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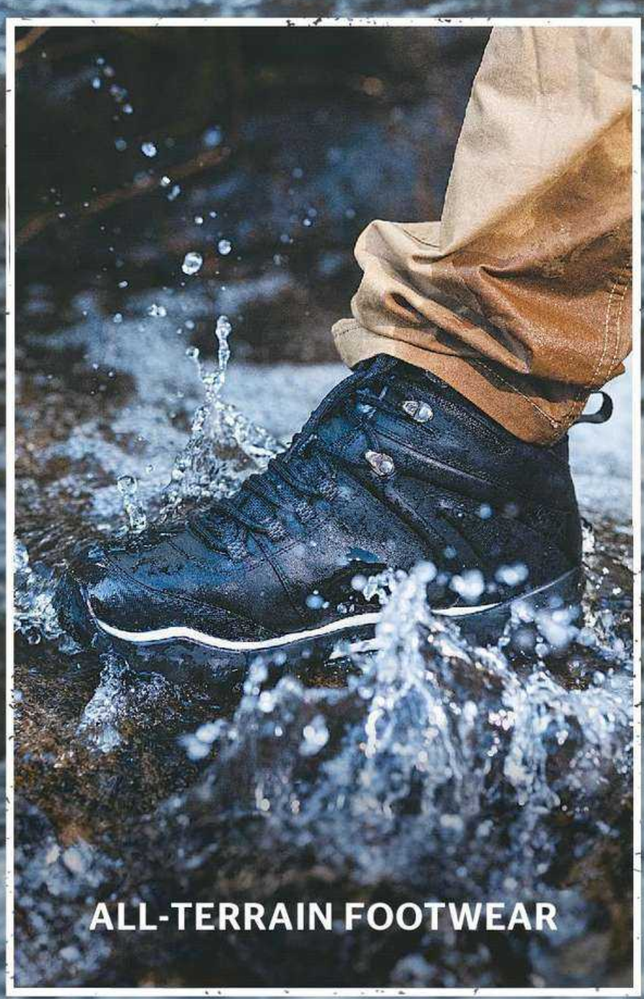
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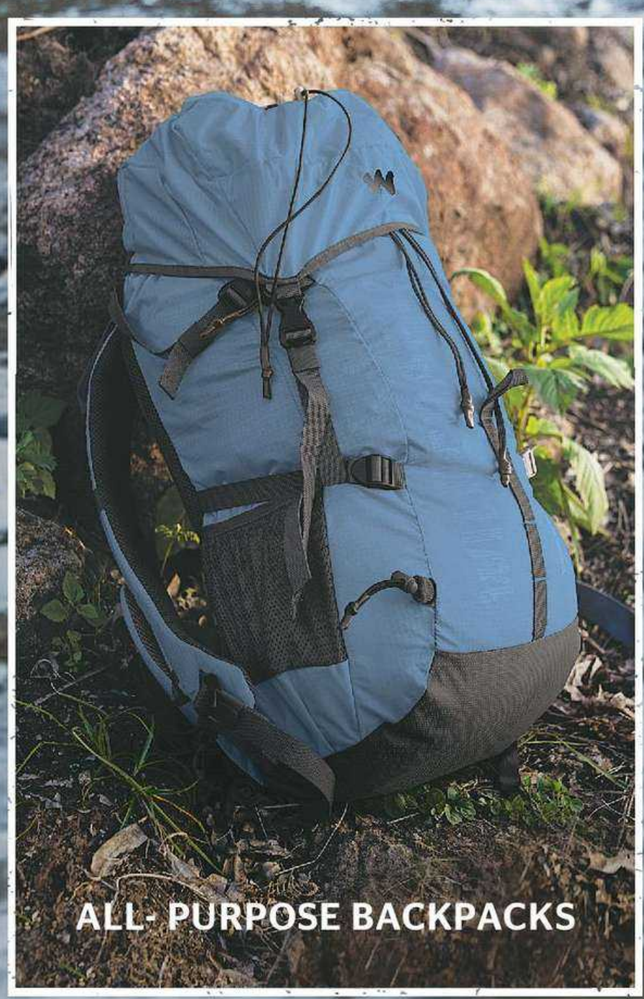
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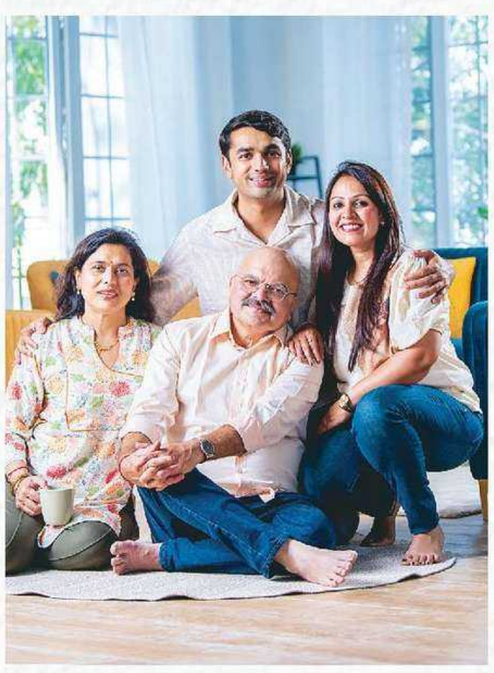

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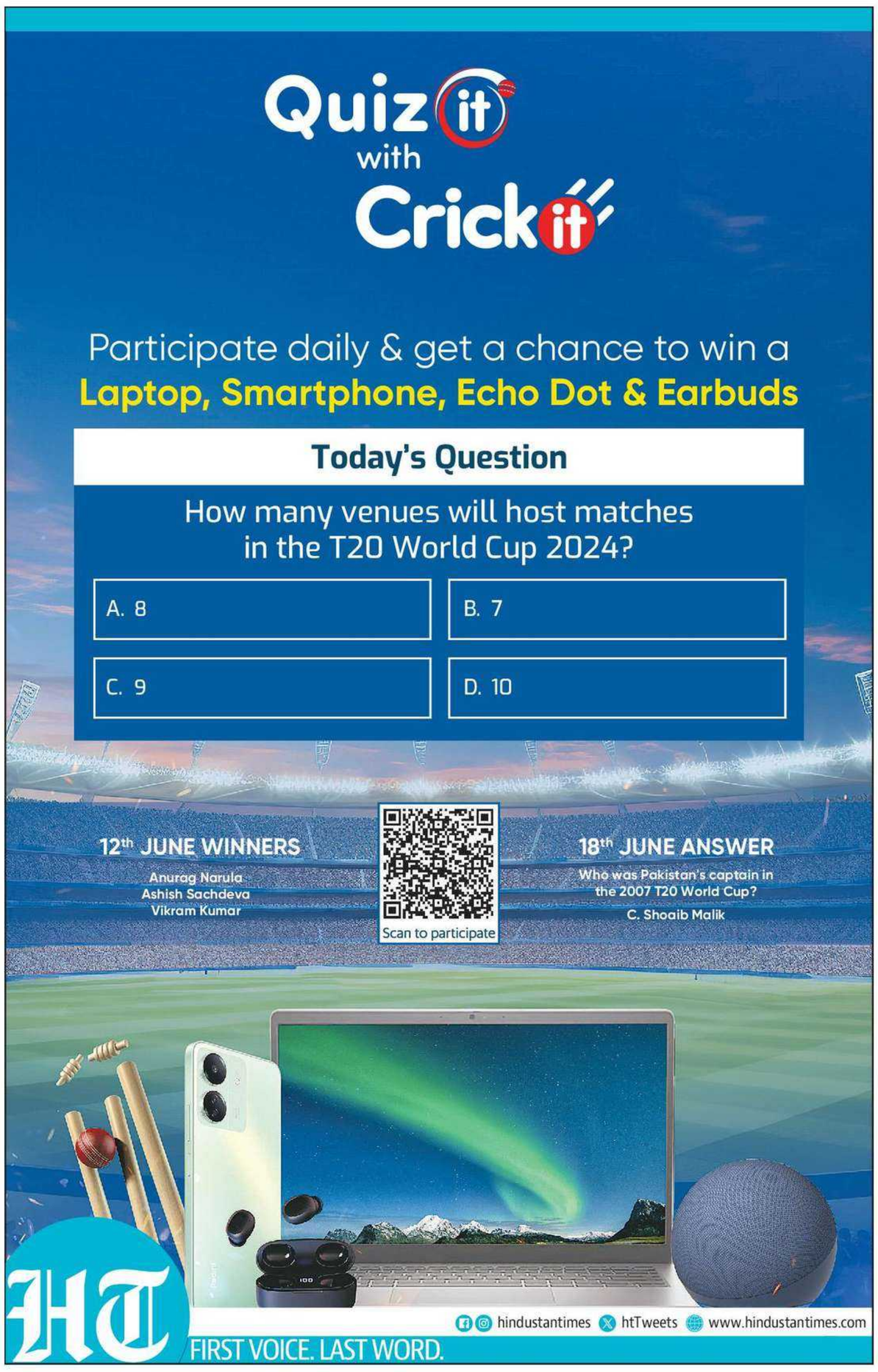
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Over 50% of NW India in grip of its hottest spell since 1951

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NEW DELHI: This year's arduous summer, which has led to oppressive conditions for millions of people across the country, has sparked what is perhaps the most prolonged spell of heat ever recorded in at least 50% of northwest India — Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, and Rajasthan — data shows.

This heat spell across India's north, east and northwest is also particularly agonising due to the unusually extreme night-time temperatures, which India Meteorological Department (IMD) scientists call "warm nights", being experienced across the swathe of areas in the grip of the heat streak.

Scientists and doctors said that combination of high day-time and night-time temperatures has led to conditions that put immense heat stress on the body, especially for those who are without access to air conditioners or coolers. It is further aggravated by the lack of availability of cool water.

In many areas in Delhi, for example, people are getting unusually warm tap water through day and night.

Data analysed by HT shows that more than half of north-western India has experienced a maximum temperature of 40 degrees Celsius (°C) or higher on almost all days in the past 33 days (the period between May

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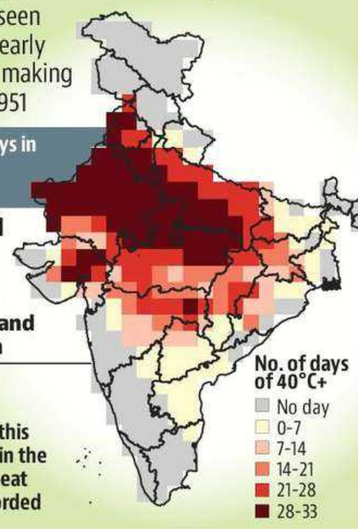
Worst heat spell in 73 years

Most of India's northwest has seen a max temperature of 40°C+ nearly every day in the past month – making it their worst heat spell since 1951

The map here shows number of days in past 33 days, the maximum has breached the 40°C-mark.



This is the most prolonged 40°C+ spell seen in:

50%+ of Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, and Rajasthan

44% of Gujarat

34% of Uttar Pradesh

24% of the country this year is at least in the Top 5 longest heat spells ever recorded

NIGHT-TIME TEMP WOES

The heat in the day has meant that even at night people are unable to get relief. "Day temperatures are way too high... If maximum temperatures are in the 45-46°C range, you cannot expect night temperatures to be normal either," said M Mohapatra, IMD director general.

On Monday, 4 cities set minimum temp records:
- Alwar: 37°C
- Lakhimpur Kheri: 33°C
- Shahjahanpur: 33°C
- Varanasi: 33.6°C

5th warm night in Delhi, heat illnesses on the rise

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NEW DELHI: The minimum temperature in Delhi touched 33.8°C on Tuesday, the highest it has been in June since 2018 and the fifth straight "warm night", as an oppressive heatwave kept its stranglehold over the Capital, with healthcare professionals across the city reporting a sharp jump in heat-related illnesses and warning that the conditions may adversely affect even healthy people. Tuesday's minimum at the Safdarjung base weather station was five degrees above normal and Delhi's highest minimum in the month since June 13, 2018, when the mercury hit 34°C. The maximum was 44°C — five above normal, even as the "Heat Index" or "real feel" temperature was 51°C, a notch higher than Monday. →P3

POWER DEMAND IN CAPITAL HITS ALL-TIME HIGH

NEW DELHI: Delhi's peak power demand on Tuesday afternoon touched a record 8,647 megawatts (MW). Tuesday afternoon's demand, recorded at 3.22pm, eclipsed the previous high of 8,302MW on May 29 this year, according to Delhi's State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC), numbers well beyond authorities' estimates in the run-up to summer. The Capital's power demand first crossed the 8,000MW mark on May 22. →P3

Gupta case serious, will have to face law: US attorney gen

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WASHINGTON: As Nikhil Gupta, the man indicted for conspiring with a serving government of India official to assassinate an American citizen, pleaded not guilty in a New York court on Monday, the US Attorney General Merrick Garland said that Gupta's extradition was proof that the Justice Department won't "tolerate attempts to silence or harm American citizens".

Garland's statement was reinforced by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) director Christopher Wray who, in the same statement that quoted a range of top American law enforcement officials, said that the FBI won't "tolerate attempts by foreign nationals, or anyone else for that matter, to repress constitutionally-protected freedoms".

→FULL REPORT ON P7

Gupta being extradited to the US from Prague on Monday. PTI

BOMBAY HC FINDS NOTHING WRONG IN HINDI MOVIE 'HAMARE BAARAH'

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MUMBAI: The Bombay high court on Tuesday said that it found nothing objectionable in the movie "Hamare Baarah", observing that the Annu Kapoor-starrer is in fact "aimed at uplifting women".

The Indian public was "not gullible or silly", the bench observed days after the Supreme Court stayed the June 14 release of the film taking note of a petition that alleged that the movie depicted Muslims and Islamic religious texts in a bad light and incites hatred against the Muslim community. →P11

US to open pathway to spouses' citizenship

WASHINGTON: The White House on Tuesday announced that the Biden administration will, in the coming months, allow certain spouses of US citizens without legal status to apply for permanent residency and eventually citizenship — a move which could affect over half a million immigrants, senior administration officials told the Associated Press.

To qualify, an immigrant must have lived in the US for 10 years as of Monday and be married to a citizen. If a qualifying immigrant's application is approved, he or she would have three years to apply for a green card and receive a temporary work permit and be shielded from deportation in the meantime.

About 50,000 non-citizen children with a parent who is married to a US citizen could also potentially qualify for the same process, the senior officials further added on condition of anonymity. →P15

THE MOVE COULD COVER UPWARDS OF HALF A MILLION IMMIGRANTS, SAY SENIOR OFFICIALS

Rajasthan govt to bring new law on conversion

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NEW DELHI: The newly formed BJP government in Rajasthan has announced its intention to introduce fresh legislation on religious conversion.

The Bhajan Lal Sharma-led government filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court on Tuesday, stating that while the state currently lacks specific legislation on religious conversion, it is actively working on drafting a new law. Until the legislation is enacted, the state will strictly adhere to existing laws and any guidelines or directions issued by the Supreme Court, it added.

"The State of Rajasthan is in the process of bringing its own legislation and till such time will strictly abide by the law on the subject, guidelines or directions passed by this Hon'ble Court," the affidavit stated. →P12

THE GOVT FILED AN AFFIDAVIT SAYING THAT THE STATE IS ACTIVELY WORKING ON DRAFTING A LAW ON CONVERSIONS

{ OBJECTED TO HER TALKING TO OTHER MEN }

Man beats girlfriend to death on busy road as passersby watch, make videos

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MUMBAI: The Waliv police have arrested a 29-year-old man for allegedly killing his 22-year-old girlfriend by clobbering her repeatedly with a spanner on a busy road in Vasai East on Tuesday morning. Although several people watched the brutal attack, no one tried to rescue the woman, according to the police.

The incident took place around 9.30am in Chinchpada, Vasai East. The accused, identified as Rohit Yadav, was following his girlfriend, Aarti Yadav, to work when he intercepted her and started assaulting her with a heavy spanner in the middle of the road. He continued battering her with the tool until she collapsed and lay motionless in a pool of blood, even as passersby watched and shot videos of the attack, said the police. By the time the police arrived, Aarti was dead, and Rohit was found sitting on the side of the road next to her body.

According to the police, Rohit and Aarti, both residents of Nalasopara, were in a relationship for the past six years. Aarti used to work in a factory in Vasai East. Rohit, who is unemployed, got upset after seeing her talking to her male colleagues and suspected she was

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THE 29-YEAR-OLD MAN INTERCEPTED THE WOMAN ON HER WAY TO WORK AND HIT HER WITH A SPANNER UNTIL SHE COLLAPSED

NEERAJ CLINCHES GOLD AT PAAVO NURMI GAMES IN RUN-UP TO PARIS

TURKU (FINLAND): India's Olympic and world champion javelin throw star Neeraj Chopra on Tuesday claimed his maiden gold medal at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland, marking with a bang his return to competitive action following a month-long break. Chopra, who claimed the silver at the games in 2022, produced the winning effort of 85.97m in his third attempt to lead the field for a major part of the competition. →P18

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NUMBER THEORY

The inflation situation in the Indian economy

By Roshan Kishore

The first of this two-part series looked at the latest CPI and WPI numbers released last week and explained them in detail. What do these numbers mean for the Indian economy at the current moment? Here are four charts that try and answer this question in detail.

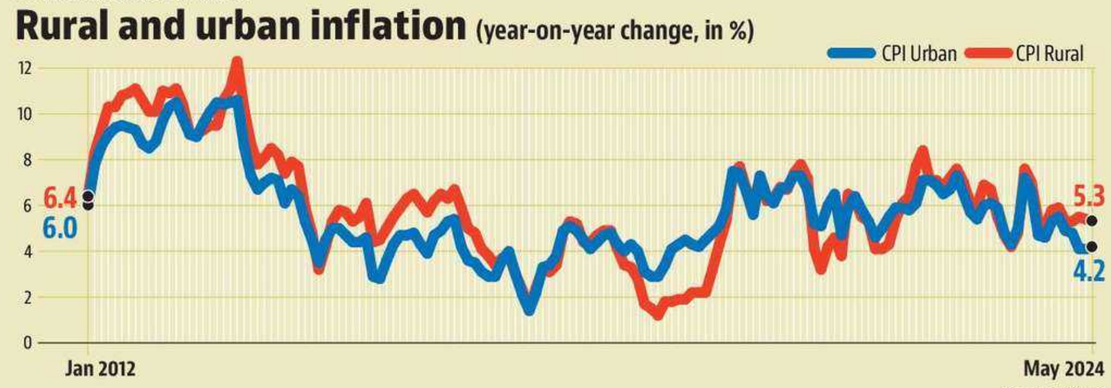
1 A higher food inflation means rural inflation has been higher than its urban counterpart

While food has a weight of 39% in the combined inflation basket, this number is 29.6% and 47.3% respectively in rural and urban areas. At a time when food inflation has been higher than its non-food counterpart, it is a given that rural inflation will surge ahead of the urban numbers.

The data shows this clearly.

Urban inflation was 4.11% in May 2024 compared to 5.28% in rural areas. Past data shows that rural inflation has been more than urban inflation for 11 consecutive months now.

Rural and urban inflation (year-on-year change, in %)



Source: CMIE

2 Moderation in headline CPI print means real rates have firmed up in the economy

The repo rate has been kept at 6.5% by the RBI since February 2023. The repo rate is the rate at which the RBI lends funds to commercial banks and therefore it acts as the base of all other interest rates in the economy. When the repo rate was increased to 6.5% in February 2023, headline CPI print was 6.4%, which meant the real rate of interest was 0.1% in the economy.

In May 2024, with the repo rate still at 6.5% and headline CPI at 4.7%, the real rate has climbed to 1.8%. While real rates have been even higher in the past, even the current level is on the side of too high for an economy, where private consumption is still struggling to attain a broad base and private capex yet to revive.

In fact, concerns about a high real rate's impact on economic growth have been gaining ground even within the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the RBI. The dissent over keeping interest rates unchanged increased to two members from just one between the April and June meetings of the MPC.

Real repo rate

Source: CMIE

3 Inflation expectations of households has seen a moderation

Notwithstanding the debates on its efficacy, inflation targeting via monetary policy is a forward-looking exercise because higher interest rates are expected to curb demand and bring down inflation in the future. This makes the role of inflation expectations extremely critical in this entire process. Data from RBI's survey on household expectation of inflation shows that they have seen a moderation compared to where they were even a year ago. When compared over a slightly longer period, the moderation is even more significant. However, what can also be seen in the data is that these numbers have been lower in the past when the overall inflation environment was more benign. Perhaps this is why the MPC is insisting on stabilising inflation around the RBI's actual target of 4% rather than announce victory on it being in the range of 2%-6%.

Household inflation expectations

Source: RBI

4 If the monsoon loses momentum inflation worries could increase

Most analysts believe that whether or not the RBI gives up its hawkish tone and pivots to monetary easing sooner rather than later will depend on the performance of the monsoon.

"If rains over June and July are strong, reservoirs fill back up, and sowing activity rises quickly, food inflation could fall over a five-month horizon, opening up space for a shallow rate cut cycle. So far, rains started off well in June, but have slowed in recent days. We are watching this space carefully. If rains rise back up to normal/above-normal levels, the RBI could cut the policy repo rate as early as August," Pranjul Bhandari, chief India and Indonesia economist at HSBC said in her research note on June 13.

According to data from Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy, the south-west monsoon started with a surplus was in surplus until June 10. But it lost momentum thereafter and had a cumulative deficit (compared to long-period average) of 12.1% on June 14.

Daily cumulative deviation from normal rainfall

% deviation from normal: Aug 17, 2023 to June 17, 2024

Note: Southwest monsoon refers to the period June to September

This is the last of a two-part series on inflation in the Indian economy. The first part looked explained what the latest inflation numbers mean.

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Can't allow even 0.001% negligence in NEET: SC

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday told the Centre and the National Testing Agency (NTA) not to shy away from admitting any mistake in conducting the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) this year and cautioned that even 0.001% negligence should be thoroughly dealt with, underlining the chaos engulfing India's premier medical entrance examination that threatens to jeopardise the futures of hundreds of thousands of children.

A vacation bench of justices Vikram Nath and SVN Bhatti was listening to 32 candidates seeking cancellation of the May 5 test over allegations of paper leak, malpractice, manipulation of examination centres, and discrepancies in declaration of results.

The court issued notice and posted it along with a raft of similar petitions on the issue on July 8.

"We all know the labour children have put in for this examination. You must stand firm. If there is a mistake, you must say that we admit the mistake as that will inspire confidence in the system. It should not be taken as an adversarial litigation," said the court.

"Even if there is 0.001% negligence on the part of anyone, it should be thoroughly dealt with," the bench told advocate Kanu Agarwal appearing for the Centre and advocate Vardhaman Kaushik for NTA.

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Amid raging row over exams

ON INSPIRING CONFIDENCE: "We all know the labour children have put in for this examination. You must stand firm. If there is a mistake, you must say that we admit the mistake as that will inspire confidence in the system. It should not be taken as an adversarial litigation."

ON NEGLIGENCE: "Even if there is 0.001% negligence on the part of anyone, it should be thoroughly dealt with."

ON ACTION: "We want timely action from you (the Centre). It needs to be checked how many mobiles were used. Rarely does the court react."

WHAT CENTRE ARGUED
"The court may not come to a conclusion yet and await what the Centre has to say (in response on July 8)"

TEST MIRED IN CONTROVERSY
Protests have swept across India as thousands of students hit the streets against the process amid allegations of paper leaks, inflated marking and arbitrary grace marks, even as opposition parties called for an SC-monitored probe

2.4mn candidates | **4,750** centres | **571** cities

Modi silent even as future of NEET students is at stake: Rahul hits out

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NEW DELHI: Opposition parties on Tuesday stepped up their attack on the Centre over alleged irregularities and paper leaks in this year's National Eligibility-cum Entrance Test (NEET), with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi questioning Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "silence" and asserting his party's commitment towards ensuring strong policies against such instances.

While the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) reiterated its demand for a Supreme Court-monitored probe into the allegations, CPI(M) leader and Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan said the controversy has affected the credibility of the premier examination, which is held for admission in undergraduate medical courses.

The developments came on a day the top court told the Centre and the National Testing Agency (NTA) not to shy away from admitting any mistake in conducting NEET this year and cautioned that even 0.01% negligence should be thoroughly dealt with.

In a post in Hindi on X, Gandhi said: "Narendra Modi, as usual, is maintaining silence on the tampering with the future of more than 24 lakh students in the NEET examination."→P8

PELOSI, OTHER U.S. DELEGATES REACH HIMACHAL, CHINA OBJECTS

DHARAMSHALA: A bipartisan delegation of US lawmakers, led by Republican Representative Michael McCaul and including Democratic former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, arrived in Dharamshala on Tuesday to meet Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama, with the head of the delegation saying US President Joe Biden would soon sign a bill that aims to press China to resolve the Tibet dispute, drawing concern from Beijing.

"We... urge the U.S. to fully recognise the anti-China and separatist nature of the Dalai clique, abide by its commitments on Tibet-related issues, refrain from any form of contact with it, and stop sending erroneous messages," a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said. →P7

SENSEX GAINS 308 POINTS TO END AT ANOTHER RECORD CLOSING PEAK

MUMBAI: Benchmark Sensex closed above the 77,000 level for the first time, and broader Nifty scaled a fresh peak as domestic markets continued their bullish trend on Tuesday.

In a range-bound session, Sensex and Nifty settled at their new closing all-time high levels amid intense demand for realty, consumer durable and utility stocks.

Rising for the third straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 308.37 points or 0.40% to settle at a new closing peak of 77,301.14. During the day, it jumped 374 points or 0.48% to hit the fresh lifetime peak of 77,366.77. →P16

Not just MP, you elected a PM: Modi in Varanasi

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VARANASI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi returned to his parliamentary constituency of Varanasi on Tuesday for the first time since the general elections and thanked local residents for choosing him a third consecutive time as he unveiled his plans to bring Indian farm products to every dining table in the world and detailed a list of projects and welfare schemes.

Modi said his government was committed to making the lives of farmers easier and added that he felt proud to release the 17th instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) worth ₹20,000 crore.

"I am indebted to the people of Varanasi... they not only chose me as MP for a third time but also chose a Prime Minister," he said, adding that their trust was his "biggest asset" that inspired him to work harder.

"It is very rare in democratic countries for governments to be elected for a third consecutive term but the people of India did this. This happened in India 60 years ago. Since then, no government scored a hat-trick," the PM said. "Now, it seems as if Mother Ganga has also adopted me, I now belong to this place."

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PM Narendra Modi reviews the progress of construction work at the Dr Sampurnanand Sports Stadium. PTI

Goods train was at 4 times the speed limit: Initial probe input

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NEW DELHI: The goods train that rammed into the Kanchanjunga Express near New Jalpaiguri, West Bengal, on Monday was being driven four times above the speed limit set for the line at the time due to a malfunctioning signal, triggering the accident that killed 10 people, said officials.

The signalling system between the two Rangapani and Chhatter Hat stations was defunct since 5.55am on Monday, prompting authorities to issue a paper-line clear ticket (PLCT), which requires pilots to drive below 15km/hr if the conditions are clear and below 10km/hr in the event of rain — as was the case at the time of the accident.

But experts, including a former top railway official, argued that the signalling department should have put in place an "absolute block" system, where only one train is allowed to travel on a given section of a railway line in the event of a system failure. This would have made the ill-fated section foolproof and possibly averted the accident, they added.

Subodh Jain, former member (engineering) of the Railway Board, said, "The default operating system is absolute block, which has to be adopted as soon as a failure in the automated signalling system is detected. If this leads to bunching of trains, they should be regulated or diverted, instead of adopting short cuts. Only one train should have been allowed at a time." →P12

PAGE ONE PLUS

{ MY INDIA } COW SLAUGHTER CLAIMS

Curfew in place amid tensions in Balasore

A curfew was imposed in Balasore town in Odisha and internet services suspended for 48 hours on Tuesday as communal violence following allegations of cow slaughter escalated on Monday night, police said. As violence spread after people from one community pelted stones at people from another community as well as police on Monday afternoon, the district administration clamped a curfew on Tuesday morning in the entire municipality. "The situation is under control now. Seven FIRs have been registered over yesterday's incident and we have received three more FIRs," said Balasore superintendent of police Sagarika Nath. "So far, 34 people have been detained and legal action will be taken against anyone who had a role to play in the violence." →P8

{ MY INDIA } IN KERALA

Need CM's response on probe plea: Court

The Kerala high court sought a response from CM Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday on Congress MLA Mathew Kuzhalnadan's plea for a probe against him over the alleged financial transactions between his daughter's now defunct IT firm and a private mining company. Justice K Babu also issued notices to Vijayan's daughter, T Veena, her defunct firm and the mining company, seeking their stand on the MLA's revision petition. Kuzhalnadan moved the high court after a vigilance court rejected his plea for an investigation against Vijayan saying that the necessary facts constituting corruption were absent in the plea. PTI

{ SPORT } EURO 2024

No surgery, but Mbappe to wear mask after nose-break

Kylian Mbappe will not need surgery but will wear a mask when he returns to action after the France captain suffered a broken nose in his team's 1-0 Euro 2024 win over Austria on Monday, the French Football Federation said. Mbappe's head collided with the shoulder of Austrian defender Kevin Danso as they competed for the ball in the air late in the Group D opener in Duesseldorf. The star striker left the pitch in the 90th minute as blood poured from his nose, with a source close to the player later saying it was broken. Philippe Diallo, president of the French federation (FFF), said Mbappe would "not require an operation". However, it is not clear if that means Mbappe will be able to play in France's next game, against the Netherlands in Leipzig on Friday. →P17

{ MY INDIA } AFTER BRIEF HIATUS

PM's Mann Ki Baat to resume from June 30

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said his "Mann Ki Baat" monthly radio broadcast will resume from June 30 and urged people to share their ideas and inputs for it. "Delighted to share that after a gap of some months due to the elections, Mann Ki Baat is back! This month's programme will take place on Sunday, 30th June," he said in a post on X. Prime Minister Modi's monthly radio broadcast was last aired on February 25 and then took a break for the Lok Sabha polls. In the 110th episode of the programme, Modi had asked first-time voters to poll in record numbers in the elections and said their maiden vote should be cast for the country. HTC

{ WORLD } AHEAD OF CHINA PM'S VISIT

Malaysia planning to join Brics: PM Anwar

Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim said that Malaysia will join the Brics economic bloc, becoming the latest country to take part in an expanding group seen challenging the western-led global order. "We have indicated as a policy that we are" joining, Anwar said in an interview with the Chinese news outlet Guancha aired ahead of a scheduled visit by Chinese Premier Li Qiang to Malaysia. "We have made a decision. We are placing the formal procedures soon." The Brics group of nations — Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa — doubled in size at the start of 2024. Anwar's comments come as China seeks to deepen ties with smaller nations like Malaysia that have asserted its neutrality in the increasingly intense US-China competition. AGENCIES

{ TO END ATROCITIES AMONG STUDENTS }

Prohibit caste-based names, identifiers, panel tells TN govt

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CHENNAI: A report submitted to Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin on Tuesday recommended that the state government prohibit students from sporting paraphernalia that identifies their caste, ensure the removal of caste appellations from names of schools, and eventually introduce a legislation geared towards enforcing a policy of social inclusion, among suggestions on ways to prevent caste-based atrocities among students.

The report, seen by HT, was put together by retired Madras high court justice K Chandru. He was appointed by the state government to a one-man committee in August last year to study and suggest ways in which caste-based atrocities among students in school and college can be prevented after two children from the scheduled caste were assaulted by a group of students belonging to an intermediate caste in Nanguneri in Tirunelveli district.

"I visited several districts including Tirunelveli, Madurai and Coimbatore and got responses from 2,742 people who are individuals, retired government servants, NGOs," justice Chandru told HT. "But, none of the teachers associations nor students associations responded."

"Students should be prohibited from wearing any coloured wristbands, rings, or forehead marks (tilaka)," among other caste-based identifiers, the 18-page report said. "Failure to comply with these rules must result in appropriate action being taken, in addition to advising their parents or guardians," it added.

The state government should establish a Social Justice Students Force (SJSF) comprising students "from all communities... united in their efforts to combat social evils", the report recommended.

In a series of recommendations for schools, it said words such as "Kallar Reclamation", "Adi Dravidar Welfare" which directly identify caste should be removed. Existing private schools should also remove caste-based names and the government should take action against any schools failing to do so.

"If any educational agency seeks to establish a new school, the conditions for permission to start a school must include a stipulation that the school's name shall not bear any caste appellation."

Among long-term recommendations, the report directs the government to enact a separate legislation governing all students to enforce a policy of social inclusion and eradicate caste discrimination. "This legislation should impose duties and responsibilities on students, teaching and non-teaching staff, as well as the management of such institutions, and prescribe mechanisms for supervision, control, and sanctions for non-compliance with these directives," the report said.

{ T20 WORLD CUP } WHAT TO EXPECT IN NEXT ROUND

Super battles ahead in Super Eights

After 20 teams took part in the group stage, the action moves to the Super Eights phase beginning today. The teams are now divided into two groups (Group 1 and 2)

● WON ● LOST ○ NR ★ POINTS

GROUP-1

INDIA — GROUP LEAGUE: ● 3 ● ● ○ 1 — 1.137 NRR — 7 ★★★★★★★
Coasting through the group phase with no fuss, India won three matches while the game against Canada was washed out. With pitches in West Indies likely to be better for batting than in US, expect the batters to shine

AUSTRALIA — ● ● ● ● — 2.791 NRR — 8 ★★★★★★★★
The Australians have lived up to the tag of strong favourites so far. In the group stage, they outplayed defending champions England to win by 36 runs. They will present India their toughest challenge.

AFGHANISTAN — ● ● ● ● 1 — 1.835 NRR — 6 ★★★★★★
The Afghans may have lost convincingly to West Indies on Monday, but they are an ever-improving side capable of beating any team in this format. Their bowling is their stronger suit.

BANGLADESH — ● ● ● ● 1 — 0.616 NRR — 6 ★★★★★★
Not many would have expected Bangladesh to reach the Super Eights, but conditions have suited their strengths. Young leggie Hossain is one to watch out for, given that he has taken seven wickets in four matches.

FIXTURES (All timings in IST)

June 19	South Africa vs USA, North Sound, 8pm
June 20	West Indies vs England, Gros Islet, 6am
	Afghanistan vs India, Bridgetown, 8pm
June 21	Australia vs Bangladesh, North Sound, 6am
	England vs South Africa, Gros Islet, 8pm
June 22	West Indies vs USA, Bridgetown, 6am
	Bangladesh vs India, North Sound, 8pm
June 23	Afghanistan vs Australia, Kingstown, 6am
	England vs USA, Bridgetown, 8pm
June 24	West Indies vs South Africa, North Sound, 6am
	Australia vs India, Gros Islet, 8pm
June 25	Afghanistan vs Bangladesh, Kingstown, 6am

1st Semi-Final June 27, Tarouba, 6AM

2nd Semi-Final June 27, Providence, 8PM

Final June 29 Bridgetown 8PM

GROUP-2

ENGLAND — GROUP LEAGUE: ● 2 ● ● 1 ○ 1 — 3.611 NRR — 5 ★★★★★
England stuttered in the group phase largely due to some dodgy weather. They will be relieved that they have made the Super Eights. Still among the best T20 teams going around, they will be expected to make the semis.

SOUTH AFRICA — ● ● ● ● — 0.47 NRR — 8 ★★★★★★★★
South Africa haven't looked very convincing so far, but that is also because of the surfaces in New York that they encountered. Their batters will be looking forward to playing on some better tracks and showing their might.

WEST INDIES — ● ● ● ● — 3.257 NRR — 8 ★★★★★★★★
Co-hosts and brimming with power-hitters, West Indies seem to have what it takes to go all the way. While the batting department is the obvious strength, their bowlers too have been doing a good job.

USA — ● ● ● ● 1 ○ 1 — 0.127 NRR — 5 ★★★★★
In their maiden campaign, the Americans have certainly exceeded expectations. Thanks to their Super Over win over Pakistan, they will be locking horns with the top teams in the Super Eights.

{ PHALODI } GROUND REPORT

A salty survival story from a scalding Rajasthan summer

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REEN MALAR (PHALODI): It is 8am, two hours after sunrise, and yet 40-year-old Uzman Khan's movements have a sense of practised trepidation. First, the only body part he dips in to the shimmering saline water in front of him is his toe. He retracts quickly — the water is scalding, and pain emanates through the burnt pores of his wrinkled feet. But this is his job, one he has done for two decades. He takes a deep breath, steps into the ankle-deep water and stands stock still for a few seconds as his body adapts to the searing temperature. And then he begins to move, quickly and more urgently — spade in hand, he begins to shovel salt that lies beneath the water; salt that is the sustenance for families like his; salt that keeps Phalodi afloat.

PICK OF THE DAY

"The heat is rising," Uzman says. "But for us, it means very little. There is no choice."

For the past two months, Phalodi — a small town 144km northeast of Jodhpur has been mentioned often. In the days running up to counting day of India's general election, its "satta bazaar", among the most famous in the country, kept the news cycle entertained, veering one way and then the other. Then on May 25, Phalodi became India's hottest place, sizzling at 50°C . In the first two weeks of June, the temperature has been slightly more forgiving, but still ranging between 44 and 47 degrees.

Located just off the Thar desert's buffer zone, extreme temperatures are not new to the district. For its people, the only real identity of significance stems from the heaps of white salt that dot seven villages in the Bap tehsil; their only source of sustenance in an arid, unforgiving land. Even if the costs attached are working all day under a treacherous sun, running the risk of disease and infections on their limbs, or the occasional gas leak that threatens their lives.

The business

The third largest salt-producing state in India, Rajasthan contributes 8% of India's total production, but unlike Gujarat and Tamil Nadu where much of the produce comes from the sea, much of its extraction comes from saline groundwater found in Phalodi, and the Sambhar lake.

The organised business of extraction first emerged in the 1960s, when the state government started leasing salt-mine units to local residents. "Now, we have a total of 500 units (1 unit covers roughly 15 acres) which operate in the area. Those that have the lease are required to pay a yearly amount of ₹1,600, renewable every 10 years," said Phalodi salt inspector Ravindra Singh Rathore.

Spread across a 20 sq km area that abuts seven villages, each of these 500 units have between five or six salt wells, around a 100-foot deep, from where labourers extract the saline water, and transfer it to land to dry under the sun. "This drying process takes 10 to 15 days in summer, and up to two months in winter. Once the water dries, the workers spade the salt and send it to refineries. This then is sent to industrial states such Punjab and Haryana, where it is bought by large companies, branded, and then supplied all over the country," Rathore said.

There are also illegal units, Rathore admits, started by locals who cultivate salt in their own private land. "The number of such units are between 80 to 100, and these are not registered as salt-mine units with the State Industry and Commerce department," he said.

Over the past five years, officials in the state government said that the Phalodi salt pan produces around 80,000 tonnes of salt annually. "This was even higher 15 years ago. But the incessant heat has lowered the level of groundwater, affecting production. There are many who don't want to do this unforgiving work anymore, and are migrating out," an official said.

Overall, there are close to 20,000 labourers that work in these units — every single one of them fighting daily subsistence; their hard lives a battle against the elements.

Working in a salt mine

For most, the day begins at 4am, before the sun has even risen. "We work in two shifts, starting from 4 in the morning, and go on till 11am. After that the water becomes too hot to touch, even for us. We then return after sunset, and work for another three hours," Uzman said, loading his first bullock cart of the day.

Rajasthan is India's third largest salt-producing state. But unlike Gujarat and Tamil Nadu, much of its extraction comes from saline groundwater found in Phalodi, and the Sambhar lake. HT PHOTO

Khan lives in the village of Reen Malar, where nearly every family has members working as labourers, just like him. There are burn injuries on his feet, and as he breathes, he wheezes often. And yet, for all the trouble, his income ranges from between ₹500 and 700 a day. "Labour is not easy here. If there was anything else nearby, I would have left. Taking care of my parents and four children on this income is next to impossible. But there is nothing else we can do," he said.

"The salt pan is like a desert," said Iqbal Churnia (35), as he presses a hand-pump, the only source of drinking water for two or three units.

