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TOPOF THE WORLD

PAKISTAN

Pakman killed by mob for ‘Quran desecration’

Peshawar: An enraged mob in the picturesque Pakistani town of Swat has gunned down a tourist, dragged him through the town and later hanged him in full public view for allegedly committing desecration of the Quran. The incident took place on Thursday night when Muhammad Ismail, a resident of Sialkot in Punjab province, was visiting the northwestern Pakistan hill resort town of Swat and was accused of having burnt the pages of Islam’s holy book in Madyan tehsil of Swat district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. District Police Officer, Swat, Zahidullah said that initially the police had taken Ismail in custody and locked him up in the police station when the alleged desecration incident was reported. However, the incident was announced from mosques through loud-speakers in the market, prompting thousands of people to gather outside the police station. **PTI**

SOUTH KOREA

Russian envoy summoned after Kim-Putin deal

Seoul: South Korea summoned the Russian ambassador to protest the country’s new defense pact with North Korea on Friday, as border tensions continued to rise with vague threats and brief, seemingly accidental incursions by North Korean troops. South Korean Vice Foreign Minister Kim Hong Kyun summoned Russian Ambassador Georgy Zinoviev to convey Seoul’s stance on the deal between Putin and Kim and on alleged military cooperation between Russia and North Korea. Seoul’s Foreign Ministry didn’t immediately confirm what was said during the meeting. **AP**

CHINA

Death penalty for Taiwan separatists: Govt

Beijing: China on Friday threatened to impose the death penalty in extreme cases for “diehard” Taiwan independence separatists, aratcheting up of pressure even though Chinese courts have no jurisdiction on the democratically governed island. The new guidelines say China’s courts, prosecutors, and state security bodies should “severely punish Taiwan independence diehards for splitting the country and inciting secession,” according to Xinhua news agency. **REUTERS**

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WHEN HISUI Tatsuta was in middle school, her mother used to joke that she couldn’t wait to see the faces of her future grandchildren. Tatsuta, now a 24-year-old model in Tokyo, recoiled at the assumption that she would someday give birth. As her body began to develop feminine traits, Tatsuta took to extreme diet and exercise to forestall the changes. She started to regard herself as genderless. “To be seen as a uterus that can give birth be-

SWISS COURT DISMISSES TRAFFICKING CHARGES

Exploiting domestic workers: Hinduja family sentenced to at least four years

JAMEY KEATEN
GENEVA, JUNE 21

A SWISS criminal court on Friday sentenced four members of the wealthy Hinduja family with between four and 4 1/2 years in prison for exploiting their vulnerable domestic workers. The court at the same time threw out the more severe charges of human trafficking. The four — Indian-born tycoon Prakash Hinduja and his wife, son and daughter-in-law — were accused of trafficking of their servants, mostly illiterate Indians, who were employed at their luxurious lakeside villa in Geneva. The four were not in court in Geneva though a fifth defendant — Najib Ziazi, the family’s business manager — was in attendance. The lawyers representing the defendants said they would appeal. The court said the four were

Ukraine, Moldova to start accession talks next week as EU nations clear framework plan

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BRUSSELS, JUNE 21

EUROPEAN UNION countries on Friday formally approved the launch of accession negotiations with war-torn Ukraine and Moldova next week, another step in the two nations’ long journey to join the 27-nation bloc. Belgium, which currently holds the presidency of the European Union, said member states have agreed on a negotiating framework. “This opens the way for launching the negotiations on Tuesday 25 June in Luxembourg,” the Belgian presidency said. Following a positive assessment from the EU’s executive branch, EU leaders had already agreed last year that accession negotiations should start with both countries. The process between the start of negotiations with Ukraine and Moldova and their becoming members of the EU could take years. To join the EU, candidate countries must go through a lengthy process to align their laws and standards with those of the bloc and show that their institutions and economies meet democratic norms. Ukraine is one of several countries that have long wanted to join the EU. Moldova has accused Russia of conducting a “hybrid war” against the country and derail its path toward joining the EU.

MARI YAMAGUCHI
TOKYO, JUNE 21

JAPAN’S SPACE agency has suffered a series of cyberattacks since last year, but sensitive information related to rockets and satellites was not affected and it is continuing to investigate and take preventive measures, officials said Friday. Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi acknowl-

fore being seen as a person, I did not like this,” she said. Ultimately, she wants to eliminate any chance of becoming pregnant. Yet in Japan, women who seek sterilisation procedures like tubal ligation or hysterectomies must meet conditions that are among the most onerous in the world. They must already have children and prove that pregnancy would endanger their health, and they are required to obtain the consent of their spouses. That makes such surgeries difficult to obtain for many women, and all but impossible for single, childless women like Tatsuta. Now, she and four other



Prakash Hinduja, Chairman of the Hinduja Group in Europe. www.hindujagroup.com

guilty of exploiting workers and providing unauthorized employment. It dismissed the trafficking charges on the grounds that the staff understood what they were getting into. The four Hinduja family members were accused of seizing workers’ passports, paying them in ru-



BEATING THE HEAT

A cooler installed around the Colosseum amid a heatwave in Rome on Friday. *Reuters*

US, China hold first semi-official nuclear talks in five years: Officials

REUTERS
HONG KONG, JUNE 21

THE UNITED States and China resumed semi-official nuclear arms talks in March for the first time in five years, with Beijing’s representatives telling U.S. counterparts that they would not resort to atomic threats over Taiwan, according to two American delegates who attended. The Chinese representatives



Chief Cabinet Secy Yoshimasa Hayashi

edged that the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, or JAXA, has had “a number of” cyberattacks since late last year. JAXA has investigated the extent of illegal access while shutting down the af-

pees — not Swiss francs — barring them from leaving the villa and forcing them to work excruciatingly long hours for a pittance in Switzerland, among other things. Last week, it emerged in criminal court that the family — which has roots in India — had reached an undisclosed settlement with the plaintiffs. Swiss authorities have already seized diamonds, rubies, a platinum necklace and other jewelry 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 were forced to work up to 18 hours a day with little or no vacation time off and for pay that was equal to less than one-tenth of the comparable amount required under Swiss law. Employees worked even later hours for receptions and slept in the basement of the villa in the

upscale Cologny neighborhood — sometimes on a mattress on the floor, prosecutors said. They described a “climate of fear” instituted by Kamal Hinduja. **Appeal in higher court: Attorneys** The attorneys of the Hinduja family said that an appeal has been filed in a higher court. “Our clients have been acquitted of all human trafficking charges. We are appalled and disappointed by the rest of the decision made in this court of first instance, and we have of course filed an appeal to the higher court thereby making this part of the judgement not effective. Under Swiss law, the presumption of innocence is paramount till a final judgement by the highest adjudicating authority is enforced,” said a statement issued by Advocates Yael Hayat and Robert Assael and Roman Jordan.

UNICEF SAYS OVER 7 LAKH CHILDREN AMONG THOSE TRAPPED

FLOODS IN BANGLADESH STRAND OVER 2 MN PEOPLE

Monsoon rains and upstream river water from India have caused widespread flooding in northeastern Bangladesh, stranding more than 2 million people, officials said Friday. The UNICEF said trapped residents in the region, including more than 772,000 children, were in urgent need of assistance. **REUTERS**

TROOPS PUSH BACK INTO GAZA CITY

Israel tries to complete Rafah capture, steps up bombing across Gaza

Ops in south city ‘precise, intelligence-based’, says military

NIDAL AL-MUGHRABI
CAIRO, JUNE 21

ISRAELI FORCES pounded Rafah and other areas across the Gaza Strip and engaged in close-quarter combat with fighters led by Palestinian Islamist group Hamas, residents and Israel’s military said. Residents said the Israelis appeared to be trying to complete their capture of Rafah, the city on the enclave’s southern edge that has been the focus of an Israeli assault since early May. Tanks were forcing their way into the western and northern parts of the city, having already captured the east, south and centre. Israeli forces fired from planes, tanks and ships off the coast, forcing a new wave of displacement from the city, which had been sheltering over a million displaced people, most of whom have been forced to flee again. Palestinian health officials said at least 12 Palestinians had been killed in separate Israeli military strikes on Friday. The Israeli military said on Friday its forces were conducting “precise, intelligence-based” actions in Rafah, where troops were involved in close-quarter combat and had located tunnels. Some Rafah residents said the



A crater formed after an Israeli airstrike in south Gaza’s Khan Younis, Friday. *AP*

pace of the Israeli raid has been accelerated in the past two days. They said sounds of explosions and gunfire indicating fierce fighting have been almost non-stop. “The entire city of Rafah is an area of Israeli military operations,” Ahmed Al-Sofi, Mayor of Rafah, said in a statement. In nearby Khan Younis, an Israeli air strike on Friday killed three people, medics said. In parallel, Israeli forces continued a new push back into some Gaza City suburbs in the north of the enclave. Residents said the army had destroyed many homes in the heart of Gaza City Thursday. **REUTERS**

ARMENIA RECOGNISES PALESTINIAN STATE

ARMENIA HAS officially recognised a Palestinian state, the Armenian foreign ministry said on Friday, the latest country to do so despite opposition from Israel. Armenia supports a United Nations resolution on an immediate ceasefire in Israel’s war with Hamas in Gaza and is in favour of a two-state solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, a statement said. **REUTERS**

SURPRISE U-TURN IN SIGNATURE ISSUE

In major shift, Trump proposes green cards for foreign grads in US colleges if voted back

ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON
MIAMI, JUNE 21

FORMER PRESIDENT Donald Trump has said in an interview that he wants to give automatic green cards to foreign students who graduate from US colleges, a sharp departure from the anti-immigrant rhetoric he typically uses on the campaign trail. Trump was asked about plans for companies to be able to import the “best and brightest” in a podcast taped Wednesday with venture capitalists called the “All-In”. “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. And that includes junior colleges too, anybody graduates from a college. You go there for two years or four years,” he said, vowing to address this concern on day one. Immigration has been Trump’s signature issue during



Former President Donald Trump

his 2024 bid to return to the White House.



RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

His suggestion that he would offer green cards to hundreds of thousands of foreign graduates would represent a sweeping expansion of America’s immigration system that sharply diverges from his most common messages on foreigners. Trump and his allies often say they distinguish between people entering illegally versus legally. But during his administration, Trump also proposed curbs on legal immigration such as family-based visas and the visa lottery programme. **AP**



Plaintiffs who are suing the government over the Maternal Protection Act head to a Tokyo court with their lawyers. *NYT*


of a different era and that the plaintiffs wanted to take “an essential step in living the life they have chosen.” Japan lags other developed countries on reproductive rights beyond sterilisation. Neither the birth control pill nor intrauterine devices are covered by national health insurance, and women seeking abortions are required to gain the consent of their partners. Experts say that the plaintiffs in the sterilisation case, who are also seeking damages of 1 million yen (about \$6,400) per person with interest, face considerable hurdles. They are pushing for the right to be sterilised at the same

time that the government is trying to increase Japan’s birthrate, which has fallen to record lows. Last week, as the five female plaintiffs sat across a courtroom from four male representatives of the government, Miri Sakai, 24, a graduate student in sociology, testified that she had no interest in either sexual or romantic relationships or in having children. Although women have made some progress in the workplace in Japan, cultural expectations for their family duties are much as they have always been. “Is it natural to have children for the sake of the country?” she asked. “Are women who do not

give birth to children themselves unnecessary for society?” In Japan, sterilisation is a particularly sensitive issue because of the government’s history of forcing the procedures on people with psychiatric conditions or intellectual and physical disabilities. In principle, the law also affects men who seek vasectomies. They must have their spouses’ consent, as well as prove that they are already fathers and that their partners would be medically jeopardized by pregnancy. In practice, however, experts say that far more clinics in Japan offer vasectomies than sterilisation procedures for women. **NYT**

LAWSUIT CALLS STRINGENT CONDITIONS FOR GETTING STERILISED PATERNALISTIC, VIOLATION OF WOMEN’S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

Five Japanese women sue govt to opt out of motherhood more easily



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THE WORLD



EXPLOITING DOMESTIC WORKERS: FOUR OF HINDUJA FAMILY SENTENCED TO 4 YRS

DELHI CM TO REMAIN IN TIHAR JAIL UNTIL HC DECIDES

HC suspends Kejriwal bail order for ‘2-3 days’, reserves verdict on ED’s stay plea

Trial court order perverse: ASG for ED; a stay will be bail cancellation: Singhvi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

THE DELHI High Court Friday put on hold for “two-three days” the order of the trial court a day earlier granting bail to AAP leader and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. The High Court said it was reserving its order on the Enforcement Directorate’s plea seeking a stay on the bail order. This means that Kejriwal, ar-



Arrested on March 21 by ED

rested by the ED on March 21 in a money laundering case linked to the Delhi excise policy case being probed separately by the CBI, will continue to remain in

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EXPLAINED Bail order questions ED case

THE ED’s charge against Kejriwal is that he was involved in money laundering both directly as CM and vicariously as AAP convenor. The trial court flagged three issues to rebut this: timing of arrest; revisions in approver statements; whether money seized is crime proceeds.

Bail order quotes CJI, pokes holes in ED claims on ‘crime proceeds’

NIRBHAY THAKUR
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

THE CHIEF Justice of India’s encouragement of trial court judges to grant bail; reliance on the Supreme Court’s observations that Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is not a threat to

society while granting interim bail and a finding that the Enforcement Directorate is yet to establish guilt against the accused — these are the three key reasons for the Delhi Court to grant bail to Kejriwal Thursday. A 26-page order by Judge Niyay Bindu was made available

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MUMBAI HOARDING COLLAPSE KILLED 17



The hoarding in Ghatkopar collapsed on May 13. File

IPS officer approved hoarding, money trail points to his wife’s business associate

MOHAMED THAVER
MUMBAI, JUNE 21

MUMBAI POLICE investigators are probing a series of money transactions allegedly linking the company that owned the giant hoarding that collapsed in Ghatkopar last month, killing 17 people, and a business associate of the wife of the IPS officer who approved the structure at the site without calling for tenders, *The Indian Express* has learned. The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the case has

found that Ego Media Pvt Ltd, which owned the “illegal” 140x120 ft hoarding, remitted Rs 46.5 lakh through 39 transactions into 10 different bank accounts between 2021 and 2022, and all the money was allegedly taken by one person identified as Arshad Khan, it is learned. Registrar of Companies (RoC) records accessed by *The Indian Express* show that Arshad Khan is a co-director in Mahpara Garments Pvt Ltd along with Sumanna Quaiser Khalid, the wife of IPS officer Quaiser Khalid,

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NTA TOLD TO SET NEW PAPER

Another test hit by leak claims: Govt postpones CSIR-NET for 2 lakh science graduates

June 25-27 entry test was for PhD and teaching jobs in the sciences

RITIKA CHOPRA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

LESS THAN 48 hours after cancelling the UGC-NET, the Ministry of Education Friday asked the National Testing Agency (NTA) to postpone the CSIR-UGC NET exam, scheduled to be held from June 25 to 27, “as a matter of abundant precaution” in light of inputs and claims that this exam, too, may have been leaked on the dark web.

The decision was taken after a series of marathon meetings by Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, which were also attended by UGC Chairman M Jagadesh Kumar and Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba, *The Indian Express* has learned. This came the same day the Department of Personnel and Training notified the Centre’s new anti-paper leak law, Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act 2024 that was passed in Parliament in February.

NTA has been conducting CSIR-UGC NET in online mode on behalf of the UGC and Council for Scientific and Industrial Research since December 2019. About 2 lakh candidates were expected to appear for CSIR-UGC NET from June 25 to 27.

It is learned that on Friday, the Education Minister was apprised of certain claims circulating on a messaging app that the

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Congress workers protest the alleged irregularities in the NEET-UG 2024 exam in Lucknow on Friday. Vishal Srivastav

Crisis blowback at NTA may delay CUET results, admissions calendar

DEEKSHA TERI & VIDHEESHA KUNTAMALLA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

AS THE National Testing Agency (NTA) grapples with paper leak allegations involving NEET-UG and UGC-NET, the controversy could delay the Central University Entrance Test (CUET-UG) results and cast a shadow over the undergraduate admissions calendar across Central universities, *The Indian Express* has learned.

CUET-UG is the single-window test for admissions to a majority of undergraduate programs at 46 Central universities, including Delhi University (DU), Allahabad University, and

Banaras Hindu University (BHU). This year, the entrance test was held in hybrid format — online as well as pen-and-paper mode — over multiple shifts between May 15 and May 31.

While the NTA’s information bulletin provides June 30 as the date for declaration of CUET-UG results, a senior official at the agency said that this deadline, in the present scenario, is unlikely to be met. The official added that the exam’s provisional answer key, in all probability, will only be released next week. After which, the agency will take “a week to 10 days” to release the final results.

This would mean a delay in the admissions calendar for all

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YOGA DAY IN SRINAGAR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi takes a selfie with the gathering after leading a yoga session on the 10th International Day of Yoga in Srinagar on Friday. @NarendraModi/X

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GOVT CHOOSES MAHTAB OVER CONG’S K SURESH

Pro tem Speaker choice: Opp alleges bias against Dalit, Govt says it is as per norms

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

A DAY after the government announced the appointment of Bhartruhari Mahtab as the pro tem Speaker of Lok Sabha, the Opposition said it was a violation of parliamentary norms as the post should have gone to the

most senior MP — Kodikunnil Suresh of Congress.

While Mahtab is a seven-time MP from Odisha, Suresh is an eight-time MP from Kerala.

Accusing the government of being anti-Dalit, the Congress asked if Suresh was denied the post because he belongs to the Dalit community. The party was backed by INDIA bloc ally CPI(M), with Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan alleging that “upper caste politics” may have played a role behind the decision. Countering the Opposition attack, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said that “as per the Westminster system”, the MP who has the longest-serving “uninterrupted tenure” is chosen for the position.

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SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

LESS THAN two weeks after she came to New Delhi for the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union Council of Ministers, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina returned to the Capital Friday on a two-day State

visit and met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.

A bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Modi is scheduled Saturday with a range of topics on the table — defence, connectivity and infrastructure, power and energy cooperation, trade and economic partnership, development cooperation, river water-sharing and cultural ties.

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SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, JUNE 21

COMING FROM a farmer’s family and working as a small-time contractor until 2012, Sikander P Yadavendu (56) had largely flown under the radar: That was until his name emerged in connection with the alleged NEET-UG paper leak in Bihar.

Today, Yadavendu is, according to state police officers, a key accused in the case. He was arrested on May 5, hours after the exam was held, alongside 12 others, including four aspirants

who took the paper.

Yadavendu, who lives in a rented flat in an apartment complex in Rupaspur area of Patna’s Danapur, has a diploma in engineering and worked as a contractor for a decade and a half.

His father was a farmer, and the family owns eight bighas of agricultural land in Samastipur. After clearing class 10 in the 1980s, he moved to Ranchi, where he studied until class 12, and got a diploma.

In 2012, when the NDA was in power in Bihar, he landed a job as a junior engineer with the water resources department. In

2016, Yadavendu was named in connection with a Rs 2.92 crore LED scam in the Rohtas Municipal Council, which he held additional charge of. The charges included buying LEDs at inflated rates to be installed in Dalmianagar. He was arrested and later released on bail.

In 2021, he is said to have used his connections to get transferred to the urban development and housing department, with a posting in the Danapur Municipal Council. Sources said he wielded influence there, and would clear the layouts of upcoming apartments in the area.



Sikander Yadavendu was arrested on May 5

“In 2023, he had a falling out with some seniors and was transferred to the water resources department, but he

managed to get the transfer order reversed,” said a source in the Danapur Municipal Council.

The ruling BJP has alleged that Yadavendu was closely associated with Pritam Kumar, the personal assistant of former deputy CM and now state Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Prasad Yadav. Tejashwi said Friday that the Economic Offences Unit of Bihar Police, which is probing the case, has made no such insinuation, and the BJP is trying to politicise the matter.

The four NEET aspirants who were arrested from an NHAI inspection bungalow near Patna

airport on May 5 were caught after Yadavendu revealed their whereabouts to police. The room had been booked for Yadavendu a day earlier, after Pritam allegedly called a staffer there.

One of the four aspirants, a relative of Yadavendu, has told police that he had been assured by Yadavendu that the question paper would be made available before the exam.

Nitish Kumar, another key accused who police say is part of a ‘paper solver gang’, has told police that Yadavendu was the one who put the four aspirants in touch with the gang. While the

gang told Yadavendu it would cost Rs 30-32 lakh per student, he allegedly asked for Rs 40 lakh from each student, two of whom were his relatives. The four eventually got 581, 483, 300 and 185 marks out of 720.

“Yadavendu is the link to the inter-state gang. He and four gang members who have been arrested approached over two dozen students. We have identified nine more examinees and are questioning them. We are trying to reach the gang’s kingpins, who are also involved in alleged paper leaks in other exams conducted in Bihar,” said an officer.



NET PAPER LIKELY LEAKED JUNE 16, SOLD FOR OVER ₹5 LAKH: PROBE

SC REFUSES TO STAY RE-TEST OR POSTPONE COUNSELLING PAGE 8

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'ED ACTING LIKE IT HAS ENMITY WITH CM'

Kejriwal's bail stayed: AAP, BJP trade charges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) was struggling to keep its case of alleged money laundering linked to the excise policy afloat at various courts, the AAP alleged after the Delhi High Court stayed the bail granted to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal by a trial court a day earlier.

Reacting to the AAP's allegations, the BJP termed them hasty and accused the party and its leaders of excelling in "spreading confusion" when it came to such matters. It said generally, every investigative agency challenges bail granted to an accused and this was what was happening in Kejriwal's case as well.

Moving the HC a day after a city court granted bail to the AAP convener, the ED on Friday termed the bail order "illegal, erroneous and arbitrary" and argued that it was "a fit case where stay should be granted". Appearing for Kejriwal, Senior Advocate Vikram Chaudhari termed the order "most well formulated" and fit to "qualify in all spheres the tests of equity and justice".

A single-judge bench of Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain said: "Arguments are heard. Order is reserved. Till the pronouncement of the order on the stay application, the operation of the impugned (trial court) order is stayed". This



AAP's Saurabh Bhargava; BJP's Virendra Sachdeva. Archive

means that the CM would have to remain in jail for now.

The HC said that it wants to go through the "entire record, the impugned judgment" and it shall pronounce its verdict on the stay application in "two-three days". Senior AAP leader and Delhi Minister Saurabh Bhargava said at a press conference after the HC's decision: "What a Central agency has said in court today about the judge who granted bail to Kejriwal is shameful... The ED is not being able to submit any proof to the courts... the AAP has been saying this consistently — this has also been noted in the trial court order (granting bail to Kejriwal)".

"After the judge demolished the entire case of the ED, in panic, even before the trial court's order came out, the most senior lawyer of the Centre has reached the High Court... The ED is behaving as if this is its personal case, like it has personal enmity with Kejriwal... this is unprecedented," he added.

Terming the statements by

AAP leaders in this regard "absurd", Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva said the party had a habit of making statements based on such "rhetoric and excuses".

"Their leaders excel in spreading confusion, but there is one fact that is clear to all of us, the Delhi HC order is in operation, which found that the arrest of the Honourable CM was legally correct and that he had a personal role in receiving crores of rupees in kickbacks in the liquor policy," he alleged.

"It is an old habit of the Aam Aadmi Party to claim 'Satyamev Jayate' (truth alone triumphs) when orders are in their favor, but to question the same judicial system when orders are not in their favor... the country's judiciary is independent and works in an unbiased manner based on facts," he also said, adding that it would be better for AAP leaders to "understand the judicial system" before "hastily commenting on judicial decisions".

Janakpuri: Man tries to extort money from doctor, arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

INSPIRED BY TV series Crime Patrol — based on real-life crime cases revolving around harassment, kidnapping and murder, while also presenting re-enactment — a man working with a private firm, but not making enough money, allegedly tried to extort a doctor from Delhi's Janakpuri area. Reason? He wanted to make quick money to fulfill his wife's dream — a brand new flat for the family.

Police said the accused, 32-year-old Ashok Kumar, a B.Com graduate, reced three high-profile clinics in Janakpuri before picking his target. He took note of the rush at the establishment of his target, Dr Anil. Wearing a mask, he then left an extortion letter in the name of jailed gangster from Haryana, Manoj Baba, at the desk of the doctor's assistant, said police.

However, police later arrested Kumar and his handwritten extortion letter was also recovered, said officials.

The matter came to light after Dr Anil, who runs a clinic in Janakpuri, filed a complaint with police about receiving a letter from "a masked man" demanding extortion money and threatening to kill the former if he fails to do so; the letter was attributed to jailed gangster Manoj Baba. A FIR was registered against the accused, a native of

Man left a handwritten letter on the desk of the doctor's assistant: Cops

Kurukshetra, at the Janakpuri police station, and it was later transferred to the South West region's Special Cell, Delhi, said police.

According to police, an informant said on June 15 that the movement of the accused was allegedly noticed in Jai Vihar area. Following this, a trap was laid near Chath Park's Block G, Jai Vihar in Najafgarh, Delhi, and after noticing the motorcycle allegedly used by the accused — TVS Star City+ — police apprehended Kumar. The clothes Kumar had on while delivering the letter were also recovered from his possession, police added.

Kumar revealed during questioning that being a private employee, he had no fixed source of income and as his wife had been insisting on buying a flat, he committed the crime in a bid to make quick money.

"Accused Ashok Kumar on June 3 reached Dr Anil's clinic, parked his motorbike at a distance, and entered the clinic with a mask on. At the clinic, he kept the extortion letter in a yellow envelope — in the name of jailed gangster Manoj Baba — at the desk of the doctor's assistant and left immediately," said DCP Manoj C, Delhi Police's Special Cell, adding that the letter was in his handwriting

In the works: A quick, easy way to register commercial vehicles

GAYATHRI MANI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

SOON, DELHITES looking to purchase a vehicle for commercial purposes will no longer have to visit the Transport Department's Burari taxi unit or the MLO (Motor Licensing Office) headquarters in Civil Lines to get them registered and wait several weeks for the verification process to be completed.

This is because the Delhi government is planning to simplify the process by introducing self-registration. The proposed changes will come into force once the Delhi Motor Vehicles Rules are amended.

Stating that the Transport Department aims to "provide relief to people", a senior official said: "Currently, whenever a resident of Delhi buys a new vehicle for commercial purposes, he/she has to wait at least a month to complete the registration process. Once this change takes place, they can carry out the

process using their Aadhaar and E-KYC details at the dealership. They will receive an OTP and once they fill in the requisite information, the registration will be done. It will be easy and swift."

The official said: "Section 39 of the Motor Vehicles Act makes it mandatory to register a vehicle driven or allowed to be driven in a public place" while there is "self-registration of private /non-commercial vehicles" through dealers.

"Currently, registration of commercial vehicles can only be done at the MLO headquarters and at the MLO taxi unit in Burari for taxis," he said, adding that once this rule (Section 39) is amended, the registration process for commercial vehicles will be similar to the one in place for private vehicles. "It will be a sort of self-registration by the buyer at the dealership only."

Officials said in a week, the department receives around 300-400 applications for verification of registration of commercial vehicles.

The official said this measure,

once implemented, will "reduce pendency" and "enhance transparency" at the Regional Transport Office and reduce the workload of employees involved in the commercial vehicle registration process. "The introduction of self-registration (for commercial vehicles) is a significant reform," he added.

Sources said the proposal had been sent to the Law department, which has vetted it and given clearance. "The file was sent to the Transport Minister (Kailash Gahlot) earlier this month. Once he approves it, and followed by the L-G giving his nod, a draft gazette notification will be issued inviting suggestions from people," the official said.

"Once this is complete, this file will be sent to the L-G for final approval before it is notified."

Hailing the proposal, Rajender Kapoor, All India Motor and Goods Transport Association president, said: "It is a welcome step for transporters as registration and verification takes a lot of time in Delhi currently..."

Woman held, son apprehended for kidnapping minor boy, theft

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

THE DWARKA district police has arrested a woman and apprehended her 16-year-old son for kidnapping a minor boy and stealing 500 gm of gold as well as Rs 5.7 lakh in cash from a Uttam Nagar residence on June 15.

Based on a complaint filed by the victim's father on June 16, stating that his 14-year-old son was kidnapped from their house on June 15, police registered an FIR and launched an investigation.

Police combed through the neighbourhood's CCTV footage and narrowed down the suspect to the woman, a former neighbour of the victim's family.

Police then traced the accused woman to a village near Bareilly, and arrested her along with her son as well as rescued the 14-year-old victim on June 18; they also

recovered the stolen goods from their possession.

The woman works as a domestic worker. "She roped in her minor son to earn quick money, and they committed the crime," said Ankit Singh, DCP (Dwarka).

According to police sources, the victim and the woman's son had been friends since the time they were neighbours. Noticing that the victim's family was well-to-do, the woman hatched a plan to rob them.

"...the victim was unhappy... The woman's son convinced the victim to collect some money and run away with him...", said a police officer, requesting anonymity.

The woman has been booked under Indian Penal Code sections 380, 363, 411, and 120B, and her minor son under Section 83(2) of the JJ Act for kidnapping and robbery charges, said police.

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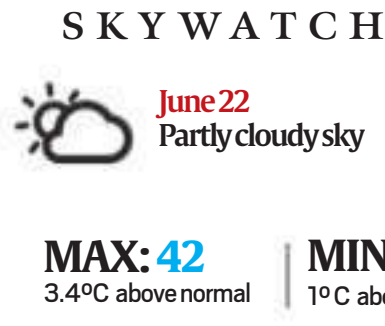
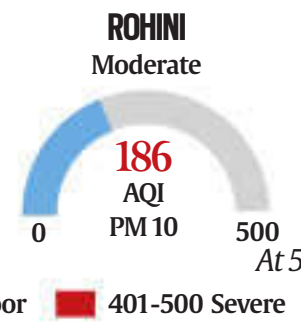
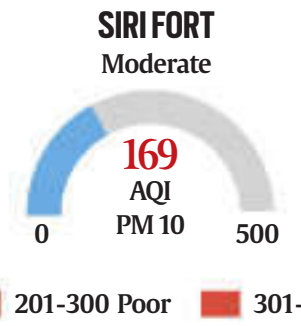
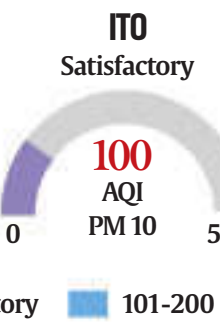
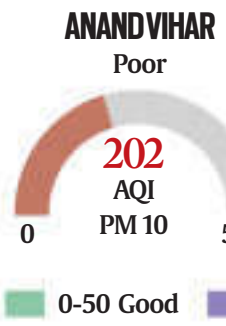
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MINISTER BEGINS 'PAANI SATYAGRAHA' OVER WATER CRISIS

Until the thirst of over 28 lakh people of Delhi is quenched, indefinite strike will continue: Atishi

SOPHIYA MATHEW
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

WATER MINISTER Atishi Friday protested against the BJP government in Haryana allegedly "holding back Delhi's share of water" and "causing a crisis".

"After paying tribute to Gandhi ji (at Raj Ghat), I've come here to sit on an indefinite strike. I will not eat anything. I will only drink water. Until the people of Delhi don't get their rightful share... till the thirst of 28 lakh people of Delhi is quenched... till the people of Delhi get justice, this indefinite strike will continue," she said.

The war for water in Delhi has turned into a full-fledged political battle between AAP and the BJP. And when top leaders of AAP, including four Delhi ministers, joined Atishi's protest at Bhogal in Jangpura, it was AAP's return to its earlier avatar. The emergence of AAP as a political party has its roots in the Anna Hazare-led hunger strike in 2011.

AAP has called its protest a "paani satyagraha". Calling the heatwave in Delhi as perhaps the "worst in the last hundred years", Atishi hit out at the Haryana government and claimed: "Delhi needs a total of 1,005 MGD water, out of which 613 MGD is

sourced from Haryana. Over the past two weeks, Haryana has not been releasing its complete share of water to Delhi... The last two days' figures show Haryana has further stopped (flow) by 120 MGD."

She said one MGD water is the share of 28,500 people living in Delhi. "This way, they are depriving over 28 lakh people of Delhi," she alleged.

Earlier in the day, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's wife Sunita Kejriwal, MP Sanjay Singh, and Delhi Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj accompanied Atishi to Raj Ghat before heading to Jangpura.

At Jangpura, AAP workers had set up a stage on a raised platform under a tent with a photo of Mahatma Gandhi decorated with flowers. Behind was a banner with Atishi's and CM Kejriwal's cutouts; the announcement of an indefinite strike was also written in Hindi on top. Three air coolers were set up inside the tent and there were around six cold water dispensers too.

Surrounded by around 60 AAP workers and supporters and leaders, Atishi sat on the platform. A three-member music group began singing "Ram ka gungaan kariye, Ram ka gungaan kariye..." (Say praises of Lord Ram)".

The mood was jubilant till



Minister Atishi and MP Sanjay Singh at the protest site in Jangpura, Friday. Praveen Khanna

they learnt that the High Court had stayed Kejriwal's bail order in the excise policy case.

Suddenly, the gathering turned somber. Taking to the stage, Sunita Kejriwal said: "The way Arvind Kejriwal is being treated, it seems as if he is the most wanted terrorist of India."

She then read out a message from the Chief Minister from Tihar Jail. "It is part of our culture to offer water for free to those thirsty as an act of virtue. But Delhi is dependent on neighbouring states for water... there is a lack of cooperation," she read. "The

people of Delhi are dying because of thirst, where should they go?"

Accusing the Haryana government of "cruelty", MP Singh said, "In this scorching heat, we keep water outside our houses for animals and birds. But the cruel BJP government of Haryana is making the people of Delhi suffer from thirst."

He said a team of doctors will regularly perform check-ups to ensure Atishi is fine.

AAP MLA Madan Lal said, "The seven MPs in Delhi are functioning as 'ghade phod' MPs (breaker of earthen pot MPs)."

He was referring to the pro-Haryana government stance of the recently elected Lok Sabha members of BJP from Delhi.

"It is shameful that the Delhi Water Minister has to start an indefinite hunger strike to make the Centre and BJP's Haryana government listen," he added.

Hitting out at Atishi, BJP New Delhi MP Bansuri Swaraj termed the protest "a sham" and an attempt to "cover up her inactivity". "Atishi is a completely unsuccessful water minister. It was clear since February that Delhi would endure a long summer, but she made no preparations," Bansuri alleged.

