide range of cleaning needs.

The applications of bio-enzymes are extensive. They can be used as multipurpose cleaners and disinfectants for various home surfaces, including flooring, glass windows, and counter-

They are particularly effective in cleaning greasy utensils and can repel small insects, ants, and cockroaches. They are perfect for cleaning bathroom sinks and toilets, as well as tiles and grout, where bacteria can enter small cracks. Additionally, bio-enzymes can be used to de-clog drains, remove limescale deposits from taps and steel appliances, and clean pesticides and chemicals from fruits and vegetables. Essentially, they

> act as natural pesticides and herbicides. Vasudha Binjani, founder of Miracle Enzyme, believes that "a small change today might not change our world, but it will help

you leave behind better world for our children. Binjani emphasizes

importance of sustainability in our daily lives, warning that neglecting it now could result in a future where our children lack a thriving ecosys-

The mission of Miracle Enzyme is to spread awareness about sustainable living through bioenzyme-based solutions for home cleaning. The company aims to reach every corner of society, including schools and colleges, to enlighten individuals about the benefits of bio-enzymes. This simple solution, crafted from waste peels, jaggery, and water, undergoes a three-month fermentation process, resulting in a powerful and eco-friendly cleaning agent. The company conducts workshops to educate individuals about the benefits of bio-enzymes and sustainable living. Over 10,000 people have attended these workshops, and ongoing support is provided to 500 individuals through text.

Bio-enzymes offer a potent and eco-friendly alternative for household cleaning and environmental conservation.

Through ongoing education and active community involvement, the widespread use of bio-enzymes can significantly benefit our planet. By embracing small, sustainable practices now, we can ensure a healthier and cleaner world for future

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generations.

### Robotics, AI and IT: Paving the way towards revolutionised healthcare system

### SAMYA SINHA

oom of humanity' and 'A tool that will replace and render humans useless'- the past few years have been bombarded with such speculations with the rise of AI at an alarming rate. However, every coin has two sides. With the correct administration, monitoring and supervision, AI can overcome human limitations and guide us towards a brighter and more hopeful future. In recent years, various path-breaking discoveries in the biological and medical fields have altered how we deal with health, and disease.

There is a famous proverb that states, "A good surgeon must have an eagle's eye, a lion's heart and a lady's hand." However, doctors are bound by the constraints of being human. Fatigue, exhaustion and tremors restrict the human body from hundred per cent efficiency. With the blend of a doctor's expertise and a robot's precision, the discovery of Robotic Assisted Surgery (RAS) has improved patient outcomes, reduced the time for hospital stay and significantly reduced blood loss and damage to surrounding tissues during surgeries. This system comprises a robotic arm, console, patient cart and image screen, which provides a three-dimensional view of the target area for surgery. The motion of the robotic arm is controlled by its input data and the surgeon's hand movement, allowing it to navigate a small field with accuracy and finesse. More than a hundred robotic systems have been

installed

country to assist in the fields of cardiology, laparoscopy, gynaecology and more. Another significant discovery is the use of Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) for the treatment of mental health disorders. They morph the real-life environment with a virtual and stimulated one. VR headsets can be useful as a meditation tool for patients with insomnia, anxiety or depression. Whether it be the serene Himalayas or the tranquil Ganges- people can travel anywhere in the world, relax and wind down in the comfort of their homes. AR is also being used as a means of exposure therapy for PTSD patients to overcome their traumas or phobias. One of the mysterious connections between twins is their extraordinary similarity in appearance, mannerisms and habits. Inspired by this unique connection, scientists have discovered AI digital twins. Digital twins replicate a physical object in the virtual environment by duplicating its appearance, characteristics, and behaviour through data analytics, machine learning, and AI. It is used to replicate patient organ systems for simplified medicine development and personalised treatment plans. For example, it can replicate how cancer cells spread by metastasis and the effect they have on surrounding organs and tissues. This provides scientists the opportunity to research effectively for a possible cure in a non-invasive manner. Forget about editing your Instagram captions; now it's possible to edit genes! The discovery of CRISPR (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats) has caused a buzz in the scientific world. It has been developed from the genome editing system that bacteria use as an immune defence. It is being used for the treatment of genetic disorders such as sickle cell anaemia, haemophilia, and inherited eye diseases and has aided us in our understanding of cancer genetics and tumours. All these discoveries will definitely pave the way to a more advanced and prosperous future.