"Though we drink this water, it is so saline that we cannot bare to taste it at times."

Most, however, hire a tanker that supplies drinking water from the local Indira Gandhi Nahar timely to the labourers. "But water is so costly here. Each tanker takes ₹400 to ₹500 a month and supplies enough water for two or three people for two days," said Iqbal.

In many ways, despite the soaring temperatures, it is only the summer that provides for the villages in Phalodi. In the winter, the salt takes too long to dry. In the monsoon, the salt melts away. The salinity in the soil means there is very little agriculture possible. During the monsoons, all they can do is cultivate some millets and send their children to Jodhpur to work as daily wage labourers in agricultural fields.

If Uzman's job is to dry the saline water and supply salt to factories in his bullock cart, 46-year-old Nur-Uddin's work is even more treacherous — dig the pits, extract the water from these pits, and transfer them to plots earmarked for them to dry. The risks are higher; the heat in the pits is even higher, and toxic gases underground are a constant threat. "We have no safety equipment such as boots, hard hats or masks. The groundwater has been constantly becoming lower, which means we have to dig further. It used to be 30 to 50 feet, but now we are forced to dig between 70 and a 100 feet. Our lives are constantly at risk," he said.

His voice quietens. "Last year, three workers from Pali died inside the well from the toxic gases underneath. It scared us, but what else can we do," he said.

Dr Prem Prakash Suthar, Reen's chief health officer said that every summer, there is a surge in the number of cases of dehydration and hypertension, both symptoms of heat exhaustion. "We also get several patients from the area who fall sick from inhaling the gases inside the salt wells. There are some that come to us with pruritus problems. For most of these issues, the simple solution is proper safety measures and protection," he said.

Mitigation measures

Senior government officials admit that while they have been taking some measures to provide protection to salt pan workers, there are still large gaps in the system. "The district administration distributes safety boots and sunglasses to workers who have a labour card in the summer. They are required to collect it from the district industry cell, and one person is entitled to equipment once in six months. But it is true that labourers rarely come to collect these items because they are more comfortable without it," Ravindra Singh Rathore said.

But in Reen Malar, salt labourer, 47-year-old Khiya Ram, points to the bottom of his feet, a deep blood red — the result of mehendi he has applied, the only rudimentary ointment to the burn injuries he has battled through for over a month. Ram scoffs at suggestions that any safety equipment is available to them. The mine owners give them none, and when the administration does, it is rarely ever replaced on damage.

"Last month, the skin on my toe hardened, developing into a painful, bleeding scar. I had to slip work for a few days. The hospital isn't an option because it is seven kilometres away. Eventually, despite the injury, I returned to work in a week, because any day missed, is a day I do not get paid. Every day, I feel fatigued. Every day, I feel like I should stop in the middle. But that just isn't possible," Ram said.

Inspector Rathore admits that no policy has thus far been devised specifically for salt pan workers. "The benefits they get are under various umbrella schemes in the state. But looking at the deteriorating conditions — the government is planning some policies that deal with their problems specifically, and schemes to secure their lives financially," he said.

But local experts said that Rajasthan must learn from states like Gujarat and Tamil Nadu, which offer a bouquet of schemes for families of salt-pan workers. Srikant (who goes by a single name) of the Gramin Vikas Vigyan Samiti which works in the area said, "States like Gujarat and Tamil Nadu have sound policies for salt labourers which not only provide financial support but also ensure children's right to education, insurance for accident cases, and treat their health issues. Factory owners should be bound to ensure safety when their representatives work in the field. But Rajasthan's salt labourers are denied even the most basic rights."

Phalodi district collector, Harji Lal Atal said, "The local administrative body conducts camps every two months in the salt pan area to make the people aware of the various state and central welfare schemes available to them. During the camp, we also give them health check-ups. However, we are also working to ensure more sound schemes and policies for them."

But in Reen Malar, hope has ebbed under the searing sun. Rupa Ram, 22, watches with a scowl as his father Khiya Ram hobbles on his injured feet, wincing in pain. The family has never had any money, and Rupa Ram dropped out of school after Class 10, closing the avenue of a government job. There are only two choices left; the only two choices that have ever existed. "My father doesn't want to leave but maybe I will go to a different district to work in the fields. Otherwise, I will have to work here. But I have to earn some money. What other choice is there?"

5th straight warm night in city, docs report spike in heat cases

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NEW DELHI: The minimum temperature in Delhi touched 33.8°C on Tuesday, the highest it has been in June since 2018 and the fifth straight "warm night", as an oppressive heatwave kept its stranglehold over the Capital, with healthcare professionals across the city reporting a sharp jump in heat-related illnesses and warning that the conditions may adversely affect even healthy people.

Tuesday's minimum at the Safdarjung base weather station was five degrees above normal and Delhi's highest minimum in the month since June 13, 2018, when the mercury hit 34°C. The maximum, meanwhile, was 44°C — five above normal, even as the "Heat Index" or "real feel" temperature was 51°C, a notch higher than Monday.

For Safdarjung, this was the eighth heatwave day this month — the most in June in at least 13 years, IMD data available from 2011 showed.

Though the maximum dropped from 45.2°C on Monday, the minimum shot up from 33.2°C, making it the hottest night of the season so far.

However, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicted some respite from Wednesday, largely down to an approaching western disturbance and forecast very light rain, with gusty winds of up to 50 km/hour.

Similar weather is expected on Thursday too.

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ANOTHER 'WARM NIGHT'

33.3°C June 14	32.4°C June 15
33.2°C June 16	33°C June 17

IMD defines a warm night when the day's maximum is over 40°C and the minimum is 4.5 degrees or more above normal.

Mercury on Tue

44°C Maximum | 33.8°C Minimum

28% Relative humidity

51°C Heat index

27.5°C Wet bulb temp

Health impacts of heat pile on

The shortage of potable water in several parts of Delhi has forced people to turn to unfiltered water, giving rise to a spike in the number of cases of water-borne diseases like typhoid, said experts. According to Dr Satish Kaul, senior director of internal medicine at Fortis Gurugram, hospitals have reported an increase in the number of people walking in with distress caused by excessive heat.

"If one is thirsty in such extreme heat and does not have access to clean water, one may end up consuming water that is not clean. Thus, we are seeing a lot of cases of typhoid increase. The best solution is to avoid direct heat and heading out only if necessary," said Dr Kaul.

He added that ventilation is key when it comes to clothing. "One should try to wear airy clothes and ensure proper ventilation wherever possible. These measures apart, it is advised that people spend less time in the kitchen, as they generally lack adequate ventilation or cooling," said Dr Kaul.

Additionally, consuming liquids like buttermilk, jaljeera and other drinks rich in electrolytes and salts also helps mitigate the effects of severe heat.

Humidity on the rise

Delhi's relative humidity on Tuesday oscillated between 24% and 51%. This was between 24% and 48% on Monday. The city's wet-bulb temperature, another indicator of the comfort level outside, was between 27.1°C and 27.5°C. A wet-bulb temperature of 32°C or higher makes it difficult for even fit people to work outdoors for long and at a wet-bulb temperature of 35°C — the maximum threshold — humans can no longer regulate body temperatures, leading to heatstrokes and potential collapse.

IMD's data for "warm nights" also shows this was the longest streak in the last 13 years, according to data available from 2011. The previous highest of three consecutive days was in 2018. IMD classifies it as a "warm night" when the maximum temperature is over 40°C and the minimum temperature is 4.5°C or more above normal. The day is classified as one impacted by a "heatwave" when the maximum is over 40°C while also being 4.5°C or more above normal.

According to scientists, Wednesday's relief will likely bring down the maximum a couple of notches. "During this spell [of rain], we may see the maximum drop to 42°C. The minimum may continue to stay around the range it is already in due to cloud cover at night, which may trap heat," said an IMD official, adding that wind direction began to transition from dry westerly on Monday, to southwesterly on Tuesday, increasing the moisture content and humidity in the air.

HT reported on June 8 how this was Delhi's driest start to the year since 2018, with only 44.7mm of rainfall recorded at Safdarjung between the first five months of this year.

As Delhi sizzles, a new high

The city has logged 30 straight days of a power demand above 7,000 MW

7,695 MW All-time high peak power demand before 2024 (June 29, 2022)

Source: State Load Despatch Centre data

City's power demand sets a new record at 8,600MW

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NEW DELHI: Delhi's peak power demand on Tuesday afternoon touched a record 8,647 megawatts (MW) amid a suffocating heatwave that has kept temperatures locked several degrees above normal for days.

Tuesday afternoon's demand, recorded at 3.22pm, eclipsed the previous high of 8,302MW on May 29 this year, according to Delhi's State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC), numbers well beyond authorities' estimates in the run-up to summer. The Capital's power demand first crossed the 8,000mw mark on May 22.

It was also the 30th consecutive day that Delhi's peak power demand was over 7,000MW – the longest such streak for the Capital, showed discom data.

The national capital has been ensnared in its third heatwave spell this summer, with the current streak going back 10 days to June 9 In that time, Delhi's night temperatures have also soared far beyond normal, with six consecutive "warm nights" – the longest such spell in 12 years.

A discom official said these were unprecedented highs, with Delhi's power demand record before 2024 being 7,695MW – on June 29, 2022. Discoms in April had estimated the city's peak demand would touch around 8,200MW this summer, a prediction that has now been surpassed.

"Tuesday was the 30th day in a row Delhi's peak power demand crossed 7,000 MW. Despite this, Delhi's power distribution network has been able to cope up with such a high demand," said an official.

BSES subsidiaries BRPL and BYPL, which supply electricity to parts of south, west, east and central Delhi, said they met peak demands of 3,750MW and 1,858MW, respectively, on Tuesday, said a spokesperson.

Tata Power DDL (TPDDL), which supplies power to north and northwest Delhi, said it successfully met its highest ever peak power demand of 2,446MW around the same time.

"The company has made adequate arrangements via long-term and short-term measures and will ensure seamless electricity supply amid the ongoing severe heatwave in Delhi," said a TPDDL spokesperson.

Delhi's discoms have over 40 power purchase agreements (PPA) with as many plants to source electricity for the Capital. A PPA is a long-term supply agreement, often signed between an electricity producer and a distributor or discom.

In addition, the discoms lean on artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning models to accurately predict loads, allowing Delhi to pre-empt a possible spike in demand. They also depend on the Met department's forecasts, the prevailing temperature, the current demand as well as whether a particular day is a holiday or a working day.

Delhi Transco Limited (DTL), which manages and maintains the high-transmission wire network in Delhi and provides power supply to distribution companies, said this peak power demand was 16% higher than last year's peak of 7,438 MW on August 22. "Under the circumstances, for ensuring safety and reliability of the power system in Delhi, the general public at large is requested to put off all the non-essential loads like lights, electrical appliances or sign boards during peak-load hours at 2-4 pm and 10pm to 12:30 am," said a spokesperson.

"Further, it is also requested that ACs be run at 26-27°C during peak hours for energy conservation and to control the peak demand in the overall safety and reliability of the power system," the spokesperson added.

{ LIFE IN NIGHT SHELTERS, SLUMS }

'Out all day in the sun, but no relief at night'

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NEW DELHI: Ramvati, 60, a ragpicker, has been sleeping along the main road under the Raja Garden flyover for the last one week. Her daughter-in-law and two grandchildren join her, and so do 50 other residents from the small unauthorised colony where she lives, on the outskirts of Ramesh Nagar in west Delhi.

As Delhi recorded its fifth consecutive "warm night" — when the night-time temperature is at least 4.5 degrees above normal — thousands of people living in night shelters, unauthorised colonies, and makeshift shacks struggled to sleep a wink due to the heat.

"The concrete road is colder at night than the mud floor and mattress in our hut. Fans don't work due to lack of power supply. We work all day out in the sun, and there is no relief at night," said Ramvati, who goes by one name.

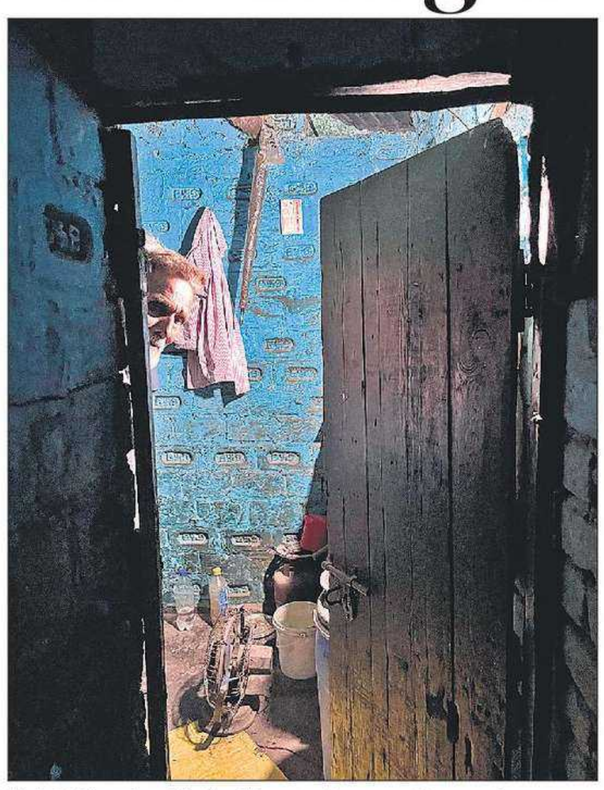
Migrant workers, who live across the over 200 JJ clusters and unauthorised colonies, are the worst affected with water and power shortages hitting them.

Roma Das, 32, works in a plastic factory at Mayapuri in west Delhi. After returning from her gruelling eight-hour factory shift to her cramped 5x8 room with a ceiling height of not more than 6 feet and no running water, the evenings can feel like a nightmare. "We are required to work with machines emitting heat continuously. So, there is no option of a fan or cooler. Even at nights, I can't sleep peacefully," said Das who lives with her mother and two children.

Mohammed Jahangir migrated from Purnia, Bihar, over a decade ago and lives in a slum near Mayapuri Industrial Area Phase-1. He is a rickshaw puller and cannot afford to rest even when he is sick. "The doctor said I got a heatstroke, but I don't know if it was in the day or at night. I live in a room with one fan. The roof made of asbestos sheets, and the concrete walls get hot during the day and become suffocating at night as there is no ventilation. It feels like a furnace," he said.

Government-run night shelters across the city also paint a picture of suffering.

Ramesh Singh, 38, a rickshaw puller who resides in a porta cabin on Lodi Road said, "They (the government) provide shelter but don't care for the place at all. There are two fans that don't work."



Mohd Jahangir at his dwelling at a slum near Mayapuri. HT PHOTO

A night shelter at Geeta Colony in east Delhi comprises a four-storey building with 45 beds each on three floors for men, and 14 divisions on the top floor for families. Among them, two floors have no coolers. Mukhiya Yadav, 28, a labourer, who resides in the shelter said, "People fight to stay on the ground floor as there is a cooler. There is ruckus almost every night over lack of coolers on two floors. There are about 15 fans for the 45-bed space, but they are hardly effective."

The 29-year-old caretaker of the facility on condition of anonymity said, "I have informed the management about this."

Under the flyover along the Mahatma Gandh Road, four coconut water vendors sleep at their stalls.

"I used to lie on the floor at night. But now the ground has started heating up so horribly, that I sleep while sitting on a scrap sofa with a pedestal fan directed at my face," said Tasleem Ahmad who lives alone in Delhi with his family in Kanpur.

Subrata Chakrabarty, associate program director (climate programme), WRI India, said, "From a policy perspective, governments must identify the heat hot spots, which can be facilitated by vulnerability assessment. This will provide a clear pathway for policymakers to focus on developing interventions to mitigate excessive heat. Secondly, a financial road map needs to be developed that can be used to invest in community cooling infrastructure, implement early warning systems, increase green spaces, etc. Community-based adaptation measures can be implemented with the help of local authorities and civil society groups. Lastly, building the capacity of the policymakers and the community will go a long way in integrating the heat considerations into overall development policies, for example land use planning."

HT reached out to Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board, but did not get any response to request for comment.

SEVERAL PARTS OF GURUGRAM FACE OUTAGES AFTER SUBSTATION MALFUNCTIONS

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GURUGRAM: Major parts of the city faced outage on early Tuesday morning after power supply from a 220kV substation at Sector 52 in Gurugram failed due to a technical fault, discom officials aware of the matter said.

The outage started at around 3am and was completely restored by 5am, they added.

Several Haryana Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Limited (HVPNL) 66kV substations across the city were affected and faced outage due to the power supply failure from the substation at Sector 52 from where they draw power.

Shalini Pannu, executive engineer (suburban division), Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited, said, "DC supply failed at the substation that caused the outage."

On June 1, a 31.5MVA transformer exploded at the substation at Sector 52 and caught fire due to overloading, leading to six to 10 hours of outage in several areas of the city over three to four days.

Officials said that the substations at sectors 28, 38 and 44, DLF Q block as well as all neighbouring areas that draw supply from the substations at these places faced outages from the supply failure.

Meanwhile, officials said that a "red hot point" was also created on a cable inside the 220kV substation in Badshahpur on Monday due to which officials had to cut the power supply of the substation for almost 24 to 30 minutes.

BK Raghav, superintending engineer, HVPNL, said, "The red-hot point resulted from overloading. We are not able to carry out any maintenance work as it will call for several hours of scheduled outage, which could not be allowed right now."

HVPNL'S 66KV SUBSTATIONS ACROSS THE CITY WERE HIT DUE TO POWER SUPPLY FAILURE FROM SUBSTATION AT SECTOR 52

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2	Vikas Puri	DL7CC9825	Alto Car	56005	25669
3	Inder Puri	DL10ER2052	E-Rickshaw	---	---
4	Mayapuri	DL4SBM5450	Motor Cycle	6242	06302
5	Mayapuri	DL4SBN6263	Motor Cycle	33041	33136
6	Naraina	DL9SV0963	Motor Cycle/Pulsar	15497	53257
7	Naraina	DL10SY3037	Motor Cycle/Pulsar	5071	69870
8	Naraina	DL7BN5786	Motor Cycle/Karizma	1633	1634
9	Naraina	DL7SBA8324	Motor Cycle/Pulsar	34507	31425
10	Naraina	DL7SAK9360	Hero Hunk	06503	06389
11	Naraina	DL10AA8116	Motor Cycle	51335	50317
12	Inder Puri	DL6SAM1307	Motor Cycle/Honda Cb 150R	3212	8190
13	Inder Puri	DL10SS0188	Motor Cycle/Hondacb Twister	27128	47549
14	Punjabi Bagh	DL8SAK3077	Motor Cycle	55998	75087
15	Punjabi Bagh	HR13F2781	Motor Cycle	40730	21089
16	Punjabi Bagh	DL6SAB3817	Motor Cycle	7612	11295
17	Punjabi Bagh	DLSSBL0419	Motor Cycle	1283	04311
18	Punjabi Bagh	DL10SC9857	Motor Cycle/Discover	69133	2491
19	Moti Nagar	DL1SV1562	Motor Cycle	03493	04887
20	Moti Nagar	DL10SR1084	Motor Cycle	15475	85373
21	Moti Nagar	DL4SCB9454	Motor Cycle	4401	18823
22	Moti Nagar	DL4SBH4870	Motor Cycle	76710	53424
23	Moti Nagar	DL8SAN4080	Motor Cycle	5885	5808
24	Kirti Nagar	DL4SCF6891	Motor Cycle/Passion	14694	88706
25	Kirti Nagar	DL4SAQ8169	Motor Cycle/Bajaj Discover	93818	93848
26	Kirti Nagar	DL4SBL1636	Motor Cycle/TVS Appache	70042	70658
27	Kirti Nagar	DL4SBV2185	Motor Cycle/Pulsar	29565	32470
28	Kirti Nagar	DL4SBJ9160	Motor Cycle/Pulsar	80470	80652
29	Kirti Nagar	DL6SAD9815	Motor Cycle/Honda Stunner	42420	16981
30	Kirti Nagar	DL6SAK8203	Motor Cycle/Bajaj Discover	36449	39891
31	Kirti Nagar	DL7SAP7203	Motor Cycle/Passion Pro	36216	55569
32	Kirti Nagar	DL8SAD6836	Motor Cycle/Cd Down	20797	38663
33	Kirti Nagar	DL8SAS1203	Motor Cycle/Splendor	6251	6062
34	Kirti Nagar	DL8SAT1419	Motor Cycle/Yamaha Alba	34504	34456
35	Kirti Nagar	DL9SJ8043	Motor Cycle/Passion	1632	1377
36	Kirti Nagar	DL11SP8629	Motor Cycle/Honda Shine	8219	17893
37	Rajouri Garden	DL8SBR3043	Yamaha FZ	53097	95895
38	Rajouri Garden	DL8SBD3473	Motor Cycle/Pulsar	29848	30169
39	Rajouri Garden	DL4SBN9579	Discover	61661	14056
40	Rajouri Garden	DL8SBP4198	Discover	62842	03202
41	Rajouri Garden	DL4SCK9046	Motor Cycle	87783	66782
42	Janak Puri	DL4SAY6015	Motor Cycle/Discover	20333	20031
43	Janak Puri	HR10Y4214	Motor Cycle/Deluxe	1507	31284
44	Janak Puri	DL9SBD5298	Motor Cycle/Discover	75892	25789
45	Janak Puri	DL9SAJ1832	Motor Cycle/Pulsar	34702	34842
46	Janak Puri	DL4SBP6935	Motor Cycle/Passion	44179	6935
47	Janak Puri	DL9SAK8286	Motor Cycle/Discover	62934	31174
48	Janak Puri	DL9SAF8891	Motor Cycle/Passion	17431	45967
49	Tilak Nagar	DL7SBE0596	Motor Cycle	42574	44702
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52	Vikas Puri	DL4SBH8220	Motor Cycle/Platina	58589	4427
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59	Vikas Puri	DL3SBK2152	Motor Cycle	70774	71292
60	Vikas Puri	DL10SS0280	Motor Cycle	79585	66156
61	Vikas Puri	DL4SAZ7881	Motor Cycle	20207	20904
62	Vikas Puri	DL8SCZ6195	Motor Cycle/Super Splender	6531	25669
63	Khyala	DL8SBQ4415	Motor Cycle/TVS Appache	Q4415	30803
64	Khyala	DL10SE6753	Motor Cycle/Discover	96070	51070
65	Mayapuri	DL4SCF0352	Scooty	43722	51201
66	Mayapuri	DL12SE4151	Scooty	72060	72098
67	Naraina	DL4SBQ3463	Activa	12802	38135
68	Naraina	DL9SAR9407	Wego	92066	87852
69	Naraina	DL11D9440	TVS Ntorq	04588	11524
70	Inder Puri	DL4SBE8359	Activa	44685	23400
71	Inder Puri	DL3SBX9886	Scooty Aviator	38702	50700
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75	Punjabi Bagh	DL14SQ7868	TVS Jupiter	8279	400500
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77	Moti Nagar	DL7SBY0597	Scooty	85180	85158
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88	Moti Nagar	DL10SD0109	Scooty	11685	5113
89	Kirti Nagar	DL1SX6385	Hero Maestro Scooty	11645	4213
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106	Hari Nagar	DL9SAN4663	Scooty	1850	1744
107	Janak Puri	DL9SBG8129	Activa	56513	56516
108	Janak Puri	W/ONP	Scooty Ntorq	7082	7172
109	Janak Puri	DL4SBZ0692	Access 125	23182	64298
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Elected as MP, BJP's Biduri resigns as LoP in Delhi House

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Ramvir Singh Bidhuri

NEW DELHI: Bharatiya Janata Party leader Ramvir Singh Bidhuri resigned as the leader of the opposition as well as a member of the Delhi assembly on Tuesday, following his election as the Lok Sabha member of Parliament from the South Delhi seat.

The development leaves the LoP position vacant, for which a race among the BJP MLAs in the Delhi assembly has now begun, people aware of the matter said. Delhi assembly Speaker Ram Niwas Goel told HT he has accepted Bidhuri's resignation and the notification regarding this was issued.

"I submitted my resignation to Delhi assembly speaker Ram Niwas Goel as leader of the opposition and member of the Delhi assembly... I thank the assembly speaker for the cooperation, and also want to express gratitude towards my fellow legislators who maintained their support during my tenure," said Bidhuri. He was elected as the MLA from the Badarpur assembly constituency in the 2020 assembly elections.

With the resignation of Bidhuri, the number of BJP MLAs in the Delhi assembly will now be seven, while the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has 61 MLAs. Recently, the Speaker disqualified the AAP MLA from Patel Nagar constituency, Raaj Kumar Anand, under anti-defection laws weeks after he joined Bahujan Samaj Party, reducing the strength of the AAP from 62 to 61. An official said that since the next Delhi assembly elections will happen in less than seven months, by-elections for Patel Nagar and Badarpur assembly constituencies will not be held. Delhi assembly elections are likely to be held in January 2025.

Meanwhile, people in the BJP aware of the development said that BJP MLA Vijender Gupta, who served as the LoP from 2015 to 2020, Ghonda MLA Ajay Mahawar, and Karawal Nagar MLA Mohan Singh Bist are among those being considered for the post.

Bizman accused in chit fund scam held

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police has arrested a 64-year-old businessman, a resident of East of Kailash in south Delhi, for allegedly duping more than 100 people through a chit fund scam nearly four years ago. The accused, Prem Wadhwa, was held from his mansion at Palampur village in Himachal Pradesh on Monday, officers aware of the matter said on Tuesday.

The accused earned crores through the scam that lasted over 13 years and then decamped with all the money, they added.

The crime branch said that Wadhwa was operating the scam in pockets of East of Kailash and Srinivaspuri, where he duped his neighbours, acquaintances and even relatives.

Police said his family members were also involved as they worked as "cash collection agents". In March 2020, as the pandemic hit and several victims started demanding their money for personal use, Wadhwa left the city with his family. Nearly 50-60 victims protested against the accused and finally approached the office of the economic offences wing of the Delhi Police. A case of cheating was lodged against him, but Wadhwa could not be traced, they added.

DCP (crime) Satish Kumar said Wadhwa has houses in Chandigarh, Punjab and Himachal where he was hiding and kept changing his location.

"A few weeks back, we received information that he was currently residing in Palampur village. He was caught and brought to Delhi," said the DCP.

During interrogation, Wadhwa said he initially worked for his father and made acquaintances in Srinivaspuri as the family supplied milk and milk products. In 2007, he started a chit fund business in the locality, said police.

Investigators said that he fled in 2020 after people started asking for a refund. The scam is estimated to be ₹3 crore to ₹5 crore, said police.

Mohinder Singh, 50, a resident of Srinivaspuri, said he invested over ₹20 lakh from 2015. "I had also encouraged my neighbours to invest. In 2020, I begged him to return my money as my mother was unwell. He stopped taking my calls."

PWD SUBMITS PRAGATI MAIDAN TUNNEL AUDIT REPORT TO LG

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NEW DELHI: The Public Works Department (PWD) on Tuesday said it has submitted a comprehensive report regarding the structural audit of the Pragati Maidan tunnel to lieutenant governor VK Saxena, two months after an expert committee was formed to prepare it.

In March, an expert group comprising an official from PWD, the Central Public Works Department and the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) was formed to look into the cracks in the Pragati Maidan tunnel, which was built last year. The group was supposed to examine the tunnel physically and submit a report within a month, but this was delayed due to the elections, officials said. The committee was formed after PWD found large cracks on the surface of the tunnel after the monsoon last year.

"We carried out basic repair work and desilting to ensure that there is no waterlogging this year during monsoon," said a PWD official. Officials did not divulge more details about the report. Officials said that the repair work included two main tasks — filling the cracks with liquified cement under high pressure and rectifying the slope gradients in the drains. To handle water seepage, officials used the "injection grouting" method to heal the cracks, where liquid concrete is injected.

HT reached out to the LG office, which did not respond to queries seeking comments.

On February 3, PWD issued a show cause notice to the construction company of the tunnel to initiate the repair work and rectify technical and design deficiencies.

12 SHOTS FIRED AT FAST FOOD OUTLET IN W DELHI, 1 DIES

NEW DELHI: A man was killed after he was shot around a dozen times by a group of men inside a fast food outlet at Rajouri Garden on Tuesday evening, police officers said. Local residents said some people were also injured in the incident, but police did not confirm the same.

An officer said the deceased was sitting at the eatery with a friend when a group of men, who were also inside the fast food joint, fired around 12 bullets at him. Police said both groups are known to each other and fought over an old issue.

Deputy commissioner of police (west) Vichitra Veer said, "Officers and the crime team are at the spot. Teams have been formed to gather information and check CCTV cameras." HTC

DRUNK MAN RAMS CAR INTO EIGHT PEOPLE; ARRESTED

NEW DELHI: Eight people sustained injuries after a speeding car rammed into them in the Kalyanpuri area, east Delhi on Tuesday, the Delhi Police said, adding that the accused has been arrested.

The incident took place around 8am and the accused was accompanied by a minor girl, who was unharmed. Purported videos of the incident showed damaged bikes, stalls and pillars. The accused, identified as Dev Singh, came in a Kia car and hit pedestrians after losing control, said police, adding he was in an inebriated condition. DCP (east) Apoorva Gupta said: "The drunk driver was caught by the public," said DCP Gupta. HTC

NDMC says water supply has dipped, points to Wazirabad

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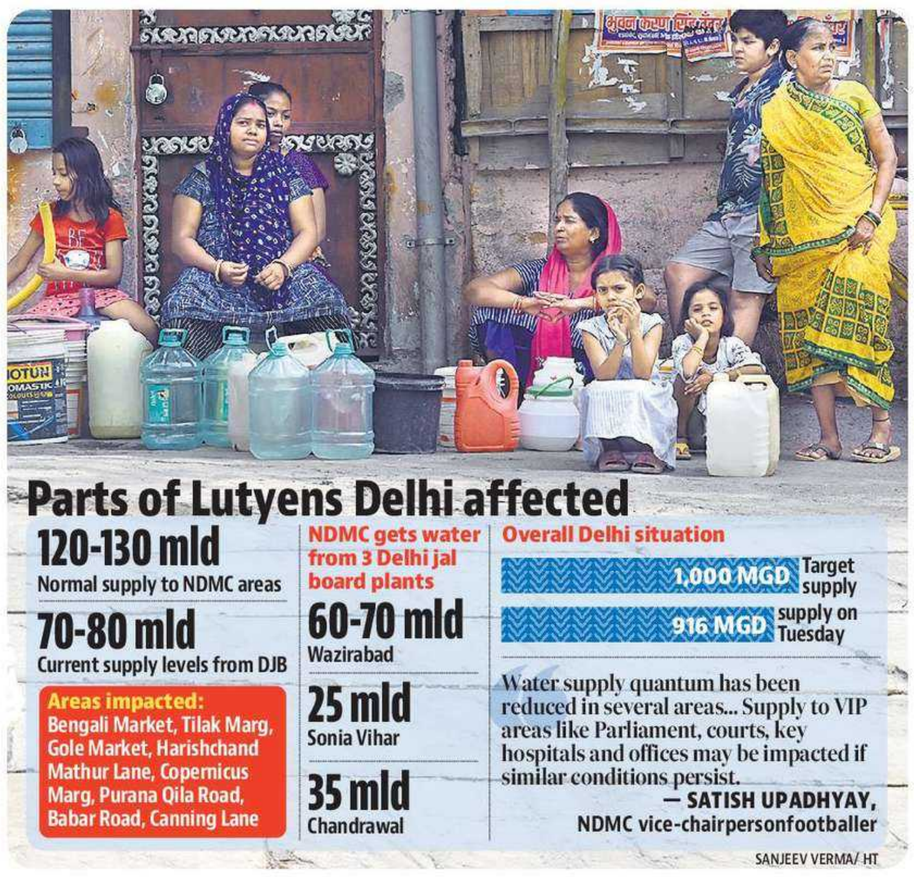
NEW DELHI: The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) on Tuesday said its water supply network was disrupted as the civic body received only 70-80 million litres per day (mld) of water from the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) against the normal supply level of 120-130 mld — largely due to the curtailed production levels at Delhi's water treatment plants because of the low availability of raw water.

NDMC vice-chairperson Satish Upadhyay said the supply to key areas in Lutyens Delhi was interrupted. "Water supply quantum has been reduced in several areas including around Bengali Market, Tilak Marg, Gole Market, RML Hospital, Kalawati Hospital, and Lady Hardinge Hospital," Upadhyay said in a press conference at NDMC headquarters. He added that supply to VIP areas like the Parliament, courts, key hospitals and offices may be impacted if similar conditions persist.

To be sure, the shortfall in NDMC areas is only resulting in lower pressure and muddy water, in some cases, and the taps are not running dry.

The supply shortage, which has thrown life out of gear in many areas in the Capital, began impacting NDMC areas earlier this week. On Monday, the underground reservoirs at Tilak Nagar and Bengali Market recorded a 40% shortfall, NDMC had said.

On Tuesday, the water production level in the Capital was 916 million gallons per day (mgd) against the target of 1,000 mgd — leading to an 84 mgd shortfall. DJB said production is currently impacted at four of its nine WTPs including Wazirabad and Haiderpur.



Areas dependent on Wazirabad WTP hit

Unlike other areas in Delhi where DJB is the water utility, NDMC manages its own supply network for the areas it governs. However, the civic body depends on DJB for its raw water supply.

Though the Wazirabad WTP meets the bulk demand for NDMC areas, plants at Chandrawal and Sonia Vihar also provide water to the areas. "The operational problem at hospitals was not much as they have large water storage facilities but the reservoir levels have dropped. NDMC sources 60-70 mld from Wazirabad, 25 mld from Sonia Vihar and 35 mld from Chandrawal WTP. There is a short supply of 60% from Wazirabad, 15% from Sonia Vihar, and 30% from Chandrawal. No water has been supplied from the Wazirabad plant for the last two days due to which reservoirs at Tilak Marg and Bengali market are worst hit," said Chahal.

Chahal said that the areas dependent on the Chandrawal WTP have also begun to get impacted due to a 30% reduction in supply. "If this channel is further disrupted, it may impact the area near the President's Estate, Chankayapuri, embassies, and MP flats. Sonia Vihar WTP supplies water to Jor Bagh, Bharti Nagar, Pandara Road, Khan Market, Kaka Nagar, and Bapa Nagar.

The council members said NDMC has deployed 10 tankers for the impacted areas out of which three tankers have been dedicated for JJ clusters and the rest for other areas. "Two tankers were sent to RML hospital to fill the backup reservoir," Chahal added.

Upadhyay said to assist residents in major JJ clusters like Sanjay Camp and Vivekanand Camp, NDMC has installed additional surface water tanks with 10,000 litres each capacity.

'DJB yet to repair flow meters'

Chahal said that the 18 flow meters installed in the New Delhi area are dysfunctional and even though payments to the tune of ₹2.5 crore have been made to DJB, the replacement work remains pending.

"This situation makes it challenging to accurately measure daily water supply to NDMC. This disruption is expected to persist for more days," he added.

Upadhyay blamed the "mismanagement of water distribution" by the Delhi government for the ongoing supply disruption. "Water shortages in June are not new. Yet the government has failed to effectively address the situation," he said.

The Aam Aadmi Party-led Delhi government, in an official statement, said it has made efforts to mitigate the issue and urged the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Haryana Government to release more water to Delhi — something it has maintained since the water shortfall began nearly a fortnight ago.

An NDMC official said that the New Delhi region has 18,955 consumer connections out of which 12,797 are domestic, 3,514 are non-domestic and the rest are for flats, NDMC employees and dhobi ghats. There are 18 inlet points of water supply in Delhi from DJB which feed the 27 water reservoirs with a cumulative capacity of 56 mld.

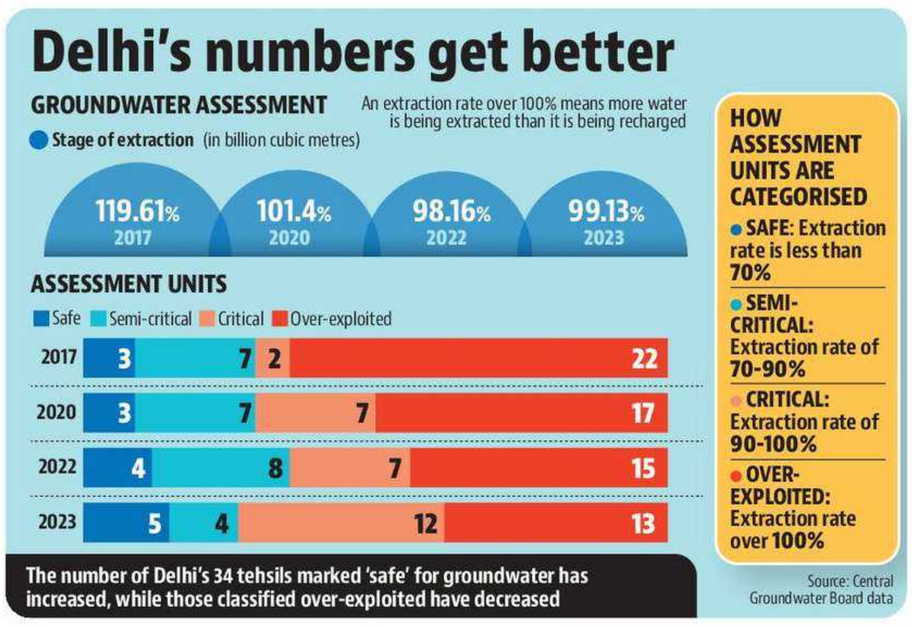
Gopal Krishan, who heads the New Delhi RWA federation said that the residential areas around Bengali Market did not receive water on Monday and Tuesday morning. "The public toilets in the area don't have water and there is a sanitation problem. Our underground tanks have saved us. NDMC has assured that water supply will be made available soon," he added.

Hry can't release more water to Delhi: Govt

The Delhi government on Tuesday said that the Haryana government has expressed its inability to release additional water to Delhi. The development came after a high-level delegation of officials from the Delhi government held a meeting in Chandigarh with the Haryana principal secretary (water resources), seeking the additional release of water to the national capital.

"The delegation solicited the release of additional water supplies on humanitarian grounds to alleviate the severe shortage affecting the capital in this unprecedented heat wave situation. However, the Haryana government has communicated its inability to provide any additional water resources to Delhi at this juncture," the Delhi government said in a statement.

Earlier, the Upper Yamuna River Board had advised Delhi and Haryana to hold a bilateral meeting and consider whether Haryana could give some extra water to Delhi.



City improves rate of drawing groundwater

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NEW DELHI: The latest assessment of groundwater data from states and union territories for 2023, carried out by the Central Groundwater Board (CGWB), showed that the number of "safe" tehsils in Delhi has gone up between 2022 and 2023, and the number of zones classified as "over-exploited" has dipped. The report, however, flagged that Delhi drew almost all the water that was available to be extracted last year, making the extraction rate 99.13%, which was marginally higher than that of 98.16% recorded in 2022.

Groundwater extraction over 100% means more water is being extracted than it is being recharged. If the figure is below 100%, then it indicates that significant amount of groundwater is being left unutilised. The extraction rate was 101.4% in 2020 and an alarming 119.6% in 2017, the report said, adding that Delhi still made progress in recent years.

Out of the 34 tehsils in Delhi, 13 were classified as "over-exploited" in 2023, down from 15 recorded in 2022, the report said.

The number of safe tehsils now stands at five, as compared to four in 2022, the report added, calling for Delhi to further improve its water conservation practices.

> THE NUMBER OF SAFE TEHSILS IS FIVE, AS AGAINST FOUR IN 2022, THE REPORT SAID, CALLING TO WATER CONSERVATION PRACTICES

This comes at a time when Delhi is grappling with a water crisis, relying largely on water supply from neighbouring Haryana to fulfil its water demands.

Data showed the net annual groundwater recharge for Delhi in 2023 was 0.38 billion cubic metres (bcm) and of which 0.34 bcm was available for extraction. Out of this, 99.13% or almost the whole amount of water was extracted. In comparison, 0.41 bcm was recharged in 2022, with 0.37 bcm being available for extraction. In 2022, 0.36 bcm of water was drawn from the ground.

"Out of 34 assessment units (tehsils), 13 units (38%) have been categorized as 'over-exploited', 12 units (35%) as 'critical', four units (12%) as 'semi-critical', and 5 units (15 %) as 'safe' categories of assessment units," the data added.