Responding to the allegation, AAP said despite being a Delhi MP, Swaraj, instead of requesting the Haryana government to release Delhi's share of water, is now "trying to trivialise the situation by making baseless allegations".

Meanwhile, some residents from Jangpura were also part of the gathering. Surender Rani, a 75-year-old housewife, said she came to join the "satyagraha". "What Delhi is facing is painful. Haryana should release water at least on humanitarian grounds," she said.

Pooja Kumari, 16, said this "satyagraha" is the best way to respond. "I am hopeful that seeing this (strike), the crisis will be solved," she said.

THREE ARRESTED, POLICE INVOKE POCSO

Lured and raped, teen dies, suicide suspected

NEETIKA JHA
GHAZIABAD, JUNE 21

A 13-YEAR-OLD girl, who posted videos on social media of fitness-related exercises, was allegedly lured and raped in a hotel in a Ghaziabad district town. She was found hanging from a ceiling fan in her house Wednesday, two days after the incident — a case of suspected death by suicide.

Additional Commissioner of Police Gyan Prakash Rai told *The Indian Express* that three persons — the accused and two brothers who own the hotel — have been arrested.

According to police, the hotel allowed the accused to bring in a minor without ascertaining her identity. The hotel's CCTV

The FIR says accused met her online. She was allegedly raped in a hotel in a Ghaziabad district town

footage has been seized.

On the complaint of the girl's father, an FIR has been registered under IPC sections 363 (kidnapping), 376 (3) (rape of a woman under 16 years of age), 506 (criminal intimidation) and POCSO Act sections 3 and 4 which deal with penetrative sexual assault.

In his complaint, the father said that the girl remained quiet after she returned home on the night of the incident. She later

told her parents that the accused, who got to know her on social media platform, had sent her a text message.

He took her to a place where he raped her and threatened to kill her if she disclosed her ordeal, the father said in his complaint.

The family claims the girl was drugged and then raped. On learning of her ordeal, the father confronted the family of the accused who he claimed wanted to settle the matter without reporting the incident to police. But he decided to lodge the FIR and took his daughter and wife with him to the police station on Tuesday.

The girl was found hanging from a ceiling fan in a room of their house Wednesday evening.

‘She remembers it all... she has nightmares’: Friend of woman injured in Uttarakhand accident

Part of group of 6 friends who went on trip; two survived

DHEERAJ MISHRA
NOIDA, JUNE 21

"SHE WAS very excited for this trip to Uttarakhand. She, along with her friends, did all the planning. But I was worried for her. Maine bola ki bahut gami hai mat jao (I said it is too hot, do not go). But she said she can't let her friends go alone," said Sadhana Sharma.

She was sitting beside an adjustable bed at a Noida hospital where her 30-year-old daughter, Vandana Sharma, has been hospitalised for extensive injuries for the last five days.

On June 15, Vandana was among a group of 26 heading to Chopta — a small village popular for its meadows and ever-green forests in Uttarakhand — in a tempo. She was accompanied by five friends — Mohini Pandey (27), Nikita Bhatt (26), Shubham Singh (26), Anjali Srivastava (27) and Smriti Sharma (28). They all lived in a paying guest accommodation in Noida Sector 51.

Around 11.30 pm, at a turn ahead of Rudraprayag city, the tempo driver lost control and the vehicle plunged into the Alaknanda River, killing 14 people. Of Vandana's group of six, only she and Shubham survived.

Sadhana is keeping her spirits high, praying that her daughter will return home soon. "There is not a single part of her body which is not injured. She is in a lot of pain... it is unbearable to see her in this condition. My heart stops beating every time she aches. Doctors said they would have to perform some more surgeries. They have not yet said if she is out of danger yet," she said.

Vandana was working in a private firm, said her mother, adding that the family has not received



The vehicle fell into a gorge in Uttarakhand's Rudraprayag last Saturday, killing 14 people. PTI

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SADHANA SHARMA, MOTHER OF VANDANA SHARMA, AMONG THOSE INJURED, WHO IS AT A HOSPITAL IN NOIDA

ceived any assistance from the government to date.

Shubham, who works in an IT company in Noida, has been discharged from the hospital but is unable to talk for long due to her injuries.

Her childhood friend, Beenu Agrahari, said she was supposed to be a part of the trip too but decided not to go as she was preparing for next year's NEET exam. "Shubham remembers everything — from the vehicle colliding with something and falling into the river. She has nightmares of the vehicle plunging..." she said.

"She had asked me if I wanted to join the group for the trip... but I could not go... she had moved only four months

ago. It was her first trip. From Noida, the six of them went to Delhi and from there, they took the tempo," said Beenu. A resident of Gorakhpur, she is currently living in Allahabad to prepare for the medical entrance exam.

After Shubham was discharged from AIIMS Rishikesh Thursday, Beenu rushed to Lucknow to look after her friend, ensuring she took her medication on time.

She also alleged that the hospital where Shubham was first taken had barely any facilities to treat her, following which she was transferred to AIIMS Rishikesh. "It would take months for her to walk properly... Shubham has not received any compensation... her family had to foot the hospital bill," she added.

"There cannot be a bigger pain than losing all your friends on a trip that you planned for months," Beenu said.

Expressing concern over the incident, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami had ordered a probe into the matter even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh to the next of kin of each deceased.

BRIEFLY

Fire breaks out at plastic bag manufacturing unit in Delhi

New Delhi: A massive fire broke out in a plastic bag manufacturing unit in Outer Delhi's Nangloi area on Friday night, an official from the Delhi Fire Service (DFS) said. No injury has been reported so far, the official said, adding that at least 28 fire tenders have been pressed into service to douse the blaze. A call was received that a fire broke out at a factory located in Nilothi village around 9 pm, he said. The fire spread in the chemicals and plastic material kept in the factory located on a single-storey premises, he said. So far, no injuries have been reported. The firefighting operation is underway, the official said.

CBI arrests cop taking 'Rs 1L bribe'

New Delhi: The CBI Friday arrested a Delhi Police sub-inspector for allegedly taking a bribe of Rs 1 lakh, officials said. Vijay Gaur, posted at the Chhawla police station, had allegedly demanded a bribe of Rs 3 lakh from an accused for not arresting him in the case. PTI



After the rain in Delhi on Friday, the maximum temperature settled at 40.4 degrees Celsius. Praveen Khanna

Rain offers respite from scorching heat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

RAIN LASHED parts of Delhi and Gurgaon Friday providing much-needed respite to people from the scorching heat.

The maximum temperature settled at 40.4 degrees Celsius, two notches above the season's normal. The city recorded a minimum temperature of 28.4 degrees Celsius, normal for this time of the season, the Met Office said.

Delhi has been reeling under an intense heatwave and a severe water crisis for the past few weeks. Over 60 suspected heat-related

deaths were reported from hospitals over the past 48 hours.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the rains in Delhi-NCR are due to a western disturbance which is in the form of a cyclonic circulation over neighbouring regions and Himachal Pradesh.

IMD scientist Soma Sen had said earlier, "The heatwave conditions have passed... Temperatures are likely to rise from day after tomorrow (Saturday). We don't expect it to be a heatwave situation with a rise of 2-3 degrees Celsius."

The maximum temperature in Delhi for all five weather stations was around normal. At two

weather stations -- Ridge and Aya Nagar — the maximum temperature was found to be lower than normal.

The Ridge station saw heavy rainfall of 6.2 mm per hour. The Safdarjung and Lodhi Road stations recorded moderate rainfall while the rest saw a spell of trace or very light rain, as of 5.30 pm.

The onset of monsoon in Delhi-NCR as per IMD forecast was predicted to begin on June 30.

In its weekly forecast, the IMD expects a partly cloudy sky for the next seven days. Heatwave conditions at isolated places, which will persist for two days, are predicted to occur after the weekend.



At the JJ colony in Noida's Sector 78. Express

Mahagun Mezzaria, earning Rs 11, 500 a month. "I don't want to return to my jhuggi. When I work (at the society), I feel like lying down under the cool breeze of the AC"

For Shanti, an 80-year-old widow, the scale of the problem is even bigger. A ragpicker, she has been providing for her granddaughters, Choti, 3, and Gunnu, 6,

ELECTRICITY CUT, RESIDENTS OF NOIDA SLUM STAGE PROTEST AGAINST UP POWER FIRM

‘We can’t sit inside our jhuggi... when we sit outside, we bathe in sweat’

NEETIKA JHA
NOIDA, JUNE 21

"WE DRENCH our dupatta in water and put it on our little children. That gives them a bit of a relief," says Sarda as she sits on a cot under a neem tree. "We can't sit inside the jhuggi. It is unbearable. And when we come out and sit on the road, we bathe in our sweat. It is a living hell."

Sarda, 45, is among a thousand migrant workers protesting against the Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (UP-PCL) for lack of electricity and water supply in their JJ colony in Noida's Sector 78.

A cluster of single-room hutments, the colony is home to 400 families of migrant workers — safai karamcharis with the Noida Authority, ragpickers, e-rickshaw

drivers, daily-wage labourers, and house helps who work in the neighbouring high-rises.

The government says it cannot provide the colony with any amenities as it is unauthorised; the electricity supply was stopped after residents were found stealing it, it adds. Says UP-PCL Executive Engineer Shivam Tripathi: "The land belongs to the Noida Authority. The colony dwellers' claim on the land will grow stronger if provided with an electricity connection."

Nearly three decades ago, migrant workers from Bareilly, Muzaffarnagar, and Moradabad in UP shifted here and set up a cluster of jhuggis. They mostly worked in nearby construction sites as labourers.

"The jhuggi is spread around 1,000 square yards and people have built 384 hutments," says

Ranjit Choudhary, 38, who was a cleaner at the neighbouring Mahagun Mezzaria society before the protests began.

Choudhary, who came here from Budaun in 2006, says he was removed from his job as he couldn't attend his duties. He has now emerged as a leader of the protesting workers.

These huts have roofs made of plastic, tin sheets or khappar (ceramic roof tiles). The floor is made of soil, cement or broken tiles. Most of the material used are leftovers from the construction sites of highrises that the workers built and are now standing opposite their jhuggis.

"With no windows, no ventilation and no electricity that could run a fan or a light bulb, it is impossible to stay indoors," says Chandani Chauhan, 24, who works as a domestic help at

after her daughter-in-law died during childbirth and her son, who "lost his mind" after his wife's death, left home. "I don't know if he is alive or not," Shanti says.

She is trying to calm her granddaughters by waving a cloth fan. "The cloth fan becomes more effective if we wet it," she says. "But the sun is so harsh during the day that nothing works."

The protest, seeking restoration of electricity, has been organised by Ravinder Pradhan, 50, head of the Akhil Bhartiya Safai Mazdoor Organisation. "UPPCL officials need permission from the Noida Authority. The authority says they don't grant such permissions," he says.

Citing the example of the jhuggi in Noida's Sector 50, he says, "They were given an electricity connection a few years ago."

He further says, "We belong

to the Valmiki community. We clean the filth every day so that people go on with their lives normally. They (authorities) think we are born to live in this filth."

‘Children falling sick’

The workers say with no electricity and water supply, their children have been falling sick because of heat exhaustion.

"My son (aged 4) has fallen ill. When we took him to the doctor, he asked me to keep a cooler. There is no power, where do I connect it?" asks Kiran Devi, 32.

"My two daughters have epilepsy. Because of the heat wave, the frequency of the (epilepsy) attacks has increased," says Ruby Devi, 35 who works as a domestic help in neighbouring Sikka society.

"We will protest until we get electricity. Our children are dying in

this heat. Few of them are already in the hospital," says Akhilesh Kumar, 40, who works as a delivery boy for a dhaba nearby. He says the workers do not intend to claim any rights on the land: "We are only demanding our rights as the citizens of this country."

Ranjit Choudhary says they have made several requests to the Gautam Buddha Nagar district magistrate but to no avail.

DM Manish Kumar Verma, however, says it is impossible to give the colony electricity connections without proper infrastructure. "As occupancy is illegal, we cannot create an electrical infrastructure. If we continue like this, all the illegal occupations would get a legal blanket," Verma says. "But we can think of a solution as people have been here for a long time and we can request for some policy changes," he adds.

Ensure return of those displaced by post-poll violence: HC to Bengal Govt

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KOLKATA, JUNE 21

THE CALCUTTA High Court on Friday directed the West Bengal government to take steps to ensure that people displaced due to alleged post-poll violence in the state return to their homes. The court also extended the deployment of central forces in the state till June 26, when the matter would be listed for hearing again. "We cannot shut our eyes to the spate of complaints as disclosed and the allegation on the role of the police administration for which we feel that the deployment of the central forces may continue for a limited period," the court observed. A division bench presided by Justice Harish Tandon directed the West Bengal government to take immediate action to ensure that people displaced due to alleged post-poll violence in the state return to their homes. The court directed the police administration to ensure the safety and security of such displaced persons and keep a constant vigil in the area of their residence. Hearing petitions regarding allegations of post-poll violence in the state after the Lok Sabha elections, the court directed the it to take immediate action as required, including registration of the complaints or FIRs. The court had earlier ordered the deployment of the central forces in the state till June 21. The state's Advocate General Kishore Dutta informed the court that from June 4, when the Lok Sabha election results were declared, till June 18, a total of 859 complaints have been received through email by the DGP office. He stated that out of these, 204 complaints constitute cognisable offences and FIRs have been registered on the basis of those. Dutta said that 175 complaints relating to non-cognisable cases have been registered. He said 219 were duplicate complaints, 26 were incomplete while 14 were under scrutiny.

PANNUN PLOT ACCUSED IN U.S. CUSTODY

No request yet from Gupta for consular access: MEA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

INDIAN AUTHORITIES haven't received any request for consular access from Nikhil Gupta, the Indian national extradited to the US from the Czech Republic following allegations of his involvement in a foiled plot to assassinate Khalistani extremist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun. Gupta, who was arrested in the Czech Republic in June last year, was extradited to the US on June 14. "He was extradited to the US on June 14. We have so far not received any request for consular access from Gupta but his family has got in touch with us," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. "We are in touch with the family members and are looking at the matter as to what can be done on their request," he said during his weekly media briefing while replying to a question.

Gupta, 53, pleaded not guilty when he was produced in a federal court in New York on June 17. While Gupta was in custody of Czech authorities, Indian officials were given consular access to him on a few occasions. Last November, US federal prosecutors charged Gupta with working with an Indian government employee in the foiled plot to kill Pannun in New York. Pannun, wanted in India on terror charges, holds dual citizenship of the US and Canada. The issue of consular access to Gupta would be decided in line with provisions of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 1963, people familiar with the matter said. 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. "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," the article states. Following Gupta's extradition, US Attorney General Merrick Garland said it "makes clear that the Justice Department will not tolerate attempts to silence or harm American citizens." "Nikhil Gupta will now face justice in an American courtroom for his involvement in an alleged plot, directed by an employee of the Indian government, to target and assassinate a US citizen for his support of the Sikh separatist movement in India," he said. In April, *The Washington Post* named an Indian official for allegedly plotting to assassinate Pannun. Following the report, India said it made "unwarranted and unsubstantiated" imputations on a serious matter and that investigation into the case was underway. India appointed a high-level inquiry committee to look into the inputs provided by the US on the alleged plot.

French journo's permit renewal under consideration, says MEA

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A DAY after French journalist Sébastien Farcis alleged that he was forced to leave the country as authorities declined to renew his journalist permit, the Ministry of External Affairs said Friday that he has re-applied for renewal of work permit in May 2024 and his case is under consideration. MEA's official Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal told media persons Friday, "Mr Farcis is an OCI card holder and our regulations require approval to carry out journalistic assignments. He has re-applied for renewal of work permit in May 2024, and to the best of my knowledge, his case is under consideration. He has the right to make a decision as far as his travel out of the coun-



French journalist Sébastien Farcis

try is concerned." Farcis, who was the India correspondent for *Radio France Internationale* and *Libération*, is the third foreign journalist to leave the country after Vanessa Dougnac and Avani Dias, whose permits were purportedly not renewed. Farcis had said that the Ministry of Home Affairs on March 7 refused to renew his journalist permit, "preventing him from practising his profession and depriving him of all his income". "No reason has been provided to justify this work ban, despite formal and repeated requests made to the MHA. I have

tried to appeal also, but to no avail so far," he said. "I have now applied for a new work permit, and hope it will be accepted. In the meantime, as I am not able to work, I am forced to return to France," he said. Farcis posted on X Thursday: "On June 17, I was forced to leave India, a country where I had lived and worked as a journalist for 13 years, as a South Asia correspondent for Radio France Internationale, Radio France, Libération and the Swiss and Belgian public radios." Meanwhile, on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation documentary titled 'Infiltrating Australia - India's Secret War', Jaiswal said, "It appears to serve a particular agenda to malign India. We obviously oppose any such attempts to condone, justify and even glorify terrorism." Dias had worked on the documentary.

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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 openw.e.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.
(व्यक्तिगत उत्कृष्टता के लिए राष्ट्रीय पुरस्कार)

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, Sick 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 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 malechild 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 सर्वश्रेष्ठपुनर्वास पेशेवर)	1 Award Cash component of Award: Rs. 1.00 lakh each.
5	Divyangata Ke Kshetra Mein Sarvshrestha Anusandhan / Navpravartan / Utpad Vikas (दिव्यांगता के क्षेत्र में सर्वश्रेष्ठ अनुसन्धान / 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 पुरष्कार)

S. No.	Category of Award	Number of Awards (A certificate and a shield to each awardee)
1.	Divyangjan Sashaktikaran Hetu Sarvshrestha 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 Adhinyam/UDID Avam Divyang Sashktikaran ki Anay Yojanaon kay Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshrestha Rajya/UT/Zila (दिव्यांगजनों के अधिकार अधिनियम / विशिष्ट दिव्यान्गता 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	ApneRajya/UT Mein Divyangjano Kay Adhikar Adhinyam Kay Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshrestha Pradarshan Karane wale Rajya Divyangjan Aayukta (अपने राज्य / संघ राज्य क्षेत्र में दिव्यांगजनों की अधिकार अधिनियम के दिव्यांगजनोंके अधिकारअधिनियम के कार्यान्वयन में सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रदर्शन करने वाले राज्य दिव्यान्गन आयुक्त)	1 Award
8	Punarvas Sevavon ke liye Peshevar Taiyar Karne wali Sarvshresth Sansthan (पुनर्वास सेवाओं हेतु पेशेवर तैयारकरनेवाली सर्वश्रेष्ठ संस्थान)	1 Award

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on the birth anniversary of
the Great Social Reformer
Sadguru Kabir Sahib Ji
June 22, 2024

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HEARING HICCUP

DURING THE high-stakes hearing on Friday before the Delhi High Court in connection with Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal’s bail, his lawyers clearly had their task cut out. However, one unanticipated issue that made things more difficult for them was the huge ‘virtual crowd’ logged in for the hearing. Senior Advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, who is currently abroad, had trouble logging into the hearing virtually. Singhvi was disconnected while arguing due to possible network issues but could not immediately log in again because over a thousand users were already present on Webex, the online meeting platform used by the judiciary. However, as soon as the issue was brought to notice, the court staff ensured Singhvi’s return to the platform.

BACK ON SECURITY

THE SECURITY of Parliament House Complex has been handed over to the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), replacing the Parliament Security Service (PSS) personnel. There have been complaints from the MPs about the alleged misbehaviour by the CISF personnel guarding the gates of the complex. The PSS personnel were deputed to various sections such as the library, digitalisation department, notice office, records room, etc. But on Friday, just two days ahead of the first meeting of the 18th Lok Sabha, many of them got an order, deploying them back on security duty inside the main building.

YOGA SESSION

SEVERAL PATIENTS on their way to the outpatient clinics at the AIIMS Delhi on Friday were stopped along the institute’s Central Lawn for the International Yoga Day celebrations. Patients and their family members, along with doctors, nurses and other staff members, were among around 3,000 people who participated in the event. Afterwards, many patients and their family members left the place wearing special T-shirts provided to them for the yoga session.

10TH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

World witnessing rise of new yoga economy: PM in Srinagar

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, JUNE 21

SAYING HE was fortunate to be in the “land of yoga and meditation”, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday led the 10th International Day of Yoga celebrations in Srinagar’s Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC). Describing yoga as “not just knowledge but also a science”, the PM said its expansion since 2014, when it got official recognition by the UN, had given rise to a “new yoga economy”. “The world is looking at yoga as a powerful agent of global good...Yoga is now emerging beyond limited boundaries. The world is witnessing the rise of a new yoga economy,” he said. “In Bharat, a new trend of yoga tourism is being observed from Rishikesh and Kashi to Kerala. Tourists from all over the world are coming to Bharat because they want to learn authentic yoga,” he said.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi leads a yoga session at SKICC in Srinagar on Friday. ANI

The PM, who arrived in Srinagar on a two-day visit Thursday, was scheduled to lead Friday’s yoga session on the banks of Dal Lake along with a large number of participants — including yoga practitioners, sports enthusiasts, government employees and school children. However, due to rain, the venue had to be shifted indoors and Modi performed asanas along with a fewer number of guests. “I am fortunate to be in the

land of yoga and meditation, Kashmir, on International Yoga Day. The environment, energy and experiences of Kashmir and Srinagar allow us to feel the strength we get from yoga,” the PM said. “I extend greetings from the land of Kashmir to all people in the country and to those practicing yoga in every corner of the world on Yoga Day,” he added. Similar yoga sessions were organised simultaneously in different parts of the Kashmir Valley. A

large number of sports enthusiasts, school children and government employees participated. “There was a slight delay today due to rain causing some obstacles, but since yesterday, I have seen the attraction towards yoga and the enthusiasm with which people in Jammu and Kashmir, especially in Srinagar, are eager to join yoga. This itself is an opportunity to strengthen tourism in Jammu and Kashmir,” Modi said. “I consider it a great achievement that 50-60 thousand people in Jammu and Kashmir participated in the yoga program, and I congratulate the people of Jammu and Kashmir,” he said. Reflecting on the history of the International Day of Yoga, the PM said yoga was becoming “a part of daily life in many countries”. “People are increasingly convinced of the utility of yoga. Whenever I meet global leaders anywhere in the world, almost everyone talks to me about yoga. Senior leaders from all over the world always discuss yoga with me and ask questions with great curiosity,” he said.



HOUSE PRAYER

Newly elected Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu during a prayer ceremony before attending the first session of the state Assembly in Amaravati on Friday. PTI

Pawar’s NCP may seek more seats from MVA allies in Assembly polls

AJAY JADHAV
PUNE, JUNE 21

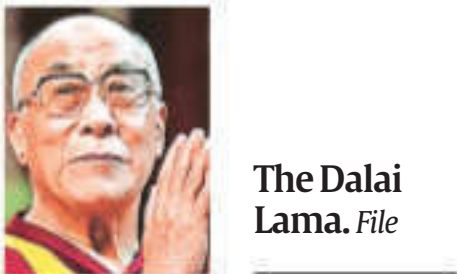
AFTER SUCCESS of his party in the recent Lok Sabha elections, NCP (SP) is likely to stake claim to a large share of seats in the assembly elections as party president Sharad Pawar reportedly informed party leaders that he had taken fewer seats only to keep the MVA intact. The NCP (SP) chief called for meeting of all eight newly elected MPs and senior party leaders in the city on Friday. “He stated that we should have gotten more seats in the seat sharing arrangement of the MVA during the Lok Sabha elections but I decided to step

back a little to keep the alliance partners united. It is due to the unity of the alliance that the MVA bagged more seats in the state,” said a senior NCP leader. He urged the newly elected MPs to take the onus of the assembly elections to get the party in power. “Keep in mind that we have to get the party in power in the state. Be prepared and start working towards it with immediate effect,” Pawar said. City NCP chief Prashant Jagtap said, “We are hopeful of getting a large share in the MVA for the Assembly elections. This will definitely boost the morale of party workers who are already pumped up after the party’s success in the Lok Sabha elections,” he said.

Govt reaffirms support to Dalai Lama after meet with US Congressional team sparks China anger

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DAYS AFTER Beijing lashed out at the Dalai Lama meeting a US Congressional delegation, India reiterated its stance on His Holiness’ position, emphasising his “revered” status and the respect accorded to him by the Indian people. “The Government of India’s position on His Holiness the Dalai Lama is clear and consistent. He is a revered religious leader and is deeply respected by the people of India. His Holiness is accorded due courtesies and freedom to conduct his religious and spiritual activities,” the Ministry of External Affairs official spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. Jaiswal’s comments, during



The Dalai Lama. File

a weekly briefing, came in response to queries regarding India’s stance on the succession of the Dalai Lama, highlighting the spiritual leader’s significant role in India’s cultural fabric. “A seven-member US Congress delegation paid a visit to India from 16-20 June 2024. The bi-partisan delegation was led by Rep. Michael McCaul, Chairman of House Foreign Affairs Committee. They visited Dharamshala on 18-19 June,” the MEA spokesperson said. He said the delegation also

EC sets ball rolling for J&K Assembly polls, electoral rolls revision by Aug 20

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THE ELECTION Commission (EC) has kicked off preparations for holding Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, as well as in Haryana, Jharkhand, and Maharashtra. The poll panel announced Friday that revised electoral rolls in these states and Union Territory would be published by August 20. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said in Srinagar on Thursday that statehood would soon be returned to J&K and that preparations for Assembly elections in the UT are underway. According to sources, the EC wrote to Chief Electoral Officers of the poll-bound states and UT on Thursday, informing them of the schedule of the special summary revision of electoral rolls. The EC is also holding training for officials of these states and UT in New Delhi this week. In a statement on Friday, the EC said the pre-special summary revision exercises, including rationalising the locations of polling stations to make them more convenient, will start on June 25. The electoral rolls will be updated with July 1 as the cut-off for new voters to register, and the draft rolls will be published on July 25, the EC said. After this, electors have the chance to file claims and objections till August 9. The publication of the final electoral rolls will be done by August 20, as per the schedule. Assembly elections have not been held in J&K since 2018, when the Assembly in what was then a state was dissolved. In 2019, the state was reorganised into two Union Territories – J&K and Ladakh – and the special status provided to the state under Article 370 of the Constitution was repealed. While upholding the abrogation of special status, the Supreme Court had last year ordered the Election Commission



In the recent Lok Sabha polls, J&K saw 58.58% turnout, the highest in 35 years. File

to hold Assembly elections in J&K by September 30, 2024. Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar had said earlier this month that the poll panel would start the process of conducting the elections “very soon”. On Thursday, the PM said at an event in Srinagar, “Preparations for Assembly elections have begun. The day is not far when the people of Jammu and Kashmir will vote to elect their government.” The EC on Friday said, “General election to the Legislative Assembly of UT of J&K is also to be conducted for constituting a new House after delimitation of constituencies. Witnessing the huge participation of the people of Jammu and Kashmir in the recently concluded Lok Sabha Elections, the Commission has also directed for the updation of the electoral rolls in the UT of J&K with July 1, 2024 as the qualifying date.” In the recent Lok Sabha elections, J&K saw an overall turnout of 58.58 per cent – the highest in 35 years. Preparations are also underway for elections in Haryana, Maharashtra and Jharkhand. The tenures of the Assemblies in these states are ending on November 11, November 26, and January 5, 2025 respectively. The poll panel has also started the process for holding 47 byelections across the country, sources said.

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

AS THE Opposition mounts pressure on the government over the NEET-UG and UGC-NET controversies and the issue of railway safety, the first session of the 18th Lok Sabha could be tumultuous, with Opposition leaders alleging that Prime Minister Narendra Modi “does not have the ability to consider the concerns of different political parties”. The probability of the first session, which begins on Monday, being a rocky one grows strong as the Congress tries to mobilise an issue-based common front of non-NDA parties against the Central government. Sources in the Opposition camp said although the INDIA bloc initially was in favour of arriving at a consensus with the Centre on issues such as the choice of Speaker and Deputy Speaker, the government’s decision to not select eight-term Congress MP Kodikkunnil Suresh, the seniormost parliamentarian in the Lok Sabha, as the pro-tem Speaker “turned the atmosphere vicious”. On Thursday, President Droupadi Murmu announced that seven-term Uttarakhand MP Bhartruhari Mahtab of the BJP would serve as the pro-tem Speaker, drawing criticism from the Congress that said it was against convention.

Jorhat MP Gaurav Gogoi said he does not expect anything different from the BJP, referring to the frequent run-ins between the treasury and Opposition benches during the 17th Lok Sabha. During the winter session, 146 Opposition MPs were suspended over their protests on the issue of Parliament security breach, leaving the Opposition benches almost empty. “I do not expect PM Modi to act any differently inside Parliament from the way he has been doing for the last 10 years. He will be absent from Parliament, he will speak to the

media on the first day outside Parliament House and avoid taking questions. He will not take any questions from the INDIA alliance inside the House, leaving his junior ministers to defend his image. There will not be any statement on NEET-UG or Agniveer or anything,” Gogoi told *The Indian Express*. Saying that the Congress, whose strength in the House has increased from 52 to 99, and its alliance partners are “emboldened” by the mandate, a party leader said, “The tables have turned...we will enter Parliament victoriously.” “The *mahaul* (atmosphere) is such that the Opposition is acting as if it has won 400 seats and we have won 240. And this attitude will get reflected in the House,” said a senior BJP leader. Sources said Opposition leaders were in touch with non-NDA parties such as the SAD and former Andhra Pradesh CM Jagan Mohan Reddy’s YSRCP to take on the government on certain issues.

“There have been some overtures too,” said a source, pointing out that the Revanth Reddy-led Telangana government earlier this week transferred an IAS officer a day after he authorised the demolition of two temporary sheds built outside Jagan’s home in Hyderabad. For the first two days of the session, the new MPs will be administered the oath of office. The presidential address is scheduled for Wednesday. The Speaker’s selection, or election if the government and the Opposition do not find themselves on the same page, is scheduled for Thursday. It will be followed by government business till July 3 during which a debate on the motion of thanks to the presidential address will take place. During this debate, the government and the Opposition are expected to go head to head. “The Opposition, if they go for debate, can put the government on the mat on these issues. We will be on the defensive,” said a senior BJP leader.

MANOJ CG & RAVIK BHATTACHARYA
NEW DELHI, KOLKATA, JUNE 21

UPBEAT AFTER the election results, a resurgent Opposition is coordinating its moves to mount pressure on the BJP-led NDA government to keep in abeyance the three criminal laws. The parties are also gearing up to corner the government on the NEET and UGC-NET controversies next week as the 18th Lok Sabha meets for the first time. Days after Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK president M K Stalin wrote to Union Home Minister Amit Shah requesting him to keep in abeyance the three laws that will come into effect from July 1, his West Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi Friday asking him to postpone the implementation of new criminal laws and to place them on the floor of Parliament for “fresh delibera-

tion and scrutiny”. She has also urged Modi to “halt and review the whole subject anew”. This comes at a time when there is significant improvement in the ties between the Congress and the TMC. Sources said senior Congress leader and former Finance Minister P Chidambaram met Mamata at the West Bengal state secretariat on Thursday. Although members of the INDIA bloc, the TMC and the Congress contested against each other in the recently held Lok Sabha elections in West Bengal. With West Bengal Congress president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury no longer the Leader of the Congress in Lok Sabha, sources in the TMC said the floor coordination between the two parties in Parliament would improve. A fierce Mamata critic, Chowdhury lost the elections this time to the TMC in his once-stronghold Baharampur. The TMC held him singularly responsible for pushing the Congress into embracing the Left



TMC and Congress contested against each other in the recently held Lok Sabha elections in West Bengal. PTI file

and not letting a seat-sharing arrangement with it materialise in Bengal. Sources said Mamata who had once predicted that the Congress might not even win 40 seats appeared conciliatory and warm towards the Congress during her meeting with Chidambaram. Sources said the West Bengal CM even told Chidambaram that she expected Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi

Vadra to contest against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Varanasi. Emphasising the need for the INDIA parties to remain united to fight the BJP tooth and nail, Mamata is learnt to have told the senior Congress leader that she and the other INDIA bloc leaders would be even ready to campaign for Priyanka in Wayanad if the Congress desired. Sources in the Opposition camp said the parties in the IN-

called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and interacted with External Affairs minister S Jaishankar and Commerce & Industry minister Piyush Goyal. “As regards the statements by the US delegation, I would refer you to the US side and it is for them to answer,” he said. In a strongly-worded statement on Chinese President Xi Jinping, former US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi — who is part of a US Congressional delegation — said on Wednesday that while the legacy of the Dalai Lama will live forever for compassion and tradition, the Chinese President will be gone and nobody will give him any credit. Pelosi made these comments after meeting the Dalai Lama in Dharamshala. The US Congressional delegation is led

by US House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Michael McCaul and has members including Pelosi, who is now Speaker Emerita, and prominent US Congressional members — Mariannette Miller, Gregory Meeks, Nicole Malliotakis, Jim McGovern, and Ami Bera. While the Dalai Lama meets foreign diplomats and visitors, this delegation is one of the most high-powered delegations from the US in recent years. Pelosi has been at the forefront of challenging Beijing, as she had visited Taiwan in August 2022. The delegation’s visit comes after the US Congress last week passed a bill urging Beijing to re-engage with the Dalai Lama and other Tibetan leaders to peacefully resolve their dispute over the status and governance of Tibet.

EXPRESS NETWORK

‘How can this happen again’: HC raps TN over hooch deaths

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, JUNE 21

THE MADRAS High Court Friday pulled up the Tamil Nadu government over this week’s Kallakurichi hooch deaths, and asked why such incidents were repeatedly occurring in the state.

Citing similar incidents in Villupuram and Chengalpattu districts last year, the court asked the government what measures has it taken to stop hooch-related incidents.

A Division Bench of Justices D Krishnakumar and K Kumaresh Babu was hearing a PIL filed by AIADMK legal wing secretary IS Inbadurai. In his petition, Inbadurai sought a CBI probe into the Kallakurichi hooch incident, which has claimed at least 47 lives so far.

Authorities said Friday that at least 20 more people are still in a critical condition.

The incident took place Tuesday night when more than 150 people fell ill after consuming spurious liquor.

During the hearing, the court demanded to know what action was taken by the state government over complaints of spurious liquor sales in the area. It asked the state government to file a detailed action taken report and a counter affidavit by June 26.

