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HC blocks Kejriwal's release on ED plea against bail order

CM To Stay In Jail Till Court Decides Agency's Case

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New Delhi: Delhi high court on Friday granted interim stay on a trial court order giving bail to CM Arvind Kejriwal in an alleged scam in the now-scrapped Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22. ED had filed an appeal on Friday morning, calling the trial court order "perverse" and claiming that it did not get a fair hearing.

A vacation bench of Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain reserved its order, saying the bail order would remain stayed till the bench pronounced its verdict. Meanwhile, counsel from both sides can file written submissions by June 24.

Additional solicitor general (ASG) S V Raju appeared for ED while Kejriwal was represented by senior advocates Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Vikram Chaudhri.

The ASG told the bench that he was not given adequate opportunity by the trial court to oppose the bail plea. "The court does not hear us, does not look at the documents given by us, saying it's voluminous. The court says bulky documents have been filed. There can't be any more perverse order than this... Without going through documents filed by both sides, without giving us an opportunity, the matter is decided. It is the duty of a court to pass order in accordance with law. Without going through documents, how can you say it's relevant or not relevant?" said the ASG.

WHAT ED SAID	WHAT CM SAID
➤ Bail **order was 'perverse'** as it was contrary to Sec 45 of PMLA. Trial judge **did not give 'full opportunity' to ED to present case** and insisted that agency should be brief in its arguments	➤ It is very unfortunate that ASG (appearing for ED) **maligned the judge merely because an adverse order was passed**
➤ Though **new points were argued by Kejriwal's lawyers** in rejoinder, **ED was denied the opportunity to rebut** them. Trial court did not examine agency's reply, termed it 'bulky'	➤ **Hearing lasted 5 hours, of which ED took 3 hrs 45 mins** and the rest was taken by Kejriwal's lawyer. Where is the question of ED being denied opportunity to present its case?
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➤ **Magunta Reddy had met Kejriwal, who allegedly demanded ₹100 crore as bribe. Yet judge says no direct evidence.** Direct evidence is in the form of statement. There is corroboration also	➤ **Like Alice in Wonderland, ED has its own meaning of perversity.** For them it means error is perversity and unless every argument of ED is repeated verbatim, it is perversity
➤ ED has shown **evidence for use of proceeds of crime by AAP** in Goa assembly elections and has traced ₹45cr	➤ **Statements by 4 witnesses in 2022** — Raghav Magunta, Buchi Babu, Abhishek Boinpally and Sarath Reddy — **did not implicate Kejriwal.** Magunta Sreenivasa Reddy later gave a statement against Kejriwal and the next day, his son Raghav Magunta got bail. Buchi Babu also immediately got bail after he implicated Kejriwal
➤ Bail **order was passed on 'irrelevant considerations'** and no prima facie finding regarding lack of guilt has been made	

ED acting with bias: Bail order by trial court

Granting bail to the CM on Thursday, the court observed that ED was acting with bias. The agency's submission that "investigation is an art and sometimes one accused is given lollipop of bail and pardon and induced with some assurance to make them tell the story behind the offence", was questioned by special judge Niyay Bindu. She said "...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."

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The judge said the IO had informed that out of an alleged amount of Rs 100 crore, about Rs 40 crore had been traced but ED had failed to clarify how much time it needed for tracing the rest of the amount. Which, she said, raised the question whether Kejriwal is supposed to remain behind bars till they recover the entire amount. "The investigation agency should be prompt and fair so that it can be perceived that the principles of natural justice are also being followed," the court noted. P 2

In its petition, ED said the trial court judge did not grant "full and complete opportunity" to the agency to muster up all its arguments and told the ASG to cut short his arguments and only indicate the page numbers that ED wished to rely upon. The judge also asked the ASG to restrict his arguments to the points argued by the bail applicant, ED claimed. "The learned ASG on more than one occasion submitted that the bail applicant's counsel has not argued the case on merits and, therefore, it was incumbent on ED to demonstrate the prosecution case," said ED's petition, but the court stuck to its stance that the arguments should be cut short.

▶'Bail order perverse', P 2

FINALLY, SCORCHED CITY GETS RAIN BALM

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Delhi-NCR, scorched by the longest and most severe heat spell in over 70 years, finally received its first significant spell of rain in nearly four months on Friday afternoon. While Safdarjung logged just 3.6mm till 5.30pm, other spots such as Pitampura (33.5mm) and Rajghat (32mm) were much wetter. However, prior to the showers, the mercury had crossed 40°C for the 39th day in a row. Temperatures are expected to rise again to 42-43°C by Sunday. The last time the city got a rain spell of at least 4mm was on March 4. Safdarjung, Delhi's main weather station, had recorded a rain deficit of 54% in April and 99% in May | P 6

143 heatstroke deaths this yr: Health ministry; TOI data puts no. at 209

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New Delhi: The Union health ministry said 143 people across the country had died of heatstroke this summer, based on data of confirmed deaths collated by it from states till June 20.

The figure, however, is lower than the numbers gathered by **TOI** from official sources in various state govts, as per which there have been 209 confirmed heat-related fatalities so far this season, apart from 239 suspected deaths due to heat, taking the total number of confirmed and suspected mortalities to 448.

Health ministry said UP recorded the maximum 35 such deaths, followed by Delhi (21). Rajasthan and Odisha recorded 17 deaths each.

▶Delhi tops list, P 25

TOLLS APART

- **143** Confirmed heat deaths in India so far, as per health ministry. UP 35, Delhi 21, Raj & Odisha 17 each
- **209** Confirmed heat toll, as per data from state authorities. Delhi 76, UP 51, Odisha 41, Bihar 19
- **239** Deaths suspected to be related to heat. Odisha 118, UP 65, Chhattisgarh 15, MP 14

Atishi begins fast for more water

Water minister Atishi commenced an indefinite hunger strike, dubbed 'Paani Satyagraha', Friday to demand Delhi's right to water. BJP described it as a bid to cover up govt's failures. Meanwhile, DJB reported a water production of 888 MGD, the season's lowest. P 3

EV launches lined up in 6-8 months

Despite concerns over the charging infrastructure and higher prices of green cars, India is set to see a flurry of SUV launches, including green versions of some popular models, within six-to-eight months. All top carmakers are set to launch new models. P 21

TN hooch toll rises to 50, HC raps govt

The toll in the hooch tragedy in TN's Kallakurichi rose for a second day on Friday, to 50 from 38 the day before. Madras HC rapped the state govt, saying it had failed to take action after a similar tragedy in Marakkanam in 2023 in which 23 people died. P 9

RBI: High food prices derailing inflation target

RBI's members in the monetary policy committee have expressed concern regarding food inflation, which has not sufficiently moderated. Fear of food prices rising further due to adverse weather has forced them to keep rates on hold and liquidity in check, minutes of a recent meet showed.

▶Heat hits city veggie supply, prices surge, P 8

"The impact of exceptionally warm summer months on output of certain perishables; a likely rabi production shortfall in some pulses and vegetables, and the upward revisions in milk prices, warrant close monitoring," RBI governor Shaktikanta Das said. P 21

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ED Acting With Bias: Court In CM Bail Order

Special Judge Says No Direct Evidence Linking CM With Proceeds Of Crime

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New Delhi: Granting bail to chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday in a money laundering case related to the alleged scam in the now-scrapped Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22, a city court has observed that Enforcement Directorate (ED) was acting with bias. The bail order was stayed by a Delhi high court bench on Friday after an appeal was filed by ED.

ED's submission that "investigation is an art and sometimes one accused is given lollypop of bail and pardon and induced with some assurance to make them tell the story behind the offence," was questioned by special judge Niyay Bindu. "The court has to take a pause to consider this argument…that investigation is 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."

The judge observed that the complete truth cannot be revealed through people who have backtracked from their previous statements. She was referring to some witnesses in the case. She said the complete truth shall be established on the basis of incriminating material available on record which the investigating agency is "under an obligation to procure in a legal manner".

The court observed that ED had failed to give any direct evidence linking Kejriwal to proceeds of crime. However, it may be possible that some known persons to the CM were involved, she said.

The agency had failed to clarify how it reached the conclusion that an amount of Rs 1 crore attached from Vinod Chauhan was part of the proceeds of crime, said the judge, adding that it was also not clarifying as how the alleged amount of Rs 40 crore traced during the investigation was part of the proceeds of crime.

Regarding that amount, the judge said the IO had informed the court that out of an alleged amount of Rs 100 crore, about Rs 40 crore had been traced but ED had failed to clarify how much time it needed for tracing the rest of the amount. Which, she said, raised the question whether Kejriwal is supposed to remain behind bars without proper evidence against him till they recover the entire amount.

"It seems that ED also believes that the evidence on record is not sufficient to proceed against the applicant and it is taking time to procure the same in any manner whatsoever… The investigation agency should be prompt and fair so that it can be perceived that the principles of natural justice are also being followed by the agency," the court noted.

The court observed that ED was silent on certain issues raised by Kejriwal, including his submission that he had not been named either in the CBI case or in the ECIR (ED's enforcement case information report).

Taking note of the ED's claim regarding the fact mentioned in the chargesheet i.e Vijay Nair stayed at the house of Kailash Gehlot and he was having close relations with Kejriwal; that his stay at a seven-star hotel at Goa was sponsored by co-accused Chanpreet Singh which shows the close proximity of both of them; and that an amount of Rs 1 crore was attached from the residence of a co-accused who is an associate of Kejriwal, the court said "ED has not shown anything on record (to prove) that Vijay Nair was acting upon the directions of the applicant."

Even if Vinod Chauhan had close relations with Chanpreet Singh, how would that help ED establish Kejriwal's guilt, even if he was acquainted with both co-accused, the judge wondered.

The judge observed that higher courts have been urging trial courts to consider the constitutional rights of undertrials. "There have been thousands of cases where the accused have undergone a long trial and agony resulting from the same till they have been acquitted by the court for being innocent. Unfortunately, the mental and physical agony of such a person cannot be compensated in any manner whatsoever," she said.

Referring to SC's interim bail order of May 10, 2024, the court recalled that the bench had said that though serious accusations have been made, Kejriwal has not been convicted and he did not have any criminal antecedents. He was not a threat to society either, it had observed, pointing out that the investigation in the case had remained pending since August 2022. "More importantly, legality and validity of the arrest itself is under challenge before this court and we are yet to finally pronounce on the same," SC had said.

'DUTY OF COURT TO ENSURE INNOCENT IS NOT PUNISHED'

SPECIAL JUDGE NIYAY BINDU

- This principle imposes a duty upon the court not only to prevent guilty individuals from escaping justice, but also to ensure that no innocent should be punished—**quoting Benjamin Franklin's principle that 'it is better that 100 guilty people escape than an innocent person suffer'**
- If an accused has undergone atrocities of the system till his innocence is realised, then he could never be able to conceive that 'JUSTICE' has actually been done in his favour—**referring to phrase of Lord Chief Justice Hewart, 'Justice should not only be done but seen to be done'**
- Sometimes, the socio-economic status and previous conduct of accused have been considered by courts—**citing Supreme Court judgment granting Arvind Kejriwal interim bail on May 10**
- Taking note of the fact that ED investigation was still pending, it wondered if this meant that until and unless this exercise of tracing the remaining amount was completed by ED, the accused was supposed to remain behind bars, that too without proper evidence against him.
- **—This is also not an acceptable submission of ED**
- Maxim of law that every person must be presumed innocent until proven guilty seems to be not applicable in the given case in respect of the present accused—**referring to ED repeatedly pressing upon the twin conditions available under Section 45 of PMLA to oppose the bail**
- One consideration is not being taken care of by ED that even for implicating a person as an accused in such a criminal matter is also required to be done under certain guidelines and legal procedures
- **Noting that ED was silent about the facts as to how the proceeds of crime had been utilised in Goa assembly elections by AAP even after about two years,** the court said that bigger portion of the alleged amount remained to be traced
- Material was available with ED against Delhi CM, but he was called only in Aug 2023, which showed mala fide of ED and the agency failed to answer this objection of Kejriwal
- In cases under PMLA, bail of the accused becomes an impossible task to obtain as on one pretext or the other investigating agency gives its own reasons, which puts the accused in a situation almost equivalent to a convict without any hope to be released from the gloomy atmosphere of jail
- **The situation becomes more grave if later on, the accused comes out to be innocent and the agony he has undergone remains unexplained**
- It may be possible that some known persons to CM are involved in an offence or known to a third person, involved in the offence, but **ED has failed to give any direct evidence against the applicant (Kejriwal) in respect of the proceeds of crime**

Bail order perverse, didn't get time to plead case: ED

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The petition claimed that ED's request for submitting a detailed note within the next 2-3 days was also turned down by the trial court with a direction to file any such note the same day or next day.

The judge insisted that she was hearing a "high-profile case" and, therefore, "did not want to reserve the order," the petition said.

The petition said ED was being deprived of an opportunity to seek an effective legal remedy by filing an appropriate petition before HC since the order granting bail had not been made available till the time of filing the appeal. "Rather when the counsel for ED tried to enquire from the court after pronouncement of the order, the court staff was unavailable and the courtroom was empty with the lights switched off," said the petition.

It claimed that the court staff had told ED's counsels that the judge had given instructions not to email or upload the order granting bail, saying it would be available at 10am on Friday "effectively depriving ED of any opportunity of challenging the order prior to release of the bail applicant/accused".

The ASG claimed before the court that the trial court judge had admitted that she did not examine the documents. He said he had not come across a judge who admits not to have read the papers and granted bail. "There can't be a more perverse order than this. On this ground alone, the order needs to go," he said.

Questioning the trial court's findings, the ASG claimed ED has shown evidence for use of proceeds of crime by AAP in the Goa assembly elections and has traced an amount of Rs 45 crore.

The ED also submitted that the high court had earlier taken into account statements made by approvers while rejecting a plea filed by Kejriwal challenging his arrest.

The agency also pointed out that as per Section 45 of PMLA, a trial court while considering bail in money laundering cases has to give a prima facie finding that the concerned accused is not guilty. "It has no discretion in this case where Section 45 of PMLA is involved. The court has to give a prima facie finding that he is not guilty of the offence," the ASG submitted.

On the trial court's observation that ED had not provided direct evidence, the ASG pointed out that Magunta Reddy had met Kejriwal and the latter demanded Rs 100 crore as bribe. "We have shown all this to prove that he had a role in the demand of Rs 100 crore. Yet the judge says no direct evidence. Direct evidence is in the form of a statement. There is corroboration also," said the ASG.

ED said High Court had earlier taken into account statements made by the approvers while rejecting a plea filed by Kejriwal challenging his arrest

Arguing for Kejriwal, senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi told the court that the hearing in the trial court lasted for five hours out of which ED took 3.45 hours. Therefore, there is no question of ED being denied an opportunity to present its case, he said.

"Just because there is political antagonism and if all the commas etc are not dealt with by the judge, it gives Mr Raju the right to malign the judge. This is deplorable and sad. It should never have come from a govt authority," said Singhvi.

Opposing ED's submission that the trial court order granting bail to Kejriwal was perverse, the senior advocate said, "Like Alice in Wonderland, ED has its own meaning of perversity… unless every argument of ED is repeated verbatim, it is perversity."

Singhvi pointed out that statements given in 2022 by four witnesses — Raghav Magunta, Buchi Babu, Abhishek Boinpally and Sarath Reddy — had not implicated Kejriwal. But later, Magunta Sreenivasa Reddy gave a statement against Kejriwal, and the next day, his son, Raghav Magunta, got bail. Buchi Babu also immediately got bail after he implicated Kejriwal, Singhvi submitted.

Talking about proceeds of crime, Singhvi said that not "one paisa" has been traced to Kejriwal.

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In A Temporary Tent, Atishi Begins Fast For More Water

'Instead Of Helping Out, Haryana Withheld 120MGD Of Rightful Share'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Water minister Atishi commenced an indefinite hunger strike, dubbed 'Paani Satyagraha', on Friday to demand Delhi's right to water. The same day, Delhi Jal Board reported a water production of 888 million gallons per day (MGD), the season's lowest.

"As water minister, I made every possible effort to secure Delhi's rightful share of water, but Haryana's BJP govt didn't comply. In this regard, I also wrote a letter to the Prime Minister, requesting him to secure Delhi's rightful share of water," the minister said. She added that instead of getting relief, for two days now, Haryana govt had withheld 120MGD of Delhi's share of water. "That is why I had to sit on an indefinite hunger strike," she said.

The minister pointed out that Delhi did not have its own source of water. "All the water in Delhi comes from neighbouring states. Delhi gets 1,005MGD of water. This water goes to Delhi's water treatment plants and from there, it reaches people's homes through pipelines. Of this 1,005MGD water, 613MGD comes from Haryana. One million gallons of water is adequate for 28,500 people. That means when Haryana govt stops 100MGD of water for Delhiites, water supply to more than 28 lakh people of Delhi is stopped. This is the reason why there is a water crisis in different parts of Delhi today," claimed Atishi.

Rajesh Mehta

Atishi with CM's wife, Sunita Kejriwal, and Sanjay Singh at Bhogal

The protest is being held on a narrow street opposite the Shiv temple in Bhogal. The minister will be present at the tent intermittently. She will otherwise be resting in a separate hall in a dharmshala nearby. Earlier in the day, the minister went to Rajghat and then proceeded for the protest site at Bhogal. On the stage, she offered flowers in front of Mahatma Gandhi's photograph before sitting down for the Paani Satyagraha around noon.

Sunita Kejriwal, wife of CM Arvind Kejriwal, joined Atishi at the protest and read out a message from her husband expressing support for Atishi's cause. "When I see on TV from inside the jail how people are suffering due to the water shortage, it pains me. I hope Atishi will be successful in her protest and the people of Delhi get water," said Sunita, reading the message of the jailed chief minister.

According to party functionaries, the minister will stay at the protest site until the water crisis is resolved. "She will be staying here, sleeping here and the official work will also be done from there. The satyagraha will go on until the water production of the city improves," said a govt official.

ATISHI SAYS

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Other high-ranking AAP members also stood alongside her on the stage. They included Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh, urban development minister Saurabh Bharadwaj and several MLAs.

After her speech, Atishi shifted to the temporary arrangements made for her to rest and would sit in protest again in the evening. Sanjay Singh said that doctors would monitor the protesting minister's health during the time she took nothing except water.

The locals in Jangpura were discomfited by the traffic congestion caused by the protest with numerous cars parked on the road near the site. Ambika Sachdeva, a resident of Jangpura B block, said, "We are getting dirty water and that also only once a day. We are facing problems with water supply for many days."

Govt to look into petrol dealers' call to hike PUCC fees

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New Delhi: The transport department is likely to increase the charges for pollution under control certificates (PUCC) in the national capital.

Officials said that during a meeting on Thursday, transport minister Kailash Gahlot listened to the demands and suggestions of the representatives of the Petrol Dealers' Association on the issue.

Gahlot said, "The Petrol Dealers Association has demanded an increase in the fees for PUC certificates in Delhi. The fees were last increased in Delhi in 2011. I have assured them that Delhi govt will seriously consider their demands."

According to sources, transport officials have submitted a proposal to Gahlot in which they have proposed that the fees be hiked by three-four times. "We would take a middle ground, it should not be that there is too much pressure on people. At the same time, we also have to consider that the rates have not been increased for years though maintenance costs have gone up for dealers," said an official.

A senior Delhi govt official said the pollution test rates were last increased in 2011 while the fines for vehicles caught without a PUC certificate had increased manifold.

Currently, Rs 60 is paid for pollution tests of petrol and CNG-driven two-wheelers and three-wheelers, Rs 80 for petrol-powered and Rs 100 for diesel-powered four-wheelers. A GST of 18% is levied separately. Last year, 50 lakh pollution test certificates were issued in the city.

According to Motor Vehicle Act, vehicle owners can face imprisonment of up to six months or a fine of up to Rs 10,000 or both if caught without a valid PUCC. According to Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989, every motor vehicle, including those conforming to BS-I/II/III/IV and those plying on CNG/LPG, is required to carry a valid PUC certificate after the expiry of a one-year period from the date of registration. However, the validity is one year for four-wheeler BS-IV-compliant vehicles and three months for others.

"We have also got requests from people running the pollution test centres, who said it had become difficult to meet expenses as they had to pay a heavy rent," the official said.

The PUC certification in Delhi is done in real time and has been integrated with the vehicle registration database.

Woman's decomposed body found in N Delhi

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The decomposed body of a 55-year-old woman was discovered at her residence in north Delhi's Lahori Gate on Thursday. Police said the body was found after neighbours noticed a foul smell emanating from her second-floor apartment.

"The body had been lying for probably three days. The woman was unmarried and lived alone. As of now, we haven't found any evidence suggesting foul play. However, a thorough investigation is still under way," an officer stated.

"The body has been moved to the mortuary, and procedures under Section 174 of the Criminal Procedure Code have been initiated. This includes interviewing neighbours and relatives to gather any information that may shed light on the circumstances surrounding her death," the officer added.

DCP(North) Manoj Meena said they were waiting for the postmortem report to ascertain the cause of the death. "The body was totally decomposed," he added.

BJP calls it a political drama, Haryana advises Delhi to put its house in order

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi/Chandigarh: The BJP MP from New Delhi, Bansuri Swaraj, on Friday said that Delhi's water minister Atishi's indefinite fast over water was a "sham" and "an attempt to cover up AAP govt's failures". "It was clear since Feb that Delhi would endure a long summer, but AAP govt made no preparations," she claimed.

"Why did Delhi Jal Board not prepare a summer action plan in March? And why did they not make full preparations even after the Meteorological Department's warnings of intense heat? You repeatedly request additional water from Haryana or Himachal Pradesh, which do not have extra water. Why do you not ask for water from Punjab, where your party is in power?" Swaraj asked.

The BJP MP from South Delhi, Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, said the protest was yet another "political drama". "Atishi is protesting against Haryana to tarnish its image," he claimed.

In response, AAP said, despite being a Delhi MP, Bansuri Swaraj, instead of requesting Haryana govt to release Delhi's share of water, was now trying to trivialise the situation by making "baseless allegations". Until Haryana govt releases Delhi's share of water, the city's water crisis will remain unresolved, the party added.

"Atishi has made every effort to mitigate the water crisis, including meeting with Delhi's lieutenant governor, seeking interventions from the Prime Minister and Union Jal Shakti minister, and requesting help from the Haryana CM. However, none of them offered any help," AAP claimed.

Meanwhile, Haryana minister of state for irrigation & water resources (independent charge) Abhe Singh Yadav said that Delhi govt and DJB representatives should sit together to plug the "water theft or wastage" in the interest of the people of the national capital.

No kidding! Yoga can help raise sperm DNA quality

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New Delhi: Couples facing repeated pregnancy loss and implantation failure may find hope in the integration of regular yoga practice by men, which could help improve pregnancy outcomes. This revelation comes from a study conducted by AIIMS and published in *Scientific Reports* of the Nature Publishing Group.

According to researchers, paternal factors play a critical role in the health and disease of the offspring. It has been cited as an important contributor in the normal embryonic development and associated as a causal factor for early pregnancy loss.

The study titled 'Yoga and its effect on sperm genomic integrity, gene expression, telomere length and perceived quality of life in early pregnancy loss' investigated the effects of a six-week yoga programme on male partners of couples facing recurrent pregnancy loss and implantation failure. The participants and their semen samples were assessed before and after the yoga intervention. The results indicate that incorporating regular yoga practice into the lifestyle of men may have beneficial effects on aspects of sperm quality and function.

"Psychological stress and impending oxidative stress are key components that affect the sperm structure and function," said professor Rima Dada of the laboratory of molecular reproduction and genetics, AIIMS. She added that toxins like pollution and cigarette smoke can cause oxidative stress.

The study suggests that yoga can potentially improve sperm DNA quality, reduce oxidative stress and slow down the aging process of sperms by increasing their telomere length. Additionally, the practice of yoga appears to normalise the gene expression levels in sperms. These positive changes may contribute to the prevention of recurrent failure and enhance pregnancy outcomes, both in cases of spontaneous conception and assisted reproductive techniques.

Moreover, the findings highlight the potential impact of yoga in reducing the risk of disease transmission with poor quality of sperm DNA to the next generation. By improving the overall health and quality of sperms, the practice of yoga may play a role in minimising the burden of disease in offspring.

A PROFESSOR SAYS

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The other authors of the study were Dr Vidhu Dhawan of the department of anatomy and Dr Neena Malhotra, Dr Neeta Singha and Dr Vatsala Dadhwal of the department of obstetrics and gynaecology.

The study included 60 participants in the 18-45 age group, divided into two groups of 30 each. One group participated in the yoga programme, while the other served as the control group. Additionally, semen samples were collected from 30 healthy, fertile men who had become fathers in the past two years, but they were not included in the yoga intervention. To eliminate any potential confounding factors, cytogenetic analysis was performed on both partners to exclude the presence of chromosomal abnormalities.

A structured yoga regimen was implemented, with sessions lasting about two hours each day, six days per week for the first two weeks under the skilled direction and oversight of certified yoga instructors. Participants were guided through a series of postures, breathing exercises, and meditation techniques aimed at improving flexibility, strength and overall health.

FIGHTING THE PROBLEM

Pregnancy loss is associated with **comorbid stress, anxiety and depression**

Psychological stress, unhealthy lifestyle and impending oxidative stress are key components, which affect the sperm structure and function

HOW YOGA CAN HELP

- Yoga is a mind-body medicine and results in a **significant improvement in both mental and physical health,** and also in all domains of life
- **Consistent practise of yoga** has shown to enhance sperm quality and increase integrity of both nuclear and mitochondrial DNA
- **These improvements can help couples achieve spontaneous conception** and also boost the chances of success following IVF/ICSI procedures
- By reducing the occurrence of pregnancy losses, implantation failures, and significant morbidity and mortality in the offspring, **regular yoga practice can contribute to better reproductive outcomes**
- Moreover, it can substantially **lower the genetic and epigenetic disease** burden in future generations

Delhi At Full Stretch For Health Gains

From RWAs To Govt Agencies, Yoga Day Sees Enthusiastic Participation

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: On Friday, the 10th International Yoga Day was celebrated across the city with govt agencies, social organisations and residents' welfare associations participating in various events.

New Delhi Municipal Council organised yoga events at eight venues and claimed participation of over 10,000 people. It collaborated with the Union ayush ministry and six yoga institutions, with Union railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw headlining the event at Lodhi Garden.

NDMC vice-chairman Satish Upadhyay, who performed yoga at Nehru Park, said, "In order to facilitate wider participation in International Day of Yoga, we made necessary arrangements of civic and other amenities, including potable water, mobile toilets, ambulance and first-aid desk besides providing yoga mats and T-shirts."

In the lead-up to the main event, NDMC had organised yoga camps from June 18 to 20 at Nehru Park, Talkatora Garden and Lodhi Garden. An official said, "We spread awareness in parks and appealed to all citizen and community groups, RWAs, MTA, and morning walkers or joggers to participate in the yoga build-up programmes."

Delhi Development Authority also organised yoga events at 18 parks and sports complexes, with around 20,000 people participating in them. Union minister JP Nadda stretched himself alongside residents of localities near Yamuna Sports Complex, while lieutenant governor VK Saxena practised asanas at Baansera on the bank of the Yamuna, accompanied by chief secretary Naresh Kumar, DDA vice-chairman Subhasish Panda, Delhi govt bureaucrats and the general public.

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Addressing the media after performing yoga at the sports complex, Nadda said that PM Narendra Modi has recognised the importance of yoga not only in the country but also in the whole world. "We appealed to everyone to make the practice of yoga an integral part of their daily routine so that we remain healthy and our life can progress with the integration of the physical, mental and spiritual aspects of our lives," he said.

DDA officials stated, "By holding public yoga sessions and workshops led by specialised trainers as well as meditation gatherings, DDA aimed to create awareness about yoga."

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi also organised yoga events in all its zones, with participation of the councillors, students and officials. The main programme was held at the Pushp Vihar Sector 1 MCD school, where over 100 students, teachers and employees performed various yoga asanas such as Trikonasan, Shashankasan, Dandasan, Vajrasan, Bhujangasan, Makrasan, Setubandahasan and Shavasan.

Municipal officials noted, "Many differently-abled students also participated along with great energy and enthusiasm." One school with a hall or ground was identified in each zone for approximately 50 people to gather and practise yoga together.

RWAs also organised yoga camps in neighbourhood parks with zeal and enthusiasm. At S Block, GK I, the RWA held an event where there were at least 115 participants, with many arriving early to witness the preparations.

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
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NIT No.: WBPDCL/KTPS/NIT/E2975/24-25
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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
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WBHF/JBR/eNIT-02/2024-2025	Procurement of Ayurvedic Herbs/Raw Materials	21/06/2024 (11.00 AM)	12/07/2024 (up to 05.00 PM)
WBHF/JBR/eNIT-03/2024-2025	Procurement of Medical/Ayurvedic Books/Journals	21/06/2024 (11.00 AM)	12/07/2024 (up to 05.00 PM)

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West Bengal State Health & Family Welfare Samiti will engage purely on contractual basis for the position of **State Programme Manager-NCD I** under **the National Programme for Palliative Care (NPPC),** Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal, through **Walk -in-Interview on 26th June, 2024 at 5th Floor, 'Aranyak Hall', Swasthya Sathi Building, Swasthya Bhawan, GN- 29, Sector -V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata- 700091.**
Details of the position :

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State Programme Manager-NCD I	1	State Head Quarter

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Sl No.	Course Name
1	Diploma in Modern Office Practice & Management (MOPM) at Women's Polytechnic, Kolkata
2	Diploma in Hotel Management & Catering Technology (HMCT).
3	Diploma in Pharmacy
4	Diploma in Vocation
5	Post Diploma in Medical Electronics and Petro Chemical Engineering
6	Advanced Diploma in Construction Safety / Fire Safety Management / Industrial Safety
7	Post Graduate Diploma in Human Resource Development & Labour Welfare
8	Advanced Certificate Course in Boot, Shoe & Leather Goods Manufacture

Other Courses	Name of the portal
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- Date of opening of Online Application portal: 19th June, 2024.
- Last Date of submission of Online Application Form: 8th July, 2024.
- Website: https://scvtwb.in/ and https://sctvesd.wb.gov.in/
- Application Fee: Rs. 450/-(for valid Kanyashree enrollees Rs. 225/-).

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CINEMA OF THE WEEK

Ishq Vishk Rebound (Rom-com) ★★★

Cast: Rohit Saraf, Pashmina Roshan, Jibraan Khan, Naila Grrewal
Director: Nipun Avinash Dharmadhikari
Duration: 1 hour 46 minutes
Language: Hindi (UA)

■ *The line between friendship and love blurs for three best friends as they become entangled in a web of a breakup, a rebound relationship, and self-discovery.*

In the era of situationships and breadcrumbing, when most love stories are too complicated for their own good, director Nipun Dharmadhikari's romantic comedy comes as a breath of fresh air. The latest entry in the *Ishq Vishk* (2003) franchise is about three childhood best friends: Raghav (Rohit Saraf), Sanya (Pashmina Roshan), and Sahir (Jibraan Khan). Sanya and Sahir's on-again, off-again relationship constantly drags Raghav into the drama. When the couple breaks up simultaneously with Raghav and Riya (Naila Grrewal), Raghav and Sanya find themselves in a rebound romance. But will this 'ishq vishk' fling mess up their lifelong friendship?

Packed with laughs, the first half shows Raghav hilariously juggling his friendships and new fling. From Raghav stealing Sahir's dog to him going on a 'haunting trip' with Sanya, the delightful sequences are thoroughly entertaining. Written by Vaishali Naik, Vinay Chhawal, and Ketan Pedgaonkar, the movie is also a window into modern love: Raghav believes relationships are baggage-free transactions, justifying his rebound with Sanya. The narrative also touches upon how familial ties complicate romantic relationships. For example, Sanya's broken home makes her confrontational, often causing friction with Sahir, as he is pressured by his iron-fisted and abusive father, causing their break-up. The film advocates for self-discovery and finding happiness beyond romantic entanglement. The film's pace slows down in the second half as the group's complicated relationships become repetitive. The initial premise of Raghav attempting to mirror his story in his film's script does not land. Some plot points, like Riya's lingering jealousy towards the trio's bond, aren't fully fleshed out. Although well-choreographed, slick, and foot-tapping, the songs break the narrative flow in the latter half. Rochak Kohli's melodious *Rehmat*, and the remakes of *Chot Dil Pe Lagi* and *Ishq Vishk Pyaar Vyaar* make for a good soundtrack.

Rohit Saraf steals the show with his impeccable comedic timing and effortless delivery. He seamlessly breaks the fourth wall, captivating viewers with his character's journey. Pashmina Roshan is impactful in the role of a troubled and immature young girl who blames her immaturity on her broken family. Jibraan Khan also performs ably, and Naila Grrewal delivers a serviceable performance in her limited role.

Ishq VIshk Rebound is a film for Gen Z. While older viewers might not fully connect with its portrayal of modern love, the humour, engaging performances, and entertainment value make it a decent one-time watch.

— **Dhaval Roy**

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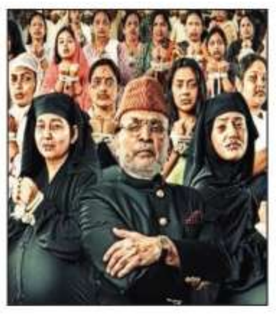
Hamare Baarah (Drama) ★★½

Cast: Annu Kapoor, Paritosh Tripathi, Paritosh Tripathi, Aditi Bhatpahri, Ishlin Prasad
Direction: Kamal Chandra
Duration: 2 hour 28 minutes
Language: Hindi (UA)

■ *A young woman goes to court against her own father to help her stepmother terminate a very risky pregnancy that could be fatal. Will justice be served?*



Mansoor Ali Khan Sanjiri (Annu Kapoor) is a 60-year-old devout Muslim with extreme views about the way women and children in his household should lead their life. He has married multiple times and has fathered as many as eleven children with a twelfth one on its way. However, this pregnancy is extremely risky and can cost his young wife Rukshar (Ishlin Prasad) her life.

But for Khan Saab this risk isn't even worth considering because as per him children are God's blessings and aborting a child under any circumstance is blasphemy. Apart from his older son Shahnawaz (Paritosh Tripathi), his entire family is against Khan Saab's authoritarian ways, but none of them have the courage to stand up against him. Until one day, when his daughter Alfia (Aditi Bhatpahri) musters the courage to approach a fiery woman lawyer Afreen (Ashwini Kalsekar) to get a court order to let Rukshar abort the unborn child.

The first half of the film is spent in setting up the characters and the story underlining the deeply problematic family dynamics within the Sanjiri household. Despite a lot of characters entwined in the narrative, director Kamal Chandra and writer Rajan Agarwal stay on course with the story. Khan Saab's orthodox and unpopular views and actions drive the narrative forward and it reaches a flash point by intermission, after which, the film becomes a loud courtroom drama. Those sequences verge on repetitiveness, diminishing their impact.

The story squarely portrays Khan Saab as the villain, who despite overwhelming resistance from his family, continues to force his views on them. The man is portrayed as a misguided monster, who will stop at nothing in doing what he believes in, in the name of religion. And actor Annu Kapoor portrays it with a jarring loud tone that gets overbearing quite early on in the film. But his rich Urdu dialect is pitch-perfect. Women are reduced to sobbing sorry figures, without agency except for Alfia (Aditi Bhatpahri), who plays her part well. The courtroom scenes have some moments of high tension and impact but Chandra chooses loud theatrics over subtle storytelling here. While Ashwini Kalsekar is impressive as the straight-talking prosecutor Aafreen, Manoj Joshi comes across more like a caricature devoid of realism. The half-baked love story between Alfia and journalist Danish (Parth Samthan) is an unnecessary distraction, much like the film's extremely forgettable music score (by Annu Kapoor). The narrative's religious undertones sometimes overshadow its broader message.

While the film's core theme centers around women empowerment and challenges toxic male patriarchy, it often veers into a narrative that feels more like advocacy than entertainment.

— **Ronak Kotecha**

Jahangir National University (Drama) ★★

Cast: Siddharth Bodke, Shivjyoti Rajput, Kunj Anand, Urvashi Rautela, Vijay Raaz, Ravi Kishan
Direction: Vinay Sharma
Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes
Language: Hindi (A)

■ *Sourabh Sharma enrolls at Jahangir National University for his college education, only to be shocked by the widespread disregard for Indian culture exhibited by the left-wing students. Determined to address this issue, he decides to confront and discipline those he considers anti-national.*

It's no mystery which university *Jahangir National University* represents in the film. The film presents a myopic view of the prestigious Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), selectively highlighting a few incidents from the past few years to construct a narrative that ultimately results in a disappointing viewing experience. The makers approached this story with pre-conceived notions, leading to an unsatisfactory outcome. Even from a cinematic standpoint, the portrayal of JNU is mediocre, with a subpar screenplay, average direction, and uninspired dialogues.

Sourabh Sharma (Siddharth Bodke), a new student, is shocked by the pervasive disregard for Indian culture among the left-wing students. When these students decide to celebrate Mahishasura, the demon defeated by the goddess Durga, Sourabh strongly opposes the event, leading to escalating tensions. Minor conflicts between the groups persist, eventually culminating in a major crisis when a Muslim professor with left-wing affiliations is accused of raping a student, and anti-national slogans threatening the country's sovereignty are raised on campus. The left-wing faction, led by Krishna Kumar (Atul Pandey) and Saira Rashid (Shivjyoti Rajput), wins the student body elections, but Sourabh manages to make an impact by securing a seat, challenging the left's dominance.

Those familiar with the campus culture of JNU will view this film with a pinch of salt. Had the film taken a grittier, more realistic approach, it might have been more engaging. However, the forced inclusion of dance numbers and expletives diminishes its overall impact. In an attempt to elicit laughter, the drama employs clichéd characters reminiscent of Hindi films from two decades ago, despite significant changes in cinema since then. The film poster prominently poses the question, "Can one educational university break the nation?" Yet, it never acknowledges that this is also the country's premier and most renowned university.

While none of the main cast manages to leave an impression, the cameo appearances by Vijay Raaz and Ravi Kishan add some interest to the proceedings. In the role of cops, their conversation is interesting. Piyush Mishra plays a minor, inconsequential role, but his song stands out as one of the film's few highlights. At 150 minutes, *Jahangir National University* is a drag and tedious experience, lacking depth and soul all the way.

— **Abhishek Srivastava**

Robot Dreams (Animation, Drama, Family) ★★★★½

Direction: Pablo Berger
Duration: 1 hour 43 minutes
Language: English (U)

■ *A dog, weary of its lonely existence, decides to purchase a robot to be its companion. However, their lives change dramatically when the robot is unexpectedly left abandoned at the beach.*

Robot Dreams is a dialogue-free animated masterpiece that resonates powerfully without words. Its storyline, exploring themes of loneliness and companionship, is deeply moving and lingers in your thoughts long after the credits roll have ended. With spectacular animation, this drama is both bittersweet and, at times, heart-wrenching. Beneath its surface, the film is rich with metaphors that reflect on life's complexities.

Based on a graphic novel by illustrator Sara Varon, this film is set against the backdrop of 80s New York and follows the story of a lonely dog. To combat his solitude, the dog orders a robot through mail, and they quickly form a strong bond. However, their companionship faces a challenge when the robot's joints rust during a beach outing near the end of summer. The dog leaves to find help for his friend but returns to find the gates closed until the next summer. The rest of the film explores their separate lives as the dog and the robot navigate their newfound independence.

It's a deeply touching tale that intricately weaves together joy and sadness within individual lives. Filled with vibrant colours, vivid imagery, and a cast of animals playing diverse roles, the film effectively captures the vibrant mood of 80s New York City. Its animation style, though simple, proves remarkably effective in conveying its message. The bond between the dog and the robot is portrayed with such beauty that you find yourself rooting for them, hoping they will reunite in the end.

This animated drama beautifully portrays relationships that form unexpectedly and endure forever. Director Pablo Berger has done a commendable job capturing these moments. The film is filled with memorable sequences, like the robot's serene moments on the beach with birds, and the poignant final scene where the dog and robot dance in split-screen format. *Robot Dreams* is undeniably a work of art, masterfully conveying deeply felt messages without a single line of dialogue.

— **Abhishek Srivastava**

The Bikeriders (Drama, Crime) ★★★½

Cast: Tom Hardy, Austin Butler, Jodie Comer
Direction: Jeff Nichols
Duration: 1 hour 58 minutes
Language: English (A)

■ *The crime drama draws inspiration from Danny Lyon's photo book of the same name. The tale unfolds through interviews with a motorcycle club's members and their families, delving into its evolution into a crime syndicate, threatening its essence and the founder's vision.*

Everyone wants to be a part of something.' Benny (Austin Butler) and the other motorcycle club members, Vandals, want to be a part of the rebellion and freedom of being on the road—despite the violent fights, arrests, accidents, and broken relationships. Writer-Director Jeff Nichols presents these stories, including the club's president Johnny (Tom Hardy), Zipco (Michael Shannon), Brucie (Damon Herriman), and Benny's wife Kathy (Jodie Comer), etc., like a skilled photographer. He captures the essence of the people, places, and events, presenting them in a cohesive narrative that will keep you engrossed throughout the movie. The allure of biker culture is palpable, and the movie does justice to it, offering enough to captivate you.

The film has its share of violence and brash characters, but they don't overwhelm the viewer or detract from the narrative's crux. Writer-director Nichols's masterful direction and the stunning cinematography by Adam Stone lend the movie a picturebook-like quality. Stone excels at capturing Midwestern America of the 1960s and 70s, its vast expanses, house parties, and bars.

The performances are the film's horsepower, driving the narrative forward. Austin Butler perfectly plays a hotheaded and brash guy who responds to close ones' deaths as a matter of fact. Tom Hardy steals the show as the club's founder – a rough yet responsible family man with quiet strength. Jodie Comer steals scenes with her flawless portrayal of a country girl, nailing both the accent and mannerisms. Michael Shannon, Damon Herriman, Boyd Holbrook, Norman Reedus, and Toby Wallace round out the cast flawlessly, each embodying the spirit of rebellion.

The film weaves in a rich biker experience with its anecdotes but relies more on the mood and atmosphere than the adrenaline-pumping energy of a motorcycle saga. However, it will take you on a captivating ride through a bygone era, a ride worth experiencing on the big screen. But, it's a journey worth experiencing on the big screen.

— **Dhaval Roy**

The Exorcism (Horror, Thriller) ★★½

Cast: Russell Crowe, Ryan Simpkins, David Hyde Pierce
Direction: Joshua John Miller
Duration: 1 hour 38 minutes
Language: English (A)

■ *A washed-up actor with a troubled past is given a second chance with a lead role in a new horror film.*

The Exorcism stars Russell Crowe as Anthony Miller, an alcoholic actor trying to resurrect his career while battling personal demons. His daughter, Lee (Ryan Simpkins), recently expelled from school, joins him as a production assistant on set. The story starts with a suspicious on-set death, setting a grim tone that, unfortunately, never solidifies. The film attempts to explore the blurred lines between fiction and reality in a horror movie set haunted by real supernatural forces.

Director Joshua John Miller seeks to meld a dramatic character study with the trappings of a horror film, resulting in a disjointed experience that struggles to find its footing. Heavily influenced by William Friedkin's *The Exorcist*, not just thematically but also through direct references, given that Miller's father, Jason Miller, played Father Karras in the original classic. This personal connection could have infused additional emotional depth into the narrative. Yet, it struggles to balance its dramatic core with the horror elements, ultimately feeling like two competing stories crammed into one.

Crowe delivers a committed performance as Anthony Miller, embodying the character's internal struggles with a gravitas that hints at what the film could have been. His portrayal of a man haunted by both literal and metaphorical demons provides the film's most compelling moments, particularly when he grapples with his addiction and guilt. Ryan Simpkins, as Lee, is less fortunate, as her character remains underdeveloped and serves primarily as a narrative device to advance Anthony's story. David Hyde Pierce as Father Conor, the on-set priest and consultant, adds a layer of calm detachment to the proceedings, though his character, like many others, lacks depth and a clear purpose.

The film's atmosphere attempts to recreate the chilling tension of *The Exorcist* but often falls flat. Scenes designed to elicit fear rely too heavily on predictable jump scares, undermining the psychological horror Miller aims for. One notable aspect is the meta-commentary on the nature of horror filmmaking itself. The movie-within-a-movie setup provides a platform for exploring the psychological toll of embodying such dark roles. Yet, this promising angle is insufficiently developed, leaving viewers with more questions than answers.

— **Neil Soans**

RATING SCALE — TRASH ★ | BELOW AVERAGE ★★ | AVERAGE ★★½ | ABOVE AVERAGE ★★★ | GOOD ★★★½ | VERY GOOD ★★★★ | OUTSTANDING ★★★★½ | MASTERPIECE ★★★★★

Haryana's baseline survey of Aravalis to map degradation

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Gurgaon: The forest and mining departments will carry out the first baseline study of the Aravalis in seven districts of Haryana before putting into action a 6-month plan to protect and revive the ancient hills.

The move was prompted by NGT's directions to Haryana govt for drawing up a plan to restore the Aravalis that have been degraded by mining and concretisation over the decades.

"The first step in the process of restoring Aravalis involves a comprehensive baseline survey across Gurgaon, Nuh, Faridabad, Rewari, Mahendergarh, Charkhi Dadri and Bhiwani," a forest official said on Friday.

The baseline survey will involve gathering information on the ground to eventually use it as the foundation for the Aravali action plan.

The forest and mining department teams will carry out the survey on foot, employ drones and refer to GIS mapping data for areas where the Aravalis lie. They will document information such as geographical contours of the hills, existing vegetation and wildlife, encroachments, mining, and open waste dumping, among other details.

The teams will also refer to revenue records to check ownership of Aravali land parcels. Since Haryana never mapped out the state's forest land, most of the Aravalis are under the revenue department, or panchayat and privately owned land.

The Aravali Rejuvenation Board that the forest department will submit details of funds required for the baseline survey to HSPCB within 10 days.

Last year, Haryana govt formed the 7-member Aravali Rejuvenation Board to deal with complaints on illegal mining and protecting the hills.

HSPCB officials told **TOI** on Friday that after funding is approved, the survey will take another three months to complete, and based on its findings, the six-month action plan will be implemented.

The plan involves planting of indigenous grass and shrubs in the Aravalis during the monsoon. Another focus area is to recharge groundwater zones, for which the board may seek the help of Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) to monitor the process every year.

In areas damaged from quarrying of stones, measures will be taken to restore soil composition with plantation drives and/or adding chemicals and organic matter

Surveillance to keep encroachments, illegal construction and mining in check is another problem area that the plan intends to enforce by deploying 600 home guards across Aravali districts.