Assessment units are categorized as "safe" when the extraction rate is less than 70%, "semi-critical" when it is between 70% and 90%, "critical" when it is between 90% and 100% and "over-exploited" when it is over 100%, CGWB said.

The report further listed recommendations that Delhi can follow, to further improve groundwater table, particularly in "over-exploited" zones. This includes awareness campaigns and trainings.

"Rainwater harvesting may be made mandatory for areas with depleted water level. More numbers of sewage treatment plants and usage of this water for other than domestic use may be planned and implemented religiously. Creating awareness regarding water conservation may be organised at appropriate level," CGWB said in its report, further asking Delhi to bring a suitable water pricing policy and work towards crop diversification initiatives.

Shashank Shekhar, assistant professor, department of geology at the Delhi University, said though initiatives like rainwater harvesting has helped increase the groundwater table in the last decade, in recent years, extraction has reduced due to an improved piper water supply. "This reduces reliance on borewells and tubewells, and we are gradually seeing less extraction," he said.

Faster luggage self-drop service at IGI

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NEW DELHI: The Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport has introduced a quick-drop solution for its self service bag drop (SSBD) kiosks, which will allow passengers to self drop their luggage in only around 30 seconds, airport operator Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) said on Tuesday.

DIAL, which began installing SSBD kiosks in June last year, said that around 50 such machines are now operational at Terminal 1 and Terminal 3 combined, giving passengers the flexibility to print their boarding pass and drop their luggage without approaching an airline counter.

SSBDs are installed before the security-hold area and airline check-in counters at both the terminals, officials said. At Terminal 3, they are all installed near gate number 8.

SSBDs are installed at airline check-in counters at T-1 and T-3. HT

Prior to the introduction of this quick-drop feature, DIAL said conventional passengers had to first print their boarding passes and baggage tags at the common use self service (CUSS) kiosks. Then, upon reaching SSBD unit, they needed to scan their boarding passes or allow biometric scanning of their face, before dropping luggage on the conveyer belt. The entire process used to take just over a minute.

Now, one simply has to take a baggage tag at CUSS and go and place the luggage on SSBD machine, with the baggage tag possessing all the necessary details required, officials added.

"It is now a one-step process where the need for boarding pass or biometric validation is removed, since these details are already available on the baggage tag. This reduces the processing time from about a minute to 30 seconds," said a DIAL spokesperson.

SSBDs are currently available for only three airlines — Air India, IndiGo and Air India Express — which will be scaled up gradually. For the remaining airlines, customers will still have to approach an airline counter for checking-in their luggage.

Videh Kumar Jaipuriar, CEO, DIAL, said that the initiative underscores the airport's commitment to leveraging advanced technology to enhance travel experience.

"The Quick Drop Solution not only speeds up the baggage drop process but also ensures a smoother, more enjoyable journey for our passengers. We are proud to be pioneers in this space and look forward to continuing to innovate in ways that benefit travellers," he said.

E-rickshaw driver sexually assaults minor

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NEW DELHI: A 17-year-old girl who had run away from home, but was returning to her parents, was sexually assaulted at Civil Lines by an e-rickshaw driver whom she had hailed to drop her off to her house, police officers said on Tuesday.

The girl managed to escape by hitting the accused with a brick, police said, adding that the accused has been arrested.

Giving details of the case, police said that last week, the girl ran away from home and reached Varanasi. After spending a few days there, she returned to Delhi by bus, and was dropped off at Kashmere Gate ISBT in the early hours of June 12. At Kashmere Gate, she hired an e-rickshaw for her home nearby, but was then assaulted by its driver.

"The accused took her to a forested area near Bara Hindu Rao hospital and sexually assaulted her. She hit him with a brick, fled, and reached a police chowki," said deputy commissioner of police (north) Manoj Meena. "What helped us was the minor's statement that she had hit him with a brick and there should be injuries on his head," Meena added.

On Monday, a team found the accused at Mori Gate and arrested him. Police said the accused, Md Istikar, was sent for a medical examination.

7 of firm linked to Silkyara tunnel booked over death at site of another tunnel

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DEHRADUN: Seven officials of Hyderabad-based Navayuga Engineering Company Limited (NECL) were booked for negligence in connection with the death of a 29-year-old blasting expert during the construction of a railway tunnel in Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand, police said.

The incident occurred near Kaudiyala in the district on June 10 during charging process (placement of explosives into pre-drilled blast holes for blasting) at the under-construction tunnel, part of the 125km-long Rishikesh-Karnaprayag railway line project, police said. NECL, a contractor firm, is building the tunnel on behalf of the Rail Vikas Nigam Limited.

NECL made headlines in November last year after a portion of the Silkyara tunnel being built by it in Uttarkashi district collapsed, trapping 41 workers inside for 17 days. It also hogged limelight in March this year after data released by the Election Commission of India revealed that the firm donated ₹55 crore in now-scrapped electoral bonds to the Bharatiya Janata Party. "We have registered an FIR based on a complaint filed by the brother of the victim," senior sub-inspector, Muni-Ki-Reti police station, Yogesh Pandey said.

The victim has been identified as Kamlesh Pant, 29, a blasting expert employed with NECL.

In his complaint, Ved Prakash blamed NECL officials for the death of his cousin, alleging they ignored "scaling and cleaning in the tunnel" and sent his cousin to "the excavation area".

Meanwhile, NECL has denied allegations.

"There was no such situation. The incident occurred after the drilling was completed. The blasting process is carried out under the supervision of a blaster. No engineer is present there," Shashank Kumar, NECL project manager, said. The RVNL also denied negligence on its part. "All safety and security precautions were taken care of during the construction. It was an accident," OP Malguri, senior manager (Projects), RVNL, said.

{ DIGITAL COMPETITION BILL }

MeitY discusses draft bill with stakeholders

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NEW DELHI: The ministry of electronics and IT on Tuesday held a meeting with industry lobby groups to discuss issues related to the impact of the draft digital competition bill (DCB) that seeks to prescribe certain anticompetitive practices of Big Tech firms as illegal through ex ante regulation.

The ministry was trying to formulate its position on the draft bill so that it can give its inputs to the corporate affairs ministry, said IT secretary S Krishnan, who chaired the meeting, according to three people who asked not to be named. The meeting was held after MeitY received multiple representations from industry associations "raising serious concerns regarding the impact of the proposed Bill on data and digital markets", according to the invitation for the meeting. MeitY is also scheduled to meet think tanks on Wednesday to discuss the issue.

The meeting was attended by officials from the IT and corporate affairs ministries and Competition Commission of India, and representatives of the Alliance of Digital India Foundation (ADIF), Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports, Digital News Publishers Association (DNPA), Indian Newspaper Society (INA), Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) and Cybercafes Association of India (CCAOI)

DCB was released for public consultation in March, which ended on May 15. It was drafted by a panel constituted by the corporate affairs ministry in February 2023 on the recommendations of the parliamentary standing committee on finance.

In the meeting, ADIF voiced its support for the proposed law, saying it would help rein in Big Tech companies. The representatives from DNPA and INS said any antitrust regulation must cut across sectors. DNPA said the news industry wanted a solution to the imbalance in bargaining power between local publishers and Big Tech companies.

IAMAI opposed ex ante regulation and held that such a law would stifle long-term investments in India, while CCAOI held that no new regulation was required and the Competition Act should be amended to deal with related issues.

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HOTTEST SPELL

16 and June 17). This makes it the longest 40°+ spell since 1951 in most parts of Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, and Rajasthan. Nearly half of Gujarat (around 44% of the state) and more than a third of Uttar Pradesh (34% of the state's area) are also experiencing its worst heat spell since 1951, the earliest year for which data is available.

This also shows how wide a swathe is in the grips of this excruciatingly long heat spell.

In nearly a quarter of the country's area (24%), this year is at least in the top five longest heat spells ever recorded. It is among the top 10 in 32% of the area, and among the top 20 in 40% of the country's area. To be sure, this is the case when 37% of the country's area has either never reached a 40°C reading in the May 16-June 17 period, or did not this year. If we exclude this area, then 40°C+ temperatures have been experienced on the maximum number of days this year in over 25% of India.

While the extreme day temperature is part of the problem, it does not fully capture why this year's heat has felt agonising. For that, weather scientists, point to the high temperature that is also prevalent in the night — the only time people expect any relief.

"The day temperatures are way too high. So naturally the nights are not able to cool down as much. If the maximum temperatures are in the range of 45-46°C, you cannot expect night time temperatures to be normal either," said M Mohapatra, IMD director general.

A warm night is declared only when the maximum temperature remains 40°C or more, and is defined based on departures of actual minimum temperatures. A warm night is when minimum temperature departure is 4.5°C to 6.4°C above normal.

"More warm nights are being experienced this time... At night there is an outgoing longwave radiation or the heat is radiated back. But the temperatures are so high and hot westerly winds are blowing at night, so that is not happening as expected," said Mahesh Palawat, vice-president, climate and meteorology at Skymet Weather.

The monsoon, which has barely progressed beyond central India since June 11, has only added to the woes. "We are expecting monsoon to pick up in a few days which may help in modulating temperatures," Palawat added.

The average June rainfall for the country as a whole is most likely to be below normal (< 92% of the Long Period Average (LPA), IMD said on Tuesday. LPA of the June rainfall over the country as a whole for the period 1971-2020 is 16.69cm. Normal to above normal monthly rainfall is most likely over most areas of the south peninsular India and some areas of Northeast India. Below normal rainfall is most likely over many areas of Northwest & adjoining Central India and some areas of Northeast India.

"Monsoon may pick up in the east in the next 3-4 days and reach here by month end as per its normal date," added Mohapatra.

Doctors, meanwhile, say they are experiencing a massive spike in heat-related illnesses and emergencies.

"We are seeing a significant rise in heat related admissions. These had reduced marginally last month when temperatures had dipped but they are up again. We are mainly seeing two kinds of people coming to us — young people with heat exertion related conditions who were working outside in the heat, and for old people who are more susceptible to heat. They come with severe dehydration, high grade fever, diarrhoea, in some severe cases they also present with muscle injury or what we call rhabdomyolysis. This can cause muscle disintegration, kidney failure and death. The other kind of patients coming to us are the elderly who have poor body temperature regulation. They are coming with very high-grade fever like 106°F. Their heart rhythm can go out of control if they are not stabilised and they show up with electrolyte imbalance. Of course, most of these are people with no cooling like air conditioners or they live in very hot spaces like the top floor of buildings," said Dr Sumit Ray, critical care specialist and medical director, Holy Family Hospital.

THE AVERAGE JUNE RAINFALL FOR THE COUNTRY IS MOST LIKELY TO BE BELOW NORMAL (< 92% OF THE LONG PERIOD AVERAGE, IMD SAID

An analysis of maximum temperatures show that most parts of the northern plains had hot weather conditions many places in Rajasthan, Haryana, northern Madhya Pradesh and southern Uttar Pradesh did not have even a single day where the maximum temperature dropped below 40°C.

Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh witnessed six heatwave days between May 18 and May 31, and 14 such days this month till June 17. It also recorded highest ever temperature of 48.8°C on May 28. While western Uttar Pradesh has recorded 26 heat wave days since March 2024, eastern UP has recorded 22. Delhi and Haryana have also recorded 23 heat wave days, most of them in the last one month, according to IMD's daily heatwave data.

Bathinda in Punjab and Rohtak in Haryana have been, on average, the hottest places in the two states, which, according to the HT analysis, had 75% of the area recording more than 40°C for 28-33 days. In Barmer, Rajasthan, 90% of the area did not have a single day below 40°C, and the maximum temperature ranged between 45-50°C in the past month.

Even the Himalayas have not been spared by the extreme heat this year. On Monday, Kathua in Jammu recorded 47.6°C, the highest temperature for a location in Jammu & Kashmir. The Jammu region has witnessed temperatures above 40°C since May 18 nearly every day. The hill stations of Shimla and Dharamshala in Himachal and Mussoorie and Nainital in Uttarakhand are witnessing above 30°C since May 23, with some places such as Una in Himachal and Roorkee in Uttarakhand recording temperatures close to 45°C.

IMD has predicted that heatwave conditions would continue till at least June 20.

There is a red category warning for Uttar Pradesh till June 20 for extreme heat. A red category warning means that local authorities need to act to prevent heat-related emergencies.

"Much of this was expected and predicted in advance. In a year following an El Nino year, we tend to get more heatwaves. That is due to favourable atmospheric circulation for heatwaves. Global warming is adding to this natural variability. We will tend to get more frequent, longer and stronger heat waves. We need to be well prepared," said M Rajeevan, climate scientist and former secretary, ministry of earth sciences, last week.

MAN KILLS GIRLFRIEND

cheating on him. The couple often fought over the matter, the police said.

Aarti's father also knew about their relationship and disapproved of it. After her father refused to allow her to marry Rohit, Aarti started ignoring his calls, which did not go down well with him, the police added.

On Tuesday morning, when Aarti left for work, Rohit followed her. When she reached Chinchpada, he intercepted her. The two started quarrelling and Rohit got agitated and took out a spanner that he was carrying. He grabbed Aarti's hand and started hitting her with the metal tool till she collapsed, the police said.

Even after she collapsed and lay motionless on the road, Rohit continued shouting her name in rage and hitting her. Someone called the police only after Rohit stopped the brutal assault. The Waliv police said they reached the spot within five minutes of being informed about the attack. They found Rohit sitting on the road, staring at Aarti's body. "We arrested Yadav from the spot and recovered the spanner, which he threw on the road. We have seized a few videos and photographs shot by the onlookers and are looking for more witnesses," said a police officer from the Waliv police station.

Rohit has been booked under Section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code. "He told us that he was planning to confront her. However, we suspect that Yadav was planning to kill her as he was carrying the spanner and a knife in his pocket when he met her," added the officer.

THE ACCUSED HAS BEEN BOOKED UNDER SECTION 302 (MURDER) OF THE INDIAN PENAL CODE

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Dilli darshan, in extreme heat

On ways of exploring the city in hostile weather

{ PUBLIC INTEREST }

In the early morning, just before the summertime sun of mid-June flames brightly on the domes of tombs and forts, on windows and balconies of suburban high-rises, and into the foliage of avenue trees, a sleepy Delhi lies snuggled in relative coolness.

Take Hazrat Nizamuddin Basti. The quiet lanes are stirring up with the first round of chai at the chai stalls on boil. The courtyard at Ghalib's tomb is empty, except for two homeless citizens asleep around the poet's grave-chamber (see photo). Lying on a stone bench, one of the men is turned towards a marble slab inscribed with Ghalib's verse:

When nothing was, then God was there
Had nothing been, God would have been
My being has defeated me
Had I not been, what would have been.

In Hauz Khas Village, the main lane of cafes, pizzerias, restaurants and curio stores is empty. A tonga appears on the silent lane, loaded with vegetables and fruits, the harnessed mule tiktoking past the shuttered fronts, towards the village"s exit. Close by, in a temple yard, a woman is praying under a tree, the massive trunk wound over with sacred red kalava threads.

In Chitli Qabar Chowk, the only human present is a recycler hauling a huge sack, probably filled with street discards. A brown dog jumps up from the side-drain, and violently barks at the man, who unconcernedly walks past the locked door of Chitli Qabar sufi shrine. (The grilled window shows the darkened grave within.)

In Gwal Pahari, try to imagine the hills yet untouched by the day's white heat. This reporter has explored the beautiful region in Gurugram during the day, but it must look even more beautiful when the summer's hostile sun hasn't yet raided the sky. With new towers flanking the distant background, Gwal Pahari preserves an old Aravali landscape that must have existed across Gurugram before most of it were flattened by the real estate builders. The area is still carpeted with trees. Neel Gai sightings are frequent. The roadside slopes are littered with instagrammable rocks and boulders.

Meanwhile, as the morning gives way to blazing noon, the city exteriors are likely to be emptied of citizens. The reality is different.

The sun-soaked lanes continue to teem with pedestrians, including street vendors and labourers. In fact, on Eid this Monday, during the particularly scorching afternoon, the grounds around the India Gate were packed with picnickers. Summer was shown its place.

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Justice Devinder Gupta Former Chief Justice
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'MANY MARTYRED FOR SIKH CAUSE': AKAL TAKHT CHIEF AT NIJJAR EVENT

AMRITSAR: Countless martyrs have sacrificed their lives for the cause of the Sikh religion, Akal Takht jathedar Giani Raghbir Singh said on Tuesday during an event organised to mark one year of the murder of pro-Khalistan leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar, who was shot dead in Canada last June.

The event was jointly organised by radical Sikh organisation Dal Khalsa and the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) at Gurdwara Santokhsar Sahib near Golden Temple in Amritsar.

"Countless martyrs have sacrificed their lives for the sake of the Sikh cause. They all have fallen to the bullets of the enemy which is anti-Sikh and anti-Panth," the head of the Akal Takht said.

Nijjar, who was designated a terrorist by India in 2020, was murdered by unidentified persons in Canada on June 18 last year. It caused a rupture in diplomatic ties between India and Canada after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on September 18 claimed there were "credible allegations" of a potential link of Indian agents in the murder. India dismissed the allegations as "absurd" and "motivated".

'Modi's re-election scope to discuss serious issues'

TORONTO: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's re-election for a third term provides an "opportunity" to engage on "very serious" and "big" issues, his Canadian counterpart Justin Trudeau said.

"Now that he's (Modi) through his election, I think there is an opportunity for us to engage, including on some very serious issues around national security and keeping Canadians safe and the rule of law," Trudeau said in an interview with CBC News. HTC

US delegation reaches India to meet Dalai Lama, China raises concern

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DHARAMSHALA/NEW DELHI: A US congressional delegation arrived in Dharamshala on Tuesday to meet Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama and the Tibetan government in exile, with China expressing "strong concern" over the visit.

The bipartisan delegation includes former US speaker Nancy Pelosi and is headed by Michael McCaul, chairman of the House committee on foreign affairs. The visit, though scheduled earlier, came days after the US House of Representatives passed a bill on June 12 urging China to re-engage with the Dalai Lama and other Tibetan leaders to resolve the dispute over the status of Tibet.

McCaul, a Republican, was among the four US lawmakers who introduced the "Promoting a Resolution to the Tibet-China Dispute Act", also known as the Resolve Tibet Act. It was passed by the House of Representatives by a vote of 391-26.

Former US speaker Nancy Pelosi speaks at the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile in Dharamshala on Tuesday. REUTERS

"We are very excited to see his Holiness tomorrow [June 19] to talk about many things, including the bill that was just passed by Congress, which says that the United States of America stands with the people of Tibet," McCaul said.

The bill, which will now be sent to US President Joe Biden to be signed into law, rejects China's contention that Tibet has been part of the country since ancient times and urges Beijing to "cease its propagation of disinformation about the history of Tibet, the Tibetan people, and Tibetan institutions, including that of the Dalai Lama".

Khenpo Sonam Tenphel, the speaker of the Tibetan Parliament-in-exile, said the US delegation's visit sends a "strong message" to China. "We appreciate the continuous support from the US. The recent passage of the Resolve Tibet Act further solidifies the US's commitment," he said.

Besides meeting the Dalai Lama, the delegation will meet the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) and Penpa Tsering, the Sikyong or head of the government in exile based in Dharamshala.

China has always bristled at meetings between the Tibetan spiritual and political leadership and foreign delegations. In Beijing, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Lin Jian rejected the delegation's visit and called on the US to "stop sending the wrong signal to the world".

He said, "We are gravely concerned over the relevant reports and urge the US side to fully recognise the anti-China separatist nature of the Dalai group, honour the commitments the US has made to China on issues related to Xizang, have no contact with the Dalai group in any form, and stop sending the wrong signal to the world." China refers to Tibet as Xizang.

Lin urged Biden not to sign the Tibet policy bill, saying affairs related to the region are China's internal affairs that brook no external interference.

"No one and no force should ever attempt to destabilise Tibet to contain and suppress China. Such attempts will never succeed," he said.

{ U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL SAYS } 'PANNUN PLOT'

'Won't tolerate attempts to silence, harm our citizens'

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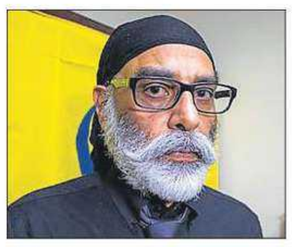
WASHINGTON: As Nikhil Gupta, the man indicted for conspiring with a serving government of India official to assassinate an American citizen, pleaded not guilty in a New York court on Monday, the US Attorney General Merrick Garland said Gupta's extradition was proof that the Justice Department won't "tolerate attempts to silence or harm American citizens".

Garland's statement was reinforced by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) director Christopher Wray who, in the same statement that quoted a range of top American law enforcement officials, said that the FBI won't "tolerate attempts by foreign nationals, or anyone else for that matter, to repress constitutionally-protected freedoms".

Gupta's extradition also led to a set of five progressive senators, including former presidential candidate Bernie Sanders and other Democrats who serve on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC), writing a letter to Secretary of State Antony J Blinken expressing deep concerns about the allegation of a government of India official "as well as reports of ongoing harassment and threats against Sikh Americans", and urging a "strong diplomatic response" to all those involved accountable.

Last year, the Department of Justice indicted Gupta for allegedly plotting to assassinate Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, who stands for a separate Khalistani state and is designated by India as a terrorist. Gupta, the indictment has alleged, was working



Gurpatwant Singh Pannun

at the behest of an Indian field intelligence official. India has said that this is not government policy, and has set up an investigation committee to look into the inputs provided by the American side.

In the statement, Garland said, "Nikhil Gupta will now face justice in an American courtroom for his involvement in an alleged plot, directed by an employee of the Indian government, to target and assassinate a U.S. citizen for his support of the Sikh separatist movement in India. I am grateful to the Department's agents who foiled this assassination plot and to our Czech partners for assistance in this arrest and extradition."

The deputy AG Lisa Monaco said that the "murder for hire plot" was a "brazen attempt to silence a political activist for exercising a quintessential American right: his freedom of speech". Pannun, India has repeatedly alleged, has been engaged in violence and has openly threatened to use violence.

Anne Milgram, the administrator of the Drug Enforcement Agency, said that DEA had "uncovered an assassination plot orchestrated by an Indian government employee and Nikhil Gupta, an international narcotics trafficker". She added that the case was "a testament to the partnerships DEA has built with our law enforcement partners around the globe, like the Czech Republic's National Drug Headquarters, as well as our federal law enforcement partners here at home".

Separately, five senators - Sanders, Christopher Van Hollen, Jeff Merkley, Tim Kaine, Ron Wyden, wrote a letter to Blinken on Monday to "express their deep concerns about credible allegations of the Indian government's involvement in a foiled plot to assassinate an American citizen on U.S. soil, as well as reports of ongoing harassment and threats against Sikh Americans". They urged a strong diplomatic response and requested a briefing on the "status of the administration's engagement with the Indian government in this matter".

NSA Ajit Doval (third from left) with his American counterpart Jake Sullivan (4th from left) at the Industry Roundtable. PTI

India, US NSAs stress tech as key part of ties

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NEW DELHI: India and the US must remain at the forefront of technology as part of their larger strategic interest and to protect and defend their value systems, National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval told an industry roundtable focused on critical and emerging technologies on Tuesday.

Doval and his American counterpart Jake Sullivan addressed the industry roundtable of CEOs and thought leaders, held as part of efforts to mobilise private sector investment and partnerships in strategic technology sectors, a day after co-chairing the second meeting of the India-US initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET).

Sullivan is the first senior official of the Biden administration to visit India following the formation of a new coalition government and the iCET meeting agreed on the next steps in the strategic technology partnership and pledged to remove long-standing barriers to strategic trade.

"The US and India have got to remain at the forefront of technology in case we need to protect and defend our value systems and it is part of a larger strategic interest," Doval told the roundtable organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and held behind closed doors.

He highlighted the role of industry in technology and the progress of iCET since its inception in January 2023, and said, "iCET has achieved more than we could imagine." He also referred to the progress made in the defence innovation roadmap and startups, and emphasised the importance of the semiconductor industry, according to a statement from CII.

Sullivan pointed to three important buckets for technology partnerships – innovation, production, and deployment.

In the important field of innovation, he emphasised the need for government support for the private sector.

There is bipartisan support in the US for Indian industry and building an ecosystem and supply chain manufacturing is key to production, he said.

Doval and Sullivan assured private industry that they welcome industry communications highlighting specific issues and due diligence will be done to resolve barriers holding up deeper and closer India-US ties.

The core of iCET is the idea of India and the US supporting each other and encouraging greater collaboration in the technology ecosystem, jointly innovating and finding solutions to challenges, Sullivan said.

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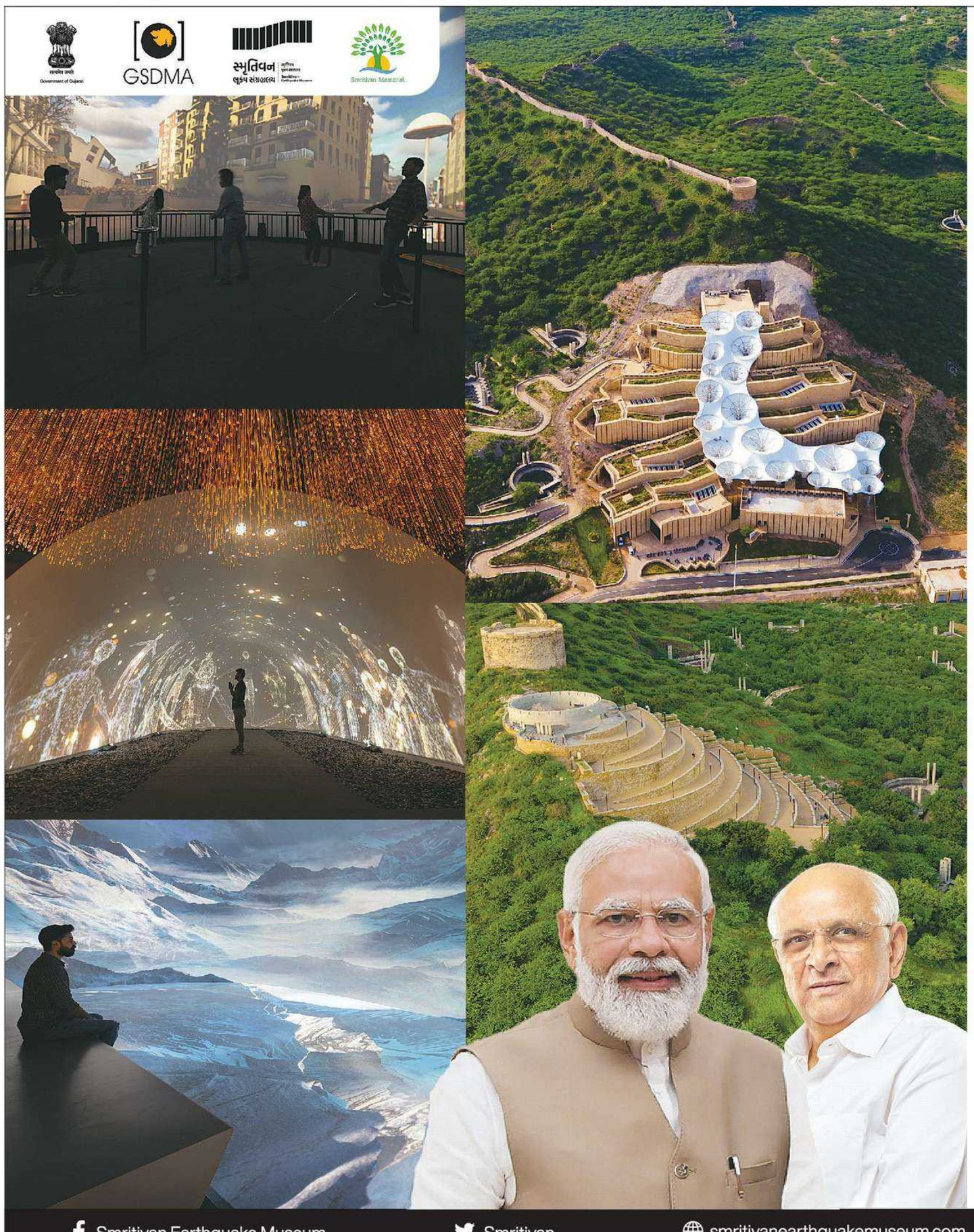

From India to the World!
Smritivan Earthquake Museum, Bhuj is now among World's Most Beautiful Museums 2024!

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.

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Red Dot Design Award – Brands and Communication Design
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Global Architecture Design Award – Platinum Award - Cultural Architecture
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"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."
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NEET, 'manipulation' of stock market on Oppn's Parl agenda

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The INDIA bloc, which has 234 members in the 18th Lok Sabha, is also likely to highlight key issues of price rise and unemployment.

NEW DELHI: The opposition INDIA bloc is set to focus on recent controversies surrounding the conduct of National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (Undergraduate) or NEET-UG 2024 and alleged stock market "manipulation" following exit polls and highlight key issues of price rise and unemployment during the upcoming inaugural session of the 18th Lok Sabha.

The session, which will be a brief one, is tightly packed with mandatory agendas such as the oath-taking of newly elected Lok Sabha members and the address by President Droupadi Murmu to the joint sitting of both Houses, with a limited space for the Opposition to raise its agenda. The session will start on June 24 for the Lok Sabha and June 27 for the Rajya Sabha and end for both on July 3.

"Our top priority would be a debate on NEET. We consider NEET-UG exam was a scam. Our party president Mallikarjun Kharge has raised serious questions over its conduct this year. There are serious questions on the integrity of the NTA (National Testing Agency), too, and the manner in which NEET is designed and administered," a senior Congress leader said.

Ever since the NEET-UG results were announced on June 4, protests have swept across India as thousands of students hit the streets against this year's process amid allegations of question paper leaks, inflated marking and arbitrary allowance of grace marks.

Attacking the Centre over NEET row, former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said: "Narendra Modi, as usual, is maintaining silence on the tampering with the future of more than 24 lakh (2.4 million) students in the NEET examination. The arrests made in Bihar, Gujarat and Haryana clearly show there has been organised corruption in the examination in a planned manner and these BJP-ruled states have become the epicentre of paper leak."

Gandhi, who is all set to become the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, added: "While fulfilling the responsibility of the opposition, we are committed to formulate such tough policies by strongly raising the voice of the youth from the streets to Parliament and putting pressure on the government."

The INDIA bloc, which has 234 members in the 18th Lok Sabha, is also expected to raise its concern over the alleged stock market manipulation. On Tuesday, a delegation of leaders from the Trinamool Congress (TMC), Shiv Sena (UBT) and Nationalist Congress Party (SP) met officials of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and demanded a probe into the alleged stock market manipulation following exit polls earlier this month.

Earlier, Rahul Gandhi had demanded a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe into what he described as the "biggest stock market scam", alleging involvement of both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah in it.

"The Prime Minister, the Home Minister, the exit pollsters working for them and their friendly media have together conspired to commit the biggest 'stock market scam' in India. ₹30 lakh crore of 5 crore (50 million) small investor families have been lost. We demand that a JPC be formed to investigate this 'criminal act'," Gandhi had posted on X on June 6.

While a section of the Opposition may seek a separate and full debate, it might have no option but to use the debate on the President's address to raise these issues.

"In the session, it will be the continuation of the issues that we raised during the election season. In the debate on the President's speech in both Houses, issues such as price rise and unemployment will be highlighted. We will demand answer from the PM," a senior Congress strategist said.

In the Lok Sabha, the first three days of the upcoming session will see oath-taking of newly elected lawmakers and the election of the Speaker. Murmu will address both Houses on June 27 and the remaining part of the session is likely to be used to debate and pass a motion of thanks to the President for her speech.

{ HOUSE MEET }

Top BJP leaders, partners discuss issues for session

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THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION ON THE ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER, BJP LEADERS SAID

NEW DELHI: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders and a group of ministers, including the party's allies in the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), on Tuesday held a meeting to discuss issues that will be taken up during the Parliament session and the President's address to both Houses next week, functionaries said.

The meeting was held at defence minister Rajnath Singh's residence and was attended by Union ministers Manohar Lal Khattar, Bhupender Yadav, Virendra Kumar, Piyush Goyal, Annapurna Devi and S Jaishankar. NDA partners Lalan Singh (Janata Dal-United) and Chirag Paswan (Lok Janshakti Party–Ram Vilas) were also present.

The Parliament session is scheduled to be held from June 24 to July 3. Both Houses are expected to take up the debate on the Motion of Thanks on the President's address on June 28.

"Since the Cabinet committee on Parliamentary Affairs is yet to be constituted, the group of ministers was consulted on the President's speech," a BJP functionary said, seeking anonymity.

A second party functionary, who also did not wish to be identified, said the meeting discussed "issues that will be taken up during the Parliament session".

There was no discussion on the election of the speaker and deputy speaker, the second functionary added, although the allies have broadly agreed to the BJP retaining the first post. The opposition Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance bloc has sought the deputy speaker's post for its nominee, by convention.

In 2019, when the BJP came to power for a second time, the post of the deputy speaker remained vacant and was not offered to any ally or opposition party.

While a meeting between Union home minister Amit Shah, BJP national president JP Nadda and former speaker Om Birla was held on Monday night, no details were shared about the discussion.

Meanwhile, a separate meeting of the Maharashtra and Jharkhand BJP core groups was held at the party headquarters later in the evening to discuss the strategy for the assembly elections in the two states this year.

Maharashtra deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis, party state chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule, Mumbai BJP chief Ashish Shelar and MP Ashok Chavan were among those who attended it.

The newly appointed in charges of Jharkhand and senior leaders from the eastern state attended the meeting, which also took stock of the party's performance in the Lok Sabha elections to assess the preparations that will be needed for the state polls, BJP functionaries said.

A similar meeting of the BJP core group in Haryana was also held and attended by party chief JP Nadda and Shah on Monday night.

Narendra Modi

PM MODI TO LEAD CELEBRATIONS FOR YOGA DAY FROM SRINAGAR: GOVT

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead the celebrations for International Day of Yoga in Srinagar on June 21, AYUSH minister Prataprao Jadhav said on Tuesday.

The event will be held at Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC). HT had reported about the event being led by Modi on June 13.

Jadhav said this year's theme, 'Yoga for Self and Society', will highlight yoga's dual role in fostering individual and societal wellbeing. It also, he added, underlines promoting connection between the inner-self and the outer world going beyond one's own wellbeing.

"Yoga nurtures physical, mental, and spiritual growth while promoting societal harmony. The enthusiastic participation of millions in recent years reflects the profound impact of yoga on communities," he said.

In 2014, the United Nations declared June 21 as International Day of Yoga. Modi inaugurated the first edition of the event on June 21, 2015 on the theme "Yoga for Harmony and Peace".

The visit to the Union territory on June 21 will be Modi's first after being sworn in as Prime Minister for the third time, and second this year. He had earlier addressed an election rally at Bakshi stadium in Srinagar in May.

Gandhi slams Modi's 'silence' as Oppn steps up attack over NEET

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AAP supporters during a stir in New Delhi on Tuesday.

NEW DELHI: Opposition parties on Tuesday stepped up their attack on the Centre over alleged irregularities and paper leaks in this year's National Eligibility-cum Entrance Test (NEET), with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi questioning Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "silence" and asserting his party's commitment towards ensuring strong policies against such instances.

While the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) reiterated its demand for a Supreme Court-monitored probe into the allegations, CPI(M) leader and Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan said the controversy has affected the credibility of the premier examination, which is held for admission in undergraduate medical courses.

The developments came on a day the top court told the Centre and the National Testing Agency (NTA) not to shy away from admitting any mistake in conducting NEET this year and cautioned that even 0.01% negligence should be thoroughly dealt with.

In a post in Hindi on X, Gandhi said: "Narendra Modi, as usual, is maintaining silence on the tampering with the future of more than 24 lakh students in the NEET examination. The arrests made in Bihar, Gujarat and Haryana show that there has been organised corruption in the examination in a planned manner and these BJP-ruled states have become the epicentre of paper leak."

He added: "In our (poll) manifesto, we had guaranteed to secure the future of the youth by making strict laws against paper leaks. While fulfilling the responsibility of the Opposition, we are committed to formulate such tough policies by strongly raising the voice of the youth from the streets to Parliament and putting pressure on the government."

Vijayan said the allegations have affected the credibility of the entrance test system in the country. He said that neither the central government nor the NTA have been able to provide a satisfactory explanation and address the students' concerns over the irregularities reported in the test.

The AAP held a protest at Jantar Mantar in the national capital and reiterated its demand for a Supreme Court-monitored probe into the allegations.

Delhi minister and AAP leader Saurabh Bharadwaj said: "It is a matter of the future of 2.4 million students. The government should take action and conduct an investigation. We are sitting here because we want a Supreme Court-monitored inquiry," he told reporters.

While there was no immediate reaction from the Bharatiya Janata Party, Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan last week said there is no evidence to substantiate the claims of paper leak. He also said the Opposition is "spreading lies on a sensitive issue without knowing the facts".

BJP: No change in Maha leadership, focus now on winning state polls

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UNION HOME MINISTER AMIT SHAH CHAIRED THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING IN DELHI

MUMBAI: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Tuesday ruled out any change in its leadership in Maharashtra after its poor showing in the Lok Sabha elections and asserted that it is working on a blueprint for the Shiv Sena-BJP-Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) coalition to emerge victorious in the assembly polls, due later this year.

The decision was taken at the Maharashtra BJP's core group meeting with party president JP Nadda and Union home minister Amit Shah. "There will be no change in leadership in Maharashtra," Union minister Piyush Goyal told reporters at the BJP headquarters.

The leaders discussed the strategy to ensure the re-election of the MahaYuti alliance in the upcoming assembly elections, Goyal added.

The meeting was attended by senior BJP leaders BL Santosh, Bhupender Yadav, Ashwini Vaishnaw, state BJP leader Chandrashekhar Bawankule, Sudhir Mungantiwar, Chandrakant Patil, Pankaja Munde, Raosaheb Danve and Vinod Tawde, among others.

The BJP won nine seats in Maharashtra in the recent Lok Sabha elections, down from its 2019 tally of 23.

Maharashtra deputy chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis had offered to resign from the MahaYuti government of Shiv Sena-BJP-NCP and focus on the organisation to win the September-October assembly elections.

Speaking to media persons after the meeting, Fadnavis said the leaders took stock of the election result and the corrective actions needed. "We also discussed the blueprint of the upcoming assembly elections. We will soon have a discussion with the NDA partners on how to draw up the plan for winning the polls," he said.

To a question on the ties between the NDA partners in Maharashtra, Goyal said there will be no changes in the alliance and all partners will work towards winning the state polls.

According to party functionaries, delay in announcement of candidates, a "false narrative" set by the Opposition, wrong selection of candidates, consolidation of Maratha voters against the alliance and the lack of coordination among the partners were the major reasons for BJP's results.

SETBACK FOR CONG AS TOP HARYANA LEADERS QUIT, TO JOIN BJP TODAY

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CHANDIGARH: In a setback to the Congress in Haryana where assembly polls are due in October, senior leader Kiran Choudhry and her daughter Shruti Choudhry on Tuesday quit the party and are scheduled to join the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Wednesday.

Both Kiran Choudhry and Shruti Choudhry resigned from the primary membership of the Congress and, in their separate resignation letters to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, took a veiled dig at former chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, alleging that the party's state unit is being run as a "personal fiefdom".

Shruti Choudhry was also the working president of the Haryana unit of the Congress.

Kiran Choudhry, who is a sitting MLA from Tosham in Bhiwani district, told PTI that both she and Shruti Choudhry, a former MP, will be joining the BJP in Delhi on Wednesday.

There was no immediate reaction from the Congress on the resignations.

{ HIMACHAL } AFTER 3 INDEPENDENTS QUIT

Cong fields Sukhu's wife for state bypoll

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Kamlesh Thakur

DHARAMSHALA: Himachal Pradesh chief minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's wife Kamlesh Thakur will contest the forthcoming by-election from Dehra assembly seat, according to a list of candidates released on Tuesday by Congress general secretary KC Venugopal after approval from party chief Mallikarjun Kharge.