# Combined use of compounds for plant protection

### TAPAN KUMAR MAITRA

pon the prolonged regular use of the same fungicides, pathogens often become adapted to them, and their resistance to the fungicide used grows. For instance, an increase in the resistance of phytophthora to copper formulations was noted.

The repeated application of Bordeaux mixture and copper oxychloride would have a negative effect on the plants being protected, causing depression of photosynthesis, dehydration of the leaves, inhibition of the growth of shoots, and damage to fruits, especially if the plants were treated after the fruits were formed. To diminish the negative effect of copper-containing formulations on plants, treatments with them are alternated with the use of derivatives of dithiocarbamic acid, which are not phytotoxic and, as a rule, facilitate the sanitation of the plants.

Upon the prolonged use of zineb against grapevine mildew, however, improper growth and more intense infection with oidium was noted in the second and third years.

Although the spectrum of fungicidal action of these groups of substances is close, for individual pathogens, their toxicity and nature of action are different. For example, dithiocarbamic acid derivatives are the most effective against the blue mould of tobacco, whereas the pathogen of this disease exhibits an increased resistance to

copper-containing substances.

The mixtures of zineb with copper oxychloride and of metiram with copper oxychloride (poly-chom) were not inferior in their effectiveness to their constituent parts when used individually, while in a number of cases, they were more effective, especially if the copper-containing substances predominated in a mixture. The advantages of the mixtures used to control grape mildew displayed themselves, especially clearly in epiphytotic years. The mixtures inhibited mildew and limited the development of oidium and grey rot.

The active ingredient, a mixture of zineb and copper oxychloride, is a bluish-green odourless

powder. It is marketed in the form of an 80 per cent wettable powder containing 65 per cent copper oxychloride and 15 per cent zineb.

Cuprosan persists better on the surface of treated plants than zineb, is superior in its effectiveness to the Bordeaux mixture, and does not produce burns.

It is used for treating apples, pears, plums, peaches, apricots, and currants. Gooseberries, raspberries, grapevines, sugar beets, potatoes, tomatoes, watermelons, cantaloupes, cucumbers.

For the low-volume aerial spraying of grapevines, cuprosan is used at a rate of five kg ha

with the addition of the anti-vaporizer AI-4P. The plants are sprayed during their vegetation period with 0.4 per cent suspensions. The

harvest time is 20 days. Cuprosan is moderately toxic to humans and warm-blooded animals (LD50 for rats is 400 mg/kg). Its cumulative properties are pro-

nounced, and the cumulative coefficient is 0.9. The maximum tolerated concentration in the air of the working zone is 0.1 mg/m3 and in water

basins, 0.1 mg/litre. The tolerance level in vegetables, fruits, grapes, and melons is 0.1 mg/kg (with respect to the copper oxychloride).

Polychom is a mixture of metiram with copper oxychloride. It is marketed in the form of an 80 per cent wettable powder containing three parts of 75 per cent metiram and one part of 90

per cent copper oxychloride. It is recommended for the treatment of apples, pears, grapevines, sugar beets, potatoes, and tomatoes and helps during their vegetation period to control the same diseases against which

copper oxychloride and metiram are effective. Treatment is conducted using 0.4 per cent suspensions at a rate of 2.4-8 kg/ha. The harvest time is 20 days.

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MBAPPE MAY MISS A FEW GAMES

France are facing the prospect of their skipper Kylian Mbappe missing the remaining Group Stage matches after he suffered an injury to his nose during their match against Austria in the Euro 2024 at the Merkur Spiel Arena, here on Monday night. The game saw Mbappe

suffer an injury after the French forward hit his nose on Austria defender Kevin Donsa which saw the France captain having to be subbed off. According to a report, Mbappe might miss the remaining two games in the group stage and will only be available for the side's games in the knockout stages.