The direction came after the petitioner claimed that AIADMK’s Kallakurichi MLA M Senthilkumar had repeatedly flagged the sale of hooch in the area, even moving a motion in the Assembly on March 29 last year.

During the hearing, Justice Babu also mentioned reports on hooch sale in Kallakurichi on YouTube. “If we remember correctly, there was a news report about the sale of illicit liquor in Kallakurichi even before the incident. I don’t believe in interviews with YouTubers... But a particular YouTube made allegations specifically against persons responsible for the sale of



Family members of a hooch victim at a govt hospital in Kallakurichi, Friday. *PTI*

illicit liquor in Kalvarayan Hills, Kallakurichi,” he said.

Advocate General P S Raman, who represented the state government, told the court that investigation into the hooch deaths in Chengalpattu and Villupuram, which claimed 22 lives, was transferred to the Crime Branch-Criminal Investigation Department, leading to several arrests and detentions under Tamil Nadu’s Goondas Act. Disciplinary action was also taken against the police personnel involved, he said.

Raman also told the court that after the Kallakurichi tragedy, the district magistrate, the additional director general of police and the superintendent of police in the Enforcement Bureau CID were transferred while the district SP was suspended.

He said the government had appointed a one-man commission under retired judge B Gokuldas to investigate the Kallakurichi incident and recommend preventive measures.

To this, the court remarked: “Transferring officials is right, but who will answer for the loss of lives? Most of them are breadwinners of their families.”

Successive govts promoted drinking, anger rising: Suriya

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, JUNE 21

WITH THE death toll in the Kallakurichi hooch incident rising to 48 Friday, actor Suriya blamed the successive governments in Tamil Nadu of “perpetuating” alcohol addiction in the state and called for immediate implementation of “long-term plans” to prevent similar eventualities.

In a letter in Tamil released on social media, the actor said the number of deaths in a single incident was “unimaginable” “even during cyclones, rains or floods” and that the “cries of the affected send chills down the spine”.

“How can we offer comfort in words to those grieving the loss of loved ones to poisonous liquor?” he wrote.

Saying that the “concern, worry, and anger of political parties, the media and the public have all intensified”, the actor wrote that the MK Stalin government’s “swift actions to minimize the loss is some solace” but that “the usual short-term solution for a long-term problem is certainly not effective”.

Pointing to a similar incident last year in Viluppuram district, where 22 people died after consuming methanol-laced toxic liquor, the actor said despite the government’s assurances of taking stringent steps, people were “still dying from the same cause”.

“It is deeply saddening that no change has occurred until now,” said the actor, who is known for his outspoken views



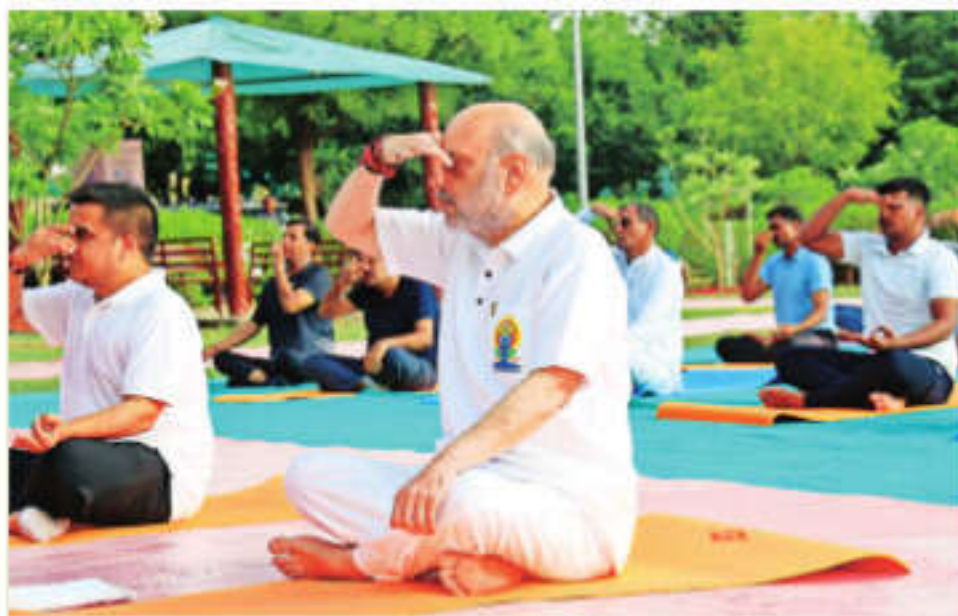
Actor Suriya urged Stalin govt to bring in long-term plans to rehabilitate addicts. *File*

on social issues and has often criticised government policies.

Putting the blame on the Government’s door, Suriya wrote: “For over two decades, the people of Tamil Nadu have witnessed successive governments, whom they believed would improve their lives, continue to encourage the population to drink through TASMAC (government-run retail liquor outlets). The ‘Prohibition Policy’ ends up being a mere election-time talking point for all political parties.”

Urging the Stalin government to immediately implement long-term plans for the rehabilitation of alcohol addicts, akin to their efforts in educational advancement for students, Suriya said he hoped that the CM would take decisions in public interest on prohibition policy.

“Government must immediately cease the violence they have perpetuated against their own people by encouraging drinking habits for many years. Rehabilitation centers should be established in each district to save those addicted to alcohol and help them recover from the addiction... Only if the Government and political parties act with a long-term vision can such tragic deaths be prevented in future,” he said.



POSES FOR FITNESS

(Clockwise from top) BSF personnel perform yoga in Thar Desert of Rajasthan to mark the 10th International Day of Yoga, Friday; President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan; former Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla in New Delhi; Indian Navy personnel on a ship in Mumbai; Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in Mathura; Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Ahmedabad. *PTI, ANI*



HC gives nod for Maharaj release: ‘Found nothing objectionable’

SOHINI GHOSH
AHMEDABAD, JUNE 21

THE GUJARAT High Court Friday green-lighted the release of *Maharaj* – the debut film of Aamir Khan’s son Junaid Khan – saying that upon viewing the movie, it “found nothing objectionable that would hurt the religious feelings of petitioners or a sect”.

The court of Justice Saugata Vishen granted Netflix and Yash Raj Films the liberty to release the movie before the court made its order public.

The members of Vaishnavite sect Pushtimargi had moved the HC objecting to the movie’s release on the grounds that it contains “scandalous and defamatory language, which affects the Pushtimargi sect as a whole”.

The film is based on an 1862 libel case heard and decided by British judges. The film’s release was stayed on June 13, a day before its slated release, with the stay continuing until Friday.

Odisha to sponsor Hockey India till ’36

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 21

THE ODISHA government on Friday announced the extension of its sponsorship for Hockey India until 2036 – a year that marks the centenary of the state’s formation in 1936.

The decision was taken after a Hockey India delegation met new Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi at the state guest house in Bhubaneswar.

“During the meeting, we discussed the advancement of sports and strategies to elevate our beloved sport to new heights. We are deeply thankful to government of Odisha for its steadfast support and commitment to Indian hockey,” said Hockey India president Dilip Tirkey.

Hockey India Secretary General Bhola Nath Singh said the state government has consistently been a pillar of strength for the sport. “The decision to consider extending our partnership until 2036 underscores their dedication to sports and

youth development,” he said.

In 2018, the Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd (OMC), a state-run PSU, had entered into an agreement with Hockey India for sponsorship of the Indian Hockey Teams (Men/Women, Senior/Junior) for five years from 2018 to 2023. In recognition of the success of the men’s and women’s teams in the Tokyo Olympics, the state government had announced that the sponsorship would be extended for another 10 years – up to 2033. The OMC committed to release a total amount of Rs 434 crore (excluding applicable taxes) to the Hockey India for the period.

With the latest three-year extension, the sponsorship will continue to 2036 – a year in which the Olympic games will be held.

Hockey is a popular sport among the youth in Odisha, and with this decision, the government aims to provide a further boost to the sport and attract more young players towards the game, said Sports Minister Suryabanshi Suraj.

Kuwait declares \$15,000 ex-gratia for fire victims

New Delhi: The Ministry of External Affairs said Friday that the Kuwait government has announced USD 15,000 ex-gratia each to the victims of the fire incident that claimed 46 lives last week. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal also said PM Narendra Modi had announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh each to the families of the deceased and Rs 50,000 for those injured. **ENS**

98 Indians, including 14 from Kerala, died during Haj: MEA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI.
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 21

AS MANY as 98 Indians, including 14 from Kerala, who had gone for the Haj pilgrimage to Mecca, have died due to natural causes, chronic illnesses, and old age. Six people died on the Day of Arafat and four were accident-related deaths. Last year, total deaths during the Haj period were 187,” he said.

The MEA Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, “Every year

a large number of pilgrims from India attend Haj, and some of them unfortunately pass away during the Haj period. This year, 1.75 lakh Indian pilgrims visited Mecca for Haj.” The Haj period is from May 9 to July 22.

“The deaths have been due to natural causes, chronic illnesses, and old age. Six people died on the Day of Arafat and four were accident-related deaths. Last year, total deaths during the Haj period were 187,” he said.

Among the 14 from Kerala

who died, five were women, according to state Haj committee officials. In line with the tradition, their bodies will be buried in Saudi Arabia.

Khairunneesa, 57, a native of Kannapuram in Kannur, had gone for the pilgrimage with his son Rayees “They went for Haj on June 7 from Kerala. The mother started feeling uneasiness at Arafat and later at a hospital,” said Rafi, her son.

Shamsudheen, 65, a native of Edakkazhiyoor in Thrissur, is

suspected to have died due to heatwave two days before the Haj. His family members were in the Middle East for the burial, said a family source.

With the Union Health Ministry releasing a document on the medical care arrangements made for the pilgrims, Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra Friday said that about 40,000 people over the age of 60 are undertaking Haj this year.

India has set up three medical centres in Mecca totalling

100 beds, of which one 30-bed centre is for women only. There are also 15 small dispensaries with a dental clinic in Mecca and one dispensary at the Haj Terminal of Jeddah airport. At Medina, there is one 20-bed medical centre and 3 dispensaries. Medical emergency camps have been set up in Arafat and core ritual site of Mina and mobile medical teams have been deployed in Jamaraat and Muzdalifah — all along the pilgrimage route.

The skin burns: Amid current heatwave, the hard life of gig workers

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK
NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

AS THE mercury hits an unforgiving 45 degrees, there is a sense of urgency – even happiness – in the collection of orders at Kishangarh, around 3 km from the upmarket Vasant Kunj in Delhi.

Outside the compound that hosts inventory stores operated by quick commerce companies like Blinkit, Swiggy Instamart and Zepto, delivery workers wait for their turn to collect orders. There are single beaten-up water coolers at each of these stores, where they refill their bottles and wet their scarves before they wrap them around their faces as they head out to deliver orders. This, they say, is the most comfortable part of their work day.

The life of these platform-

based gig workers is a living example of how the climate crisis has a disproportionate impact on those from lower income groups and how the country’s poorest are the worst hit as temperatures rise, with their jobs, wages and health harmed. While reports suggest workers in more traditional industries, such as those employed at brick kilns, are at an even greater risk, delivery workers too are among most vulnerable sections.

Everyday, around 400 delivery workers visit this compound, where the waiting area has nothing to offer in the name of shade. In a rush to make a liveable wage, they spend hours under the blazing sun – both while waiting for orders and then delivering them – with very little institutional support from their companies. Workers say they often wait for 10-15 minutes in open between

orders, something they did even when heatwave was at its peak.

The *Indian Express* spoke to nearly 60 gig workers about how they have been at work in what has been one of the most brutal summers in Delhi in decades. Close to 20 of them or over 30 per cent said they took a break from work after they fell sick due to the heat. Though the rest faced similar problems, they could not afford to take a leave.

“In the past two months, not a day has gone by when I have not had a debilitating headache at work. I think it is because of the sun. But I can’t take a break,” says Martin, who delivers for Swiggy Instamart.

Lack of empathy from their supervisors only makes matters worse. “I fell sick due to the severe heat and could not work for eight days. My team leader did not



A delivery worker for Blinkit wraps a wet scarf around his face for relief before leaving to deliver orders. *Soumyarendra Barik*

check on me once, not even to ask why I was absent, let alone to enquire if I was doing well,” said Rahul Singh, a delivery worker with Zomato.

Rahul’s situation also points towards another irony: he is

among the thousands of delivery workers at Zomato who deliver orders on bicycles. Zomato proudly mentions in its environment, sustainability and governance (ESG) report that around a quarter of its total 647 million de-

liveries last year were done by workers on bicycles.

With companies setting lofty standards to meet sustainability goals, gig workers are at twice the risk – they can only make a livable income if they brave the climate crisis, which puts them in harm’s way, leaving them vulnerable to the long-term impact of exposure to the sun.

For Zomato, almost all of its carbon footprint comes from its last-mile delivery service, with the company positioning deliveries made by workers on electric bikes and bicycles as part of its “climate conscious deliveries”. Zomato says 20 per cent of its total orders in 2022-2023 were delivered by workers on bicycles. The company says it will achieve net zero emissions across its food ordering and delivery value chain by 2030.

The irony of this statement is

not lost on Rahul. “So, as I burn myself in the heat by delivering orders on my bicycle, I’m actually helping Zomato achieve its climate goals?” he says.

A spokesperson for Zomato and Blinkit said the food delivery company had doubled its rest points to 450 across India, which include “comfortable seating” apart from “free drinking water”, washroom facilities and mobile charging points. The company plans to add at least 5,000 such points by the end of June.

Zomato has also procured refreshments, juices and glucose to distribute among its delivery workers, and has introduced a new full-sleeve shirt for them. However, the company did not respond to a follow-up question on whether workers have to pay to get the shirt, as they have to for acquiring the rest of their kit while

signing up for Zomato.

Blinkit is “installing air coolers in the waiting areas of all stores to provide immediate relief from the heat”. Although, it is worth noting that the store in Kishangarh that *The Indian Express* visited had no such facility. Swiggy did not respond to a request for comment.

Apart from little institutional support from their companies, food delivery workers say their other key touch point – the restaurants – can be quite discriminatory towards them. “Many restaurants have different entries and exits for delivery workers and customers. In many cases, we cannot even use their washrooms,” says Sumit Kumar, who delivers for Swiggy. “They want to make us invisible because restaurants fear that our presence in front of their customers might ruin the aesthetics,” he said.

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(with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

FOR Sr. No. 4 to 5 LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF EMD IS 26.07.2024 UPTO 5:00 P.M.

FOR Sr. No. 4 to 5 DATE OF E-AUCTION IS 30.07.2024 (12:30 PM TO 1:30 P.M)
(with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

Sr. No.	Branch Name/Name & Address of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Brief Description of Property/ies	Total Liabilities as on specified Date	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)	Details of A/c No.	
						IFSC CODE	Possession notice
1.	ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290 Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com	All the part and parcel Vacant Plot measuring 546 Sq. Yds. comprised in khewat No. 252/276, rect. 17, Killa No. 24/2, 251/2, 252/2 & rect. No. 37, Killa No. 112/1 & rect. No. 61, Killa No. 3, 8/2, 9/1, 13/4, Near the elegance party lawns, Mauja Seekri, Tehsil Ballabhgarh, District Faridabad in the name of Smt. Ruchi Munjal.	Total liabilities as on 30.04.2018 Rs. 43,58,339.79/- Plus further interest & other Charges (minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 49.14 Lakh	Rs. 4.92 Lakh	209272434	
						CNRB0006290	PHYSICAL POSSESSION
1.	M/S Rose Enterprises (Borrower) Through its Proprietor Sh. Nateshwar Singh Wallia Address :- 14/1/2, Sikri Pyala, Ballabhgarh, Faridabad, Haryana, 2. Sh. Nateshwar Singh Wallia S/o Sh. Jateshwar Singh Wallia (Proprietor) Address :- R/o Plot No. 101, Kaveri Apartment, Sector 21D Faridabad, Haryana, 3. Mrs. Ruchi Munjal W/o Sh. Nateshwar Singh Wallia (Guarantor & Mortgagor) Address :- R/o Plot No. 101, Kaveri Apartment, Sector 21D Faridabad, Haryana, 4. Mr. Prince Rudra S/o Sh. Naresh Rudra (Guarantor) Address :- R/o 5A/290, Kaveri Apartment, Sector 21D Faridabad, Haryana.					209272434	
						CNRB0006290	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
2.	ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290 Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com	Residential House measuring 250 Sq.Yds. comprised in Khewat No. 74, Khata No. 147, Mustil & killa No 61/19 Tadadi 8 kanal situated at Vaka mauja Gadhil kesari ganaur within MC limit Ganaur, dist Sonapat. The property is bounded as under :- North : house of other, South : 18 feet Gali, East : Gali, West : house of other.	Total liabilities as per demand notice dated 21.06.2023, Rs. 58,43,362.50/- Plus further interest & other Charges (minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 73.16 Lakh	Rs. 7.35 Lakh	209272434	
						CNRB0006290	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
1.	M/S Shree Ganesh Traders (Borrower) Address: Shop at 2093, 1st floor, Narela market Delhi- 110040, 2. Smt. Kiran gautam w/o Sh. Bhagwan Gautam (Partner/Mortgagor) Address:- House No- 745/3 Hari Nagar, Opposite Janta School, Ganaur, Dist Sonapat 131101, 3. Sh. Rakesh Kumar s/o Darshan Lal (Partner) Address:- House No- 745/3 Hari Nagar, Opposite Janta School, Ganaur, Dist Sonapat 131101.					209272434	
						CNRB0006290	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
3.	ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290 Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com	Property-1) Plant & Machinery Property- 2) All the part and parcel of the property Factory Land & Building measuring 18K-18M (2.36 acres) as under: A) Factory Land & Building measuring 15K-04M situated in Village – Daha, Tehsil and District Karnal vide two sale deed No. 251/1 dated 27.04.1994 and sale deed No. 252/1 dated 27.04.1994. Details of the land is as under:- (i) Factory Land & Building measuring 03K-14M in Khewat No. – 112, Khatoni No. – 163, Rect. No. – 10, Killa No. – 251/1(1-17), 252/1(21-3), 252/1(0-14) vide Jamabandi for 2014-15. Present details of Land measuring 03K-14M : Khewat No. 125 (old 112) Khatoni No. – 172, Rect.No. 10 Khasra No. 251/1(1-17), 251/2(1-3), 252/1(0-14) as per Jamabandi for the year 2019-20. (ii) Land & Building measuring 11K-10M comprised in Khewat No. – 219, Khatoni No. – 315, Rect. No. – 10, Killa No. – 23(7-4), 24/2(4-6) vide Jamabandi for the year 2014-15. Present Details Land Measuring 11K-10M : Khewat No. 245 (old 219) Khatoni No. 315, Rec No. 10, Khasra No. 23(7-4), 24/2(4-6), situated in revenue estate of Village Daha, Teh & Distt. Karnal, as per Jamabandi for the year of 2019-20. B) Land & Building measuring 03K-14M comprised in Khewat No. – 217/022, Khatoni No. – 313, Rect. No. – 10, Khasra No. – 24/1(3-14) vide Jamabandi for the year 2014-15. Present Details Land measuring 3K-14M : Khewat No. 243(old 217) Khatoni No. 313, rect.No. 10 Khasra No. 24/1(3-14), situated in revenue estate of village Daha, Teh & Distt. Karnal as per Jamabandi for the year 2019-20. Property-3) All the part and parcel of Land measuring 28K-05M (3.53 acres) situated at Village Daha Tehsil and District Karnal with details as under :- A) Land measuring 11K-02M situated on land comprised under Khewat No. – 108, Khatoni No. – 159, Rec No. – 12, Kh No. – 3(7-4), 5(3-18) vide Jamabandi for 2014-15. Present details Land measuring 11K-02M : Khewat No. 121 (old 108) Khatoni No. 168, Rect No. 12, Khasra No. 3(7-4), 5(3-18) as per Jamabandi for the year 2019-20. B) Land measuring 09K-07M being ½ share of land measuring 18K-14M in Khewat No. – 109, Khatoni No. – 160, Rec. No. – 12, Kh No. 6(3-10), 7(8-0), 8(5-15), 26(1-9) vide Jamabandi for the 2014-15. Present details Land measuring 9K-7M : Being ½ share of land measuring 18K-14M Vide Khewat No. 122 (old 109) Khatoni No. 169, Rect No. 12, Khasra No. 6(3-10), 7(8-0), 8(5-15), 26(1-9) as per Jamabandi for the year 2019-20. C) Land measuring 07K-16M being 41/42 share of land measuring 08K-0M comprised in Khewat No. – 194, Khatoni No. – 284, Rect. No. – 12, Killa No. – 4(8-0) vide Jamabandi for 2014-15. Present details land measuring 7K-16M : Being 41/42 share of land measuring 8K-0M comprised in khewat No. 220 (old 194) Khatoni No. 306 Rect No. 12 Khasra No. 4(8-0) situated in revenue estate of Village Daha Teh & Distt. Karnal as per Jamabandi for the year of 2019-20.	Total liabilities as per demand notice dated 05.10.2021 Rs. 16,12,96,958.00 Plus further interest & other Charges (minus recovery, if any)	(Property- 1 & 2) Rs. 44.95 Lakh (Property- 3) Rs. 428.75 Lakh (Property- 1 & 2) Rs. 45 Lakh (Property- 3) Rs. 42.88 Lakh (Property No. – 1 and 2 will be sold in single lot.)	209272434		
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4.	ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290 Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com	Residential House No 1996-A, measuring 253.44 Sq. Yds., Sector -7, Urban Estate, Karnal in the name of Sh. Pawan Kumar Popli and Smt. Kiran Bal. Bounded as East: Road, West : H.No – 1994A, North : H.No – 1996 B, South : H.No – 1996 P.	Total liabilities as on 28.11.2022 Rs. 20,68,61,911.86/- Plus further interest & other Charges (minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 304.18 Lakh	Rs. 30.42 Lakh	209272434	
						CNRB0006290	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
1.	M/S Shri Radha Krishna Rice Mills (Borrower) # 21K M Milestone, Kaithal Road, Nissing -132024, 2. Sh. Pawan Kumar Popli S/o Sh. Lachman Dass (Partner/Guarantor/Mortgagor) # 1996 A, Sector -7,Urban Estate,Karnal-132001, 3. Sh Siddharth Popli S/o Sh. Pawan Kumar Popli (Partner/Guarantor/Mortgagor) # H No - 1996 A, Sector -7,Urban Estate,Karnal-132001, 4. Smt Kiran Bal W/o Sh. Pawan Kumar Popli (Partner/Guarantor/Mortgagor) # H No - 1996 A, Sector -7,Urban Estate,Karnal-132001, 5. Sh Avtar Singh S/o Sh Budh Singh. (Partner/Guarantor/Mortgagor) # H No -432, Char Chaman, Karnal 132001.					209272434	
						CNRB0006290	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
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ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290 Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com	Commercial Property / Office space DPC001 in Block 4A, on Ground floor, super area 2253 Sq. ft. in multi storeyed Complex known as "CORPORATE PARK", DLF CITY, constructed on Plot of land measuring 3.65 acres or thereabout falling in Kharsa No. 888/1, 888/889, 890/1, 891, 892, situated in Phase-III, DLF City, Gurgaon, Haryana or thereabout and bounded as under- a) Along the North : Open, Parking space No. DCP058 and DCP059 in the basement and bounded as under- b) Along the South : Open, Parking space No. DCP058 and DCP059 in the basement and bounded as under- c) Along the East : Open, Parking space No. DCP058 and DCP059 in the basement and bounded as under- d) Along the West : Open, Parking space No. DCP058 and DCP059 in the basement and bounded as under- e) Along the North : Open, Parking space No. DCP058 and DCP059 in the basement and bounded as under- f) Along 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OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

A) Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website <https://canarabank.auctiontiger.net>. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.

B) The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with **Authorised Officer, on for Sr. No. 1 (20.07.2024) for Sr. No. 2 & 3 (15.07.2024) for Sr. No. 4 & 5 (22.07.2024).**

C) The property is being sold with all the existing and further encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The Authorised officer/Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/ rights/ dues. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property to his satisfaction. The bidder are advised to in their own interest to satisfy themselves with the title and correctness of others details pertaining to the secured assets including the size/area of the immovable secured asset in question and also ascertain any other dues/liabilities/encumbrances from the concerned authorities to their satisfaction before submitting the bid. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorised officer/ Secured Creditors in this regard at a later date.

D) In the event of any default in payment of any of the amounts, or if the sale is not completed by reasons of default on the part of the purchaser/ bidder within the aforesaid time limit, the bank shall be entitled to forfeit all monies paid by the purchaser/ bidder till then and put up the secured asset(s) for sale again, in its absolute discretion. Further, all costs, expenses incurred by the bank on account of such resale shall be borne and paid by the defaulting purchaser.

E) The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.

F) The EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of Demand Draft in favour of Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, ARMB Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of **Canara Bank, ARMB Branch, Karnal A/c No 209272434 IFSC Code: CNRB0006290** on or before **Sr. No. 1 to 3 (22.07.2024) & Sr. No. 4 & 5 (26.07.2024)** by **05:00 PM**.

G) Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-mail address. For details with regard to digital signature please contact the service provider **M/s e-Procurement Technologies Limited -Auction Tiger, Mr. Praveen Kumar Thevar (97227-78828/92655-62818/92655-62821)**, E-mail: **support@auctiontiger.net** and **praveen.thevar@auctiontiger.net** through the website <https://canarabank.auctiontiger.net>.

H) After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/ details on or before **Sr. No. 1 to 3 (22.07.2024) & Sr. No. 4 & 5 (26.07.2024)** by 05:00 PM, to Canara Bank, ARMB Branch, Novelty Road, Karnal by hand or by email.

I) Demand Draft/ Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT, acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No.

ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount.

iii) Bidders Name. Contact No. Address, E Mail Id.

iv) Bidder's A/c details for online refund of EMD.

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In the name of merit

Patna High Court striking down expansion of quota is in line with SC rulings. But 50 per cent cap seems selective



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QUOTAS AND EQUITY

Patna High Court’s order striking down 65 per cent reservation should lead to debates on creative approaches to end inequality

THE BIHAR GOVERNMENT is weighing its options after the Patna High Court struck down its decision to raise the quota cap from 50 per cent to 65 per cent. The Nitish Kumar government’s move to increase the reservation ceiling in employment and entrance to educational institutions was based on the Bihar Survey Caste Report, which showed that OBC, EBC, SC and ST communities together comprised about 85 per cent of the state’s population. But in response to petitions against the hike, the HC’s two-judge bench has said that the “state proceeded on the mere population of different categories as against their numerical representation in government services and educational institutions”. The verdict aligns with the judiciary’s more or less consistent approach towards the 50 per cent ceiling. However, in 2022, a five-judge bench of the Supreme Court upheld the EWS quota on the ground that the cap applied only to SC, ST and OBC communities. The apex court is also reviewing a challenge to the quota ceiling. At the same time, political parties, especially Congress, have demanded raising the reservation limit. The Bihar government has said that it will press for including the enhanced quota cap in the Ninth Schedule to obviate legal challenges. Removing entrenched inequalities will require multiple measures and the issue should be thoroughly debated. The political class will do well to be more creative, and not harp on a one-track approach of extending reservations.

In the past two decades, Bihar has shown appreciable improvement in both economic and socio-economic indicators. The state’s economy has grown faster than the national average and the Nitish Kumar government’s measures have resulted in the state closing the gap on welfare indicators — life expectancy, infant mortality, the sex ratio at birth, drinking water and sanitation, access to electricity. However, Bihar remains amongst the poorest in terms of per capita income. The average person in the state earns about a third of the national average. Data from the 2021 NITI Aayog’s Multidimensional Poverty Index shows that 51 per cent of Bihar’s population is poor, the highest among all the states. The state also has the country’s highest fertility rate. It is among the states with a high outmigration rate for low-paying jobs.

About 50 per cent of Bihar’s workforce is involved in agriculture, which contributes less than 25 per cent of the state’s GDP. The big challenge for the state — like in several other parts of the country — is to reduce the dependency on farms by drawing investments in more productive sectors. It must also increase the educational pie, address skill deficits and bring Bihar’s fertility rate close to the national average. In doing so, the Nitin Kumar government should give special attention to marginalised and deprived communities. Also, and perhaps more importantly, the Patna High Court’s verdict should occasion discussions on more expansive approaches to end historical inequalities.

CLEAN AIR FOR THE YOUNG

India has the most number of children dying due to emissions. Their well-being must be at the core of pollution policies

IN YET ANOTHER reminder of the severity of the problem, the State of Global Air (SoGA) Report 2024, released this week, shows that air pollution has become the second leading global risk factor for death. More alarming is the finding, which drew on data from 2021, that air pollution is the second leading risk factor for death among children below the age of five, with 709,000 out of 8.1 million of those who died that year belonging to this demographic. For India, where 2.1 million died due to air pollution, according to the SoGA report, the statistics are sobering: With 1,69,400 of those dying being children under five, the country recorded the highest total number of deaths in this category.

For over two decades now India’s air pollution has led to much hand-wringing, especially during the winter months when a thick layer of smog blankets a vast swathe of the country. Action, however, has mostly taken the form of piecemeal panic-induced measures, like spraying water to minimise dust on the roads and imposing the odd-even scheme for vehicles. Even with the adoption of clean air plans by most cities, the failure at the policy level to link pollution with public health has meant that the long-term damage it can cause has not received adequate attention. The heaviest price for this oversight is paid by the most vulnerable, especially, as is clear now, by children. They inhale more air per kilogram of body weight and absorb more pollutants compared to adults. With their lungs, brains and other organs still developing and their body’s defence mechanisms still relatively weak, exposure to pollution sets them up for ailments like asthma, upper respiratory tract infection, childhood leukaemia and high blood pressure.

Still, there is hope. The report notes that since 2000, the global death rate linked to air pollution, among children under five, has dropped by 53 per cent. This is mainly the result of expanding access to clean energy for cooking, improved healthcare access and nutrition as well as building awareness. The measurable impact of implementing stricter air quality policies and encouraging the shift to hybrid or electric vehicles in Africa, Latin America and Asia also holds lessons. With 42 out of the 50 most polluted cities in the world and where a 2022 study found that even municipal employees — who should be among the frontline workers driving the change — had little awareness of air pollution’s link to cancer and heart diseases, the challenge for India is steep. To face it, the health of its citizens, especially the young, must be at the heart of any solution.

NUSRAT RETURNS

An album of the maestro’s lost recordings could be just what a world riven with conflict needs

TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS after Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan’s death at 48, the maestro’s sublime voice that had once drawn the world to the qawwali’s wisdom will feature in a new album. On September 20, British record label, Real World Records, will put out four tracks by Khan, alongside his eight-piece ensemble, that were recorded in 1989, when British composer Peter Gabriel signed him on. Gabriel was struck by the intensity of Khan’s voice when he heard him at the WOMAD Festival of 1985 and was keen to work with him. That meeting would lead to Real World Records, which specialises in world music, releasing a lot of Khan’s music through the ’90s. But somehow, one tape, with four recordings, got lost in the warehouse’s storage. It was only discovered when the record label decided to relocate its archive in 2021. Now four pieces, one of which has never been heard, will see the light of day in an album aptly titled, *Chain of Light*.

Known for tracks such as ‘Mun kunto maula’, ‘Halka halka suroor’ and ‘Dum must’, Khan’s music transcended borders, finding admirers across the world. The recovery of the recording is therefore not only thrilling for them but also an opportunity to introduce newer generations to the ecstasy of his music. Those who have not heard Khan before will find a voice at the pinnacle of its sonic capabilities, replete with sparkling vocal cadenzas. While Khan’s music was a refuge for many, its symbolism and lessons in humanity and peace came from the poetry of the Sufi saints from different centuries.

Chain of Light could be a conduit between the past and present, nudging a world riven with conflicts and suffering to look within. This is a time when the world needs the Sufi message in Khan’s sublime voice more than ever before.

THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION promises social justice and permits the state to make special provisions in favour of the underprivileged. Governments of all political parties, including the BJP, have tried to expand reservation — more out of electoral compulsion than due to constitutional principles. However, a closer look at the judicial response to these reservation policies demonstrates that our judiciary, through the “strict scrutiny” doctrine, has been quick to nullify such policies with respect to Jats, Gujjars, Marathas, Patidars and Muslims. The judiciary has seemed more concerned with “merit” and “efficiency in administration”.

An 87-page judgment by Chief Justice K Vinod Chandran and Justice Harish Kumar of the Patna High Court struck down 65 per cent reservation in Bihar. This expansion was based on the much-discussed Caste Survey of 2023. The verdict is consistent with the jurisprudence of the Supreme Court. It is a setback for the Congress party, which has promised a Caste Survey in all states, removal of the 50 per cent upper limit of reservations and giving a proportionate share to the Other Backward Classes. The High Court did opine that the only consideration that the Nitish Kumar government weighed in with was that the Backward Classes constitute a major part of the state’s population and their representation is not proportionate in the unreserved category.

The judgment has categorically rejected the “proportionate representation” of Backward Classes and held that the term “proportionate” is alien to Articles 15 and 16. The expression “proportionate representation” has been used in Articles 330(2), 243D and 243T with respect to the representation of Scheduled Castes and Tribes in the Lok Sabha, panchayats and municipalities, respectively.

Article 16 uses the term “inadequacy of representation”. The High Court rightly relied on *Indra Sawhney* (1992) in which the SC had observed that “adequate representation cannot be read as proportionate representation”. But then inadequacy is indeed related to the poor proportion of representation of any backward class and the impugned reservation was not really proportionate as Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and backward castes constitute 84.46 per cent of Bihar’s population. And the SC has acknowl-

The High Court refused to accept that Bihar is not in the national mainstream. Bihar has indeed been at the epicentre of national politics. But the government did not inform the court that Bihar has the lowest per capita income (less than \$800) in the country — 30 per cent of what the average Indian earns — and the highest fertility rate. Only 12 per cent of its population lives in urban areas compared to the 35 per cent national average. The state’s college density is the lowest in the country and every third person lives below the poverty line. These are compelling reasons.



CHAHARIKA UPPAL

PUNJABIYAT HAS BEEN a site of much contestation — over nationalism, religious identity, and even language. However, with the emergence of Punjabi artists on international platforms, and a growing diaspora in the West, the flexibility of Punjabiyyat has allowed it to evolve into a global phenomenon where it is celebrated.