Thakur's candidature was announced a day after the Congress fielded its candidates from Hamirpur and Nalagarh assembly seats. The by-elections in Hamirpur, Nalagarh and Dehra assembly segments, which will be held on July 10, were necessitated after assembly speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania on June 3 accepted the resignation of three independent MLAs, who have since joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

The BJP has fielded the three politicians — Hoshiyar Singh (Dehra), Ashish Sharma (Hamirpur) and KL Thakur (Nalagarh) — from their respective assembly seats. All three had voted in favour of BJP candidate Harsh Mahajan in the February 27 Rajya Sabha elections along with six rebel Congress MLAs.

Dehra in Kangra district has been a challenging seat for the Congress. Singh won as an independent from Dehra in 2022, defeating Congress's Rajesh Sharma, who was vying for a ticket this time as well. Singh had won from the Dehra seat in 2017 as well. Prior to that, BJP candidate Ravinder Singh Ravi had won from Dehra in the 2012 assembly elections.

Ashish Sharma, BJP candidate for Hamirpur, filed his nomination on Tuesday. BJP state president Rajiv Bindal, former chief minister and leader of the opposition Jai Ram Thakur, Hamirpur MP and former Union minister Anurag Thakur attended a rally held after filing of Sharma's nomination.

Nana Patole

VIDEO OF CONG WORKER WASHING FEET OF PATOLE TRIGGERS ROW

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MUMBAI: A video of a Congress worker washing the feet of Maharashtra unit chief Nana Patole triggered a political row on Tuesday, with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) accusing the latter of "insulting" his party members.

The video, which went viral on social media, showed a party worker pouring water on Patole's feet and cleaning them with his hands as he steps out of the vehicle at Wadegaon in Akola district on Monday.

In a post on X, the Mumbai unit of BJP said: "What a misfortune, Congress is repeatedly insulting the workers whose might it uses to contest elections." It is very shameful that Patole made a worker wash his muddied feet, it said.

Reacting to the controversy, Patole said his feet got muddied after taking part in a procession of the holy symbolic footprints of Saint Gajanan Maharaj.

One of the workers put water from a bottle as there was no tap available nearby, he said.

The Congress leader also hit out at the government, saying that while the farmers are burdened by loans and need to be brought out of their plight, the ruling dispensation remained unaffected.

Curfew imposed, net suspended as clashes break out in Balasore

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THE VIOLENCE ERUPTED ON MONDAY OVER ALLEGATIONS THAT MEMBERS OF ONE COMMUNITY HAD KILLED A COW

BHUBANESWAR: A curfew was imposed in the coastal Odisha town of Balasore and internet services were suspended for 48 hours on Tuesday as the communal violence over allegations of cow slaughter during a religious celebration by a minority community escalated on Monday night, police said.

As violence spread in Balasore following stone pelting by one community members on members of another community, the district administration imposed a curfew on Tuesday morning in the entire municipality area. The state government ordered shutdown of internet services for 48 hours.

"We have imposed a curfew from 8am and would review it after 24 hours. No one will be allowed to come out on the streets. The situation is under control now. Seven FIRs (first information reports) have been registered over yesterday's incident and we have received three more FIRs," said Balasore superintendent of police Sagarika Nath.

"So far, 34 people have been detained and legal action will be taken against anyone who had a role to play in the violence. More than 40 platoons of police have been deployed."

Chief minister Mohan Majhi spoke to district collector Asish Thakre and directed that all measures should be taken to keep the situation under control. Peace and order shall not be allowed to be disturbed, he said.

The state home department on Tuesday said it was shutting down internet services in Balasore municipality and adjoining areas as miscreants were circulating false and inflammatory messages through social media to disturb public order. "Messaging platforms like WhatsApp, Facebook, and X have the potential to inflame communal tensions, thereby leading to acts causing disturbance of public order," a notification issued by state home secretary Deoranjan Kumar Singh said.

The violence erupted on Monday afternoon over allegations that members of one community had killed a cow, the blood of which turned drain waters red. The incident took place near Bhujakhia Pir, a mausoleum of a sufi saint. After the news spread, people staged a road blockade and held up traffic on Chandipur-Balasore main road that was opposed by people of the minority community. As members of one community started pelting stones at the protesters, police reached the spot to bring the situation under control. However, the situation escalated on Monday night as members of one community attacked houses of another community with stones, sticks and glass bottles, setting fire to vehicles in Golapokhari, Motiganj, Cinema Chhak areas of the city.

{ WAYANAD BYPOLL }

Kerala Cong welcomes Priyanka's candidature

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Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi

KOCHI: Congress leaders in Kerala welcomed the party's announcement to nominate Priyanka Gandhi Vadra for the Lok Sabha bypoll from Wayanad, the seat her brother Rahul Gandhi vacated on Tuesday, even as opponents BJP and CPI mocked the grand old party over its decision.

The nomination of the Congress general secretary, who will make her electoral contest debut in the Wayanad bypoll, also evoked mixed reactions from the local residents — with many hailing the prospect of a national leader and member of the Nehru-Gandhi family representing them while some saying the concerns facing the constituency need someone who is present full time in the region.

"The workers and leaders of Congress have welcomed the news of Priyanka's candidacy in Wayanad with great enthusiasm and excitement. If Rahul's victory margin in this election was 3.6 lakh votes, the people of Wayanad will take Priyanka's victory margin beyond 4 lakh," senior Congress leader Ramesh Chennithala said.

CPI state secretary Binoy Viswam, however, disagreed and said the Congress has failed to understand the rationale behind the formation of the INDIA bloc. "The crux of the politics of INDIA is to resist the policies and ideas of the RSS-BJP forces. If Congress had known that, it would not have fielded a big face of the bloc like Rahul here in Kerala. Under pressure from Congress leaders in Kerala, Rahul was fielded here. And now, in the second week of his election from Wayanad, he has resigned," he said.

BJP state chief K Surendran, who contested from Wayanad and came a distant third, mocked the Congress for "encouraging" dynastic politics. "After Priyanka, it should now field Robert Vadra in the by-election in Palakkad assembly segment," he sneered. On Tuesday, Rahul resigned from the Wayanad seat and retained Rae Bareli.

Noorsha Chenoth (41), who runs a vegetable business in Kaniyambatta, termed Priyanka's selection a "very good choice", claiming she will secure a bigger victory than Rahul. Jins KP from Mananthavady said: "I fear Priyanka will be just like Rahul who would come here once in two-three months. She has to be present more in Delhi than in Wayanad. We feel our concerns will not be solved in a timely manner."

Newly constructed bridge collapses in Bihar

The bridge collapsed at Parharia Ghat, in Sikti block area of Araria in Bihar on Tuesday. PTI

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ARARIA: A new bridge over the Bakra river that was yet to be opened to traffic collapsed in Bihar's Araria district on Tuesday. The 182.65m bridge built by the rural works department at a cost of ₹7.79 crore was constructed near Parharia Ghat under Sikti block on Araria-Kishanganj road.

A technical team was rushed to the site to find out the reason behind the collapse, Araria district magistrate Inayat Khan said. "It was not operational as the approach road was not complete. Hence, no casualty was reported," she said. In March, an under-construction bridge over Kosi river collapsed in Supaul district, leaving a worker dead.

BJP MP Pradeep Kumar Singh and party MLA Vijay Mandal expressed shock over Tuesday's incident and demanded a probe. "This is total negligence on the part of the engineers and contractors," he alleged. "Had it been operational, it would have been a serious accident," Singh said.

Area residents said the material used were of inferior quality. "Action will be taken against the contractor after probe," said Ashutosh Kumar, executive engineer at rural works department.

41 AIRPORTS GET HOAX BOMB THREAT ON EMAIL

NEW DELHI: Forty-one airports received bomb threat emails on Tuesday, prompting authorities to scramble contingency measures and carry out anti-sabotage checks that lasted hours, and each of them was found to be a hoax, officials said.

Security was beefed up as agencies swept the airport terminals after the emails were received around 12.40 pm from the ID exhumedyou888@gmail.com.

The airports in Varanasi, Chennai, Patna, Jaipur, Coimbatore and Jabalpur were among those that received the hoax threats. HTC

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SC ON NEET

For weeks, protests have swept across India as thousands of students hit the streets against this year's process amid allegations of question paper leaks, inflated marking and arbitrary allowance of grace marks, even as opposition parties called for a Supreme Court-monitored probe into the allegations.

"Narendra Modi, as usual, is maintaining silence on the tampering with the future of more than 24 lakh students in the NEET examination," senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said in a post on X in Hindi.

The government has repeatedly said it will not tolerate malpractice and irregularities but also ruled out scrapping the entire examination over what it calls were problems in a handful of centres. Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Sunday said that the initial information was that some students were given grace marks due to less time. "...some irregularities have come to light at two places. I assure the students and parents that the government has taken this seriously. We have received the information and we will take all the issues to a decisive stage," Pradhan had said.

This year's NEET has been shrouded in controversy after allegations surfaced that in one centre in Rajasthan, students appearing for the Hindi medium test got question papers in English amid reports of torn OMR sheets and delay in distribution of question papers. A case was lodged in Patna over an alleged paper leak, after which the police arrested 13 people involved in solving question papers and supplying answers as part of a racket.

The arrested people include four examinees.

At least 10 petitions have been filed in the top court since then. Almost all of them will be heard on July 8 by a bench likely headed by Chief Justice of India Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud.

In all 2.4 million students sat for the examination at 4,750 centres spread across 571 cities around the world.

"Imagine a person who has played fraud on the system, such a person getting admission to the course and becoming a doctor is more deleterious to the society," the court said on Tuesday.

The Centre told the court that no opinion should be formed before NTA and Centre submit their response on July 8. "The court may not come to a conclusion yet and await what the Centre has to say," Agarwal said. The bench replied, "We want timely action from you. It needs to be checked how many mobiles were used. Rarely does the court react. And during vacations, we tend to react slowly."

The exchange came days after the top court allowed the Centre to scrap grace marks awarded to 1,563 students and conduct a fresh test for them. The students were given the option of appearing for the fresh exam on June 23, or retain their actual scores without the grace marks.

But this addressed only a small fraction of the problems roiling NEET this year, primary among which is the fact that 67 people scored a perfect 720, up from two in 2023 and zero in 2022. Junking grace marks removed six people from this list of 67. Other apparent inconsistencies — 44 students getting marks because of discrepancies in old and new physics textbooks, or inflated marking that has skewed the percentiles — remained unaddressed.

On Tuesday, the court also issued notice on another petition by candidate Nitin Vijay on grace marks due to loss of time and a question in the Physics paper.

The bench told NTA, "Be prepared for the award of grace marks to 1563 candidates. There is a lot of opposition coming for that too."

The 1,563 candidates who got grace marks complained that they did not get the stipulated 3 hours and 20 minutes to complete the examination. The NTA grievance committee looked into this aspect and identified the 1,563 candidates from six centres in Meghalaya, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Surat and Chandigarh.

Advocate Kunal Cheema, appearing for the petition filed by 32 candidates, pointed to a 2015 decision by the top court which cancelled the All-India Pre-Medical Test following allegations of paper leak. Cheema requested the court that as investigations into alleged malpractices were underway, it would be appropriate to stay the counselling beginning July 6.

But the bench refused to accede to the demand. "Keep the arguments close to your heart. You can argue this on July 8. All these issues will be considered," it said.

The top court first entertained a petition on NEET on May 17 before the summer vacations and issued notice to the Centre and NTA to file responses by July 8.

On June 11, another petition -- heard by the vacation bench -- got tagged with the earlier plea. Following this, NTA filed a petition seeking transfer of a petition against NEET from the Delhi high court to the top court, which too got listed for July 8. Along with it, six other petitions seeking cancellation of the examination and stay of results were also heard by the court, one of them demanding a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into the incident.

NTA denied allegations of paper leak and issued a press release on June 7 explaining that out of the 67 candidates who secured full marks, 44 got on account of revision in one answer key of Physics while six -- all from the same exam centre in Haryana's Bahadurgarh -- benefitted from grace marks.

"It is amply clear that the impact of the leak is all over and hence it is inevitable that a re-exam should be conducted, so that the petitioners get a fair opportunity to reap the correct results of their hard labour," said Amulya Vijaya Pinapati, the lead petitioner among the 32 who filed their plea on Tuesday.

MODI IN VARANASI

Modi defeated Congress's Ajay Rai by 152,000 votes in the recently concluded polls, roughly a third of his 2019 margin of 479,000, on way to his third consecutive term, a feat achieved only by India's first PM, Jawaharlal Nehru. The Bharatiya Janata Party won 240 seats out of 543, stopping short of the halfway mark of 272 and its pre-poll target of 370.

On Tuesday, Modi attended a PM Kisan Samman event where he released Rs 20,000 crore of the scheme for more than 92.6 million farmers. Under PM-Kisan, farmers are paid Rs 6,000 yearly.

"You have given this opportunity to your sevak Modi. In a country like India, where the aspirations of youth are so high, where there are so many dreams of people, if people vote for any government to power after 10 years of governance, then it is a great victory, a big achievement and a big trust," Modi said.

"Your trust is my biggest asset and it gives me inspiration to work hard to serve you, to take the country to great heights. I will work hard, day and night, to fulfil your dreams and your goals," the PM added.

Modi distributed Krishi Sakhi certificates to five women from self-help groups (SHGs) — Anita Mod from Saraguja (Chhattisgarh), Mamata Singh Bargahi from Shahdol (Madhya Pradesh), Lahusa Likai from Meghalaya, Srilata Rajiv Hegde from Karnataka and Meer Pal from Varanasi.

"The new role of sisters as Krishi Sakhi will ensure them both respect and new sources of income," Modi said.

Uttar Pradesh governor Anandiben Patel, Union agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath were among those present at the programme.

"We have to think about the global market. We have to become self-reliant in pulses and oilseeds and a leader in agricultural exports. Look, Langda mango of Banaras, Jaunpur's radish, Ghazipur's lady finger, and many such products are reaching the foreign market today," he said.

"Now, we have to take the country to new heights in the global market of packaged food. My dream is that there should be some food products from India on every dining table in the world," he said.

Modi extolled the vastness and importance of elections in India.

"The 18th Lok Sabha election shows the vastness, expanse and deep roots of India's democracy to the world. In this election, more than 64 crore people exercised their franchise. An election in such a large expanse is not held anywhere in the world where people in such large numbers participate in voting," he said.

"I went to Italy recently to participate in the G7 Summit. If we add all the voters of the G7 countries, still the number of voters in India will be 1.5 times more. If we add up all nations of Europe, all voters of the European Union, still the number of voters in India is 1.5 times more," Modi added.

He specially mentioned women.

"In this election, more than 31 crore women took part. This is more than the number of women voters in the world. This number is the same as the total population in America. This is the beauty, strength of India's democracy which attracts the entire world," he said.

He also spoke about his government's achievements.

"Decisions like building more than three crore houses for poor families or extending the PM Kisan Samman scheme across the country will help many. Today's programme will strengthen the path to 'Viksit Bharat'," Modi said, adding that farmers, young people, women and the poor were the four pillars of developed India.

Press freedom critical for society: HC

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NEW DELHI : Freedom of the press is critical for society, the Delhi high court has underlined while dismissing two defamation suits filed against Hindustan Times (English edition) and Hindustan (Hindi edition) over a pair of news reports published in 2002.

Justice Neena Bansal Krishna, in her judgment pronounced on May 31, emphasised: "Freedom of press is the heart of social and political intercourse and the purpose of the press is to advance the public interest by publishing facts and opinions."

Elaborating on this, the judgement stated: "The press has now assumed the role of the public educator making formal and non-formal education possible on a large scale, particularly in the developing world, where television and other modern communication methods are not available to all sections of society. The purpose of the press is to advance the public interest by publishing facts and opinions without which a democratic electorate cannot make responsible judgments."

The court acknowledged the responsibility that comes with this freedom, noting that the press must avoid publishing false information or content that could harm an individual's reputation.

"This responsibility is more stringent for the media and the press simply because of its outreach; once something gets published, it is not only available at all times but also reaches the entire group of people who may access the media, causing harm which may be irreparable," the high court held.

Plaintiff Mahaveer Singhvi, a 1999 batch IFS officer, had filed the suits over two articles published in 2002, claiming that the write-ups about departmental actions against him were in gross violation of the norms of journalistic conduct issued by the Press Council of India and that the accusations contained no truth. He sought compensation of ₹5 crore in each suit.

Justice Krishna, however, dismissed the suits, observing that the newspaper articles truthfully reported news based on verified sources, including a counter-affidavit filed by the central government in the central administrative tribunal, principal bench, New Delhi. Singhvi contended that the reporting was done in July-August 2002, before the reply was filed in October 2002. But the court observed that the subsequent filing corroborated the truthfulness of the reported news.

"The reply that got subsequently filed by Union of India corroborates the truthfulness of the reported news, and it cannot be said that the reporting was either malicious or not made in good faith. The defendants have merely discharged their duty of bringing news in public domain of which the public at large, has a right to information," the judgment affirmed.

"Balancing the right of information of the public with the duty of the Media of truthful reporting and the individual right of protection of his reputation, it is held that the articles which are the subject matter of the two suits, are not per se defamatory," the court said.

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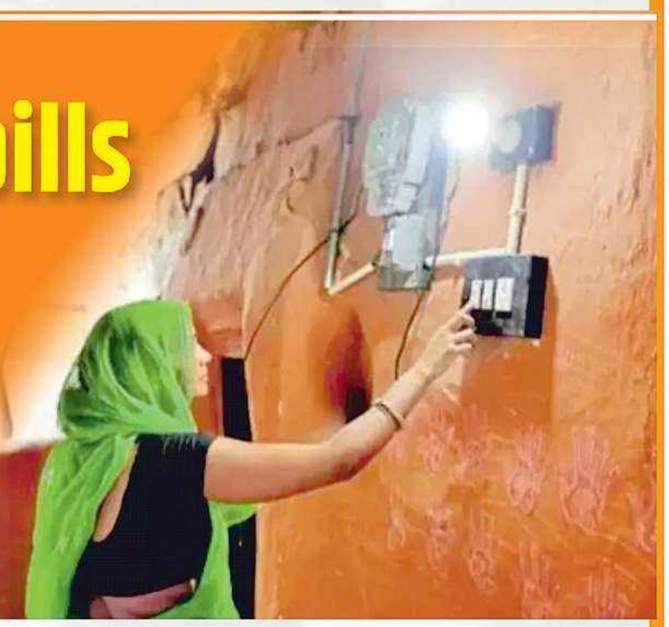

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	30	230	60	₹ 170	73.9%
	40	230	80	₹ 150	65.2%
	50	230	100	₹ 130	56.5%
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Navy chief Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi with PM Modi

NAVY CHIEF CALLS ON PM MODI

NEW DELHI: Navy chief Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday and apprised him of various operational and infrastructural activities linked to the force, the navy said.

" The chief of navy staff briefed the PM on various operational, administrative & infrastructural activities being progressed by the Indian Navy and assured the PM of the Navy's commitment to remain combat ready... and safeguard national maritime interests while staying focussed on Aatma Nirbharta in capability building," the navy said in a post on X.

It added: " Chief of navy staff also informed the PM about various initiatives towards nation building, as also the focus on training & welfare measures for all personnel, as well as the impetus towards triservice synergy by enhancing #Integration across various domains."

Forces to focus on recovery of looted arms in Manipur

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NEW DELHI: In the high-level meeting chaired by Union home minister Amit Shah on Monday to review the security situation in Manipur, the two most important issues discussed pertained to effective crackdown to recover looted weapons and finding ways to ensure civilians, especially women protesters from both Meitei and Kuki communities, do not disrupt the search operations of security forces, people aware of the matter said.

"The Centre will send its representatives to speak to both communities. This will be held in Manipur and Delhi. Most probably a joint director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB) will lead the talks," an official posted in Manipur said. "It is not yet clear when this will happen."

The last round of talks held by IB and Centre's representatives with both communities came in October last year amid tension in the northeastern state over mass burial at a disputed site. Talks were then held in Manipur as well as Delhi. IB officers also visited Manipur in January this year, but it was limited to meeting Arambai Tenggol — the radical valley-based Meitei outfit — leaders after the latter summoned all elected representatives to the Kangla Fort in Imphal to take an oath to protect Meiteis.

Manipur witnessed ethnic clashes since May 3 last year.

"There is adequate security force in the state. The problem is local population from both communities disrupting (efforts of) security forces. On several occasions, they stop the convoy or don't let forces take away the people caught with weapons," a second security official said.

"The priority is to identity community leaders to hold talks with, the location for such talks, and then speak to them so that the security forces are not stopped."

The official further said that "sporadic incidents of violence will keep happening if civilians have access to arms and ammunition. Cracking down on the civilian population will be counterproductive so the communication channel will soon start."

Of the 5,682 arms and 664,000 pieces of ammunition looted by mobs from armouries across Manipur, only around 2,003 arms and 25,168 ammunition have been recovered till April 30. Mobs from both communities stormed police armouries and looted the weapons in the initial few months after the ethnic violence broke out in the state on May 3 last year.

Muan Tombing, secretary of the Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum (ITLF), a Churachandpur-based tribal umbrella group, said: "We are yet to be informed about the talks. We will agree to meet them whenever it is called."

Even as the hotspot of recent violence in Jiribam district was relatively peaceful, a security situation emerged in Kangpokpi district, where civilians were stopping vehicles on the Imphal-Dimapur highway and snatching them if it was found they belonged to the other community. A bus belonging to a Meitei resident and carrying central armed police force (CAPF) personnel was set ablaze by a mob in Kangkpoki on Monday.

"At multiple points on the highway, there are civilians with cell phones who are checking the registration number of vehicles. The situation along the highway is tense. Meitei people in valley areas had also burnt vehicles belonging to Kuki people that were stuck at service centres," a Kangpokpi-based civil society member said.

Since May 3 last year, Manipur has witnessed clashes between Meitei and Kuki communities, which has claimed at least 225 lives to date and uprooted around 50,000 people, many of whom are still residing in relief centres.

Man injured in mob attack on cattle transporters in Raipur dies

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RAIPUR: A 25-year-old man critically injured in an alleged mob attack when two cattle transporters were killed earlier this month in Raipur died in a hospital on Tuesday, police said.

Two cattle transporters, Guddu Khan (35) and Chand Miya Khan (23), died under suspicious circumstances on June 7 after being allegedly chased by a mob in Arnag police station area of Raipur district.

Saddam Qureshi was seriously injured and was hospitalised. On Monday, Qureshi was shifted to the government-run DKS Super Specialty Hospital from Shri Balaji Super Specialty Hospital, a private medical facility in Raipur, where he was on ventilator support since the incident. "Saddam died at the DKS Hospital on Tuesday," a police officer said, declining to be named.

TWO CATTLE TRANSPORTERS DIED UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES ON JUNE 7 AFTER BEING ALLEGEDLY CHASED BY A MOB

Kirtan Rathore , Raipur's additional superintendent of police, rural, confirmed to the media that Qureshi died on Tuesday and said no arrest has been made in the case so far.

"We were waiting for the statement of Saddam as he was the eyewitness in the case. Now since he is no more, we will work on our leads and arrests will be made on the basis of a statement made by Saddam's cousin who talked to him on the phone for a few minutes," said the officer cited earlier.

On June 8, Chhattisgarh police formed a 14-member special team headed by Rathore to trace the accused. As per the first information report lodged at Arang police station, police on Friday night rushed to the spot and recovered the dead body of Chand Miyan along with Guddu and Qureshi, who were critically injured. All were residents of Saharanpur district of Uttar Pradesh. The FIR was lodged against unknown people under sections 307 (punishment for attempt to murder) and 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) of Indian Penal Code.

Women sexually abused on pretext of jobs in Muzaffarpur, one arrested

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NEW DELHI: One person has been arrested from Uttar Pradesh for his alleged involvement in a racket where several women were sexually assaulted after being held captive for months on the pretext of getting jobs, Bihar Police said on Tuesday.

The accused, Tilak Kumar, was arrested by a special investigation team (SIT) that was formed to probe the racket that was running in Bihar's Muzaffarpur. Besides Kumar, eight people have also been booked and efforts are on to nab them, police added.

The case was registered on the directions of a court after a survivor filed a complaint against the nine people before it.

"Tilak Kumar has been arrested by SIT from Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh. The survivor in her complaint alleged that Kumar first approached her on social media in June 2022, and asked her to visit Muzaffarpur to get a good job. She also alleged that the accused kept on assaulting her in a room for several months," Muzaffarpur superintendent of police (city) Awadhesh Dixit said.

EIGHT OTHER PEOPLE HAVE BEEN BOOKED AND EFFORTS ARE ON TO NAB THEM, POLICE SAID

On Monday, deputy superintendent of police (DSP) Vinita Sinha said the accused were associated with a forged marketing firm.

She said that according to the complainant, the accused first approached her on social media and asked her to travel to Muzaffarpur to get a good job.

"When she came to Muzaffarpur, she was first kept in a room. Several other young girls were also staying there. Later, they were shifted to an undisclosed location and all were engaged in making calls to young women and offering them lucrative jobs in their forged firm. Eventually, the accused persons started staying with the victims," the DSP said.

"The victims were held captive by the accused. They were beaten up by the accused and sexually abused as well. The complainant and other victims were also coerced into marriages. Later, they were deceived into aborting their foetus. The complainant also told the police that whenever they asked for their salaries, the accused used to tell them that they were part of the firm now," she said. "Finally, the survivor managed to escape and went to the police station to lodge an FIR," she added.

WOMAN DRIVING LUXURY CAR RUNS OVER MAN IN TN

CHENNAI: A speeding car, allegedly driven by a woman, ran over a man sleeping on a pavement here, causing his death, police said on Tuesday.

The woman and another person accompanying her fled the spot, police said. The deceased has been identified as Surya, a painter. "He was sleeping on a pavement in Besant Nagar on Monday night, and a luxury car with a woman behind the wheel ran over him, killing him," a senior police official said. A case was registered under section 304 A of IPC. **PTI**

{ BOMBAY HIGH COURT SAYS }

'Nothing objectionable in Hamare Baarah'

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MUMBAI: The Bombay high court on Tuesday said that it found nothing objectionable in the movie "Hamare Baarah", observing that the Annu Kapoor-starrer movie is in fact aimed at uplifting women.

The Indian public was "not gullible or silly", the bench observed days after the Supreme Court stayed the June 14 release of the film taking note of a petition that alleged that the movie depicted Muslims and Islamic religious texts in a bad light and incites hatred against the Muslim community.

During Tuesday's hearing, a division bench of justices BP Colabawalla and Firdosh Pooniwalla said the film's first trailer was objectionable, but that has been removed and all such objectionable scenes have been deleted from the movie.

The court noted that it was in fact a "thinking movie" and not the sort where the audience is expected to "keep their brains at home" and only enjoy it.

"We don't think there is anything in the movie that would incite any violence. If we felt so we would be the first ones to object to it. Indian public is not so gullible or that silly," the bench remarked, underscoring the necessity for viewers to apply critical thinking. A series of petitions were filed earlier this month seeking a ban on the film, alleging that it was derogatory towards the Muslim community and distorted the Quran's teachings. "The movie is not offensive to the religious sentiments of Muslim people. If you saw a movie in which the police department is accepting bribes left, right and centre, will the police department ask what they are doing?" the bench asked.

The movie, which the court described as a "crusade of one woman against a man", reflects the dynamics within one Muslim family rather than portraying the entire community.

The court said it has some suggestions over a few scenes which may be a bit objectionable. One such scene, the bench suggested, shows the main character threatening to kill his daughter in the name of God .

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CDS unveils joint doctrine focused on cyberspace ops

NEW DELHI: Chief of defence staff General Anil Chauhan on Tuesday released the joint doctrine for cyberspace operations, with the defence ministry describing the development as a boost to the ongoing drive for jointness and integration of the three services. The defence ministry described the joint doctrine as "a keystone publication" that will guide commanders in conducting cyberspace operations in a complex military operating environment.

Prajwal's mother granted pre-arrest bail by K'taka HC

BENGALURU: Karnataka high court on Tuesday granted anticipatory bail to Bhavani Revanna, mother of former JD(S) MP and rape accused Prajwal Revanna, in a kidnapping case involving one of the victims of her son's sexual assaults.

The court emphasised that Bhavani had already answered 85 questions during the investigation, making it unfair to claim she was not cooperating with the Special Investigation Team (SIT), which is probing sexual abuse cases against Prajwal.

Speeding by goods train likely behind Bengal crash

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NEW DELHI: The goods train that rammed into the Kanchanjunga Express near New Jalpaiguri, West Bengal on Monday was being driven four times above the speed limit set for the line at the time due to a malfunctioning signal, triggering the accident that killed 10 people, said officials aware of the matter.

But experts, including a former top railway official, argued that the signalling department should have put in place an "absolute block" system, where only one train is allowed to travel on a given section of a railway line in the event of a system failure. This would have made the ill-fated section foolproof and possibly averted the accident, they added.

The signalling system between the two Rangapani and Chhatter Hat stations was defunct since 5.55am on Monday, prompting authorities to issue a paper-line clear ticket (PLCT), which requires pilots to drive below 15km/hr if the conditions are clear and below 10km/hr in the event of rain – as was the case during the accident.

"The goods train (GFCJ) passing through the Rangapani-Chatter Hat section was travelling at a speed of around 40km/hr when it hit four coaches at the rear-end of the Kanchanjunga Express, which was carrying 1,400 passengers," said a local official, who also reported the finding to the commissioner of railway safety (CRS) on Tuesday.

"According to the gateman at NC9 (a level-crossing, around a kilometre before the accident spot), the train was travelling at around 40-50km/hr," a second official said. The driver of the goods train is among the 10 people killed in the accident.

The Kanchanjunga Express, which set off from Sabroom in Tripura at 6.20am the previous morning, was travelling at below 10km/hr when it was hit from the rear, said officials.

The CRS has started his own probe into the crash, which injured 40 people, and its preliminary findings, when released, are expected to shed light on the precise circumstances of the accident.

Passengers at Sealdah station as Kanchanjunga Express train arrives a day after the accident. PTI

A PLCT, also known as a TA/912 authorisation, was issued to all train drivers passing through the affected section. The document stipulated that all trains passing through the section must stop at every signal for a minute during the day and for two minutes at night.

The second official added that "poor visibility in the area may have played a role in the accident".

"The track circuits had failed due to the lightning and thunderstorms, rendering the automatic signals between Rangapani and Chatter Hat defunct. The failure occurred at 5.50am which was communicated to the Signalling department at 6.05am," the official said.

However, former railway officials argued that people in the signalling department should have put in place an "absolute block" system, where only one train is allowed to travel on a given section of a railway line in the event of a system failure.

Subodh Jain, former member (engineering) of the Railway Board, said, "The default operating system is absolute block, which has to be adopted as soon as a failure in the automated signalling system is detected. If this leads to bunching of trains, they should be regulated or diverted, instead of adopting short cuts. Only one train should have been allowed at a time."

Shiv Gopal Mishra, general secretary of the All India Railwaymen Federation (AIRF), said "The authority should have changed from automatic block system to absolute block system. If this was done, the accident would have not taken place."

A section of a railway line is known as a block. In the automatic block system, an elaborate network of track interlocking systems and signals regulate the movement of trains between sections of a railway line or block. In this case, multiple trains can use a railway line at regular intervals.

However, in an absolute block system, only one train can travel on an impaired line at a given time. No other trains can enter the impacted section till the impacted block, such as the one between Rangapani and Chhatar Hat on Monday, is entirely clear.

The automatic block system was in place at the affected line on Monday, officials confirmed.

When contacted, an official of the Northeastern Frontier Railways (NFR) said, "Absolute block is implemented when such a signal failure is likely to last for a long time or cause serious delays. A failure is declared as 'likely to be prolonged' by the signalling department. However, this failure was likely to be rectified soon and was not declared as such." He asked not to be named.

Railway Board officials confirmed that at least five trains – Avadh Assam Express, New Jalpaiguri-Malda Town Intercity Express, Military Special and two good trains – crossed the affected section using the automatic block system before the accident took place.

Officials involved in the probe said the statement of the goods train's assistant loco pilot, who was injured in the accident, will be crucial to piece together the sequence of events.

"There were attempts to record his statement. However, given his condition, it was decided to speak to him after he showed some improvement," said the NFR official quoted above.

The Kanchanjunga Express, carrying 1,400 people, had slowed down to a canter just outside Rangapani, roughly 30km from the north Bengal terminus of New Jalpaiguri, when it was rammed from behind by the goods train on Monday. The accident came roughly a year after a horrific three-train crash in Balasore district of Odisha, where the Chennai-bound Coromandel Express rammed into a goods train , the impact of the collision flinging several compartments into the adjacent track where the Howrah-bound Yesvantpur Express slammed into them. At least 296 people died and 1,100 people injured in what was the worst railway accident in the country since 1995.

Toll rises to 10

The toll in the West Bengal train accident rose to 10 on Tuesday after a six-year-old girl succumbed to injuries, people aware of the developments said.

"The total number of deaths increased to 10 after a six-year-old girl, who was among 41 people injured, succumbed on Tuesday morning. Her parents are undergoing treatment in the hospital," Dr Sandip Sengupta, dean of state-run North Bengal Medical College and Hospital, said.

New BJP govt in Raj plans fresh law on conversions

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NEW DELHI: Indicating a significant policy shift, the newly formed Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government in Rajasthan has announced its intention to introduce fresh legislation on religious conversion.

The Bhajan Lal Sharma-led government filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court on Tuesday, stating that while the state currently lacks specific legislation on religious conversion, it is actively working on drafting a new law. Until the legislation is enacted, the state will strictly adhere to existing laws and any guidelines or directions issued by the Supreme Court, it added.

"The State of Rajasthan does not have any specific legislation with respect to conversion from one religion to another...the State of Rajasthan is in the process of bringing its own legislation and till such time will strictly abide by the law on the subject, guidelines or directions passed by this Hon'ble Court," the affidavit stated.

The move by the BJP government, which came to power in the state in December last year after ousting the Congress, aligns Rajasthan with several other BJP-ruled states, including Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, that have enacted stringent anti-conversion laws.

> THE RAJ GOVT'S STANCE MARKS A CLEAR DEPARTURE FROM VIEWS OF FORMER CM ASHOK GEHLOT, WHO HAD BEEN CRITICAL OF ANTI-CONVERSION LAWS IMPLEMENTED IN BJP-RULED STATES

The BJP government's stance marks a clear departure from the views of former Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot, who had been vocally critical of anti-conversion laws implemented in BJP-ruled states. Gehlot had argued that such legislations "will leave consenting adults at the mercy of state power," emphasising the potential for misuse and the infringement on personal liberties.

The affidavit has been filed by the state in response to a petition by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay, who has demanded strict actions against forced conversions in the wake of alleged mass conversions of socially and economically underprivileged people across the country.

Rajasthan had also promulgated an anti-conversion law in 2006 during the first tenure of former CM Vasundhara Raje's government but despite being passed by the state assembly, but it could not come into force for want of assent of the governor and the president. However, a set of guidelines issued by the high court in December 2017 allows scrutiny and prior approval by the state machinery into interfaith marriages. The high court said that till the time the state government came up with a law, the court had a duty to issue some guidelines to "check the problem of forcible conversion of religion for the purpose of solemnising marriage only".

There are at least ten states in the country where similar legislations on unlawful conversions are in force. States of Odisha (1967 Act), Madhya Pradesh (1968 Act), Arunachal Pradesh (1978 Act), Gujarat (2003 Act, amended in 2021), Himachal Pradesh (2006 Act, re-enacted in 2019), Chhattisgarh (1968 Act, amended in 2006), Jharkhand (2017), Uttarakhand (2018) and Uttar Pradesh (2020) have specific legislation against unlawful conversion, which provide for penal consequences in case of conviction.

{ SUMMER HITS OUTPUT OF SEASONAL VEGGIES }

Prices of kitchen staples shoot up

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NEW DELHI: Poor output of most seasonal green vegetables due to a hot, dry summer has shifted household demand towards tomato, onion and potato, causing another price spiral of the kitchen staples, officials monitoring food prices said.

Blistering temperatures and falling reservoir levels since April have impacted output of seasonal vegetables whose stocks are not federally monitored, such as okra, gourds, beans, cabbage and turnips. Heatwaves have led to significant spoilage of fresh vegetables, according to traders, impacting prices.

Higher prices of fresh vegetables caused household demand to shift towards more abundant items, such as potato and tomato, according to an official.

Within vegetables, potatoes, onions and tomatoes are significant not only because they are commonly consumed but also due to their volatility and impact on retail inflation.

Prices of onions have not yet leapt to record highs of last year, when it touched ₹200 a kilo. Average retail potato prices have risen 43.82% from a year ago at ₹31.38 a kg, while onion has gone up by 55% at ₹35.66 a kg after exports were allowed recently, official data show. Tomato prices, at ₹39 a kg, have increased by 37.29% on an annualised basis.

Moreover, onion prices rose 8% from a week ago and 12% from a month ago. Similarly, tomato prices edged up by 9% from a week ago, while compared to the previous month, they rose 20.57%. Potato rates went up 2.63% over last week and 8.11% over a month ago.

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The above tenders can be uploaded by dated **25.06.2024** up to **5.00 PM**. Pre-qualification shall be opened/ downloaded on dated **26.06.2024** at **11.00 AM.**

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Complexion: Shallow, **Height:** 5'2" **Face:** Round, **Build:** Medium, **Clothing:** Lower and T-Shirt.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing male but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing male, please inform to the following.

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Website : http://cbi.nic.in — **Police Station Sultanpuri, Delhi,**
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General public is hereby informed that one person **Namely:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** 50 Yrs., **Height:** 5'7", **Sex:** Male, **Built:** Normal, **Face:** Oval, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Black Colour Pant and Green Colour T-Shirt, **Place of Recovery:** Found Dead near Railway Track, Behind Priyanka Camp, New Friends Colony, New Delhi. The dead body of deceased sent to AIIMS Mortuary for identification.

In this regard **DD No. 58A, Dated 06.06.2024** has been lodged at **Police Station: New Friends Colony, New Delhi**. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

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Congress eyes UP gateway to power

Rahul Gandhi's decision to retain Rae Bareli seat is key to his party's heartland revival

That Rahul Gandhi would have to give up either Wayanad or Rae Bareli has been clear since June 4 when he won both Lok Sabha seats — the former in Kerala that saved him the blushes after he lost in Amethi in 2019 and the latter a family pocket borough in Uttar Pradesh (UP) once held by his grandfather, grandmother and mother. This week, Gandhi decided to hold on to the UP stronghold and give up the Kerala seat for his sister, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, to make her Lok Sabha debut. Her political trajectory will be important to track but the real import of the decision is not in the verdant hills of the Western Ghats but the dusty plains of central UP that have cradled generations of prime ministers.

The biggest story of the 2024 elections was the surprising verdict by UP, considered the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)'s strongest fortress. It housed the constituencies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and defence minister Rajnath Singh, and had popular chief minister Yogi Adityanath, who created history two years ago by winning a second consecutive term while helming the campaign. Yet, when results streamed in on June 4, across India's most populous state, and especially in its eastern belt, the BJP suffered dramatic reverses. The Samajwadi Party emerged as the single-largest party, winning 37 seats compared to the BJP's 33. Its principal ally, the Congress won six seats, including its strongholds of Amethi and Rae Bareli. Crucially, the Opposition bloc won back votes from lower caste communities that had drifted to the BJP over the last decade. Consolidating these gains is crucial if the Congress has to revive in the state that still holds the keys to power in Delhi, and where assembly polls are due in two years. That cannot happen if its biggest leader, Rahul Gandhi, keeps away at the precise moment the BJP's aura of invincibility in UP has been somewhat dispelled.

The other facet of the decision is connected to the Congress's weakness in head-to-head contests with the BJP. The party improved its strike rate from 9% in 2019 to 28% in 2024 but still has a long way to traverse. Against this backdrop, Gandhi's decision to retain his heartland stronghold is a symbolic nod to the importance of the Hindi belt and the Congress's resolve to fight back in a region dominated by the BJP. Whether the bet will pay off is yet to be seen. But for the first time in 15 years, the Congress has registered its presence on the political chessboard of UP.