SURVEY TO TAKE 3 MONTHS

WHAT IS A BASELINE SURVEY?
It is a comprehensive study of the hills in 7 districts of Haryana – Gurgaon, Nuh, Faridabad, Rewari, Mahendergarh, Charkhi Dadri and Bhiwani. It will become the foundation of a plan to protect the Aravalis and restore degraded forest land

WHAT WILL IT INVOLVE?
Forest and mining departments will carry out physical surveys of Aravali regions and use drone and GIS mapping data to gather information about the existing condition of the ancient hills

FUNDING AND TIMELINE | HSPCB will provide ₹1 crore to forest and mining departments to carry out the survey after documentation is completed. Survey is likely to take three months to complete after funds are released

What will the survey study?
- Extent of illegal mining and its damage to ecosystem
- State of vegetation and wildlife population in the hills
- Areas degraded by illegal construction of roads, farmhouses, etc.
- Legal status and ownership details of Aravali land

What happens after the survey?
A 6-month action plan will be implemented based on the survey's findings. For example, if a hill has been flattened due to mining, a plantation drive will be carried out at the spot. If illegal construction is found, it will be demolished before plantation is carried out

SOME PLANNED MEASURES ARE
- Planting of indigenous grass, shrubs and trees to revive ecosystem
- Restoring groundwater recharging zones
- Deploying 600 home guards for surveillance

WHAT PROMPTED THIS SURVEY?

2022: NGT was hearing a petition by Aravalli Bachao Citizens Movement on rampant illegal mining in the Aravalis when the tribunal ordered Haryana govt to make an action plan for protecting the Aravalis.

2023: Haryana govt tells NGT it has formed a 7-member Aravali Rejuvenation Board to assess and crack down on mining and take steps to protect the hills

➤ It is the Board's plan to initiate the baseline survey and steps thereafter

Environmentalist SS Oberoi, who is a member of the Aravali Rejuvenation Board, told **TOI** on Friday that implementation of the action plan "renews hope" for preserving the region's ecosystem.

"The forest department will get Rs 1 crore from HSPCB to carry out the baseline survey. The amount will be released once forest ACS (additional chief secretary) sends out a request to the pollution control board for the same. The process will start soon," he said.

Despite a blanket ban in three south Haryana districts (Gurgaon, Nuh and Faridabad), quarrying of stones and sand remains a means of livelihood for local miners who supply to the construction industry.

Apart from mining, Aravali hills have been flattened over the years to make way for roads, farmhouses and other construction as cities expand rapidly.

The NGT, while hearing a petition by Aravalli Bachao Citizens Movement in 2022, directed Haryana govt to take immediate action to protect the hills. But over a year later, in Nov 2023, NGT said the state wasn't taking its orders "seriously" to crack down on mining.

24-yr-old held for role in stabbing man 80 times

New Delhi: A 24-year-old man, who along with his associates stabbed a man to death over 80 times, was arrested in Moti Nagar.

The accused, identified as Kishan, resides in Zakhira. On May 9, the police control room received a call reporting a body found in front of a house on New Rohtak road, with blood seeping from it. The deceased, identified as Ravi Yadav from Patel Nagar, was pronounced dead upon arrival by doctors. The police later revealed that the body bore around 100 wounds, including abrasions.

During their probe, the police arrested three individuals and apprehended three juveniles as well. Kishan, considered the mastermind, had been evading capture since the incident.

DCP (North) Manoj Meena said Kishan confessed to the police that in 2020, he and his friends Rajan and Tanbir had a dispute with Yadav near his residence. During the altercation, Tanbir fired at Yadav, but the bullet bounced off a gas cylinder, fatally hitting Rajan instead. Yadav had filed a case against them, leading to Kishan and Tanbir being remanded in judicial custody. TNN

Reined In By Rain! Heatwave Relents, But Will Be Back

Capital Sees Highest Rainfall Since March 3

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Several parts of Delhi on Friday got light to moderate rain accompanied by a cool breeze that brought respite from the unbearable heat.

Safdarjung, the city's base station, logged 3.6mm of light rainfall till 5.30pm. It was the highest rainfall recorded in the city since March 3 when 4 mm rainfall was recorded in a day.

Since rain is unlikely for the next four days, the day temperature is predicted to show a rising trend and heatwave conditions are expected to return on Monday and Tuesday.

Though the Friday showers brought temporary relief, the maximum temperature rose to 40.4 degrees Celsius, two degrees above normal, at Safdarjung. It was 0.4 degrees higher than Thursday's maximum. The streak of day temperature crossing 40 degrees Celsius continued for the 39th day.

The heat-index or the feel-like temperature was 53 degrees Celsius due to a rise in humidity after the rain.

India Meteorological Department (IMD) said the wind speed of up to 31 kmph was recorded at Safdarjung in the past 24 hours. At Palam, the wind speed was 56 kmph.

"Rain along with cold strong winds provided comfort from the heatwave. However, as the impact of the western disturbance ebbs, the mercury will start rising," a Met official said.

Some parts of the capital recorded a higher rainfall than Safdarjung. Pitampura logged the highest at 33.5mm, followed by Rajghat at 32 mm. Pusa, Ridge, Lodhi Road, Jafarpur, Palam and Ayanagar logged 14, 6.2, 3.8, 1.5, 1.2mm and trace rainfall, respectively, till 5.30 pm.

Delhi has mostly been rain-deficit so far this year. In Jan, Safdarjung saw 'trace' rainfall against a normal of 19.1mm, making it a rain-deficit by 100%. Feb has been the only exception this year when the city got 32.5mm rainfall, which was an excess of 53%. March saw a rain deficit of 75% as the city got just 4.3mm, as opposed to the month's normal of 17.4mm.

April again ended with a rain-deficit of 54% with just 7.5mm rainfall. May recorded only 0.4mm and a deficit of 99%. Before Friday, June saw two days of very light rain and the city is still staring at a rain deficit.

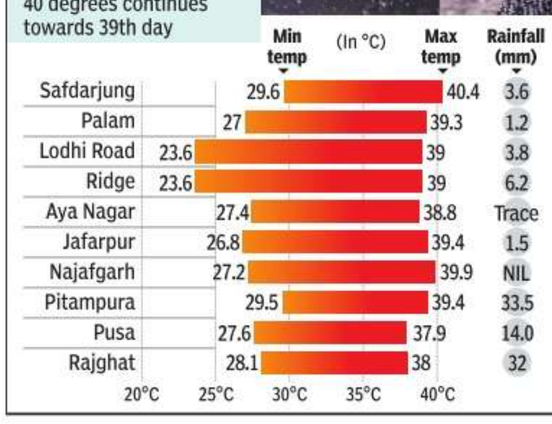
IMD has issued a 'yellow' alert for June 24 and 25 for heatwaves at isolated places. "The maximum temperature is likely to rise to 42 and 43 degrees Celsius during the weekend. It may rise further to 44 on Monday and Tuesday, leading to heatwave conditions," a Met official said.

MCD received water logging complaints from 12 places, including Pusa Road in Karol Bagh, Sector 15 Rohini, Outram Lane in GTB Nagar, Mitraon in Najafgarh, Multani Mohalla in Gandhi Nagar. There were complaints of trees falling in nine places, including Karol Bagh, E block in East of Kailash, Gulabi Bagh and Tagore Garden extension.

RAIN UNLIKELY FOR NEXT 4 DAYS

Photos: Anindya Chattopadhyay, Tarun Rawat, Jatin Kumar

- Respite from heatwaves continues
- City records very light to moderate rainfall
- 3.6mm at Safdarjung
- Highest rainfall at Pitampura | 33mm
- Cool winds, cloudy sky kept weather pleasant
- Respite from heatwaves to continue
- Heatwaves likely to return from Monday
- Streak of maximum temperature above 40 degrees continues towards 39th day



Safdarjung reports 6 heat-related deaths

New Delhi: Safdarjung Hospital reported six more heat related deaths on Thursday. Three patients passed away shortly after being brought to the hospital, while the other three were already admitted in a critical condition with heatstroke.

The hospital administration provided an update regarding the heat stroke-related deaths. Upon further investigation, it was found that two of the previously reported fatalities were not primarily caused by the extreme heat. Instead, the patients' underlying comorbidities were determined to be the main reason for the deaths. As a result, these two deaths were removed from the data. With this adjustment, the hospital's total count of heat-related fatalities stands at 28.

Lok Nayak Hospital has reported a decrease in heat-related cases. The hospital admitted two patients on Friday. Currently, seven patients are on ventilator support, while eight have recovered. Additionally, three patients were discharged from the hospital.

Ram Manohar Lohia hospital declined to disclose information on patients with heat-related ailments. It stated that it has received instructions to not divulge any details to the media. Earlier, the AIIMS administration had refused to provide details on heat-related illnesses and strokes on the plea that they had received directions to give such information only to the health ministry.

Heatwaves can damage vital organs such as the brain, heart and the kidneys. Doctors advise remaining vigilant, staying hydrated and seeking medical help at the first sign of heat-related symptoms. TNN

Woman loses ₹1.3cr to cyber criminals

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Noida: A 73-year-old woman was allegedly coerced and defrauded of Rs1.3 crore by cyber criminals, who told her that the crime branch had intercepted a package bearing her name and details, which supposedly contained drugs. They also said that her name was linked to six accounts used for money laundering and that she would need to cough up money to clear her name.

Consequently, the woman paid the amount and was subjected to digital interrogation for five days between June 13 and 18. A case has been registered, and further investigation is ongoing.

Sector 49 resident Shuchi Agrawal registered a complaint at Noida cyber crime police station in Sector 36 on Friday. She said in her complaint that a person posing as an employee of the Mumbai branch of FedEx Courier Services claimed that a parcel containing drugs, an LCD, an expired passport, an Apple iPad, and clothes weighing 5 kg was seized, which was in her name.

Agrawal was then connected to scammers posing as Mumbai Police Narcotics officials via Skype. Over five days, they coerced her into believing her Aadhaar card was linked to six accounts involved in money laundering. To clear her name, she was instructed to transfer money for a supposed Police Clearance Certificate (PCC).

This way, they made her transfer Rs 1.3 crore to different bank accounts. Realising she had been duped, the complainant approached police and asked for help. She also provided details of the bank accounts where she transferred the money.

Further investigation is underway, said officials.

Man tries to extort money from doc to buy flat, held

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The stifling Delhi summer offered no respite to 32-year-old Ashok Kumar, a BCom graduate trapped in a dead-end job. The constant nagging from his wife about buying a flat gnawed at him. Dreams of a comfortable life morphed into a desperate yearning for a quick fix.

One fateful evening, while flipping through TV channels, Kumar stumbled upon a crime show. The episode, a dramatic retelling of an extortion case, sparked a dangerous idea in his mind. He envisioned himself living large, the burden of his financial woes lifted. He made a hit list and put three well-known doctors of west Delhi on it.

On a sweltering June afternoon, Kumar, his face obscured by a cheap mask, approached a high-profile clinic. His heart hammered as he slipped a yellow envelope containing a chilling extortion threat onto the desk of the doctor's assistant. He also scrawled the name of a notorious gangster on the letter. Relief washed over him as he escaped on his motorcycle, convinced his plan had worked. The incident led to panic in the doctor community in the area.

Delhi Police's Special Cell launched a probe into the incident. Special commissioner RP Upadhyay formed a team led by additional CP Pramod Kushwaha and DCP Manoj C. The investigation, aided by a network of informants, led them to Kumar. A carefully laid trap in Jai Vihar by ACP Sanjay Dutt's team subsequently snared the nervous extortionist. Kumar's flimsy disguise and desperation crumbled under questioning. His "get rich quick" scheme had backfired spectacularly.

Investigators recovered incriminating evidence, including the motorcycle and attire used during the crime, alongside the handwritten extortion letter. Originally from Kurukshetra, Haryana, Kumar had long resided in Delhi, navigating between aspirations for financial stability and the allure of illicit gains. Ultimately, he resorted to crime.

During interrogation, the accused confessed that he had committed the crime on June 3. He had used the name of incarcerated gangster Manoj Baba to threaten the target.

"Kumar often visited Janakpuri for his work and had observed that there was a heavy rush of patients all the time at one particular clinic. On the day of the incident, he had parked his bike at some distance from the clinic, wore a mask in order to hide his identity and reached the clinic," the DCP said.

The accused had written the letter, which was kept at the desk of the doctor's assistant, beforehand. The case was initially filed at the Janakpuri police station, but it was transferred to the south-western range of Special Cell due to its sensitive nature.

Teen dies in AIIMS, organs give 4 a second shot at life

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New Delhi: Rohit Kumar (17), from Delhi's Karawal Nagar, who was declared brain dead by doctors at AIIMS after suffering serious injuries in an accident in Ballabgarh on June 12, became a saviour for four people when his family decided to donate his organs.

The AIIMS trauma centre received its seventh donation of the year. In 2023, the facility had totalled 15 donations.

Rohit became a lifeline for four people in need. His vital organs — heart, liver, and kidneys — were retrieved for transplantation. The donation process was carried out at AIIMS, where the organs were harvested to be given to recipients awaiting a second chance at life.

Yogesh, Rohit's father, spoke to **TOI** about his son's untimely demise in the accident. Rohit, a class XI student, was with his uncle in Mohana village, Haryana, when he was had the accident. Severely injured, Rohit was immediately rushed to the AIIMS trauma centre on June 12. Despite the medical team's efforts, his condition deteriorated and he was declared brain dead on June 20.

In the midst of the grief of losing the son, Yogesh and Rohit's uncle took the decision of consenting to the organ donation. Yogesh, a labourer, said that although his son was no longer with him, his organs would continue to sustain the lives of others. He found solace in knowing that even though Rohit had passed away, a part of him would live on in the bodies of those who had received the organs.

The transplant coordinator from AIIMS's organ retrieval banking organisation (ORBO) said that the donor's vital organs were successfully transplanted in various hospitals. "The donor's heart was transplanted into a 20-year-old man at R&R hospital," the coordinator said. The liver was transported to the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS), where a 34-year-old woman received it. One of the kidneys was transplanted into a 61-year-old woman at AIIMS. Thile the other kidney was sent to ILBS. The receiver was a 32-year-old man.

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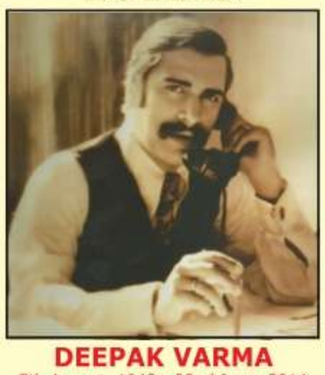

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2 Parking Lots Set To Meet June-End Date

To Ease Woes At Punjabi Bagh, Nigam Bodh Ghat

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New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) is on track to completing two parking projects at Punjabi Bagh and Nigam Bodh Ghat by the end of June.

The stack parking facility at Nigam Bodh Ghat, which will accommodate 95 cars and is being built as an addition to an existing facility, is nearing the final stage of construction. "The project will provide relief to people coming here to take part in the last rites of family members and others," said a civic official.

MCD is developing the facility on a 3,496-square-metre plot, consisting of three blocks. Block one, with a capacity of 34 cars, and block two, which has space for 17 cars, are complete. "The work at block three, which has been planned to accommodate 44 cars, is in progress and we are expecting to complete the work by the month-end. The facility is expected to open for general public soon," said the official.

The puzzle parking at Punjabi Bagh, located adjacent to Bharat Darshan Park and a crematorium, is also nearing completion, with plans to open it in early July. "We have completed work for the commissioning of various services," an official said earlier. The five-storey parking will have an estimated capacity for 225 vehicles. "It is developed on a plot measuring 5,150 square metre," he added. The area is congested especially on the weekends due to a large number of visitors at Bharat Darshan Park.

MCD emphasised that stack and puzzle parking lots could accommodate a larger number of vehicles in a compact space compared to other facilities. Moreover, they can be assembled more quickly and developed at a lower cost than conventional parking facilities. The concessionaires responsible for the construction will operate the parking lots for at least one year.

The progress of the multilevel parking project at Greater Kailash has been hampered due to a pending tree cutting permit. Once the necessary permission is obtained, the work can be completed within the next three months, claimed a civic official

However, the progress of the conventional multilevel parking project at Greater Kailash has been hampered due to a pending tree cutting permit. Once the necessary permission is obtained, the work can be completed within the next three months, claimed a civic official.

"We have already applied to Delhi govt's forest dept for the tree cutting permission, and as soon as the permission is obtained, the pending work will be accelerated," said the official. No comment was available from the forest department on the pending permission.

The multilevel parking lot, being constructed at a cost of Rs 63.7 crore, is situated on a 2,240sqm plot and will consist of nine floors, with a capacity to accommodate 399 cars.

CBI arrests another policeman for demanding bribe

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Continuing its crackdown on the rising corruption in Delhi Police, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday arrested another cop for allegedly demanding a bribe from a person for not arresting him in a case.

The arrested policeman was identified as sub-inspector Vijay Gaur, who was posted at Chhawla police station in Dwarka district. He was caught while accepting Rs 1 lakh from the complainant.

According to a CBI spokesperson, the agency had registered a case after receiving a complaint that the accused had demanded a bribe of Rs 3 lakh for not arresting the complainant in a case being investigated by Gaur. Later, the accused allegedly agreed to Rs 2 lakh. CBI laid a trap and caught Gaur red-handed.

Over a dozen cops have been arrested this year on corruption charges. In May, CBI apprehended a head constable of Delhi Police while accepting a bribe. The accused, who was posted at Shahdara, was allegedly demanding a bribe for allowing unhindered construction at the complainant's house.

Another policeman was arrested in March for allegedly extorting money from bus operators for allowing unhindered operations from Jafrabad metro station and picking up passengers from a non-designated spot.

In Feb, an arrest was made for an alleged racket pertaining to under-construction houses in northeast Delhi. A policeman posted at southeast Delhi's Jamia Nagar police station was also arrested in Feb for allegedly demanding a bribe for not making arrests in a case.

In Jan, CBI arrested a traffic cop red-handed for allegedly allowing the running of construction garbage collection vehicles. A cop in Narela was booked on extortion charges from an accountant and a policeman posted at Sagarpur police station was held for allegedly demanding Rs 1 lakh for not arresting a man and his relatives.

Peak summer woes: United's flight cancellation leaves many stranded

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New Delhi: A plane-load of passengers bound for the United States were stranded in Delhi after United Airlines cancelled its Delhi-Newark flight on Thursday night. The aircraft was supposed to take off early on Saturday morning but that flight too has been cancelled. With no Lufthansa Delhi-Frankfurt service on Friday and all Air India west-bound flights fully sold out, United was unable to accommodate passengers of the cancelled UA3010 on these partner airlines in the ongoing peak summer travel season.

"At the last minute on Thursday night, we were told the Newark flight was cancelled. It was rescheduled for early Saturday but then that too was eventually cancelled. United should have accommodated us on the Friday flight," said a passenger. "Not doing so has completely disrupted our travel plan. Ours was a short trip and now with a delay of two days, we are not sure if we want to go ahead with the US trip this time."

Sources said United found it difficult to book the affected passengers on other airlines due to the summer rush. An Air India official said all their flights were going chock-a-block. Air India is the largest operator of flights between India and North America and its flights are all sold out. The air company, which overflies Russia, has a huge opportunity to tap into this market and is going to add flights as it gets more aircraft.

"The United aircraft that was to operate on Thursday night is now likely to leave as a ferry flight (without passengers) from Delhi due to crew duty time issues," said people in the know. The demand for travel between India and the west, especially North America, far outstrips supply. With western carriers not overflying Russia, US airlines have severely restricted their flights to and from India. United and American Airlines have very few flights. Delta is yet to restart India operations post the Covid pandemic.

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Two rob women they met through dating app, held

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

It was learned that a robbery was committed at a jewellery shop in Rohini Sector 3 by the same culprits using the same Creta car with fake number-plate. The accused fled with six gold chains from the shop

New Delhi: Two men, one of them a gym owner, have been arrested for allegedly robbing women they met through a dating website. They would go to the women's homes, and restrain and attack them before fleeing with valuables.

The accused have been identified as Vijay Kamal Kumar (28) and Rahul (35). On May 31, a 35-year-old woman from Uttam Nagar in Dwarka filed a complaint that she had met a man named Jatin on a dating app and was communicating with him through messages. "On May 30, at 10.30pm, she called him to her house on his request. He arrived with an accomplice, and after a while, both allegedly tied her hands, legs and mouth with tape and assaulted her. They then robbed her of gold ornaments, mobile phone and Rs 5,000 and fled," the officer said, adding that a case was registered.

Deputy commissioner of police (Dwarka) Ankit Singh formed a team under inspector Kamlesh Kumar. "The team met the complainant and checked CCTV footage of the spot. The footage showed the culprits had arrived there in a Creta car with a fake numberplate," an officer said. The call details of the mobile phone used by the culprits were also checked and it was found that the same phone was also used to connect with another woman in Rohini.

On meeting her, police got to know that she had also come into contact with a man on a dating app, and on March 23, he came to her house with another man. After some conversation, they assaulted her, tied her hands and legs, sealed her mouth with tape, took her jewellery, cash and mobile phone, and fled.

It was also learned that a robbery was committed at a jewellery shop in Rohini Sector 3 by the same culprits using the same car. The accused fled with six gold chains from the shop.

The further analysis of the call detail records revealed that the mobile phone itself was snatched from a man in Sagarpur. "We got information that one of the culprits was roaming outside Safdarjung Hospital. He was nabbed and identified as Rahul," the officer said. Kumar was apprehended from Vipin Garden. The accused said that after contacting the women through the app, they used to persuade them to meet alone at the victims' home and then robbed them to make easy money.

Kumar has a history of criminal cases. He was arrested in 2016 for a robbery in Anand Vihar and then in 2018 and 2020 in similar cases. Rahul runs a gym in Vipin Garden.

Four injured in firing after scuffle over girl

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: An argument over talking to a girl ended in a shooting that injured four people in northwest Delhi. The accused, Vipin, was arrested.

Police received a call on Thursday regarding the firing that took place at BG-1 Block in Shalimar Bagh. The injured were identified as Harsh (18), his friend Sumit (19), Nanhe (50), and a 14-year-old girl.

An officer said Vipin, residing in Jahangirpuri, had a friendly relationship with a girl living in Shalimar Bagh. Sumit was also her friend. Vipin used to threaten him not to contact her. Harsh and Sumit then uploaded some messages and reels over a social media application to threaten Vipin.

Vipin came to Shalimar Bagh and was sitting near Sumit's house on Thursday. A few minutes later, Sumit, along with Harsh, arrived there. There was an argument over the same issue. Vipin then attacked them with a dagger and also opened fire. "Harsh and Sumit, along with passersby Nanhe and the girl, were injured by pellets. A case under sections for attempted murder and the Arms Act was registered. Vipin was arrested after raids," the officer added.

Fire breaks out in outer Delhi factory

New Delhi: A major fire broke out in a factory in outer Delhi's Nilothi on Friday. Over 100 firefighters were deployed to extinguish the blaze. The fire department received a call around 9.05pm and sent 28 fire tenders to the spot. "The factory makes plastic items. Combustible materials present inside acted as catalysts in spreading the blaze," a fire officer said. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, said officials. TNN

Heat Impacts Veggie Supply, Prices Surge

Supply Of Green Vegetables Down By 20%

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Prolonged heatwave across north and north-western states has impacted the production of seasonal vegetables, leading to a rise in their prices.

Vegetable wholesalers and retailers in Delhi's agricultural produce markets and retail markets said the supply of green vegetables was down by nearly 20% that had led to a surge in both wholesale and retail prices across the markets.

The prices of kitchen staples, including tomato, onion and potato, and green vegetables such as bottle gourd, sponge gourd, capsicum, colocasia, ladies finger, coriander and cucumber have seen 20-30% increase since the onset of the summer.

Anil Malhotra, an office bearer of the vegetable traders' body, said crops of vegetables were getting ruined due to lack of rainfall, poor water availability and high temperature.

"In the wake of the short supply, the wholesale prices of vegetables are on the higher side. It will only start easing after 15-20 days of the rains when we have a fresh stock of produce," Malhotra said.

Varinder Bhadana, another vegetable wholesaler, said that "usually the prices of vegetables, especially onion and tomato, start going northwards after heavy rains in central and western India that spoil the produce. The transportation of vegetables also sometimes gets affected due to heavy rains and flood-like situations".

SHARP SPIKE IN ONION RATE

Retail price comparison

Vegetable	June 21	May 21	Apr 21
Onion	40-48	26-32	24-29
Tomato	51-60	30-35	28-33
Potato	38-46	36-42	32-36
Bottle gourd	38-45	32-36	29-32
Capsicum	55-65	53-60	52-57
Colocasia	33-40	29-34	29-32
Lady finger	45-55	42-46	40-45

*Collated from different websites and retail sources

"This time, the prices have started surging from the month of June itself. We only expect the stability in prices from Sept onwards after the monsoon starts receding and the fresh produce of these vegetables reaches the market," said Bhadana.

Another wholesaler said there had been instances when the wholesale prices went up marginally but the retailers jacked them up to earn more margins. "The retail prices of some of the vegetables have gone up by almost 50% while the wholesale prices have increased only by 20% or so," said Purushottam Dagar, a wholesaler in Ghazipur.

Severe heatwave has also resulted in reduced supply of other key food items such as pulses and cereals. The impact of curbs on food exports and lowering the import tariffs has not been much. For consumers, this has resulted in higher spending on kitchen essentials.

Kritika Gupta, a resident of East Delhi's Preet Vihar, said her spending on vegetables had increased by over 50% in the last couple of months.

"I get my supplies of vegetables and fruits from a neighbourhood shop. Prices of every single commodity have increased and disturbed my budget," Gupta said. "The prices of vegetables and pulses increase every 2-3 months and rarely come down now," she added.

कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, भोपाल
प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना (PMAY), हाऊसिंग फॉर ऑल प्रकोष्ठ (HFA CELL)
तृतीय तल, आई.एस.बी.टी. भवन, होशंगाबाद रोड, हबीबगंज, भोपाल - 462023

NIT. No.12/HFA/2024 **Bhopal Dated : 21.06.2024**
Online Percentage Rate bids for the following work are invited from contractors and firms fulfilling registration criteria.

Sr. No.	ONLINE TENDER NO.	Name of Work	Probable Amount of Contract (in Lakhs)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rupees)	Cost of Bid Document (in Rupees)	Period of Completion (in Months)
1	2023_UAD_261197_6	Construction of Houses and Development of Infrastructure for Affordable Housing in Bhopal, including Approach Road from Neelbad Square to Site and Development of Chandrashekhar Garden, at Kalkheda Phase II Site, under PMAY-Bhopal	10637.27	5318637/-	50,000.00	24 Months (Including Rainy Season)

1. The interested bidders may view the Detailed Notice Inviting Tender on website https://mptenders.gov.in from 24.06.2024
2. The bid documents can be purchased online from 10:30 A.M. of 24.06.2024 to 5:30 PM of 23.07.2024.
3. Prebid meeting should be held on 02.07.2024 at 11.45 AM at 3rd floor HFA Cell ISBT building BMC office Bhopal.
4. Amendments to this NIT would be published on website only, and not in news papers.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer (HFA)
Bhopal Municipal Corporation
T.N. 68/024/025

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY G20

No. CEN-CAR-CPU-2024-25-02
Dated: 13.06.2024
Corrigendum-1

Name of work: Earth work in embankment and cutting including blanketing, construction of Minor Bridges and Major Bridges, Retaining/Toe wall, RUB/LHS construction/extension, Side Drains, Construction of Station building LC, Platform, PF shelter, RH, Staff quarters, and other miscellaneous structural works and other allied works between CHUNAR (incl.) (243.00Km)to KHAIRAHI (Incl.) (186.50 Km) in C/W Doubling of CAR-CPU section. **Ref. Tender Notice No.** CEN-CAR-CPU-2024-25-02 **Dated:** 18.05.2024, In connection with above referred tender notice no. CEN-CAR-CPU-2024-25-02 in tender document **completion period** should be read as 22 months instead of 24 months. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged. 1045/24 (ADM)

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Centre for Railway Information Systems CRIS
Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021
Tel : 011-24106717, 24104525

Tender No. 01245194

Subject: Procurement of Supply, installation and Commissioning of Event Streaming (Kafka) & Caching Solution with 03 years warranty for Indian Railway SuperApp. **Date of Closing:** 12.07.2024 (Friday) at 15:30 hrs. **Pre Bid Meeting:** 28.06.2024 (11.30 HRS) at CRIS, Conference Hall, 3rd floor, ITPI Building, 4-A, Ring Road, I.P. Estate, New Delhi.

Tender Documents can be downloaded from Website **www.ireps.gov.in** For future modification/extensions Pl. see **www.ireps.gov.in**

Himachal Pradesh Rural Development Department

PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWS PAPER

On line item rate bids are invited by the Executive Engineer RDD MANDI HP on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from contractors/ firms of appropriate class registered with HPPWD through e tendering mode :-

Sr. No. :- 1 **Name of work. :-** Construction / Completion residential accommodation for Distt. Panchayat Office & Staff quarters at Bilaspur, Development Block Bilaspur, Distt. Bilaspur (H.P.) (SH:- Additional & alterations in Basement floor, ground floor, first floor and second floor including Water supply & Sanitary Installations etc.) **Estimated Cost. (Rs) :-** 58,63,644-00 **Earnest Money. :-** 1,17,500-00 **Cost of tender form. :-** 2000-00 **Time. :-** Nine Month

Sr. No. :- 2 **Name of work. :-** C/O SARAIN BHAWAN, FOOTPATH FROM TARALI TO BUDHAKADAR, BEAUTIFICATION OF PARK & C/O ARTIFICIAL WATER FALL AT BUDHAKADAR, GP DHEEM KATARU (JANJEHLI), TEHSIL - THUNAG DISTT. MANDI (H.P) **Estimated Cost. (Rs) :-** 1,55,41,723-00 **Earnest Money. :-** 3,11,000-00 **Cost of tender form. :-** 5000-00 **Time. :-** One Year

- Last date of filling/uploading the tender is 27-06-2024 upto 5 PM
- Tender document and other detailed instructions can be downloaded or viewed on line from the portal https://hptenders.gov.in by the firm/ individual.

Executive Engineer,
Rural Development Department,
Mandi Zone District Mandi H.P.
HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK
Advt. No. 0314/21.06.2024

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	HSAMB KURUKSHETRA	A/R OF 5 NO. L/ROADS IN MC PEHOWA (GROUP NO.1) FOR THE YEAR 2024-25 (ROAD ID : 3636, 8202, 3629, 3703 AND 6578) + 23 WORKS	19.06.2024 26.06.2024	1.70 CRORES	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01744-231420 xenkkr2022@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in RO 27033

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

e-tender is invited on behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned works:- **e-Tender No. :** ECR-CAO-C-S-ETEN-14-24-25, **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/DHANBAD and Dy. CE/CON/DANAPUR, **Approx cost of the work (in Rs.) :** 8,88,20,239.18, **Cost of tender form (in Rs.) :** 0.00, **Earnest Money (in Rs.) :** 5,94,100.00, **Period of work completion :** 36 [Thirty Six] Months, Date and time for closing of tender : 08.07.2024 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 descripencies 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.

Any change/addendum/corrigendum will be published on IREPS website only.

CAO/Construction/South ECR., Mahendrughat, Patna
PR/0529/CONS/ENGG/T/24-25/48

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

OPEN E-TENDER

No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162, Date: 18.06.2024. The following *e-Tenders* can be accessed under the link **www.ireps.gov.in**. Offers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link **www.ireps.gov.in → login → E-Tender Stores/Supply**. Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or IREPS related information if any, Dy. CMM/HQ/CLW/Chittaranjan, **0341-2525594** or SMM/CON/HQ, **0341-2535631**. **Office Address : Office of the PCMM/CLW/Chittaranjan. Sl. No.: [1]; Tender No.: 81240861; Brief Description of Item: (i)** Polyamide [NOMEX-TYPE-410] Strip, Size: 0.13 MM THK. × 8.4 +/- 0.05 MM width × 90 +/- 0.1 MM long, Drg. No. 4TWD.096.169 REF-1, Alt-1, Specification No. 4TMS.096.091 Rev-1, Alt-1, STR No. CLW/TM/STR/0861 [Rev-1]. [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery], **Qty.: 3195045.00 Numbers, (ii)** Polyamide [NOMEX-TYPE-410] Strip, Size: 0.25 MM THK. × 9 + 0.02 - 0.4 MM width × 507 +/- 0.2 MM long, Drg. No. 4TWD.096.169 REF-3, Alt-1, Specification No. 4TMS.096.091 Rev-1, Alt- 1, STR No. CLW/TM/STR /0861 [Rev-1]. [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery], **Qty.: 273853.00 Numbers; Earnest Money Deposit: ₹ 78,360.00; Tender Closing Date & Time (IST):** 26.07.2024 at 11:00 AM.

[PR4/476] PCMM/CLW/Chittaranjan
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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
E - TENDER NOTICE

Deputy Director of Agriculture (Admn). Alipurduar invited e-tender vide i) AGRI/APD/NI(e)Q-01/24-25, Memo No- 5 60 Date- 11.06.2024. Last date of bidding (on line), Dated_05.07.2024 upto 5:00PM.Details of which are available in the web portal www.wbtenders.gov.in during the office hours. **Sd/- Deputy Director of Agriculture (Admn). Alipurduar**
ICA- T9363(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Re-e-TENDER NOTICE

Re-e-Tender is invited by the Commissioner of Police, Kolkata for 'Hiring of two launches for patrolling in Zone-III of the River Hooghly from Budge Budge to Konnagar for the use of Kolkata Police' for a period of 3 years. The last date of submission of the e-tender is on **16.07.2024 up to 15.00 hours.** The NIT Document and other details will be available in the website: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- for Commissioner of Police, Kolkata.
ICA- T9361(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
KMDA TENDER NOTICE
e-RfP No: 02/SE(NC)/SD&SWM/KMDA of 2024-2025

Online e-RfP in two part system is invited by the Superintending Engineer, North Circle, SD&SWM Sector, KMDA, 5th Floor, Block-A, Unnayan Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091, from reliable, resourceful, bonafide and experienced firms /companies/Individual contractors/Special Purpose Vehicle/Joint Ventures, for the work, **Name of Work, Estimated Value of the work, Earnest Money Deposit, Time of Completion,** Biomining of legacy waste and reclamation of land of dumpsite utilising scientific method located at Panihati Municipality in North 24 Parganas district, West Bengal on turnkey basis., Rate to be Quoted, 2% of the contract amount. Initial EMD: Rs.10,00,000/-, 450 days, **Last date & time for online Bid submission:** 16.07.2024 up to 14:55 hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites. **(KMDA-81)**
www.kmda.wb.gov.in
www.wbtenders.gov.in
ICA-T8728(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE

e-tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Howrah Electrical Division. Onkarmal Jetia Road, Howrah – 711103.NIQ No. WBPWD/EE/HED/NIQ-01 of 2024-2025. Memo. 1846 Dt. 18.06.2024, Tender ID : 2024_WBPWD_695143_1. Name of Work : Construction of 4 storied building for upgradation of Amta Rural Hospital to 240 bedded hospital(Electrical)---SITC of UPS. NIQ No. WBPWD/EE/HED/NIQ-02 of 2024-2025. Memo. 1852 Dt. 18.06.2024, Tender ID : 2024_WBPWD_695435_1. Name of Work : Preventive and Corrective Non-comprehensive Annual Maintenance of Fire Detection System at Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay Govt. Medical College and Hospital, Uluberia, Howrah. Project ID:- HF2324156865000. NIT No. WBPWD/EE/HED/NIT-133 of 2024-2025. Memo. 1844 Dt. 18.06.2024, Tender ID : 2024_WBPWD_695070_1. Name of Work : Renovation of Electrical works at Rameswar Malia, Prani sampad bhawan in the district of Howrah. Project ID: AD232415911S000. NIT No. WBPWD/EE/HED/NIT-134 of 2024-2025. Memo. 1849 Dt. 18.08.2024, Tender ID : 2024_WBPWD_695494_1. Name of Work : SITC of Split Type A.C machine at T.C.U Laboratory (Thalasemia Room) at Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay Govt. Medical College and Hospital, Uluberia, Howrah. (Electrical Work), Project ID:- HF2324115695000. Intending bidder may download the Tender/Quotation documents from the website : www.pwd.wb.in Sd/- A. Das, Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Howrah Electrical Division, Govt. of West Bengal
ICA- T9419(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Department of Agriculture
Office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Administration), Purulia
"Krishi Bhaban",1st Floor, North Lake Road, Purulia
NOTICE INVITING TENDER for supply of different Agil. Inputs
Tender Reference No: e - NIT NO: 01 (e)/24-25 dated 11.06.2024 Bid submission start : 14.06.2 024 Bid submission Closing : 29.06.2024 For further details please visit **http://wbtenders.gov.in**
Sd/- Aditya Duary, Deputy Director of Agriculture (Administration), Purulia
ICA- T9364(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE

e-tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Burdwan Divn., PHE. Dte. on Behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No. WBPHED/EE/BWD/eNIT-05/2024-2025 and ID: 2024_695880_1 to 5. For Supply of residual chlorine kit & engagement of laboratory personnel for Burdwan Dist. Lab. & Sub-Dist. Lab under Burdwan Divn., PHED. Details will be available in the website wbtenders.gov.in The last date for submission of tender is 10.07.2024 upto 14:00 Hours. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, Burdwan Divn., PHE. Dte.
ICA- T9403(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer-II, Burdwan Division, P.W.Dte., invites online Quotation for the following work : i) Sweeping, Cleaning, Pump Operation (2 Nos) and Up-keeping of the entire Campus of Purta Bhawan, Purba Bardhaman for a period of 12 (Twelve) Months. 2nd Call. N.I.e.Q No.: 02 of 2024-2025. Tender ID: 2024_PWD_695146_2. Bid Submission Start Date (Online): 24.06.2024 from 13.00 Hrs. Bid Submission Closing Date (Online): 09.07.2024 upto 13.00 Hrs. Corrigendum, if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.e.Q and Tender Documents may be downloaded from https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer-II, Burdwan Division, P.W.Dte.
ICA- T9412(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL NORTH BENGAL DENTAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL SUSHRUTANAGAR, DARJEELING
e-Tender Notice

Memo No. 550/NBDC&H dt. 19.06.2024 e-Tender are invited by the Principal, North Bengal Dental College & Hospital, Sushrutanagar, Dt-Darjeeling, Pin-734012 from bonafide publishers/ authorized venders/ authorized distributors for "Supply of E-Journal (4th Call) for Central Library at North Bengal Dental College & Hospital." Necessary information is also available from the office of the undersigned from 19.06.2024. Details can be downloaded from, www.wbtenders.gov.in, www.wbhealth.gov.in & www.nbdch.ac.in Sd/- Principal
ICA- T9357(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
HALDIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
City Centre, P.O. Debhog, Haldia
Dist. Purba Medinipur, PIN-721657
Toll Free No. 1800-345-3224
Corrigendum Notice of E-NIT No. 03/HDA/EC-MECH/2024-25

A Corrigendum Notice for the work, **"ANNUAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PUMPING STATIONS & RESERVOIRS, ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, ALLIED FACILITIES WITH INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION NETWORK, VALVES AND SPECIALS AT VARIOUS ESTATES OF HDA"** has been issued. **The Last date of online bid submission** has been extended to 28.06.2024 upto 1:30 p.m. Information in details is available in the office and in the website of HDA : www.hda.gov.in E-Tender can be submitted through: www.wbtenders.gov.in **Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, HDA.**
ICA-T9382(3)/2024

IndianOil
CIN : L23201MH1959GOI011388
Research & Development Centre, Faridabad

NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST(EOI)

IOCL intends to assess the availability of Waste Plastic Pyrolysis Oil / Waste Tyre Pyrolysis Oil in commercial scale for supply to petroleum refineries for procurement planning. An EOI is floated in this regard. Last date for participation in EOI is 05/07/2024. For further details kindly refer the **Tender ID: 2024_RND_178082_1** in following given weblink
https://iocletenders.nic.in/nicgep/app

PASCHIM BARDHAMAN ZILLA PARISHAD
Asansol
Notice Inviting Tender

E Tender Notice No. e-NIT No.-05 of 2024-2025 Memo No.2109/e-NIT/PSBZP dated 21.06.2024 Please visit to the website **www.wbtenders.gov.in** for details. Intending contractors may also contact Engineering dept. of this office and office notice board.

Sd/-
District Engineer
Paschim Bardhaman Zilla Parishad

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender is invited by the Assistant Engineer, Barasat Sub Division, PHE Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No. WB/PHED/AE/BSD/NIeT-03/2023-24(2nd Call) & ID: 2024_PHED_686596_1 to 2 for Construction of P.H. at different PWSS. Details will be available in the website www.wbtenders.gov.in The last date for submission of tender is 01.04.2024 upto 14:00 Hours. Sd/- for Assistant Engineer, Barasat Sub Division, PHE Dte.
ICA-T9397(3)/2024

CENTRE FOR RAILWAY INFORMATION SYSTEMS CRIS
Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021

Tender No. 01245196 **Subject :** Procurement of REVAMPING of 64 Indian Railways websites along with onsite support for 2 years post Go-Live **Date of Closing :** 24.07.2024 (Wednesday) at 15:30 hrs. **Pre Bid Meeting :** 04.07.2024 (Thursday) 15.00 Hrs at CRIS ITPI Building Conference Hall 3rd floor Near ITO New Delhi-110002. Tender Documents can be downloaded from website **www.ireps.gov.in** . For future modification/extensions pl. see **www.ireps.gov.in**

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer-II, Kolkata South Health Electrical Division, PW Dte. invites eNIQ for "Triennial Comprehensive & Preventive Maintenance of different types of Unitary Air-Conditioning Machines installed at M.R. Bangur District Hospital, Tollygunge, Kolkata." vide **Tender ID - 2024_WBPWD_695507_1.** Last date of submissions – 08/07/24 upto 12.00 Noon. All documents can be seen / obtained from the websites **https://wbtenders.gov.in/www.pwdwb.in** and office Notice Board. Sd/- Executive Engineer-II, Kolkata South Health Electrical Division, PW Dte.
ICA-T9433(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
E-Tender Notice

The ADG & IG of Correctional Services, West Bengal, invites Re-tender for supply of dietary articles for all Central Correctional Homes (Presidency CH, Dum Dum CCH, Jalpaiguri CCH, Berhampore CCH, Balurghat CCH, Burdwan CCH, Midnapore CCH & Baruipur CCH) along with Alipore Women's CH, WB for the period from the date of acceptance to 30.09.2024. Tender Inviting Notice No. 22 67/TN-2024 dated 06.06.2024. Date of documents download starts: 21.06.2024 at 05:30 PM. Last date of submission of tender: 05.07.2024 at 05:30 PM. Full particulars may be had from the website www.wbtenders.gov.in "The ADG & IG of Correctional Services, West Bengal reserves the rights to cancel any or all the tenders without showing any reason".

Sd/- The ADG & IG of Correctional Services , W.B
ICA- T9362(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Online bids are invited by theCommandant, E.F.R. 1st Bn, Salua, Paschim Medinipur for Supply of "Stationery articles & Printed Forms etc" at EFR 1st Bn for the financial year 2024-2025:-

Bid submission starts after the 03 (three) days of the publication of e-tender notice in the newspapers & Last date of bid submission is 14 days from the start date of Bid submission. The detailed N.I.T may be obtained from e-tender portal http://wbtenders.gov.in.
ICA- T9386(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Notice Inviting e-Tender

NIeT No. WBPWD/EE/HCD/e-NIT-23 (2nd Call)/2023-24 of Executive Engineer. P.W.D, Howrah Construction Division. **Name of Work:** Construction of boundary wall surrounding public graveyard of Ketopole Jame Masjid at Dakhsin Buxarah, Howrah Estimated Amount:- Rs. 18,39,495.00. Tender ID:-2024_WBPWD_695271_1. Bid Submission end date 08.07.2024 at 3.00 P.M. Details will be available from the website http://wbtenders.gov.in and notice board of this office on all working days within office hours. Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D, Howrah Construction Division.
ICA-T9438(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer, PWD, Malda Division, Malda Notice Inviting e-Tender for the work of- **Construction of Underground Water Reservoir [1,00,000 Litres] Tube Well Boring and other allied works for Fire Fighting System at Malda Medical College and Hospital, Malda. Tender ID:** 2024_WBPWD_695357_1. **Estimated Amount: Rs.** 41,08,236.00. e-NIT No. **02 of 2024-25 of the EE, PWD, Malda Division, Malda.** Bid submission start date & time (online): **24/06/2024 from 11:00 A.M.** Bid submission closing date & time (online): **08/07/2024 upto 04:00 P.M.** Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of e-N.I.T. and tender documents may be downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in **Sd/- Asit Kumar Saha, Executive Engineer, PWD, Malda Division, Malda.**
ICA-T9431(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer-II, P.W.Dte., Central Kolkata Health Electrical Division, P-12, C.I.T Road (1st Floor), Kolkata-14 invites e-tender (online) for the work of (1) "Urgent change of Air conditioning machines and its allied E.I works of SNCU and Baby Nursery Department at Centenary Building under NRSMC and H-----SNCU (Electrical work)." vide **e-tender no** WBPWD/EE-II/CKHED/eNIT-10/24-25, **Tender ID:** 2024_WBPWD_696039_1. Bid submission end date (online) for the job is **08.07.2024** upto 03.00 P.M. Detail information /download/upload will be available from the website: http://etender.wb.nic.in, http://wbtenders.gov.in & http://pwdwb.in **Sd/- Arindam Haldar, Executive Engineer-II, Central Kolkata Health Electrical Division, P.W.Dte.**
ICA-T9429(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE

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Home alone, unwell elderly woman saved

New Delhi: A 75-year-old woman, a retired BSES employee living alone in Vasant Kunj, was saved on Thursday by her relatives and police after she fell ill and lost consciousness at home.

Unable to contact her since Wednesday, worried relatives of Raj Kumari Kalani went to check on her and found the door of the flat locked from inside. Police were alerted at 9.50am. "The caller informed us that his aunt was not answering the phone, and the main gate of her apartment was locked from inside," said deputy commissioner of police (south-west) Rohit Meena.

DCP SAYS

The caller informed us that his aunt was not answering the phone, and the main gate of her apartment was locked from inside

A police team was sent immediately and the lock of the main gate was broken with the assistance of the fire brigade. "The elderly woman was found sitting unconscious in a chair. An ambulance was called and she was rushed to Indian Spinal Hospital," the DCP said. She is communicating, but is still in ICU, said police.

The nephew told police that Kalani, his father's sister, was unmarried and stayed alone. An officer said she herself did the household chores and probably fell unconscious due to old age. TNN

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CENTRE AIMS TO RESOLVE MANIPUR'S ETHNIC CRISIS IN 2-3 MONTHS, SAYS CM BIREN SINGH

ODISHA CM MOHAN MAJHI TO HEAR PUBLIC GRIEVANCES FOR TWO HOURS EVERY DAY

Boy electrocuted trying to flee hostel

A first-year intermediate student at a corporate residential school in Telangana's Hayathnagar died of electrocution while allegedly trying to escape from the hostel early Thursday, reports **Ashresh Marupaka.** Police found the 15-year-old boy's charred body on the campus on Friday, more than 24 hours after he went missing from his room.

The boy was reportedly unhappy in the hostel and had been pleading with his parents to take him back home to Secunderabad, about 30 km from the college. Based on a complaint by the boy's mother, police registered a case against the college management under Section 304 A (death by negligence).

