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Rain brings back smiles in Delhi

A child plays in the rain at Kartavya Path on Friday. The long and intense spell of heat that had engulfed the city, much to the agony of residents, was finally broken as people saw a welcome sight in the afternoon – dark grey clouds that brought a heavy spell of rain. PTI

BRIEF, BUT INTENSE, RAIN BRINGS RELIEF

Delhi on Friday received 3.6mm of rain (as recorded at Safdarjung observatory) brining the mercury down. The max temperature recorded in the city on Friday was 40.4°C, while the minimum touched a 10-day low of 28.4°C.

NO HEATWAVE LIKELY OVER WEEKEND: IMD

According to IMD's forecast, cloudy skies will persist over the city through weekend, which will likely give way to another spell of heatwave starting Monday. The intensity of this spell is likely to be lower compared to last week.

5 MORE HEAT DEATHS TAKE TOLL TO 58

The death toll due to heatwave in Delhi rose to at least 58 on Friday, with public hospitals reporting five more deaths in the last 24 hours. Deaths due to extreme heat have been reported since April in the Capital. →P5

NEET in crisis, NET junked, now CSIR-NET pushed back

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NEW DELHI: The National Testing Agency (NTA) on Friday postponed the joint Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and University Grants Commission (UGC) National Eligibility Test (NET), adding more fire to an already raging controversy over alleged irregularities in the medical entrance test and the cancellation of the UGC-NET earlier this week.

The decision by NTA to cancel the June edition of the CSIR-UGC-NET — the exam for postgraduate science students is held twice a year — will raise further questions about the role of the agency and the processes followed by it, and stoke an already stormy political row.

The move came two days before the first session of the 18th Lok Sabha where the irregularities around three premier examinations, which affect a total of 3.5 million students across the country — 2.4 million who sat for NEET, 900,000 who appeared for NET, and 200,000 who registered for CSIR-NET — is likely to be a major flashpoint between the government and the Opposition.

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Admit cards for retest released

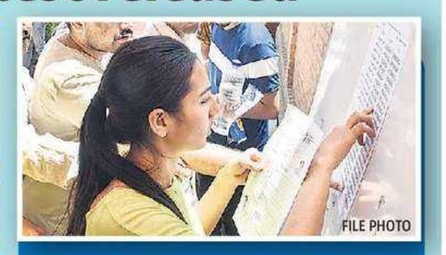
1,563 candidates can appear for their NEET-UG exam again

Candidates who can appear in NEET-UG retest can visit NTA's website for their admit cards.

"Admit card has been issued... We will see how many turn up on Sunday." — **NTA OFFICIAL**

WHEN June 23, 2024 from 2pm to 5.20pm

WHERE: Six cities will get new centres in five states/UTs: Meghalaya, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Chandigarh



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ANOTHER EXAM POSTPONED

CSIR-NET, an exam for research fellowships in scientific and industrial research is now postponed, NTA said on Friday

Six Haryana 'toppers' to appear for NEET retest, centre scrapped

GURUGRAM/NEW DELHI: The National Testing Agency (NTA) issued on Friday admit cards to the 1,563 candidates who took the medical college screening test NEET for a repeat examination on Sunday, after the process was mired in a massive controversy with allegations that the questions were leaked, scores were inflated and grace marks awarded arbitrarily.

Among the 1,563 – who were awarded grace marks for attempting a misleading question — are the six perfect scorers who took the test at the same centre in Haryana's Bahadurgarh. They will now write the examination at two different centres in Jhajjar.

On Friday, moments after they received their new admit cards, they told HT that they were anxious about the retest since they felt they had to repeat their 100% performance to prove they did not benefit from being in a testing centre now under scanner. →P8

Parl thaw after Adhir exit? TMC, Cong set to join hands on issues

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NEW DELHI: After a heated general elections season that saw the Congress and the Trinamool Congress at loggerheads in West Bengal and sharp comments from either side, the two key INDIA bloc allies have reached out to each other to jointly formulate strategies on issues and bolster the Opposition's united offensive against the government in the upcoming session of Parliament, people aware of developments said on Friday.

THE RELATIONSHIP HIT A LOW DURING THE POLLS WITH TMC PULLING OUT OF THE ALLIANCE

The perceptible thaw in the relationship that had hit a low during the Lok Sabha polls — TMC chief Mamata Banerjee pulled out of the alliance in West Bengal amid repeated barbs by Bengal Congress chief Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury — also comes weeks after the latter lost his home seat of Baharampur to the TMC.

In the INDIA bloc, the Congress has 125 MPs in Parliament, followed by TMC's 42 and Samajwadi Party's 41.

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MINISTER BEGINS HUNGER STRIKE OVER DELHI'S WATER SITUATION

NEW DELHI: Delhi water minister Atishi began an indefinite fast over the prevailing water shortfall in Delhi on Friday, continuing to blame the BJP-led central and Haryana governments for the deficit and reiterating that Haryana was not providing adequate water "despite every effort". →P6

HT brunch
He's just **Ken**
...and yet, Kenny Sebastian is so much more. We asked the comedian what it takes to create new work over two decades, and what life's like on the other side of the stage. Man's got all the answers
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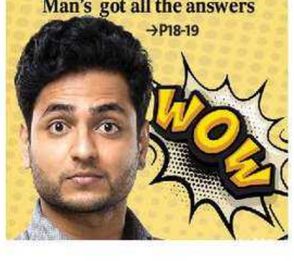

{ AIR FORCE CONTRACT } EMBRAER, AIRBUS ALSO IN FRAY

Lockheed considers India unit amid 3-firm race to bag cargo aircraft deal

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NEW DELHI: The Indian Air Force's (IAF) hunt for new medium transport aircraft (MTA) is set to gather speed in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's third consecutive term in office, and US aerospace firm Lockheed Martin has begun exploring the possibility of setting up a manufacturing line in India for its C-130J aircraft as it competes with two other global plane makers – Airbus and Embraer – for the multi-billion-dollar order.

IAF CURRENTLY OPERATES A FLEET OF 12 C-130J MEDIUM-SIZED AIRLIFTERS THAT HAVE BEEN USED FOR A VARIETY OF MISSIONS

"The MTA competition provides us a significant opportunity to meet IAF's tactical airlift requirements. We are exploring options for setting up an assembly line for the C-130J in India," Anthony G Frese, vice president, business development (air mobility and maritime missions), Lockheed Martin, told HT.

IAF currently operates a fleet of 12 C-130J medium-sized airlifters that have been extensively used for a variety of missions, including support to the military's forward deployments in the Ladakh sector where the dragging border standoff between India and China is now in its fifth year.

The two other players vying for the MTA order, European Airbus Defence and Space with

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NUMBER THEORY

Why has the heatwave taken such a heavy toll?

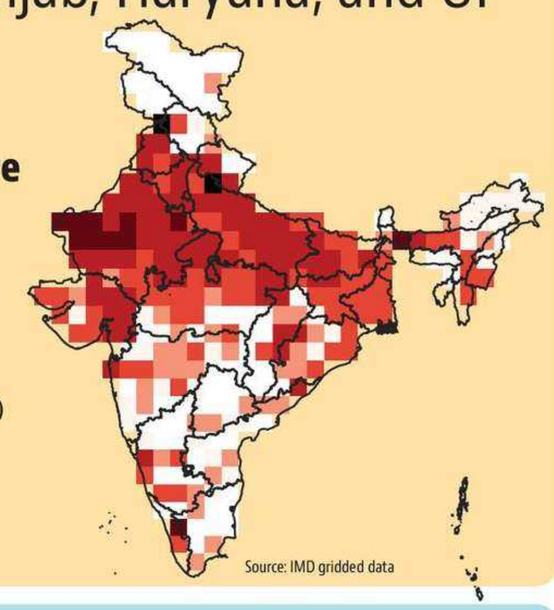
By Abhishek Jha

The first part of this series looked at the most common indicator of extreme heat – maximum temperatures – to show how the summer this year is unprecedented in large parts of north-western India. However, high maximum temperatures are not the only factor that makes heat unbearable, an HT analysis shows. For example, north-western regions are not the only ones from where heat-related deaths have been reported in the past month — states like Bihar and Odisha, where maximum temperatures do not appear as extreme as in north-western India, too reported large numbers of fatalities. This suggests that more indicators are needed to describe the heatwave of the past month, which is what the following four maps attempt.

1 Minimum was 2°C+ above normal past month in 75% of Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, and UP

This is a big reason why the heatwave of the past month felt unbearable. Not only were temperatures very high during the day (as seen in record-breaking maximum temperatures), they were also very high during the night. The trend in night-temperatures can be seen through minimum temperatures. In the May 16-June 19 period, 75%-87% of Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh experienced minimum temperatures that were on average 2°C or more above normal (considered as the average temperature in the 1981-2010 period). Delhi, where such area calculation is not possible using the gridded dataset because of its small size, had an average minimum in this period 3.4°C above normal. To be sure, 40%-50% of Gujarat, Bihar, and Kerala also experienced more than 2°C of deviation in minimum temperatures.

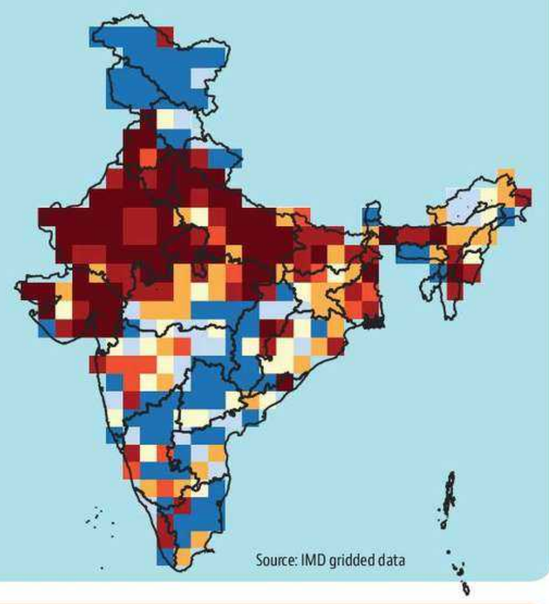
Deviation in average minimum temperature from the 1981-2010 average
(May 16-June 19)



2 How unprecedented were these minimum temperatures?

The average minimum temperature for the May 16-June 19 period was the hottest since at least 1951 – the first year for which IMD has created gridded data for temperatures — in 69%-75% of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, and Gujarat. Delhi's average minimum was also the highest since at least 1951. Clearly, even night-time temperatures have been unprecedented in large parts of north-western India. To be sure, minimum temperatures were not cool in eastern states like Bihar or Odisha. Although only 10% of Bihar and no part of Odisha experienced its warmest ever minimum temperatures in this period, 70% of the former 23% of the latter experienced an average minimum ranked in the top three since 1951.

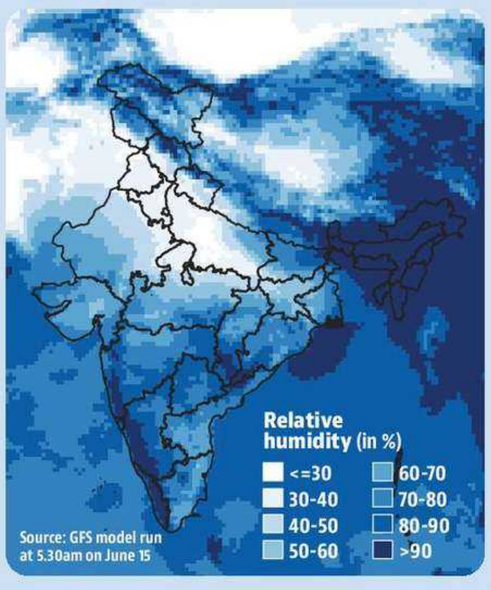
Rank of 2024's avg minimum temperature since 1951
(May 16-June 19)



3 Eastern states may not have suffered high temperatures, but they had very high humidity

The two sections above show why the heat was unbearable in north-western states. However, even minimum temperatures do not appear as extreme in eastern states. What, then, explains the heatwave related deaths there? The answer appears to be humidity. While there is no comprehensive database of humidity that covers all of India, forecasts from the Global Forecast System (GFS) of the US National Weather Service (NWS) give a reasonable approximation of this metric for the past week. HT calculated the average of the maximum hourly humidity across India for the past five days (forecasts are for bigger intervals for the period after). This suggests that the nature of the heatwave in eastern parts or even Gujarat and the adjoining parts of Rajasthan may have been very different from Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, and western Uttar Pradesh. The former regions had much higher humidity than the latter ones. This is dangerous because humidity makes it difficult for the body to lose heat.

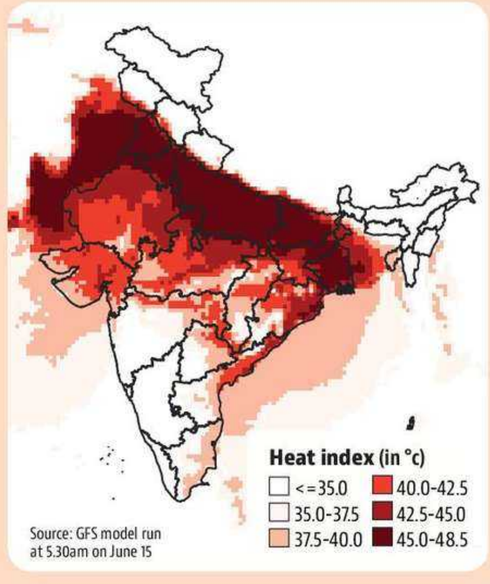
Average maximum relative humidity forecast
(June 15-June 19)



4 Therefore, heat index in eastern states was at par with north-western states

To be sure, humidity becomes dangerous only when accompanied with some heat. For example, north-eastern and peninsular states have also experienced high humidity, but that is because it is raining there. Therefore, humidity has to be read with temperatures to understand its impact on the human body. This is what the heat index does, a metric that combines the impact of temperature and humidity. HT calculated the daily maximum of heat index – using forecasts from the GFS – for the past five days. This shows that all of Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, and Uttar Pradesh; and over 95% of Bihar, Jharkhand, and Rajasthan had an average maximum heat index over 40°C in the past five days. This was also the case in 64%-84% of Odisha, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat. Clearly, while high temperatures did not cover large parts of eastern states, the heat was dangerous there as much as in north-western states. This is why heatwave related deaths have been reported from across most parts of the northern half of India in the past month.

Average maximum heat index forecat (June 15-June 19)



This is the final part of a two-part data series on the past month's heat wave in India. The first part looked at the extreme maximum temperatures recorded in the heatwave

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CM to stay in jail as HC halts bail till next week

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi high court on Friday halted the release of Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal from jail by staying a trial court's order granting him bail in the excise policy case, dealing a setback to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and changing the course of the ongoing legal dispute yet again.

In a day of dramatic developments, the high court on Friday morning stayed the trial court's bail order less than 24 hours after it was passed, before hearing the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) plea. The high court's order later in the day, issued by a vacation bench of justice Sudhir Kumar Jain, reserved the decision on the agency's petition and extended its stay until the pronouncement of its verdict in two or three days.

"I am reserving the order for two to three days. I have to go through the entire record. Until the pronouncement of the order on the stay application, the operation of the impugned trial court order shall be stayed. I will pronounce it by Tuesday," justice Jain stated, also issuing notice on ED's plea to set aside the trial court's order.

This legal twist came as a setback to the AAP, which had been buoyed by the previous day's favourable order and was hopeful of the imminent release of its leader, who has been in custody since March 21 following his arrest by ED, apart from a 21-day interim bail in May for Lok Sabha election campaigning.

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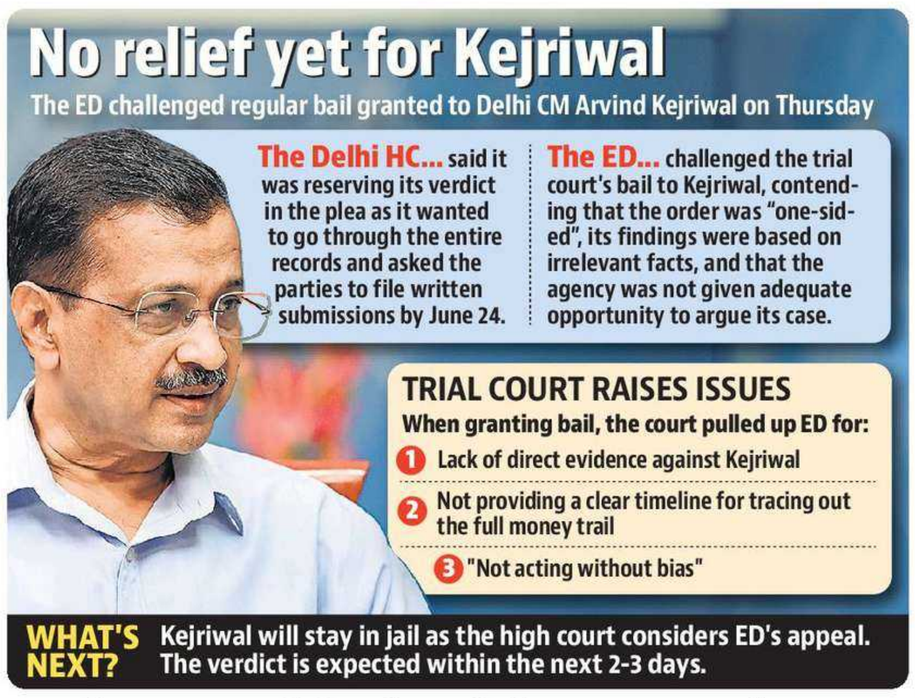

Judge cited lack of direct evidence, possible ED 'bias' as grounds for bail

NEW DELHI: A Delhi special court granted bail to Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal citing lack of direct evidence against him and a potential bias in the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) approach during its probe into a money-laundering case linked to alleged irregularities in the 2021-22 excise policy case.

Though the verdict was announced on Wednesday, the order by judge Niyay Bindu was uploaded on Friday morning.

The judgment, authored by vacation judge Niyay Bindu, shed light on the legal reasoning that led to her decision. In the 25-page judgment, the trial judge took note of the ED's assertion that the ongoing investigation could be compromised if Kejriwal was released since he might influence witnesses and tamper with evidence. The court, however, pointed out that the investigating officer said there were several holes in the probe agency's findings.

The judge pointed out, for starters, that the investigating agency has revealed that only ₹40 crore out of the ₹100 crore that was allegedly laundered has been traced, with no clear timeline for finding the remaining amount.

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DEATH TOLL IN TAMIL NADU HOOCH CASE CLIMBS TO 47

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CHENNAI: The toll in the hooch tragedy in Kallakurichi district of Tamil Nadu has increased to 47 and at least 30 people continue to remain critical, chief minister MK Stalin said on Friday, as the issue rocked the state assembly and the Madras high court pulled up the government, saying the incident "cannot be taken lightly".

Speaking in the House, Stalin said 47 people have died so far after consuming methanol-mixed poisonous illicit liquor in Kallakurichi on June 19.

"Forty-seven people have died so far. A preliminary investigation by the revenue and police departments established that methanol was sourced from Puducherry," he told the House.

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NETFLIX RELEASES 'MAHARAJ' AFTER AN ALL-CLEAR BY GUJARAT HC

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AHMEDABAD: The Gujarat high court on Friday lifted the interim stay and allowed the release of "Maharaj" on Over The Top (OTT) platform Netflix, saying the Hindi movie does not target or hurt the sentiments of any community.

The movie, which was earlier scheduled to be released on June 18, was available on Netflix after the high court's nod on Friday.

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Yoga for global good: PM leads celebrations

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SRINAGAR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the 10th International Yoga Day celebrations from Srinagar on Friday and said that the world was now looking at the practice as a "powerful agent" of public good. Modi, who was in Kashmir on the second of a two-day-visit, also said that yoga would soon become a boon for the tourism sector in the region, and morph into a valuable source of employment.

In 2014, the United Nations had declared June 21 as the International Day of Yoga with Modi inaugurating the first edition of the event a year later. Since then, the scale of celebrations has only grown, with Modi leading a yoga session at the headquarters of the United Nations in New York in 2023, where he described yoga as "truly universal" and a unifying force across ethnicities, faiths and cultures.

Modi marks the International Day of Yoga at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre in Srinagar on Friday. ANI

On Friday, even as Modi led a group of people inside the Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre in Srinagar, politicians, bureaucrats, industrialists and actors conducted yoga sessions across the expanse of the country — from Kashmir to Kanyakumari; from Arunachal Pradesh to Rajasthan.

In Srinagar, where Modi was initially scheduled to lead the yoga session at 6.30am in the lawns of the SKICC but was forced indoors by the inclement weather, he said, "The world is looking at yoga as a powerful agent of global good. Yoga helps us live in the present moment

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Ties in focus as Hasina lands for first state visit by foreign leader in NDA 3.0

NEW DELHI: Dhaka's plans to develop its section of the Teesta river and the signing of several agreements to bolster bilateral cooperation are expected to top the agenda for Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's two-day visit to India from Friday.

Hours after Hasina's arrival in the Indian capital, external affairs minister S Jaishankar met her to discuss bilateral ties. "Delighted to call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh this evening. Her State visit to India underlines our close and abiding ties," Jaishankar said on X. "Appreciate her guidance on the further development of our special partnership," he added.

Sheikh Hasina

Bangladesh is a key partner and trusted neighbour of India and PM Hasina's visit will give a major boost to the "celebrated bilateral partnership", MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

It is the first incoming bilateral state visit by a foreign leader after the formation of the new government in India following the Lok Sabha elections.

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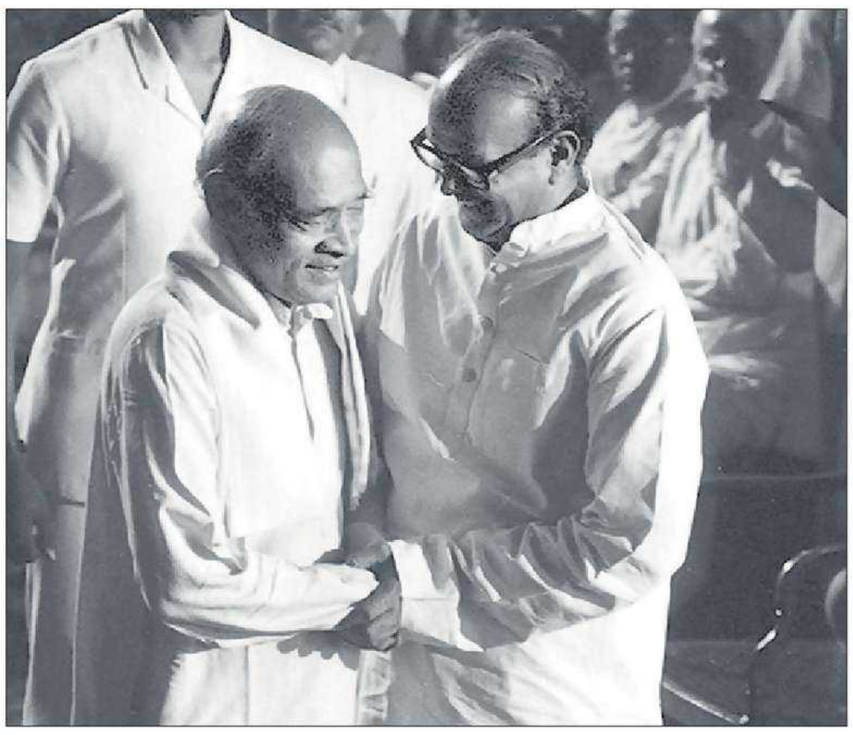
NARASIMHA RAO IS PM, 1991



Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao with former PM VP Singh at the swearing-in ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan on June 21, 1991. SN SINHA/HT ARCHIVE

PV Narasimha Rao takes oath as the 9th Prime Minister

Rao took over the new role just seven months after Chandra Shekhar was appointed PM

HT Correspondent

A 54-member three-tier Union council of ministers headed by Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao was sworn in on June 21, 1991, by President R Venkataraman at an impressive ceremony in Ashok Hall at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. It was attended by a galaxy of leading politicians, including former Prime Ministers VP Singh and Chandra Shekhar.

The other leaders present included LK Advani and Atal Bihari Vajpayee of the BJP, and former deputy prime minister Devi Lai.

Some ministers who were to be sworn in could not be informed in time, and three ministers of state and one deputy minister could not make it. They will be sworn in later. Three ministers of state — Mamata Bannerjee, Dalbir Singh and Uttam H Patel — arrived late but were administered the oath by the President.

The 14 Cabinet ministers sworn in were Arjun Singh, Balram Jakhar, SB Chavan, ML Fotedar, Ghulam Nabi Azad, CK Jaffer Sharief, Sheila Kaul, Sitaram Kesri, Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy, Madhavrao Scindia, B Shankaranand, VC Shukla, Manmohan Singh and Madhavsinh Solanki.

The number of ministers of state with independent charge who were sworn in is 14. They include Margaret Alva, HR Bhardwaj, P Chidambaram, Santosh Mohan Dev, Ashok Gehlot, Tarun Gogoi, Kamal Nath, Ajit Panja, Rajesh Pilot, Kalp Nath Rai, P Ramamurthy, PA Sangma, Jagdish Tytler and Balram Singh Yadav.

The surprise choice in the ministry was Dr Manmohan Singh, eminent economist, who also was the only minister to be told in advance that he would be looking after finance portfolio. The portfolios of other ministers are yet to be decided or communicated to them.

The oath-taking ceremony lasted nearly two hours and was witnessed by the senior civil servants and political leaders.

The President, who generally remained silent during the ceremony, congratulated Rangarajan Kumaramangalam specially for being a third-generation minister.

Narasimha Rao also earned the unique distinction of being the first senior minister from the south to take his oath in Hindi. Rao received a big applause on his arrival in the Ashok Hall.

For the second time in seven months, the nation witnessed the swearing-in of another Prime Minister. On November 10 last, Chandra Shekhar was sworn in as India's eighth Prime Minister on the forecourt of the Rashtrapati Bhavan. This was a departure from tradition.

Tradition returned as the 70-year-old Narasimha Rao was administered the oath of office and secrecy in the high-domed, chandeliered Ashok Hall as the country's ninth Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister and 49 of his colleagues took the oath in the name of God. Nineteen members of the Council including the Prime Minister, took the oath in Hindi and 34 in English.

Four ministers took their oath "by solemn affirmation". They are Cabinet minister Ghulam Nabi Azad and ministers of state P Chidambaram, Eduardo Faleiro and Shantaram Patel.

The Cabinet is likely to take stock of the situation in the country, especially in the context of the economic crisis and deteriorating law-and-order situation in Punjab, Kashmir and other parts.

Prime Minister Narasimha Rao has said earlier he would accord top priority to put the economy back on the rails.

The Prime Minister has also called a meeting of high officials to assess the economic situation in the country. Meanwhile, Narasimha Rao will also broadcast an address to the nation.

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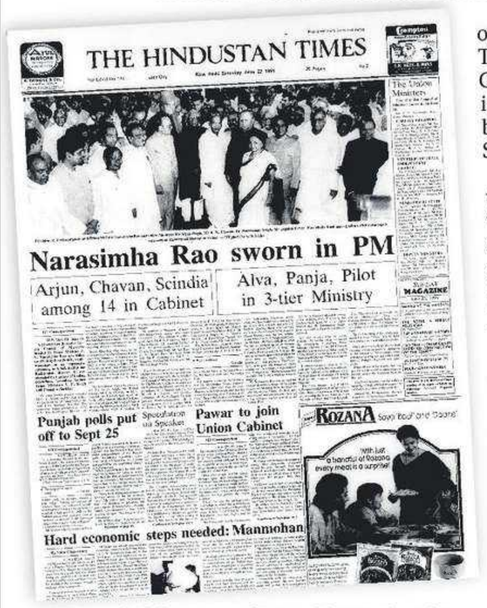
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Narasimha Rao sworn in PM

Arjun, Chavan, Scindia among 14 in Cabinet

Alva, Panja, Pilot in 3-tier Ministry

Punjab polls put off to Sept 25

Pawar to join Union Cabinet

Hard economic steps needed: Manmohan

HT carried the news of Rao taking oath on its front page in the edition of June 22, 1991.

{ MY INDIA } PORSCHE CASE

Pune teen also faced trauma: Bombay HC

The Bombay high court on Friday expressed concerns about the mental health and trauma faced by the 17-year-old who allegedly mowed down two techies while driving under the influence in his Porsche in Pune a month ago. While acknowledging the trauma experienced by the families of the victims, the court also noted the potential trauma faced by the juvenile. "Two people have lost their lives. There was trauma, but the child was also in trauma, give him time," it said questioning the legality of the orders remanding the minor to an observation home despite being granted bail on May 19. →P10

{ SPORT } EURO 2024

Ukraine come back from behind to beat Slovakia 2-1

Ukraine's third comeback triumph in four competitive games in 2024 kept it 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. Its players are hoping to show Ukrainians' resilience at the tournament, more than two years on from Russia's full-scale invasion of its country. 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. →P24

{ MY INDIA } RANCHI

Hunt on for four men who raped minor girl

A search operation has been launched for four men who kidnapped and raped, in a moving car, a 12-year-old specially abled girl who had been sleeping by the road in Ranchi, Jharkhand, dumping her on the road later, police said on Friday. Police said the incident took place on the intervening night of June 18 and 19, and an FIR was filed the next day. "The minor girl, who is specially abled, was sleeping by the roadside near the Panchayat Secretariat when the accused kidnapped her, and gang-raped her in a moving car," a police officer aware of the case said. She is undergoing treatment at a hospital. →P10

International Yoga Day marked across the world

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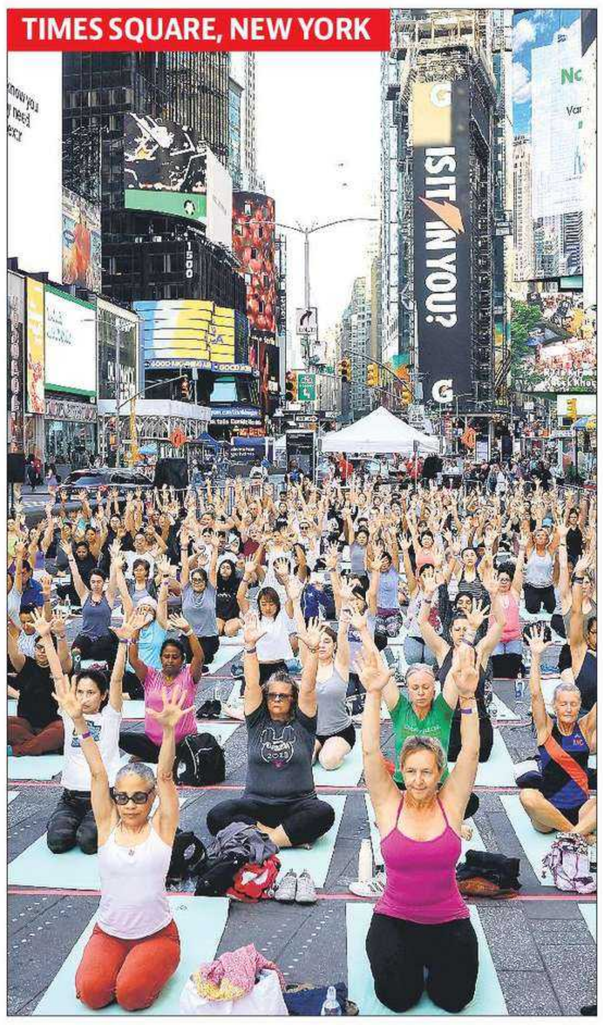

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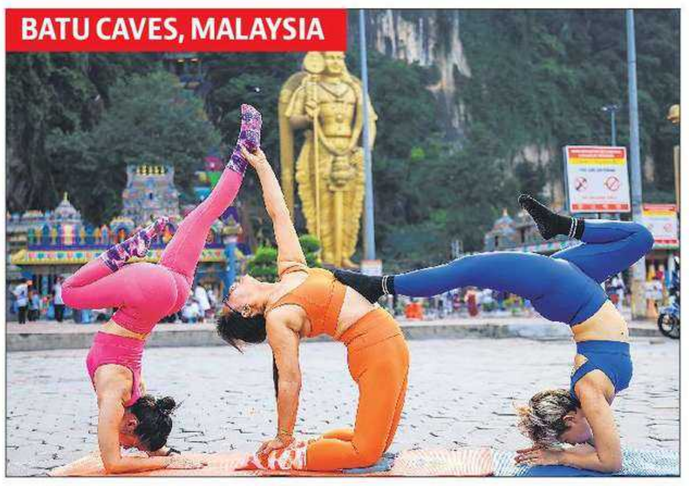

Yoga enthusiasts the world over rolled out their mats as mass yoga sessions were organised across the globe to mark the 10th International Day of Yoga on Friday. Pictured here (clockwise from top) are events held in Budapest, Hungary; Jakarta, Indonesia; Batu Caves, Malaysia; and New York's Times Square, US. AFP/AP/REUTERS

4 Hinduja family members guilty of exploiting workers

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GENEVA: A Swiss criminal court on Friday sentenced four members of the billionaire Hinduja family with between four and 4 and a half years in prison for exploiting their vulnerable domestic workers while at the same time dismissing the more severe charges of human trafficking.

The abuse by Indian-born tycoon Prakash Hinduja and his wife, son and daughter-in-law included seizing the passports of the workers, mostly illiterate Indians employed at their luxurious lakeside villa in Geneva. The Hindujas also paid the workers in Indian rupees — not Swiss francs — in banks at home, which they couldn't access.

The four were not in court in Geneva though a fifth defendant — Najib Ziazi, the family's business manager — was in attendance. He received an 18 months suspended sentence.

Lawyers representing the defendants said they would

THEY HAVE BEEN SENTENCED UP TO FOUR AND A HALF YEARS IN PRISON AND WILL APPEAL THE VERDICT

appeal. 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 received each and a half 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 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.

Forbes magazine currently puts the net worth of the Hinduja family at some $20 billion.

MEA seeks 'verified stop' from Russia on taking Indians for war

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NEW DELHI: India on Friday said it expects Russia to act on New Delhi's demand for a "verified stop" to the recruitment of Indian nationals in the Russian Army following the death of four Indians while serving on the front lines of the conflict with Ukraine.

Following the recent deaths of two Indians nationals in the Russia-Ukraine conflict, the Indian side on June 11 demanded a "verified stop" to further recruitment of Indians by the Russian Army. The Indian side resorted to the unusual step of making the demand soon after foreign secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra attended the National Day reception at the Russian embassy.

"We had sought a verified stop to recruitment and we have taken up this issue with all sincerity with the Russian authorities with the expectation that they're going to act," external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal told a regular media briefing.

"It's a matter of utmost and deep concern to us, and the Russian authorities will act on it soon," he said while responding to a question on the release and repatriation of Indians serving with the Russian Army.

People familiar with the matter said on condition of anonymity that the Russian side is yet to formally respond to India's demand for a "verified stop" to the recruitment of Indian citizens.

Jaiswal said the Indian side had "again taken up the issue" with Russian authorities. "We have been continuing with this process. We are engaged with the Russian authorities both here in New Delhi as also in Moscow, so that people who are serving in the Russian Army can be released and repatriated to India as soon as possible," he said.

MY DELHI

Stalker stabs Jamia Nagar woman, held

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NEW DELHI: A 30-year-old man, posing as an Indian Air Force officer, allegedly stabbed a woman multiple times after she discovered his true identity and rejected his advances, the Delhi Police said on Friday.

They added that the accused stalked the woman for days before attacking her near her home in Jamia Nagar in southeast Delhi.

The accused, Munawwar Alam, had deceived the 24-year-old woman, who is a graduate preparing for competitive exams, and her family for weeks, said police. They added that Alam cheated people by wearing an Indian Air Force uniform and posting photos with war veterans, senior IPS officers, and government officials.

Deputy commissioner of police (southeast) Rajesh Deo confirmed Alam's arrest and said that police are also investigating charges of impersonating a government officer.

According to police, on the night of June 13, the woman was stabbed by Alam while returning home from a library. "It was 9.50 pm... I was on the staircase when a man ran down from the upper floor, came from the back, and stabbed me two-three times on the waist. He then ran away...I screamed for help. My brother came to rescue me and took me to Holy Family Hospital," said the woman in the FIR she lodged against Alam.

The victim alleged in the FIR that Alam had been stalking her for days after she ended their friendship. "I stopped meeting and talking to him. I think that he attacked me to take revenge..." said the woman.

> I stopped talking to him (suspect). I think that he attacked me to take revenge
>
> **THE VICTIM,** a resident of Jamia Nagar

Investigators said the woman and her family initially believed Alam was an Air Force officer. Upon discovering his identity, and lack of employment, the woman stopped talking to him. "We found that he messaged the woman multiple times but she did not respond. Upset with her rejection, the accused took a dagger and waited outside her house. When he saw her return from the library, he stabbed her and fled," said an investigator.

Police teams were dispatched to arrest Alam, who lives in Batla House, and he was apprehended on Sunday, said officers. Initially booked for causing hurt, Alam now faces charges of stalking (354D), attempted murder (307), and criminal conspiracy (120B) under the Indian Penal Code, they said, adding that the stabbing left the woman severely injured.

Alam had taken photos with officers at events and offices, and police are examining these images. "We don't know if the woman is Alam's first victim... We also suspect that he cheated others to gain perks as a fake officer," said a senior police officer aware of the case.

COURT EXTENDS KAVITHA'S CUSTODY FOR 14 DAYS IN EXCISE POLICY CASE

NEW DELHI: The Rouse Avenue Court on Friday extended the judicial custody of Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader **K Kavitha** for the next 14 days. She was produced before the court through video conferencing.

Duty judge Gaurav Rao extended the judicial custody of K Kavitha for the next 14 days.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has already filed a charge sheet against her. It is pending for consideration on July 6.

This is the third supplementary charge sheet filed by the CBI in the Delhi excise policy case.

K Kavitha is in judicial custody in both CBI and money laundering case. She was first arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in March. Thereafter she was arrested by CBI in April. ED has also filed the charge sheet against her in the Delhi Excise policy money laundering case. AGENCIES

Gzb: Teen held for raping 8-yr-old girl

GHAZIABAD: A 15-year-old boy was taken into police custody on Thursday on charges of raping an eight-year-old girl in his neighbourhood, police said on Friday, adding that the suspect sexually assaulted the girl twice at his house in the absence of his parents.

The girl was assaulted on June 15 and 16, assistant commissioner of police (Shalimar Garden circle) Siddharth Gautam said, adding that the victim was from the same neighbourhood and would visit her maternal grandmother's house close to the suspect's residence. During such visits, the accused lured the girl to his house and raped her, he said.

Police said the girl reported the incident to her parents on June 19. On Thursday, the family filed an FIR for rape under provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. HTC

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Cyber frauds dupe elderly woman in Noida of ₹1.3 crore

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NOIDA: A 73-year-old woman in Noida was allegedly duped of ₹1.3 crore by cybercrime frauds who placed her under "digital arrest" through a video call for five days since June 13, on the pretext of giving her a police clearance certificate. The suspects accused her of being involved in a money laundering case, police officers aware of the matter said on Friday.

Assistant commissioner of police (cybercrime), Noida, Vivek Ranjan, said that the complainant, Suchi Agrawal, lives with her husband at Sector 49, and their son is based in the United States.

On June 13, one of the suspects called up Agrawal and said that he belonged to a courier firm based at Andheri in Mumbai, and a parcel, containing incriminating items and belonging to her, has been found.

Other suspects also posed as investigating officers and asked her to either visit Mumbai for questioning or else she will be connected to the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Mumbai, for a probe, investigators said.

The woman, who avoided taking calls from her family members, ended up transferring ₹1.30 crore over the next five days. Agrawal received the video call on her mobile phone. She continued to do her regular household chores during those days and also did not inform her husband, officers aware of the case added.

"In her police complaint, filed on Thursday, Agrawal said that she received a call from an unidentified mobile number. The caller said... an illegal packet in her name has been seized. The details of her Aadhaar and PAN cards as well as passport were found inside the box containing some illegal items," Ranjan said.

"She was later told that she was also found to be involved in a hawala transaction for which she would need to visit Mumbai 'for questioning' or he would connect her to NCB Mumbai for investigation," the officer said citing the complaint.

"The fraudster then connected with Agrawal through a video call and directed her not to disconnect the call even for a minute or reveal the process of investigation to anyone if she did not want to face any legal action," said ACP Ranjan. Agrawal, who was terrified, remained on the call for five days and her husband did not suspect anything.

"Whenever she got a call from a family member or friend, she disconnected it... She is familiar to net banking and transferred ₹1.30 crore in installments during the five days. The suspect managed to get her bank balance details on the pretext of questioning," the officer added.

"On the fifth day, the fraudster disconnected the video call and told her that she would receive the police clearance certificate in the next 24 hours. But when she did not get any certificate, and found that the caller's mobile number was also switched off, she realised that she had been duped," added ACP Ranjan.

The victim narrated her ordeal to her husband and approached the cybercrime branch on Thursday.

Based on her complaint, a case under sections 419 (punishment for cheating by personation) and 420 (cheating and dishonestly) of the Indian Penal Code and IT Act was registered against the unidentified accused at the cybercrime branch at midnight and efforts are on to nab the accused, police said.

Hostage on video call

1. Woman received a video call from the suspects on June 13, and the call continued for five days
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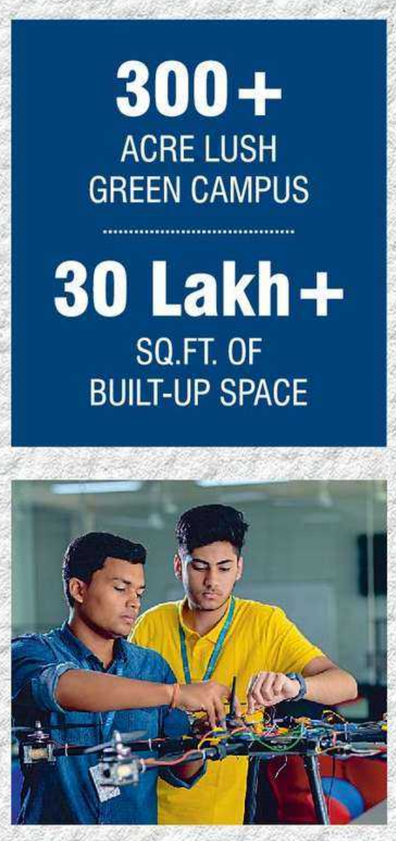

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Finally, some drops of respite

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The relatively pleasant weather will likely continue for the next two days. SANJEEV VERMA/HT PHOTO

NEW DELHI: The long and intense spell of heat that had engulfed the city throughout June finally ebbed on Friday as city residents saw a welcome sight in the afternoon – dark grey clouds that brought a brief, but intense, spell of rain.

This pleasant change of weather is likely to continue through the weekend, according to new forecasts. India Meteorological Department (IMD) officials, who had earlier said the heatwave would be back on June 22, now predicted that the skies will remain partly cloudy till at least Sunday.

The Safdarjung observatory, representative of Delhi's weather, recorded 3.6mm rain.

The minimum temperature dropped to 28.4 degrees Celsius (°C) – the lowest recorded in 10 days, according to IMD data.

The first major burst of rain in the month of June brought much-needed relief to city residents from the soaring day-time mercury. The rain restricted the maximum temperature from soaring too high and locked it at 40.4°C — two degrees above normal and a minor departure from Thursday's 40°C.

The weather agency said that the intense spell of showers, which lasted around 10-20 minutes in most areas in the city, were not evenly distributed – some other stations recorded much higher rainfall. The highest rain was recorded at the Pitampura station, which received 33.5mm of rainfall, followed by 32mm at Rajghat and 14mm of rainfall at Pusa.

Minimum at a 10-day low

The 11-day streak of heatwave days — recorded in at least one station in the Capital — was snapped on Thursday after a dust storm hit the city on Wednesday night, leading to sparse rain. The maximum at Ridge and Ayanagar stations were 40.9°C and 41°C, respectively.

The minimum temperature also saw a drop from Thursday – falling 1.2 degrees to settle at 28.4°C. Just two days ago, the city had clocked a minimum of 35.2°C — the warmest night recorded in at least 55 years.

"The rainfall on Friday was a continuation of the impact of the western disturbance, which brought strong gusty winds and a cooling effect to Delhi. The westerly winds also reached about 30-40km/hour. It may get warmer over the next two days, but a heatwave will likely not be recorded," said an IMD official

The Ridge received 6.2mm rainfall, Lodhi Road 3.2mm, and Palam 1.2mm, while Ayanagar recorded 'trace' rainfall. In NCR cities, 6mm rainfall was recorded in Gurugram, 1mm in Noida, and 0.5mm in Ghaziabad.

The high-velocity winds also led to some interruptions on the streets as the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) reported fallen trees at nine locations, including Karol Bagh, East of Kailash, Mangolpuri, South Moti Bagh, and Tagore Garden Extension, among others. MCD also received waterlogging complaints from 13 spots, including Karol Bagh, Chhattarpur, Shahdara, Najafgarh and Narela.

Cloud relief

According to the IMD forecast for the next few days, partly cloudy skies will persist over the weekend, followed by the possibility of another heatwave spell on Monday and Tuesday. However, the intensity of this spell will be lower compared to the weather experienced throughout June. On Saturday, the maximum and minimum temperatures will be around 41°C and 29°C, respectively.

"The heatwave conditions may only be at isolated places in the city on June 24 and 25, along with partly cloudy skies and strong surface winds. The windy conditions may persist even till the end of next week," said IMD officials.

Meanwhile, Delhi's 24-hour average air quality index reading was 175 (moderate). It was 176 on Thursday.

DECOMPOSED BODY OF WOMAN FOUND; HEAT DEATH SUSPECTED

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NEW DELHI: The highly decomposed body of a 55-year-old woman was found inside her one-bedroom house in Lahori Gate, north Delhi, on Friday, police said, adding that they suspect the victim died of a heat-related illness. Police have initiated inquest proceedings.

Deputy commissioner of police (north) Manoj Kumar Meena identified the woman as Aamna Bibi, who lived by herself. Her relatives lived close by, he added. Police said they received information about a foul smell emanating from a house in the area, after which police reached the spot and broke the door open. "There was only a fan in the room and the house was covered with a tin shed," said an officer.

"Locals said that she had been living in the house for decades. She was unmarried and had no immediate family to take care of her," the officer said.

Investigators said Bibi's postmortem was conducted at Sabzi Mandi mortuary and the cause of death was yet to be ascertained. "We suspect she died at least two days ago because of the extent to which the body was decomposed. So far, there has been no foul play. It is suspected that she died due to the heat," the officer added.

RML hospital did not report any fresh cases of heatstroke in its emergency ward on Friday. VIPIN KUMAR/HT PHOTO

5 more die of heat stroke; toll at 58

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THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE UNDERGOING HEATSTROKE TREATMENT AT SAFDARJUNG HOSPITAL IS 26

NEW DELHI: The death toll due to heatwave in Delhi this summer rose to at least 58 on Friday, with public hospitals reporting five more deaths in the last 24 hours, even as a spell of rain lashed the city in the afternoon, bringing down temperatures by several degrees, officials aware of the matter said.

