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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**

TOPOFTHE WORLD

PAKISTAN

Pak man 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 loudspeakers in the market, prompting thousands of people to gather outside the police station.

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.

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. a ratcheting 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**

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

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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

holds the presidency of the

European Union, said member

states have agreed on a negoti-

ating framework. "This opens

the way for launching the nego-

tiations on Tuesday 25 June in

Luxembourg," the Belgian pres-

ment from the EU's executive

branch, EU leaders had already

agreed last year that accession ne-

gotiations 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

tries that have long wanted to join

the EU. Moldova has accused

Russia of conducting a "hybrid

war" against the country and de-

rail its path toward joining the EU.

Ukraine is one of several coun-

meet democratic norms.

Following a positive assess-

idency said.

Belgium, which currently

to join the 27-nation bloc.

BRUSSELS, JUNE 21

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-

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 al-

ready seized diamonds, rubies, a

platinum necklace and other

jewelry and assets from the fam-

ily 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-

Employees worked even later hours for receptions and slept in the basement of the villa in the

tenth of the comparable amount

required under Swiss law.

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

offered reassurances after their

U.S. interlocutors raised concerns

that China might use, or threaten

to use, nuclear weapons if it faced

defeat in a conflict over Taiwan.

Beijing views the democratically

governed island as its territory, a

claim rejected by the govern-

they were absolutely convinced

that they are able to prevail in a

conventional fight over Taiwan

using

nuclear

"They told the U.S. side that

ment in Taipei.

without

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.

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 by 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

Kaspersky says

threat after US

bans software

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WASHINGTON, JUNE 21

it's not a security

Commerce Dept

THE CYBERSECURITY firm

Kaspersky denied on Friday that it

is a security threat after the US

Commerce Department banned

the use of its software in the

United States. The Moscow-based

company — whose CEO Eugene

Kaspersky is Russian – said in a

statement that the Commerce

Department's decision would not

affect its ability to sell and pro-

mote its cyber security products

ment had based its decision on

the "geopolitical climate and

theoretical concerns" rather

than independently verifying if

Kaspersky's Russian connections

mean the company poses an

"undue or unacceptable risk to

US national security or the safety

and security." As a Russian citi-

zen who lives in that country,

Eugene Kaspersky himself is sub-

ject to Russian law, the

Commerce Department said in a

decision dated June 14. The de-

partment said it had considered

Kaspersky's objections to the ini-

tial findings of its investigation

into whether its products or serv-

ices posed a threat and found

that the decision to ban its soft-

ware was "well supported."

The government says

Kaspersky said the govern-

and training in the US.

there was a risk.



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

RACE FOR

HOUSE

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 antiimmigrant 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



Trump

Former President Donald

his 2024 bid to return to the White House. His sugges-

tion that he would offer green cards to hundreds of thousands of foreign graduates would represent sweeping expansion of America's

THE WHITE 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

Japan space agency hit by cyberattacks since last year, no sensitive data taken, says minister

MARIYAMAGUCHI TOKYO, JUNE 21

JAPAN'S SPACE agency has suf-

fered 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-



REUTERS

HONG KONG, JUNE 21

gates who attended.

THE UNITED States and China re-

sumed semi-official nuclear arms

talks in March for the first time in

five years, with Beijing's represen-

tatives telling U.S. counterparts

that they would not resort to

atomic threats over Taiwan, ac-

cording to two American dele-

The Chinese representatives

Chief **Cabinet Secy** Yoshimasa Hayashi

BEATING THE HEAT

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 affected networks and verifying that they did not contain classified information about operations of rockets and satellites and national security, he said. Hayashi vowed to strengthen Japan's ability to

counter cyberattacks. Japan has been accelerating a military buildup in response to China's growing military might and is hoping to be able to develop a counterstrike ability, but experts say Tokyo will continue

to need to rely heavily on the United States for launching longrange cruise missiles at targets.

weapons," said scholar David

Santoro, the U.S. organiser of the

Track Two talks, the details of

which are being reported by

talks are generally former offi-

cials and academics who can

speak with authority on their

government's position, even if

they are not directly involved

with setting it. Government-to-

government negotiations are

known as Track One.

Participants in Track Two

Reuters for the first time.

Officials on Friday said they were not aware of any information leak from the cyberattacks.