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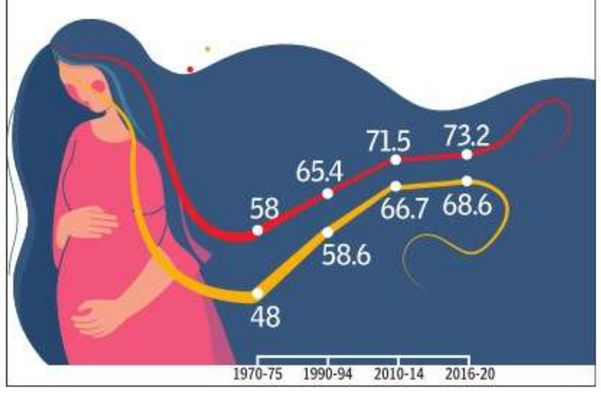

Govt doc, an ace box cutter, key accused in UP paper leak: STF

Chargesheet In Cop Recruitment Scam Names 17 Others Too

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Lucknow: UP STF, which is probing the UP police constable exam paper leak, has filed the first chargesheet in a Lucknow court. The 900-page chargesheet names 18 arrested accused, including a govt doctor **Shubham Mandal**, who had an expertise in opening question paper boxes without breaking the seal.

Shubham Mandal opened the question paper box that was kept at a warehouse in Ahmedabad without breaking the seal. He was paid Rs 2 lakh and given a Patna-Ahmedabad flight ticket, said STF sleuths

Others named in the chargesheet include the mastermind Ravi Attri and his aides Rajeev Nayan Mishra, Goldy, Vikram Pahal, Satish Dhankad, Rohit Pandey, Abhishek Shukla and Shivam Giri.

Mandal, 27, was posted at a govt-run primary health centre in Bihar's Katihar. He was named as a key player in the paper leak by some other accused following their interrogation and was arrested by STF on March 17.

A native of Patna, Mandal passed out from Nalanda Medical College. Along with his friend Bittu, who completed his MBBS degree from Patna Medical College in 2021, Mandal was earlier booked in 2017 in a NEET paper leak case.

"Ravi Attri was introduced to Mandal through his aide Rajeev Nayan Mishra. Mandal played a vital role in opening the question paper box that was kept at a warehouse in Ahmedabad. He had the expertise in opening confidential boxes without breaking the seal. He was paid Rs 2 lakh and given a Patna-Ahmedabad flight ticket," said STF sleuths. On Feb 5, Mandal had entered the warehouse and taken photographs of the Code 2 question paper.

On Feb 8, a similar operation was carried out for the Code 1 paper. Mandal was again roped in to open the boxes, STF officials said.

Once the boxes were opened, question papers were sent to gang handlers in Manesar (Haryana), Baghpat (UP), Delhi and Rewa (Madhya Pradesh). Hundreds of aspirants who paid money to buy the paper memorised the answers in resorts in Rewa and Manesar.

A total 43 lakh candidates had appeared in the exam across UP on Feb 17 and 18 for 60,244 police constable positions. Govt cancelled the exam on March 25 and ordered a probe by STF.

In the crackdown that followed, 402 accused were arrested from Bihar, MP, Haryana, Gujarat and UP.

A supplementary chargesheet will be filed soon, STF sources said.

EC starts J&K poll process, orders revision of rolls

PTI

Modi takes selfies with admirers after leading a yoga session in Srinagar on Friday. 'The time is not far when you will elect a new govt of J&K with your votes,' he had said at a conference on Thursday. This will be the UT's first assembly polls after the nullification of Article 370

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New Delhi: Starting its preparations for assembly polls in Jammu & Kashmir, the first after nullification of Article 370, as well as in Haryana, Jharkhand and Maharashtra, EC on Friday announced the special summary revision (SSR) of electoral rolls in the four states/UT with July 1, 2024, as the qualifying date.

Roll updation activities as well as rationalisation and rearrangement of polling stations in the poll-bound states/UT will start on June 25 and end with final publication of the revised rolls on Aug 20.

J&K polls are expected to be a standalone affair, given the large requirement of forces not only to maintain law and order and avert possible attempts at disruption of polls by terrorists, but also to protect hundreds of candidates from being targeted.

Usually, EC goes ahead with announcement of polls after the final electoral roll is published with respect to the closest of the four cut-off dates in a year — Jan 1, April 1, July 1 and Oct 1. J&K assembly polls are to be held before the Sept 30 deadline set by SC, with CEC Rajiv Kumar already having announced EC's intent to conduct them soon.

PM Modi on Thursday had assured the people in J&K that elections were not very far off.

The poll announcement, however, may come only after Amarnath Yatra winds up on Aug 19, and the publication of the final roll for J&K on Aug 20 will pave the way for this.

The term of state assemblies in Haryana, Maharashtra and Jharkhand are expiring on Nov 3, Nov 26 and Jan 5, respectively. The choice of July 1 as the cut-off date for special summary revision of rolls in all three states points to possible clubbing of Jharkhand polls with those in Haryana and Maharashtra, with announcement likely in Sept.

As per the SSR timetable issued by EC on Friday, house-to-house verification by booth level officers shall be undertaken between June 25 and July 24 across all four states/UT to collect information on un-enrolled eligible citizens, multiple entries, dead and permanently shifted electors; and also to make corrections/improvements in rolls. The same timeline will apply for rationalisation of polling stations, aimed at bringing them closer to even smaller habitations for the convenience of voters.

TN hooch toll hits 50; HC pulls up govt for 'inaction'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kallakurichi/Chennai: The death toll in Tamil Nadu's Kallakurichi hooch tragedy rose on Friday to 50 from 38. Opposition AIADMK stalled proceedings in the assembly demanding CM M K Stalin's resignation, and Speaker M Appavu suspended the black-clad AIADMK MLAs for the day and, though CM urged Speaker to revoke his order, opposition stayed away.

Madras HC rapped govt for inaction. "Even after learning a lesson in the 2023 Marakkanam incident (23 people had died), the state has failed to take action," a division bench of Justices D Krishnakumar and K Kumaresh Babu said, directing the state to ensure victims get proper and adequate treatment and to file an action-taken report by June 26. The bench passed the order on a public interest writ petition filed by former MLA and AIADMK lawyer IS Inbadurai seeking a CBI probe into the incident.

Responding to the inaction charge, advocate-general P S Raman said action had been taken against 16 police personnel. "Transferring officials is right but who will answer for the loss of lives?" the bench said.

Stalin urged opposition not to politicise the issue.

Zealots plotting to kill Gyanvapi judge, HC told

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Meerut: Following threats linked to judge Ravi Kumar Diwakar's 2022 verdict ordering a survey of the Gyanvapi mosque premises in Varanasi to determine if a temple existed underneath, an NIA court's special judge has requested increased security for him. Three weeks after an FIR was filed against Adnan Khan for allegedly threatening additional sessions judge Diwakar, NIA court special judge Vivekanand Sharan Tripathi has written to the registrar general of the Allahabad HC seeking more protection for judge Diwakar.

Special judge Tripathi's letter, accessed by **TOI**, says, "Investigations have revealed that Islamic fundamentalists are plotting to kill judge Diwakar... This is a sensitive issue. If the activities of Adnan are not curbed, it could lead to an untoward incident."

Judge Diwakar, now an additional sessions judge in Bareilly, also wrote to the UP chief secretary, expressing concerns about his current security. "On 13 May 2022, after the Allahabad HC's order, my family and I were provided security, but the current level seems inadequate..."

Threats against judge Diwakar have persisted since June 2022.

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NTA postpones CSIR-UGC-NET, cites 'logistic issues' as reason

Appoints Observers For Re-Test Of 1,563 NEET-UG Aspirants

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Amid preparations for retest of 1,563 NEET-UG candidates who received grace marks due to time loss, National Testing Agency has appointed observers at each centre. In another development, NTA announced on Friday that the Joint CSIR-UGC-NET scheduled for June 25 and 26 have been postponed due to "unavoidable circumstances and logistic issues."

The NTA, under scrutiny for lapses in conducting NEET and UGC-NET, has changed six of the seven centres for the retest on Sunday.

Meanwhile, political opposition continues to criticise the govt over alleged paper leaks and other irregularities. Congress functionary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra claimed paper leaks have become a national problem under BJP rule, "ruining the future" of millions of youths. Congress state units, meanwhile, staged protests over alleged exam irregularities.

These protests followed Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan's statement ruling out the cancellation of NEET, emphasising that the careers of students who rightfully qualified the exam by their hard work cannot be jeopardised due to isolated incidents of malpractice. A senior NTA official stated that while six centres have been changed, the one in Chandigarh, where only two candidates will appear, remains unchanged. Officials from the agency and the education ministry will be present at these centres to ensure a smooth re-exam.

BSP chief Mayawati demanded strict action against the main accused in the NEET-UG paper leak. In a post on X, she said: "The govt needs to take strict action against the main accused in NEET paper leak case due to which innocent students are suffering. And it is not right to do any politics under its guise."

Bihar deputy CM Vijay Kumar Sinha announced plans to request CM Nitish Kumar to recommend a CBI probe into the suspected links between the prime suspect in the NEET "paper leak" and officials associated with RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav. Sinha claimed that these officials were in constant touch with the prime suspect, Sikander Prasad Yadvendu, and called for a high-level investigation.

Police detain a Congress worker during a protest over the alleged irregularities in NEET-UG 2024 results, in Lucknow on Friday

SC refuses to defer counselling process for MBBS admissions

New Delhi: Supreme Court Friday refused to defer counselling process for admission in colleges on the basis of controversy-marred NEET-UG results and posted hearing on all petitions including those alleging paper leak to July 8.

A vacation bench of Justices Vikram Nath and S V N Bhatti said all aspects of the controversy would be examined next month on re-opening of court after summer recess.

The lawyer, appearing for students, pleaded that counselling process be deferred for two days till July 8 but the court said that the process took time and admission would not be done in a day.

The apex court is now virtually being flooded by petitions on alleged irregularities in conducting the test. More than three dozen petitions have been filed by more than 100 students so far in the case in SC. The court has been issuing notice on all petitions and clubbed all of them together to be heard on July 8.

One of the petitioners also challenged the decision to hold re-test for 1,563 students who were granted grace marks for not getting full time to take the test. As petitioners pressed for interim relief, SC turned it down and told them that if they succeed in the legal battle then everything will be cancelled — entrance, as well as admissions done. TNN

Anti-paper leak law for exams takes effect

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New Delhi: Amid the controversy over NEET-UG results and the cancellation of UGC-NET exam due to paper leak, the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024 — the anti-paper leak law for examinations for central recruitment and entrance into central educational institutions that was passed by Parliament in Feb — came into effect on Friday.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 1 of the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024 (1 of 2024), the central government hereby appoints the 21st day of June, 2024, as the date on which the provisions of the said Act shall come into force," said a gazette notification issued by the ministry of personnel, public grievances and pensions on Friday.

TEST REFORMS

The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act — the first-ever national law against the use of unfair means to rig recruitment exams conducted by UPSC, Staff Selection Commission, Railway Recruitment Board, Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) and entrance tests for central educational institutions like JEE, NEET and CUET — seeks to address issues related to unfair means in the conduct of these exams, which are not covered under the purview of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

The anti-paper leak law provides for 3-5 years jail term and fine up to Rs 10 lakh for those impersonating a candidate, engaging in paper solving and not reporting an exam fraud. Those involved in organised crimes of cheating and other malpractices will face 5-10 years imprisonment and a minimum fine of Rs 1 crore.

The thrust of the proposed law is to crack down upon persons, organised mafia and institutions engaged in paper leaks, paper solving, impersonation and hacking into computer resources, often in collusion with elements within the "system", for monetary or wrongful gains. Bona fide students, whose future gets jeopardised due to undetected leaks, cancellation of exams and holding up of results, will not be liable for action.

Service providers and institutions found guilty of rigging public exams will have to bear the proportionate cost of examination, as per the law.

Now, RJD comes up with Bihar dy CM's pic with leak accused

Patna: Bihar deputy CM Vijay Kumar Sinha's purported expose linking the arrested accused in NEET paper-leak case with an aide of RJD's Tejashwi Yadav prompted the latter's party to release an undated picture Friday showing co-accused Amit Anand alongside the other deputy CM Samrat Choudhary (in pic above), reports **Manoj Chaurasia**.

The political tit-for-tat followed a strong rebuttal by Tejashwi of Sinha's allegation, saying dragging his or his personal assistant's name into the case "won't benefit anyone".

"BJP has govt in state and Centre. They have probe agencies at their disposal. Why don't they interrogate whoever they believe is involved in the leak and arrest the person they find guilty?" Tejashwi said.

RJD posted on X deputy CM Choudhary's picture with the suspected mastermind and wrote, "The main accused in NEET paper leak scam with deputy CM of Bihar. The so-called minister who was felicitated by the accused has deleted all photos with him from his social media handles, but don't worry, we have them all."

2 booked for bid to extort ₹3 cr from Prajwal bro

Hassan: Cops have filed an FIR against two men for allegedly attempting to extort money from JD(S) MLC Suraj Revanna by making allegations of harassment against him. Suraj's father (HD Revanna) and brother (Prajwal) have been booked in a separate harassment case.

Suraj's friend filed a complaint with police where he said one Chethan, now named in the FIR, began pressuring him to use Suraj's influence to secure him a job. Chethan later told him that Suraj had sexually harrassed him, and threatened to hold a presser and file a case against the MLC if his demands were not met, the complainant stated. He allegedly demanded Rs 5 crore, but reduced the amount to Rs 3 crore. TNN

States hike health spend, India set to meet '2.5% of GDP' target

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India's govt spending on health, including on clean water and sanitation, looks set to achieve the target of 2.5% of GDP by 2024-25 despite Centre's allocation failing to reach 0.8% of GDP as planned. With states managing to push expenditure on health to 1.58% of GDP last year, the combined spending of states and Centre touched 2.13% of GDP.

In govt's calculation, public health expenditure includes allocation for health and family welfare, health research, Ayush and for water supply and sanitation. Centre's allocation for health by this count was just 0.55% of GDP in 2023-24, with about 48% of that being funds for water supply and sanitation. The share of allocation for health and family welfare in Centre's budget has shrunk to 0.26% of GDP, lower than what it was in 2018-19 (0.28%).

This is worrying, as it is the allocation for the department of health and family welfare that is used for funding national programmes and for maintaining and strengthening the public health system. While clean water and sanitation do contribute to people staying healthy, allocation for this cannot be a substitute for spending on the public healthcare system, say experts. If the spending on water and sanitation is not counted, the expenditure on public health has been steadily shrinking whether we look at it as a percentage of central govt's total expenditure or as a percentage of the GDP.

After National Health Policy 2017 recommended spending 2.5% of the GDP on public health by 2025, a National Health Mission presentation in 2018 gave a roadmap for gradually increasing public spending on health by Centre and states over seven years from 1.4% to 2.5% of GDP.

Going by the planned increase to touch 2.5% of GDP by 2025, central allocation for health from 2018-19 to 2023-24 fell short by over Rs 1.5 lakh crore while the combined spending on states was Rs 3.6 lakh crores more than planned (see graphic).

States have been pushing up their spending on health (medical and public health, family welfare and water supply and sanitation). From 1.25% of GDP, the allocation of states went up to 1.58% by 2023-24. As a share of total expenditure of states, health spend has gone up from 7.5% in 2018-19 to 8.8% in 2023-24, more than the target of 8% recommended for states in the National Health Policy 2017. It is this increased allocation which might enable the overall target of 2.5% of GDP being achieved.

However, states too have reduced their expenditure on the health system from a high of 75.3% of total health expenditure in 2019-20 to just below 70% in the budget allocation for 2023-24. The overall spending is high due to the increase in expenditure on water supply and sanitation.

There are significant variations within states too, with some like Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Haryana and Odisha spending well over the target of 8% of total govt expenditure on health and others like Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka spending less than this.

HOW CENTRAL SPENDING FELL SHORT OF WHAT WAS PLANNED... (Rs cr)

Year	Planned share of Centre as % of GDP	If Centre spent as planned	Actual spend	Shortfall
2018-19	0.49	92,609	74,647	17,961
2019-20	0.49	98,367	84,306	14,061
2020-21	0.55	1,09,499	98,788	10,711
2021-22	0.62	1,45,360	1,53,081	-7,721
2022-23	0.69	1,86,761	1,37,835	48,926
2023-24	0.78	2,28,358	1,60,450	67,908
Total	-	**8,60,954**	**7,09,108**	**1,51,846**

Source: Budget documents, various years

... AND STATES MORE THAN MADE UP (Rs cr)

Year	Planned share of states as % of GDP	If states spent as planned	Actual by states	Extra spend
2018-19	0.91	1,71,986	2,35,568	63,581
2019-20	0.91	1,82,681	2,34,940	52,259
2020-21	1.03	2,03,355	2,73,306	69,950
2021-22	1.14	2,69,954	3,40,801	70,847
2022-23	1.29	3,46,842	4,11,580	64,738
2023-24	1.44	4,24,094	4,65,160	41,066
Total	-	**15,98,913**	**19,61,355**	**3,62,442**

Source: State Finances: A Study of Budgets of 2023-24, RBI

3 NCC cadets rush to help drowning mate, all 4 die

Navi Mumbai: Four students of colleges in Mumbai drowned in the backwaters of a dam in Raigad on Friday afternoon, reports **George Mendonca**. One of the youngsters had ventured into the deep and found himself struggling to stay afloat when three of his friends tried to drag him to safety, but all four students drowned, police said.

All four, who were part of National Cadet Corps, had gone on a trek with 33 others in the backwaters of Morbe dam at Khalapur. The group had descended the fort around 1.30pm and entered the backwaters at the foot of the hill. That is when one of the students, Eklavya Singh (18), ventured into the deep. His cries for help alerted the other students. Three of them — Ranath Banda (18), Ishant Yadav (19) and Akash Mane (26) — rushed to help Singh. However, all the four youths drowned.

Senior inspector of Khalapur police station, Milind Khopade, said the four were declared dead at a local public hospital.

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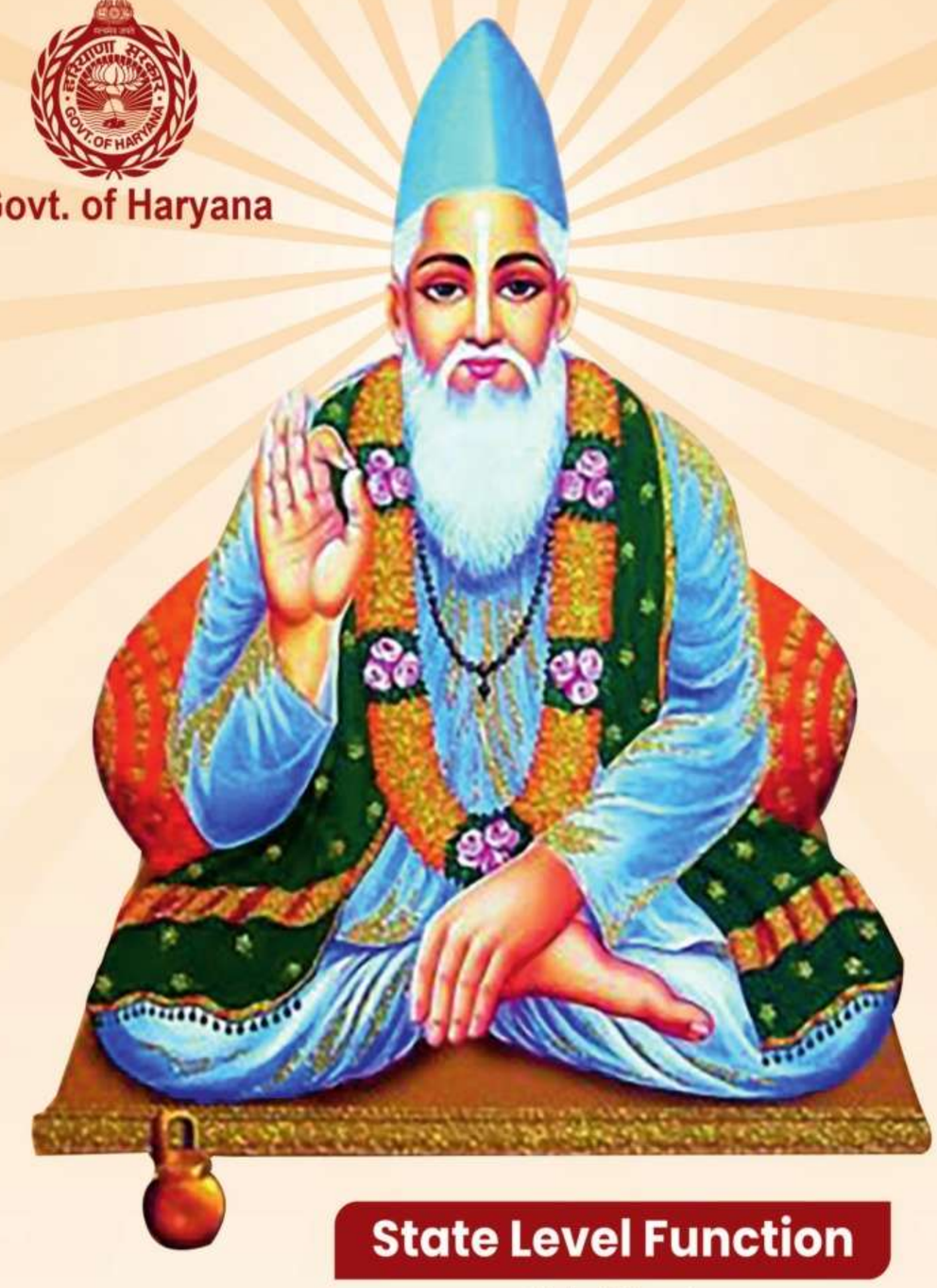

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Malihabad mangoes beat heat, pests with butter paper shield

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'CHEAT' AGAINST HEAT

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Lucknow: In this torrid summer of paper leaks and dummies, few will mind that mango growers in Lucknow's Malihabad have found a way to "cheat" the elements — butter paper covers.

This unique method saves the fruits from extreme weather conditions and climate change in the GI-protected mango belt famous for Malihabadi Dussehris, Gulab khaas, Husnara and more, nipping potential losses in the bud.

Rolled out with the help of Lucknow's Central Institute of Subtropical Horticulture (CISH), the covers\bags have helped save the crop not only from extreme heat and winds but also from pests.

In Malihabad, after a successful pilot phase last year, the farmers embraced the butter paper bags in a big way. An estimated 50 lakh bags were procured, helped them save the fruit, reduce pesticides, save costs and raise exports.

"The results were astounding. The fruit was not just bigger in size, its appearance was perfect. It held the original yellowish green colour that had almost slipped into history. Besides, the pulp was uniform and perfect contrary to the usually available jelly-like mush towards the seed," described Ram Sajeevan, a small orchard owner in Malihabad.

Before the use of bags, the growers were grappling with smaller and sunburnt fruits with dark patches. Unwanted gusty winds, unseasonal rains and unprecedented heat had hit their produce in the last two seasons. Taking lessons from the past, the mango growers reached out to Lucknow's CISH, whose scientists offered them this unique solution.

Maneesh Mishra, principal scientist at CISH-Lucknow who worked with the farmers along with his team, pointed out that such bags were commonly used by vegetable and fruit producers in China, Vietnam and other nations.

Primarily developed by Israeli scientists, such bags were tried out once earlier in Malihabad in 2016. But despite its benefits, it found no takers because of high costs. "But the Covid lull and weather challenges left the farmers with two options — innovate or perish. So, we started again last season, distributing about 4 lakh such bags to farmers for about a quarter of their trees. The difference was remarkable enough to make them embrace the change," said Mishra.

Centre imposes stock limits on tur, chana dals till Sept

Govt To Procure More Onions For Market Intervention

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Govt will now set daily prices for buffer stock procurement to purchase kitchen ingredients for market intervention

New Delhi: Amid a 55% jump in onion prices over the last year, govt agencies will now set daily prices for buffer stock procurement, instead of weekly, to aggressively purchase the key kitchen ingredient for market intervention in the coming months. Besides, to keep prices of key food items under check, the Centre has imposed stock limits on tur and chana dals till Sept, while continuing to sell subsidised chana, atta and rice under the 'Bharat' brand.

Keeping a close tab on retail price management, while ensuring that farmers are not adversely impacted, is a key focus for govt, especially after the recent election verdict where inflation emerged as a major concern.

Chairing a review meeting on onion prices on Friday, food and consumer affairs minister Pralhad Joshi urged agriculture ministry officials to take steps to increase acreage of kharif onion. Average retail prices of onion increased by 55% in the past one year — from Rs 23.3 a kg to Rs 36.3 a kg. Officials said the fall in rabi production, which has almost 60% share of the country's annual production of the key kitchen item, has triggered the rise in prices.

The overall procurement of onions this year is around 80,000 tonnes, a little higher than the corresponding period of 2023. Officials said the consumer affairs department may start releasing onion from its buffer stock in Aug-Sept to keep a check on prices.

Separately, the consumer affairs department said the stock limit on tur and chana dals would be applicable to wholesalers, retailers, big chain retailers, millers and importers. The move is aimed to "prevent hoarding and unscrupulous speculation" and also improve affordability. It said importers cannot hold imported stock beyond 45 days from the date of customs clearance.

In govt's bid to encourage cultivation of pulses, agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday assured farmers of procuring 100% of their produce of tur, urad and masoor. Chairing a virtual meeting with agriculture ministers of major pulse producing states, including MP , Maharashtra, Rajasthan and UP , he urged states to work as a team with the Centre to push pulses production to achieve self-sufficiency by 2027.

TOI has leant that the group of ministers headed by home minister Amit Shah had reviewed the trend of prices of essential commodities on Thursday and some key decisions included imposing stock limit and sale of Bharat dal, Bharat rice and Bharat atta.

Fruits & vegetables top list of all crops in value terms, reveals NSO report

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The value of output of 'fruits and vegetables' has increased from Rs 2,87,000 crore in 2011-12 to Rs 4,34,000 crore in 2022-23

New Delhi: In what could be a sign of growing preference of Indian consumers, 'fruits and vegetables' with 28% share occupied the top position in the group of all crops in value terms in 2022-23, higher than the share of cereals (27%), shows a new statistical report, released Friday.

The report on the value of output from agriculture and allied sectors shows the output of 'fruits and vegetables' has increased from Rs 2,87,000 crore in 2011-12 to Rs 4,34,000 crore in 2022-23 at constant (2011-12) prices, about Rs 15,000 crore higher than that of cereals even as they constantly occupy much more acreage than the horticultural produce.

Besides 'cereals' and 'fruits & vegetables', the other segments of the crop-group include pulses, oilseeds, sugarcane, spices and medicinal plants among others occupying the remaining 45% share in terms of value.

Among the overall agriculture and allied sector, the crop-group occupies 54% share followed by livestock (31%), forestry (8%) and fishing (7%) in value of output in 2022-23. Though the crop subsector remains the largest contributor of gross value of output (GVO) of the agriculture and allied sectors, its contribution has gradually declined from 62% in 2011-12 to 54% in 2022-23.

According to the report, brought out by National Statistical Office (NSO), Uttar Pradesh reported the highest value of output of cereals whereas highest value of output of fruits and vegetables was in West Bengal in 2022-23.

The report also shows that Gram and Arhar (lentil) together accounted for nearly 59% of the output of 'pulses' group of crops.

Porsche teen also in trauma, give him some time, says HC

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The teen was allegedly speeding with Porsche in an intoxicated state, killing 2 techies in Pune

Mumbai: "Two people have lost their lives. There was trauma but the child (juvenile in conflict with law) was also in trauma, give him some time," said Justices Bharti Dangre and Manjusha Deshpande of Bombay high court while hearing a plea against his "illegal detention" following "public pressure".

The teen was allegedly speeding with the high-end luxury set of wheels in Pune in an intoxicated state on May 19, when the car crashed into a bike, killing two software engineers, Aneesh Awadhiya and Ashwini Koshta.

HC on Friday closed for orders a habeas corpus petition filed by a Delhi-based paternal aunt of the minor. She sought his release from an alleged illegal detention, three days after being released on bail. Last Friday, HC had declined urgent relief on the plea.

Senior counsel Aabad Ponda for the family said the actions of the state acting under alleged public pressure raised significant questions . He said the court has to consider whether a child who is released on bail and continues to be on bail could be remanded to an observation home, contending there was an express prohibition in the Juvenile Justice Act to do so.

HC on Friday asked the police under which legal provision had the teen been sent back to the observation home after his release on bail.

State public prosecutor H S Venegaonkar opposed the plea, saying it was not maintainable as the minor is detained under a court order and is in an observation home, not jail.

"Can this be done without re-arrest or having bail cancelled?" asked Ponda. He added, "Does Section 104 of JJ Act permit review or only amendment? Is Section 39(2) of JJ Act not an express bar to sending a person on bail to an observation home?" He went on to question, "If there are errors in bail order, is it not to be appealed in a higher forum and not reviewed by the same court is 104 without any power under that section of review?"

"Is this not confinement?" HC added, questioning why the police did not apply for bail cancellation.

HC will pass orders on June 25.

Bail for teen's dad, pub owner, 4 others

A Pune special court on Friday granted bail to the father of the 17-year-old involved in Porsche Taycan crash, and five others, including the owner and employees of two pubs, in a case registered under Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act, reports **Asseem Shaikh**. Lawyers of the six applicants said their clients had been directed to furnish personal bonds of Rs 50,000 each with a surety of the like amount.

ऑयल इंडिया लिमिटेड
Oil India Limited
P.O. Duliajan - 786602, Assam, India. CIN: L11101AS1959GOI001148

NOTIFICATION NO. HRAQ/REC-WP-E/24-2185

This is to inform all concerned that due to unavoidable circumstances the Computer Based Test (CBT) scheduled from **01st July, 2024 to 04th July, 2024** for recruitment of workpersons in Oil India Limited under advertisement no. **HRAQ/REC-WP-B/2023-81 dated 30/12/2023** is deferred until further advice.

RAIL LAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
(A Statutory Authority under Ministry of Railways Government of India)
Unit No. 702-B, 7th Floor, Konnectus Tower-II, DMRC Building, Ajmeri Gate, New Delhi-110002

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL THROUGH E-TENDER
(RFP Notice No. RLDA/RFP/CT-12 OF 2024 Dated 05.06.2024)

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Appointment of Agency for Providing Project Management Consultancy Services (PMS) for All Works Pertaining to Redevelopment Project of New Delhi Railway Station and Construction of Associated Infrastructure through EPC Contracts

Name of Work	Estimate cost of the work:
Appointment of Agency for Providing "Project Management Consultancy Services (PMS)" for all works pertaining to " Redevelopment Project of New Delhi Railway Station and Construction of associated Infrastructure through EPC Contracts	Rs. 45.75 crore

Pre-Bid Meeting: 28.06.2024 at 11:30 Hrs
(Pre-bid meeting details to be obtained from Jt. General Manager/Project/New Delhi)
Last Date of Submission of E-bid Online: 22.07.2024 UPTO 15:00 Hrs.
Opening of E-bids Technical: 25.07.2024 at 15:30 Hrs.
For Further details of the project, please visit our website www.rlda.indianrailways.gov.in or on e-procurement portal www.tenderwizard.in/RLDA under the heading 'e-tender'
For any clarifications, may please contact: -

Chief Project Manager/ New Delhi-1	Jt. General Manager/ Project/New Delhi	Jt. GeneralManager/ Expert/Tender	For e-bid Assistance-
Sh. Dinesh kumar singh M: 6280814653	Sh. Pratyus sinha M: 7011051338	Mr. Neeraj Kumar Gupta M: 99711305031	Mr.Suraj Singh M: 9599653865 suraj@etenderwizard.com

Note:- Email-ID for any correspondences ndlsepc@railnet.gov.in JGM/Expert/Tender, (M) 9711305031
Corrigendum or Addendum shall be published only on RLDA's Website e-procurement portal.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Proclamation requiring the appearance of accused person see section 82 Cr.PC

Where complaint has been made before that accused Vikas S/o Jagbir Singh R/O H. No. 273, Kheda Khurd, Delhi 110082 has committed (or is suspected to has committed) the offence in case CC no. 354/23 U/S 145 B, 146, 174 C Railway Act protection Force post Badli Which is punishable and a warrant of arrest issued there upon has been returned unexecuted stating that the said accused Vikas Kumar S/o Jagbir Singh cannot be found, his permanent and local addresses not verified and his other where abouts are unknown and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Vikas Kumar S/o Jagbir Singh has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Viikas Kumar S/o jagbir Singh is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 12.07.24

By Order
SRM/DLI

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
Invitation of tender through E-Tendering
(E-Procurement Systems)

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-IV, Northern Railway, Delhi Division for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender on prescribed form for the following work.

Name of work with its location	1. ANNUAL ZONE WORK FOR MAINTENANCE OF TRACK IN THE SECTION OF SSE/P.WAY/JHI FOR PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. (NIT 35-W-IV-24-25) 2. Annual Zone work for Maintenance of Track in the section of SSE/P.Way /MSZ for period of one year. (NIT 39-W-IV-24-25) 3. ANNUAL ZONE WORK FOR MAINTENANCE OF TRACK IN THE SECTION OF SSE/P.WAY/ROK FOR PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. (NIT 40-W-IV-24-25) 4. ANNUAL ZONE WORK FOR MAINTENANCE OF TRACK ROK-PNP FOR PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.(NIT 41-W-IV-24-25) 5. ANNUAL ZONE WORK FOR MAINTENANCE OF TRACK IN THE SECTION OF SSE/P.WAY/JHL FOR PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. (NIT 42-W-IV-24-25) 6. ANNUAL ZONE WORK FOR MAINTENANCE OF TRACK IN THE SECTION OF SSE/P.WAY/BGZ FOR PERIOD OF ONE YEAR (NIT 43-W-IV-24-25) 7. ANNUAL ZONE WORK FOR MAINTENANCE OF TRACK ABO-RE FOR PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. (NIT 45-W-IV-24-25) 8. ANNUAL ZONE WORK FOR MAINTENANCE OF TRACK of branch line i.e.JHI-SNP under SSE/P.Way/GHNA-II FOR PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. (NIT 46-W-IV-24-25)
Approx Cost of work	(1) Rs. 8415797.81 (2) Rs. 6999627.18 (3) Rs. 8499935.52 (4) Rs.3999944.95 (5) Rs. 6999698.86 (6) Rs. 8499876.70 (7) Rs. 3999670.80 (8) Rs. 4999675.88
Earnest Money	(1) Rs. 168300.00 (2) Rs.140000.00 (3) Rs.170000.00 (4) Rs. 80000.00 (5) Rs.140000.00 (6) Rs.170000.00 (7) Rs. 80000.00 (8) Rs.100000.00
Date and Time of submission of tender and opening of tender	Bidding Start date for work no. Up to 15.00 hrs on 02.07.2024 opening of e-Tender at 15:00 hrs on 16.07.2024
Website particulars, published e-tender notice location etc. complete details of tender can be seen and web site where the tender form can be downloaded	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

No. 128-W/260/Tender Notice/35,39,40,41,42,43, 45&46-W-IV/24-25
Date : 21.06.2024
1881/2024
Serving Customers With A Smile

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice

E-Tenders is invited for execution of the following work by Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), E.C. Railway, Dhanbad:- **Tender No:** C-710-GCT-BHKD-DHN **(1) Name of the work with its location & completion period:** Development of Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal (GCT) at Bhurkunda (BHKD) Station Entirely on Railway land for the period of thirty five years (35 years) i.e 420 months. **(2) Approx. cost of development of Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal (GCT) at Bhurkunda:** Rs. 24,35,36,918/- **(3) Earnest Money:** Rs. 2,43,53,700/- **(4) Date & Time for closing and opening of Tender:** Date of closing of e-tender at 15-00 hours on 10.07.2024. Date of opening of e-tender after 15:30 hrs. on 10.07.2024. **(5) Website particulars: http://www.ireps.gov.in**. No manual tender will be accepted against e-tendering. Railway Administration reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason what so ever.
Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial)
East Central Railway/Dhanbad
PR/00542/DHN/COML/T/24-25/32

Appeal for Identification

General public is hereby informed that one Male person **Namely:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 50-52 Yrs., **Height:** 5'7'', **Sex:** Male, **Complexion:** Dark, **Built:** Thin, **Hair & Beard:** Black **Wearing**: Red and white shirt and White Colour Half Pant & barefooted, **Place of Recovery:** Sanjay - T Point under Flyover Near Jharera Vilage Delhi Cantt New Delhi.
The dead body has been preserved in DDU Hospital, Delhi Mortuary for identification.
In this regard **GD No. 41A Dated: 13/06/2024** has been lodged at **Police Station: Delhi Cantt.** Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO
P.S.: Delhi Cantt.
Mob.: 7065036229
DP/7845/SW/2024

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ODISHA RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Under the Department of Energy
Government of Odisha
(ISO 9001:2008 / ISO 14001:2004)
S/59, MANCHESWAR INDUSTRIAL ESTATE
BHUBANESWAR-751010, ODISHA
Website: www.oredaodisha.com E-mail: ceoreda@oredaorissa.com

e-Tender Call Notice

Notice No: 2607 /PD - 5/2024 **Date: 19.06.2024**

E-tender is invited through e-tender portal from eligible bidders for Design, Engineering, Manufacturing, retrofitting and deployment of existing Solar/electric (zero emission) boats including Comprehensive Maintenance for Two (02) years at various places of the Chilika Lake, Odisha.

1	Date of publication of NIT on E-procurement website and OREDA website	20.06.2024
2	Due date of pre bid query submission as per format of NIT	27.06.2024, Time: 5:00 PM
3	Date and time of pre-bid meeting through virtual mode **https://meet.google.com/foy-yjey-hga**	29.06.2024, Time: 12.30 AM
4	Due date and time for submission of online copies of Technical Bid and price bid.	12.07.2024, Time: 5:00 PM
5	Due date and time for submission of hard copies of Technical Bid for select Bid Forms only	18.07.2024, Time: 5:00 PM
6	Tentative date and time for the opening of Technical Bid for both online copies and hard copies, except price bid.	19.07.2024, Time: 3:30 PM
7	Due date and time for the opening of online price bid applicable only for the bidders whose Technical bids shall be responsive.	To be intimate later

Details can be seen from the website **www.tenderwizard.com/OREDA** or **www.oredaorissa.com**. Further corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded in these websites only.

Sd/-
Chief Executive
OIPR-04065/11/0006/24-25

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ODISHA RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Under the Department of Energy
Government of Odisha
(ISO 9001:2008 / ISO 14001:2004)
S/59, MANCHESWAR INDUSTRIAL ESTATE
BHUBANESWAR-751010, ODISHA
Website: www.oredaodisha.com E-mail: ceoreda@oredaorissa.com

e-Tender Call Notice

Notice No: 2622 /PD-101/2024 **Date: 19.06.2024**

E-tender is invited through e-tender portal from eligible bidders for Repair. & Revival of defunct Solar PV Mini-Grids installed under DDUGJY program in Odisha along with Comprehensive Maintenance for Five Years.

1.	Date of publication of NIT on E-procurement website and OREDA website	20.06.2024
2.	Due date of pre bid query submission as per format of NIT	27.06.2024, Time: 5:00 PM
3.	Date and time of pre-bid meeting through virtual mode **https://meet.google.com/qga-cdrn-rgo**	29.06.2024, Time: 3.30 PM
4.	Due date and time for submission of online copies of Technical Bid and price bid.	15.07.2024, Time: 5:00 PM
5.	Due date and time for submission of hard copies of Technical Bid for select Bid Forms only	19.07.2024, Time: 5:00 PM
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Sd/-
Chief Executive
OIPR-04065/11/0005/24-25

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Engineer-I/Northern Railway, New Delhi for and on behalf of President of India invites e-tender on the prescribed form for the under noted work.

Name of work with location	1. PNP-Annual zone for maintenance of track work for 2024-25 in the section of SSE/P.Way/PNP under ADEN/PNP. 2. SNP-Annual zone for maintenance of track work for 2024-25 in the section of SSE/P.Way/SNP under ADEN/PNP. 3. KKDE-Annual zone for maintenance of track work for 2024-25 in the section of SSE/P.Way/KKDE under ADEN/KUN. 4. KUN-Annual zone for maintenance of track work for 2024-25 in the section of SSE/P.Way/KUN under ADEN/KUN. 5. SFDE-Annual zone for maintenance of track work for 2024-25 in the section of SSE/P.Way/SFDE under ADEN/PNP. 6. RCNK-Annual zone for maintenance 2024-25 for Rail Coach Factory Barhi Sonipat in the section of SSE/P.Way/SNP under ADEN/PNP. 7. KLE-Annual zone for maintenance of track work for 2024-25 in the section of SSE/P.Way/KLE under ADEN/KUN.
Approx. Cost of work	1. ₹99,97,558.74 2. ₹99,99,622.40 3. ₹99,99,297.03 4. ₹99,97,491.72 5. ₹84,99,788.01 6. ₹39,98,526.15 7. ₹99,99,816.34
Earnest Money	1. ₹2,00,000.00 2. ₹2,00,000.00 3. ₹2,00,000.00 4. ₹2,00,000.00 5. ₹1,70,000.00 6. ₹80,000.00 7. ₹2,00,000.00

Earnest Money should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only. **Note:** FDR or Demand Draft will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter No. 2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016.

Completion Period	For S.No. 1 to 7	12 Months
Date and time of submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15:00 hrs. on 12.07.2024 opening of e-tender at 15:00 hrs. on 12.07.2024.	
Website particulars, published-tender, notice location etc. complete details of tender can be seen and website where the tender form can be downloaded	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in	
Similar Nature of work	For S.No. 1 to 5 & 7 Any type of track work.	

Note: All attachments must be self attested by the tenderers and the affidavit should be submitted in the new format attached with tender conditions as per Annexure-XXIV is compulsorily.

No.: 128-W/280/Tender Notice/24-25/W-I (NIT-15-21)
Dated: 18.07.2024 1872/2024
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कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, इन्दौर
जलयंत्रालय एवं ड्रेनेज विभाग
निविदा सूचना

विज्ञप्ति क्रमांक: 9

निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु केन्द्रीयकृत प्रणाली में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से ऑनलाइन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा का विस्तृत विवरण वेबसाइट https://mptenders.gov.in/ पर देखा जा सकता है।

ग्रुप क्र.	1. टेण्डर क्र. 2. जारी दिनांक	कार्य का नाम	1. कार्य की समयावधि 2. लागत	1. निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य 2. ई.एम.डी.	निविदा की अंतिम तिथि
1	2024_UAD_351851 19-06-2024	झोन क्र. 19 वार्ड क्र. 75 के अंतर्गत खंडवा रोड से रंजीतसिंह कॉलेज होते हुए कैथोलिक चर्च तक ड्रेनेज लाइन डालना।	1. 12 माह 2. 1,54,28,150/-	1.₹12,500/- 2.₹ 77,200/-	22-07-2024 (शाम 05:30 बजे तक)
2	2024_UAD_351852 19-06-2024	झोन क्र. 12 वार्ड क्र. 65 के अंतर्गत आने वाली बैराठी कॉलोनी में बेकलाइनों में ओपन नाली के स्थान पर ड्रेनेज लाइन डालने बाबद।	1. 12 माह 2. ₹1,69,03,180/-	1.₹12,500/- 2.₹ 84,600/-	22-07-2024 (शाम 05:30 बजे तक)
3	2024_UAD_351853 19-06-2024	झोन क्र. 02 वार्ड क्र. 70 के अंतर्गत जी.एन.टी मार्केट स्थित नाले को आर.सी.सी. नाले का निर्माण करना।	1. 12 माह 2. ₹6,62,62,005/-	1. ₹20,000/- 2. ₹3,31,400/-	22-07-2024 (शाम 05:30 बजे तक)

नोट:- निविदा से संबंधित किसी भी प्रकार के संशोधन का प्रकाशन ऑनलाइन https://mptenders.gov.in/ की वेबसाइट पर ही किया जाएगी, पृथक से समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशन नहीं किया जाएगी।

प्रतिबंधित पॉलीथीन, कैरीबैग के निर्माण/ विक्रय/ उपयोग करने पर दंड व सजा का प्रावधान है।

कार्यपालन यंत्री
जलयंत्रालय एवं ड्रेनेज विभाग
नगर पालिक निगम, इन्दौर

HC says nothing objectionable in Maharaj, lifts stay on release

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ahmedabad: OTT platform Netflix started streaming the film "Maharaj" after Gujarat HC lifted on Friday a stay on its release while observing that "the court found nothing objectionable that would hurt the religious feelings of the petitioners or a sect".

"The apprehension is based on surmises since the film is yet to be released. Thus, on mere presumption, the freedom of expression guaranteed under Article 19 of the Constitution cannot be curtailed," Justice Sangeeta Vishen said.

After watching the film on the request of petitioners Netflix and film production company Yash Raj Films, Justice Vishen vacated the stay granted last week.

1862 LIBEL CASE

The movie is based on the 1862 Maharaj Libel Case. A plea to stay its release had been filed by eight members of the Pushtimargi sect who expressed apprehension that it might denigrate and defame the entire Hindu religion and incite violence against the sect.

"... The core message of the film focuses on social evil and fight against the same by a social reformer, Karsandas Mulji, who himself was from the Vaishnavite community," HC said.

The court observed also that the film is on Mulji's role in exposing the malpractices of Jadunath Maharaj and is not derogatory to any sect.

IMEEEC: India-UAE leg to get a digital platform in 100 days

New Delhi: Work on the India-UAE leg of the strategic India-Middle East Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEEC) is set to kick off with the digital platform to exchange information between ports of the two countries likely to be operational within the first 100 days of the Modi govt, reports **Dipak Dash**.

While the tension in West Asia had cast its shadow on the high-profile project to connect ports on India's western coast with European ports, last week the G7 gave a strong backing to the ambitious multi-country link that is aimed at derisking logistics and speeding up cargo movement.

A key element of the IMEEEC strategy is seamless movement of cargo from, say, Hajipur (Bihar) to Haifa in Israel which will mean common port and customs documentation across the countries — from India and UAE to Jordan and Israel — and standardised equipment and containers in all ports and dry docks. Once in place, the plan is to ship goods from the Indian ports to Haifa in 48 hours. But that will also require construction of missing rail links in parts of Saudi Arabia and Jordan, for which initial assessment is being undertaken. An Indian public sector company is involved with the exercise, sources said.

Kutch jeweller ends life over stolen bullion : A jeweller in Gujarat's Kutch died by suicide, leaving behind a note saying he was in depression over the loss of money. This comes three months after his goldsmith fled with his bullion (pure gold, silver) worth Rs 1.3 crore. TNN

NOTICE-SRM-21

MAHAGENCO Maharashtra State Power Generation Co. Ltd.

Following Tenders are published on **https://eprocurement.mahagenco.in**

Sr. No.	E-Tender No	Subject	EMD / Estimated Value
1	660MW/CHP/T-257/RFX-3000049586	Work of crushing of coal by hired semi Mobile / Mobile crusher for feeding of (-) 100 mm coal with an output of (-) 25 mm size crushed coal including supply, installation, erection, commissioning, maintenance & operation of crusher suitable for 300 TPH at Coal Handling Plant 3x660 MW, KTPS, Koradi.	Rs. 425,075.00 / Rs. 42,157,500.00

Vendors are requested to register their firms for e-tendering. For more details log on to website. For any queries contact: Executive Engineer (Purchase), KTPS, Koradi, Nagpur. Mobile No.: +91-8411958622, e-mail id: **eepurchasekoradi@mahagenco.in**

Sd/-
CHIEF ENGINEER (O&M)
MAHAGENCO, KTPS, KORADI

INDIA BRAND EQUITY FOUNDATION

IBEF

16th Floor, Gopal Das Bhawan, 28, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi 110001

Vacancy Notice

India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF) is a trust established by the Department of Commerce, Government of India with the primary objective of creating international awareness of Brand India in overseas markets.

