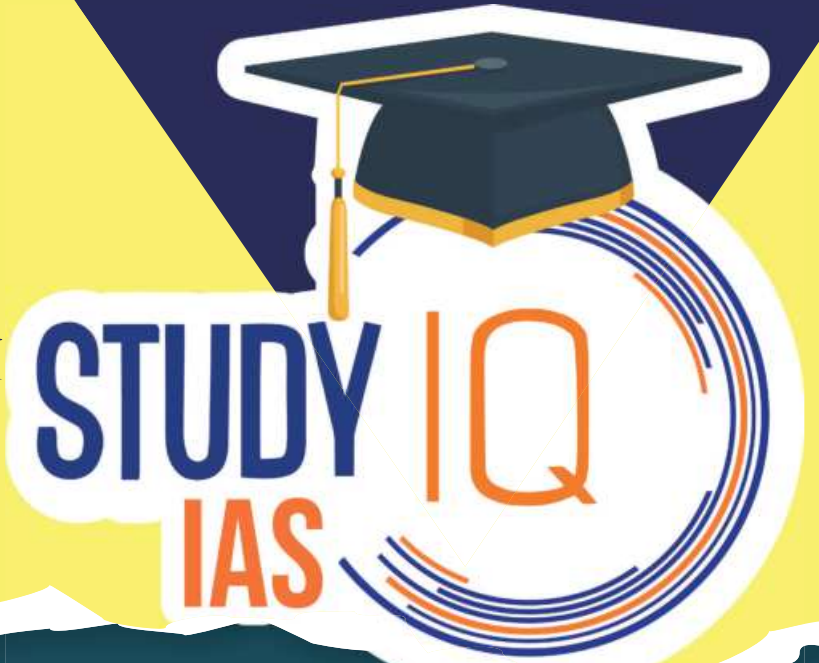


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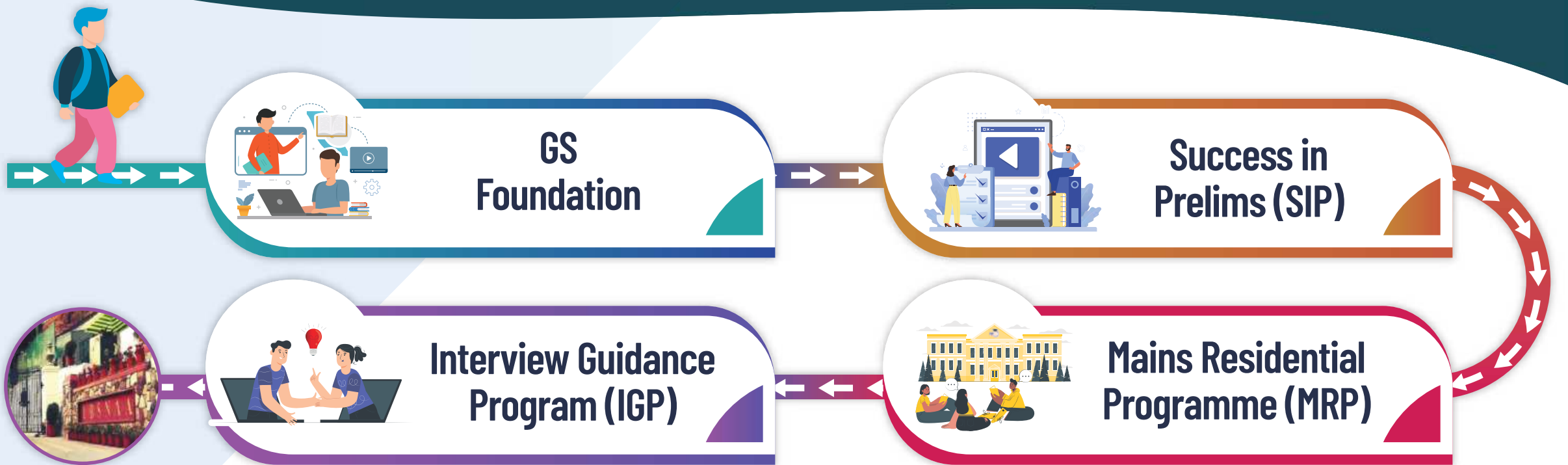
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## Bail to Arvind Kejriwal betrays panic within ED, and BJP, says AAP

The Hindu Bureau  
NEW DELHI

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leaders said on Friday that the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) plea in the Delhi High Court against the trial court's bail to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had betrayed the "panicked state" of the probe agency and the BJP, which are "trying to destroy Mr. Kejriwal's politics of truth".

Terming as "historic" the trial court's order, which late on Thursday evening gave relief to the Chief Minister in the money laundering case linked to the now-scrapped excise policy, Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh said the fine print revealed the ED and BJP's "plot" against AAP.

"After the order, the ED was in a dilemma. Then, it was given orders by its higher-ups to go to the High Court. Have you ever heard of a situation where the order copy has not been released, nobody knows what is in the order, yet the ED goes and asks the High Court to put a stay on it?" Mr. Singh said.

He added that the probe agency uses testimonies that are in its favour, while "conveniently hiding" those that are not. "They [ED] have cited fabricated stories in court to destroy the Chief Minister and AAP. Is this how Prime Minister Narendra Modi is planning to run our judiciary system?" he said, adding that he hoped the High Court would take "serious cognisance" of the trial court's order.

### 'ED's case in tatters'

Delhi Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj said the trial court's order had "entirely demolished" the ED's case on the alleged liquor



Sanjay Singh said the ED had a plot against AAP. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

policy scam. "The entire case was left in tatters after the Vacation Bench's bail order, which is why the ED and Union Ministers are panicking and reaching the High Court asking for a stay on the trial court's order," he said.

The AAP chief's wife, Sunita Kejriwal, also lashed out at the probe agency, stating that it was "behaving as if Arvind Kejriwal is India's most wanted terrorist".

### 'HC order still valid'

Meanwhile, Delhi's BJP unit said although AAP leaders "excel in spreading confusion", the High Court order is still in operation and that it found that the Chief Minister's arrest was "legally correct".

"The High Court order found that Kejriwal had a personal role in receiving crores of rupees in kickbacks from the liquor policy," said Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva. He added that it was an "old habit" of the party to claim that "the truth alone triumphs" when judgments are in their favour, but to question the same judicial system when the orders go against them.

"It would be better if AAP leaders understand the judicial system before hastily passing comments," he said.

## Atishi begins hunger strike for more water; BJP calls it a sham

Did everything possible to get relief, indefinite fast is now the only option: Water Minister; BJP says the protest is meant to hide Atishi's inefficiency

Satvika Mahajan  
NEW DELHI

Senior Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and Delhi Water Minister Atishi on Friday began an indefinite hunger strike, demanding that Haryana release Delhi's "rightful" share of water. The national capital has been suffering from an acute water shortage, with the Minister claiming that the BJP-ruled Haryana had curbed water supply to the city, directly affecting nearly 28 lakh people.

Several senior AAP leaders, including Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's wife, Sunita Kejriwal, were present at the launch of Ms. Atishi's fast.

Ms. Kejriwal read out a message from her husband who said Delhi's people had nowhere to go amid the water crisis even as the neighbouring State of Haryana had refused to extend help.

The message stated, "We had hoped that we would get more support from the neighbouring States in this difficult time, but even in such a difficult time, the Haryana government has reduced the daily supply of water to Delhi. Delhi is thirsty. Where should the people of Delhi go?"

New Delhi MP Bansuri Swaraj said Ms. Atishi's hunger strike was a



Water Minister Atishi, along with other senior leaders of AAP, at Rajghat on Friday before the start of her fast. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

"sham" and an attempt to cover up her inefficiency as the Water Minister.

Addressing mediapersons from the protest site in south-east Delhi's Bhogal, the Minister said Delhi relies on a supply of 1,005 million gallons per day (MGD) of water daily. Out of this, Haryana is supposed to provide the city with 613 MGD. However, for the past two weeks, the State has been supplying only 513 MGD of water.

### 'No relief'

"Being the Water Minister of Delhi, I made every possible effort to get Delhi's rightful share of water. However, the BJP government of Haryana did not provide it. In this regard, I also wrote a letter to the Prime Minister and requested him to get Delhi's rightful share of water from the Haryana government. Instead of providing relief, for the last two days, the Haryana

government has curbed 120 MGD of supply," she said.

### 'Ignored warnings'

Ms. Swaraj said the Delhi Jal Board should have prepared in advance for the water crisis, given that the weather department had issued repeated warnings about the intense heat. The New Delhi MP also asked why the Delhi government had not sought water from the Punjab government, as AAP is in power in both States.

In a statement, AAP accused the MP of "trying to trivialise the situation by asking baseless questions".

"Delhi Water Minister has made every effort to mitigate the water crisis, including meeting Delhi's Lieutenant-Governor, seeking interventions from the Prime Minister and Union Jal Shakti Minister, and requesting help from the Haryana CM," it added.



Yoga enthusiasts performing an asana on Kartavya Path on Friday. R.V. MOORTHY

## Thousands across the Capital participate in International Yoga Day

The Hindu Bureau  
NEW DELHI

Scores of students, police officers, and members of civic bodies across the Capital participated in International Yoga Day on Friday and engaged in various yoga events in the early hours of the day.

Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda, while participating in an event organised by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) at Yamuna Sports Complex, appealed to all to make yoga an integral part of their daily routines. "Yoga not only keeps our body healthy, but also awakens

our inner strength," he said.

Almost 20,000 people participated in the events organised by the DDA across a total of 18 sports complexes, golf courses, and DDA parks.

Meanwhile, about 1,000 people practised yoga with Delhi University (DU) Vice-Chancellor Professor Yogesh Singh and BJP MP Manoj Tiwari at the DU campus.

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi also organised a series of events in all its zones, and encouraged the participation of specially-abled children at its schools.