Deaths due to extreme heat have been reported since April in the Capital, as per data shared by hospitals and state government so far.

To be sure, the death toll from heat in the city is likely to be higher than what current numbers suggest. The real toll is likely to be closer to 150 as around 100 such fatalities have been reported, but will officially be added to the heat tally once autopsies confirm them as such.

Moreover, the summer toll may actually be far higher than that reported by health facilities since a major chunk of deaths are likely to go unreported and because the correlation between the temperature and a death is often difficult to piece together.

Safdarjung Hospital confirmed three new deaths on Thursday and in Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) Hospital, two more critically-ill heatstroke patients succumbed in the last 24 hours, people familiar with the matter said.

Safdarjung hospital admitted 10 new patients on Thursday, and the total number of people currently undergoing heatstroke treatment at the hospital is 26. Of these, 14 are critically ill and are on ventilator support. In total, 88 people were admitted since March, of which 66 were admitted since June 16. The hospital has reported 28 deaths so far this season, according to the data.

RML did not see any fresh cases of heatstroke in its emergency ward on Friday, according to people familiar with the matter, adding that the drop in temperature seems to have brought some respite.

"We hope the rain will continue in the coming days and things will improve. No new cases have been reported in the last 24 hours," said an official requesting anonymity.

The total number of heatstroke patients undergoing treatment at RML is 30, of which 24 are critically sick. There have been 73 cumulative hospital admissions and 20 deaths so far this season, the official added.

On Thursday, Delhi health minister Saurabh Bhardwaj said that in the past 48 hours, 310 people were admitted to various government hospitals in the Capital with heat-related illnesses, while 14 have lost their lives owing to the complications.

Meanwhile, according to the central government database that HT accessed, there have been at least 110 confirmed heatstroke deaths in the country in the past three months. The data pertained to deaths till June 18.

UP is among the worst-affected states that has seen 36 deaths related to heatstroke so far, of which three people died on Tuesday. The other states with high mortality included Bihar (17), Rajasthan (16), and Odisha (13). Among the heatstroke cases, 40,272 cases were reported since March 1 — Madhya Pradesh (10,636), Rajasthan (6,546), Andhra Pradesh (3,994), Jharkhand (3,601), Uttar Pradesh (3,590) and Odisha (3,574).

To be sure, the numbers are likely to be highly suppressed due to lag in sharing of surveillance data.

Congress leader Raj Babbar at the site. HT PHOTO

Probe ordered after man dies in Gurugram landfill collapse

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Robi Yadav

GURUGRAM: The Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) on Friday ordered a vigilance probe into the death of a 21-year-old worker, who was buried alive under a pile of garbage after it collapsed, at the Bandhwari landfill site on Monday.

MCG commissioner Narhari Singh Bangar has also ordered compensation and asked a team to submit a report within seven days on what led to the incident. "A two-member team of chief engineers will investigate the matter and action will be taken against the guilty," he said.

Bangar said the administration had given the contract to process waste at the landfill to four private agencies. "One of the companies had outsourced excavators and was carrying out work when the incident happened. He was pulled out and taken to a private hospital where doctors declared him dead on arrival," said Bangar.

The victim, Robi Yadav, worked as an excavator operator at the landfill, where a massive heap of garbage came down around 4pm on Monday, killing him on the spot. Workers at the site said the heap crumbled from atop a 28m mountain of trash. He had been working at the site for nearly four months and was clearing the route for garbage trucks to pass through when the incident occurred, police said.

The incident also sparked outrage among environmental rights activists who called for immediate action against MCG officials and the private agency concerned under Section 302 (murder) of the IPC. Police have initiated inquest proceedings under Section 174 of CrPC. "Yadav's family was informed and his body has been kept in the civil hospital for the postmortem," Bangar said. The officials said the supervisor provided safety gear but Yadav did not use them. Officials said he was provided a helmet, face mask and protective gears.

Bangar said Yadav would have survived if he was equipped with the gear as the helmet would have protected his head. However, social activists said no safety gear work in such cases.

Officials said Yadav's family recorded their statement but did not lodge any complaint. They have received a compensation of ₹4.5 lakh from the private agency.

Activists call for accountability

Activists, meanwhile called for criminal proceedings to be initiated against the agency and officials for negligence.

Ruchika Sethi Takkar, founder member of Why Waste Your Waste, a civil society movement for a zero-waste city said the landfill employees already face occupational health risks due to gases and the nature of their work. "Waste landslides are a matter of concern and have more to do with technical supervision. Build-up of gases loosens the solid waste and triggers the slides... This tragedy also underscores the urgency to implement the centralised systems wherein waste is treated nearest to source in smaller quantities," she said.

Raj Babbar visits site

Congress leader Raj Babbar visited the landfill on Friday and met the sanitation workers and officials. He said he had already raised the issue before the elections but it was "ignored".

"The garbage mountain spread over 30 acres was already reporting minor landslides regularly. Despite warning the authorities, nobody moved a finger till a massive chunk slid down and killed one person," he said. Babbar added he will take up the issue with the Centre.

Shashi B Pandit of the Kabadi Mazdoor Union, also demanded action against those responsible. "Compensation for Yadav's family under the Workers Compensation Act and a permanent job for a family member from the MCG which should be done," he said.

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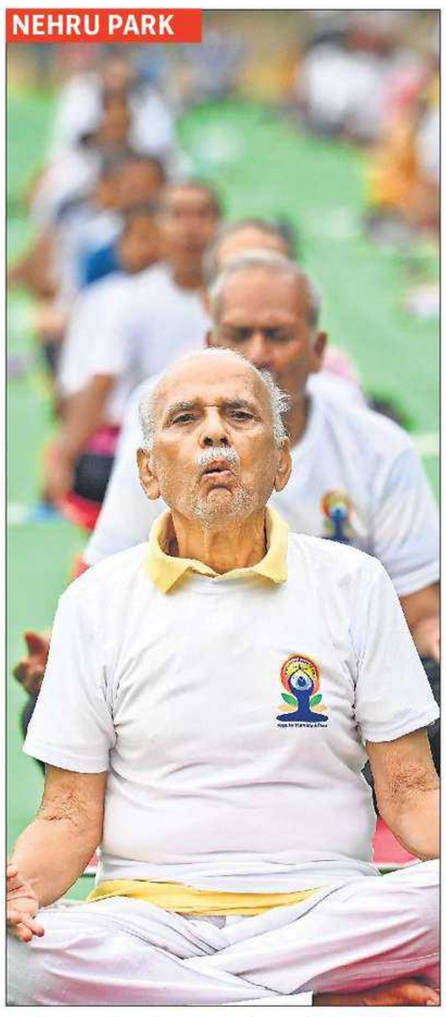

LODHI GARDEN

Residents perform yoga to mark the 10th International Day of Yoga on the Yamuna and at locations in across the Capital on Friday. ARVIND YADAV, VIPIN KUMAR/HT PHOTOS

MAN HELD FOR TRYING TO EXTORT MONEY FROM DOC IN WEST DELHI

NEW DELHI: The special cell of Delhi Police on Sunday arrested a 32-year-old man who was wanted in an extortion case, near Jai Vihar in Najafgarh, officers said.

DCP (special cell) Manoj C identified the accused as Ashok Kumar. Kumar allegedly delivered a letter at a clinic in Janakpuri on June 3, after wearing a mask.

"The letter, which was issued in the name of jailed Haryana-based gangster Manoj Baba, threatened to kill the doctor if he failed to pay ₹3 lakh. On Sunday, a raiding team laid a trap near Chhath Park in G block, Jai Vihar, where the accused was apprehended," the officer said.

The officer added that the accused wrote the letter to make quick money. "Kumar also revealed that he got the idea to extort from TV serials," the DCP added. HTC

GGM TO ROLL OUT PHASE 3 OF ROAD SURVEILLANCE PLAN WITH 10,000 CCTVs OVER 400KM

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GURUGRAM: The Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) is set to roll out the third phase of its extensive CCTV coverage project, aiming to install 10,000 CCTV cameras along 400km of the main road network under their jurisdiction, officials said.

This phase, which will cost ₹422 crore for installation and maintenance, will enhance the safety and security of residents by providing comprehensive surveillance across the city, they added.

Officials said that every road junction would connect a minimum of four to 12 CCTV cameras on both sides of the GMDA road network. Approximately 2,000 locations will be equipped with around 10,000 cameras to cover the entire road spanning 400 kilometers. Previously, 1,200 cameras were installed in Phase 1 and 2,722 in Phase 2.

Smart City chief PK Aggarwal said that the project aims to implement a comprehensive video surveillance system for strengthening safety and security in the city. "GMDA has planned under Phase 3 to provide complete CCTV coverage of Gurugram area covering main road network, public places and community spaces," he said.

These cameras will also be used to monitor city activities, and identify traffic violations. GMDA officials said approximately 10,000 CCTV cameras will be installed at least 2,000 general surveillance locations. Feeds from all these cameras will be monitored by the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) in Gurugram.

28-year-old conman who picked targets on dating apps, robbed them later, arrested: Cops

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NEW DELHI: A 28-year-old man, who allegedly used dating apps to meet women with the intention to rob them, was arrested along with his associate on Tuesday, officers aware of the matter said on Friday. The accused were involved in four robberies, including one in Rohini where a jewellery shop owner was looted at gunpoint.

Deputy commissioner of police (Dwarka) Ankit Singh said the accused were identified as Vipin Kamal Kumar and his aide, Rahul Singh, both residents of Mohan Garden.

Police said that on May 31, a 28-year-old woman approached them and said that she met a man, who identified himself as Jatin, on a dating app two days ago, and they started talking. He asked her to meet him at her house when she was alone. On May 30, she invited him over, but he came with his friend.

"The accused took the victim to her room where he and his friend tied up her limbs, and covered her mouth with tape. The accused thrashed her and robbed her of gold jewellery, her phone and ₹5,000," said an officer, requesting anonymity. Based on the complaint, a case was registered and a team led by inspector Kamlesh Kumar started a probe.

During investigation, police checked the CCTV footage near the victim's house and found that the two suspects came in a white Hyundai Creta. The call details records of the suspect's phone number were also analysed.

They revealed that he also spoke to another woman based in Rohini. The suspect had also robbed the second woman, the officer added.

This woman told police that she was separated from her husband, and lived with her two school-going children. She met the suspect on the dating app in February and he introduced himself as Sunil Nagi. He went to her house along with his associate when she was alone, and tied her up, thrashed her and robbed her. She was scared and didn't report the matter at the time.

However, she has filed a complaint on June 19, the officer said.

Investigators first tracked down Rahul, who was apprehended from outside Safdarjung Hospital, and then picked up Vijay at Vipin Garden, DCP Singh said.

Vijay was first arrested in 2016 for allegedly robbing cash from a man in Anand Vihar. He was also arrested in 2018 and 2020 for committing robbery at jewellery shops at gunpoint. In 2022, he was arrested again when he was found with a stolen scooter, police added.

ED not acting without bias: CM bail order by trial court

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JUDGE SAYS FULL PROCEEDS OF CRIME NOT TRACED AFTER TWO YEARS AND NO DIRECT PROOF SHOWN

NEW DELHI: A Delhi special court granted bail to Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal citing lack of direct evidence against him and a potential bias in the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) approach during its probe into a money-laundering case linked to alleged irregularities in the 2021-22 excise policy case.

Though the verdict was announced in the open court on Thursday, the order by judge Niyay Bindu was released on Friday morning.

To be sure, ED rushed to the Delhi high court on Friday morning against the judge's order, complaining that ED hadn't been given an opportunity to oppose the bail. The high court stayed the CM's release from the Tihar jail until it hears the ED's appeal and the response by Kejriwal's legal team, and extended the stay later in the day until it delivers a verdict early next week.

Meanwhile, the detailed judgment by the trial court shed light on the legal reasoning that led to its decision. In the 25-page judgment, the trial judge took note of the ED's assertion that the ongoing investigation could be compromised if Kejriwal was released since he might influence witnesses and tamper with evidence.

The court, however, flagged several holes in the probe agency's investigations so far. The judge pointed out, for starters, that the investigating agency has revealed that only ₹40 crore out of the ₹100 crore that was allegedly laundered has been traced, with no clear timeline for finding the remaining amount.

"On this aspect, ED has failed to clarify as to how much time is required for tracing out the complete money trail. Meaning thereby that until and unless this exercise of tracing out the remaining amount gets completed by ED, accused is supposed to remain behind bars that too without proper evidence against him. This is also not an acceptable submission of ED," said the judge, finding the agency's argument unsatisfactory and an example of the lack of concrete evidence against the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief.

The court further noted the ED's silence on how the proceeds of crime were allegedly used in the Goa assembly elections by the AAP in 2022 – which was one of the agency's principal contentions on the use of the money allegedly demanded from a group of liquor dealers from the southern states of India, "South Group".

"This is also noticeable that ED is silent about the facts as to how the proceeds of crime have been utilised in the assemble elections at Goa by AAP as admittedly after about two years, the bigger portion of the alleged amount remains to be traced out," the judgment said.

Judge takes grim view

While Kejriwal's legal team had argued that the entire case against the CM was based on statements from "tainted co-accused" who had been granted bail or pardon, additional solicitor general (ASG) Raju, representing ED, had told the court 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".

The special judge took a grim view of the ASG's statement, as she rejected the agency's assertion that investigation is an "art," and held that such an approach could lead to biased and unfair imprisonment of individuals based on manipulated evidence.

"The court has to take a pause to consider this argument, which is not a potable submission that investigation is an art because if it is so, then, any person can be implicated and kept behind the bars by artistically procuring the material against him after artistically avoiding/withdrawing exculpatory material from the record," said the court.

It further noted that "this very scenario (as argued by ASG Raju) constrains the court to draw an inference against the investigating agency that it is not acting without bias."

The court further noted the lack of incriminating evidence directly linking Kejriwal to the alleged proceeds of crime, despite ED's claims about his associations with other accused in the case.

"It may be possible that some known persons of the applicant are having involvement in an offence or being known to a third person, involved in the offence, but ED has failed to give any direct evidence against the applicant in respect of the proceeds of crime," maintained the judge.

CJI's encouragement

Commenting on the need to issue judicial orders notwithstanding the sensitivity of the case, the court referred to a lecture delivered by Chief Justice of India Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud in April, marking the day when the Central Bureau of Investigation was established in 1963.

"On CBI Day celebration, Hon'ble Chief Justice, while addressing the gathering and perceiving the difficult and cumbersome task being done by the trial court special judges attending CBI and ED matters, passed encouraging remarks for such courts for their motivation and inspiration. This is the call of the day that the government authorities as well as the hon'ble higher courts want to reduce the pendency of cases and to expedite the proceedings," said the judge.

The court highlighted the inherent difficulties and potential injustices faced by accused under PMLA, as it considered the lack of concrete evidence, procedural delays and the principles of fairness and justice while deciding in favour of granting bail to Kejriwal.

"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 to convince the court with respect to the availability of the evidence against the applicant. 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 judge said.

Emphasising the need for the investigating agency to act promptly and fairly, adhering to principles of natural justice, the order added: "While the ED relied heavily on the stringent bail conditions under Section 45 of the PMLA, the court noted that the principles of legal fairness and presumption of innocence should not be overshadowed by procedural technicalities."

Section 45 of PMLA lays down a stringent bail process under the law, requiring the trial court to be convinced that there are reasonable grounds to believe the accused is not guilty and is not likely to commit any offence while on bail.

In its bail order, the trial court also flagged that the agency was silent on certain issues raised by Kejriwal, such as that he was not named either in CBI case or in the first case registered by the ED. "Secondly, the allegations against the applicant have surfaced after the subsequent statements of certain co-accused. Thirdly, this is also an admitted fact that the accused has not been summoned by the court till date, yet he is lying in judicial custody at the instance of ED on the pretext of the investigation still going on," added the court.

The court acknowledged that holding a constitutional position or having clear antecedents should not be the sole grounds for bail and that the gravity of the alleged offence must also be considered. At the same time, it highlighted that the socioeconomic status and previous conduct of the accused have historically been taken into account by courts. This principle was reinforced by a Supreme Court observation on May 10, noting Kejriwal's lack of criminal antecedents and his non-threatening nature to society, when the CM was released on a 21-day interim bail for campaigning in the Lok Sabha elections.

Kejriwal has been in custody since March 21 following his arrest by ED, apart from a 21-day interim bail in May for Lok Sabha elections.

Atishi begins fast over Delhi not getting its 'rightful share' of water

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Sunita Kejriwal, Atishi, Sanjay Singh and Imran Hussain at Rajghat on Friday. HT PHOTO

NEW DELHI: Delhi water minister Atishi began her indefinite fast over the prevailing water shortage in the Capital on Friday afternoon, continuing her allegation that Haryana was not providing adequate water to Delhi.

Before beginning her fast, Atishi went to chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's residence at around 10.45am and met his family. From there, Atishi, along with the CM's wife Sunita Kejriwal, and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leaders Sanjay Singh, Saurabh Bharadwaj, Imran Hussain and others, visited Rajghat.

From Rajghat, the AAP leaders went to Bhogal, where the minister began her fast in the presence of party leaders. Atishi will only have water and not eat anything during the agitation, people aware of the matter said.

Sunita Kejriwal read out a message on behalf of her husband Arvind Kejriwal and expressed solidarity with the minister.

"This time the whole country is experiencing severe heat... it has been our culture that people offer free water to the thirsty during summer... but Delhi's neighbouring states do not believe this. We hoped that we would get more support from the neighbouring states but... the Haryana government has reduced the daily supply," Sunita Kejriwal said, quoting the CM.

Atishi said that Delhi should get 1,005 million gallons per day (mgd) of water daily but Haryana has been giving 513 mgd over the last two weeks, instead of its share of 613 mgd.

"Delhi is dependent on neighbouring states for water... I made efforts to get Delhi's rightful share, but the BJP government of Haryana did not give it... That's why I had to sit on indefinite hunger strike," Atishi said.

"Despite every effort, the Haryana government is not providing adequate water to Delhi. Mahatma Gandhi has taught that if one has to fight against injustice, one must adopt the path of Satyagraha," she added.

The Haryana government has refuted the allegation repeatedly and called it "baseless and factually incorrect".

On Thursday, the Haryana government said that the state has been providing 1,050 cusecs of water to the national capital over the stipulated 719 cusecs.

Haryana's irrigation and water resources minister, Abhe Singh Yadav, said that the Delhi government's allegation on water supply was "unfounded and misleading". "The Delhi government is creating political drama around the water issue... Haryana treats water as a necessity, not a political tool. Delhi's water shortage is due to internal mismanagement rather than Haryana's supply," said Yadav.

Responding to the minister's allegations, Delhi BJP MP Bansuri Swaraj said the AAP minister started fasting in an attempt to cover up her "inaction".

"Why did the Delhi Jal Board not prepare a summer action plan and why, despite discussions, did they not make full preparations even after the Met department's warnings of intense heat?" said Swaraj.

Meanwhile, the brief spell of rain did not improve the water shortfall and the supply to the city dropped to the season's lowest level at 888 mgd — below the 900mgd-mark for the first time this year, according to the water production report issued by the Delhi Jal Board on Friday.

CM being treated like terrorist, says wife

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Sunita Kejriwal

NEW DELHI: Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's wife Sunita Kejriwal on Friday said that her husband is being "treated as if he is a terrorist" and claimed that the Enforcement Directorate (ED) challenged the CM's bail order even before it was uploaded on the trial court's website.

Sunita Kejriwal made the remarks at Bhogal in south Delhi where she addressed a gathering from the stage, on which Delhi water minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Atishi on Friday launched her indefinite fast over the prevailing water crisis in the Capital. Atishi blamed the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led central and Haryana governments for the deficit in the city.

"Yesterday your chief minister got bail from the Rouse Avenue court, and the order was supposed to be uploaded in the morning. However, it was not uploaded, and ED went to the high court to get the order stayed. It is as if Arvind Kejriwal is the most wanted terrorist in India. Dictatorship in the country is crossing such limits that ED violates someone's personal liberty and even immediately goes to the high court to get a stay against the bail of an elected chief minister. The decision of the high court is yet to come, we hope that it will do justice," she added.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said, "The various scams done by Kejriwal government are nothing but financial terrorism."

Meanwhile, AAP leader Saurabh Bharadwaj said, "The trial court has accepted that the CM is innocent and it has granted bail to him only after seeing all arguments and evidence of ED lawyers."

AAP MP Sanjay Singh said that the ED went to the high court to stop the bail of Kejriwal even before the trial court order was uploaded on the website of the court. "I believe that the high court will definitely take cognizance of what has been written in the trial court's order and on what basis did Kejriwal get bail. There is a strong basis for his bail and even the trial court judge has in her order quoted the Chief Justice of India. The Chief Justice had said in a conference of trial court and district court judges that people are not getting a decision in the trial court bail cases due to which a lot of bail cases are pending with the high court and Supreme Court. So, the Chief Justice also said that if the power of the trial court to grant bail is used judiciously, then so many cases will not be pending before the High Court and Supreme Court," said Singh.

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As part of our 'Walled City dictionary' series, that is chronicling every significant Old Delhi place-name.

Perched across the road from one of the very few surviving stone gateways of the Walled City, this modest 44-year-old tea stall commands reverence for successfully surviving through these furiously changing times, when far more muscular Old Delhi institutions couldn't.

The gentle Bhai Subhan, who talks so softly that you have to strain your ears to hear him, arrived from Muzaffarpur in Bihar, and, by accident of circumstances, chose this site to set up his establishment. This evening, he recalls those long-ago days.

"A patri bazar existed here... a stall for khameeri rotiyan, a stall for biryani, a stall for halwaparatha... mine too was one of those, except that I had no cart then and I would sit on the ground."

At this point in his narration, Bhai Subhan is interrupted by a 6pm loyalist--"Make me a chai as beautiful as your looks."

The chai man blushes.

In the mid-1980s, Bhai Subhan says, the authorities put an end to the patri bazar; the stalls were forced to move elsewhere. Somehow he not only managed to stay, but also thrived enough to acquire this cart.

By now, a bunch of chai stall patrons have gathered around the cart, attentively listening to the stall owner. The talk soon turns to the season's unusually extreme heat: "No matter how hot the mausam be, Dilli's chai stalls get their chai drinkers"—remarks a grinning auto rickshaw driver. Bhai Subhan looks thoughtful, saying, "For the first time in many summers , I'm facing a significant drop in my day earnings." Even so, he says, this trying season too shall pass and... suddenly a few of the men around the cart exclaim together that "Bhai Subhan will keep giving us chai." The stall serves daily from 7am to midnight, punctuated only by a brief break for Bhai Subhan's midday meal, prepared by wife Zubeidaa Khatoon at their home in Khazoori Khas.

As the evening deepens and the sky over Turkman Gate darwaza turns dark blue, more regulars crowd around the cart. Some men are carrying their paper glasses—along with snacky mathhi/fen—to a muddy slope behind the stall, where they have sat down on their haunches, to consume their chai in quietude.

Meanwhile, Bhai Subhan is busy, his roadside establishment conveying an impression of infinite longevity, as if it stands outside the limitations of time, and will continue to function long after we are no more.

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YOGA DAY

without the baggage of the past. When we are peaceful within, we can also make a positive impact on the world... Yoga is making new ways of positive change in society."

Modi said that the number of yoga practitioners was constantly on the rise globally, and wherever he went, he was often told by international leaders of the benefits of yoga. "In many countries, yoga is becoming a part of their daily lives," he said.

This increased interest, he said, has led to yoga tourism in states like Uttarakhand and Kerala, with people from across the globe travelling to India to gain an authentic understanding of the practice. "People are now hiring personal yoga trainers for fitness, and companies are including yoga in mind and body programmes for their employees. It has opened new avenues of livelihood," Modi said.

Modi said that the response to yoga from Jammu and Kashmir was heartening, calling it a spectacle of "enthusiasm and commitment". "Today will be immortalised in the minds of people. Even the fall in temperature amid the rainy weather couldn't dampen the spirit of the people... I have been seeing since yesterday that yoga is growing in popularity with the people of Srinagar and Jammu and Kashmir. This will attract more tourists here," he said.

The Prime Minister said that yoga should be approached not just as a spiritual journey to find "Allah, Ishwar or God" but as a journey towards personal development. "If you approach it in that way, there are a lot of benefits. Personal development leads to the benefit of society, which in turn leads to the benefit of humankind," Modi said.

Extolling the virtues of yoga for the mind, he said that it helped calm the modern mind which is flooded by information. "A solution for this is also in yoga as it helps the mind to focus. That is why from army to sports, yoga has been included in their routine... astronauts and people working on space projects are trained in yoga as it increases productivity as well as tolerance," Modi said.

Kashmir lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha, who was at the event in Srinagar with the Prime Minister, said, "I am grateful to the Prime Minister for giving Jammu and Kashmir the opportunity to lead the International Yoga Day celebrations. This historic event has put Jammu and Kashmir on the global map."

HC HALTS BAIL

It was also a key moment for the AAP, which will vie for a third consecutive term in Delhi in the assembly polls scheduled in eight months. If released, Kejriwal – the face of the party and its tallest leader – will boost the party's campaign.

AAP leaders said that the lower court order, which granted bail to Kejriwal, had exposed both the BJP and ED. "After ED presented all evidence, witnesses and made arguments, the court issued an order for regular bail, the BJP people should have been ashamed. But they still sent ED to high court without any order," said party leader Sanjay Singh in a press conference on Friday.

People in Kejriwal's legal team indicated that they may approach the Supreme Court on Saturday to challenge the high court's interim stay on his release, demanding a resolution to this rapidly evolving legal saga.

The case against the CM stems from allegations of irregularities in Delhi's now-scrapped excise policy of 2021-22, which CBI began probing following a recommendation by Delhi's lieutenant governor in July 2022. Kejriwal was the third AAP leader arrested in this connection. Former deputy CM Manish Sisodia has been in jail since February 2023, and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh was granted bail by the top court in April this year after six months of custody.

The release order by the vacation trial court judge Niyay Bindu on Thursday evening had come days after the general elections threw up surprisingly positive results for the Opposition but found the AAP winning no seat in Delhi and only three in Punjab.

ED swiftly moved the high court on Friday morning. The agency argued that the trial court's order was passed without giving the agency adequate opportunity to oppose the bail application and despite judicial acknowledgment of the offence of money laundering. ED, arguing through additional solicitor general (ASG) SV Raju, also criticised the trial court for refusing to stay the bail order temporarily to allow for an appeal to a higher court.

On Thursday, judge Niyay Bindu had ordered Kejriwal's release, citing a lack of direct evidence implicating him in the money laundering case and suggesting a potential bias in ED's investigation. The detailed order released on Friday highlighted that only ₹40 crore of the alleged ₹100 crore was traced, with no clear timeline for the rest. The trial judge also noted ED's failure to explain how the proceeds of the crime were used in the 2022 Goa assembly elections by the AAP, emphasising that a significant portion of the alleged amount remained untraced nearly two years later.

Assailing the trial court verdict, ASG Raju argued that the impugned order was "perverse" and "lopsided" as it was passed without a thorough review of the documentary evidence. He claimed that the agency traced ₹45 crore and provided an "end-to-end money trail" linking Kejriwal to the alleged ₹100 crore bribe demand.

The law officer emphasised that the April 9 Delhi high court order affirming the legality of Kejriwal's arrest by ED stood as valid since it had not been stayed by the Supreme Court. He further stressed that Kejriwal was both individually and vicariously liable for money laundering under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

In response, Kejriwal's legal team, led by senior advocates Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Vikram Chaudhari, defended the trial court's bail order as a well-considered discretionary judgment. They criticised ED's expectation for the trial court to extensively document its contentions and stressed that the order had addressed all arguments comprehensively. They further pointed out that Kejriwal's surrender after his interim bail ended demonstrated his bona fide conduct and that his release would not pose any danger or prejudice.

The legal team underscored that interim stays on bail orders are typically reserved for cases involving terrorists or those likely to flee, highlighting that Kejriwal did not fit these criteria.

They also argued that the high court's April 9 order could not have been considered as a final order as the Supreme Court, while reserving verdict in Kejriwal's petition challenging his arrest and remand, had expressly granted their client the liberty to move trial court for bail.

The high court, however, said that it would need two or three days to go through the records of the case before taking a call on ED's interim plea to suspend Kejriwal's bail till the time a final decision is taken on the agency's petition for the cancellation of his bail. Till a decision on ED's interim bail plea, justice Jain said, the trial court order of releasing the CM on bail will not be given effect to.

The decision sparked a political controversy.

AAP's Sanjay Singh said that ED went to the high court to stop Kejriwal's bail even before the trial court order was uploaded on the court's website. "I believe that the high court will definitely take cognizance of what has been written in the trial court's order... There is a strong basis for his bail and even the trial court judge has in her order quoted the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court," said Singh.

Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva said AAP leaders are "masters of spreading lies". "The country's judiciary is independent and works in an unbiased manner based on facts. It would be better if AAP leaders understand the judicial systems before hastily commenting on judicial decisions," said Sachdeva.

On June 5, Kejriwal's plea for interim bail on medical grounds was dismissed by another trial court, citing his active involvement in election campaigning as evidence that he does not suffer from any serious or life-threatening ailments. To address Kejriwal's health concerns, the court, however, ordered the revival of the AIIMS medical board constituted earlier to examine him and conduct necessary medical tests for prescribing any required treatment.

Last month, ED filed a supplementary charge sheet in the money laundering case, naming Kejriwal and the AAP as accused. The court has reserved its order on cognisance of this charge sheet.

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Where as complaint has been made before me that accused **Rohit @ Bacchan S/o Sh. Bahadur Singh, R/o- G-22 & P-22, Masjid Wali, Krishan Vihar, Nangloi, Sultanpuri, Delhi** has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide **FIR No. 746/2021 U/s 356/379 IPC P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Rohit @ Bacchan** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Rohit @ Bacchan** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Rohit @ Bacchan** of case **FIR No. 746/2021 U/s 356/379 IPC P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi** is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the complaint on or before the day of **24.07.2024.**

By Order,
Sh. Rishab Kapoor
Metropolitan Magistrate
North-West Distt., Room No.105,
Rohini Court, Delhi

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Manoj Saini, S/o Sh. Sarup Saini, C/o Kala, S/o Jawahar Singh Mann, R/o Village Holambi Khurd, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **CC No. 5253/18, U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Manoj Saini** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Manoj Saini** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Manoj Saini** accused of **CC No. 5253/18, U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi** required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **23.07.2024**.

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4.E-Tender Notice No.CO/Advtt/E-Tender-4/2024-25/MCD/NIT/D-646 dated 20.06.2024 for allotment of advertisement rights through Building/Wall wrap & LED screen on the facade of Multilevel Car Parkings under the jurisdiction of MCD on monthly license fee basis in two bid system (i.e. Technical and Financial) for an initial period of five years.

The Last Date of Submission of bids "in all above e-tenders is 15.07.2024, till 16.00 Hours.

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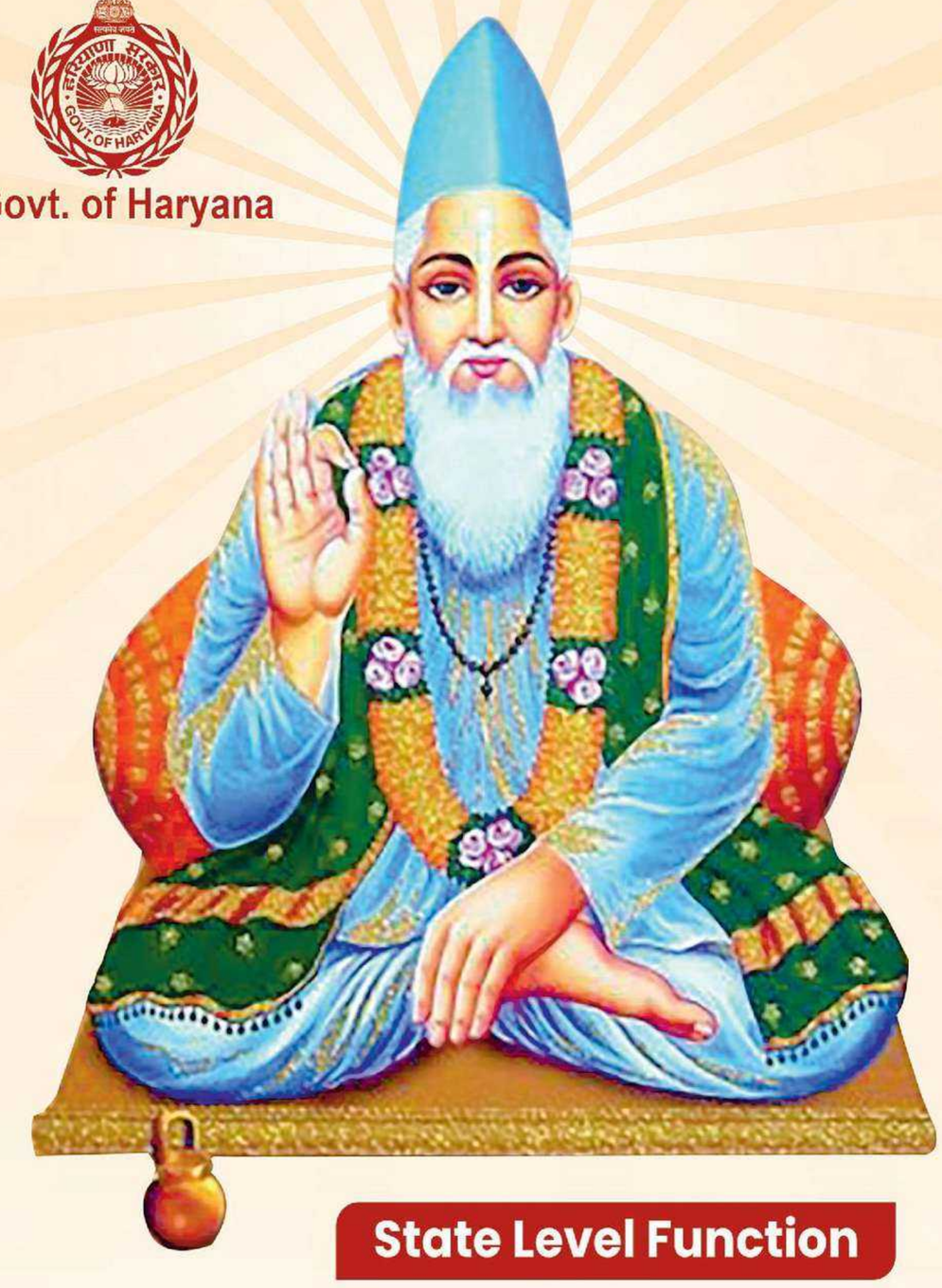

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Bihar govt college staffer under lens as NEET probe intensifies

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PATNA: The Bihar Economic Offences Unit (EOU) is zeroing in on 53-year-old Sanjiv Mukhia, a technical assistant at a government college in Nalanda, who officials believe is one of the masterminds in the alleged leak of the NEET-UG question paper.

Mukhia, Bihar police investigators said, is the central figure of a gang that operates across states to earn money by compromising competitive examinations, and has been arrested once before by the Uttarakhand Police in 2016. His son, Shiv Kumar, is currently in Beur jail, arrested from Ujjain for the alleged leak of the Bihar Public Service Commission Teacher Recruitment Examination in April 2024.

Mukhia had applied for anticipatory bail before a Patna district and sessions court on June 4, which deferred the hearing to July 4 on Friday. Senior police officers said that they raided Mukhia's home in Nagarnausa village of Nalanda on Friday, but he was not there.

A police officer said that they were searching various locations on the basis of tip-offs about him. "We are hopeful of catching him over the next few days. We are keeping a tab on him," he added.

On May 4, a day before the NEET examination was held, the Bihar Police had recovered admit cards, post-dated cheques and educational certificates following raids at a hostel in the state capital, acting on a tip off that the question paper of the examination had been leaked. Over the next few days, the state police arrested 13 people in the case, including four examinees, who were allegedly being trained to solve the question paper that they had allegedly procured, under sections of criminal conspiracy and breach of trust.

Mukhia is the only accused named in the FIR who is yet to be arrested.

The Economic Offences Unit of the Bihar Police took over the probe on May 11.

One senior police officer who is in charge of investigations in the case said that they have been trailing Mukhia since May 6, but he has been absconding from his place of work — a government college in Nalanda where he is posted as a technical assistant, and his known residences.

A resident of Nagarnausa in Nalanda, Mukhia has been under the police scanner in such cases previously. He was arrested by the Uttarakhand Police in 2016 on charges of leaking the NEET paper. He spent 14 months in Nainital jail, and was released on bail in 2018.

The officer said that Mukhia was the kingpin of what they call the "Solver Gang", which has links in multiple states such as Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal and Bihar. "It is Mukhia who arranged the NEET question paper and handed it over in turn to a man identified as Rocky, who we are looking into. But we still don't know where the question paper was leaked and how exactly," the officer said.

Bihar police officers said that Mukhia's son, Shiv Kumar, was arrested from Ujjain on April 20 this year for his role in the paper leak of the BPSC TRE competitive examination held in Bihar, which 375,000 students sat for.

In the 2024 NEET case, investigations have thus far revealed that at least four students and their parents paid money to procure the question paper a day before the examination, and then memorised the answers.

Interrogations have pointed to a group of people who facilitated the process, including government official Sikander Prasad Yadvendu, junior engineer of the Danapur Nagar Parishad, Amit Anand, a Bengaluru-based IT professional, Roshan Kumar and Nitish Kumar, who are close associates of Anand.

Akhilesh Kumar, the father of Ayush Kumar — both arrested — has told police that Sikandar Prasad Yadvendu had assured him of success and demanded ₹40 lakh.

Similarly, Reena Kumar, the mother of Anurag Yadav had received assurances from Yadvendu, who also arranged their meeting with Amit Anand and Nitish Kumar.

A police officer aware of the matter said that Mukhia's name surfaced during interrogation and he was the one who made the questions available.

Cast of characters in Bihar case

The Bihar police have, so far, arrested 13 people in connection with the alleged irregularities during the conduct of NEET on May 5 in Patna. They are currently lodged in a Patna jail.

THE KEY ACCUSED

SIKANDER PRASAD YADVENDU (56)
- A suspended junior engineer with the Town and Planning department of Bihar government, Yadvendu is the prime accused in the NEET paper leak case.
- Police say that Yadvendu, a resident of Danapur in Patna, allegedly introduced three candidates to Nitish Kumar and Amit Anand.
- He has reportedly confessed to having arranged question papers for four aspirants to 'prepare' them a day before the test and demanded ₹ 30-32 lakh each.

AMIT ANAND (29)
- An IT engineer, Anand is a resident of Munger who graduated from Pune and works at a Bengaluru firm.
- Police say Anand confessed to leaking the question paper, with collusion of Yadvendu and other accused.

NITISH KUMAR (32)
- A resident of Gopalpur in Patna, Kumar is allegedly one of four accused. He is a graduate and works as a contractor.
- Police say he has confessed to colluding with Yadvendu and Anand in leaking the papers.
- Kumar was jailed earlier this year in connection with an alleged paper leak in a Bihar Public Services examination.

ROSHAN KUMAR (35)
- Kumar, a resident of Nalanda in Bihar, is reportedly unemployed and is said to be an associate of Anand.
- Police have alleged that Kumar's role was to convince candidates to buy the question paper.

EXAMINEES UNDER LENS
- **Ayush Kumar** (19), a resident of Danapur
- **Abhishek Kumar** (21) from Ranchi
- **Anurag Yadav** (22) from Samastipur
- **Shivnandan Kumar** from Gaya

- Five others, including Yadvendu's driver Bittu Kumar, have been arrested in connection with the Bihar case.

Political blame game ensues

Bihar deputy CM Vijay Kumar Sinha on Thursday alleged that RJD leader and former deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav's aide Preetam Kumar called an employee of the Bihar Road Construction Department to book a room for Yadvendu. The RJD leader, however, termed it a "bid to divert attention from the kingpin".

The RJD hit back at the BJP by sharing a photo of accused Amit Anand with deputy CM Samrat Choudhary. In a post on X, **the RJD said that Choudhary was being "felicitated by the accused, but has deleted all his photos with him".**

Slugfest grows in Bihar as BJP, RJD trade barbs

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PATNA: The political furore in Bihar around the leak of the NEET-UG examination 2024 continued to simmer, with leader of opposition Tejashwi Yadav, who the ruling party had charged with arranging accommodation in Patna for one of the prime accused, alleging that the union government was trying to save the "kingpins" in the case. In turn, the RJD on Friday also released a photograph of deputy chief minister Samrat Choudhary standing next to another man, reportedly one of those accused in the case. Choudhary, however, said that as a political leader, he is approached for photographs by several people, and does not know them all.

A paper leak in the NEET-UG exam in Bihar is at the centre of a national controversy, with the Bihar Economic Offences Unit arresting 13 people, including four students.

In Bihar, the case has been at the centre of a raging controversy after deputy chief minister Vijay Kumar Sinha alleging that Tejashwi Yadav's secretary, identified as Preetam Kumar, had made phone calls to the NHAI guest house in Patna to find a reservation for Sikander Prasad Yadvendu, one of the accused in the case. Sinha alleged that the room's

Tejashwi Yadav

reservation diary had a reference to "mantri ji" — which he claimed was a moniker for Yadav—and asked the EOU to probe the case from all angles.

Yadav however broke his silence on Friday and said that the BJP has governments both at the state and the Centre, and nobody could stop them from investigating the case. "They can always call my private secretary and question him if they have evidence..."

But Yadav said that the NDA government in Bihar was protecting the "kingpins in the case" and called for the NEETto be scrapped. "Why are the masterminds in the NEET paper leak case being protected? Those who want to drag my name or my private secretary in the case will gain nothing."

The RJD, meanwhile, posted pictures of deputy chief minister Samrat Choudhary reportedly standing next to one of the accused in the case. Choudhary, however, said: "We meet so many people and get photographed. I do not know them all."

GOVT NOTIFIES ACT TO CURB CHEATING IN PUBLIC EXAMS

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NEW DELHI: The Centre on Friday notified the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, which aims to curb malpractices in public examinations, amid a simmering controversy surrounding premier entrance examinations.

The Department of Personnel and Training issued a gazette notification for the Act, which was cleared by Parliament in February this year.

The bill, passed by Lok Sabha on February 6 and by Rajya Sabha three days later, prescribes hefty fines and jail terms for culprits, even as it keeps students and candidates outside its remit. The Act defines "unfair means" as activities for monetary or wrongful gain, including leaking question papers, tampering with answer sheets, providing unauthorized assistance, and creating fake examinations or websites. Punishments under the law range between fines of up to ₹1 crore, and prison time between three and 10 years.

The move comes against the backdrop of a raging controversy around skewed results and allegations of paper leaks that has reached the Supreme Court, which will hear petitions on NEET issue on July 8. The Centre cancelled the UGC-NET exam on June 19, and the CSIR-UGC-NET on June 21.

{ NEET REPEAT EXAM } FOR 1,563 STUDENTS

6 'toppers' to reappear, but not at same centre

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GURUGRAM/NEW DELHI: The National Testing Agency (NTA) on Friday issued admit cards to the 1,563 candidates who took the medical college screening test NEET for a repeat examination on Sunday, after the process was mired in a massive controversy with allegations that the questions were leaked, scores were inflated and grace marks awarded arbitrarily.

Among the 1,563 – who were awarded grace marks for attempting a misleading question – are the six "perfect scorers" who took the test at the same centre in Haryana's Bahadurgarh. They will now write the examination at two different centres in Jhajjar, and the centre — Hardayal Public School — has been scrapped from the list of centres where the retest is being conducted over scrutiny surrounding it.

On Friday, moments after they received their new admit cards, they told HT that they were anxious about the retest since they felt they had to repeat their 100% performance to prove they did not benefit from being in a testing centre now under scanner.

"I am under immense stress. I have studied very hard and over 16 hours a day to achieve my goal, but without my fault, I have to undergo a retest and prove my capabilities, which is unfair. All relatives and neighbours are asking day and night what if I fail to score the same marks. Now, my expectation is to get a medical seat, not the marks," said one of the six candidates, a 17-year-old boy, who scored 720 out of 720.

A 17-year-old girl who was part of the cohort, also said she rued the attention the controversy had bought. "The only concern is we have already wasted a lot of time and got just nine days to prepare for the retest. I am unable to focus since people are visiting my house day and night and are trying to motivate and encourage me but it is creating pressure on me leading to distress," she said.

Hardayal Public School has been removed from the list of centres for a retest due to the scrutiny surrounding it. HT PHOTO

A third candidate put it more bluntly: "I have to reappear and prove that I did not cheat and I qualified for the score. I am not satisfied with the decision, but I am helpless."

Some of the toppers received grace marks as high as 140.

The National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) this year, conducted on May 5 by the National Testing Agency, was taken by 2.4 million aspirants in total. Shortly after results were announced on June 4, the test was mired in controversy, especially over the grace marks and the fact that six of the toppers were from the same centre, Bahadurgarh's Hardayal Public School.

Thousands of students hit the streets in protest and Opposition leaders took shots at the ruling party. At the same time, several students in states like Bihar and Gujarat said they had access to leaked questions.

VN Jha, principal of SR Century Public School and NTA nodal officer for the Haryana region that covers Bahadurgarh, confirmed new arrangements: "312 students will appear for test from DAV Police school in Jhajjar and 182 from Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jhajjar."

To ensure smooth conduct of the re-examination, officials from NTA and the Union ministry of education will be present at the centres. "The step has been taken to ensure smooth conduct of retest." a senior NTA official said.

This development comes amid wider scrutiny of India's entrance exams. Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan acknowledged on Thursday that "some errors limited to specific regions" and announced the formation of a high-level committee to review NTA's functioning.

The controversy has reached the Supreme Court, which will hear petitions on the NEET issue on July 8. The court has refused to halt the NEET-UG counselling scheduled to begin on July 6. What added fuel to the fire was that the government cancelled the UGC-NET exam (for assistant professors and PhD candidates, conducted on June 18) on June 19 over evidence that its question paper was leaked on the darknet. Then, on Friday, the Centre cancelled the CSIR-UGC-NET citing "unavoidable circumstances and logistical issues".

Rahul Gandhi

WILL DISCUSS EXAM ISSUE IN PARL, SAYS RAHUL; CONGRESS WORKERS STAGE DEMONSTRATIONS

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NEW DELHI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday said that he will "personally" raise the issue of alleged irregularities in NEET in Parliament, even as party workers held demonstrations across the country and demanded a probe under the supervision of a sitting Supreme Court judge.

The protests come amid a simmering controversy around skewed results and allegations of paper leaks and irregularities that have vitiated the NEET this year, and sparked questions about the processes followed by the National Testing Agency.

Slamming the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led central government over the alleged irregularities in premier medical entrance exam, Gandhi shared a video of his meeting with a group of NEET aspirants and their parents.

"I want to talk to the 24 lakh NEET students. From the streets to Parliament, we are with you. I want to tell you that you are not alone. In the last 10 years, 70 times exam papers have been leaked and two crore youth have suffered. We will fight together and win it," he said in a video message, after meeting a group of NEET aspirants at his residence, 10 Janpath.