Earlier this week, Diljit Dosanjh left a mark with his debut on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*. He was unabashedly Punjabi. Despite Fallon’s introducing the star as a “poon-jabi” artist, the Punjabi in question seems to have taken over the show — through his music, traditional attire and bhangra breaks. But Dosanjh’s commitment to “wearing his Punjabiyyat on his sleeve” doesn’t limit his reach. It makes him more accessible. Punjabi lyrics, merged with modern genres like hip-hop, transcend borders and language barriers, pulling crowds even at Coachella.

Dosanjh’s music remains true to its linguistic roots. This sets him apart — his thrust towards the modern and contemporary without abandoning the traditional. His contemporaries, those with similar levels of fame like A P Dhillon or Sidhu Moose Wala model their appearance on Western rappers and delve into darker themes of Punjabi culture — guns, violence and objectification of women. Dosanjh’s music, for the most part, as

THE DIL IN DILJIT

Diljit Dosanjh embodies a Punjabiyyat that is less controversial — but no less deep

seen from his Coke Studio song, ‘Magic’, has an elusiveness and sense of yearning. He navigates themes of love and desire in a way that’s reminiscent of traditional Punjabi folklore, a la *Heer-Ranjha*. Older works like his collaboration with Gurdas Maan in ‘Ki Banu Duniya Da’ evoke a similar sense of Punjabiyyat as he sings about the need for a cultural renaissance to inspire the region’s youth, using the motif of the five rivers commonly seen in Partition poetry.

Dosanjh’s recent film, *Amar Singh Chamkila*, also looks at this celebration of Punjabiyyat. But his character does so differently — celebrating his Sikh identity but not ignoring its uncomfortable realities, like the moral condemnation from upper castes, reprimanding the double meaning of Chamkila’s lyrics, which act as a commentary on social ills during one of Punjab’s most turbulent periods.

Dosanjh isn’t the only one engaged in this celebration of Punjabiyyat. As popularised by Rahul Gandhi’s refrain during the recent Lok Sabha election campaign, Sidhu Moose Wala’s ‘295’, also holds deep meaning in the context of Punjabiyyat. The song was appropriated by the opposition as a commentary against the misuse of religion for a cynical politics (the song is a reference to Article 295 of the IPC) and the dilution of truth in the public eye. Although the late Moose Wala has

been criticised for his penchant for AKs and fast cars, his work is permeated by rural woes and the distresses of Punjab. Moose Wala’s identity holds a duality, of violence and peace, of separation and unity — a mirror of the contestations within Punjabiyyat. He is a lover and a fighter.

Diljit’s identity, on the other hand, is less mired in controversy. He, much like his song suggests, is just a lover. Punjabiyyat is often saddled with the contentious themes — of Sikh secessionism, transnational unity, and distinct religiosity, before even reaching the cultural aspect. But Dosanjh carries Punjab with a spring in his step — not haunted by its history of violence and militancy. He emphasises its “softer” aspects — language, literature and tradition. That doesn’t mean he is divorced from its politics but points to a more playful messaging. As with his song ‘Riri’, which was released conveniently around the time Rihanna tweeted about the farmers’ agitation. That’s what makes Diljit a global favourite, his palatability and his attempts to not be weighed down by Punjab’s past. Instead, he uses it as a way to be nostalgic about the promise of a future.

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JUNE 22, 1984, FORTY YEARS AGO

INDO-PAK ARMS TALKS

PRIME MINISTER INDIRA Gandhi does not rule out the possibility of India having a discussion with Pakistan over arms smuggling. In an interview to an independent television channel in London, Gandhi said some of the arms had come from across the Pakistani border but it was “difficult to say who is involved.”

NORMALCY IN PUNJAB

WITH THE SITUATION returning to normalcy in Punjab, the state government on June 21, lifted the ban on the movement of vehicles,

with the exception of two districts. All gurdwaras, except the Golden Temple and Gurudwara Muktsar, were opened to all devotees.

JUDGES’ PENSION HIKE

THE GOVERNMENT HAS decided to provide enhanced pensions to all judges of the Supreme Court and high court, who retired prior to October 1, 1974 as well as payment of arrears to legal heirs, and family pensions to widows of retired judges. The Supreme Court Judges Act, 1958, and the High Court Judges Act, 1954, were amended in 1976 to enhance the pension for judges who retired

on or after October 1, 1974.

ORISSA’S BRIDGE FEUD

A CONTROVERSY OVER the construction of a river bridge has brought the Orissa chief minister, J B Patnaik, and his wife, Jayanti Patnaik, member of Lok Sabha from Cuttack, on a collision course. The controversy started because Jayanti Patnaik wanted the proposed bridge to be constructed at Salepore, which falls under her constituency, whereas Basant Biswal, minister of state of public works wanted the bridge to be constructed in Cuttack district’s Patkura.



The IDEAS PAGE

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THE BEST OF BOTH SIDES

A fortnightly column, which offers not this-versus-that, but the best of both sides, to inform the debate



CR Sasikumar

NCERT has made changes to its school textbooks citing a range of reasons, including students' well-being. But does that infantilise them?

Textbooks need to evolve with times

They should present a balanced curriculum, fostering a culture of curiosity, empathy, understanding and critical thinking



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HISTORIES, TO A large extent, are contested constructs. Since Independence, our school textbooks have often portrayed historical facts in a manner that parallels partisan or narrow viewpoints. In alignment with this dominant discourse, the effort was usually to eschew the recognition of India's strides in art, literature, philosophy, education, science, technology, and economic development. The objective was clearly to construct a view of Indian history that suppresses India's profound impact on the world's civilisation, resulting in a skewed perception of our national identity and historical narrative. This positioning resonates with a typical colonial mindset.

In their formative years, school children do not possess the capacity to comprehend intense emotions and complex moral dilemmas. At an early age, since school students are still developing their cognitive and emotional capabilities, if they are exposed to the aggressiveness of historical events and conflicts, they are likely to develop anxiety and emotional distress.

If historical conflicts are introduced at inappropriate stages of education in the school curriculum, it can immortalise deficit perceptions of the broader historical context in children's minds. In essence, the history taught to our students in schools should not lead to animosities and prejudices that could divide communities.

Unsurprisingly, we should not overlook the ethical implications of one-sided historical facts in the earlier school textbooks. We should also question whether it would help promote social cohesion and mutual respect among our school children if such conflict-focused history books continue to be used in

Teaching school students a balanced history that minimises conflict-based narratives does not limit their access to multiple versions of history as they grow older. Students who progress to higher education can study and research more nuanced historical accounts.

uate and postgraduate programmes, and they have the freedom to decide what is taught to their students and what books to follow as reference texts. University students can engage in informed and in-depth discussions about all aspects of historical conflicts with a mature perspective. This, in turn, will help the students develop their scholarly opinions based on debate, discussion and critical analysis.

In fact, universities are the appropriate places for students to engage with contentious facets of history since they possess the cognitive maturity to critically analyse and understand multiple perspectives. Therefore, universities should remain centres of academic freedom where students can thoroughly examine complex historical issues without prejudice.

Consequently, any efforts in revising school textbooks focusing on balanced narratives is not an end but a beginning. The foundation that the students attain from such balanced textbooks will help them build a deeper historical understanding in later years.

One of the pedagogical goals of school education is to help adolescent students develop a constructive and positive attitude toward their future roles in society by exposing them to a comprehensive understanding of history so that they are not trapped in an early disillusionment.

The revised school textbooks must present a fact-based history that promotes a broad knowledge of India's past. Therefore, they must rightly emphasise national unity, national belonging, and India's cultural and historical contributions, moving away from divisive narratives and compartmentalisation. Textbooks

should teach our students the value of unity, the ubiquity of inclusivity and peaceful co-existence, instead of attempting to weave disparate narratives of division and conflict. A growing body of research indicates that school textbooks need to keep pace with the changing times to be responsive in meeting the emergent needs of students. Following this, in addition to history, global issues such as climate change, inclusive growth, sustainable development, renewable energy, water and food security, mental health, and digital literacy, which are increasingly becoming relevant in students' lives, must be addressed in the revised relevant subject textbooks to provide a contemporary understanding of these topics.

Inherent in this is a belief that the sole purpose of revising school textbooks should be to present a balanced curriculum fostering a culture of empathy, curiosity, understanding and critical thinking among children to fuel their ambition to further studies later.

There is still much to be done to develop meaningful pedagogical praxis that fosters healthy, creative and inquisitive thinking among our students. By revising the textbooks, we can provide our school kids access to every opportunity to thrive and realise their potential in building a strong India.

While the newly revised school textbooks are a welcome development, as envisaged in the National Education Policy 2020, we must continue to revise the textbooks at reasonable periodic intervals to ensure that these books support the diverse ways of learning to enhance students' critical thinking and problem-solving capabilities.

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Changes political, limit knowledge

NCERT's edits rupture the threads between today's events and those of the past



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UNTIL THE LIONS have their own history, the history of the hunt will always glorify the hunter. The African proverb, recounted by the great Nigerian writer Chinua Achebe, is an apt metaphor for the power exercised by dominant groups on knowledge.

School-level social science textbooks, especially the officially designated ones, are perhaps the greatest bearers of this burden. In most countries, including India, history, political science, and sociology textbooks are not only shaded by politics and carry imprints of the regime in office, but their drafting exercises often invite controversy.

India's National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) was established in 1961 to improve the quality of teaching material. In about a decade, it began publishing model textbooks. Since Independence, the country's school curriculum has undergone four revisions — in 1975, 1988, 2000 and 2005. In the past 10 years, the NCERT's *modus operandi* has changed somewhat.

Instead of creating new content, it has been tweaking the books that first entered the market in 2005. The most substantive of these changes have taken place in the last two years — parts dealing with Gandhi's assassination, mediaeval history, caste, protest movements and the Emergency have been "pruned".

The textbook-framing agency's justifications have ranged from reducing the burden on students after the Covid pandemic to "rationalising" content. This week, the NCERT's director has again talked about student well-being. Sections dealing with Babri Masjid demolition of 1992 and the 2002 Gujarat riots were shortened or deleted, he has reasoned, because studying these events can "create violent and depressive citizens".

Before examining such noble concerns, let's pause a bit and turn our attention to an alternative view of textbooks — one that holds that accounts of the hunt need not always be that of the hunter's bravery. In the US, for instance, there is nearly a century-long history of African-American educators taking issues with racist ideas of learning so that "the story of the hunt reflects the agony, as well as the bravery of the lion".

In other words, education is a catalyst of change and empowerment. Pedagogy can prepare students for life. School textbooks further this endeavour in at least two ways. They are a source of basic information required to understand a discipline. The combination of a good teacher and good textbook can encourage students to ask questions, to make sense of society, politics, and culture.

In India, initiatives to write textbooks that serve as tools of critical enquiry have almost always had to navigate a system rarely receptive to criticism. The National Education Policy 2020, with its ostensible aim of nurturing critical thinking, could have furthered a more expansive outlook. Instead, the NCERT's edits

rupture the threads between today's events with those of the past.

About three decades ago, the Ram Janmabhoomi movement whipped up passions claiming that the Babri Masjid was built after the Mughal emperor's army destroyed a temple to Lord Rama. The destruction of the 16th century mosque by a politically charged mob on December 6, 1992, triggered violence in several parts of the country which claimed thousands of lives. The BJP used the movement and the demolition of the masjid to propel itself to relevance and power.

On January 22, a temple for Lord Rama was consecrated at the Babri Masjid site, enabled by a Supreme Court ruling, which the tweaked Class XII political science textbook describes as a "classic example of consensus". It is, however, silent on the Court's strictures, on the fact that the five-judge bench had also described the destruction of the mosque as "an egregious violation of the rule of law".

In India, where an overwhelming number of instructors lack autonomy on classroom teaching, the textbook is the ultimate authority on the subject. This means that from now on, in the political science class of most schools, the Babri Masjid is not likely to have a name. It will instead be referred to, after NCERT's latest change, as "a three-domed structure". There will be no mention of the lives claimed by the enmity and bitterness in the aftermath of December 6, 1992.

The classroom will also be innocent of one of the worst outbreaks of communal bloodshed in independent India — in Gujarat in February 2002 under the watch of India's current prime minister and home minister.

The Supreme Court has dismissed allegations of "a state-sponsored crime". Even then, "to create positive citizens," the textbook has avoided reference to Gujarat 2002.

The NCERT director is right. Textbooks can be springboards for positivity. But to do that, a senior school student, very likely a voter in a year or two, deserves knowledge that can help make connections. He's also right about the unfortunately large number of riots in the country. That's

why acquainting learners with what happened on December 6, 1992, or Gujarat 2002 could be a stepping stone to fathom how distrust between communities turns into rage — as it did, perhaps, in Delhi in 2020. Who knows: Today's young adults could tomorrow find better resolutions than envisaged by scholars, politicians and policymakers.

Revisions are, indeed, a global practice. Social science demands rewrites — at times, hunters have to cede place to lions. But the NCERT's changes have been framed around limiting knowledge. The erasures remind us of the Soviet state airbrushing Leon Trotsky's photographs after his execution, China's Communist Party forbidding discussions on Tiananmen Square or the silence of US educators on the extermination of indigenous Americans. A government that places a premium on decolonisation should also keep in mind that the NCERT's changes are of a piece with the UK's curricula not acknowledging the Empire's role in the impoverishment of large parts of the world.

Or are there new hunters today, armed with a shield they call students' "well-being"?

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Bracing for new hurdles

Real test for Modi 3.0 will come not from managing his coalition, but from an Opposition that believes ruling party has no mandate to rule



RAM RAJYA

BY RAM MADHAV

IT IS A travesty that those who lost the election are in a celebratory mood while those who won are sombre. The Congress, that touched its lowest tally in history in 2014, coming down to 44 seats from 206 in 2009 and failing to recover from that drubbing in 2019 elections by managing to marginally improve its tally by eight seats, ended up winning just 99 seats this time despite much hype. Its vote share remains at a low 21 per cent, whereas that of the BJP hovers around 36-37 per cent. It failed to open accounts in 11 states, including important ones like Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir and Tripura. It won just one seat in big states like Orissa, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal. The BJP too failed to open its account in seven states, but the significant ones are only Tamil Nadu and Punjab.

This statistical reality shows that people have given the Congress-led alliance a mandate to function as a responsible Opposition. Still, the Congress leadership seems to believe that the mandate was not for the NDA, but for them. Mallikarjun Kharge, president of the Congress party, predicted that "Modi's minority government" may "fall anytime", while Rahul Gandhi chose arguments like "tectonic shift has taken place in Indian politics", and "the idea and image of Modi have been destroyed" to conclude that the NDA government was "very fragile" and could collapse at the "smallest disturbance".

The Congress leadership is suffering from two illusions; first, that the mandate was for them and not for Modi; and second, that the NDA alliance would soon collapse because Prime Minister Narendra Modi is temperamentally not equipped to run a coalition.

Modi's real challenge is not managing this coalition. With 240 seats in its tally, the BJP is placed far more comfortably to run the coalition government than a hotchpotch INDI alliance government. The BJP is leading coalition governments in several states, including Maharashtra and Assam. Moreover, with his vast political experience spanning more than three decades, Modi cannot be considered a novice to coalition politics.

The challenge for Modi will come not from managing his coalition, but from an Opposition which is coming to the House with the mindset that the ruling party has no mandate to rule. Modi said he missed a "good opposition". He should brace up for a rancorous Opposition in this term.

Besides managing the choppy waters of the Parliament, the new government needs to turn attention to certain priority areas. A burgeoning young population, with over 20 million youngsters attaining employable age of 18 years annually, will be a challenge for any government. In the last 10 years, the government has taken multiple initiatives to ad-

dress this, mainly encouraging self-employment. Yet, formal employment opportunities for millions of skilled and semi-skilled youngsters is a major need of the hour. Inflow of private investment into the manufacturing sector is an important answer to this. Hurdles in the way of the smooth inflow of such investments need to be curbed. The World Bank's data showed in 2021 that India's ease of doing business ranking had substantially improved. Yet, several systemic hurdles remain.

We are in the era of industry 4.0, internet 3.0 and genetics 2.0. Our education sector needs to gear up to face the new reality. While the Opposition will naturally raise controversies over competitive exams like NEET and NET, greater attention is needed for ramping up research and innovation. India continues to fare poorly in these areas. What many claim as innovation is mostly imitation, where copying substitutes for creativity.

The R&D and innovation domain too needs greater infusion of private capital. Unfortunately, our R&D funding, both public and private, is not even 0.7 per cent of our GDP, which accounts for around \$17 billion. China spends over 2.5 per cent of its GDP on it. It spends close to \$500 billion annually on R&D, almost 30 times that of India's spending, while the US spends around \$600 billion.

In 2022, India filed around 60,000 patents, of which almost 50 per cent were filed for the domestic market. Perceived quality of these patents was very low. China, on the other hand, filed four million patents in the same year, of which 25 per cent were "high value patents". Unlike China, we don't have any such scientific classification. The US filed around 0.7 million patents in 2022. A recent study found that thanks to the push given by the Modi government, India's research output grew by around 54 per cent to one million research papers during 2017-22, taking it to the fourth position globally. However, the quality and relevance of many of these papers remain questionable as only 15 per cent of them have been cited in top academic journals, according to research platform SciVal. China continues to be the world leader with 4.5 million research papers published in the five-year period, followed by the United States with 4.4 million and the United Kingdom with 1.4 million.

Then, the fast-changing geo-strategic environment may soon call for a major re-adjustment of India's strategic priorities. Strategic autonomy is never easy. It is going to become much harder in the face of the hardening of positions between the West and Russia-China axis. It is no secret that China's influence in the region is a predominant challenge for us. The new axis of China, Russia and Iran against the considerably weakened West will lead to new challenges. A world dotted by multiple conflicts will be the new reality, calling for a deft handling of our foreign policy.

Domestic and international challenges, coupled with an unrelenting political Opposition that cares less for any scruples, could pose a real test for PM Modi in his record-breaking third term in office.

The writer, president, India Foundation is with the RSS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NEED OF THE HOUR

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Examine the exam' (IE, June 21). Many good suggestions have been made to check leaks of question papers. These include the use of AI-based proctoring and screen monitoring, (OMR)-based exams, randomised questions, item pooling, etc. However, an increase in leaks despite such techniques indicates that a system is as good or as bad as the persons who use it. Those involved in the testing process must be above board. If there is dishonesty, the Opposition should avoid criticism and make constructive points, which the government should adopt without demur.

YG Chouksey, Pune

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Examine the exam' (IE, June 21). The row over two examinations conducted by the NTA has put a question mark on its credibility. A large section of aspirants, belonging to humble backgrounds, borrow money to prepare for these exams and join expensive coaching institutes. But paper leaks, controversies and flawed policies of the authorities destroy their dreams, leaving them frustrated. The exam fixers charge a fortune from aspirants for leaking papers. There is a need to take strict action against them. Restoration of aspirants' faith in the NTA is the need of the hour.

SH Quadri, Bikaner

NEW CRIMINAL LAWS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Out with the bad laws' (IE, June 21). The objective behind the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita was to erase our colonial legacy. However, the writer has flagged that certain laws still pose a risk to citizens. First, Section 63 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita continues to hold marital rape as an exception even though it qualifies as sexual assault. Second, the use of Section 124A of the old sedition law has been suspended by the SC, pending reconsideration by the Centre. Sadly, under the Sanhita (Section 150), its provisions are vague and more stringent than the earlier laws.

LR Murmu, New Delhi

FOCUS ON SECURITY

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Security in black & white' (IE, June 21). Successive governments have been reluctant to formulate their security strategies in writing, possibly due to concerns about se-crecy issues, criticism and divergence between the military and bureaucracy. The government must adopt a comprehensive approach to resolving such issues. Operational agencies involved in national security should be brought on board to discuss all the issues to iron out differences and allay concerns. National security is paramount.

Manish Mishra, Bhopal

NOTICE INVITING FOR CONTRACT (ON OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY BASIS)
FOR LIFTING / SALE OF WASTE CARD BOARD OF MED STORE & CSD CANTEEN
ARMY HOSPITAL (R&R), DELHI CANTT-10

A technical & commercial bid is invited in sealed envelopes under closed bid system from the eligible agencies for providing the services of lifting/sale of waste card board of Med Store & CSD Canteen from Army Hospital (R&R), initially for eleven months and extendable based on performance subject to 10% increase in rebate amount as per ground performance/escalation in market value. Interested local vendors may submit their quotations alongwith self attested copy of their auth Govt License and supporting documents within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The interested party may collect RFP from "QM Office" within 07 days from date of publication of this advertisement. The quotations may be dropped in quotation box at Main Office in sealed envelope, Open quotations/incomplete documents will be rejected. The higher bidder will be awarded contract accordingly.

(Brig I/C Adm & Cdr Tps)
Army Hospital (R&R)
for Comdt

Public Notice

"Meerut Shamli Power Transmission Limited" having its registered office at 2nd Floor, Niryat Bhawan, Rao Tularam Marg, Vasant Vihar, Opposite Army Hospital & Referral, New Delhi-110 057 in tends to apply/has applied to the Government of India to confer upon him all the powers under Section 164 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for the placing of electric lines or electrical plant for the transmission of electricity or for the purpose of telephonic or telegraphic communications necessary for the proper coordination of works which telegraph authority possess under the Indian Telegraph Act,1885 with respect to the placing of telegraph lines and posts for the purpose of a telegraph established or maintained, by the Government or to be so established or maintained and will undertake the survey, construction, installation, inspection, erection and other works to be followed by commissioning, operation, maintenance and other works for the following transmission schemes.

Name of the Transmission Scheme: Meerut Shamli Power Transmission Limited
Works covered underthe scheme:

S.No.	Scope of the Transmission Scheme	Capacity/ Km
1	1400 kV D/C Meerut – Shamli Transmission Line	92 KM (Approx)

Thet ransmission lines covered under the scheme will passthrough, over, around, and between the following villages, towns and cities:-
PROJECT NAME: Meerut Shamli Power Transmission Limited

Construction of Meerut (765) -Shamli 400 kV D/C Transmission Line

VILLAGE LIST

S. No.	District	Tehsil	Villages
1	Meerut	Meerut	Ahmadpuri Urf Amanpuri, Shodatt, Alamgirpur Badhla, Khatki, Parichhatgarh, Khanpur, Ramnagar, Bali, Durveshpur, Gazipur, Kherki Jadid, Attaura, Mawana Khurd, Bhainsa, Paharpur, Niloha, Jhijnjharpur, Penai, Sanota, Garina, Batnor.
2	Muzaffarnagar	Khatauli	Kadhli, Chandsamand, Kakrala, Nagla Sani, Titaura, Bhaingi, Rukanpur, Dudhali, Satheri, Barsu, Chandsina, Morkukka, Mubarikpur, Nizampur, Basdhara, Dinkarpur,
		Budhana	Kakra, Sautu, Aliyarpur Dei
		Muzaffarnagar	Kabirpur, Kutbi, Dhindhawali, Chroli, Muhammadpur Madan, Salha Kheri
3	Shamli	Shamli	Sonta, Butrara, Raghunathpur, Banti khera

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Mob: 8790994621/ 9676404605

Date: 22.06.2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

1. **Air Officer Commanding**, Air Force Station, Race Course, New Delhi-110003 invites sealed tenders from war widows/widows of Defence personnel martyred while on duty, disabled soldier, widows/Spouses of Ex-serviceman, Ex-servicemen having sound financial status for the following Regimental shops at Race Course Camp, Marut Camp, Tejas Camp AF Naraina Camp for the **initial Contract period of two years extendable as per terms and condition/ Satisfactory service on yearly basis for maximum period of five years.**

2. The following SI regimental shops are on offer against Rebate (In Rs. Per month for SI) at present under Single bid and two bid system. The Rent and Allied charges fixed for each shop will be charged as per scale laid down by Government and requirement from time to time:

LIST OF REGIMENTAL SHOPS FOR SINGLE BIDS SYSTEM

(a)	Location at Race Course Camp (RCC)	
Sl.No.	Shop's Name	Initial contract period w.e.f
1	Juice Corner	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
2	Ladies Tailor shop	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
3	Tailor Shop (Uniform, Gents clothing) with workshop No. 8	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
4	Beauty Parlour	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
5	Dry Cleaner shop	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
6	Electronics Shop	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
7	Tea and Snacks bar (RCC)	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
8	Bakery Shop	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
9	Stationery Shop	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
10	Electronics Repair	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
11	Tea and Snacks bar (ARC)	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
12	Tea and Snacks bar (Lgs)	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
13	Tea and Snacks bar (MT)	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
14	CSD Car facilitation and Finance/insurance	16 Nov 2024 to 15 Nov 2026
15	Tailors Shop (Gen)	16 Nov 2024 to 15 Nov 2026
16	Barber Shop	16 Nov 2024 to 15 Nov 2026
17	Cobbler Shop	16 Nov 2024 to 15 Nov 2026

(b) Location at Marut Camp

Sl.No.	Shop's Name	Initial contract period w.e.f
1	Tailor Shop	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
2	Vegetable Shop	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
3	Stationery Shop	16 Nov 2024 to 15 Nov 2026

(c) Location at Tejas Camp

Sl.No.	Shop's Name	Initial contract period w.e.f
1	Tea and Snacks bar	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
2	Provision Shop	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
3	Ladies retailer and Gift/stationery Shop	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
4	Vegetable Shop	16 Nov 2024 to 15 Nov 2026

(d) Location at AF Camp Naraina

Sl.No.	Shop's Name	Initial contract period w.e.f
1	Vegetable Shop	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
2	Cafeteria	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
3	Barber shop	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
4	Provision Shop	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
5	Gift Shop	16 Nov 2024 to 15 Nov 2026

LIST OF REGIMENTAL SHOPS FOR TWO BIDS SYSTEM

1	Oasis Restaurant	01 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2026
2	Tailor Shop* (Officer and Airmen) with workshop No. 15	01 Nov 2024 to 31 Oct 2026

3. The tender forms can be obtained from **SI Fund office**, Air Force Station, Race Course, New Delhi - 110 003 on all working days from 0900h to 1300h (Mon-Friday) from **27 Jun 24 to 05 Jul 24** on cash payment of Rs. 500/- each (non-refundable). A sum of Rs. 5,000/- is to be deposited as Earnest Money (refundable) in the form of POS/ demand draft/ pay order/ bankers' cheque in favour of "**OIC SI Fund, AFND**".

4. Tender forms duly completed in all respects together with Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) receipts are to be dropped/deposited in the Tender Box kept at **Main Guard Room, Security Section**, Air Force Station, Race Course, New Delhi-110 003 addressed to "**OIC SI Fund, Air Force Station, New Delhi-03**". All details concerning rent and allied charges, documents to be attached, last date and place of dropping/ depositing of tender in tender box will be mentioned in the tender form itself. In case of any bidder bidding for more than one shop, only one shop will be considered for allotment, if all other criteria for allotment are being met. Highest/ single bids will not necessarily be accepted. Allotment will be done by Board of Officers taking into account, Rebate offered, documents attached, filling up all particulars/details, financial status of bidders, rates of items proposed to be sold in shops, character verification, welfare of troops and other parameters as mentioned in the tender form.

5. AOC/Station Cdr is the overall trustee for SI Fund and C Adm O is the President of Service Institute. All correspondence / Claims concerning bidding are to be addressed to C Adm O, AFND. No query / claim concerning bidding will be accepted beyond 10 days of allotment. Decision of AOC/ C Adm O will be fixed and binding. No correspondence on the subject will be entertained on completion of bidding and allotment of shops. All ex-servicemen/dependents are expected to follow service norms and ethos in all communication and follow laid down channels.

6. Tenderers/bidders may visit the shops before applying on any working day. **Air Officer Commanding, Air Force Station New Delhi** has the right to accept or reject any tender or application without assigning any reason.



EMPLOYEES' PROVIDENT FUND ORGANISATION

Regional Office, Pune Akurdi - 411044

P.C.M.C. Commercial Complex, Sector-28, Akurdi Pradhikaran, Pune

दूरभाष / Ph: 020-27650987, ई-मेल/E-Mail : ro.pune2@epfindia.gov.in



Public Notice

Shri Madhur Sangeet, son of Shri B.C. Kakaria, resident of Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, working as a Social Security Assistant in the office of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, RO Pune (Akurdi), has been absent from duty without any intimation or leave application since 22.04.2024.

In this regard, recall Memos No. MH/PF/RO/PUNE-II/AKURDI/HRM/2024/63 dated 29.04.2024, No.MH/PF/RO/PUNE-II/AKURDI/HRM/2024/107 dated 08.05.2024 and No.MH/PF/RO/PUNE-II/AKURDI/HRM/2024/131 dated 21.05.2024 were issued to his known residential addresses of Pune & Bhopal as per office records, directing Shri Madhur Sangeet, SSA to report to duty immediately. Despite this, there has been no response from Shri Madhur Sangeet, SSA.

A disciplinary inquiry against Shri Madhur Sangeet, SSA is currently in progress. The Inquiry Officer appointed to inquire into the charges framed against Shri Madhur Sangeet, SSA submitted the Inquiry Report to the Disciplinary Authority. The Inquiry Report has already been forwarded to Shri Madhur Sangeet, SSA via Office Note No. MH/PF/RO/PUNE-II/AKURDI/HRM/2024/143 dated 29.05.2024, directing him to submit any comments on the findings of the Inquiry Report within 15 days from the receipt of the communication. However, no reply has been received from Shri Madhur Sangeet, SSA.

To afford a reasonable opportunity and uphold the principles of natural justice, an extension has been granted by the Disciplinary Authority to Shri Madhur Sangeet, SSA until 27.06.2024, to submit his comments on the Inquiry Report if any. It is hereby publicly informed to Sh. Madhur Sangeet, SSA to report to duty immediately and to observe the administrative obligations.

Sd/-
(MANOJ T MANE)
REGIONAL P.F. COMMISSIONER-II (Admin)
EMPLOYEES' PROVIDENT FUND ORGANISATION
REGIONAL OFFICE PUNE,(AKURDI)

Public Notice

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Name of the Transmission Scheme: Jewar Transmission Limited
Works covered underthe scheme:

S.No.	Scope of the Transmission Scheme	Capacity/ Km
1	Construction of 400/220 kV, 2x500MVA GIS substation Jewar	400 kV GIS feeder bay – 02 Nos. 400 kV GIS Bus Coupler bay – 01 No. 400 kV GIS Bus reactor bay – 01 No. 400 kV GIS ICT bay – 02 Nos. 220 kV GIS Bus Coupler bay – 01 No. 220 kV GIS ICT bay – 02 Nos. 220 kV GIS Interconnecting (220 kV S/S Jewar) bay – 02 Nos. 220 kV GIS Feeder (220 kV S/S Sector-28 YEIDA) bay – 02 Nos.
2	LILO of one ckt. of 400 kV Greater Noida (765 kV) – Sector -148 (400), Noida DC line at 400/220 kV GIS Substation Jewar	2.5 KM Approx.
3	Construction of 220/33 kV, GIS Substation Cantt, (Chaukaghat) Varanasi	220 kV GIS feeder bay – 02 Nos. 220 kV GIS Bus Coupler bay – 01 No. 220 kV GIS ICT bay – 02 Nos. 33 kV GIS feeder bay – 12 Nos. 33 kV GIS Transfer Bus Coupler bay – 01 No. 33 kV GIS ICT bay – 02 Nos.
4	LILO of one ckt, of 220 kV Sarnath (400)-Gajokhar DC line at Cantt.(Chaukaghat) Varanasi	38 KM Approx.
5	Construction of 220/33 kV GIS substation Vasundhara	220 kV GIS feeder bay – 03 Nos. 220 kV GIS feeder bay (spare) – 01 No. 220kV GIS Bus Coupler Bay- 01 No. 220 kV GIS ICT bay – 03 Nos. 33 kV GIS feeder bay – 10 Nos. 33 kV GIS Transfer Bus Coupler bay – 01 No. 33 kV GIS bus sectionalized bay – 02 Nos. 33 kV capacitor bank bay (1x10 MVAR)– 03 Nos. 33 kV GIS ICT bay – 03 Nos. 33/0.4 kV Station transformer bay – 02 Nos.
6	LILO of one ckt, of 220 kV Muradnagar(400)-Sahibabad (220) SC line at 220 kV Substation Vasundhara	0.5 KM Approx.
7	220 kV Indirapuram (400) – Vasundhara SC line	7 KM Approx.
8	Construction of 220/132/33 kV, Substation Khaga	220 kV feeder bay – 02 Nos. 220 kV spare feeder bay – 02 Nos. 220 kV bus coupler – 01 No. 220 kV transfer bus coupler – 01 No 220 kV ICT bay – 02 Nos. 132 kV feeder bay – 03 Nos. 132 kV spare feeder bay – 01 No. 132 kV bus coupler – 01 No. 132 kV transfer bus coupler – 01 No 132 kV ICT bay – 04 Nos. 33 kV Feeder Bay – 07 Nos. 33 kV Transfer Bus Coupler bay – 01 No. 33 kV ICT bay – 02 Nos.
9	220 kV Fatehpur (765) PG-Khaga DC line	28 KM Approx.
10	132 kV Khaga (220) – Khaga DC line	24 KM Approx.
11	132 kV Khaga (220) – Hussainganj SC line	25 KM Approx.