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INBRIEF



Kharge hits out at BJP over grim Assam flood situation

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge Friday hit out at the BJP over flood management in Assam, claiming that people have been squarely betrayed by the “double engine Modi-Shah” promise of making Assam flood free. The flood situation in the State remained grim on Friday with over four lakh people reeling under the deluge in many districts, officials said. “Congress party stands in solidarity with the people of Assam,” Mr. Kharge said in a post on X. “In the past 10 years, on every issue, Modi government has only indulged in the politics of lies, deceit and treachery,” the Congress chief said. PTI

Rajkot game zone fire: SIT submits report, finds lapses

A Special Investigation Team (SIT) appointed by the Gujarat government to probe the May 25 Rajkot game zone fire incident, which claimed 27 lives, submitted its interim report on Friday to Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi. In its 100-page interim report, the SIT, headed by senior IPS officer Subhash Trivedi, has suggested some changes to Section 33 of Gujarat Police Act (GP Act), which empowers local police to give various licenses to such game zones. “We submitted an interim report to the government today. We found lapses on the part of the police, fire department, town planning and road and building department,” Mr. Trivedi said. PTI

T.N. hooch tragedy toll goes up to 50; one-man commission begins probe

The victims in the Kallakurichi incident included five women and a transperson; a total of 135 others, including six women, are undergoing treatment at various hospitals in the State

The Hindu Bureau  
KALLAKURICHI

The death toll in the hooch tragedy in Tamil Nadu rose to 50 with 13 more persons losing their lives after consuming spurious liquor at Karunapuram in Kallakurichi. The victims included five women and a transperson.

Most of the victims who succumbed on the interim night between Thursday and Friday were from Karunapuram. Twenty-seven persons died at the Government Kallakurichi Medical College Hospital, 16 at the Government Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College Hospital in Salem, four at the Government Villupuram Medical College Hospital and three at the Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (Jipmer) in Puducherry. A total of 135 others, including six women, are undergoing treatment at the Government Kallakurichi Medical College Hospital;



Bidding adieu: Relatives of the hooch tragedy victims taking part in a funeral procession in Kallakurichi on Thursday. S.S. KUMAR

government medical hospitals in Salem and Villupuram; and at Jipmer.

Specialist doctors

Official sources said a 71-member team of specialist doctors, staff nurses and technicians drawn from government medical colleges and hospitals in Salem, Villupuram, Tiruvannamalai, Tiruchi and Chengalpattu have been sent to the Kallakurichi hospital.

Former High Court judge B. Gokuldas, the one-man commission appointed by the State government to probe the tragedy, on Friday visited the Kallakurichi hospital and Karunapuram, the epicentre of the tragedy, and held a meeting with officials.

The retired judge visited those admitted to the hospital and inquired about the incident. He met the family members of the victims.

He also held a meeting with Collector M.S. Prasanth, Superintendent of Police Rajat Chaturvedi and officials from various line departments.

He inquired about the incident and developments from day one, the investigation angle and the action taken by the police and the administration.

Meanwhile, Tamil Nadu Minister for Health and Family Welfare Ma. Subramanian visited the Jipmer in Puducherry, where some of the victims are undergoing treatment.

One more held

The CB-CID police have arrested one more person for his alleged involvement in the hooch tragedy.

Police said the accused, identified as Joseph alias Raja of Sankarapuram, had supplied the brew to Chinnadurai who in turn supplied it to bootlegger Govindaraj alias Kannukutti. The police have arrested Chinnadurai, Govindaraj and two others in connection with the incident.

‘T.N. govt. will bear education costs of bereaved children’

The Hindu Bureau  
CHENNAI

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Friday said that the State government would meet the educational expenses and hostel fees of all the children who had lost either one or both of their parents to the Kallakurichi spurious liquor tragedy, until they graduate.

Responding to a calling attention motion in the Assembly, he said that besides the ₹10 lakh solatium that had been announced, the government would offer ₹5,000 a month to the orphaned children.

“Moreover, the government would deposit ₹5 lakh in their names which, along with interest, would be given to them when they turn 18. In the case of children who have lost one of their parents, the amount would be ₹3 lakh. These children would also get priority in all government schemes,” he said.

The Chief Minister said that the children would be admitted to government-run homes or homes functioning with government aid, if they consented to it.

Reiterating that the government was taking stringent action against those involved in the illicit brew-



CM M.K. Stalin speaking about the spurious liquor tragedy in the Assembly on Friday.

ing of liquor, and that such persons had been arrested under the Goondas Act, Mr. Stalin said that a total of 14,606 cases had been filed against the brewing and sale of spurious liquor since the DMK came to power. “A total of 10,154 persons have been arrested and 58 of them have been detained under the Goondas Act,” he said.

Responding to the demand that he take responsibility for the incident, Mr. Stalin said that he was not someone who would run away from problems.

“I also have a list of hooch tragedies that happened during AIADMK rule. I do not want to politicise the issue. I also request them not to do that,” he added.

Ensure people displaced due to post-poll violence return home, HC tells W.B. govt.

Shiv Sahay Singh  
KOLKATA

The Calcutta High Court on Friday directed the West Bengal government to take note of complaints of post-election violence and restoration of the displaced persons to their place of residence.

A Division Bench of Justices Harish Tandon and Hiranmay Bhattacharyya also directed that the police administration “shall ensure the safety and security of such displaced persons and make a constant vigil in the area of the residence and ensure that no threat perception or any kind of violence takes place in such area.”

The court also extended the deployment of Central forces in the State till June 26. Allegations of post-election violence and threats have been raised by Bharatiya Janata Party supporters across the State and the party has sent a



The court also extended the deployment of Central forces in the State till June 26. FILE PHOTO: DEBASISH BHADURI

team of MPs to assess the situation.

“We cannot shut our eyes to the spate of complaints as disclosed and the allegation on the role of the police administration for which we feel that the deployment of the Central forces may continue for a limited period. We, therefore, extend such deployment till June 26, when the matter would be listed next to be taken up at 2 p.m.,” the order read.

The court had earlier ordered the deployment of the Central forces in the State till June 21. Additional Solicitor General Asok Kumar Chakrabarti, representing the Central government, stated that if the court directs, it will continue the deployment of the Central forces in the State.

Advocate General Kishore Dutta said 800 complaints have been processed and taken note of by the State government

and out of which more than 200 cases have been detected as cognisable offence, and the rest needs sanction from the concerned Jurisdictional Magistrate. A few cases are still under scrutiny.

Earlier a single judge Bench of the High Court had allowed the persons affected by post-poll violence to submit complaints to the Director General of Police, West Bengal.

The Division Bench also added that the State is directed to “take note of those complaints so disclosed and shall take immediate action, as may be required, including the registration of the complaints/FIR and restoration of the displaced persons into their residence.”

The court also added that the plea of compensation as claimed in the instant public interest litigation shall be considered in due course.

The Hindu Bureau  
MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Friday reserved till June 25 its order on a habeas corpus petition filed by the aunt of the 17-year-old accused in the Pune luxury car accident case in which two software engineers were killed.

The Division Bench of Justices Bharti Dangre and Manjusha Deshpande questioned the approach of the Pune police in the manner in which the minor was granted bail first, but then put in an observation home following public outcry.

‘Child also in trauma’

The High Court said both sides have gone through trauma. “Those who met with the accident and lost their lives, of course their families are in trauma. But the child is also in trauma. Give him some time,” the court said.



Car crash victim Ashwini Koshta's grief-stricken kin in Jabalpur. The HC said on Friday that both sides have gone through trauma. PTI

Raising objections against the habeas corpus petition filed by the minor's aunt, who is seeking the accused's release from the observation home, public prosecutor Hiten Venegavkar argued that a habeas corpus petition challenging a remand must be based on the incompetence of the judge or the mechanical passing of the order, neither of which were mentioned in the petition.

To this, the court said, “Prima facie, we have made up our minds that in such a contingency, if we do not entertain either writ of certiorari or habeas corpus, we will be failing the citizens of this country.”

Mr. Venegavkar argued that since the grandfather and parents were in custody, the minor had to be in an observation home under the supervision of a probation officer.

The public prosecutor

informed the court that there was no obligation for the minor to leave unless someone physically ‘fit’ comes to take him, but till date no one has approached the authorities. He also stressed that sending him to the observation home was important for the minor's safety and well-being.

Appearing for the petitioner, senior advocate Aabid Ponda argued that once a juvenile is granted bail, in no circumstances can they be placed in an observation home.

Father granted bail

Meanwhile, a court in Pune granted bail to the father of the juvenile accused in one of the cases pertaining to the car crash case. The court also granted bail to five other accused, including the owner and managers of two bars who were arrested for allegedly serving liquor to the underage patrons.

Bengal's recruitment protests fizzle out post LS poll, but aspirants pin hopes on SC verdict

Movurie Som  
KOLKATA

In the run-up to the Lok Sabha election, the Mahatma Gandhi statue on Kolkata's Mayo Road was the site of massive demonstrations against alleged irregularities in teachers' recruitment by the School Service Commission (SSC) in West Bengal.

Dubbed the ‘SSC scam’ by the Opposition, it was one of the planks on which the Bharatiya Janata Party fought the general election in the State. But the ruling Trinamool Congress's performance in the poll, extreme heat, and dwindling finances of the job aspirants have driven the once-vociferous protesters away. The venue, abuzz with TV crew and police personnel, now bears a deserted look. Abhishek Sen, 37, a wait-

listed candidate, is among the handful of protesters holding fort. “The fight has been going on since 2019. It is not possible for most people to keep their spirits high and continue fighting amid increasing expenses,” he said, adding that most job aspirants spend a lot to travel to Kolkata from other districts to take part in the protest.

‘No income’

“There are candidates from Uttar Dinajpur, Malda and North 24 Parganas who have been coming here daily to protest against the recruitment process. We have spent years fighting for our jobs with zero alternative income,” he said.

Many job aspirants from the districts had rented rooms on the southern fringes of the city to com-



Teaching job aspirants staging a demonstration near Matangini Hazra statue in Maidan, Kolkata, on Friday. DEBASISH BHADURI

mute to the protest site. Till recently, Kudrat-e-Kabir, 34, a resident of Chanchal in Malda district, had been living with 40 candidates from North Bengal in Narendrapur and Barui-pur. “We have no income. Our responsibilities towards our families are increasing. We can no longer afford this. So many of us have come back home for

good,” he said, adding that some aspirants still travel to Kolkata from faraway districts to attend the protest once a week.