Meanwhile, Congress workers held protests across the country over the exam row.

In Punjab, the party's state unit chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring led a protest in Chandigarh and said: "We demand a probe under the supervision of a Supreme Court's sitting judge."

Several units of the Uttar Pradesh Congress also held demonstrations across the state. Party chief Ajay Rai said: "The government has failed to hold a prestigious exam like the NEET in a fair manner..."

In Rajasthan, Congress's state chief Govind Singh Dotasra said: "Everyone knows that corruption has occurred in the NEET examination. Yet, the Centre is not cancelling the exam."

TMC and Congress set to join hands to take on BJP in House

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NEW DELHI: After a heated general elections season that saw the Congress and the Trinamool Congress at loggerheads in West Bengal and sharp comments from either side, the two key INDIA bloc allies have reached out to each other to jointly formulate strategies on issues and bolster the Opposition's united offensive against the government in the upcoming session of Parliament, people aware of developments said on Friday.

The perceptible thaw in the relationship that had hit a low during the Lok Sabha polls — TMC chief Mamata Banerjee pulled out of the alliance in West Bengal amid repeated barbs by Bengal Congress chief Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury — also comes weeks after the latter lost his home seat of Baharampur to the TMC.

On Thursday, former Union minister P Chidambaram met Banerjee in a bid to improve the ties between the two sides. The two leaders discussed the large number of bills passed in the past 10 years that needed review and better coordination in Parliament, said the people cited above.

The Congress even asked Banerjee if she would campaign for Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who is fighting her maiden election in Kerala's Wayanad, which her brother Rahul Gandhi vacated earlier this week in favour of Rae Bareli in Uttar Pradesh.

In the last INDIA meeting before polls, Banerjee had suggested that Priyanka Gandhi should fight against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Varanasi. The TMC also wants the Left's importance to be reduced in the Opposition alliance.

In the INDIA bloc, across both House, the Congress has 125 MPs in Parliament, followed by TMC's 42 and Samajwadi Party's 41.

"There is a large section of the Congress leadership that wants a good relationship with the Trinamool," said TMC's Rajya Sabha leader Derek O'Brien.

TMC leaders indicated that with the defeat of Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury in the Lok Sabha, a major "roadblock" in the TMC-Congress relationship was removed.

In the upcoming session starting from June 24, the Opposition is set to target the government over the simmering controversy surrounding examinations such as the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) and the University Grants Commission (UGC) National Eligibility Test (NET) .

The upcoming Parliament session starts from June 24.

"We want a Supreme Court-monitored probe and the system adopted by the NTA needs to be reviewed thoroughly," said senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh.

A senior Congress leader pointed out that NEET will be the main issue in the session. "DMK will ask for scrapping of NEET. Karnataka Congress leaders too want NEET to be scrapped. In Maharashtra, the NEET 2024 has become a big issue as not many local students got selected for state colleges," the leader said. Ramesh agreed. "Time has come to review NEET. It puts state curriculum students at a disadvantage," he said.

TMC's Sagarika Ghose also raised the pitch about NEET. "The Modi-led govt's sheer governance deficit has been cruelly exposed by the spate of paper leaks of major national competitive exams. Over 70 papers have leaked in the last ten years..."

The three new laws that will replace colonial-era codes from July 1 will be another issue for the Opposition.

Hours after the Banerjee-Chidambaram meeting, the Bengal CM wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "I humbly request you to consider our appeal for a deferment of the implementation of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, the Bharatiya Sakhsya Adhiniyam 2023, and the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanita 2023. We believe that this postponement will enable a renewed Parliamentary review/mandate, reinforce public trust in the legal system, and uphold the rule of law in our beloved country," she wrote on June 20.

"The bills were passed in an authoritarian manner in that dark hour of democracy. Matter deserves review now."

The Opposition parties are set to hold a formal meeting on Monday to fine-tune the strategy for the session.

Very close to identifying source of NET paper leak, say sleuths

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NEW DELHI: Investigating agencies are close to identifying the source of the leak of the UGC-NET 2024 question paper, which was being sold on the darknet and messaging app Telegram a day before the June 18 exam — leading to its cancellation and impacting over 900,000 candidates, people familiar with the development said.

Meanwhile, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is coordinating with the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) to scan the details of habitual suspects known for paper leaks since the federal agency has investigated similar cases in the past, the people added.

In June 2023, CBI investigated an alleged leak of a question paper for the nursing officer recruitment examination of the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi. It has also probed the leak of the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) paper in 2018.

A senior official looking into the matter, who asked not to be name, said: "The concerned government department conducting examinations (in the case of NET, the National Testing Agency) often outsources the printing work of the exam papers, and it is often seen that printing agencies or coaching centres are able to obtain a copy of the question paper. A dedicated team is looking into it. We have some leads and are very close to identifying the source [of the leak]".

CBI HAS SOUGHT HELP OF INDIAN CYBER CRIME COORDINATION CENTRE TO SCAN INFO OF HABITUAL SUSPECTS

It was I4C which first noticed the exam paper on the darknet, and reported it to the ministries of home affairs and education.

"Based on information from the National Cyber Crime Threat Analysis Unit of I4C, prime facie it was found that there were question papers in the darknet. Papers were also circulated on Telegram," Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan said at a press conference on Thursday.

CBI sleuths suspect that the question paper was available on the darknet and Telegram since June 16, and said it was being sold for a few thousand rupees. However, the chain of how it went from NTA to the perpetrators and then to the clandestine public domain will be thoroughly investigated by CBI before reaching any conclusion, officers said.

For now, the CBI has booked "unknown persons" in its first information report (FIR) filed on Thursday.

"It has been alleged in the complaint that on June 19, UGC received inputs from National Cyber Crime Threat Analysis Unit of Indian Cyber Crime Co-ordination Centre (I4C) under Union ministry of home affairs that integrity of UGC Net -2024 examination, conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) in two shifts across different cities in the country, may have been compromised," a CBI spokesperson said on Thursday.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) National Eligibility Test (NET) is conducted by NTA twice a year to screen PhD candidates, pick assistant professors and award Junior Research Fellowship (JRF).

The June edition of the exam was held on Tuesday, a day before the exam was cancelled, with 908, 580 candidates appearing at 1,200 centres.

The education ministry's decision to cancel the exam added fire to a swirling controversy around skewed results and allegations of paper leaks that have vitiated the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) this year, and sparked serious questions about the processes followed by NTA.

SC refuses to postpone NEET-UG counselling

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday refused to postpone the counselling for NEET-UG 2024 till July 8, when a clutch of petitions seeking cancellation of the examination held on May 5 over alleged paper leaks and other irregularities is to be heard in the top court, and abstained from directing the counselling to be subject to the final outcome of the pending petitions.

Taking up three petitions challenging the conduct of the single window admission to MBBS courses through the national eligibility-cum entrance test (NEET) over allegations of paper leak, malpractice in examination centres, award of grace marks and demand for independent probe, a vacation bench of justices Vikram Nath and SVN Bhatti issued notice to the Centre and the National Testing Agency (NTA), and posted all matters for July 8 with other pending petitions.

In one of the petitions filed by a group of candidates led by Floral Vyas, an argument was made for postponing the counselling process, beginning on July 6, by two days. Advocate Alakh Alok Srivastava informed the court that in the initial days of counselling, the premier seats in government medical colleges will be up for grabs and will create an unfair advantage for candidates who have secured marks using illegal means.

The SC has posted all matters for July 8 with other petitions.

The bench said, "Counselling does not mean an open-and-shut case. It is a process that will begin on July 6 and continue for a week. The applicants will have many options to amend or modify their choices during this period."

Srivastava pointed out that counselling for NEET-UG began on July 20 and requested the court to pass an order that any counselling to be held will be subject to final order to be passed in this petition. The bench refused saying, "We will not pass such an order."

The court heard another petition questioning the examination and passed similar order of issuing notice to respondents including NTA and Centre, and adding it to the bunch of cases to be heard on July 8.

In a third case, the court dealt with an application questioning the retest held for 1,563 candidates to be held on Sunday (June 23).

From icy peaks to middle of sea, India celebrates Yoga Day

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NEW DELHI: From the picturesque valleys of Srinagar to the scenic shores of Kanyakumari, from the imposing mountains of Arunachal Pradesh to the sprawling deserts of Rajasthan, exercise mats were stretched out across India on Friday, as people throughout the vast expanse of the country marked the 10th International Day of Yoga.

Politicians, bureaucrats, actors, industrialists, sanitation staff, labourers, gig workers – crowds thronged public spaces across their cities, towns and villages to pay homage to the centuries-old practice that germinated in India, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the national celebrations from Srinagar in Jammu & Kashmir.

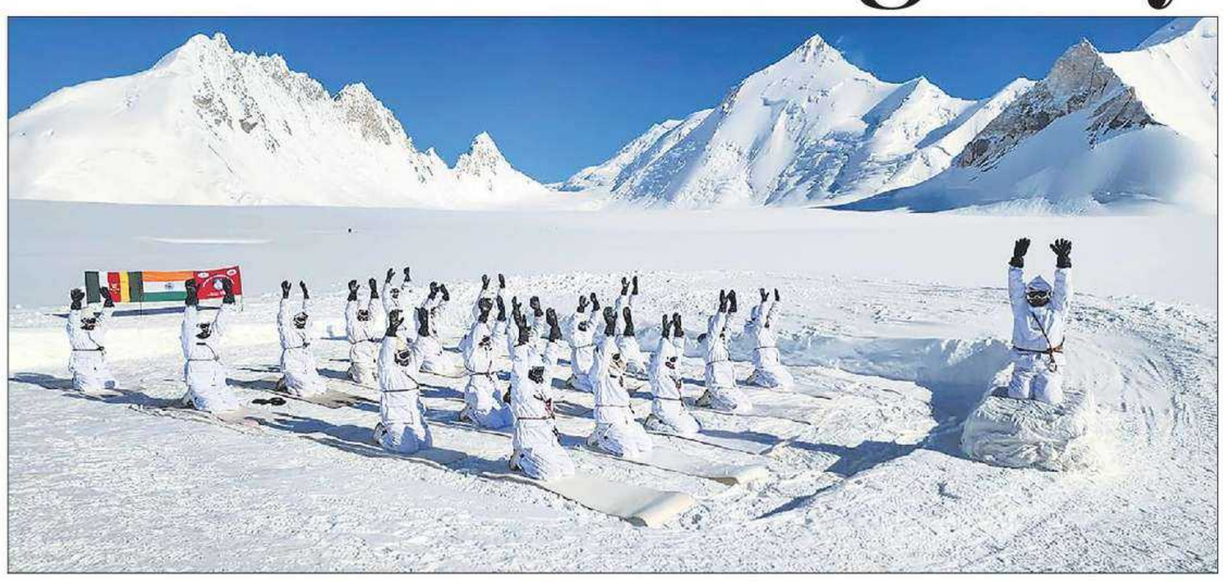
Personnel from the armed and paramilitary forces did "asanas" in the snow-capped mountains of Siachen. In a post on X, the army shared a video of its personnel and their families performing yoga across places. "#IndianArmy performed Yoga from the highest battlefield #Siachen to all varied terrain & climatic conditions through the expanse of the country. #IDY2024 witnessed enthusiastic participation from Serving Soldiers, Veterans, Families, Children & Civilians embracing 'Yoga as a Way of Life'," it said.

Union ministers, chief ministers, leaders and citizens also participated in yoga sessions organised across at events, big and small, across the country. Several educational institutions held sessions on their campuses.

In the national capital, President Droupadi Murmu performed yoga with officials of the President's secretariat at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. While Union home minister Amit Shah joined the celebrations in Ahmedabad, defence minister Rajnath Singh participated in a programme in Mathura.

In Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu, a group of people performed "Jal Yoga" in the water. In Kerala, the state government announced it will be starting 10,000 new yoga clubs this year.

Bollywood actors took to their respective social media accounts to post images of them performing yoga.



Indian Army personnel perform yoga at the Siachen Glacier in Ladakh on Friday. X/SPOKESPERSONMOD

Border Security Force personnel perform yoga in Thar Desert. PTI

Indian Navy personnel perform yoga on a ship. X/IN_WESTERNFLEETI

(Clockwise from above) President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan; Union ministers Amit Shah in Ahmedabad, and Jyotiraditya Scindia in Delhi, on Friday. X/RASHTRAPATIBHVN/ANI

Visa irregularities by Chinese firms uncovered by agencies

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NEW DELHI: National security planners have found several irregularities in the operations of Chinese companies and the import of Chinese products into India – ranging from improper documentation for visas, evading local taxes, and bypassing scrutiny by the ministry of home affairs (MHA) – according to people aware of the matter.

Indian Intelligence and financial investigating agencies have also found that there was large-scale misuse of the e-visa scheme prior to 2020, with some Chinese nationals not only overstaying in India without the mandatory visa renewals but also travelling to the border states and UTs such as Arunachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir, the people added.

Officials in three ministries dealing with the matter, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the current visa regime was also being exploited by some Chinese companies by mis-declaring visa categories. For instance, some Chinese firms were applying for business visas for the installation and commissioning of industrial units though the correct category for this purpose is an employment visa.

> OFFICIALS SAID THE VISA REGIME WAS ALSO BEING EXPLOITED BY SOME CHINESE COMPANIES

While officials are concerned about the impact of importing billions of dollars worth of furniture, lighting, fixtures and sanitaryware annually from China, and its impact on the local industry – just as Chinese telecom companies flooded the Indian market, setting back domestic phone makers – a pattern they have observed is some Chinese firms claiming "Make in India" benefits to establish units in India and then importing or sourcing up to 80% parts in those units from China.

This problem, the officials said, even extends to some Chinese firms that have been operating in the country for roughly two decades. The officials asked that the firms not be named until formal complaints are registered against them and action is initiated.

There have also been quality concerns over Chinese products – many of which are cheaper than Indian products but of inferior quality – and it was during the Modi government that the Union commerce ministry in July 2023 started issuing quality control orders (QCOs) to set benchmarks and implement standards.

While 47,000 business visas were issued to Chinese companies in 2018, the number of e-visas during the same period was 150,000. The number of business visas issued to Chinese nationals in 2019 was about 19,000 but the number of e-visas jumped to 200,000. Post the Galwan clash in 2020, the Union government cracked down on the issuance of visas, with only 2,500 business visas and another 3,000 e-visas given to Chinese companies and workers in 2023-24.

Officials said the numbers were unlikely to rise until several of the issues cited above were sorted, and the boundary issue in East Ladakh that arose after the Galwan incident is resolved.

'Maharaj' released on Netflix as Gujarat HC gives its go-ahead

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AHMEDABAD: The Gujarat high court on Friday lifted the interim stay and allowed the release of the film *Maharaj* on Over The Top (OTT) platform Netflix, saying the Bollywood movie does not target or hurt the sentiments of any community.

The movie, which was earlier scheduled to be released on June 18, was available on Netflix after the high court's nod on Friday.

Justice Sangeeta K Vishen, who had stalled the release on June 13, said: "This court arrives at the prima facie conclusion that the film, Maharaj, is based on events that led to the filing of the libel case and is not targeted at hurting the sentiments of the Pushtimarg community. The film had been certified by the Central Board for Film Certification, an expert body after considering the relevant guidelines... The interim relief granted on June 13 has been vacated."

> THE COURT NOTED THAT THE MOVIE DOES NOT TARGET OR HURT THE SENTIMENTS OF ANY COMMUNITY

Maharaj, which marks the debut of actor Aamir Khan's son Junaid, is based on a 2013 book by Gujarati writer Saurabh Shah, on an 1862 libel case involving Vaishnavite leader Jadunathji Maharaj and social reformer Karsandas Mulji. Maharaj had filed the case after Mulji, in an article in his weekly magazine Satyaprakash, accused the former of sexual exploitation.

The high court had stayed the release following a petition by a group of businessmen, who claimed the movie had the potential to offend religious sentiments of the Vaishnava community.

Justice Vishen said the primary contention of the petitioners that the movie defames and insults the community is based on "surmises".

"Thus, this court is constrained to come to the conclusion that the apprehension of petitioners is based on surmises. Since the film is yet to be released for public viewing, thus on mere presumption, the freedom of expression guaranteed under Article 19 (1)(a) of the Constitution cannot be curtailed," she said.

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INVITING APPLICATIONS THROUGH 'ONLINE' FOR NATIONAL AWARDS FOR EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FOR THE YEAR 2024

Applications/nominations are invited for National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for the year 2024, through online mode only on the password protected centralized portal designed by Ministry of Home Affairs (**www.awards.gov.in**) which is open w.e.f **15th June, 2024. The last date for submission of applications/nominations is 31st July, 2024).**

The nomination should contain all relevant details specified in the format available on the above portal including in narrative form clearly bringing out the notable and inspiring achievements.

Eligibility criteria and other details are available in the simplified and rationalized Guidelines for National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities available on the web site of the Department (**www.depwd.gov.in**) as also on the Award Portal (**www.awards.gov.in**).

Nomination/application for these awards in physical form will not be accepted.

The National Awards and eligibility for each category of award is as under:

I. National Awards for Individual Excellence.
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S. No.	Category of Award and eligibility	No. of Awards
1.	**(i) Sarvshresth Divyangjan** (सर्वश्रेष्ठ दिव्यांगजन) (Belonging to any field or activity i.e. Education/Health/Employment/Art & Culture/Sports/Creative work/ Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities/Social service etc.- **A Role Model) –** Open to all persons with disabilities having any of the 21 specified disabilities under the RPwD Act.	06 (03 for Male and 03 for Female) Cash component of Award: Rs. 2.00 lakh each
2.	**(ii) Shresth Divyangjan** (श्रेष्ठ दिव्यांगजन) a. Locomotor Disability - (Locomotor, Muscular Dystrophy, Dwarfism, Acid Attack Victims, Leprosy Cured, Cerebral Palsy). b. Visual Impairment - (Blindness, Low Vision). c. Hearing Impairment - (Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Speech & Language disability). d. Intellectual Disability – (Mental Retardation, Mental Behavior, Specific Learning Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder). e. Any specified disability except the disabilities mentioned from S. No. (a) to (d) above. (Developmental Disorder, Disability caused due to Blood Disorder, Hemophilia, Thalassemia, Sickle Cell Diseases, Chronic Neurological Conditions, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease, Multiple Disability) However, if suitable person(s) in any one or more of these sub-categories are not found, the awards may be given to additional person(s) in other sub-categories. (In the fields of employment/self-employment, health/sports, art, culture, drawing, painting, music, or any other type of creative work, empowerment of persons with disabilities etc.	10 (1 for male and 1 for Female in each of the five categories (a) to (e). Cash component of Award: Rs.1.00 lakh
	(iii) Shresth Divyang Bal/Balika (श्रेष्ठ दिव्यांग बाल/बालिका) In any of category of specified disabilities under the RPwD Act) - (In the field of art & culture, drawing, painting, music, or any other type of creative work etc. (Children with disabilities up to the age of 18 years).	2 (1 for male child and 1 for Female child) Cash component of Award: Rs. 1.00 lakh each.
3.	**Divyangjano Ke Liye Karyarat Sarvshrestha Vyakti** (दिव्यांगजनों के लिए कार्यरत सर्वश्रेष्ठ व्यक्ति)	1 Award Cash component of Award: Rs. 1.00 lakh each.
4.	**Divyangata ke Kshetra Mein Sarvshrestha Punarvas Peshevar.** (दिव्यांगता के क्षेत्र में सर्वश्रेष्ठ पुनर्वास पेशेवर)	1 Award Cash component of Award: Rs. 1.00 lakh each.
5.	**Divyangata Ke Keshtra Mein Sarvshrestha Anusandhan/Navpravartan/Utpad Vikas** (दिव्यांगता के क्षेत्र में सर्वश्रेष्ठ अनुसंधान/नवप्रवर्तन/उत्पाद विकास)	1 Award Cash component of Award: Rs. 1.00 lakh each.

II. National Awards for Institutions engaged in empowering persons with disabilities. (दिव्यांगजनों के सशक्तिकरण के लिए कार्यरत संस्थानों हेतु राष्ट्रीय पुरस्कार):-

S. No.	Category of Award	Number of Awards (A certificate and a shield to each awardee)
1.	**Divyangjan Sashaktikaran Hetu Sarveshrestha Sansthan** (दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण हेतु सर्वश्रेष्ठ संस्थान) (Private organization, NGO)	1 Award for providing comprehensive Rehabilitation services and 1 Award for Inclusive Education (institutions providing or promoting inclusive education)
2.	**Divyangjano Ke Liye Sarvshrestha Niyokta** (दिव्यांगजनों के लिए सर्वश्रेष्ठ नियोक्ता) (Govt. organisation/Public Sector Enterprises/Autonomous bodies/Pvt. Sector)	1 Award
3.	**Divyangjano Ke Liye Sarvshresth Placement Agency** (दिव्यांगजनों के लिए सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्लेसमेंट एजेंसी) excluding Govt./State Govt./Local Bodies	1 Award
4.	**Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan Kay Karyanvayan/Badhamukta Vatavaran Kay Srijan Mein Sarvshrestha Rajya/UT/Zila** (सुगम्य भारत अभियान के कार्यान्वयन/बाधामुक्त वातावरण के सृजन में सर्वश्रेष्ठ राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र/जिला)	1 Award
5.	**Sarvshrestha Sugamya Yatayat kay Sadahan/Soochana Avam Sanchar Prodyogiki** (सर्वश्रेष्ठ सुगम्य यातायात के साधन/सूचना एवं संचार प्रौद्योगिकी) Govt./Private organisation	1 Award
6.	**Divyangjano Kay Adhikar Adhiniyam/UDID Avam Divyang Sashktikaran ki Anay Yojanaon kay Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshrestha Rajya/UT/Zila** (दिव्यांगजनों के अधिकार अधिनियम/विशिष्ट दिव्यांगता पहचान पत्र एवं दिव्यांग सशक्तिकरण की अन्य योजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन में सर्वश्रेष्ठ राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र/जिला)	1 Award for State/UT and 1 Award for District
7.	**Apne Rajya/UT Mein Divyangjano Kay Adhikar Adhiniyam Kay Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshrestha Pradarshan Karane wale Rajya Divayngjan Aayukta** (अपने राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र में दिव्यांगजनों की अधिकार अधिनियम के दिव्यांगजनों के अधिकार अधिनियम के कार्यान्वयन में सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रदर्शन करने वाले राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त)	1 Award
8.	**Punarvas Sevawon ke liye Pesheyvar Taiyar Karne wali Sarvshresth Sansthan** (पुनर्वास सेवाओं हेतु पेशेवर तैयार करने वाली सर्वश्रेष्ठ संस्थान)	1 Award

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Search for justice continues for thousands displaced in Manipur

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IMPHAL/BISHNUPUR/CHURACHANDPUR: Driving along pock-marked roads flanked by vast open fields in Bishnupur, you eventually arrive at a cluster of old government buildings. These structures, once vibrant with the energy of school and college students, now serve a sombre purpose - housing thousands of internally displaced people affected by the ethnic clashes in Manipur over the past year. Signs above doorways display class names and sections, a poignant reminder of what these spaces used to represent – a future, hope and aspiration.

Inside these rooms, however, a new reality has set in, far removed from hope. Struggling with the lack of resources and means of livelihood, parents who once sent their children to such classrooms now face an ironic twist of fate. The dreams they held for their offspring's bright future feel distant, overshadowed by the immediate challenges of survival and the pressing need for justice and support from the state machinery.

Adding to their worries is the constant fear for their children's safety. "We had everything once - a home, a livelihood, a community. Now, we have nothing but memories and the fear of an uncertain future," said Thoinu Konthoujam, a 51-year-old Meitei woman.

Her elder son Temba Konthoujam, 30, was killed in Churachandpur while the younger one, Tonsana Konthoujam, 20, lost his life in Lamlai in May 2023. "My sons were my world," she added, tears streaming down her face as she clutches a tattered photo.

The ethnic clashes that erupted in Manipur on May 3, 2023, left an indelible scar on the state. Over a year later, at least 50,000 victims are still forced to live in relief camps, grappling with the daily struggles of survival and the daunting task of rebuilding their lives, besides significant legal challenges. The stories of these internally displaced persons (IDPs), filled with personal loss and resilience, highlight the urgent need for legal and state interventions.

"I have received only partial compensation for the younger son despite all the promises made by the state. The compensation of ₹5 lakh for one son is not enough," lamented Thoinu, housed in the Moirang college relief camp.

Her demand is clear - a thorough investigation into the violence that claimed her sons' lives and more substantial reparations. "I want the judiciary to hold those responsible accountable," she said, adding that the state government must catch hold of the accused and bring them to justice.

However, Thoinu and others in her camp face a profound challenge – the lack of information about the status of investigations. They have no means to keep track of the probes, and the camp receives no updates from state authorities about the cases. "I don't know anything about the investigations into the murders of my sons. There is no way to track and there is nobody to tell us anything about it. We were told FIRs were registered but that's all about it," she said. "We are groping in the dark, left wondering if my sons' killers will ever be found."

A quest for justice

In a dimly lit corner of another relief camp 20 kilometres away in Churachandpur, the hush punctured by the sounds of children playing, is a lonely figure emblematic of the despair that pervades these camps. Nekgilal Suantak, 49, a Kuki, sat motionless, his gaze fixed on the horizon.

Thoinu and Suantak are lodged in different relief camps due to their ethnic identities but their quest for justice is similar.

In the heart of Churachandpur, the relief camp at the Youth Hostel in Lamka houses families who have lost everything.

Suantak fled through jungles for two days to escape violence. Once a proud farmer, Suantak's life was upended by the ethnic violence that swept through his village. The land he tilled and the home he built with his own hands are now distant memories. His once-robust frame is now hunched, weighed down by the heavy burden of loss and helplessness. His children, who once ran freely through the fields of their village in Gotangot in Kangpokpi district, now sit beside him, their smiles tinged with longing.

"We used to have a house, a farm, and a peaceful life," Suantak said, his voice filled with sorrow. "Now, we live in these cramped rooms, dependent on aid and uncertain of what tomorrow will bring. We left everything behind. We have nothing. No jobs, no security," he added.

For Suantak, justice and equity seems as distant as his lost home. With their faith in the state machinery eroded, Kukis are increasingly turning to a more traditional source of support – their village chiefs. These local leaders, who have long held a position of respect and authority within their communities, are increasingly being sought out for legal assistance and guidance.

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"Whatever we want, we approach our village chiefs as state institutions have faltered and the legal system seems distant and unresponsive to us. They are the protectors and advocates of our community," Suantak asserted.

He embodies the collective despair of thousands whose calls for justice, in the absence of a responsive and effective legal system, hang in the air like a sombre reminder of the state's failure to protect its most vulnerable citizens.

Nekgilal Suantak, who fled through jungles to escape the violence, at a relief camp in Churachandpur. HT PHOTO

Sitting beside a towering stack of ration supplies, Kennedy G Haokip said that the Kuki community has refused to accept compensation from the state government.

"Their stance is not just a rejection of monetary aid but a statement of their discontent and disillusionment with the state's handling of the crisis. This is not just about food or money," Kennedy explained. "It's about dignity and justice. The Kukis feel that accepting compensation is a way of legitimising the government's failures," added the information secretary of Kuki Khanglai Lawmpi (KKL), a non-profit running around 50 relief centres in Churachandpur.

Kennedy lauded the Supreme Court for stepping in and issuing several directives to alleviate the conditions of IDPs. "We believe in the judiciary. But monetary compensation is not justice. Justice means bringing the guilty to book, holding those responsible for our suffering accountable," he said.

Systemic shortcomings

The physical and emotional distances between Konthoujam and Suantak are emblematic of the larger ethnic and geographical divides that now define Manipur.

Thoinu is lodged in a relief camp in Moirang, Bishnupur, while Suantak resides in a camp in Churachandpur. These camps, separated by a mere 20 kilometres, are worlds apart, reflecting the deep ethnic fissures that have geographically divided the state between the valley and the hills.The valley, predominantly inhabited by the Meiteis, and the hills, home to the Kukis, are now segregated by physical checkpoints and patrolled borders. This divide is heavily guarded, with central security forces and the army maintaining a buffer zone complete with a six-layer check system to prevent any further escalation of violence.

But their stories connote a united call to action for the law enforcement machinery and judicial bodies to ensure that victims receive not just monetary compensation but also a sense of justice and closure.

Thoinu's ongoing battle for justice for her murdered sons exemplifies the systemic issues within the legal framework, highlighting the state's failure to provide timely and adequate compensation and a transparent investigation process. Similarly, Suantak's reliance on village chiefs and his despondency illustrate the profound disconnection and loss of faith in the state's justice system, underscoring the urgent need for legal reforms and better communication channels between the state and its citizens.

Search for closure

In the Leimaram relief camp Bishnupur district, an elderly woman in her 80s sat despondently behind the doorways displaying class 5, longing for her home in Waroiching. "I just want to die in my own home," whispers L Kunjasakhi Devi, her eyes reflecting a lifetime of memories now overshadowed by displacement. She was forced to relocate after incessant firing from the hills.

"She is the oldest person in this relief camp. Every time she is able to talk, she asks to go back to her home. But how can she? How can any one of us go back? And nothing is left for us there anyway. Our farms have been destroyed, cattle have died and the bullets fired from the hills can kill us any day," said Lichombam Thasana Devi, another Meitei IDP.

With her reading and writing abilities, she is also the inmate volunteer nominated for the special legal aid and service clinics.

The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and Manipur State Legal Services Authority (MASLSA) in association with the District Legal Services Authority opened over 300 such clinics for providing legal assistance to the inmates of the relief camp. "MASLSA has ensured adequate legal assistance to IDPs, which has resulted in the registration of more than 3,800 FIRs at the jurisdictional police stations of the relief camps, and counselling for the victims, including children, women and senior citizens. At least 25,000 inmates were assisted in the reconstruction of their lost documents, such as Aadhaar and Voter IDs," said Alek Muivah, member secretary, MASLSA.

The inmates at the Leimaram camp, however, allege state apathy. Struggling to hold back her tears, Laichom Bimola Devi, 58, said that her family could not reconcile with leaving their home forever until the state government ensured a dignified life. "The men have no jobs. The women have no means to support the family either. We get meals two times a day but look at what we get. Is this dignity?" asked Bimola Devi, holding a handful of rice peppered with stones.

At the Moirang relief camp, Heigrujam Ashalata Devi, a mother of two, broke down as she spoke about her fears for the future. "My children used to dream of becoming doctors and engineers. Now, I don't even know if they will be able to go back to school" she said.

Many children in the camps have already witnessed brutal killings and unprecedented violence, leaving deep psychological scars. Sending them back to school would require more than just reopening the classrooms. "The judiciary must direct the state to ensure safe travel, provide books and stationery and guarantee the meals that these children need to thrive," another IDP, Bina Ningthoujam, added.

In addition to educational needs, IDPs require urgent medical care. Kennedy highlighted the dire situation. "Following the Supreme Court's intervention, psychologists, neurologists and specialised doctors came to Churachandpur. However, they left after a month, leaving the Kukis hapless. Now, for any special medical attention, they must undertake a gruelling 12-hour journey to Aizawl because they cannot travel to Meitei-dominated Imphal, the only city in the state with proper medical facilities," he said.

As the sun set over the relief camps, casting long shadows over the crumbling walls of old government buildings, the calls for justice by both the Meiteis and Kukis remained unwavering. These personal stories reflect a broader narrative of displacement, loss and the struggle for justice in Manipur. Their experiences underscore the urgent need for systemic reforms in the justice delivery mechanism, emphasising that the judiciary and state institutions must work tirelessly to ensure that the voices of the displaced are heard and their rights upheld. The quest for justice in Manipur's turbulent times is not just about legal redress but about restoring hope and humanity to those who have lost so much. As Ashalata Devi asked, "How can I be hopeful when we have lost everything?"

Hasina begins two-day India visit, meets EAM

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NEW DELHI: As Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina began her official two-day visit to India on Friday, Dhaka's plan to develop the portion of the Teesta River that falls on its side and agreements to boost bilateral cooperation are expected to top the agenda during the upcoming deliberations, people aware of the matter said.

Hasina was among the leaders of seven regional countries to be invited to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's swearing-in for a third term in office on June 9.

Her decision to embark on a state visit to New Delhi within a fortnight of attending the PM's oath-taking underlines her resolve to work towards stronger bilateral ties with India across spheres.

Bangladesh was also keen on PM Hasina's arrival in India ahead of her planned visit to neighbouring China, the people cited above said. The same is being seen as a conscious effort by Dhaka to balance its ties with New Delhi and Beijing.

External affairs minister S Jaishankar called on Hasina hours after her arrival in New Delhi on Friday.

"Delighted to call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh this evening. Her State visit to India underlines our close and abiding ties," Jaishankar posted on X.

"Appreciate her guidance on the further development of our special partnership," he added.

External affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal told a regular media briefing that Bangladesh is a key partner and trusted neighbour of India and Hasina's visit will give a major boost to the "celebrated bilateral partnership".

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina with EAM Jaishankar in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

This is also the first incoming state visit by a foreign leader after the formation of the new National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government in India. Hasina is scheduled to meet PM Modi on Saturday morning.

The Indian side is expected to raise the issue of Bangladesh's plans to develop its section of the Teesta river, especially in the context of China's offer to carry out the work, the people cited above said. About 10 agreements, covering a wide range of areas of bilateral cooperation, including one on collaboration between defence training institutions, are expected to be signed on Saturday. Some of the agreements will be renewals of existing treaties, they said.

On her arrival, Hasina was received at the airport by minister of state for external affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh.

Apart from holding bilateral consultations with PM Modi, Hasina is scheduled to meet President Droupadi Murmu and vice president Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday.

The strategic ties between India and Bangladesh have been on the upswing over the past decade. Bangladesh has been one of the main beneficiaries of India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy, especially grants and lines of credit aimed at strengthening energy, financial and physical connectivity. The achievements in the connectivity sector include the inauguration of the Maitri Setu bridge over the Feni river in Tripura and launch of Chilahati-Haldibari rail link.

Bangladesh is India's largest development partner, with nearly one-fourth of New Delhi's commitments under lines of credit made to that country. Bangladesh is also India's biggest trade partner in South Asia and India is the second biggest trade partner of Bangladesh in Asia.

98 INDIANS DIED DURING HAJ THIS YEAR, SAYS MEA

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NEW DELHI: A total of 98 Indians have died due to an intense heatwave, natural causes, chronic illness and old age during the Haj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia this year, the external affairs ministry said on Friday.

"So far, there are 98 Indian pilgrims who have died [during the] Haj. These deaths have happened on account of natural causes, chronic illness and old age," external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal told a regular media briefing.

Six people died on the Day of Arafat, and four more deaths were caused by accidents, he said in response to questions.

A total of 175,000 Indians performed the Haj this year. Last year, 187 Indians died during the annual pilgrimage, Jaiswal said.

The main period of the pilgrimage spans from May 9 to July 22. India's Haj mission in Jeddah made extensive arrangements to ensure the well-being of Indian pilgrims, and this included medical facilities, ambulances and a hospital, he said. Swift action was taken by officials deputed to the Haj mission whenever any incidents were reported.

The officials are also in touch with the families of those who were affected and all possible steps were taken to help them, he said. So far, 658 Egyptians, 183 Indonesians, 68 Jordanians and 58 Pakistanis have died during the pilgrimage this year.

For the past few years, the Haj, whose dates are determined according to the lunar Islamic calendar, has fallen during the sweltering Saudi summer. According to a Saudi study published in May, temperatures in the area where rituals are performed are rising 0.4 degrees Celsius each decade.

TN hooch toll climbs to 47 as Madras HC pulls up DMK govt

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CHENNAI: The death toll in the hooch tragedy in Kallakurichi district of Tamil Nadu has increased to 47 and at least 30 people continue to remain critical, chief minister MK Stalin said on Friday, as the issue rocked the state assembly and the Madras HC pulled up the government, saying the incident "cannot be taken lightly".

Speaking in the House, Stalin said 47 people have died so far after consuming methanol-mixed poisonous illicit liquor in Kallakurichi on June 19.

"A preliminary investigation by the revenue and police departments established that methanol was sourced from Puducherry," he told the house.

Terming it as a "painful" incident, the chief minister offered condolences to the families of the victims. He said the state government will take care of the entire education and hostel expenses of children who have lost either one or both of their parents in the tragedy.

"The government will deposit ₹5 lakh in the name of the children who lost both parents, which will be given to them with interest after they attain the age of 18," Stalin said.

"₹3 lakh will be given to children who lost one parent. Besides, the government will provide ₹5,000 each to children who have lost both parents (or) one parent," he added. The assistance is in addition to the ₹10 lakh compensation that the government had handed over to the families of the deceased on Thursday.

The chief minister's announcement came as the Opposition stepped up its attack on the state government. All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) members were evicted en masse from the Tamil Nadu assembly after they staged a sit-in protest over the tragedy.

Relatives of a deceased at a government hospital in Kallakurichi.

"A police station is 200 metres away from where illicit liquor was being sold for the last three years," AIADMK leader and former chief minister Edappadi Palaniswami told reporters later. "Imagine the breakdown of governance here. The chief minister must take responsibility and resign."

Stalin slammed the AIADMK for "drama" and the party's alleged attempt to cause confusion and appealed to the opposition to not seek political mileage from the grievous incident.

The Madras high court, however, pulled up the government and directed it to file a detailed report on the steps taken to curb the sale of illicit arrack in the state.

"This issue cannot be taken lightly by the government. This is about the life of persons. We want to know what action was taken by the governor since the last one year, when a similar incident had taken place," a division bench comprising Justices D Krishnakumar and K Kumaresh Babu was quoted as saying by Live Law. It posted to June 26 further hearing of a public interest litigation filed by AIADMK legal wing secretary I S Inbadurai.

INDIA REITERATES STANCE AGAINST 'EXTREMISTS' AMID NIJJAR ROW

NEW DELHI: India on Friday reiterated its concerns about the Canadian government giving "political space" to extremist elements and those advocating violence, reflecting the sharp downturn in bilateral ties.

India-Canada ties cratered in September last year, when Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau alleged that Indian government agents were linked to the killing of Khalistani activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. India dismissed the accusation as "absurd" and said Canadian authorities hadn't provided any evidence to back their claim.

New Delhi has also been angered by recent protests by Khalistani elements in Canada, such as a "people's court" outside the Indian consulate in Vancouver where an effigy of the Indian premier was burnt, and the observance of a minute's silence by Canada's House of Commons on Tuesday to mark the first anniversary of the murder of Nijjar, already declared a terrorist by India.

When external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal was asked at a regular media briefing about the Canadian Parliament observing a minute's silence for Nijjar, he said, "We naturally oppose any moves giving political space to extremism and those advocating violence."

Jaiswal said the activities of Khalistani elements in Canada continue to be a matter of concern for India. "We have been repeatedly calling upon the government of Canada to take action. We have said that political space that is provided to extremist anti-India elements must stop," he said. HTC

{ 'PANNUN PLOT' }

Nikhil Gupta hasn't sought consular access: MEA

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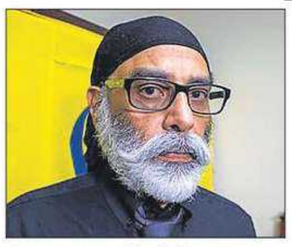
NEW DELHI: Indian authorities have not received any request for consular access from Nikhil Gupta, the Indian national extradited from the Czech Republic to the US for alleged involvement in a "murder for hire" plot targeting Khalistani leader Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

Gupta, who was detained in the Czech Republic on the request of American law enforcement in June last year on the charge of involvement in the plot to assassinate Pannun in New York, was extradited to the US on June 14. He pleaded not guilty when he was arraigned in a federal court in Manhattan on June 17.



Gurpatwant Singh Pannun

Jaiswal told a regular media briefing on Friday that Gupta had not made a request for consular access, though his family in New Delhi had contacted Indian authorities seeking assistance.

"He was extradited to the US on June 14. We have so far not received any request for consular access from Mr Gupta but his family has got in touch with us," Jaiswal said.

"We are in touch with the family members and we are looking at the matter as to what can be done on their request," he said.

While Gupta was being held in the Czech Republic, Indian officials were given consular access to him on several occasions.

People familiar with the matter said on condition of anonymity that the issue of consular access would be decided in line with provisions of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 1963. Article 36 of the Convention states that a detained person will have to make a request for consular access to authorities of his or her country – which means Gupta will have to initiate a request for such access or give his assent, the people said.

"Nevertheless, consular officers shall refrain from taking action on behalf of a national who is in prison, custody or detention if he expressly opposes such action," this article states.

Specially abled minor abducted and gang-raped in Ranchi: Cops

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RANCHI: A 12-year-old specially abled girl was sleeping by roadside near the Panchayat Secretariat in Jharkhand when she was kidnapped by four men who then raped her in a moving car and dumped her on the road hours later, police said on Friday, adding that a search operation has been launched to nab the accused.

Police said the incident took place on the intervening night of June 18 and 19, and a First Information Report (FIR) was filed the next day.

"The minor girl, who is specially abled, was sleeping by the roadside near the Panchayat Secretariat when the accused kidnapped her, and gang-raped her in a moving car. She was later dumped on the road some distance away," a police officer aware of the case said.

POLICE SAID CCTV FOOTAGE OF THE AREA IS BEING SCANNED TO IDENTIFY THE ACCUSED

Another officer privy to the probe said that they are scanning the CCTV footage from the scene of the crime to identify the accused.

"CCTV footage collected from the Panchayat Secretariat suggested that the accused first drove past the sleeping girl, but later returned and kidnapped her. Now, efforts are being made to identify the registration number of the car," he said, adding that the survivor is currently undergoing treatment at the RIMS and her condition is said to be stable.

"The FIR was registered under section 376D on the statement of the girl's mother," a police officer, who is a part of the investigating team, said.

"She is undergoing treatment at the paediatric surgery department at the RIMS hospital and her condition is stable now. The doctors have planned her further course of treatment and she will be okay within the next two to three days ," RIMS spokesperson Dr Rajiv Ranjan said.

{ PUNE PORSCHE CASE } COURT QUESTIONS LEGALITY OF JUVENILE'S REMAND AFTER BAIL

HC raises concerns over teen's mental health

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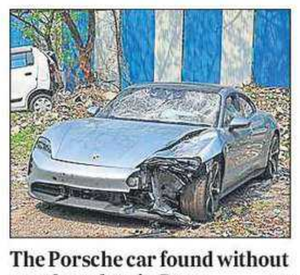
MUMBAI: The Bombay high court on Friday raised concerns over the mental health of the 17-year-old accused in the Pune Porsche accident, in which two people died last month, and sought to know under what provisions of the law the boy was remanded in an observation home despite being granted bail.

"Two people have lost their lives. There was trauma, but the child was also in trauma, give him time," a division bench of justice Bharati Dangre and justice Manjusha Deshpande said.

It also questioned the police under what provisions of the law, the order granting bail to the minor, hours after the accident, was amended and how he has been kept in "confinement". "Where is the provision for observation home custody? We would like to know the source of power for your remand," it told the police.

The court's remarks came while hearing a petition by the minor's aunt, who said the remand orders were illegal, and sought his immediate release.

On May 19, the teenage boy, the son of a real estate developer, crashed the Porsche that he was driving at high speed in an inebriated state into a motorcycle and killed two software engineers in Kalyani Nagar. Hours after the accident, he was granted bail and released with a slap on the wrist by the Juvenile Justice Board, but was taken into custody once the incident came to light and triggered public outrage. He has since been held at a detention home.



The Porsche car found without number plate in Pune. PTI

The high court said there is no provision under the Juvenile Justice Act to remand a child in a detention home once bail is granted.

Appearing for the minor's aunt, senior advocate Aabad Ponda said the remand order was not only illegal but passed without jurisdiction. He said the state should have applied for the cancellation of bail through an appropriate authority rather than seeking amendment of the bail order.

"Had bail been refused, the child could have been sent to an observation home. But despite being granted bail, how can he be sent back to an observation home?" Ponda said.

Public prosecutor Hiten Vengaonkar said the state never intended to cancel the minor's bail. The teen was sent to the detention home for his safety.

Meanwhile, a sessions court in Pune granted bail to the father of the juvenile accused. While granting the relief, the court directed that he will abide by all conditions imposed on him and also cooperate with the police.

CASE AGAINST JD(S) WORKER FOR BID TO 'EXTORT' ₹5 CR FROM SURAJ REVANNA

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BENGALURU: The Karnataka Police have booked a JD(S) worker for allegedly trying to extort ₹5 crore from party MLC Suraj Revanna, brother of suspended MP Prajwal Revanna, by threatening to file a "false" sexual assault complaint against him, people aware of the matter said on Friday.

The case against the JD(S) worker was filed under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) Sections 384 (extortion) and 506 (criminal intimidation) on the basis of a complaint by HL Shivakumar, an aide of Suraj. According to the complaint, the JD(S) worker had met Suraj six months ago and again in June, seeking a job. Suraj said that it won't be possible for him to help the man get a job at present "but it might be considered in the future", according to the complaint.

The complaint said that the man then demanded ₹5 crore from Suraj and threatened to accuse the MLC of sexually assaulting him if the money was not paid. "He demanded ₹5 crore, saying that if the money wasn't paid, he would go to the hospital, fabricate a medico-legal case (MLC), and file false charges," the complaint said.

The FIR was filed hours after local news channels claimed that the JD(S) worker had written a letter to the Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah, state home minister G Parameshwara and IGP Alok Mohan, accusing Suraj of sexually assaulting him. HT could not independently verify the authenticity of the reports. A formal complaint was yet to be lodged on these allegations.

ACCORDING TO THE FIR, THE MAN THREATENED TO FILE A FALSE SEXUAL ASSAULT COMPLAINT AGAINST SURAJ IF HE DID NOT GIVE HIM ₹5 CRORE

Discord in Raj BJP deepens after poor LS poll showing

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JAIPUR: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)'s loss in 11 of the 25 Lok Sabha seats in Rajasthan has widened the internal discord in the state unit and also come to the fore with several leaders questioning the top brass over various decisions and expressing anger over alleged sidelining of key functionaries.

While some functionaries raised questions over the ticket distribution, a few others said lack of leadership and monitoring of party activities were among reasons behind the BJP's loss in the state.

In the recently held general elections, the BJP won 14 seats, 10 less than what it secured in 2019. The Congress, which got zero seats in the last elections, managed to notch up eight seats this time.

While the state BJP was plagued with factionalism and murmurs of dissent emanated from various quarters in the run-up to the polls, the party's sharp decline in performance has escalated tensions, leading several leaders to question the functioning of the state unit.

In the elections, the BJP won 14 seats, 10 less than what it secured in 2019.

Recently, former Sikar MP Swami Sumedhanand, who lost the elections from Sikar to CPI(M)'s Amraram, alleged that party cadres were unable to disseminate the welfare schemes among the people. He also questioned the ticket distribution and the party's decision to not field former MP Rahul Kaswan from Churu – an act that functionaries claim was one of the reasons why the party lost its support among the Jat community. Kaswan later joined the Congress and won the polls from the seat.