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### THUMBNAILS

**Ganemat Sekhon finishes sixth in Lonato**: Ganemat Sekhon reached the final only to finish sixth in women's Skeet even as none of the men in contention made the top-six cut on the penultimate day of the International **Shooting Sport Federa**tion (ISSF) World Cup Shotgun in Lonato, Italy. **Ganemat only managed** 16 hits out of the first 20 in the 60-shot final, to be the first finalist to be eliminated. Rio **Olympic champion Diana** Bacosi won gold with 57 hits. Ganemat had earlier in the day shot a perfect 25 for her fifth and final qualification round for a total of 120 over five rounds. That tied her with three others for the final three qualification spots. A shoot-off ensued and Ganemat shot the first three to clinch the sixth spot at the expense of Peru's Daniella Borda. The Indian then began the final well gunning down all four targets on the first station, along with Dania Jo Vizzi of the USA and and the champ Diana. However, she then got seven of the first 10 and that put her back, particularly given she had qualified sixth. She missed

# Gambhirinterviewsfor India head coach's role

Gambhir's potential candidature was endorsed by a host of big names in Indian cricket

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

wo-timeWorld Cupwinner Gautam Gambhir, who has been widely speculated as the frontrunner to succeed Rahul Dravid as the head coach of the Indian men's cricket team, has on Tuesday reportedly interacted with the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC), the panel entrusted by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to select the coach.

It has been learnt that the CAC comprising former India cricketers Ashok Malhotra, Jatin Paranjape and Sulakshana Naik, interviewed Gambhir virtually for the first round, and another round of discussion is expected to take place on Wednesday.

The BCCI, which had set May 27 as the deadline for applications for the post, had held informal discussions with Gambhir during IPL 2024, when he helped lead Kolkata Knight Riders to their third title after returning to the franchise as mentor ahead of the 2024 IPL season.

The details of the meeting with Gambhir and the CAC members are yet to be known but it is understood that the discussion centred around



Gambhir's approach for the next three years, which will include three major ICC tournaments across different formats, starting with the ICC Champions Trophy early 2025.

The BCCI's Apex committee is set to meet on Tuesday during which board secretary Jay Shah is expected to brief the members about the coach selection process before the final announcement is made in the next couple of

The KKR job was Gambhir's second stint in a coaching role after spending a cou-

ple of seasons (2022 and

2023) as mentor at Lucknow

Super Giants, helping the

team qualify for the playoffs

both times. Gambhir had sought time to take a final call during the IPL, but speaking at an event in Abu Dhabi on June 1, he had expressed his desire to coach India.

"Look, I would love to

coach the Indian team. There is no bigger honour. There is no bigger honour than coaching your national team. You are representing 140 crore Indians. And more across the globe as well. And when you represent India, how can it get bigger than that?," he had said.

He had been answering a question on whether he saw himself helping India win a World Cup.

"How can I help India win the World Cup - I think it's not me that will help India win the World Cup, it is 140 crore Indians that will help India win the World Cup. If everyone starts praying for us, and we start playing and representing them, India will win the World Cup. The most important thing is to be fearless and ves, I would love to coach India," he said.

Gambhir's potential candidature was endorsed by a host of big names in Indian cricket, including Sourav Ganguly and Anil Kumble.

"If Gambhir applies you can see it on TV — he worked for KKR this year. I was with Delhi (Capitals), you can see the hunger, the passion and the want to win and I will be happy if he applies and if the board decides to give him the job, I think he is a good candidate," Ganguly had said.

"You will have to give him (Gambhir) time. He certainly is capable. We have seen Gautam handle teams, he has been a captain for India, for his franchise. He has all the credentials to be that. But, Indian team coaching is slightly different. So you will have to give him time to settle in," reckoned Kumble.

Gambhir became the frontrunner for the job once his former India team-mate VVS Laxman, the current director at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) had reportedly turned down an offer to succeed Dravid.