For two years, the State's politics had revolved around the recruitment ‘scam’, especially after the arrest of former Education Minister Partha Chatterjee in July 2022. Since then, several Trinamool



The fight has been going on since 2019. It is not possible for most people to keep their spirits high and continue fighting amid rising expenses

ABHISHEK SEN  
A waitlisted candidate

mool leaders have been arrested in connection with the case that involves the recruitment of teachers and non-teaching staff in State-run schools. But the Trinamool Congress's resounding victory in 29 Lok Sabha seats indicates that the issue has not resonated with the people.

On April 22, the Calcutta High Court had ordered the cancellation of the 2016 recruitment panel that hired 25,753 teachers

and non-teaching staff. The Bench said OMR sheets were manipulated that year. However, the Supreme Court, on May 7, had stayed the High Court order, saying that “it would be unfair to set aside all the appointments if the tainted and untainted ones can be segregated”.

The CPI(M)'s Rajya Sabha member and senior advocate, Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya, who had represented the job aspirants in the High Court, told *The Hindu*, “The Supreme Court has listed the case for July 16. It will then become clear if the 2016 recruitment panel will be cancelled, and if the deserving and undeserving candidates would be segregated. If the undeserving candidates are filtered out, vacancies might open up, which can then be filled by

aspirants.”

Near the Matangini Hazra statue at Maidan in Kolkata, the crowd of protesters, who are expecting appointments as primary and upper primary teachers, has dwindled from hundreds to just three.

Prasenjit Mal, 38, said he has been delivering gas cylinders since 2014 to sustain himself. “I wanted to be a teacher, but I am still delivering gas cylinders to make a living. I am left with no other option. I have ageing parents and I need to put food on the table,” he said, adding that he has to take leave from work to come to the protest site. “But how many times can I keep asking for leave?”

Priyali Pramanik, 34, another protester, said the heat wave this summer and a feeling of hopelessness have hit the move-

ment hard. “Many job aspirants used to leave behind their parents, spouses, in-laws, and children to come to the protest every day. But for how long can our families bear this?” she said. “Most abandoned the protest because of hopelessness. Everyone had thought that before the elections, the Chief Minister will take some initiative to ensure justice. But now that the election is over, the optimism has gone down,” she said.

Only way forward

But keeping the protest alive is their only way forward. Many candidates have spent four years protesting to become a teacher. As Mr. Kabir and his fellow protester Abhishek Sen put it, till the final verdict in the Supreme Court, the agitation will go on.



# Denial of *pro tem* Speaker post to Cong. MP kicks up row

Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan and Congress leader Satheesan slams Union government for appointing BJP MP Bhartruhari Mahtab to the post; they accuse BJP of undermining parliamentary traditions

**The Hindu Bureau**  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan on Friday criticised the Centre for ignoring the convention and not appointing senior-most member MP Kodikunnil Suresh, and eight-term Congress parliamentarian, as *pro tem* Speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha.

In separate statements, the leaders condemned the decision to appoint BJP MP Bhartruhari Mahtab, seven-term MP from Cuttack, as *pro tem* Speaker.

### Casteist politics

Mr. Vijayan said the decision flouted established



Congress MP Kodikunnil Suresh speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Budget Session of Parliament in New Delhi. FILE PHOTO

parliamentary norms and showed the BJP's blatant disregard for democratic principles. "By overlooking Kodikunnil Suresh, the senior-most MP in the 18th Lok Sabha, they undermine our parliamentary traditions. It smacks of the Sangh Parivar's revanchist, casteist politics that dis-

criminate against marginalised communities. During the previous Lok Sabha term, the post of Deputy Speaker was kept vacant for five years. Their attitude of not accepting anyone from the Opposition benches to the position led to such a situation. We must stay vigilant in

protecting our democratic values and demand fair practices," said Mr.Vijayan.

Mr. Satheesan said the denial of *pro tem* Speaker post to Mr. Suresh was anti-democratic and exposed the BJP's anti-Dalit face.

"The decision not to make Suresh, who belongs to the Dalit community, the *pro tem* Speaker is part of the sectarian politics followed by the BJP and the Sangh Parivar. Such violation of parliamentary norms even in a situation in which the BJP has not secured an absolute majority is a challenge to the will of the people and the democratic system of the country. It also shows the BJP's disregard and contempt for Kerala," said Mr. Satheesan.

## Darshan's police custody ends today

**The Hindu Bureau**  
BENGALURU

The police custody of actor Darshan, who has been arrested in the Renukaswamy murder case, will end on Saturday, and he will be produced in the court.

The police can seek the custody of the actor for two more days, if needed, as per norms. However, it is not clear whether the police will seek an extension of his custody on Saturday or he will be remanded in judicial custody.

The police had taken the custody of Darshan, his friend Pradosh, Stonny Brook pub's owner V. Vinay, and electrician Dhanraj for two days on Thursday, while seeking judicial custody of other accused.

The police had claimed that the four accused they sought custody of were not cooperating with the probe. The police had claimed that they had found crucial evidence in the phone of Vinay. The police are tight-lipped on what the evidence is.

**THE HINDU**  
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**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
**CORRIGENDUM**  
Notice No. W.584/E-Tendering/43-DHN-24/25 | Dhanbad  
It is further to notify that, the E-Tender No.43-DHN-2024-25 Dated-04.06.2024 is hereby Cancelled due to administrative reason.  
For Divl. Railway Manager (Engg.)  
East Central Railway, Dhanbad.  
PR/00546/DHN/ENGG/C/24-25/16

**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
**E-Tender Notice**  
Open Tender Notice No.: MC-115-QW BXR STN., DT: 20.06.2024  
The Divisional Railway Manager, E.C. Railway Danapur is inviting online open tender (on IREPS Portal) for and on behalf of the President of India from reputed contractor with experience, financial capability including those registered/working with Railway/Irrigation/CPWD/MES or any other public sector undertaking for under mentioned works: (1) **Name of work with its location:** Quick Watering Facility as per CAMTECH station at Buxar station. Location:- BUXAR STATION. (2) **Approx. Cost of the work:** Rs. 1,19,33,671.92/- (Rupees. One Crore Nineteen Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Six Hundred Seventy One and Paise Ninety Two Only). (3) **Earnest Money to be deposited:** Rs. 2,09,700/- (Rupees. Two Lakh Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Only). (4) **Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of tender:** Date & Time for submission of tender: 12.07.2024 upto 12:00 Hrs. on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) Date & Time of opening of tender: 12.07.2024 at 12:30 Hrs. on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) (5) **Website particulars & Notice Board location where complete details of tender, corrigendum (if any) can be seen etc.:** The Tender Notice is available on website: [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
Divisional Railway Manager (Mech)  
E.C. Railway, Danapur  
PR/00541/DNR/MECH/T/24-25/40

**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
**E-Tender Notice**  
E-tender is invited on behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned works:- (1) **E-Tender No:** ECR-CAO-C-S-ETEN-16-24-25 in two packet system, **Name of work:** Conducting FLS, Preparation of land plans, Obtaining permission of tree cutting, Preparation of GAD, Design of Major Bridges, Minor Bridges, LHS, RUB, ROB, Thrust Bed, Animal underpass/overpass, FOB, RFO, Buildings, soil stability, slope stability, EV2 test under projects in jurisdiction of Dy. CE/CON/BRKA and Dy. CE/CON/HZME-1., **Approx cost of the work in (Rs.):** 15,40,32,712.12, **Bid Security in (Rs.):** 9,20,200.00, **Period of work completion:** 24 (Twenty four) Months (2) **E-Tender No:** ECR-CAO-C-S-ETEN-17-24-25 in single packet system, **Name of work:** Conducting Final Location Survey, Traffic Survey with EIRR/FIRR, ESP, L-Section, GAD and design of bridges/RUB/ ROB, Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR), EPC/BOO Tender Document and the Preliminary Activities for preparing Detailed Estimate (approx. 100 Km) in connection with Railway projects and (8 nos ROB, 04 nos. ROR and other concerned activities associated with Survey and preliminary work) providing assistance & liaisoning in land acquisition/transfer of private/Government/Forest land from application stage to final documentation stage of Railway projects under CE/C/South., **Approx cost of the work in (Rs.):** 7,54,19,486.06, **Bid Security in (Rs.):** 5,27,100.00, **Period of work completion:** 24 (Twenty four) Months, Date and time for closing of tender 12.07.2024 at 15:30 hrs. Any e-tenders which is sent by Post/Courier/Fax or by hand will not be accepted. All such manual submission of tender even if it is on firm's letter pad or received in time will not be accepted. The above e-tender document alongwith full information is available on website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. **Note:** In case of any discrepancies found in tender notice, English version will be final. Tenderers are requested to visit the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> atleast 15 days before last date of closing, for latest corrigendum/ corrections etc in connection with this e-tender  
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PR/00544/CONS/ENGG/T/24-25/64

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**Phone: 040-23403130**  
**TENDER NOTICE FOR CATERING SERVICE**  
Applications and tenders are invited for selection under single stage two envelope system from reputed Agencies for **CATERING SERVICE at State Bank Staff College premises, Begumpet Road, Hyderabad.**  
Please log on to <https://bank.sbi/web/sbi-in-the-news/procurement-news> for further details. Last date of submitting the tender on or before **12-07-2024 at 3:00 PM.**  
**Assistant General Manager (Administration)**

**HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**e-Procurement Notice**  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**  
The Executive Engineer HPPWD Dharamshala Division on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the Percentage rate bids, in electronic tendering system, for following works from the eligible and approved contractors registered with HPPWD:-  

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost in Rs.	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of tender form	Start date for down-loading of bid	Deadline for submission of Bid
1.	C/o Link road from Vir Chowk to Sarah via Salangni i/c bridge over Manjhi Khad 50.00 mtr. Span PSC box girder (SH-C/o road connectivity from Vir Chowk to SPTI complex at Chetru including 50.00 mtr. Span PSC box girder bridge over Manjhi Khad)	2,67,91,631/-	5,23,800/-	Eighteen Months	5000/-	03.07.2024	10.07.2024

  
The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the departmental website <https://hptenders.gov.in>. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject a tender or all tenders without assigning any reasons.  