"It was a wrong decision to not field Kaswan," Sumedhanand said. "Political rivalry between senior leader and former MLA Rajendra Rathore and Kaswan led to the latter's ticket being cut, which sent a wrong message and angered the Jats," he added.

Sumedhanand also claimed the Centre's Agnipath scheme for recruitment to the armed forces did not go down well with the voters. Rajasthan is one of the states that is home to several personnel in the armed forces. He alleged that senior leader and former chief minister Vasundhara Raje, who campaigned aggressively for the party during the assembly elections, was sidelined during the Lok Sabha polls.

A few days ago, senior leader from Bikaner, Devi Singh Bhati had also spoken out against Rathore and said it was because of him that Kaswan did not get a poll ticket. Bhati, who is considered close to Raje, further alleged "bureaucracy was running the government and not listening to the elected representatives".

A senior leader alleged there was no one to oversee the election campaign.

Amid growing dissent, BJP spokesperson Laxmikant Bharadwaj said: "We have identified reasons for the loss and the party and government are working at their level to fix things. Action will be taken where necessary."

Multiple sections of Telecom Act to come into effect from June 26

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NEW DELHI: Multiple sections of the Telecommunications Act, 2023, including the ones concerning government's powers to suspend telecom services and intercept communications in the interest of national security, those regarding offences related to unlawful interception, those allowing creation of regulatory sandboxes and the ones listing duties of users, will come into effect from June 26, the ministry of communications notified in the gazette on Friday evening.

The Telecom Act was passed by both the Houses during the Winter Session in December and it received presidential assent the same month. It replaced the Indian Telegraph Act (1885), and the Wireless Telegraphy Act (1933). Industry bodies had welcomed the bill, but some MPs and privacy and technology activists had expressed concerns.

"The Telecommunications Act, 2023 (44 of 2023), the Central Government hereby appoints the 26th Day of June 2024, as the date on which the provisions of sections 1, 2, 10 to 30, 42 to 44, 46, 47, 50 to 58, 61 and 62 of the said Act shall come into force," the notification said

To be sure, enforcement of some of the sections such as those related to implementing Right of Way for telecom network and infrastructure (section 11, 12, 15, 17) and those related to the procedures and safeguards related to interception and suspension of services (section 20) amongst others are reliant on the notification of rules and regulations. These will be notified later. Until then, extant rules and regulations will continue to ply until and unless they are contrary to the new Act as given under Section 61, a senior government official clarified on the condition of anonymity. Section 61 will also come into force on Tuesday.\

From Tuesday, the Universal Service Obligation Fund --- which was created to develop telecom infrastructure in rural and remote areas of the country using funds gathered through the universal service levy imposed on telecom service operators --- will be known as Digital Bharat Nidhi under sections 24 to 26.

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I[st] CORRIGENDUM

The amendment of following tender published in various newspapers have been modified on administrative ground as under:-

Tender No.	Existing date of opening of tender	Modified date of opening of tender
CE/PLW/T-12/2024-25/ PTA Dt. 05.06.2024	08.07.2024 at 15:05 hrs.	15.07.2024 at 15:05 hrs.

All other terms & conditions will remain same.
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Deputy Chief Engineer (Gati Shakti), North Central Railway Agra for and on behalf of the President of India invites **"Open Tender"** through online mode only (**E-Tendering**) for the following work. The details of the tender are as under:

SN	Tender No.	Approx. Cost Rs.	Bid security
1	DYCE-GS-AGC-2024-08	Rs. 80.33 lacs	Rs. 160700.00

Description of work: Civil Work i.e. earthwork in formation, building works & other ancillary works in connection with Provision of Additional Loop line at Shamshabad town station at BHA-ETW Section in Agra Division of North Central Railway.

SN	Tender No.	Approx. Cost Rs.	Bid security
2	DYCE-GS-AGC-2024-10	Rs. 2.58 cr.	Rs. 279000.00

Description of work: Construction of Platform and Apron for Master Valve Repair Gantry at BAAD Station in connection with Provision of steamcleaning & Master Valve repair gantry at AGC end of existing ROH shed at TWD Baad in Agra Division of North Central Railway.

Completion Period: 06 months for each tender. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **"www.ireps.gov.in"**. Tender can be submitted through web portal **"www.ireps.gov.in"** up to **16:00 hrs.** on **18.07.2024.** 1074/24(K)

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NOTICE FOR SALE OF BANK'S 20 LIG FLATS AT TIBRINATH AWASIYA YOJNA, BAREILLY, UTTAR PRADESH

State Bank of India invites offer from general public/firm/company for sale of 20 LIG flats, group wise in "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS AND WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" in all respects through online auction on GeM Portal. Details of bid are as under :-

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Group Number	Flat No. in Group	Reserve Price (Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) per Group (Rs)
G1 (Two Flats)	93, 94	Rs. 24,27,117.00	Rs. 1,21,500.00
G2 (Two Flats)	97, 98	Rs. 24,27,117.00	Rs. 1,21,500.00
G3 (Four Flats)	99,100, 101,102	Rs. 48,54,234.00	Rs. 2,43,000.00
G4 (Four Flats)	107,108, 109,110	Rs. 48,54,234.00	Rs. 2,43,000.00
G5 (Four Flats)	111,112, 113,114	Rs. 46,23,080.00	Rs. 2,31,500.00
G6 (Four Flats)	115,116, 117,118	Rs. 49,69,811.00	Rs. 2,48,500.00

Bid documents and online auction related details are available on Bank's website: https://bank.sbi under SBI in the News>Auction Notices > Sarfaesi And others and GeM portal https://gem.gov.in>Forward auction> ongoing auctions. Please keep on visiting Bank's website and GeM portal regularly for any corrigendum/addendum. The last date for submission of application with EMD is 11.07.2024 by 5.00 PM
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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).

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

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Kamlesh w/o** Gula Singh **R/o** G-11, Rahul Enclave, Phase-1, Ram Park Extention, Illaichi Pur, Near Sidh Baba mandir Loni Ghazibad UP has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. CC No-549/2018, U/s 138NI Act P.S.: Seelampur Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Kamlesh,** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Kamlesh,** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Kamlesh,** accused of **FIR No. CC No-549/2018, U/s 138NI Act P.S.: Seelampur Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **29.07.2024**.

By Order
Sh. Vipul Sandwar
Ld. MM Court No. 17,
Karkardooma Court, Delhi

DP/7686/NE/2024
(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Sandeep @ Monu, S/o Hari Singh R/o H.No.-B-348, Balbir Vihar, Kirari, Prem Nagar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **e-FIR No.286/2021 u/s 411 IPC, P.S. Nangloi, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Sandeep @ Monu** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Sandeep @ Monu** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Sandeep @ Monu** of **e-FIR No.286/2021 u/s 411 IPC, P.S. Nangloi, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **03.08.2024.**

By Order,
Sh. Shubham Devadiya,
Metropolitan Magistrate, Room No.336 A,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

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Applications are invited for filling up the post of Faculty (Assistant Professor) in Cardiology Department in MAMC, Agroha. Qualifications as per **NMC & salary as per Haryana Govt. with good perks with NPA, New Pension Scheme. Starting salary: Assistant Professor- 145360/- + HRA + CA as per rule**. For more details, the interested candidates may visit at our website: **https://mamc.edu.in/jobs-2/**

DIRECTOR ADMIN.

U.P. COOPERATIVE SUGAR FACTORIES FEDERATION LTD
9-A, RANA PRATAP MARG, LUCKNOW-226001
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Short Term e-Tender Notice

Online e-bids are invited for the sale of different kind of Alcohol (SDS,RS,ENA) from Cooperative Distilleries of U.P to reputed Distilleries of India, bonafide registered users to whom license have been issued by the Excise Department and approved traders holding valid license of Excise department of the concerned State. E-bid can be uploaded upto 6.55 P.M on 05.07.2024. Technical bid will be opened at 11.30 AM and Financial bid at 3.30 PM on 06.07.2024. E-bid minimum EMD is Rs 100000/- EMD is variable if quoted quantity is above 01.00 lac BL. The rate at which EMD shall increase will be Rs 1.80 per BL. Total quantity for sale of Alcohol is approximately 42.39 lac BL and Tender cost Rs. 2000/- + 18% GST (Non refundable). The details for submission of e-bids will be available on the e-tender PORTAL http://etender.up.nic.in and also on Federation website www.upsugarfed.org since 21.06.2024 at 6.55 PM. The Managing Director Federation reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-bids without assigning any reason. The decision of the Managing Director shall be final and binding.

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Date: 21.06.2024
MANAGING DIRECTOR

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH
TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Submission Schedule (Online)	Opening Technical Bid (Online)
	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - Roads Division No.3		
1.	Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and AMC of CCTV Cameras at EWS Colony, Dhanas, Chandigarh. Head : WDF. Est. Cost : Rs. 85.75 Lacs Earnest Money : Rs. 1,71,500/- Time Limit : 4 Months	24.06.2024 To 04.07.2024 upto 12.00 noon	04.07.2024 at 12.00 noon

Note:- All other terms and conditions and complete DNIT are uploaded on website https://etenders. chd.nic.in
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
Roads Division No.3, Room No.311, M.C. Chandigarh. Ph. 0172-5021482

UJVN LTD.
H.O.: "UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, GMS Road,Dehradun-248006
Telephones:: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508
CIN No.U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com

RO No: 516 **Tender Notice** Date:20.06.2024

Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil), MB-II, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi) invites sealed tender from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

(1) Tender No: 03/ EE(Civil) / MB-II / Chinyalisaur / 2024-25
(2) Tender No: 04/ EE(Civil) / MB-II / Chinyalisaur / 2024-25
(3) Tender No: 05/ EE(Civil) / MB-II / Chinyalisaur / 2024-25
(4) Tender No: 06/ EE(Civil) / MB-II / Chinyalisaur / 2024-25

(1) Name of work: Upkeeping and maintenance work of Parks at various location of Shaktipuram colony, MB-II Project, Chinyalisaur, Uttarkashi.
(2) Name of work: Annual Maintenance of water Supply system for residential and non- residential buildings of Shaktipuram colony Chinyalisaur, Uttarkashi.
(3) Name of work: Re-construction of damaged nigam boundary wall near water storage tank at Shaktipuram colony, MB-II project,Chinyalisaur,Uttarkashi.
(4) Name of work: Graffiti wall painting work at Ramleela ground, Shaktipuram colony, MB-II Project, Chinyalisaur, Uttarkashi

1. Estimated Cost: Rs. 5,96,711.00 (excluding GST)
2. Estimated Cost: Rs. 13,61,038.58 (excluding GST)
3. Estimated Cost: Rs. 9,42,927.00(excluding GST)
4. Estimated Cost: Rs. 83,860.00 (excluding GST)

Date of availability of bid document on website 21.06.2024 from 5:00PM
Last date for submission of tender 16.07.2024 upto 11:00 AM
For fuller & further detail, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be download from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com"
Executive Engineer (Civil),MB-II,Chinyalisaur.
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(A Government of J&K Enterprises) CIN: U40101JK1995SGC001418 Website: www.jkspdc.nic.in
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Ashok Nagar, Satwari, Jammu-180004 Ph: 0191-2430548/2439039 Fax: 0191-2435403

Subject: **All Risk comprehensive package Mega Insurance Policy for 900 MW Baglihar HEP Stage-I and II against tender No. JKSPDC/FIN/BI-19/7447787/2024-25/02 of 2024 Dated:- 05.06.2024**

CORRIGENDUM–I to the E-NIT no. JKSPDC/FIN/BI-19/7447787/2024-25/02 of 2024 dated:- 05.06.2024

This has reference to e-NIT JKSPDC/FIN/BI-19/7447787/2024-25/02 of 2024 dated:- 05.06.2024, the following amendments/modifications are made to the e-NIT for necessary action by the intending Insurance companies (bidders), who are advised to submit complete proposals:-

S. No.	Page No.	Point No.	Amendment/modification
1	23, 24, 34, 35, 58 & 80	7.4(24), 8.5(7), Format-6 (24 & 7), Section 1A (4.4 & Annex B (1.3.8)	The limit of waiver of under insurance shall be considered as revised from **10% to 15%.**
2	23	7.4(34)	Interdependency clause and delayed indemnity period clause shall be treated as deleted from add on covers extensions and clauses, if denied by reinsurer. The bidder has to provide latest copy of communication from reinsurer, which shall form part of the bid document.
3	23	7.4(34)	

The copy of this corrigendum is also available on official website of JK Tenders **www.jktenders.gov.in**. All other terms and conditions of the e-NIT shall remain unchanged.

No: JKSPDC/FIN/INS/2024-25/7447787/1065-75
Dated: 19.06.2024
DIP-J-704-P-24
By Order
Deputy General Manager (Finance),
JKSPDC

GOVT. OF MAHARASHTRA
Public Works (East) Division, Pune- 411 001
Phone No. 020/26122457
Web- www.mahapwd.gov.in & e-mail- eastpune.ee@mahapwd.gov.in

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 08 FOR 2024-2025

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

NAME OF WORK AND ESTIMATE COST LIST

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost Rs.	Earnest Money Deposit	Time limit for Completion	Cost of e-tender Form Fee	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Beautification to Neera Left Bank Canal in Muncipal Area Baramati Tal. Baramati Dist. Pune	19,43,15,482/-	9,72,000/-	12 Months (Including Monsoon)	Rs. 3540/- (With GST 18%)	Registered as well as unregistered Contractor

E-tender- Time Table

1	Period of Downloading of bid documents/ Sale start and end dates	Dt. 24.06.2024@ 10.00 hrs. to Dt. 08.07.2024 @ 18.00 hrs.
2	Pre-bid Meeting In the Office of Chief Engineer, P. W. Region Office, Pune, Old Central Building, Pune - 411 001.	Dt. 02.07.2024@ 12.00 hrs.
3	Period of Bid Submission/ Bid Submission Start and End date.	Dt. 24.06.2024@ 10.00 hrs. to Dt. 08.07.2024@ 18.00 hrs.
4	Bid Opening Period	Dt. 09.07.2024@ 18.00 hrs. (If Possible) (In the office of Superintending Engineer, P. W. Circle, Pune.)

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

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Public Work (East) Division,
Pune 411 001.

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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	THE KARNAL COOP. SUGAR MILLS LIMITED KARNAL	FOR RENEW/PURCHASE THE INSURANCE POLICIES OF MILLS ASSETS FOR UPCOMING FINANCIAL YEAR I.E. 2024-25	20.06.2024 27.06.2024	-	https:// etenders. hry.nic.in	9813073939 karnalsugarmill@ gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in
RO NO 13/2025/40/27034/I/19/7

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

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1.	HARTRON	SUPPLY OF EPABX SYSTEM AT HIGH COURT BUILDING, ON BEHALF OF HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA, CHANDIGARH.	24.06.2024 16.07.2024	75 LACS	https:// etenders.hry. nic.in	01722704922 dhhardware. hartron@gmail. com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in
RO No. 13/2025/40/27063/I/19/7

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.	HARYANA SCHOOL SHIKSHA PARIYOJNA PARISAD	CONSTRUCTION FOR PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY LABS GSSS BHATOULI AND 4ACRS, SCIENCE, AND BIOLOGY LABS AT GSSS SNV MODEL TOWN , BLOCK JAGADHARI, DISTT. YAMUNA NAGAR + 5 WORKS	19.06.2024 03.07.2024	3.96 CRORES	www. hsspp.in	9041397095 civilbranchssa3 @gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in
RO No. 13/2025/40/27065/I/19/7

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

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1	HARYANA POLICE HOUSING CORPORATION PANCHKULA	CONSTRUCTION OF BALANCE WORK AT HIPA IN SECTOR-45, GURUGRAM. + 13 WORKS	19.06.2024 26.06.2024	18.85 CRORES	www. hphc. org.in	9463200487 dbpanchkula@ yahoo.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in
RO NO 13/2025/40/27026/I/19/7

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./ AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ EMAIL
1	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	DISMANTLING AND CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY CENTRE AT SECTOR 19, PANCHKULA	17.06.2024 01.07.2024	487.32 LACS	https:// etenders. hry.nic.in	01722583695 xenmcpkl@ gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in
RO NO 13/2025/40/27043/I/19/7

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED

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Regd. Office : Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata - 700 091
CIN : U40109WB2007SGC113473, www.wbsedcl.in

4th Extension of Time

Ref. **NIT No.:** WBSEDCL/Communication/Tender/2023-24/SCADA/WB/1583, **Dtd.:** 08.02.2024 of the Chief Engineer, Communication Cell, WBSEDCL. **Bid Submission End Date** is hereby further extended up to **10.07.2024** (till **12:00 hrs.**). ICA-T9388(3)/2024

For details, visit **https://wbtenders.gov.in** & **www.wbsedcl.in**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male person (depicted in the photo) name **Unknown,** residence and family is **Unknown** age 30 years approx. was found dead at **Near Tis Hazari Court in the area of PS Subzi Mandi, Delhi on 19.06.2024.** In this regard a DD No. **13A** Dated **19.06.2024** has been lodged at **PS Subzi Mandi, Delhi.** The dead body was preserved for 72 hrs. in Subzi Mandi Mortuary.

His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, **Age:** 30 years approx., **Height:** 5' 4" ft., **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Thin, **Hair & Beard:** Black, **Wearing:** Nothing on Top, Dark Green Colour Pant and barefood.

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

SHO
PS: Subzi Mandi, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23827354
Mob.: 8750870186

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

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(Deptt. of Additional Sources of Energy, Govt of U.P.)
Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow,-226010
TeleFax : 0522-2720779,2720829, Mobile No : 9415609005
Website : www.upneda.org.in, E-Mail : ho_ajai@rediffmail.com

Notice Inviting Tender

UPNEDA invites Online Bids from Prospective Bidders through e-tender Portal for **Selection of Firm for Strategy, Planning and Implementation of IEC Activities aiming at increasing Public Awareness on PM Surya Ghar Yojana benefits in Ayodhya, Gorakhpur and Varanasi.**

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost including GST (Rs)	Duration	EMD Amount (Rs)
1	**Selection of Firm for Strategy, Planning and Implementation of IEC Activities aiming at increasing Public Awareness on PM Surya Ghar Yojana benefits in Ayodhya, Gorakhpur and Varanasi.** Bid No:. 01/UPNEDA/IEC Activity/2024-25, Dated 19.06.2024	Rs 2,00,00,000/-	1 year	Rs 4,00,000/-

The work completion time for all the above work is one year. The Bid document is available at e-tender Portal from 21.06.2024 Interested bidders may view, download the Bid document, seek clarification and submit their Bid through e -tender Portal (https://etender.up.nic.in) upto the date and time mentioned in the table below:

(a)	Availability of tender document on e-tender Portal	From : 21.06.2024 at 6:00pm
(b)	Bid submission end date & Time	On: 12.07.2024 upto 6:00 pm
(c)	Pre Bid Meeting	On : 26.06.2024 at 12:30pm
(d)	Online technical Bid Opening date & time	On: 12.07.2024 at 6:30 pm
(e)	Financial Bid Opening date & time (Only of technically qualified bidders)	Shall be intimated later
(f)	Venue of opening of technical & financial Bids	UPNEDA Head Office, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010

Director, Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency, (UPNEDA) reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of Director UPNEDA will be final and binding.

Director, UPNEDA

हमारा प्रण ऊर्जा संरक्षण

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer HPPWD Dharamshala Division on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the Percentage rate rate bids, in electronic tendering system, for following works from the eligible and approved contractors registered with HPPWD:-

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

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

Executive Engineer,
Dharamshala Division,
HP.PWD., Dharamshala.
On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

DPR HP-0297 **HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK**

DELHI CANTONMENT BOARD
SADAR BAZAR, DELHI CANTT-110010
TENDER NOTICE

Delhi Cantonment Board invites tenders from the Govt. approved Firms/Contractors in appropriate category through e-tendering for the following works as detailed below;

DETAIL OF WORK

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Date of release of tender through e-procurement	Last date & time for downloading of tender documents	Last date and time submission of e-tenders	Date and time for opening of e-tenders
1.	Outsourcing of staff for ITI Centres, Shastri Bazar, Delhi Cantt.	21.06.2024 at 1800 hrs	01.07.2024 upto 1500 hrs.	01.07.2024 upto 1500 hrs.	02.07.2024 at 1530 hrs.
2.	Comprehensive Operation and Maintenance of Sorting cum Composting Machine (20 TPD) for 03 years at Delhi Cantt	22.06.2024 at 1800 hrs	16.07.2024 upto 1500 hrs.	16.07.2024 upto 1500 hrs.	17.07.2024 at 1530 hrs.

The bidder may download the **"Tender Document"** and other terms and conditions as available on the website of **https://defproc.gov.in/nicgep/app**

Telephone No. 25695450
CA NO. DCB/6/Esst/NIT/2024-25
OFFICE OF THE CANTONMENT BOARD

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer
Delhi Cantonment

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Tel. No.: 01905-224129, E-mail:- hp-man1@nic.in
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, HPPWD, Mandi on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the percentage rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works is detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Division	Name of Work	Construction Cost (In Lacs)	Maintenance Cost (In Lacs)	Total Estimated Cost (In Lacs)	Period of Completion	Starting Date for downloading Bid	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Deadline for submission of Bid
1	Karsog	Construction of road from Cylinder Godown Village Nayara to Imla Khad Baralpul (Karsog) Km. 0/00 to 1/330 (SH:- Formation cutting, Protection work, Cross drainage work, Drain and Parapets in Km. 0/00 to 1/330 under NABARD RIDF-XXIX.	106.07	-	106.07	One year	21.06.2024	2,12,500/-	01.07.2024 upto 10.30 AM
2	Karsog	Construction of Mahota to Bagshair road Km. 0/0 to 14/0 under NABARD RIDF-XXIX (SH:- ROFD, P/L Metalling and Tarring, C/o Retaining walls, Breast walls, CD works, V-shape drain and Parapets, Information sign board in Km. 0/0 to 14/0).	756.80	92.82	849.62	Two year	21.06.2024	16,99,300/-	01.07.2024 upto 10.30 AM

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website **www.hptenders.gov.in**.
The department has right to extend or cancel the bids without declaring any reasons thereof.

Superintending Engineer
1st Circle, HPPWD, Mandi PIN-175001
Tel. No. 01905-224129, E-mail:- hp-man1@nic.in
On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

DPR HP-0304

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**

Office of the Superintending Engineer

2nd Circle, P.W.D., Nainital- 263002
Phone/Fax : 05942-235728/ 232030 E-mail : sepwdntl@rediffmail.com

Letter No: 2246/41 M-2/2023-24 Dated : 13-06-2024

National Competitive Bidding (E-Tendering)

Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle, Public Works Department Nainital on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand invites e-tender (two bid system) For further details please log on to http://www.uktenders.gov.in from 24-06-2024

Sl No	Name of work	Cost of Tender Form	Earnest Money (Lacs)	Validity of tender	Time of completion	Contractor's category of Registration
1	Renovation work of Shaley Hall (Hon Chief Minister;s Cottage) located at State guest House Nainital.	5000.00 + 18 % GST	3.20	120 day	06 Month	Registered in Class "B" and above in any State Govt./ Central Govt. or any Govt. under taking in Building work.
2	Construction of four cottages, cafe rooms, in-charge quarters and training center in Government Park Satbuga.	5000.00 + 18 % GST	4.00	120 day	09 Month	

Superintending Engineer,
2nd Circle, P.W.D., Nainital

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE B-38
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, KHORDHA (R&B) CIRCLE, KHORDHA
WORKS DEPARTMENT
Tender call Notice

E-mail: **rbcirclekhurda@gmail.com**

Bid Identification No. CCE-Khordha (R&B) Circle-02/2024-25 Memo No - 1289 Dt. 20.06.2024

The Chief Construction Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha on behalf of Governor of Odisha inviting percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Road work as detailed in the table below:

1. Nature of Work : Road Works
2. No of Work : 3Nos
3. Tender Cost : Rs.10000.00 (On-Line)
4. Class of Contractor : Special & A Class
5. Available of Bid document in the Website : From 10.00 AM of Dt.26.06.2024 up to 05.00 PM of Dt.11.07.2024 up to 5.00 PM
6. Date of opening of Bid : Dt 12.07.2024 at 11.30 AM
7. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Website: https://tenderodisha.gov.in . Any Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website

Chief Construction Engineer
Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha
OIPR - 34127/11/0003/2425

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION BEMINA, SRINAGAR

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (for Road work/bridges/Buildings)
TWO COVER SYSTEM (Above Rs. 2.50 crores)
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Fresh NIT No.10/EE/R&B/DIVN/BM/CS/2019-25 of 2024-25 Dated: 20.06.2024 (E-tendering)

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are invited on **%age basis** (as the case may be) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	T.O.C	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Beautification of Road from Tatoo Ground to Bemina Bypass junction by Way of Plantation/Footpath Green Spaces and allied works	442.81/-	5500/-	8,85,620/-	30 Months	AAY

Project Authority = ***Srinagar Muncipal Corporation,*** ***Major Head of Account*** = ***NCAP 2024-25***
Position of AA = ***Accorded,*** ***Position of T/S*** = ***Accorded***

1. The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website **www.jktenders.gov.in** as per below schedule:

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	**20.06.2024**
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	**From 21.06.2024 from 10.00 A.M**
3.	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	**27.06.2024 at 02.00 P.M in the Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) North**
4.	Bid submission **Start Date**	**21.06.2024 From 10.00 A.M**
5.	Bid Submission **End Date**	**11.07.2024 up to 4.00 P.M**
7.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids **(Online)**	**12.07.2024 at 11.00 AM in the Office of Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle North**
8.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids **(Online)**	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

1.1 Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document (as mentioned above) in shape of Treasury challan Receipt (under M.H-0059) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Bemina, Srinagar (The Date of Treasury Challan, must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date).
1.2. At the time of tendering all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/ BG pledged to the tender receiving authority i.e. Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle North. The Date of Earnest money must be between the date of start of bid and bid submission end date). However, the successful bidder shall have to produce Performance security @ 5% of Allotted cost in shape of CDR/FDR/BG before the award of contract. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of performance security @ 5% of the Allotted cost which will be released after successful completion of the DLP. The Bank Guarantee should be valid for 45 days beyond bid validity
1.4 As per the circular issued by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, Civil Secretariat Finance Department vide OM No. A/2 (2017)-651 dated 07.06.2018 which read as under:- A) Furnishing of hard copies of bids immediately after submission of 3-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the Bidders who's declared 1st lowest (L1) after opening of financial bids. B) The cost of tenders should be collected by uploading a copy of necessary Treasury Challan/Receipt.
2. Bidders can resubmit/withdraw the bids as specified.
3. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on website **www.jktenders.gov.in** and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The **Financial-bids of Responsive bidders** shall be opened online in the **Office of Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle Srinagar North. The date for same shall be intimated separately**.
4. The bids for the work shall remain **valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids**.
5. The earnest money shall be forfeited, If:-
a. *Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.*
b. *Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within specified time period issue of letter on intent.*
c. *In case contractor fails to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.*
6. ***Bidders are advised to quote Rate without GST. GST @ 18% shall be added at the time of allotment by allotting authority.***
7. **Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.**
7.1. *Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the* ***"Downloads"*** *option as well as from* ***"Bidders Manual Kit"*** *on website* **www.jktenders.gov.in** to acquaint bid submission process.
1.2 *To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act- 2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.*
1.3 *The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.*
1.4 *Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-2.*
1.5 ***Bidders must ensure to upload scanned and legible copy of all necessary documents mentioned in NIT and SBD with technical bid.***
8. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission of bid due to any reasons
9. Bidders may contact office of the Chief Engineer PWD (R&B) Central Kashmir or concerned Executive Engineer for any guidance for getting DSC or any other relevant details in respect of e-tendering process.
10. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
11. **The rates and prices** shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in **Indian Rupees** and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include **price escalation and all taxes** upto completion of the work unless otherwise, specified.
12. Bidders are advised to use **"My Documents"** area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store **such** documents as are required.
13. **Defect Liability Period:**
The DLP shall be 24 Months and shall be calculated from date of certified completion of work.
15. All key construction material (i.e. cement, steel, bitumen, pipes etc) shall have to be arranged by the contractor strictly as per specifications with the approval of Engineer-in-charge.
15. Qualification criteria for the work and other terms and conditions are contained in the bidding document available on website.

No.: **2019-25** ***Dated: 20.06.2024*** Sd/- **Executive Engineer**
DIPK-1679-24 **R&B Division Bemina, Srinagar**

Govt. of Bihar
Office of The Engineer-In-Chief
Rural Works Department, Bihar
(Vishweshawaraiya Bhawan, 5th floor Bailey Road Patna-800015)
Expression of Intrest-Cum-Request for Quote For Empanelment Of Supply Agencies
Short Notice No:RWD/FDR/BIHAR/01(2024-25)

Engineer-in-Chief, RWD, Bihar on behalf of The Honourable Governor of Bihar invites Online proposals from eligible agencies/suppliers who are registred in any state/central department but he has to get registration in Rural Works Department. Govt. Of Bihar before agreement for empanelment to indicate their intrest in supplying of 1.material 2.Labour & 3. Tools, plants & machineries with Operator & Fuel required for emergent repair and restoration of Rural Roads affected by heavy rains/floods in 108 Works Division Situated in Different districts of Bihar.

The procurement will be carried out through two bid System.

Schedule of Date

Sl No.	Description	Date
1	Period of Downloading of EOI-Cum RFQ (from website- http://pmgsytenderbih.gov.in)	From-28-06-2024 to 04-07-2024 up to 3:00 pm IST
2	Last date of online Submission of Completed proposals (website- http://pmgsytenderbih.gov.in)	From-28-06-2024 to 04-07-2024 up to 3:00 pm
3	Last date of Submission of original DD (BOQ Cost) in Sealed envelopes in Concern Works Division/Works Circle	From-28-06-2024 to 04-07-2024 up to 3:00 pm
4	Online Opening of technical proposal of Bidders	On- to 04-07-2024 at 3:30 pm

Intrested Bidder will have to register with their digital signatures Certificate in the web site: http://pmgsytenderbih.gov.in

For Further details please visit: http://pmgsytenderbih.gov.in

PR. No. 002279 (RWD) 2024-25

Engineer-in-Chief-cum
Additional Commissioner-cum
Special secretary
Rural Works Department,

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Govt. of Bihar
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

BMSICL

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/24-05
(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/24-05**. 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/24-05
Date of Pre-Bid meeting	28th 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	19th July 2024 by 17:00 Hrs.
Last date and time for submission of EMD and Tender Fees	22nd July 2024 till 14:00 Hrs.
Date, Time and Place of opening of Technical Bid	22nd 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.

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

PR. No. 002333 (B & C) 2024-25

GM (Procurement)
BMSICL

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Udyog Mitra
Department of Industries
Government of Bihar, Patna

Tender Notice No: 1777

Online e-tender are invited by the CEO, Udyog Mitra, Department of Industries, Govt. of Bihar, Patna for selection of agency for development of "Centralized Integrated Management System Portal (Web and Mobile app)" under RAMP Scheme.

SN	Tender Schedule/Program	
1	Name of the customer and address from whose website the RFP documents can be obtained	**Chief Executive Officer** ,Udyog Mitra, Department of Industries,1st floor,Indira Bhawan, RCS Path, Patna, Bihar- 800001, Telephone No.: - 0612-2547695 Email Id: -udyogmitrabihar@yahoo.co.in
2	Bid submission start date	22/06/2024 at 5:00 PM
3	Last date & time for submission of Written queries for clarification	28/06/2024 at 11:00 AM
4	Date, Time & venue of Pre-bid conference	05/07/2024, 03:00 PM, Conference Hall, Ground Floor, Indira Bhawan, Patna, Bihar - 800001
5	Bid submission end date	12/07/2024 at 05:00 PM
6	Technical and Financial Bid Opening Date	15/07/2024 at 03:00 PM.
7	Validity of Bids	90 days
8	Tender Fees	INR 5000/- Five Thousand Only
9	Tender Processing fee	As Per Eproc2
10	EMD	INR 5,00,000/- Five Lakh Only

Note:
1. CEO, Udyog Mitra, Department of Industries, Patna, Bihar reserves the right to reject or cancel the tender or any part thereof without assigning any reasons.
2. The tender document can be obtained from the website of Department of Industries, Government of Bihar.
3. For any queries regarding tender please contact.: 0612-2547695 and email: udyogmitrabihar@yahoo.com/ramp.bihar@bihar.gov.in

1.Toll Free Number:1800 572 6571
Email Id: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in
During 8 AM to 7 PM (All days in week expect few selected state holidays)
eProc 2.0 Help Desk Address:
Junction services limited RJ Complex,
2nd Floor, Canara Bank Campus,
Khajpura, Ashiana Road, P.S-Shastri Nagar, Patna 800 014, Bihar

This information is available on **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar also**

PR. No. 002432 (Industry) 2024-25

Chief Executive Officer
Udyog Mitra, Dept of Industries Bihar, Patna

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NEET CRISIS

"The joint CSIR-UGC-NET Examination June-2024 which was scheduled to be held between 25.06.2024 to 27.06.2024 is being postponed due to unavoidable circumstances as well as logistic issues. The revised schedule for the conduct of this examination will be announced later through the official website," NTA said in a circular on Friday evening.

A senior NTA official said on the condition of anonymity that with the cancellation of the UGC-NET, and the retest of the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test for 1,563 candidates, it was not possible to conduct another examination immediately.

"NTA will soon reschedule the exam and declare results at the earliest so that the academic session does not get affected," added the official.

But this is unlikely to douse the fire surrounding allegations of mismanagement, corruption and paper leaks that is now dogging not only three premier examinations but also NTA.

The joint CSIR-UGC-NET is conducted to screen Junior Research Fellowships (JRF), assistant professors and doctoral admissions in select science courses.

The exam — which is independent from UGC-NET and is considered tougher — is conducted twice a year in June and December in five subjects: Chemical Sciences; Earth, Atmospheric, Ocean and Planetary Sciences; Life Sciences; Mathematical Sciences; and Physical Sciences in computerised format.

The results of the test are accepted for admissions in all premier institutions offering PhD courses in these disciplines, including IITs, Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs) and top research institutes funded by CSIR.

The December 2023 edition of the exam saw 175, 000 students take the test. This time, more than 200,000 students had registered for it. Their futures will now be in limbo until NTA announces new exam dates.

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

For weeks, protests swept across India as thousands of students hit the streets amid allegations of question paper leaks, inflated marking and arbitrary allowance of grace marks, even as opposition parties called for a Supreme Court-monitored probe into the allegations. The Supreme Court, which allowed NTA to withdraw grace marks to 1,563 students and conduct a retest for them on June 23, is set to hear a raft of petitions on the issue on July 8.

Then, on Wednesday evening, the education ministry cancelled the UGC-NET examination and said the integrity of the process may have been compromised. The June edition of the exam was held on June 18 with 908, 580 candidates appearing at 1,200 centres, taking the test 83 subjects using pen and paper on OMR sheets.

But 24 hours later, the ministry said that UGC, India's higher education regulator, received certain inputs from the National Cyber Crime Threat Analytics Unit of Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the home ministry on the examination.

On Thursday, Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan shed further light on the decision. He said that the agency that tracks cyber crime for the Union home ministry informed UGC at 3pm on Wednesday that a specific question paper of UGC-NET set was leaked on the darknet.

"We tallied the questions on darknet with the original UGC-NET questions and they matched. We immediately decided to cancel the paper, and order a CBI inquiry into the matter. All these activities take place on Telegram these days. It is a challenge to track the complex nature of Telegram without a high level investigation," the minister said.

The debacle prompted the Opposition to call for his resignation. The Central Bureau of Investigation has filed a first information report (FIR) against "unknown persons" on the complaint of K Sanjay Murthy, education secretary, and handed over the probe to its Anti-Corruption Branch, Delhi unit.

On Friday, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi met a group of NEET aspirants and vowed to take up the exam issue "personally" in Parliament.

"I want to talk to the 24 lakh NEET students. From the streets to Parliament, we are with you. I want to tell you that you are not alone. In the last ten years, 70 times exam papers have been leaked and two crore youth have suffered. We will fight together and win it," Gandhi said in a video message.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh told HT that the party also wanted a Supreme Court-monitored probe and the system adopted by NTA to be reviewed thoroughly. "Power is in your hands," Gandhi said in his message to all NEET aspirants, "Your aspirations, your vision will become the country's vision. If the government can't protect you, the Opposition will."

AIRCRAFT DEAL

its A-400M aircraft and Brazilian Embraer Defense and Security with its C-390 Millennium, also have presence in the Indian defence market.

Airbus is jointly executing a ₹21,935-crore project with Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) to equip the air force with 56 C-295 aircraft to modernise its transport fleet, and Embraer has thus far supplied eight jets to India for VVIP travel and use as airborne early warning and control aircraft.

The C-130J's performance is proven in IAF service, and the aircraft has an availability rate (measure of airworthiness) of almost 90%, said Frese, who, along with other Lockheed officials this week, met IAF's leadership including its chief Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari. "It has an impressive track record of accomplishing missions and that places us in an advantageous position in this competition" Frese said.

The three-cornered contest to equip IAF with 40 to 80 aircraft is in line with the government's Make in India initiative to boost self-reliance in the defence manufacturing sector. IAF is looking for a new transport aircraft in the 18 to 30-tonne cargo-carrying capacity to meet its growing airlift needs.

TASL is one of the Indian companies that Lockheed Martin could partner with to bid for the project for which the air force sought information from original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) last year on the aircraft they can offer to meet its requirements, HT has learnt. However, no decision has been taken yet.

The two firms already operate a joint venture in India.

Located in Hyderabad, Tata Lockheed Martin Aerostructures Limited (TLMAL) is the single, global source of empennages (tail assembly) for the C-130J aircraft and the JV has delivered over 220 such assemblies since it began operations in 2010. The empennage assemblies built by TLMAL have been installed on C-130Js produced in Marietta in the US and delivered by Lockheed Martin to its global customers, including IAF.

In February, Embraer and Mahindra signed a memorandum of understanding to bid for the MTA order.

Airbus has not yet announced who it will partner with to compete for the project, though TASL and state-run plane maker Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) could be among the likely options, HT has learnt.

India will float a tender for the MTA procurement after the defence acquisition council (DAC) grants its acceptance of necessity (AoN) for the project. DAC is India's apex military procurement body and headed by defence minister Rajnath Singh. Under India's defence procurement rules, AoN by the council is the first step towards buying military equipment.

IAF has seen a level of success with the existing fleet and that will continue with the new C-130Js, said Frese. "Apart from the aircraft's versatility, reliability and low operating costs, there will also be commonality in training, maintenance, spares and logistics support," he added.

The information sought by IAF from OEMs last year related to scope of technology transfer; possible methods to enhance indigenisation, and to setup a dedicated manufacturing line, including design, integration and manufacturing processes in India; capability to undertake indigenous manufacture of systems, subsystems, components and spares; and making India a regional or global hub for manufacturing and maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) of the equipment.

In the request for information for MTA, IAF asked foreign vendors to provide a general estimate of the cost of aircraft and associated equipment for a batch of 40, 60 and 80 aircraft. The C-130J can carry a load of 20 tonne compared to C-390's 26 tonne and A-400M's 37 tonne.

IAF needs transport aircraft in the 18 to 30-tonne class to carry out a variety of roles, and it should select a plane that best meets its requirements and can be indigenised the most, Air Marshal Anil Chopra (retd), former director general, Centre for Air Power Studies, earlier said.

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

Centre for Railway Information Systems
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**

IRCON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
Navratna Company
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
Website:-www.ircon.org, CIN-L45203DL1976GOI008171
e-Procurement Notice
e-Tender No.: IRCON/2034/ROB-BIHAR/E-TENDER/2024/02 **Date:22.06.2024**
e-Tender for and on behalf of **East Central Railway** is invited from bidders meeting qualifying requirements for the work of "Construction of Light ROB with ramp facility for light vehicle at LC No. 72 between Gulzarbagh- Patna Saheb Stations of Danapur Division of East Central Railway in state of Bihar."
Estimated Cost of the work : **₹9,00,84,621/- with GST @ 18.0%.**
Last Date & Time of e-Bid Submission : 12/07/2024, 15.00 Hrs. (IST)
For further details, visit website **https:etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app.** Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the website.
General Manager (Civil)
IRCON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
Sone Bhawan (1st Floor), Daroga Prasad Rai Path, Patna – 800001

Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
(Department of Land Resources)
CORRIGENDUM
Reference to Advertisement No. A-12035/01/2023/Admn.(e-3013116) published on 21.06.2024 regarding engagement of Young Professionals (YPs) on contractual basis in Department of Land Resources.
Interested candidates may send their application duly signed (scanned/PDF) through e-mail only at **usadmn-dolr@gov.in**. The last date for submission of application is **19th July, 2024 (Friday)**.
Applicants are advised to refer to the official website of Department of Land Resources (**https://dolr.gov.in**) for further details.
(Arjun Rana)
Under Secretary to the Government of India
CBC 35201/11/0003/2425 **Tel: 011-23044653**

CORRIGENDUM FOR TENDER NOTICE NO. 05/2024 DTD. 29-05-2024
Corrigendum for **Tender Notice No. :** 05/2024 **Dated:** 29-05-2024 against **Tender No.:** 01249107RC may please be read as under:-

Item	Existing	To be read as
Tender Closing Date & Time	At 15:30 hrs. on 20-06-2024	**At 15:30 hrs. on 27-06-2024**

Note :- For full details of Tender Notice and Tender Documents, Tenderer may log on to the website (**www.ireps.gov.in**) prospective bidder who intend to participate in above tenders are required to log in themselves with the above website and submit their offer electronically, if they are already registered with **IREPS**. In case they are not registered with **IREPS**, they are advised to obtain class-III Digital Signature Certificate from the certifying agencies under Govt. of India IT Act 2000 and participate in the above tenders.
PCMM/CON,Maligaon
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
Construction Organization
Serving Customers With A Smile

दिल्ली प्रौद्योगिकी विश्वविद्यालय
DELHI TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
(Formerly Delhi College of Engineering)
(Estd. by Govt. of NCT of Delhi vide Act 6 of 2009)
Shahbad Daulatpur, Bawana Road, Delhi 110042
MBA (Executive) ADMISSION NOTICE (AY 2024-25)
Delhi School of Management Invites Applications for Admission in Two year MBA (Executive) Weekend Programme
The industry relevant programme is designed to enable managers and entrepreneurs to become successful leaders in today's challenging Business environment.
Eligibility Criteria:
Graduation or its equivalent with minimum 50% marks or equivalent CGPA (10% relaxation in marks will be given to SC/ST/PwD).
Work Experience:
(i) Minimum 2 years of work experience after under Graduate (UG) Degree (B.E., B.Tech., B. Arch, B.A, B.Sc., B.Com, BCA, MBBS etc.).
Admission Criteria and Online Forms are available from 6th May, 2024 at the University Website *http://www.dtu.ac.in* For any query write E-mail to *emba.admission@dtu.ac.in*
Sd/-
Registrar
Last Date of filling online application form is 7th July, 2024

Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical University, U.P.
C G City, Sultanpur Road, Lucknow-226002
Advertisement No- 05/Entrance-Exam/ABVMU/2024 **Date- 21-06-2024**
Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical University (ABVMU), U.P., is conducting U.P. GNM Entrance Test (UPGET)–2024 for admission in GNM Courses for the **Academic Session 2024-25** of all Private Institutions. Detailed information related to application is available on the ABVMU website **https://abvmuup.edu.in**
Start Date of Online Application : 22-06-2024
Last Date of Online Application : 12-07-2024
Registrar

Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Telecommunications
Sanchar Bhawan, 20 Ashoka Road, New Delhi
NOTICE
To
Sh. M. Srinivasa Rao [Staff No. 20702]
This is to inform to aforesaid officer of Indian Telecommunication Services, Group 'A' officer that he has been remained absent from duty without intimation/ permission for more than 05 years. The above officer has absconded from duties and no information of any kind of leave has been received from them. He has failed to perform his duties and failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and acted in a manner of unbecoming of a government servant. The aforesaid officer is hereby given an opportunity to make representation within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice for unauthorized absence from duty.
(Bijender Singh)
Under Secretary to the Government of India
Department of Telecommunications
Room No. 419, Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi 110001
Tele 011-2303 6282

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr.P.C.
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Anjul Saini** S/o Sh. Mahipal Saini R/o Vega Bond, Neem Chowk, Village Tuglakabad, Govindpuri, New Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence case FIR No. 66/2019 u/s 380/411/34 IPC, P.S. Chittranjan Park, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Anjul Saini** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Anjul Saini** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in the case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Anjul Saini** accused of FIR No. 66/2019 u/s 380/411/34 IPC, P.S. Chittranjan Park, New Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on **29.07.2024**
By Order: Ms. Devanshi Janmeja,
Metropolitan Magistrate No.4,
South East Court No. 10,
Saket, New Delhi.
DP/7778/SD/2024

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one unidentified dead body of Male Namely: Unknown , S/o: Unknown, R/o : Unknown Age: About 45-50 Years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Upper Black and white chhitdar Shirt and Grey Colour Shirt with bare footed. who was found at Patri in front of Shop No. 392, Esplande Road, Cycle Market, Chandani Chowk, Delhi. In this regard a case **FIR/DD No. 42A** dt. **19.06.2024** has been registered at **PS: Kotwali, Delhi**

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

Sd/- S.H.O.
Kotwali, Delhi
Ph. 8750870121

DP/7693/N/2024

बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग

15, नेहरू पथ (बेली रोड), पटना-800001

आवश्यक सूचना

विज्ञापन संख्या–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 किए जाते हैं।

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

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।

अपर सचिव–सह–परीक्षा नियंत्रक,
बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग, पटना।

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

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

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

No.: MECH-ONF-PARAKH-ENG-PRYJ **Dated: 15.06.2024**

E-TENDER NOTICE

GEM E-Tender Notice no.: GEM/2024/B/5056313 Dated 15.06.2024

Name of work: Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of 01 No. Cummins make Diesel Engines (NTA 855 R) & 01 No. Kirloskar make Diesel Generators/Alternator (DA Set 40KVA, HA-494) installed on Self-Propelled Inspection Car (SPIC)/PRYJ, PARAKH for a period of 03 years" under SSE/Loco/PRYJ.

Tender Opening date: 08.07.2024, It is certified that Tender has been uploaded on website **www.GEM.gov.in** **1073/24 (P)**

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav

TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement System

Principal chief materials manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi- 110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

S.N.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01.	82249999A	(2024-25 AMI Code-21.301) Hydrophobic Foldable IOL (As per attached specification)	970 No's.	15.07.2024

NOTE-1. Vendor may visit the **IREPS** website i.e.**www.ireps.gov.in** for details. **2.** No manual offer will be entertained.