Defense Minister Minoru Kihara said that the attacks on JAXA have not affected his ministry, but that he is keeping a close watch on the investigation by the agency, which is one of his ministry's key contractors.

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

MOTOKO RICH & KIUKO NOTOYA JUNE 20

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-yearold 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-

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

women are suing the Japanese government, arguing that a decades-old law known as the Maternal Protection Act violates their constitutional right to equality and self-determination and should be overturned.

During a hearing at Tokyo District Court last week, Michiko Kameishi, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, described the law as "excessive paternalism" and said it "assumed that we think of a woman's body as a body that is destined to become a mother."

Kameishi told a three-judge panel of two men and one woman that the conditions for voluntary sterilisation were relics



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 par-

ticularly sensitive issue because of the government's history of forcing the procedures on people with psychiatric conditions or intellectual and physical disabilities.

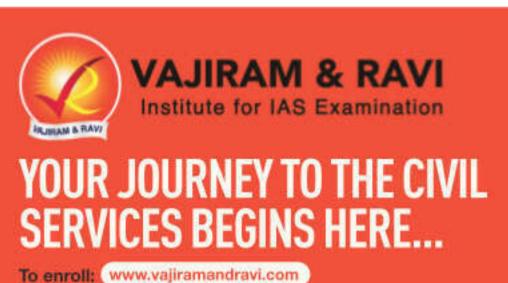
In principle, the law also affects men who seek vasectomies. They must have their spouses consent, as well as prove that they are already fathers and that their partners would be medically jeopardized by pregnancy. In practice, however, experts say that far more clinics in Japan offer vasectomies than sterilisation procedures for women. NYT

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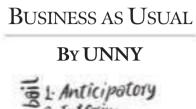
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EXPLOITING DOMESTIC WORKERS: FOUR OF HINDUJA FAMILY **SENTENCED TO 4 YRS**

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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 CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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. Niyay Bindu was made available **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

A 26-page order by Judge

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

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 CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



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

DEEKSHATERI & 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 CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



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

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 Minister Pinarayi Vijayan alleg-Suresh of Congress.

While Mahtab is a seventime 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

ing 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 longestserving "uninterrupted tenure" is chosen for the position.

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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 ac counts 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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Hasina-Modi talks today: Defence to connectivity, water to power on table



Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina being welcomed by Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh upon her arrival in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

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. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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Farmer's son, 'influential' junior engineer: Meet NEET's prime accused

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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 con-

tractor 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.

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COUNSELLING PAGE 8

Hasina-Modi talks today

Sources said a defence pact is expected and discussions on a financial package is likely. The two sides are also discussing a rail transit pact. This is the first incoming bilateral State visit by a foreign leader after the formation of the new government following the Lok Sabha elections.

From Bangladesh's perspective, the long-pending Teesta water-sharing pact will be on the

Hasina was among seven leaders from India's neighbourhood and the Indian Ocean region who attended the swearing-in ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on June 9.

Apart from holding bilateral consultations with Modi. she is scheduled to call-on President Droupadi Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar.

Officials said that India and Bangladesh "share deep-rooted bonds of history, language, culture, and multitude of other commonalities. The outstanding nature of bilateral ties is reflected in an all-encompassing partnership based on sovereignty, equality, trust, and understanding. This partnership has evolved as a model for bilateral relations for the entire region and beyond".

On economic and trade partnership, Bangladesh is India's biggest trade partner in South Asia and India is the second biggest trade partner of Bangladesh in Asia. India is Bangladesh's largest export destination in Asia, with approximately USD 2 billion of Bangladeshi exports to India in FY 2022-23. Sources said the two sides are expected to discuss a more balanced trade and new opportunities for investment.

On defence cooperation, sources said that the two countries share 4096.7 km of border; the longest land boundary that India shares with any of its neighbours. "There is active cooperation between various agencies of both countries working together to cooperate on police matters, anti-corruption activities and combat the issues of illicit drug trafficking, fake currency, human trafficking, among others. The two countries engage in regular bilateral defence interactions and engagements," sources said,

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adding that Delhi and Dhaka will discuss more opportunities in the defence sector as well.

Cooperation in the power and energy sectors has become one of the crucial pillars of India-Bangladesh relations in recent years, and Bangladesh is currently importing 1160 MW of power from India, sources said.