IBEF invites applications for the listed vacancies in New Delhi.

S.No	Position	Department	No of Position
1	Senior Manager	Finance and Accounts	1
2	Senior Manager	Digital Media	1
3	Manager	Human Resources and Administration	1
4	Manager	Knowledge Centre	1
5	Senior Executive	Branding and Communication	1

Last date to apply is 15th July 2024. Email resumes to recruitment@ibef.org with the position and department mentioned in the subject. Contact 011-43845501 for any queries.
Interested candidates may visit our website www.ibef.org/careers.aspx for detailed job descriptions, eligibility criteria and submission of applications.

CBC 05125/12/0002/2425

NAGAR NIGAM SHAHJAHANPUR

Ref - 417/PRO/C.D./N.N.SPN/2024-25 Date:- 20.06.2024

E-Procurement Tender Notice

Chief Engineer, Nagar Nigam Shahjahanpur invites percentage-rate bids on **http://etender.up.nic.in** from eligible bidders for the following package under the CM-GRID scheme.

Sl. No.	Nagar Nigam	Package No.	Name of Road/ Street (Works)	Length of Street (K.M.)	Estimated Cost Excluding GST (Rs. Lakh)		Total Estimated Cost of Work (Rs. Lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. Lakh)	Duration of Construction Work (in Months)	Tender Fees including GST
					Construction	Maintenance for 5 Years				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
01	Shahjahanpur	SPN/ CMG-01	From Ahmed Ullah Shah Park junction to Libas Tailors junction on Tel Tanki Road.	0.40	490.72	6.30	497.02	9.80	15	41300/-

The Details can be seen on http://etender.up.nic.in

Timeline

Sr.No.	Events	Date/Time
1	Availability of tender documents on E-tendering portal	From 25.06.2024, 12:00 PM
2	Pre-Bid Meeting Date & Venue	05.07.2024, 3:00 PM @3rd Floor, URIDA, Sector-7, Gomtinagar Extension, Lucknow-226002.
3	Last date of Submission of e-Bids on E-Tender Portal	24.07.2024, 3:00 PM
4	Opening Tender Date	24.06.2024, 4:00 PM

Any Corrigendum/addendm or any other additional information related to the tender will be available in the e-tendering portal **http://etender.up.nic.in**.

Chief Engineer
Shahjahanpur Municipal Corporation

NAGAR NIGAM FIROZABAD (NNF)
(UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA)

Letter No: 184/NNF/2024-25 Dt:- 20.06.2024

E-Procurement Tender Notice

Chief Engineer, Nagar Nigam, Firozabad invites percentage-rate bids on http://etender.up.nic.in from eligible bidders for the following package under the CM-GRID scheme.

S. No.	Nagar Nigam	Package No.	Included Roads	Length of Road (Km)	Estimated Cost Excluding GST (Rs. Lakh)		Total Estimated Cost of Work (Rs. in Lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. in Lakh)	Duration of Construction Work (in Months)	Tender Fees including GST
					Construction	Maintenance for 5 Years				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Firozabad	FZD/ CMG-01	Street Development of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Marg From Rasoolpur Thana to Sadar Junction.	1.2	1895.93	30.95	1926.88	30.00	15	41,300

Timeline:

S.No.	Event	Date & Time
1	Availability of tender document on E-Tendering portal	25.06.2024, 12:00 PM
2	Pre-bid meetings	05.07.2024, 03:00 PM @3rd Floor, URIDA, Sector-7, Gomti Nagar Extension, Lucknow-226002.
3	Last date of uploading the tender document on E-Tendering Portal	24.07.2024, 03:00 PM
4	Opening of tender (technical bid)	24.07.2024, 04:00 PM

Any Corrigendum/addendm or any other additional information related to the tender will be available in website/E-tendering portal i.e. http://etender.up.nic.in.

Chief Engineer
Nagar Nigam Firozabad

परमाणु ऊर्जा शिक्षण संस्था (पंजी.)
(भारत सरकार के परमाणु ऊर्जा विभाग का स्वायत्त निकाय)
केंद्रीय कार्यालय, वेस्टर्न सेक्टर,पऊकेंवि–6, अणुशक्तिनगर, मुंबई–400094
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(Autonomous Body under Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India)
Central Office, Western Sector, AECS-6, Anushaktinagar, Mumbai-400094 Tel (022) 25565049/25571501
website: www.aees.gov.in

देश के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में स्थित परमाणु ऊर्जा केन्द्रीय विद्यालयों / कनिष्ठ महाविद्यालयों के लिए निम्नलिखित पदों के लिए पात्र भारतीय नागरिकों से आवेदन आमंत्रित किए जाते हैं।

Applications are invited from eligible Indian citizens for the following posts for Atomic Energy Central Schools/ Junior Colleges located in different parts of the country.

क्र.सं. Sl. No.	भर्ती सूचना संख्या / Recruitment Notice No.	पदनाम / Post	श्रेणी / Category			रिक्तियों की सं./ No. of vacancies
			अ.पि.व/ OBC	आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर/EWS	अनारक्षित/ UR	
1	भर्ती सूचना संख्या प.ऊ.शि.सं./01/2024 Recruitment Notice No. AEES/01/2024	कनिष्ठ अनुवाद अधिकारी / Junior Translation Officer	0	0	1	1
2	भर्ती सूचना संख्या प.ऊ.शि.सं./02/2024 Recruitment Notice No. AEES/02/2024	प्रधानाचार्य / Principal	3	0	3	06
		विशेष शिक्षक / Special Educator	1	1	1	03
		कुल / Total	4	1	5	10

शैक्षिक एवं अन्य अर्हताओं, आयु सीमा/रियायत, सामान्य आवश्यकताएँ और जानकारी, आवेदन प्रक्रिया, आवेदन शुल्क, चयन का माध्यम आदि के लिए कृपया वेबसाइट www.aees.gov.in देखें।

For Educational and other qualifications, Age Limits/ Relaxations, General Requirements and information, application procedure, Application fee, mode of selection, etc. please visit www.aees.gov.in.

DIRECTORATE OF TEACHER EDUCATION AND SCERT : ODISHA : BHUBANESWAR

TENDER CALL NOTICE FOR ADMISSION PROCESS FOR THE SESSION 2024-2026 OF D.El.Ed. COURSES

Notice No. 2748 **Date : 20.06.2024**

Request for Proposal (RFP) are invited from reputed agencies, both from State and National Level, for selection of Service Provider for Online Examination (Computer-based Test) for D.El.Ed. Course for the session, 2024-2026. The prospective bidders must meet the qualifying criteria mentioned in the RFP Terms of Reference (Volume I and II). They should have capacity to design, undertake / execute Online Entrance Examination and examination process related work as prescribed in the RFP.

1. **Date of release of tenders : 21.06.2024**
2. **Last Date for submission of tender : 04.07.2024 (05.00 p.m.)**
3. **Pre-bid Meeting : 29.06.2024 (11.00 a.m.)**

Detailed terms, conditions and schedules of activities and the RFP (Volume I and II) can be seen / downloaded from the website i.e. **www.scertodisha.nic.in / www.sme.odisha.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Director
TE and SCERT
Odisha, Bhubaneswar

OIPR-27006/11/0001/24-25

Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission

'Vidyut Niyamak Bhawan', Near ISBT, P.O.Majra, Dehradun-248171,
PH. 0135-2641115, Website www.uerc.gov.in, E-mail- secy.uerc@gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

Inviting comments on the Draft UERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Multi Year Tariff) Regulations, 2024

1. In exercise of powers conferred under Section 61 read with Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003, and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, and after previous publication, the Commission has issued draft UERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Multi Year Tariff) Regulations, 2024. The draft Regulation has been posted at the Commission's website www.uerc.gov.in.
2. Notice is hereby given inviting comments/suggestions/objections on the draft Regulation from all the stakeholders. These could be sent to the undersigned latest by **31.07.2024** by post or e-mail or in person at the above-mentioned address for Commission's consideration.
3. The comments/suggestions/objections received after the stipulated date in the Commission's office may not be considered while finalizing these Regulations.

Advt No. 05/2024-25

Secretary

SPECIAL BRANCH
POLICE HEADQUARTER, M.P., BHOPAL

No. SB / Store/2024-25 (205), Bhopal, Dated 19-06-2024

"ONLINE E-TENDER NOTICE "

E-tender are invited by Assistant Inspector General of Police, Special Branch (G) M.P., Bhopal on behalf of DGP MP Bhopal for the following item on website https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app:-

S. No.	Name of Item(s)	Qty	Tender Fees (Rs.) Paid Online Through mptenders.gov.in	EMD (Rs.)	Tender No.
1	Explosive Vapour Detector (EVD)	05	10,000/-	3,00,000/-	1st Tender
2	Real Time Viewing System (RTVS)	04	10,000/-	9,60,000/-	1st Tender
3	Non Liner Junction Detector (NLJD)	17	10,000/-	6,37,500/-	1st Tender
4	Deep Search Metal Detector (DSMD)	18	3,000/-	1,35,000/-	1st Tender
5	Fiber Optical Surveillance System	04	3,000/-	96,000/-	1st Tender
6	Ballistic Briefcase	04	2,000/-	24,000/-	3rd Tender

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/niegep/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/niegep/app

4.Tender Schedule :

No.	Tender Activity		Tentative Date & Time
i	Submission of written queries - through e- mail: **sec25-sb@mppolice.gov.in**		**27/06/2024 up to 1700 hrs.**
ii	Pre Bid Meeting along with written queries		28/06/2024 at 1100 hrs.
iii	Bid Submission Start Date		10/07/2024 at 1000 hrs.
iv	Last date of online e-Tender submission		18/07/2024 up to 1600 hrs.
v	Bid will be opened on		19/07/2024 up to 1600 hrs.
vi	Demonstration from	Item No 1 to 2	24/07/2024 at 11.00 hrs.
		Item No 3 to 4	25/07/2024 at 11.00 hrs
		Item No 5 to 6	26/07/2024 at 11.00 hrs

Sd/-
D.I.G. of Police
(Intelligence) M.P. Bhopal
Tel. No. 0755- 2443654

G-12110/24

Govt. of Bihar

Bihar RajyaPul Nirman Nigam Limited

ISO:9001:2008 Reg.no.: RQ91/8550

(A Govt. Of Bihar Undertaking)
Office Of The Senior Project Engineer
Works Division, Nalanda (BiharSharif)
Website http:// www.brpnnl.bihar.gov.in. Email spe-nalanda@brpnn.co.in

Doc.No:- BRPNN/NAL- NIT No - 415 (Re-Tender)

Notice Inviting Bid on EPC Mode

(Only through e-tendering system on website (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

Application in the prescribed format from eligible contractors for Engineering Procurement &Construction (EPC) mode are invited for following project in two bid systems, (Technical & Financial).

1. Brief particulars of the project with important dates are as under :

State	Division	Name of Work	Estimated Project Cost (Crore.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (crore)	RFP Cost(online payment) (Non-Refundable) (Rs.)	Bid Processing Fee(online payment) (Non-Refundable) (Rs.)	Completion Period	Maintenance Period
Bihar	Nalanda (Bihar Sharif)	Construction of Green Field 4-Lane Highway (Tourist way of Rajgir connecting Buddhist Circuit) from Salepur to Rajgir at NH-82 via Noorsarai - Ahiyapur - Silao of Total Length 26.662 Km. in Nalanda District of Bihar on Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) Mode	696.52	7.0652	70000.00	5900.00	30 Months	5 Year (As per RFP /Agreement)

2. Important Dates :

1.	Date of Issue Of Notice Inviting RFP	:	19.06.2024
2.	Date of Uploading Document	:	From 05.07.2024, 10.00 HRS
3.	Last Date of Receiving Quarries	:	Date – 15.07.2024 up to 15:00 HRS
4.	Pre-Bid Meeting	:	Date– 15.07.2024, 15.30 HRS Place:- Meeting Hall, of BRPNNL, 7, Sardar Patel Marg, Patna 800015
5.	AuthorityResponsetoQueriesLatestby	:	Date- 20.07.2024
6.	Period of Sale of Bid Document	:	From 05.07.2024, 10.00 HRS TO 29.07.2024 upto 15.00 HRS Through: official portal of [https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in] only
7.	Bid Due Date	:	Date- 30.07.2024 up to 15.00 HRS Through: official portal of [https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in]
8	Physically Submission of Bid Security/POA etc.		Date- 31.07.2024 up to 15.00 HRS
9.	Time and Date of Opening Technical Bid (RFP)	:	Date- 01.08.2024 at 15.30 HRS Through: official portal of [https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in] only.
10.	Time and Date of Opening Financial Bid	:	To be notify. Through: official portal of [https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in] after approval of technical bid
11.	Place of Opening of Bids	:	Through: official portal of [https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in]
12.	Bid Validity	:	120 Days From the Bid Due Date.
13.	Officer Inviting Bids	:	Senior Project Engineer, Bihar Rajya Pul Nirman Nigam Limited, Work Division Nalanda (Biharsharif).

Detailed ITB and other terms & conditions can be seen on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in. For any Query, **Mr. Ram Suresh Roy**, Senior Project Engineer, Mobile No.**-9153962629/Mr. Satyajeet Kumar, Project Engineer, Mobile No. 9153962620** may be contacted.

Senior Project Engineer
B.R.P.N.N. Ltd,
Works Division, Nalanda (Biharsharif)

For further details please visit : **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**
PR- 002274 (B & C) 2024-25

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बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग
15, नेहरू पथ (बेली रोड), पटना–800001

आवश्यक सूचना

विज्ञापन सं .– 57/2024, विज्ञान, प्रावैधिकी एवं तकनीकी शिक्षा विभाग, बिहार के अन्तर्गत राजकीय पोलिटेकनिक/राजकीय महिला पोलिटेकनिक संस्थानों में व्याख्याता, माईनिंग इंजीनियरिंग के कुल 06 (छः) पदों पर नियमित नियुक्ति हेतु सुयोग्य उम्मीदवारों से विहित प्रपत्र में ऑनलाइन आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं।

2. ऑनलाइन आवेदन पत्र भरने से संबंधित तिथि एवं अन्य निर्देश निम्नांकित हैं:–

1.	ऑनलाइन आवेदन प्रारम्भ करने की तिथि	**24.06.2024**
2.	ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने की अंतिम तिथि	**16.07.2024**

3. उपर्युक्त विज्ञापन के संबंध में विस्तृत सूचना/विवरणी/जानकारी एवं ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने हेतु निर्देश आयोग के वेबसाईट **www.bpsc.bih.nic.in** पर प्रदर्शित है।
4. अभ्यर्थी ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने की प्रक्रिया प्रारम्भ करने के पूर्व वेबसाईट पर प्रदर्शित विस्तृत विज्ञापन एवं ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने हेतु आवश्यक एवं विस्तृत निर्देश का भली–भाँति अध्ययन कर लेंगे।

स्वा:/–
अपर सचिव–सह–परीक्षा नियंत्रक
बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग, पटना

BMSICL Bihar Medical Services & Infrastructure Corporation Limited

2nd & 3rd Floor, Swasthya Bhawan, Behind IGIMS, Sheikhpura, Adjacent to State Health Society, Bihar, Patna- 800014
Phone/Fax: +919006405255, + 919471009193

Govt. of Bihar

TENDER NOTICE

Tender for rate contract and supply of Medical Devices/Consumables for different healthcare facilities of state of Bihar

Notice Inviting Tender Ref No.: -BMSIC/MEDICAL DEVICES/CONSUMABLES/24-06 Dated: - 20-06-2024

(Only through E- Tender on website: -www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

Bihar Medical Services and Infrastructure Corporation Limited (BMSICL) invites E-Bids from the interested parties for "**Tender for rate contract and supply of Medical Devices/Consumables for different healthcare facilities of state of Bihar**", vide Notice Inviting Tender No.- **BMSIC/MEDICAL DEVICES/CONSUMABLES/24-06**. Detailed tender document containing eligibility criteria, selection mechanism, other terms and conditions are available on the website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in.

Tender Schedule

Tender Reference No.	**BMSIC/MEDICAL DEVICES/CONSUMABLES/24-06**
Date of Pre-Bid meeting	**27th June 2024 at 14:30 Hrs. at BMSICL Conference Hall, 3rd Floor, Swasthya Bhawan, Behind IGIMS, Sheikhpura, Adjacent to State Health Society, Bihar, Patna- 800014**
Last date and time of submission of online bids	**16th July 2024 by 17:00 Hrs.**
Last date and time for submission of EMD and Tender Fees	**18th July 2024 till 14:00 Hrs.**
Date, Time and Place of opening of Technical Bid	**18th July 2024 (at 15:00 Hrs.) on the website of www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in in the office of BMSICL**
Date and time of opening of Financial Bids	**To be announced later on www.bmsicl.gov.in and www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in**
Validity of Tender	**180 Days**
Cost of the tender document	**Rs. 11,800/- (Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred only) Non-refundable.**

GM (Procurement)
BMSICL

PR. No. 002334 (B&C) 2024-25

For further details please visit : **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**

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Indira Gandhi Institute of Cardiology

Govt. of Bihar

Superspecialty Cardiology Hospital
(under Government of Bihar)
Patna Medical College Campus, Ashok Rajpath, Patna-800004
Emergency Toll Free No. -18003456287, Director's Chamber – 0612-2370855
Email ID- igicpatna04@gmail.com

Tender notice for Rate Contract for supplying of Device closure procedure PTCA + Stenting Procedure Package wise) in Indira Gandhi Institute of Cardiology, Patna, in the state of Bihar

Sno	Event Description	Timeline
1	Closing, date & time of receipt of tender	**19-07-2024 at 12:00 NOON**
2	Pre – Bid meeting	**28-06-2024 at 12:30 NOON in Director's Chamber, Indira Gandhi Institute of Cardiology, Patna**
3	Time, Date and venue of opening of Technical Bid	**19-07-2024 at 12:30 PM in Director's Chamber, Indira Gandhi Institute of Cardiology, Patna**
4	Time, Date and Venue of opening of Financial Bid	**To be communicated by the Institute**

Note:-Rate will be must quoted in separately- Single Stent ,Double Stent & Triple Stent

For further details please visit : **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**
PR- 002268 (Health) 2024-25

Director
Indira Gandhi Institute of Cardiology, Patna

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e-mail ID - supenger_rbjyp@yahoo.co.in
Phone No - 06854-231528

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, JEYPORE (R&B) CIRCLE, JEYPORE
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)
Bid Identification No. C.C.E.J.C (R&B) - 01/2024-25

No. 2190 **Date. 10.06.2024**

1.	Nature of the work	:	**BUILDING WORKS**
2.	Total No. of Works	:	04 (Four) Nos.
3.	Estimated cost	:	**Rs. 1.06 Crs. to 4.69 Crs.**
4.	Period of completion	:	06 (Six) Months to 11 (Eleven) Months Each.
5.	Cost of Bid Document	:	Rs. 10,000/-
6.	Bid Security (EMD)	:	**Rs. 1.06 to 4.69 Lac** As per column no. 06 of IFB.
7.	Class of Contractor	:	**"B" & "A"** Class as per cl no. 05 of TCN & according to Financial Eligibility.
8.	Date & time of availability of bid Document in the portal	:	From 11.00 hours of 21.06.2024 to 17.00 hours of 05.07.2024
9.	Last date/Time for receipt of bids in the Portal	:	17.00 hours of 05.07.2024
10.	Opening date of Bid	:	10.00 hours of 06.07.2024
11.	Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid	:	Chief Construction Engineer, Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal https://tendersodisha.gov.in
Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore
OIPR-34108/11/0001/24-25

बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग
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आवश्यक सूचना

विज्ञापन संख्या – 26/2024, प्रधानाध्यापक एवं विज्ञापन संख्या–25/2024, प्रधान शिक्षक के पदों पर नियुक्ति हेतु लिखित (वस्तुनिष्ठ) प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा क्रमशः दिनांक – 28.06.2024 एवं दिनांक – 29.06.2024 को एकल पाली में 12:00 बजे मध्याह्न से 02:30 बजे अपराह्न तक आयोजित की जायेगी। कतिपय अभ्यर्थियों का उनके द्वारा ऑनलाईन आवेदन में अपलोड किये गये फोटो एवं हस्ताक्षर का ईमेज अस्पष्ट / अपठनीय एवं रिक्त है। वैसे अभ्यर्थियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि वे निम्नलिखित कागजात / साक्ष्य, परीक्षा की निर्धारित तिथि को संबंधित परीक्षा केन्द्र के केन्द्राधीक्षक को समर्पित करना सुनिश्चित करेंगे:–

1. अभ्यर्थी आयोग के वेबसाईट **www.bpsc.bih.nic.in** पर उपलब्ध घोषणा पत्र को पूर्णरूप से भरकर उनके निर्दिष्ट स्थान पर किसी राजपत्रित पदाधिकारी से अभिप्रमाणित रंगीन फोटो चिपकायेंगे एवं निर्दिष्ट स्थान पर अपना हस्ताक्षर हिन्दी एवं अंग्रेजी में करेंगे।
2. राजपत्रित पदाधिकारी से अभिप्रमाणित दो रंगीन फोटो में से एक फोटो अभ्यर्थी अपने ई–प्रवेश पत्र में निर्दिष्ट स्थान के बगल में चिपकायेंगे। दूसरा फोटो ई–प्रवेश पत्र के कार्यालय प्रति में संबंधित परीक्षा पर केन्द्राधीक्षक के समक्ष चिपकाऐंगे।
3. अभ्यर्थी पहचान के लिए ऑनलाईन आवेदन में दर्ज किये गये पहचान पत्र के रूप में आधार कार्ड लाना सुनिश्चित करेंगे।
4. केन्द्राधीक्षक द्वारा अभ्यर्थी से प्राप्त उपर्युक्त सभी कागजातों एवं फोटो का मिलान/ सत्यापन करने के पश्चात ही उन्हें अपने परीक्षा केन्द्र पर परीक्षा में सम्मिलित होने की अनुमति दी जायेगी।
5. **उम्मीदवारों को डाक से (By Post) प्रवेश पत्र नहीं भेजे जाएंगे।**

नोट:– **विहित घोषणा पत्र आयोग के वेबसाईट www.bpsc.bih.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है।**

स्वा:/–
अपर सचिव–सह–परीक्षा नियंत्रक
बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग, पटना

Cong questions pro tem speaker choice, bats for its 8-term MP

New Delhi: Congress asked the Modi govt if its MP K Suresh has been overlooked for the pro tem speaker's post because he is a Dalit, or because he is from the opposition, or because he is from south India, as it slammed the decision to appoint a seven-term MP Bhartruhari Mahtab over an eight-term member from Kerala.

Manickam Tagore, Congress whip in LS, said parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju started his innings in the key ministry with a mistake, pointing out he was part of the decision on the appointment of the pro tem speaker.

"The superseding of Suresh has raised many questions. Why this kind of behaviour towards opposition, Dalits and south India. It shows how govt and PM Modi are not changing, and are maintaining a status quoist mindset," he said. TNN

No breach in tradition, Cong conduct shameful, says Rijiju

'It Must Accept Mandate Is In NDA's Favour'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

In 2004, Balasaheb Vikhe-Patil was made pro tem speaker although he was an 8-time MP while Vajpayee, being a 10-time MP, was the senior-most and George Fernandes and Girdhar Gamang were 9-time MPs, Kiren Rijiju said

New Delhi: Parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju on Friday said Congress, frustrated over denial of people's mandate for three terms, was raking up unnecessary controversies like appointment of Bhartruhari Mahtab as pro tem speaker, which was a routine exercise limited to swearing in newly-elected members and election of a regular speaker in the Lok Sabha.

Rejecting Congress's charge that its MP K Suresh was overlooked for the position because he was a Dalit, Rijiju said the choice of Mahtab was consistent with the tradition of getting the member with the maximum number of consecutive terms to act as pro tem speaker and deplored what he called Congress's "shameful conduct".

Mahtab has won seven consecutive polls whereas Suresh, though an eight-time MP, lost in 1998 and 2004.

Rijiju also termed Suresh's grievance as an afterthought, saying the Congressman was happy to be nominated on the panel of chairpersons. "Somebody is instigating him to make such statements," he said.

The confrontation on something as innocuous as pro tem speaker is seen as important as it is reflective of the aggression that Congress might show in Parliament as well as govt's intent to stand its ground. Who gets to function as pro tem speaker has never been an issue. It is a non-partisan role and whoever gets to perform it fades into oblivion almost as soon as a regular speaker takes over.

Rijiju said in 2004, Balasaheb Vikhe-Patil was made pro tem speaker although he was an eight-time MP while Atal Bihari Vajpayee, being a 10-time MP, was the senior-most and George Fernandes and Girdhar Gamang were nine-time MPs. "But Patil was made pro tem speaker and three seniors were ignored. There have been several such examples in the past," he said.

"Moreover, there is a SC ruling that making the senior-most MP pro tem speaker is not a binding," he said.

Rijiju urged other opposition parties to avoid toeing Congress's line. "Congress has lost the people's mandate once again. The mandate is in NDA's favour, they (Congress) should accept it and behave like a responsible opposition as people are watching."

Govt ups outreach before new criminal laws come into force

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: With three new criminal laws set to come into effect from July 1, govt has stepped up outreach to provide information about the legal provisions to all stakeholders at the grassroots, ranging from elected women representatives from Panchayati Raj Institutions to Anganwadi workers and Self Help Group members at the village level. According to govt, nearly 40 lakh stakeholders attended the event.

On Friday, top officials of the ministries of women and child development, rural development and Panchayati Raj held a webinar that reached out to those working at the grassroots to educate them about the provisions of the three new laws — "Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita", "Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita", and "Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam" — and what the shift from IPC, CrPC and Indian Evidence Act entails. Features related to the protection, welfare, safety and security of women and children were specially discussed.

Key provisions of the laws were highlighted by experts from Bureau of Police Research and Development. From making way for online filing of FIRs to provisions that set out timelines for justice delivery — the webinar detailed the road ahead.

Halt and review laws anew: Mamata to PM

Bengal CM **Mamata Banerjee** has written to PM Narendra Modi asking for deferment of the three "unilaterally" passed criminal laws set to be rolled out from July 1, report **Dwaipayan Ghosh & Debashis Konar**. Mamata's letter says the laws were passed "ignoring" dissent notes and, more importantly, by "unethically" expelling 146 members from Parliament. Mamata's letter was sent Thursday, four days before the new Parliament's session begins Monday. The letter also follows her meeting with Congress stalwart P Chidambaram in Kolkata Thursday. INDIA allies Trinamool, Congress and DMK have consistently objected to the new laws. In her letter, Mamata urged the PM to "halt and review the whole subject anew" and to consider "at least a deferment of the implementation date", citing "ethical and practical" reasons. The letter said it would "ethically" be proper to debate and scrutinise the "significant legislative changes" afresh in Parliament.

(With inputs from Mohua Chatterjee in Delhi)

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(CIN: U17122JH2006SGC012606)

Tender for supply of Security Personnel on outsourcing basis

Ref. No.765 **Date: - 20.06.2024**

1. Separate bids (Technical & Financial) are invited for Security Personnel on outsourcing basis:
2. Non-transferable bid documents containing detailed descriptions of Security Personnel, Security In-charge and Gunman. Other terms & conditions for Tender document format may be downloaded from www.jharcraft.in. The tender money of Rs. 2500/- (Rupees Two Thousand and Five Hundred) only in the form of demand draft in favour of "Jharkhand Silk, Textile and Handicraft Development Corporation Ltd." payable at Ranchi must be enclosed along with the bid of Security Personnel as mentioned above for the documents downloaded from the website.
3. Interested bidders are advised to go through the website: www.jharcraft.in list of requirement, eligibility criteria etc. and submit the bid with relevant documents as per the guidelines given in the tender documents.

Date and time schedule:-

1	Address for submission of tender	The Managing Director, Jharcraft, 1st Floor, Udyog Bhawan, Ratu Road, Ranchi-834001, Jharkhand
2	Date of Publication of Bid on website	20-06-2024
3	Bid document download start date	20-06-2024
4	Bid submission start date	21-06-2024
5	Last date of submission of hard copy of Bid/EMD/Tender fee	11-07-2024 by 05:00 pm
6	Opening of Bid	12-07-2024 at 11:00 am

Note:-Jharcraft reserve the right to cancel or/and postpone the tender or reject any bid without assigning any reason at any point of time.

PR 327149 Jharkhand Silk Textile Handicraft Dev. Co. Ltd.(JHARCRAFT)(24-25).D

Sd/-
Managing Director
Jharcraft

Contact Details
General Manager (Administration), JHARCRAFT,
Udyog Bhawan, Ratu Road, Ranchi – 834 001 (JHARKHAND)
Tel: 0651 3506352

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय

भ.नि.वि., पटना पश्चिम भवन प्रमंडल, दानापुर, पटना

(बेल्ट्रॉन के पीछे, शास्त्रीनगर, पटना–23)

ई– निविदा आमंत्रण सुचना सं0– 10 / 2023–24

शुद्धि-पत्र

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 524 अनु0 दिनांक 15.03.2024 द्वारा आमंत्रित ई– निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–10 / 2023–24, जिसका पी0आर0 सं0–020133(BCD) / 2023–24 के द्वारा प्रकाशित दिनांक 16.03.2024 एवं शुद्धि पत्र का पत्रांक–1003, दिनांक–03.05.2024 तथा पत्रांक–1240 दिनांक–14.06.2024 के ग्रुप संख्या–2,4,5,6,7 एवं 8 को निम्न रूप से संशोधित किया जाता है:–

क0सं0	विवरणी	पूर्व में प्रकाशित तिथि	संशोधित प्रकाशन की तिथि	पूर्व संशोधित प्रकाशन की तिथि	पुनः संशोधित प्रकाशन की तिथि
1	प्रिबीड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान	1.दिनांक–22.04.2024 15:30 बजे अप0 को अधीक्षण अभियंता, पटना भवन अंचल, पटना का कार्यालय । 2.दिनांक –24.04.2024 15:30 बजे अप0 को मुख्य अभियंता (पटना) का कार्यालय।	1.दिनांक–06.06.2024 15:30 बजे अप0 को अधीक्षण अभियंता, पटना भवन अंचल, पटना का कार्यालय । 2.दिनांक –10.06.2024 15:30 बजे अप0 को मुख्य अभियंता (पटना) का कार्यालय।	1.दिनांक–24.06.2024 15:30 बजे अप0 को अधीक्षण अभियंता, पटना भवन अंचल, पटना का कार्यालय । 2.दिनांक –25.06.2024 15:30 बजे अप0 को मुख्य अभियंता (पटना) का कार्यालय।	1.दिनांक–25.06.2024 15:00 बजे अप0 को अधीक्षण अभियंता, पटना भवन अंचल, पटना का कार्यालय । 2.दिनांक –28.06.2024 15:00 बजे अप0 को मुख्य अभियंता (पटना) का कार्यालय।
2	परिमाण विपत्र (डाउनलोड) तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक–15.04.2024 से 15.05.2024 15.30 बजे अप0 तक ।	दिनांक–28.05.2024 से 18.06.2024 15.30 बजे अप0 तक ।	दिनांक–14.06.2024 से 05.07.2024 15.30 बजे अप0 तक।	दिनांक–20.06.2024 से 10.07.2024 15.00 बजे अप0 तक ।
3	निविदा प्राप्ति (अपलोड) तिथि एवं समय	16.05.2024 15.30 बजे अप0 तक ।	18.06.2024 15.30 बजे अप0 तक ।	05.07..2024 15.30 बजे अप0 तक ।	10.07..2024 15.00 बजे अप0 तक ।
4	निविदा खोलने(तकनीकी बीड) की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक–20.05.2024 को 15:30 बजे अप0 तक।	दिनांक–20.06.2024 को 15:30 बजे अप0 तक।	दिनांक–08.07.2024 को 15:30 बजे अप0 तक।	दिनांक–12.07.2024 को 15:00 बजे अप0 तक।

शेष शर्ते यथावत रहेगी।

उक्त सूचना **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar** पर भी देखी जा सकती है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
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PR. No.002346 (BCD) 2024-25

नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

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(An Institution of National Importance, Ministry of Education, Govt of India)
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No.SPAB/RGO/Advt./2024-25/30 **Date: 22.06.2024**

Special drive for Admission against Reserved Vacant Seats - PG Programme

SPA Bhopal invites online applications for PG admission as special drive in some of reserved (SC, ST, OBC, EWS & PWD) vacant seats for Academic Year 2024-25. For details please refer to the website of the Institute spabhopal.ac.in. Last date for online applications is 08/07/2024.

REGISTRAR

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of India Undertaking)

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Chief Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., invites Open Tender in Single bid system through E-Tendering on IREPS portal from eligible contractors for the following work. **Name of Work:** Supplying and stacking of 50 mm size Pakur variety machine crushed track ballast for Jayanagar (India) to Kurtha (Nepal) Railway section. **Tender Notice No .: KR-W-1-58-2024-08. Estimated Cost:** ₹ 1,60,89,830/- excluding GST. **Closing Date/Time: 08.07.2024** up to **15:00 hrs** for submission of online Offers/Bids. **Completion period:** Five months including monsoon . Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit **https://ireps.gov.in** website for details / participation. Corrigendum / addendum will be hosted in this website only.

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** also from 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. Chongthu,
Secretary to Government

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

U.P.RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD.
HARDUAGANJ THERMAL POWER STATION
KASIMPUR(ALIGARH)

E- TENDER NOTICE

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, O&MC-II, 'D'TPS, KASIMPUR

1. ET-04/O&MC-II/BMD-I/24-25, Online e-bids are invited for the "Daily Round the Clock Routine Maintenance of Both Boilers, Routine Maintenance Of HP/LP Valves & Safety Valves & Break Down Maintenance of Pressure Parts, HP/LP Valves & Safety Valves of Unit # 8 & 9 'D' TPS, Kasimpur" E-Tender has been uploaded on 21.06.2024 on http://etender.up.nic.in, Estimated Cost of work Rs. 39,07,327.00 Only. Time period 16 Months, E.M.D. cost Rs. 75,000.00 Last date of Tender 23.07.2024 at 13:00Hrs.

Superintending Engineer, O&MC-V, DTPS, HTPS Kasimpur (Aligarh)

2. Tender No. STET-04/O&MC-V/CHD-II/DTPS/HTPS/2024-25, In Coal Handling Division-II 'D' TPS, "Work of assistance in sample collection, preparation, and analysis work of Biomass Pellets in HTPS Kasimpur Aligarh". Period for the work of 01 Year. The same will Upload on e-procurement system of UP Government https://etender.up.nic.in on dated 18.06.2024. Estimated cost Rs.7.93 Lacs. Earnest Money Rs. 16,000.00, Last date of E-bid Submission 05.07.2024 up to 14:00 Hrs., Date of Hard Copy Submission date 05.07.2024 up to 14:00 Hrs.

Superintending Engineer, CHC, DTPS, HTPS Kasimpur (Aligarh)

3. Tender No. STET-03/CHC/CHD-II'D'TPS/HTPS/2024-25, "Shifting of Coal/Stone from old coal yard to New Coal Yard and New Coal Yard to Old Coal Yard/Anywhere inside the HTPS plant".Uploaded on e-procurement system of UP Government https://etender.up.nic.in on dated 11.06.2024. Estimated cost Rs.17,96,550.00(Including GST), Earnest Money Rs.30,500.00, Cost of tender document Rs.3000.00+Rs.540.00 (GST)= Rs.3540.00, Date of Hard Copy Submission date 04.07.2024 and Last date of E-bid Submission 05.07.2024 and Date of opening Part-I 06.07.2024.

Superintending Engineer, MMC, HTPS, Kasimpur (Aligarh)

4. E-Tender No: SET-49/MMC/PD/ETPS/HTPS/2024, online bids are invited for "Procurement of Fasteners for ID/FD/PA Fans, APH & Mills 1X660 MW,HTPS, Kasimpur, Aligarh. Tender will be uploaded on 20.06.2024 on 18:00 on portal www.uprvunl.org./etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost is Rs. 2,45,881.00 only. Earnest money is Rs. 4000.00. The bid online submission End date is: 05.07.2024(14:00)
5. E-Tender No: ET-51/MMC/PD/ETPS/HTPS/2024, online bids are invited for "Procurement of Materials for RQ membrane cleaning of ERS Plant 1X660 MW, Kasimpur, Aligarh. Tender will be uploaded on 20.06.2024 on 18:00 on portal www.uprvunl.org./etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost is Rs. 4,14,180.00 only. Earnest money is Rs. 6000.00. The bid online submission End date is: 15.07.2024 (14:00)
6. E-Tender No: SET-52/MMC/PD/ETPS/HTPS/2024, online bids are invited for "Procurement of Fasteners for ID/FD/PA Fans, APH & Mills 1X660 MW, HTPS, Kasimpur, Aligarh. Tender will be uploaded on 20.06.2024 on 18:00 on portal www.uprvunl.org./etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost is Rs. 3,96,480.00 only. Earnest money is Rs. 6000.00. The bid online submission End date is: 05.07.2024(14:00)
7. E-Tender No: ET-53/MMC/PD/ETPS/HTPS/2024, online bids are invited for "Procurement of empty 02 gas cylinder of unit no. 10 for ETPS, HTPS, Kasimpur, Aligarh. Tender will be uploaded on 20.06.2024 on 18:00 on portal www.uprvunl.org./etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost is Rs. 2,10,000.00 only. Earnest money is Rs. 4200.00. The bid online submission End date is: 16.07.2024(14:00)
8. E-Tender No: ET-54/MMC/PD/ETPS/HTPS/2024, online bids are invited for "Procurement of Materials for RQ membrane cleaning of ERS Plant 1X660 MW, Kasimpur, Aligarh. Tender will be uploaded on 22.06.2024 on 16:00 on portal www.uprvunl.org./etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost is Rs. 4,92,000.00 only. Earnest money is Rs. 9000.00. The bid online submission End date is: 22.07.2024(14:00)
9. E-Tender No.-ET 55/MMC/EPD/DTPS/HTPS/2024, Online e-bids were invited for the "Procurement of Spares of Cooling Tower Fans for O&M of Unit No. 8 & 9, CAMD, HTPS, Kasimpur (Aligarh), Uttar Pradesh" E-Tender will be uploaded on dated 21.6.2024 on https://etender.up.nic.in, Estimated Cost of Material Supply is Rs. 11,92,816.00, Earnest Money is Rs. 23,000.00, Last date of bid submission 22.7.2024 (11:00 Hrs)
10. E-Tender No : ET-56/MMC/EPD/CTPS/HTPS/2024, Online e-bids are invited for procurement of Bushings suitable for 30 MVA 16.5/6.6 KV EMCO make UAT of 2x250 MW Harduaganj. Estimated cost: 27,00,000.00 +Taxes Extra, EMD: Rs. 54000.00. E-bid submission starting date: 22.06.2024 (14.00 hrs). Last date for submission of e-bid: 22.07.2024 (14.00 Hrs).
11. E-Tender No: ET-57/MMC/EPD/CTPS/HTPS/2024, Online e-bids are invited for Procurement of 1250 LPH Transformer Oil Filtration Machine with mobile trailer and fully enclosure equipped for EMD-I DTPS,HTPS Estimated cost: 11,76,000.00+Taxes Extra, EMD: Rs. 23500.00. E-bid submission starting date: 22.06.2024 (14.00 hrs). Time Period: Last date for submission of e-bid: 22.07.2024 (14.00 Hrs).

Note- Tender No. STET-49/ET-51/STET-52/ET-53/ET-54/ET-55/ ET-56/ET-57 Eligibility Conditions: Only reputed Manufacturers/ their Authorized Dealer can participate in this tender.

Note- Total quantity of work, tender specification and other terms & condition is as per tender documents available on the e-portal. Corrigendum, Addendum, Extension if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time. Part- I shall contain Tender Cost/Earnest money and other necessary documents as per pre-qualifying conditions and Part -II will contain price bid as per bill of quantity. Tender specification may be downloaded from the website (http://etender.up.nic.in) and other specification details can be seen on Nigam website HYPERLINK "http://www.uprvunl.org" www.uprvunl.org. The contactors have to submit the hard copy before the schedule date/time in the concern office in sealed envelope containing details of the tender mentioned on the envelope. Tenders are advised to send their hard copy directly to the concerned tendering authority of the Circles/Division. Who reserve the right to unaccept/cancel any or all the tenders without assigning any reason there of.

Superintending Engineer (H.Q.)

पत्रांक 28 / अधी0अभि0(मु0) / विज्ञापन / कैम्प–1(25) / 24 दिनांक: 20 / 06 / 2024

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E-AUCTION OF RAW PETROLEUM COKE (RPC)

Product	Qty	Auction date	Time
RPC	10,000 MT	01.07.2024	11.00 AM to 01.00 PM for Assam (1st Auction)
	Left over quantity of 1st Auction	03.07.2024	11.00 AM to 01.00 PM for All (2nd Auction)

NB: The second auction on 03.07.2024 at 11:00 AM to 01.00 PM is subject to any left-over quantity after the first auction is over.
Minimum upliftment by each bidder : 500 MT.
For more details bidders are requested to go through the Business Rule Document (BRD) available in the website.

Contact Details
Phone No. : **9904407998 ; 79-6813-6834**
E-mail id : **komal.d@eptl.in ; ashish.sharma@eptl.in**
Customers are requested to visit **www.nrl.co.in** (Tender) & **https://eprocure.procuretiger.com** for regular auction of Paraffin wax, Sulphur RPC & CPC.
Any addendum/corrigendum of this notice shall be published on the above mentioned websites only.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division, R.R. Nagara Zone, BBMP Building, CA No-3, 1st Main Road, Outer Ring Road, Kommaghatta Road, Kengeri Upanagar, Bengaluru - 560 060

No: EE/KEN/TEND/03/2024-25 **Date: 21.06.2024**

INVITATION FOR TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT)

(Two Cover System) (Call-3)
(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)

The Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the Construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl No.	Name of the works
1.	Providing Water supply through tractor & tanker to 10 villages of 110 village limits in Ward No-33, Hemmigepura **Amount put to tender: ₹.157.34 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.2,40,000/-**

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents can be downloaded through e-portal from **24.06.2024, 4:00** pm. (2) Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **01.07.2024** upto **4:00** pm. (3) Pre-Bid meeting on **27.06.2024** at **3:00** pm O/o Chief Engineer, Ideal Homes, Rajarajeswari Nagar Zone, Bengaluru - 98. (4) Last date & Time for Receipt of Tenders on **01.07.2024** upto **4:00** pm. (5) Opening of Bids on **02.07.2024** at **4:00** pm.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division

UJVN LIMITED
(An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprise)
H. O. "UJJAWAL" MAHARANI BAGH, GMS ROAD, DEHRADUN - 248006, CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866
Tele.: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508, website: www.ujvnl.com

RO No. 522 **NOTICE INVITING TENDER** Date : 21.06.2024

For and on behalf of UJVN Ltd, Executive Engineer (Civil), Pashulok Barrage Rishikesh, invites sealed & separate tender from interested contractors for following work:-

1.Tender Notice Reference: NIT No. 03/2024-25/EE(C)/Pashulok Barrage:-Strengthening of Surveillance & Monitoring System for Security Supervision at Virbhadra Barrage, Rishikesh.
2. Estimated Value of Tender: ₹ 7,22,415.00 (excluding GST).
3. Date of availability of bid : 22 June, 2024 from 17:00 Hrs. (IST). document on website
4. Last Date for Submission of Tender: 12 July, 2024 upto 14:00 Hrs. (IST).