Tender Notice No.: 82249999A Date:- 21.06.2024

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

STORE DEPARTMENT
E-Auction Programme
July-2024

Online auction sale through **www.ireps.gov.in** for disposal of scrap Ferrous Non-Ferrous Scrap comprising of Rails online, other P.Way Scrap, M.S. Sheet Axles, Machines and condemned wagons/coaches will be held as per schedule programme given below:

Depot/ Division	Ajmer Depot	Ajmer Division	Jodhpur Depot	Jodhpur Division	BKN Depot & Division	Jaipur Division
July-2024	08.07.2024 24.07.2024	10.07.2024 26.07.2024	13.07.2024 26.07.2024	09.07.2024 25.07.2024	11.07.2024 29.07.2024	12.07.2024 30.07.2024

Note: The amendments regarding the date of auction can be seen on IREPS site only. No publication will be done in newspaper in future. (1) Indian railway is selling all the scrap through e-auction. Bidders are requested to get registered for E-auction with **www.ireps.gov.in** at an early date. **(2)** Bidders should obtained class-III digital certificate with firm's name before registration. For payment, bidders will have to open an account with SBI (saral/vyapar) with net banking Rights for depositing earnest money etc. For any detail please contact concerned officer of depot Dy. CMM's and HQ office stores department, Jaipur.

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

"Notice for Inviting Applications"
(No. NWR-HQ0Comm(CATG)/ 63/2020 dt. 20.06.2024)

Applications are invited by Principal Chief Commercial Manager/North Western Railway on behalf of President of India from reputed manufacturers/suppliers of PAD items (as described in form) who are willing to supply PAD items on mobile & static catering units over North Western Railway. The interested Manufacturer Firms/Suppliers should send their applications on prescribed application form. The application form may be obtained from the office of Principal Chief Commercial Manager, North Western Railway/Jaipur by hand on deposition of ₹ 5500/- (Five Thousand Five Hundred only) at any railway station over NWR producing original Money Receipt (MR) to this office on any working day during office hours i.e. **9.30 hrs** to **18.00 hrs** upto **22.07.2024** and on **23.07.2024** upto **12.00 hrs** Applicable GST is required to be deposited with GST authorities. Last date for submission of application form is **23.07.2024** upto **15.00 hrs**. and opening of applications on the same day i.e. **23.07.2024** at **15.30 hrs.** The application form can also be downloaded from NWR's website **"www.nwr.indianrailways.gov.in"** after publication of this notice.

All details of terms & conditions as well as application form are available on NWR's website.

Address:-
Principal Chief Commercial Manager,
North Western Railway, HQ Office,
Jawahar Circle, Malviya Nagar, Jaipur - 302017.

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Housing & Urban Development Department
Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar

Notice Inviting Tenders

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor J&K, U.T, The Mission Director, SBM-U, 2.0 invites online tenders from Experienced Bidders having Relevant experience for the Selection of Town Planning Agencies (TPA) to Review GIS Based Master Plans, Preparation of Zonal Plans and Town planning schemes for Development Authorities under AMRUT 2.0 in Union Territory, Jammu & Kashmir.

The online tenders along with the scanned copy of the proposals must be accompanied with a receipt of non-refundable processing fee & EMD in the form of NEFT/RTGS in account as details given RFP. The relevant documents should be uploaded on or before 16.07.2024 up to 1500 hrs.

S. No.	RFP No.	Bid Fee	EMD
1.	MD/AMRUT-2.0/24-25/01	Rs. 5000/-	2.00 Lacs (as per RFP)

1) The bidding documents can be downloaded from the website **http://jktenders.gov.in**
2) The bids received will be opened at 1400 hrs. on 18.07.2024 Online.

No: AMRUT-2.0/MD/Tend/2024/128
Dated: 18.06.2024 **Special Secretary to the Govt.**
DIP-J-1711-24 **(MISSION DIRECTOR), AMRUT-2.0**

छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, जल संसाधन विभाग
कार्यालय मुख्य अभियंता
महानदी गोदावरी कछार, रायपुर (छ.ग.)

ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट निविदा सूचना

eProcurement Portal : https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in

(प्रथम आमंत्रण)

सिस्टम निविदा क्रमांक 154889/ निविदा सूचना क्र. 02/वलेलि/2024-25 बेमेतरा, दिनांक : 19.06.2024

निम्नलिखित कार्यों के लिए दिनांक 10.07.2024 17:30 तक ऑनलाईन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है :-

कार्य का नाम : बेमेतरा जिले के विकासखंड बेमेतरा अंतर्गत ग्राम-दाढ़ी में सकरी नदी पर पचरी निर्माण एवं तटबंध सुरक्षा कार्य।

अनुमानित लागत :- रु. 616.15 लाख

अन्य विवरण एवं विस्तृत निविदा छत्तीसगढ़ शासन की ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट वेब साइट https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in पर दिनांक 26.06.2024 समय 17:31 बजे से देखे तथा डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं।

नोट :- निविदा में भाग लेने हेतु ठेकेदारों को ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट वेबसाईट https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in पर नामांकित/पंजीयन तथा लोक निर्माण विभाग की एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली के अंतर्गत ठेकेदार को उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीयन कराना अनिवार्य है।

कार्यपालन अभियंता
जल संसाधन संभाग, बेमेतरा
कृते मुख्य अभियंता, महानदी गोदावरी कछार,
जल संसाधन विभाग, रायपुर, छ.ग.

G-242500429/5

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)

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 ratio 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 to 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**

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that this Person **Named:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** Approx. 45-50 years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Red color Gamchha & Red color Sando Baniyan with Black color patti, **Place of Recovery**: Found dead at Railway Line near KM Pole No. 1078 to 1080 ANVR Kota No. 286 Power Cabin, Delhi on 20.06.2024. In this regard **DD No. 23A, U/s 174 Cr. PC, Dated 20.06.2024**, has been registered at P.S. Anand Vihar Railway Station, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. If any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S. Anand Vihar Railway Station, Delhi
DP/7808/Rly/2024 **Ph. : 8750871314, 9811481762**

Appeal for Identification

General public is hereby informed that one male person **Namely:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 35-40 Yrs., **Height:** 5'8", **Sex:** Male, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing**: Blue White Check Shirt & Navy Blue Pant **Place of Recovery:** Ticket Coonter Hall at Anand Vihar Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in LBS Hospital, Delhi Mortuary for 72 Hrs for identification.

In this regard **DD No. 10A Dated: 18/06/2024** has been lodged at **Police Station: Anand Vihar Ralway Station, Delhi.** Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO
P.S.: Anand Vihar
Ralway Station, Delhi.
DP/7813/Rly/2024 **Mobile No. 9910034670, 8750871314**

Office Chief Engineer Nagar Nigam, Bareilly

Ref No.: 750/CE/NNB/2024-25 Date: 21.06.2024

E-Tender Invitation Notice

Municipal Commissioner, Nagar Nigam Bareilly 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.	Included Roads	Lenght of Roads (KM)	Estimated Cost Excluding GST (Rs. lakh)		Total Estimated cost Work (Rs. lakh)	Earnest Money Deposite (Rs. Lakh)	Duration of Construction work (in Month)	Tender Fee Including GSt
					Construction	Maintance for 5 Years				
01	Nagar Nigam Bareilly	BLY/ CMG-01	Development of Road in Ward No-08 Model Town Gate Vs Kusht Aashram, D.D.Puram To Gangasheel Hospital under CM GRIDS Scheme	3.40 KM	5081.05	51.00	5132.05	51.32	15	41300

S.N.	Event	Date and Time
1	Availability of tender document on E-Tendering portal	Date 25-06-2024 Time:- 12:00 PM
2	NN should upload tender document Before Soon of	Date 25-06-2024
3	Pre-Bid Meetings	Date 05-07-2024 Time:- 03:00 PM At URIDA Office, Directorate Lucknow/Online
4	Last date of uploading the tender document on E- Tendering portal	Date 24-07-2024 Time:- 03:00 PM
5	Opening of tender (technical bid)	Date 25-07-2024 Time:- 04:00 PM

The details can be seen http://etender.up.nic.in. w.e.f. 25.06.2024, Any Corrigendum/addendum or any other additional information related to the tender will be available on above mentioned website.

Chief Engineer,
Nagar Nigam Bareilly

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE No. 10/2024/RS/JHS Date : 20.06.2024

For and on behalf of President of India, the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (Rolling Stock) North Central Railway, Jhansi invites open tenders through online (E-Tendering) for the following work :

Tender No. JHS-RS-WC-T23-2023-24-RT1

Description	Tender value	Completion period from the date of issue of LOA
Repair & overhauling of CLW make reverser fitted in WAG-5, WAG-7 & WAP-4 locomotives.	Rs. 12827892.00	15 Months
	Earnest Money Rs. 214100.00	

Tender No. JHS-RS-WC-T26-2023-24-RT1

Description	Tender value	Completion period from the date of issue of LOA
Overhauling of compressors TRC 1000 MN & TRC 1000 MN UG ELGI Make alongwith compressor motor (3 phase induction Motor).	Rs. 16465654.00	24 Months
	Earnest Money Rs. 232300.00	

Tender No. JHS-RS-WC-T6-2024-25

Description	Tender value	Completion period from the date of issue of LOA
Provision of TMDDS (Traction Motor Dropping, Detection System) in conventional electric locomotive of ELS/JHS.	Rs. 4780000.00	15 Months
	Earnest Money Rs. 95600.00	

Closing date of tender : for all Tender No.: 18.07.2024, • Tenderer will submit the tender online upto 18.07.2024 (15:00 Hrs.). Complete details & for submission of tenders can be seen in Indian Railway website **http://www.ireps.gov.in**

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DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS KATHUA

E-mail: sspkathua@jkpolice.gov.in
Fax/Phone No.: 01922-234010

LOOK OUT NOTICE

On 08.06.2024, one Ashiq Hussain S/O Atta Mohd R/O Plahi Morha Pathiyara Tehsil Basohli District Kathua lodged a written report at Police Station Basohli stating therein that on 07.06.2024 his wife is missing from home. The complainant tried his best to search his wife but all in vain. On this, missing report vide DD No. 13 dated 08.06.2024 has been entered at Police Station Basohli.

During the course of investigation, best efforts were made to locate missing individuals, whereas she is still un-traced.

As such Description Roll/Photograph of said missing individuals is being shared with the appeal that anybody having clue/information about her whereabouts may inform us accordingly. The informer will be rewarded suitably:-

DESCRIPTION ROLL

- Name : Simran
- Husband : Ashiq Hussain
- Permanent Address : village Plahi
- Present Address : village Plahi
- Tehsil : Basohli
- Police Station : Basohli
- Age : 23 years
- Height : 5 feet 06 inch
- Complexion : wheatish
- Face : Oval
- Eyes : Black
- Languages known : Dogri/Hindi

PHOTOGRAPH

Any information related to the whereabouts of the subject may be communicated on following contacts:-

1. DPO Kathua- 01922-234010 (Phone/Fax)
2. **dpokathua@jkpolice.gov.in** (Mail ID)
3. PCR Kathua- 01922-234311(Phone/Fax)
4. Police Station Basohli – 9103007514

Sr. Superintendent of Police
Kathua

DIP-J-1696-24

PROVISIONING BRANCH, POLICE HEADQUARTERS, MADHYA PRADESH, BHOPAL

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR INVENTORY MANGMENT SOFTWARE

The information contained in this page is intended to inform existing and potential suppliers of future solicitation exercise **PROVISIONING Branch Police Headquarters (PHQ), Madhya Pradesh (MP), Bhopal-462008,** anticipates to conduct.

Interested firms/organizations may submit their EOI manually via email to the attention of the **AIG (PROV), PHQ, MP, Bhopal.**

Firms/organizations interested in REOI must ensure to submit their application to the **AIG (PROV) - PROVISIONING, PHQ, MP, Bhopal.**

This notice does not constitute solicitation. The PROVISIONING, PHQ, MP, Bhopal reserves the right to change or cancel these requirements at any time. The PHQ, MP considers a firm's qualifications and experience in the particular commodity/service area, and previous performance, when preparing a list of invitees.

This notice is placed on behalf of AIG PROVISIONING, PHQ, MP, Bhopal. You may direct all your queries to AIG (PROV), PHQ, MP, Bhopal using the e-mail address provided below.

Title of the EOI : DEVELOPING OF INVENTORY MANGMENT SOFTWARE
Date of this EOI : 15 June 2024
Closing Date for Receipt of EOI : 06 July 2024
Solicitation Meeting on Vendors' EOI : 10th July 2024
EOI Number : EOI 2024 PROV PHQ MP 1
Address EOI response by e-mail to the Attention of : AIG (PROV), PHQ, MP, Bhopal
PHONE Number : +91 755 2443472, 7049157027
E-mail Address : aig_prov@mppolice.gov.in , aig_prov06@gmail.com gbstore_phq@mppolice.gov.in

PLEASE NOTE : You can express your interest to this REOI by filling out this form

To be completed by the Vendor (All fields marked with an '*' are mandatory)

COMPANY INFORMATION

- **Legal Company Name *** : .....
- **Company Contact *** : .....
- **Address *** : .....
- **City *** : .....
- **State** : .....
- **Postal Code *** : .....
- **Country *** : .....
- **Phone Number *** : .....
- **Mob. Number *** : .....
- **Email Address *** : .....
- **Company Website (if available)** : .....

Requirements :

- Stock availability
- Demand reports
- Item wise reports
- Application should be both hindi & englsih
- User friendly
- Provision for further customization
- Compatible with all OS
- Supports all types of files
- Application should be desktop as well as web based.

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Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Ltd.

(A Government of Uttar Pradesh Undertaking)
GSTIN: 09AACCU2250P1ZZ, CIN: U85310UP2018SGC102425
Address: SUDA Bhawan, 7/23, Sector-7, Gomati Nagar Extension, Lucknow

Tender Notice Invitation Date: 20/06/2024

Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited, Lucknow invites tenders on GeM Portal from eligible and qualified Manufacturer/Importer/Authorized Agent for supply of **following Medical Equipments**. The schedules of Tendering activities are as here under:

Sr. No.	Tender Ref. No. & Date	Items Name	Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	Last Date & Submission of Online Bids	Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bids
1	GEM/2024/B/5069058 Dated: 19-06-2024	CTG Machine (Cardio Tocography)-Fetal Monitor	28/06/2024 at 03:00 PM in Conference Hall of UPMSCL, Lucknow	10/07/2024 upto 19:00 PM	10/07/2024 at 19:30 PM
2	GEM/2024/B/5072812 Dated: 20-06-2024	Heart Rate Monitor	-	11/07/2024 upto 16:00 PM	11/07/2024 at 16:30 PM

The details of tender notice are given on GeM Portal & UPMSCL website **www.upmsc.in**. Kindly check GeM Portal & UPMSCL website for any detail & updates.

Managing Director, UPMSCL

Department of Medical Health & Family Welfare, Uttar Pradesh

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Procurement Tender Notice 12/2024 **date 20.06.2024**

E-Procurement Tender Notice

Tender No.	Description	Qty.
13245216A	FIRE EXTINGUISHER CAPACITY 04 KG. MAKE - NASA400 MAR OR Better. (SPECIFICATION AS PER ANNEXURE - A1)	82 Nos

EMD (Rs) : 50,700/-, Tender Opening Date : 09.07.2024, Note: 1. The complete information of above E-Procurement Tender are available on IREPS website i.e. **http://www.ireps.gov.in. 2.** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tender, For this purpose, Vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with class III digital signature certificates issued by CCA under IT act 2000. **3.** Rates entered into Financial rate page and duly singed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vender shall be straight away ignored and shall not be considered. **4.** Documents being attached should be signed on their body. **5.** Allocation for "Cost of Drawing" is Z-650 and for "Earnest Money deposit (EMD)" is Deposit Misc, stores - 00844517. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the **IREPS** website may be approached. **1078/24 (AN)**

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उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग

हरिद्वार
पिन कोड- 249404

संख्याः 180/01/डी0आर0(डिग्री)/सेवा–2/2021–22 दिनांकः 20 जून, 2024

विज्ञप्ति

असिस्टेंट प्रोफेसर (राजकीय महाविद्यालय) चयन–2021

एतद्द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि असिस्टेंट प्रोफेसर (राजकीय महाविद्यालय) चयन–2021 के विज्ञापन दिनांक 04 दिसम्बर, 2021, विज्ञप्ति दिनांक 19 जनवरी, 2022 एवं दिव्यांगजन हेतु विज्ञप्ति दिनांक 23 दिसम्बर, 2022 द्वारा प्राप्त ऑनलाइन आवेदन पत्रों में अंकित ए0पी0आई0 स्कोर के आधार पर शार्टलिस्टिंग/संशोधित शार्टलिस्टिंग परिणाम में सफल अभ्यर्थियों से प्राप्त किये गये अभिलेखों की सन्निरीक्षा के क्रम में **असिस्टेंट प्रोफेसर जन्तु विज्ञान (ZOOLOGY)** विषय के लिए अर्ह अभ्यर्थियों हेतु **साक्षात्कार दिनांक 18 जुलाई, 2024** को निर्धारित किया गया है। अभ्यर्थियों के लिए साक्षात्कार ज्ञाप, साक्षात्कार कार्यक्रम को आयोग की **Website:psc.uk.gov.in** पर प्रसारित किया गया है। अभ्यर्थी अनुक्रमांकवार साक्षात्कार कार्यक्रम हेतु आयोग की वेबसाइट का अवश्य अवलोकन करें।

अभ्यर्थी आयोग की वेबसाईट से साक्षात्कार से संबंधित आवेदन पत्र इत्यादि को डाउनलोड करने के पश्चात् प्रपत्रों को पूर्ण रूप से भरकर समस्त संलग्नकों एवं चैक लिस्ट सहित मूल अभिलेखों के साथ साक्षात्कार के लिए उक्त **निर्धारित तिथि को उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, हरिद्वार के कार्यालय में प्रथम सत्र पूर्वाहन् 09:00 बजे एवं द्वितीय सत्र अपराह्न 12:30 बजे उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करें।** यह भी सूचित किया जाता है कि अभ्यर्थियों को साक्षात्कार ज्ञाप डाक के माध्यम से पृथक से प्रेषित नहीं किये जायेंगे।

उक्त के अतिरिक्त यह भी अवगत कराना है कि असिस्टेंट प्रोफेसर (राजकीय महाविद्यालय) चयन–2021 के अन्तर्गत **असिस्टेंट प्रोफेसर जन्तु विज्ञान (ZOOLOGY) विषयान्तर्गत** विज्ञप्ति **दिनांक 22 मई, 2024** के क्रम में अनर्ह सूची, अभ्यर्थन निरस्त सूची एवं अधिमानी अर्हता विषयक सूची के संबंध में अभ्यर्थियों को प्रत्यावेदन प्रस्तुत करने के लिए समय प्रदान किया गया था, जिसके सापेक्ष अभ्यर्थियों द्वारा अभिलेख प्रस्तुत किये जाने की अंतिम तिथि 06 जून, 2024 तक प्राप्त प्रत्यावेदनों का परीक्षण करते हुए प्रत्यावेदनों का निस्तारण मा0 आयोग द्वारा कर दिया गया है, जिसके क्रम में उक्त विषय के अंतिम रूप से अनर्ह अभ्यर्थियों की सूची आयोग की वेबसाईट **psc.uk.gov.in** पर प्रसारित की गयी है।

(गिरधारी सिंह रावत) सचिव

CENTRE FOR RAILWAY INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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**

REPLACEMENT OF NON-STANDARD CONVENTIONAL TYPE PANEL INTERLOCKING WITH ELECTRONIC INTERLOCKING

E-Tender Notice No. N-2024-25-TSK-NIT-04; Dated: 17-06-2024. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **SL. No.1**; **E-Tender No.:** N-2024-25-TSK-T-04. **Brief Description of Work:** Replacement of non-standard conventional type Panel interlocking with Electronic Interlocking at 3 stations (Kamarbandha Ali, Namtiali, Selenghat) in Furkating Junction-Simaluguri Junction section of Tinsukia Division. Tender Value: ₹12,53,27,826.38; Earnest Money: ₹7,76,600.00; E-tender will be **closed** at 15:00 hrs. on 15-07-2024 and **Opened** after 15:00 hrs. on 15-07-2024. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website **www.ireps.gov.in.**

DRM (S&T), Tinsukia
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
"Serving Customers with a smile"

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one unidentified dead body of male **Namely**: Unknown, **S/o**: Unknown, **R/o**: Unknown **Age**: 30-35 Years, **Height**: 5'6", **Complexion**: Shallow, **Face**: Long, **Built**: Thin **Wearing**: Blue Jeans, who was found dead near Jat Dharamshala, under Railway Bridge, Yamuna Bazaar, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this regard a case **FIR/DD No. 39A dt. 14.06.2024** has been registered at **PS: Kashmere Gate, Delhi.**

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

Sd/- S.H.O.
Kashmere Gate, Delhi
DP/7820/N/2024 **Ph. 011-23917100**

Centre imposes stock limits on two varieties of pulses as prices rise

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STEPS ARE AIMED AT DISCOURAGING HOARDING AND INCREASING AVAILABILITY IN MARKETS

NEW DELHI: The Centre on Friday imposed caps on the quantities of two varieties of pulses -- tur (pigeon pea) and chana (chickpeas) – that retail shops and traders can store at their end, a measure known as stock-holding limit, in an attempt to boost supplies and curb prices.

The Centre passed the Removal of Licensing Requirements, Stock Limits and Movement Restrictions on Specified Foodstuffs (Amendment) Order, 2024, specifying stock limits for wholesalers, retailers, supermarkets, millers and importers for the two commodities.

"The imposition of stock limits on tur and chana is a part of slew of measures taken by the government to crackdown on prices of essential commodities," an official said. The measures, which will be in force till September 30, 2024, come on the back of lower output of pulses, such as tur (pigeon pea), due to a patchy monsoon last year and higher prices.

Although headline consumer inflation eased to a 12-month low of 4.75% in May from a year ago, food prices remained sticky at 8.69%, driven by cereals and pulses, according to latest official data.

Prices of the three varieties, tur (pigeon pea), urad (black mapte) and chana (chickpea), have remained stable but on the higher side through the year, hurting households. Inflation in pulses rose 17.1% in May, against an increase of 16.8% in the previous month.

Stock limits applicable to tur (pigeon pea) and chana (chickpea) individually will be 200 tonne for wholesalers, five tonne for retailers and 200 tonne at depots of big-chain retailers. For millers, the caps will equal to the last three months of production or 25% of annual installed capacity, whichever is higher, the order stated.

The steps are aimed at discouraging hoarding and increasing availability in markets. The restrictions also apply to importers, which cannot hold imported stock beyond 45 days from the date of customs clearance.

Retail prices of gram stood at Rs 87.74 a kg on June 13, up 17% from a year ago, while the rate for pigeon pea rose to Rs 160 a kg from Rs 126 a year ago, a rise of 27%.

Rijiju attacks Cong amid row over pro-tem Speaker

NEW DELHI: Newly-appointed parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju on Friday slammed the Congress for politicising the appointment of Lok Sabha pro-tem Speaker and asserted that conventions were followed in selecting BJP leader Bhartruhari Mahtab.

Mathab, a seven-time lawmaker was appointed by President Droupadi Murmu as the pro-tem Speaker on Thursday, to which the Congress accused the BJP-led government of "destroying parliamentary norms" by ignoring the claim of K Suresh, an eight-time Lok Sabha MP, to the post.

Slamming the Congress, Rijiju said that Suresh, though an eight-time MP, was not a member of the Lok Sabha in 1998 and 2004 and hence did not have an uninterrupted tenure in the Lok Sabha. "Do you think such an argument is even valid?" the minister shot back when asked about Congress' claims that Suresh was ignored for the post as he was a Dalit.

Rijiju said the Congress was "lying" and "misleading" the people about the government flouting rules in the appointment of pro-tem Speaker. HTC

SEARCH FOR MISSING

SUDHA YADAV

General Public is hereby informed that one lady **Namely:** Sudha Yadav, **W/o:** Sh. Harsit Yadav, **R/o:** H-81, Adhyapak Nagar, Nangloi, Delhi **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 23 Years, **Height:** 5'0", **Complexion:** Wheatish, has been missing since 13.06.2024 from her house. In this regard **DD No. 107A, Dated: 14.06.2024** has been registered at **P.S.: Nihal Vihar, Delhi.**

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

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

SHO
P.S.: Nihal Vihar
Delhi

DP/7471/OD/2024

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that this person (depicted in the photo) **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** 50 years, **Sex**: Male, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Dark, **Wearing:** Black color T-shirt and Lower, found dead at In-front of Royal Dry Cleaners, Old Market , Timarpur, Delhi on 16.06.2024 by 5.50 pm under area of P.S. Timarpur, Delhi.

In this regard a **DD No. 70A, dated 16.06.2024** has been lodged at P.S. Timarpur, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

If any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S.- Timarpur, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23812734, 8750870130

DP/7775/N/2024 (UIDB)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified Male (depicted in the photo) name: **Unknown,** residence and family is **Unknown about 45 years** of age was found dead at **Near BSF Officer Mess, M.G. Road, Tigri Bus Stop, New Delhi on 18.06.2024 at 1:25 pm.** In this regard a DD No. **39A Dated 18.06.2024,** has been registered at PS Tigri, New Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for 72 hours at AIIMS Hospital Mortuary.

His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, **Age:** About 45 years, **Height:** 5' 7" ft., **Complexion:** Shallow, **Injury Marks:** On Face, **Wearing:** Pant & Shirt.

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

SHO
Website:http://cbi.nic.in
PS: Tigri, New Delhi
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-26041472, 26041473
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641
Mob.: 8750870834
Fax No.: 011-24368639
DP/7758/SD/2024

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 20 mm 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 at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

RTP-49/24 34837

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that our client is in process to buy the free hold land with all the constructions etc. thereon as mentioned in the schedule described hereunder, free from all encumbrances from its owner Mr. Suresh Nanda.

That the above owner had represented to our client that he is lawful and absolute owner of the scheduled property and has lost/misplaced some of the original previous documents related to the same i.e.

i) Four original sale deed all dated 25.01.1989 regd. as doc. no. 787; doc. no. 823; doc. no. 824 and doc. no. 828 executed by Mr. Vishwa Bandhu Aggarwal in favour of Mr. Charles D'Souza son of Shri Elias Dsouza, Mr. Denzil D'Souza son of Shri Charles D'Souza and Mrs. Cynthia D'Souza wife of Shri Wiliam D'Souza duly registered at the office of the concerned Sub Registrar in regard to land admeasuring 15 Bighas and 8 Biswas, Mustatil No. 34 Killa No. 10 (4-8), 11min (0-15), 12min (0-15), 13min (0-18), 8(2-11), 9(4-8), Mustatil No. 33 Killa No. 6/3 (1-13), situated in village Samalka, Tehsil Mehrauli, New Delhi

ii) One original General Power of Attorney dated executed by Mr. Charles D'Souza son of Shri Elias Dsouza, Mr. Denzil D'Souza son of Shri Charles D'Souza and Mrs. Cynthia D'Souza wife of Shri Wiliam D'Souza in favour of Mr. Wiliam D'Souza son of Charles D'Souza for part of the above said referred land.

The owner had lodged the necessary Information Report (In respect of Article / Document Lost in Delhi) bearing Lost Report No.(s) 1822901/2024; 1822906/2024; 1822913/2024; 1822917/2024 and 1822929/2024 all dated 17.06.2024 at Police Station Crime Branch, Delhi.

If anyone finds the above said documents, these shall not be used/misused and to be returned back to the undersigned or contact to the undersigned with all the original documents.

If any person, parties, banks, financial institution, government authorities etc. have any claims, objections, rights, interest etc. on the above lost documents or by virtue of or on the basis of above lost/misplaced documents are required to put forth his/her/their/its claim with the undersigned within 10 days of publication of this notice with all necessary supporting documents and proofs, failing which any transaction/ transfer with respect to the scheduled property shall be done without reference to such claim and all claims, if any, and all such claims and demands shall be treated as knowingly abandoned, surrendered, relinquished, released, completely waived and not enforceable/binding on our client and/or an impediment to the title of the owner and the same shall be treated as have clear and marketable title without any further reference. Claims without documentary proofs and/or objections directly published in newspaper shall not be considered as valid. For the avoidance of doubt, receipt of any claims by the undersigned, will not be deemed and/or presumed to mean acceptance of such claims by our client.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PROPERTY bearing no. 4, Casurina Avenue, Westend Green, South West Delhi comprising of land admeasuring 26 Bigha, 13 Biswas, bearing mustatil no. 34, killa no. 10(4-8), 11min(0-15), 12min(0-15), 13min(0-18), 8(2-11), 9(4-8), mustatil no. 33, killa no. 6/3(1-13), 15(4-16), 6/2min (2-15), 16min (3-14), along with built up Farm House thereon, situated in the Revenue Estate of Village Samalkha, Tehsil Vasant Vihar, New Delhi, India-110037.

Avinash Singh (Advocate);
Mob.: 9821055662
Chamber No. 248 & 249,
Patiala House Court, New Delhi-110001

New Delhi
22/06/2024

भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनिमय बोर्ड Securities and Exchange Board of India

Caution to Public against buying/ dealing with properties of HBN Dairies & Allied Ltd.

It is brought to the notice of the public at large that the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 5089/2019 in the matter of Securities and Exchange Board of India vs Rohit Sehgal & Ors. vide order dated 14.05.2024, has *interalia* permitted Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to sell the assets of the corporate debtor/respondent no. 35-HBN Dairies and Allied Limited (hereinafter referred to as 'HBN') with active involvement of the Liquidator, Mr. Rohit Sehgal on or before the next date of hearing. The next date of hearing is 09.09.2024.

It is further brought to the notice that the assets of HBN and its directors namely, Mr. Harminder Singh Sran, Mr. Amardeep Singh Sran, Ms. Manjeet Kaur and Ms. Jasbeer Kaur are attached by SEBI in the recovery proceedings initiated by SEBI under Section 28A of SEBI Act, 1992 vide Prohibitory Order dated 29.09.2017.

In compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and in furtherance of the recovery proceedings initiated against HBN and its directors, SEBI has started the process of sale of properties of HBN and its directors.

The public at large is hereby cautioned and made aware that in terms of the above order of Hon'ble Supreme Court, SEBI along with the Liquidator of HBN is authorized to sell the assets of HBN and its directors or assets wherein HBN has interest/ rights therein directly or indirectly.

The Public at large is cautioned against buying/ dealing with any properties wherein HBN, its directors or any of its associates/subsidiaries have any interest/rights, directly or indirectly. Further, no person shall illegally and unauthorizedly take possession of the assets of HBN, its directors or any of its associates/subsidiaries, else shall be liable for action in accordance with law.

Place: New Delhi
Date: 18.06.2024

Deputy General Manager & Recovery Officer
Securities and Exchange Board of India

CBC 15204/11/0043/2425

RAJASTHAN STATE HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY, JAIPUR
Government of Rajasthan

Short Term Notice Inviting Bid (05/2024-25)

Bids for Implementation of "Road Safety Rectification measures for 2 works are invited from the interest bidders **upto 11.00 on 05.07.2024** Other particulars of the bid may be visited on website **https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**, **https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in**. The estimated value of **Rs. 10.87 Crores**.

UBN: PWD2425WLOB00910
PWD2425WLOB00911

Sd/-
(V.L. Dhankhar)
Member (Works, Contracts & Operations)
Rajasthan State Highways Authority, Jaipur

Dipr/c/4586/2024

विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग
UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, GOVT. OF INDIA
बहादुर शाह जफर मार्ग, नई दिल्ली-110002

Advertisement No. 35/2024

HIRING OF VARIOUS POSTS (ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS)

The University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi invites online applications for hiring of posts as detailed below on Contractual Basis:-

Post Title	No. of Posts	Remuneration range*
System Officer (Networking)	01	Rs. 35,000 - Rs. 45,000 /- p.m.
Junior System Officer (Networking)	01	Rs. 25,000 - Rs. 35,000 /- p.m.

*To be decided by the Competent Authority at the time of selection

The Eligibility criteria, qualification, online application and other details are given below. (Can be accessed from **www.ugc.ac.in/jobs**)

The last date of application would be 15 days from the date of publication of the Advertisement.

CBC 21205/12/0001/2425

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender No.: CEN-2024-25-04 **Date:** 18.06.2024

TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const./North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following E-Tenders on prescribed form for the following works up to **15.00 hrs.** on **15.07.2024.** The details of the tenders are as under:-

Name of work: Construction of Limited Height Subway (LHS) by Air Pushing method in lieu of LC No. 451/C, 464/C, 465/C, 466/C, 477/C, 480/C, 481/C, 482/C, 489/C, 491/B, 492/B, 495/C in connection with doubling of Khairar-Manikpur section under Dy. CE/C/PRYJ.

Approx. Cost of work (In Crore) : ₹ 74.41 Cr., **Bid Security (Rs.):** ₹ 3870600/-, **Completion Period :** 15 Months, **Tender Closing Date & Time:** 15.07.2024 15:00 Hrs., **Date of Opeing of Tender:** 15.07.2024 15:30 Hrs., **Type of Tendering:** Open Tender (Two Packet System & e-RA).

Note:- (1) The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website www.ireps.gov.in up to 15.00 on the due date of tender opening i.e. 15.07.2024. **(2)** Bids other than in the form of E-bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, venders are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **(3)** The Bid Security shall be deposited either in cash through e-payment gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents. The Bank Guarantee bond shall be as per format in favour of FA & CAO/C/NCR/PRYJ as given in Tender Document and shall be valid for a period of 90 days beyond the bid validity period. **(4)** 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 vendor shall be straight way ignored and shall not be considered. **(5)** Joint Venture (JV)/Consortiums/MOUS shall be considered for the tender having cost more than **10 Cr. (6)** Documents being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. **(7)** The tenderers shall submit a certificate as given in tender document in standard format for all items without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. **(8)** Each page of the copy of documents/certificates in support of credentials, submitted by the tenderer, shall be self- attested/digitally signed by the tenderer or authorized representative of the tendering firm. Self-attestation shall include signature, stamp and date (on each page). Only those documents which are declared explicitly by the tenderer as "documents supporting the claim qualifying the laid down eligibility criteria", will be considered for evaluation his/their tender. In case of any wrong information submitted by the tenderer, the contract will be terminated, Bid Security (BS), Performance Guarantee (PG and Security Deposit (SD) of contract will be forfeited and agency will be banned for doing business on entire Indian Railways for five (5) years. **(9)** GST Act & rules issued from time to time by the Government authorities shall be applicable. **(10)** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. **(11)** Tender online can be submitted up to **15.00 hrs.** on **15.07.2024** and will be opened at **15.30 hrs.** on same day.

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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].
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Deputy Director (Admn.), JIPMER

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 (2) (ii) CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Namely: Bindeshwari Rai, S/o: Degar Rai, R/o: C/o Ranbir Vill. Ladrawan, Tch. Bahadurgarh, Distt. Jhajjar, Haryana**, Also at: **Vill. Pithumma, PO. Duyari, PS. Banka, Distt. Banka, Bihar** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a case vide **FIR No. 62/10, U/s 279/337 IPC** registered at **PS Kanjhawala** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued stating that the said **Bindeshwari Rai** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused **Bindeshwari Rai** has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Bindeshwari Rai** is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **22.07.2024.**

By Order
Sh. Ayush Sharma, Ld
MM, Room No. 113
Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/7737/RD/2024

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(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

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Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Parmod Kumar** of **Ct. Case No. 1343/21 u/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Model Town, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **25.07.2024.**

By Order,
Sh. Himanshu Sehloth,
Metropolitan Magistrate-03, Court No.213 (North),
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/7531/NW/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 **Shiv Kumar** S/o **Nathu Ram** R/o **H.No. 105, Gali No. 2, H-Block, Meer Vihar, Madanpur Dabas, Delhi** has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 530/2015 U/s 33 Delhi Excise Act, P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Shiv Kumar** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Shiv Kumar** have absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Shiv Kumar** of case **FIR No. 530/2015 U/s 33 Delhi Excise Act, P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint/case on or before **31.07.2024.**

By Order
Sh. Apoorv Bhardwaj
Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No. 113
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/7736/RD/2024(Court Matter)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a unknown male namely **Arun Age:** 40 years, **Complexion:** Fair, **Height:** 165 cms, was wearing Firozy colour Shirt, Grey colour Pant and Bare feet, was found in the area of P.S. GTB Enclave, Delhi on 19.06.2024. He has further taken to GTB Hospital where doctor declared him brought dead. In this regard a **DD No. 59A, dated 20.06.2024, has been lodged at P.S. GTB Enclave, Delhi.**

His dead body has been preserved in GTB Hospital Mortuary. Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

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{ OUR TAKE }

When House gets down to business

Treasury benches and the Opposition must accommodate their respective concerns for the 18th Lok Sabha to have a productive term

The 18th Lok Sabha will assemble for the first time on Monday, when the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government will take its place in the treasury benches for the third consecutive time, signifying a landmark not achieved since the Republic's infant years. Across the aisle will be an energised Opposition swollen in ranks and buoyed by its better-than-expected performance in the general elections. One by one, representatives of the world's largest democracy will be sworn in, followed by the election of the custodian of the Lower House, the Speaker, and the speech by the President laying down the government's agenda.

This session marks the first time that Parliament is meeting after the world's largest elections not only cemented India's place as the biggest democracy but also affirmed the vibrancy of its grassroots processes. The representatives who enter the home of Indian democracy will have to remember their solemn duty to not only represent their constituents to the best of their abilities but also contribute in good faith to maintaining the highest standards of lawmaking.

The last few sessions of Parliament were witness to unseemly stand-offs between the government and the Opposition and the widening of the trust deficit between both sides. The government felt its democratic mandate was being disrespected while the Opposition was upset by what it saw as the government using its numerical superiority to ram bills through, short-circuiting the parliamentary process. The new session and parliamentary officials will have to find a way to break this impasse, and open channels of communication that allow the House to function to its fullest ability. Moreover, over the years, fewer bills were being referred to committees, fuelling the perception that the primary function of Parliament — scrutinising bills — was suffering. This impression was further strengthened with pandemonium often replacing sober debate and discussion in the House. The lawmakers and officials will need to carve out time for both sides to raise issues, and for sufficient scope to scrutinise key legislation.

The first session will mark an epoch. After two consecutive terms of single-party majority, the Indian public has voted for continuity but also judiciousness, certainty, and collaboration. The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party is well short of a majority on its own for the first time in a decade, though it has a majority as part of the NDA, and the Opposition is strengthened by its revival. This can easily slip into confrontations and face-offs, but all lawmakers must prioritise careful deliberation. At the heart of the issue is the willingness and sincerity that needs to be shown by all parliamentarians to lawmaking. They have to prioritise discussion over acrimony, debate over disruption. This will need accommodation and sagacity from both sides, as well as a commitment to showcase the best of India's hallowed tradition of parliamentary procedures, speeches and rebuttals.

The upcoming session will likely see the balance of power between the government and the Opposition being recalibrated in the 18th Lok Sabha. In the balance will hang key issues that affect millions of people, such as irregularities in premier examinations, the climate crisis that has upended lives across the country, and a better deal for India's vast poor. The government, Opposition and parliamentary officials will need to remain flexible, and create a compact on allowing Parliament to function. Nothing less will befit the nerve centre of the largest democracy in the world.

{ THIRD EYE }

Barkha Dutt

NEET fiasco is a test of the govt's outreach skills

A dispensation known for smart political communication has allowed the ground to slide

The government's first big misstep, in its third term, has been its response to the student agitation over the NEET medical entrance exam. Less than a week ago, Dharmendra Pradhan, the Union education minister, called the protests "motivated" and rubbished the charge of a leak. When arrested students in Bihar confirmed otherwise, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) tried to turn the tables by claiming a link between the accused and an aide of Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav. The RJD retaliated by targeting the BJP over its purported links to an examination centre in Haryana from where, suspiciously, six of the perfect scorers sat for the paper.

That India's examination system is broken — reports suggest at least 40 paper leaks in five years — is obvious. That this cannot happen without a nexus between politics, the bureaucracy, and an underground mafia is obvious. What's less obvious is why the government believed it could be so contemptuous of an issue that impacts 2.4 million students, some of them who are sitting for the exam for the fourth or fifth time. If you add the 900,000 young Indians impacted by the cancellation of the UGC-NET examination, we are talking about nearly 3.3 million Indians.

Can any government afford to be this cavalier about young voters? Especially in a country where more than 65% of Indians are below the age of 35. The answer to the BJP should be obvious from the fact that among the agitators out on the streets are its party affiliates and supporters. The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad is among student union groups demanding a Central Bureau of Investigation inquiry into "the entire mechanism" of the National Testing Agency, which is entrusted with the tests.

At his latest press conference, Pradhan took "moral responsibility" for the fiasco. So, why did he not strike a more conciliatory, less abrasive note to begin with? And why would the Prime Minister (PM) not address the issue? A statement from PM Modi, a sideways reference in a public speech, or even a comment on social media, would have gone a long way in containing the upsurge of anger and anguish. Instead, Modi kept his focus on the International Yoga Day, seeming oddly out of sync with the zeitgeist of the moment. Effective political communication — an effective personal narrative, powerful oratory, smart use of social media and a constant awareness of the power of the image — has been a key chapter in the Modi playbook in his first two terms as PM. I once described Modi as India's "influencer-in-chief" to make a point about his acute understanding of an increasingly digitised voter base.

But right from the campaign of the 2024 elections, through the first weeks in government, this prowess appears to have not been deployed. Modi's Hindu-Muslim speeches at the stumps did not go down well with his own voters. There is enough post-election data available to show the limitations of Hindutva rhetoric on the ground in the Hindi-speaking states. And oddly, the BJP, otherwise an agile and adaptable election machine, did not tweak or replace the Hindutva messaging with more imaginative narratives, even when it had time to do so.

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Modi was the first to understand that politics is, above all, about powerful storytelling. And, as we in the media know only too well, storytellers constantly need to adapt to shrinking attention spans, new formats, new messages and also, the competition. Modi's personal story as the self-made son of a tea vendor who rose to be chief minister and PM on his own merit was powerful. It worked as a put down of entitlement, old elites and pedigree in politics. But nothing in politics remains constant. The Congress, at first defensive about the dynasty charge, is today all set to have three members of the Gandhi family in Parliament. The party is confident that the two Bharat Jodo Yatras, to borrow a phrase from Yogendra Yadav, ensured that people now feel Rahul Gandhi has earned his inheritance.

Modi, meanwhile, has not added new personal stories to the original one. His challenge is not unique to him, it is the challenge of many incumbents. But there is some evidence to show that where the PM has opted not to communicate at all, or where others in his party have smeared people's movements (good or bad, fair or unfair notwithstanding), there have been political costs to pay. The Congress won both seats in strife-torn Manipur. In Haryana, CSDS post-poll data shows that amongst farmers, 61% voted for the INDIA bloc. And in states with strong martial traditions, the contentious Agniveer recruitment scheme made its electoral impact felt.

While the economy, livelihood and jobs and managing allies will be the inevitable priority of Modi's third term as PM, he will also need more weapons in his communication arsenal. If 2014 was a vote for change and 2019 about national security, the message of 2024 has some layers of ambivalence. Listening, with empathy, to the "*mann ki baat*" of ordinary Indians may be a good way to refresh the communication strategy of NDA 3.0.

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Road ahead for PM Modi, India in a China +1 world

Though his party didn't win the landslide victory he hoped for, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi has secured a rare third five-year term as India's PM. It wasn't an easy win. High inflation and unemployment helped a more unified Opposition portray Modi as too cosy with big business to cut into the victory margin of his Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led alliance. The wealth inequality this has exacerbated forced Modi to lean more heavily on the appeal of an often-ugly Hindu nationalism pitch, a burden he has allowed subordinates to carry in the past. In addition, India's media environment has become more polarised as many more people get their news online than when Modi was first elected a decade ago.

Ian Bremmer

But Modi himself remains far more popular than his party. He has built a reputation for personal integrity, and after a decade in office, his name recognition is uncontestable. That matters in a country where dozens of different languages are spoken by millions of people. Once the votes were counted in the world's largest and longest-running election, Modi emerged again as man of the moment.

India needs a popular leader, because the long-term challenges it faces are formidable. Within 10 years, India will face serious water shortages, and there is no obvious fix. He must work with weak local governments, many of which depend for political support on farming interests that rely too heavily on water-intensive agriculture in areas where water is already in short supply.

Then there is the climate crisis. India has already set temperature records this summer, and hundreds of millions of Indians have no way to escape the heat and humidity. Add some of the world's worst air quality, a problem that will become much worse given the country's expected robust economic growth, and the enormous power requirements needed to sustain it, including with the use of huge amounts of coal generation. The result will be an expansion of human suffering in a nation with more than its share of environmental damage.

There is also a major structural problem with India's economy: Not many women contribute to it. Fewer than one third of employable women are now in the workforce. There are very few female CEOs or corporate board members, and a tiny fraction of the country's venture capital funding goes to startups founded or led by women. The World Economic Forum's most recent gender gap report ranked India 127 out of 146 countries, behind Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka. To solve this problem, Modi and other local officials must contend with a high rural population, crippling poverty, and conservative social values. Many tout India's strong demographics as a crucial economic advantage, particularly when compared with China, Japan, and some of Europe's largest economies, but when half the population faces such obstacles to joining the formal economy, the advantage is far from its potential.

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Finally, India has roughly 1.5 billion people, and too many still live in poverty. In 2023, India still ranked 111th of 125 countries on the Global Hunger Index. While China has become a middle-income country, India's path toward that status is far from secure. Given all these structural challenges, India could fail to develop as Modi promises, leaving the country more vulnerable to social and political instability, fuelled in part by the Hindu nationalism that Modi's party itself has amplified.

Yet, we can't ignore the many advantages of India's current geopolitical position. Modi's government will continue to benefit from the trend that many Indians call "China +1". Western and many Asian countries think of limiting production and supply chain risks associated with China by shifting business operations and investment toward India. Many multinational corporations across a variety of key economic sectors now see India not only as a viable alternative for long-term capital investment, but as an attractive market in its own right.

India's domestic infrastructure investment continues to lag behind China, but the gap is narrowing. In Mumbai, major new highways, bridges and tunnels are easing some of the world's worst urban traffic. There are fewer interruptions of electricity, data and the internet. India is not China, but its day-to-day business operations are no longer regularly disrupted. India has also made gains in higher-end manufacturing, with the export of more motorcycles, cars, and other goods that meet an international quality standard once unknown in India.

India's biggest foreign-policy challenges are on its borders — in China, Pakistan, and Myanmar. All three create security problems for Delhi. But outside India's neighbourhood, Modi looks abroad and sees important opportunities. That's true not only in relations with the United States — India is one of the few countries that can expect increasingly close ties with Washington no matter who wins the November US election — but especially in the Global South, where Modi has earned a leadership role. As we saw last year when India hosted the G20 Summit, Modi wants India to become a vitally important bridge between the developed and developing worlds. Since the Cold War's end, no country's rise has been welcomed by so many other governments.

In short, India still faces enormous long-term challenges. But Modi's personal appeal at home and the inroads he has helped open for India abroad make this country's development one of the most important stories of the next decade.

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{ ANOTHER DAY }

Namita Bhandare

Male feminist allies: Why every woman needs one

When I decided to quit my full-time job with this newspaper and go freelance so that I could spend more time with my then school-going daughters, my father-in-law was appalled. But he didn't want to directly question my decision and, so, told a friend that he would make sure my children were well looked after at home.