The transmission lines covered under the scheme will passthrough,over, around, and between the following villages, towns and cities:-
PROJECT NAME: Jewar Transmission Limited

Jewar Transmission Limited Substations with associated lines

VILLAGE LIST

S.No.	District	Tehsil	Villages
1	Gautam Budh Nagar	Jewar	Maksudpur, Sector-32, Sector-33, Chak Birampur
2	Varanasi	Pindra	Gadar, Murdi, Tarapur, Goghari, Nehiya, Barwan, Dallipur, Dharmampur, Sarai Takki, Hathiwari, Babatpur
		Sadar	Chauka Ghat, Station road, Nadesar tal road, cantonment board, ARO stadium
3	Ghaziabad	Sadar	Kala Pathar Indirapuram, Kala Pathar road, Shakti Khand-3, CISF-Sahibabad road, Sector-5 vasundhara, sector-4B Vasundhara, Sector-3 Vasundhara
4	Fatehpur	Fatehpur	Tikar, Meerpur, Chak kori sadad, Misa, Aswa Baxpur, Vira Budhanpur, Danyalpur, Shankerpur, Haswa, Sultanpur Khalsa, Mohammadpur Nabada, Abdullapur Ghuri, Karamchandpur Sanda, Beti Sadat, Latifpur, Sukhpur, Pure Elmas, Obi, Haibatpur, Ahmadpur, Padri, Baira Ghadiwa,Chauke Kha, Ahamadpur, Mishramau, Sukhpur, Beti Sadat, Mohammadpur Nabada, Haswa, Jamalpur, Rasulpur Mamaiya, Chhitampur, Misa, Meerpur, Korrah Sadat, Narayanpur, Aoreai, Dharmpur Sato
		Khaga	Sujarahi, Tikari, Tilochanpur, Raipur, Lachmanpur, Bhakrana, Ramipur, Sangrampur, Dharmgadpur, Rasulpur, Sulatanpur, Khemkaranpur Basai, Hardoan

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Date: 22.06.2024



Indian Overseas Bank

ADAMPUR BRANCH
(A Government of India Undertaking)
Adampur Giriya- 803109

NOTICE FOR BRANCH SHIFTING

This is an information to all our customers that our "Adampur Branch" is going to shift on 22nd July 2024 at **Plot No 1094 AT+PO+PS-Giriyak, Near Devi Asthan, Nalanda - 803019**. Banking transactions will be carried from our new premises after shifting of this existing branch.

Authorised Officer
Indian Overseas Bank

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 usadm-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. website

Sd/-
(Arjun Rana)
Under Secretary to the Government of India
Tel: 011-23044653

CBC 35201/11/0003/2425



GMDC

TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender is invited for Supply and Commissioning of Apple Desktops & Laptops at the Corporate Office and Project Offices of GMDC.

For e-tender notice, tender documents and for further details visit our website www.gmdcltd.com.

Tender shall be downloaded from <https://gmdc.nprocure.com> and submitted online as per e-tender notice. Please visit <https://gmdc.nprocure.com> from time to time for any corrigendum/addendum.

GMDC E-Tender No.: GMDC/IT/MAC/01/24-25
nProcure Tender No.: 77954



Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd.
(A Government of Gujarat Enterprise)
Khanji Bhawan, 132 Feet Ring Road,
Near University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad-380052

Appeal for Identification



General public is hereby informed that one person **Namely:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 45-50 Yrs., **Height:** 5'8", **Sex:** Male, **Built:** Thin, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Grey Colour Printed Shirt & Black Colour Lower, **Place of Recovery:** Found Dead on Mata Deen Marg, Kapashera, New Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in DDU Hospital Mortuary, Delhi for 72 Hours.

In this regard **DD No. 27A, Dated 19.06.2024** has been lodged at **Police Station: Kapashera, New Delhi**. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO
P.S.: Kapashera, New Delhi
Ph.: 7065036226

DP/7830/OD/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 Deputy General Manager & Recovery Officer
Date: 18.06.2024 Securities and Exchange Board of India

CBC 15204/11/0043/2425

14 BIG PICTURE

She was gang-raped at 12, became a mother at 13. Then the son she gave away tracked her down and together, they fought back

The woman, seen at her house in Uttar Pradesh, asks, 'How long would we live like we made a mistake?' Vishal Srivastav

AP MUMMY hain (Are you my mother?)” The 15-year-old stood at the door of one of the rooms of a women’s hostel in Lucknow, clutching a crumpled piece of paper. The question had been gnawing at him for as long as he could remember. But that day, in April 2010, as he mouthed the words, a floodgate opened up. “I slumped on the floor when he said that. He was 15, but looked much smaller for his age. I hugged him and we sat there for very long, crying,” says the 42-year-old of the moment her firstborn found his way back into her life.

He was the child born of trauma — she was 12 when she was gang-raped in Uttar Pradesh’s Shahjahanpur in 1994. Her parents had got her to put the child up for adoption, hoping the door would shut firmly on her past. But here he was, the door wide open, asking questions of her. She had few answers then. Thirty years later, she finally does.

In 2021, her son got her to file a case against the two men who raped her. On May 22, a court in Shahjahanpur sentenced her rapists to 10 years in jail.

“The DNA test matched one of the accused,” said Rajeev Tripathi, the government counsel in Shahjahanpur.

1994, Shahjahanpur

She was 10 when she was sent to Shahjahanpur town, 61 km from her home in Hardoi, to live with her elder sister and brother-in-law, a government employee. Her father, a subedar in the Army, would have different postings and so the family thought it was best for her to stay with her married sister, the second of six siblings, and get a good education.

Life in Shahjahanpur had got off to a good start. Her school was better than the one in the village, she enjoyed Hindi in school and wanted to become a police officer. “I hoped to wear the uniform and come home. That was my dream then,” she says, sitting in the lobby of a hotel in Delhi, where she was visiting after the court verdict.

But it was the walk to school and back that bothered her — past the graveyard near her house, past the leering men and boys. “There was this group of men who began following me. Of them, two were brothers (Naki Hasan, then 25, and Guddu Hasan, then 21). They were truckers and would park their truck near our house. They would trouble me and pass comments whenever I

stepped out. The area we lived in was secluded and I used to be very scared,” she says.

She recalls that she was alone at home when the brothers forced their way in and raped her. The attackers didn’t stop at that. Over the next six months, they kept assaulting her. “I didn’t dare to (talk about the rape) because they threatened me. Those two men were known goondas in the locality and everyone was scared of them. They would openly brag about the people they attacked or killed,” she says.

One day, she got her first period. Later, since she was feeling unwell, her sister took her to a hospital. The doctors there declared her pregnant, but refused to carry out an abortion since she was only 13 then.

She says her sister and brother-in-law tried to file a police complaint but were “threatened” by the brothers. The family decided it would be best for her to move to Rampur, nearly 150 km away. Her brother-in-law applied for a quick transfer to Rampur.

In February 1995, she gave birth to a baby boy in Rampur. A relative arranged for the infant to be adopted by a couple in Hardoi. “They took the baby away. I only remember the delivery, nothing more. I was very weak. After that, I did not even know if the child was dead or alive.”

Later, she says, there were moments when she would think about her son and wonder where he was, but she never mentioned him to anyone. “*Iss baare mein koi baat nahi hoti thi...* Koi vikalp hi nahi tha (There was no talk of the child afterwards... There was no alternative).”

1999, Varanasi

Around four years later, when she turned 17, her family found a match for her in Varanasi. All was good and in 2002, she gave birth to a son. “It was a happy moment for me. I wanted to see my son grow up, bring him up,” she says.

Trouble started soon in the form of a whisper about an “incident in Shahjahanpur”. That whisper turned into a full-blown conversation. One day, she claims, her in-laws refused to eat the food she had made. Then, her husband, a farmer, stopped talking to her.

“He said, ‘You and your family members have betrayed me. What if your first child comes here? *Hamari toh poori biradari mein badnami hogi* (We will be ridiculed in the community). The situation turned really bad after that. I was completely ostracised,” she says, adding that she had no contact with her own family at this point.

She did not have a phone of her own and the only address she had was that of her sister. She would write letters to her but got no reply. “No one wanted to talk to me,” she

says. One day, she finally got a letter from her sister. “She gave me her phone number. *Dheere-dheere* (gradually), I told her what I was going through. She said she would support me and that I should leave my husband’s home,” she says.

In 2007, she says her husband did not object when she told him about her decision to leave. In fact, he dropped her and their five-year-old son at the bus station, from where she boarded a bus to Renukoot in Uttar Pradesh where her sister lived. But she knew she had to start life afresh. Lucknow, around 460 km away, seemed like a good place to start. So she moved there and took up a tailoring job.

2009, a village in Hardoi

Meanwhile in a Hardoi village, a boy in his teens was tormented by questions: Why was his surname different from his family’s? Why did he look different?

His adoptive parents “took good care” of him, he took on their upper-caste surname, but the questions remained. Then, as news of the “incident from Shahjahanpur” reached his village — through relatives and the extended family — his parents told him of the mother who gave him up.

At the age of 16, the boy decided to go looking for answers. He says a *mama* (uncle) in the village, a driver who travelled around Uttar Pradesh, “knew someone who knew someone” in Shahjahanpur. The *mama* made inquiries about his mother’s family and, with some effort and stroke of luck, they tracked her down to Lucknow.

In October 2010, with an address written on a *parchi* (piece of paper), the teenager set off in search of his mother. He boarded a bus to Lucknow and tracked her down to the hostel in Lucknow.

Though he moved in with his mother, he took his time settling in and adjusting to his new-found ‘younger brother’. For one, there was not enough space in the hostel room for the three of them. Then, there was the battle over who could claim their mother’s affection.

There were frequent fights, but gradually, the three forged a bond. The world outside, however, continued to be unforgiving.

Once, while playing with a group of boys, someone called him “*naali ka keeda*”. That stung.

When he had to fill the enrollment form for the senior secondary school, old questions resurfaced: Why did his younger brother have a different surname? Why did the two surnames denote different castes? Angry, he asked his mother: “Who is my father?”

She remembers dodging the question then, “*par uske sawaal khatam nahi hote the* (but his questions were never-ending)”.

2019, a house in Lucknow

Life was finally looking up. She took up different jobs, including as a saleswoman at a mall. She also cleared her intermediate UP Board exam and earned a degree in Political Science, before working at a real-estate firm. Then, she and her sons moved into a bigger rented space in Lucknow. Here too, the elder son’s questions refused to cease: “Who am I? Where did I come from?”

She says she evaded them until she could no more. So one day, she sat him and the younger one down, and narrated her story, starting from the nightmare in Shahjahanpur. “There was *sannata* (silence) when I finished. For a few days after that, my sons didn’t bring up the topic,” she says.

Then, one day, her younger son, then in Class 11, came up to her and said they must track down the rapists, file a case against them. “I was scared when I heard that. I told my sons, they are such powerful people. We should simply stay away. But my elder son initiated, said we should file a case... take help from the authorities, if needed,” she says.

Then, the three of them decided — they would fight the case. “How long would we have lived like we made a mistake? But I was scared of going back to that place, being seen by them or anyone related to them,” she says.

2019, a *thana* in Shahjahanpur

There she was, at a police station in Shahjahanpur, trying to file a first information report (FIR). “*Kuch to bataiye ... Naam, jagah, unke papa ki naam* (Tell us something about the alleged rapists),” she recalls them saying.

In those 24 years, the town and the neighbourhood had completely changed. “I still remembered their faces and eyes. I knew their nicknames, but not their given names. I did not know if they were still in town.”

Sub Inspector Mangal Singh, who handled the case and is now posted in Ghaziabad, says, “We did not know how to track these two men down. So much time had passed. We did not know why she was coming to us after all these years. After that, she came back to the police station twice or thrice. I enquired about the perpetrators, but nothing concrete came up.”

In August 2020, with the help of a local lawyer, advocate Mohammad Mukhtar Khan, she was able to get the Shahjahanpur sessions court to order an investigation in her case. Over the next two years, she made frequent day-trips to Shahjahanpur and went around town, enquiring about the brothers.

The trips took their toll on her, mentally and financially, she says. “Every trip would cost me around Rs 2,000, which was a big burden since I was only earning Rs 15,000 (from her job at a real-estate company). But this time, I wasn’t lonely. My sons were with me. Also, my sister and friends pitched in.”

During one such trip to Shahjahanpur, she walked into an automobile mechanic’s shop and introduced herself as a relative of the two accused brothers. The shopkeeper said he knew them and immediately called up Guddu Hasan, the younger of the two brothers. His voice on the phone was all the confirmation she needed before informing the police, who tracked them down. In March 2021, the police filed an FIR in the case.

SI Mangal Singh told *The Indian Express*, “We summoned the brothers to the police station. They admitted to knowing her since she was their neighbour, but denied the rape charges.”

In June 2021, the police collected DNA samples from her firstborn and the two men. The samples revealed that the older of the two accused, Naki Hasan, was her son’s father. The two brothers were remanded in judicial custody.

She says it was during the DNA test that she saw the accused for the first time since she left Shahjahanpur, all those years ago. “I did not want to even look at them. Luckily, their faces were covered with gamchas,” she says.

As the trial finally began in a Shahjahanpur court, there were other problems. “Once, someone related to the brothers called me up and asked me to withdraw the case. ‘Are you still alive?’ this person said. I was then on a bus, going back to Lucknow from Shahjahanpur. I knew they could track me down. So I got off the bus and ran. And I took a longer route,” she says.

Did the son see the accused ever? “Yes, I saw his face properly for the first time during the trial. He tried talking to me... but I had nothing to do with him,” he says.

May 2024, the end of a chapter

While her younger son has just finished his BA exams, her firstborn, now a driver, has been married for three years and is a father. “My wife knows everything about my life and accepts me the way I am,” he says.

After the court verdict, which gave her rapists a 10-year term, the voices and questions in his head have finally gone quiet. He finally feels as if “*kuch to sahi hua hai* *zindagi mein* (something right has happened in our lives)”.

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A DAY after a trial court granted bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal who is in jail on charges under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the Delhi High Court stayed the order.

A Bench headed by Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain on Friday heard an urgent plea by the Enforcement Directorate seeking a stay on the bail, and reserved its order until next week. The ED challenged the trial court's order on the ground that the court had failed to apply the 'twin test' for granting bail under PMLA.

What is the twin test, and why is bail under PMLA so contentious?

Section 45 and twin test

Section 45 of the PMLA, which deals with bail, first states that no court can grant bail for offences under this law, and then proceeds to mention a few exceptions. The negative lan-

guage in the provision itself shows that bail is not the rule but the exception under PMLA.

The provision makes it mandatory to hear the public prosecutor in all bail applications, and when the prosecutor opposes bail, the court is required to apply a twin test.

These two conditions are: (i) that there are "reasonable grounds for believing that [the accused] is not guilty of such offence"; and (ii) that "he is not likely to commit any offence while on bail".

There are similar provisions in several other laws that deal with serious offences — for example, Section 36AC of The Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, Section 37 of The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, and Section 43D(5) of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, 1967.

The provision in the UAPA, for example, states that "no person accused of an offence punishable under Chapters IV (Punishment for Terrorist Activities) and VI (Terrorist Organisations) of this Act shall...be released on bail or on his own bond unless the Public

Prosecutor has been given an opportunity of being heard", or if the court "is of the opinion that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the accusation...is *prima facie* true".

Legal challenges to twin test

The first blow to the constitutional validity of the twin test came in a 2017 ruling, *Nikesh Tarachand Shah v Union of India*.

A two-judge Bench comprising Justices Rohinton Nariman and Sanjay Kishan Kaul struck down the bail provision as unconstitutional on the ground that the onerous conditions were not a reasonable classification. 'Reasonable classification' is a feature of the right to equality, which is a fundamental right.

However, by a subsequent amendment, Parliament put these provisions back in the law through the Finance Act, 2018. This reinsertion was challenged before various High Courts and eventually before the Supreme Court, culminating in a batch of petitions that

were heard in 2022 as *Vijay Madanlal Choudhary v Union of India*.

The petitioners argued that the underlying reasoning in *Nikesh Tarachand Shah* was valid even if Parliament brought back the law. However, a three-judge Bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar (now retired) refused to accept the previous ruling.

"We are unable to agree with the observations in *Nikesh Tarachand Shah* distinguishing the enunciation of the Constitution Bench decision in *Kartar Singh*; and other observations suggestive of doubting the perception of Parliament in regard to the seriousness of the offence of money-laundering, including about it posing serious threat to the sovereignty and integrity of the country," the court said.

Legal experts have questioned the logic of equating money laundering with stringent anti-terror and narcotics laws when the offence of money laundering, however serious, carries a maximum sentence of only seven

years. Only in money laundering cases where the scheduled offence involves narcotics, is the maximum sentence extended to 10 years.

In response, the government had argued in court that persons who are involved in money laundering are "influential, intelligent, and resourceful, and the crime is committed with full pre-meditation, which ensures that offence is not detected and even if it is detected, investigation agency cannot trace the evidence".

The government has defended the onerous bail conditions on the ground that the offence is committed "with the help of advanced technology so as to conceal the transaction".

Current position in law

One key aspect of the challenge to the amendment on bail conditions still remains open even after the *Vijay Madanlal Choudhary* ruling: the passing of these amendments through the Money Bill route.

A separate larger Bench challenge is pending before the SC on whether certain

laws, such as the Aadhaar Act, service conditions of Tribunal members, etc. can be passed as a Money Bill. A Bench is yet to be constituted on that issue.

Although the Supreme Court has agreed to review its *Vijay Madanlal Choudhary* ruling itself, it is still valid law since no stay is operating on the judgment.

As per the ruling, the twin test has to be rigorously applied by all courts — special courts trying money laundering offences as well as constitutional courts. It would also apply in the same way for both regular bail and anticipatory bail.

However, an accused can still get the benefit available under Section 436A of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), under which he is entitled to bail after serving half of the maximum sentence as an undertrial.

This means that in most money laundering cases, if the Enforcement Directorate is not able to finish the trial within three and a half years, the accused is entitled to bail, irrespective of the twin test.

EXPLAINED AI

WHAT IS CLAUDE 3.5 SONNET & HOW IS IT BETTER THAN ITS RIVAL AI MODELS?

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ANTHROPIC, OPENAI'S biggest rival, has launched its latest AI model called Claude 3.5 Sonnet — the company's first release in the upcoming Claude 3.5 AI model series. Anthropic has claimed that its latest offering outperforms its peers such as OpenAI's GPT-4o, Google's Gemini-1.5 Pro, Meta's Llama-400b, and even the company's proprietary models — Claude 3 Haiku and Claude 3 Opus.

"Claude 3.5 Sonnet operates at twice the speed of Claude 3 Opus. This performance boost, combined with cost-effective pricing, makes Claude 3.5 Sonnet ideal for complex tasks such as context-sensitive customer support and orchestrating multi-step workflows," Anthropic said in a statement.

What is Claude 3.5 Sonnet?

Claude 3.5 Sonnet is a large language model (LLM), and is part of the family of LLMs which is being developed by Anthropic. These models are known as generative pre-trained transformers, which means they have been pre-trained to predict the next word in large amounts of text. Claude 3.5 Sonnet is the predecessor to the Claude 3 Sonnet, introduced in March this year.

Claude 3.5 Sonnet is likely to be the middle model (based on parameter size) in the upcoming series of AI models by Anthropic — the smallest and biggest models are yet to be released. Anthropic has said Claude 3.5 Sonnet outperforms Claude 3 Opus by a huge margin. The new model is claimed to be twice as fast as the Claude 3 Sonnet.

How does Claude 3.5 Sonnet perform?

According to Anthropic, Claude 3.5 Sonnet sets some new industry bench-

marks in capabilities such as coding proficiency (HumanEval), graduate-level reasoning (GPQA), and undergraduate-level knowledge (MMLU).

The company claims that the new model has also shown significant improvement in grasping nuance, humour, and complex instructions. Claude 3.5 Sonnet is exceptional at writing high-quality content with a natural and relatable tone, according to Anthropic.

Based on the benchmark scores shared by Anthropic on its official website, Claude 3.5 Sonnet seems outstanding. It has outdone GPT-4o, Gemini 1.5 Pro, and Meta's Llama 3 400B in seven out of eight overall benchmarks.

However, benchmark scores should not be taken too seriously — many AI startups have been accused of cherry-picking scores under categories that make them look good.

What about Claude 3.5 Sonnet's vision capabilities?

Anthropic claims that Claude 3.5 Sonnet is its strongest vision model. A vision model in AI is a model capable of interpreting and analysing visual data such as images and videos.

According to the company, the improvements in Claude 3.5 Sonnet are most noticeable for tasks that require visual reasoning such as decoding charts and graphs. The model is also capable of accurately transcribing text from imperfect images. For instance, *The Indian Express* clicked a random picture from Claude's iOS app and asked about the location. The model immediately identified the location by reading a poster and text on the distant wall.

This ability to transcribe is what makes Claude 3.5 Sonnet beneficial for retail, logistics, and financial services, where AI may rely more on insights from an image, graphic, or illustration than from text, according to Anthropic.



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INDIA'S PRODUCTION of cereal grains has gone up by more than 1.5 times over the past two decades, according to the Agriculture Ministry.

But a rising share of cereals is going not for direct human consumption, but for use in processed form (bread, biscuits, cakes, noodles, vermicelli, flakes, pizza base, etc) or for making animal feed, starch, potable liquor, and ethanol fuel.

Data from the latest Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES) of the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) show a marked decline in the quantity of cereals consumed by the average person per month between 1999-2000 and 2022-23 — from 12.72 kg to 9.61 kg in rural India, and from 10.42 kg to 8.05 kg in urban India.

The overall per capita decline, using weights based on the rural-urban distribution of HCES sample households, has been from 11.78 kg to 8.97 kg during this period.

Multiplying this weighted average over 12 months with the country's population yields the total annual consumption of cereals by Indian households, in direct or processed-at-home form. This, as *Table 1* shows, has registered only a small increase, from 148.4 million tonnes (mt) in 1999-2000 to 153.1 mt in 2022-23, and has actually fallen over the last decade.

While direct household consumption has stagnated, even fallen, production has significantly increased from 196.4 mt in 1999-2000 to 303.6 mt in 2022-23. The gap between the officially estimated cereal production and HCES-based household consumption, too, has widened from 48 mt in 1999-2000 and 29.5 mt in 2004-05 to almost 151 mt in 2022-23.

This raises the question: where is this excess production going?

Exported and processed

Part of it is getting exported. In 2021-22 (April-March), India shipped out a record

The demand for cereals for direct household consumption is falling in India, but demand is rising for use in processed foods, animal feed, and fuel. Official figures suggest production of cereals is outstripping overall consumption, but certain other indicators remain unexplained

TABLE 1

INDIA'S ESTIMATED HOUSEHOLD CEREAL CONSUMPTION VERSUS PRODUCTION

Monthly per capita cereal consumption (in kg)

	1999-2K	2004-05	2009-10	2011-12	2022-23
Rural	12.72	12.12	11.35	11.23	9.61
Urban	10.42	9.94	9.39	9.32	8.05
Weighted Average#	11.78	11.33	10.54	10.44	8.97
Population##	1050.01	1145.64	1232.08	1266.1	1422.03
Annual Consumption*	148.43	155.76	155.83	158.62	153.07
Annual Production*	196.38	185.23	203.45	242.2	303.63

#Weights based on number of sample households in consumption expenditure surveys; ##In million; *In million tonnes.

TABLE 2

BREAK-UP OF ESTIMATED CEREAL CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION: 2022-23 (in million tonnes)

	Per capita monthly consumption (in kg)			Implied Annual Consumption	Estimated Annual Production
	Rural	Urban	Average*		
Rice	5.321	4.281	4.9	83.62	135.76
Wheat	3.935	3.583	3.79	64.67	110.55
Other cereals	0.357	0.183	0.29	4.95	57.32
Total	9.613	8.047	8.97	153.07	303.63

*Weighted average based on number of sample households in consumption expenditure surveys. Source: NSSO, United Nations Population Division, and Ministry of Agriculture

32.3 mt of cereals, including 21.2 mt rice, 7.2 mt wheat, and 3.9 mt other grains (mainly maize). In 2022-23, cereal exports totaled 30.7 mt, comprising 22.3 mt of rice, 4.7 mt of wheat, and 3.6 mt of other grains.

These exports would, however, account for just a fifth of the 150 mt-plus difference between production and direct household consumption of cereals in 2022-23.

A second source of the difference would be consumption in processed form — as bread, biscuits, noodles, etc. Assuming this is 25% over and above the direct cereal consumption, it would amount to an additional 38 mt or so.

A third source is cereal grain used for manufacture of feed or industrial starch. The Agriculture Ministry has pegged India's

maize production in 2022-23 at 38.1 mt. Ninety per cent of this would have been used as the primary energy ingredient in poultry, livestock, and aqua feed, or for wet-milling and conversion into starch, which has applications in the paper, textiles, pharmaceutical, food and beverage industries.

Table 2 shows the production of "other cereals" — maize, barley and millets such as *bajra* (pearl millet), *jowar* (sorghum), and *ragi* (finger millet) — at 57.3 mt. The direct consumption of these grains in Indian households worked out to less than 5 mt. Much of the consumption would be in indirect form — as milk, eggs, and meat after being fed to cows, buffaloes, and layer/ broiler poultry birds.

Feed and starch manufacturing apart, ce-

real grains are also fermented into alcohol (after milling and converting their starch into sucrose and simpler sugars) and distilled into about 94% rectified/ industrial spirit or 99.9% ethanol.

In recent times, many sugar mills have installed multi-feed distilleries, enabling them to run on cane molasses or juice/ syrup during the crushing season (November-April) and grain (broken/ damaged rice, maize, and millets) in the off-season (May-October). This has received impetus from the government's programme for blending up to 20% ethanol in petrol.

In other words, cereals are today not just food and feed, but also fuel grains.

The unexplained surplus

Adding exports of 32 mt, usage in processed food form (38 mt) and diversion for feed, starch-making and fermentation purposes (50-55 mt) — these are very rough estimates — to direct household consumption of 150-155 mt will take the total yearly demand for cereals to 275-280 mt at best.

That's way below the estimated 300 mt-plus domestic cereal output. The difference is the surplus grain being mopped up by government agencies and accumulated in the Food Corporation of India's warehouses. In the 2022-23 crop year (July-June), around 56.9 mt of rice and 26.2 mt of wheat were procured, more than the total annual cereal requirement of 59-60 mt for the public distribution system (PDS).

Under the National Food Security Act, some 813.5 million persons are being given 5 kg of wheat or rice per month through the PDS free of cost (the issue price was Rs 2 and Rs 3/ kg respectively until December 2022). The 5 kg entitlement for these beneficiaries covers more than half the monthly per capita cereal consumption of 9.61 kg in rural and 8.05 kg in urban India as per HCES, 2022-23.

If the Agriculture Ministry's cereal output estimates are correct, the country is producing at least 25 mt of excess grain every year, thereby exerting downward pressure on market prices, if not adding to government stocks.

But given the recent experience of high cereal inflation (8.69% year-on-year in May), notwithstanding ban/ restrictions on exports, and depleting stocks in government warehouses (16-year low for wheat on June 1), questions can be raised on the veracity of the official production estimates themselves.

11 candidates apply to verify EVM burnt memory: what is this process?

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

IN A first, 11 candidates in the 2024 Lok Sabha and state Assembly elections have asked for verification of the burnt memory of the Ballot Units (BUs) and Control Units (CUs) of electronic voting machines (EVMs), and of Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) units.

Eight of the applicants contested the Lok Sabha election, the other three were candidates in Assembly elections in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.

The remedy of verification was made available to losing candidates by the Supreme Court this April.

The Supreme Court order

On April 26, while upholding the EVM-VVPAT system and rejecting the plea for a return to ballot papers and for 100% counting of VVPAT slips, the court directed the Election Commission of India (ECI) to allow second- and third-placed candidates

to seek verification of burnt memories of EVMs and VVPATs of up to 5% of machines in an Assembly constituency or Assembly segment of a Lok Sabha constituency.

The two-judge Bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta said:

"The burnt memory/ microcontroller in 5% of the EVMs, that is, the control unit, ballot unit and the VVPAT, per assembly constituency/ assembly segment of a parliamentary constituency shall be checked and verified by the team of engineers from the manufacturers of the EVMs, post the announcement of the results, for any tampering or modification, on a written request made by candidates who are at Sl. No. 2 or Sl. No. 3, behind the highest polled candidate."

The court said that candidates or their representatives "shall identify the EVMs [to be verified] by the polling station or serial number", and "shall have an option to remain present at the time of verification". Requests for verification have to be made within seven days of the declaration of the result, the court said.

"The actual cost or expenses for the said verification will be notified by the ECI, and the candidate making the said request will pay for such expenses. The expenses will be refunded, in case the EVM is found to be tampered," the court said. (*Association for Democratic Reforms vs Election Commission of India*, April 26, 2024)

The process of verification

The ECI is yet to finalise the technical standard operating procedure (SOP). The technical SOP, including the methodology, will be released in time for the first set of verifications that are likely in August. However on June 1, the ECI released the administrative SOP for checking and verification of the burnt memory of EVMs and VVPATs.

■ The District Election Officer (DEO) will be responsible for the process.

■ Both the second and third candidates can request that up to 5% of the EVMs and VVPATs per Assembly constituency/ Assembly segment of a Lok Sabha con-

stituency be checked. If both these candidates make the request, each of them would be allowed to have 2.5% of the EVMs verified.

■ The candidates can choose the units to be verified either by giving the polling station number or the unique serial number of the BU, CU, and VVPAT that is made available to candidates before polling.

■ The candidates have to make the request in writing to the DEO concerned, and deposit Rs 40,000 (plus 18% GST) per set of EVMs (the BU, CU, and VVPAT) to the manufacturer concerned.

■ The DEOs will send a list of all such applications to the state Chief Electoral Officer, who will notify the manufacturers of the EVMs, public sector companies Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) and Electronics Corporation of India Ltd (ECIL), within 30 days of declaration of results.

■ The checking will commence at the end of the 45-day period after declaration of results, during which Election Petitions

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CINEMA & MUSIC

In Four Different Directions

ISHQ VISHK REBOUND

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Director: Nipun Avinash Dharmadhikari
Cast: Rohit Saraf, Pashmina Roshan, Jibraan Khan, Naila Grewal, Kusha Kapila, Supriya Pilgaonkar, Akarsh Khurana, Shataf Figar, Sheeba Chadha



SHUBHRA GUPTA

ISHQ VISHK Rebound features three besties — two guys and a gal — doing the *luv-shuv* thing. It may be backed by the same producers, Tips, but it is not a sequel of the 2003 superhit *Ishq Vishk*, in which the debutant Shahid Kapoor pranced and danced his way into the audience's hearts.

What it is, or rather, what it wants to be is a Gen Z version of the youthful rom-com genre. So what would have been called a 'triangle' back in the day is expanded to become a four-some, which keeps ricocheting off each other, stopping off for a bit, before bouncing away, waiting to see who it will be, finally.

Nice premise — four can sometimes be better than three — but the execution is patchy. The key words we hear the Dehradun-based characters — Raghav (Saraf), Sanya (Roshan), Sahir (Khan), joined by Ria (Grewal) — bandy about is 'confusion', and that seeps into the telling. Raghav, our *sutradhar* who also uses a voice-over to explain the goings-on on screen (the see-and-tell method got old long back, unless Gen Z would like it back?) is the best pal Sanya and Sahir keep unloading on, when their on-again, off-again relationship hits a roadblock.

Sanya, raised by a single mum, (Pilgaonkar) is high-strung. Bollywood still doesn't know how to deal with divorce without using it as an excuse for acting out: it used to be the same in the Swinging '60s; it hasn't changed now. Sahir is an under-pressure-from-strict-dad Army cadet. Along comes Ria, who wants to save the environment, and Raghav is smitten. The latter wants to become a writer, and is armed with supportive parents, who are constantly to be seen playing games. As in video games, soft ball and so on. 'Oh they are so close,' chuckles Raghav, and we are meant to do the same. These are not the only adults who operate strictly on the margins; the others, including Sheeba Chadha in a blink-and-miss scene, come and go.

So is two plus two a cozy four? Uh-huh, not. Trouble crops up, crossovers begin. If Sanya will cry on Raghav's shoulder every time she fights with Sahir, can things stop at the shoulder, or reach the lips? And can Ria handle all this intense closeness between her bf and his bf? *Yeh dosti hai, ya pyaar?* *Yaadnaa* rebound?

Raghav, who has fetched up in a Mumbai production house headed up by a curt-but-friendly bosswoman (Kapila), using his own backstory as the plot of the film he's writing, comes up with such lines as: 'clarity *ka* *raasta* confusion *se guzarta hai*' (clarity rises through confusion). Say what?

There is a moment, or two, when these young people break past the clunky writing. Three of the four, including the main protagonist Saraf, have proved their mettle before; first-timer Pashmina Roshan (who happens to be Hrithik Roshan's cousin), is styled in the standard Bollywood starlet way in which a toned midriff is always to be fore, but does loosen up when given a chance. The film seems to forget Grewal (last seen in courtroom drama *Mamla Legal Hai*) for long stretches. The same goes for third-fiddle Khan, who reminds us strongly of the boy he was in *K3G*. Despite the uneven time-share on screen, you can see that each has potential.

Fresh faces are always nice. How about smart, believable writing? And, because it is Tips, some foot-tapping music? Not a single song leaves an impact.

SHUBHRA GUPTA

IF THE jobless moral police hadn't got twisted out of shape about *Maharaj*, a period film set in the 1860s based on the life and times of Karsandas Mulji, a reformer who worked tirelessly for women's rights, it would have been seen as just one more attempt to tell a meaningful story in these heavily-censored times, where everything and anything is enough to offend anyone and everyone.

Not because of its theme, which is worthy indeed. And certainly not because it is the debut of Junaid Khan, superstar Aamir Khan's son, whose low-key release on Netflix has been attributed to many reasons, not the least of which is the latter's whizz marketing brain which knows the power of flying under the radar. But mainly because the film is strictly passable: its very specific time and place and lead character is buried under trademark 'Yashrajification', in which the colour palette, the songs-and-dances, the stereotypical characterisation, the dialogue-heavy confrontation, and all else comes off generic.

The film's opening credits say that it 'has been inspired by real events, and is an adaptation of the book titled *Maharaj*, by Saurabh Shah. In the following paragraph, it also says that 'the film does not make any claims of authenticity or correctness of any events or incidents depicted in the film'. This is the kind of dissembling that Bollywood producers have long been driven to, just to save themselves from harassment. Given that it is set in Gujarat, revolving around a reformist patriot who is genuinely someone to be proud of, YRF must have thought that they would be safe. But no, because their tale's chief enemy is a Sanatani guru who is a straight-up sinner in the way he preys upon unsuspecting women, all his *dushkarm* (wrong doings) will of course be ignored, leading to the same, creaky accusations of showing 'Hindu *dham* in bad light'.

Everyone can relax, because *Maharaj* is nothing but the usual story of good against evil, the meek against the powerful, which Bollywood has been telling forever, with a change in protagonist and antagonist. Junaid plays the "*taaja aur nai soch waley pragatishheel* (progressive)" Karsandas Mulji, whose beginnings as a journalist and teacher lead him to the point where he finds the courage to take a principled stand against the *adharmi* Yadunath Maharaj (Ahlawat).