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website **"www.ujvnl.com".**

Executive Engineer (Civil)
Pashulok Barrage, Rishikesh

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कार्यालय मुख्य अभियन्ता (पूर्व) एवं अतिरिक्त सचिव,सिंचित क्षेत्र विकास विभाग,सिंचाई भवन, जे.एल.एन मार्ग जयपुर (राजस्थान)

टेलिफोन न. 0141-2709407 Email:-cecadjalpur@rajasthan.gov.in

क्रमांक : F-136/CE(E)CAD/T/NIT/2024-25/931 **दिनांक:-18/6/24**

ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 01 वर्ष 2024-25

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल की ओर से 'एए' श्रेणी में सिंचित क्षेत्र विकास/जल संसाधन विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदको एवं राज्य सरकार /अन्य राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र सरकार के अधीकृत संगठनों/केन्दीय लोक निर्माण विभाग डाक एवं दूर संचार विभाग /रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदको से जो कि राजस्थान 'एए' श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो से निम्नलिखित कार्य की ई-टेंडरिंग के माध्यम से दिनांक: **25.07.2024** सायं 6.00 बजे तक निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम	अनुमानित लागत (राशि रू. लाखों में)
1.	Remaining work of Balance of Revamping & Rehabilitation work of Palaitha Sub Branch and its minors off taking from K.m. 0 to 12.30 RMC CAD Kota	1204.82

निविदा निर्धारित प्रपत्र http/www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in & http://www.sppp/raj.nic.in वेबसाईटों से डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड की जा सकती है:–

UBN:- CKJ 2425WLOB00003
DIPR/C/4655/2024

Sd/-
मुख्य अभियन्ता (पूर्व)
एवं अतिरिक्त सचिव सीएडी,
जयपुर

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संख्याः– 189 / 01 / डी0आर0(डिग्री) / सेवा–2 / 2021–22 दिनांकः 21 जून, 2024

विज्ञप्ति

असिस्टेंट प्रोफेसर (राजकीय महाविद्यालय) चयन–2021

एतद्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि असिस्टेंट प्रोफेसर (राजकीय महाविद्यालय) चयन–2021 के अंतर्गत असिस्टेंट प्रोफेसर, रसायन विज्ञान (CHEMISTRY) विषय हेतु संशोधित शार्टलिस्टिंग परिणाम दिनांक 22 मई, 2024 के क्रम में सफल अभ्यर्थियों से दिनांक 06 जून, 2024 तक प्राप्त अभिलेखों की सन्निरीक्षा के क्रम में **अनर्ह सूची एवं अभ्यर्थन निरस्त सूची** को आयोग की वेबसाईट **psc.uk.gov.in** पर प्रसारित कर दिया गया है।

उक्त के क्रम में अवगत करना है कि असिस्टेंट प्रोफेसर, रसायन विज्ञान (CHEMISTRY) विषय के अन्तर्गत संशोधित शार्टलिस्टिंग परिणाम के सापेक्ष अनर्ह सूची में अंकित अभ्यर्थी से अनर्हता के सापेक्ष साक्ष्यों सहित प्रत्यावेदन / अभिलेख आयोग कार्यालय में उपलब्ध कराये जाने हेतु नियमानुसार 15 दिन का समय **दिनांक 08 जुलाई, 2024 (सोमवार)** तक प्रदान किया गया है। उक्त तिथि के पश्चात् प्राप्त किसी भी प्रत्यावेदन / अभिलेख पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।

यह भी सूचित किया जाता है कि अभ्यर्थियों को इस संबंध में डाक के माध्यम से पृथक से सूचना प्रदान नही की जायेगी।

(गिरधारी सिंह रावत) सचिव।

उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग
हरिद्वार
पिन कोड– 249404

संख्याः– 193 / 01 / डी0आर0(डिग्री) / सेवा–2 / 2021–22 दिनांकः 21 जून, 2024

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असिस्टेंट प्रोफेसर (राजकीय महाविद्यालय) चयन–2021

एतद्द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि असिस्टेंट प्रोफेसर (राजकीय महाविद्यालय) चयन–2021 के अन्तर्गत असिस्टेंट प्रोफेसर, वनस्पति विज्ञान (BOTANY) विषय हेतु विज्ञप्ति संख्या–307 / 01 / डी0आर0(डिग्री) / सेवा–2 / 2021, दिनांक 04 मार्च, 2024 द्वारा ए0पी0आई0 मेरिट के आधार पर श्रेणीवार / उपश्रेणीवार संशोधित कट ऑफ सूची जारी की गयी थी। उक्त संशोधित कट ऑफ सूची में ए0पी0आई0 स्कोर के आधार पर अनुसूचित जाति श्रेणी की संशोधित कट ऑफ 52 अंक तथा अन्य पिछडा वर्ग श्रेणी की संशोधित कट ऑफ 77 अंक निर्धारित है। अनुसूचित जाति एवं अन्य पिछडा वर्ग के कतिपय अभ्यर्थी उक्त निर्धारित संशोधित कट ऑफ में त्रुटिवश छूट जाने के कारण संशोधित कट ऑफ में सम्मिलित नही किये जा सके थे। मा0 आयोग द्वारा उक्त अभ्यर्थियों को केवल एक बार के लिए मेरिट के आधार पर संशोधित कट ऑफ में औपबन्धिक रूप से शार्टलिस्ट किया गया है।

उक्त शार्टलिस्ट अभ्यर्थियों की सूची विज्ञप्ति / शुद्धिपत्र के माध्यम से आयोग की वेबसाइट **psc.uk.gov.in** पर प्रसारित की गयी है। शार्टलिस्ट अभ्यर्थियों को साक्ष्यों सहित ऑनलाईन आवेदन में किये गये समस्त दावों हेतु आयोग कार्यालय में अभिलेख प्रस्तुत करने के लिए नियमानुसार 15 दिन, **दिनांक 08 जुलाई, 2024 (सोमवार) सांय 06:00 बजे** तक अंतिम अवसर प्रदान किया गया है, तदपश्चात् अभ्यर्थियों के प्राप्त किसी भी प्रत्यावेदन / प्रमाण–पत्र पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा। यह भी सूचित किया जाता है कि अभ्यर्थियों को इस संबंध में डाक के माध्यम से पृथक से सूचना प्रदान नहीं की जायेगी।

(गिरधारी सिंह रावत) सचिव।

Police arrest 3 for aiding terrorists in Jammu attack: J&K Police, which has launched a massive hunt along with other security agencies to trace the terrorists involved in four back-to-back attacks in Jammu earlier this month, arrested three terror associates in Doda district and detained two suspects in Kathua district for providing logistic support to the attackers in their respective areas, reports **Sanjay Khajuria**. Doda SSP Javed Iqbal said Sadar Wani, Mubashir and Sajjad provided food and logistic support to Pakistan-based terrorists in exchange for money.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Vinod, S/o Narayan Singh R/o Jhuggi No. SC G 20/33, Shahbad Dairy, Sec-26, Rohini, Delhi** also at **Prajapati Mohalla Vill., Maidan Garhi, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No.6843/2016 u/s 379/411/34 IPC, P.S. KNK Marg, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Vinod** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Vinod** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Vinod** of **FIR No.6843/2016 u/s 379/411/34 IPC, P.S. KNK Marg, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **31.08.2024.**

By Order,
Sh. Himanshu Sehloth,
Metropolitan Magistrate-03, North District,
Room No.213, Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/7627/RD/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Vandana Jain (Partner) of M/s. V.R. Computers & Stationers, R/o: 20, IInd Floor, Krishna Nagar, Opp. B-4/209, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 3511/20, U/S 138 NI Act, P.S. Prashant Vihar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Vandana Jain (Partner)** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Vandana Jain (Partner)** has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Vandana Jain (Partner)** accused of **FIR No. 3511/20, U/S 138 NI Act, P.S. Prashant Vihar, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **23.07.2024.**

By Order
Sh. Rohit Kumar, Ld.
Metropolitan Megistrate-04
Room No. 110, Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/7646/RD/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **AMIT KUMAR JHA @ HEERA KANT JHA, S/o:** Udai Kant Jha, **R/o:** Village Balath Raghavpur, Post Rampatti, PS Rai Nagar, Distt. Madhubani, Bihar **Also at** H.No. 273, Gali No. 4, Shakti Vihar, Dayalpur, Karawal Nagar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **Case FIR No. 140/2018, U/s 20 NDPS Act., P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **AMIT KUMAR JHA @ HEERA KANT JHA** cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **AMIT KUMAR JHA @ HEERA KANT JHA** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant);

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **AMIT KUMAR JHA @ HEERA KANT JHA** accused of **Case FIR No. 140/2018, U/s 20 NDPS Act., P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **26.07.2024.**

By Order
Sh. Dhirendra Rana
Special Judge (NDPS), North
Room No. 207, Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/7707/Crime/2024
(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **SACHIN KUMAR, R/o:** H.No. 193, Village Pahasour (Faizabad) PS Badli Distt. Jhajjar HR **Also At** 40, Panasour Faizabad (87) Jhajjar Haryana-124105, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **Case FIR No. 013634/2023, U/s 379/411 IPC, P.S. Jaffarpur, Kalan, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **SACHIN KUMAR** cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **SACHIN KUMAR** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant);

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **SACHIN KUMAR** accused of **Case FIR No. 013634/2023, U/s 379/411 IPC, P.S. Jaffarpur, Kalan, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **25.07.2024.**

By Order
Sh. Abhinav Ahlawat
Metropolitan Magistrate-09,
Room No. 314, Dwarka Courts, New Delhi

DP/7644/DW/2024
(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Where as complaint has been made before me that accused **Vandana Jain, partner of M/s V.R. Computers & Stationers, Add at 20, 2nd Floor, Krishna Nagar Opp. B-4/209, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi** has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide **Ct Case No. 2874/20, 2875/20, 2880/20 and 3511/20 U/s 138 NI Act PS Prashant Vihar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Vandana Jain** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Vandana Jain** has absconded (or is concealing himrself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Vandana Jain** of case **Ct Case No. 2874/20, 2875/20, 2880/20 and 3511/20 U/s 138 NI Act PS Prashant Vihar, Delhi** is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the complaint on or before the day of **23.07.2024.**

By Order
Sh. Rohit Kumar
Metropolitan Magistrate-04 (North)
Room No.110
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/7648/RD/2024 (Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **RAJENDER @ DHANU**, S/o: Lt. Rameswar, **R/o:** Jh No. 727, Nandlal Juggi, Machhali Market, Delhi **and** Village Kushavahpur Distt. Partap Garh (U.P.) has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **Case FIR No. 147/19, U/s 323/325 IPC, P.S. Mukherjee Nagar, Distt. North-West, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **RAJENDER @ DHANU** cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **RAJENDER @ DHANU** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant);

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **RAJENDER @ DHANU** accused of **Case FIR No. 147/19, U/s 323/325 IPC, P.S. Mukherjee Nagar, Distt.- North-West, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **02.08.2024.**

By Order
Ms. Niharika Kumar Sharma
A.C.M.M. (North), Room No. 117
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/7723/NW/2024
(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Vimal@Badsaha, S/o** Utmal Khan Singh, **R/o** Vill-Mudakarimpur, PS Chhatari, Distt. Bulandshahar UP also at H.No. D-556, Gali No. 2, JJ Colony, Nangloi, Delhi has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a **FIR No. 98/2019 U/s 33&58 D Excise Act** at **P.S. Prasad Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Vimal@Badsaha** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Vimal@Badsaha** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Vimal@Badsaha** of **FIR No. 98/2019 U/s 33&58 D Excise Act** at **P.S. Prasad Nagar, Delhi** required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **30.07.2024.**

By order
Ms Shipra Dhankar
Metropolitan Magistrate
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/6923/CD/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 **Mehraj, S/o Sarwar, R/o: Altaf Chowk, Makbara Diggi, Makbrapur, Railway Road, Meerut, U.P.** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **E-FIR No. 09482/2024, Dated 01.04.2024, U/s 379/411 IPC, P. S. Gazipur, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Mehraj** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Mehraj** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Mehraj** accused of **E-FIR No. 09482/2024, Dated 01.04.2024, U/s 379/411 IPC, P. S. Gazipur, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **31.07.2024.**

By Order
Ms. Swati Malik
Metropolitan Magistrates
East District
Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

DP/7700/ED/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Mahender** S/o **Bhavar Singh** R/o **Dabri Mor, Najafgarh, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 1062/2023 U/s 380/511/34 IPC, P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Mahender** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Mahender** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Mahender** of in case **FIR No. 1062/2023 U/s 380/511/34 IPC, P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **22.07.2024.**

By Order
Sh. Ankit Karan Singh
Metropolitan Magistrate-08
Room No. 30, Ground Floor,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/7832/OD/2024(Court Matter)

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Sunny

General public is hereby informed that a male person namely **Sunny** S/o Ved Prakash R/o M-Block Gali No.26 Pappu ka Makan Sadatpur Extn, Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped from his home Since 16.06.2024 at 04:00 PM in this regard, a **GD No. 0034A, Dt. 16.06.2024,** has been registered at **P.S.: Khajuri Khas, Delhi.** The description of the missing male person as under. **Age:** 29 years, **Height:** 5'8" **Face:** Long, **Build:** Medium, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Red Colour T-Shirt and khaki Colour Pant & Blue shoes in the feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out his but no clue has come to light so far. Any person is having information or clue about this missing male person may kindly inform to the following.

Ph. No. 011-24368638, 24368641
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax No. 011-24368639
DP/7559/NE/2024

S.H.O
PS: Khajuri Khash, Delhi
Ph No. 8882005921

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that a unidentified dead body of a male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown found dead on 03.08.2023 at Kashmere Gate to Shahdara Flyover, Near Monestry Market, Delhi.** In this regard **FIR No. 339/2023, dated 04/08/2023** has been lodged at Police Station Civil Lines, New Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: About 50 Years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Thin, ID Mark: Om written on Right Hand, Wearing: Light Blue Colour Shirt, Blue Colour Shorts and White & Brown Strip Towel.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO
P.S. Civil Lines, New Delhi
Ph.: 8750870127, 011-23810633

DP/7757/N/2024

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

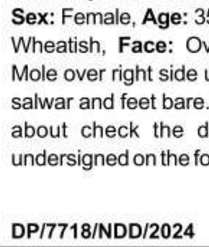
General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Name:** Unknown, **S/o** Unknown, R/o Unknown, **Age:** About 42-45 years, **Height :** 5'5", **Face: Complexion:** Shallow, wearing white colour shirt and black colour trouser was dead found in Parking, Near Gate No. 6, Kashmere Gate Metro, Delhi. In this regard D.D. No. 12A dated 18.06.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Kashmere Gate Metro, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone numbers.

SHO - P.S. Kashmere Gate Metro, Delhi,
Tel. No. 011-23923015, 23923016,
8750871323

DP/7667/Metro/2024

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED



ROSHNI

General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely:** Roshni, **D/o:** Sh. Naresh, **R/o:** Plot No. 200, Shyam Park, Navada, Uttam Nagar, Delhi **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 15 Years, **Height:** 4'6", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Medium, **Face :** Round, **Wearing:** Black Colour Frock and White Colour Pajami and Red Colour Jutti in Feet has been kidnapped since 11.06.2024 from her house. In this regard **FIR No. 0257/2024, U/s 363 IPC, Dated: 12.06.2024** has been registered at **P.S.: Uttam Nagar, Delhi.**

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

Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
DP/7484/DW/2024

SHO
P.S.: Uttam Nagar, Delhi
Ph.: 9205634763

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a Male namely **Unknown, S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, was found dead on 17.06.2024 at **Time:** 15:50:08 Hrs. from the area in Near Badarpur Border Bus Terminal, Delhi. In this regard **DD No.: 63A, Dated 17.06.2024,** has been lodged at **Police Station Badarpur, Delhi.**

Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

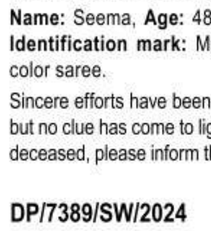
Sex : Male**, Age:** about 50-60 years, **Height :** 5'2" (approx.), **Build:** Normal, **Face:** Round, **Hair:** Normal Grey, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing:** Blue Colour Pant.

If any one having any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be informed undersigned.

SHO
P.S. Badarpur, Delhi
South East Distt.,
Ph.: 011-29894753, 8750870933

DP/7819/SE/2024

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED



MEENA @CHIYA

General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely: Meena @Chiya**, D/o Sunil, **R/o:** W-116/324, Camp No. 4, Jawalapuri, Paschim Vihar West, Outer District, Delhi, **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 15 Years, **Height:** 4'8", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Thin, **ID Mark:** Tatto on chest, **Wearing:** Yellow color Suit Salwar and Slipper in her feet has been kidnapped from the area of P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi since 08.03.2023. In this regard **FIR No. 0281/2024, U/s 363 IPC, Dated: 17.03.2024,** has been registered at **P.S.: Paschim Vihar West, Delhi.**

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

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/7824/OD/2024

SHO
P.S: Paschim Vihar West, Delhi
Ph. : 011-25268394, 8920972079

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified female (depicted in the photo) name **Bhawana** W/o **Rajesh R/o** Regal Building, Delhi age 35 years was admitted at Lady Harding Hospital, New Delhi she was declared brought dead by Doctor on 19.06.2024. In this regard, a **DD No. 009A,** has been lodged at **P.S.** Connaught Place, New Delhi. Dead body has been preserved for identification in LHMC Hospital Mortuary for 72 hours. Her physical description is as under. **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 35 years, **Height:** 163 cms **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Thin, **Identification Mark:** Mole over right side upper lip **Wearing:** Brown colour suit & salwar and feet bare. Any person having information or clue about check the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address of telephone number:-

S.H.O
PS: Connaught Place, New Delhi
Ph No.: 011-23364139, 8750870525

DP/7718/NDD/2024

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that a person (depicted in the photo) name **unknown,** residence and family is **unknown** age about **50 years** was found dead at **MCD Colony, Sector-4, Rohini, Delhi on 17.06.2024 at 13:43 hrs.** In this regard a DD No. **58A Dated 17.06.2024** has been lodged at **PS Vijay Vihar, Delhi.**

His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, **Age:** about 50 years, **Height:** 5' 5" ft. approx., **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Multiple Check Shirt, Coffee Colour Payjami and Blue Chappal in feet.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone numbers:-

SHO
PS: Vijay Vihar, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27521295, 27502773
Mob.: 8750870329

Website:http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641
Fax No.: 011-24368639

DP/7774/RD/2024

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

Seema

General Public is hereby informed that a female person namely **Seema, W/o Bishu Pal Parihar, R/o H. No. 1271/B-1, Pocket-1, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi** was admitted to Safdarjung Hospital on **01.6.2024** on **MLC No.644266/24**, where the doctor declared her brought dead. The dead body has been preserved in the morturary of **SJ Hospital**. In this regard vide **DD No: 82A** has been lodged at **P.S, Vasant Kunj, (North), Delhi.**

The description of the deceased is given as below:

Name: Seema, **Age:** 48 years, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Dusky, **Identification mark:** Mole on left hand, **Wearing:** Black and red color saree.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to identify the deceased but no clue has come to light so far. Anyone having information about the deceased, please inform the undersigned.

SHO
P.S Vasant Kunj, (North), Delhi
Ph. No: 011-26892530

DP/7389/SW/2024

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Name:** Unknown, **S/o** Unknown, R/o Unknown, **Age:** About 35 years, **Height :** 5'6", **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Normal, **Hair:** Black, **Complexion:** Shallow, wearing blue colour T-shirt & lower was dead found at A-367, Shastri Nagar, Delhi. In this regard D.D. No. 10A dated 19.06.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Sarai Rohilla, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone numbers.

SHO - P.S. Sarai Rohilla, Delhi,
Tel. No. 011-23691106, 23693611,
8750870133

DP/7858/N/2024

UP's growth story: TOI Dialogues to discuss way forward

Lucknow: Already a part of the UP growth story, *The Times of India* is now coming up with TOI Dialogues, a new platform to encourage insightful conservations, compelling discussions and constructive debates not only on the way forward but also on the issues that are important to the citizens of the state.

The week-long event began on Friday with the first edition taking place in Gorakhpur. The second chapter will be held in Lucknow on June 25 while the series will culminate in Varanasi on June 27. Experts and personalities from various fields will share their thoughts on a multitude of topics concerning our daily lives.

From 'economic opportunities' to 'intersection of history and modern politics', at least 18 varied topics would be discussed by the panellists.

Educationists, bureaucrats, actors, industrialists, entrepreneurs, sportspersons, writers, columnists, doctors, politicians, chefs, historians, travel enthusiasts, and poets among other personalities would discuss the factors that have played a key role in shaping the UP growth story.

Lucknow, Varanasi and Gorakhpur represent the growth trajectory the state has achieved in health, business, education, women entrepreneurship, sports and arts and culture.

While deputy chief minister Brajesh Pathak and CM's adviser Awanish Awasthi will deliver keynote addresses in Lucknow and Varanasi respectively, the star-studded panellists includes Anju Bobby George, Rani Rampal, Jagbir Singh, Zafar Iqbal, Rasika Dugal, Jimmy Shergill, Vikrant Massey, Faisal Malik, Ravi Kishan, Amit Sial, Malini Awasthi, Mohammad Kaif, Shweta Tripathi, Yatinder Mishra, Randeep Hooda, Vikram Sampath among others. TNN

SIT calls for tweaks in Gujarat Police Act after Rajkot inferno

Gandhinagar: A special investigation team (SIT) appointed to probe the Rajkot TRP Gaming Zone Inferno case has suggested "changes to Section 33 of the Gujarat Police Act" which empowers local police to issue "premises licenses and ticket licenses" to such game zones, reports **Kapil Dave**.

The 100-page interim report indicted police officers, the Rajkot Municipal Corporation (RMC) and the roads and buildings (R&B) department for not observing statutes on Friday in its second report submitted to the state govt.

"We submitted an interim report to the govt today. We found lapses on the part of the police, fire department, town planning and road and building department. We have collected relevant evidence about their negligence and drawn the govt's attention towards it through our report," SIT chief Subhash Trivedi said. "We will not spare the guilty. The SIT probe is still on. We are currently investigating the roles played by senior police as well as civic officials," he added.

The SIT observed in its report that civic authorities flouted common GDCR norms, the R&B department provided overall certifications without proper inspections, and the fire department granted a no-objection certificate despite the gaming zone not meeting requirements, sources privy to the report said.

The SIT report stated that civic authorities flouted common GDCR norms, the R&B dept provided certifications without inspections, and fire department granted NOC despite the gaming zone not meeting requirements

The SIT mentioned in its report that the TRP Game Zone fire incident of May 25, which claimed 27 lives, took place even as a demolition notice had been issued to the entertainment zone a year and a half ago, following another blaze. The SIT underscored apathy by the administration as no demolition was carried out by the civic authorities despite the first fire revealing several violations.

Regarding pictures of the then Rajkot SP, district collector, municipal commissioner and district development officer attending the TRP Game Zone inaugural ceremony, the SIT chief said these officers went there nearly one year after it was inaugurated. "We have already questioned four IAS and one IPS officer who had visited the game zone in the past and got themselves clicked there. These officers told the SIT they went there with their family members in March 2022 to celebrate the birthday of one of the officers. It was not the opening event of the game zone as is being claimed," said Trivedi. He added that the SIT will interrogate other IAS and IPS officers, if needed, before concluding its probe.

During a hearing on a suo motu PIL taken up by Gujarat HC over the fire, Chief Justice Sunita Agarwal had slammed the govt and asked why no action had been taken against senior officials who had attended the TRP Game Zone opening event.

SC gives 2-wk interim bail to Elgar case accused

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Friday granted interim bail for two weeks to accused Mahesh Raut in Elgar Parishad case to attend ceremonies related to the last rites of his grandmother who passed away recently. A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and S V N Bhatti directed that Raut be released from prison on June 26 and remain on bail till July 10. SC left it for the trial court to pass an order on bail conditions to be imposed on him.

Raut had been granted regular bail by Bombay HC last year but the order was stayed by the apex court when the National Investigation Agency challenged the HC order. Raut was arrested in June 2018 and has been in custody since.

The high court granted him bail in September 2023 after observing that merely because a co-accused has claimed that he handed over money to Raut, it would not make him a recipient of the same as there was nothing else to corroborate the said claim. His bail plea was earlier rejected by trial court. TNN

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
Corporate Identity No. : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in Phone No. - 0175-2207649,
Email id :- se-it-os@pspcl.in

Tender Enquiry No. 315/DIT- 947 Vol-1 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 20.06.2024, 5:00 pm onwards.

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

C 352/24, DPR/Pb.:76155/12/3002/2023/34835

Public Works Department
Sector-19, North Block, Naya Raipur (C.G.)

E-Procurement Tender Notice
E-mail: tenders-pwd.cg@gov.in

NIT No. 011/TC/EinC/ PWD/2024-25 Dated-13.06.2024

The Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department on behalf of **Governor of Chhattisgarh** invites percentage rate bids on electronic tendering system under **RCPLWE RRP-III** in the district **of Kanker** for construction & up-gradation of 1 Road with estimated cost amounting **Rs 308.26 Lacs** including their maintenance for five years from the contractors registered with unified registration system (e-registration) in Chhattisgarh. Non registered bidders may submit bid; however the successful bidder must get registered in appropriate class under "Unified Registration System (e-Registration) of Chhattisgarh before signing the agreement.

The bid document shall be available to bidders online free of cost and should be submitted online e-procurement system of government of Chhattisgarh in https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in. Bids form will be available on the website from 14.06.2024 and may be submitted up to 17:00 Hrs. on 05.07.2024

For participating in bidding process, bidders are required to register in the above web-site with nominal fee of Rs 500/- to be paid online to service provider. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from authorized certifying authorities.

The bidders are required to submit (a) original bid security in approved form and (b) original affidavit duly verified and notarized as per clause 4.4 B (a) (ii) and 4.4 B (c) to **Chief Engineer, Tender Cell, First Floor, Nirman Bhawan, PWD, North Block, Sector-19, Naya Raipur (C.G.) 492-002** as per provisions of bid document through **Speed/ Registered post,** failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.

Detailed schedule of important dates may be seen on notice board of offices and also available on website of Public Works Department http://pwd.cg.nic.in

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
(Central Tender Cell)
Office of Engineer-In-Chief
P.W.D. Nava Raipur Atal Nagar (C.G.)

G-242500443/4

Annexure "A"

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Telephone No. 01893-256602
Email - ee-fat-hp@nic.in

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer HPPWD Division, Fatehpur Distt Kangra H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the item rate bid in electronic tendering system from the eligible Class of contractors registered in HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No. :- 1 **Name of Work :-** Construction of culvert and path from Main road to Ramesh, Subhash etc. in Village Nagal SC Basti in GP Nagal under NDRF (SH: Construction of 2.50 mtr. RCC span culvert at RD 0/196 and providing and laying cement concrete at RD 0/086 to 0/196 and 0/200 to 0/210) **Estimated Cost :-** Rs. 749011/- **Starting date for down loading bid :-** 26.06.2024, 11.00 AM **Earnest Money :-** Rs. 15000/- **Deadline for submission of bid :-** 01.07.2024, 5.00 PM **Time limit :-** Two Month **Cost of Tender :-** Rs. 500/- **Eligible class of Contractor :-** D&C

Sr. No. :- 2 **Name of Work :-** Construction of road from Chowk to Baba Balak Nath Mandir Approx.600 mtr. with Retaining walls at SC Mahalla Ward No. 6 Village Nanooh Under SDP Deposit work (SH:- Providing and laying 80mm thick interlocking cement concrete paver block at RD 0/0 to 0/255) **Estimated Cost :-** Rs. 1195240/- **Starting date for down loading bid :-** 26.06.2024, 11.00 AM **Earnest Money :-** Rs. 23900/- **Deadline for submission of bid :-** 01.07.2024, 5.00 PM **Time limit :-** Two Month **Cost of Tender :-** Rs. 500/- **Eligible class of Contractor :-** D&C

Sr. No. :- 3 **Name of Work :-** Construction of road from Houri Devi Badnad link road to Rajeev Banta, Subhash etc house village Badnad, GP Bagroli Under SDP Deposit work (SH:- Construction of Retaining wall at RD 0/460 to 0/466, 0/480 to 0/489, 0/510 to 0/519, Edge wall at RD 0/450 to 0/492 and providing and laying cement concrete pavement at RD 0/536 to 0/600). **Estimated Cost :-** Rs. 698828/- **Starting date for down loading bid :-** 26.06.2024, 11.00 AM **Earnest Money :-** Rs. 14000/- **Deadline for submission of bid :-** 01.07.2024, 5.00 PM **Time limit :-** One Month **Cost of Tender :-** Rs. 500/- **Eligible class of Contractor :-** D&C

Sr. No. :- 4 **Name of Work :-** Retrofitting of Government Senior Secondary School Raja Ka Talab (SH:- Seismic Vulnerability Assessment & Retrofitting of Government Senior Secondary School Raja Ka Talab Kangra HP Under State Disaster Mitigation Fund) **Estimated Cost :-** Rs. 17027202/- **Starting date for down loading bid :-** 26.06.2024, 11.00 AM **Earnest Money :-** Rs. 340600/- **Deadline for submission of bid :-** 01.07.2024, 5.00 PM **Time limit :-** One Year **Cost of Tender :-** Rs. 5000/- **Eligible class of Contractor :-** D&C

Sr. No. :- 5 **Name of Work :-** Retrofitting of Government Senior Secondary School Rehan (SH:- Seismic Vulnerability Assessment & Retrofitting of Government Senior Secondary School Rehan Kangra HP Under State Disaster Mitigation Fund) **Estimated Cost :-** Rs. 8278529/- **Starting date for down loading bid :-** 26.06.2024, 11.00 AM **Earnest Money :-** Rs. 165600/- **Deadline for submission of bid :-** 01.07.2024, 5.00 PM **Time limit :-** One Year **Cost of Tender :-** Rs. 2000/- **Eligible class of Contractor :-** D&C

Sr. No. :- 6 **Name of Work :-** Retrofitting of Government Senior Secondary School Fatehpur (SH:- Seismic Vulnerability Assessment & Retrofitting of Government Senior Secondary School Fatehpur Kangra HP Under State Disaster Mitigation Fund) **Estimated Cost :-** Rs. 7971522/- **Starting date for down loading bid :-** 26.06.2024, 11.00 AM **Earnest Money :-** Rs. 159500/- **Deadline for submission of bid :-** 01.07.2024, 5.00 PM **Time limit :-** One Year **Cost of Tender :-** Rs. 2000/- **Eligible class of Contractor :-** D&C

Sr. No. :- 7 **Name of Work :-** Retrofitting of Community Health Center Building Fatehpur (SH:- Seismic Vulnerability Assessment & Retrofitting of Community Health Center Fatehpur Kangra HP Under State Disaster Mitigation Fund) **Estimated Cost :-** Rs. 5304097/- **Starting date for down loading bid :-** 26.06.2024, 11.00 AM **Earnest Money :-** Rs. 106100/- **Deadline for submission of bid :-** 01.07.2024, 5.00 PM **Time limit :-** One Year **Cost of Tender :-** Rs. 2000/- **Eligible class of Contractor :-** D&C

Sr. No. :- 8 **Name of Work :-** Construction of road from Kangar to Kandore in G.P. Rehan and Kandore KM 0/0 to 1/0 under SCDP (MMSY) (SH:- Providing and laying Tarring at RD 0/0 to 1/0) **Estimated Cost :-** Rs. 1077001/- **Starting date for down loading bid :-** 26.06.2024, 11.00 AM **Earnest Money :-** Rs. 21600/- **Deadline for submission of bid :-** 01.07.2024, 5.00 PM **Time limit :-** One Month **Cost of Tender :-** Rs. 500/- **Eligible class of Contractor :-** D&C

Sr. No. :- 9 **Name of Work :-** Construction of road from Chhattar khas to Gouda di Hatti KM 0/0 to 0/800 under SCDP (SH:- Providing and laying 90mm to 45mm size Soling and 63mm to 45mm size Wearing Stone aggregate in KM 0/0 to 0/500). **Estimated Cost :-** Rs. 626135/- **Starting date for down loading bid :-** 26.06.2024, 11.00 AM **Earnest Money :-** Rs. 12600/- **Deadline for submission of bid :-** 01.07.2024, 5.00 PM **Time limit :-** One Month **Cost of Tender :-** Rs. 500/- **Eligible class of Contractor :-** D&C

Sr. No. :- 10 **Name of Work :-** Up-gradation of Rehan to Kandor road km 0/0 to 3/100 Under PMGSY (Batch-1 2018-19) Package No. HP-04-270)(SH:- Routine Maintenance of road after completion of work.) **Estimated Cost :-** Rs. 833779 /- **Starting date for down loading bid :-** 26.06.2024, 11.00 AM **Earnest Money :-** Rs. 17000/- **Deadline for submission of bid :-** 01.07.2024, 5.00 PM **Time limit :-** Two Years **Cost of Tender :-** Rs. 500/- **Eligible class of Contractor :-** D&C

Sr. No. :- 11 **Name of Work :-** Up-gradation of Rehan to Chhattar road km. 0/0 to 6/0 Under PMGSY (Batch-1 2018-19) Package No. HP04-271) (SH:- Routine Maintenance of road after completion of work.) **Estimated Cost :-** Rs. 1613766/- **Starting date for down loading bid :-** 26.06.2024, 11.00 AM **Earnest Money :-** Rs. 32500/- **Deadline for submission of bid :-** 01.07.2024, 5.00 PM **Time limit :-** Two Years **Cost of Tender :-** Rs.,500/- **Eligible class of Contractor :-** D&C

Sr. No. :- 12 **Name of Work :-** Construction of MTN to Junat kalan road km 0/0 to 2/500 Under PMSGY (Batch-II) 2017-18 Package No. HP-04-161 (SH:- Routine Maintenance of road after completion of work.) **Estimated Cost :-** Rs. 833101 **Starting date for down loading bid :-** 26.06.2024, 11.00 AM **Earnest Money :-** Rs. 17000/- **Deadline for submission of bid :-** 01.07.2024, 5.00 PM **Time limit :-** Three Years **Cost of Tender :-** Rs. 500/- **Eligible class of Contractor :-** D&C

Sr. No. :- 13 **Name of Work :-** Up-gradation of Raja ka Talab to Panjasra road km 0/0 to 1/700 Under PMGSY (Batch-1 2018-19) world bank RRP-II Package No. HP-04-269 (SH:- Routine Maintenance of road after completion of work.) **Estimated Cost :-** Rs. 849239/- **Starting date for down loading bid :-** 26.06.2024, 11.00 AM **Earnest Money :-** Rs. 17000/- **Deadline for submission of bid :-** 01.07.2024, 5.00 PM **Time limit :-** Four Years **Cost of Tender :-** Rs. 500/- **Eligible class of Contractor :-** D&C

Sr. No. :- 14 **Name of Work :-** Construction of road from Hara Tiyali to Mandi road in village Hara GP Under (SDP) Deposit Work (SH:- Construction of edge wall and cement concrete pavement at RD 0/0 to 0/288 length = 288m **Estimated Cost :-** Rs. 699902/- **Starting date for down loading bid :-** 26.06.2024, 11.00 AM **Earnest Money :-** Rs. 14000/- **Deadline for submission of bid :-** 01.07.2024, 5.00 PM **Time limit :-** One Month **Cost of Tender :-** Rs. 500/- **Eligible class of Contractor :-** D&C

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website **www.hptenders.gov.in. Date of Opening of tender 02.07.2024.**

Executive Engineer
Fatehpur Division HPPWD,
Fatehpur.
Tele:-01893-256602
e-mail:- ee-fat-hp@nic.in
On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

Advt. No. :- 0283/20.06.2024 **HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK**

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Works) North Central Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed **"Open Tender"** through on Line (**E-Tendering**) for the following work.

E-Tender No.: JHS-ENGG-HQ-2024-124	**Approx Cost:** 22614795.07

Description of work: Virangana Lakshmibai Jhansi-Kanpur Section: Provision of Pedestrian Subway at trespassing location on closed LC no. 138 at km 1164/18-20 between Chirgaon-Nandkhas stations under ADEN/HQ-I/JHS jurisdiction.

Earnest Money: 263100.00, **Date of closing Tender:** 10/07/2024 at 15:00 hrs., **Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter:** 08 Months. **-** Tender online can be submitted up to **15:00 hrs.** on **10.07.2024. -** For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in** **1066/24(K)**

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POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.

(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Enterprise)
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (OPERATION & MAINTENANCE), GARHWAL ZONE, 26-CIVIL LINES, ROORKEE

E-TENDER NOTICE

Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Ltd. invites e-tender for "Augmentation of 132 kV Substation Purkul, Dehradun by 40 MVA 132/33KV Transformer" against e-tender specification **No.CE/GZR-01/2024-25.** Last date of submission of online/offline e-tender is **22.07.2024** upto 15.00 hrs which shall be opened on **23.07.2024** at 15.00 hrs. Details of E-tender can be obtained from E-tender website **www.uktenders.gov.in** and information of E-tender can be seen from PTCUL website **www.ptcul.org**. For any assistance on e-tendering, please contact on Mb. No.+91-8899890000.

CHIEF ENGINEER (O&M)

No.1036/CE(O&M)/GZR/Advt. **Dated: 20/06/2024**

"SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF NATION"

Government of Maharashtra,
Water Resources Department,
Instrumentation Research Division, Nashik
Corrigendum

Budgetary offer Notice No. 01 of 2024-25

Name of Work - Supply, erection, testing & commissioning of the Dam Safety Instruments for the proposed Cement Concrete & Earthen Dams in Maharashtra & Repairing of Scientific & Mathematical Instruments.

Instrumentation Research Division, Nashik, Water Resources Department, Government of Maharashtra has invited **online budgetary offers** from the OEMs/ Suppliers/ Distributors/ Agencies/ Dealers for supply, erection, testing & commissioning of the Dam Safety Instruments for the proposed Cement Concrete & Earthen Dams in Maharashtra & Repairing of Scientific & Mathematical Instruments vide the above B. O. Notice.

For the detailed B. O. Notice and corrigendum (if any), interested agencies are requested to visit **http://mahahp.gov.in**

Last date for submission of the budgetary offers against the B. O. Notice already published has been amended to **Dt.28/06/2024 vide this corrigendum.**

SD/-
(N. S. Dusane)
Research Officer,
Instrumentation Research Division,
State D. S. O., Nashik

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. PRYJ/Br/L/2024-25/06 **Dated: 18.06.2024**

Tender Notice

Dy. Chief Engineer/Bridge/Line/North Central Railway/Prayagraj acting for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-TENDERS on prescribed form for the following work up to **14.30** hrs. on **12.07.2024.** The details of the Tender are as under:

Name of work: Provision of 12m wide FOB at Sonbhadra (SBDR) and Firozabad (FZD) stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme of Prayagraj Division.

Tender No.	Approx Cost of work	Bid Security	Completion period
2024-9	₹ 18,18,76,347.58	₹ 10,59,400/-	12 Months

Name of work: Construction of 2 lane ROB (End to end including approaches) in lieu of Level Crossing No. 18 at km 771/1-3 in DDU-PRYJ section in Prayagraj Division of North Central Railway.

Tender No.	Approx Cost of work	Bid Security	Completion period
2024-10	₹ 43,60,46,392.04	₹ 23,30,300/-	18 Months

Date of Opening for both Tenders is- 12.07.2024. Eligibility Criteria for similar work: Sr.No.1- Any civil engineering work involving execution of items of fabrication and erection/launching of steel/composite foot over bridge or any type of steel/composite bridge girder for railway/highway/ local bodies & **Sr.No.2 -** Construction of bridge on pile or well foundation. **Note: 1.** The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in** up to 14.30 hrs. on the due date of tender opening i.e. **12.07.2024. 2.** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **3.** Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form / letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. **4.** Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. **5.** Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) & Tender Document Cost (TDC) in respect of e-tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. **6.** In case o f any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. **7.** Online tender can be submitted up to **14.30** hrs. on **12.07.2024. 8.** Supplier of Goods and/or services would be a subject to GST Act and Rules as applicable from time to time. **1060/24 FA**

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ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION

No.JIP/Admn.4(FW)/1(12)/2024 Date: 22.06.2024

Applications are invited from Citizens of India and Overseas Citizens of India for the post of **Director, Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER) on or before August 12, 2024 by 4:30 PM.** The eligibility criteria are as follows:

1. ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS:
a) A high postgraduate qualification in Medicine or Surgery or Public Health and their branches.
b) Teaching and, or research experience of not less than ten years.
c) Twenty-five years standing in the profession.
d) Extensive practical and administrative experience in the field of medical relief, medical research, medical education or public health organization and adequate experience of running an important scientific educational institution either as its Head or Head of a Department.

2. PAY LEVEL & ALLOWANCES:
a) Level-17 as per 7th CPC [₹2,25,000 (fixed) plus non-practicing allowance of 20% of basic pay; Pay plus NPA does not exceed ₹2,37,500].
b) Residential accommodation will be provided in the Institute's campus on payment of license fee at standard rate under F.R. 45 or 10% of pay, whichever is less.
c) Other allowances as admissible.

3. UPPER AGE LIMIT: Not exceeding sixty years. Relaxable for government servants or retired government servants or serving or retired persons from autonomous institutions or statutory institutions of state or central government or exceptionally qualified candidates.

4. TENURE: The appointment of Director shall be a tenure appointment for a period of five years from the date on which the official enters upon the office (or) till the official attains the age of sixty-five years, whichever is earlier.

5. PROBATION: One year

6. MAILING ADDRESS: Eligible candidates may apply in the prescribed proforma along with self-attested photocopies of all relevant certificates and documents to the address below through Registered/Speed Post, in an envelope super-scribed as

"Application for the post of Director, JIPMER"
Deputy Director (Admn.)
First Floor, Administrative Block, JIPMER
Dhanvantari Nagar, Puducherry 605 006

7. OTHER INFORMATIONS:
a) Government servants in service may be appointed on deputation/ foreign service basis up to a period of five years.
b) Retired government servants can be considered.
c) Employees of the Institute including Director are not government servants.
d) Other terms and conditions will be governed by the relevant rules and orders that are in force and amended from time to time.

General conditions
1. The last date of receipt of application in the prescribed proforma along with copies of self-attested certificates and documents is **on or before August 12, 2024 by 4:30 PM.**
2. Applicant must submit self-attested copies of certificates with regard to **proof of age, educational qualifications, experience etc.**
3. Applicant must **forward the application** in the prescribed proforma along with the following documents **through proper channel** (wherever applicable):
a) A certificate to the effect that the present employer/parent organization has **"No Objection"** to his/her applying for the post of Director, JIPMER so that, in case of selection, he/she will be relieved by the present employer/parent organization to join the post of Director, JIPMER.
b) **APARs** of the applicant for the **last five years.** If any of the APARs is not available, then the APAR of the preceding year(s) must be submitted so that five APARs of the applicant are available.
c) A **certificate of Vigilance Clearance** in respect of applicant duly signed by a competent authority.
4. Age, qualification and experience will be computed as on the closing date for applications.
5. Late and incomplete application will not be considered.
6. Canvassing of any kind will be a disqualification.
7. The prescribed proforma to apply for the post of Director, JIPMER is available on the institute's website https://jipmer.edu.in/ announcement/jobs

Note:
1. Applicant who had applied previously in response to the advertisement issued in June 2023, in case wishes to apply again, he/she must apply afresh in the prescribed proforma with all relevant documents/certificates.
2. In case of any discrepancy between the English and the Hindi versions of advertisement or the application form, English version shall prevail.

Deputy Director (Admn.), JIPMER

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking)
Victoria Cross Vijeyta Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun-248001, Corporate Identity No. UA40109UR2001SGC025867/2358
Telephone - (0135) 2763672-76, Fax - (0135) 2760289, Website : www.uktenders.gov.in

E-TENDER NOTICE (NIT)

Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd. Dehradun invite e-tender for following:

Sl. No.	Tender Specification no.	Name of work/items	Total no. of Capacitor banks/ Quantity (Nos.)	Total KVAR of Capacitor Banks	Estimated Cost (in ₹)	Minimum average turnover of preceding three financial Years (in ₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (in ₹)	Cost of tender document including GST (in ₹)	Last Date & time of online request for Tender and Submission of tender in online & off line mode	Date of opening of Part-I of tender in online and off line mode
1	CCP-II/3/ 2024-25	Installation of Reactive Power Solution on 33/11 kV Substations in Uttarakhand on Turnkey Basis including AMC for 5 years.	101	3,87,000 kVAR	84.300 CRORE	126.45 CRORE	1.093 CRORE	29 500	11.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs.	12.07.2024 at 15:30 Hrs.
2	CCP-II/4/ 2024-25	11kV Pilfer Resistant Metering Cubicle	488	-	2.620 CRORE	4.00 CRORE	5.25 LAKH	17 700	11.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs.	12.07.2024 at 15:45 Hrs.
3	CCP-II/5/ 2024-25	33kV Pilfer Resistant Metering Cubicle	30	-	0.382 CRORE	1.15 CRORE	0.77 LAKH	2 360	11.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs.	12.07.2024 at 16:00 Hrs.
4	CCP-II/6/ 2024-25	LT Pilfer Resistant Metering Cubicle	2000	-	1.219 CRORE	2.44 CRORE	2.44 LAKH	11 800	11.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs.	12.07.2024 at 16:15 Hrs.

For further details, please visit our website **www.uktenders.gov.in.**

No.: 293/1/EE(cm)/UPCL/A-2 Dt.: 20.06.2024

Superintending Engineer
Corporate (Contract & Procurement-II)

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PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
Corporate Identity No. U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in (Contact number 9646118721)

Tender Enquiry No. QW-324/PO-W **Dated 11.06.2024**

Chief Engineer/Stores & Workshops Organization Sarabha Nagar, PSPCL, Ludhiana, invites E-tender of Repair of 3-Phase, 50 cycles, outdoor type, oil immersed, naturally cooled, Stack core type construction, OWP Aluminium Wound Distribution Transformers (Type Conventional) of capacity 200 KVA (w/o tap changer) with voltage ration 11/0.433 KV conforming to ISS : 2026 (with latest amendments, if any) and 1180 part-1 (2014) complete with a first filling of oil conforming of ISS : 335/1993 (with latest amendments, if any)

Quantity = 500 Nos.

For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 11.06.2024 from 4.00 P.M. onwards.

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

C 356/24, DPR/Pb.:76155/12/3007/2023/34842

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

DRM(W)'s Office, Bhopal ▪ Open E-Tender Notice ▪ Date: 20.06.2024

Sr. DEN/CO/WCR, Bhopal, acting for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders against following works, upto 15.30 hours on the dates mentioned against each tender. The complete tender documents and detailed information regarding tender is available on the website **http://www.ireps.gov.in**. NIT can also be seen on the notice board of DRM(W)/WCR/Bhopal Office. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders. For any correction in these tenders, if necessary, corrigendum will be uploaded on website prior to tender opening date and copy of corrigendum will be placed on Notice Board of this office, which may be seen upto the date of tender opening. Tenderers are requested to offer their rates and submit tenders according to the provisions of GST ACT 2017. **NIT No.:** 24-25-HQ-07-30, Date 12.06.2024. **Name of work including Location: Nishatpura - Provision of RPF Barrack cum out post office including Electrical work. Published cost of tender:** ₹ 60,80,201/-. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 1,21,600/-. **Completion Period:** 12 Months. **Last date for submitting tender:** 05.07.2024. **NIT No.:** 24-25-S-06-31, Date 18.06.2024. **Name of work including Location: Miscellaneous P. Way repairs and maintenance of track works under SSE/PW/Harda. Published cost of tender:** ₹ 53,38,921/-. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 1,06,800/-. **Completion Period:** 12 Months. **Last date for submitting tender:** 10.07.2024. **NIT No.:** 24-25-S-07-32, Date 18.06.2024. **Name of work including Location: Miscellaneous P. Way repairs and maintenance of track works under SSE/PW/Khirkiya. Published cost of tender:** ₹ 53,36,000/-. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 1,06,700/-. **Completion Period:** 12 Months. **Last date for submitting tender:** 10.07.2024. **NIT No.:** 24-25-N-07-33, Date 19.06.2024. **Name of work including Location: Shifting of Goods shed from Ganjbasoda to Bareth (Phase-I). Published cost of tender:** ₹ 4,72,20,600/-. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 3,86,100/-. **Completion Period:** 15 Months. **Last date for submitting tender:** 12.07.2024.

स्वच्छ भारत अभियान - एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162 Date:15/06/2024. The following ***e-Tenders*** can be accessed under the link **www.ireps.gov.in**. Offers for such *e-Tender* can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link **www.ireps.gov.in → login → E-Tender Stores/Supply**. Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or IREPS related information if any, Dy.CMM/ HQ/CLW/ Chittaranjan, 0341-2525594 or SMM/CON/HQ, 0341-2535631. **OFFICE ADDRESS: OFFICE OF THE PCMM /CLW/Chittaranjan. Sl. No.; Tender No.; Brief Description of Item; Qty.; Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees); Tender Closing Date & Time (IST) are as follows : [1]; 75243700;** Set of Damper for WAG-9HC as per Specn. No:- CLW/MS/3/009 Alt-3. [Detail as per Set Details attached]. [**Warranty Period:** 72 Months after the date of delivery]; **894.00 Set;** 2000000.00; **18/07/2024 at 11:00 AM. [2]; 70240091;** BULL GEAR 107 TEETH FOR WAG-9HC as per Drg. No. SK-DP-3848 Alt. 1 and Spec. No. MP.0.2800.19 (Rev.01) June 2019; [**Warranty Period:** 72 Months after the date of delivery]; **2921.00 Numbers;** 2000000.00; **01/08/2024 at 11:00 AM. [3]; 70240084;** GEAR CASE COMPLETE FOR WAG-9 loco to CLW-DRG.NO.1209-01-013-014 ALT-9. [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **6286.00 Numbers;** 5000000.00; **18/07/2024 at11:00 AM. [4]; 70240089;** SET OF BULL GEAR 107 TEETH; Drg. No. SKDP-3848 Alt. 1 along with PINION 21 TEETH; Drg. No. SKDP-3847 Alt. 1, specn. No. MP.0. 2800.19 [REV-01] JUNE 2019. [Each Set consists of 06 nos. of Bull Gear 107 teeth and 06 nos. of Pinion 21 teeth for WAG-9 type Electric Locomotives.] [**Warranty Period:** 72 Months after the date of delivery]; **414.00 Set;** 2000000.00; **01/08/2024 at 11:00 AM. [5]; 81240993;** Mica Glass Fabric Tape, Size: 0.12 x 15 mm (in a roll of 18m) with modified bobbin, bobbin's inner dia: 25.3 +/- 0.1 mm, outer dia of roll: not more than 70 mm, Specification No.:4TMS.096.105 STR NO. CLW/TM/0171[Rev-2] Shelf Life 12 months. [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **468000.00 Metre;** 58500.00; **13/07/2024 at 11:00 AM. [6]; 75244013;** STEP ASSLY for WAG-9HC Loco as per Drg. No. 1209-06.242-008, Alt. 2. [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **833.00 Set;** 0.00; **11/07/2024 at11:00 AM. [7]; 75243881;** STEEL SOCKET FOR WAG-9HC as per Specn. CLW/MS/3/068 ALT-15. [Set Details attached] [**Warranty Period:** 72 Months after the date of delivery]; **406.00 Set;** 0.00; **10/07/2024 at 11:00 AM.**

Principal Chief Materials Manager
PR3-475 **CLW/Chittaranjan**

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE/RT and R&D/EE/KCO-79/2024-25/122-39 **Date: 20.06.2024**

BRIEF SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bid on electronic mode for the following work against following Enquiry Number:

Tender Enquiry No./Name of the work
KPTCL/2024-25/OW/ WORK_INDENT 893
Dismantling, Transportation (TO & FRO), **Repair of Faulty Power Transformer,** Testing, Assembling, Erection and Commissioning of Repaired Power Transformer at KPTCL Destined Station **on Rate Contract Basis**.