I knew that but quit anyway. When I wrote a 12-part series on women's declining workforce participation that went on to win a national award, Baba, which is what we called Murlidhar Bhandare, couldn't have been prouder — though he continued to believe that I could, and should, have dodged the "motherhood penalty", one of the barriers to workforce participation that I had written about.

Baba was my feminist ally, the sort of man every woman should have in her corner. Someone who believes in her thinks twice before questioning her decisions, and remains her most enthusiastic cheerleader.

After the death of his wife, a Delhi high court judge, he had started the Justice Sunanda Bhandare Foundation with the goal of "gender equality". In truth, it was as much his goal as it was hers. "The freedom to choose, the right to excel" was the motto he chose. Ever the optimist, he believed that given the opportunity, there was no reason why women could not flourish. The challenge lay in creating the right environment.

Sunanda Bhandare had married young. To say that her husband was responsible for her success would be to undermine her grit and brilliance. But he was the catalyst that ensured she not only completed her law degree but went on to a successful law practice while raising two children with him.

We don't talk enough about the value of male allies. The wrestler from Haryana who trains his daughters and nieces in defiance of social norm. The airport loader who sells his land to finance his daughter's education. The shop owner who is assisted by his daughter when she returns from college.

This is not an avuncular benevolence but an ingrained belief that everyone around you regardless of gender, sexuality or circumstance is deserving of dignity and freedom. That society cannot advance without taking everyone along. And that everyone gains when women and girls gain.

At 95, Baba might not have been up to date on issues like gender identity. He could be anachronistic about his choice of words — preferring lady to woman, for instance — and was unquestionably paterfamilias. But his feminism shone through his actions and the way he lived his life.

Where families are so often the gatekeepers of gender roles and morality, particularly of daughters, he had thrown away the key. He was happy to be challenged and proud to follow the budding careers of his granddaughters.

Every time my column was published, he would call with feedback — not always positive — but always willing to listen. What a loss for me then that I will not be receiving his call after this one.

Namita Bhandare writes on gender. The views expressed are personal

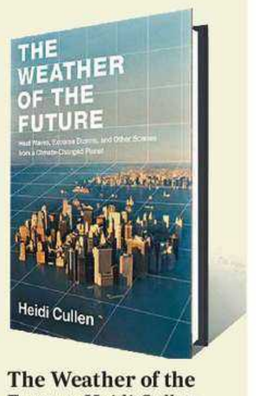
{ EDITOR'S PICK }

HT's editors offer a book recommendation every Saturday, which provides history, context, and helps understand recent news events

DECODING THE HEATWAVE PHENOMENA

Delhi registered its highest minimum temperature on Wednesday, at 35.2 degrees Celsius, the highest in 60 years. The national Capital is not the only region affected by extreme heat, with prolonged heatwaves claiming 143 lives to date across the country. In the face of extreme weather events, understanding the dynamics of the climate crisis is vital.

This week, we recommend *The Weather of the Future* by Heidi Cullen, which offers a sobering look at the future of our planet as the climate crisis worsens. Cullen examines the increasing frequency and intensity of heatwaves, hurricanes, droughts, and floods, with real-world examples and projections. She provides case studies from various parts of the world, such as the Sahel region in Africa, and the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, to highlight how different areas are uniquely affected. *The Weather of the Future* underscores the need for comprehensive strategies to safeguard our planet's future.



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WORLD

Trump eclipses Biden in latest fundraising efforts

The Trump campaign and the Republican National Committee said it raised $141mn in May, including tens of millions donated immediately after he was convicted of 34 felonies in the NY hush money case

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NEW YORK: Donald Trump's campaign outraised President Joe Biden by more than $60 million last month, according to federal filings that detailed the Republican fundraising explosion sparked by Trump's felony convictions.

Biden's campaign and the Democratic National Committee together raised a robust $85 million in May and reported $212 million in the bank at the end of the month. The strong showing does not include roughly $40 million raised by Biden and his top surrogates in recent days — or a separate $20 million donation from former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg to pro-Biden groups.

Still, Trump's fundraising for, for one month at least, seemed to dwarf Biden's, according to the filings made public on Thursday.

At the same time, billionaire Timothy Mellon donated a stunning $50 million to a pro-Trump super PAC the day after Trump's guilty verdict, according to the filings. Overall, Trump's campaign and the Republican National Committee reported more than $170 million in the bank at the end of May, although Biden's campaign questioned whether the groups were devoting resources to cover Trump's legal fees.

"Our strong and consistent fundraising programme grew by millions of people in May, a clear sign of strong and growing enthusiasm for the president and vice-president every single month," said Biden campaign manager Julie Chavez Rodriguez.

Taken together, the numbers detailed in the campaigns' latest Federal Election Commission filings suggest Democrats may still maintain a cash advantage in the 2024 presidential contest. But almost four months before Election Day, Trump's side is closing the gap — if it isn't closed already.

Backed by Mellon's massive donation, the pro-Trump super PAC known as MAGA Inc. on Thursday reserved $3.5 million in television advertising set to begin on July 3 across Georgia and Pennsylvania, according to the media tracking firm AdImpact. Overall, the group reported a $68.8 million haul for May, ending the month with $93.7 million in the bank.

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks at a campaign event in Racine, Wisconsin, on Tuesday. AFP

Ex-prez pitches Green Cards for foreigners graduating US colleges

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WASHINGTON: Donald Trump said he wants to grant green cards to foreign graduates from US colleges, in an apparent softening of his typically hard-line view on immigration, a key election issue.

The Republican candidate made the remarks in a podcast published on Thursday, days after President Joe Biden announced a citizenship pathway for immigrants married to US nationals, counterbalancing his recent crackdown on illegal border crossings.

A green card is the commonly used name for a permanent resident card in the US and a step towards citizenship.

Trump said this should include "anybody who graduates from a college," including those who complete two-year programs, known as junior colleges, and doctoral graduates.

Asked initially on the podcast if he would promise to help import the "best and the brightest around the world to America," Trump replied: "I do promise."

He added: "I know of stories where people graduated from a top college, or from a college, and they desperately want to stay here... and they can't.

> What I want to do and what I will do is, 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.
>
> **DONALD TRUMP,** Ex-US president

"They go back to India, they go back to China. They do the same basic company in those places and they become multi billionaires employing thousands and thousands of people," Trump said.

He also said that US companies need "smart people," adding "they can't even make a deal with a company because they don't think they're going to be able to stay in the country".

Mob in Pak lynches man suspected of blasphemy

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PESHAWAR: Pakistani authorities have begun an investigation to identify and arrest members of a mob that killed a local tourist accused of blasphemy, after they ransacked a police station holding him in protective custody, officials said on Friday.

A mob beat the man to death on Thursday night after accusing him of burning pages of the Quran. They set the police station in the country's northwest ablaze and injured eight policemen, Malankand division's regional police chief Mohammad Ali Gandapur told Reuters.

"After initially rescuing the man from a crowd, the police took him to the station in Madyan, but announcements from mosque loud speakers asked locals to come out," Gandapur said, after which the mob stormed the police station.

Madyan is a popular tourist destination in the Swat Valley of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

Lynchings are common in Pakistan, an Islamic republic where blasphemy can legally carry the death penalty.

Graphic videos of the latest incident, verified to Reuters by the police, showed a frenzied mob dragging a naked and bloodied body through the streets, and then setting it on fire. The footage went viral on social media and sparked outcry among Pakistani users.

Gandapur said the situation was under control and a case registered against the organisers of the mob.

The victim, identified as Mohammad Ismail, was a tourist from the eastern Punjab province and was staying at a hotel in Madyan when a mob accused him of burning pages from the Quran.

Last month, a Christian man in his seventies was attacked by a mob on charges of burning pages of the Quran and later died of his injuries in eastern Pakistan.

In 2021, a Sri Lankan factory manager was lynched in one of the highest profile incidents in the country. Six people were sentenced to death for their part in the lynching after the incident sparked global outcry.

Local residents look at the spot where a mob lynched a man in Madyan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, on Friday. AP

Ex-premier ready to negotiate with Pak establishment

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's jailed former PM Imran Khan on Friday hinted to "step back" from his position and engage in discussions with the establishment if convinced that such a move would be in the country's best interest. Imran signalled his intention while speaking to reporters in the courtroom during the hearing of the Al-Qadir Trust case in Adiala Jail at Rawalpindi. PTI

Namibian court strikes down law criminalising same-sex relationships

WINDHOEK: A top Namibian court on Friday struck down colonial-era laws criminalising same-sex relationships in a "historic" verdict against a pushback on LGBTQ rights in southern Africa. The high court in the capital, Windhoek, declared the crimes of "sodomy" and "unnatural sexual offences" as "unconstitutional and invalid" in its ruling on the case brought by a local LGBTQ activist. AFP

US top court upholds ban on domestic abusers owning guns

WASHINGTON: The US Supreme Court on Friday upheld a federal law prohibiting domestic abusers from possessing a firearm, the latest legal ruling in the country's fierce battle over gun rights. Gun violence is common in the United States, where there are more firearms than people, and the Gun Violence Archive registered more than 40,000 deaths last year. AFP

PUTIN IS OPEN TO TALKS WITH U.S. BUT UKRAINE MUST BE ON AGENDA: KREMLIN

MOSCOW/WASHINGTON: Russian President Vladimir Putin is open to security talks with the United States but they must be "comprehensive" and include the subject of Ukraine, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Friday. He said such dialogue was needed because of an accumulation of problems relating to global security.

The United States rejects Russia's contention that by arming Ukraine it has become a direct protagonist in a war aimed at inflicting a crushing "strategic defeat" on Moscow.

Biden bans US sales of Kaspersky software

The Biden administration on Thursday announced plans to bar the sale of antivirus software made by Russia's Kaspersky Lab in the United States, with Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo saying that Russia's influence over the company poses a significant security risk.

In response, the Kremlin said on Friday that the US decision to ban sales of Kaspersky's software was a typical move by Washington to stifle foreign competition with American products. REUTERS

Israeli strikes on tent camps near Rafah kill 25 people, wound 50

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GAZA STRIP: Israeli forces shelled tent camps for displaced Palestinians north of Rafah on Friday, killing at least 25 people and wounding another 50 according to Gaza's heath ministry and emergency workers, in the latest deadly attack in the tiny Palestinian territory where hundreds of thousands have fled fighting between Israel and Hamas.

According to Ahmed Radwan, a spokesperson for the Civil Defence first responders in Rafah, witnesses told rescue workers about the shelling at two locations in a coastal area that has become filled with tents. The health ministry reported the number of people killed and wounded in the attacks. The locations of the attacks provided by Civil Defence were just outside an Israeli-designated safe zone.

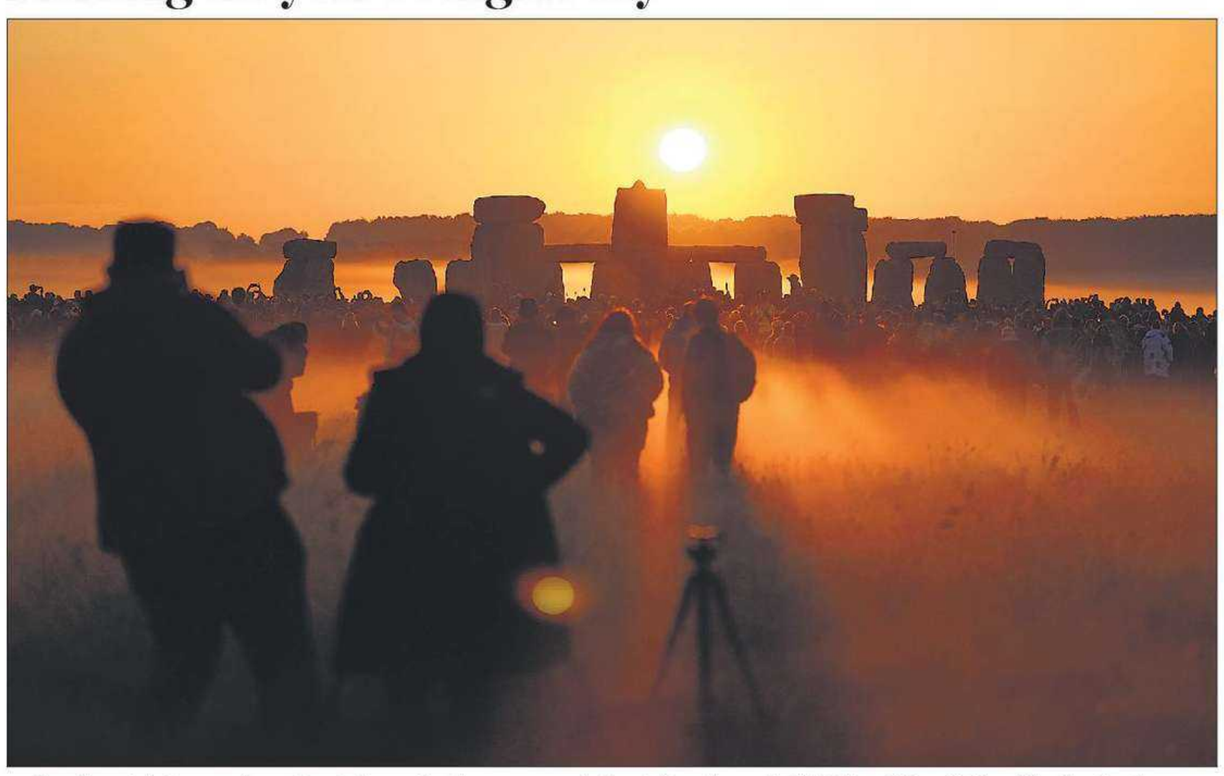
Also, Israel bombed Gaza on Friday as exchanges of fire and threats over the Lebanon border raised fears of wider war. Five municipal workers died "during an Israeli bombing" of a garage in Gaza City, said Mahmud Basal, spokesman for the civil defence agency in the Hamas-ruled Palestinian territory. There were further exchanges of fire across Israel's northern border with Lebanon's powerful Hezbollah movement, and UN chief Antonio Guterres warned that the clashes must not turn Lebanon into "another Gaza".

Qatar working to 'bridge the gap' between Israel and Hamas

MADRID: Qatari said on Friday it was continuing mediation efforts to "bridge the gap" between Israel and the Palestinian militant group Hamas to secure a ceasefire.

"We have continued our efforts without interruption over the last few days," Qatari PM Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani told a joint news conference in Madrid with Spanish foreign minister Jose Manuel Albares. AFP

Marking the year's longest day



People watch the sun rise, as they take part in the summer solstice at Stonehenge in Wiltshire, UK, on Friday. The Earth spins on a tilt as it revolves around the sun. The summer solstice occurs for Earth's upper half when the Northern Hemisphere is tilted most closely toward the sun. This also marks the longest day and shortest night of the year. AP

CANADIAN COURT REJECTS PLEA BY 2 PRO-KHALISTAN MEN TO BE TAKEN OFF NO-FLY LIST

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TORONTO: A Canadian court has rejected an appeal by two alleged Khalistan supporters to be taken off a no-fly list they were placed on in 2018.

The agency Canadian Press reported that Bhagat Singh Brar and Parvkar Singh Dulai wanted their no-fly designations under the Secure Air Travel Act to be removed. However, the Federal Court of Appeal ruled against their plea, which challenged a judgment from a court in 2022 that upheld their being placed on the list. The court found that the government had "reasonable grounds to suspect that the appellants would travel by air to commit a terrorism offence".

The hearings were held on June 13 and 17 and the decision was delivered on June 19 by the three-judge bench.

Brar is believed to be the son of Lakhbir Singh Rode, considered the head of the International Sikh Youth Federation, which is a proscribed terrorist entity in Canada. Rode, the nephew of extremist leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, died in Pakistan in December last year. Bhindranwale was killed in June 1984 when Indian forces stormed the Golden Temple in Amritsar during Operation Bluestar.

Brar was prevented from boarding a flight at Vancouver International Airport on April 24, 2018, while Dulai was denied boarding at the same airport on May 17 the same year.

Hackers leak stolen UK blood test records

LONDON: The cyber criminals taking credit for the hack on London hospitals earlier this month have published what they claim is stolen data from the attack.

England's National Health Service (NHS) said in a statement on Friday it was aware that the data was published overnight, with the hackers claiming it belongs to Synnovis, the pathology provider that was hit in the June 3 hack.

"We understand that people may be concerned by this and we are continuing to work with Synnovis, the National Cyber Security Centre and other partners to determine the content of the published files as quickly as possible," said the NHS in a statement. "This includes whether it is data extracted from the Synnovis system, and if so whether it relates to NHS patients."

The hackers claiming responsibility published more than 380GB of data to their channel on messaging app Telegram overnight, Bloomberg News confirmed.

The data includes patient names, dates of birth, NHS numbers and descriptions of blood tests, according to the BBC. Financial spreadsheets were also reportedly published.

The NHS has not confirmed details about the nature of the published data, and it isn't clear if the information includes test results. BLOOMBERG

Historic flooding in southern China kills at least 47 people

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BEIJING: At least 47 people have died as downpours in southern China's Guangdong province caused historic flooding and slides, state media reported on Friday, while authorities warned of more flooding ahead in other parts of the country.

State broadcaster CCTV said on 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 heaviest rains were from Sunday into Tuesday, toppling trees and collapsing homes. A road leading to Meixian district completely collapsed during the heavy rains. The Songyuan river, which winds through Meizhou, experienced its biggest recorded flood, according to CCTV. The estimated direct economic loss is 3.65 billion yuan ($502 million) in Jiaoling county, while in Meixian district, the loss is 1.06 billion yuan ($146 million).

Other parts of the country also face torrential rains and extreme weather in the next 24 hours, with the National Meteorological Center issuing a warning for several provinces in the south and a few individual places in the north. Henan and Anhui provinces in central China, as well as Jiangsu province on the coast and the southern province of Guizhou, all are expecting hail and strong thunderstorms, according to the forecast.

Rainfall could be as high as 50mm to 80mm in one day in Henan, Anhui and Hubei provinces, the National Meteorological Center said.

Paramilitary police officers help transfer stranded people at a flooded hospital following heavy rainfall in Guilin, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China, on Thursday. REUTERS

'INCREDIBLY ANGRY', SUNAK SAYS ON POLL DATE BETTING ALLEGATIONS

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LONDON: British PM Rishi Sunak said he was "incredibly angry" to hear that three of his party colleagues were being investigated over allegedly placing bets on an early announcement of the general election.

On another chaotic day for the governing Conservatives, the party's campaign director took a leave of absence, linked to an investigation around bets being placed on the timing of the vote before it was announced. "I was incredibly angry to learn of these allegations. It's a really serious matter. It's right that they're being investigated properly," Sunak said during a televised debate.

{ SUMMER NIGHTMARE } TRANSPORT, BUSINESSES GRIND TO A HALT

Heat takes down power grid in Balkan nations

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PODGORICA, MONTENEGRO: A major hours-long power outage hit much of the Balkans on Friday as the southern European region sweltered in an early heat wave that sent temperatures soaring to more than 40°C.

Montenegrin authorities said that an outage that lasted for several hours in the country's power distribution system left almost the entire country without electricity, while similar problems were reported in the coastal part of Croatia, Bosnia and Albania.

Nada Pavicevic, a spokeswoman for Montenegro's state power distribution company, described the outage as a "disturbance of regional proportion", and said authorities were still working to determine what happened.

Bosnia's state power company said that the outage was caused by problems in a regional distribution line, while Albania's state power company said the "extreme heat" caused the problem.

Montenegro, Croatia and Albania share the Adriatic Sea coastline. Power grids in the region remain connected decades after the Balkan wars in the 1990s.

In the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, the outage also caused traffic jams, with trams stopping and traffic lights not operating. Similar gridlock was reported in the Adriatic Sea port of Split.

In Croatia's tourist resort of Dubrovnik, thousands of tourists were left stranded in midafternoon, with restaurants, pubs, supermarkets, ice cream shops and other outlets shutting their doors during the outage.

Soccer fans milled around some of the pubs with darkened televisions, because they wanted to watch games being played at the European Championship soccer tournament in Germany.

The collapse, which happened just after noon on Friday and lasted for several hours at some places, came as authorities throughout the region warned citizens to be cautious, drink water and avoid sunshine because of extremely high temperatures.

A police officer controls traffic during a major power outage in Sarajevo, Bosnia, on Friday. AP

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What's so funny, Kenny?

It takes hard work to make three generations laugh, stay away from controversy and improvise when everyone else merely copies. Comedian, musician and writer Kenny Sebastian flips open his gag file and shows us how he does it

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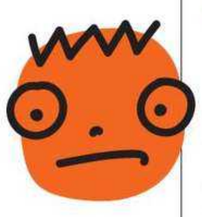
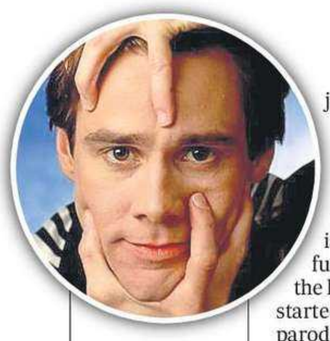


"It's like I'm screaming inside," Kenny Sebastian says about performing live. The 33-year-old comedian will be doing a lot of screaming over the coming months. His new comedy tour, *Professor of Tomfoolery*, travels to nine cities starting July. It's his eighth comedy special, over a career that spans 15 years and over 800 shows. "I started comedy in a time where we were just excited to put our ideas out there, not bothering what was going to happen," he recalls. "Now, it's scary that jokes you say on stage are attached to legal implications. Being offended is understandable, but trying to arrest someone for jokes is oppressive."



Kenny Sebastian has been performing comedy, in one way or another, since he was 18. He grew up with the influence of comedians such as Jim Carrey (inset, above) and Jerry Seinfeld (below) and Akshay Kumar's comedic timing.

Those who've followed Sebastian's work know that his brand of humour is simple, but never lazy. His sets poke fun at the quirks of Indian families and the love-hate relationships they share. He started his career with music covers and parodies of movies on YouTube. His #KennySingForMe series, in which he'd ask people to send him random words and he'd turn them into songs, made him an early hit. He's starred in TV shows such as *Die Trying* (2018), about two musicians trying to make it big in Bengaluru; and the Netflix musical-comedy *The Most Interesting Person in the Room* (2020). He also hosts Simple Ken, a podcast about "things he wishes people spoke about more": Self-doubt, toxic positivity, and people-pleasing tendencies. Alongside, he's writing a music-based comedy show. In short, he's on a roll.

Even at this point in his career, being funny is hard work. An 80-minute live set can take months of prep and weeks of figuring out who's going to laugh and why. Short-play Reels force jokes to be one-dimensional. Audiences have grown up, but only just. See what it takes to draw laughs and go home happy.

Target practice

It might seem like a smart move to work with humour that appeals to all audiences, but it's actually the more difficult choice. "I've accepted that there's nothing easy about writing jokes in India," says Sebastian. "You have one group that's upset with the subject matter, one group that's upset with the implications, and a third that's upset at the quality. Some people want a comedian to write jokes that will improve society; others think that's not a comedian's job. At the same time, you can't be funny unless you're specific, and if you're specific, someone's going to get upset – because they think it's about them."

And one thing audiences have done reliably over the years is to raise the bar for performers. Ten years ago, Sebastian says, punch lines about a nagging mom or absent dad were so new, they'd be met with awkward squirms. Now, dark humour isn't just expected, it's welcomed. "Most of my audience has grown with me," he says. "It's not just them who's changed, it's me, too."

Growing up in Bangalore, Sebastian recalls watching *Seinfeld* (1989 – 1998) on TV when he came back from school. "I used to find Jerry Seinfeld's observational humour relevant despite him being a 40-year-old Jewish man in New York," he says, laughing. Jim Carrey's absurd antics intrigued him too, as did Akshay Kumar's comic timing and the way Govinda's ability to let loose only boosted his superstar status.

He stays away from politically charged jokes and double-entendre. "I also don't make jokes that make people feel bad about themselves, in areas they can't help, such as disabilities or their physical appearance," he says. But making fun of people's behaviour? That's game. "Because that's in their control."

Clapping back

Despite years of performing live, his greatest fear, Sebastian admits, is interruption. Indian audiences are chattier than the global average for live comedy. They'll make a loud comment when the comedian is just about to land a punchline. They'll fall inexplicably silent when they haven't quite figured out if an act is done.

To make the shows seem effortless, then, means every word, pause, and expression must be carefully rehearsed over and over. An 80-90-minute show such as *Professor of Tomfoolery* takes eight to nine months of preparation. The set is tried out on different audiences, the writing tweaked as many as 20 times until Sebastian gets the best response.

It's also why Sebastian prefers performing before large crowds of 100 more than an intimate gathering of 15 people, whose expressions are upfront and visible. "If you can keep 10 people engaged for an hour, entertaining a hundred people becomes easy," he says.

Live shows are a different beast from making viral videos. Online audiences are a finger-swipe away from a new joke, a cat video, a hate speech, a tutorial. Live audiences have signed up (and paid for) an evening of specific entertainment. It's the best test for a comedian. Sebastian loves it.

He's looking forward to performing *Professor of Tomfoolery* and seeing how different parts of India and the world respond. "This tour feels more personal," he says. He'll be talking about his wife, Tracy Alison, and topics such as arguments, fears, generational trauma and therapy. "I also have bits about Gen Z, Millennials, and Gen X. I'll be roasting every generation!"

10 Questions with Kenny Sebastian
Wrong answers only

What's the funniest joke someone has told you?
I was in Class 4, and Tinkle Comics had a square comic panel about a mouse who picked up the phone and said, "Who's squeaking?" I lost my mind for one week. I was like, "You're a mouse! Why would you say that?" I eventually figured out that it was a pun on 'Who's speaking?' I thought it was about a mouse who's upset about the sounds he was hearing.

If you had to spend your life with just a pet for company, which animal would you choose?
A pig. They're very misunderstood. They eat everything, which seems very non-judgmental.

Do you think there's life beyond death?
I think this is death. We don't remember what we were doing before we were born, right? What if this is the afterlife?

What's a name you'd pick for your first child?
Mukesh. Boy or girl. Old-school names need to make a comeback. Everyone names their kids Ayaan and Kaiyaan and Ahana. It's time for Prakash, Rakesh and Jagdish to return. They're solid names.

What makes you happy to be alive?
Bad roads, bad air, GST on everything, loud restaurants, and honking. Oh, and the heat.

If you could grow wings, whose house would you window-crash?
Probably Sonu Nigam. I know he sings at home, so why not?

What's your favourite thing you own?
A stove lighter. Everybody looks for it, and it's always with me for some reason.

If you could come back from the dead and haunt people, how would you do it?
As someone's inner voice of reason. When they're in the bathroom.

If you had only one mode of transport, what would you pick?
A nice, packed van – the kind we used to go to school in – which someone's just puked in.

Which bad habit do you struggle to be rid of?
Being a good person. It's horrific, man! I just can't stop being nice and giving all the time.

{ PLAYBOOK }

You: Based on a true story

Be yourself, they say. But where do you draw the line? Here's how to stay authentic but cool at a job interview, a date and a social gathering

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It's a question so difficult, even Google doesn't have the answer. Yet, every one of us will be asked it, at work, on a date, at a party: "So, tell me about yourself...".

On *The Office*, Dwight responds by describing himself as "hardworking, alpha male, jackhammer, merciless, insatiable" – a fail of a response. In *Legally Blonde*, young Elle Woods, trying to fit in at Harvard Law School, says she's a Gemini vegetarian – disastrous!

Telling the world about yourself is a delicate balancing act. You should come across as authentic but also professional, interesting but never odd. Is it even possible? Let's take this question to the experts.

In an episode of The Office, Dwight bungles his interview when he starts describing himself too much, even listing his drawbacks.

Prepare an elevator pitch. "Instead of saying I'm XYZ and I'm a podcaster, start by asking the other person, 'Do you keep track of all the great podcasts you discover?'" says Uttarakhand-based personality coach Swarleen Kaur. Reframing how you showcase yourself immediately sets you apart. Just keep it to 60 seconds and avoid TMI.

Stick to what you know. But know interesting things in the first place – blabbering on about K-pop, the DC universe and new Nike colourways to HR makes you appear more flighty than focused. Keep your audience in mind. Spin K-pop to comment on fandom today; use Batman to talk about film merchandising; make sneakers a touchpoint on how street-style has evolved. Don't lie. "Faking it from the start only makes for tangled relationships later," says Kaur.

Play on your personality. If you're a talkative person, don't dominate the conversation. Ask the interviewer what they'd like to know about you. If you're shy, focus on details in your responses. "It's not just the words we use to communicate, but how we use them that matters," says Tanya Dogra, a Mumbai-based image consultant and corporate trainer. At work and on a date, avoid self-deprecating jokes and tales of trauma. Leave the gym stories back at the gym. Watch for nervous tics such as tapping feet, playing with hair, a too-creepy smile.

On a date, oversharing can backfire. In How Do You Know (2010; right), Reese Witherspoon's character, Lisa, is put off by her date, who wants to rant about his day.

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Get a fit check. "Most people don't realise that the way they dress and the way they look directly impacts their confidence," says Dogra. Flamboyance is useless. Let the peacocking come from your words, not your fit. If you plan to talk about sustainability, wear a thrifted shirt to spark off that conversation. If you're an LGBTQ ally, wear a pin, not the whole rainbow. Your look must seem like it fits in before you can stand out.

Factor in the 'gram. Your online self is as much you as your IRL self. Hiding it is inauthentic and exhausting. We're all one Google search away from discovering each other's online personas, anyway. "Develop a consistent voice and visual style across your platforms," recommends Kaur. Brace for questions about your recent posts and the accounts you follow. Acknowledge what's true, and find ways to keep the conversation going. This is the you everyone wants to know, anyway.

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This week, we're...

Crowning the OG Hot Rodent Boyfriend

We mean Chunky Panday. An HRB is essentially a skinny, lanky, angular-featured man who seems somehow attractive, particularly this summer. Case in point: Mike Faist, Jeremy Allen White, Jim Sarbh and Adarsh Gourav. But consider Panday, aka Ananya's dad. He made the look work for him in the 1990s. And still so cute!

Feeling icky

Jin from BTS has completed his compulsory military service, and the Army is more excited than usual. At a recent event celebrating Jin's return and the 11th anniversary of BTS, some fans exploited his 1,000 hugs giveaway and tried to kiss him. Clips show him visibly grimacing. Tsk tsk. Bad form, from one of the best-behaved fandoms in the world.

Checking out the talent

So many players to discover at the UEFA European Football Championship. Germany's Florian Wirtz, 21, scored the opening goal against Scotland. Spanish player Lamine Yamal, not even 17, assisted Dani Carvajal for the team's third goal. England's Jude Bellingham, 21, scored the only (and winning) goal against Serbia. They're already calling him one of the best players in the world. What a season!

Sending Saba love

Saba Azad has been doing voice-overs for 15 years, with more than 100 ads to her credit. Gigs have mysteriously dried up in the last few years. Turns out, clients thought she didn't need to work because she's dating actor Hrithik Roshan. Her Insta post – furious, confused – makes it clear that she still pays her own bills. Why judge a woman by her partner? Why wouldn't someone want a career too? Cringe!

Thumping our chests

Disney's Tarzan turns 25 this week. Who wouldn't want a hero who can fight off bears and tigers? Look around, the Tarzan of our dreams has been in our lives all along. Most Indian men have jungle-level behaviour, anyway: Uncombed hair, skipping showers, using grunts to communicate, swinging away when things get uncomfortable. This is why women choose the bear.

{ RIGHT NOW }

Ok bloomer, change is here

Are plant parents the new pet parents? They track rare saplings from around the world, they spend fortunes on trendy cuttings. They're giving India epic gardening goals

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Bengaluru-based plant enthusiast Sumesh Nayak grows rare plants to fill in the gaps between his regular varieties, creating an ecosystem for birds and insects.
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Amarjit Bey (above) grows rare plants such as this Echinopsis Peach Monarch (left) which takes years to perfect. Navneeth Kumar's (below; inset) plant collection includes varieties of philodendrons, monsteras, and aroids like the Amorphophallus commutatus (below).

Philodendron, monstera, anthurium and begonia might sound like they're rock-band names. But for India's growing community of urban gardeners, they're just as cool. They're the broad categories of rare plant species currently trending in urban gardens.

Blame the pandemic for their popularity. While the lockdowns forced people indoors across the world, gardening became one of the activities that, well, blossomed. What else was there to do, anyway? Hybrid varieties of anthuriums and monsteras became the pedigree pups of the plant world. Windowsills, balconies and dining tables became selfie spots, an aroid happily peeking from a corner.

Navneeth Kumar, 29, a Bengaluru-based plant consultant, compares tracking rare and wild species to playing Pokemon. "There's always something new to chase," he says. Amarjit Bey, a plant enthusiast who has over 100 varieties in his garden in Diphu, Assam, says gardening is really an opportunity to bond with plants. "Taking care of a plant is like taking care of a baby," he says. "Every morning, I check for infections, dead leaves, and whether they're doing well."

It's not all sun and games. A pretty Monstera Thai Constellation or a Pink Princess Philodendron takes months, even years, to grow. New collectors are realising that shipping in exotics from across the world is expensive. And no amount of love or money can coax a plant to grow if it isn't feeling at home. There are challenges green thumbs now face.

Planter's punch

Shaan Lalwani, 38, who owns Mumbai's 45-year-old Vriksha Nursery, says the pandemic boom is only the most recent wave of interest in exotic plants. In the 1980s, cactii and succulents were in demand. Bonsai had its moment in the 1990s. What's trending now are photogenic plants, for the Instagram generation. He imports rare plants from Thailand, Borneo, Malaysia, and Japan. "The Anthurium crystallinum used to sell at Rs 500 to Rs 750. They now cost Rs 65,000 to Rs 70,000," he says.

As with any acquisitive hobby, rarity is prized, the fun is in the challenge. Kumar has been growing rare plants in homes, and tracking wild species for a decade. One plant in his collection, a Philodendron joepii, is sourced from the collection of Dutch naturalist Joep Moonen, who discovered the plant in 1991 on the shores of the Mataroni river in French Guiana, in South America. Another Philodendron variant, an endangered Spiritus-Sancti, was sourced from a woman in Florida, who had one of the last surviving samples. "For me, rare plants are the bridge to meet more people, make new friends, and travel more," he says. "My life revolves around them now."

Privileged leaves

Kumar spends up to a year acclimatising a plant to the local climate, then propagating it, which takes another two to three years. So, most plants are ready for sale only four or five years after he acquires them. Many rare plants are man-made (hybrids created through tissue culture), so it's possible to get two anthuriums in a single plant, or different-coloured leaves in a monstera, for which customers happily pay a higher price.

It's a practice Kumar doesn't endorse. "The exotic plant community is split into two. One part, which includes me, appreciates only nature's gifts – species that are underappreciated and not artificially cultivated. The larger part of the community loves hybrids, mutations, and variegations – manmade interventions." It's much like the split in pet parenting. Pedigree breeds, despite being more delicate, come with high price tags. But several pet parents prefer local indies over animals that are not a good fit for Indian homes and climates.

A new leaf

The plants that thrive in Bey's Assam garden need additional care to grow elsewhere. "You need to look at the type of sunlight exposure – whether it's direct, indirect, and the number of hours – and the shade," he says. "Exposing the plant to the morning sun – up to 10am – is the best. The potting and soil mix has to be prepared at least 10 to 15 days before you get a plant home."

Another mistake enthusiasts make is ignoring local species over imported ones. In Bengaluru, Sumesh Nayak, 39, has been gardening since 2013, and particularly loves lesser-known Indian plants. In his 1,500-square foot garden, he grows imported Hoya and Aristolochia between local variants such as mulberry and starfruit trees, to attract birds and insects. "Nature has its own pace. Even if you try to overfeed plants with water or manure, or pump them with chemical fertilisers, they will only grow in their own time."

Gardening is paying off even outside the 'gram. Spending time with family in the garden is now part of Nayak's weekend routine. Kumar, on the other hand, says it's a stress buster. "Putting your hands into the soil and walking barefoot reconnects and recalibrates you with the natural world. Your happiness just increases so much when you spend time with plants."

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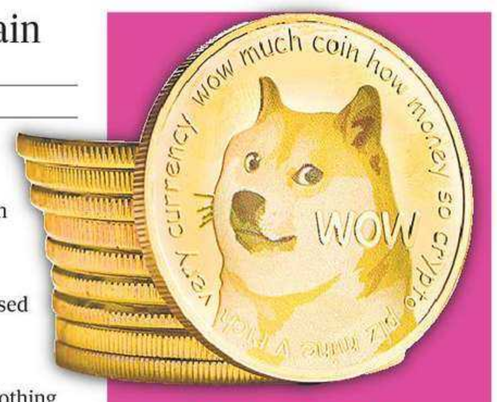


High point in life:
Husn becoming the #1 song in two countries.

Low point in life:
2019-2020. I was really confused about what I wanted to do.

On my playlist:
BZRP Music Sessions, Vol. 58; Nothing Lasts, by Divine/ Karan Aujla; Don't Let Me Go by Machine Gun Kelly.

Today I'm craving:
Mom's rajma chawal.

Last thing I ordered online:
A Spotify premium subscription.

Advice I'd give my 18-year-old self:
Stop wearing skinny jeans.

My favourite subject in school:
English and Physics.

I'd swipe right on:
Beautiful eyes.

My secret skill is:
I'm brilliant at movie recommendations.

One thing I would never buy:
Doge Coin.

My most starstruck moment:
Chatting with Ed Sheeran.

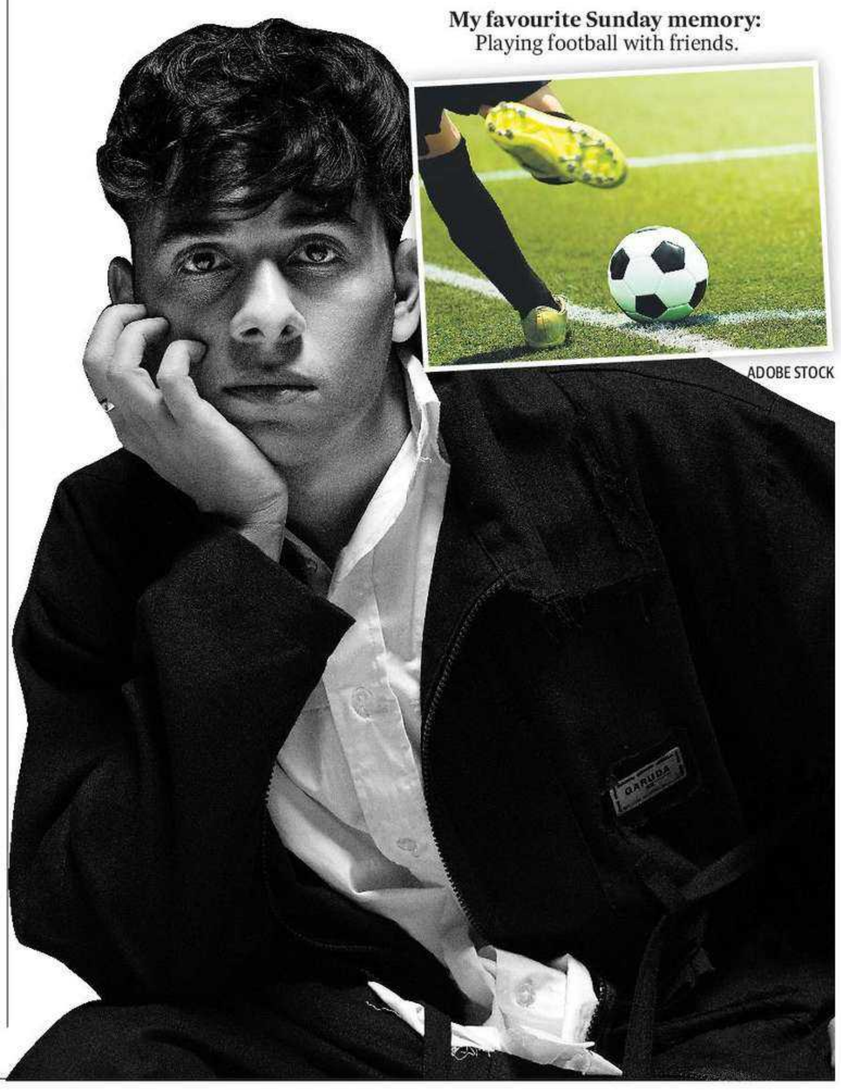
My favourite bad habit:
Junk food.

If I could travel back or forward in time, I'd...:
Relive my childhood

The best thing about fame:
A new world opens up for you.

The worst thing about fame:
You can never disappear into the crowd.

My favourite Sunday memory:
Playing football with friends.



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column { rude food }

Smashed and served

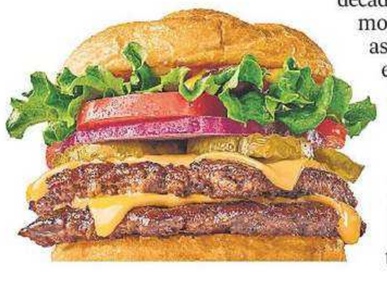
For years, great beef meant great burgers. But a new variation on the mince patty costs less, delivers on flavour and tastes excellent with lamb too. The revolution is here. You want fries with that?

VIR SANGHVI

For most of us who live in India, getting an authentic hamburger is next to impossible. In most of the world, a hamburger is a minced beef patty in a bun. In India, for obvious reasons, you won't find a good beef patty (even in the states where serving beef is legal). The fast-food chains have learned to get around this by improvising. McDonald's tried a goat burger when it first launched, but the product was rejected by the market and it switched to chicken and vegetable alternatives. Burger King has had some success with a lamb patty, but it is not at all like the burger that the chain has made famous all over the world.

A high-quality, non-fast-food burger is also hard to find in India. It should be made from the sort of beef that goes into a steak, and served so that the centre is moist and juicy, while the outside is slightly crusted.

Most steakhouses abroad will offer a top-quality burger. And over the last two decades, the burger has gone more and more upmarket as great chefs have added extras to the dish. Joel Robuchon put foie gras into the small burgers he served at his L'Atelier chain. Daniel Boulud introduced luxury burgers to New York and the trend spread to the rest of the world.



And then there are high-end fast food chains. The burger at Danny Meyer's Shake Shack is such good value that there is much speculation about the formula used to constitute the beef mince. Places such as California's In-N-Out Burger or even Five Guys have their own cult followings.

But when we talk about burgers in India, we usually mean pheeka imitations of the real thing. Why, for instance, would you need to create a vegetable burger, when India already has the vada pao, which is far superior to any restaurant burger made with beetroot or assorted mashed vegetables.

To be fair, there are Indian chefs who have always tried to make burgers that are as close to the real thing as is possible in India. At Tres, in Delhi, chef Jatin Mallick makes a very good steakhouse-style burger with buffalo meat. In Mumbai, such chefs as Gresham Fernandes and Hussain Shahzad have overcome the odds to make decent burgers.

But the good news is that it has just got a lot easier for Indian chefs to make a good burger.

Until recently, a restaurant burger needed a plump and juicy patty to distinguish it from the fast-food versions, which kept costs down by using cheap meat to make thin patties. (The flavours in fast food burgers come from the sauces that are slathered on to the largely tasteless patty.)

Regular cheeseburgers, such as the ones at In-N-Out (below) have their own cult followings. However, the Smashburger (below, left) ends the reliance on high-quality beef.

But that was before the smash burger took over the world.

If you have not eaten a smash burger, here is what it is: It is made by squashing a ball of mince on a griddle with a spatula or a hard press. This gives you a patty that is much thinner than a regular restaurant patty. This may be its most distinctive feature.

Because the patty is thin, it cooks more quickly (about three minutes, versus seven or eight minutes for a traditional burger patty) and gets crisp around the edges. The fast cooking and the flatness of the patty allow browning (or what scientists call the Maillard reaction, which adds flavour to food) to take place and the crusted cooked patties can be delicious.

The smash burger is not really a new kind of burger. It was popular in Michigan and parts of the American Midwest for decades. But it only became a craze after a company called Smashburger was launched in 2007 and spread all over the US. Part of the burger's appeal was that it did not require expensive beef, any kind of Angus (in America, this is a meaningless term applied to many kinds of beef) will do. Burger places have always bragged about their charbroilers and barbecue grills, but you don't need expensive equipment for a smash burger; you can cook it on any basic hotplate or griddle.

Smash burgers are slowly taking over the world because a) they can be much cheaper than restaurant or steakhouse burgers, b) they are quicker to make, c) they are very tasty and d), they are easy to eat: A restaurant burger with a fat, juicy patty is hard to fit into your mouth.

What, you may well ask, does all this have to do with us in India?

Well, first of all, by finishing off the steakhouse element, the smash burger ends the reliance on high-quality beef. It is easier to make a smash burger with buffalo meat than it is to make a buffalo steakhouse burger. The broader Maillard reaction adds many flavours.

I asked Hussain Shahzad, the chef at Hunger Inc. (Bombay Canteen, Pappa's, Veronica's, O Pedro, etc.) why he liked a smash burger. He responded, "In India, it is far easier to do a smash with a coarse grind of meat (buffalo or goat) because you have a larger surface area for the Maillard reaction. This leads to a better developed complex crust and more flavour. The meat we get for our burgers here is not always the best in flavour, so we often have to do things to make it tasty."

Hussain Shahzad (inset), chef at Hunger Inc., says it's easier to do a smash burger with a coarse grind of meat (buffalo or goat). The larger surface area for browning offers a better developed crust and more flavour.

Jatin Mallick, whose steakhouse burger at Tres is easily the best in Delhi, now has a new restaurant called Dos (which he runs along with his chef-partner of long standing: The legendary Julia Carmen D'Sa) but has not put his celebrated Tres burger on the Dos menu. Instead he does smash burgers at the new place. Because the food at Dos has bigger flavours than the more European-influenced Tres, Jatin uses two smash burger patties (made with buffalo meat) with chilli and Manchego cheese for the signature Dos burger.

It is a delicious burger but it is not my favourite of the Dos burgers. I prefer the one Jatin makes with goat. Because he is not trying to make a steakhouse burger, Jatin uses thinner smash patties and it actually tastes much better than I ever imagined a goat burger could.

The lesson in all this is that if you use the smash burger technique and eschew prepackaged patties, you don't really miss the beef burger. The flavours created by this technique, along with the crispness around the edges of the patty are so satisfying that you don't need the mouthfeel and bite of the fattier beef patty.

There are consequences in this for all of us, not just for restaurants. For a start, you can now make great burgers at home without worrying about finding beef or buffalo meat. Knead coarse mutton keema, (you can add spices or herbs to taste, but not salt, which interferes with the cooking process) then create a ball of the mince and place in a hot pan. Once the keema ball is in, flatten it with a spatula and cook it for two minutes till it browns. Turn it over and cook for another minute and that's it: You now have a restaurant-quality smash burger without having to involve any cattle or buffaloes.

Finally, a burger made for goat lovers like us Indians!