India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline for carriage of High Speed Diesel from India into Bangladesh was inaugurated by the two Prime Ministers in March 2023. Further, ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL), in a consortium with Oil India Limited, is present in off-shore oil exploration. This is likely to be discussed during the meeting as well.

Sources said that efforts for greater connectivity to forge enduring people-centric partnership have resulted in rehabilitation of six pre-1965 rail links between India and Bangladesh. Modi and Hasina inaugurated the 6th cross-border rail link between Agartala station and Akhaura on the Dhaka-Chittagong railway line on November 1, 2023.

Sources said India and Bangladesh have a Protocol on Inland Waterways Trade and Transit(PIWTT) that has been operational since 1972, for facilitating trade and transit between the two countries through the inland waterways, with 10 routes and multiple ports of call operational currently.

The two sides will discuss tapping the potential that has increased over the years.

Both countries have operationalised the agreement for the usage of Chittagong and Mongla ports in 2023. This will allow India to avail the services of these ports in Bangladesh for cargo transit between the North-East and mainland India. The two sides will also discuss further scaling-up of the transit through Bangladesh, sources said

Bangladesh is the largest development partner of India today, and India has extended three Lines of Credits (LOC) to Bangladesh in the last 8 years, amounting to around US\$ 8 billion, for development of infrastructure in various sectors including roads, railways, shipping and ports.

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HC suspends Kejriwal bail order

Tihar Jail until the High Court pronounces its order.

It also issued notice to Kejriwal on the ED's main petition challenging the trial court's Thursday order and listed it for July 10.

The single-judge bench of Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain, who heard the ED prayer and counterarguments by Kejriwal's counsel, 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

On Thursday, Special Judge Niyay Bindu of Rouse Avenue Court had granted regular bail to Kejriwal and declined the ED's plea to keep the bail order in abeyance for 48 hours. This prompted the ED to approach the High Court Friday.

The bench said it wants to go through the "entire record, the impugned judgment" and will pronounce its verdict on the stay application in "two-three days". It permitted both parties to file short, written submissions by June 24.

Seeking stay of the bail order, Additional Solicitor General S V Raju, appearing for the ED, said he was not granted a "full and complete opportunity" in the trial court to canvass his entire arguments and was told multiple times to "cut short" his arguments. Raju said the bail order was "totally perverse" as it was contrary to the twin mandate of Section 45 of the PMLA.

Firstly, the public prosecutor, he said, has to be given an opportunity to oppose an applicant's bail plea. Secondly, when opposed, the court while granting bail, he said, should be "satisfied

that there are reasonable grounds for believing" that the applicant is not guilty of the offence.

"You have to come to a finding that he is not guilty of the offence, then only you can grant bail. There has been no finding on this. There has to be at least a discussion... It has to be based on material. Here the material has not been considered. There can't be a better case for cancellation of bail," Raju said.

"In the impugned order, the court does not hear us. It does not look at the documents given by us and says it is voluminous. It says bulky documents have been filed. You (trial court) say documents filed are irrelevant. Without going through the documents how can it say that it's irrelevant?" he said.

Raju said this would indicate that the finding is perverse since the trial court has not looked at the documents filed by the ED.

"The trial court admitted that it had not read the papers. A judge who admits that they have not read the papers and are then granting bail? Without reading the papers, you say it's irrelevant. How can you say it is irrelevant without reading the papers? There can't be more perversity than this. The order has to go on this finding alone," he said.

He said the ED traced Rs 45 crore of the proceeds of crime and the way it was used in the Goa election campaign in 2022, yet the trial court finding was that the agency had not shown how it was

Kejriwal, he said, is guilty of money laundering in two capacities where he "personally demanded 100 crore" when he was part of the making of the policy and other instances which carved out his individual role.

to take up the such matters and

Secondly, Kejriwal is also vicariously liable, Raju said, as the AAP is also guilty of money laundering. The party, he said, used these funds, which were part of the proceeds of the crime, in the AAP's election campaign and events. AAP has been made an accused in the case under Section 70 PMLA (in the capacity of a company) and hence Kejriwal, responsible for the party's affairs, is vicariously liable, he said. This argument had also not been dealt with by the trial court, he said.

Senior Advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Kejriwal, said there was a "complete misconception" on what a trial court judge dealing with bail application should do.