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
Dharamshala Division,  
HPPWD., Dharamshala.

On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

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**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA**  
**HEALTH MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (C1) DEPARTMENT**  
**ADDENDUM**  
Dt: 21.06.2024  
1. In addition to the persons mentioned in the Annexure-II of notification dt.07.06.2024, applications are invited for the post of **Vice-Chancellor, Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences, Warangal** as per Distinguished educationalists in the field of medicine.  
2. Application with the detailed Curriculum Vitae in the prescribed Proforma and documentary evidences should be sent by Registered Post to the following address: **The Secretary to Government, Health Medical and Family Welfare Department, Room No. 17, First Floor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad - 500 022, Phone No. +91 40-2345 5824.**  
3. The last date to receive applications is extended till 5.00 PM on 06.07.2024.  

Sd/- Dr. Christina Z. Chongthiu,  
Secretary to Government

R.O. No.: 98-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2024-25

## FIR against two for ‘blackmailing’ Karnataka MLC Suraj Revanna on allegations of sexual abuse

**The Hindu Bureau**  
SHIVAMOGGA

The police on Friday registered an FIR against two persons, who allegedly demanded money from JD(S) MLC Suraj Revanna, threatening that they would defame him if their demand was not met.

### ‘Victim’ on TV

The FIR was registered less than an hour before a Kannada news channel claimed that a man had petitioned the Karnataka State Police chief and Superintendent of Police, Hassan, alleging that he was raped by Mr. Suraj Revanna, son of former Minister H.D. Revanna and brother of Prajwal Revanna, former MP.

The alleged victim appeared on the private



Suraj Revanna

channel and claimed that he had been sexually abused at a farmhouse in Hassan district. However, *The Hindu* did not get an independent confirmation of the same. Sources in Hassan district police claimed they had not received any such petition.

The police registered the case based on a complaint filed by Shivakumar H.L. of Hanumanahalli. In his complaint, he identified himself as treasurer of the Suraj Revanna Brigade.

The complaint was raised

against a resident of Kollangi and his brother-in-law. Shivakumar, in his complaint, said that the person had often requested Shivakumar to introduce him to Mr. Suraj Revanna so that he could secure a job with his help. During the elections, the complainant introduced him to the MLC.

The Kollangi resident allegedly met Mr. Suraj Revanna on June 16 with a request for a job. However, he did not get any assurance from the legislator.

"As he did not get any assurance from the MLC, the person contacted me and demanded ₹5 crore, threatening that he would make allegations of sexual abuse against Mr. Suraj Revanna if the demand was not met," the complainant claimed.

## Elephant kills mahout at safari centre

**The Hindu Bureau**  
IDUKKI

The Forest Department filed a case against an illegal elephant safari centre in Idukki and issued a stop memo after a mahout was trampled to death by an elephant there on Thursday. According to officials, Neeleswaram resident Balakrishnan, 62, was killed by a cow elephant at a private elephant safari centre in Idukki around 6.30 p.m.

Officials said the elephant trampled Balakrishnan while he was waiting near the animal to take tourists on safari. The tourists narrowly escaped the attack. The body was handed over to relatives after autopsy. Both elephants at the centre are not registered under the Animal Welfare Board of India, which is mandatory if they are to be used for entertainment purposes.

**GOVT. OF MAHARASHTRA**  
**Public Works (East) Division, Pune- 411 001**  
**Phone No. 020/26122457**  
**Web- [www.mahapwd.gov.in](http://www.mahapwd.gov.in) and e-mail-[eastpune.ee@mahapwd.gov.in](mailto:eastpune.ee@mahapwd.gov.in)**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 09 FOR 2024-2025**

The Executive Engineer, Public Works (East) Division, Pune 411 001 invites bids for following work from Registered as well as unregistered Contractor, and full filling the qualifying criteria for **B1 Tender Format** as per Maharashtra Government, Public Work Department G.R. No. CAT/2017/Pra.Kra-08/Bldg-2, dt. 27/9/2018 and Public Work Department Matralaya Mumbai Circular No. CAT/2017/Pra. Kra-08/Bldg-2, dt. 22/10/2018. Bids document can be downloaded from website <https://mahatenders.gov.in> Executive Engineer reserves all rights to accept or reject bids. Conditional bids will not be accepted

NAME OF WORK AND ESTIMATE COST LIST						
Sr. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost Rs.	Earnest Money Deposit	Time limit for Completion	Cost of e-tender Form Fee	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Beautification of Road from Central Library to Administrative Building to Central Park to Indapur Road Tal. Baramati Dist. Pune	6,75,77,396/-	3,38,000/-	06 Months (Including Monsoon)	Rs.3540/- (With GST 18%)	Registered as well as unregistered Contractor
2	Construction of Gunawadi Road to Motibag Odha DP Plan Road Under baramati Municipal Carpo. Tal. Baramati Dist. Pune	7,70,22,860/-	3,86,000/-	06 Months (Including Monsoon)	Rs.3540/- (With GST 18%)	Registered as well as unregistered Contractor
3	Construction of Road from Motibagh to Phadtare Wasti Under baramati Muncipal Carpo. Tal. Baramati Dist. Pune	14,85,50,905/-	7,43,000/-	06 Months (Including Monsoon)	Rs.3540/- (With GST 18%)	Registered as well as unregistered Contractor

**E-tender- Time Table**

1	Period of Downloading of bid documents/ Sale start and end dates	Dt. 24.06.2024 @ 10.00 hrs. to Dt. 08.07.2024 @ 18.00 hrs.
2	Pre-bid Meeting In the Office of Chief Engineer, P.W. Region Office, Pune, Old Central Building, Pune-411001.	Dt. 02.07.2024 @ 12.00 hrs.
3	Period of Bid Submission/ Bid Submission Start and End date.	Dt. 24.06.2024 @ 10.00 hrs. to Dt. 08.07.2024 @ 18.00 hrs.
4	Bid Opening Period	Dt. 09.07.2024 @ 18.00 hrs. (If Possible) (In the office of Superintending Engineer, P.W. Circle, Pune.)

Note :-  
1. All eligible/interested contractors are downloading and mandated to get enrolled on e-tendering portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in>.  
2. **For online Payment related issues, Kindly send email with Bank Reference Number to this email ID [merchant@sbi.co.in](mailto:merchant@sbi.co.in). You may also contact 022-27560149 for clarifications.**  
3. Other term and condition Displayed in online e-tender forms. Right to reject any or all online bid of work without assigning any reasons thereof is reserved.  
4. Above only Tender Notice is displayed on P.W.D. website "[www.mahapwd.gov.in](http://www.mahapwd.gov.in)"  
5. Online Blank Tender Downloading fee and Earnest money shall be paid via online using NEFT/RTGS or payment gateway mode.  

Sd/-  
Excutive Engineer,  
Public Works (East) Division, Pune- 411 001

**DGIPR/2024-2025/373**

**झारखण्ड सरकार**  
**कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,**  
**पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता स्वरंख़ा वितरण प्रमंडल, राँची**

**अल्पकालीन ईप्रोक्वायमेंट नोटिस**  
**(प्रथम आमंत्रण)**  
ई-निविदा आमंत्रण संख्या-पे0स्वोवि0 / वितरण / 01/2024-25  
दिनांक:-20.06.2024

1	कार्य का नाम	Utility Shifting of Existing rising main pipe line of 450mm dia D.I pipe between Durga Soren Chowk to Namkum ROB due to widening existing road into four lane road by Road Construction department road division, Ranchi Rural Under D.W.&S. Swarnrekha distribution, Division, Ranchi for year 2023-24
2	प्राक्कलित राशि (रुपये में)	4,23,19,799 लाख (चार करोड़ सेड़स लाख अन्नीस हजार सात सौ निगन) रुपये मात्र।
3	अग्रघन की राशि (रुपये में)	4,23,19,799 लाख (चार लाख पच्चीस हजार) रुपये मात्र।
4	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि (परिमाण का मूल्य)	09 (नी) महीना।
5	रुपये में	10,000.00 (दस हजार)।
6	बैसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय	28.06.2024 को अपराह्न 05:00 बजे
8	बैसाइट पर निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	08.07.2024 को अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक।
9	निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	09.07.2024 को अपराह्न 04:00 बजे ।
10	बिज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता स्वरंख़ा वितरण प्रमंडल, राँची।
11	जिनके द्वारा निविदा खोली जायेगी का पदनाम एवं पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता स्वरंख़ा वितरण प्रमंडल, राँची।
12	प्रोक्वायमेंट कार्यालय का सम्पर्क नं०	9608892111 E-Mail ID:- distributionbooty@gmail.com 0651-2480345
13	ईप्रोक्वायमेंट सेल का सहायता केन्द्र सं०	

नोट:-1. निविदा अन्तर्गत परिमाण विषय का मूल्य एवं अग्रघन की राशि ई-गवर्नैस विभाग झारखण्ड मंत्रालय धुबई, राँची के आदेश संई झापांक 120 दिनांक 03.10.2023 के अनुरूप प्राप्त की जाएगी।  
2. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रघन की राशि का ई-मुगतान संवेदक द्वारा जिस बैंक खाता से किया जाएगा। उसी खाते से अग्रघन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर बैंक खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसके साथी जवाबदेही संवेदक की होगी।  
3. प्राक्कलित राशि घट अथवा बढ़ सकती है उसी प्रकार से अग्रघन एवं परिमाण विषय की राशि भी देय होगी।  
4. केवल ई निविदा ही स्वीकार किया जाएगा।  
5. विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु बैकसाइट <http://jharkandtenders.gov.in> पर देखें।  
6. निविदा बिना कारण बताया कभी भी संशोधित या रद्द किया जा सकता है।  
7. राज्य सरकार द्वारा निर्गत अद्यतन आदेश / परिपत्र लागू होंगे।  
PR 327249 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 24-25 (D)  
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**TENDER NOTICE**  
Sealed tenders are invited from manufacturers/dealers with professional expertise in execution of civil works pertaining to Roof Treatment at APS Dhaula Kuan.  
Tender form can be collected from School reception from 22 June to 29 June 2024 between 9.00AM to 3.00PM @ Rs 100/- . Forms duly completed in all respect be submitted to APS Dhaula Kuan by 06 July 2024 at 1500hrs along with DD (EMD) as per RFP in favour of Army Public School, Dhaula Kuan. For any queries contact on 011-25693131.  