The stand-off ends up in court where we

Can't Hold Court

MAHARAJ ★ ★

Director: Siddharth P Malhotra **Cast:** Junaid Khan, Jaideep Ahlawat, Shalini Pandey, Sharvari Wagh



get multiple close-ups of the smirking Ahlawat settled back in a throne-like chair, and Karsan getting to spout his rousing monologue: '*pratha purani nahin sahi honi chahiye*' (customs should be correct, not just followed just because they are old); said *pratha* being the lustful Maharaj's right to choose the lucky girl for *charan seva*, which is another name for molestation and rape. These kinds of holy men have long been legitimate bad guys in Hindi movies, and heroes have been encouraged in their fight against them, with the supporting cast in full vocal agreement. Karsan's to-be wife (Pandey) becomes grist to the Maharaj mill, and the way the former deals with it (not well) could have lent some heft to the pro-

ceedings, but weepy familiar melodrama is where the film chooses to go. A pert young miss (Sharvari) is a welcome addition, even if she is very much in the *chulbuli moonhphat* heroine mould.

The only one who is completely in sync with the film's tonality is Jaideep Ahlawat, who has given us a *dham ka thekedar* to beat all *dham ke thekdars*. You can see he is really working his mildly smiling visage, belied by the arrogant look and his street-style lines '*maafi toh uska baap bhi mangega*', and '*dham ka paalan dar-se karwana padta hai*'. You also wonder how an actor who is capable of great nuance kept a straight face through it all, but maybe that's why watching him go through his paces is the high point

of this film.

And that brings us to the real question : does Junaid Khan have his father's genes? Is he as eye-catching as Aamir was in his debut, *QSQT*? As far as likeness goes, Junaid looks like his own person, and you can see him growing in confidence as the film progresses. But does he leap off the screen? Not really. Does he have that very special something papa had, and still does? He is passable, like the film.

Maharaj does have a line which could have turned truly epic: '*Dham se zyada koi hinsak yudh nahin hai*'. But then the film's treatment would have had to be much sharper: why blunt the edges when you want to show us someone with such historic significance?

A Ragged Ride

THE BIKERIDERS

★ ★ ★

Director: Jeff Nichols
Cast: Tom Hardy, Jodie Comer, Austin Butler, Michael Shannon, Mike Faist, Boyd Holbrook

SHALINI LANGER

IN THIS movie about men and their motorcycles, their leather-clothed tough exteriors and their supposedly soft hearts, their gruff manners and their childish laws, the person who stands the tallest is Jodie Comer.

As Kathy, the wife of Benny — the good-looking, silent and smouldering child rebel among some grown-up renegades (you know the type) — Comer brings in an outsider-insider perspective to the incestuous world of bikeriders. In the great American tradition of lonely riders behind or on wheels, covering empty landscapes to nowhere, serenaded by music and ciga-

rette smoke, this particular bike group calls itself the Vandals.

The film sees no need to explain who or why they are, just putting them out there — and we are supposed to do so as well. Writer-director Jeff Nichols has crafted a fictional story inspired by a photo-book of the same name by Danny Lyon. In the film, Mike Faist fills in for Lyon, acting as a college student who is trying to capture the lives of the Vandals with Kathy as the narrator.

The fact that we don't know the backstory of the Vandals is disconcerting for the first half of the film, especially as it is driven by their loyalty to each other and especially to their leader, Johnny (Hardy). His word is their command, their lives are spent talking, walking and dreaming motorcycles, and there is little life throws their way that can't be handled by the thunderous roar of bike engines.

It's almost in the same manner that Kathy meets Benny, having walked into a bar across town. 'A respectable woman', as she calls herself, Kathy is not used to being among such a raucous, openly flirtatious and 'gamely' touchy group of men, and feels nervous and wants to leave. But one glance of Benny (a hot, hot Butler) bent over the pool table, his muscled bare arms glistening, his blonde hair framing



a beautiful face, is all it takes to melt all her good intentions.

Soon, she is at the back of Benny's bike and, as the Vandals race down an expressway, Kathy admits 'it took my breath away'. She leans just so against Benny's shoulder, ready to move the few remaining centimetres and rest her cheek there.

If this half of the film is a set-up, it's what happens when the club expands (not really clear why it holds such attraction), other el-

ements get mixed in, Johnny realises things are slipping out of his control, and when his disappointment at Benny's reluctance to take over from him grows (with a frowning Kathy holding Benny back), that *The Bikeriders* comes into its own.

To a great deal that has to do with Hardy's handling of the complex role of Johnny, a reluctant leader who has little comprehension of what he is bringing together and where it is meant to go, but who clearly sees and understands the waxing and waning of power dynamics. The group also has a clear realisation of how the others see them — as something 'unpleasant', to be steered clear of — a fact that Johnny jostles with more than others.

In comparison, Butler is no more than a presence as Benny, who is meant to be enigmatic but is more like a man-child handled with kid gloves by the two greatest loves of his life, Kathy and Johnny. A more ambitious film could have focused on this interesting love triangle of three equally charismatic actors.

As it is, we don't really care much about any of them. And *The Bikeriders* is like that nice cross-country summer drive, wind in the hair, hands out of the window, but necks craving for a little something round the corner.

Pursuit of Happiness

KOTA FACTORY SEASON 3

★ ★ ★

Director: Pratish Mehta
Cast: Jitendra Kumar, Tillotama Shome, Mayur More, Ranjan Raj, Alam Khan, Revathi Pillai, Ahsaas Channa and Rajesh Kumar
Streaming on: Netflix

ALAKA SAHANI

URNS OUT the new entrant to the series, chemistry teacher Pooja *didi* (Tillotama Shome), was staying away from Kota because it has turned into a 'factory', focussed on producing successful IIT, NEET applicants. Even though the series tries to bring out different aspects of Kota through the stories of a bunch of IIT aspirants and their attentive mentor Jeetu *bhaiya* (Jitendra Kumar), the dominant picture of the city that emerges is not very different from how Pooja describes it. Possibly, because as someone points out on the show, it is in Kota's DNA now.

The first season followed the journey of Vaibhav (Mayur More) settling down in Kota as well as finding friends Meena (Ranjan Raj), Uday (Alam Khan), Vartika (Revathi Pillai), and Shivangi (Ahsaas Channa). The following season showed them navigating the tough preparation process and pressure of academics under the guidance of Jeetu *bhaiya* — who has taken it upon himself to help students overcome every problem. In the third sea-



son, students brace themselves to appear for the IIT-JEE exam — that's something the narrative has been building up to. However, many things threaten to fall apart. And, those can't be fixed over a plate of *pyaz kachori*.

Being Jeetu *bhaiya* to the students and getting too involved with their problems, takes its toll on the teacher, who has been more like a friend-philosopher-guide to them. This is an important track in the series as it creates space for conversations about mental health and self care. This also makes us wonder about the toll this intense preparation for scoring high in competitive examinations takes on the students. The show touches upon that but does not dwell on it.

In its third season, the series should have delved deeper into what the students go through and how they can cope better with their fears. The question of what happens to those who can't make it to the coveted list is never fully addressed. The show repeatedly conveys that IIT should be the 'aim' — and not a 'dream'. Yet, the truth is there is a large section of students who wouldn't be

able to secure a seat even after trying hard.

There are occasional diversions and respite from late-night studying. The students let their hair down as they play impromptu gully cricket match with Vaibhav's cousin who is selected for IPL. The happy-go-lucky Uday, probably the only one who is not fixated on becoming an IITian, fractures his leg. But he already knows how to bounce back.

Even though certain sequences seem repetitive, what holds the viewers' attention is the performance. Like several other shows produced by TVF, this too has an impressive ensemble cast. The actors seem to be deeply connected with the characters they have been playing and that reflects in the show. As teachers at 'Aimers', Shome and Rajesh Kumar offer a balance when Jeetu *bhaiya* struggles.

The show celebrates the 'resilience' of those who failed to crack it the first time and inspires them to try again. However, it would've been wonderful to underline that not getting into IIT is not the end of the world. Let the youngsters 'dream' not just about IIT but many other paths.

On a Downward Spiral

THE EXORCISM ★

Director: Joshua John Miller

Cast: Russell Crowe, Ryan Simpkins, Josh Worthington, Chloe Bailey, Adam Goldberg

SHALINI LANGER

BAD THINGS have been known to happen on the set of horror films, reported dutifully. Who would have thought that Russell Crowe would be one of the worst?

Just over a year after he played *The Pope's Exorcist*, the actor makes a reappearance in a cassock and collar, putting himself — and us — through even more torture. The difference is that instead of the Vatican's hot-shot demon slayer-in-chief, he is a down-and-out actor called Anthony Miller, whose career has been on a downward spiral of booze, drugs, rehab, triggered by the slow death of his wife to cancer. Towards the end of her life, as she lay suffering in her own bodily fluids, he abandoned her and their daughter as he went on a 'philandering' spree. Not only does Anthony or Tony carry the guilt of this, it is also revealed that as a choir boy, he was a victim of an abusive priest.

Given the history, hiring him to play in a film a tortured priest who is called upon to exorcise a particularly nasty ghost can be both an inspired idea — or not. In this case, it is mostly not, as horrible things keep happening to actors who take on the role. The film is tentatively titled 'The Georgetown Project', in a throwback to the famous *The*



Exorcist. Miller, also has his own link to that 1970s film, with his father having played the priest in it. Once Tony comes on board, there is no respite. However, apart from the fact that there is a demon who appears in the form of Tony once in a while, nothing else is clear. The film doesn't even mention demon or devil in so many words. It actually spends as much time on Tony as on his daughter Lee (Simpkins) who, after expulsion from her Catholic school for a protest regarding a gay relationship, has returned to what is a home from hell.

As things go south, Lee doesn't consider medical help, though Tony is on medication, and instead drags in his co-star Blake (Bailey) (the two girls hook up almost instantly), and a priest/trained psychologist from Columbia, Father Connor (Pierce), a consultant on the set. They unthinkingly oblige.

Since it is a film that demands that one has at least some faith in the Bible and Archangels et al, it takes care to stay on the right side of the Church — particularly when it comes to the chaste romp between Lee and Blake. Like its demon with no clear form or intent, *The Exorcism* lurches around, up and down corridors, in shadows and locked rooms, finally exiting after exhausting the last of our patience. What is Worthington doing in all of this? Being ghosted.

STREAMING WATCH LIST

BY ALAKA SAHANI



FEDERER: TWELVE FINAL DAYS

PRIME VIDEO
Helmed by Academy Award-winning director Asif Kapadia and director Joe Sabia, *Federer: Twelve Final Days* is an intimate follow-along through the final 12 days of the tennis star's illustrious career. The film, originally a home video, captures Federer at his most vulnerable, as he says goodbye to the game. It features interviews of his rivals and friends, including Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic, and Andy Murray.



TRIGGER WARNING

NETFLIX
In this film directed by Mouly Surya, Special Forces commando Parker (Jessica Alba) is on duty overseas when she gets called back to her hometown with the tragic news that her father has died. Now the owner of the family bar, she reconnects with her former boyfriend-turned-sheriff Jesse (Mark Webber) as she looks to understand what happened to her dad.



THE BOYS S4

PRIME VIDEO
The world is on the brink and Victoria Neuman is closer than ever to the Oval Office and under the muscly thumb of Homelander. Butcher, with only months to live, has lost Becca's son and his job. With the stakes higher than ever, they have to find a way to work together and save the world before it's too late. Based on a best-selling comic by Garth Ennis and Darick Robertson, who also serve as executive producers, the cast features Karl Urban, Jack Quaid, and Antony Starr.

‘Putting team ahead of individuals is most important ideology’

Kolkata: Former India opener **Gautam Gambhir**, the frontrunner to take over as coach of the men's cricket team, said that putting team ahead of individuals is the bedrock of his coaching philosophy. "If you have the intent of keeping your team ahead of any individual, things will fall in place. If not today, tomorrow, if not tomorrow, someday it will fall in place," he said. But if you start thinking on that, or if you know that you need to help one or two individuals perform, then your team will only suffer. My job is not to make individuals perform. My job, as a mentor, is to make KKR win," Gambhir said at an Indian Chamber of Commerce event here.



"For me, the guru mantra is team first philosophy. I think team-first ideology, team-first philosophy is the most important ideology in any team sport," he added.

Gambhir said everyone was a leader in the KKR camp which had a near-perfect campaign this year. Gambhir is the KKR mentor.

"Yes I was the leader but all of us in the dressing room made the change. It was about making Kolkata proud. It was morale responsibility for me to give something back to Kolkata," he said. The former cricketer, who also captained India on a few occasions, however said that treating all members in a team equally is his approach.

"In a team sport, it's the team that matters the most. Individuals do play a role, individuals do contribute," he said. "But I think if 11 people are treated equally, if 11 people have equal respect, if everyone is treated equally, given the same respect, same responsibility, same honour, you will achieve an unbelievable amount of success. You cannot have discrimination in a set up or in an organisation," he added.

Gambhir remained mum on queries about him becoming the next India head coach, saying on Friday that he doesn't see that far ahead.

"I don't see that far ahead. You are grilling me, asking me all tough questions. It is difficult to answer right now. All I can say is that I'm happy being here, just finished a brilliant journey (and) let's enjoy that. I'm in a very happy space right now," Gambhir said.

The term of current India coach Rahul Dravid ends after the ongoing T20 World Cup in USA and West Indies. The BCCI had invited applications for the post in mid-May and the deadline was May 27, the day after the IPL final.

In the event on Friday, Gambhir also touched upon the fact that did not have any disappointment for not being able to captain India for a long run. **ENS**

SUPER 8 STANDINGS

GROUP 1

	M	W	L	T	Pts	NRR
AUS	1	1	0	0	2	2.471
IND	1	1	0	0	2	2.350
AFG	1	0	1	0	0	-2.350
BAN	1	0	1	0	0	-2.471

GROUP 2

	M	W	L	T	Pts	NRR
SA	2	2	0	0	4	0.625
ENG	2	1	1	0	2	0.412
USA	1	0	1	0	0	-0.900
WI	1	0	1	0	0	-1.343

ENGLAND VERSUS SOUTH AFRICA

The shoe is now on the other foot: South Africa nail last-over thriller

SHIVANI NAIK
JUNE 21

SOUTH AFRICAN bowlers are winning their last-over thrillers, match after nerve-jangling match. And the team perennially derided for bottling cricket games at the crunch for 25 years now since 1999, suddenly are struggling to live down their reputation of always losing a close match.

At one point in their World T20 Super 8 game against England, the score even flashed 22 needed off 13, a trauma dating back to 1992. Though not many would've hazarded that Harry Brook and later Sam Curran wouldn't get the job done for England.

But it was their tournament top wicket-taker Anrich Nortje who bowled a nerveless final over to deny them 14 off the final 6 balls, and nick a memorable 7 run win while defending 163/6.

Harry Brook (53 off 37) and Liam Livingstone (33 off 17) had trouble-shot successfully from 61/4, bringing England to within 24 runs of the target. They basically dragged the floundering chase back from a quagmire with clean calm striking, before Kagiso Rabada snuck in a full toss which Livingstone holed out for a sensational slid-

The perfect fit: Kohli opening, Pant at No.3

In the middle overs, if tracks are remain sluggish, the outrageousness of the wicketkeeper batsman is apt for India to get a move on

SRIRAM VEERA
JUNE 21

IT'S CLEAR to everyone that Rishabh Pant has come a long way. From a return to competitive cricket a few months ago, after nearly 18 months on the sidelines, to getting selected for the T20 World Cup and now the unorthodox X-factor at one down.

Mid-way during that IPL, he shrugged off a rousing challenge from Dinesh Karthik to join Sanju Samson in the wicket-keeper race but even at the end of that t20 tournament, it wasn't clear cut that he would be batting at No.3 for India in the world cup.

Such has been his rise that now the murmurs have begun if he should displace Virat Kohli as an opener. It would be a surprise if India go that way against Bangladesh on Saturday but it's an interesting exercise to delve into.

It's fascinating to see how both batsmen's relative weaknesses makes them ideal to be played in the top order. Pant's record lower-down, despite the perception based on his freestyle walloping, isn't flash and Kohli matches the perception about him that he won't be ideal anywhere below No.3.

The exercise then becomes how to maximise their potential — and here again their relative weaknesses load up the tarazu weighing scales.

Especially in the sluggish conditions on offer thus far in the tournament.

If Rishabh Pant opens, on a good day when the openers aren't separated for at least four-five overs, it leaves Virat Kohli staring into the middle-over expanse. If the tracks slow up post the powerplay as they have generally done, then a freshly-in Kohli would have a few decisions to take. In theory, he could play the situation, nurdle the ball around for say a 30-ball 25 or 35, before he tries to free his arms. The idea is that his technically-proficient batting will be suitable to negotiate that phase.

But as we saw against Afghanistan on Thursday, it will be the old Kohli style of batting. He has to extend himself to crack out the boundaries and sixes in such conditions where the ball stops a touch on landing.

If India are looking to consolidate in this phase, then it's not a problem, but if they are intent on trying to be aggressive as their stated and attempted objectives have been this tournament, then he might not be the



Kohli's attacking shots against seamers are the charge-and-smash through line, and the walk down or shuffle across to forcefully swat-heave to the on side. *ANI*

right fit there.

The sluggish tracks need either the outrageousness of Pant, who will wriggle and contort his body, charge, reverse, trust his instincts or plain slog to make the pitch seem better than it looks.

Or it will require the serenely-intelligent body-positioning and crafty shot-selection of Suryakumar Yadav. Both have done it so far. Pant against Pakistan and briefly against

Afghanistan, and on Thursday, Suryakumar showed why he is the best No.4 in the world.

It's difficult to visualise Kohli in either avatar. His attacking shots against seamers are now two: the charge and smash through line, or walk down or shuffle across to forcefully swat-heave to the on side. His other regular great shots are beside the point as the attacking shots here are defined as those go-to strokes he does when he wants to hit a



QUESTION OF STRIKE RATE

139.55

Virat Kohli's strike rate when he opens the innings in T20s. When he bats at No.3 it drops to 130.79.

129.44

Rishabh Pant's strike rate when he bats at No.3 in T20s. At positions 4 to 6, Pant's strike rate is 125.43

particular ball regardless of where it lands or how good it is. That is when he wants to break-free or dictate terms. Both Pant and Suryakumar have more options to do so on sluggish tracks.

Break-free shots

Kohli's break-free shots against spinners on these tracks are gradually growing, ever since he dusted off his slog-sweeps (he had



Pat Cummins produced difficult to hit slow-cutters and a hat-trick. *AP*

Unable to force the pace against the seamers, batsmen try to go after Zampa. It is what Das did on Friday, going for a sweep to the quicker one that the leg-spinner sent and ended up losing his stump. And that started the slide for Bangladesh.

By the end of the next four overs, where Glenn Maxwell dismissed Rishad and Shanto, Australia were on top. Mitchell Starc was already bowled out. But for the death overs, in these conditions, Australia preferred Cummins cutters rather than Starc's yorkers. That even Josh Hazlewood used the cutters at the death alongside his yorkers, just showed how much Australia value the slower deliveries.

After delivering the 14th over, Australia would hold Cummins back till the death. And even in the 18th and 20th overs, all that Cummins did was to deliver those cutters, which were banged into the pitch.

With a spongy bounce on offer making stroke making difficult, Cummins did not even come close to conceding a boundary in those three overs. And more importantly, he bagged a hat-trick spread across two overs with Mahmudullah, Mahedi Hassan and Towhid Hridoy being the three scalps.

Once the pitch settled, like in the game between West Indies and England at Gros

Islet, the ball came on nicely in the second half in North Sound as well. Unlike Australia, Bangladesh seamers seldom used the cutters as David Warner and Travis Head got the head start which put them in the driver's seat when heavy rains halted the chase in the 12th over. At that stage Australia were placed 100/2, 28 runs ahead of the DLS score.

Like Bangladesh, these cutters have been problematic for India's batsmen. They were choked by the same Australian attack in the last year's World Cup final and Mustafizur has a history of strangulating the Indian batsmen in the past.

However, this time around, Rishabh Pant and Suryakumar Yadav have been prepared to take the aggressive route in the middle-overs, almost leaving India with not much to do in the end overs. So far in this World Cup, a drop in intent level from the batting sides in the middle-overs have proven to be the biggest undoing as a fall of wicket has led to new batsmen struggling to adjust to the pace. If India needed a lesson, Bangladesh and Australia have provided them with one. **BRIEF SCORES: Bangladesh:** 140/8 in 20 ovs (Najmul Hossain Shanto 41, Towhid Hridoy 40; Pat Cummins 3/29) lost to **Australia:** 100/2 in 11.2 ovs (David Warner 53 not out; Rishad Hossain 2/23). (*DLS Method*).

ing catch from Tristan Stubbs.

Spectacular catches

But that wasn't the most spectacular catch on a day of spectacular catches for both sides. While Ottneil Baartman's full tosses gave England hope to rattle off the runs, Nortje had Brook trying to force through a slog on the first ball of the final over. Skipper Aiden Markram ran back from mid off with the ball dipping fast to safely hang onto a brilliant clasp and immediately put England under the pump.

Curran beat short fine leg for a boundary, and somewhat controversially declined Archer a single next ball, wanting to finish it off himself. But Nortje was on the money, nailing a perfect yorker on the penultimate ball to leave the equation at 8 off 1.

Earlier Heinrich Klaasen had made amends for a drop, sending back Buttler with a scorcher as Keshav Maharaj tossed the ball up. Reeza Hendricks too had had a torrid time when batting, departing for a 19 off 25. But he helped remove the dangerous Phil Salt diving to his left at short cover for a screamer.

England had looked in trouble at 61/4, before Brook and Livingstone gave them what turned out to be false hope.



Quinton de Kock's 65 off 38 set the tone for South Africa. *PTI*

Quinny on a stroll

Earlier, Quinton de Kock had displayed his audacity by blasting Jofra Archer out of the attack, going after him in his first over for consecutive sixes and a four for good meas-

ure. Reece Topley and Sam Curran too were put off their plans as he struck the ball confidently all around the wicket, but specially behind square on the leg side for his 65 off 38 for the fastest 50 of the tournament.

There was a reason Jos Buttler argued a touch too much with the umpires, when Mark Wood's low clasp of a de Kock flat sweep was overturned after a catch review. The Saffers had been cruising at 76/0 early in the ninth over, and the English skipper was frustrated when replays showed the catch might have had the ball grazing the grass.

England's middle-over stifle, countering the expected expansive shot-making of Protean bludgeons was going to hinge on these prettiest persistences. On these barest margins. But the English strangle was underway, as the cleanly striking opener could only get 7 more off the next 8 deliveries he faced. The muttering Buttler would take charge of wringing South African necks, leaving the primary job of starving the restless batsmen looking to accelerate, to Adil Rashid.

But it was Moeen Ali who first put Reeza Hendricks (19 off a labored 25 balls) out of his misery. Klaasen was promoted, but Adil Rashid bowled a classic 11th over where he ceded just 2 runs, with a mix of flatter deliveries and wrong'uns. Like a ship stuck in windless doldrums, the constriction of that Rashid over carried over to the next when Jofra Archer was recalled.

Archer had been steaming in at 140+ clicks, and de Kock had been merrily tonking

him around earlier. But when Buttler brought him back, he throttled the pace, and de Kock edged to the keeper captain who picked the first of the super catches of the day.

Miller walked in to link up the famous mid-order muscling. But his nerves hadn't settled when he scooted off for a single, and his late call and some casual running from Klaasen saw Buttler offload the pickup from a leg side wide with accuracy on the bounce to run the big hitter out.

But it was a couple of stunning catches from England that stuttered the Saffers. Brook first sent Miller back off a low humming catch at start of the 20th, and then Marco Jansen's desperate scythe saw Curran running back at cover sharply holding onto another improbable one. After a first power-play of 63 runs, South Africa just couldn't keep the momentum going, and start-stopped for 100 off the next 14 overs. Ultimately though, they found their own way back, matching the catches, before Nortje kept the trend of thriller-winners going.

BRIEF SCORES: South Africa 163 for 6 in 20 overs (Quinton de Kock 65, David Miller 43; Adil Rashid 1/23, Jofra Archer 3/40) beat **England:** 156/6 in 20 overs (Harry Brook 53, Liam Livingstone 33; Keshav Maharaj 2/25, Kagiso Rabada 2/32) by 7 runs.

SPAIN'S EVOLUTION

Spain has wings, tiki-taka grounded

Lamine Yamal and Nico Williams, skillful wingers, are driving new attacking philosophy

SANDIP G
JUNE 21

DEATH BY a thousand passes was a metaphor; death by 42 passes was real. Spain's first goal against Scotland in a European Championship qualifier game in 2011 featured a sequence of 42 patient passes in 94 seconds. The build-up began with Sergio Busquets rolling the ball to Xavi Hernandez at the centre of the park and ended with David Silva slotting home a cut-back from Jordi Alba. Every Spanish player, including goalkeeper Victor Valdes touched the ball in the intricate passing marathon that embodied the soul of tiki taka.

Death by pace is the new metaphor, reality and identity of Spain. The two-time European champions' first goal of Euro 2024, against Croatia took only three passes and six touches in six seconds. The left-back Marc Cucurella gathered a loose ball halfway in his own half, took a couple of touches, slashed the ball to Rodri, who diverted it to the path of Fabian Ruiz, buzzing near the central circle. He took a glance up-field, spotted the run of Alvaro Morata through the central channel, and sliced a low through ball into the sizable space between the two centre-backs. The Spanish marksman cut away from the lax defenders sniffing him and screamed his shot past the goalkeeper Dominik Livakovic.

The two goals might be the outer limits of two distinct philosophies.

But they fittingly capture the shifting sands in Spanish football. Not that they have u-turned from the ideals of the most radical football vision of this century — passing and possession is still the essence of their game — but they have espoused more directness to their game. That they had less possession than their opponents for the first time in 136 games might be an aberration, for they still topped the possession charts, completing most passes (667) in the Euro qualifiers.

A more instructive statistic is that they had the fourth-most crosses per game (26.3) of the 53 nations competing in the qualifying group. Crossing, in the tiki taka heyday, had a heretical value. No longer though.

BRIEFLY

Dhiraj, Ankita enter semis of Archery WC

Antalya: Indian archers Dhiraj Bommadevara and Ankita Bhakat moved closer to a medal, entering the individual semifinals while the mixed team remained in the hunt for a bronze in the World Cup Stage 3 here on Friday. Dhiraj overcame Bangladesh's Mohammed Sagor Islam 6-0, Indonesia's Riau Salsabilla 7-1, Colombia's Santiago Arango 6-4, Germany's Jonathon Vetter 7-3. He will face Korea's Olympic and World gold medalist Kim Woojin in the last-four match. Ankita defeated Iran's Mobina Fallah 6-4, Ukraine's Veronika Marchenko 7-1, China's Li Jiaman 6-5 (9-8) and Korea's Jeon Hunyoung 6-4. Ankita will be up against China's top-ranked Yang Xiaolei in the semis. **PTI**

Argentina win opener against Canada

Atalanta: Defending champions Argentina beat Canada 2-0 in the opening match of the Copa America in Atlanta on Thursday with forwards Julian Alvarez and Lautaro Martinez scoring second-half goals to seal the victory. Lionel Scaloni's side made the breakthrough four minutes after the restart as Lionel Messi played a sublime pass to Alexis Mac Allister, who poked it away from advancing Canada goalkeeper Maxime Crepeau and into the path of Alvarez for a simple finish. Nicolas Otamendi gave Argentina some much-needed stability at the back, before substitute Martinez slotted in from a Messi pass in the 88th minute to wrap up the win. **REUTERS**

Gangjee takes 5-shot lead in Selangor

Selangor (Malaysia): India's Rahil Gangjee shot a three-under-67 to take a massive five-shot lead after the third and penultimate round of the Selangor Masters. Gangjee has two wins on the Asian Tour — at the Volkswagen Masters in 2004 in China and then 14 years later in Japan at the Panasonic Open. The 45-year-old, who shifted his base from Kolkata to Bengaluru some years back, is making a comeback from an injury and showing better form with each round. **PTI**



Spain winger Nico Williams on the charge against Italy. *Reuters*

More directness and verticality

Not just manager Luis de la Fuente, but his predecessors such as Luis Enrique had sought more directness and verticality. "The philosophy has always been similar but each coach has their own touches. (De la Fuente) wants to be a bit more direct, always using possession to damage the opponent. You have to change the chip (our approach)," Rodri once observed.

De la Fuente is a pragmatist, and not an ideologue. Unlike club managers, their country counterparts are forced to produce the best results from a given set of players in a limited time-frame. So he went for the most viable options. "If we have players with the pace of Lamine Yamal, Nico Williams, Ferran Torres or Ayoze Perez, it makes no sense not to use those options," de la Fuente reasoned.

So just as Luis Aragonés judged the best way forward was to pin his game on the two generational midfielders in the country and weave an environment where they could fully express their creativity and imagination, de la Fuente decided to build his team around two of the fastest players at his disposal, Yamal and Williams. As recently as the Qatar World Cup, Spain's prerogative was to squeeze in as many playmakers as possible. The axis of the team was Pedri and Gavi, both of Barcelona. Both are important still, the latter missed the tournament due an injury,

but the wind beneath Spain's wings are the two wingers.

Everything would gravitate towards them, both with explosive speed and an exotic array of skills. Both could go inside or outwards, both could cross, dribble and score goals. The game against Italy was a classic example, where the wingmen, especially Williams, ran rings around Italy's full back.

So speedy and guileful that Italy summoned Andrea Cambiaso to support the stupefied Giovanni Di Lorenzo, but to little effect as the play afforded more offensive liberty for the overlapping Cucurella.

The goal against Italy too originated from Williams' snap-second burst down the left. Williams, the son of Ghanaian immigrants, their journey to Spain involving crossing parts of the Sahara on barefoot, was Italy's chief tormentor.

Only 85 seconds had passed when he tore down the left, reached the byline and looped a delicious ball inside to Pedri, who shot feebly to Donnarumma. On the opposite flank, Yamal snaked inside to create multiple chances but for Morata to fluff. He then cut inside and trimmed the far post with a curling beauty. The pair top the dribbling charts (Yamal 7, Williams 6) too. Tiki-takians barely dribbled.

The midfield, helmed by the immaculate Rodri, is still their foundation, the heat zones

port to be sent to them, otherwise it's just written words nobody witnessed. Obviously, they weren't interested in coming and being with the team," he said.

Vijayan did not respond to questions based on Stimac's comments.

Stimac was handed an extension till 2028 last year by the premier footballing body in India — a move that he said 'surprised' him since he was ready to depart at the time. He said that his extension was handled by ex-general secretary Shaji Prabhakaran but then the former FIFA consultant was sacked in the same month of October and since then he has had no relationship with AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey.

Previously, in his letter to the AIFF, Stimac had said that Chaubey promised the Indian team a better transportation option for their game against Afghanistan in the neutral venue of Abha, Saudi Arabia. That promise, he says, was broken by the president.

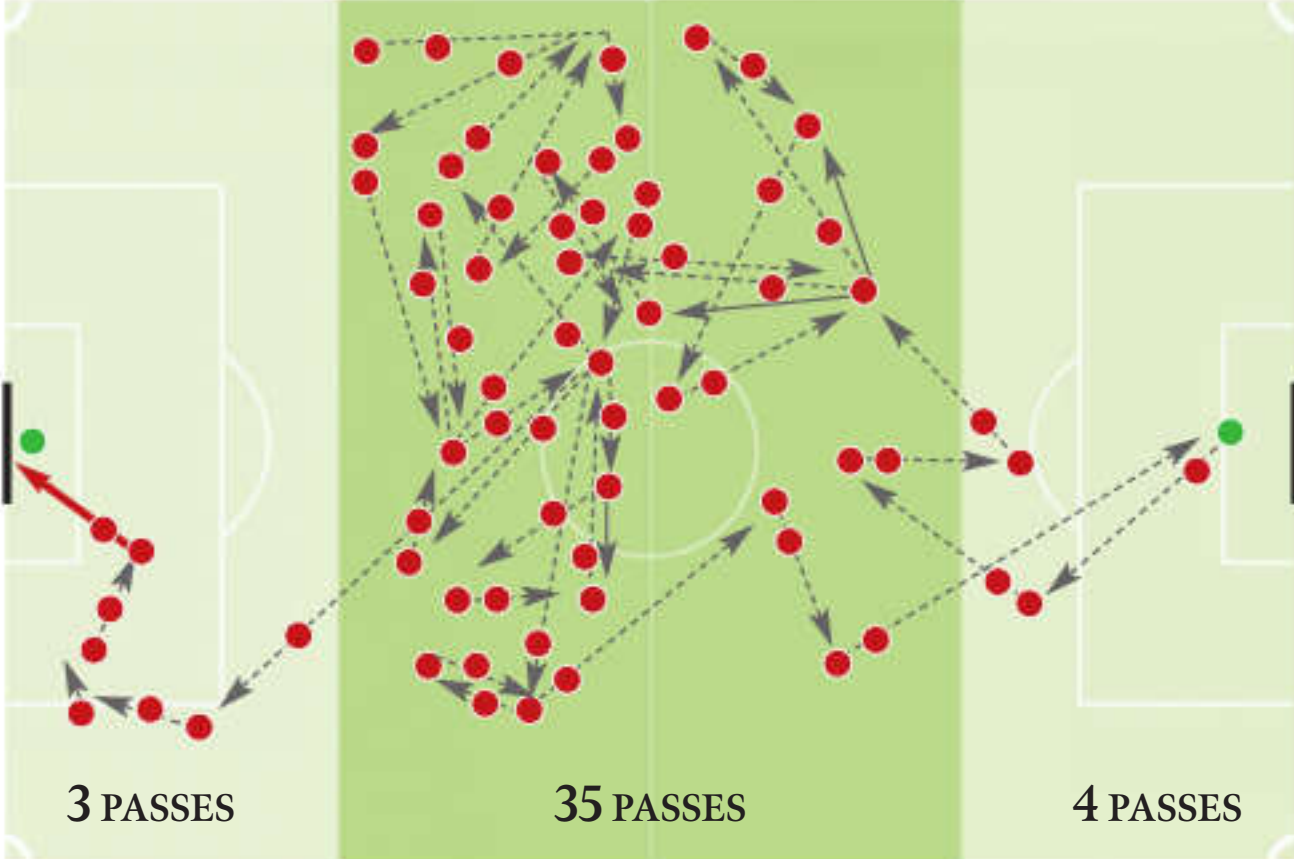
While saying that Indian Football was 'imprisoned', Stimac said that Chaubey's influence was not good enough for the overall standing of Indian football at the world level. "The sooner Kalyan Chaubey leaves, the better it will be for Indian football. The President of the AIFF gets pictures clicked with people in important positions just for social media attention," said Stimac.