Dravid had taken over from Ravi Shastri after the T20 World Cup in November 2021, initially signing on for two years until the 2023 ODI World Cup before accepting the BCCI's request to extend his tenure until the ongoing T20 World Cup.

While advertising for the new coach, the BCCI had said the tenure would be for three and a half years, from July 2024 to December 2027, and would helm the team in all three formats. BCCI secretary Jay Shah had earlier hinted that the next head coach could be an Indian by saying that he should have a "deep understanding" of the game's structure in the country.

### Williamson hints at uncertain $T20I\,future\,after\,early\,WC\,exit$



**AGENCIES NEW DELHI, 18 JUNE** 

Following New Zealand's unexpected group-stage exit from the T20 World Cup, captain Kane Williamson expressed the need for his team to regroup and recover, but he remained noncommittal about the 2026 edition of the T20 showpiece.

Williamson has been a pivotal figure in New Zealand cricket for over a decade, leading his side through numerous successful campaigns.

However, pcer Trent Boult having already announced his retirement from T20 World Cups, Williamson hinted at a possible changing of the guard within the team.

"Oh, I don't know. There's a bit of time between now and then, so it's about regrouping as a side. We've got redball cricket over the next year basically, so it's back into some other international formats, and we'll see where things land," said Williamson in the post-match press conference.

Since his debut, Williamson has been instrumental in New Zealand reaching the semifinals in seven out of the ten World Cups he has played across both 20- and 50-

over formats since 2011. This remarkable journey included three final appearances, with standout personal performances such as being named Player of the Tournament in the 2019 World Cup in England and scoring an impressive 85 from 48 balls in the 2021 T20 World Cup

final against Australia. Reflecting on New Zealand's recent campaign, Williamson admitted that his team had been slow to adapt to the challenging conditions in the Caribbean, where they faced strong performances from Afghanistan and the West Indies in a tough Group C.

### CORRIGENDUM & ADDENDUM

In partial modification to the earlier Employment Notification No. 02/2024 (Med.)/Pt.-II/CMP/2024, dated 28.05.2024, the "Walk-in-Interview" will be held on 20.06.2024 instead of 18.06.2024 at 11.30 hrs. in the chamber of the Sr. Divisional Personnel Officer, South Eastern Railway, Adra, P.O. - Adra, Dist. - Purulia, Pin -723121 (WB). All other terms and conditions laid down in the above Employment Notification will remain unchanged. Divisional Personnel Officer, Adra

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### Nishant perfectly channelises anger, frustration to bagging Paris quota (PR-268/C)

**TRIDIB BAPARNASH NEW DELHI. 18 JUNE** 

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but it was not enough to

Nishant Dev was nowhere in the national scene when India's five famed male boxers drew a blank from the Tokyo Olympics, leading to widespread criticism, and eventually forcing a change in guard. Three years later and with barely four months to go for the Paris Olympics, Indian boxers, including Nishant, found themselves at a similar crossroad, when Irish High Performance director Bernard Dunne resigned after none of the male pugilists managed to book a quota.

burst onto the scene with a quarterfinal finish in the light middle weight (71kg) category at the 2021 World Championships, was among a handful of men boxers whom the country had high hopes from during the first qualifying event in Italy. But the 2023 World championships bronze medallist returned home empty-handed after going down to World

A young Nishant, who



Championships silver medalist Omari Jones of the US in the 71kg quarterfinals in March this year.

Trailing the more experienced American boxer after

the opening round, Nishant went toe to toe with his opponent for the rest of the fight. He managed to draw level after the second round before going down by a nar-

"That was a big disappointment. The first round was a bit slow. I put in a lot of effort in the second round, which I won and in the third round as well. I did not realize it in the ring, but the disappointment hit me after I had returned to the dressing room when I that I had lost an Olympic quota," Nishant

"I was absolutely sure that I had won the third round. But the judges' decision went against me. Mentally, I was under a lot of pressure after that defeat because I had only one chance left to qualify for the Olympics. I was quite disturbed and went through a lot of mental torment over the next few days,"

he added. Devastated after the heartbreak, Nishant didn't want to leave anything to chance when the do-or-die opportunity came in Bangkok during the final Boxing World Qualifier, earlier this month. Giving a clinical performance in all the three bouts, Nishant booked his berth for the Paris Games. In the quotadeciding bout, the 23-yearold defeated Moldova's Vasile Cebotari by a unanimous 5-0 verdict.