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to the KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'E Procurement KPTCL' or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **24.06.2024 at 15.00 hrs**. The last date and time for receipt of bids is **15.07.2024 at 15.00 hrs**. **Any extension of due date for bid submission will be intimated in the e-procurement portal**. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the Office of the undersigned during office hours.

All Corrigendum/Addendums shall be noticed by the bidder before the last date of submission of bids.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electy., RT and R&D, KPTCL,
Kaveri Bhavan, V Floor, Bengaluru-560 009. Tel: 080-22211573

TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF TELANGANA LIMITED

E-Procurement Tender Notice

The Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited invites bids through tenders on e-procurement platform for the following works:

Specification No. TGT- CONST- e -01/2024-25 of CE(Construction), **Name of the work:** Supply, Erection, Testing and commissioning of **(i)** 132KV DC line(7KM) from 220/132/33KV SS Meenajipet to 132/33KV SS Thunkibollarum along with 2nos connected bays at both ends. **(ii)**132KV DC/SC line (26 KM) from 220/132/33KV SS Meenajipet to 132/33KV SS Doulthabad along with 1No.132 kV Bay at 132 kV SS Doulathabad **(iii)**Stringing of second circuit from 132/33 kV Thunkibollarum to 132/33 kV Ganeshpally SS (20.50KM) along with connected bays at both ends in Siddipet District. **(iv)**1No.132kV feeder bay at 220/132/33kV Yeddumailaram SS and 1No.132kV feeder bay at 132/33kV Pashamailaram SS in Sangareddy District. **Specification No.** TST- CONST-e-03/2024-25 of CE(Construction), **Name of the work:** Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 220/33KV Substation at M/s.CPRI in Medchal Malkajgiri District on Turnkey Basis. Further details can be seen @ http://www.tender.telangana.gov.in

PHONE: 040-23396000, Extn: 3356,3508,3516,3256,3269. FAX:040-23336171

Sd/-

DIPR R.O. No. : 96-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2024-25 **CHIEF ENGINEER/CONSTRUCTION**

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identification Number (CIN) : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Web site : www.pspcl.in (Contact Number 9646118754)

Tender Enquiry No. 320/HPs/ED-I/S-422 **Dated: 20.06.2024**

Dy. CE/ Hydel Projects, PSPCL, Shed A-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala Invites E-Tender for Design, Engineering, Manufacturing, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning at site of Hydraulic Butterfly Penstock Protection Valve along with associated equipment and dismantling of existing old Butterfly Valve installed at penstock for 50MW Unit of Shanan Power House, PSPCL, Joginder Nagar, Distt.-Mandi (HP).

For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from onwards.

NOTE : Corrigendum and Addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

C 355/24, DPR/Pb. : 76155/12/3006/2023/34841

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in Mobile No. 96461-10914

E-Tender Enq. No :- 530/P-1/EMPW-12630 dated 20.06.2024

Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-1) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_122540_1 for Providing and laying 20mm thick open graded Premix Carpet including tack coat, seal coat, Water Bound Macadam with Surface Dressing on roads of Nuhon and Power Colony, GGSSTP Rupnagar. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 20.06.2024/ 5.00 PM onwards.

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

RTP-49/24, DPR/Pb.:76155/12/3004/2023/34837

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in

E-Tender Enq. No.7557/P-2/EMP-12678 **Dt. 11/6/24**

Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-2) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_122425 for Procurement of Main Feed Line Control valves. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 21.06.2024 onwards.

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

RTP-50/24, DPR/Pb.:76155/12/3008/2023/34872

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH

(New Deluxe Building, Sector 17-E, Chandigarh) http://mcchandigarh.gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that M/s. Arya Toll Infra Limited, Office at 12, Sunita Anand Palace, Co-Op Society, CTS No. 630, Bal Rajeshwari Road, Vaishali Nagar, Mumbai, Pin 400080 was allotted the tender of paid parking lots for operation and management of 25 paid parking sites and one Multi Level parking and the firm was liable to deposit outstanding dues with MCC. Despite best efforts by the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh whereabouts of the owner of M/s. Arya Toll Infra Ltd. could not be found.

Therefore, through this public notice a final opportunity is granted to M/s Arya Toll Infra Limited to deposit the due amount within a period of 20 days from the issue of this public notice.

Further, if anyone from the general public knows the whereabouts of the firm, he/she is requested to inform the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, New Deluxe Building, Sector 17, Chandigarh, Parking Branch, Room No. 14, Mobile No. 9872019375.

In case the firm fails to deposit the same within stipulated time, suitable action will be initiated against the firm in accordance with provisions of law.

Commissioner
Municipal Corporation Chandigarh

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For any further Clarification / Query / Assistance, Please Contact 022 - 6698 5476 / 5775 E-Mail - pd.em.bcc@bankofbaroda.co.in

Last date of EMD & KYC Document Submission is 15-07-2024 upto 3.00 P.M

Date and Time of Opening of the Technical bid (EMD & KYC Docs): 15-07-2024 at 3.30 PM

Date & Time of e-Auction: 19-07-2024 from 11.00 AM to 1:00 PM Onwards with unlimited extension of 5 minutes each.

Place: Mumbai **GM & Head,**
Date: 22.06.2024 **FM, PD, COA,RDP & Security**

(08/24-25)

Yoga has become unifying force across the world: PM

Leads The Nation In Celebrating 10th Int'l Yoga Day

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi on Friday lauded the collective efforts of individuals, communities and organisations who came together and practiced yoga across the world on 10th International Yoga Day.

"International Yoga Day was held across the world thanks to the collective efforts of individuals, communities and organisations who came together and practiced yoga. It is clear that yoga has become a unifying force, bringing together people across cultures and backgrounds. It is gladdening to see youth participating in yoga sessions with such zeal and dedication," the PM said in a post on X. He added: "I express gratitude to all those working to popularise yoga. These efforts will go a long way in furthering unity and harmony. I am also happy to see an increase in the number of yoga instructors whose expertise and passion is inspiring others to take up yoga. May yoga keep bringing the world together in the coming times."

Modi has been a pivotal figure in promoting yoga globally. Following a proposal by the PM to the UN General Assembly in Sept 2014, on Dec 11, 2014 it was unanimously resolved to observe June 21 every year as International Yoga Day.

This time, he participated in celebrations held in Srinagar.

Lieutenant Governor of J&K Manoj Sinha, Union minister of state Prataprao Jadhav were also present. Home minister Amit Shah performed yoga at a public garden in Ahmedabad while health minister J P Nadda performed yoga at Yamuna Sports complex in Delhi.

Defence minister Rajnath Singh led the armed forces in celebrating the day by performing various asanas and breathing exercises with soldiers at 1 Corps in Mathura, UP.

PTI

BSF personnel perform yoga in Thar desert of Rajasthan on Friday

Prez: Yoga crucial today due to rising lifestyle problems

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Prez Droupadi Murmu on Friday said "yoga is India's unique gift to humanity" and emphasised that it has become far more important because of rising lifestyle-related problems.

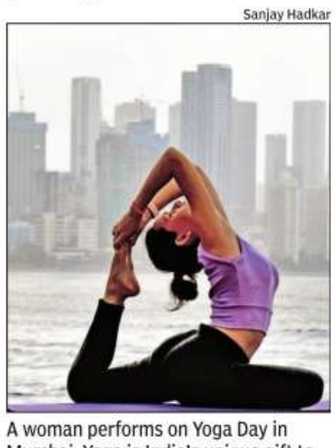
As programmes to mark the day were organised across the country, the official account of the President of India on X posted photos of Murmu and officials of the President's secretariat performing yoga at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

"Greetings to the entire global community, especially the fellow citizens of India on International Yoga Day! Yoga is India's unique gift to humanity," she said in a post.

"In view of rising lifestyle-related problems, yoga has become far more important today," Murmu said in the post.

"Yoga is a way to physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Let us resolve to adopt yoga as an integral part of our day-to-day living," the President added.

Sanjay Hadkar



A woman performs on Yoga Day in Mumbai. Yoga is India's unique gift to humanity, Prez Murmu said

3 Bihar cops held for robbery

Gaya city police arrested three constables on Thursday over charge of snatching over Rs 10 lakh from a person here. Ashish Bharti, SSP, suspended nabbed constables, Vikram Kumar, Ujjawal Kumar and Sanjeev Paswan, and began departmental action against them, reports **Alok Kumar.**

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(WSC is an Advanced Skill Training Institute and a Section 8 Company under the Skill Development and Technical Education Dept., Govt. of Odisha)

Advertisement No. WSC/204/HR/2023-24/1538 Dt. 21/06/2024

Applications are invited through online mode for various positions at WSC, Bhubaneswar.

Experienced professionals may view details, such as eligibility criteria, qualification, experience, application procedure, etc. in the careers section of WSC website by using the link **https://worldskillcenter.org/en/sun/careers**

Sd/-
Principal, WSC
OIPR-44009/11/0001/24-25

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ODISHA RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Under the Department of Energy
Government of Odisha
(ISO 9001:2008 / ISO 14001:2004)
S/59, MANCHESWAR INDUSTRIAL ESTATE
BHUBANESWAR-751010, ODISHA
Website : www.oredaodisha.com E-mail : ceoreda@oredaorissa.com

e-Tender Call Notice

Notice No: 2614/PD-102/2024 Date: 19.06.2024

E-tender is invited through e-tender portal from eligible bidders for Repair & Revival of defunct Solar Home Lighting System installed under DDUGJY program in Odisha along with Comprehensive Maintenance for Five Years.

1	Date of publication of NIT on E-procurement website and OREDA website	20.06.2024
2	Due date of pre bid query submission as per format of NIT	27.06.2024, Time: 5:00 PM
3	Date and time of pre-bid meeting through virtual mode **https://meet.google.com/jia-axdf-pgi**	01.07.2024, Time: 12.30 PM
4	Due date and time for submission of online copies of Technical Bid and price bid.	18.07.2024, Time: 5:00 PM
5	Due date and time for submission of hard copies of Technical Bid for select Bid Forms only	22.07.2024, Time: 5:00 PM
6	Tentative date and time for the opening of Technical Bid for both online copies and hard copies, except price bid.	23.07.2024, Time: 3:30 PM
7	Due date and time for the opening of online price bid applicable only for the bidders whose Technical bids shall be responsive.	To be intimate later

Details can be seen from the website **www.tenderwizard.com/OREDA** or **www.oredaorissa.com.** Further corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded in these websites only.

Sd/-
Chief Executive
OIPR-04065/11/0003/24-25

TELECOM REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF INDIA
World Trade Centre, 6th Floor, Tower-F,
Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi

Vacancy Circular No. 1-01/2024-A&P

Sub: Filling up of the post of Advisor (Financial & Economic Analysis) in TRAI Headquarters, New Delhi on deputation on foreign service terms: Extension of last date for receipt of applications - Reg.

Reference is invited to TRAI, New Delhi vacancy circular of even No. dated 28th March, 2024 and 14th May, 2024 vide which applications were invited for filling up the following post in its Headquarter, New Delhi on deputation on foreign service terms: -

Name of post	Pay Band & Grade Pay
Advisor (Financial & Economic Analysis)	Pay Level-14 (₹ 144200-218200) in the Pay Matrix as per 7th CPC [Pre-revised PB-4, ₹ 37400-67000 + GP ₹ 10000]

2. The last date to submit online application has now been extended upto **08th July, 2024.**
3. Further details and application form can be obtained from the TRAI website **www.trai.gov.in.**

CBC 06202/12/0010/2425

Kathak Kendra, New Delhi
National Institute of Kathak Dance
(Constituent Unit of Sangeet Natak Akademi
An Autonomous Organisation under the
Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India)
2, San Martin Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

A Walk-in-Interview is scheduled to be held **on 28.06.2024 forS.No. 1 to 6 and on 29.06.2024 for S.No. 7 to 12** at 11.00 a.m. at Kathak Kendra, 2 San Martin Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021 purely on contractual basis for a period of six months for filling up the following positions*.

S. No	Name of the post	Number of requirement	Remuneration
1	Kathak Guru	02	Rs. 50000/-
2	Varistha Kathak Prashikshak	01	Rs. 40000/-
3	Varistha Kathak Prashikshak (Siddhant)	01	Rs. 40000/-
4	Kathak Prashikshak	02	Rs. 30000/-
5	Visiting Faculty Member (Dance)	01	Rs. 40000/-
6	Visiting Faculty Member (Sanskrit Shloka)	01	Rs. 30000/-
7	Pakhawaj Prashikshak	01	Rs. 40000/-
8	Tabla Prashikshak	01	Rs. 40000/-
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French journo's work permit renewal under review: Govt

New Delhi: A day after French journalist Sebastien Farcis alleged that he was forced out of India by Union home ministry, the foreign ministry said his application for renewal of work permit is under consideration.

According to MEA, Farcis, who is married to an Indian woman, is an OCI card holder and under Indian regulations requires approval to carry out journalistic assignments. "He has re-applied for renewal of work permit in May 2024, and to the best of my knowledge, his case is under consideration. He has the right to make a decision in so far as his travel out of the country is concerned," said spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal.

According to Farcis though, the home ministry imposed a work ban on him by not renewing his journalist permit in March this year, preventing him from doing his work and denying him his source of income.

No reason was apparently given for this work ban. Farcis had said that the ban came as a shock to him. TNN

MEA calls for end to hiring of Indians in Russian army

New Delhi: India continues to pursue with Russia early release and repatriation of Indians recruited by the Russian army, while also seeking a verified stop to recruitment, said govt on Friday.

As a result of these efforts, MEA said, so far 10 Indian nationals have been released and repatriated. Four Indian nationals have been killed in the ongoing conflict so far.

"We continue to be in touch with the Russian side, both in New Delhi and Moscow, on this issue. This remains a matter of utmost concern for us and we expect action," said the spokesperson.

"We are working with the Russian side for early transportation of the mortal remains of the two Indians who died recently. We are in touch with their family members as well," he added.

According to the ministry, India has also demanded that there be a "verified stop" to any further recruitment of our nationals by the Russian army. Such activities would not be in consonance with our partnership, India had warned Russia earlier. TNN

Walking for 30 mins a day can help reduce lower back pain: Lancet

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New Delhi: Walking for a minimum 30 minutes daily can help reduce low back pain, a world-first trial to assess effectiveness of low-cost exercise has shown.

It was carried out on 701 persons (mean age 54 years) living in various parts of Australia who had recently recovered from non-specific low back pain that lasted for 24 hours (non-specific meaning there was no specific diagnosis or known cause for the condition).

Researchers divided these persons randomly into two groups: intervention and no treatment control group. The intervention group took to progressive walking for at least 30 minutes daily for six months under the guidance of a trained physiotherapist. Participants from the intervention and the no treatment control group were followed for a minimum of 12 to 36 months.

According to results of the trial called WalkBack, published in The Lancet – a reputed medical journal, daily walk was effective in preventing an episode of activity-limiting low back pain. "The median days to a recurrence of low back pain was 208 days in intervention group and 112 days in control group," the study states.

Low back pain is specially common in people with jobs requiring prolonged sitting

Dr Rajesh Malhotra, senior consultant, orthopaedics at Indraprastha Apollo Hospital in Delhi said non-specific low back pain is common, especially in people with jobs requiring prolonged sitting. "It is a problem of poor posture, in most cases. I see five to see such patients daily," Dr Malhotra said.

Dr Deepak Chaudhary, senior director and head of department, arthroscopy and sports medicine at B L Kapur hospital said multiple studies have shown even in the past that movement is key to reduce low back pain, and many people on the contrary restrict themselves to complete bed rest for prolonged periods.

HC: Denying physical intimacy to husband amounts to cruelty

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bhopal/Jabalpur: Refusing physical relations to a husband amounts to cruelty under Hindu Marriage Act, Madhya Pradesh HC said, while upholding a family court's decision to grant divorce to the husband on this ground.

HC gave this verdict for a couple that got married on May 26, 2013. It observed that denial of physical intimacy to a husband amounts to cruelty. Just 3 days after marriage, the woman's brother took her to her parental home for her to take some exam. When her in-laws went to bring her back a few days later, she refused to come with them.

The woman then lodged a complaint of dowry harassment against her in-laws in Sidhi. The couple then agreed to divorce by mutual agreement. The wife, however, lodged a complaint of domestic violence against her husband, who filed for divorce in Satna family court under provisions of Hindu Marriage Act. After hearing both sides, the family court granted divorce on Aug 17, 2021.

The woman challenged the divorce decree in HC. During hearing, the husband said his wife stayed with him for just three days and they didn't have physical relationship during the period.

Man gets 20-yr RI for raping niece

A man, 32, was convicted and sentenced to 20-year rigorous imprisonment (RI) for raping his 13-year-old niece and impregnating her, reports **Nishikant Karlikar.** Despite the victim turning hostile, the court relied on a DNA report and the doctor's deposition. While convicting the accused, judge DS Deshmukh said this should send a clear message to society that perpetrators in such cases are dealt with an iron hand.

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

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1	PANCHAYATI RAJ SONIPAT	CONSTRUCTION OF PARK AT VILLAGE NAHRA BLOCK RAI	21.06.2024 27.06.2024	20.97 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416391006 prexeeng.snp@gmail.com
2	PANCHAYATI RAJ ROHTAK	PHIRNI CONST. OF IPB REMAINING PHIRNI EAST SIDE AT VILLAGE BHALAUT + 19 WORKS	19.06.2024 25.06.2024	257.64 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01262254150 prexeeng.roh@hry.nic.in
3	PANCHAYATI RAJ SONIPAT	CONST. OF IPB STREET 1. FROM H RAMANAND S/ DEAI RAM UPTO ATTKAN CHOPAL 2. FROM H/ RAJU S/JASSI RAJPUT UPTO H/ PAPPU KHATI 3. FROM H/ SHIVCHARAN PANCHAL UPTO BHEEM S/ HARNARYAN AT VILLAGE MOI HOODA BLOCK GOHANA	19.06.2024 28.06.2024	6.65 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416051838 jitendersingh838@gmail.com
4	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA TOHANA	REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SELECTION OF AGENCY FOR OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF COMPONENTS FOR WORK BEAUTIFICATION AND LANDSCAPING OF KALPANA CHAWLA PARK INCLUDING HORTICULTURE AND WATER BODY WORKS ETC ON PPP MODE. +1 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 08.07.2024	40 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8295611629 hid.eewstohana@yahoo.com
5	PANCHAYATI RAJ SONIPAT	INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHT ON PHIRNI AT VILLAGE RAJPUR,BHIGAN, KURAR IBRAHIMPUR, BAROULI, JAINPUR BLOCK MURTHAL	CLOSING DATE 25.06.2024	79.22 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416391006 prexeeng.snp@gmail.com
6	HEALTH DEPARTMENT HARYANA HISAR	PRINTING OF IEC MATERIALS AND OTHER PRINTING MATERIALS ETC	21.06.2024 30.06.2024	EMD 1 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9215705859 dhs.cshsr@hry.nic.in
7	FORESTS DEPARTMENT HARYANA YAMUNA NAGAR	NEW PLANTATION AND RAISING OF NURSERY MIYAWAKI PLANTATI ON 1 HA	20.06.2024 26.06.2024	20.80 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01732237821 dfo_tyunr@rediffmail.com
8	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA KARNAL	LAYING UNDERGROUND RCC PIPELINE FROM RD 1000/L OF KAUL MINOR FOR FILLING THE MATA JOHRI BAHR POND, VILLAGE ARDANA. + 3 WORKS	19.06.2024 24.06.2024	17.44 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01842255291 knldivn335@gmail.com
9	ZILA PARISHAD FATEHABAD	SPECIAL REPAIR OF ROAD FROM JANDLI KHURD TO BHUTHAN KALAN (ROAD ID H 1015) + 3 WORKS	20.06.2024 10.07.2024	375.20 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416728389 zpftb@hry.nic.in
10	PANCHAYATI RAJ MORNI PANCHKULA	CONST FOR R/WALL NEAR DHARMSHALA AT VILL. DHAMAN BLOCK MORNI , REPAIR FOR R/WALL AND STREET AT VILL CHAPLANA G.P TIPRA BLOCK MORNI PR	20.06.2024 26.06.2024	3.54 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416055244 dharambirsai@gmail.com
11	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING SIRSA	RAMPURA DHILLON:- LAYING OF 400MM I/D RCC PIPE INLET CHANNEL, CONSTRUCTION OF ONE NO. STORAGE AND SEDIMENTATION TANK OF MEAN SIZE:- 95.00`X173.00`X12.00`, ONE NO. RCC HIGH LEVEL TANK OF SIZE 12`X18`, ONE NO. RCC FILTER BED OF SIZE 12`X18`, LAYING OF HEAD WORKS PIPE LINE, PAINTING, DISTEMPERING AND SNOWCEM, C.C. ROAD AND PATH AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO AT RAMPURA DHILLON` + 1 WORKS	20.06.2024 04.07.2024	103.45 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01666221925 ee2sirsa@phedharyana.gov.in
12	PANCHAYATI RAJ JHOJHU KALAN CHARKHI DADRI.	REPAIRING OF ANGWARI BUILDING AT VILLAGE BADAL BLOCK JHOJHU KALAN DISTT. CH. DADRI. + 11 WORKS	19.06.2024 27.06.2024	33.77 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416927275 xenprcharkhidadri@gmail.com
13	PANCHAYATI RAJ REWARI	CONSTRUCTION OF VYAYAMSHALA AT VILLAGE MANGLESHWAR BLOCK BAWAL REWARI (HGVY) + 11 WORKS	20.06.2024 27.06.2024	634.96 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416421261 prexeeng.rwr@hry.nic.in
14	PANCHAYATI RAJ FATEHABAD	SALAM KHERA - CONSTRUCTION OF CREMATION SHED IN G/GHAT AT VILLAGE SALAM KHERA BLOCK FATEHABAD DISTRICT FATEHABAD (HGVY) + 5 WORKS	20.06.2024 28.06.2024	399.97 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01667230855 prexeeng.ftb@hry.nic.in
15	PWD B&R JIND	SPECIAL REPAIR OF 4 NO. ROADS IN JIND CONSTITUENCY UNDER HEAD 5054 IN JIND DISTT. (GROUP-1) 1. PATIALA CHOWK TO NARWANA ROAD BYE-PASS VIA CHRIST RAJA PUBLIC SCHOOL (ROAD ID 11849) 2. PATIALA CHOWK TO HARI KRISHAN MANDIR ROAD (ROAD ID 10085) 3. IKKAS TO JALALPURA ROAD (ROAD ID 6623) 4. SANGATPURA APP. ROAD (ROAD ID 6619)	CLOSING DATE 04.07.2024	435.13 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8398098053 pwdeepdjind@gmail.com
16	PWD B&R JIND	WIDENING, STRENGTHENING AND SPECIAL REPAIR OF 4 NO. ROADS IN JIND CONSTITUENCY UNDER HEAD 5054 IN JIND DISTT. (GROUP-2) 1. DALAMWALA TO KHUNGA INCLUDING BARSANA APP. ROAD (ROAD ID 6645) 2. AMARHERI TEMPLE APP. ROAD (ROAD ID 6649) 3. JIND HANSI ROAD TO RAJPURA-INTAL KHURD TO JAJWAN ROAD (ROAD ID 6624) 4. JIND-SAFIDON TO PINDARA ROAD (ROAD ID 6606)	CLOSING DATE 04.07.2024	360.88 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8398098053 pwdeepdjind@gmail.com
17	BPS GMC FOR WOMEN KHANPUR KALAN SONIPAT	CMC OF MEDICAL GAS PIPELINE SYSTEM AND ALLIED WORKS	22.06.2024 08.07.2024	40000/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9728972827 bpsgmc.purchase@gmail.com
18	PANCHAYATI RAJ FATEHABAD	DANGRA, CONSTRUCTION OF TILE FLOORING AND IRON SHEDD AT KABIR CHAUPAL, BLOCK-TOHANA MPLAD + 7 WORKS	19.06.2024 26.06.2024	32.4 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01667230855 prexeeng.ftb@hry.nic.in
19	PANCHAYATI RAJ FATEHABAD	SAHIDANWALI (CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL OF SHAMSHAN GHAT AT VILLAGE SAHIDANWALI BLOCK FATEHABAD DISTRICT FATEHABAD HGVY + 3 WORKS	14.06.2024 25.06.2024	295.78 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01667230855 prexeeng.ftb@hry.nic.in
20	PANCHAYATI RAJ CHARKHI DADRI	CONST. OF SC CHOUPAL AT VILLAGE IMLOTA BLOCK AND DISTRICT CHARKHI DADRI (ZP). . + 6 WORKS	19.06.2024 26.06.2024	44.97 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416427275 xenprcharkhidadri@gmail.com
21	PANCHAYATI RAJ CHARKHI DADRI	PAVT. OF WALKING TRACK IN VYAMSHALA AT VILLAGE SANTOR BLOCK AND DISTRICT CHARKHI DADRI + 9 WORKS	18.06.2024 25.06.2024	92.60 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416427275 xenprcharkhidadri@gmail.com
22	PANCHAYATI RAJ KALAMAUR ROHTAK	***CONSTRUCTION OF FIELD NALI FROM SANDEEP S/O CHANDERBHAN TO SATBIR S/O PARKASH AT VILLAGE KHARAINTI UNDER PANCHAYAT SAMITI	19.06.2024 04.07.2024	10.48 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416521482 sdoprlakhanmajra@gmail.com
23	PANCHAYATI RAJ BARWALA PANCHKULA	BARWALA CONST. OF WATER TANKI NEAR GUGA MADI, KHAIRWALI PARWALA CONST. OF WATER TANKI IN OPEN GROUND NEAR S/GHAT AND SHYAMTOO:- CONST. OF NALA FROM H/O RANBIR TO H/O HEMRAJ, BLOCK BARWALA, DISTRICT PANCHKULA	18.06.2024 25.06.2024	4.70 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9216213141 naveen_cherwal@yahoo.co.in
24	PANCHAYATI RAJ F.P JHIRKA NUH	CONST OF RASTA HOUSE OF MUBARIK S/O ISLAM TO AJEEM S/O AAS MOHD VILLAGE BAGHOLA BLOCK FEROZPUR JHIRKA DIVISION NUH (VANGY)	20.06.2024 27.06.2024	4.12 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9991314714 sdoprjhirka@gmail.com
25	PANCHAYATI RAJ PINANGWAN NUH	CONSTRUCTION B/WALL OF KABRISTAN AT VILLAGE - BAJIDPUR BLOCK PINANGWAN DISTT NUH HARYANA (VANGY)	20.06.2024 27.06.2024	6.33 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8930239597 sdoprpinangwan@gmail.com
26	PANCHAYATI RAJ PINANGWAN NUH	CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TANK 20 NOS AT VILLAGE PINANGWAN 4NOS,BADED 8NOS,RITHAT 8 NOS BLOCK SAMITI PINANGWAN + 4 WORKS	20.06.2024 27.06.2024	25.29 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8930239597 sdoprpinangwan@gmail.com
27	PANCHAYATI RAJ F.P JHIRKA NUH	B/W OF KABRISTAN AT VILLAGE BASAI MEO SCHEME (25511) BLOCK F.P. JHIRKA 122104 + 2 WORKS	20.06.2024 27.06.2024	14.72 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9991314714 sdoprjhirka@gmail.com
28	PANCHAYATI RAJ SONIPAT	CONSTRUCTION OF BOE FROM DRAIN NO 6 TO PANGHAT KUI IN VILLAGE MAHIPAUR BLOCK SONIPAT + 7 WORKS	CLOSING DATE 27.06.2024	104.19 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416391006 prexeeng.snp@gmail.com
29	PANCHAYATI RAJ SONIPAT	CONST OF IPB PHIRNI FROM BUS STAND UPTO MIRJAPUR KHERI PWD ROAD AT VILLAGE CHHICHHARANA BLOCK KATHURA	CLOSING DATE 27.06.2024	60.94 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9996001199 vijaypal2315@gmail.com
30	FORESTS DEPARTMENT HARYANA SIRSA	SPECIAL REPAIR OF DFO OFFICE SIRSA	27.06.2024 28.06.2024	3.11 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416029545 forest_sirsa@yahoo.com

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THE BRAIN IS WIDER THAN THE SKY — EMILY DICKINSON

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TRAVIS SCOTT BRIEFLY HELD IN MIAMI FOR 'DISORDERLY INTOXICATION & TRESPASSING' AFTER CAUSING DISTURBANCES ON A CHARTER YACHT

BEN AFFLECK ON WIFE JENNIFER LOPEZ AMID DIVORCE RUMOURS: 'HER LEVEL OF FAME IS BANANAS... I DON'T LIKE A LOT OF ATTENTION'

Bibi's spats with US, own military raise questions on war's future

WH: Criticism On Support Vexing, No Other Nation Has Done More

Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel this week engaged in increasingly public spats with his military brass, his right-wing coalition partners and his most powerful supporter, the White House. The cascading conflicts — all with allies who are on his side in the battle against Hamas — have renewed difficult questions about the future of the war and about the Israeli premier's own political survival.

"We are fighting on several fronts," Netanyahu said in a statement this week directed at his squabbling coalition partners — whom he told to "get a hold of themselves" — but he could easily have been describing himself. In the ninth month of the war, Netanyahu finds himself increasingly isolated. His pledges of "total victory" against Hamas are at odds with his military leadership, which has signalled that it wants to ease combat operations in the Gaza Strip and that only a ceasefire can bring home the remaining Israeli hostages. He has alternately placated and slapped down his right-wing allies, whose support he needs to remain in office but whose hawkish stances on the war and on Palestinian rights have drawn global condemnation.

Analysts say the combative strategy reflects Netanyahu's need to balance competing interests — to show a domestic audience that he is standing up for the country amid rising global condemnation of the war, while keeping his right-wing allies just close enough that they don't abandon him. Still, he is picking a high-stakes fight with the Biden administration, which has provided political cover for Israel's devastating military campaign while supplying it with key weapons.

On Tuesday, Netanyahu posted a video lashing out at the US for withholding some heavy munitions, an apparent reference to the Biden administration's decision to withhold a shipment of 2,000-pound bombs over concerns about their use in densely populated parts of Gaza. That video drew a sharp response Thursday from John Kirby, a White House spokesperson, who said there was "no other country that's done more, or will continue to do more, than the US to help Israel defend itself." The Israeli PM's comments were "deeply disappointing and certainly vexing to us," Kirby added.

More pressing for Netanyahu at home is the feud with his military. Going public with frustrations, the armed forces' spokesman Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari appeared to criticise Netanyahu's oft-repeated call for "absolute victory," saying: "The idea that it is possible to destroy Hamas — that is throwing sand in the eyes of the public." But Netanyahu has shown no sign of wanting to end war, refusing to endorse a US-backed ceasefire proposal. NYT

AFP

Protests held outside Netanyahu's Jerusalem home calling for early elections

Israeli official describes secret govt bid to cement control of West Bank

An influential member of PM Netanyahu's coalition told settlers in the Israeli-occupied West Bank that the govt is engaged in a stealthy effort to irreversibly change the way the territory is governed, to cement Israel's control over it without being accused of formally annexing it. In a taped recording of the speech, Bezalel Smotrich can be heard suggesting that goal was to prevent West Bank from becoming part of a Palestinian state.

Israel's Supreme Court has ruled that Israel's rule over the territory amounts to a temporary military occupation overseen by army generals, not a permanent civilian annexation administered by Israeli civil servants. Smotrich's June 9 speech at a West Bank private gathering may make that posture harder to maintain.

In it, he outlined a carefully orchestrated programme to take authority over the West Bank out of the hands of the Israeli military and turn it over to civilians working for Smotrich in the defence ministry. Parts of the plan have already been introduced over the past 18 months, and some authorities have already been transferred to civilians. To deflect international scrutiny, the govt has allowed the defence ministry to remain involved in the process, he said. Smotrich, a far-right lawmaker, said Netanyahu was "with us full on".

Even as international pressure grows to declare a Palestinian state that would encompass the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Smotrich's comments suggest that Israel is quietly working to firm up its control over the West Bank. NYT

Mob lynches a domestic tourist in Pak's Swat over blasphemy claims

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

Islamabad: An enraged mob burnt to death a domestic tourist in Pakistan's northwestern Swat district late on Thursday over blasphemy allegations after grabbing him from inside a police station and dragged his body through town before hanging it at a bus station.

According to eyewitnesses, some people in Swat's popular tourist destination of Madyan had alleged that the suspect, Muhammad Ismail of Sialkot in Punjab, had desecrated a copy of the Quran while staying at a hotel in the town.

As word spread, law enforcers took the suspect into custody and shifted him to a nearby police station. The arrest was later announced from mosques' loudspeakers, prompting dozens to gather outside the police station baying for his blood.

On police's refusal to hand over the suspect, an exchange of fire took place between the charged crowd and the law enforcers, leaving eight cops injured. The mob eventually stormed into the police station and snatched the man. Social media videos showed a mob circling a body on fire in the middle of a road. Later, the mob dragged the body to the bus station in a busy market and hanged it. They also torched the police station, and its vehicles, forcing the cops to flee.

Blasphemy constitutes an incendiary charge in Pakistan, where mere accusations can lead to mob violence. Last month, police saved a Christian man under attack in Punjab's Sargodha on allegations of desecration of the Quran. He, however, died nine days later from his injuries. In 2022, a man was stoned to death over similar allegations in Punjab's Khanewal district.

Canada court upholds decision to put Sikh separatists on no-fly list

Times News Network

The Canadian federal court of appeal has upheld the decision to put two Sikh separatists on the country's no-fly list, after they weren't allowed to get on planes in Vancouver in 2018.

In a ruling this week, according to a Globe and Mail report, the court dismissed an appeal by Bhagat Singh Brar and Parvkar Singh Dulai after they lost their constitutional challenge of Canada's Secure Air Travel Act in the lower court.

Significantly, Sikh separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, who was killed last year, was also on the same no-fly list. Canadian parliament observed a moment of silence this week to mark the first anniversary of his murder in what India sees as a case of parliament condoning terror threat to its own people. Asked about the respect shown, India's MEA said Friday, "We naturally oppose any moves giving political space to extremism and advocacy of violence".

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Brar and Dulai were seen a potential threat to airline safety with potential to undertake terror acts. According to Globe report, the ruling says the act empowers the public safety minister to ban people from flying if there are "reasonable grounds to suspect they will threaten transportation security or travel by air to commit a terrorism offence."

Both Brar and Dulai claimed in court that their inclusion on the list violated their Charter rights, but the court ruling found the legislation was justified and the confidential portions of the court process were procedurally fair. "The ruling says based on confidential security information, the minister had reasonable grounds to suspect that the two men would travel by air to commit a terrorism offence," said the report.

China threatens death penalty for 'diehard' Taiwan separatists

Beijing: China on Friday threatened to impose the death penalty in extreme cases for "diehard" Taiwan independence separatists, a ratcheting up of pressure even though Chinese courts have no jurisdiction on the democratically governed island. China, which views Taiwan as its own territory, has made no secret of its dislike of Prez Lai Ching-te who took office last month, saying he is a "separatist".

The new guidelines say China's courts, prosecutors, public and state security bodies should "severely punish Taiwan independence diehards for splitting the country and inciting secession crimes in accordance with the law, and resolutely defend national sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity", according to China's state-run Xinhua news agency. The guidelines are being issued in accordance with laws already on the books, including the 2005 anti-succession law, Xinhua said. That law gives China the legal basis for military action against Taiwan if it secedes or seems about to. REUTERS

Ukraine may fire US-provided missiles into Russia wherever it is coming under attack, says Pentagon

Washington: Ukraine's military is allowed to use longer-range missiles provided by the US to strike targets inside Russia across more than just the frontlines near Kharkiv if it is acting in self-defence, the Pentagon said. Prez Joe Biden initially loosened the restrictions on how Ukraine could use US-provided munitions to give it another option to defend the eastern city of Kharkiv from a relentless barrage of Russian missiles. Since the beginning of Russia's 2022 invasion, the US had maintained a policy of not allowing Ukraine to use the weapons it provided to hit targets inside Russia for fear of further escalating the war.

Russia has been firing on Ukrainian targets from inside its border, treating its territory as a "safe zone", said Maj Gen Pat Ryder, Pentagon press secretary. "As we see those forces conducting those types of operations from across the border, we've explained Ukraine can and does have the right to fire back to defend themselves," he told reporters. The Pentagon said additional permissions are not a new policy.

"This is not about geography. It's about common sense," said spokesman army major Charlie Dietz. "If Russia is attacking or about to attack from its territory into Ukraine, it only makes sense to allow Ukraine to hit back against the forces that are hitting it from across the border." "Additionally, they can use air defence systems supplied by the US to take Russian planes out of the sky, even if those Russian planes are in Russian airspace, if they're about to fire into Ukrainian airspace," Dietz said.

The White House also announced Thursday that it is rushing delivery of air defence interceptor missiles to Ukraine by redirecting shipments planned for other allied nations. AP

As Kyiv expands military draft to replenish war-battered forces, some go into hiding

First, Vladyslav stopped going into Kyiv, Ukraine's city centre to avoid draft officers checking papers. Then he stopped exercising at the gym. Now he spends most of his days holed up in his apartment, often using his binoculars to watch officers serving draft notices to commuters leaving a nearby subway station. "They're everywhere now," said Vladyslav, 45, who requested that his last name not be published. As Russian forces are on the attack across the front line, the Ukraine military has been desperately trying to replenish its war-battered forces, embarking on a large-scale mobilisation campaign backed by new laws. As officers scour the country to draft men of military age, currently 25 to 60, many have gone into hiding, fearful that conscription is a one-way ticket to the front line. It is not clear how many men are hiding out, but in big cities like Kyiv and Lviv, social media groups alerting members to the movements of draft officers include tens of thousands of members. All expressed fear of dying. Many also said that they opposed conscription because of lack of sufficient training. "I'm afraid I'll die senselessly," said Mykyta, a 28-year-old. NYT

Southern China flooding kills 47

Beijing: At least 47 people have died as downpours in southern China's Guangdong province caused historic flooding and slides, state media reported Friday, while authorities warned of more flooding ahead in other parts of the country. State broadcaster CCTV said Friday afternoon that another 38 people were confirmed dead in the jurisdiction of Meizhou city, adding to nine others previously reported dead elsewhere in Meizhou. Heavy rains caused landslides, floods and mudslides that severely damaged eight townships in Pingyuan County, where the latest deaths were reported, CCTV said. The previous day, CCTV reported four deaths in Meizhou's Meixian district, and five in Jiaoling County. AP

Have appealed ruling on abuse, this part of verdict ineffective now: Hindujas' lawyers

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A Jan photo of Indian-Swiss billionaire family members Namrata Hinduja (L) and Ajay Hinduja (2nd R) at the Geneva's courthouse with their lawyers

Lawyers representing the defendants said they would appeal. In a statement, the Hindujas' advocates Yael Hayat, Robert Assael and Roman Jordan said, "Our clients have been acquitted of all human trafficking charges. We are appalled and disappointed by the rest of the decision... we have filed an appeal to the higher court, thereby making this part of the judgment not effective. Under Swiss law, the presumption of innocence is paramount till a final judgment by the highest adjudicating authority is enforced." There is no effective detention for any members of the family, they added.

The court said the four were guilty of exploiting the workers and providing unauthorised employment, such as by giving meagre if any health benefits and paying wages that were less than one-tenth the pay for such jobs in Switzerland. It dismissed the trafficking charges on the grounds that the staff understood what they were getting into, at least in part. The four Hindujas also barred the domestic workers from leaving the villa and forcing them to work excruciatingly long hours, among other things.

Prakash Hinduja and his wife Kamal each received 4 1/2 year sentences, while their son Ajay and his wife, Namrata, were sentenced each to four years. The trial opened June 10.

Last week, it emerged in criminal court that the family — which has roots in India — had reached an undisclosed settlement with the plaintiffs. Geneva prosecutors opened the case for alleged illegal activity including exploitation, human trafficking and violation of Swiss labour laws.

The family set up residence in Switzerland in the late 1980s, and Prakash was already convicted in 2007 on similar, if lesser charges, though prosecutors say he persisted in employing people without proper paperwork anyway.

Swiss authorities have already seized diamonds, rubies, a platinum necklace and other jewellery and assets from the family in anticipation that they could be used to pay for legal fees and possible penalties.

Prosecutors said that at times the staffers — in jobs like cooks or house help — were forced to work up to 18 hours a day with little or no vacation time off. One ailing employee got stuck with a hospital bill of over 7,000 francs (dollars), and the family only agreed to pay half, the court said. Employees worked even later hours for receptions and slept in the basement of the villa in the upscale Cologny neighbourhood — sometimes on a mattress on the floor, prosecutors said. They described a "climate of fear" instituted by Kamal Hinduja.

Some employees allegedly spoke only Hindi and were paid their wages in Indian rupees in banks back home that they couldn't access. AP

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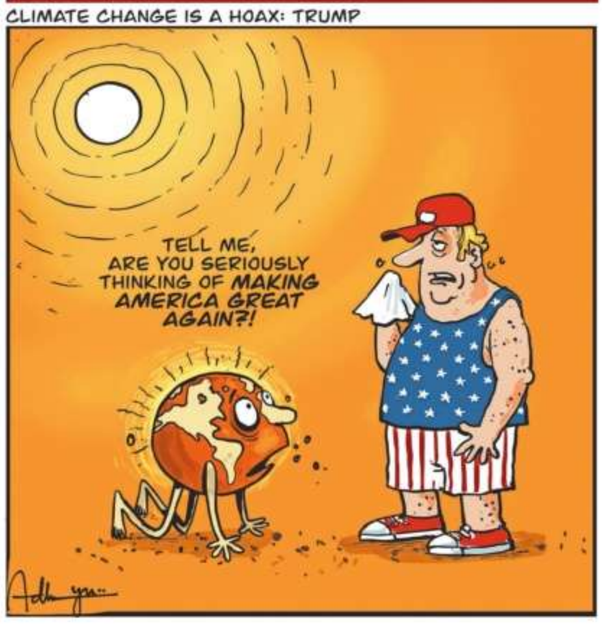

Trump's campaign officials clarify there would be an 'aggressive vetting process' for green cards

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

In a surprising turnaround from policies he had pursued as the US president, Donald Trump on Thursday promised green cards to all foreign students graduating from US universities. During a podcast, Trump said he would institute policies where "you graduate from a college, I think you should get automatically, as part of your diploma, a green card to be able to stay in this country, and that includes junior colleges".

But hours after Trump's unscripted remarks, his campaign officials tempered the comments, saying there would be an "aggressive vetting process" that would "exclude all communists, radical Islamists, Hamas supporters, America haters and public charges", and that the policy would apply only to the "most skilled graduates who can make significant contributions to America".

That would still open the doors to tens of thousands of skilled immigrants, mainly from India and China, who come to the US for higher education. By some estimates, more than a million foreign students come to the US every year; and at any given time nearly 300,000 students from India — now said to be the largest contingent of foreign students — are studying at US universities and colleges.

In the "All-In" podcast hosted by David Sacks, a Silicon Valley investor who backs the former president's 2024 campaign, Trump appeared to be courting — at the risk of angering his voting base — the tech business community which has long sought to streamline the immigration process to get more high-skilled workers who come to America as students and graduate into H1-B visas that allow limited stay in the US. But Trump's nativist MAGA (Make American Great Again) base sees this as a betrayal of American workers.

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More than a million Indian college graduates already in the US, going back 10 to 15 years, have been in line for a green card, which typically paves the way for citizenship

During the Trump presidency, his advisor Stephen Miller fashioned an immigration policy that restricted among other things a work-visa programme for foreign students even though the then president often spoke of giving permanent residency to immigrants who are wealthy and/or highly educated, at the expense of family-based immigration that also allows non-skilled or low-skilled immigrants to get a green card on the basis of family ties.

AROUND THE WORLD

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SUMMER LOVE: A couple mark summer solstice by the tying the knot at Stonehenge in Wiltshire, England, on Thursday. It is the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, and one when most of Britain sees about 17 hours of daylight. Every year, thousands of people flock to Stonehenge to watch the short night turn into day

Pope told off by a student for using homophobic slurs

A student pleaded with Pope Francis on Thursday to stop using offensive language against the LGBT community, taking the 87-year-old pontiff to task over homophobic slurs he has allegedly used during private meetings. Francis was twice quoted by Italian media in the last month as using the Italian term "frociaggine", roughly translating as "faggotness" or "faggotry". Jack Lorenz Acebedo Rivera addressed the pontiff during a panel discussion on "Building Bridges Across Asia Pacific" between university students and the pope which was broadcast on YouTube. "I myself I am outcasted and bullied due to my bisexuality, my gayness, my identity, and being a son of a single parent," he said. In his response, the pope spoke against discrimination, particularly targeting women, but didn't address Acebedo Rivera's appeal.

Co fined for selling 'made in China' cars as 'made in Italy'

Italy's competition watchdog on Thursday fined car firm DR Automobiles €6 million for covering up the Chinese origin of its vehicles. The far-right govt has launched a campaign against companies that seek to portray foreign-produced cars as Made in Italy. The competition authority said DR Automobiles "indicated in a misleading way Italy instead of China as the place of production for cars marketed under the brands DR and EVO". "These were cars produced in China, except for marginal finishing," it said.

'Ukrainian soldiers turn to yoga on frontline, speed up recovery & rehabilitation'

Rudroneel Ghosh

Ukrainian soldiers are rolling out their yoga mats on the frontlines of the Ukraine war. At the command post of the 225th Separate Assault Brigade, their 37-year-old commander says yoga transformed his life. "Before the beginning of the full-scale war, back in 2014, I was drafted into infantry operations and I hurt my spine. I started practising yoga regularly in 2016. All my problems disappeared," says the young commander. Yoga now helps him with his responsibilities in the war. "I always try to do asanas, nauli and pranayama, and I read the Hare Krishna Mahamantra. It helps me have better control over my emotions and plan things in my duty."

In conflict-hit Ukraine, yoga is witnessing a rise in popularity for wellness, recovery and healing. There are projects to support Ukrainian yoga teachers and provide them with tools to deal with trauma and PTSD. Some special forces units of the Ukrainian army, like the Falcon Force, are even integrating yoga into their training.