Principal, APSDK

**Government of Punjab**  
**Tender Notice Reference No. 01 dt. 20.06.2024**  
On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Water Supply & Sew. Board, Chandigarh, Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Division, Sangrur invites bids from the eligible bidders, contractors for the project work(s) detailed in the following table. The bidders may submit bids for any or all of the following Project/Work (s):-

Sr. No.	Name of Project/work(s)	Quantity	Closing Date & time of Tender	Opening Date & time of Tender
1	Installation of Water Supply System Construction of OHSR at Dhirba Under AMRUT 2.0 Part-1, Phase-1	1	15.07.2024 05:00 PM	16.07.2024 11:00 AM
2	Providing Tap Connections to consumers Extension and Augmentation of Water Supply System at Dhuri District Sangrur, for Distribution Network Installation of Tube well under Amrut 2.0	1	15.07.2024 05:00 PM	16.07.2024 11:00 AM
3	-do- at Sangrur Distt. Sangrur for distribution network under AMRUT 2.0	1	15.07.2024 05:00 PM	16.07.2024 11:00 AM
4	-do- at Moonak District Sangrur for Distribution Network under AMRUT 2.0	1	15.07.2024 05:00 PM	16.07.2024 11:00 AM
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# GROUND ZERO



Actor Darshan Thoogudeepa, after being arrested in connection with an alleged murder case. MURALI KUMAR K.

## Catching a falling star

The killing of Renukaswamy, allegedly by Kannada film actor-producer Darshan and his associates, has made news even in places he and his films are not popular. **K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj** and **G.T. Sathish** chronicle the horrifying series of incidents that mirror society's realities: fan-culture, alleged social media violations, and violence so brutal that it caused death

A food delivery executive out with a Sunday-breakfast parcel on June 9, was headed to one of the apartments in Satva Anugraha, an upmarket complex on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) in Bengaluru's western suburbs. On his way, he saw street dogs pull at what looked like the body of a man in a storm water drain. He alerted the security guards, who in turn called the police.

Based on the complaint of Kevalram Dorji, the security officer of the apartment complex, the police recovered the body riddled with injuries. It was stuck on a bushy slope off the road and had not fallen into the running water. There was no identification on him.

The CCTV footage from the apartment complex gave leads on two suspicious vehicles. As is routine, the police secured the body in a morgue and put out an advertisement with photographs in newspapers that evening, seeking information. It might have ended up as one of the many unidentified bodies in the metropolis, but the police were in for a surprise on the evening of June 10.

At about 7 p.m. that day, four men walked into the Kamakshipalya police station and confessed to the murder of the man they said was K.S. Renukaswamy, 33. A resident of Chitradurga, a district headquarters in central Karnataka, around 200 kilometres away from Bengaluru, Renukaswamy worked at a retail pharmacy chain. Raghavendra, 43, also from Chitradurga; Karthik, 27; Keshavamurthy, 27; and Nikhil Naik, 21, all from Bengaluru, claimed they had a financial dispute with the deceased, had abducted and brought him to the city, beaten him up, and he had died.

### Police action

The police were sceptical: "The victim did not have a profile which could have led to his murder due to a financial dispute. Such surrenders usually happen only in underworld cases," said a senior police official, who has been leading the investigation.

Following sustained interrogation, the four told a different story. "What they revealed came as a shock to us," the official said. The men said Darshan Thoogudeepa, one of the most popular Kannada cinema actors, had got the victim abducted from Chitradurga, had him brought to a shed in Rajarajeshwari Nagar in Bengaluru, and had beaten him up by his associates, leading to his death.

They said the victim had sent obscene messages to Darshan's alleged partner Pavithra Gowda on social media. The actor had sent the four to surrender, paying them to keep his name out, police say. One of the four, Raghavendra, was the president of the Chitradurga District Darshan Fans' Club.

In the next few hours, the police arrested seven more people: Vinay V., 38, owner of Stonny Brook resto-bar in Bengaluru, where the actor had been partying on Saturday afternoon. Vinay's uncle owns the shed where the victim was



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**KASHINATH S. SHIVANAGOWDRU**  
Renukaswamy's father

allegedly tortured and killed. Deepak, 39, is a partner in the company running the shed and a nephew of a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) city MLA. Pavan K., 29, is an employee of Darshan, working as Pavithra Gowda's helper. Pradosh, 40, is a corporate executive and has been Darshan's friend for two decades. Nandeesh, 28; Lakshman, 54; and Nagaraju, 41, were allegedly present at the shed and had assaulted the victim.

The next morning, as Gowda was arrested in Bengaluru, city police arrested Darshan, who was at a hotel in Mysuru for a film shoot.

Darshan is one of the highest paid actors in the Kannada film industry, called Sandalwood informally. "He did at least two or three movies a year earlier, and was considered a 'dependable' hero. Producers invested money in him; exhibitors felt the need for such a hero so that theatres would be busy most of the year. Both the industry and the audience admired him for different reasons," said Shashidhar Chitradurga, author and film journalist.

Darshan's most recent action film *Kaatera* is the industry's biggest hit this year so far. At election time, politicians flocked to get the D-Boss, as he is popularly known, to campaign for them, especially in southern Karnataka.

### Last day at home

At about 2.30 p.m. on June 8, Renukaswamy had called his mother Rathnaprabha, 62, over the phone to tell her that he would not come home for lunch, and would return late in the evening. That was their last conversation. His body was brought to Chitradurga three days later.

Renukaswamy had left home around 9 a.m. on Saturday and parked his two-wheeler near Balaji Bar, close to the circle where the roads connecting Chitradurga with Bengaluru and Challakere taluka meet. As per CCTV camera footage, he

got into an autorickshaw, and the vehicle took the Bengaluru route. After a couple of kilometres, the passengers in the autorickshaw and the driver shifted to a taxi.

They have now been identified as Raghavendra, the driver Ravi Shankar, and two of his associates Anu Kumar, 25, and Jagadeesh, 36, all from Chitradurga. Raghavendra had allegedly lured them into the plot, promising them a meeting with their idol, Darshan.

Back home, his mother; father, Kashinath S. Shivanagowdru, 75; and wife, Sahana K.S., 26, waited, as the evening turned to the next day, and there was no sign of him. "We called his friends and the pharmacy, but no one knew anything," says Shivanagowdru.

As they contemplated lodging a complaint with the police on Monday, Shivanagowdru, who retired as a senior assistant from the Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM) 17 years ago, got information of his son's death from the police. "I felt the ground beneath me cave in," recalled the father, still shaken.

Renukaswamy, who was actively involved in the activities of a few Hindutva groups, according to people in the locality, had dropped out of college, where he was studying Commerce. He secured a job in the sales section of a pharmacy company and worked at its outlets in Chitradurga, after undergoing training. "Last year, we got him married to Sahana. June 28 is his wedding anniversary, and we were planning an event to mark the occasion," said Shivanagowdru.

Instead, on June 17, the family held a ritual in memory of Renukaswamy. "Sorry, the moment I start to speak about my son, I cannot hold back my tears," Shivanagowdru said. What haunts him most are the reports of torture. "The moment I remember him, I start to imagine how he must have suffered. I imagine him pleading with folded hands, wailing in pain. He must have cried for help; he must have begged them not to torture him." Then, "His wife is five months pregnant."

### Where it all happened

The now infamous shed, about 300 metres away from the road, is situated on a four-acre plot owned by Pattanagere Jayanna, who has significant land holdings in the Pattanagere village, now subsumed within Rajarajeshwari Nagar, a suburb in west Bengaluru. Intact Autoparc India Pvt Ltd had rented the land parcel. About 400 seized vehicles, including some trucks and buses, allegedly of loan defaulters, are parked in the space. It has a two-storey building at one end and is covered by at least eight CCTV cameras.

Raghavendra was allegedly instructed to take Renukaswamy to the shed, where at least one movie of Darshan had been shot. Darshan was partying at Stonny Brooks.

Gowda, who runs a boutique, had on January 24, this year, posted pictures with Darshan on so-



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A SENIOR POLICE OFFICER

cial media with the caption, "One decade down; forever to go. #10year. It's been 10 years of our relationship. Thank you." A sprinkling of hearts and stars was added. Gowda became a target of trolls. The message upset many Darshan fans who sided with his wife, Vijayalakshmi, and wrote messages against Gowda.

Renukaswamy was one of them. Allegedly operating under multiple fake Instagram identities, he had persistently trolled Gowda publicly. Police say he used the account @goutham.ks.1990 to send her obscene messages and pictures. Police have now found that Renukaswamy was a habitual offender and had employed a similar modus operandi with many women. One of them had brought it to the notice of a police officer in March 2024, but no action was taken.

These messages enraged Gowda, who allegedly informed her help Pavan. Posing as Gowda, he had chatted with Renukaswamy, managing to extract his mobile number and details of his whereabouts. With this information, Darshan allegedly contacted Raghavendra, seeking his 'help'. Using the photo and number, Raghavendra tracked down Renukaswamy and brought him to the shed, allegedly on Darshan's instructions.

Darshan then allegedly landed up at the shed with Gowda and several of his associates, including Pavan, the pub owner Vinay, and his friend Pradosh. Investigations have now revealed that Darshan got Gowda to beat up Renukaswamy and made him apologise. Renukaswamy was later tortured for several hours. Police claim that Deepak, a partner in the company running the shed, who had been out on work, joined them midway.