Tragedy on rail tracks flags uphill battle

The ten lives lost in the crash in Rangapani, West Bengal, early on Monday are a tragic reminder of how railway safety continues to challenge the Indian Railways (IR). Just over a year after the worst rail accident in three decades — the Coromandel Express crash in Odisha on June 2, 2023, that claimed 296 lives — a freight train rammed the Kanchanjunga Express. Early reports suggest that a combination of signal failure and human error caused the accident. However, IR documents show that the automatic signalling system between stations before New Jalpaiguri, some 30km from the crash site, had failed. While the rules for passage in such situations limit train speeds to 10km per hour in the event of rain — which was the case on Monday — the freight train driver was said to have been in breach of this.

The final Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) probe report should make things clear. But the fact that signalling error continues to be a pain point for the Railways underscores the gaps that remain in modernisation of the rail system. To be sure, there has been significant progress made over the last two-and-a-half decades. As per government estimates, accidents per million train kilometres have declined from 0.1 in 2013-14 to 0.03 in 2021-22. The Kavach automatic train protection system, which was rolled out in 2020, can bring this down further. The Railways, however, is yet to operationalise this on the Delhi-Guwahati route — only 1,500km of the 68,000km-long railway network has been secured so far with Kavach. As India moves on the track to modernise the railways, with a focus on faster trains and enhanced passenger experience, safety will remain the true gauge of the effort. The Railways needs to revamp wearing tracks, rickety bridges and signalling systems for this crucial mass transport system to achieve a zero-accident record.

Treating heatwaves as health care emergency

Measures for protection have to be at the personal, household, local and national levels

K Srinath Reddy

Even as 2024 enters the record books as the hottest year so far in human history, it wouldn't be a surprise if it lost the title to 2025. Heat records will be reset repeatedly in the years to come, as the climate crisis worsens, thanks to human follies, and heatwaves become a leitmotif of this. It is estimated that one billion Indians experienced temperatures above 38 degrees Celsius in April 2022. The number will be higher for May-June 2024. The impact of heat is exacerbated by high humidity (leading to a condition called moist heat), and the adverse effects on human health can manifest even at lower temperatures. There will be many harmful impacts on health, as heat torments the body and mind. We need to reduce those ill effects, both through determined mitigation efforts on the climate crisis front, and effective adaptation to the warming.

The health effects of heatwaves range from heat exhaustion and heat stroke to much worse outcomes such as circulatory failure and death. Loss of water from the body compounds the heat stress on blood vessels, with an increased propensity for clotting, leading to brain strokes and heart attacks. Decreased blood flow to the kidneys can result in renal dysfunction and failure. Chronic lung disease can worsen. Mental health disorders can manifest or worsen from existing levels. Even eyesight can worsen through hastening of cataracts.

Infants and young children predictably are more vulnerable than adults since their bodies have more water content and physiologic systems have not matured enough to enable rapid responses for effective heat adaptation. The elderly, too, are quite vulnerable. So are persons with pre-existing health conditions such as heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, kidney dysfunction, or cancer. Severe heat also results in adverse pregnancy outcomes, from stillbirths to low birth weight. Persons living in informal settlements are more exposed to severe heat than those in regular housing. Dharavi, the mammoth Mumbai slum, was observed to be 5-6 degrees Centigrade hotter than its somewhat green neighbour, Matunga.

Global attention has turned to coping better with the effects of the climate crisis — or adaptation — in recent years. While the Conference of Parties (CoP) at Paris in 2015 articulated the need for adaptation, the 2023 CoP at Dubai underscored the need for strengthening national capacities for this. It is also well recognised now that low- and middle-income countries, which contributed the least to the climate crisis by way of both per capita and cumulative emissions, are the worst victims of the climate crisis and, therefore, most in need of adaptive protection.

Measures for protection against heatwaves have to be at the personal, household, local and national levels. Personal protection consists of avoiding or limiting exposure to the sun, especially in the 11am to 4 pm period of intense heat, and moving in shaded paths while wearing loose-fitting, light-coloured cotton clothes. Protecting the head with a cap and eyes with sunglasses would be prudent. Children and pets should not be left exposed to the heat, including in parked vehicles. It is important to keep well hydrated with water as the main source of fluid intake. Air conditioning or fans help to keep the house cool, while moist curtains may serve as a substitute. Homes should be well ventilated. Green areas, in and around the house, have a cooling effect. Alcohol and caffeinated beverages cause dehydration and are best avoided.

That said, protection against extreme heat should not be viewed merely as the responsibility of individuals and households. It is a collective civic responsibility. As urban areas become overcrowded in an unplanned manner, increased vehicular density and peri-urban industries add to the emission load, leading to higher warming. Green areas are exhausted to accommodate the urban sprawl.

All urban areas will need to develop heat adaptation plans, with green areas in residential areas of all types, shaded walkways for pedestrians and cyclists, water stations at accessible points, and transport-at-call and medical care for victims of heat-related emergencies. Buildings (especially roofs) and roads can be designed, or even retrofitted, to reduce exposure to heat. According to the Smart Cities Coalition, increasing the reflectivity of roofs and pavements can send 80% of the incoming heat back into space and reduce radiant heat. Cool roofs reduce the urban heat island effect. Porous pavements too reduce radiant heat. Porous parking lanes can drain stormwater and prevent run-offs while cooling cities. The potential of dense rooftop solar for cooling, apart from energy generation, also needs to be explored. Local, state and national governments, of course, must urgently provide policy frameworks for such steps. Schools, where children spend a large part of their time, must be ventilated, with green surroundings. Class timings are already being adjusted to reduce exposure to severe heat, and even online schooling during heatwaves is catching on. With all efforts made to minimise learning loss from the latter option, schools must explore making these a rule for heatwave conditions. Those who suffer long exposures to heat outdoors (such as manual labourers, gig workers, and traffic policemen) need to be given rotational shift duties to decrease the frequency and duration of exposure.

Rural residents are at risk, too, when work involves outdoor activities, such as farm work. Shaded heat shelters and water stations should be made available there too. Public education on heat effects and protective measures must have an extensive outreach. Emergency transport services must be available, in both urban and rural areas, for moving persons with severe heat-related health problems to medical facilities equipped to deal with this, especially to handle a heat "epidemic". People should also be trained in providing first-response care for cooling down those suffering a heat stroke.

Adaptation, of course, will be a key piece of action as extreme heat becomes a common occurrence, but we must not lose sight of mitigation. We will exhaust our capacity for adaptation if we keep on heating the planet. There is no substitute for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, stalling deforestation and increasing efforts at reforestation, if the planet is to be kept from getting hotter. That alone can help save lives in the long-run.

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Capturing curriculum to sculpt young minds

Krishna Kumar

Sudhir Kakar, who passed away in April, and his teacher, Erik Erikson, spent their lives studying identity — its cultural moorings and public implications. Sudhir Kakar's early major work, The Inner World, was a study of mother-son relations in Hindu society during infancy. It showed us the depths that hide and hold some of our strongest urges. His later works consolidated the idea that culturally upheld goals and norms arise from the common search for identity. Kakar's mentor, Erikson, had interpreted identity to mean a self-image that offers a consoling continuity in an ever-changing world.

Among the basic features of the social world that surrounds us as individuals is an authority figure — someone capable of keeping things in order by resolving conflicts. Kakar discovered that authority figures shape relations in the family, schools and workplaces. His ideas have implications for education, but they are complex and quite often paradoxical. Both he and Erikson were psychoanalysts with considerable interest in making sense of politics. In two completely different settings, i.e. India and the United States (US), they brought about systemic clarity — among teachers, their trainers and concerned parents -- about adolescence. The turmoil we all face during adolescence is about identity and belonging. If the struggle to locate a sense of one's real self is sorted out, post-adolescence life acquires a sense of purpose. All one's energies get focused on it. The struggle to find one's self is tough because external forces do all they can to influence the young mind, often in directions that later prove false and unsatisfying.

All schools are passionate about shaping young minds. Popular ideas — including the ones marketed by vested interests — and ideologies actively use schools to intellectually sculpt young minds. Catch them early, goes the adage, promising perpetuation of a chosen ideal. Education sounds like a nice and normal social activity, but it is remarkably vulnerable to political influence. In every phase of history, but especially in our times, the State uses its authority to control and design the architecture of young minds. Schools serve as venues for this exercise, and teachers as labourers. They use tools like the curriculum and textbooks to achieve what the State wants. Some real learning does take place in the process, but it is more often tainted by the distant goals of the State than by the aims of education.

The latest example of a mighty State using education to ensure ideological indoctrination of the young comes from China. Its residential schools for Tibetan children are run for a familiar purpose. History offers us numerous examples of the temptation to separate children from their families in the hope that cultural continuity can be disrupted. China has had problems with the Tibetans, especially with the Dalai Lama's influence on them, both inside Tibet and elsewhere. No pejorative has been spared to malign him, but his stature as a leader has not suffered. He has used his spiritual leadership to compensate for his people's sense of loss and dejection. The possibility of weaning the young generation of Tibetans away from the Dalai Lama's benign influence is what China wants to pursue. It wants to integrate young Tibetans into a monolithic national ideal. For this purpose, China is emulating many historical and present-day experiments.

The greatest experiment was colonial education across the southern hemisphere. Its outcomes were paradoxical and diverse: No single frame can help us grasp its long-term effects. Then, there are more focused experiments carried out among the marginalised, native communities of the US, Canada and Australia. The recent findings brought to light in Canada show the suppression of the natives, their language and their rights. The instrument was the model of residential schools, where native children were kept in total isolation from their families. Less dramatic instances can be found in our own country, in the residential schools run for tribal communities. Little deep research has been done on such schools. The types of acculturation they aim at differ, but they reflect a consensus that tribal identity is not consistent with middle-class normalcy. It is not easy for scholars to enter and observe what goes on in certain residential schools for tribal children, including the more efficient — and arguably effective — ones in parts of the Northeast, Odisha and Chhattisgarh.

The case of China's residential schools in Tibet presents a vaster and far more efficient use of education for political ends. We normally think of education as a liberating force. The fact is that it can also be used to capture the mind — at an age when it is highly impressionable. Marginalised communities and minority groups are the usual targets of ideologically inspired education, but institutions and nations representing religious majorities also target children and adolescents. Israel is a prime example of such a pursuit. Religious revivalism finds an echo in numerous educational ventures across the world. Two decades ago, a committee chaired by eminent political scientists Gopal Guru and Zoya Hasan had given ample instances of indoctrination in the textual material used in schools run by radical Hindu and Muslim groups.

In the case of residential schools in Tibet, we don't know what kind of textual material is mandated by the Chinese authorities. Separating children from their parents has obvious implications for language. Indeed, the child's home language is usually the first casualty in any residential set-up that aims to re-socialise. The trouble is that a State like China simply denies any wrongdoing. Perhaps the authorities there don't appreciate the lesson that history teaches about education — that it doesn't always work. Aims imposed on it sometimes clash with the aims that knowledge — and learning, even under adverse conditions — kindle in the cavernous human mind. Sudhir Kakar's books will remind us for a long time that the workings of the mind are not fully tractable.

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Xi Jinping has tried to create the impression that he is taking a back seat in the Ukraine war to keep trade flowing. But the reality is that China is fuelling the largest armed conflict in Europe since World War II

India must engage closely with global legal systems

Prabhash Ranjan

The last few months have witnessed the momentous involvement of international law in international relations. The most noteworthy development has been South Africa suing Israel before the International Court of Justice (ICJ), alleging that the latter is committing genocide in Gaza. Although ICJ is yet to decide this case, it has held that, prime facie, South Africa's claims may fall within the Genocide Convention, and that it is plausible that Israel has committed genocide in Gaza. ICJ has issued several provisional measures in this regard, with the latest one being ordering Israel to immediately stop its military offensive in Rafah while it decides the case. This is not the only case that ICJ is currently hearing on the alleged commission of genocide. Ukraine, which has made international law a centrepiece of its war against Russia, has a case before ICJ regarding the violation of the Genocide Convention.

Parallel to the ICJ proceedings against Israel, another development that caused a considerable stir in the international community is the request of the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) to issue arrest warrants against Israeli leaders — prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and defence minister Yoav Gallant — and Hamas leaders. The arrest warrants are sought on the charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity over the October 7 attack on Israel and the war in Gaza.

International law is also being employed to fight the climate crisis. The Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law (COSIS), consisting of countries such Antigua & Barbuda and Tuvalu, requested an advisory opinion from the International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea (ITLOS). Last month, ITLOS delivered a historic verdict addressing the obligations of countries under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea to combat marine environment pollution. At the initiative of Vanuatu, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has sought ICJ's advisory opinion on the international law obligations of countries towards the climate crisis. Chile and Colombia have invoked the advisory jurisdiction of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights on the issue of the climate crisis.

The international community has reacted differently to these significant developments. Several countries have actively taken part in these cases by submitting intervening applications. For example, as many as 32 countries submitted intervening applications in Ukraine's case against Russia before ICJ. Likewise, several countries have rallied behind South Africa in its case against Israel, boosting its credentials to lead the Third World. Countries have taken different stands on the ICC prosecutor's request for the arrest warrant. While United States President Joe Biden has called it "outrageous", the European Union appears split on this issue. South Africa and several other countries have welcomed it.

One is tempted to ask what India's stand has been on these developments. India has unwaveringly advocated for peace in Gaza and for a peaceful resolution between Ukraine and Russia through dialogue and diplomacy. It has supported calls for ceasefire and respect for international law at multilateral forums. For instance, India backed Egypt's resolution at UNGA for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza. Likewise, India recently signed the BRICS statement that decries Israel's "blatant disregard of international law" in Gaza. However, unlike several other countries, India hasn't quite taken a clear stand on any of the ICJ cases involving Israel and Russia. For instance, what is India's stand on the ICJ's three provisional measures decision against Israel? It is imperative to mention that the BRICS statement India backed refers to the ICJ's decision. Or, does India support or oppose the ICC prosecutor's arrest warrant request against Israeli leaders? India's silence could be strategic because of the diplomatic tightrope walking that New Delhi must do on this issue.

India has engaged more directly with the climate crisis: India is one of the 88 countries that submitted a written application in ICJ's advisory opinion case on the matter. Likewise, India submitted a written statement in the ITLOS case arguing that the tribunal lacked jurisdiction to hear COSIS's case. Some lawyers call India's statement a "lost opportunity"; India could have led developing countries' voices on the marine environment issue.

As a nation that seeks to shape international affairs, India should engage closely with specific international law developments based on its national interests, by strengthening the State's capacity for international law.

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17 dead as Israeli airstrikes hit Gaza's refugee camps

Residents reported heavy bombardments from tanks and planes in Rafah, where more than a million people have taken refuge

Protesters set a fire near the residence of the Israeli prime minister during an anti-government rally calling for early elections, in Jerusalem on Monday, amid the ongoing conflict in the Gaza Strip between Israel and the Hamas group. AFP

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

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

"Rafah is being bombed without any intervention from the world, the occupation (Israel) is acting freely here," a Rafah resident and father of six told Reuters via a chat app.

Israeli tanks were operating inside Tel Al-Sultan, Al-Izba, and Zurub areas in Rafah's west, as well as Shaboura at the heart of the city.

The Israeli military said it was continuing "precise, intelligence-based activity" in Rafah, killing many Palestinian gunmen over the past day in close-range combat and seized weapons.

The air force struck dozens of targets across the Gaza Strip in the past day, it added.

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

US will cancel limits on arms supplies: Israeli PM

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

Netanyahu in a statement said that when he met US secretary of state Antony Blinken last week, he expressed appreciation for the support the United States has given Israel since the start of the war against Palestinian Islamist group Hamas in October. But he also said it was "inconceivable that in the past few months, the administration has been withholding weapons and ammunitions to Israel."

Blinken, Netanyahu said, assured that the administration was working "day and night" to remove such bottlenecks.

Thousands turn out for anti-government protest

Thousands of Israelis protested against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government on Monday over the Gaza war and failure to negotiate the release of scores of hostages still held in the Palestinian territory.

{ RUSSIA-N KOREA TIES } WEST ACCUSES NORTH OF SUPPLYING ARMS TO RUSSIA

Putin hails North Korea's support for Ukraine war

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Vladimir Putin (right) and North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un shake hands during their meeting in the far eastern Amur region, Russia, on September 13, 2023. AP

SEOUL: Russian President Vladimir Putin hailed North Korea on Tuesday for "firmly supporting" Moscow's war in Ukraine ahead of a visit to Pyongyang set to boost defence ties between the two nuclear-armed countries.

Putin arrived in North Korea early Wednesday for his first visit in 24 years, Interfax news agency reported, with a confrontation between North and South Korean troops on their shared border highlighting regional security tensions.

Moscow and Pyongyang have been allies since North Korea's founding after World War II and have drawn even closer since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022 led to the West isolating Putin internationally.

The United States and its allies have accused North Korea of supplying Russia with much-needed arms, including ballistic missiles to use in Ukraine.

The North has denied giving Russia military hardware but, ahead of his trip, Putin thanked Kim Jong-un's government for helping the war effort.

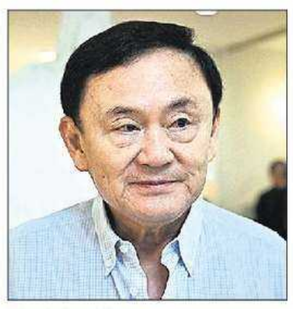
"We highly appreciate that the DPRK (North Korea) is firmly supporting the special military operations of Russia being conducted in Ukraine," Putin wrote in an article published by Pyongyang's state media on Tuesday. Russia and the North are "now actively developing the many-sided partnership", Putin wrote.

South Korean soldiers fire warning shots

South Korean soldiers fired warning shots to repel North Korean soldiers who temporarily crossed the rivals' land border on Tuesday for the second time this month.

The South fired warning shots on June 11 after another group of North Korean soldiers briefly crossed the border.

Former Thai premier indicted, arraigned for royal defamation



Thaksin Shinawatra AFP

BANGKOK: Former Thai prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra was indicted and arraigned on Tuesday on a charge of defaming the country's monarchy in one of several court cases that have rattled Thai politics. He was granted bail.

Thaksin is the unofficial power behind the party leading the government, Pheu Thai, despite being ousted from power in a coup 18 years ago.

He reported himself to prosecutors on Tuesday morning and was indicted, Prayuth Bejraguna, a spokesperson for the Office of the Attorney General, said at a news conference.

Thaksin, 74, voluntarily returned to Thailand last year from self-imposed exile and served virtually all of his sentence on corruption-related charges in a hospital rather than prison on medical grounds. He was granted release on parole in February.

Since then, Thaksin has maintained a high profile, travelling the country making public appearances and political observations that could upset the powerful conservative establishment that was behind his 2006 ouster.

His removal from power had started a deep political polarisation in Thailand. Thaksin's opponents, who were generally staunch royalists, accused him of corruption, abuse of power and disrespecting then-King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who died in 2016. Prosecution of the long-ago lese majeste case is seen by some analysts as a warning from Thaksin's enemies that he should tone down his political activities.

Thaksin's lawyer, Winyat Chatmontree, told reporters that Thaksin was ready to enter the judicial process. The Criminal Court, where Thakisin was arraigned after being indicted, said Thaksin's bail release was approved with a bond of 500,000 baht ($13,000) under the condition that he cannot travel out of Thailand unless approved by court. His passport was confiscated. AP

Over 75mn people in US under extreme heat alerts

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PHOENIX: Over 75 million people in the United States were under extreme heat alerts as a heat wave moved eastward, and the mid-Atlantic and New England were likely to see highs in the 90s as the week progresses.

New York governor Kathy Hochul said on Tuesday that she has activated the National Guard to assist in any heat emergencies that develop over the next several days.

"This is a time of significant risk, and we're doing our best to make sure that all lives are protected," Hochul said during a morning briefing.

The heat has been especially dangerous in recent years in Phoenix, where 645 people died from heat-related causes in 2023, which was a record. Temperatures there hit 44.4°C on Saturday.

In neighbouring New Mexico, the high in Roswell was expected to hit 41.6°C on Monday, while temperatures in southern Colorado were expected to surpass 37.7°C.

On Monday, Chicago broke a 1957 temperature record with a high of 36.1°C. Hot and muggy conditions will continue this week with peak heat indexes near 37.7°C at times, the National Weather Service in Chicago said in a post on social platform X.

Much of the Midwest and Northeast were under heat warnings or watches with officials announcing the opening of cooling centres and urging people to limit outdoor activities when possible and to check in with family members and neighbours who may be vulnerable to the heat.

THAILAND'S SENATE PASSES MARRIAGE EQUALITY BILL

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BANGKOK: Thailand's Senate passed the final reading of a marriage equality law on Tuesday, paving the way for it to become the first country in Southeast Asia to recognise same-sex couples. The bill comes after more than two decades of effort from activists and politicians, after previous drafts did not reach parliament.

With the support of nearly all lawmakers in the upper house, the law next needs royal approval. It will come into force 120 days after it is published in the royal gazette. LGBT advocates called the move a "monumental step forward", as Thailand would be the first nation in Southeast Asia to enact marriage equality legislation and the third territory in Asia, after Nepal and Taiwan.

"We are very proud to make history," said Plaifah Kyoka Shodladd, member of a parliamentary committee on same-sex marriage.

Lawmakers and activists were seen celebrating in Thailand's parliament, waving rainbow flags and smiling, with some raising their fists in solidarity with the LGBT community.

US prez offers legal status to more than 500,000 immigrants

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WASHINGTON: President Joe Biden announced one of the biggest legalisation efforts in recent history on Tuesday offering a path to citizenship to hundreds of thousands of immigrants in the US illegally who are married to US citizens. The election year move contrasts sharply with his Republican rival Donald Trump's plan for mass deportations.

The programme will be open to an estimated 500,000 spouses who have lived in the US for at least 10 years as of June 17, the White House and US Department of Homeland Security said in statements on Tuesday. Some 50,000 children under age 21 with a US-citizen parent also will be eligible.

"These actions will promote family unity and strengthen our economy," the White House said in a statement.

Biden, a Democrat seeking a second term in November's presidential election, took office vowing to reverse many restrictive immigration policies of his predecessor Trump, who is also looking to return to the White House. But faced with record levels of migrant arrests at the US-Mexico border, Biden has toughened his approach in recent months.

Earlier this month, Biden barred most migrants crossing the US-Mexico border from requesting asylum, a policy that mirrored a similar Trump-era asylum ban and drew criticism from immigration advocates and some Democrats.

Biden's planned legalisation programme for spouses of US citizens could reinforce his campaign message that he supports a more humane immigration system and show how he differs from Trump, who has long had a hardline stance on both legal and illegal immigration.

The programme will allow the spouses and children to apply for permanent residence without leaving the US, removing a potentially lengthy process and family separation. If they are granted green cards, they could eventually apply for US citizenship.

People who are considered public security threats or who have disqualifying criminal history would not be eligible.

{ INTERVIEW } RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHI, U.S. CONGRESSMAN

'To counter China, US and India need to work on joint economic action'

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WASHINGTON: As the ranking member of the House select committee on the strategic competition between the US and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi is among the most important voices in the American debate on China. In an interview with HT, he offered an assessment of the US-China competition across the strategic, economic and technological dimensions and India's role in this competition.

Give us the big picture view of strategic competition with China at the moment.

On a bipartisan basis, the US Congress has woken up to the competition in a big way and is taking meaningful steps to address the economic, military and technological aggression that marks the CCP's behaviour. The Joe Biden administration is also doing quite a bit to both prepare us for the competition, but at the same time, to have meaningful dialogue at the highest levels to explain to the CCP that this aggression that they pursue is counter-productive, not only for relationships with their neighbours and others, but also counter-productive for their own economic aspirations.

In terms of the geopolitical competition, how do you assess the China-Russia partnership?

It's a marriage of convenience. The CCP needs cheap oil and the Russians desperately need technology that they are basically being starved of because of their criminal invasion of Ukraine. At this moment, the CCP is no longer the junior partner but is the senior partner. What the CCP needs to understand is that their assistance to Russia only strengthens the long-term alliance between the US, Europe, and democracies of the world as they adopt multilateral countermeasures.

How would you assess the state of US-China tech competition? And what prompted you to bring the bill on TikTok?

For years, members of both parties have been concerned about the national security threat posed by foreign adversary controlled social media applications. TikTok is owned by ByteDance, a Chinese company that is controlled by the CCP. And so after some halting starts with regard to legislation pursued by various members of Congress, we all decided to come together and recognise that our greatest challenge here is avoiding infighting that could be engendered by CCP-directed parties — whether Bytedance, TikTok, their lobbyists, friends of those lobbyists, other interested parties, or other interested partners of the CCP.

On tech, the Biden administration has put in place export controls. Is that weakening China's capacity?

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The object of those particular export controls is to prevent the CCP from gaining access to technology that could help to further the modernisation of the People's Liberation Army and harm our national security, as well as further their ability to perpetrate human rights abuses, for instance, with regards to the Uighurs in Xinjiang.

Fundamentally, the CCP's problem is that they have a system of tremendous control over all sectors of the economy, including the semiconductor and other hi-tech areas. They think that merely putting money into these areas is enough to gain a competitive advantage. And to some extent, they have made progress.

We in the US also have to do much more to advantage ourselves in this competition. We have to run faster than we are today. That means investing in research and development into emerging technologies of the future, whether AI, nanoscale computing, quantum computing, bio technologies of the future etc.

Can you take us through the state of economic competition, especially with administration's recent tariffs? And is it your sense that corporate America still remains China's biggest lobbying group within the US?

So with regard to the second question, I sense that many businesses, whether they are small, medium or large businesses, are wary of what's happening within China today. And so they are of mixed minds with regard to how they view the Chinese market. On the one hand, it's very tantalising. On the other hand, their attempts to penetrate that market have not always been successful. In fact, sometimes they have to enter into a Faustian bargain, which is they have to give away their intellectual property to local partners in order to access the market. And then pretty soon they find that the local partners have become their competitors, not only in China but worldwide. So this is like a big challenge for them. I don't think the Chinese market looks as appealing to them as it did before. And indeed they come to me routinely and ask for support as they face unfair competitive practices such as dumping and the use of slave labour and products competing with their own and so forth.

With regard to your first issue, I strongly support the Biden administration's recent moves with regard to tariffs. Look, tariffs are our countermeasure to their economic aggression. The less economic aggression they practice, then the case can be made for lower countermeasures. But if they are going to persist, especially with dumping in the green goods sector — solar panels, electric vehicles, batteries, you name it — then we have no choice but to adopt countermeasures.

What is the role that you see for India in this broader competition with China?

India and the US are growing closer in terms of their security ties. I am glad that they are working together in numerous ways, and in unprecedented ways, thanks to the Biden administration, to assist each other with regard to regional concerns.

The next thing that we need to see is more joint economic action, that is trying to harmonise our approach with regard to, for instance, export controls; trying to harmonise our approach with regard to outbound investments; trying to do whatever we can so that we can stand up some international rules of the road economically. This is very important because the less united we are, the more China can divide us and pit us against each other.

Mark Rutte AFP

DUTCH PM RUTTE TO SUCCEED STOLTENBERG AS NATO CHIEF

WASHINGTON/AMSTERDAM/BUDAPEST: Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, a staunch ally of Kyiv and a critic of Russian President Vladimir Putin, will succeed Jens Stoltenberg as Nato chief, Dutch national broadcaster NOS reported on Tuesday, after Hungary and Slovakia backed him.

Speaking at a news conference alongside US secretary of state Antony Blinken in Washington, Stoltenberg neither confirmed nor denied the media report. "With the announcement of (Hungarian) Prime Minister (Viktor) Orban, I think it's obvious that we are very close to a conclusion ... to select the next secretary-general, and I think that's good news," he told reporters, while praising Rutte.

"I think Mark is a very strong candidate. He has a lot of experience as prime minister. He's a close friend and colleague, and I therefore strongly believe that very soon, the alliance will have decided on my successor," Stoltenberg said. "And that will be good for all of us, for Nato and also for me." REUTERS

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Quake kills four in northeastern Iran

TEHRAN: At least four people were killed and 120 injured on Tuesday in a 4.9 magnitude earthquake that hit Iran's northeastern city of Kashmar, state media reported. The quake struck at 1:24pm (local time), Kashmar's governor, Hajatollah Shariatmadari, who gave the casualty toll, said on state television. AFP

US warns China on SCS dispute

MANILA: The US renewed a warning on 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 (SCS). AP

Justin Timberlake AP

Justin Timberlake arrested for drunk driving in New York

NEW YORK: Pop star Justin Timberlake was arrested on drunk driving charges on Tuesday in New York state, CBS News reported, citing local police. Timberlake was released from custody later in the morning after being arraigned in Sag Harbor, on the eastern end of New York's Long Island. Timberlake's next court date is scheduled for July 26, the Suffolk County district attorney's office said. AGENCIES

Companies go extra mile to skip bond listing

Firms raise debt through unlisted subsidiaries to avoid compliance burden

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Firms with publicly traded bonds planning to sell fresh NCD papers have to list them on stock exchanges, under a new rule. ANI

MUMBAI: A new regulation to enhance transparency in India's corporate bond market is not working out as planned, lawyers and financial experts said.

Companies with publicly traded bonds planning to sell fresh non-convertible debt papers have to mandatorily list them on stock exchanges, under a new rule that took effect earlier this year. However, the rule has prompted companies to raise debt through their unlisted subsidiaries instead, the people said. The capital raised can then be transferred to the parent through inter-company loans or other mechanisms.

Corporate lawyers said on condition of anonymity that several companies are in touch with them for private placements of unlisted debt through unlisted subsidiaries to avoid the compliance burden that comes with listed papers. Some companies, especially in power and infrastructure, are planning unlisted subsidiaries to house projects requiring high capital investment for this purpose, they added. Private placement is essentially selling bonds to preselected investors rather than offering them in the market.

The number of non-convertible debenture (NCD) issuances through unlisted subsidiaries is expected to increase as companies aim to avoid the regulatory compliance associated with listed NCDs, said Venkatakrishnan Srinivasan, founder and managing partner at Rockfort Fincap, a boutique financial advisory firm specializing in corporate debt. He added that this trend will likely be prominent among companies struggling to secure debt in the domestic market, who will instead turn to private credit funds and other high-risk investors for borrowing.

Last month, resources major Vedanta Ltd's subsidiary Vedanta Semiconductors raised just over ₹18,000 crore through this route from a clutch of private credit funds. The capital was then transferred to Vedanta Ltd via an inter-company loan. A leading Gujarat-based conglomerate is also considering a similar issue, the lawyers cited above said.

Vedanta did not respond to a request for comment.

"Companies typically take into consideration the disclosures to be made under the listed regime, compulsory rating requirements for listed paper, creditor mix currently in the entity, and timelines and costs involved in a listed issue before opting for a listed versus an unlisted debt issue," said Manisha Shroff, partner at law firm Khaitan & Co. "Since the amendments to the regulations last year which made the disclosures more exhaustive and stringent, the trend for many companies has been to opt for unlisted issuances or issuance through their unlisted subsidiaries," Shroff said.

Amendments to the Securities and Exchange Board of India's (Sebi) Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements effective 1 January mandate companies with outstanding listed non-convertible debt securities (NCDS) to sell only listed NCDS going forward.

Interest-free state loans may rise 30% in budget

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NEW DELHI: The Centre is considering allocating a higher amount for 50-year, interest-free loans to states in the upcoming annual budget. Two people aware of the matter said that a chunk of these loans will continue to be linked to reforms by the states, though the list of reforms will be tweaked.

"Allocations to the scheme could see an increase by 20-30% in the upcoming budget," said the first person mentioned above.

The increase is being considered on the back of the record ₹2.11 lakh crore dividend that the Centre received from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) last month, the people mentioned above said on condition of anonymity.

A big part of these loans, which were first introduced in FY21, began to be linked to reforms that the Centre wanted states to carry out since FY23.

In its latest edition, several reforms currently linked to the scheme are likely to be scrapped, and new ones added to the list. These "will help the Centre better implement its policies at the state level", the second person mentioned above said.

States account for 20-25% of the overall infra spending. MINT

"The reforms that need to be scrapped or updated are still being discussed. However, with regards to obtaining a large chunk of the funds under the scheme, states must ensure that they don't use these funds as a substitute for their capex," the second person added.

A finance ministry spokesperson didn't respond to emailed queries.

In the interim budget for 2024-25 announced on 1 February, the Centre had earmarked ₹1.3 lakh crore for 'special assistance to states for capital investment', similar to FY24.

Of this amount, a chunk of ₹75,000 crore, or 58%, that is linked to outcomes and reforms by states is likely to be increased significantly in the upcoming annual budget. The remaining ₹55,000 crore in the interim budget came with "simple conditions" that were not reforms-linked.

Current reforms that states must meet include reforms in the housing sector, incentives for scrapping old government vehicles and ambulances, reforms in urban planning and urban finance, increasing housing for police personnel, and setting up libraries with digital infrastructure at panchayat and ward levels for children and young adults.

"Interest-free capex loans to states are often used to fund targeted investments across infrastructural segments. This will further drive up infrastructure spending and overall growth," the first person mentioned earlier said.

States account for 20-25% of the overall infrastructure spending, a key focus area of the government, and the easy loans have helped states stimulate capital spending and catalyse the economy after the pandemic.

"The special assistance as loans to states for capital expenditure is an effective way of making the economy more progressive," said K. Lakshminarayanan, minister for public works of Puducherry, who represents the Union territory in GST meetings.

FITCH RAISES FY25 GDP GROWTH FORECAST TO 7.2%

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NEW DELHI: Fitch Ratings on Tuesday raised India's growth forecast for the current fiscal to 7.2%, from 7% projected in March, saying elevated consumer confidence will drive spending, besides increased investments.

In June update to its global economic outlook report, Fitch said it expects inflation to decline to 4.5% by end of this year and RBI to cut policy interest rates by 25 basis points to 6.25%.

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

Investment will continue to rise but more slowly than in recent quarters, while consumer spending will recover with elevated consumer confidence, it said.

For the fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27, Fitch projected growth rates of 6.5% and 6.2%, respectively.

Fitch's estimates for FY25 are in line with that of RBI which earlier this month projected Indian economy to expand 7.2% in the current fiscal on the back of improving rural demand and moderating inflation.

Inside ONGC's call for foreign companies at Mumbai High

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NEW DELHI: State-run Oil and Natural Gas Corporation's (ONGC) decision to invite a tender on June 1 to engage an international firm to enhance oil production from its flagship Mumbai High came after an in-house committee on May 30 said the oil field was facing an "alarming state of decline", according to documents seen by *HT*.

The six-member committee, which was constituted by ONGC on May 16, took just 14 days to conclude that the field was facing "alarming rate of production decline and suboptimal performance of decline-arresting measures by ONGC". It suggested that the company "publish an NIO (notice inviting offer or tender) pending sanction". *HT* has reviewed a copy of the report. Mumbai High (MH), formerly Bombay High, is a giant offshore oil and gas producing field active for over four decades, which is located at 165km off the Mumbai coast.

That the tender was raised days before a new government was to be formed at the Centre has led to doubts being raised by auditors and experts, according to people aware of the matter.

Two officials with direct knowledge of the matter said on condition of anonymity that ONGC should have waited for the formation of the government at the Centre and for the "explicit approval of the competent authority" before floating the tender of a service contract for the national asset to a private entity for about 15 years.

"The MH field is a prized national asset and post-facto approvals of competent authority for such important public assets should be avoided," one of them said. "It is not as per the CVC [Central Vigilance Commission] guidelines," one official said.

The in-house committee was constituted by ONGC's director-production on May 16 amid the ongoing general elections, and the tender was floated three days before the poll results were declared. "Ideally, ONGC should wait for the new government to assume charge," a second official said.

ONGC had invited a tender on June 1 to engage international firms to enhance oil production from Mumbai High. REUTERS

The Modi 3.0 government took over the charge on June 9. ONGC, its director-production, the petroleum ministry, CVC, and the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India did not respond to email queries on this matter. "The committee also proposed ONGC to engage KPMG as consultant to advise on the engagement of TSP (technical service provider) and develop a business model on a nomination basis [without inviting open bids] to avoid any delay, which is also in contravention of Central Vigilance Commission norms," the second official said.

"It is recommended to engage M/s KPMG as commercial /managerial /legal consultant on nomination basis for a period of 12 months," the committee said in its report.

According to a June 5 post on X, ONGC said that it was "keen to engage an internationally proven Technical Service Provider to enhance production from its maturing Mumbai High field on the Arabian Sea". The service provider would be identified through an international competitive bidding (ICB), already floated on June 1, 2024, with due date for bid submission on September 15, 2024, it added.

"The giant multi-layered Mumbai High field, which commenced production 48 years ago in 1976, is currently in its mature stage of production, and ONGC has implemented a number of schemes in this field to improve production. Mumbai High is one of the prime assets of ONGC and significant upside is still to be unlocked here if ONGC applies best-in-class reservoir management technologies and adopt globally best operational and management practices," ONGC said in the post.

As a custodian and operator of Mumbai High field, ONGC is keen to collaborate with a global TSP, it said. "The service provider would be contracted 10 years, extendable by another five years," it added.

"The identified service provider would carry out a comprehensive review of field performance and identify improvements in Wells, Reservoir including water injection, and Facilities Management (WRFM). It would suggest and help implement suitable technological interventions to improve production. Integrated reservoir / FEED studies and development of detailed work plan for field development would also be within the scope of work," it said.

All international oil and gas majors, with an annual revenue above $75 billion, are invited to participate in this ICB, it added.

The Mumbai High field had a peak production of 471,000 barrels of oil per day (BOPD) in March 1985, which fell to 176,000 BOPD in April 2018 and 134,000 BOPD in April 2024. According to an estimate, it still has very significant oil reserves (OOIP of 1,821.28 MMT).

Former ONGC Videsh Ltd managing director NK Verma said: "This is not only the bread and butter of ONGC, but also a crown jewel of India. It must not be given away to multinationals for 15 years when ONGC has in-house talent. It only needs will power and the government's support. All technologies and resources are globally available and also accessible to ONGC."

Market rally continues; Sensex, Nifty hit record high

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MUMBAI: Benchmark Sensex closed above the 77,000 level for the first time, and broader Nifty scaled a fresh peak on Tuesday as key equity indices stayed on the record-breaking run powered by a rally in index majors ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and Infosys.

Besides, renewed foreign fund inflows amid a firm trend in global equities boosted investor confidence, traders said.

In a range-bound session, Sensex and Nifty settled at their new closing all-time high levels amid intense demand for realty, consumer durable and utility stocks. Rising for the third straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 308.37 points or 0.40% to settle at a new closing peak of 77,301.14. During the day, it jumped 374 points or 0.48% to hit the fresh lifetime peak of 77,366.77.

As many as 2,167 stocks advanced while 1,836 declined and 147 remained unchanged on the BSE. The NSE Nifty went up by 92.30 points or 0.39% to hit a record closing high of 23,557.90 for the fourth straight session. It rallied 113.45 points or 0.48% to hit the new all-time high of 23,579.05 during the day trade.

THE SENSEX CLIMBED 0.40% TO 77,301.14, WHILE NIFTY WENT UP BY 0.39% TO HIT A RECORD CLOSING HIGH OF 23,557.90

"The Indian market touched record highs again and is gradually expanding the gains achieved following the national election. It is responding positively to the upcoming budget, which is anticipated to strike a balance between growth and populism."Similarly, it is also taking cues from positive global market trends, with the US moving steadily towards the presidential election in November. Market volatility has decreased over the month, which is contributing to a short-term trend," said Vinod Nair, head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

Among the 30 Sensex companies, Power Grid, Wipro, ICICI Bank, Titan, Mahindra & Mahindra, Axis Bank, HDFC Bank, Infosys, JSW Steel and State Bank of India were the biggest gainers.

In contrast, Maruti, UltraTech Cement, Tata Steel, Tata Motors, ITC and Tata Consultancy Services were among the laggards.

"Indian equities are trading at an all-time high zone led by positive macros and US markets scaling to new highs. Further, 27% growth in advance direct tax receipts for the Q1 FY25 supported the sentiments," Siddhartha Khemka, Head - Retail Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd, said.

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge jumped 0.96%, and midcap index climbed 0.43%.