The AIFF president declined to comment and said that a statement would be made in two days on the matter.

On his sacking, the 56-year-old made it clear that he had given AIFF the option of waiting until the end of July as he was in talks with two other clubs. He said that his conversation took place with current secretary general M. Satyanarayan. India currently has no international matches lined up, and according to Stimac, there was ample time for the federation to wait it out so that he could agree terms with his potential suitors and that way AIFF would not have to buy out his contract.

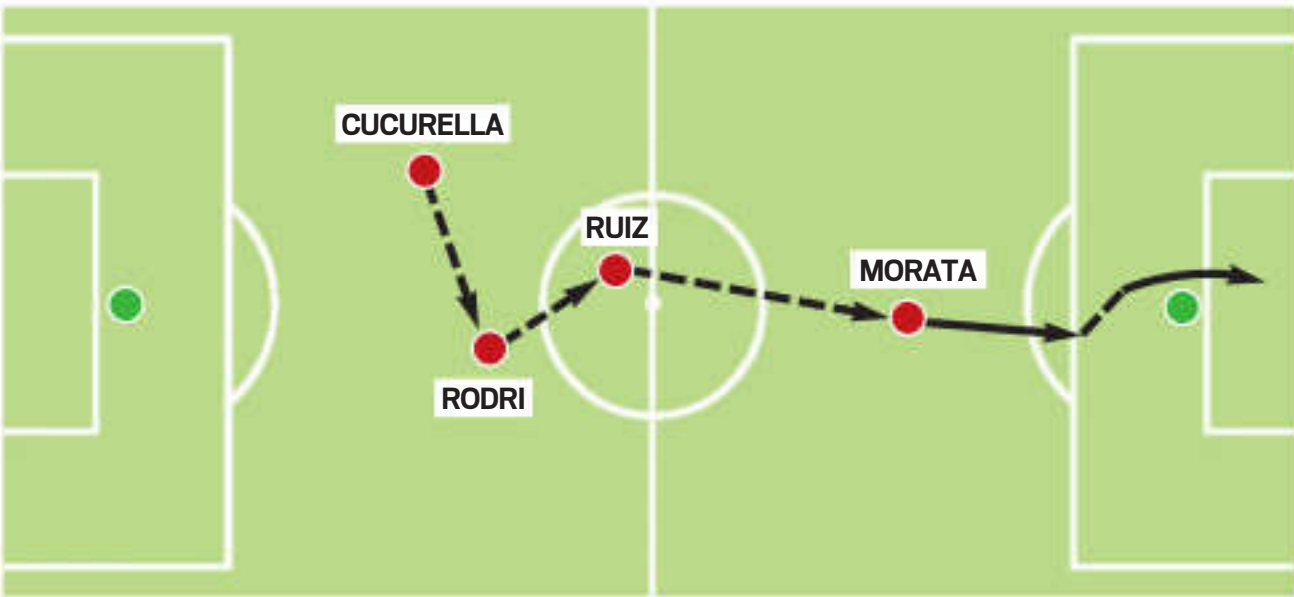
But the football federation chose to go ahead with his sacking after offering him a three-month notice period, an option not available in the extension he had signed last year. "I received the termination email and couldn't believe it. After telling them to not be influenced by social media pressure, they decide to terminate a contract which cannot be terminated by them. They will now have to pay the full amount once the charges are pressed at the FIFA tribunal. I was hurt once again, and it shouldn't have happened," said Stimac.

SPAIN: LESS POSSESSION BUT EQUALLY DEADLY



42 passes

David Silva's first goal in Spain's 3-1 win over Scotland in a 2011 Euro Qualifier came at the end of 42 passes. Spain had **67% possession**.



03 passes

Alvaro Morata's opening goal in the 3-0 win over Croatia in the 2024 Euro Championships came after just three passes after Marc Cucurella latched onto a loose ball. Spain had **46% possession**.

would tell that they spent most of the time pinging the ball at the centre of the pitch. But whereas they would progress like compact triangles, each within hugging distance of the other, through the central channels, they are more spread out now.

When the ball is played to the flanks, they spread out even further to make the pitch look large and to create space for the wingers. The team too is tuned-up to foster the best atmosphere for the pair. Morata is a modern centre forward rather than a false nine. All three midfielders are excellent ball-carriers

and passers.

The Euro, thus, has seen a volte-face in Spanish football norms. Not really, the coach explained: "We are making a team with many ways of playing. Our rivals know we can hurt them with possession, with positional attacks built with many passes or also — if they give us the chance — we will run very fast." The defenders of Croatia and Italy would readily vouch for "running very fast". Death by pace has replaced death by pass. But a death still for the defenders.

Austria ease past Poland 3-1 to renew knockout stage hopes

REUTERS
JUNE 21

AUSTRIA SECURED a 3-1 victory over Poland in their Euro 2024 Group D match on Friday to renew hopes of a top-two finish and a spot in the knockout stage while leaving their opponents in last place with no points and only a slim chance of advancing.

In a furious start, the Austrians, now on three points from two matches - as many as France and Netherlands who meet later on Friday - applied early pressure and it paid off in the ninth minute with Gernot Trauner's powerful header at the near post. Poland, who have now lost both of their matches, levelled through Krzysztof Piatek's his second attempt in the box after his first effort was blocked on the half-hour mark.

Fit-again Poland striker Robert Lewandowski came on in the 60th minute but it was Austria who scored twice more, first with a flowing move and Christoph Baumgartner finish just inside the box in the 66th and a Marco Arnautovic penalty 12 minutes later.

Ukraine edge Slovenia

Ukraine roused themselves in the nick of time to salvage their Euro 2024 hopes as substitute Roman Yaremchuk's late strike saw them hit back after falling a goal behind to beat Slovakia 2-1 in a lively Group E clash on Friday.

Trailing at halftime to an early header scored by Ivan Schranz, Ukraine's hopes of reaching the knockout stage were in peril, but they stormed back in front of their joyous fans.

Slovakia, who produced the shock of the tournament so far to beat Belgium in their opener, would have sealed a last-16 berth with a win but sat back after a dream start and were punished.

Man of the match Mykola Shaparenko equalised in the 54th minute with a close-range finish before his pass sent Yaremchuk clear to prod the winner and spark ecstatic celebrations from the ranks of yellow and blue inside the Duesseldorf Stadium. Victory lifted Ukraine level on three points with Slovakia and Romania, who face Belgium on Saturday.

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I Nikita Gupta W/o Sunil R/o H.No.T-282/1A,Third Floor, Right Side Road No.20,Baljeet Nagar, Patel Nagar,Delhi-110008 is also known as Pooja. Both names Nikita Gupta and Pooja are of one and the same person. 0040734787-1

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I, Anu Mahajan R/o 174, Plot No. 1, Sec 4, Dwarka, New Delhi-75 have lost my original documents of property B-1953, Ansal Sushant City, Kundli, Sonipat, Haryana. Finder please contact 9354797845 0040734865-1

I,ANKIT KHANDELWAL,S/O SHYAM KHANDELWAL,R/o-VRIDHASHRAM GAUSHALA,TILPAT,FARIDABAD, HARYANA,HAVE LOST MY- ORIGINAL BUILDER-BUYER AGREEMENT OF MY PROPERTY IN SONIPAT IN OMAXE-CITY VILLA NO.904,AND ALL PAYMENTS RECEIPTS NUMBERD(224611,224613,224615,224616,224617,224618, 224619,224620,197013,231582, 279622,290636,296713,finder Contact-9582551908. 0040734895-10

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client ICICI Bank Ltd., Sector-50, Noida, UP is in the process of advancing a loan to Mr. Jay Prakash for purchase of MIG Flat No. 269, G.F. Prasad Nagar, New Delhi.(Flat), from Mrs. Rashmina Kasal, who has represented that she is the sole & absolute owner of said Flat having inherited through Will dated 25.10.2018 (Doc No. 875) of her deceased father - Late Mr. D.R. Mullick, who was the lawful owner vide Conveyance. Deed dated 10.11.2001 (Doc. No. 1320) If anybody, person, body corporate has any right, lien or claim whatsoever on the said Property or objection to its mortgage, then he/she/it may contact the undersigned with documentary proof of claim within 7 days of publication of this notice, otherwise it shall be deemed that either there are no claims or the same have been waived off. No claim shall be entertained thereafter and my client shall proceed to advance the loan by mortgaging the said property.

Sharuk Narang, (Advocate) GNA & Associates D-28, Jangpura Extension, New Delhi-110014.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client Ishwar Dhari Prasad, son of late Hanuksha Sha, aged about 86 years, R/o K-22, Near Lamba Cycle, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092 do hereby in his full senses and without any pressure, declare that the above-mentioned property was purchased by him in the year 1963 through his own earnings and got the same built by himself. His elder son Shiv Kumar soon after his marriage, started living separately with his wife Smt. Shail Devi and did not have any domestic relationship with our client and his family. After the demise of Shiv Kumar in 2007, out of humanity our client allowed his elder son's widow to stay in his property and since then Shail Devi along with her adopted son Rahul Kumar and his wife Manji alias Priyanka and their children are living in the same property.

The behavior of Shail Devi, her son Rahul Kumar and his wife Priyanka grew very rude and hurtful towards our client and his family. Shail Devi, along with her son's family, are harassing our client and his family by filing false cases against our client and the rest of his family and extending threats to our client that if he does not transfer the above property to her name then she will implicate our client and his family in false cases. Our client declares that his daughter-in-law Shail Devi and her adopted son Rahul Kumar and his wife Priyanka and their children do not have any right in our client's movable and immovable property/assets in future. He hereby sever all his relations with the above said persons. He has no relation with her and her extended family and if any person does any business or transactions with them then our client will not be responsible for the same.

Sd/- BHARTI SHARMA Advocate Enrt. No. D142413 C-150 A, C.L. Joseph Block, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

Re: Property bearing Municipal No. 670 and 671 having area measuring 146.93 Sq. Yds. (or says 122.85 Sq. Mtrs.), Situated at R/O No. XV, Mohan Nagar, Paharganj, New Delhi hereinafter referred to as 'said property'. NOTICE is hereby given to general public that our clients, 1. Mr. Manjeet Singh Narula, 2. Mr. Gurmeet Singh Narula, 3. Mr. Baljeet Singh Narula, 4. Mr. Sunil Kumar Gupta and 5. Mr. Kapil Kalra are the joint owners of the aforesaid property vide Sale Deeds registered as Document No. 4684 D/ 24/5/2019, 4685 dated 24/5/19, 4683 dt/ 24/5/2019, 5883 dt/ 04/08/2021, 6061 dt/ 04/08/2021 respectively. They have informed that the following documents forming part of chain documents and hereinafter called the 'said documents' have been lost, misplaced and not traceable. An FIR regarding loss of the said documents has been lodged by our client with Delhi Police Crime Branch vide LR No. 18255674/2024, dated 18/06/2024. (1) Original Photocopy of Sale Deed dated 05.03.1960 in favour of Mr. Roshan Lal and Mr. Suraj Pal registered as Document No. 3295, (2) Original Certificate of Sale dated 27.04.1964 issued by Government of India in favour of Mrs. Tarlochan Kaur;(3) Original Urdu Sale Deed dated 07.10.1971 in favour of Mr. Arvind Kumar and Mr. Ratan Lal;(4) Original Sale Deed dated 07.03.1968 in favour of Mr. Lachhman Dass and Mr. Jaginder Nath;(5) Original Sale Deed dated 27.11.2012 in favour of Mrs. Mitu Chadha;(6) Original Sale Deed dated 27.11.2012 in favour of Mrs. Mitu Chadha;(7) Original Sale Deed dated 22.03.2013 in favour of Mr. Sanjeev Chadha;(8) Original Sale Deed dated 24.05.2013 in favour of Mr. Sanjay;(9) Original Sale Deed dated 13.08.2014 in favour of Mrs. Mitu Chadha. If the aforesaid original said documents or any of them are/is found or have/has been found by any person, the same may be returned and delivered to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below. Further, if any person, body, institution is having any claim and/or objection in respect of the said property, he/she/they may raise his/her/ their objections, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 10 days of publication of this notice. Otherwise, after expiry of 10 days from the date of publication of this notice, no objection shall be acceptable. General Public may also take note that any deal or transaction done by anybody on the basis of the said documents or any of the said documents shall be illegal and not binding on our client. The person doing so shall be liable to be prosecuted under the law.

Shivkant Arora, Advocate For M/s Intellectual Law Offices A-74, Lower Ground Floor, Defence Colony, New Delhi-24

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform public at large that my Clients Sh. Vishwanath Dayal, S/o Sh. R.S. Sharma and Smt. Sheela Devi, W/o Sh. Vishwanath Dayal, residents of J-32, Near Alaknanda Complex,DDA Flats,Kalkaji, South Delhi, Delhi-110019 being aggrieved by the misconduct, misbehavior and intolerable attitude as well as quarrelsome nature of their son Sh. Shalendra Parashar, Daughter-in-law Mrs. Sonika & Smt. and grand-daughters Ms. Pragya Parashar and Ms. Lavanya Parashar, has severed all their relationships with their son, daughter in law and grand-daughters as such disown and disinherit, all of them from their move and immovable property (ies). Further, my clients were not/are not shall not be responsible for any of their doings/bodily.

Sd/- MEENAKS GARGI(Advocate) Enrt. No. D12749017 Chander No. A3, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed that (1) Entire Ground Floor of Freehold property No M-59, Greater Kailash II along with 22.5% proportionate rights in land underneath property (ies) is in land underneath property (ies) owned and possessed by Shri Anil Goyal & Smt. Riya Goyal by virtue of Sale Deed duly registered vide Regd. No. 5311, dated 10.10.2013 and (2) Entire Basement Floor of Freehold property No M-59, Greater Kailash - II along with 100% proportionate rights in land underneath property owned and possessed by Shri Anil Goyal & Smt. Madhu Goyal by virtue of Sale Deed duly registered vide Regd. No. 5312, dated 10.10.2013, my/mour clients intend to purchase the above mentioned properties from its above mentioned owners by availing the home loan facility from State Bank of India, Branch: Baroli, Uttar Pradesh and keeping the floor property(ies) as security with the said bank. As per present owner(s) version the said property is/are free from all sorts of encumbrance.

It is hereby notified that any person and/or Bank, beneficiary of Will, HUF, member of HUF, financial institution having any claim, any charge, interest or lien or claim and/or objection to the said property(ies) may lodge/notify the same to the undersigned with documentary proof/court judgment within 15 days from the date of publication of this public notice, failing which any further future claim/objection(s) shall be rejected and my client/prospective buyer(s) as a bona-fide purchaser conclude the title.Sale Deed proposed to be executed in favor of my client or in the name of his/her/their nominees shall be deemed to be clear and marketable without any defect, encumbrance, flaw and impediment.

SATYENDER YADAV (ADVOCATE) Chander no. 561, 5th Floor, Saket Courts, New Delhi; Mob. :9711212421

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e-4-TENDER

No. RailTel/E-Tender/OT/WR/RO/ 2024-25/HMS/04 Dated: 20.06.2024

RailTel (Western Region invites open E-Tender for the work of "Supply & Installation of Desktops, Printers, Display units, Switches and other IT related items in Divisional Railway Hospital, Sub Divisional Railway Hospital & Health units of Solapur Division, Central Railway".

Tender Notice and Tender Document are available on <https://www.railtelindia.com/> and can be downloaded from the e-tendering portal <https://www.ireps.gov.in/>. All Future Addendum/Corrigendum will be uploaded on Rail Tel website and e-tendering portal only.

Western Railway Microwave Complex, Senapati Bapat Marg, Mahalaxmi, Mumbai-400013
Phone: 91 (22) 24923907 Fax: 91 (22) 24923913

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE

NOTICE INVITING OPEN TENDER. Tender Notice No. 18/TRD/DNR/OT/24-25 The Divisional Railway Manager, E.C. Railway, Danapur invites sealed open tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works:

Tender No.: TRD/DNR/OT/18/24-25

1. Name of work with its location : Upgradation of passenger amenities at Augaridham Halt by raising and improvement of platform, waiting hall with provision of light under ADEN/RGD. : ₹ Approx cost of the work (NIT value) : ₹ 14,99,179.61/-, 3. Earnest money to be deposited : ₹ 30,000/-, 4. Date & time for selling, submission and opening of tender : The tender have to be submitted online on www.ireps.gov.in upto 12.00 hrs. on the date of opening i.e. 16.07.2024 and will be opened on the same day at 12.30 hrs., 5. Website particulars, notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. : Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria & tender documents can be seen from the CRIS website : <http://www.ireps.gov.in> & full details of notice can be seen on notice board of Sr. DEE (TRD)/E.C. Railway / Danapur. All corrigendum will be uploaded on website, if required.

Divisional Railway Manager, E.C.Railway, Danapur PR/0533/DNR/ET/RD/T-24/25/40

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

e-tender is invited on behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned works:- e-Tender No. : ECR-CAO-C-S-ETEN-15-24-25. Name of work : Preparation of GAD, Design of Major Bridges, Minor Bridges, LHS, RUB, ROB, Thrust Bed, Animal overpass/overpass, RFO, soil stability, slope stability, EV2 test for 3rd & 4th Line of Son Nagar - Andol Multi track and other project under CE/Con/ Central. Approx cost of the work (in Rs.) : 6,50,24,197.34, Cost of tender form (in Rs.) : 0.00, Earnest money (in Rs.) : 4,75,100.00, Period of work completion : 24(Twenty Four) Months, Date and time for closing of tender: 12.07.2024 at 15.30 hrs. Any e-tenders which is sent by Post/Courier/Fax or by hand will not be accepted. All such manual submission of tender even if it is on firm's letter pad or received in time will not be accepted. The above e-tender document alongwith full information is available on website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. Note : In case of any discrepancies found in tender notice, English version will be final. Tenderers are requested to visit the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> atleast 15 days before last date of closing, for latest corrigendum/corrections etc in connection with this e-tender. Any change/addendum/corrigendum will be published on IREPS website only.

CAO/Construction/South ECR, Mahendraghat, Patna PR/0530/CON/ENG/RTD-24/25/44

STEM WATER DISTRIBUTION & INFRASTRUCTURE CO. PVT. LTD., THANE

Yardan Commercial Complex, 9th Floor, MIDC, Road No. 16, Wagale Industrial Estate, Thane (W)-400 604. stemwatercompany@gmail.com

E-Tender Notice No. 6 (1st Extension) for 2024-25

STEM Water Dist. & Infra. Co. Pvt. Ltd., Thane are invited E-Tender in the form of B-1 Tender for following work.

Sr.No.	Name of Work	Date & Time
1	Construction of STEMs new Head Office building at Kharegaon, Thane	Start Dt. 20.06.2024 at 1200 Hrs. End Dt. 25.06.2024 at 1200 Hrs.
2	Providing, installing, testing V-wire under drain system at WTP Temghar.	Technical Bid Open on Dt. 27.06.2024 at 1200 Hrs.

E-Tender documents will be available for view/ downloading on authorised web site <https://mahatenders.gov.in> Right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason there of is reserved by the STEM Water Distri. & Infra. Co. Pvt. Ltd., Thane.

Sd/- (Sanket M. Gharat) Managing Director

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय भवन निर्माण विभाग भवन प्रमण्डल संख्या-1, राँची

शुद्धि सूचना

एतद् द्वारा भवन निर्माण विभाग में निबंधित सभी समुचित श्रेणी के संवेदकों को सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक-1669(अनु०) दिनांक 07.06.2024 पी० आर० संख्या-325571 (भवन) 2024-25.D द्वारा प्रकाशित ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना –

Sl. No.	Tender Reference No.	Work Name	PR No.
1	BCD/Div.No.-1, Ranchi/07/2024-25	Renovation of Central Library Building and Information and Knowledge e-Centre at Ranchi University Campus, Morabadi Ranchi	325571 (भवन) 2024-25.D

को अपरिहार्य कारणों से रद्द किया जाता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता भवन निर्माण विभाग भवन प्रमण्डल संख्या-1, राँची

कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, भोपाल

प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना (PMAY) हाऊसिंग फॉर ऑल प्रोग्राम (HFA CELL) नृतीय तल, आई.एस.बी.टी. भवन, होर्णाबाद रोड, हबीबनगर, भोपाल - 462023

N.I.T. No. 12/HFA-2024 Bhopal, Dated 21.06.2024

Online percentage rate bids for the following work are invited from contractors and firms fulfilling registration criteria:

Sr. No.	Online Tender No.	Name of Work	Probable Amount of Contract (In Lakhs)	Earnest Money Deposit (In Rupees)	Cost of Bid Document (In Rupees)	Period of Completion (In Months)
1.	2023_UAD_261197_7	Contruction of Houses and Development of Infrastructure for Affordable Housing in Bhopal including Approach Road from Neelbad Square to Site and Development of Chandrasekhar Garden, at Kalkhedha Phase II Site, under PMAY - Bhopal	10637.27	5318637/-	50000.00	24 Months (Including Rainy Season)

1. The interested bidders may view the Detailed Notice Inviting Tender on website <http://mptenders.gov.in> from 24.06.2024

2. The bid documents can be purchased online from 10:30 A.M. of 24.06.2024 to 5:30 PM of 23.07.2024.

3. Prebid meeting should be held on 02.07.2024 at 11:45 AM at 3rd floor HFA Cell ISBT building BMC office Bhopal

4. Amendments to this NIT would be published on website only, and not in news papers.

Sd/- Superintendent Engineer (HFA) Bhopal Municipal Corporation

T.N. 68/024/025

झारखण्ड सरकार

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, लोहरदगा

शुद्धि-पत्र

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक 12.06.2024 को दैनिक समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित PR 325951 (Lohardaga)24-25 (D) (e-Tender Reference No. : RCD/LOHARDAGA-332/2024-25) में अंकित कार्य के लिए निम्न विवरणी के अनुसार आंशिक संशोधन किया जाता है :-

	पूँई ई-प्रोक्वायर्समेंट नोटिफ में अंकित	वर्तमान में संशोधन	
2. (A)	Estimated Amount	Rs. 5847.83 Lakh.	Rs. 6200.00 Lakh.*
(B)	Earnest Money	Rs. 58.48 Lakh.	Rs. 62.00 Lakh.
4.	Availability of Tender on Web -site (Date & Time)	18.06.2024 (10:30 A.M.) to 16.07.2024 (12:00 Noon)	28.06.2024 (10:30 A.M.) to 20.07.2024 (12:00 Noon)
5.	Date and Time of Pre-bid Meeting	25.06.2024 (03:00 P.M.)	05.07.2024 (03:00 P.M.)
6.	Bid Submission Start Date & Time	26.06.2024 (10:30 A.M.)	06.07.2024 (10:30 A.M.)
7.	Bid Submission Close Date & Time	16.07.2024 (12:00 Noon)	20.07.2024 (12:00 Noon)
8.	Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bid	18.07.2024 (12:30 P.M.)	22.07.2024 (12:30 P.M.)

* प्राकृतिक राशि घट-बढ़ सकती है। शेष क्रम संख्या पर अंकित विवरणी यथावत रहेंगे।

PR 327211 Lohardaga(24-25),D

कार्यपालक अभियंता पथ निर्माण विभाग,पथ प्रमंडल, लोहरदगा

OFFICE OF THE RANCHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, RANCHI (ENGINEERING SECTION), KUTCHERY ROAD, RANCHI, PIN – 834001 e-mail :- support@ranchimunicipal.com

LETTER No :-181/Eng DATED:-20-06-2024

e-Procurement Notice (6th Call)

1. Name of Tender Inviting Officer :-Chief Engineer, RMC, Ranchi

2. Date of Publication of Tender on Website :-24-06-2024

3. Bid Submission Start Date :-24-06-2024

4. Bid Submission End Date :-09-07-2024 Up to 5:00 PM

5. Date/Time of Opening bid :-10-07-2024 Up to 12:30 PM

6. Helpline number :-9279239910/9430763688

Sl. No.	Ward No.	Name of the Work	Approximate value of work (Rs)	Earnest Money (Rs)	Cost of Tender Document (Rs.)	Period of completion
01	RMC	"Remaining Works of Urban Hat" at Kanke, Ranchi.	10,62,86,028/-	10,63,000/-	29,500/-	365 Days

● Tender Fee and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) is to be paid through online mode as per instruction of IT Dept., Govt of Jharkhand Letter No- 120 Dated- 03-10-2023 and UDHQ Gov. Of Jharkhand Letter No- 4847 Dated- 11-10-2023. Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

Sd/- Executive Engineer PR 327168 Ranchi Municipal Corporation(24-25)#D Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Ranchi

**JAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**
Indira Circle, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur-302004

No.- JDA/EE & TA to Dir. Enng.-I/2024-25/D-37
Dated :- 21.06.2024

NOTICE INVITING BID

NIB No. : EE & TA to Dir.Enngg.-I/03/2024-25

Bids are invited from interested bidders for following works :-


S. No.	UBN No.	Cost of Work (Lacs)	Nature of Work	Last Date
1.	JDA2425WSOB00030	251.87	Road	08.07.2024
2.	JDA2425WSOB00051	235.49	Road	10.07.2024
3.	JDA2425WLOB00033	5816.09	STP 30 MLD (EPC)	23.07.2024
4.	JDA2425SLRC00044	275.31	Sewerage Network (DPR)	19.07.2024

Other particulars of the respective bid may be visited on Procurement Portal website www.sppp.raajasthan.gov.in, www.eproc.raajasthan.gov.in and www.jda.raajasthan.gov.in.

Executive Engineer & TA to Dir.Enngg-I
Raj.Samwad/C/24/1159

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

The general public is hereby informed that an unidentified person about **15-16 years** of age whose name,residence,and family is unknown has found dead at NR. Sant Parmanand hospital, Kashmere Gate, Delhi on 18/06/2024. In this regard, an information has been registered vide **DD No:52A / 2024, dated: 18.06.2024 at PS Kashmere Gate, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person, but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the UIDB is as under: **Sex: Male, Age: 15-16 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Red T-shirt and grey jeans**. If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/ PS, Kashmere Gate Delhi.



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DP/7748/N/2024

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PS, Kashmere Gate,Delhi
Ph.9079025026

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Tender Notice No. PCMM/GEN/LTP/2024/22, Dated: 21.06.2024. Tender for "E" Procurement System. The Principal Chief Materials Manager, South Eastern Railway, Hd. Qrs. Office (5th Floor), New Administrative Building, 11, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata-700043 for and on behalf of the President of India invites open E-tenders which have been uploaded on website www.irops.gov.in as follows: All the tenders will be closed at 14.00 hrs. **Sl.No.; Tender No.; Due Date; Brief Description; Quantity & EMD amount** are as follows: **1; IG245427A;** 01.07.2024; Blood Component Unit (set of eleven items-01 piece each); 01 & ₹ 2,73,490. **11; 38241573;** 11.07.2024; Rotary screw electric driven air compressor 500 CFM; 01 no. & ₹ 51,440. **7; OE2455286;** 12.07.2024; 6 Motor Reverser with Magnet Valve; 08 nos. & ₹ 59,510. **8; IE245589;** 27.06.2024; K-Type composite Brake Block for BOXNHL Wagon; 8000 nos. & ₹ 62,620. **9; IF245395A;** 08.07.2024; Twin Dome High End ceiling operation theatre light (OT Lights) and CAMC for 5 years; 01 no. & ₹ 56,560. **10;45235009A;** 11.07.2024; Set of Evaporator and condenser coil assembly for AMIT, LLOYD and Feddersloyd make RMPU of LHB type AC coaches; 152 set & ₹ 2,73,490. **11; 38241573;** 11.07.2024; Coupler rod for uncoupling gear; 13908 nos. & ₹ 1,54,270. **12; 38243072;** 15.07.2024; Barrel Spring for slack adjuster, Type: IRSA-600, 4280 nos. & ₹ 69,590. **13; 38243028;** 09.08.2024; Coupler Rod for BOXNHL Wagon; 27850 nos. & ₹ 3,28,630. **14; 38241500;** 10.09.2024; Double cup suitable for fitment on TIMKEN make CTRB; 1740 nos. & ₹ 3,32,620. **15; 38243365;** 12.09.2024; Brake cylinder 11" with double acting automatic slack adjuster and Hand brake cable (Escort Make); 400 nos. & ₹ 4,32,540. **16; AA241235;** 08.07.2024; Non-asbestos L type composition brake block for freight stock with 1000mm wheel dia; 10000 nos. & ₹ 66,810. **17; HB245411A;** 11.07.2024; Human Albumin 20% 100 ml bottle/Vial; 2497 Bottles & ₹ 1,71,630. **18; IG245807;** 08.07.2024; Supply and installation of integrated access device 1U height or 1.5 height/19" Rack mountable for LVCD/Digital Axis counter purpose; As per tender & ₹ 1,01,240. **19; AA241247;** 10.07.2024; New Doorway stiffening cross bar for BOXNHL Wagon; 10000 nos. & ₹ 66,840. **20; HB245807;** 09.07.2024; Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of Fully Automated 6-Parts Differential Hematology Analyser etc.; 01 no. & ₹ 62,580. **21; 78245100;** 12.07.2024; Godrej Modular Kitchen with Steel Shutters etc.; 10 set & ₹ 52,490. **22; 29243133;** 01.07.2024; Kit IOH for ELGI make RR20100CG (M), consisting of 51 items; 52 set & ₹ 3,44,560. **23; 29243815;** 05.08.2024; Set of labyrinth and bearing cap & clamp plate; 413 set & ₹ 3,54,830. **24; 29243203;** 12.08.2024; Capacitor Harmonic Filter; 336 nos. & ₹ 4,20,270. **25; 29243671;** 19.08.2024; Surge Arrester (Gapless Lightning Arrester); 141 nos. & ₹ 2,51,570. **26; 33243029;** 08.07.2024; Anti Roll Bar Fork; 500 nos. & ₹ 82,600. **27; 33243014;** 12.07.2024; Traction Centre Elastic Joint; 2500 nos. & ₹ 81,890. **28; 30243538;** 17.07.2024; Lavatory Door Arrangement for non-AC coach; 650 nos. & ₹ 79,400. **29; 33243375;** 18.07.2024; Control arm assembly right consisting of 2 (two) items; 1400 set & ₹ 3,51,050. **30; 33243333;** 18.07.2024; Control arm assembly left consisting of 2 (two) items; 1400 set & ₹ 3,50,600. **31; 33243032;** 29.07.2024; Safety wire rope assembly for FIAT IR bogie; 11000 nos. & ₹ 70,610. **32; 33243038;** 30.07.2024; Pin for FIAT bogies; 14000 nos. & ₹ 67,730. **33; 30243595;** 31.07.2024; Wall protector for lavatory pan; 2100 nos. & ₹ 52,090. **34; IE245640;** 11.07.2024; Bogie Center pivot top for BOXN Wagon; 360 nos. & ₹ 53,440. **35; AA241250;** 12.07.2024; Lock for up-graded HT-CBC; 2000 nos. & ₹ 74,420. **36; 38243123A;** 08.07.2024; Hooks Assembly-1" with flange for BOXNHL Wagon for Knorr Bremse Design MBMS; 2448 nos. & ₹ 1,10,530. **37; 38243010;** 09.07.2024; Shackle lock for Centre Pivot of BOXN Wagon; 66850 nos. & ₹ 1,22,270. **38; 38241594;** 10.07.2024; Kit for hand brake wheel complete for BOXN wagons consisting of 5 items; 1750 set & ₹ 1,11,860. **39; 38241561;** 10.07.2024; POH kit for C3W distributor valve (Wagon) consisting of 41 items; 2765 set & ₹ 1,69,540. **40; 38243185A;** 16.08.2024; Locking bolt & its bracket for Flap door arrangement; 155893 nos. & ₹ 3,04,580. **41; 38243951;** 23.08.2024; Door check spring for BOXN wagon; 38264 nos. & ₹ 2,91,680. **42; 38243364;** 06.09.2024; Class 'K' (6 1/2" x 9") CTRB; 570 nos. & ₹ 2,65,950. **43; 38243849;** 26.09.2024; Flap door arrangement complete for BOXNHL Wagon; 4950 nos. & ₹ 4,89,130. **44; 45243192;** 12.07.2024; Maintenance free valve regulated Lead Acid (VRLA) Battery of 1100 Ah etc.; 60 set & ₹ 16,09,730. **45; 29243133;** 01.07.2024; Kit IOH for ELGI make RR20100CG (M), consisting of 51 items; 52 set & ₹ 3,44,560. **46; 25243571;** 15.07.2024; AOH maintenance schedule of N-32 tap changer consisting of 32 nos.; 67 set & ₹ 1,12,750. Interested tenderers may visit website www.irops.gov.in for full details/description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these items will be accepted. **N.B:** Prospective Bidders may regularly visit www.irops.gov.in to participate in all other tenders & any corrigendum published thereafter. (PR-288)

**UJVN Limited**
(An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprises)
H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone: 0135-2763809, Fax: 0135-2763508
CIN No. U40101UP2009SC029566
Website: www.ujvnl.com

Ro. No. 521
Tender Notice
Dated 21/06/2024

The office of Executive Engineer (Maintenance), Maneri Bhali Stage-II, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi) invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tenders is given below:
Tender No: NIT- 01/EE (M)/MB-II/2024-25
Name of work / Supply/Services: Repairing of TGB Housings of 76 MW Turbines at Dharasu Power House, Uttarkashi.
Estimated cost: Rs. 9,02,160 /- Only (Taxes extra)
Date of availability of bid document on website :- 24.06.2024
Last date for submission of tender :- 15.07.2024 up to 11:00 Hrs.
For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com"
Executive Engineer (Maintenance)

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
(SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) **Manjeet Singh S/o Sujan Singh R/o E-4/54, Sector-16, 2nd Floor, Rohini, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. **200/2012 U/s 452/342/34 IPC, PS Maurya Enclave, Delhi** and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) **Manjeet Singh** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) **Manjeet Singh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) **Manjeet Singh** of case FIR No. **200/2012 U/s 452/342/34 IPC, PS Maurya Enclave, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated **09.08.2024**

By Order
Ms. Vasundhara Chhaunkar
ACMM (North-West)
Room No. 101, 1st Floor,
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/7742/NW/2024
(Court Matter)

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

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Rajesh S/o: Ramesh, R/o: H. No. 359, Bakkarwala, Delhi**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. **183/2021, U/s 452/324 IPC**, registered at P.S.: Mundka, Delhi and the warrant has been returned writing upon it that the said accused **Rajesh** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Rajesh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Rajesh** accused of FIR No. **183/2021, U/s 452/324 IPC**, registered at P.S.: Mundka, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **17.09.2024**.