The 'Healthy Ukraine' programme, an initiative of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky that started in 2021, gave yoga a serious boost. Active Parks, a project under the programme, transformed public parks into weekend fitness clubs, with instructors holding free classes. "The response for yoga was overwhelming," says Elena Siderska, responsible for developing yoga in the project. "Active Parks now supports studios and clubs that work with trauma, PTSD and rehabilitation of soldiers," Siderska adds.

SOURCE OF HEALING: In conflict-hit Ukraine, yoga is witnessing a rise in popularity for wellness, recovery and healing. Some special forces units, like the Falcon Force, are even integrating yoga into their training

Siderska's father, Andrii Siderskyi, the doyen of yoga in Ukraine, says the roots of the Indic practice are long in his country. "Actually, people in Ukraine came in contact with yoga as far back as the 19th century. Following World War II, Kyiv, Odessa and Kharkiv became some of the main centres of yoga in the Soviet era," says Siderskyi.

Today yoga has travelled across the world and looped back to Ukraine. Yuliia Denisova works with the charity Fierce Calm. She has been using yoga to help injured Ukrainian soldiers at four rehabilitation centres. "Yoga nidra and pranayama have had huge benefits for war veterans dealing with sleep disorder, PTSD, and amputation-related challenges," affirms Denisova. Valeria Samborskaya, who is running a project to promote trauma-sensitive yoga for Ukraine, concurs. "We have seen affected soldiers being fearful of going near parks because they were injured in forested areas on the frontline. But after a few sessions of yoga, especially pranayama, they are able to overcome their mental trauma," she says. Denisova adds, "I as a Ukrainian can't thank India enough for giving the world and keeping this wonderful ancient knowledge."

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The Week That Was...

Sensex Gains For 3rd Week In Row, Hovers Around 77k

The sensex logged fresh highs through the week before giving up some of its gains on Friday. Over three weeks, roughly since election results were announced, the sensex has risen nearly 3,250 points or 4.4%

Sensex 0.3%

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CE Info Systems	29%
RCF	24%
National Fertilizer	23%

LOSERS

Som Distilleries	-10%
Chemplast Sanmar	-10%
Linde India	-10%

GOLD 1.3% ↑ | CRUDE 4% ↑ | BITCOIN 3.5% ↓

$5tn

The country's stock market value settled above $5 trillion for the first time. India has joined the ranks of the US, China, Japan and Hong Kong after topping the threshold

Source: Refinitiv, ETIG

At $3.6Bn, Startup's Valuation Nearly Triples In Under A Yr

Zepto scores $665mn as funds ride Q-comm wave

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Mumbai: Zepto has raised $665 million in fresh funding round at a valuation of $3.6 billion underlining growing investor appetite for the quick commerce segment. The investment comes less than a year after the Mumbai-based firm pocketed $235 million from investors at a valuation of $1.4 billion, joining the league of unicorn startups.

The funding led by existing backers Glade Brook Capital, Nexus Venture Partners and StepStone Group also saw new investors Avenir, Lightspeed and Avra join the startup's cap table. The investment will boost the startup's balance sheet as it aims for a public listing in 2025, co-founder & CEO **Aadit Palicha** told **TOI**.

"We want to have a healthy balance sheet going into the IPO. We do not have any intent to spend the capital needlessly. The ambition to go for an IPO is within 2025 but it would depend on where the capital markets are at that time," Palicha said.

The quick commerce space has been growing in India, helped by demand from millennials and GenZs, many of whom often do not make planned purchases and end up ordering several times a month from platforms like Zepto which offer doorstep deliveries in 10-15 minutes. Zepto competes with Zomato's Blinkit, Swiggy Instamart and Tata's BigBasket in the market, which has quickly expanded beyond groceries. Currently, Blinkit leads the space with a 40-45% market share, analysts said.

The funding for Zepto comes at a time when players like Walmart's Flipkart and Reliance's JioMart are set to enter the space, intensifying competition. The funding also indicates a revival of late-stage deals in the startup space where flow of large investments have been tepid.

"We are getting this financing because we have executed quite well. We have been able to grow our sales and are quite close to overall ebitda break-even," Palicha said. Ebitda refers to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortisation. Zepto claimed that its gross merchandise value (or the value of goods sold on its platform) stood at $1 billion in FY24.

The startup is now looking to expand into about 10 cities with launches planned in Jaipur, Chandigarh, Ahmedabad and Coimbatore in about a couple of months. Besides, it will work on expanding selection of products on the platform and take its dark store count to 700 from 350 by March 2025.

"About 75% of our stores are generating profits. We will keep reinvesting the profits we are making from our matured stores back into the business," said Palicha.

Loading Up Ahead Of Flipkart, JioMart Entry

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Job creation in pvt sector strongest in 18 yrs: Survey

Times News Network

New Delhi: Robust activity in manufacturing firms and service sector companies on the back of new orders and global sales pushed job creation in the private sector to its strongest in 18 years in June, a survey showed on Friday.

The HSBC Flash India Composite Output Index, which measures the month-on-month change in the combined output of India's manufacturing and service sectors, increased from 60.5 in May to 60.9 in June, highlighting a quicker rate of expansion that was significant by historical standards and in line with average over the past 12 months.

Growth was stronger at goods producers than at service providers — a trend that has been visible since Feb, the survey showed. Private sector companies attributed the strength to demand and new business gains as total new orders rose sharply and to a greater extent than in May.

New export orders increased for the twenty-second successive month in June. Despite slowing since May, the rate of expansion was sharp and the second-fastest since the series became available in Sept 2014. Survey participants pointed to gains from Africa, Asia, Australia, the Americas, Europe and West Asia.

The survey results showed that mild capacity pressures remained evident in June as private sector firms continued to signal higher volumes of outstanding business. Attempts to clear backlogs and fulfil rising production requirements led to a surge in overall employment. The pace of job creation was the fastest in over 18 years, according to the survey.

Electric car launches to charge up streets this yr

Concerns Over Charging Infra, Relatively Higher Prices Won't Deter Auto Biggies

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New Delhi: Going may be challenging for green cars on concerns around charging infrastructure and relatively higher prices, but India will see a flurry of SUV launches, including green versions of some popular models, within six-to-eight months.

The new models will be introduced by almost all the top carmakers — Tata Motors, Mahindra, Hyundai and sibling Kia, Maruti Suzuki, JSW MG Moto, and luxury maker Mercedes-Benz.

Tata Motors will be first to add to its robust EV portfolio. The company, which last year accounted for almost 70% of electrics sold in the country through green versions of Nexon and Punch SUVs and Tiago hatch and Tigor mini sedan, will drive in Harrier EV. Harrier currently comes with a diesel engine and is priced upwards of Rs 17 lakh (on road). Its green version is expected to be priced some degrees higher, considering how aggressively the company has priced Nexon EV, which comes at par with the diesel variant.

Before Harrier EV, Tata is expected to introduce much-awaited Curvv. The crossover car, which has been showcased at Auto Expo, will offer both electric and ICE (internal combustion engine) options. "The plan is to launch both EV and ICE versions together," a company official said. It is expected that the model will be priced around the Rs 15 lakh mark, but a lot depends on the battery capacity.

Hyundai will debut Creta electric and Kia will drive in luxury EV9, that will be priced around Rs 1 crore.

JSW MG Motor, which has ZS and Comet EVs, plans to drive in Cloud EV crossover utility vehicle. The company's Chinese parent SAIC already sells this model in some markets under different badging. This is expected to be priced under Rs 20 lakh and will be placed below ZS.

Mahindra & Mahindra is also preparing to drive in a green version of XUV7OO model, whose launch will be closer to first born electric model (BE 05). XUV7OO electric is likely to be priced under Rs 20 lakh.

And Maruti Suzuki, the biggest carmaker, will not be behind. It will finally drive in its first EV, which is likely to debut at Auto Expo in 2025. The model will be based on eVX concept SUV that Maruti had showcased at the previous Auto Expo, with a battery capacity of 60kWh and a single-charge range of 550 km. Maruti's model will be priced in Rs 10-15 lakh bracket, if the company will opt for a bigger battery size.

On the luxury side, Mercedes-Benz will drive in EQA around August and this will be the smallest electric car in its portfolio. Mercedes expects to get a quarter of its sales from EVs by 2026. The company currently sells EQS luxury saloon, EQB and EQE electrics in India.

RAMPING UP GREEN PORTFOLIO

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Pine Labs & Avanse IPOs to help PE investor exit

Times News Network

Mumbai: Two major financial sector IPOs are set to enter the market this year, with the bullish sentiment and high earnings multiples of Indian stocks providing private equity investors an opportunity to exit.

Education loan provider Avanse Financial Services has filed a draft prospectus with Sebi for a Rs 3,500-crore IPO, comprising a combination of fresh issue and offer for sale from existing shareholders. Pine Labs, a company that handles digital payments in Asia, plans to raise $1 billion by selling its shares for the first time in India, seeking a $6-billion valuation. The IPO will be a combination of new share sale and a sale by existing investors.

Avanse was originally set up by promoters of home loan company DHFL and was acquired by Warburg Pincus in 2019 after the collapse of the DHFL group. In April, the company raised Rs 1,000-crore equity from Mubadala Investment and Avendus.

The selling shareholders in Avanse, according to the draft prospectus, are Olive Vine Investment (Warburg), International Finance Corporation, and Kedaara Capital Growth Fund. Meanwhile, Pine Labs is considering a pre-IPO fundraising round. If Pine Labs goes ahead with this $1-billion sale, it would be the biggest first-time sale by an Indian finance and technology company since 2021. Pine Labs had earlier planned an IPO in the US and filed papers with the SEC. However, the company shifted its registration from Singapore to India. In its last funding round, Pine Labs was valued at close to $5.8 billion.

Pine Labs began as a point-of-sale system for merchants but has rapidly expanded into digital payments and the buy-now-pay-later market.

GST rate rationalisation after item-wise analysis

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New Delhi: Rationalisation of GST rates may be some time away, but assessment has begun in the background to assess possible changes that may be required to make the indirect tax regime more balanced and avoid inverted duty structure in several segments where the duty on the final product is lower than the tax on inputs.

While industry has demanded that rationalisation, which will mean reworking of rates on various goods and services and also merging the four slabs on three, govt is not going to rush into any such exercise without a detailed analysis. A group of ministers had earlier looked at the issue but a decision on it has been pending for several months.

The broad assessment among industry players is that 12% and 18% slabs will be merged and a new 15-16% rate could emerge as the mid-rate, along with the 5% and 28% slabs. Given that several items will see an upward movement from the 12% slab, a political call needs to be taken. In fact, a few years ago some internal exercise had also been done in the finance ministry but Covid had upset all the calculations. Whenever the rate changes take place, which could be several months away, govt wants to avoid a situation where it is accused of being anti-consumer, while also ensuring that the exercise is revenue neutral to the extent possible.

As a result, a very preliminary internal assessment is being done to see how a change in the rate of items in these segments would impact revenue flow, especially when the weighted average rate worked out to 11.6% according to an analysis done by RBI a few years ago, against the proposed revenue neutral rate of 15-15.5% when GST was launched almost seven years ago.

But there is growing demand, and to an extent even realisation within a section of govt, that the rates on several items, such as insurance or telecom services should not be 18%, but lower. Or, for that matter even cement should not be in the 28% bracket, given that it is used for construction, which has been a key demand of the industry. But before item-wise rates are discussion, finance ministers from the states and the Centre need to take a call to move ahead with rationalisation.

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Forex reserves dip $3bn from $656bn peak

Mumbai: India's forex reserves dropped by $2.9 billion to $652.9 billion for the week ended June 14, RBI said on Friday.

In the previous reporting week, the kitty had jumped by $4.3 billion to $655.8 billion, a new all-time high after consecutive weeks of increase in the reserves. For the week ended June 14, foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, decreased by $2.1 billion to $574.2 billion, the data released on Friday showed.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. AGENCIES

Nvidia sheds $200bn in value

Nvidia's run as the world's biggest company didn't last long. Shares of the chip giant have tumbled on back-to-back days, dropping more than 7%, after rallying earlier in the week and pushing its valuation to $3.3 trillion, just above Microsoft and Apple. Nvidia, of course, could reclaim the top spot soon enough after shedding more than $200 billion in market value in two days. BLOOMBERG

RBI wary of higher food prices derailing inflation

Times News Network

Mumbai: RBI's members in the monetary policy committee have expressed concern regarding food inflation, which has not sufficiently moderated. Fear of food prices rising further due to adverse weather has forced them to keep rates on hold and liquidity in check, minutes of a recent MPC meet, which were released on Friday, showed.

"The impact of exceptionally warm summer months on output of certain perishables; a likely rabi production shortfall in some pulses and vegetables — particularly potatoes and onions, and the upward revisions in milk prices, warrant close monitoring," RBI governor Shaktikanta Das said meeting held on June 5-7. Das said that while the consumer price (retail) inflation was moderating, it was happening at a very moderate phase.

Deputy governor Michael Patra was even more hawkish. "The speed of the easing of inflation has been disappointing so far, even from a cross-country perspective. Food prices are persisting for too long as the principal impediment to a faster disinflation," said Patra.

Patra was also explicit in linking the RBI stance on rates to food prices. "Food prices are holding back any consideration of possible changes in the monetary policy stance," he said. RBI executive director Rajiv Ranjan noted that food, with a weight of 45.9% in CPI, contributed to three-fourths of the headline inflation in April 2024 compared to about 40% a year ago. "Discounting the likely one-off drop in inflation to below target rate in Q2FY25 due to favourable base effects, the ongoing disinflation/process, though gradual, is expected to continue over the second half of 2024-25," he said.

External member Shahsanka Bhide voted to keep rates on hold citing food prices. "As a major part of these price pressures relates to food inflation, a watchful approach is appropriate to ensure that there are no spillovers of high food inflation to the prices of other items in the consumption basket," said Bhide.

However, other external members economists Ashima Goyal and Jayanth Varma strongly advocated for a 25-basis-point (100bps = 1 percentage point) reduction in the repo rate and a shift to a neutral stance. Goyal argued that keeping the real policy rate above the neutral level for an extended period could hamper growth. With inflation projections for 2024-25 at 4.5%, maintaining the current repo rate would result in a real repo rate higher than necessary, potentially slowing down growth.

'Adverse Weather Impact'

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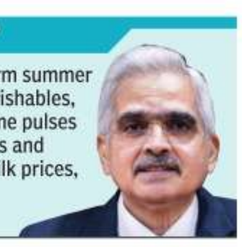

Don't advertise 'Ulips' as investments: Irdai

Times News Network

Mumbai: The insurance regulator has said that unit linked insurance plans (Ulips) and index-linked plans cannot be promoted as investment products.

In a circular, the Irdai specified that advertisements referring to past fund performance must meet strict criteria. They should display compounded annual returns for the previous five calendar years, accompanied by a disclaimer that past performance does not guarantee future results. If relevant, benchmark index performance must also be disclosed alongside fund performance data.

The circular pointed out that advertisements should not overstate benefits, selectively disclose benefits without outlining limitations, or make disparaging comparisons against competitors or the industry.

To ensure compliance, insurers are required to establish an advertisement committee under the regulations and appoint compliance officers within distribution channels. These entities are responsible for maintaining strict controls over advertisement content and ensuring adherence to approved policies.

Additionally, the regulator has instructed companies to provide policyholders with the option to make online premium payments or appoint a new agent or direct sales staff if the agent who sold the policy leaves the company. The regulator has allowed the renewal commission to be paid to the new agent. Furthermore, insurers are now permitted to accept any new policy from the assigned insurance agent or direct sales staff for the same policyholder if the assigned policy is not revived or is surrendered within six months.

NBFC unsecured loans grow twice as fast as retail credit

Times News Network

Mumbai: Unsecured loans by NBFCs expanded at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of about 32% during FY2017-2024. While this growth is on a lower base, it is double the growth rate of retail secured loans such as vehicle, home, gold and property loans during the same period.

FY2017-24

According to a report on NBFCs by Assocham and ICRA, the share of unsecured retail loans in NBFCs is estimated to have increased to 14% of the overall NBFC credit. If the large chunky loans to infrastructure projects by lending institutions were to be excluded, the share of unsecured loans would be 23%, of the NBFC portfolio up from 5% in March 2016.

The retail unsecured loans which grew at a much higher pace include microfinance, personal and consumption loans and unsecured SME loans, which expanded at a higher pace. The unsecured book pushed the growth in retail loans to an 18% CAGR during FY2017-FY2024.

In overall lending as well, NBFCs have steadily improved their market position by expanding at a healthy CAGR of around 15% during FY2017-2024, which is higher than the 11% CAGR achieved by banks during this period.

"NBFCs registered a robust expansion in the last two financial years, boosting their position in the overall financial ecosystem. However, their improved systemic importance and higher interconnectedness, especially with the banking sector, have led to increased regulatory oversight and actions in the recent past," said Karthik Srinivasan, senior VP, ICRA.

RBI revises priority sector lending norms

Times News Network

Mumbai: RBI has revised its priority sector guidelines to encourage banks to provide small loans in economically disadvantaged districts with low average loan sizes. The new norms discourage lending in districts with high average loan sizes.

Starting from FY25, more weight (125%) will be given to fresh priority sector loans in districts where the loan availability is low (less than Rs 9,000 per person). In districts with high loan availability (more than Rs 42,000 per person), the loans will have a weight of 90%. With the exception of outlier districts with low credit availability and those with high loan sizes, all other districts will continue to have the current importance level of 100%.

"RBI has decided to rank districts based on per capita credit flow to the priority sector, and to establish an incentive framework for districts with lower credit flow and a disincentive framework for districts with higher priority sector credit flow," RBI said.

'Need to balance productivity & job creation'

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Mumbai: India's growth-centric policies, technological prowess and rising affluence places it well in its journey towards becoming one of the world's leading economies but to leverage the opportunities that India has to offer and realise the country's growth potential, focus on building "human capital" is essential, said Nitin Paranjpe, chairman at Hindustan Unilever in his address at the company's 91st AGM on Friday.

India, Paranjpe said, will have to strike a balance between productivity and job creation to achieve growth going forward. "In any growth model, productivity will always be a key driver but it cannot just be productivity. It will have to be productivity plus creation of jobs. That should be in a position to address the new roles that we need to create to absorb the people who are coming into the working class. The focus just doesn't have to be on growth but the texture of growth," Paranjpe told **TOI** in an interview at the HUL headquarters here.

The way India would derive its growth has to be different from how countries like Japan, South Korea, or parts of Europe would get growth. "They are going to be short of people in the working class and therefore, their growth has to be only productivity-led. We need that balance," Paranjpe said. A greater focus on sectors that have a high employment elasticity like the services and MSME sectors will be key. "Everything that govt is doing to create more jobs is really what we need," said Paranjpe.

Projections indicate that the country will need to create 90 million non-farm jobs over the next decade to both manage the migration of labour from agriculture and provide employment opportunities to the people entering the working age population. However, job creation alone will not help, the process needs to be aided by ensuring that the working age population is "employable". This is where foundational literacy becomes imperative, said Paranjpe.

"As a nation, we have to make sure that the quality of education that we impart to people delivers the outcomes that we want.... it is about building human capital which is geared to address the jobs we need to," Paranjpe said, adding that govt and corporates will need to collaborate to address the challenges in developing human capital.

"Corporates will need to play a key role — be it in ensuring reskilling and upskilling the workforce populace, creating employment, embracing diversity or supporting human development," Paranjpe said. HUL, the chairman said, has in the last year alone invested 1,00,000 hours on training and upskilling interventions across its offices, factories and sales workforce.

Paranjpe said that he is "quite optimistic" about the growth opportunities that India has for the next decade and beyond. "Much of it is going to come from consumption, new category creation.... It is going to come from premiumisation. All of these are good growth drivers for the economy at large and for companies in the FMCG space as well," Paranjpe said.

Need To Build Human Capital: HUL Chairman

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Nitin Paranjpe | CHAIRMAN, HUL

A thought for today

No arrest can be made because it's lawful for the police officer to do so. Existence of the power to arrest is one thing. Justification, for the exercise of it, quite another

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Cops, Stop & Think

Courts critique random arrests. Is police listening?

Regardless of which law police invokes, courts have repeatedly held that any arrest should be the last option, and that indiscriminate arrests violate human rights. In the latest reiteration of this principle, Allahabad HC granted anticipatory bail to a man accused in a cow slaughter case, observing that arrests should only be carried out when custodial interrogation of an accused is required.

Restraint in exceptional cases | Allahabad HC said that "courts have repeatedly held arrest should be the last option" and that "irrational and indiscriminate arrests are gross violations of human rights." Supreme Court, in several cases, has stressed that even in exceptional cases, the need for arrest should be *proportional* to the gravity of the alleged offence.

Sanctity of due process | HC's call comes barely a month after SC emphasised in the Prabir Purkayastha (NewsClick founder) vs State (NCT of Delhi) case the paramountcy of *procedural safeguards* that flow from the Constitution to ensure arrests are not arbitrary.

Colonial mindset | India's plethora of preventive detention laws have arbitrariness almost inbuilt in terms of their loose wording and expansive interpretation. Given the burden of undertrials across India's prisons, SC in 2022 even urged Centre to frame a law to *restrain probe agencies* from arresting any accused "unnecessarily". It said indiscriminate arrests reflect a "colonial mindset" and create the impression of a "police state".

Social media arrests | Perhaps no "sector" has seen as many arbitrary FIRs and arrests as social media posts. If arrests of students celebrating a Pakistan match win were jaw-dropping, various state police forces have criss-crossed the country to swoop down on young people over their online POVs, taking them into custody on the flimsiest of excuses. Eventual bail or quashing of charges is not the point. The point is police get away scot-free for the trauma they induce, working only to please political masters – across party lines.

The Wealth Effect

Giving away money won't create prosperity

News of an Austrian heiress giving away most of her $27mn fortune makes for a great story no doubt. Criticising the absence of taxes on wealth and inheritance in her country, Marlene Engelhorn holds that democratic values call for redistribution of wealth.

Inequality as villain | Given similar talk in India during the recently concluded poll season, it is important to bust some misconceptions in this context. There has been a growing focus on inequality of late, as if economic disparities between people is the most important problem of all. Such a discourse forgets that entrepreneurs create wealth not just for themselves but society at large by generating jobs, backing innovation. And, to borrow from Milton Friedman, it ignores the danger that redistribution could destroy the incentive to create wealth.

Tackle unemployment | Our policy planners and political parties would be expending their energies better if they got to the root of the problem: unemployment. In a country where 7-8mn young people are added to the labour force each year, youth account for 83% of the unemployed workforce. Tackling the problem requires sound economic policy that targets labour-intensive sectors, where India holds a competitive advantage. And it needs investment in education and skilling that allows young people to work those jobs.

Read the verdict in recently concluded LS polls: voters were angry at lack of opportunities, not because a few Indians are very rich.

Are Plants Intelligent? Yes, But Not Like We Are

Plants can hear, take in and process info, and act on that

How do plants sense, what do they feel? ***The Light Eaters: How the Unseen World of Plant Intelligence Offers a New Understanding of Life on Earth*** by ***Zoe Schlanger*** is a study of the controversial world of plant intelligence.

Many of us have heard claims about plant feelings, the kind of music they prefer and so on. All this comes from a 1973 book, called *The Secret Life of Plants,* which still haunts botany. Globally popular but scientifically unsound, it is the reason researchers and funders are wary of the field.

But the wrangle is all about how intelligence is defined. For long, we located intelligence in creatures close to us in evolutionary terms, like dolphins, dogs and primates. But now we know more about non-human intelligences, like that of the octopus, how a powerful cunning can evolve quite independent of our own.

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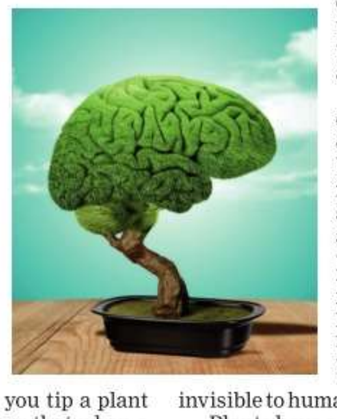
SHORT TAKES ON BIG IDEAS



The mechanics and the purpose of plant intelligence are still a mystery. How does something without a brain coordinate responses to stimuli? They clearly sense gravity: their roots go down and shoots go up, even if you tip a plant over. Experiments show that when a plant is nicked, its biochemistry changes instantly.

Plants engage with frequency and vibration, almost like they have ears. They register the sound of a caterpillar chewing. Since they're rooted in place, and can't flee or seek, hearing is a useful sense to have. In one bit of research, a sound cue caused a plant to produce its own pesticide: imagine the implications for agriculture if this were pursued. Could they release their pollen to a recording of buzzing bees, or could the sound of thunder prepare them for rain? Could the tiny hairlike structures on their leaves, called trichomes, function as antennae?

If they hear, could they speak? Chemical signalling is now established, but could there be a sound-based plant language, like bat sonar? They can even remember: some plants in the high Andes adjust their pollen by remembering when the pollinator last visited. These are 'memory flowers', they learn from experience. Apple and peach trees won't flower or fruit without a memory of winter.

Is this a form of intelligence and consciousness? If robots can be called intelligent based on these signs, why not flowers? It is not mere automatism. It is taking in information, processing, making decisions and acting. The plant's entire body reflects its conditions, its response to its environment, to obstacles, nutrients and light.

Plants communicate with other species too: starving bees bite leaves, making flowers bloom early, sating their hunger and serving the plant's purpose. Some plants hire ants, to fight off their enemies like flea beetles. Interspecies chatter is constant, and invisible to human perception.

Plants have a social life too. Some are altruistic, some prefer solitude, some are nice to their family but hostile to others. They pass on wisdom to their children, not slowly through genetics, but dramatically within generations, morphing to survive their environments.

Discussions of plant intelligence need nuance; we need to resist casting them in our image. The book urges us to look at the marvel of plants on their own terms, and then see the rich interrelated web of life that entangles us too.

Capitalism: We Need More, Not Less

Govts' policy of providing a constant stimulus to economies has slowed growth, created zombie companies and skewed income distribution. Capitalism needs room to work

Ruchir Sharma

Across the developed world, voters are angry with an economic system that feels rigged against the little guy and in favour of giant corporate oligopolies, and their billionaire owners. Capitalism is losing favour, particularly with the young and the left. By a margin of 2 to 1, American Democrats under 30 are more likely to have a "positive" view of socialism than of capitalism.

They need to beware what they wish for.

I was born in mid-1970s when India was staggering under its homespun brand of socialism. By nationalising big businesses, expelling foreign ones, govt was spending on welfare programmes without the revenue to pay for them. Shortages were routine; per capita income growth was below the global average. I was drawn as a young rebel to capitalism as the answer.

In 1991, I got in to see the maiden parliamentary address of finance minister Manmohan Singh. With India on the verge of default, he promised a series of big-bang reforms that finally gave Indians more economic freedom. I was so exhilarated.

That was 1990s. "Liberalisation" was cool. Singh became a global celebrity, but at home, as the crisis passed, the still deeply socialist political elite began lobbying him to slow reform. Singh complied. India's progress slowed.

To this day, the standard Indian excuse, when compared to China, is that the world's largest democracy can't force much development the way Communist China once did. But democracy is not the problem; many democracies have grown much richer than India. It is India's lingering attachment to a state that overpromises and underdelivers.

The irony now is that America's headed the way of India. Leading Indian businessmen tell me they see in America's turn to economic statism under Biden a dismaying echo of India in 1970s. Biden is effectively building on a govt that, in virtually all measurable respects, has been growing for almost a century.

US govt spending has risen from 3% of GDP in 1930 to 36%. What changed under Reagan was that US govt started paying for its own expansion by borrowing, not taxing. Deficits went from rare to routine and US public debt has quadrupled since 1980 to more than 120% of GDP.

Today, the young are turning to socialism because the standard histories of capitalism say it went wrong in an "era of small govt", dating to Reagan. But since 1980, welfare spending has risen in most of the developed economies and has risen faster than the average in US.

Even before Reagan, US govt had abandoned the original Keynesian idea that govt should save during recoveries, so it could spend heavily to ease recessions. Instead, US has run significant deficits in good times and bad, averaging 4% of GDP in recessions, and 3% in recoveries – basically, constant stimulus.

By 1990s, Federal Reserve had joined the constant stimulus project, first by holding its own interest rates at historic lows. When crisis hit in 2008, Fed could not lower its rates much further, so it tried lowering borrowing costs a new way, by buying bonds and other debt in public markets in multi-trillion-dollar bulk. By soaking the system in debt, authorities were making it more fragile, ratcheting up pressure on themselves to respond to each crisis with bigger bailouts. Many Democrats call this supportive version of capitalism "socialism for the very rich", but a more apt tag is "socialised risk": state guarantees against economic pain for anyone.

This growing tendency – to regulate, stimulate and rescue – peaked in the pandemic. The resulting crisis of capitalism is clear and present in the insidious ways overactive govt is widening the key flaws of modern capitalism – slower growth, less fairly distributed.

Behind the slowdown is a collapse in the rate of growth in productivity, or output per worker. Before the pandemic, it had fallen by more than half since 1960s, and mounting evidence traces this decline to a business environment thick with govt regulation and debt, in which mega firms thrive and more corporate deadwood survives each crisis.

Though "Big Tech" gets all the attention, three of every four US industries have ossified into oligopolies, dominated by three or four names. Worse, these oligopolies are more and more often the "bad kind", prospering by lobbying regulators and killing off competitors, not innovating.

Easy money also spawned "zombie companies", which don't earn enough to cover even interest payments on their debt, and survive by taking on new debt. Zombies barely existed outside Japan before 2000, and now account for as many as one in five public companies in US. Zombies also tend to hobble the performance of rivals in the same industry by sucking up talent and financing.

Squeezed from the top by oligopolies and from the bottom by zombies, the corporate middle has stagnated. Before the pandemic, US was generating new firms at a little over half the rate and shutting down old ones at two-thirds the rate of early 1980s.

Throughout, income inequality was rising, but after 2000, it was no longer explained by the rise of CEOs. Now it stems from superstar firms like Google, where every employee is making more than peers at weaker firms.

To work, capitalism needs space for the small and new to rise up and creatively destroy old concentrations of power. As oligopolies spread, more local labour markets came to rely on one big employer. Other than Britain, America is the nation where people are least likely to earn much more than their parents.

I was one of the many who came to US inspired by Reagan's vision of the "shining city on a hill", and I still marvel at its allure. Among the 100 biggest US companies, 10 of the CEOs were born in India, testimony to a capitalist meritocracy. Yet I worry about where America is taking the world now.

Its politicians are status quoists, hoping that the same old strategy – bigger govt – will produce better results. Instead, they are likely to get more billionaires and oligopolies, more popular anger. They should be seeking a middle ground between 1920s-style liquidationists and today's liquefictionists. Help for the unemployed during downturns, and for markets when they are frozen by fear, makes sense. But authorities need to stop stimulating during recoveries, and leave financial markets free enough to falter on occasion. Their experimental quest for constant growth is a utopian step too far.

Though politicians now speak of the economy as an "engine" subject to "fine tuning", it is more like a natural ecosystem in which humans meddle at great risk to the system and themselves. Their thinking needs to change, before the overconfidence of modern economics – not nearly so hard a science as many imagine – does more damage. Capitalism is still the best hope for human progress, but only if it has enough room to work.

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'Future of America's cricket league bright...NRIs, passionate about the game, are good at professionalising sport'

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Q&A

● US has performed extremely well in T20 World Cup 2024. In July, Major League Cricket's (MLC) second edition will be held. How do you think the two events will impact the game in US?

In US, the top four sports are baseball, basketball, American football and ice-hockey. That's where the multi-million-dollar salaries are. Below that comes mixed martial arts, which has become very popular among the young, including women, and soccer (football). Then there's rugby, lacrosse, and of course, cricket.

The interesting thing is that IPL franchisees Mumbai Indians, Chennai Super Kings and Kolkata Knight Riders have bought teams in MLC. BCCI has a vested interest in making them succeed. This is different from other cricket leagues, as in South Africa.

In US, the Indian diaspora and all other cricket-playing diasporas can bring in a lot of money into the sport. Don't think of cricket competing with NBA. Look at it as a semi-professional sport with a passionate audience. No American has the time and patience to understand the subtleties of cricket.

● An estimated 200,000 play cricket in 400 local leagues. Is it enough to run a sports league?

America has a population of 330mn. My demographic of all cricket-playing South Asians plus those from other cricket-playing countries would be roughly 10mn. Think of it this way. Denmark has a successful pro-league football with 5.5mn people. Norway has one with 4.5mn and Portugal with 10mn. So, you can have a professional cricket league with 10mn.

If you price tickets reasonably, people would love to watch MLC. There are enough players who have played semi-professional cricket elsewhere who can play for the national team. Saurabh Netravalkar is the best example. You can see how the US team has been embraced by Indians as their H1B team.

● So you are optimistic about MLC's future prospects. Right?

It will succeed because they are being clever about it. They are using the MLS (Major League Soccer) model to start with to build a fanbase and making sure that wherever they have the ground they also have the licensing rights. In 1970s, they had a soccer team, New York Cosmos, for which Pele played. They played on rented grounds and whatever they made from merchandising, a large chunk went to the owners.

With MLS, which Sunil Gulati, an Indian, ran successfully for many years, they did the merchandising. It is the same thing with MLC. Indians are extremely good at professionalising sport. The Toronto cricket league used to be run by West Indians who ran it more like a social event than a serious cricket league, where you had jerk chicken and met dates.

Enter the Indians! They set up matches and schedules and so on, and now you have a professional Toronto cricket league. The point is every cricket-playing nation, except India and to some degree Australia, needs money. Even Pat Cummins has signed a four-year contract to play for San Francisco Unicorns.

If I were BCCI, I would send MS Dhoni and Sachin Tendulkar during the league on a four-week holiday to US, all expenses paid. Those are the stars whom the Indians of a certain generation want to see, it is nostalgia and it resonates. Once you get star power, you get crowds.

● India might bid for 2036 Olympics. Is it a good idea?

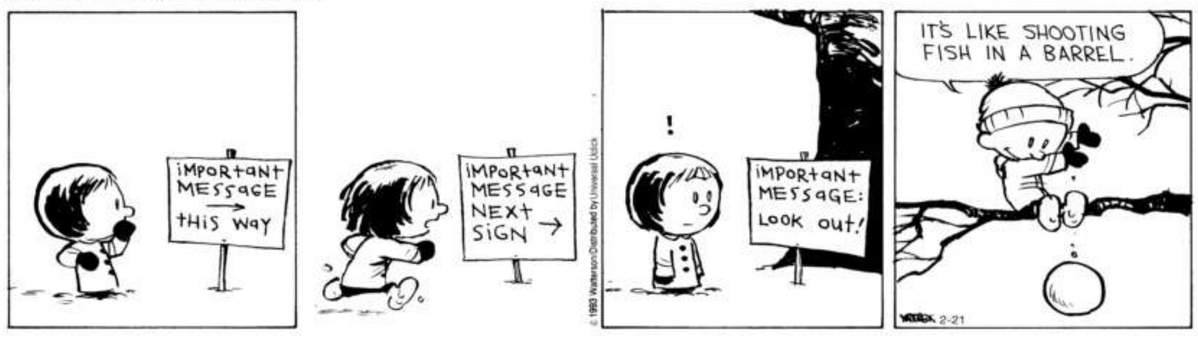
It's not a smart idea. Olympics are hugely expensive, costing an estimated $100bn. Rich countries don't want to host Olympics. Super-rich Sweden turned down the offer to host Winter Olympics, saying they can't afford it. Victoria in Australia refused to host Commonwealth Games for similar reasons. Olympics can bring you bad publicity.

The moment you say we are hosting Olympics, world media pounces on everything scandalous and problematic in the country.

India should try to host World Cup football. The games can be played at night and there's no need to build major infra, unlike Olympics. WC stadiums don't create infra white elephants. Football stadiums can be used by different teams, hold any event, from political rallies to music concerts. But remember that people aren't going to come unless it is tourist-friendly.

As a friend of mine says, India is for travellers, not tourists. You need to build a safe environment. Amsterdam has 900,000 people and gets 17mn tourists annually. India's population is about 140cr and it gets about 11mn tourists a year. Think about that!

Calvin & Hobbes



Sacred*space*

Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing there is a field. I'll meet you there. When the soul lies down in that grass the world is too full to talk about.

Rumi

Yog Teaches Us To Control Modifications Of Mind

Swami Sivananda

Yog, in a generic sense, refers to Karma Yog, Bhakti Yog, Raj Yog, Jnan Yog, Hath Yog, Mantra Yog, Laya Yog or Kundalini Yog. In a restricted sense, it means the Ashtang Yog or Raj Yog of Patanjali Maharishi only.

The word yog is also applicable in a secondary sense to all those factors and practices that are conducive to the final achievement or fulfilment of yog, and as such indirectly lead to final freedom or perfection. Similarly, though the one who has reached the final *asamprajnata* samadhi or union with Reality is called a yogi, one who is attempting to get perfection in yog is also called a yogi.

Yog philosophy is one of the six systems of Hindu philosophy. Unlike so many other philosophies of the world, it is a philosophy that is wholly practical. Yog is an exact science based on certain immutable Laws of Nature. It is well-known to people of all countries of the world interested in the study of Eastern civilisation and culture. It is held in awe and reverence as it contains the master-key to unlock the realms of peace, bliss, mystery and miracle.

Yog is that state of Absolute Peace wherein there is neither imagination nor thought. Yog is control of mind and its modifications. Yog teaches us how to control the modifications of the mind and attain liberation. It teaches us how to transmute the unregenerate nature and attain the state of Divinity. It is the complete suppression of the tendency of the mind to transform itself into objects, thoughts, etc. Yog kills all sorts of pain, misery and tribulation. It gives you freedom from the round of births and deaths…bestows upon you all the Divine Powers and final liberation through super-intuitional knowledge.

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Equanimity is yog. Serenity is yog. Skill in actions is yog. Anything by which the best and the highest in life can be attained is also yog. It is thus all-embracing, all-inclusive and universal in its application, leading to all-round development of body, mind and soul. Yog is primarily a way of life, not something which is divorced from life. Yog is not forsaking of action, but is efficient performance in the right spirit. Yog is not running away from home and human habitation, but a process of moulding one's attitude to home and society with a new understanding. Yog is not a turning away from life; it is the spiritualisation of life.

Courtesy: Yoga, The Divine Life Trust Society

"IT'S NOT EASY TO CONTROL SURYA IN THIS KIND OF FORM. YOU FIND IT HARD TO STOP HIM FROM SCORING BOUNDARIES. HE GIVES INDIA THE KIND OF POWER AND STROKEPLAY THAT YOU NEED FROM SOMEONE WHO IS BATTING AT NO. 4."
—Anil Kumble | EX-INDIA CAPTAIN

CAUTION: BANANA-SKIN ENCOUNTER AHEAD

Spirited Bangladesh Will Look To Rile Up A Stronger India In Battle Of Spinners In Antigua Today; 2007 Champions Need To Address Poor Form Of The Top Order

TIMES IN THE CARIBBEAN

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Bridgetown: There's no time to rest. India had just finished a comprehensive win against Afghanistan at the Kensington Oval on Thursday, but even before they could catch their breath, Rohit Sharma's boys were on the road again.

It's going to be like this till the end of the World Cup. This time it's destination Antigua, where they take on neighbours Bangladesh, who haven't really been a match for India over the years.

The pitch at the Vivian Richards Stadium isn't what it used to be. The pace and bounce that were so integral to cricket in this part of the world is a thing of the past and now it's only spin, spin and more spin.

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Quite predictably, India shifted from their four-pacer theory in the USA leg of the World Cup to a three-spin line-up, with Kuldeep Yadav being added to a lineup which already included Ravindra Jadeja and Axar Patel. Kuldeep took 2-32 against the Afghans after star pacer Jasprit Bumrah had done the early damage. The Indian attack is truly looking very balanced.

Bangladesh, too, during the course of their loss to Australia in Antigua in a day-nighter on Thursday, played four spinners. Offies Mahedi Hassan and Mahmadullah will be backed by leggie Rishad Hossain and left-arm spinner Shakib Al Hassan. On paper, Bangladesh have a bit of depth, but that doesn't count for much in a game against India.

Man to man, India's spinners are better than Bangladesh, the Indian batters' ability against spin should also stand them in good stead.Suryakumar Yadav is probably the best player of spin in limited-overs cricket and he has been in supreme touch of late, scoring two back-to-back, match-winning half-centuries. Shivam Dube, too, is a monster against spin, and so is Rishabh Pant. Virat Kohli is still due for a big score but batting coach Vikram Rathour seems hardly bothered.

"Obviously we want him to score but even when he hasn't, the others have chipped in, which is a good sign. But Virat stays at the top of the order and we know he will get the runs," Rathour said.

Though there is a quiet confidence about the way India are going about their job, there can always be a worry that complacency may creep into the ranks, especially against a team that isn't fancied on paper. And the World Cup is being played in such a format that one defeat can suddenly make qualification difficult, especially with the threat of rain always round the corner.

While India will be keen not to have a curtailed game — Antigua doesn't have any rain forecast in the next couple of days — Rathour insisted that the team is taking all measures to ensure they don't lose focus ahead of a match like this. "We know what we are expected to do and everyone understands that. There is absolutely no option for any kind of complacency," Rathour said.

The fact that Bangladesh have a bit of depth in their spin attack has also kept the Indian management on their toes. "They have some experienced spinners in conditions which are favourable for spin. And they are a good team, there's a reason why they are in the Super 8," the batting coach warned.

The likes of Shakib, Najmul Hossain Shanto, Liton Das or Mustafizur Rahman have been playing India for a very long time and it is not that they haven't troubled the Men in Blue on an odd occasion or two, especially in bilateral T20 cricket. Left-arm medium pacer Mustafizur, not too long ago, looked particularly good playing for Chennai Super Kings in the IPL and his cutters may just be effective on a pitch like Antigua's.

Add to that the extra gear that Bangladesh will try to find, especially because it's India and their survival in the World Cup is on the line. India will have to avoid any possible pitfalls.

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THINK-TANK: Indian captain Rohit Sharma (left) and coach Rahul Dravid

FACE-OFF

IND vs BAN

TV TIME: 8 PM
STAR SPORTS
HOTSTAR

HEAD TO HEAD

IND	BAN
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LAST FIVE MATCHES

IND	W	W	W	W	W
BAN	L	W	W	L	W

VENUE: NORTH SOUND

ODDS

IND	BAN
3/10	3/1

NUMBERS GAME

10 Number of dismissals (all caught) effected by Rishabh Pant in four matches — a record by a wicketkeeper in a T20 World Cup edition. Having amassed most runs for India in this tournament — 116 at an average of 38.66 in four innings, he is the first wicketkeeper to complete the double of 100-plus runs and effect 10 dismissals in a single edition of the T20 WC.

1 Shakib Al Hasan (49 wickets at 19.38 runs apiece in 41 matches) needs one wicket to become the first bowler to complete 50 wickets in T20 WC.

All stats: Rajesh Kumar

Under-pressure Windies face US after heavy loss to England

Bridgetown (Barbados): West Indies cannot afford another misstep as they take on a tenacious USA outfit in the Super Eights of the T20 World Cup here, seeking to renew their quest for an unprecedented third title.

After remaining unbeaten in the group stage, the West Indies slumped to an eight-wicket loss to defending champions England in their opening Super Eight fixture, paying the price for playing out as many as 51 dot balls and failing to rotate strike. The heavy defeat to England has not only pushed Rovman Powell and his men to the bottom of the group but they now have a net run rate of -1.343 and need to win big to keep their hopes of lifting the title at home alive.

USA, on the other hand, haven't won any game since their victory against Pakistan earlier this month. But they gave a good account of themselves against India and almost shocked South Africa,

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falling just 18 runs short of the Proteas' 194-4 against a high-quality bowling attack.

The co-hosts have shown that they are not here just to make up numbers and are not to be taken lightly. They have played an aggressive brand of cricket so far and in likelihood will continue to do so in the coming matches.

Even though they have their backs against the wall, West Indies coach Darren Sammy asserted their "spirits are not dampened".

Brandon King, who suffered a side strain and was forced to retire hurt against England, remains a doubtful starter for the hosts. If he doesn't recover, Shimron Hetmyer could take King's place in the playing XI. USA have been without skipper Monank Patel since their game against Pakistan. PTI

Watch out for India's triple left-arm spin threat

Jadeja, Axar & Kuldeep Are All Left-Handed Tweakers But Are Individually Unique And Highly Versatile

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Bridgetown: The overriding theme of this World Cup, from now on, is going to be spin bowling. How teams deal with spin is going to be key. Yes, there's also a Jasprit Bumrah or a Pat Cummins who are masters of their craft — fast bowling — and can win games in all conditions, but it's the tweakers who will call the shots.

India, in their team selection, have been quite unorthodox, to say the least. Once they landed in the West Indies, they opted to go in with three left-arm spinners, something we don't always see teams doing. Captain Rohit Sharma has been adamant going into this World Cup — probably his last as captain — he won't care for reputation and will go with instinct and current form.

Hence, it's Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav together, unless of course there are seamer friendly conditions available, as Rohit pointed out after the win on Thursday.

Even though Jadeja, Axar and Kuldeep are left-armers, they are not necessarily the same bowlers. As for Jadeja and Axar, the release points are not the same, because the Gujarat man is taller. So the bounce and the angles that are generated are different and the use of the crease is also not the same. Jadeja comes closer to the stumps while Axar normally prefers to go slightly wider while delivering the ball.

Kuldeep, meanwhile, is a wrist-spinner who is a completely different kettle of fish. He is an out-and-out attacking option. Rohit looks

KULDEEP JADEJA AXAR

to buy wickets with him, even if it is at the cost of a few runs, as was the case against Afghanistan.

Axar, who is one of the key components of this attacking formation, explained how they go about their job. "We have played quite a bit together and we communicate well. Whoever comes to bowl first lets the other know what is working and what is not. I think that is very important when you work as a bowling unit," Axar said.

While Kuldeep and Jadeja are the ones who are brought into action after the Powerplay is over, Axar often bowls in the first six overs as well, when nine fielders are inside the ring. "I can bowl in the Powerplay, middle or towards the end, in the 15th or 16th overs. I know my role well and can be called by the captain in any situation. My plan is to know what the team needs at that time — if there is a need for wickets I go for it, if the choice is to defend, I try that," Axar said.

The left-armer explained that with examples from the Pakistan game in New York, where Axar bowled a superb 16th over to turn the game around. "In that game, I felt that if I give less runs in the 16th over, that would be very good for the team. So, basically according to the situation, I plan my bowling," Axar said.

Jadeja is more or less similar, just that his role is slightly more restricted between the 7th and 15th overs. He has been doing it for CSK for a long time now and if he can translate his IPL performances into something similar in the World Cup, India can go from strength to strength.

Group 1					
Teams	M	W	L	NRR	Pts
AUS	1	1	0	2.471	2
IND	1	1	0	2.350	2
AFG	1	0	1	-2.350	0
BAN	1	0	1	-2.471	0
Group 2					
SA	2	2	0	0.625	4
ENG	2	1	1	0.412	2
USA	1	0	1	-0.900	0
WI	1	0	1	-1.343	0

"I don't think anyone talks much about Bumrah's bowling. He has an idea of what to do. When it is going so well, the bowling coach gives no inputs as that may create some confusion."
—Axar Patel

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North Sound: Fast bowler Pat Cummins took a hat-trick and David Warner smashed an unbeaten half-century as undefeated Australia kicked off their Super Eight campaign at the T20 World Cup with a rain-hit 28-run win over Bangladesh on Thursday.