₹5.16 lakh cr direct tax collected in FY25 so far

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NEW DELHI: There has been a 22.19% annualised increase in gross direct tax revenue to ₹5.16 lakh crore in the current financial year from April 1 to June 17, with about a 21% jump in net revenue to ₹4.63 lakh crore, mainly due to robust collection from individual taxpayers, the finance ministry said on Tuesday.

The provisional gross direct tax collection for financial year 2024-25 till June 17 was ₹515,986 crore compared to ₹422,295 crore in the corresponding period of the preceding financial year, showing a growth of 22.19%, the ministry said in a statement.

The gross collection include corporate income tax (CIT) at ₹226,280 crore and personal income tax (PIT) inclusive of securities transaction tax (STT) at ₹288,993 crore, it said.

Minor head-wise collection comprised advance tax of ₹148,823 crore, tax deducted at source of ₹324,787 crore, self-assessment tax of ₹28,471 crore, regular assessment tax of ₹10,920 crore and tax under other minor heads of ₹2,985 crore, it added.

Refunds amounting to ₹53,322 crore have been issued in the current financial year up to June 17, which were 33.7% higher than refunds issued during the same period in the preceding year, it said.

The government had in the February 1 interim budget estimated net CIT at ₹1,042,830 crore in the full financial year of 2024-25 and net PIT at ₹1,156,000 lakh crore after refunds.

The net collections after refunds in about two-and-a-half months of 2024-25 were ₹462,664 crore compared to ₹382,414 crore in the corresponding period of 2023-24, representing an increase of 20.99%, the ministry said.

The net direct tax collection included CIT at ₹180,949 crore and PIT (including STT) at ₹281,013 crore.

Provisional figures of total advance tax collection for financial year 2024-25 till June 17 were ₹148,823 crore against advance tax collections of ₹116,875 crore in the same period of 2023-24, showing a growth of 27.34%.

The advance tax collection of ₹148,823 crore comprised CIT of ₹114,353 crore and PIT of ₹34,470 crore.

Office space shrinks across Cognizant, Infosys, Wipro

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BENGALURU: Office real estate is shrinking at some of India's top technology services companies, as hybrid work and falling headcounts reduce the requirement for sprawling offices.

Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp., Infosys Ltd and Wipro Ltd saw their real estate footprint shrink last year, company disclosures showed. The three companies ended last financial year with 103.2 million sq. ft of office space, down 3.7% from 107.25 million sq. ft a year earlier.

The savings from real estate support profitability even as the cutback has prompted worries whether these companies will remain India's largest employment generators, leasing vast office spaces across metros and smaller cities.

Cognizant's office space in India shrank 2.76 million sq.ft in a year. The company's annual report showed its India real estate stood at 21.6 million sq.ft. at the end of December 2023, down from 24.36 million sq.ft a year earlier. The Teaneck, New Jersey-based Cognizant, which counts close to three-fourths of its total employees in India, follows a January-December financial year.

Wipro's office space declined from 26.03 million sq. ft in India at the end of March 2023 to 24.97 million sq.ft last year, a 1.06 million sq.ft decline, the company's stock exchange disclosures showed. Wipro also shut three of its 185 sales and marketing offices, development and training centers outside India. Meanwhile, Infosys's office space declined by 0.23 million sq.ft to 56.63 million sq.ft in FY24, as the Bengaluru-based IT services firm closed 11 offices to end with 265 offices.

The three IT companies ended FY24 with 103.2 million sq. ft of office space, down 3.7% from a year earlier. MINT

"The net decline in the square foot area is due to optimization of real estate space," said Infosys in its annual report.

"Post-covid, most companies are adapting to the work-from-home and from-office structure. This hybrid model has allowed companies to make better use of their current physical space," said a former CEO of an IT services firm. "Finally, a reduction in workforce has made these companies relook at their future office needs."

The country's $254 billion IT services sector reported the weakest-ever dollar revenue growth of 3.8% in FY24, according to industry body Nasscom. The sector also added the fewest employees in a year, as four of the five largest IT services companies saw a reduction in their workforce. Noida-based HCL Technologies Ltd was the only company that reported a marginal increase in its headcount.

Infosys's workforce fell by 25,994, from 3,43,234 at the end of March 2023 to 3,17,240 in March 2024. Wipro's headcount declined by 24,516 from 2,58,570 to 2,34,054. Cognizant ended with 3,47,700 employees last year compared to 3,55,300 at the end of 2022, a fall of 7,600 employees.

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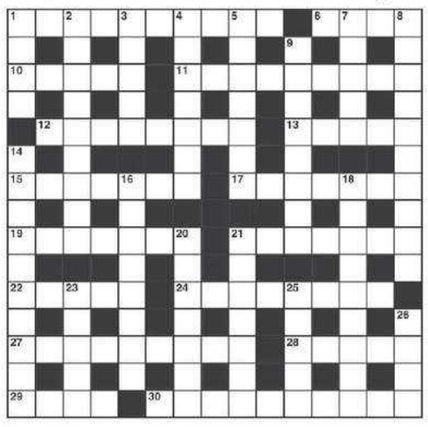

ACROSS

1 French writer's pseudonym (3,2,5)
6 A stunning performance in The Ring? (4)
10 At festive occasions a journalist is treated (5)
11 Frank had a meal but hasn't yet a seat (9)
12 A cleaner fuel that draws well (8)
13 More than one ghost writer (5)
15 Furnish with a soft tip (7)
17 Lift most of the secrecy (7)
19 A stage between flights (7)
21 Gentleman returning with a fish or meat dish (7)
22 Excuse offered for absenteeism (5)
24 No energy? And no inclination apparently (8)
27 Agitated animal that is caught in twisted net (9)
28 Give a protracted speech (5)
29 The north as it appeared at that time (4)
30 Strictly practical restyled Roman tunic (10)

DOWN

1 Shows approval although almost asleep (4)
2 Ship's name spoilt by being cooked (9)
3 Spanish and German articled entitled to respect? (5)
4 Anti-labour act? (7)
5 Chews up a thousand fishes (7)
7 Collect for a service (5)
8 Very steep climb for a member of a trio (3,2,5)
9 Not always the products of great minds (3,5)
14 Family man holds up letters for national assembly (10)
16 They make up monograms for people (8)
18 Be quick to show pride in appearance (4,5)
20 Bitterness associated with age-old craft (7)
21 Turn to riots to get food (7)
23 Get used to being in old city quarter (5)
25 Lady I take out? (5)
26 Smart boy (4)

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

1 Singly (3,2,1,4)
6 Frustrate (4)
10 Narrow opening (5)
11 Settlement of accounts (9)
12 Distinction (8)
13 A self-evident truth (5)
15 In particular (7)
17 Irreligious (7)
19 Comprise as a part (7)
21 Exculpate (7)
22 Stuck (5)
24 Avoid risks (4,4)
27 Relate (9)
28 In slow dignified tempo (5)
29 Bring in as interest (4)
30 Laughing uncontrollably (2,8)

DOWN

1 At some time in the past (4)
2 Difficult to understand (9)
3 Symbol (5)
4 Oppressive power (7)
5 Shakespearean tragedy (7)
7 Excuse to avert blame (5)
8 Having lofty principles (4-6)
9 In the present age (8)
14 Out of favour (2,8)
16 Line marking a limit (8)
18 Pontificate (4,5)
20 Account for (7)
21 Opposed to (7)
23 Superior (5)
25 Fissure (5)
26 Throw up in the air (4)

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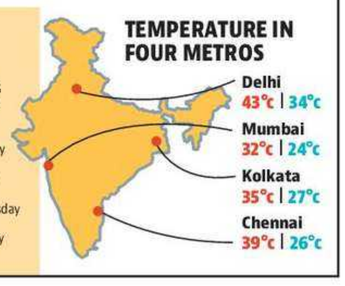

France's Kylian Mbappe receives treatment after he suffered a broken nose during their match against Austria at the Duesseldorf Arena on Monday. AFP

An own goal, a broken nose and the option of a 'masked' Mbappe

France begin their campaign on a jittery note and are set back further by Mbappe suffering a broken nose against Austria

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MUMBAI: A lightning fast step-over, a clever drop of the shoulder, a burst of speed to get past two defenders, and finally a goal. That's how, out of nowhere, France struck the decisive blow against Austria to begin their campaign on a high. Maximilian Wober was unfortunate in deflecting the ball into his own net, but there was no denying that the deadlock was broken thanks to a moment of genius by Kylian Mbappe.

Overall, though, the game would have set off a few alarm bells for the Les Bleus. Ranked second in the world, they returned with 48 percent possession against a team placed 22 spots below them. They've been touted as the favourites by many but compared to the likes of Spain and hosts Germany, they weren't nearly as convincing in the opening round.

The biggest setback, though, came towards the end when Mbappe collided with Kevin Danso. The striker suffered a broken nose and was subbed off soon after, blood dripping from his nose. The French Football Federation stated that he won't need immediate surgery, but it remains to be seen if he will be fit for the key clash with Netherlands on Friday. He will have to wear a face mask if he plays on at the tournament, Associated Press reported from Dusseldorf. The French Football Federation said it had received "positive" news about Mbappé's chances of continuing at Euro.

"The news is rather reassuring so far as there are no operations planned for the immediate future. As for his participation in the rest of the tournament, it's a bit too early to give a timetable," federation president Philippe Diallo said Tuesday.

The Federation said the decision not to carry out surgery came after he was treated by Dr. Franck Le Gall at a Dusseldorf hospital. It said a mask would be made to allow Mbappé to "consider resuming competition after a period devoted to treatment."

"They tried to reduce the aftermath of his fracture, for him to be able to stay in the tournament," Diallo said. "We'll wait until the end of the day to see how things develop. But all in all, I'd say the information was pretty positive."

It will, indeed, be a test of character for France if they are to face the Dutch, who edged out Poland in their opening game, without Mbappe. The 25-year-old, Real Madrid's latest Galactico, is undoubtedly the driving force in the squad. Although he's yet to score in the Euros, his 12 World Cup goals went a long way in taking his team to the title in 2018 and the final in 2022.

On Monday, there were a number of lapses from France. They would have been trailing just two minutes before that match-winning first half goal if it wasn't for goalkeeper Mike Maignan denying Christoph Baumgartner from a one-on-one situation. Mbappe, himself, was guilty of squandering a huge opportunity to double the lead in the second half after getting clear on goal.

Seasoned midfielder N'Golo Kante was the standout player and remained a shield in front of the backline. It is on the attacking front where France will need to find more inspiration. Antoine Griezmann can always be counted on for his all-round brilliance as the No.10 but if Mbappe is unavailable, he'll need to do more in the box. As will be the challenge for veteran striker Olivier Giroud, who replaced Mbappe in the 90th minute but may now get a start.

While Ousmane Dembele impressed with his speed on the right despite not posing any serious threat, Marcus Thuram was disappointing on the left wing. Deschamps might be tempted to mix things up and include Eduardo Camavinga, who played a key role in Real Madrid winning the Champions League recently, to give Adrien Rabiot more space forward. Kingsley Coman, if fit, will be another strong attacking option.

Going by their performance against Austria, it's quite evident that France will need to be more cohesive with the ball irrespective of Mbappe's presence. Having reached the finals of three of the last four major competitions, they have been the most consistent side in the world over the past eight years. They definitely have the firepower to claim a third European Championships crown this time around, but they'll know they need to find another gear quickly.

GROUP A

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
GER	1	1	0	0	4	3
SUI	1	1	0	0	2	3
HUN	1	0	0	1	-2	0
SCO	1	0	0	1	-4	0

GROUP B

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
ESP	1	1	0	0	3	3
ITA	1	1	0	0	1	3
ALB	1	0	0	1	-1	0
CRO	1	0	0	1	-3	0

GROUP C

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
ENG	1	1	0	0	1	3
DEN	1	0	1	0	0	1
SLO	1	0	1	0	0	1
SER	1	0	0	1	-1	0

GROUP D

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
NED	1	1	0	0	1	3
FRA	1	1	0	0	1	3
POL	1	0	0	1	-1	0
AUT	1	0	0	1	-1	0

GROUP E

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
ROM	1	1	0	0	3	3
SLO	1	1	0	0	1	3
BEL	1	0	0	1	-1	0
UKR	1	0	0	1	-3	0

Young Turk Guler shows Real class in win vs Georgia

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KOLKATA: Not all teams have started but already the European championship has seen some stunners from distance. Romania produced two on Monday. Mert Müldür and Arda Guler did that on Tuesday for Turkey before Muhammed Akturkoglu scored deep in stoppage time for the 3-1 win as debutants Georgia, for whom Georges Mikautadze had scored, sent every player up in search of an equaliser.

With only eight teams being eliminated, the group stage can feel a bit stretched. But try telling that to Georgia. No team at this edition has a ranking lower than theirs, 75. Yet, till the end they kept testing Turkey, making the last goal feel even more of a sucker punch.

For Turkey this could have felt like they were playing at Galatasaray or Fenerbahce. Germany has 7 million people of Turkish origin and coach Vincenzo Montella had said his team would try to honour that support. Guler, 19, sure did with a left-footer in the 65th minute after Georgia lost possession.

Breathless. Played in pouring rain at Dortmund's Westfalenstadion, that is how the match left you. Abdülkerim Bardacki was involved at both ends inside a minute. Dreadlocks flying, he sent a header that didn't miss by much in the 10th minute and then took a shot from Anzor Mekvabishvili that Mert Günok in goal kept out. Between them, Kaan Ahyan nearly put Turkey ahead, his blast from range leaving goalkeeper Giorgi Mamardashvili stranded but thudding into the upright.

An even better effort, this time from the right, from Fenerbahce's Müldür, put Turkey ahead in the 26th minute, the goal being scripted by their two full backs. The goal came from a sweeping move that began with left-back Ferdi Kadioglu sending a delivery that Georgia failed to clear properly. Müldür fired a volley as sumptuous as it was spectacular.

Inside a minute, Turkey had scored again. Or so it seemed. This time off a move from the right, Kenan Yildiz, the 19-year-old who plays for Juventus, had stabbed home but as they said on television commentary, VAR ruled him off-side "by a metatarsal." It was what Georgia needed to get their breath back.

And on even keel soon after. Mikautadze does not even play in the top tier, his club Metz is in Ligue 2 in France. But football history in Georgia will never be written without him for he became their first scorer in the European championship, 32 minutes into their first match. A slick touch off a ball from Giorgi Kochorashvili, after the midfielder swivelled a leg over the ball like Ronaldinho, beat Gunok at the near post.

Looking jittery at the start, it was the belief Georgia needed. The skillful Khvicha Kvaratskhelia was subdued for most of the evening – and denied by a superb challenge from Kadiouglu near half-time – but he isn't the only one with twinkle toes in the team from a country of 3.7 million which sealed a finals berth by beating Greece in the play-off. There was Giorgi Chakvetadze finding Kochorashvili who brought Mikautadze into play and the forward's volley missed narrowly. Georgia were that close to leading a contest they could also have trailed 0-2 behind.

On a greasy pitch, the teams continued going at each other after half-time. Kvaratskhelia shanked an effort wide after Hakan Calhanoglu's free-kick was kept out by a reflex save from Mamardashvili. Hand of God, Georgia would have felt till Guler's screamer curled into the top corner. Still Georgia tried, still they dreamt as coach Willy Sagnol had wanted them to. But Kochorashvili hitting the horizontal was the closest they came to a second.

Today's matches

GROUP B
Croatia vs Albania
Time: 6:30PM (IST)
Venue: Hamburg

GROUP A
Germany vs Hungary
Time: 9:30PM (IST)
Venue: Stuttgart

Scotland vs Switzerland
Time: 12:30AM (IST) Thursday
Venue: Cologne

Results

Austria 0
France 1
(Wober 38', og)

Turkey 2
(Mert Muldur 25', Arda Guler 65', Kerem Aktürkoğlu 90'+7)
Georgia 1
(Mikautadze 32')

KICKING AROUND

At the Dortmund Zoo in Germany, Walter the orangutan, predicts a win for Germany in their second Group A match against Hungary on Wednesday. Germany opened their Euro 2024 campaign with a 5-1 win over Scotland. REUTERS

CROATIA'S VLASIC OUT OF EURO 2024

ZAGREB: Croatia midfielder Nikola Vlasic will miss the rest of Euro 2024 due to a muscle injury, the Croatian football federation (HNS) said. Torino's Vlasic was injured during a training session with an MRI scan later revealing a torn muscle, according to a statement released by the federation, which did not offer more information about the nature of the injury. The 26-year-old was an unused substitute in Croatia's opening 3-0 loss to Spain on Saturday.

PRANKSTER AT THE OPENING CEREMONY

FRANKFURT: A German YouTuber says he made it onto the field during the European Championship opening ceremony while disguised in a mascot costume, in an incident which revealed flaws in tournament security. Marvin Wildhage published a video appearing to show how he entered the Munich stadium last Friday in a fake costume and danced on the corner of the field before being led away by a UEFA staff member. UEFA said in a statement, "We can confirm that there was an incident with a fake mascot costume at the match in Munich ... between Germany and Scotland. Three people have gained unauthorised access. Wildhage said he ordered his costume online from China for $3,400 and made his own fake tournament credentials by copying the design from photos posted on social media by Euro 2024 employees.

TEDESCO RUES VAR DRAMA VS SLOVAKIA

FRANKFURT: Belgium boss Domenico Tedesco admitted he was frustrated by the VAR decision that condemned his side to a shock 1-0 defeat against Slovakia. Belgium could have escaped with a draw if Romelu Lukaku's late strike had been allowed. Lukaku fired home from Lois Openda's cross in the 86th minute. But the striker's celebrations were curtained with the players in position to restart the game as VAR ruled Openda had handled after being shoved into the ball earlier in the attack.

More misses than hits: Lukaku and Belgium's major tournament freeze

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MUMBAI: Since his debut in March 2010, Romelu Lukaku has scored 85 goals for Belgium in 116 games. That is a superb strike-rate by whatever metric you choose to rate it by. Among those 85 goals are the 14 (off 29 shots) he scored in Euro qualifying. But as things stand, we'll remember him not for his goals but his misses.

The 1.91m tall striker can be an imposing figure when he runs towards the opposition goal, but put him in a situation that requires a soft touch or a bit of technical wizardry and you'll often find him stumbling over his own two feet.

Belgium's defeat against Slovakia in their Euro opener counts as a surprise but only in mathematical terms. It was the largest gap (45 places — Belgium 3rd, Slovakia 48th) in FIFA World Rankings for an upset in European Championship history. However, if one puts the rankings aside and focuses on their history in major tournaments and you'll see that a slip-up was always on the cards.

This is a team that has a lot more than just Lukaku. Kevin De Bruyne will walk into virtually any top team, Leandro Trossard just had a brilliant season for Arsenal, Manchester City's Jeremy Doku is a trickster every team would love to have and Jan Vertonghen adds some veteran grit to the defence. There is class in almost every position. But put them in a position where they feel the world's eyes on them and they freeze.

According to stats on ESPN, Belgium have not converted any of their last 47 shots on goal in major tournaments — including missing 11 big chances. When the pressure is off, they are brilliant.

But, as Slovakia were clearly aware, put them under the pump and the brittleness within often comes to the fore.

Belgium fans might argue that luck didn't go their way. Two Lukaku goals were overturned by VAR but he also missed three big chances, the most of any player in a Euro tournament since 2000. And in a tournament as tightly contested as this, you need to be clinical upfront.

Unbeaten runs ends

The loss was their first defeat since Morocco beat them in the group stage at the 2022 World Cup. In between, they went unbeaten in 14 games before stumbling in the Euro opener.

"I knew that eventually we would lose a game," Belgium coach Domenico Tedesco said after the game. "Unfortunately, it was today. There's not much I can tell the team to improve. We created many chances and had we scored, it would have been an easier game. The only thing that we didn't do well was our finishing. It's part of the game, and of course, the players were disappointed."

Belgium are placed in Group E, along with Romania (who were very impressive in their win over Ukraine), Ukraine and Slovakia. Another win should be good enough for Slovakia or Romania and that means the world's third best team has some playing to do.

Belgium defender Yannick Carrasco said the right things after the loss, "We lacked luck more than rhythm. There were many opportunities but we were unable to find the finishing touch. We have to stay focused, we have two games left to qualify." Whether these words will get through to his teammates is another matter.

This was the first time Belgium failed to score in nine Euro matches and they'll do well to shrug it off as a minor blip.

Tedesco will hope that the big players in the Red Devils outfit will show great spirit at this juncture. If they allow the situation to overpower them, then the younger teammates won't be able to break out of this circle either.

Mentality will become key for Belgium. They will need to put this defeat behind them and prove that they are worthy of being counted among the best in the world. It has proved to be difficult for them to do in the past but this is an opportunity to put all of that behind them in an effort that may go some way towards changing their reputation. Belgium find themselves in a familiar hole but their immediate future isn't set in stone, yet.

AT EURO, ITALIAN COACHES SINGING THE ANTHEMS OF THE COUNTRIES THEY WORK FOR

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FRANKFURT: There are five Italian coaches at the European Championship and only one gets to sing the national anthem with the Italy team.

Before Slovakia's gripping 1-0 win over Belgium on Monday, their Italian coaches did their best to honour the countries they work for by singing along with their players and fans.

"It's quite tricky but you can learn anything if you put your mind to it," Slovakia coach Francesco Calzona said later in comments translated from Italian.

"I'm trying to learn it and I like it," Calzona said of the 19th century song "Nad Tatrou sa blýska" (Lightning over the Tatras) he has heard for nearly two years as Slovakia coach.

Belgium coach Domenico Tedesco was born in Italy but grew up in Germany. He's become a German citizen and speaks that language, which is one of Belgium's three official ones — Dutch, French and German. The anthem is called either "De Brabançonne, La Brabançonne" or "Das Lied von Brabant" in a country where linguistic differences are highly political. "It's a huge show of respect towards a country that chose me as head coach," Tedesco said.

At Euro 2024, the rousing Italian anthem widely known as "Fratelli d'Italia" is being sung at games only by national coach Luciano Spalletti, who was Calzona's boss when they were at Napoli.

The other Italian coaches at the tournament are Vincenzo Montella with Turkey and Marco Rossi with Hungary.

SPORT

World Cup braced for spin battles in the Super Eights

With the Caribbean wickets expected to play slow, spinners are likely to call the shots from now on

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MUMBAI: In their final league match against Scotland, Australia altered their bowling plans at St. Lucia. Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood were rested and all three spinners bowled their full quota of overs. Playing his first World Cup game, left-arm spinner Ashton Agar opened the bowling and returned 4-0-39-1. Leg-spinner Adam Zampa and off-spinner Glenn Maxwell came on in the middle overs, returning figures of 4-0-44-2 and 4-0-30-1.

As the action moves to the West Indies, spinners are expected to come into play a lot more. Skipper Mitch Marsh's move against Scotland wass to prepare for the tough Super Eights game against India in St. Lucia on June 24. "We've another game here (v India), so (it was about) getting accustomed to or having a look at the conditions here... some of our spinners getting time in different situations," pace ace Mitchell Starc said after the Scotland game.

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A trial by spin awaits Australia in Super Eights Group 1, where they seem the odd ones out among Asian teams India, Bangladesh and Afghanistan. Australia batters have traditionally found it tough on turning wickets.

"A lot of us have prepared for plenty of spin depending on what venue you get to," vice-captain Matthew Wade said. "Guys have been preparing for that, through IPL into the start of this World Cup. We expect nothing different. We're expecting them to hit us with a fair bit of spin."

India played four pacers in the three games in New York, their spinners playing a support role. They, however, have four spinners in their squad with the focus on playing in the Caribbean.

Left-arm wrist-spinner Kuldeep Yadav, leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal and left-arm spin all-rounders Ravindra Jadeja and Axar Patel provide variety for the slower Caribbean pitches. In New York, India picked Jadeja and Patel for their batting.

India may bring in Kuldeep Yadav in place of a seamer. With T20 heavy on match-ups, for specific opposition, they can even play an all-out attacking wrist-spin combination of Kuldeep and Chahal. A morning start means dew won't be a factor for the spinners.

Ahead of the World Cup, captain Rohit Sharma mentioned his spin strategy. "I definitely wanted four spinners. We've played a lot of cricket there (Caribbean). We know what the conditions are like. With starts at 10.30am, there's a little bit of technical aspect involved. With two of the spinners Axar and Jadeja being all-rounders, and two attacking spinners – Kuldeep and Chahal – it gives you balance in the spin department."

India's first game is at Bridgetown's Kensington Oval against Afghanistan, where the stand out spell so far has been Australia leg-spinner Adam Zampa's match-turning 2/38 that triggered England's batting collapse. India's second game, against Bangladesh, is in Antigua. Along with Kensington Oval, the North Sound ground is the most used. India's game will be the seventh there and a tired pitch could assist spin more.

India's games against Afghanistan and Bangladesh will be interesting spin battles. Led by Rashid Khan, Afghanistan's spin attack put up effective displays save their last game on Tuesday. (WI hammered 218 in a 104-run win at Gros Islet. Though Mujeeb Ur Rahman is injured, they have wrist-spinner Noor Ahmed and Mohammad Nabi (off-spinner) to support Rashid. The challenge for batters will be Rashid's ability to build pressure in the middle overs – all his six wickets in this World Cup have come in that phase.

Bangladesh spinners too will fancy their chances as the wickets wear out. Leg-spinner Rishad Hossain has seven wickets in four matches, combining well with Shakib Al Hasan.

Windies on a high

In Group 2, West Indies will bank on left-arm spinners Akeal Hosein and Gudakesh Motie against England, South Africa and USA. They shared 16 wickets in the first round. "We start with Akeal. His strength is predominantly in the powerplay, and while he does such good work there, right as we come out of the powerplay is Motie's time...We picked both knowing the role they would play on these Caribbean wickets," Windies captain Rovman Powell said. With Afghanistan, the co-hosts have the most frugal spin attack in this World Cup – Hosein has an ER of 4.13 and Motie 6.38.

Left-arm wrist spinner Tabraiz Shami's match-winning 4/19 in the thrilling win over Nepal will boost South Africa's spin options. Left-arm spinner Keshav Maharaj took five wickets at an ER of 6.08 in his three games.

England's Adil Rashid and Moeen Ali are seasoned while USA's spin attack will be led by India import Harmeet Singh.

Tweak in the T20 World Cup tale?

With the Super 8s to be played on slower West Indies pitches, a look at the spinners in each team.

INDIA
- **Axar Patel** (left-arm orthodox)
- **Ravindra Jadeja** (left-arm orthodox)
- **Yuzvendra Chahal** (leg-break)
- **Kuldeep Yadav** (left-arm wrist)

AFGHANISTAN
- **Rashid Khan** (leg-spinner)
- Mohd Nabi (off-break)
- Noor Ahmed (left-arm wrist spin)

AUSTRALIA
- Glenn Maxwell (off-break)
- **Adam Zampa** (leg-break)
- Ashton Agar (left-arm orthodox)

ENGLAND
- Moeen Ali (off-break)
- **Adil Rashid** (leg-break)
- Tom Hartley (left-arm orthodox)

BANGLADESH
- Mahedi Hasan (off-break)
- Mahmudullah (off-break)
- **Tanvir Islam** (left-arm orthodox)
- Rishad Hossain (leg-break)
- Shakib Al Hasan (left-arm orthodox)

SOUTH AFRICA
- Aiden Markram (off-break)
- **Keshav Maharaj** (left-arm orthodox)
- Tabraiz Shamzi (left-arm wrist)

WEST INDIES
- Roston Chase (off-break)
- **Akeal Hosain** (left-arm orthodox)
- Gudakesh Motie (left-arm orthodox)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
- **Harmeet Singh** (left-arm orthodox)
- Milind Kumar (off-break)
- Nisarg Patel (left-arm orthodox)
- Nosthush Kenjige (left-arm orthodox)

Neeraj marks return to action with win in Turku

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Neeraj won the Paavo Nurmi Games javelin event with a throw of 85.97m. WORLD ATHLETICS

MUMBAI: A few hours before the start of the Paavo Nurmi Games on Tuesday, World Athletics put out a short clip of Neeraj Chopra going about some light training drills. "He's back," the global body wrote on X.

Not that he'd been away for too long, yet this did feel like a mini comeback of sorts as the Indian chose to give his body utmost attention in the Olympic year. Competing after a month, Chopra earned his first victory of this season on international shores at the prestigious meet in Turku, Finland with an 85.97m throw off his third attempt.

That was enough to keep Toni Keranen and European bronze medallist Oliver Helander at bay, the Finnish duo finishing second (84.19m, personal best) and third (83.96m), respectively.

The much-anticipated crossover for the first time between Chopra and Max Dehning, the 19-year-old who lit up the javelin world by entering the 90m club earlier this year even though he has since tapered off, turned out to be a no-show with the German producing a best effort of 79.84m.

Chopra himself was far from his absolute best, even though he showed no visible signs of physical discomfort after an issue with his adductor muscle kept him away from taking part in the Golden Spike meet in Ostrava before this.

Still, getting this win to go with the second-place finish (88.36m) at the season-opening Doha Diamond League last month is good signs as the Olympic and world champion builds towards peaking at the Paris Olympics in August.

The Indian drew back the curtains for the men's javelin event on a bright and pleasant evening — 18°C flashed on the scoreboard behind the javelin runway — in Turku. Chopra wasn't too boisterous about his first attempt though, the expression after his 83.62m opening attempt giving away his subdued start by his own lofty opening throw standards. His evening's major rivals — twice world champion Anderson Peters of Grenada (82.58m), local face Helander (78.38m) and the teenaged Dehning (79.84m) — too didn't quite get off the blocks.

Coming into his home meet bagging the European Championships bronze in Rome last week, Helander cranked it up with 83.96m that pushed Chopra, whose second attempt landed at 83.45m, briefly to second position.

Like in Doha where he was pushed by Czech Jakub Vadlejch to deliver a big last throw, Chopra was asked to respond in order to reclaim the lead. He duly did, clenching his fists before lifting both his arms immediately after his third throw. The javelin flung to a more Chopra-like distance of 85.97m. Keranen had five of his seven best throws in the 70m region this year. After a 79.47m third attempt, the 26-year-old suddenly came up with a big throw of 84.19m to leapfrog his more accomplished compatriot and land on the heels of Chopra.

With Helander's throws fizzling out and Keranen unable to back up his new personal best, Chopra had eventually done enough with his 85.97m to walk away on top despite throws of 82.21m and 82.97m off his fourth and sixth attempts, respectively.

The quality field, which the prestigious meet always tends to assemble in javelin, though was slightly depleted with the absence of Vadlejch and German Julian Weber who won gold and silver, respectively, at last week's European Championships.

This was Chopra's third competition this year. He threw 88.36m in his season opener in May in Doha to finish second, and then topped the Fed Cup (82.27m) five days later in Bhubaneswar where he stopped after four throws.

Gambhir moves closer to India coach's job after CAC interview

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MUMBAI: After thousands of applicants added plenty of nuisance value to the India team coach appointment process, only two genuine contenders — Gautam Gambhir and WV Raman made it to the interviews.

And at the end of it, while former India women's team coach Raman's presentation went well, it is almost certain that Gambhir will become India's next head coach.

Gambhir joined virtually the interview conducted at the BCCI headquarters by the Cricket Advisory Committee comprising former players Ashok Malhotra, Jatin Paranjpe and Sulakshana Naik.

Gambhir's name first came into reckoning after current head coach Rahul Dravid and NCA director VVS Laxman expressed their inability to commit to the job that would require them to be on the road with the Indian team for the entire year except the IPL months.

The new head coach will be tasked to lead India through the annual ICC white-ball events cycle as well as the World Test Championship between July 2024 to November 2027. While Gambhir's success of mentoring KKR to the IPL trophy adds heft to his credentials, the gritty left-hander does not have any coaching experience outside of IPL.

Gambhir has also been an active commentator and is well versed with the changing demands of present-day cricket. Gambhir met BCCI secretary Jay Shah after the IPL final on May 26 and once he had agreed in principle, did not take up any media assignments for the ongoing World Cup.

As a new coach, Gambhir is expected to bring in his own team of support staff. The key result area for the new coach would be to bring India some ICC silverware – their last T20 World Cup win was in 2007 and ODI Champions trophy in 2013.

Ankola to be replaced

The CAC will be conducting interviews for the job of the fifth selector in the Ajit Agarkar-led committee on Wednesday. Salil Ankola is the second representative from West in the panel and will be replaced by a former cricketer from North. Ajay Ratra, Mithun Manhas and Reetinder Singh Sodhi are among those in the running to get the job.

Will sue AIFF if not paid in full in 10 days, says Stimac

Dhiman Sarkar
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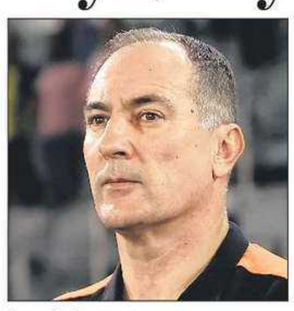

Igor Stimac. REUTERS

KOLKATA: One day after receiving the termination letter from the All India Football Federation, Igor Stimac has written back saying the decision to sack him was "unilateral", "unprofessional" and in violation of FIFA regulations. Listing what he termed as breach of contract by AIFF and promises it did not keep, Stimac has sought full compensation as per his contract within 10 days. Failing which, Stimac has said he will sue AIFF at the appropriate FIFA platform.

That would be a first in the history of AIFF, which turns 87 on June 23. And it would come less than two years after AIFF being banned by FIFA for third party interference on August 14, 2022.

Stimac's contract is till June 2026. Unless, AIFF can prove he has breached terms of agreement, if removed before that the federation must pay the full amount of Stimac's monthly salary till then as part the agreement. Stimac's contract is said to be worth $30,000 per month.

News of Stimac's sacking on AIFF's website and other media outlets without a "conversation" with him was the "last thing" Stimac said he had expected after working for five years as India men's team's head coach. Reports of his termination have also damaged his future employment possibilities, the Croat has written to M Satyanarayan, AIFF's acting secretary-general. HT has seen the letter. As reported by HT on Tuesday, the letter mentions Stimac saying he would step down if "others are ready to take their part of responsibility and do the same." AIFF refusing to consider that showed "how much you actually care about Indian football."

Stimac has said that his comment about quitting if India didn't make the third round of the World Cup qualifiers was made in the "sincere belief" that AIFF would fulfil "promises made at the time".

"And I never asked anything for myself... it was all about improving the care for my team, my staff and support staff," the letter says.

Stimac has written about contract extensions for team manager Velu Dhalayamani, match analyst Joy Gabriel and psychologist Shyamal Vallabhjee which, he said, were agreed to by former secretary-general Shaji Prabhakaran in October 2023. And not executed by AIFF after Prabhakaran was removed in November 2023.

Stimac has also mentioned the public assurance of a chartered flight for the game against Afghanistan in Saudi Arabia in March by AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey. Not adhering to that meant the squad had to travel 30 hours without sleep to Guwahati for the home fixture, he has said. India lost 1-2 which irreparably dented chances of a first ever berth in the third round. Chaubey had also promised in March that contracts of the support staff would be taken care of immediately, Stimac has said. "It took you another three months to do so."

Among "acts of contract breach" by AIFF, Stimac has listed Chaubey and "SAI officials" changing the squad for Asian Games and the president arranging matches without "consulting me." Those matches ruined chances of "reaching a satisfactory deal" about the 2023-24 domestic calendar, he has said.

The Asian Games being primarily an U-23 tournament and on FIFA dates, India's squad had initially omitted Sunil Chhetri, Gurpreet Singh Sandhu and Sandesh Jhingan. As for the calendar, playing King's Cup and Merdeka tournament last year cut into time when ISL could have been paused for a preparatory camp for the 2024 Asian Cup.

Stating that the removal was without just cause, Stimac has sought the "residual value of my employment contract that was prematurely terminated" as per FIFA regulations. "Otherwise I will start proceedings against AIFF in front of the competent FIFA Football Tribunal and sue AIFF."

Brown, Tatum answer critics while leading Celtics to record 18th crown

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BOSTON: In 2008, the Celtics ended a 22-year championship drought led by a Big 3. Sixteen years later, they did it again following the play of a dynamic duo. When Jaylen Brown and Jayson Tatum were drafted third overall in back-to-back years in 2016 and 2017, they were almost instantly branded with the hopes of a franchise that was desperately chasing its elusive 18th championship.

Along the way they've endured criticism about their individual play and questions about whether two players with similar skillsets could co-exist. They answered those questions emphatically on Monday, leading Celtics to a 106-88 Game 5 NBA Finals victory over the Dallas Mavericks to capture the franchise's record 18th title.

"Getting drafted, that's something that you dream about. But this is at the top of the mountain," Tatum said. "To be able to say we did it, that we came together and we won. Banner No. 18 has been hanging over our head for so many years. To know that we're going to be engraved in history, and it still hasn't like registered. I'm just still trying to process it all."

Tatum and Brown grasped their first Larry O'Brien Trophy after 107 playoff games together, the most for any duo before winning a title.

It took longer than expected, but Tatum said it was part of a process he didn't fully understand until celebrating. "Coming up short and having failures makes this moment that much better," he said. "Because you know what it feels like to lose. You know what it feels like to be on the other side and be in the locker room and hearing the other team celebrating.... That was devastating."

Tatum finished with 31 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds in Monday's win. It is the third-most points scored by a Celtics player in a Finals clincher behind only John Havlicek (40 vs Lakers, 1968) and Tommy Heinsohn (37 vs Hawks, 1957). Brown had 21 points, eight rebounds and six assists. But he earned Finals MVP honour on the heels of a 30-point performance in Game 3 that gave the Celtics a 3-0 lead. "It could have gone to Jayson," Brown said. "Jayson, I can't talk enough about his selflessness. I can't talk enough about his attitude. It's just how he approached not just this series or the Finals but just the playoffs in general. And we did it together as a team."

Brown and Tatum's journey has included five trips to at least the conference finals together, as well as a 2022 loss in the Finals to the Golden State Warriors that saw Boston relinquish a 2-1 lead.

"Those two guys continue to take steps forward. People all year criticizing them, all that expectation, all the pressure. They did it," said veteran Al Horford, who has played alongside them for six of his 17 years in the NBA.

A 16-year wait ends

Boston Celtics won a record 18th NBA Championship on Monday night, beating Dallas Mavericks in Game 5 to clinch the 7-game series 4-1.

Most NBA titles (top 5)

Boston Celtics	18
LA Lakers	17
GS Warriors	7
Chicago Bulls	6
SA Spurs	5

MAN CITY OPEN TITLE DEFENCE AT CHELSEA; GUNNERS BEGIN AGAINST WOLVES

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LONDON: Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola will come up against a familiar face in his team's opening match of their Premier League title defence.

City will start the season away at Chelsea, whose new manager is Enzo Maresca — an assistant to Guardiola at City in the 2022-23 season. It's part of a tough start for City, who also hosts Arsenal and visit Newcastle away in the opening six games as they begin their bid for a record-extending fifth straight English top-flight title.

The season will kick off on Aug. 16 when Manchester United host Fulham.

New Liverpool manager Arne Slot will travel to promoted Ipswich for his first game in charge in the early kickoff the following day.

Maresca left Leicester after leading the team back into the Premier League after just one season in the Championship, and his former club — which has yet to name a replacement for the coach — will host Tottenham in the Monday night game in the opening round.

Southampton travel to Newcastle. The other opening weekend fixtures will see Arsenal host Wolves and Bournemouth head to Nottingham Forest on the Saturday, while Brentford face Crystal Palace on the Sunday.