By Order
Ms. Swati Bhardwaj
Metropolitan Magistrate-06
West District
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/7585/OD/2024
(Court Matter)

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

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) **Pardeep Khattar, S/o: Naresh Kumar Khattar, R/o: WZ-308, 2nd floor, Left side, H-31 Tihaar Village, New Delhi-18** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **CC No. 269/19, U/s. 138 Ni Act, P.S.: Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) **Pardeep Khattar** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) **Pardeep Khattar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) **Pardeep Khattar** of CC No. 269/19, U/s. 138 Ni Act, P.S.: **Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **29.08.2024**.

By Order
Niharika Kumar Sharma,
ACMM North Room No. 117
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/7734/NW/2024
(Court Matter)


**U.P. Project Corporation Ltd.**
(ISO 9001:2015 Certified Company) Gomti Barrage, Left Bank, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow

ई-निविदा सूचना
प्रबन्ध निदेशक, उत्तर प्रदेश प्रोजेक्ट्स कॉर्पोरेशन लि. की ओर से अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा निम्न कार्य हेतु दिनांक 28.06.2024 की अपराह्न 02:00 बजे तक ई-निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है। निम्न कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 22.06.2024 की पूर्वाह्न 09:00 बजे से 28.06.2024 की अपराह्न 02:00 बजे तक उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की e-procurement की वेबसाइट <http://etender.up.nic.in> से डाउनलोड/ अपलोड किये जा सकते हैं तथा निविदा दिनांक 28.06.2024 की अपराह्न 03:00 बजे अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में गठित समिति द्वारा खोली जायेगी।

क्र. सं.	निविदा संख्या	कार्य का नाम	लागत (रु. लाख में)	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य जीएसटी सहित (रु.) में	श्रेणी
1.	01/PCL/PM-33/2024-25	Construction of Toilet Block under scheme of P.M. Shree for Rajkiya Inter College at Meerut, Distt.-Meerut	3.75	Rs. 3540.00	"E" & Upper

निविदा से सम्बन्धित विस्तृत विवरण विभाग की वेबसाइट www.upprojects.org एवं प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल <http://etender.up.nic.in> पर उक्त उल्लेखित दिनांक से उपलब्ध होगा. इस सम्बन्ध में समस्त सूचनाएं, शुद्धि पत्र आदि वेबसाइट पर ही उपलब्ध होंगे, अलग से कोई प्रकाशन नहीं किया जायेगा। अतः निविदादाताओं से अपेक्षित है कि समय-समय पर वेबसाइट का अवलोकन करते रहें।

परियोजना प्रबन्धक
इकाई-33 मेरठ।

**KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice**

Tender No : SE/PHC/MPM/1 to 11/2024-25
Jala Jeevan Mission Malappuram Dt-Chunkathara, Pothukal, Edakkara, Vazhikadavu, Karulai, Amarambalam, Moodhadam, OHSR, SUMP, GSLR in Chokkad Pt. Pulikal, Cherumundam, Thanalur road restoration and related works EMD: Rs. 200000-500000
Tender fee: Rs. 11025-16540 Last Date for submitting Tender: 04-07-2024 03:00:pm
Phone: 04832734871 Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
Superintending Engineer PH Circle Malappuram

KWA-JB-GL-6-93-2024-25

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

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

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

By Order
SRM/DLI

1871/24
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**
RCD, ROAD DIVISION, JAMSHEDPUR, JHARKHAND

Very Short e-Procurement Notice
For National Competitive Bidding
4th Call

Very Short e-Tender Reference No. RCD/JAMSHEDPUR/1003, Date-21.06.2024

1.	Name of the work	IRQP/STRENGTHENING work of (A) Shankosai (road no 5) to Gudrubasa Dimna basti, Hayat Basti road (Total length 1.6 KM) (B) Ballugma bagan area to J V Mahto Home road.(Total length 1.3KM) (C) Shankosai road no 5 near bridge to kedar bagan road (length 1.650 KM) (D) Yeshu bhawan) on old Puruliya road) to Alibag colony Road (length 1.0 KM) (E) Mango -Paridh Road no -2 to Road no-7 up to Madina Masjid road (length 1.5 KM) (F) Mango-Dimna road to Rajendranagar road (length 1.0 KM) (G) Mango paridh road to Ekra basti,Haldhar Mahto colony road (length 1.140 KM) under RCD Road Division Jamshedpur for the year 2023-24. (Total Road length 9.19 KM)
2.	Estimated Cost of Work (in INR)	Rs 8,78,08,480.70 (Rupees Eight Crore Seventy Eight Lakh Eight Thousand Four Hundred & Eighty and Paise Seventy Only)
3.	Initial Bid Security (Rs in Lacs)	Rs 8.79 Lakh (Rupees Eight Lakh Seventy nine thousand only).
4.	Initial Bid Security in the shape of	Initial Bid Security – As per SOP issued by Information Technology and e-Governance Department, Govt. of Jharkhand vide Letter No.120, Dt. 03.10.2023
5.	Cost of Bidding documents	Rs 10,000.00 (Rs Ten Thousand) only.
6.	Time of Completion	08 (Eight Months)
7.	Date of Publication of Tender on website	24.06.2024 at 12.30 P.M.
8.	Start date of bidding	24.06.2024 from 12.30 P.M.
9.	Last date & Time for online bidding	02.07.2024 up to 02.00 PM.
10.	Type of Bid	Two envelope mode (Technical and Financial Bid)
11.	Last date & time for receipt of Bid Security and other documents in Online form	02.07.2024 Through e-tendering portal www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in As per SOP issued by Information Technology and e-Governance Department, Govt. of Jharkhand vide Letter No.120, Dt. 03.10.2023
12.	Date & time for opening of Technical Bid	03.07.2024 at 3.00 PM by e-Procurement Cell, Room No. 330A, 3 rd floor, Road Construction Department, Jharkhand Mantralaya, Dhurwa Ranchi
13.	Name & address of office inviting tender	Executive Engineer, RCD, Road Division, Jamshedpur, Road No.- 1, CH Area.
14.	Contact no. of Procurement officer	0657-2227724
15.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	0651-2401010

Above informations are only indicative. Detail NIT & SBD published on Tender portal shall be final and mandatory. Details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

Executive Engineer
RCD, Road Division,
Jamshedpur

PR 327205 (Road) 24-25 (D)

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**
E-Tender Notice

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

E-Tender No.	Approx Cost	Earnest Money
JHS-ENGG-N-2024-115	1406960.00	28100.00

Description of work: Supplying drinking water through water tankers at way side Rty. Stations & staff colonies in STL (Incl.) to DHO (Excl.), GWL (Incl) to ETW (Excl) and GWL (Incl) to SOE (Incl) under Sr. DEN/N/JHS jurisdiction for the period of 02 years.

Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter: 24 Months

E-Tender No.	Approx Cost	Earnest Money
JHS-ENGG-N-2024-116	3000000.00	60000.00

Description of work: Zone no -5/- Annual sectional contract for supply of material and repair and maintenance work under ADEN/GWL from Birlanagar (Excl.) to DHO (Excl.) section for the year 2024-25.

Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter: 12 Months

Date of closing Tender: 28/06/2024 at 15:00 hrs. for each tender. - Tender online can be submitted upto to 15:00 hrs. on 28.06.2024. - For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.irops.gov.in 1082/24(K)

**North central railways** www.nor.indianrailways.gov.in

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr.PC.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Manoj @ Sukda, S/o Babu Ram, R/o Village Khanpur Kalan, PS Jhinjhana, District Shamli, Uttar Pradesh** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **Case FIR No. 398/2010, U/S 302/201/120B/34 IPC, PS Samaipur Badli, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Manoj @ Sukda** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Manoj @ Sukda** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Manoj @ Sukda** of FIR No. 398/2010, U/S 302/201/120B/34 IPC, PS Samaipur Badli, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 27.07.2024.

By Order
Shafali Sharma
Additional Sessions Judge-02 (North)
Room No. 202, 2nd Floor
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/5177/ON/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: 35-40 years, Height: 5'8", Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Naked upper portion and Blue colour underwear, who was found dead at Footpath near Jain Mandir, Chandani Chowk, Delhi. In this regard a case FIR/DD No. 34 A dt. **20.06.2024** 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.



Unknown

By Order
Shafali Sharma
Additional Sessions Judge-02 (North)
Room No. 202, 2nd Floor
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/5177/ON/2024

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: Shivani, D/o: Lt. Sh. Prem Kumar Gupta, R/o: H. No. D-80, Rama Dairy Wali Gali, Near Doc. Bhandari, Harsh Dev Park, Budh Vihar, Phase -2, Delhi, Sex: Female, Age: 19 Years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: White Colour Printed Top & Grey Colour Jeans and White Pink Colour Sports Shoes in Feet has been missing from 27.05.2024 from her residence. In this regard DD No. 108A, Dated: 31.05.2024 has been registered at P.S.: Budh Vihar, Delhi.



SHIVANI

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

Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
DP/7704/RD/2024

SHO
P.S.: Budh Vihar, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27052772, 27052773

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that a unidentified dead body of a female namely **Unknown, W/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown** was found dead on dated **14.06.2024** at Infront of C-110, Azadpur Subzi Mandi from the Jurisdiction of PS Mahendra Park, New Delhi. In this regard DD No. 32 A, U/s 174 Cr. PC, dated 14.06.2024 has been lodged at Police Station, Mahendra Park, New Delhi. Photo is not clear. Identification of unidentified dead body of female is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: 70 Years, Height: 5'1", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Medium, ID Mark: A Tattoo her Right Side Upper Chest, Wearing: Red Colour Lehanga & Blouse.

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



Unknown

By Order
SHO
Police Station, Mahendra Park, New Delhi
DP/7572/NW/2024

Ph.: 011-27632501, 8750870227

**UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED**
(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking)
Corporate Identity No. UA40109UP2001SGC025867/2358, V.C.V. Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun-248001
Ph. No. : 0135-2763672-75, Fax: 0135-2760289, website : www.uktenders.gov.in/UPCL

E-TENDER NOTICE

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

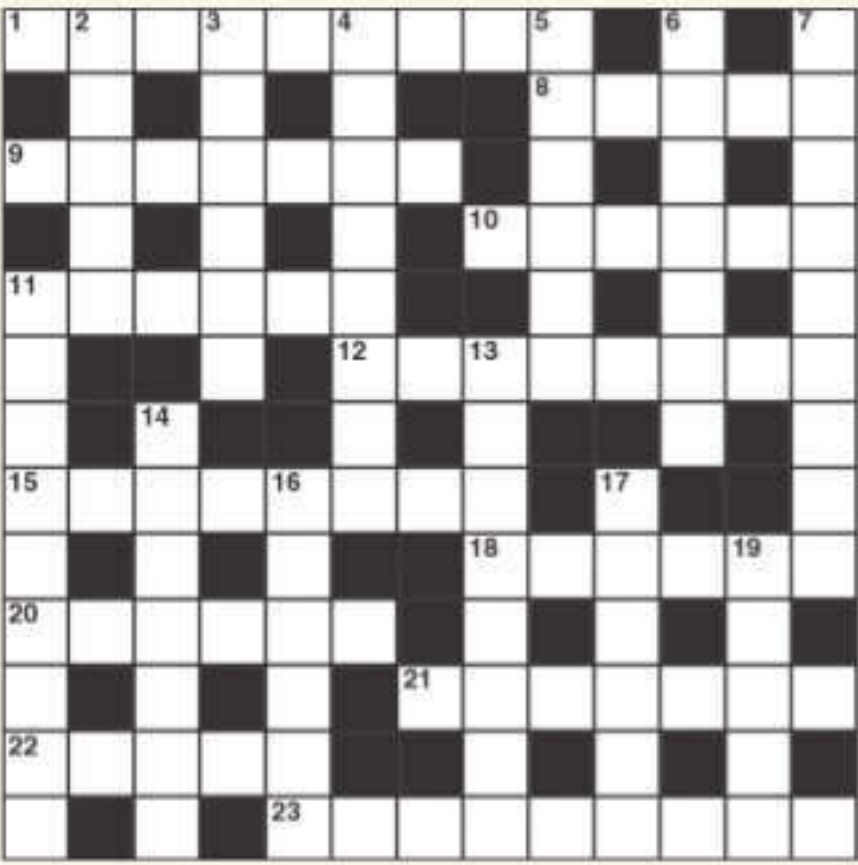
Sl. No.	Tender Specification No.	Name of Work/Items	Total no. of Capacitor banks/ Quantity (Nos.)	Total KVAR of Capacitor Banks	Estimated Cost (in ₹)	Minimum average turnover of preceding three financial years (in ₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (in ₹)	Cost of tender document including GST (in ₹)	Last Date & time of online request for Tender and submission of tender in online & offline mode	Date of opening of Part-I of tender in online & offline mode
1	CCP-II/3/2024-2025	Installation of Reactive Power Solution on 33/11 kV Substations in Uttarakhand on Turnkey Basis Including AMC For 5 Years.	101	3,87,000 KVAR	84,300 CRORE	126.45 CRORE	1,093 CRORE	29,500	11.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs.	12.07.2024 at 15:30 Hrs.
2	CCP-II/4/2024-2025	11kV pilfer Resistant Metering Cubicle	488	-	2,620 CRORE	4.00 CRORE	5.25 LAKH	17,700	11.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs.	12.07.2024 at 15:45 Hrs.
3	CCP-II/5/2024-2025	33kV pilfer Resistant Metering Cubicle	30	-	0.382 CRORE	1.15 CRORE	0.77 LAKH	2,360	11.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs.	12.07.2024 at 16:00 Hrs.
4	CCP-II/6/2024-2025	LT pilfer Resistant Metering Cubicle	2000	-	1.219 CRORE	2.44 CRORE	2.44 LAKH	11,800	11.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs.	12.07.2024 at 16:15 Hrs.

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

Superintending Engineer,
Corporate (Contract & Procurement-II)

No.: 293/EE(CM)/

CROSSWORD 5397



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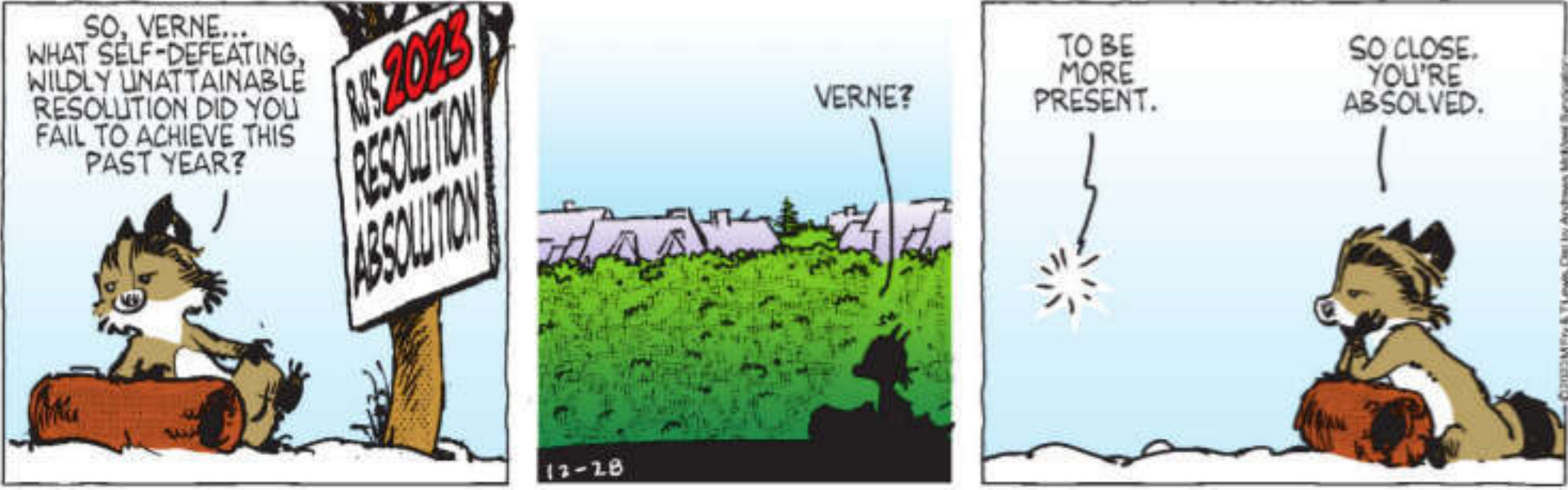
- 1 Basic training results in pilot's suspension (9)
8 A win, not for the first time (5)
9 Gemstone - a dealer may be holds a number (7)
10 In truth reshuffling means to toss and turn (6)
11 Unsavoury scoundrel (3,3)
12 Remain on top like a duvet should? (4,4)
15 Completely out of port and can't explain why? (3,2,3)
18 I set about some fish (6)
20 Policeman shows sign of nerves in church (6)
21 Qualifications for figuring all the angles? (7)
22 Some time taken to form words (5)
23 Overtime for the small-part actor? (5,4)

DOWN

- 2 Dance and a drink to uplift a sailor (5)
3 Allow more line to run out to the fish (6)
4 Takes pleasure in being slighted strangely enough (8)
5 He'd support a fuel cut (6)
6 Garment paid for on receipt in Massachusetts (4,3)
7 Out of gear (2,3,4)
11 Wide selection of actors give a sound performance (9)
13 When women propose to break with tradition (4,4)
14 Twenties girl - a noisy drinker (7)
16 It's not much to eat as a final course (6)
17 Pub argument which carries weight (6)
19 Establish one's innocence but get bound over? (5)

Solutions Crossword 5396 Across: 1 Tempest, 4 Bogus, 7 Acts, 8 Monotone, 10 Nightshade, 12 Autumn, 13 Conrad, 15 Game and set, 18 Hangback, 19 Scar, 20 Steam, 21 Epistle Down: 1 Twain, 2 Mitigate, 3 Trophy, 4 Bloodhound, 5 Grow, 6 Stemmed, 9 Stamp album, 11 Crosscut, 12 Alights, 14 Rescue, 16 Tree, 17 Once

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.
Love endures only when the lovers love _____ together and not merely each other. - Walter Lippmann (4,6)

MSAIS	HISTMY
UYNNT	NORTGH

Answer: Love endures only when the lovers love thru together and not merely each other. - Walter Lippmann

SUDOKU 5599

Difficulty Level 5s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

7	4		5		8			
	8			1	2	7		
						9		
		3					6	
	4	9	2	7				
5				8				
	6							
8	3	7			6			
	7	2			9	8		

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy;
3s = Medium; 4s = Hard;
5s = Very Hard;
6s = Genius

SOLUTION SUDOKU 5598

7	4	3	8	2	6	5	9	1
1	8	6	9	3	5	4	7	2
2	9	5	4	1	7	3	6	8
8	5	1	7	9	3	6	2	4
3	6	2	5	4	1	9	8	7
4	7	9	6	8	2	1	5	3
5	3	8	2	6	4	7	1	9
6	2	4	1	7	9	8	3	5
9	1	7	3	5	8	2	4	6

कार्यालय नगर परिषद जैसलमेर (राज.) 345001
आमक / विकास / 2024-25 / 596 दिनांक :- 20.06.2024
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NIB Code DLB2425A0346
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आयुक्त नगर परिषद जैसलमेर
राज.संवाद/सी/24/1100

NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Name of work and its location: 30-Elect-32-T-2024-25-E3 Electrical work in connection with (i) Repairing and CAMC of VRF AC system installed at cafeteria, Gallery National Rail Museum Chanakypuri, New Delhi. (ii) Comprehensive Annual Maintenance & operation of 2x35 TR air conditioning plant installed at NRM, New Delhi.
Approx cost of the works in :- Rs. 25.03 lacs
Address of the office :- Sr. Divl Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.
Earnest Money :- Rs. 50100.00
Date & time of submission of tender :- 18.07.2024, 12.00 Hrs.
Opening of tender :- 18.07.2024, 12.00 Hrs.
Website & notice board :- www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.
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Expression of Interest
Subject:-Door to door Collection and Transportation of Solid Waste to the designated sites as well as secondary point to Bhandhawi landfill site, MCG.
In view of recent order of Chief Secretary-Cum-Chairman Executive Committee, State Disaster Management Authority vide Endst. No. PS/TS/SDMA/71602 (1-8) dated 11.06.2024 to cater the current crises of collection and transportation of Solid Waste in Gurugram. Municipal Corporation, Gurugram intent to invite expression of interest in providing comprehensive services for the door to door collection and transportation of Solid Waste to the designated sites as well as secondary point to Bandhawi landfill site as an emergency measure in compliance of Solid Waste Management Rule, 2016:-
Description of the activity:- Hiring of vehicles and machinery for Door to door Collection and Transportation of Solid Waste to the designated sites as well as secondary point to Bhandhawi landfill site, MCG
The BOQ format is given below:-
Sr. No. Particulars Remarks
1. Expression of Interest
2. Bid Preparation & Submission (Bidder Stage) Start Date 20.06.2024
3. Date of pre-bid meeting 21.06.2024 at 03.00PM
4. Bid Preparation & Submission (Bidder Stage) Expiry Date 21.06.2024 at 02.00PM
5. Date of Opening of Technical Bid/s 21.06.2024 at 03.00PM
6. Date & Time of opening of Financial Bid/s Same day after approval of Technical Bid or as the Commission decides.
7. Tender Document Fee Rs. 2000/-
9. Earnest money deposit Rs.1,00,000/-
10. Rates to be kept valid for acceptance up to:
11. Total Annual Financial Turn Over (average three years). Financial requirements Rs.50,00,000(Rs. Fifty lac only)
The BOQ format is given below:-
Sr. No. Collection transportation & disposal of MSW Unit Quoted including GST
Door to door collection in the ward by Tractor trolley with helper Per day
Door to door collection in the ward with Tipper/Tata Ace having capacity minimum 81 MT with helper Per day
JCB/Backhoe loader Per day
Dumper having capacity 08-10 MT from designated site to Bandhawi landfill sites Per tonne
Hyva having capacity 10-15 MT from designated site to Bandhawi landfill sites Per tonne
Pocklane/escavator Per day
Dorer Per day
Sanitation Worker (each) Per day
Note: Quoted rates for the machinery will be inclusive of fuel, driver & maintenance etc. complete in all respect
Contact Person:- Nijesh Kumar Sd/- Executive Engineer-SBM, Mobile No:- 8053494965 for Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Gurugram. Email ID: ee.sbm@mecg.gov.in No.- 27015

NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Name of work and its location: 30-Elect-69-T-R2-23-24-E3 Electrical work in connection with Repairing, Operation & CAMC of addressable Fire Alarm System at Rail Bhawan for three years.
Approx. cost of the works: Rs. 59.88 Lacs
Address of the office: Sr. Divl Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.
Bid Security: Rs. 1,19,800.00
Date & Time of submission of tender: 16.07.2024, 12:00 Hrs.
Opening of tender: 16.07.2024, 12:00 Hrs.
Website & notice board: www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.
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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE
NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
No:-DRM/C/AGRA/NFR/E-AUCTION Dated:-19.06.2024
E-Auction Notice
On Behalf of the President of India. The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager-North Central Railway-Agra invites E-Auction as per category given as under:-
Category: Misc Station Services Catalogue No. : NFR-AGRA-24-01
Asset Details E-Auction Start Date and Time E-Auction End Date and Time
Parcel Scanner Machine for scanning of outward parcels at Agra Cantt. parcel office. Date:-29.06.2024 Time:-11:00 Date:-29.06.2024 Time:-11:30
Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station at Circulating area of Agra Cantt. Railway station. Date:-29.06.2024 Time:-11:10 Date:-29.06.2024 Time:-11:40
Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station at Circulating area (all 3 Entry) of Mathura Jn.Railway station. Date:-29.06.2024 Time:-11:20 Date:-29.06.2024 Time:-11:50
Note:-Prospective bidders are requested to visit E-Auction Leasing Module on IREPS website (www.ireps.gov.in). The Lot-wise details are available therein under the above mentioned Catalogue Number. **1063/24(DG)**
North central railways @CPNCR @northcentralrailway www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

The Ballabgarh Cooperative Milk Producers' Union Limited.
AN ISO 9001:2015 & ISO 22000:2018 Certified Unit
QUOTATION NOTICE
Sealed quotations are invited from the suppliers/authorised dealers for supply of the following items on Annual Rate Contract basis for the year 2024-25 as per detailed given below:-
S.No. Description Tentative Qty. Unit of Quoting Rates
01.PAINTS (ASIAN.BERGER) As per our piece meal requirement arises from time to time during the year On maximum discount on Company current price list
02.BEARING(SKF.FAG) -do- -do-
03.Poly V Belt Fenner ---do--- ---do---
04. EXIDE BATTERY ---do--- ---do---
05.Buffer Cap -do- Each
06. Nitric Acid 53% ---do--- Per Kg
Detailed specifications of above item alongwith other terms & conditions can be held from this office free of cost on written request on any working day between 10.00AM to 4.00 PM. The interested parties may send their detailed offer, so as reach to this office on or before 10.07.2024 by 1.30PM in sealed cover superscribed with the word, "Quotation for (Name of the Items)." The Quotation will be opened on the same day at 2.30 PM at Milk Plant, Ballabgarh in the presence of the tender who may like to be present. The undersigned reserves the right to accept / reject any/all quotations without assigning any reason. Conditional Tender will not be accepted.
Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, Milk Plant, Ballabgarh
No. 27038/HRY

THE H.P. STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION LIMITED TOTU, SHIMLA-171011
No: 506/P&I-8/21-XXV Dated: 20.06.2024
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE
H.P.Milkfed invites the online bids on item wise, in electronic tendering system, in 2 cover system for the following item on FOR basis:-
01. Annual rate contract for the purchase of 500gms Panjiri Pouch Laminated (Three Colour Printed) Pouch Size: 165mmX230mm Micron: One side metallic 12+12+40 (50% Dolex) Other side:12+40 (50% Dolex). 1 Kg=200 Pouches. Qty.-: 30-40 MT annually
02. Printed Laminated P.P.Bags of 10 Kg capacity size (15"X25") for packaging of Panjiri Weight of bags = 30gms. Qty. :-5 Lakh bag annually
03. Ghee Corrugated Boxes: One coloured Printed laminated corrugated boxes (Lamination from inside) of 5-ply virgin for the packing of 1litre Ghee of capacity 12 packets in one box having dimension 380mm (L)x 227mm(B)x 212mm(H) with 1 nos virgin curd of 140 GSM for top and 20BF of all ply. 4 ply of 120gms for centre with separator. BS of Box=10Kgs:1Kg per cm². wt. of box=480gms:15gm including separator of 3ply of 120 GSM & 20BF. Approx. Qty 40,000-50,000 Annually
04. Curd Corrugated Boxes: One coloured Printed laminated corrugated boxes of 3-ply virgin for the packing of 200gm curd of capacity 12 packets in one box having dimension 292mm (L) x 195mm(B) x 115mm(H). Approx. Qty 20,000-25000 Annually
The Bid document is available/published online on dt.26.06.2024 upto 04:00PM. Bidder will be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission on bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized certifying Authorities (CA). Aspiring bidders should visit websites in <https://hplenders.gov.in> & <https://hpmilkfed.org> for complete details. Bidders should visit the website from time to time to note the corrigendum, if any.
Sd/- Managing Director

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S.No. Description Tentative Qty. Unit of Quoting rates
01. Lab Chemical As per our piece meal requirement arises from time to time during the year Maximum Discount on Company Current Price List
Make:Rankem, Merck, Glaxo, Qualigen, S.D.Fine, Fisher, Avarice, Loba, C.D.H., T.C.L., Finar etc.
02. Borosil Glass Ware ---do--- ---do---
03. Hi-Media ---do--- ---do---
Detailed specifications of above item alongwith other terms & conditions can be held from this office free of cost on written request on any working day between 10.00AM to 4.00 PM. The interested parties may send their detailed offer, so as reach to this office on or before 08.07.2024 by 1.30PM in sealed cover superscribed with the word, "Quotation for (Name of the Items)." The Quotation will be opened on the same day at 2.30 PM at Milk Plant, Ballabgarh in the presence of the tender who may like to be present. The undersigned reserves the right to accept / reject any/all quotations without assigning any reason. Conditional Tender will not be accepted.
Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, Milk Plant, Ballabgarh
No. 27040/HRY

DAY TODAY BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Professional cares may trouble but are unlikely to interfere with any plans you have to enjoy yourself over the next few days. Your personal stars encourage short trips and helpful meetings, and as soon as you begin to move, all sorts of surprises will be lined up.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Although much depends on what happens next week, you have reason to be satisfied at the course of events in recent days. There seems little doubt that underlying trends do favour you and your loved ones. There could be confusion at home, so get a grip on details.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
Sufficient pieces of the jig-saw have fallen into place for you to see the whole picture. Hopefully the pattern which is emerging is one which suits your hopes. Pluto is encouraging financial transformation, but it could be a while before you really see where you're heading.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
An ordinary hum-drum existence doesn't suit you, as you may now have found out. What you should be doing is continually finding ways to explore your deep and intense emotions, with a view to freeing yourself from the stock responses of the past. Mystical Scorpios could be in their element.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Hopes of a boost in your career, or of success in an important leisure activity, should raise your morale today. This is definitely a good note on which to end a week which has seen you advancing in many areas. The best news is that there is still good news to come.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
In some strange way you may benefit from the inability of certain people to see eye-to-eye, perhaps because they look to you for advice. You may be the only person who can restore peace. Socially you can follow a dream. You never know - it might come true.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Now is the moment to move forward on all fronts. Waste no time and brook no opposition if you sense that your ambitions will be attained with just one more final push. There is no limit to what you can achieve, although to come top you need help from those you love.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
You must decide whether you wish to continue with your present course or make a complete break with the past. The sooner you make up your mind, the quicker you'll deal with a current dilemma. At work, stand your ground.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
The time is coming when you must reorganise your working habits with the way you cope with routine chores in general. Much domestic discontent may have focused around the way you do, or do not, fulfil your responsibilities. Oh, and sidestep a muddle at work.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
It's about time you stopped lecturing other people on how they should take radical initiatives and started following your own advice. Friends will respect you if you show some consistency and dedication. The Sun sails through benevolent regions of your chart, encouraging you to spread your wings.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
Money matters are well to the fore at the moment and it looks very much as if a partner is about to put forward a business proposition. Perhaps you will be asked to come in on a venture with profitable consequences. This is not the time for financial speculation, so take no risks.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
This could be one of those days when money calls the tune. You might as well face the fact that if you can't afford to pursue your plans you must wait until you can. On the other hand, this might be sooner than you think.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Applications are invited under scheme of 'One Station One Product' for setting up
A. Stall at: Panipat, Delhi Cantt, Ghaziabad, Delhi Shahdara, Rohtak & Muzaffarnagar stations.
B. Trolley at: Jind, Jakhal, Mansa, Narwana, Tohana, Shaml, Tapri, Julana, Badli, Anand Vihar Terminal, Palam, Delhi Safdarjung, Shivaji Bridge, Tilak Bridge, Muradnagar, Partapur, Deoband, Khatauli, Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Sakoti Tanda, Noli & Modinagar Stations.
• The period for setting up of stall at Ghaziabad, Rohtak & Muzaffarnagar station per spell will be 90 days.
• The period for setting up to Trolley at stations mentioned in (B) above will be 30 days per spell.
• Registration fee for NSG 1, 2 & 3 stations will be charged @ rate of Rs. 2000 for each spell of thirty days and for NSG 4 (Palam, Noli & Modinagar) NSG 5 (Jind, Jakhal, Mansa, Narwana, Tohana, Shaml, Tapri, Julana, Badli, Khatauli, Shivaji Bridge, Tilak Bridge, Muradnagar, Deoband & Delhi safdarjung) & NSG 6 (Partapur & Sakoti Tanda) registration fee will be charged @ rate of Rs. 1000 for each spell thirty days.
• The following are the eligibility criteria for participant viz.
a) Holder of Artisans/Weaver ID card issued by Development Commissioner Handicraft, Development Commissioner Handloom, or by the requisite state/Central Government Authority.
b) Individual artisans/weavers/craftsmen enrolled/registered with Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED)/National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC)/Khadi/Village Industries Commission (KVIC)/associated with Social Organizations, State Govt. bodies and associated with registered micro enterprises on the Udyam Portal of the Ministry of MSME and NGOs etc.
c) Self Help Groups registered with PMEGP (Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme).
d) Marginalized or weaker sections of society.
e) No separate logo shall be allowed.
• The applicant will have to submit an undertaking to the Station Superintendent indicating that no activity would be undertaken to adversely affect the train operations, passenger safety and image of the Railways.
• Application should be addressed and can be submitted to Station Superintendent at station by the applicant till 15:00 hrs of 28.06.2024, which will be opened on same day.
• Station Superintendent will make priority roster of all approved participants and priority will be established through a draw of lots conducted at the station in the presence of all approved applicants by the Station Manager /Sectional CMI and nominated Finance representative.
• The One Station One Product scheme shall be governed by Railway Board's Commercial Circular No. 12 of 2022 and 09 of 2023 respectively available at website:www.indianrailways.gov.in & URL: https://indianrailways.gov.in/railwayboard/uploads/directorate/traffic_comm/Comm_Cir_2022/OSOP%20Policy.pdf & https://indianrailways.gov.in/railwayboard/uploads/directorate/traffic_comm/Comm_Cir_2023/CC%20%2009%20of%202023.pdf
• For any queries applicant may contact Station Superintendent or CMI of the respective stations.
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