"I had only one chance left to qualify and very little time to prepare. After returning from Italy, we got a brief 4-5 day break and during that period I went back to my home, and spoke to my coaches. I worked on my stamina, and endurance, as I used to tire in the third round. But in Thailand, I enjoyed boxing in the final round, so it eventually worked in my favour."

"I was under a lot of pressure before the Thailand tournament. But I took the defeat as a source of motivation and worked hard to prepare for the Thailand qualifier. I was better prepared this time, physically and mentally. I lost in the previous qualifier by a very small margin, so this time I wanted to make sure I did not make any errors," he added.

Nishant, who has been one of the most consistent boxers in recent couple of

years, boasts of a perfect blend of speed, timing and power. With fast hands and nimble foot movement, Nishant has the ability to adapt inside the ring, and this makes the southpaw a dangerous opponent. He used the combination of right jab and left cross against Cebotari to good effect en-route clinching the Paris quota.

"I think my strength is that I can adapt to my opponent's style. I try to grab as much as I can from the international exposures over the past couple of years, and implement those during training sessions. I try and execute all those different gameplans to perfection inside the ring. I'm happy that on most occasions, the ability to adapt has worked in my favour," he noted. Now left with a little over a month to prepare for the first Olympics of his career, the young boxer from Karnal is focussing to get the basics right, and remain injury free as he aims to keep the Tricolour flying high in Paris.

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The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Punjab National Bank, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Power conferred under Section 13 read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice Dated 21.03.2024 calling upon the Borrowers M/s Sudhir Electricals Prop:Mr. Sudhir Tandon & Guarantor:Smt. Vandana Tandon to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 54,34,857.92 (Rs. Fifty Four Lac Thirty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Seven & Paise Ninety Two Only) as on 21.03.2024 with further interest at the contracted rate and other charges until payment in full within 60 days from the

The Borrower /guarantors having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under Sub-Section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 15th day of June, the year 2024.

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### Warner hopes to be remembered as someone who tried to change the game

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

Australia's swashbuckling opening batter David Warner is relieved that the constant 'flak' he has copped since the Newlands Sandpapergate saga will be put to rest once he bids adieu to T20 cricket at the end of the ongoing T20 World Cup. Warner has already retired from the other two formats.

Warner was held as the chief orchestrator of Sandpapergate, the 2018 scandal that cast a shadow over Australian cricket and led to wholesale changes within the national team's culture and leadership. While Cameron Bancroft received a ninemonth ban from the sport for rubbing sandpaper on the ball in Cape Town, Warner and Steven Smith were each handed a year's ban.

Smith was also stripped of his captaincy while Warner was banned from holding any formal leadership role in



Australian cricket, the only lasting sanction from the incident. On the verge of his final few weeks in international cricket, the 37-year-old opener reflected on his journey ahead of Australia's clash against Bangladesh on Thursday, claiming he had been left to fend for himself in the aftermath of the infamous Sanpapergate scandal.

"Coming back since 2018 I've probably ... been the only one that's ever copped a lot of flak. Whether it's people who don't like the Australian cricket team or don't like me, I've always been that person who has copped it,"Warner was quoted as saying by cricket.com.au in Antigua.

"It's fine if they want to do that, but I always feel like I've taken a lot of pressure off a lot of guys as well and I think understandably I've been that person to be able to absorb that. But one can only absorb (so much). For me, it's great to go out knowing I'm not going to cop it anymore."

Warner hoped that the scandal won't be the only thing for which he will be remembered but as someone who tried to change the game, more specifically Test crick-

"I think it's going to be inevitable that when people talk about me in 20 or 30 years' time, there will always be that sandpaper scandal. But for me, if they're real cricket tragics and they love cricket, (as well as) my closest supporters, they will always see me as that cricketer - someone who tried to change the game," he said.

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