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED

KUMARI ANSHIKA

General public is here by informed that one girl **Namely:** Kumari Anshika, **D/o** Bhadue Ram, **R/o** P-34/B Shankar Vihar, New Delhi, **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 17 Years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Pink Colour Kurta and Black Jeans Pant and White Shoes in her feet, has been kidnapped from her house since 13.06.2024. In this regard a **FIR No. 102/2024, U/s 363 IPC, Dated 14.06.2024** has been registered at P.S. Vasant Vihar, New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this kidnapped girl kindly inform to the following.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Website : http://cbi.nic.in
Fax : 011-24368639
Ph : 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO
P.S.: Vasant Vihar, New Delhi
Ph. 7065036221, 011-26152577

DP/7444/SW/2024

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PR 326752 Jharkhand Silk Textile Handicraft Dev. Co. Ltd.(JHARCRAFT)(24-25)#D

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

JAI KALI

General Public is hereby informed that one female **Namely:** Jai Kali **W/o:** Bhagelu **R/o:** H.No. 847, L-Block, Mangolpuri, Delhi **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 80 Year, **Height:** 4'10" **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Long **Wearing:** Light Red color saree has been missing since 25.05.2024 from H.No. 847, L-Block, Mangolpuri, Delhi from the Jurisdiction of Police Station Mangolpuri, Delhi. In this regard **DD No. 0085A Date: 09.06.2024** has been registered at **P.S.: Mangolpuri, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the Missing female but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this Missing female. Please inform to the following.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639

SHO
P.S.: Mangolpuri
Outer District, Delhi
Phone: 7065036122, 9013247821

DP/7574/OD/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Rohit @ Lal Bahadur Kumar, S/o:** Sh. Damodar Ram, **R/o:** H. No.-990, Veer Singh House, Village, Rithala, Delhi 2nd Address : Bidhupur, PS Bidhupur, Distt.-Vaishali Patna, Bihar, 3rd Address : H. No. 908, Veer Singh Gard Rithala, Avantika, Sec-7 Rohini, Delhi, 4th Address - H.No. 990 Gali No. 5, Rithala, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 1285/2016, U/s 323/509 IPC & 8 POCSO Act, P.S.: Vijay Vihar, New Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Rohit @ Lal Bahadur Kumar** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Rohit @ Lal Bahadur Kumar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Rohit @ Lal Bahadur Kumar** accused of **FIR No. 1285/2016, U/s 323/509 IPC & 8 POCSO Act, P.S.: Vijay Vihar, New Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **26.07.2024**.

By Order
Sh. Virender Singh
Additional Session Judge (FTSC) (POCSO)
Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/7485/RD/2024
(Court Matter)

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Procurement Tender Notice No- JHS/DYCMM/2024-25/17 Date . 15.06.2024

E-Tender Notice

On behalf of the President of India ,The Dy Chief Material Manager, General Store Depot, Jhansi are invite the following E procurement tender :-

S.N.	Tender No.	Tender Opening Date	EMD
1	51245191A	12.07.2024	₹114270

Description	Qty.
Inverter based Air Plasma cutting machine capacity - 25mm thick plate cutting as per specification.	10 Nos.
Inverter based Air Plasma cutting machine capacity - 25mm thick plate cutting as per specification.	08 Nos.
Post warranty annual maintenance contract for Inverter based Air Plasma cutting machine capacity - 25mm thick plate cutting. CAMC for a period of 5 Years after warranty of 2 Years	18 Nos.

Note: 1. The Complete information of above E-Procurement Tender are available on IREPS website i.e. **http://www.ireps.gov.in 2.** Bids other than in the form of E bids shall not be accepted against above tenders for this purpose venders are required to get themselves registered with IREPS Website along with class III digital signature certificate issued by CCA under IT act 2000. **3.** Rules entered into financial rate page and duly singed digitally signature shall only be considered rates and any other financial entry in any other form/letter had if attached by vender shall be original straight way ignore and shall not be considered. **1046/24 (AN)**

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @northcentralrailway @ CPRONCR

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that this Person **Named:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** Around 30-35 years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5'3", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** upper side without clothes and inner dark Red color shorts, **Place of Recovery**: Found dead at footpath PPG road near Railways Fatak Mandawali, Delhi on 16.06.2024.

In this regard **DD No. 25A, U/s 174 CrPC, Dated: 16.06.2024**, has been registered at P.S.: Mandawali, Distt.-East, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. If any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S. Mandawali, Distt.-East
Delhi
Ph. : 9968115770, 8750508051

DP/7553/ED/2024

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office: PSEB H.O. Building, The Mall, Patiala
Corporate Identification Number (CIN): U40109PB2010SGC033813
Contact No. 96461-18773

TENDER ENQUIRY No.: QQ- 2351/PO-P

Chief Purchase Officer/MM, Central Purchase Organization, PSPCL, 2nd floor, Multistory Building, The Mall, Patiala, invites E-Tender for Procurement of 52,000 Nos. Male-Female contact sets for 11KV, 400 Amps GO switches as per PSPCL specification QQ-2351/PSPCL/PO-P. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 18.06.2024 onwards.

NOTE: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

C323/24 34655

Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited

(CIN: U85310UP2018SGC102425) (A Government of U.P. Undertaking)
Address: SUDA Bhawan, 7/23, Sector-7, Gomti Nagar Extension, Lucknow

TENDER NOTICE INVITATION Dated: 14.06.2024

Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited, Lucknow invites tenders on GeM Portal from eligible and qualified Manufacturer/Importer/ Authorized Agent for supply of **following Medical Equipments**. The schedules of Tendering activities are as here under:

Sr. No.	Tender Ref. No. & Date	Items Name	Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	Last Date & Submission of Online Bids	Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bids
01	GEM/2024/B/ 5051553 Dated: 14-06-2024	Micro PCB MTB Test Kit (PAC Only)		24/06/2024 upto 15:00 PM	24/06/2024 at 15:30 PM
02	GEM/2024/B/ 5051956 Dated: 14-06-2024	Micro PCB MTB RIF Dx Test Kit (PAC Only)		24/06/2024 upto 17:00 PM	24/06/2024 at 17:30 PM

The details of tender notice are given on GeM Portal & UPMSCL website **www.upmsc.in.** Kindly check GeM Portal & UPMSCL website for any detail & updates.

Managing Director, UPMSCL
Department of Medical Health & Family Welfare, Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Ltd.

(A Government of Uttar Pradesh Undertaking)

Tender Notice

Tender Ref. No: UPMSCL/Drugs-215/05 Dated: 14 June, 2024

e-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF DRUGS

Online tenders are invited from licensed manufacturers for supply of drugs to UPMSCL. The details of tender, list of items and Tender Documents are made available on website **https://etender.up.nic.in** and **www.upmsc.in**. The last date/time of online submission of the tender documents is **29 June, 2024** upto **15:00 Hrs.**

Managing Director
UPMSCL, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
Department of Medical Health & Family Welfare, U.P.

राजस्थान सरकार
कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग वृत खैरथल
जिला खैरथल-तिजारा

NIT No. 02/2024-25

Bids for Construction of Missing link Non Patchable road Under RJ-khairthal-03/ MLNP/2024-25 are invited from interested bidder from 12.06.2024 04.00 PM upto 01.07.2024 06.00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (**http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** and **http://sppp.raj.nic.in** of the state and **http://pwd.rajasthan.gov.in** departmental website. The approximate value of the procurements is 243.45/- Lacs.

UBN No.:
PWD2425WSOB00637

Superintending Engineer
PWD Circle Khairthal

Dipr/c/4302/2024

Online Tender Document for M.P. Police

POLICE HEADQUARTER, M.P., BHOPAL

No. PHQ/15/GPC/3155-1/2024 Bhopal, Dated : 10.06.2024

"ONLINE TENDER NOTICE"

Online tender are invited by Police Head Quarter, Bhopal on website **https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

Multifunction Printer and Colour Printer For Police units

S. N o.	Item	Qty.	EMD Paid Online Through mptenders.gov.in	Tender Fees (Rs.)
1	Multifunction Printer/Photo Copier	50 Nos.	1,35,000/-	3,000/-
2	Colour Printer	50 Nos.	75,000/-	3,000/-
		Total-	2,10,000/-	6,000/-

1. Cost of tender document (Tender Fee) is non-refundable and cannot be exempted in any condition & **must submit online through website https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**.
2. Tender document can be download from the website of MP Police **(www.mppolice.gov.in)**.
3. Bids shall be submitted online only at MP Tenders website : **https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**
4. **Critical Date Sheet :**

Published Date	10/06/2024 Time 19:00 PM
Bid Document Download Start Date	11/06/2024 Time 12:00 PM
Pre Bid Meeting Date	18/06/2024 Time 12:00 PM
Bid Submission Start Date	24/06/2024 Time 12:00 AM
Bid Submission End Date	01/07/2024 Time 14:00 PM
Bid Opening Date	02/07/2024 Time 16:00 PM

5. Intending Bidders are advised to visit this website regularly till clossing date of submission to keep themselves updated as any change/modification in the tender will be intimated through this website only by corrigendum/ addendum/ amendment.
6. Bids will be opened as per date/time as mentioned in the Tender Critical Date Sheet. After online opening of Technical-Bid the results of their qualification as well Price-Bid opening will be intimated latter.

(Sandeep Dixit)
A.I.G. (Provisioning)
For : Director General of Police M.P.

G-11915/24

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas a complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Sonu Singh S/o Nathu Singh** R/o H.No.34 gali No.4, Dichaon Enclave near Dichaon Depot Najafgarh New Delhi. have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under **FIR No. 111/19 U/s 379/411 IPC.,** has been registered at **P.S. Ranhola, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said, Sonu Singh cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, Sonu Singh has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Sonu Singh of FIR No. 111/19 U/s 379/411 IPC., registered at PS. Ranhola, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **25.07.2024.**

By Order
Sh. Ankit Karan Singh, MM-08,
Room No.30, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/7376/OD/2024

Government of Maharashtra
Public Works Division, Udgir
website: www.mahapwd.gov.in
Email ID - udgir.ee@mahapwd.gov.in

E-Tender B-1 Notice No.UDR/01/2024-25 (online)

Online **B-1** tenders are invited by Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Udgir from the eligible contractors. Tender Documents download from Web site of **http://mahatenders.gov.in**. Right to accept or reject tenders is reserved by Executive Engineer, Public Works Division Udgir.

Note:-

1. Details of Tender Documents Will be available on website **http://mahapwd.gov.in, http://mahatenders.gov.in**
2. Contractors are mandated to get enrolled on **http://mahatenders.gov.in**
3. For details contact - 24 x 7 Help Desk Toll Free No.1800 3070 2232 Mobile No. +91 7878107985/86 +91 7878007972/73 Email: **eproc.maharashtra@gmail.com**, **cppp-support@nic.in**
4. Right is reserved to reject any or all tenders without any reason thereof.
5. We are not responsible for any problem crop up during the Online E-tender process.
6. Above Tender Notice is also available on Web site of **http://mahapwd.gov.in**.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Public Works Division, Udgir

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

No. AGC-EL-C-T-EPC-01-2023-24 Date: 14.06.2024

E-Tender Notice

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Const.), North Central Railway, Agra for and behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on line only **(E-Tendering)** for the following works.

Name of work with its location: Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 220/2x25 kV & 132/2x25 kV Traction Sub-station along with SP/SSPs between Mathura-Dholpur- Antri-Bina section of North Central Railway in connection with raising of speed to 160 Kmph/200 Kmph.

Approx. cost of the work: Rs. 509,72,42,747.00/- **Bid Security:** 100,00,000.00/-

Completion Period: 720 Days from the date of issue of acceptance letter including monsoon period. **Tender closing date & time:** 05.08.2024 upto 15.30 hrs., **Validity of offer:** 180 days from the date of tender opening. Tenderers can only submit their offer through web portal **www.ireps.gov.in** up to **15:30 hrs on 05.08.2024.** For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in.**

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Gulshan, S/o:** Sh. Manan, **R/o:** Vegabond Patri, Jama Masjid, Near Machhaliwala Hospital, Jama Masjid, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 550/22, U/s 25/54/59 Arms Act, P.S.: Kotwali, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Gulshan** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Gulshan** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Gulshan** accused of case **FIR No. 550/22, U/s 25/54/59 Arms Act, P.S.: Kotwali, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **31.07.2024**.

By Order
Ms. Sayesha Chadha
Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No. 272, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/7371/N/2024
(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Smt. Lata Sharma, W/o Sh. Satinder Singh, R/o H.No. 8614, New Rohtak Road, Gaushala Road, Rattan Nagar, New Delhi-110005** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **CC No. 532370/2016, U/s 138 NI Act, P. S. Desh Bandhu Gupta Road, New Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Smt. Lata Sharma** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Smt. Lata Sharma** has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Smt. Lata Sharma** accused of **CC No. 532370/2016, U/s 138 NI Act, P. S. Desh Bandhu Gupta Road, New Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **26.07.2024 at 10:00 AM.**

By Order
Ms. Divya Gupta
Metropolitan Magistrate-05
Room No. 02, Annexe-I
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/7524/CD/2024

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No.: JHS-N-W-37-24 Date: 15.06.2024

E-TENDERING NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/ Jhansi, DRM's office, Jhansi, for and on behalf of President of India invite open Tender through on Line **(E-Tendering)** for the following works.

Approx Cost: Rs. 17766179.60 **Earnest Money:** Rs. 238800/-

Description of work: Upgradation of DRM conference room installed at 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).** **1049/24 (P)**

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प.सं. 503 **e-Tender Date Extension Notice-4** दि0: 17.06.2024

Due to unavoidable reasons, the dates of tenders invited against e-NIT No. 01/UJVNL/ DGM(Civil-Arakot-Tiuni-Plasu)/TP/2023-24, e-NIT No. 02/UJVNL/ DGM(Civil-Arakot-Tiuni-Plasu)/TP/2023-24, e-NIT No. 03/UJVNL/ DGM(Civil-Arakot-Tiuni-Plasu)/TP/2023-24 are hereby extended as follows:

Date of availability of bid document on website: 20.07.2024 from 17:00Hrs.

Last date for submission of bids on website:25.09.2024 at 16:00 Hrs

Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/ cancellation etc. may be obtained from e-procurement portal **http://uktenders.gov.in"**

Dy. General Manager (Civil)
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NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi for & on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender for the under noted work:

1.	Name of Work with its location	Provision of additional wire arrangement at Level Crossing Gates for preventing OHE breakdown caused by Barrier Boom breakage.
2.	Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 92,79,807.56/-
3.	Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 1,85,600/-
4.	E-Tender Bid Online Submission Period	01.07.2024 (00.00 Hrs.) to 15.07.2024 (15.00 Hrs.)
5.	E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time	15.07.2024 (15.00 Hrs.)
6.	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in

E-Tender No.: 01A-TRD-NDLS-2024-25 Dated 14.06.2024

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Tender Notice No. 3920242025 **E-Tender Notice** **Dated:** 14.06.2024

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/North Central Railway/ Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-TENDERS on prescribed form for the following work up to 13.30 hrs on 12.07.2024 The details of the Tender are as under:-

S. N.: 1	**Tender No:**97	**Approx Cost. (₹):**54,58,738.43
Name of Work: Construction of new gang rest room at iradatganj (IDGJ)station in NYN-MKP section under ADEN/NYN		
Bid security (₹): 1,09,200.00	**Completion Period:**08 Month	
Eligibility Criteria for similar work: Building works.		
S. N.: 2	**Tender No:**98	**Approx Cost. (₹):**60,00,000.00
Name of Work: Annual Maintenance of Horticulture zone work period ending 30-06-2025 in the section of Sr.DEN/I/PRYJ		
Bid security (₹): 1,20,000.00	**Completion Period:**12 Month	
Eligibility Criteria for similar work: Any Horticulture Work		

Date of Opening of tender (For S.N. 1 & 2): 12.07.2024 **Note: 1.** Tender on line can be submitted online up to **13.30** hrs. of tender opening date. **2.** The complete information alongwith tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in** up to **13:30** hrs. on due date of tender opening. **1053/24 (ADM)**

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North Central Zone Cultural Centre, Prayagraj under Ministry of Culture, Government of India

Advertisement for the post of Director, North Central Zone Cultural Centre (NCZCC), Prayagraj

Applications are invited **in duplicate** from eligible candidates for filling up of **one** post of **Director, North Central Zone Cultural Centre (NCZCC), Prayagraj**, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India. The NCZCC, Prayagraj is one of the seven Zonal Cultural Centres set up by the Government of India to promote folk, tribal arts and culture of different regions across the country.

The appointment will be on **deputation/short term contract** basis for a period of **3 years** which is extendable by 2 years depending upon the performance of the incumbent. The officers of the rank of **Director/Deputy Secretary** to the Government of India, cultural personalities (practicing artistes, scholars or experts in the field of art and culture with at least 10 years standing and experience) are eligible to apply.

The applications complete in all respect should reach the **Office of Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Raj Bhawan, Lucknow** within **45 days** from the date of publication of the advertisement in **Employment News/Rozgar Samachar**. The application forms and other details are available on the website of the Ministry of Culture: **www.indiaculture.nic.in** and **NCZCC: www.nczcc.in**

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is notified for the information of general public that regarding Commisining of third line between **HETAMPUR-DHOLPUR** Section, high speed trail test has to be conducted in this section on 19.06.24. Common public, vehicle drivers, farmers and the cattle grazers of this area are informed not to let their cattle come close to the railway track, to use ROB and RUB to cross the railway track and to take all necessary precautions. If any accident takes place on the rail line, railway administration will not be responsible.

Senior Divisional Safety Officer
Jhansi

1059/24 (D)

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पण्डित दीनदयाल उपाध्याय भवन, लालकोठी, जयपुर

क्रमांक :- ज.स.अ./2024/21 दिनांक :- 11/06/2024

ई-निविदा सूचना क्रमांक :- 04/2024-25

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PRESS NOTICE / E- Tender No. PCD-2886 (Civil)/2024

Online bids (e-tender) on Domestic Competitive Bidding (DCB) are invited on behalf of SJVN Ltd. for **"Installation of Dynamic/Flexible Rockfall Barrier/Arrestor at NJHPS Nathpa Dam, SJVN Limited"** For details, please visit websites **https://etender.sjvn.co.in, www.sjvn.nic.in, and www.eprocure.gov.in.** Last date for downloading of bid document is **09/07/2024 (12:00 Hrs.)** Last date for bid submission is **10/07/2024 (13:00 Hrs.)**.

Amendment(s), if any, shall be issued on above websites only.

Dy. General Manager, P&C deptt.
NJHPS, SJVN Ltd., Jhakri, Distt. Shimla (HP)-172201

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER PROJECT
PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, JODHPUR
Tel. 0291-2651700, E-mail: rj_cejod@nic.in

No. CE(P)/PHED/Ju/24-25/1231-1244 Date: 12.06.2024

Notice Inviting Bid (NIB No. 01/2024-25)

Bid for **Execution of Balance works related to "Coverage of 38 villages of RWSS MANAKLAO-DAIJAR-BANAR Constituency Luni, Osian & Bhopalgarh District JODHPUR viz. RCC CWR/OHSRs, P/L/J of Transmission mains, Cluster distribution system, Village distribution system and providing Functional Household Tap water Connections (FHTCs) including Geo-tagging complete job as per scope is specifications on Single Point Responsibility Basis Turnkey Lump sum contract including necessary Design and Operation & maintenance for 10 years (upto VTC) after 1 year defect liability period On the Risk & Cost under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) with estimated cost Rs. 41.34 Crore** is invited from interested bidder up to 1800 hrs, 08.07.2024. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (**http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**, **http://sppp.raj.nic.in**) of the state; and **http://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in** and **http://phedwater.rajasthan.gov.in**.

UBN: PHE2425WLOB01484

Sd/-
Chief Engineer Project
PHED Jodhpur

Dipr/c/4330/2024

Tender Notice Reference No.-21/PWSSB D-1/BTI DATE- 18.06.2024

The Department of PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD

On behalf of CEO, PWSSB, EE, Punjab W/s & Sewerage Divn No. 1 Bathinda invites online bids for the following works from the Eligible bidders as below:-

S. No.		Name of the work	App. Cost
1.	(A)	Prov. & laying RCC NP-3 S&S Pipe inside HDPE lining, UPVC pipe sewer, Const. of MPS, Pumping Machinery, Rising Main & all other works contingent thereto at Kot Shamir Distt. Bathinda (Under SBM-02) (As per DNIT)	935.19 Lakh
	(B)	Const. of 2 MLD Cap. STP cum 6 KLD FSTP at Kot Shamir Distt. Bathinda based on suitable Proven sustainable Biological technology on turnkey basis including O & M for 60 months atler stabilization period 3 months (Under SBM-02)	Lumpsum

8th Attempt

Closing date & Time	:	15.07.2024 Upto 1700 Hrs.
Pre Bid meeting (0/O SE PWSSC Bathinda)	:	27.06.2024 at 11.00 AM
Date of Opening of Technical Bid	:	16.07.2024 at 1100 Hrs.
For details log onto	:	**www.eproc.punjab.gov.in**

Note: Any corrigendum (s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer**
Pb. W/S & Sew Divn No. 1
Bathinda

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कार्यालय नगर निगम मुरादाबाद

पीली कोठी, जलकल कम्पाउण्ट, मुरादाबाद- 244001 (उ.प्र.)

ई-प्रक्योरमेन्ट निविदा सूचना

पत्रांकः 86/पी.ए.-2/मु.अभि./न.नि.मु./2024-25 दिनांक- 18.06.24

मुख्य अभियन्ता, नगर निगम मुरादाबाद की ओर से प्रतिशत दर पर सीएम-ग्रिड योजनान्तर्गत पात्र निविदादाताओं से निम्न पैकेज हेतु ऑनलाइन निविदायें http:etender.up.nic.in आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

क्र. सं.	नगर निगम	पैकेज सं.	अन्तर्निहित मार्ग	मार्ग की लम्बाई (km)	अनुमानित लागत जीएसटी रहित (रु. लाख में)		कार्य की सम्पूर्ण अनुमानित लागत (रु. लाख में)	निर्माण धरोहर धनराशि (लाख रु. में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि (माह में)	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य जी.एस.टी. सहित
					निर्माण	5 सालों का अनुरक्षण				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	मुरादाबाद	NNM/CMG- 01	चौधरी चरण सिंह से चिड़िया टोला (मझोला रोड)	1.5	2046.26	40.92	2087.18	31.30	15	11800/-

निविदा से सम्बन्धित नियम/शर्तें तथा विवरण http://etender.up.nic.in पर दिनांक 25.06.2024 से देखी जा सकती है।

समयरेखा

क्र. सं.	आयोजन	दिनांक/समय
1	ई-टेंडरिंग पोर्टल पर निविदा दस्तावेज की उपलब्धता	25.06.2024, 12:00 PM
2	प्री-बिड बैठक	05.07.2024, 3:00 PM @ 3rd Floor URIDA, Sector-7, Gomti Nagar Extension, Lucknow-226002
3	ई-टेंडरिंग पोर्टल पर निविदा दस्तावेज अपलोड करने की अन्तिम तिथि	24.07.2024, 03:00 PM
4	तकनीकी बिड खोले जाने की तिथि	25.07.2024, 04:00 PM

निविदा सूचना/आर.एफ.पी./एस.बी.डी. में किसी भी प्रकार का संशोधन/परिशिष्ट या अन्य सूचना ई-टेंडरिंग पोर्टल http://etender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध रहेगी।

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TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited from specialized firms for **"Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for split/ Window AC's, Fridge, Water cooler, etc.".** The Tender Notice and details of tender is available on Institute's Web-site www.nitrd.nic.in.

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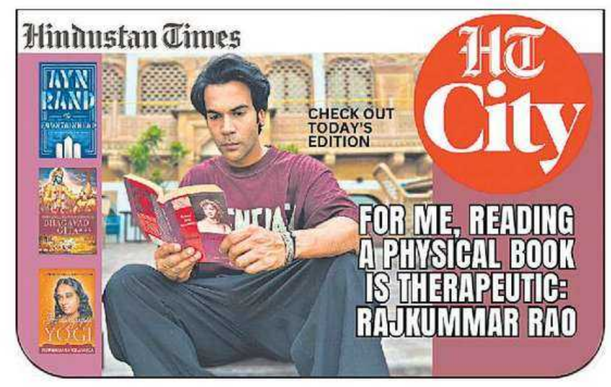

South East Central Railway

Tender Notice for Miscellaneous Works

Srl.No.(1) TENDER NOTICE No: CPM-EL 24-25/04 Date: 10.06.2024 (Open Tender (Two Packet System)

Name of Work: "RFP for (Design, supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 220/2x25kv Traction Sub-station along with SP/SSPs on existing Howrah-Maumbai Route in connection with UP-gradation work of Electric Traction System from 3x25 KV to 225 KV Traction System from Tilda (Excluding) to Bhilai Nagar (Excluding Durg) and Raipur-Lakhodi section of SECR to meet 4000 MT loading target on EPC mode.

Tender Value (In Rs) : ₹ 126,73,20,927/-, **EMD (In Rs.)** : ₹ 63,36,500/-, Cost of Tender Document: NIL, **Completion Period of work: 18 (Eighteen) Months, Date & Time of Tender Closing :** Up to 15:00 on 27-08-2024, **Date & Time of Tender opening:** 11:00 Hrs. on 04/08/2024. For further details related to tender document eligibility criteria and the complete details for the above work please contact office of the Chief Project Manager/Elect/S.E.C.R. 1st Floor, G.M. Building, Bilaspur, Pin: 495004 of refrer on our website **www.ireps.gov.in**

For, Chief Project Manager (Elect.)
S.E.C.Railway/Bilaspur

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SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW GOOD SHED

CPM / Gati Shakti Unit, South East Central Railway, Nagpur, acting for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the execution of below mentioned work:

Tender Notice No.: CPM-GSU-05-NGP-2024-25

Name of the Work: Construction of New Goods Shed including platform, approach road, track works at Rasmara Station of Nagpur Division.

Aprx. Tender Value: ₹ 28,98,18,720/-

Earnest Money: ₹ 15,99,100/-

Bidders will be able to submit their original / revised bids up to **15:00** Hrs on **03.07.2024** only.

Manual offers are not allowed against the Tenders and any such manual offer received shall be rejected. Details are available on our website: **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Dy. Chief Engineer - GSU,
South East Central Railway, Nagpur

PC/05/39

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LOOK OUT NOTICE

On 11.06.2024, one unidentified terrorist, suspected to be Pak based, was killed in an encounter in the village Saida Sohal, Tehsil Hiranagar, District Kathua. A case FIR No. 101/2024 U/S 307/120-B/121/121-A/122 IPC, 13/16/18/23 UA(P) Act, 7/27 A. Act is registered at P/S Hiranagar and investigation entrusted to SDPO Border Chadwal. The dead body of terrorist is currently kept in mortuary of SDH Hiranagar for identification. Despite extensive efforts to establish the identity of the deceased terrorist, his identity remains unknown.

As such, Look out Notice of terrorist is being submitted for publication in the leading News paper with the appeal that anybody having clue/ information about his identity may inform accordingly. The description of Roll and Photograph of slained terrorist is as under:-

DESCRIPTION ROLL

- Name : Unknown
- Parentage : Unknown
- Permanent Address : Unknown
- Age : About 24/25 24 years
- Height : 5' 7"
- Eyes : Nil
- Identification mark : Nil

PHOTOGRAPH

Any information related to the identity of slain terrorist be communicated on following telephone numbers/mail:-

1. DPO Kathua- 01922-234010 (Phone/Fax)
2. **dpokathua@jkpolice.gov.in** (Mail ID)
3. PCR Kathua- 01922-234311 (Phone/Fax)
4. Police Station Hiranagar – 01922274222.

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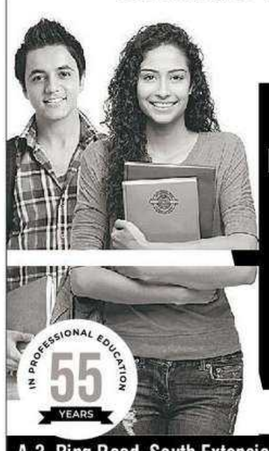

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, NO. JC-758707P EX NB SUB Shiri Ram Sharma S/o Ram Chander R/o D Y 1844, Gali no 8, Near Guga Mandir, West Ram Nagar, Sonipat, Haryana-131001, declare that I have changed my name from Shiri Ram Sharma to Shri Ram Sharma for all future purposes vide affidavit before Public Notary Delhi dt 18-06-2024.

I, SEWAK Ram Morwani / Ghanshyam Das s/o Govardhan Das Morwani r/o 118/182, Dwarika Vihar Flat no. S-5 Kaushalpuri Kanpur, UP, have changed my name to Ghanshyam Das Morwani for all purpose

I, MADHU Mehta, D/o Late Shri Harbans Lal R/o A-1/38-A, Ground Floor, Maa Shakti Apartments, Janta Flats, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi 110063 declare that in some documents my name is written as Madhu Mehta/ Sudan Madhu Harbans Lal and Madhu. All names pertain to the one and same person i.e. Madhu Mehta. My real name is Madhu Mehta and I should be known as Madhu Mehta for all my future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, TANUJ Kapur, S/o Narender Kapur, R/o A-102, Hindon Apartments, 25, Vasundhara Enclave, Delhi-110096, have changed the spelling of my name to Tanuuj Kapur for all future purposes through Affidavit vide Attested dated 11 June 2024.

I, ASHA Devi W/o Thakan Singh R/o Village Barhampura, Distt- Darbhanga, Bihar- 847422. That my actual name is Asha Devi in my all documents, but my name was mentioned in my LIC Policy Shubhkala Devi in my LIC policy Number 333253806 and So, that my correct name is Asha Devi for all future purposes.

I MEGHA Bhalla D/O, Chanderjeet Bhalla R/o A-160 Gopal Park Krishna Nagar East Delhi-110051 have changed my name to Himani .

I, MARVGESWARI M/o No-2619044W Hav Ponraj E R/o H. No-2/49, East St Vill- Kodaparai, PO-Ilaiyarasanendal, Taluk-Kovilpatti, Dist-Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu-627713, declare that I have changed my name from Marvgeswari to Murugeswari I for all future purposes vide affidavit before Public Notary Delhi dt 18-06-2024.

I, ROSY D/o Subhash Chander, R/o E-156, Ground Floor, Near DDA Nursery, East Of Kailash, South Delhi-65. have changed my name to Rosy Kalra.

I, DEEPAK Sharma S/o Sh. Virender Sharma R/o Vill Pyala, Teh Ballabgarh Distt Faridabad, Haryana have changed my name from Deepak to Deepak Sharma all future purpose.

I, MAHADIK Sachin Shanker R/o HNo. 78/ 2, Plot No-9, 4 Ranvi Apartment , Paud Road, Opp. Shubhechha Kary-alaya, Left Bhusari Colony, Kothrud, Pune City, Pune, ExServiceman Colony, Maharashtra-411038, declare that I have changed my name from Mahadik Sachin Shanker to Sachin Shankar Mahadik for all future purposes vide affidavit before Public Notary Delhi dt 18-06-2024.

I, SANTOSH Kumari Arora W/o Vijay Saini R/o J-2/121B, Top Floor, DDA Flats, Kalkaji, Opposite Alaknanda Market, South Delhi-110019 have changed my name to Neha Saini for all purposes.

I, ATUL Kumar Agarwal S/o Om Prakash Agarwal R/o Villa, 90 Green Heights A To Z, Builders & Developers, Agriculture, Meerut, U.P. has changed my name to Atul Kumar Agrawal for all future purposes.

I, CHANCHAL Madaan W/o Sandeep Aneja R/o 251/2D/1A, Street No - 5, Idgah Road, Bhola Nath Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi - 110032 have changed my name to Rashi Aneja for all purposes after my marriage with Mr. Sandeep Aneja.

I, TRIPTI Mittal D/o Rajeev Mittal R/o B-4/51 Sec 20 Rohini declare that name of my father and my mother has been wrongly written in my 10th and 12th marksheet as Rajiv Mittal and Archana Mittal the actual name of my father and my mother is Rajeev Mittal and Archna Mittal respectively for all further purposes

I SAURABHSHRESTHA Ramnath Jindal R/o 51A 1st Floor, Dayanand Vihar Karkardooma, P.O. Shakarpur, Dist East Delhi, Delhi 92 have changed my minor daughter s name from Naisha to Naisha Jindal.

I, ROHIT Jain S/o Lt. Shri Rajesh Kumar Jain R/o S-161, First Floor, School Block, Shakarpur, Delhi-92 have changed my name from Rohit Babu Jain to Rohit Jain for all future purposes.

I, SANJAY Singh Rana S/o Sh. S.S. Rana R/o D-83, Sector-56, Noida, Distt. Gautam Buddha Nagar,Uttar Pradesh -201301 have changed my name from Sanjay Rana to Sanjay Singh Rana for all future purposes. Both names Sanjay Rana to Sanjay Singh Rana, for one and same person.

I, RAJENDER Kumar S/o Dharma R/o H.No. 383/2, Baselva Colony, Faridabad,Haryana have changed my name from Rajender Das to Rajender Kumar for all future purposes.

LOST & FOUND

I, JYOTI Kalra W/o Shri Davinder Kalra R/o H.No.1111 Sector-15, Faridabad, Haryana-121007 have lost my original chain of sale deed for Plot No.B-307 Nehru Ground, Faridabad. Finder may contact on residence address.

FILE CONTAINING previous original Allotment letter RN/ N4/ 1604/1425 dt 14.12.2017 and Original Builder Buyer agreement between Omkar Nests Pvt Ltd and Mohd Mairaj Alwi dt 15.12.2017 pertaining to the property bearing No. Flat no. 1604 Tower N4 Royal Nest Techzone- 4 situated at Greater Noida, UP has been lost. Any person misusing the same would be liable to all risk and consequences. Finder may please contact Mohd Mairaj Alwi R/o 329 Niti Khand-II, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, UP-201014

LOST & FOUND

I, MRS. Vijay Jyoti Bakshi D/o.Kashmiri Lal Sharma R/o. Flat no. 16, DPS Staff Flats, Block-F, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110065 have lost my property original Sale Deed bearing Certificate no. IN-DL89892267309899S and property address 156-C, Pocket-F GTB Enclave, Nand Nagri, Delhi- 110093. Finder may contact on above address. Ph: 9911711477

I, ANU Singh W/o Mohit Pratap Singh R/o Flat No. C-706, Shakti CGHS Ltd., Plot No. - 18, Sector-5, Dwarka, New Delhi have lost my Original Allotment cum Possession Letter in the respect of Flat No. C-706, Shakti CGHS Ltd., Plot No. 18, Sector-5, Dwarka, New Delhi. Finder may please contact at above address

TENDER NOTICE

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा
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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
B-2/18, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi

It is hereby notified that my clients Mr. Mandeep Chhatwal, R/o C-7, 3rd Floor, Green Park Extension, New Delhi and Mr. Rajeev Verma, C-63, Basement, Defence Colony, New Delhi, entered into an Agreement to Sell with respect to the First Floor, Second Floor with Terrace Rights of B-2/18, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi (the said property) with Mr. Shashanka Ghosh and Mr. Mriganka Gosh and have also paid Advance Sale consideration for the same on 28.02.2024. The said Agreement is still valid and subsisting and pending for performance due to non-cooperation on the part of the above owners of the said property and my clients are in the process of taking all appropriate legal actions including civil and criminal as permissible.

Therefore general public is warned that no Person/ Bank/ Financial Institutions/ Organization/ Govt./ Semi Govt. Agency etc. may Deal/ Transact with the said property in any manner whatsoever by way of sale, mortgage, gift or transfer or power of attorney, lease etc. failing which the same shall not be binding on my clients and shall be subject to prior, valid subsisting rights of my clients and shall not bind my clients in any manner.

Mayank Bansal (Advocate)
Chamber No.269, Civil Wings, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

"Be it known to all that my Client had agreed to purchase Entire Freehold Built Up property bearing No. D-73, situated at Anand Niketan, New Delhi-110021, alongwith the ownership rights in the plot of land measuring 259.90 Sq. Yds., from its owner namely **SHRI ATUL SETHI** S/o late Shri Krishen Kumar Sethi (**say OWNER**), free from all sorts of encumbrances, charges, liens, mortgages etc. (registered or un-registered). The Owner had represented to have acquired the said property from his mother Mrs. Ajit Sethi, under her last Will and Testament dated 07.01.1999 and being her only legal heir as per provision of the Hindu Succession Act, 1956.

The Owner had represented that the original Perpetual Sub-Lease Deed dated 31.05.1968 executed between M/s Anand Niketan Co-operative Housing Society Ltd. and Smt. Labh Devi is reported as missing for which necessary information has already been lodged with the Crime Branch Delhi Bearing LR No. 1636924/2024.

Further any other person(s)/ Institution/ Government authorities, having any sort of right, claim, title or interest of any kind whatsoever in the said property under and by virtue of any deed(s), document(s) or under inheritance, succession or otherwise are required to put forth his/ its claim with the undersigned, within 14 days of publication of this notice, failing which, it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all sorts of encumbrances, charges, lien etc. and my client shall proceed to complete the transaction, free from all encumbrances whatsoever, in terms of the already agreed arrangement/ agreement as bonafide purchaser and no claim of whatsoever nature shall be entertained thereafter.

NARESH GUPTA (Advocate)
C-75, Greater Kailash Part-I, New Delhi-110048. Tel. 29235175, 40568077

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPERTY BEARING NO. R-4, SITUATED AT GREEN PARK (MAIN), NEW DELHI, MEASURING 413 SQ. YDS.

"Be it known to all that my client has entered into agreement for Purchase the Entire Freehold Built-up Property Bearing No. R-4, situated at Green Park (Main), New Delhi, alongwith the land underneath measuring 413 sq. Yds., [say '**said property**'] from (1) **Shri Tirath Ram Kenth** and (2) **Shri Hreesh Kenth**, both sons of Late Shri Sohan Lal [say `owners'] who have represented themselves to be absolute and exclusive owners of the said property and have further represented that the said property is free from all sorts of encumbrances (registered or un-registered) including but not limited to prior sale, gift, mortgage, charge, lien, claims, disputes etc.

The owners have represented that the previous original sale deed duly registered as Document No. 2937, in Addl. Book No. I, Volume No. 295, on Pages 20 to 22, on 30.08.1956, with Sub-Registrar-III, New Delhi, [duly executed by M/s Urban Improvement Housing & Construction Company Private Limited] in favour of Shri Partap Singh S/o Sardar Kala Singh, is missing and an fir with station House Officer, Crime Branch, Delhi, to above effect has also been lodged by the owners, vide LR No: 1788441/2024, dated 04.06.2024.

Any other person(s) having any claim against, into or upon the said property or any part thereof by virtue of sale, inheritance, agreement, contract, mortgage, lien, charge etc., on the basis of the aforesaid misplaced/ lost document, or otherwise howsoever and of whatsoever nature is hereby required to notify the same in writing along with supporting documentary evidence to the undersigned within 15 (fifteen) days, from the date of publication of this notice, failing which my client shall conclude the sale and any claim and/or objection if any shall be considered as waived and abandoned and shall not be binding upon my client.