### Past and present offenders

The post-mortem report says that Renukaswamy's death was "due to shock and haemorrhage as a result of multiple blunt injuries sustained," say the police. The police's remand application gives graphic details of the torture. So far, 17 arrests have been made.

Police claim Pavan took charge of the cover-up, roping in three associates. Late in the night, the trio along with four others, took the body in two SUVs and threw it into the drain. "They assumed it would be washed away, but the body got stuck in the bushes," a police official said.

Darshan claims he only warned Renukaswamy, got Pavithra to slap him, and left, and that he had nothing to do with the murder. But police say he was present for much longer. The actor has now reportedly confessed to having paid Pradosh ₹30 lakh for the cover-up. Pradosh allegedly gave ₹5 lakh each to three who surrendered before the police, taking the blame for the murder. They had been promised more money for their families. Police have recovered the money.

Bengaluru City Police Commissioner B. Dayananda said they were confident of the case against the actor, as the arrest was based on strong evidence. "Barring Darshan, who had a domestic abuse case [in 2011, when he was arrested after his wife filed a case]; three others have petty cases against them; none of the other accused has any criminal record," another senior police officer leading the probe, said. He adds this was the reason they did not know how to cover their tracks.

### Fact, fiction, and the film world

Following Darshan's arrest for murder, social media is abuzz with multiple clips from his films which eerily mirror the happenings in the case. The characters Darshan plays in the movies often portray a type of masculinity that punishes those who violate women, by taking the law into their hands. At 6.3 feet and a gym-built body, Darshan's appeal was at many levels.

"In the initial years, people appreciated his screen presence and stunts, in addition to his looks. It was the time when gym culture picked up in Karnataka. Young boys who were keen on their physical appearance followed the actor," said Shashidhar.

Despite being the son of on-screen villain and character-actor Thoogudeepa Srinivas, well-known in the 1970s and 1980s, Darshan started at the bottom of the film industry pyramid, working as a light boy, when he lost his father at 18. His first break as a lead actor came with the 2002 superhit *Majestic*, in which he played an orphaned youth led astray into Bengaluru's underworld.

With his arrest after the domestic violence case, for which he got bail, his relationship with the media soured, but most of his films continued to rake in money. Days after the domestic violence case, his film *Sarathi*, in which he played an auto driver fighting to take revenge over his father's murder, became a blockbuster.

Today, fans stand outside the police station where he is being held, and the police, have had to impose prohibitory orders around the station. Social media is awash with fan support.

In recent years, Darshan had made an effort to break away from the mould he found himself in, essaying roles of freedom fighter Sangolli Rayana and the Mahabharata's tragic-hero Duryodhana in recent films. These brought him closer to family audiences. His recent films *Yajamana*, *Kranti*, and *Kaatera*, made good business and were hailed for their social messages.

Away from the blinding camera lights, Chandrappa, 60, accused person Anu Kumar's father, collapsed and died on hearing the news of his son's arrest. Chandrappa was a construction labourer; his wife Jayamma works as a domestic help. In their one-room tenement in Chitradurga, Jayamma says, "My son Anu's friend Jagadish is Darshan's fan. He forced Anu to join him for the trip," she says, weeping.



Police seal the shed where Renukaswamy, a fan of actor Darshan, was allegedly tortured and murdered. MURALI KUMAR K.







# Gupta has not requested consular help, his family is in touch, says MEA

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The Ministry spokesperson was responding to a question on the deaths of Indians during Haj.

**Suhasini Haidar**  
NEW DELHI

In a statement this



**RANDHIR JAISWAL**  
Ministry spokesperson

The government has denied that killing or targeting Khalistani separatists abroad is "Indian policy". However, after U.S. agencies filed charges against Mr. Gupta in November, and identified – without

When asked by *The Hindu* last month why no details about the composition of the committee, or its investigation thus far had been announced more than six months later, the Ministry spokesperson said that he could only confirm "that the high-level committee has been con-

"To advocate anti-India agenda is the real problem. And therefore, we have time and again been insisting that Canadian authorities take strict action against them," he added, referring to Nijjar supporters who took out rallies

“The documentary is biased and reflects unprofessional reporting. We obviously oppose any such attempts to condone, justify, or even glorify terrorism,” said Mr. Jaiswal on Friday, but did not respond to specific questions about the alleged expulsion of Indian diplomats.

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It also came down heavily on the ED's arguments that investigation was an art, "... because if it is so, then, any person can be implicated and kept behind bars by artistically procuring the material against him after artistically avoiding/withdrawing exculpatory material from the record. This very scenario constrains the court to draw an inference against the investigating agency that it is not acting without bias."

anything on record that Vijay Nair was acting upon the directions of the applicant. It has also failed to establish that even if Vinod Chauhan has close relations with Charanpreet, how come the same going to help ED to establish the guilt of the applicant, even if, the applicant is having acquaintance with both of these co-accused," the court noted.

"The situation becomes more grave if later on, the accused comes out to be innocent and the agony he has undergone remains unexplained," the court had said while granting bail to Mr. Kejriwal.

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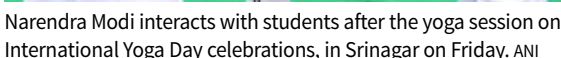
“Her state visit to India underlines our close and abiding ties. Appreciate her guidance on the further development of our special partnership,” said Dr. Jaishankar. Ms. Hasina has maintained cordial relations with the Modi government and the two sides have often worked together on critical issues such as combating the pandemic or security matters, but in this visit, the presence of the Governor of the Bangladesh



The delegation also includes Secretary of Economic Relations Department Mohammad Shahriar Quader Siddiqui. Notably, Kazi Zafrullah, one of the biggest bankers in Bangladesh and a leading light of Awami League, is also part of the visiting delegation.

**Peerzada Ashiq**  
SRINAGAR

The PM made an elaborate statement on how Muslims globally were



adopting yoga and cited the adoption of yoga therapy in Turkmenistan medical universities, as well as its inclusion in Saudi Arabia's education system and yoga-specific schools in Mongolia.

“Yoga’s utility is being recognised globally. There is barely any world leader who has not discussed yoga during his interactions. Yoga has become a part of daily life in every corner of the world. Yoga has be-

He suggested that yoga and tourism could “become a major source of employment in J&K too”. “Yoga is not only a discipline but also a science,” he added.

## Events across I&K

An official estimate suggested that 50,000 to 60,000 locals of J&K participated in yoga programmes across the Union Territory on Friday. Scores of yoga sessions were held in several districts, along the Line of Control, and at the tourist spots of Kashmir Valley on the occasion.

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KOTA SUPER THERMAL POWER STATION, STATE-RAJASTHAN  
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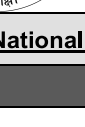
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**Tender Enquiry No. 315/DIT-947 Vol-I dated: 20.06.2024**

Dy Chief Engineer/IT (O&S), Ground floor PSPCL Head Office, The Mall, Patiala invites e-tender for Renewal of warranty/licenses of network devices of Cisco make installed at Data Centre Patiala. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 20.06.2024m 5:00pm onwards

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

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## INBRIEF



## Sun Pharma to unveil Takeda gastrointestinal drug in India

Drugmaker Sun Pharmaceutical Industries has entered into a non-exclusive patent licensing agreement with Takeda Pharmaceutical Company to commercialise the latter's gastrointestinal drug Vonoprazan tablets 10 mg, 20 mg in India under the brand name Voltapraz. Discovered and developed by Takeda, Vonoprazan is a novel, orally active potassium competitive acid blocker, used to treat reflux esophagitis and other acid peptic disorders.

## Zepto raises \$665 million at a valuation of \$3.6 billion

Consumer internet company Zepto said it had raised \$665 million at a valuation of \$3.6 billion, nine months after it had raised \$235 million at a \$1.4 billion valuation. Avenir, Lightspeed, and Avra had joined as new investors, among others, the company said in a statement. Existing investors Glade Brook, Nexus and StepStone co-led the round with Goodwater and Lachy Groom doubling down as well, the consumer internet firm added.

## Samrat appointed convenor of GST rate rationalisation panel

Bihar Deputy CM Samrat Chaudhary has been appointed as convenor of the GoM on GST rate rationalisation. Other members of the reconstituted panel are U.P. FM Suresh Kumar Khanna, Goa Transport Minister Mauvin Godinho, and Rajasthan Medical and Health Services Minister Gajendra Singh, West Bengal FM Chandrima Bhattacharya, Karnataka Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda, and Kerala FM K.N. Balagopal, according to a memorandum. PTI

## Centre unveils 10th tranche of commercial coal mine auction

The Hindu Bureau  
HYDERABAD

The Union Coal Ministry on Friday unveiled the 10th tranche of commercial coal mine auction.

As many as 67 coal mines, including a few that were offered under previous rounds across Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, West Bengal and Telangana, will be auctioned. Fully explored and partially explored as well as three coking coal mines figure in the list.

Union Minister of Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy and senior officials of the Coal Ministry said here that the auction would be

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conducted online through a transparent two stage process, based on percentage revenue share.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had unveiled the first round in 2020. In the nine rounds, a total of 107 coal mines had been successfully auctioned and involved an investment of ₹38,400 crore, the Minister said, adding that the initiative was aimed at reducing the dependency on coal imports.

## ‘Maruti Suzuki to scout for all technologies to make entire fleet hybrid’

Mini Tejaswi  
BENGALURU

Maruti Suzuki India said it will explore all technologies to cover its entire fleet under hybridisation, which comprises electrification and alternative fuel options.

Partho Banerjee, Senior Executive Officer, Marketing & Sales, told *The Hindu* that these technologies would include a wide range of pure electric and alternative fuel combos comprising battery EVs, strong hybrids, strong bio-fuels like ethanol, or even be CNG-based.

The company would also explore another bio-fuel

called compressed biogas within CNG, he added.