"The ED's conception appears to be that the bail hearing, mainly because it involves a Chief Minister and mainly because there is political antagonism with the ruling party, must go on endlessly for hours... must mean that the judge must write an essay, must mean that if the judge does not pinpoint and repeat verbatim comma, full stop of Mr Raju's argument, then it gives an occasion to Mr Raju to malign the judge."

"It's extremely unfortunate the way he has maligned the judge, made direct allegations, made hints and innuendos. Because a judge dealing with bail must not have a healthy, robust commonsensical approach? But unless they write pages and pages which in the ultimate trial will have an effect, Your Lordship should interfere. The whole approach is completely deplorable. It should never come from a government authority. There is complete partisanship (by the ED) in every submission," he said.

of the single-judge bench of the High Court, which had upheld Kejriwal's arrest by the ED, was taken to the Supreme Court, which is under "active consideration" of the apex court and the order is reserved, and that the apex court has the "last word" on the matter. He said the law is clear that grant of bail as opposed to cancellation are "two totally different species". Referring to certain judgments of the Supreme Court on this aspect, Singhvi said "very cogent and overwhelming circumstances are necessary in an order directing cancellation of bail already granted".

Singhvi said the April 9 verdict

"Generally speaking, the grounds for cancellation generally are interference or attempt to interfere in administration of justice, evasion, abuse of concession granted to accused in any manner. These are the main grounds," he said. Singhvi said the High Court

may find overwhelming and cogent grounds for cancelling bail while passing the "final judgment". "However, how does Your Lordship find cogent grounds on an interim stay application?"

He said that there was also no argument by the ED on Kejriwal being a "flight risk" to warrant cancellation of bail.

"Like Alice in Wonderland, the ED has its own understanding of perversity. Every time it is said the trial court did not note that argument or had considered it. The trial court does not need to write an essay. There is no perversity. I may write differently, you may write differently, this is not perversity... A stay in a case like this is nothing but cancellation of bail," Singhvi said.

Another test hit by leak claims

CSIR-UGC NET paper had been leaked. Although the Education Ministry had not received any input from the Home Ministry or I4C(MHA's centre for fighting cyber crime) along these lines — as it had in the case of UGC-NET—it was decided that the exam should be postponed to ensure there is no room for doubt about the integrity of the paper, said sources. The NTA has now been asked to hold the exam after setting a new question paper. However, in its official notice posted in the public domain Friday night, the NTA announced the exam had been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances as well as "logistic issues".

exam held in June and December and serves as a qualifying test for determining eligibility for Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and lectureship in sciences in Indian universities, making it a crucial criterion for PhD admission. Prestigious institutions like the Indian Institute of Science and even the IITs accept CSIR-UGC NET as an eligibility qualification to apply for PhD programmes. The UGC-NET, on the other hand, is a prerequisite for PhD admission and finding entry-level teaching jobs in higher education in all disciplines but the sciences.

CSIR-UGC NET is a biannual

CSIR NET exam has three parts: Part A, B and C. Part A consists of general aptitude questions and Parts B and C have questions based on the subjects chosen by candidates out of five options -chemical science, earth science, life sciences, mathematical sci-

ence and physical science. The decision to postpone the CSIR-UGC NET comes at a time when the Education Ministry and the NTA are grappling with allegations of irregularities and a paper leak pertaining to the NEET undergraduate exam held on May 5, which is key for admission to all MBBS programs in the country. Bihar Police have arrested 13 people, including four candidates who took the NEET, as well as their

parents and members of an organized gang that allegedly gathered 35 candidates before the exam at a school under the jurisdiction of Ramakrishna Nagar police station and conducted a mock exam. They allegedly received the NEET question paper with answers there.

Although the Union government was initially defensive, on Thursday, Pradhan, for the first time, acknowledged that there have been "some errors limited to specific regions," referring to Bihar's investigation into allegations of a paper leak. He also took "moral responsibility" for the loss of faith among youth and students. He announced that the government would decide on the fate of the NEET-UG 2024 exam after receiving Bihar Police's final repor on the status of its investigation.

According to sources, the Education Ministry had not received Bihar Police's report till Friday evening. However, it is learned, that for now, the government is not in favour of cancelling NEET-UG and holding a retest across the country for all 24 lakh candidates, as it believes this would disproportionately punish a large number of students, especially those from rural areas, for a problem "limited to specific areas." But a final decision will be taken after Bihar Police's report is received, said an official.