AMIT GUPTA (Advocate)
C-13, Pamposh Enclave, New Delhi-110048. Tel. 26284741, 26284569

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the general public that the proposed residential colony under the New Integrated Licensing Policy - 2022 on the land measuring 31.28125 acres falling in the revenue estate of village Naurangpur, Sector-80 of Gurugram - Manesar Urban Complex District Gurugram (Haryana) being developed by M/s Karma Lakelands Private Limited in collaboration with Sobha Limited has been accorded the Environmental Clearance from the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Haryana vide EC Identification No.- EC23B3813HR5440061N dated 07.06.2024. The copy of the environmental clearance can be seen on the website of SEIAA, Haryana (**http://environmentalclearance.nic.in**)

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NIT No. 01/2024/Tender/G/CE(B)/ BHOPAL, DATE : 10.06.2024

Online bids for the following works are invited from registered contractors and firms of repute fulfilling registration criteria :

S. No.	Tender Portal No.	Name of work	District	Probable Amount Contract (Rs. in lakh)	Eranest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)	Cost of Bid Docu-ment (in Rs.)	Period of Completion (in months i/c Rainy Season)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	2024_ PWPIU_ 350984_1	SUPERVISION AND QUALITY CONTROL CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR CONSTRU-CTION/UPGRADATION FOR DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS IN DISTRICT-BHOPAL, PWD, (BUILDING) Madhya Pradesh. IN THE YEAR OF 2023- 24 IN MPPWD (BUILDING) BHOPAL. (SECOND CALL)	BHOPAL	7718.00	154360	15000	24 Months i/c Rainy Season
2	2024_ PWPIU_ 351089_1	CONSTRUCTION OF CM RISE GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL MODEL - 1.5, POLAKHAL, DEWAS (M.P.)	DEWAS	2390.64	1195320	50000	18 Months i/c Rainy Season
3	2024_ PWPIU_ 350188_1	CONSTRUCTION OF DOULE STORY BARRACK (40 MALE PRISIONERS BUILDING) AT HARDA FOR JAIL DEPARTMENT IN M.P.	HARDA	119.61	119610	12500	12 Months i/c Rainy Season
4	2024_ PWPIU_ 350135_1	SUPERVISION AND QUALITY CONTROL CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTION UPGRADATION FOR DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS IN DISTRICT NARMADAPURAM PWD PIU MADHYA PRADESH (SECOND CALL)	NARMADA PURAM	7504.00	150000	15000	24 Months i/c Rainy Season
5	2024_ PWPIU_ 350453_1	ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN & DPR CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS BUILDINGS WORKS IN THE YEAR OF 2024-25 UNDER PWD (BUILDING) DIVISION NARMADAPURAM (SECOND CALL)	NARMADA PURAM	10000.00	200000	15000	12 Months i/c Rainy Season
6	2024_ PWPIU_ 350231_1	CONSTRUCTION WORKS OF ROAD A.B. ROAD TO NEW LAW COLLEGE BUILDING AT SHAJAPUR DISTRICT SHAJAPUR	SHAJAPUR	59.16	59160	10000	06 Months i/c Rainy Season
7	2024_ PWPIU_ 349986_1	CONSTRUCTION 06 TRADE I.T.I. BUILDING (ITI COLLEGE, 60 SEATED GIRLS & BOYS HOSTEL, F TYPE 1 NOS, H TYPE TWIN CONFIGURATION 2 NOS, I TYPE MULTI STOREY 4 NOS WITH CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT AT MOMAN BARODIYA SHAJAPUR	SHAJAPUR	1009.44	1000000	30000	18 Months i/c Rainy Season
8	2024_ PWPIU_ 350573_1	ZONAL TENDER FOR SMALL CONSTRUCTION WORK, BALANCE WORK AND P.G. REPAIRING WORK UNDER DISTRICT SHAJAPUR	SHAJAPUR	50.00	50000	5000	12 Months i/c Rainy Season
9	2024_ PWPIU_ 351036_1	CONSTRUCTION OF CYCLE STAND SHADE BOUNDRY WALL AND ENTRANCE GATE AT GOVERNMENT COLLEGE POLAYKALA DIST SHAJAPUR IN M.P	SHAJAPUR	47.75	50000	5000	06 Months i/c Rainy Season
10	2024_ PWPIU_ 351079_1	ZONAL TENDER FOR SMALL CONSTRUCTION WORK, BALANCE WORK AND P.G. REPAIRING WORK UNDER DISTRICT-VIDISHA	VIDISHA	105.22	105220	12500	12 Months i/c Rainy Season
11	2024_ PWPIU_ 351084_1	ZONAL TENDER FOR SMALL CONSTRUCTION WORK, BALANCE WORK AND P.G. REPAIRING WORK UNDER DISTRICT-VIDISHA	VIDISHA	110.21	110210	12500	12 Months i/c Rainy Season

1. All details relating to the Bid Document (s) can be viewed and downloaded free of cost from the website **http://mptenders.gov.in**
2. Bid Document (s) can be purchased after making online payment of portal fees through Credit/Debit/ Cash Card/ Internet Banking.
3. The Bid Document(s) can be purchased only online from **10:30 (time) 10.06.2024 (date) to 17:30 (time) 25.06.2024 (date)**. Other key dates may be seen in Bid Data Sheet.
4. Amendment (s) to NIT, if any, shall be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

G-11984/24

CHIEF ENGINEER (BUILDING)
PWD BHOPAL M.P.

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. NO	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./ AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ EMAIL
1	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SIRSA	CONSTRUCTION WORK ETC. AT SHREE ARORVANSH SEWA SADAN, PARSHURAM CHOWK, HISAR ROAD SIRSA. + 4 WORKS	14.06.2024 20.06.2024	1.30 CRORES	https:// etenders. hry.nic.in	9466676699 secymc. sirsa@gmail. com

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क्रमांक/एन.एच.एम./स्टोर/2024/19383 **ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना** भोपाल, दिनांक : 14.06.2024

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1	Request for Proposal for Selection of an Agency for the Establishment, Operation, and Management of Diagnostic Services for Breast Imaging with Radiology Information System (RIS) for 04(four) Clusters- Cluster 1: Indore, Khandwa and Ratlam, Cluster 2: Bhopal, Raisen and Ujjain, Cluster 3: Gwalior, Shivpuri and Sagar, Cluster 4: Rewa, Shahdol, Jabalpur and Chhindwara Districts of Madhya Pradesh for National Health Mission, Madhya Pradesh	19.06.2024	27.06.2024	05.07.2024	10.07.2024	11.07.2024

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Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No	Availability of tender On-line for bidding: From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender: Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda	CCERWCSBD - Online - 01/2024-25	24.06.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	15.07.2024 up to 5.00 P.M.	12.07.2024 up to 2.00 P.M.	16.07.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated separately

5. The details of works can be seen from the web site https://www.pmgsytenders.gov.in for PM-JANMAN & PMGSY works. 3. Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be displayed in the above e-tender web sites.

Chief Engineer,
Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda

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1	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL PALWAL	CONSTRUCTION OF IPB ROAD FROM PALWAL TO MEGHPUR WARD 27 MC PALWAL + 5 WORKS	14.06.2024 08.07.2024	8.41 CRORES	https:// etenders. hry.nic.in	9416410674 secymc.palwal@ gmail.com
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3	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL PALWAL	ESTIMATE FOR DESILTING AND DISPOSAL OF SILT OF VARIOUS STROM WATER OPEN DRAINS WITHIN MC LIMIT MC PALWAL	12.06.2024 27.06.2024	23.79 LACS	https:// etenders. hry.nic.in	9416410674 secymc.palwal@ gmail.com

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RO NO 13/2025/60/26868/I/19/7

TENUGHAT VIDYUT NIGAM LIMITED

तेनुघाट विद्युत निगम लिमिटेड
(A GOVT. OF JHARKHAND UNDERTAKING)
CIN U40101JH1987SGC013153
HINOO, DORANDA, RANCHI-834002, JHARKHAND ,(TEL: 0651-6900252, Fax 0651-2253841)

Letter No: 262/2024-25 **e-TENDER NOTICE** **Date:14/06/2024**

Online tender in two parts (Part-I Technical & Commercial Bid and Part-II price Bid to be submitted in TVNL Website Only) are invited on behalf of TENUGHAT VIDYUT NI GAM LIMITED, Ranchi from reputed, experienced and financially sound firms for under mentioned work at TTPS, Lalpania.

Sl. No.	NIT NO. /Rfx.No.	Description	Last date & Time of purchase of Tender paper	Last date & Time of Bid Submission	Due date& Time of opening of Part-I
01.	NIT No. 04/BMD/P/ TVNL/RAN/ 2024-25 Rfx No.1000009551	Procurement of Spares for APHs; TYPE: 27 VIM 1850 for unit # I&II.	9th July, 2024 up to 12:00 Hrs	10th July , 2024 up to 14:00 Hrs	10th July, 2024 at 16:00 Hrs

Bid documents are to be submitted online through SAP-SRM, TVNL website webdispatcher.tvnl.in/srmprd up to last date and time of bid submission. The tender documents can be downloaded from our website www.tvnl.in

Sd/-
(R. Ranjan)
ESE(C&M)

PR 326760 Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Ltd.(24-25).D

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER 7th CIRCLE

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DALHOUSIE (H.P.).
UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA

Address of Employer : Chief Engineer, Kangra Zone, H.P.P.W.D, Dharamshala-176215.
Email id : hp-kan1@nic.in

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

The Superintending Engineer, 7th Circle, HPPWD, Dalhousie on behalf of Governor Himachal Pradesh invites the **item rate** bids in electronic tendering system for construction of road under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana of 2018-19 in the District Chamba as detailed in the Table below from the eligible contractors registered with HPPWD/CPWD/P&T, Railways/other State Govts./Central Govt. Agencies. Non-registered bidders may submit bids, however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.

Sr. No.	District	Package No.	Name of the Road	Period of Completion (Months)	Estimated Cost including GST (Rs. Lakh): Construction	Maintenance	Total Cost including GST (Rs. Lakh)	Bid Security (Rs. lakh)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Chamba	HP-02-338	Construction of Balance work of Link road to village Daroga Km 0/0 to 4/500 (SH:- Balance work of metalling/tarring work, Crash Barrier, drain & sign board) under PMGSY (Batch-II 2018-19), Package No. HP-02-338.	2	46.20	29.83	76.03	1.52

Other details can be seen in the bidding document. The Employer shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

Last Date/Time and place for receipt of bids through e-procurement:-

Bids can be submitted online from date **19 Month 06 Year 2024** to date **29 Month 06 Year 2024 upto 1100 Hours** and will be opened on date **29 Month 06 Year 2024 at 1130 Hours** in the office of undersigned.

For further details please log on to **https://pmgsytendershp.gov.in**

The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the bids without declaring any reasons thereof.

Superintending Engineer
7th Circle, HPPWD
Dalhousie

DPR HP-0230

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. NO	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	PWD B&R HISAR	CONST. OF SPORTS GROUND AND BEAUTIFICATION BY LANDSCAPING AND OTHER WORKS IN DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR GOVT COLLEGE AT DABWALI IN DISTT. SIRSA (REPLACEMENT OF CCTV CAMERAS ONLY)	13.06.2024 26.06.2024	12.56 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	01662225651 pwd-eeed-hissar@hry.nic.in
2	DIRECTOR GENERAL SUPPLIES AND DISPOSALS HARYANA	PURCHASE OF ISI MARKED BLEACHING POWDER	15.06.2024 15.07.2024		https://etenders. hry.nic.in	0172-2570121 supplies@hry.nic.in
3	DIRECTOR GENERAL SUPPLIES AND DISPOSALS HARYANA	PURCHASE OF ISI MARKED POLY ALUMINIUM CHLORIDE IN POWDER FORM	15.06.2024 15.07.2024		https://etenders. hry.nic.in	0172-2570121 supplies@hry.nic.in
4	PANCHAYATI RAJ BHIWANI	CONSTRUCTION OF C.CONC. FIRNI WITH IPB AT VILLAGE - PREM NAGAR, BHOCK AND DISTRICT - BHIWANI + 8 WORKS	11.06.2024 28.06.2024	1082.6 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	01664243927 prexeeng.bhw@hry.nic.in
5	PANCHAYATI RAJ BHIWANI	CONST OF FIRNI WITH IPB IN VILLAGE- NAKIPUR, BLOCK- LOHARU, SCHEME- HRDF + 2 WORKS	08.06.2024 28.06.2024	300.36 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	01664243927 prexeeng.bhw@hry.nic.in
6	PANCHAYATI RAJ BHIWANI	648 CONST. OF PHIRNI AT VILLAGE DHANI RIWASA BLOCK TOSHAM DISTT. BHIWANI + 26 WORKS	08.06.2024 24.06.2024	1883.27 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	01664243927 prexeeng.bhw@hry.nic.in
7	PANCHAYATI RAJ BHIWANI	CM CONST. OF LADO PARK AT VILLAGE DULHERI BLOCK TOSHAM DISTT BHIWANI + 1 WORKS	11.06.2024 21.06.2024	72.14 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	01664243927 prexeeng.bhw@hry.nic.in
8	PANCHAYATI RAJ BHIWANI	CONST. OF COMMUNITY CENTER AT VILLAGE KHARAK KALAN BLOCK AND DISTT BHIWANI	10.06.2024 20.06.2024	61.59 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	01664243927 prexeeng.bhw@hry.nic.in
9	PANCHAYATI RAJ KARNAL	ROUGH COST OF CONST OF RASTA DRY BRICK ON EDGE FORM SHER SINGH NUMBARDAR AT VILLAGE RUKSHANA BLOCK ASSAANDH SCHEME CM ANNOUNCEMENT + 7 WORKS	14.06.2024 20.06.2024	82.95 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	9813805200 prexeeng.krl@hry.nic.in
10	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA KARNAL	CONSULTANCY SERVICE FOR CONDUCTING TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY OF THE AREA, GEO TECHNICAL INVESTIGATION, PREPARATION OF GAD & FIXING OF SUITABLE ALIGNMENT OF BRIDGES WITH REFERENCE TO EXISTING HEAD REGULATOR STRUCTURES AND AVAILABLE GOVT. LAND, DETAILED PROJECT, DETAILED DESIGNING, WORKING DRAWING, DETAILED ESTIMATE AND BOQ AS PER NEW HSR 2021 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF V.R. BRIDGE AT RD. 33.983 KM ON AUGMENTATION CANAL	14.06.2024 24.06.2024		https:// etenders.hry. nic.in	01842258008 xeninddivn@yahoo.co.in
11	PANCHAYATI RAJ KAITHAL	LAMBA KHEDI, CONST OF ILPB STREET FROM SAJUMA ROAD TO KURAR ROAD VILL LAMBA KHERI + 21 WORKS	13.06.2024 27.06.2024	562.71 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	01746234748 prexeeng.Ktl@hry.nic.in
12	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA NARWANA	REPLACEMENT/RENOVATION OF 03 NOS. OF V.T. PUMPS OF 20 CS. CAPACITY PUMPING SETS WITH ALLIED ACCESSORIES IN BWS MECH. SUB DIVISION, NARWANA	15.06.2024 05.07.2024	110.16 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	9660864175 xen-wsnrw.irr@gov.in
13	PANCHAYATI RAJ HISAR	INSTALLATION OF LED STREET LIGHTS ON PHIRNI OF VILLAGES DHANI MOHABATPUR, KOHLI, MODA KHERA, MOHABATPUR, KHAIRAMPUR BLOCK ADAMPUR + 8 WORKS	14.06.2024 04.07.2024	435.15 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	9466629211 prexeeng.hsr@hry.nic.in
14	PANCHAYATI RAJ HISAR	MAMANPURA, HANSI1, LAYING OF HDPE PIPE LINE FROM MAMANPURA POND TO DEPAL POND + 6 WORKS	14.06.2024 05.07.2024	347.82 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	9466629211 prexeeng.hsr@hry.nic.in
15	PANCHAYATI RAJ HISAR	RAWALWAS KHURD, HISAR 2 - CONST. OF GAD + 5 WORKS	14.06.2024 04.07.2024	263.78 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	9466629211 prexeeng.hsr@hry.nic.in
16	ZILA PARISHAD KARNAL	DEVELOPMENT OF POND NEAR RAVI DAS MANDIR AT VILLAGE JARAULI, BLOCK KUNJPURA, DISTT KARNAL(ZP)	14.06.2024 21.06.2024	31.90 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	0184-2983072 xenzpkarnal@gmail.com
17	PANCHAYATI RAJ PUNDRI KAITHAL	CONST. OF COW GHAT ON CHOCHRA ROAD (BAKAL) + 5 WORKS	14.06.2024 20.06.2024	36.38 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	8398020009 sdoprpundri@gmail.com
18	PANCHAYATI RAJ AMBALA	VANGY CONST. OF HALL ROOM NEAR RAVIDASS MANDIR FOR RAMDASSIA COMMUNITY VILLAGE DHEEN BLOCK BARARA	14.06.2024 26.06.2024	15.76 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	0171-2551368 prexeeng.amb@hry.nic.in
19	PANCHAYATI RAJ AMBALA	SDA CONST. OF B/WALL OF SAINI SABHA MULLANA AT VILL. MULLANA, IPB STREET FROM MAIN PHIRNI TO H/O DHARAMVEER SAINI AT VILL. SALEHPUR, CONST. OF B/WALL, IPB FLOORING IN SAINI CHOUPAL AT VILL. SULKHANI BLOCK BARARA + 4 WORKS	14.06.2024 26.06.2024	95.94 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	0171-2551368 prexeeng.amb@hry.nic.in
20	PANCHAYATI RAJ AMBALA	VANGY CONST. OF IRON SHED IN COMMUNITY HALL AND IRON SHED IN COMMUNITY HALL AT VILLAGE KULLARPUR AND I/L STREET FROM H/O DALIP NAMDEV TO H/O RAJ KISHOR, FROM H/O DALIP SINGH TO POLICE CHOWKI AT VILL. KALA AMB BLOCK NARAINGARH + 3 WORKS	14.06.2024 26.06.2024	38.05 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	0171-2551368 prexeeng.amb@hry.nic.in
21	PANCHAYATI RAJ AMBALA	VANGY CONST. OF SITTING SHED AND LYING OF I/L IN CREMATION GROUND AT VILL. BICOMPUR AND CONST. OF INDOOR GYM AT VILL. RAJOULI AND CONST. OF HALL AT VILL. DADUPUR BLOCK BARARA + 2 WORKS	14.06.2024 26.06.2024	43.86 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	0171-2551368 prexeeng.amb@hry.nic.in
22	PANCHAYATI RAJ RAJOUND KAITHAL	DEVELOPMENT OF PARK AND CONST. OF PANGDANDI IN PARSHURAM BHAWAN (SONGAL) + 5 WORKS	15.06.2024 20.06.2024	30.36 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	8630071961 sdoprrajound@gmail.com
23	PWD B&R HISAR	CONSTRUCTION OF PHC AT VILLAGE SATROD IN DISTRICT HISAR	CLOSING DATE 25.06.2024	409.06 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	9466446125 pwd-eepd1-hissar@hry.nic.in
24	PWD B&R GURUGRAM	PROVIDING TILES TERRACING IN TEACHERS HOSTEL BLOCK AND SCIENCE BLOCK IN SCERT BUILDING AT GURUGRAM IN GURUGRAM DISTRICT.	CLOSING DATE 22.06.2024	15.38 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	01242322424 pwd-eepd1-gurgaon@hry. nic.in
25	PWD B&R GURUGRAM	RENOVATION OF HOUSE NO. 17, OFFICER COLONY NO. 2, CIVIL LINES, GURUGRAM IN GURUGRAM DISTRICT (I/C E.I WORKS)	CLOSING DATE 22.06.2024	11.38 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	01242322424 pwd-eepd1-gurgaon@hry. nic.in
26	PWD B&R GURUGRAM	RENOVATION OF TEACHER HOUSE, SCIENCE BLOCK AND ADMIN BLOCK IN SCERT BUILDING AT GURUGRAM IN GURUGRAM DISTRICT.	CLOSING DATE 22.06.2024	16.24 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	01242322424 pwd-eepd1-gurgaon@hry. nic.in
27	PWD B&R HISAR	PDG. HVAC/VRF SYSTEM AND ALLIED WORKS AT EXISTING PEDIATRIC WARD IN CIVIL HOSPITAL SIRSA	14.06.2024 28.06.2024	24.98 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	01662225651 pwd-eeed-hissar@hry.nic.in
28	PANCHAYATI RAJ MEHAM ROHTAK	22/02 CONST OF NALA FROM GRAM SACHIVALAY TO (PHIRNI) NALA AT VILLAGE BEHALBA KHAS	13.06.2024 20.06.2024	10.91 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	9215555586 sdoprmeham@gmail.com
29	PANCHAYATI RAJ MURTHAL SONIPAT	CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY CENTER AT VILLAGE ASADPUR BLOCK MURTHAL SFC/GP. + 6 WORKS	CLOSING DATE 20.06.2024	88.63 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	9818043960 sdoprmurthal3@gmail.com
30	PANCHAYATI RAJ GOHANA SONIPAT	CONSTRUCTION OF IPB STREET FROM ASHOK S/O UMED TO JAIPAL S/O RAMSINGH (VAGY) IN VILLAGE JAULI + 1 WORKS	14.06.2024 26.06.2024	15.38 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	9416051838 jitendersingh838@gmail.com

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Haryana Agro Industries Corporation Limited (HAICL), a Public Sector undertaking (PSU) under Govt. of Haryana is looking for highly motivated and result oriented individuals for the below mentioned posts to steer the new venture and successful implementation of network of retail chain stores- **HAR-HITH**. The details of vacancies are as under:-

S. No.	Name of Post	Qualification	Experience (Only similar to Har-Hith Project)	Emoluments (In Rupees)
1.	Manager (Category & Procurement Expert) - 02 posts	**Essential:** MBA in Business Administration/Marketing or equivalent/Post-Graduation/Graduation in Supply Chain/Logistics, food processing, plant operations, relevant field.	6-10 years' experience in procurement of products like FMCG products similar to Har-Hith Project. **Category wise procurement experience, preparation of item master, product master and knowledge of ERP is must.**	6-15 lacs Per Annum
2.	Jr. Manager (Procurement) - 02 posts	**Essential:** MBA in Business Administration/Marketing or equivalent/Post-Graduation/Graduation in Supply Chain/Logistics, food processing, plant operations, relevant field.	Minimum 3-5 years' experience in procurement of products like FMCG products similar to Har-Hith Project. **Preparation of item master, product master and knowledge of ERP is must preferably in FMCG Sector.**	4-6 lacs Per Annum
3.	Jr. Manager (Finance) - 01 post	**Essential:** Post-Graduation/Graduation degree in Bachelor of commerce with specialization In Direct/Indirect taxes and degree of Chartered Accountant from the Institute of Chartered Accountant of India or degree of Cost Accountant from the institute of Cost Accountants of India.	Minimum 3-5 years' of experience of having worked at managerial level in FMCG sector similar to Har-hith project will be preferred. **Experience of ERP is must.**	4-6 lacs Per Annum

Note: Apart from the above qualification and experience the candidates should visit the www.harhith.com and may apply if experience is similar to Har-Hith Project and as mentioned above.

Interested candidates possessing the required qualification and experience may submit their applications/bio data along with self-attested copies of all relevant documents to the Managing Director, Haryana Agro Industries Corporation Limited, Bays No. 15-20, Sector-4, Panchkula latest by **05th July, 2024 by 05.00 PM** or through e-mail at **haicpkl@gmail.com**

Applications will be scrutinized and then eligible candidates will be called for walk-In-Interview at HAICL, Head Office, i.e. Bays No. 15-20, Sector-4, Panchkula on the date fixed by the Competent Authority,

Note: No TA/DA shall be paid for attending interview,

Phone: EPBX:- 0172- 2561305, (Extn. No. 215), 0172- 2560920, 2561317, E-mail ID: haicpkl@gmail.com

Website: **www.haic.co.in**

Sd/- **For Managing Director**
HAICL, Panchkula

RO No. 1005/11/45/2025/26854/C/19/7

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पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतु लोक सूचना

उत्तराखण्ड प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड द्वारा विभिन्न परियोजना हेतु लोक सुनवाई की निर्धारित तिथियाँ नीचे उल्लेखित तालिका के कॉलम सं0—3 पर अंकित समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित की गयी थी। जिलाधिकारी, बागेश्वर के पत्रांक—91 / छब्बीस—वन (ज0सु0) 2023—24 **दिनांक 17.03.2024 द्वारा दिनांक 16.03.2024** से आदर्श आचार संहिता प्रभावी हो जाने के कारण जनपद अन्तर्गत धारा 144 लागू हो जाने के दृष्टिगत प्रस्तावित सोपस्टोन माईनिंग परियोजनाओं की पूर्व पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतु लोक सुनवाई स्थगित कर दी गयी। वर्तमान में निम्न परियोजनाओं की लोक सुनवाई हेतु तिथियाँ निम्नानुसार निर्धारित की जाती हैं, पूर्व में प्रकाशित विज्ञापनों में लोक सुनवाई का स्थान एवं अन्य सूचनायें यथावत् रहेंगी।

क्र0 सं0	प्रस्तावक व इकाई का नाम व पता	लोक सुनवाई प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समाचार पत्रों के नाम	लोक सुनवाई हेतु पूर्व में निर्धारित तिथि	लोक सुनवाई हेतु प्रस्तावित तिथि
1	2	3	4	5
1	मै0 जय गंगनाथ माइन्स भीड़ी, ग्राम नयाल चमोली पलसारी, तहसील एवं जिला बागेश्वर द्वारा ग्राम नयाल चमोली पलसारी, तहसील एवं जिला बागेश्वर में प्रस्तावित ग्राम नयाल चमोली पलसारी, सोपस्टोन माईनिंग (क्षेत्रफल— 5.133 है0)	अमर उजाला एवं इंडियन एक्सप्रेस, दिनांक 15.02.2024	18.03.2024	22.07.2024
2	श्री राजेन्द्र प्रसाद तिवारी, पुत्र श्री प्राण दत्त तिवारी, ग्राम सिमखेत, तहसील एवं जिला बागेश्वर द्वारा ग्राम बैतोली, तहसील एवं जिला बागेश्वर में प्रस्तावित बैतोली सोपस्टोन माईनिंग (क्षेत्रफल—4.942 है0)	अमर उजाला एवं टाईम्स ऑफ इंडिया दिनांक 16.02.2024	19.03.2024	23.07.2024
3	श्री देवेश श्रीवास्तव, ग्राम रीमाकुट्टी, तहसील दुगनाकुरी, जिला बागेश्वर द्वारा ग्राम रीमाकुट्टी, तहसील दुगनाकुरी, जिला बागेश्वर में प्रस्तावित रीमाकुट्टी सोपस्टोन माईनिंग (क्षेत्रफल—2.938 है0)	हिन्दुस्तान एवं टाईम्स ऑफ इंडिया दिनांक 17.02.2024	20.03.2024	24.07.2024
4	श्री अशोक पाल पुत्र श्री रमेश पाल, निवासी गुरना, तहसील एवं जिला बागेश्वर एवं श्री प्रकाश बनकोटी पुत्र श्री अर्जुन सिंह बनकोटी, निवासी चांदनी चौक, रामपुर रोड, हल्द्वानी द्वारा ग्राम गुरना, तहसील एवं जिला बागेश्वर में प्रस्तावित गुरना सोपस्टोन माईनिंग (क्षेत्रफल—6.570 है0)	हिन्दुस्तान टाईम्स एवं अमर उजाला दिनांक 18.02.2024	21.03.2024	25.07.2024
5	श्री दीवान सिंह पपोला, ग्राम व पो0 काफली, तहसील दुगनाकुरी, जिला बागेश्वर द्वारा ग्राम काफली और पपोली, तहसील दुगनाकुरी, जिला बागेश्वर में प्रस्तावित काफली और पपोली सोपस्टोन माईनिंग (क्षेत्रफल—2.99 है0)	हिन्दुस्तान एवं टाईम्स ऑफ इंडिया दिनांक 26.02.2024	27.03.2024	29.07.2024
6	श्री दीवान सिंह पपोला, ग्राम व पो0 काफली, तहसील दुगनाकुरी, जिला बागेश्वर द्वारा ग्राम पापोली लग्गा, काफली और उडियार, तहसील दुगनाकुरी, जिला बागेश्वर में प्रस्तावित पापोली लग्गा, काफली और उडियार सोपस्टोन माईनिंग (क्षेत्रफल— 2. 413 है0)	अमर उजाला एवं हिन्दुस्तान टाईम्स दिनांक 27.02.2024	28.03.2024	30.07.2024
7	श्री कुन्दन सिंह लटवाल पुत्र श्री गंगा सिंह लटवाल, निवासी ग्राम मंडलसेरा, तहसील एवं जिला बागेश्वर एवं श्री राहुल दफौटी पुत्र श्री कुँवर सिंह दफौटी, निवासी बनखोला रोड, अस्पताल लाइन के पास, बागेश्वर द्वारा ग्राम बैतौली, तहसील एवं जिला बागेश्वर में प्रस्तावित बैतौली सोपस्टोन माईनिंग (क्षेत्रफल—2.980 है0)	हिन्दुस्तान एवं टाईम्स ऑफ इंडिया दिनांक 27.02.2024	29.03.2024	31.07.2024

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Union Minister Jitendra Singh chairs review meeting

Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space and MoS Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions chaired a review meeting in New Delhi.

He directed the officials to focus on the flagship National Quantum Mission and work on the development of quantum technologies and quantum communication in the coming years.

SASTRA releases BTech rank list for 2024 admissions

The rank list for admission to various BTech programmes of SASTRA Deemed University were released on June 15. In Stream 1, (50 per cent of seats based on JEE Main & +2 marks), Shyam Sukesh from Sri Chaitanya Junior College, Prakasam District, Telangana secured the 1st rank with a combined score of 99.0885 with a +2 aggregate of 992 out of 1000 and JEE Main score of 98.9769. SASTRA is the only deemed university using the JEE-Main Scores and +2 aggregate together for its admission process.

Water Supply from DJB is short about 40 per cent in parts of Delhi

Water supply from Delhi Jal Board (DJB) is being received about 40% short at Tilaka Marg & Bengali Market Underground Reservoir (UGR) in the New Delhi Municipal Council area.

As informed by DJB, the production of potable water from the Wazirabad water plant is not running at full capacity due to the non-availability of raw water, hence water supply in the command area of Tilak Marg UGR & Bengali market UGR will be made available once in a day and preferably in the morning time.

NDMC is organises Yoga Camps as build-up programs for IYD'24

For the successful organisation of the prestigious International Day of Yoga on June 21, on the theme "Yoga for Self and Society" at 8 locations in the New Delhi Municipal Council area, NDMC is organising Yoga Camps as a part of the build-up program to the Yoga Day from June 18 to 20 on daily basis from 6:30 am to 8.30 am at Nehru Park, Talkatora Garden and Lodhi Garden.

NDMC is organising these build-up programmes in association with the Ministry of AYUSH and Partner Yoga Institutions.

Indian Coast Guard conducts Blood Donor Drive along with AIIMS and AFTC

On the occasion of World Blood Donor Day, the Indian Coast Guard Headquarters, in coordination with AIIMS and AFTC, New Delhi organised a highly successful Blood Donor Drive.

The drive was inaugurated by Inspector General T Sashi Kumar, TM, Deputy Director General (HRD), Coast Guard Headquarters along with Dr Hem Chandra Pandey, Head of the Department of Transfusion Medicine, AIIMS New Delhi.

Embracing the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's slogan, "20 years of celebrating giving: Thank you, Blood donors," the event saw 50 healthy donors in New Delhi successfully donate blood after undergoing proper requisite screening.

PM releases 17th instalment of PM-KISAN scheme

Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the 17th instalment of the PM-KISAN scheme on June 18 at Varanasi in which more than 9.26 cr farmers received the benefits amounting to over Rs 20,000 crore. The Prime Minister also distributed the certificates to more than 30,000 SHGs trained as Krishi Sakhis to work as para extension workers.

The event was attended by Anandiben Patel, Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Agriculture Minister and several State Ministers. More than 2.5 cr Farmers joined the event including those at 732 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), over 1 lakh Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies, and 5 lakh Common Service Centres across the country.

On the 50 selected Krishi Vikas Kendras (KVKs), special event is being organised where good number of farmers will join the event. On these centers, several Union Ministers will also visit and interact with the farmers.

21 students to participate in Sakura Science Programme

21 school students, invited by the Japan Science and Technology Agency to participate in Sakura Programme 2024, were flagged off by Archana Sharma Awasthi, Joint Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSEL) Ministry of Education, and Prof Dinesh Prasad Saklani, Director, NCERT.

Jagat Prakash Nadda presides over a review meeting

Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers, Jagat Prakash Nadda along with MoS (Chemicals & Fertilizers), Anupriya Patel presided over a review meeting of the Department of Pharmaceuticals. The minister emphasised the need to focus on the PM's vision of Viksit Bharat and also reviewed the Five Year Agenda.

PFC signs agreement with Chenab Valley Power Project

Chenab Valley Power Project Private Limited, a Joint Venture of NHPC LTD (51%) and JKSPDC (49%) has signed an agreement with Power Finance Corporation Limited, (PFC) a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise and leading NBFC under the Ministry of Power, for Term Loan of Rs 1,869.265 Crore.

Ravneet Singh Bittu chairs review meeting

Ravneet Singh Bittu, Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries, chaired a review meeting with senior officials of the ministry at Panchsheel Bhawan, New Delhi.

During the meeting, Ravneet Singh was briefed by Anita Praveen, Secretary.

Union Rural Development Minister reviews schemes

Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan continued his meetings with senior officials and reviewed various schemes after taking charge of the Ministry. Union Minister understood all the aspects of the departmental action plan for the schemes and gave directions.

HUDCO celebrates World Environment Day

On the occasion of World Environment Day, Sanjay Kulshrestha, CMD, HUDCO, M Nagaraj, DCP, and Sadhavi Samta Ji, Trustee, Seva Dham Plus, along with other dignitaries of Gurukul, joined hands together to plant saplings on the premises of Manav Mandir Gurukul in Delhi.

The event was graced by Sanjay Kulshrestha, CMD, HUDCO, Roop Chandra Ji, Founder, Seva Dham Plus & Manav Mandir Gurukul, & Sadhavi Shri Ji, Trustee, & other officials from HUDCO & Gurukul.

Pradip Kumar Das, Chairman & Managing Director of Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA), participated in a panel discussion on "Accelerating Onshore Wind Energy Adoption in India" as part of the Global Wind Day celebrations - Pawan-Urja: Powering the Future of India.

Bureau of Indian Standards, Noida Branch Office organised "Manak Manthan" at its Central Lab, focusing on the revised draft of IS 4992 (Product Manual for Door Handles for Mortice Locks). Harshit Kumar Jain, Deputy Director/Sc guided attendees through the new standard.

In the recent America NASA'S NSS Space Settlement Contests 2024, 28,000 students participated from India alone, and Sri Chaitanya School stood at No 1 and became the World Champion for the 11th consecutive time, with 62 Winning Projects in which 639 students of Sri Chaitanya School participated.

In a meeting presided by Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, it was disclosed that the Chhatergala tunnel work costing around Rs 4,000 cr will be executed by NHAI and the underpasses on the Kathua Express corridor section will be undertaken at the earliest.

Narayana Educational Institutions announced the selection of 45 exceptional students for the Orientation cum Selection Camp for the 2024 International Science and Mathematics Olympiad. These students have showcased outstanding academic abilities while qualifying for the competitions.

Union Minister Dr Virendra Kumar convened a pivotal meeting with Ministers of State Ramdas Athawale and BL Verma to review the progress of schemes and strategise on key departmental initiatives for the next 100 days. Secretary, DEPwD Rajesh Aggarwal gave a comprehensive presentation.

OIL announced the commencement of its Environmental, Social, and Governance strategy initiatives on June 14, in an event held at Noida in collaboration with global management consulting firms. These initiatives are a part of OIL's ambitious target to achieve Net Zero emissions by 2040.

The National Career Service Centre for Differently Abled Delhi, under the Directorate General of Employment, Ministry of Labour and Employment, in collaboration with Mission-A- Sewa (Reg.), successfully conducted 45 days of Retail Marketing Training Program for PwDs.

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S. E. RAILWAY TENDER

e-Tender Notice Nos. : (1) 4500-GRC-CE-C-HQ-43-2024, (2) 4445-GRC-CE-C-HQ-44-2024, (3) 4502-GRC-CE-C-HQ-45-2024, (4) 4503-GRC-CE-C-HQ-46-2024, dated : 14.06.2024. e-Tenders are invited by the Chief Engineer (Con)/HQ, South Eastern Railway, Garden Reach for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work. The tenders has been uploaded on website **www.ireps.gov.in** The tender will be closed at 12.00 hrs. on due date. **Sl.No., Brief Description of Works : (1)** Construction and Commissioning of maintenance facilities for Vande Bharat Coching Complex at Shalimar, Howrah (West Bengal) including all civil, electrical, mechanical, telecom works for South Eastern Railway on EPC mode. **Approx Cost** : ₹ 212.78 Crore. **Bid Security :** ₹ 1,06,38,800/-. **Completion period :** 18 months. **(2)** Conducting out Topographical survey of Railway line section and yards as per requirement by aerial survey using drone/unmanned Aerial System (UAS) and stereo photogrammetry technology and developing ESPs of existing/proposed yards on same for various construction projects of South Eastern Railway Construction Organization. **Approx Cost** : ₹ 1.94 Crore. **Bid Security** : ₹ 2,47,200/-. **Completion period** : 6 months. **(3)** Execution of balance work of earthwork in formation in embankment/ cutting, extension of 2 nos. minor bridge, construction of goomty, PF, PF shelter, FOB, permanent way linking and allied works in Dantan Yard (Phase-2) to Jaleswar (ex) in connection with the construction of 3rd line between Narayangarh-Bhadrak of South Eastern Railway. **Approx Cost** : ₹ 125.07 Crore. **Bid Security** : ₹ 64,03,800/-. **Completion period** : 14 months. **(4)** Execution of balance work of earthwork in formation in embankment/ cutting, extension of 10 nos. minor bridge, construction of goomty, PF, PF shelter, permanent way linking and allied works in Jaleswar (ex) to Rajghat (ex) (185.75-190.50) and between Nuagaon-Mayurbhanj Road (in) (Km : 206.54) to Rupsa (ex) (Km : 211.91) in connection with the construction of 3rd line between Narayangarh-Bhadrak of South Eastern Railway. **Approx Cost** : ₹ 100.69 Crore. **Bid Security** : ₹ 51,84,400/-. **Completion period** : 12 months. **Closing Date:** 12.00 hrs. on 23.08.2024 (for Sl. No. 1), 05.07.2024 (for Sl. No. 2) & 08.07.2024 (for Sl. Nos. 3 & 4). Interested tenderers may visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** for full details/ description/ specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these items will be accepted. **N.B.:** Prospective bidders may regularly visit **www.ireps.gov.in** to participate in all other tenders. **(PR-267)**

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./ AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ EMAIL
1.	UHBVN	FOR PROCUREMENT OF LED FLOOD LIGHT LUMINAIRE 150 WATT	CLOSING DATE 08.07.2024	2.69 CRORES	www.uhbvn.org.in 01/XEN/P-I/ MM/QH-I/2590 dated 13.06.2024.	9115100231 cemm@uhbvn.org.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

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HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer Mandi Division No. II HPPWD Mandi H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on **percentage rate** in electronic tendering system for the following works from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD department.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost	EMD	Cost of tender	Eligible class of contractor	Time limit
1.	Construction of Balance work of Banon to Tharu and Gehra road km. 0/0 to 4/500 (SH: F//C 5/7 mtr. wide, R/walls, B/walls, X-Drainage work, RCC slab culvert and unlined drain) under RIDF XXVI).	Rs 1,58,28,308/-	Rs. 3,16,600/-	Rs. 5000	"c"	One year

Starting date for downloading bid:- **18.06.2024.**

Deadline for Submission of bid: **28.06.2024 11.00 AM**

Date of opening of bid:- **28.06.2024 at 11.30 AM**

1. The rates beyond the limit of over + 5%, will be rejected and the rates quoted below 10 %, the Additional Performance security will have to be borne for unbalanced bid. The rates below -30% are also acceptable.
2. Only scanned copy of original documents as uploaded on the tender website are required for technical & financial elevation. The original documents shall be required only from the successful bidder before issue of letter of award.
3. The bidders should have executed the work of similar nature.
4. The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website **www.hptenders.gov.in**.

Executive Engineer
Mandi Division No. II
HP.PWD Mandi

DPR HP-0223

Government of Jharkhand
Department of School Education and Literacy
(Jharkhand Education Project Council, Ranchi)

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e-Procurement Notice - 2nd 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.

Sd/-
(Aditya Ranjan)
State Project Director
Jharkhand Education Project Council

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

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GSTIN- 21AAACO2571K2ZM
"e- Procurement Notice No- 09/OCCL/2024-25 (on-line)
On-line percentage rate tender is invited for the following work

Sl No	Brief name of Work	Bid Identification No	Approx value of work (Rs. In Crores)	Bid Security (through on-line transfer/as per DTCN) (in Rs.)	Period of Completion	Availability of Tender (on-line)	Submission of tender (on-line)
01	Renovation of Jokei Drain with its link drains under Binjharpur & Dsarathpur Block of Jajpur District in Brahmani- Baitarani under DOAD-XIV.	OCCL-JGP/ 01 / 2024-25	Rs. 17.68 Crores	Rs. 17,68,000/-	18 (eighteen) calendar months	From 20.06.2024, 03.30 PM to 04.07.2024, 5.30 PM	From 20.06.202, 03.30 PM to 04.07.2024 5.30 PM

Procurement Officer: Managing Director, OCCL
Date of Opening of the Technical Bid: **05.07.2024, 12.00 Noon**
Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal: https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in

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