According to Mr. Banerjee, hybrid is such a powerful technology that it improves energy efficiency and reduces CO<sub>2</sub> consumption at least by about 30% with the help of a lithium-ion battery and a motor.

“The other advantage of hybrid is that it offers high torque, fuel efficiency, and peppiness at the same time,” he said, adding, “The biggest advantage is you don’t need charging. It’s like a self-charging machine. So we already have the Grand Vitara and Invicto, and the market and people who have driven them swear by them.”

## ‘Growth sacrifice’ view grows in MPC

External member Goyal cautions MPC against repeating the mistake of 2015, when policymakers avoided cutting interest rates on fears that crude prices could rise again and thus hurt growth; joins Varma in voting for a 25 bps rate reduction

Lalendu Mishra  
MUMBAI

As shima Goyal joined Jayanth R. Varma as the two external members of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) voted as a minority for a 0.25% rate cut at the latest MPC meeting, warning against the rising risks of ‘status quosim’ and ‘growth sacrifice’ as a result of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) persisting with its tight monetary policy approach, the minutes of the June 5-7 meeting released on Friday show.

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## Debate widens

MPC member Goyal joins Varma in voting for a rate cut, cites risks to growth from keeping policy restrictive for unduly long

■ MPC's headline inflation projection of 4.5% gives an average real repo rate of 2%, says Goyal

■ This implies the real repo rate will be above neutral for too long if the repo rate stays unchanged, she argues

■ Policy must stay focused on aligning inflation to target or risk undermining medium-term growth: RBI's Patra



been around 5% since January... while core inflation has been below 4% since December 2023,” Dr. Goyal noted. “The headline inflation projection

of 4.5% for 2024-25 gives an average real repo rate of 2% implying that the real repo rate will be above neutral for too long if the repo rate stays un-

changed,” she pointed out.

Stating that slowing inflation had raised real repo above unity, she said this would reduce real growth rate with a lag. “Expected growth is around 7% in 2024-25 below the 8% achieved in 2023-24. Status quoism is praised as being cautious. But if doing nothing distorts real variables it aggravates shocks instead of smoothing them and raises risk,” she asserted.

Dr. Goyal stressed that it was necessary to avoid the mistake of 2015 when global crude oil prices fell substantially but the fear that they would rise again pre-

vented an adequate cut in the policy rate. “Real interest rates rose substantially and hurt growth.”

Mr. Varma said: “I expressed concern about the growth sacrifice in 2024-25 induced by restrictive monetary policy. It now appears that the maintenance of restrictive policy for unwarrantedly long will lead to a growth sacrifice in 2025-26 as well.”

RBI Deputy Governor Michael Debabrata Patra, however, said policy needed to stay focused on aligning inflation to the target or risk undermining medium-term growth.

## ‘Private sector activity perks up; business optimism falls’

The Hindu Bureau  
NEW DELHI

Manufacturing as well as services activity picked up pace in June, as per the HSBC Flash India Purchasing Managers’ Indices (PMI) released on Friday, but business optimism levels slumped sharply despite an improvement in margins amid a marked reduction in input costs.

Rising demand and capacity pressures compelled manufacturing as well as services businesses surveyed for the PMI to ramp up staffing levels and input buying, with hiring reckoned to have grown at the fastest pace in 18 years.



Manufacturing sector activity recovered after slipping to a three-month low in May, as per the Flash PMI that serves as an advance indicator for a month's economic momentum, and rose to 58.5 from 57.5 last month.

Gains in the services sector were not as sharp,

with the PMI rising marginally, from 60.2 in May, to 60.4. However, services players did better than goods producers in terms of global demand, with fresh orders reported.

While input costs moderated, manufacturers raised output prices, while services firms tempered charges to customers.

“However, we should remain slightly cautious as the future output index fell sharply,” HSBC economists Pranjul Bhandari and Maitreyi Das wrote in a note. “The overall degree of optimism weakened to a three-month low, but remained above the series average,” they added.

## RBI's Rao stresses on customer protection in NBFC sector

The Hindu Bureau  
MUMBAI

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Executive Director R. Lakshmi Kanth Rao on Friday stressed the importance of compliance and customer protection in the non-banking financial company (NBFC) sector.

“NBFCs are a critical part of the financial system, contributing to diversification and innovation. However, their growing size necessitates a shift from pure activity-based regulation to a framework that considers both activity and scale to effectively

## There could be lesser importance given to compliance due to lighter regulations in the past

manage risk,” he said, addressing the Assocham 10th National Summit on NBFCs & Infrastructure Financing in Mumbai.

“There could be lesser importance given to compliance due to lighter regulations in the past.

However, with increased scale, NBFCs are required to meet stricter compliance requirements,” he added.

## MARKETS

## MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	77,210	-0.35
US Dollar	83.57	0.04
Gold	73,350	1.10
Brent oil	85.61	0.29

## NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter.....	3189.30	-70.15
Adani Ports.....	1485.50	16.10
Apollo Hosp.....	6170.00	-5.85
Asian Paints.....	2890.85	-24.65
Axis Bank.....	1237.45	-2.05
Bajaj Auto.....	9602.25	-29.75
Bajaj Finserv.....	1578.90	-7.10
Bajaj Finance.....	7134.25	-72.85
Bharti Airtel.....	1416.05	34.90
BPL.....	307.60	-5.53
Britannia Ind.....	5330.30	-48.15
Cipla.....	1541.55	-3.30
Coal India.....	480.20	-2.95
Divis Lab.....	4522.15	18.10
Dr Reddys Lab.....	6011.45	40.65
Eicher Motors.....	4845.50	-31.40
Grasim Ind.....	2466.15	-32.65
HCL Tech.....	1447.85	4.40
HDFC Bank.....	1665.75	-3.60
HDFC Life.....	580.95	-9.15
Hero MotoCorp.....	5452.00	-52.60
Hindalco.....	684.50	8.00
Hinduniveler.....	2441.30	-40.30
ICI Bank.....	1155.65	1.85
IndusInd Bank.....	1527.15	-0.70
Infosys.....	1532.70	17.30
ITC.....	419.60	-3.70
JSW Steel.....	936.90	7.25
Kotak Bank.....	1775.65	9.40
L&T.....	3535.00	-59.45
LTIMindtree Ltd.....	5125.45	73.00
M&M.....	2839.95	-31.25
Maruti Suzuki.....	12201.50	52.00
NestleIndia.....	2498.40	-41.35
NTPC.....	359.80	2.15
ONGC.....	269.65	-2.20
PowerGrid Corp.....	325.95	1.40
Reliance Ind.....	2998.40	-38.00
SBI Life.....	1464.15	8.65
State Bank.....	836.30	-7.45
Shriram Finance.....		
Ltd.....	2821.65	16.45
Sun Pharma.....	1467.25	-3.75
TataConsumerPro.....		
duct.....	1084.90	-18.35
Tata Motors.....	961.80	-16.45
Tata Steel.....	179.94	-2.34
TCS.....	3810.75	23.50
Tech Mahindra.....	1399.80	6.70
Titan.....	3399.75	-36.20
UltraTech Cement.....	10662.40	-240.80
Wipro.....	499.55	0.15

## EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 21

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar.....	83.33	83.65
Euro.....	89.02	89.36
British Pound.....	105.33	105.74
Japanese Yen (100).....	52.42	52.62
Chinese Yuan.....	11.48	11.52
Swiss Franc.....	93.38	93.75
Singapore Dollar.....	61.51	61.75
Canadian Dollar.....	60.84	61.08
Malaysian Ringgit.....	17.68	17.76
Australian Dollar.....	55.42	55.64
Source: Indian Bank		

**TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS : TIRUPATI**  
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**e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**  
e-Tenders are invited for supply of '36,00,000 Nos of Paper Food Bowls, 90,00,000 Nos of Paper cups (150 ml), 8,400 Kgs of Almonds, 45,00,000 Nos of Leaf Food Bowls, 5,400 Kgs of Asafoetida Powder, 10,000 Kgs of Atta (Aashirvaad MP Superior), 3,15,00,000 Nos. of Leaf Cups, 1,00,000 Kgs of Black Gram Dahl Splits with Husk 50,00,000 Nos. of Plate Leaves through e-tenders' to the Marketing Department, T.T. Devasthanams. For Tender notice and tender details log on to the web site <http://www.tirumala.org> and <http://tender.approcurement.gov.in>. For further details contact Phone Numbers: 0877-2264079, 2264555, Fax No.0877-2264554.  
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No.: AVVN/SE/CIVIL/AJM/EC; D: 533 Date: 20/06/2024  
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केन्द्र / राज्य सरकार के विभागों में 'ए' व 'एए' श्रेणी तथा अधिवि.नि.लि. के उपयुक्त श्रेणी में उपजीकृत, अनुमोदी तथा माल एवं सेवाकार विभाग एवं उपजीकृत निविदाकारों से अधिशाही अभियंता (सिविल/सिविल-QC), अजमेर/उदयपुर/सीकर/चित्तौड़गढ़ के अधीन सिविल कार्यों के लिए निविदाएं UBN No. AVV2425WSOB00068 to AVV2425WSOB00111, AVV2425SLOB00112, AVV2425WSOB00113 to AVV2425WSOB00118, AVV2425GSOB00119, AVV2425WSOB00120 to AVV2425WSOB00133 आमन्त्रित की जाती है। निविदा सम्बन्धित समस्त विवरण वेबसाइट <http://eproc.raajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raajasthan.gov.in> व <http://energy.raajasthan.gov.in/avnvl> पर उपलब्ध है।  
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3. Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 11:00 hours on 27th June, 2024. All the prospective bidders are advised to participate in the Pre-bid meeting.  
4. Any addendum, clarification to the bidder's queries and corrigendum etc. will be published on the e-proc web sites and will not be published in Newspapers.  
5. Bidders may contact Additional Project Director, RUIDP (0141-2548404), Jaipur for any information on bidding process.  
Raj.Samwadi/C24/995  
**Project Director, RUIDP**

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Suryakumar changed the tempo of the game: Afghanistan's Rashid



K.R. DEEPAK

Suryakumar Yadav's brilliant knock turned the game in India's favour, Afghanistan spinner Rashid Khan said. "We started well with the ball, but in the middle, Suryakumar changed the tempo of the game. He played his shots. That is what makes him unique and great," Rashid said.