On Thursday, Pradhan also announced the setting up of a highlevel committee to fix responsibility within the NTA for the UGC-NET leak and review its structure and functioning. This committee is expected to be notified along with its terms of reference over the weekend.

Investigations into the UGC-NET paper leak case have found that the question paper may have been leaked on Sunday itself and released on darknet and an encrypted social media channel. It is suspected that the question paper was being sold for an amount in excess of Rs 5 lakh, sources said.

• Bail order quotes CJI, pokes holes in ED claims on money trail

Friday, hours after ED moved the Delhi High Court cancellation of

"But, in the recent past Hon'ble Supreme Court and Hon'ble Chief Justice of India has

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decide the same. Recently, on CBI Day Celebration, Hon'ble Chief Justice while addressing the gathering and perceiving the difficult and cumbersome task bebeen encouraging the trial courts ing done by the trial court Special

Judges attending CBI and ED matters, passed encouraging remarks for such courts for their motivation and inspiration," the order stated.

The trial court also said that "the observations of the Supreme Court cannot be ignored" while considering that Kejriwal is the Chief Minister of Delhi and that his constitutional office is relevant to being considered for bail. The order quoted a paragraph from the SC's May 10 order granting interim bail that Kejriwal "is not a threat to the society".

Apart from relying on SC observations, the trial court, in an apparent response to the high bar under Section 45 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act that deals with grant of bail, held that the ED was "yet to establish guilt".

Section 45 of the PMLA requires the Court to apply the "twin-test" to arrive at a conclusion that there is no prima facie case against the accused and that the accused is unlikely to commit any further offence while on bail. It will have to been seen whether a prima facie finding of not guilty can be read as "yet to establish guilt". The court raised three issues

to poke holes in the prosecution case: the timing of the arrest; revisions in approver statements; and whether money seized is actually proceeds of crime. "There are certain undisputed

facts as specified on behalf of the applicant that in the month of July 2022, the material was available with the ED against the accused but he was called only in August 2023 which shows malafide of ED and ED has failed to answer this objection of the applicant," the order stated.

On the second aspect that the statements of approvers initially did not refer to Kejriwal, the order records ED's submission that "Investigation is an art, and sometimes one accused is given lollypop of bail and pardon and induced with some assurance to make them tell the story behind the offence." To this, the court said that it "has to take a pause to consider this argument which is not an potable submission that investigation is an art because if it is so, then, any person can be implicated and kept behind the bars by artistically procuring the material against him after artistically

tory material from the record." The court said that this argument "constrains the court to

draw an inference against the in-

vestigating agency that it is not acting without bias". On linking the money seized so far by the ED to proceeds of

crime, the court said that the "ED is silent about the facts as to how the proceeds of crime have been utilised in Assembly Elections at Goa by AAP as admittedly after about two years, the bigger portion of the alleged amount remains to be traced out". The link between Kejriwal and the money trail recovered so

far is crucial to the ED's case to establish guilt. The ED had earlier alleged that Kejriwal was "directly involved in the formulation" of the now-scrapped Delhi excise policy, which was drafted "considering the favours to be granted to the 'South Group'". The ED had claimed that the South Group "secured uninhibited access, undue favours, attained stakes in established wholesale businesses, and multiple retail zones (over and above what was allowed in the policy)", and paid Rs 100 crore to AAP leaders in return. The agency also alleged that bribes received from the 'South Group' were funnelled into the AAP's Goa Assembly poll campaign in 2021-2022.

Crisis blowback at NTA participating universities. For in-

stance, at Delhi University, the second phase of its admission process — which consists of applicants indicating their college and programme preference on the online portal — cannot start unless the CUET-UG results are declared. According to a DU official, the university was planning to open admissions portal for phase two by July 2. "Although there's no communication to us on results delay, if there's one, we don't have an option but to adjust our calendar accordingly," said a DU official. This year, there are 71,000 seats at the university that will be filled based on CUET-UG score and the university was planning to start its new academic year by August 1.

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At Jawaharlal Nehru University, admission through CUET-UG score is used for admission to its language-specialized undergraduate programs and **BSc-MSc Integrated Programme** in Ayurveda biology. "If there is a delay in the CUET result announcement, then there will be repercussions on the admissions cycle of the entire country and not just JNU. But for now, we will only proceed forward and decide what

notify us," said an official at JNU.