Recalled with fellow quick Josh Hazlewood after being rested against Scotland, Cummins's three-wicket burst helped restrict the South Asians to 140 for eight before rain cut short Australia's chase.

Victory was secured by the Duckworth-Lewis method. Australia were 100 for two after 11.2 overs before the match was abandoned, with Warner unbeaten on 53 and Glenn Maxwell 14 not out at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium.

Test and One-day skipper Cummins bowled Mahmudullah for two, had Mahedi Hasan caught for a duck by Adam Zampa at deep third man and then dismissed Towhid Hridoy for 40 when the batter scooped to Hazlewood.

Cummins's third victim came in the over after his first two wickets, and his hat-trick celebration was conspicuously understated. "I had no idea. I totally forgot about it," Cummins said of his first hat-trick for Australia and the first at the tournament. AGENCIES

Brief scores: Bangladesh 140/8 in 20 overs (Najmul Hossain Shanto 41, Towhid Hridoy 40; Pat Cummins 3/29) lost to **Australia 100/2 in 11.2 overs** (David Warner 53*, Travis Head 31; Rishad Hossain 2/23) via DLS method.

Rashid & his lonely quest for excellence

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Bridgetown: There are times you feel for Rashid Khan. Shane Warne used to call him the best modern-day spinner. However, there isn't enough international success to back up such a claim.

Take Thursday's game, for example. The spinner was outstanding against an Indian batting lineup that is probably the best against spin across the globe. He had figures of 3/26. The wickets in his bag were that of Virat Kohli, Rishabh Pant and Shivam Dube, all excellent players of spin. Yet, the first question coach Jonathan Trott and Rashid himself had to face after the defeat was whether the skipper did the right thing by finishing his quota of overs within the 15th over.

While Rashid was smiling sitting at the other end of the table, Trott categorically said that "it was definitely not the reason why Afghanistan lost the match".

But that's the predicament of Rashid in a team like Afghanistan, where he doesn't always get the support to churn out consistent winning performances. In a way, he at times reminds you of Kapil Dev away from home in the late 1970s and through the 1980s.

When Trott was asked about Rashid's role, the coach's first reaction was: "How much time do we have?" "With all great players it's often what they do off the field, that's not in front of the cameras. The way they conduct themselves. Rash is sitting here and he won't mind me saying, setting high standards for themselves that take others with them and inspire other people is what he does," Trott said.

While Rashid is probably the best spinner playing in this World Cup, the coach insists that he "never stops learning". "It's his work ethic, desire, ability to listen and learn, and always wanting to grow and discover, try new deliveries, and push the boundaries of the game," Trott enlisted the qualities that have made the 25-year-old a global superstar.

It's true that Rashid sets an example for his teammates, but against India it wasn't enough. There wasn't enough help either with the bat or ball that could ensure a win for Afghanistan.

You could see Rashid was disappointed, but he tried not to blame his younger colleagues, who according to him "are still new to international cricket".

We have seen time and time again, both in the IPL and international cricket, that despite the options Rashid has, he generally sticks to a plan. He was probably slightly frustrated on Thursday about the fact that his teammates were "trying too many things".

"You don't need to have so many plans, it is about one clear plan and sticking to it. In your desperation to try many things, if you end up giving three extra boundaries, that's when the pressure starts to build, especially against top sides," Rashid said.

RASHID

AFP

SA pip England by 7 runs, move closer to semifinal

Gros Islet: A fluent fifty by Quinton de Kock and a gritty effort by bowlers powered South Africa to a tight seven-run win over England in their Group 2 Super Eights match of the T20 World Cup here on Friday.

Harry Brook made 53 off 37 balls (7x4) but there was not much contribution from other batters as defending champions ended up at 156/6, chasing 164. Kagiso Rabada and Keshav Maharaj took two wickets apiece for SA.

Earlier, De Kock made a forceful half-century but South Africa were limited to 163 for six. De Kock made 65 (38b, 4x4, 4x6), while David Miller's 43 (28b) gave the South African innings the late impetus. For England, pacer Jofra Archer starred with 3-40. PTI

Brief scores: South Africa: (Quinton de Kock 65, David Miller 43; Jofra Archer 3/40) bt **England 156/6 in 20 overs** (Harry Brook 53, Liam Livingstone 33; Keshav Maharaj 2/25, Kagiso Rabada 2/32) by 7 runs

AFP

22 Balls taken by Quinton de Kock to race to his fifty—the second quickest by a South African batter in T20 World Cup. De Kock holds the record taking 21 balls for his fifty (52 off 24 balls) vs England at Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai, on March 18, 2016. It is also the first time he has struck successive 50s in the T20 WC.

GALLERY

Pelé's mother Celeste Arantes dies at age 101

Sao Paulo: Celeste Arantes, the mother of late soccer great Pelé, died on Friday at age 101. Arantes spent the past five years in a vegetative state and was not informed about her famous son's death in 2022. Pelé was one of Arantes' three children. AP

ACTION TODAY

ARCHERY: Archery WC, Stage 3, compound team final, 12.30 pm (Sony Sport); **CRICKET:** ICC T20 WC, India vs Bangladesh, 8 pm (Star Sports); **FOOTBALL:** Euro 2024, Georgia vs Czechia, 6.30 pm; Turkey vs Portugal, 9.30 pm; Belgium vs Romania, 12.30 am (Sony Sports); **TENNIS:** Halle Open, 4.30 pm, (Eurosport)

Jay Shah invites state units for a session to exchange ideas

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Mumbai: Board secretary Jay Shah has invited all the representatives of the state associations under it for a get-together at the BCCI's HQ in Mumbai and to "exchange ideas to improve cricket in India" and watch the India versus Australia T20 World Cup match on June 24.

In a communication to the state associations on June 14, Shah has written: "It is my pleasure to extend an invitation to you to come to Mumbai to have a session to meet, exchange ideas and watch together the India v. Australia World Cup match on June 24, 2024. Friends, it has been sometime since we have met in person and had discussions on important topics."

"I feel (that) it is imperative that we meet from time to time and have regular informal discussion on the issues concerning cricket and how to further improve cricket in India. It is with these things in mind that I hereby invite you to an evening of exchanging ideas and discussion at Mumbai along with a live stream of the exciting match between India and Australia in the ongoing T20 World Cup," Shah has stated in his communication. The BCCI wants its state unit office-bearers to have a look at the recently renovated Board HQ in Mumbai.

T20 WC: Pak players criticised over 'family trip'

Lahore: Pakistan's disastrous T20 World Cup campaign in the USA has expectedly triggered a backlash against the players, who are being criticised for taking their families along, even as their beleaguered cricket board mulled invoking a new defamation law to tackle "unsubstantiated claims and reports".

According to a local media report, apart from the nearly 34 players, support staff and officials who were part of the national squad in the USA, the team hotel was teeming with around 26 to 28 family members of the players.

These included their wives, children, parents and even siblings in some cases. Pakistan were eliminated after losing to India and USA in their group league matches held in New York. The report said players like Babar Azam, Haris Rauf, Shadab Khan, Fakhar Zaman, and Muhammad Amir were among those who had family members travelling with them.

Babar, who is not married, had his father, mother and brothers staying in the team hotel. "The extra expenses incurred on having families is obviously paid by players but having family members around does hit the focus of the players," another report said. "Some 60 rooms were booked where the team stayed to accommodate the other people travelling with the team. The environment was a family one with take-away dinners and outings being the norm for some players," one report said.

Amir had also taken his personal trainer to the World Cup at his own expense despite the team having a foreign trainer, strength conditioning coach, physiotherapist and doctor.

PCB mulls legal action against unverified reports: The Pakistan Cricket Board will be using a new defamation law by the Punjab government to go after digital or mainstream media who insinuate corruption by players during the World Cup or make very personal remarks about them. A source in the PCB said that the Board's legal department has already started working on possible notices under the new defamation law. "These people will be asked to prove their allegations or face action under the new defamation law," he said. PTI

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"I DIDN'T THINK ENGLAND WERE UNDER TOO MUCH PRESSURE COMING INTO EURO 2024, BUT THEY ARE ABOUT TO REALLY FEEL IT NOW. ENGLAND WERE BOOED OFF AND THE CROWD WERE GONE WITHIN A MINUTE OF THE GAME ENDING, SO THAT TELLS YOU THE MOOD OF THE FANS."

—ALAN SHEARER, FORMER ENGLAND STRIKER

Luis De La Fuente's Young Team Advances To Knockout Round With Statement Win Over Defending Champions Italy

SPAIN SERVE IT HOT AND SPICY

Gelsenkirchen: Spain fans — including King Felipe — purred with a growing belief that their team can go all the way and be crowned Euro 2024 winners after an utterly dominant victory over defending champions Italy.

Livewire winger Nico Williams was irresistible in Spain's 1-0 win over Italy at, the pick of a selection of exciting young stars who are raising hopes of a return to the glory days for La Roja.

The 21-year-old Athletic Bilbao left-winger ran Italy right-back Giovanni Di Lorenzo ragged in Gelsenkirchen as Spain made it two wins from two at the tournament to clinch top spot in Group B and a last-16 berth.

The only wonder was how Spain did not win by a wider margin in a performance which earned them a measure of revenge for what happened when the sides met at Euro 2020. The winners of Euro 2008 and Euro 2012 lost on penalties to Italy in the semifinals at Wembley three years ago.

It was a display which put the reigning champions firmly in their place and sent out a message to the rest of the continent to watch out for the nation that enjoyed so much success a decade ago.

They completely dominated here, with the craft and skill of 21-year-old duo Williams and Pedri, and 16-year-old Lamine Yamal — the trio behind striker Alvaro Morata — proving too much for their opponents. It took several important saves from Gianluigi Donnarumma to keep Italy in the game in the first half, including one from a Pedri header following a Williams cross inside 90 seconds. Williams spent most of his evening wreaking havoc on the left. It was from there that he made the goal 10 minutes after the break, as he again got away from Di Lorenzo before sending in a cross that was bundled into his own net by Riccardo Calafiori.

Spain coach Luis de la Fuente said, "I am delighted and proud not just with the result against a great side, the reigning European champions, but with the way in which we got it. Opponents get to know you as you go along and so it is very hard to win a competition like this, but I think there is no team better than us and we just need to keep working and playing as we have been. Football is physical but it is also about technique and tactics. We felt superior in every aspect," De la Fuente said of his team's display. I think it was undoubtedly the best game of the 17 of which I have taken charge, the most complete," said the 62-year-old, who replaced Luis Enrique in the dugout after Spain went out of the 2022 World Cup in the last 16 to Morocco. AGENCIES

SPAIN 1
Calafiori 55-og
ITALY 0

MAN OF THE MATCH: Spain's Nico Williams blazed down the left flank and harassed Italy defender Giovanni Di Lorenzo (No. 2) on Thursday night

Reuters

"We dominated across the board. Italy are an excellent side, but we played very well and deserved to win. I think it's my most complete performance with Spain and I hope to kick on and be able to help the team as much as possible. I've always dreamed of being involved in a level like this, playing in the European Championship and winning Player of the Match. I'm delighted."
—Nico Williams | SPAIN WINGER

STATS THE WAY

Spain		Italy
20	Shots	4
9	On target	1
58%	Possession	42%
590	Passes	440
91%	Pass accuracy	82%
17	Fouls	14
3	Yellow cards	2
0	Offsides	0
5	Corners	2

EURO 2024'S LEADING SCORER: OWN GOAL

In the games so far, own goals are top of the scoring chart at **six** in this Euro edition, **three more** than the entire 64 games played in 2022 World Cup. Italy defender Riccardo Calafiori was the unlucky one on Thursday night.

THE UNFORTUNATE ONES

Fabian Schar
SCOTLAND V SWITZERLAND
Scott McTominay's shot was well struck but it was heading towards the grateful hands of Swiss goalkeeper Yann Sommer until Schar's intervention deflected the ball into the roof of the net.

Robin Hranac
PORTUGAL V CZECH REP
A cross to the back post was headed towards goal by Portugal's Nuno Mendes but Jindrich Stanek's save ricocheted off the knee of Hranac into his own net.

Max Wober
FRANCE V AUSTRIA
Kylian Mbappe's wing wizardry broke Austria's resistance and unfortunate Wober could only head Mbappe's cross past his own goalkeeper Patrick Pentz.

Klaus Gjasula
CROATIA V ALBANIA
Luka Sucic's shot was blocked by a defender but found Klaus Gjasula's leg and bounced back into the goal.

Antonio Rudiger
GERMANY V SCOTLAND
Andy Roberson's freekick somehow found Rudiger's head and flashed past Manuel Neuer leaving a taint on Germany's dominant show.

RICCARDO CALAFIORI
SPAIN V ITALY
Nico Williams's shot from the left was parried by the Italian keeper Donnarumma, but Riccardo Calafiori's attempted clearance landed into the net to his utter dismay.

STANDINGS

GROUP A

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
Ger*	2	2	0	0	6	6
Swi	2	1	1	0	2	4
Sco	2	0	1	1	-4	1
Hun	2	0	0	2	-4	0

GROUP B

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
Spain*	2	2	0	0	6	6
Italy	2	1	0	1	0	3
Alb	2	0	1	1	-1	1
Cro	2	0	1	1	-3	1

GROUP C

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
Eng	2	1	1	0	1	4
Den	2	0	2	0	0	2
Slo'nia	2	0	2	0	0	2
Serbia	2	0	1	1	-1	1

GROUP D

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
Fra	1	1	0	0	1	3
Aut	2	1	0	1	1	3
Ned	1	1	0	0	1	3
Pol	2	0	0	2	-3	0

GROUP E

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
Rom	1	1	0	0	3	3
Ukr	2	1	0	1	-2	3
Svk	2	1	0	1	0	3
Bel	1	0	0	1	-1	0

GROUP F

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
Tur	1	1	0	0	1	3
Port	1	1	0	0	1	3
Cze	1	0	0	1	-1	0
Geo	1	0	0	1	-2	0

* Qualified for Last 16; Table updated till **Pol** vs **Aut** match

TONIGHT'S TUSSLES

Group F

Georgia vs Czech Rep.	6.30pm
Turkiye vs Portugal	9.30pm

Group E

Belgium vs Romania	12.30am

Live on Sony Sports Network

3 Spain have now won three games in a row against Italy and are unbeaten in the last six matches between the sides (W4 D2).

12 Pedri has made 12 appearances in Euro and World Cup, matching the European record for a player aged 21 or younger set by Cristiano Ronaldo.

BAGGIO ROBBED AT HOME DURING ITALY'S LOSS TO SPAIN

Rome: Retired Italy star Roberto Baggio was robbed at gunpoint at his home while watching the national team's game against Spain at the European Championship. At least five armed robbers burst into Baggio's villa near in Vicenza around 10 pm, according to Italian media reports. One struck Baggio on the head with the butt of a gun when the former soccer player confronted them. The robbers locked the 57-year-old Baggio and his family in a room while they stole jewellery, watches and cash.

After the thieves left, Baggio broke down the door and called police. He was taken to the hospital and received stitches for the wound. His family members were not harmed. "Luckily, the violence I suffered only resulted in a few stitches, bruises and a lot of fear. Now it is to overcome the fear," Baggio was quoted as saying by Italian news agency ANSA.

Baggio played 56 games for Italy, scoring 27 goals. AP

Guler Turkiye's hope against Portugal

Dusseldorf: Arda Guler will test his mettle against a Portugal team packed with big names on Saturday after the Turkish teenager showed why he is a star in the making with one of the goals of Euro 2024.

Real Madrid midfielder Guler crashed in Turkey's stupendous second goal in Tuesday's thrilling 3-1 win over Georgia. The 19-year-old's rocket of a shot put Turkiye ahead against spirited Georgia.

"(Real Madrid coach Carlo) Ancelotti wrote me a message today but I couldn't scroll through all the ones I got from my teammates!" said Guler after the match.

Guler and Turkey will be through to the last 16 as Group F winners if they beat Portugal and the Czech Republic don't beat Georgia, who pushed Turkey all the way in their major international tournament debut. Also pushing Turkey will be their hordes of fans who will once again descend on the Westfalenstadion in huge numbers and create a hostile atmosphere for a Portugal side stacked with talent and experience. Guler will share the pitch with ageing ex-Real Madrid icons Cristiano Ronaldo and Pepe, who at 41 years old is the oldest player to ever play at a European Championship. He is at his fifth Euros as a former winner while Guler became the youngest player to score for Turkey with his first strike for his country, another special curler against Wales in qualifying.

"His goals don't surprise me as we also played together at club level," Fenerbahce defender Ferdi Kadioglu told UEFA's website.

PREVIEWS

TURKIYE VS PORTUGAL
BVB Stadion Dortmund
HEAD TO HEAD (9 games)
TURKEY WON 2
PORTUGAL WON 7
FORM GUIDE
TURKEY: W L D L L
PORTUGAL: W W L W L
(most recent first)

BELGIUM VS ROMANIA
Cologne Stadium
HEAD TO HEAD (12 games)
BELGIUM WON 5 DRAWS 2
ROMANIA WON 5
FORM GUIDE
BELGIUM: L W W D D
ROMANIA: W D D L D
(most recent first)

Belgium in danger of early exit as vital Romania clash looms

Cologne: Belgium are in danger of an embarrassing early exit as the serial underachievers face a crunch clash with Romania on Saturday.

After a shock 1-0 loss to Slovakia in their Group E opener, Domenico Tedesco's side will be pushed to the brink of elimination if they suffer a second successive defeat in Cologne. Belgium will be unable to finish in the top two if they lose to Romania and Ukraine do not beat Slovakia, with their hopes of going through as one of the four best third-placed teams also extremely slim.

Slovakia's unexpected victory blew Group E wide open, just hours after Romania beat Ukraine 3-0 in the other match in that pool.

Czechs aim to attack more

Hamburg: The Czech Republic aim to shackle Georgia's exciting winger Khvicha Kvaratskhelia in Saturday's Euro 2024 clash while unleashing their own attackers more than they could in their opener.

Coach Ivan Hasek's side were largely on the back foot in their first Group F game where they lost 2-1 to Portugal, and want to express themselves more against unfancied Georgia who also lost their first match.

"We really do want to attack, get set pieces, and be dangerous," Hasek said. "We didn't attack that well in the first game, and that's why we want to do it tomorrow." AGENCIES

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Ukraine's Roman Yaremchuk scores their second goal

Yaremchuk's late strike revives Ukraine hopes

Dusseldorf: Ukraine's third comeback triumph in four competitive games in 2024 kept them in contention at the European Championship on Friday as Roman Yaremchuk's goal sealed a 2-1 victory over Slovakia.

After two 2-1 comeback wins in the playoffs in March to reach Euro 2024, beating Slovakia by the same score revives the team's campaign. Ukraine's poor goal difference following a 3-0 loss to Romania on Monday meant another defeat would have put it on the brink of elimination.

Playing in heavy rain, Slovakia took the lead in the 17th minute with a header from Ivan Schranz, who also scored the only goal in their surprise 1-0 win over Belgium four days earlier.

Oleksandr Zinchenko then crossed low for Mykola Shaparenko to score Ukraine's first goal of the tournament in the 54th.

Shaparenko played his part in the second goal, too, sending a long pass over the top for Yaremchuk, who controlled the ball with his first touch before prodding it past goalkeeper Martin Dubravka.

Slovakia are level with Ukraine and Romania on three points in Group E.

Ukraine coach Serhiy Rebrov made four changes but the same fragility in defence remained. Goalkeeper Anatoliy Trubin, in for Real Madrid's Andriy Lunin after errors against Romania, made a series of saves early on but could do nothing to stop Schranz's header. AFP

SLOVAKIA 1
Schranz 17
UKRAINE 2
Shaparenko 54, Yaremchuk 80

Reuters

ARNAUTOVIC

POLAND 1
Piatek 30
AUSTRIA 3
Trauner 9, Baumgartner 66, Arnautovic 78 (pen)

Austria's win pushes Poles to the brink

Berlin: Austria secured a 3-1 victory over Poland in their Euro 2024 Group D match on Friday to renew hopes of a top-two finish and a spot in the knockout stage while leaving their opponents in last place with no points and only a slim chance of advancing.

In a furious start, the Austrians, now on three points from two matches - as many as France and Netherlands who meet later on Friday - applied early pressure and it paid off in the ninth minute with Gernot Trauner's powerful header at the near post.

Poland, who have now lost both of their matches, levelled through Krzysztof Piatek's his second attempt in the box after his first effort was blocked on the half-hour mark.

Fit-again Poland striker Robert Lewandowski came on in the 60th minute but it was Austria who scored twice more, first with a flowing move and Christoph Baumgartner finish just inside the box in the 66th and a Marco Arnautovic penalty 12 minutes later.

To avoid elimination, Poland need the Netherlands to beat France in a later Group D match on Friday.

Robert Lewandowski, who missed Poland's first match against the Netherlands due to an injury, came on in the second half but failed to make an impact.

Both teams lost their first matches, with Poland falling to the Netherlands 2-1 and Austria losing to France 1-0.

Messi off to bright start in latest quest for glory

Helps In Both Goals As Argentina Beat Canada 2-0

Atlanta: Lionel Messi's latest quest for international glory in the twilight of his career is off to a smooth start with Argentina's 2-0 win over Canada at the Copa America opening. Despite winning accolades galore at club level from an early age, it took Messi until 34 to triumph with Argentina at a major international tournament, lifting first the 2021 Copa America then the 2022 World Cup.

Now, with fans wondering if this is his last dance on the big stage, Messi's Argentina are red hot favourites to win a successive Copa America.

The stage appears set for Messi, who turns 37 next week.

Perennial rivals Brazil are on a poor run of form while Argentina are brimming with talent all around, headlined by their captain, and the July 14 Copa final takes place in Florida where Messi is ending his career with Major League Soccer club Inter Miami.

Thursday night's victory over Canada on a below-par temporary grass pitch in Atlanta was not a vintage performance: the Argentine captain and talisman missed a couple of clear chances though he also had a hand in both goals.

Reuters

AGELESS WONDER: Lionel Messi was involved in Argentina's two goals against Canada and extended his tournament assists record to 18

"The important thing is that we started with a win," said Messi.

"We struggled a bit in the first half and the pitch didn't help either," he added after his record 35th Copa America finals appearance. "We'll always give our best, sometimes playing better, sometimes worse, but always fighting our hardest." It was Messi's perfectly weighted pass to Alexis Mac Allister that made Julian Alvarez's opener followed by another controlled through ball to assist Lautaro Martinez's second. "When Lionel Messi gets going, everything looks easy," football writer Diego Provenzano wrote in Argentine daily Clarin.

Messi could yet make the 2026 World Cup, depending on how his body holds up, but coach Lionel Scaloni has urged fans to stop speculating about that and just enjoy the moment. "It doesn't make much sense to be thinking about when they are not here," he said of Messi and veteran striker Angel Di Maria. "Let's enjoy them now. Then we'll see what happens."

Argentina next face Chile and Peru in Group A of the U.S.-hosted tournament between 16 teams in the Americas. With some, including French striker Kylian Mbappe, suggesting the Copa is inferior to the also ongoing European Championship, Messi noted that his tournament included teams with 10 World Cups between them: Brazil (5) Argentina (3), and Uruguay (2).

"There are a lot of world champions left out to say that it (the Euros) is the most difficult tournament," he said.

THE STICKY TURF

After the match, the teams criticized the playing surface at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

"The field was a disaster," Argentina goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez said. "It seems like a springboard with the ball jumping. They need to improve this. If not, Copa America will always be at lower level than the Euro." Grass was installed after a Major League Soccer game Saturday was played on the usual artificial turf at the stadium.

"Thank goodness we won. Otherwise it would have been a cheap excuse," Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni said. "The field is not apt for these players." The stadium will host eight games during the 2026 World Cup. "It felt like walking on a stage, as if it was hollow," Canadian defender Kamal Miller said. AGENCIES

GALLERY

Shreyasi in shooting squad for Olympics

New Delhi: The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) on Friday announced a final 21-member Indian shooting team for the Paris Olympics after the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) accepted their request for a quota swap. Shreyasi Singh has now been added to the team as a result and she will be starting the event alongside Rajeshwari Kumari. The team now comprises 8 members in rifle, 7 in pistol and 6 in shotgun discipline. Adding the mixed events, the shooting team will now have 28 starts at the quadrennial sporting extravaganza.

Odisha govt pledges support for Indian hockey until 2036: The newly-elected BJP government in Odisha has extended the sponsorship deal with Hockey India until 2036 affirming the state's commitment to the sport, which brought the country a bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics after more than four decades. Odisha has been sponsoring Indian hockey since 2018.

Gauff headlines US team at Paris Olympics: US Open champion Coco Gauff is set to make her Olympic debut this year after being named in a Paris-bound American tennis team that includes six first-time Olympians. World No. 2 Gauff, who was unable to compete in the Tokyo Olympics after testing positive for Covid-19, will be joined on the US women's singles team by Jessica Pegula, Danielle Collins and Emma Navarro.

Alcaraz plans ATP talks over 'new' shot clock rule: World No. 2 Carlos Alcaraz said he would speak to the ATP about a "new" shot clock rule being trialled by the governing body after feeling rushed during his defeat by Briton Jack Draper at the Queen's Club Championships. Alcaraz's preparations for his Wimbledon title defence suffered a setback with his 7-6(3) 6-3 loss to Draper in the last 16. The 25-seconds shot clock was previously started only when the chair umpire called the score but the tweak to the rule in the trial means that the countdown to a serve begins almost immediately after a point is concluded.

Denmark's men footballers refuse salary rise to secure equal pay for women: Denmark's male footballers have refused a salary increase for playing for the national side to gain their female counterparts equal basic pay. "The men's team chose not to ask for a salary increase... to improve the conditions of the women's team," union spokesperson Magnus Hviid told AFP. He welcomed "an extraordinary measure to help take this small step in the right direction", but acknowledged there were "still more glass ceilings to break to ensure equal opportunities and conditions". AGENCIES

'INDIA NEEDS 20 YEARS TO MAKE PROGRESS'

Big Name Coach Won't Take The Job, Says Stimac

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Panaji: Igor Stimac isn't going down without a fight.

Sacked earlier this week for a string of disappointing results that started with India finishing as the worst-performing among 24 teams at the AFC Asian Cup — no goals, no point — and missing out on qualification to the next stage of the Fifa World Cup qualifiers, Stimac said he was planning to resign, even if India had made it to the third round of the qualifiers for the first time.

"I had informed some senior players that I have decided to leave, even if India qualified, since it was impossible to work without proper support, just listening to lies," Stimac told reporters during an online media interaction that lasted for almost two hours on Friday. "Nobody was bothered about the players, everyone (at the All India Football Federation) is more worried about their own personal interests."

For most part, Stimac trained his guns at senior AIFF officials, starting with president Kalyan Chaubey. "Sooner he leaves, Indian football stands a chance," he roared. Vice president NA Haris was always "entering airports, travelling, not serious enough (about football)," while secretary general M Satyanarayan, he said, astounded him by proposing an Inter-Continental Cup in July, a time when clubs start their preseason. Even the legendary IM Vijayan wasn't spared. In his words, "a great footballer and legend but not the right person to be chairman of a technical committee."

Then there was the customary stick reserved for FSDL, the body that owns and runs the Indian Super League (ISL), India's top-tier league. Stimac said the contract between AIFF and FSDL started in good faith but remains questionable. "The league and top tier cannot be run by corporate business," he said.

Reuters

FIRING ON ALL CYLINDERS: Former national men's football coach Igor Stimac

Handed an extension seven months ago, Stimac was sacked this week after a poor AFC Asian Cup campaign and an even poorer Fifa World Cup qualifying run. The sacking, Stimac suggested, came less than 24 hours after he had told the AIFF that he was negotiating with two potential employers and needed time to resign. "I told (AIFF secretary general) Satya I am negotiating with two parties for jobs in the future, so until the end of the month, I will accept one of the offers and you won't have to pay more than one (month's) salary. The next day I received the termination letter on email. I could not believe it. This happened only half a day after telling him to be patient and not get influenced with social media," said Stimac.

A bronze medal winner at the Fifa World Cup in 1998 with Croatia, Stimac got the India job in 2019 after convincing the technical committee that he could help Indian footballers punch above their weight. Five years later, while India are playing more attractive football and won a record three trophies last year, the Croat is leaving with a bitter taste in his mouth.

"I came here with open arms, but your football is imprisoned. Without the law being changed and allowing PIO players to represent India, nothing will change. It's a slow process. Will take another two decades or so to make progress," said Stimac.

The AIFF has started the process to look for Stimac's successor. On the first day itself, there were 45 applications from coaches across the world.

But given the negative publicity surrounding the sport here, Stimac felt the job wouldn't attract bigger profiles. "The new coach will know immediately (what awaits him)," he said. "You cannot get a big-name coach. Everyone knows what kind of things we deal with in Indian football. How we operate, you might get someone who is desperate for a job. Don't think there will be any success."

Asked what he would have done differently during his five-year tenure, Stimac said he should have resigned after the SAFF Championship in July last year, winning his third trophy of the year. "I shouldn't have trusted these people," said Stimac. "After winning three trophies in 2023, I had huge support among the media and fans. As much as they wanted me out, they could do nothing. The only way they knew of running was through social media. They don't care about other things. It's a wrong approach to run any serious institution."

PGA C'ship: Aditi makes steady start

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Sammamish (USA): It took the country's leading pro **Aditi Ashok** nine holes to find her rhythm and range. Three-over at the turn, the 26-year-old found her touch just as the mercury began to soar on the opening day of the KPMG Women's PGA Championship here on Thursday.

But for one poor shot on the 14th hole, the Bengalurean hardly put a foot wrong on the back nine en route to an even-par 72 in the $10.4 million event at the par-72, 6,754-yard Sahalee Country Club course. Aditi was tied 22nd, four shots off the pace.

American Lexi Thompson, who got off the blocks with three straight birdies in the afternoon, took a one-shot lead over Olympic champion Nelly Korda and Thailand's Patty Tavatanakit. Playing a few groups ahead of Thompson, Aditi hit her straps on the back nine with two back-to-back birdies. She sank a monstrous 50-foot putt on the 10th and holed an eight-footer on the next that was set up by a brilliant gap wedge third shot.

Aditi dropped a shot on the 14th, where she left her 8-iron second shot short of the green and missed a 12-foot par putt. She quickly put that blemish behind her and nailed the pin on the 16th with a 7-iron for a birdie and sank a tough 15-footer on the closing hole for her 72 on a tough scoring day. "I didn't play well on the first nine holes," said Aditi, the first Indian athlete to book an Olympic spot. "It was good to bounce back with four birdies on the back nine."

Select scores (After 18 holes): 68: Lexi Thompson (US); 69: Patty Tavatanakit (Thai), Nelly Korda (US); 70: Mao Saigo (Jpn), Hinako Shibuno (Jpn), Madelene Sagstrom (Swe), Celine Boutier (Fra), Charley Hull (Eng); 71: Ruoning Yin (Chn, T-15); 72: Aditi Ashok (Ind, T-22).

Indian-American Akshay Bhatia tied second at Travelers Championship

Cromwell: Indian-American **Akshay Bhatia** is lying second after the first round of the Travelers Championship. Bhatia shot 6-under 64 as Korea's Tom Kim fired his lowest score of the season with a 8-under 62 for a two-shot lead.

Bhatia was bogey-free with four birdies and an eagle, while Kim, also bogey-free, had eight birdies. Another Indian-American Sahith Theegala (71) was T-33.

Rahil takes 5-shot lead: India's Rahil Gangjee shot a three-under-67 to take a massive five-shot lead after the third and penultimate round of the Selangor Masters. Gangjee has two wins on the Asian Tour – at the Volkswagen Masters in 2004 in China and then 14 years later in Japan at the Panasonic Open. Among other Indians, only Saptak Talwar (71-71-76) made the cut and is now at tied-40. AGENCIES

'Gambhir a misunderstood person'

Star Off-Spinner R Ashwin Backs Frontrunner For Team India Coaching Job

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: In recent months, off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has spoken many times about the positive influence Gautam Gambhir has had on Indian cricket.

Be it on his YouTube channel or in his interaction with Gambhir on the platform, Ashwin stressed how "misunderstood" the southpaw is. And, while addressing the gathering during the launch of his autobiography – titled 'I Have The Streets: A Kutti Cricket Story' – here on Friday, Ashwin did not forget to mention the pivotal role that Gambhir played in the early stages of his international career.

Gambhir, whom the premier spinner describes as "unbelievably good", is the favourite to replace Rahul Dravid as the men's team head coach post the conclusion of the T20 World Cup. "Gautam is a very misunderstood person. If you had seen 'Kutti Stories' (Ashwin's YouTube show), you would have realized that. He is very different, it is a problem of perception. He is a fighter. I have massive respect for him," said Ashwin.

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MAKING HIS POINT: R Ashwin with his wife Prithi Narayanan during the cricketer's book launch in Chennai

"Some of the most intense cricket battles I have had are with my friend. I will not give him an inch; he will not give me an inch. I really like that intensity and Gautam is like that. Gautam is a competitor, he is a fighter and is just unbelievable. His hunger and desire not to lose... there are some people who do not smile (when they are on the field). Gautam is unbelievably good at what he does," added the 37-year-old.

"In my first full series against New Zealand, which was ahead of the 2011 50-over World Cup, Gautam (the stand-in skipper at that time) gave me so much confidence. I was not used to somebody from outside my state (Tamil Nadu) giving me that sort of confidence. MS Dhoni and Gautam were the ones who did this to me," Ashwin said.

'TESTS IN CHENNAI ALWAYS SPECIAL'

Ashwin is delighted that his hometown Chennai is back on the Test scene, with the MA Chidambaram Stadium set to host the first match of the two-game series against Bangladesh in September. "I knew that there was going to be a Test match here. I thought that it would be against New Zealand, but it is against Bangladesh. Test matches in Chennai are always special," said Ashwin, who recently completed a century of Test appearances.

ACE OFFIE TO PLAY TNPL

Ashwin confirmed that he will play the upcoming edition of the Tamil Nadu Premier League, which will begin on July 5. He is expected to lead Dindigul Dragons as the franchise chases its maiden TNPL title. "I will be playing the TNPL. I have committed to it."

No fixed hours, we take work home too, say senior officials

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Senior officers complain that they do not have any fixed office hours as they usually leave after 7pm. Besides, they argue that post-Covid, with access to electronic files, they often end up working from home, including on holidays or over the weekend. Soon after coming to office in 2014, Modi govt had sought to enforce office timings, which was resisted by employees, many of whom argued that they travel long distances.

Aadhaar-enabled biometric attendance system was monitored to ensure that people were on time, until Covid led to suspension of the mechanism. Several senior officers had installed biometric devices on their table to avoid standing in queues to mark their attendance.

The latest directive refers to instructions issued last year which had asked central govt employees to revert to biometric attendance, which was resumed in Feb 2022. "Habitual late coming and early leaving of office should be viewed seriously and discouraged. Action against the same may be initiated," it had said.

In departments, where IT-enabled faceless mechanism of dealing with public has been put in place, several employees routinely skip office or come in for a short while. The move is expected to enforce greater discipline but will also annoy employees who routinely walk in at 10am or even after that.

Student, 21, shot dead in Dhanbad

Dhanbad: Amardeep Bhagat (21), a student of a private engineering college and a resident of Jharkhand's Manaitand, was shot dead by unknown assailants on Friday, said police, reports **Anil Ashutosh**.

Bhagat was found in the bushes near the law college football ground from where he was taken to SNM Medical College, Dhanbad, but he succumbed to gunshot wounds.

Didn't expect tip-off to open NEET Pandora's box: Cops

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The quartet arrested in Patna had been tasked with helping students memorise answers through the night and dropping them at their designated exam centres. "The tip-off turned out to be precise — just that we didn't expect it would lead to a Pandora's box linked to NEET-UG. We worked hard on the case and pieced together each clue. The results are there for all to see, although there is still a long way to go," said Amar Kumar, SHO of Shastri Nagar police station.

During the raid that followed the first arrests in the case, police found 13 roll numbers in the safe house. Within an hour, multiple teams fanned out to NEET exam centres. Four aspirants were picked up and, after interrogating them, cops got nine more names, including that of Sikandar Yadavendu, a junior engineer in Danapur municipal council.

Yadavendu allegedly supplied the question papers and answers to aspirants on May 4 to memorise. On May 6, police recovered burnt question papers from Yadavendu's flat. The next day, 13 people, including parents of some aspirants, were rounded up. On May 11, the case was handed over to EOU. Manavjit Singh Dhillon, DIG of the unit, was deputed to lead the probe.

AP

Police officials detain a Congress worker at a party demonstr ation to 'demand justice' for students affected by alleged irregularities in NEET, in Mumbai on Friday

Suspicions about a paper leak deepened after one of the arrested students, a 19-year-old from Danapur, Yadavendu's nephew, confessed that he had received the same set of questions a day before the test and they were identical to those he had answered at the exam centre. "He said the deal had been struck for a hefty price ranging from Rs 30-40 lakh for confirmed admission. Since then, we have held coaching institute owners, teachers, and some students who were allegedly involved in the racket," a source said.

Yadavendu and two others allegedly behind the paper leak — Nitish Kumar and Amit Anand — confessed to the leak.

The student had stayed at an NHAI guest house arranged by his uncle for a few days before moving to the safe house, police said. Amit and Nitish received the question papers on their WhatsApp on May 4, a day before the exam, from a NEET exam centre in Hazaribagh.

"Photocopies of the question papers were given to the candidates and they were told to memorise the answers. The duplicate question papers were collected later in the morning and burnt," one official said.

A 22-year-old candidate who scored 185 out of 720 marks overall achieved 85.8 percentile in physics, 51% in biology and 5% in chemistry. He told police that he received the questions a day prior to the test, but couldn't devote enough time to memorise the chemistry answers.

Police have seized incriminating documents, electronic devices, and a significant amount of cash during the raids.

India's position on Dalai Lama consistent and clear, says MEA

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Govt of India's position on His Holiness the Dalai Lama is clear and consistent. He is a revered religious leader and is deeply respected by people of India. His Holiness is accorded due courtesies and freedom to conduct his religious and spiritual activities, said MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal. "As regards statements by the US delegation, I would refer you to the US side and it is for them to answer," he added.

China had on Thursday described the "Tibetan government-in-exile" in Dharamsala as entirely a separatist political group and an "illegal" organisation that violates China's constitution and laws.

"No country in the world recognises it. When it comes to the contact and talks between Chinese Central Govt and the 14th Dalai Lama, our policy is consistent and clear. The key is that the 14th Dalai Lama must have a complete reflection on and thoroughly correct its political propositions," said the Chinese foreign ministry.

With 76 heat-stroke deaths, Delhi tops list; UP 2nd with 51

People splash in the Ganga in Prayagraj. According to health ministry data, states/UTs have reported more than 41,000 suspected heat-stroke cases this year with MP reporting the maximum 10,672

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Heat stroke is a condition characterised by overheating of the body because of prolonged exposure to or physical exertion in high temperatures.

Ministry sources said the death figure may go up further as some deaths suspected to be caused by heat stroke are currently under investigation.

As per data collated by **TOI**, Delhi has so for recorded 76 heat-related deaths, the highest confirmed toll in the country. These numbers have been gathered from authorities in various govt hospitals in the capital. UP's Relief Commissioner Office has recorded 51 confirmed heat-related deaths while at least 65 more people were suspected to have died due to ailments related to severe heat, including 51 in Ghaziabad district and 14 in Noida district.

Odisha reported the third highest number of confirmed heat-related deaths at 41, with as many as 118 others who were suspected to have died of aliments related to heat. Bihar confirmed 19 such deaths while Rajasthan's toll stood at 16.

MP and Chhattisgarh reported 14 and 15 deaths, respectively, suspected to have been caused by heat, while Jharkhand reported 12 such cases, and Haryana and TN five each.

Meanwhile, a health ministry official explained how the ministry collates data on heat deaths. "The National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) has laid out guidelines for declaring deaths due to heat-related illnesses. Once the hospital or local authority is satisfied with the same, they upload the data on govt portal," the official said.

"This year, we have seen 51 heat stroke cases and eight deaths since March. It is unprecedented. Last year, we saw only 3-4 heatstroke cases and one death suspected to have been caused by the condition," Dr Suresh Kumar, medical director of Delhi's Lok Nayak hospital told **TOI**.

According to health ministry data, states/UTs have reported more than 41,000 suspected heatstroke cases this year. MP has reported the maximum 10,672 suspected heatstroke cases, followed by Rajasthan (6,709), Andhra Pradesh (4072) and Jharkhand (3,802). "Labourers who work in the open, car mechanics, sales personnel and elderly people are most susceptible to getting heat stroke and succumbing to it," the Lok Nayak hospital director said.

Recently, the health ministry directed officials to ensure that all hospitals should be prepared to provide the best healthcare to those affected by the heatwave.

(With inputs from New Delhi, Jaipur, Chandigarh, Lucknow, Bhubaneswar, Ahmedabad and Patna)

NIA chargesheet against 5 linked to human trafficking, cyber fraud syndicates; 2 held

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday chargesheeted five accused, including two foreign nationals, in a case relating to human trafficking and cyber fraud syndicates operating both within and outside the country.

While two chargesheeted accused, Jerry Jacob and Godfrey Alvares, are under arrest, remaining three — Sunny Gonsalves and foreign nationals Niu Niu and Elvis Du, are absconding.

As per NIA probe in the case — in which several foreign nationals are involved, as per the chargesheet — the accused were targeting Indian youth who were proficient in computers and English language, and coercing them into working in fraudulent call centres on tourist visa, for pecuniary gains. Victims were being recruited, transported and transferred from India to Golden Triangle SEZ in Lao PDR via Thailand. Upon arrival, they were trained in use of Facebook, Telegram, basics of cryptocurrency, and handling of apps created by the scam company.

The powerful syndicates also used victim control tactics in case any of the trafficked youth refused to continue with the online fraud work. These tactics included isolation and restriction of movement, confiscation of personal travel documents and physical abuse, arbitrary fines, threat to kill, threat to rape in case of women and threat to arraign in false case of drugs in local police station, etc.

The human trafficking and cyber fraud racket, an NIA spokesperson said, was being operated with audacity, with the accused even deleting data of victims' mobile phones to destroy evidence. Victims faced threats if they approached the embassy concerned or any local authority. In some cases, victims were held in scam compounds, confined without food for three to seven days, and tortured if they refused to work. They were only released after extraction of extortion payments ranging from Rs 30,000 to Rs. 1,80,000, or intervention by the Embassy of India in Lao PDR on complaints made by the victims.

According to Indian Cyber Coordination Centre (I4C), southeast Asian countries like Lao PDR and Cambodia have of late emerged as the new hubs of financial cyber fraud reported in India, with 46% of defrauded money now lost to cybercrimes like investment scams, digital arrest scams, trading scams and dating scams originating from there.

Hasina to meet PM today, ink several pacts

New Delhi: Foreign minister S Jaishankar called on Bangladeshi PM Sheikh Hasina on Friday shortly after her arrival for what is the first incoming bilateral state visit after formation of new govt in India. Hasina will have a bilateral meeting with PM Narendra Modi on Saturday, after which the two countries are expected to sign several agreements and announce some fresh initiatives. She will call on Prez Droupadi Murmu before returning.

"Delighted to call on PM Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh. Her state visit to India underlines our close and abiding ties. Appreciate her guidance on further development of our special partnership," Jaishankar posted on X. TNN

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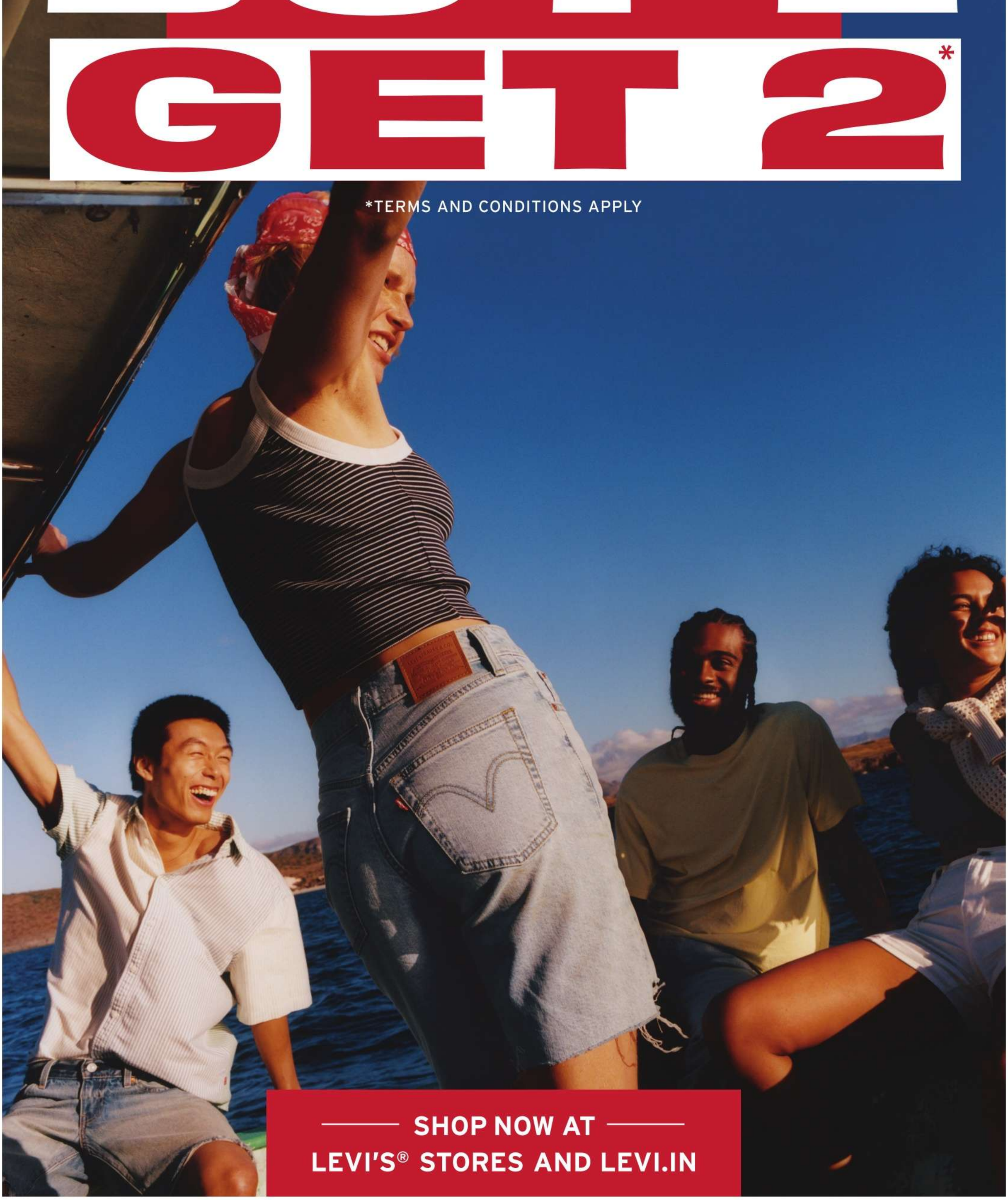

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