The views expressed by the columnist are personal

{ ARVIND SHARMA }
AUTHOR, FROM FIRE TO LIGHT: REREADING THE MANUSMRITI

Few know that Ambedkar proposed that Sanskrit should be the official language of the Indian Union.

On the Books & Authors podcast on www.htsmartcast.com

84th birth anniversary of Iranian filmmaker Abbas Kiarostami

Abbas Kiarostami's (1940-2016) best films, like Taste of Cherry (1997), Where is the Friend's Home (1987) and Through the Olive Trees (1994), combine spoken and visual poetry to convey subtle and complex ideas about life. A part of the Iranian New Wave, his allegorical work, often set in the countryside and featuring child protagonists, pushes viewers to think deeply about the meaning of existence. His films consistently appear on lists of the greatest movies of all time. The image above, dated November 2015, shows Kiarostami posing at his installation, Doors Without Keys, at the Aga Khan Museum in Toronto. VINCE TALOTTA/ TORONTO STAR VIA GETTY IMAGES

{ INTERVIEW } VINCENT BROWN, AUTHOR, TACKY'S REVOLT

'I'm trying to reframe our ideas of history'

On a revolt during the 18th century Atlantic slave trade being part of a larger war between emerging colonial powers

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1 How did you get the idea for this book?

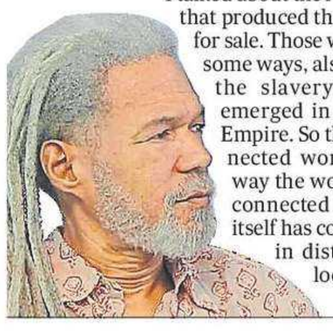
My book is about the largest slave revolt in the 18th century British Empire, in Jamaica, which was Britain's most profitable colony in the Americas. It happened in 1760 and went on into 1761. It was vitally important because we tend to think of slave revolts as mostly being about just masters and slaves, or happening on a particular plantation, or even in one colony, but this was a slave revolt that was organised and executed by Africans from the Gold Coast, the region that's roughly now Ghana. They had been captured in the slave trade and they had military experience.

For me, the most important thing about this book was to see it on this broader canvas, in its transatlantic framework. It also turns out that this happened during the Seven Years' War between Britain and France. It's the same war in which Britain kicked France out of India; that's when the French lost Pondicherry. This was what Winston Churchill eventually called the First European World War. This slave revolt in Britain's most profitable colony was something they had to put down in order to maintain their empire in the Americas. So it was part of a larger geopolitical war.

2 The novel has been regarded as a geopolitical thriller. Would you agree with that or do you feel it obfuscates the larger project of retelling history and of reconfiguring what we envisage as race war from a non-Western perspective?

Oh, interesting question. It is a book set on a geopolitical canvas. It is within the framework of military history. There is a geopolitical framework that guides the narrative. But as you say, when we think about what I'm trying to do in reframing our understanding of history, then the genre elements don't really make as much sense. You can read it that way if you want.

At the end, I hope you've learned something that's not just about entertainment, but that's about the importance of the history of slavery to the making of the British Empire; the importance of warfare in the making of slavery and inequality and exploitation. That's really what the book is about. And it's about the proliferation of wars within wars. Because with the British at war with the French and often at war with the Spanish, sometimes the Dutch, all over the world, in the Caribbean, in Africa, in India, in the Philippines, all these other struggles happen within that context. We find wars sprouting as a result of violence happening in other places.



I talked about the African wars that produced these captives for sale. Those wars then, in some ways, also produced the slavery bias that emerged in the British Empire. So the interconnected world and the way the world is interconnected by warfare itself has consequences in distant, far-off locales.

A challenge to the politics of forgetting

VV Gananeshananthan's Brotherless Nights, which has won the Women's Prize for Fiction, is about a family caught in the violence of the Sri Lankan civil war

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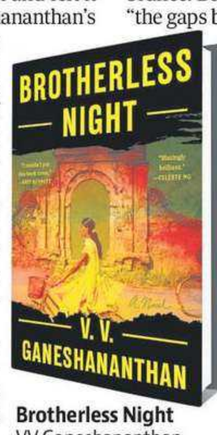
VV Ganeshananthan's *Brotherless Night* is the devastating story of a family on the fringes of society caught in the middle of the Sri Lankan civil war. As her family disintegrates, the protagonist, Sashi, holds on to her dream of becoming a doctor, and her morality emerges as an alternate compass amidst the apathy brought on by the war. Each member of the family of four brothers and a sister responds differently to what is unfolding around them. The weight of their choices is felt most intensely by Sashi, as her close-knit family is lost to the brutality of the state and the fight for a Tamil Eelam.

The book opens in 1981 in Jaffna. The government is dominated by the Sinhala majority and the Tamils are discriminated against and persecuted under majoritarian policies. Sashi's brothers become targets of state-sponsored violence. Subsequently, separatist sentiments infiltrate her family.

Ganeshananthan has taken on the project of collating the voices elided by mainstream narratives. The events of the war are recounted lucidly and all the actors are established, even as personal stories drive the plot. Sashi acts as an observer, recording everything around her. But she isn't a mere receptacle. Her inner voice articulates her emotional strife. The novel is saturated with grief and loss that is, at times, performative and ostentatious. Sashi's grief, however, is quiet and internal and heightened by feelings of helplessness. She is a young woman caught in a war fought by men, at times on women's bodies. Even her anger and frustration collapse on each other in her interiority.

Scenes of violence feature heavily in this tale. After two policemen die at a Tamil Tiger's rally, revenge is unleashed on the population of Jaffna. Sashi recounts the rioting and rampaging by the police: "Later, one vendor my father knew swore he had stepped on the loose eye of a fish and felt it searing between his toes". Ganeshananthan's fiction captures the chaos, while simultaneously undertaking the insurmountable task of counting the countless. Amidst the slew of murders, the weariness of war dominates. Nonetheless, Sashi emerges as a sane voice. She documents the violence of both the militant LTTE and the Sri Lankan state. The fibre of family life is unraveled stitch by stitch as everyone close to Sashi is irrevocably changed by the violence.



Brotherless Night
VV Ganeshananthan
368pp, ₹394
Penguin

In 1983, the brutality that transpired during Black July left widespread displacement in its wake and economically incapacitated the Tamils. This premeditated violence is narrated through Sashi, who is caught in riots in Colombo: "I did not know that gangs of Sinhalese men who had gone down the streets seeking Tamil houses and businesses had voter rolls, to identify us by ethnicity". With their businesses looted and plundered, many Tamil youth are forced to take up arms and join militant groups. India features as a major player in the conflict as Tamil youth cross over in large numbers to be trained.

When the Indian Peacekeeping Force (IPKF) arrived in Sri Lanka in 1987 to mediate between the Tigers and the state, their arrival was met with celebration. But the saviours are ill-equipped to deal with Sri Lanka's complex politics. The Tamils, who expected the IPKF to save them, were deeply disillusioned. VV Ganeshananthan documents the acts of sexual violence committed by members of IPKF. Civilians nickname them the "Innocent People Killing Force". The Sri Lanka operation was a disaster and cemented India's policy of non-involvement in military interventions overseas. LTTE subsequently assassinated Rajiv Gandhi as revenge for the IPKF's role in the Sri Lankan war.

As a diasporic writer, Ganeshananthan is documenting an experience that she has not lived. Sashi becomes her proxy as she collates the stories of other victims. Writing becomes a means of survival and remembrance. Both Ganeshananthan and Sashi fill "the gaps between the narratives of ordinary people and the sanctioned ones belonging to the government, the Tigers and the Indians." Built on a frame of hard research, *Brotherless Night* is an echo against the gaps and omissions in history.

This is a true *bildungsroman* with the reader growing with Sashi in their understanding of a history that has been denied. The reader grieves not only for the loss of human lives but also for the loss of humanity.

In her essay, *On Authenticity, Research, and Writing from the Diaspora*, Ganeshananthan writes, "And rather than being a history I lived, or one I assumed, *Brotherless Night* has become the history I sought out, the history I chose to learn well enough to imagine."

It took her 20 years to write this novel and, in this time, it seems to have absorbed several premonitions for our present and future. A cautionary tale about the fallout of majoritarian politics, it is also testament to the power of narratives. As Tamils and terrorists became interchangeable in mainstream discourse, the line between civilians and militants was also effectively blurred. It then became easy for the world to turn a blind eye as thousands of Tamil civilians were trapped with LTTE on the narrow strip of land in Mullivaikkal.

The novel ends at this very point in 2009, when an entire Tamil population was massacred as the world stood by. Fifteen years later, in 2024, other wars have broken out, and many are being fought digitally. But, as Ganeshananthan puts it, the question remains: Who is allowed visibility and who is not?

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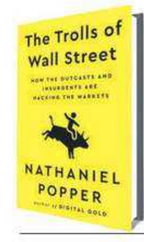
{ HT PICKS } NEW READS

A STORY OF MILLIONS MADE AND LOST

This is the dramatic story of an improbable gang of self-proclaimed "degenerates", who made WallStreetBets into a cultural movement that moved from the fringes of the internet to the centre of Wall Street. Along the way, it upended global financial markets and changed how an entire generation thinks about money, investing, and themselves.

Jaime Rogozinski and Jordan Zazzara were not what anyone would mistake for traditional financial power players. But they turned WallStreetBets, a subreddit focused on risky financial trading, into one of the most disruptive forces to bubble up from the online world.

This message board harnessed the power of memes and trolling to create a new kind of online community. Deeply reported and fast moving, *The Trolls of Wall Street* is the suspenseful story of the people who made and lost millions, battling with each other — and with Wall Street — for power and status.

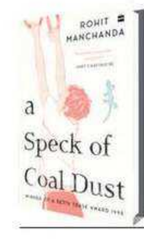


The Trolls of Wall Street
Nathaniel Popper
341pp, ₹599, HarperCollins

COMING OF AGE IN A BACKWATER TOWN

First published in 1996 as *In the Light of the Black Sun* and long unavailable, Rohit Manchanda's debut novel, *A Speck of Coal Dust*, has just been reissued. It is one of the finest coming-of-age narratives in Indian-English writing and a forgotten classic. Set in the coal-mining regions of eastern India, this exquisitely crafted work follows Vipul, the 11-year-old son of a mine manager, as he awakens to the mysteries of life in a backwater town marooned in time. He finds in his environs much to marvel at, to dread, to love and to cherish, while a motley cast of characters – oddball friends, capricious teachers, a comics-loving swami, missionaries, and tinpot rogues – floats into and out of his life.

Amid it all, Vipul's eyes are opened to the smallness and the grandeur of the arena he inhabits, and its place in the larger world, even as he learns early lessons about cruelty and kindness, the glories and severities of nature, and sensual stirrings laced with guilt.



A Speck of Coal Dust
Rohit Manchanda
230pp, ₹399, HarperCollins

BACK FROM THE DEAD

Eighteen-year-old Bel has lived her whole life in the shadow of her mother's mysterious disappearance.

She was two when Rachel Price vanished. Young Bel was the only witness, but she has no memory of it. Rachel is gone, long presumed dead, and Bel wishes everyone would move on. But the case is dredged up from the past when the Price family agrees to feature in a true-crime documentary.

Bel can't wait for filming to end, for life to go back to normal. And then the impossible happens. Rachel Price reappears, and life will never be normal again.

She has an unbelievable story to tell, about what happened to her. Unbelievable, because Bel isn't sure it's real. If Rachel is lying, then where has she been all this time? And, could she be dangerous?

With the cameras still rolling, Bel must uncover the truth about her mother, and find out why she really came back from the dead.

This is a book about one girl's search for the truth, and the terror in finding out who your family really is.

The Reappearance of Rachel Price
Holly Jackson
429pp, ₹499, HarperCollins

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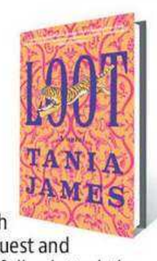
READ: Loot by Tania James plunges the reader into the heart of Tipu Sultan's desperate last stand, before hurtling through the British conquest and beyond. Masterfully plotted, the novel deals with revolutions, colonisation, cultural restitution, relationships, personal journeys and multicultural exchange.



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{ HISTORICAL FICTION } GOA IN THE LAST DAYS OF PORTUGUESE RULE

Caught in a dangerous time

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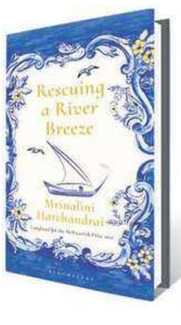
It is 1961 and while India has been liberated, Goa remains in the colonial grip of the Portuguese. In a Goan basement, as Indian troops circle the borders and as Portugal refuses to negotiate a surrender, a tiny group of locals holds a clandestine meeting. Their goal is to claim Goa as a sovereign nation and maintain its diverse heritage.

One of the group's members is Deepak Quarachim, originally from Sindh, now settled here. This is the story of his daughter, her tryst with destiny and how she, her best friend, and the boy she loves must prevent the destruction of the paradise they live in.

Rescuing A River Breeze begins with a fascinating historical premise. As Portuguese rule in India came under threat, the governor-general received orders from his prime minister to adopt a scorched-earth policy. For reasons unknown, he disobeyed. This is the fictionalised story of what happened.

Quarachim and his family live an idyllic life in the colonial hamlet of Panaji. His daughter, Shirly, watches the daily hoisting and lowering of the Portuguese flag from her bedroom window. She has just bagged the lead role in a school play and is enjoying the joys of a coastal town replete with baked goods, picturesque gardens, small streams, dance competitions, vintage cars and a new crush. Harchandrai provides a visual stroll through the streets of Goa, using references to architecture, aromas, languages.

A school trip to the Sé Catedral de Santa Catarina and the statue of Luis de Camoes, the great Portuguese poet, provides wonderful context to the Portuguese influence on Goan culture. The household of the Quarachims is multilingual and diverse. While Shirly's parents are from Sindh, Goku, the help, is a sassy local with a prodigious love for feni. The immigrant longing for home is expertly captured through Shirly's mother, Mamtu, who cooks the dishes she has grown up with and dreams of returning to Karachi. Through the novel, Harchandrai uses Sindhi, Konkani, English and Portuguese to hilarious effect, with words such as *puttha, shee, pishem, louco* and *chari*.



Rescuing a River Breeze
Mrinalini Harchandrai
368pp, ₹394, Bloomsbury

The family's routine is rudely interrupted when Deepak is accused of anti-government activities and locked up. Not only must Shirly now find out what has happened to her father, she must also make her own choices and allegiances, and "get wise" rather quickly.

The novel does a fine job of conveying the complex spectrum of political sentiments at a key point in Goan history: a Portuguese soldier born and raised in Goa is loath to leave; loyalists believe annexation by India will entail the loss of Goan culture and progressive values, and bring with it a return of the caste system; there are those who are ready to fight for "a Goa for Goans", an independent nation.

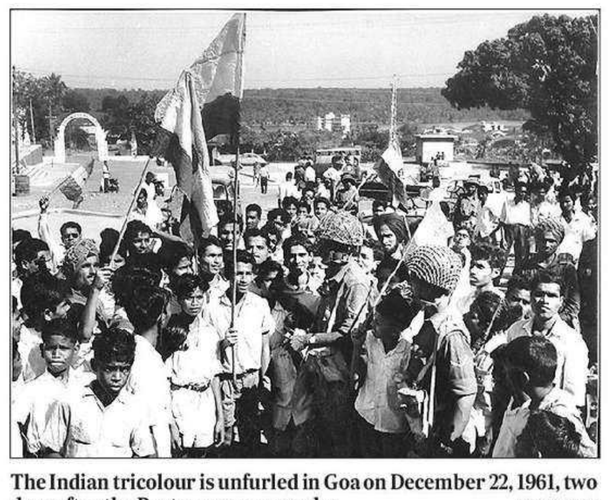
Harchandrai's novel turns the spotlight on a much-underrepresented chapter of modern Indian history while being a moving portrayal of a young girl's coming-of-age. It is also an examination of the nature of teenage female friendships, the meaning of freedom, and the moral complexity of varied motives. An integral part of the novel has young Shirly coming to terms with her father's lies.

Rescuing a River Breeze has memorable characters set against an important moment in Indian history. Each of the novel's complex cast of characters is well-rounded and the setting does justice to Goa's diverse heritage.

This is a fine study of intergenerationality in immigrant families and a poignant examination of the themes of freedom and honesty.

Perhaps the only faults in this novel are its sudden leaps and the unwitting revelation of crucial plot points. In certain parts, the portrayal of young love seems cliched, and the timing of it, a bit off.

Still, the story of the Quarachim family caught in a dangerous time is a moving read.



The Indian tricolour is unfurled in Goa on December 22, 1961, two days after the Portuguese surrender. HT ARCHIVES

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Manoj Jain takes charge as Chairman and Managing Director of BEL

Manoj Jain took charge as the Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) on June 20. He was Director (R&D) since Sept 26, 2022, and was assigned with the additional charge of Director (Bangalore Complex) from Aug 1, 2023.

Jain was the Director (HR) from Nov 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023. He was previously General Manager of the Electronic Warfare & Avionics SBU at BEL's Bangalore Complex.

Rajesh Kumar Dwivedi appointed Director (Finance), BHEL

On his appointment as Director on the Board of BHEL, Rajesh Kumar Dwivedi, 56, assumed charge as Director (Finance) of the Maharatna Public Sector engineering and manufacturing enterprise. Prior to this, Dwivedi was General Manager & Head of Corporate Finance at BHEL. He is a distinguished Fellow Member of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India and also holds a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA). Dwivedi joined BHEL as an Executive Trainee (Finance) in 1992.

Joyalukkas' Incredible Jewellery Sale is back: Flat 50% off on making charges

Joyalukkas, the globally renowned jewellery brand, is set to dazzle jewellery enthusiasts across India, by announcing the most attractive sale of 2024 - 'Incredible Jewellery Sale' is back. Customers can now enjoy a flat 50 per cent discount on making charges for all jewellery. Started on June 14, this offer encompasses a vast array of jewellery, including gold, diamonds and precious stones. A whole range of bespoke collections paired with this exciting offer is sure to make jewellery shopping a delightful and memorable experience for all.

NHRC takes suo moto cognisance of the reported death of two workers

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India took suo moto cognisance of a media report from June 13, that two brothers died after inhaling poisonous gas while cleaning a septic tank at a private packaging factory near the village Bazidpur Saboli in the district Sonipat, Haryana. Their third companion from the same village has reportedly survived the accident. The police authorities have sent the bodies of the deceased for post-mortem examination and an FIR has been registered against the factory owner.

National Reading Day celebrated with enthusiasm across the Country

The National Book Trust, India celebrated National Reading Day across the country in remembrance of PN Panicker, the father of India's library movement. On this occasion, creative reading activities were organised for children, teachers, trainers, and mentors at various locations including New Delhi, Dehradun, Patna, Lucknow, Bhopal, Varanasi, Mumbai, Guwahati, Agartala, Cuttack, Chennai, Hyderabad, and Kochi. Thousands of children, teachers, and parents participated in this initiative to promote

a reading culture, both offline and online. Children were engaged in reading practices in programs. Child specialists asked children to read and explained how to present them with expressions.

NHRC takes action against wrong surgery

NHRC India has taken suo moto cognisance of a media report that a patient was wrongly operated upon his left knee, instead of the injured right knee at a hospital in Panipat, Haryana. Reportedly, when the family members of the patient protested, the doctors immediately conducted surgery on the other knee but the patient was unable to walk. The hospital charged a sum of Rs 8,000/- from him and also took away his Ayushman Card. The Commission has issued notices to the Chief Secretary and the Director General of Police for a report.

Gujarat adds a new feather to its cap

Gujarat has added a new feather to its cap, further boosting its global recognition and prestige. Bhuj's Smritivan Earthquake Memorial Museum has been listed as one of the world's seven most beautiful museums by the renowned Prix Versailles Award for Architecture and Design, presented annually by UNESCO. Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, Gujarat's global image continues to flourish. Smritivan became India's 1st museum to receive global acclaim for its adherence to local culture.

NHRC begins capacity building program

NHRC India is organising a four day Residential Capacity Building Programme for Forest Officers on Human Rights in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), in Dehradun from June 18 to 21. Inaugurating it, the NHRC Secretary General, Bharat Lal said that the Commission is partnering with various All India Services (AIS) national academies in developing training modules on various dimensions of human rights to build officers' capacities for protecting and promoting human rights.

NFSU Delhi Campus hosts International Seminar

The National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), Delhi Campus, successfully hosted an International Seminar on Emerging Technologies, Law, and Governance on June 20-21. The event explored the impact of technologies like artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and natural language processing (NLP) on sectors such as healthcare, finance, and public services, raising critical questions about law, ethics, and governance.

The seminar began with a welcome address by Prof (Dr) Purvi Pokhariyal, Campus Director of NFSU Delhi, emphasising the importance of integrating AI and technology into every aspect of life. Prof (Dr) Gulyamov Said, Head of the Department of Cyber Law at Tashkent State University of Law, delivered the keynote address, highlighting the seminar's role in fostering interdisciplinary collaboration. Justice Rajesh Tandon, former Judge of the Uttarakhand High Court, provided insights on evolving legal frameworks related to AI and technology.

Federal Bank unveils RuPay Wave Credit Card

Federal Bank, in collaboration with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), launched a RuPay Wave Credit Card that empowers customers with the convenience of UPI-powered transactions on a robust RuPay network. This offering will seamlessly integrate the benefits and features of RuPay credit cards with the experience of UPI payments, ushering in a new era of simplicity and efficiency in digital transactions. Federal Bank's cardholders can now link their RuPay Wave credit card to their preferred UPI applications.

NHRC intervenes in delay in cardiac surgery

The National Human Rights Commission, (NHRC) India has taken suo moto cognisance of a media report, that a 6 year old boy from Bihar's Begusarai had been waiting for cardiac issue surgery since 2019 when he was three months old. Doctors at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi have only been providing dates for the surgery on every visit by his family. The Commission has issued notices to notices to the Secretary, Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the Director, (AIIMS), New Delhi.

NBCC signs MoUs in for projects valuing Rs 155 crores

NBCC, a leading Government of India Navratna Enterprise under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, will be constructing projects in the state of Odisha. The company entered into an MoU with the Department of Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (SSEPD), Government of Odisha on June 13 for the planning, designing and construction of an Integrated Infrastructure Complex (IIC) in Bargarh district of Odisha. The MoU was signed by Niyati Pattnaik

(OAS-SS), Director, SSEPD and Rakesh Narayan Sinha, General Manager (Engg), SBG Odisha, NBCC in the presence of officials from both organisations.

NHRC takes action against anti labour practices

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India has taken suo moto cognisance of a media report that at one of the warehouses of a multi-national company in Haryana's Manesar, a 24 year old worker was asked to pledge that they would not take toilet or water breaks until they finished unloading packages from six trucks, each measuring 24 feet long, after their team's 30 minute tea break had ended. The Commission has issued to the Secretary, Union Ministry of Labour and Employment calling for a detailed report in the matter.

Delhi Book Fair to commence on August 7

One of the most popular events for the publishing industry as well as bibliophiles, the 28th edition of the Delhi Book Fair (August 07-11, 2024) is being organised by the ITPO, a Government of India Enterprise under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in collaboration with the Federation of Indian Publishers (FIP) in Hall No 12A & 12, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The Stationery Fair, Office Automation & Corporate Gift Fair are among the added attractions. The event has tremendous importance in catalysing India's literacy programme.

■ The Indian Coast Guard proudly celebrated International Yoga Day on June 21, embracing the AYUSH Mantralaya's theme of 'Yoga for Self and Society'. Coordinated yoga sessions were held simultaneously at more than 60 Coast Guard locations spread across the nation along the coast and islands.

■ Eight lakh National Cadet Corps cadets celebrated the 10th International Day of Yoga by participating in yoga sessions organised by NCC, on June 21. The sessions were organised at numerous schools, colleges & iconic locations like Sun Temple (Konark, Odisha), and Dal Lake (J&K), among others.

■ Lt Governor, Vinai Kumar Saxena inaugurated a 2.7 km long cycle track developed by New Delhi Municipal Council, along the periphery of Nehru Park in Chanakyapuri. MP from New Delhi, Bansuri Swaraj, Chairman, NDMC, Naresh Kumar and other senior officers were present on the occasion.

■ POWERGRID's Corporate Communications Team has been featured in India's 30 Top Corporate Communications Teams for the fourth time by Reputation Today. The team led by Anshuman Tandon, CGM Corporate Communications, POWERGRID received the award at an event held in Bengaluru.

■ NBCC (India) Limited on June 14 inked an MoU with Grid-India for the execution of interior, fit-outs and other associated infrastructure works for their new Corporate Office at Ayurvigyan Nagar, New Delhi. The tentative value of works to be executed is approximately Rs 70 crores.

■ S Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) inaugurated the first National Additive Manufacturing Symposium (NAMS) – 2024, organised in New Delhi to provide an overview of the Additive Manufacturing (AM) ecosystem in India.

■ The Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN), in collaboration with Svyasa, deemed to be University, organised a conference on "Yoga for Space" at S-Vyasa University, Bengaluru, in observance of International Day of Yoga 2024 with the theme "Yoga for Self & Society."

■ As part of the International Yoga Day, the All India Institute of Ayurveda, Goa organised the 'Yoga at Seashore' event at the Yog-Setu, Panjim-Goa near the Coast Line of Mandavi River and Arabian Sea. The program began with the recitation of Dhanvantari Stavan & Patanjali Stavan.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE FOR INVITING e-TENDERS FROM GENERAL PUBLIC FOR ALLOTMENT OF REMAINING RETAIL LIQUOR ZONES IN TWENTY-ONE (21) DISTRICTS IN THE STATE OF HARYANA FOR THE EXCISE POLICY YEAR 2024-25.

1. It is notified for the information of general public that e-tenders for allotment of 306 retail liquor zones of country liquor and Indian Made Foreign Liquor vends (L-2/L-14A) in 21 districts in the State of Haryana are hereby invited for the excise policy year 2024-25. The district wise detail of zones available for e-bidding is as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of District	Zone Code					
1.	Ambala	ZAMB01	ZAMB04	ZAMB07	ZAMB08	ZAMB09	ZAMB10
		ZAMB11	ZAMB15	ZAMB21	ZAMB22	ZAMB27	ZAMB29
		ZAMB34	ZAMB36	ZAMB37	ZAMB38	ZAMB39	ZAMB43
		ZAMB44	ZAMB46	ZAMB48	ZAMB49	ZAMB50	ZAMB56
		ZAMB58	ZAMB59	ZAMB60			
2.	Bhiwani	ZBWN01	ZBWN02	ZBWN04	ZBWN05	ZBWN06	ZBWN07
		ZBWN09	ZBWN10	ZBWN12	ZBWN13	ZBWN16	ZBWN17
		ZBWN18	ZBWN20	ZBWN24	ZBWN25	ZBWN26	ZBWN29
		ZBWN34	ZBWN35	ZBWN36	ZBWN37	ZBWN38	ZBWN39
		ZBWN40	ZBWN41	ZBWN42	ZBWN44	ZBWN45	ZBWN46
		ZBWN47	ZBWN48	ZBWN49	ZBWN50	ZBWN51	ZBWN52
		ZBWN53	ZBWN54	ZBWN55	ZBWN57	ZBWN61	ZBWN 63
		ZBWN65					
3.	Faridabad	ZFBD02	ZFBD03	ZFBD08	ZFBD13	ZFBD16	ZFBD21
		ZFBD23	ZFBD26	ZFBD43	ZFBD53	ZFBD56	ZFBD57
		ZFBD73	ZFBD112				
4.	Fatehabad	ZFTB02	ZFTB03	ZFTB05	ZFTB06	ZFTB12	ZFTB13
		ZFTB15	ZFTB16	ZFTB17	ZFTB18	ZFTB20	ZFTB21
		ZFTB22	ZFTB24	ZFTB25	ZFTB26	ZFTB27	ZFTB28
		ZFTB29	ZFTB31	ZFTB32	ZFTB35	ZFTB36	ZFTB37
		ZFTB38	ZFTB40	ZFTB41	ZFTB42	ZFTB43	ZFTB44
		ZFTB45					
5.	Gurugram (East)	ZGRE01	ZGRE08	ZGRE24	ZGRE26	ZGRE29	ZGRE31
		ZGRE46	ZGRE48	ZGRE52	ZGRE55	ZGRE68	ZGRE77
		ZGRE78					
6.	Gurugram (West)	ZGRW08	ZGRW77				
7.	Hisar	ZHSR01	ZHSR02	ZHSR05	ZHSR07	ZHSR08	ZHSR12
		ZHSR18	ZHSR20	ZHSR21	ZHSR29	ZHSR34	ZHSR37
		ZHSR38	ZHSR41	ZHSR44	ZHSR47	ZHSR48	ZHSR49
		ZHSR51	ZH SR52	ZHSR58	ZHSR64	ZHSR71	ZHSR74
8.	Jagadhari	ZJAG03	ZJAG06	ZJAG41	ZJAG42	ZJAG43	
9.	Jhajjar	ZJHA04	ZJHA15	ZJHA19	ZJHA22	ZJHA24	ZJHA29
10.	Jind	ZJND03	ZJND05	ZJND06	ZJND08	ZJND09	ZJND10
		ZJND13	ZJND15	ZJND16	ZJND17	ZJND20	ZJND21
		ZJND22	ZJND26	ZJND27	ZJND28	ZJND29	ZJND31
		ZJND33	ZJND34				
11.	Kaithal	ZKTL02	ZKTL06	ZKTL09	ZKTL11	ZKTL27	ZKTL29
12.	Karnal	ZKNL03	ZKN L15	ZKNL18	ZKNL19	ZKNL21	ZKNL24
		ZKNL25	ZKNL26	ZKNL31	ZKNL34	ZKNL35	ZKNL38
		ZKNL41	ZKNL51	ZKNL52			
13.	Kurukshetra	ZKKR01	ZKKR06	ZKKR19	ZKKR21	ZKKR28	
14.	Mewat	ZMWT06	ZMWT08	ZMWT09			
15.	Narnaul	ZNNL10	ZNNL18	ZNNL19	ZNNL22	ZNNL23	ZNNL28
16.	Panchkula	ZPKL04	ZPKL08	ZPKL09	ZPKL10	ZPKL21	ZPKL22
		ZPKL23	ZPKL25	ZPKL26	ZPK L31	ZPKL33	ZPKL34
		ZPKL36					
17.	Panipat	ZPNP08	ZPNP09	ZPNPIO	ZPNP15	ZPNP16	ZPNP21
		ZPNP25	ZPNP28	ZPNP29	Z PNP32	ZPNP34	ZPNP40
		ZPNP44					
18.	Rewari	ZRWR01	ZRWR04	ZRWR05	ZRWR12	ZRWR14	ZRWR19
		ZRWR22	ZRWR25	ZRWR27	ZRWR29	ZRWR31	
19.	Rohtak	ZRTK04	ZRTK05	ZRTK08	ZRTK10	ZRTK11	ZRTK12
		ZRTK15	ZRTK16	ZRTK18	ZRTK19	ZRTK24	ZRTK27
		ZRTK29	ZRTK38	ZRTK41	ZRTK42	ZRTK44	ZRTK46
		ZRTK47	ZRTK48	ZRTK50	ZRTK51	ZRTK53	
20.	Sirsa	ZSRS09	ZSRS14	ZSRS15	ZSRS17	ZSRS32	ZSRS37
		ZSRS39	ZSRS41	ZSRS43	ZSRS45	ZSRS46 -	ZSRS47
		ZSRS49	ZSRS58	ZSRS59	ZSRS66	ZSRS69	ZSRS70
		ZSRS71	ZSRS73				
21.	Sonepat	ZSNP39	ZSNP50	ZSNP61	ZSNP68	ZSNP72	ZSNP73

2. The schedule for submission of e-bids for these zones and evaluation thereof shall be as under:-

Starting date and time for placing e-tenders	From 24th June, 2024 (9.00 AM)
Closing date and time for placing e-tenders	Till 24th June, 2024 (04.00 PM)
Evaluation of e-tenders	24th June, 2024 (5.00 PM)

3. The reserve price and quota of these 306 zones for the purpose of e-tendering has been decided as per the provisions of clause 2.16 and other relevant provisions of the Haryana Excise Policy 2024-25.
The zone-wise detail of reserve price and quota of these 306 zones shall be displayed in the excise arrangement.
4. The e-tenders for these zones can be submitted online through the official website of the department i.e. **www.haryanatax.gov.in**. The remaining terms and conditions of e-tenders and allotment of zones shall be same, as informed vide the Public Notice, published in leading newspapers on 18th May, 2024, for inviting e-tenders for allotment of retail liquor zones of all districts in the State of Haryana. The copy of Public Notice dated 18th May, 2024 is also available on the official website of department i.e. **www.haryanatax.gov.in**. The detailed procedure of registration for participation in the allotment process and submission of e-tenders is also available on the official website.
4. The excise arrangements of these zones containing number of vends, liquor quota, location of vends, command area as applicable and reserve price thereof, as well as the venue for evaluation of e-tenders shall be conspicuously displayed in the office of DETCs (Excise) and DETCs (ST) of the districts concerned. These details shall also be available on the official website i.e. **www.haryanatax.gov.in**.
5. All allotment(s) and grant of licence(s) shall be subject to the provisions of the Haryana Excise Act, 1914, the rules framed thereunder, orders/instructions issued by the competent authority and the Excise Policy for the year 2024-25. Any clarification regarding the procedure may be obtained from the office of DETCs (Excise) in any of the districts. The copy of Haryana Excise Policy for the year 2024-25 is available on official website of the department.
6. All allotments of licenses are subject to the approval of the Excise and Taxation Commissioner (Financial Commissioner). The ETC (FC) may reject, without assigning any reason, any allotment in public interest as the case may be, within 10 days of the date of allotment. In case no decision of Excise and Taxation Commissioner (FC) is conveyed within the stipulated period of ten days, the allotment shall be deemed to have been approved by the ETC(FC).

Excise and Taxation Commissioner
Haryana

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I, BAJRANG Bothra S/o Late Sh. Punam Chand Bothra R/o B-116, Sector-40, Noida, UP have Changed my name to Bajjrang Bothra for all Purposes.

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I HARI Lal, Son Of Shri Faqir Chand Residence Of I Block House No. 468 Shakurpur Saraswati Vihar North West Delhi 110034 In Some Documents Of My Office, Unknowingly, By Mistake My Name Has Become Heera Lal Whereas My Correct Name Is Hari Lal On All The Current Documents.

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For and on behalf of Smt. Sunita Khanna

PUBLICATION

Our client, M/s Maharshi Commerce Ltd, hereby informs the public at large that our client has purchased Plot No. P - 13, admeasuring 96,800 Sq Yards & Ac:20.00gts, situated at, Nacharam Village, Uppal Mandal, Kapra Municipality limits, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, from Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited, a Government Company, under the Sale Deed Document No.4182 of 1996, Dated 27.07.1996. Please be informed that the aforementioned Sale Deed document was lost from Delhi office, and an FIR has been registered with the Delhi Police SO No.430 of 2014 at Delhi, under LR No. 1824789/2024, Dated 18.06.2024, If any person has found the said Sale Deed pertaining to the aforementioned property, are requested to contact us via Mob No:7702236509 and 9949994684 or send it via registered post with acknowledgment due to the address provided below within 10 days from the date of this publication. If not received within this time, we will proceed accordingly.

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Govt mulls tax cuts as part of $6 bn consumer boost

The govt plans to stick to fiscal deficit target of 5.1% of GDP despite these changes

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The central government is considering consumption-boosting measures worth more than ₹50,000 crore ($6 billion) in India's upcoming budget, including tax cuts for lower income individuals for the first time in seven years, according to people familiar with the matter.

Officials in the Ministry of Finance have discussed proposals to reduce taxes for consumers with the highest propensity to spend, the people said, asking not to be identified because the talks are private. Individuals with annual earnings of ₹5 lakh ($5,987) to ₹15 lakh — currently taxed anywhere from 5%-20% — could benefit from the move, the people said. A new tax slab may also be considered, they said.

The details of the plan is still being worked on and a final decision will be taken closer to the time of the budget, due sometime in July, after approval from the prime minister's office, they said. Despite the revenue loss from the tax changes, the government plans to stick to its fiscal deficit target of 5.1% of gross domestic product for the current financial year, one of the people said.

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Almost half of the ₹50,000 crore worth of measures will come from tax cuts, with the rest coming from other programs, the people said.

Talks are underway to raise the annual cash payment to small farmers to ₹8,000 from the current ₹6,000, they said.

In addition, there are also discussions to increase the annual payment under the minimum job guarantee program, and expand financial support for women farmers, they said.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is holding pre-budget consultations with stakeholders, including economists, trade unions and industry chambers this week.

Local media reported the budget for the new Modi government may be announced on July 22.

A finance ministry spokesperson didn't immediately respond to emails seeking further information.

Modi's BJP failed to win an outright majority in recent parliamentary elections for the first time since it swept to power in 2014, with joblessness and the high cost of living weighing on voters' minds. Economists have said the BJP's weaker-than-expected performance at the polls may see it shift toward more populist spending measures in the budget.

The government needs to infuse funds into the economy in a way that shows quicker results, one of the officials said. However, despite the extra spending, the government will maintain its fiscal deficit target for the current year, largely helped by strong revenues and a $25 billion dividend from the central bank, the person said.

State elections are looming in at least three key regions, including Maharashtra, in coming months, with the BJP looking to shore up its support.

Will tight policy hit growth? MPC divided

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MUMBAI: For long, concerns over inflation have dominated proceedings of the central bank's rate-setting panel. Now, growth is finding a place at the table.

Keeping real interest rates high for too long will hurt growth, two members of the Reserve Bank of India's monetary policy committee (MPC) said, before the six-member panel voted to keep rates and policy stance unchanged a fortnight ago. The meeting's minutes were released on Friday.

Jayanth Varma, who has consistently demanded a rate cut, warned that keeping the policy restrictive for too long will hurt growth over the next two years.

"Professional forecasters surveyed by the RBI are projecting growth both in 2025-26 and in 2024-25 to be lower than in 2023-24 by more than 0.75%, and lower than the potential growth rate (of say 8%) by more than 1%. This is an unacceptably high growth sacrifice considering that headline inflation is projected to be only about 0.5% above target, and core inflation is extremely benign," said Varma.

"Expected growth is around 7% in 2024-25 below the 8% achieved in 2023-24. Status quoism is praised as being cautious. But if doing nothing distorts real variables, it aggravates shocks instead of smoothing them and raises risk," Goyal added. Both Varma and Goyal had voted for cutting interest rate and changing monetary policy stance at the June meeting.

India's GDP grew at 8.2% in FY24. MINT

Other MPC members were sanguine about growth prospects. Governor Shaktikanta Das said growth is strong enough to create space for policy to focus on inflation, which persists above its 4% target.

"The growth-inflation balance is moving favourably in line with our projections," Das said. "With persistently high food inflation, it would be in order to continue with the disinflationary policy stance that we have adopted. Any hasty action in a different direction will cause more harm than good," he said.

India's GDP grew at a blistering 8.2% in FY24, ably supported by January-March quarter growth of 7.8%, aided by strong manufacturing, construction, mining and services.

Michael Patra, RBI deputy governor in charge of monetary policy, and other MPC members, backed intensifying monetary policy vigil. "With output in broad balance in relation to its potential, monetary policy can remain neutral to growth at this juncture and stay focused on aligning inflation to the target. That objective remains incomplete, which can undermine medium-term growth prospects," said Patra.

Rajiv Ranjan, RBI executive director and MPC member said, " The inertia of inaction should not drive us to action. Rather, the driving force should be the macroeconomic setting of growth and inflation. Clearly, the favourable growth-inflation balance and the outlook is pointing towards status quo," said Ranjan. "As the aggregate output projections for 2024-25 reflect strong GDP growth, keeping the monetary policy focus on achieving the inflation target on a durable basis is appropriate at this juncture," said Shashank Bhide, MPC member.

ZEPTO SWELLS IN VALUATION IN A $665 MILLION PRE-IPO ROUND

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BENGALURU/MUMBAI: Quick commerce platform Zepto has raced its way to the biggest fundraise so far this year, as it reshapes India's e-commerce sector and forces giants including Walmart Inc.-backed Flipkart and Reliance Group's JioMart to venture into instant deliveries.

The digital platform, which promises to deliver anything from groceries to cosmetics within about 10 minutes, on Friday announced it had raised $665 million in a pre-IPO round at a valuation of $3.6 billion.

Zepto, which is gearing up for a stock market listing next year, had gained its coveted unicorn status just nine months earlier, when it raised $200 million at a valuation of $1.4 billion. The latest fundraise comes at a time India's startup sector is emerging from a long funding winter.

Zepto plans to use the capital from its latest fundraise to double the number of its dark stores, or warehouses, to 700 by March 2025.

It will also use the money to scale up Zepto Cafe, its quick delivery snack and meal service, throwing the gauntlet at Zomato and Swiggy, originally food delivery platforms that are investing heavily in their quick-commerce businesses.

Zomato's instant delivery platform Blinkit, the market leader, aims to double its network of dark stores to 1,000 by the end of this fiscal year.

Zepto's ability to raise funds in quick succession is indicative of investors regaining confidence in India's quick commerce space, which they were once sceptical about owing to its cash-guzzling proposition.

India's quick commerce market grew 77% in 2023 to reach $2.8 billion in gross merchandise value (GMV), accounting for 5% of India's overall e-commerce market, according to consulting firm Redseer. GMV, a key metric in e-commerce, tracks the total value of all the goods sold on a platform, not including discounts and other expenses.

GST Council set to tweak alcohol tax laws regarding ENA

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NEW DELHI: The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council is planning amendments to GST laws concerning extra neutral alcohol (ENA), a highly pure form of alcohol used in liquor production but not for direct consumption. These changes aim to clarify that ENA should not be subject to GST, potentially bringing much-needed relief to the spirits industry by avoiding dual taxation.

In addition to the legislative tweaks, the Council is also expected to propose a scheme that would allow central and state tax authorities to drop the recovery of past tax dues, benefiting the spirits sector. This move is part of a broader effort to resolve ongoing tax disputes and streamline the taxation process.

At its meeting scheduled for Saturday in the national capital, the GST Council will review amendments recommended by a committee of officers.

This committee was tasked with drafting legislative changes to ensure ENA remains outside the GST regime—a decision first taken at the GST Council's 52nd meeting on October 7 last year, according to two people with the Centre-state discussions.

The proposed amendments aim to prevent ambiguity in tax implementation by specifying that ENA is excluded from GST under section 9 of the Central and state GST laws. This section currently provides for GST on goods and services other than liquor for human consumption but does not explicitly mention ENA. The clarification is expected to prevent the same commodity from being taxed under different taxation streams, alleviating the tax burden on alcoholic beverage industry. The Centre will propose amendments to the CGST and IGST Acts in Parliament, while states will amend their respective SGST laws.

This move is part of a broader effort to resolve ongoing tax disputes. GETTYIMAGES

ENA, derived from fermenting and distilling molasses or grain, has historically been understood to be outside the GST framework since the indirect tax reform began in 2017. However, discrepancies in its application have caused confusion and hardship for producers.

Experts said the proposed changes will streamline the taxation of the liquor industry and provide certainty to producers. "Making sure that ENA is taxed only under the excise duty regime and bringing clarity to the GST laws to that effect will bring relief to the industry and help in reducing litigation as the taxation of this commodity will become uniform across the country," said Rajat Mohan, executive director at accounting and advisory firm Moore Singhi.

IP Suresh Menon, secretary general of The International Spirits & Wines Association of India (ISWAI), emphasized the importance of keeping ENA under the state excise and VAT regime. This would allow producers to continue utilizing VAT credits, which would not be possible under GST, potentially increasing production costs and affecting sales and state tax revenues.

Biz activity expands in June on strong demand

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NEW DELHI: India's private sector business activity likely accelerated in June, driven by strong demand and new business gains, according to a preliminary survey.

The HSBC Flash India Seasonally Adjusted Composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose to 60.9 in June from 60.5 in May, S&P Global reported. The index measures output growth in manufacturing and services sectors, with readings above 50 indicating expansion.

Flash PMIs are released a few days ahead of the actual PMI numbers and include 80%-90% of the responses used in the calculation of the final PMI readings.

The composite PMI measures output growth in manufacturing and services sectors. There was an uptick in output growth of both sectors in June, although manufacturing growth was faster. Manufacturing output PMI increased to 62.1 in June from 61.1 in May, while services business activity PMI rose to 60.4 from 60.2.

The headline manufacturing PMI, which includes measures of new orders, employment, supplier delivery times, and stocks of purchases, climbed to 58.5 in June from 57.5 in May.

HSBC FLASH INDIA SEASONALLY ADJUSTED COMPOSITE PMI IN JUNE ROSE TO 60.9 FROM 60.5 IN MAY

Companies cited demand strength as a key factor for output growth. Total new orders increased sharply, surpassing May's figures. New export orders expanded at the second-highest rate since the series began in September 2014, though slightly slower than May's record high.

Employment growth hit an 18-year high, driven by rising production requirements.

Input prices continued to increase in June, albeit at a softer pace than in May. Manufacturing inflation remained stable, while services inflation decreased. Goods producers raised prices at the highest rate in a year, while service providers' price increases slowed to a four-month low.

"Indian goods producers raised their fees to the greatest extent in exactly one year, while charge inflation at service providers retreated to a joint four-month low (equal with April)," the release said.

Maitreyi Das, Global Economist at HSBC, said, "Input cost inflation eased slightly in June, but remained elevated with panellists citing increases in labour and material costs. The output price index suggests manufacturing firms were able to pass on higher costs to customers."

Final PMI numbers for June will be released in early July.

HUL expects modest FMCG volumes growth in 2024-25

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MUMBAI: Demand for packaged consumer goods has slowed significantly amid rising prices, but Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) anticipates a modest growth in its volumes this financial year, signalling somewhat improved prospects for the rest of the industry.

India's largest fast-moving consumer goods company on Friday said it expects volume growth of mid-to-high single digit in financial year 2024-25. HUL reported underlying volume growth of 2% for FY24, with sales growing 3%.

HUL's performance is viewed as a proxy for the broader Indian consumer goods sector.

The industry has been reeling with tepid demand, especially at the bottom end of the market where households adversely impacted by high inflation have been curtailing purchases. This is especially true of consumers in India's villages.

"2024 was the year when we transitioned from a couple of years of very high inflation into a period where commodity costs became benign. In many cases, we had prices coming down and as a consequence, we had to pass on the benefit of these lower prices to our consumers, which meant that the price increases which have often been a part of our overall growth didn't exist," Nitin Paranjpe, chairman of HUL, said addressing shareholders at the company's 91st annual general meeting.

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"We continue to expect the FMCG industry to allow us to get volumes in the mid-to-high single digits, and that's the sort of growth we should start seeing in the medium-to-long term," he said.

HUL's turnover in the financial year ended 31 March increased 2.5% year-on-year to ₹59,579 crore, while profit after tax rose 1.5% to ₹10,114 crore. Volumes grew 2%.

While HUL is focused on expanding its premium products portfolio, Paranjpe is hopeful of a recovery at the mass end of the market.