DIFFERENT LEVEL

Bumrah gets his execution perfect, hails Kumble



K.R. DEEPAK

Anil Kumble hailed Jasprit Bumrah on his brilliant performance against Afghanistan. "He gets the execution perfect. You know, that's what it is. For each batter, he would have figured that out and then did it right in a big game. This doesn't come easy," Kumble told ESPNCricinfo.

HORSES FOR COURSES

Hat-trick hero Cummins says the bowling line-up has to adapt



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Pat Cummins admits that even taking the first hat-trick of the T20 World Cup may not save him from the axe when Australia faces Afghanistan. "Yes, potentially. We've been pretty open with that, that anyone in the squad's ready to play and the bowling line-up might change at different times," said Cummins.

FALLING SHORT

Should have made at least 170, feels Bangladesh skipper Shanto



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Bangladesh captain Najmul Hossain Shanto said his side should have scored at least 170 runs in the Super 8 encounter against Australia. "The wicket was good, a bit slow, but we should have made at least 170. Playing against this team, we should have gambled," Shanto said.

High-flying India takes on struggling Bangladesh

A win against Shanto's men, who are coming off a loss, will go a long way in clinching a semifinal spot for the Men in Blue; Rohit, Kohli will be keen on providing a strong start with the bat



Lot to cherish: Rohit's men had almost everything going in their favour in the match against Afghanistan. K.R. DEEPAK

T20 WORLD CUP

Press Trust of India  
NORTH SOUND (ANTIGUA)

An undefeated India takes on a faltering Bangladesh, both teams desperately hoping for their batting stars to strike form in a Super 8 clash of the T20 World Cup, here on Saturday. The Men in Blue produced a clinical performance against Afghanistan. With only a travel day separating their remaining two games, they would be hoping that the players who have not performed as per expectations so far, deliver the goods. Top of that list would be

the opening pair of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma. They have made a conscious effort to force the pace but have ended with minimal returns. Another under-pressure team member is left-hander Shivam Dube, who was picked in the squad to hammer sixes in the middle and death overs. On the bowling front, India is expected to retain the combination having given the first opportunity of the tournament to crafty left-arm spinner Kuldeep Yadav. India's sole aim in the Caribbean is to win the trophy and a solid performance against Bangladesh will be another step forward in that context.

Bangladesh finds itself in a must-win situation after the loss to Australia. The lack of power-hitters is hurting the side and there is no quick fix to that problem. The under-performance of opener Litton Das and Tanzid Khan has also compounded Bangladesh's woes.

The side will need to find a way to tackle Jasprit Bumrah, who has been sensational thus far, taking eight wickets at an unparalleled economy rate of 3.46. The pacers, led by Mustafizur Rahman, have done alright but leg-spinner Rishad Hossain needs more support in the spin department.

Today's matches





USA vs West Indies

Barbados, 6.00 a.m.

HEAD-TO-HEAD T20Is

First Meeting



India vs Bangladesh

Antigua, 8.00 p.m.

HEAD-TO-HEAD T20Is

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India 12 | Bangladesh 1

Having three left-arm spinners is an advantage on the wickets here: Axar

Ashwin Achal  
BRIDGETOWN (BARBADOS)

The Indian bowling attack in the Super 8 fixture against Afghanistan here on Thursday was unique. It is not too often you see three left-arm spinners in the eleven. Kuldeep Yadav offers variety as a wrist spinner, while Axar Patel and Ravindra Jadeja come on with a stifling line and length. Axar, in particular, is adept at changing it up according to the match situation. Leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal is waiting in the wings. The trio formed an effective combination on a slow, dry Kensington Oval pitch. Kuldeep, playing his first match of the tournament, took two wickets. Axar (1/15 in 3 overs) and Jadeja gave nothing away and applied the choke on the Afghan chase.

Active communication  
Axar believes that active communication makes for a good partnership. "Having

three left-arm spinners is an advantage on the wickets here. Our combination is very good. We communicate well. For example, whoever comes on to bowl first will communicate to the others on what is working and what is not. This is important when you bowl as a unit," Axar said at the press conference after India eased past Afghanistan by 47 runs. Being versatile to satisfy the needs of the team is crucial, Axar added. "I can bowl in the PowerPlay, middle or towards the end. I can be called by the captain in any situation. If I feel that I need to attack, then I plan accordingly. In the Pakistan match, when I came to bowl the 16th over, I felt that if I give less runs it will be very good for the team," said Axar. Axar described pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah as a "world class bowler", and that the quality of the Indian attack can "get us out of a tough situation".



Left is right: India's spin trio of Jadeja, Kuldeep and Axar is expected to play a key role again. K.R. DEEPAK

Proteas prevail over England in nail-biter



Turning it on: de Kock raced to 65 off 38 deliveries with four fours and as many sixes. PTI

Ayan Acharya  
GROS ISLET (ST. LUCIA)

In a thrilling T20 World Cup Super 8 match at the Daren Sammy ground here on Friday, England fell agonisingly short against South Africa, losing by seven runs. Chasing 164, Jos Buttler's men were in deep trouble at 63 for four in 11 overs. However, Harry Brook and Liam Livingstone ignited hopes, smashing 52 in three overs at one stage. The turning point came in the 17th over when Ott Niel Baartman's full tosses allowed Livingstone to smash three consecutive boundaries. But, with 25 needed off 18 balls, Kagiso Rabada dismissed Livingstone for 33 off 17 in an over that cost just four runs. Marco Jansen's tight penultimate over followed, leaving England needing 14 off the final six. Brook, having reached his first T20 World Cup fifty, went for a boundary shot off Anrich Nortje, but Aiden Markram's stunning catch at mid-off dented England's hopes. The final over went for just six runs, extending South Africa's unbeaten run in the tournament. Keshav Maharaj's

masterful two for 25 on a slow pitch set the stage. England must now secure a big win against the USA and hope that the Net Run Rate (NRR) works in its favour in case the West Indies prevails in its remaining matches. Earlier, Reece Topley and Moeen Ali sought to leverage their favourable match-ups against Quinton de Kock (65 off 38 balls). de Kock first broke free against Moeen with consecutive boundaries before hitting Jofra Archer for three sixes in a 21-run over. Archer made amends, giving away just eight in his final over and taking two wickets. England's spin duo of Adil Rashid and Moeen Ali excelled, maintaining an economy rate of 6.42. Buttler shone with the big gloves, jumping high to take a one-handed catch to send back de Kock and making a direct hit to run out Heinrich Klaasen. David Miller's 43 off 28 helped South Africa post a total that proved just enough.

The scores: South Africa 163/6 in 20 overs (de Kock 65, Miller 43, Archer 3/40) bt England 156/6 in 20 overs (Brook 53, Livingstone 33, Rabada 2/32, Maharaj 2/25); Toss: England; PoM: de Kock.

Cummins' 'trick and Zampa's artistry win it for Australia

Press Trust of India  
NORTH SOUND (ANTIGUA)

Premier pacer Pat Cummins grabbed the tournament's first hat-trick and spinner Adam Zampa showcased his artistry to fashion Australia's 28-run win over Bangladesh via the Duckworth Lewis method in its Super 8 fixture of the T20 World Cup. If Zampa (two for 24) operated with precision in the middle overs, Cummins (three for 29) claimed three wickets off successive balls at the back end, as Australia restricted Bangladesh to 140 for eight after Mitchell Marsh opted to bowl first in the rain-interrupted game. Australia was in a hurry to finish the game with openers David Warner and Travis Head going hammer and tongs from the very first ball.



On fire: Cummins' three-in-three — the edition's first — helped Australia restrict Bangladesh to 140. GETTY IMAGES

The pair raced to 60/0 before rain interrupted play. Once play resumed, the Aussies lost a bit of momentum as Rishad Hossain removed Head and Marsh in quick succession. Despite the twin blow, Australia never looked in trouble. When rain

stopped play again, Australia was 28 runs ahead of the DLS par score. The scores: Bangladesh 140/8 in 20 overs (Shanto 41, Hridoy 40, Cummins 3/29, Zampa 2/24) lost to Australia 100/2 in 11.2 overs (Warner 53 n.o., Head 31, Hossain 2/23) by DLS method; Toss: Australia; PoM: Cummins.

Bangladesh could be another warm-up for India



Sunil Gavaskar

The easy win over Afghanistan in the first game of the Super Eight stage would have boosted the Indian team's morale even more. They were unbeaten in the American stage of the league — that too on pitches about which the less said the better. Then, when they would have looked to get some good match time in their last group game in Miami against Canada, the wet outfield put paid to those plans too as the game was washed off. Therefore, the match against Afghanistan became a bit more crucial as it would not give the players the time to ease into the Super Eight stage of the tournament. The next game against Bangladesh could well be another warm-up for the Indians. Mind you, in recent times, the clashes between the junior teams of the two countries have been pretty spicy with loads

of aggro between the players. It's not necessarily the same as the senior players like Shakib, Mustafizur play in the Indian Premier League and so know the Indian players well and have a very good equation with them. They have had an up and down tournament so far, but the Super Eight stage gives the players a fresh start and a new page to write on. Indias batters, especially the openers, Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, will look to get more runs and time out in the middle before the clash against Australia. Pant played a lovely cameo against Afghanistan and is looking dangerous with every outing. Suryakumar was simply SKY as he batted as only he can and even toyed with Rashid Khan, who bowled so well to the other Indian batters. Then it was Boom Boom Bumrah who tied up the Afghan top-order with his extraordinary skill and reading of the batters' mind. There is no one remotely close to the Indian pacer in the way he sets batters up and sends them back to the change room. The spinners bowled well too and didn't allow the Af-

ghan batters any leeway. A win against Bangladesh will assure India a place in the semis and also give them more confidence to

take on the impressive Aussies to see who finishes top of the table. (Professional Management Group)

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