"It is really the mass end of the business where inflation had squeezed discretionary incomes of people and curtailed demand. That's the recovery we hope to see as we move forward," Paranjpe said, adding that organized trade continues to provide growth opportunities.

In the March quarter, India's FMCG industry reported 6.6% growth in value terms, with volumes increasing 6.5%, according to market researcher NIQ. In March, rural demand outpaced urban markets for the first time in 15 months. Earlier this year, HUL's parent, the UK-based Unilever Plc., decided to spin off its €7.9-billion ice cream unit by the end of 2025 to focus on its beauty and wellbeing, personal care, homecare and nutrition businesses.

HUL is yet to decide on its ice cream business, Paranjpe said.

Google suspends online gaming trial on mobile apps marketplace

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NEW DELHI: Google on Friday suspended its ongoing pilot programme that allowed fantasy sports and rummy games to list on its mobile applications marketplace, the Google Play Store, but extended a "grace period" for India.

With this, Google will not be expanding open access for a wider set of real-money games on the Play Store, which it had intended to do in January. Apps that are already live on the Play Store will remain on it for the time being.

The pilot, which was initiated in July last year and extended in January across India, Brazil and Mexico, was suspended by Google citing a lack of a "central licensing framework"— regulations that define the legality of such games in respective countries. "Expanding our support of real-money gaming apps in markets without a central licensing framework has proven more difficult than expected, and we need additional time to get it right for our developer partners and the safety of our users," a Google spokesperson said in a statement.

The move has come as a blow to the online gaming sector in India. REUTERS

The move comes as a blow to the online gaming sector in India, which remains contentious in terms of whether they qualify as 'games of skill' or 'games of chance'. Lawsuits against a ban of online gaming titles across Tamil Nadu and Karnataka remain subjudice at the Supreme Court.

Google said that it is working on its own framework to define permissible applications in this sector. "In the meantime, in India, we are extending the grace period of the pilot program so existing apps offering fantasy sports and rummy games in India can remain on Play Store," the spokesperson said.

A senior Google executive further told *Mint* on condition of anonymity that while the company does intend to come up with a framework, discussions on the matter are currently ongoing, and as of now, there is no "specific timeline" to when might these apps be allowed to operate again.

'Indian household spending up 18% in 2 years'

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NEW DELHI: Indian households, feeling the pinch of high inflation, spent 18% more in the March quarter 2024 compared to the June quarter 2022, market research firm Kantar said in a note on Friday.

An average Indian household spent ₹49,418 in the first quarter of 2024. Urban households, in general, spent 1.6 times more than rural households. The less affluent households spend just about ₹38,000 quarterly, which is 0.9 times the spend in rural areas, showed the Kantar tracker that covers spending on groceries, fruits and vegetables, utilities, education, commuting, fashion, rent, etc.

Groceries are the biggest household expense, accounting to over 24% of all quarterly expenses in a household. MINT

Groceries are the biggest household expense, accounting to over 24% of all quarterly expenses in a household. Overall, spends on the category increased by 19% since Kantar's last round. The jump in household spends translates to a quarterly increase of ₹2,000.

Average estimated monthly per capita household expenditure stood at ₹3,773 in rural India and ₹6,459 in urban India in 2022-23. At all India level, monthly per capita household expenditure in urban areas is 71% more than that of rural areas, according to the Consumer Expenditure Survey 2022-23 by the ministry of statistics and programme implementation.

Indian households have been bearing the brunt of high inflation since the outbreak of covid-19 as prices of daily essentials and packaged goods surged due to the pandemic-induced supply-chain disturbances. For example, average inflation rate climbed to 6.7% in 2022, up from 5.13% in 2021. It was 6.62% in 2020. The inflation moderated to 5.49% in 2023.

At the peak of inflation in 2022, 8% of households surveyed said they are comfortable with their financial situation. The number has jumped to 16% in the March quarter 2024.

However, in both the rounds, 34% households reported that they were finding it difficult to manage their expenses—indicating a third of India is still under severe financial stress.

Kantar pointed out that struggling households are present across socio-economic classes. While in the upper New Consumer Classification System (NCCS) A and B, the percentage of those struggling reduced from 32% to 28%, in the lower NCCS, i.e., C, D, and E, the percentage increased from 35% to 40%.

NCCS is a socio-economic classification used to map household expenditure and consumption habits across different income-classes in India.

The market research firm conducted the first round of the study in June 2022, a prices shot up globally due to the covid-19 pandemic-induced supply-chain disturbances.

The second round was carried out in March 2024.

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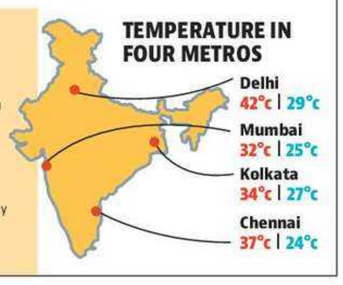

EURO 2024

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Europe's top five leagues rule Euros

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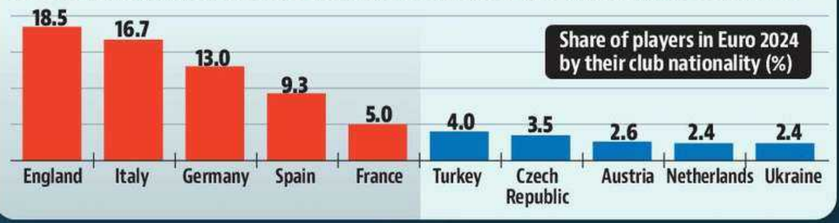
The imprint of the five countries that are home to the most lucrative European club leagues runs far and wide over Euro 2024. Be it quantity, quality or market worth of players, clubs from these countries — England, Spain, Germany, Italy and France — have marked their outsized presence in this tournament. While there are 24 countries featuring at Euro 2024, nearly two in three players play their club football in these five countries alone.

The famous five

The 24 teams featuring in Euro 2024 have 622 players. When not playing for their country, these players ply their trade in various leagues across the world. In all, 35 such leagues are represented at Euro 2024, extending beyond Europe too. As many as 389 players, or 62%, are from the five European countries that have the top five tier-1 leagues not only in Europe but also the world.

These leagues are where the money is. They were footballing hubs. But they are also the ones that progressively fused a footballing ethos with commercial possibilities, notably the power and reach of broadcasting rights, to create a financial cycle that feeds itself. At the very top is England, clubs from which account for 115 players, or nearly one in five of all players at Euro 2024. Italy is another country whose clubs have 100 players at Euro 2024. Beyond the top five, are Turkey and Czech Republic.

About 2 in 3 players at Euro 2024 are from the top 5 club league-countries



Superclub presence

The first league beyond European shores is Saudi Arabia, which is ranked 11th, with 14 players from its clubs featuring in Euro 2024. Saudi Arabia is trying to disrupt European football by using oil money from the country's sovereign wealth fund to woo players who would otherwise gravitate to the top five European leagues. While it has a pipeline of cash, it doesn't have that footballing culture bred over decades, and the jury remains out on that strategy.

The two clubs with the highest number of players at Euro 2024 are both over a century old. Italian club Inter Milan was founded in 1908 and English club Manchester City in 1880. Of the 218 clubs from 35 leagues that are represented at Euro 2024, there are 10 clubs that have 10 or more players in the tournament. Nine of them are from the same set of five countries, led by Germany with three clubs. The only club beyond these five countries is SK Slavia Prague, from the Czech Republic.

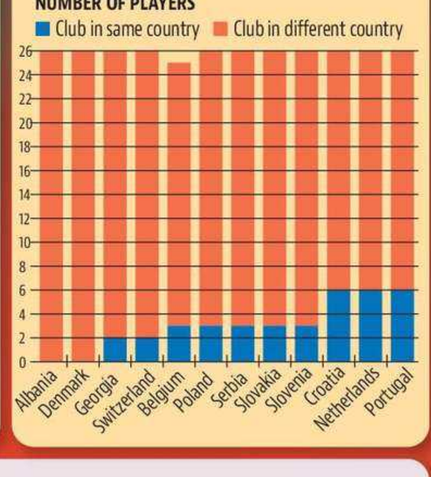
Inter Milan and Man City have the maximum players at Euro 2024

Club-country conundrum

Nine of those 10 players from SK Slavia Prague are in the Czech side, while one is in the Slovakia squad. Contrast that with the Inter and Man City contingents, whose 13 players each at Euro 2024 are spread across seven countries. In that sense, SK Slavia Prague, where a good number of players from a club are in one national squad, is a rarity. The next best is six (Shakhtar Donetsk and Ukraine).

Forget club-country linkages. Several teams at Euro 2024 have entire squads who play their club football outside their home country. For example, the Denmark squad of 26 players are contracted to 17 clubs across six countries. And not one of those clubs is Danish. In contrast, countries with strong leagues have a majority of players playing club football in the same league at least — England has 24 players from English clubs, Italy has 23.

Bulk of several squads play their club football in another country

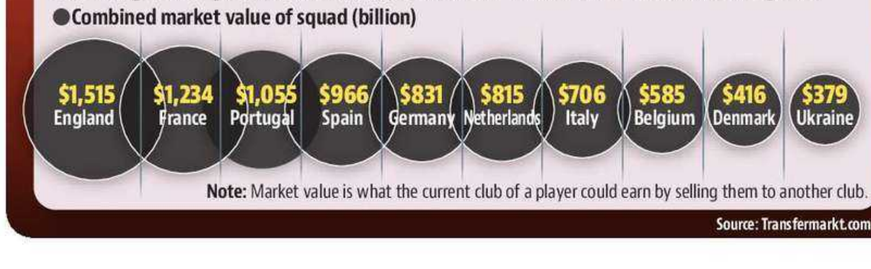


Market mismatch

This is reflective of the power centres that the leagues in the five main European club football countries are. They account for a disproportionate amount of footballing wealth, and are able to draw the best talent from across the world. In such a scenario, less-lucrative European leagues simply become a feeder of players to these larger leagues.

The 622 players at Euro 2024 are worth about $11.4 billion, according to Transfermarkt. That's what they would fetch if they were to be sold today. The top 45 players by market value are all currently in the top five leagues, led by England's Jude Bellingham and France's Kylian Mbappe. That financial mismatch also flows down to the national level. For example, the market worth of English squad — 24 of whom play for English clubs — is about 15 times that of the Romanian squad. That mismatch will probably play out in the field too.

The English squad is worth about four times the Ukrainian squad



Note: Market value is what the current club of a player could earn by selling them to another club.

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Spain's youngsters light up turf, Italy down but not out

Roja top Group B with an own-goal win. Italy will now have to defeat Croatia if they want to progress

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Spain's Nico Williams tries to get past a host of Italian defenders during their match at Arena AufSchalke in Gelsenkirchen. REUTERS

GROUP A

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
GERMANY	2	2	0	0	6	6
SWITZERLAND	2	1	1	0	2	4
SCOTLAND	2	0	1	1	-4	1
HUNGARY	2	0	0	2	-4	0

GROUP B

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
SPAIN	2	2	0	0	4	6
ITALY	2	1	0	1	0	3
ALBANIA	2	0	1	1	-1	1
CROATIA	2	0	1	1	-3	1

GROUP C

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
ENGLAND	2	1	1	0	1	4
DENMARK	2	0	2	0	0	2
SLOVENIA	2	0	2	0	0	2
SERBIA	2	0	1	1	-1	1

GROUP D

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
FRANCE	1	1	0	0	1	3
NETHERLANDS	1	1	0	0	1	3
AUSTRIA	2	1	0	1	1	3
POLAND	2	0	0	2	-3	0

GROUP E

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
ROMANIA	1	1	0	0	3	3
UKRAINE	2	1	0	1	-2	3
SLOVAKIA	2	1	0	1	0	3
BELGIUM	1	0	0	1	-1	0

GROUP F

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
TURKEY	1	1	0	0	2	3
PORTUGAL	1	1	0	0	1	3
CZECH	1	0	0	1	-1	0
GEORGIA	1	0	0	1	-2	0

MUMBAI: This was a match of high pedigree between two teams that have won World Cups and Euros; between two teams that have in their time — Catenaccio for Italy and Tiki-taka for Spain — redefined how the world plays the game. Matches between Italy and Spain have been close affairs in recent times. Both sides are attempting to get back to their heady days and perhaps on evidence of what we saw on Thursday in this Group B in Gelsenkirchen, the Spaniards have made better progress.

Coming into the game, Italy, the defending champions, knew that too. "Right now Spain are better than us in terms of individual players. We will have to bring the Italian spirit into play; we will need to struggle together," said Italy midfielder Davide Frattesi before the game.

And his words were on the mark. Spain were better, but how the Italians struggled. There was spirit, there was tenacity, but all of that was eventually brought down by luck. In a cruel twist of fate, the Italians were brought down by one of their own. It wasn't an inside job, not in that sense, but that is just how things happened to come together.

From the start, Spain dominated while Italy looked to counter. Nico Williams was a terror down the flanks, dominating the one-on-ones, and it was no surprise that the move that led to the goal originated from him.

His cross flicked on by Alvaro Morata; Gianluigi Donnarumma could only get fingertips to the header and the ball rebounded in off Riccardo Calafiori, who had seemed like he was getting ready to chase down the loose ball. The leading scorer of Euro 2024, own goal, had added another one to its tally and it proved to be the difference between the heavyweights.

The other unfortunate players to score own goals are Germany's Antonio Rudiger, Austria's Maximilian Wober, the Czech Republic's Robin Hranac and Albania's Klaus Gjasula. These five have come from 18 games so far and the meet record of 11 (at Euro 2020) might come under threat.

But no one who watched the game will tell you that Spain did not deserve the slice of luck. They played the kind of football that wins fans over — there was pace, there was intent, and most importantly, there was no just holding on to the ball.

They dominated the main stats — had more possession (57%), took more shots (12 to 3), and had more shots on target too (8 to 1). Beyond the numbers, it is the manner in which the game flows that is a true measure of dominance. One team was constantly on the attack and the other was simply being reactive.

"This was our best performance since I became coach," Spain coach Luis de la Fuente said. "We played well against Italy in the [2022/23] Nations League, but I think this was a more complete performance. I'm very proud of the result and the way in which we won this match, but it's a very challenging tournament. We were superior across the board. I have so much respect for Italy; they had some difficulties tonight, but part of that is because we played so well."

One can't question the defending champions for want of effort. They put their bodies on the line and ran themselves to the ground but too often they seemed to get sucked into Spain's pace; too often were they simply trying to plug the gaps. It was something Denmark had done so well against England earlier on Thursday but Italy constantly seemed to be out of shape.

"There were too many gaps," Italy coach Luciano Spalletti said. "We were constantly stretched; we were never able to squeeze the gaps between the units and they were able to cause us problems. They caused us more problems than the scoreline suggests – let's not beat around the bush."

In a game that Spain manager la Fuente had described as a "European Clasico" in the build-up, his players ramped up things. And if they didn't get more goals that was solely down to the brilliance of Gianluigi Donnarumma in the Italian goal. But no keeper likes a busy game.

"Honestly, I don't care about my saves — I was hoping for a different result and a different performance," said Donnarumma. "We missed too many passes and put in too little quality and, if you miss that much, they punish you."

Spain have now won three games in a row against Italy and are unbeaten in the last six between the sides (W4 D2). And this is a stat the Azzurri would love to set right. But at the moment Italy will want to focus on the challenge that lies ahead of them. Between them and a place in the last 16 lie hurting Croatia, and that is never easy. Spain, on the other hand, will want to use this victory to boost their spirits and climb even higher.

YAREMCHUK GOAL PUTS UKRAINE'S EURO CAMPAIGN BACK ON TRACK

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DUESSELDORF: Ukraine's third comeback triumph in four competitive games in 2024 kept them in contention on Friday as Roman Yaremchuk's goal sealed a 2-1 win over Slovakia.

After two 2-1 comeback wins in the playoffs in March to reach Euro 2024, beating Slovakia revives the team's campaign. Their players are hoping to show Ukrainians' resilience at the tournament, more than two years on from Russia's full-scale invasion of their country.

Ukraine's poor goal difference following a 3-0 loss to Romania on Monday meant another defeat would have put them 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.

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.

Ukraine coach Serhiy Rebrov made four changes to the team which lost to Romania but the same fragility in defence remained — at least to begin with. 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.

Schranz was left free at the far post when his marker Zinchenko jumped to intercept a cross which flew over his head.

Bringing Yaremchuk off the bench to replace the mostly ineffective Artem Dovbyk changed the game again.

Inspired Austria dominate Poland, keep hopes of entering last 16 alive

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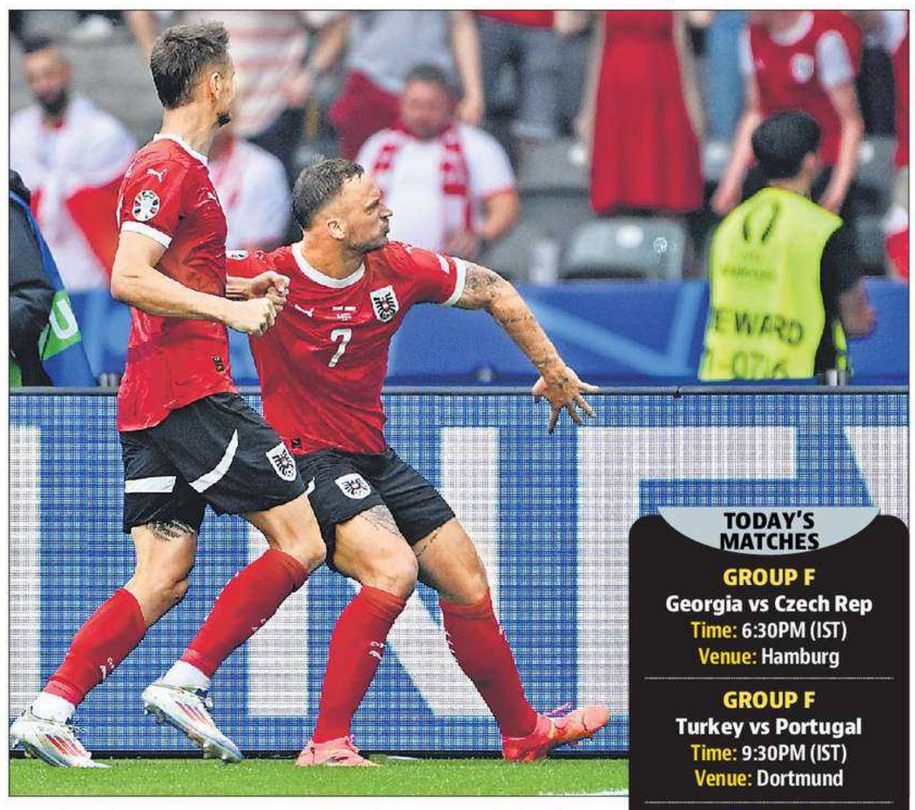

Austria's Marko Arnautovic celebrates after scoring their third goal against Poland at the Berlin Olympiastadion. REUTERS

MUMBAI: Two goals of sublime skill and beauty looked enough to earn Austria a win in an entertaining Group D match against Poland on Friday when, as a cherry on top, a third was added to seal the deal beyond any doubt.

Austria started the match very well and took complete control of the proceedings even before Poland could find their feet. This early pressure intensified even further when Austrian centre-half Gernot Trauner nodded home, after just nine minutes, from eight yards out with a header of rare quality.

He contorted his body and angled it into the top left-hand of Wojciech Szczesny's goal. As far as starts go, it couldn't have got better. It was also Austria's fastest ever goal at the Euros, and fastest at a major tournament since the 1954 World Cup.

But the Poles slowly warmed up to the task at hand and in the 30th minute had reward for intent with a composed Kryzsztof Piatek placing it past Patrick Pentz in the Austria goal. Both teams went into half-time level at 1-1 but Austria once again were the team that came out looking like they wanted the win more. All-time leading scorer Robert Lewandowski was introduced by Poland in the second half, but it didn't really have much of an impact on the game.

Christoph Baumgartner gave Austria the lead again in the 66th minute thanks to a lovely Marko Arnautovic dummy. He ran onto the through ball, sent the keeper the wrong way before finishing in style.

It was an example of what Arnautovic can bring to the table — a little touch of magic. But then a little later, we saw the other side of the maverick who picked up a yellow for just randomly shoving an opposition player aside.

The goal, however, seemed to have made Austria even more pacy and Poland were simply unable to keep up. If 2-1 still felt a little unsafe, Sabitzer earned a penalty for his side when he was brought down by Szczesny, who caught him on the ankle as he dived at his feet.

Arnautovic sent Szczesney the wrong way, slotting the ball into the bottom right-hand corner, to make it 3-1 and seal their first win of the tournament.

Coach Ralf Rangnick, who stayed with the team despite interest from Bayern Munich, got his tactics right and Austria's mixture of hard running, fast transitions and high pressing proved to be too much for Poland.

Austria had been impressive in the first game (against France) as well but with heavyweights France and Netherlands also part of the group, this was a match they absolutely had to win and they did that with a performance that should hold them in good stead no matter the opposition.

Either way, the final group game will be crucial for them but for now, they have earned the right to dream of making it to the Round of 16.

TODAY'S MATCHES

GROUP F
Georgia vs Czech Rep
Time: 6:30PM (IST)
Venue: Hamburg

GROUP F
Turkey vs Portugal
Time: 9:30PM (IST)
Venue: Dortmund

GROUP E
Belgium vs Romania
Time: 12:30AM (IST) Saturday
Venue: Cologne

RESULTS

Spain 1
(Calafiori 55', og)
Italy 0

Slovakia 1
(Schranz 17')
Ukraine 2
(Shaparenko 54', Yaremchuk 80')

Poland 1
(Piątek 30')
Austria 3
(Trauner 9', Baumgartner 66', Arnautović 78', pen)

Hat-trick symbolises late rise in T20s for Cummins

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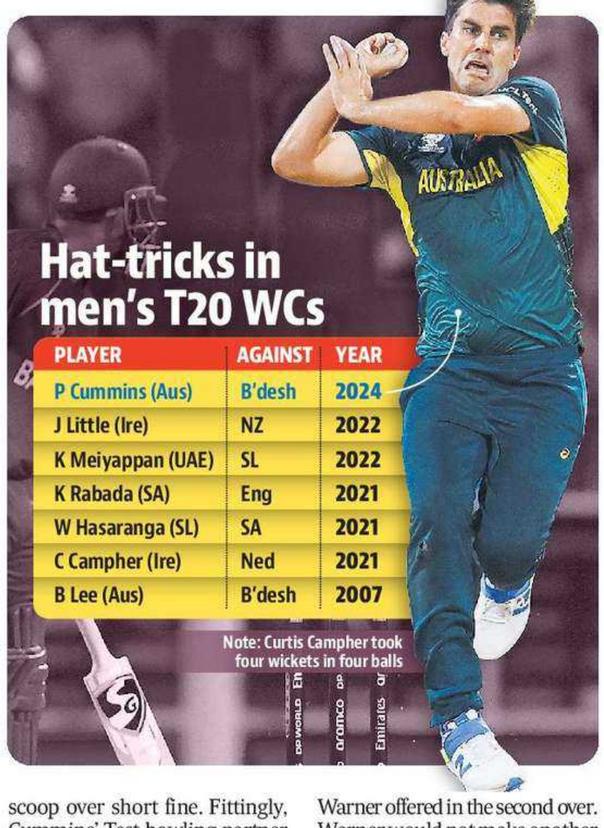

Hat-tricks in men's T20 WCs

PLAYER	AGAINST	YEAR
P Cummins (Aus)	B'desh	2024
J Little (Ire)	NZ	2022
K Meiyappan (UAE)	SL	2022
K Rabada (SA)	Eng	2021
W Hasaranga (SL)	SA	2021
C Campher (Ire)	Ned	2021
B Lee (Aus)	B'desh	2007

Note: Curtis Campher took four wickets in four balls

MUMBAI: Even repeated rain interruptions could not halt Australia's victory march in Antigua on Thursday night as they brushed aside challengers Bangladesh to win their opening game in the Super 8s of the T20 World Cup. Their 28-run win came courtesy Duckworth Lewis (DLS) rain method but so dominant were Mitch Marsh's men that they would have won comfortably even otherwise.

It was a clinical bowling performance from Australia where Mitch Starc picked up a regulation early wicket in the first over, Adam Zampa put together another thrifty spell (4-0-24-2) of leg-spin and Pat Cummins capped it with a hat-trick.

The last time an Australian took a hat-trick at T20 World Cups was in 2007 — fast bowler Brett Lee. That was also the last time Bangladesh had gone past the first round in a T20 World Cup. Mostly on the strength of their slow bowlers for the conditions, they had come in with a chance. But their batters couldn't, or were never allowed to, break free.

Bangladesh's most productive over was the 17th when Towhid Hridoy picked up Marcus Stoinis for back-to-back sixes in the 14-run over to lift them to 117/5. Still clearly below par; but the small pocket of Bangladesh supporters in the crowd would have hoped they could build on the momentum with a late flourish.

Cummins put a lid on the scoring with the most desirable result possible — a hat-trick spread across two overs. Off the fifth ball of the 18th over, he got the experienced Mahmudullah (2) to chop a cross-seamer banged into the pitch, on to the stumps.

Rinse repeat, slightly outside off. Mahedi Hasan (0) tried to upper-cut but found Zampa at deep-third. Come the final over, hat-trick wasn't on top of Cummins' mind. He didn't even know. Fresh from his renewed interest in T20 cricket, Cummins bowled an off-cutter which Hridoy tried to scoop over short fine. Fittingly, Cummins' Test bowling partner Josh Hazlewood was there to catch and play a part in the hat-trick. "I had no idea, then saw when it came up on the screen and had so many (team-mates) running in," Cummins said. "Few hat-tricks in juniors, never for Australia."

Cummins may not be the captain here, but Mitch Marsh counts him among the leaders of the group. Earlier in the day, Ricky Ponting presented Cummins with the Sir Garfield Sobers trophy for being the International Cricketer of the Year. Following his IPL 2024 showings, Cummins is now no less a force in the T20 format. His cunning with the white ball was there for all to see and defined his hat-trick. Towards the business end of the competition on the relatively slow pitches in the West Indies, he may have even more to offer. Defending 140, Bangladesh needed a strong powerplay with the ball. They spilled a catch Dave Warner offered in the second over. Warner would not make another error. By the end of the powerplay, Warner and Travis Head had lifted Australia to 59/0. In contrast, Bangladesh's batting start had been a stuttering 39/1.

This gap remained all the way through. For a brief spell of play after the powerplay, and the fourth rain interruption, Australia lost two wickets to leg-spinner Rishad Hossain. But Warner and Glenn Maxwell's 360-degree hitting quickly ensured they remained ahead of the DLS score all through. At the final rain-break after 11.2 overs, Australia's 100/2 was 28 runs better than what they needed to be.

Brief scores:
Bangladesh 140/8 in 20 overs (N Shanto 41; P Cummins 3/29).
Australia 100/2 in 11.2 overs (D Warner 53*). **Australia won by 28 runs via DLS.**

ICC T20 WORLD CUP
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Surya rises above setbacks to underline his T20 supremacy

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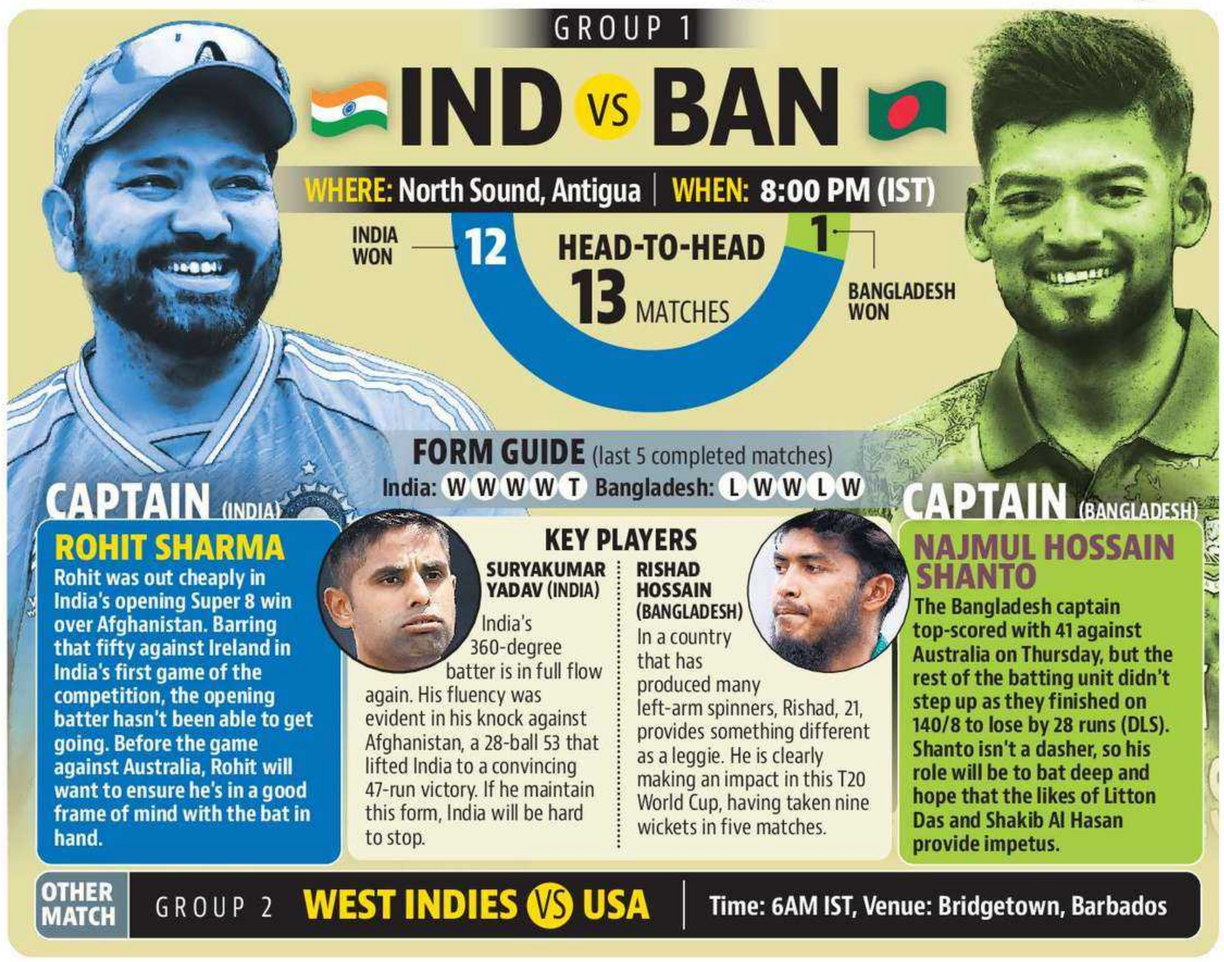

NEW DELHI: If you look at Suryakumar Yadav purely through the prism of T20 World Cups, the 2024 edition seems to be a continuation of his confidence-brimming campaign in 2022. Still the world's No.1 batter as per the T20 rankings, he is playing shots just as jaw-dropping as the ones he did in Australia two years ago. But in between these two events, a couple of things have happened that will count as setbacks.

Foremost is the 33-year-old's inability to impose himself in the same manner in the 50-over format. It's hard to pinpoint a reason for that to be the case, for all the shots that he unfurls with oomph in the shortest version should work in ODIs too. But he hasn't been able to find the right template to be deemed a success batting lower down the order in 50-over cricket. In 37 ODI appearances for India, he has scored only 773 runs at an average of 25.76 with four fifties.

The Mumbai batter has admitted in the past to his failings in this format. "It's a challenging format for me — if you lose early wickets, you have to take your time like in a Test; it is only at the end that you approach it like a T20," he had said in August 2023. "If I am honest with myself, my numbers in ODIs are really bad. And there's no shame in admitting that; everyone knows that already. You need to be honest with yourself."

Suryakumar had an opportunity to improve his numbers at last year's ODI World Cup. While he didn't start the tournament in the playing eleven, he made his way into the team after Hardik Pandya went down with an ankle injury in the fourth group game against Bangladesh. But he couldn't douse the criticism, the tournament culminating with Suryakumar labouring to a 28-ball 18 against Australia in the final. He wasn't picked for India's ODI series against South Africa subsequently.

The other setback has been his injuries. He suffered an ankle injury during the T20I series against South Africa last December, following which he had to undergo a surgery. Prospects of returning to action were further delayed because he had to undergo another surgery in January, this time on his groin for a sports hernia issue that had worsened over time.

It was only after Mumbai Indians lost their first three games in this year's IPL that he returned. And it was evident through most of MI's downbeat campaign that there was a hint of rustiness in his batting that had to be shaken off.

The knock against Afghanistan suggests he has done that. He had a slow start to the marquee event, not helped by the pitches that the Indian team was playing on in New York. But in his unbeaten half-century against USA last week, an innings that began with him copping a blow on his right thumb, signs of the man from Mumbai rediscovering his rhythm were apparent.

On Thursday, not for the first time, he illustrated why he is India's best T20 batter by taking down the best bowler in the opposition, Rashid Khan. Of the six balls that the ace leggie bowled to India's No.4, 16 runs were scored. To put Suryakumar's supremacy into context, Rashid bowled 18 deliveries to the other Indian batters for just 10 runs and took three wickets.

It's not always straightforward to hit Rashid down the ground given the pace he bowls at. So, Suryakumar, adept at playing a variety of sweeps, decided to repeatedly pepper the square boundary on the leg side. "I'm clear about what to do when I go out," he said at the post-match presentation. "When Rashid bowls, it's difficult to pick him. I know what shots to play. He's the best bowler in the world, you can't let him dominate. You have to be a step ahead."

Government of Punjab

Tender Reference No:- EE PWSSD No. 2/Amritsar/24/2024 Date: 18.06.2024

The Department of : Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Division No. 2 Amritsar invites Bid for Civil Work.
Closing Date & Time : Closing Date: 12.07.2024 Time upto 1.00 PM
Pre-Bid Meeting Venue : Date 28.06.2024 Time 11.00 AM At O/o Superintending Engineer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Circle, Amritsar, Near Sunrise Multispecialty Hospital, Hide Market, Amritsar. Mob. 83609-07229, Email :- eepwsssdasr2@gmail.com
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Cassette Split ACs VRF/VRV Supply and Installation work will be carried out at Rezangla, URC, DSOI, PV, Gurgaon - 122017. The same can be inspected from 26 Jun 2024 to 05 Jul 2024. Tenders are invited in two bid system (Technical and Commercial Bid) from reputed firms to carry out the above works. Application Forms (RFP) indicating terms & conditions will be available at the DSOI Office on all working days except Tuesdays between 1000 to 1600 hrs on payment of Rs 1,000/- + GST from 26 Jun 2024 to 05 Jul 2024.
Application form duly completed in all respect should reach DSOI Office by 05 Jul 2024 latest by 5:00 PM. Pay Order/Demand Draft of Rs 50,000/- on account of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) for above work of any Scheduled Bank to be raised in favour of DSOI, Gurgaon.

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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
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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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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)
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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**
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E-Procurement Tender Notice

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					Construction	Maintenance For 5 Years				
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	Aligarh	ALG/CMG-1	In Ward No 33, 49, 53, 74, 82 - Ramghat Road From Meenakshi Bridge To Quarshi Thana.	2.65	1304.77	16.23	1321.00	52.92	12 Month	41300.00
			In Ward No 49 - Begpur Marris Road From Abdul Chauraha to Kelanagar Chauraha Via Shri Sandip Singh Mantri ji Avash.	0.72	760.59	5.80	766.39			
			In Ward No 33 and 82 - Swarn Jayanti Nagar - Ramesh Vihar From House of Shri Subhash to House of Smt Rashmi Pankaj Via House of Shri Malkhan Singh.	1.56	1424.61	16.31	1440.92			
	Aligarh	ALG/CMG-2	In Ward No 08, 15, 26, 69- Goolar Road – From G.T. Road, Shanshah Hotal Puliya to Delhi Gate Chauraha.	2.08	1414.61	10.16	1424.77	59.79	15 Month	41300.00
			In Ward No 11, 15, 34 - Khair Road, From Hira Nagar Puliya To Nada Pul Chauraha.	2.56	1891.32	19.87	1911.19			
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Sale of Tender Document, Date and Time for opening of tender

S. No.	Details	Date and Time
1	Availability of tender document on E-tendering portal	25/06/2024, 12:00 PM
2	Pre-bid Meeting	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
3	Opening of tender (Technical bid)	25/07/2024, 04:00 PM

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Municipal Corporation Aligarh,

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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:–

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5. **उम्मीदवारों को डाक से (By Post) प्रवेश पत्र नहीं भेजे जाएंगे।**

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E-Procurement Tender Notice No.: 24/43 **Date:** 21.06.2024
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
On behalf of the President of India, **The Principal Chief Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj, (An ISO 9001:2015 certified unit)** invites the following E-procurement Tenders.

S.N.	Tender No.	Short Description	Qty.	Tender Opening Date
1	30242782A	WATER TANK ASSEMBLY	19 NOS.	09.07.2024
2	30242035	SECONDARY LATERAL DAMPER	319 NOS.	09.07.2024
3	38243168	495-4A QUICK DRAW	40 NOS.	18.07.2024
4	38242663	UPGRADED HIGH CAPACITY DRAFT GEAR	232 Nos.	15.07.2024
5	38242621 (e-RA)	COUPLER BODY WITH SHANK WEAR PLATE	8995 Nos.	15.07.2024
6	38241618	BOLSTER LAND SURFACE LINER	149080 Nos.	15.07.2024
7	38243205	CONE, ROLLER AND CAGE ASSEMBLY	1988 Nos.	29.07.2024
8	63235402A	Fish Plate 1 Meter long 60 Kg T-5916 Pump part no.	27756 Set	15.07.2024
9	64245156	A17F0045/10NRWK0E81-0 MNR: R902282853 Make: REXROTH or Similar for use in Phooltas make track machines	1 Nos.	22.07.2024
10	64245126	Tungsten Carbide Round Shaft Chisel for BCM Part No. 64.08.2034HM. (1) Drawing RDSO/TM/03/19 (attached) (2) Specification: TM/HM/6/435 (attached) Make: Own make equivalent to plasser.	4000 Nos.	01.08.2024
11	64235172	Contactor 30.0 HPIEC, Loram Part No. 123665, Allen Bradley Part No. 10.C43. DJ00-SER-A. (Acceptable Make LORAM or ALLEN Bradley only)	36 Nos.	24.07.2024
12	30243078	SET OF BRAKE PIPE ARRANGEMENT	150 SET	15.07.2024
13	30242835	HOSE CONNECTION 20 X 550 MM	2423 NOS.	15.07.2024
14	20243760	Axle Damper for P-7 loco	15 Nos.	12.07.2024
15	20243772	Vertical Damper P7 loco	13 Nos.	12.07.2024
16	20243615	Contactor for time delay of MR blower	09 Nos.	16.07.2024

Note: The complete information of above tenders can be seen and downloaded from IREPS website i.e. **https://www.ireps.gov.in.** For any change/corrigendum in tender, please visit this website regularly. No separate corrigendum/change will be published in news paper. **1080/24(A)**
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India to tour SA for four T20Is

JOHANNESBURG: India will tour South Africa for a short four-match T20I series in November this year, CSA and the BCCI announced in a joint statement on Friday. As per the itinerary released by Cricket South Africa (CSA), the series will begin on November 8 at Kingsmead in Durban.

Shreyasi included in shooting squad

NEW DELHI: Trap shooter Shreyasi Singh was on Friday included in the final 21-member Indian shooting squad for the Paris Olympics following a quota swap, which needed the approval of the sport's global governing body, ISSF.

Aditi lies T-22 in Women's PGA

SAMMAMISH: Aditi Ashok rebounded from a disappointing front nine of 3-over to finish at even par for the first round in the KPMG Women's PGA Championship here. Aditi, playing her 30th major, was tied-22nd after the first round. Aditi made the cut at both the Chevron and US Open this year.

Stunning catches win match for SA, England lose way in chase

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South African players celebrate after sealing victory over England on Friday. GETTY

KOLKATA: Kagiso Rabada normally keeps his emotions in check. Not this time though. Plucking the ball out of thin air sounds dramatic, but watching it live can take your breath away.

Reeza Hendricks had that effect on Rabada — throwing himself full length at cover, both feet in the air and stretching every sinew in his left arm to spectacularly hold on to the catch of Phil Salt in the second over. So quickly it happened that even the replays looked real-time.

Fast forward to the first ball of the 20th over and the story repeated itself. Needing 14 from six, Harry Brook didn't get his hoick off Anrich Nortje right, spearing the ball straight into the air to send Aidan Markram haring from mid-off to complete a sensational catch over his shoulder.

South Africa shouldn't have been in that position had it not been for Brook and Liam Livingstone adding 78 in 42 balls after Phil Salt, Jos Buttler and Jonny Bairstow were gone inside nine overs.

But the bowling had gone completely haywire towards the end. Rabada conceded 18 runs in the 15th over. Nortje was hit for consecutive boundaries before he bounced back with four singles but Ottneil Baartman really let it slip in the 17th over when he kept bowling full tosses trying to find the yorker and conceded 21. What didn't slip though were South Africa's fielding standards.

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De Kock was the initial architect of this seven-run win though, scoring 65 off 38 balls. The main onslaught came in the fourth over, when he first used Jofra Archer's pace to whip him over fine-leg for a six. Next ball was again full, and this time de Kock clobbered Archer over midwicket for a massive over-boundary. It prompted a length ball, almost devoid of pace, but de Kock didn't have any problem picking that and ramping it over short third man for a four. Once Reeza Hendricks swung wildly through midwicket for a four to rub salt into Archer's wounds with a 21-run over, South Africa looked well and truly away on a great start.

South Africa flattered to deceive though. From the seventh to the 15th over, South Africa could muster only four boundaries, largely because England took pace off the ball by introducing Adil Rashid who ended with an economy of five and a classical dismissal of Aiden Markram but also because of some scintillating bit of keeping from Jos Buttler.

As if a one-handed catch of de Kock almost at first slip wasn't sizzling enough, Buttler followed that up with a one-handed pick-up-and-throw to take out the stumps at the non-striker's end after Heinrich Klaasen was a tad late to react to David Miller's call for a single.

Apart from that dismissal putting the brakes on South Africa's scoring, England also probably had a point to prove in the aftermath of de Kock getting a life void earlier in the innings after the fourth umpire felt Mark Wood's fingers weren't under the ball when he lunged forward to catch him at deep backward square-leg.

Post that reprieve, de Kock just couldn't reproduce the touch that saw him racing to 58 from 29 balls. South Africa's curve nosedived as a result, till a flurry of boundaries from Miller salvaged the innings to a great degree. It still wasn't a winning score, partly because England back themselves to chase any target and partly because the St Lucia pitch appeared to become flatter. This is where South Africa's fielding came into its own, derailing England's chase.

Brief scores: SA 163/6 in 20 overs (Q de Kock 65; J Archer 3/40). England 156/6 in 20 overs (H Brook 53). **SA won by 7 runs**.

POINTS TABLE

GROUP 1

Team	P	W	L	NRR	Pts
AUS	1	1	0	2.471	2
IND	1	1	0	2.35	2
AFG	1	0	1	-2.34	0
BAN	1	0	1	-2.471	0

GROUP 2

Team	P	W	L	NRR	Pts
SA	2	2	0	0.625	4
ENG	2	1	1	0.412	2
USA	1	0	1	-0.9	0
WI	1	0	1	-1.343	0

Milestone for Messi in Argentina's win

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Lionel Messi became the most capped player in Copa. REUTERS

ATLANTA: World champions Argentina opened their bid for back-to-back Copa America titles with a 2-0 win over Canada in front of a crowd of 70,564 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium on Thursday.

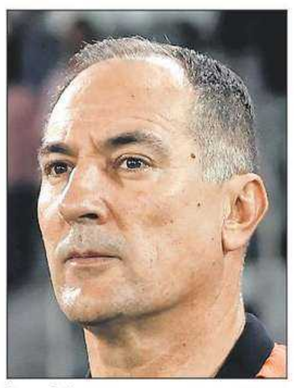
Julian Alvarez put Argentina ahead in the 49th minute but a combination of inspired goalkeeping from Canada's Max Crepeau and Lionel Messi's surprising lack of precision in front of goal ensured that the underdogs were in the game until Lautaro Martinez settled the contest in the 88th minute.

Backed by a huge support decked out in light blue and white striped shirts, Argentina fully deserved their victory but Canada, ranked 48th in the world, can take plenty of credit for the way they fought with the 15-time Copa America winners.

Alvarez, preferred to Lautaro as Messi's strike partner in attack, had the first opportunity when he charged down an attempted clearance from Ismael Kone and broke away. But the Manchester City striker took a heavy touch as he bore down on Canada keeper Max Crepeau, who was able to smother the ball. Messi, who became the most capped player in Copa America history, making his 35th appearance in what is his seventh tournament, then went close to an opener himself but his angled shot from the left flashed just wide of the far post.

While the Argentines were exploiting gaps in the Canadian defence, Jesse Marsch's team were nonetheless competing in midfield and creating some half-chances for themselves.

Better for Indian football if Chaubey leaves AIFF: Stimac


Igor Stimac. REUTERS

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NEW DELHI: Four days after he was unceremoniously sacked as the coach of India's men's football team, Igor Stimac launched a scathing attack on reigning All India Football Federation (AIFF) president Kalyan Chaubey, saying the sooner he leaves the post, the better it would be for the future of football in the country.

"The sooner Kalyan Chaubey leaves AIFF, the better it is for Indian football," Stimac said.

The 56-year-old was removed following India's failure to reach the third round of the FIFA World Cup Qualifiers. A day later, the Croat threatened a lawsuit against AIFF in the FIFA Tribunal if his outstanding dues were not cleared in 10 days.

Noting that the Indian football is "imprisoned," Stimac, who came onboard in March 2019 after the departure of Stephen Constantine, said it will take 20 years for things to change.

"I came with an open heart to Indian football. But your football is imprisoned. It will take a couple of decades for things to improve which I don't see happening," he told mediapersons in a virtual press conference.

"Football is the most popular sport in the world, but India is the only place where football is not growing," he added.

The outspoken coach also trained his guns at AIFF Technical Committee head and India great IM Vijayan, saying he is not fit for the job.

"IM Vijayan was a fantastic player but he is not the person to head the national federation's technical committee," he said.

Stimac said there is no clear structure and stability in Indian football thanks to the AIFF.

"My staff was working mostly without any compensation, team manager was working without any sleep, managing multiple teams knowing that we are not going to get enough time for preparation."

India's support staff, the former coach said, was not provided with the technology needed to optimise their performance. "We were working without GPS equipment, without VO camera, which I asked for long back to analyse our training session. I also told them if you have a problem with the budget I would do it, but it was not allowed, and AIFF didn't do anything about it either.

"We were renting match analysts from Goa. We were, in fact, stealing the platforms from Goa FC, that's how we were working."

When the new set of office-bearers took charge of AIFF two years ago, Stimac said he was told that his contract would not be renewed if the team failed to make the quarter-finals of Asian Cup.