Bhaskar Bhattacharya, the chairman of central admission committee BHU, said: "If there is going to be a delay in this year's CUET results, there is definitely going to be an impact on our academic calendar. Ideally, if the results would be announced by June 30, our session this year would start at the latest by mid or end of August. But if there is a delay, since as per the NEP, it is a four year program, our modification plans would include cutting down on vacations and adjusting the academic calendar for these students Additionally, if there is a delay this year, we won't be able to start our new session in August."

The NTA conducts CUET-UG on behalf of the UGC. The Commission's chairperson M Jagadesh Kumar did not respond to calls and SMSes seeking comment.

This, however, is not the first time that CUET-UG results have been delayed. The entrance test in its debut year (2022) was plagued with teething issues which led to results being declared as late as September. Last year, too, results were announced mid-July.

IPS officer approved hoarding

the then Government Railway Police (GRP) commissioner who authorised the hoarding without issuing tenders. The records also show that both were appointed on June 28, 2022, as directors of the Mumbai-based company which was incorporated that month.

Days after the hoarding collapsed amid strong winds and rain on May 13 this year, The *Indian Express* reported that IPS officer Khalid had signed the file approving an application from Ego Media for the hoarding on December 19, 2022 – his last working day in the post after his transfer order was issued on December 16, 2022.

A 1997-batch officer holding the rank of Additional Director General (ADG), Quaiser Khalid is currently with the Protection of Civil Rights (PCR). Khalid and Arshad Khan did not respond to calls and messages from *The* Indian Express seeking com-

The Indian Express had reached out to Khalid earlier for comment on his approval for the hoarding. He declined to comment then, too, but a source close to him had denied any wrongdoing by the officer. "Earlier, for three hoardings, Ego Media had emerged the winner and so for the fourth hoarding (the one that collapsed), it was decided to offer to the same company on the same terms

and conditions, without the for-

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mal tendering process," the source close to Khalid had said at the time.

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When contacted, Mumbai Police Crime Branch DCP Vishal Thakur, who is overseeing the SIT probe, declined to comment.

Police sources said the money remitted by Ego Media into the bank accounts of persons who were allegedly not linked to the company led the SIT to Arshad Khan, whose "statement will be recorded soon".

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money was eventually with-

"While going through pay-

ments made by Ego Media over the past few years, the SIT came across 39 transactions totalling Rs 46.5 lakh to persons who were not related to the company in any way. When we asked the arrested accused Bhavesh Bhinde, director of Ego Media, and others at the company, they said that Arshad Khan had asked them to give him cheques without mentioning the names of the recipients. Later, the com-

pany found the cheques had been deposited in around 10 ac-"The SIT then contacted the account-holders and found that they were not economically well-off. They said that Arshad Khan, who stays in Shivaji Nagar, was known to them, and

had sought their bank account details to transfer money. The drawn by Arshad Khan himself, they said. Their statements have case.

been recorded," sources said.

The SIT is now probing the alleged links between Arshad Khan, Quaiser Khalid and Ego Media, sources said. "The team will record the statements of all concerned to get clarity on the issue," sources said.

According to sources, the SIT is also probing alleged links between Ego Media and an engineer in the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation who allegedly promised the company a "favourable report" on the hoarding from the BMC's law department. The engineer, who had ini-

tially declared the hoarding as illegal, was later allegedly in touch with Bhinde and helped him "obtain an unsecured loan of Rs 45 lakh from a private chit fund", sources said. The SIT has also found that

soon after the hoarding collapsed, the local BMC ward office sent a notice to Ego Media around 6.15 pm on May 13, seeking payment of dues totalling Rs 6.14 crore. The SIT is probing the timing of the notice, sources said, adding that "more arrests are likely in the case".

Four persons, including the former and current directors of Ego Media, an engineer with a private firm that provided a safety certificate for the structure, and the man who oversaw its construction, have so far been arrested by the SIT in the

Pro tem Speaker choice

Congress communication chief Jairam Ramesh said the move shows the "confrontational and bulldozer politics mindset" of the BJP. He asked whether Suresh was not given the position because he is a Dalit. "One more reason (for not giving the post to Suresh) that comes to mind is... that Narendra Modi is anti-Dalit. Suresh is a Dalit."

In a statement, Kerala CM Vijayan said the appointment violated parliamentary norms. "The Union Government should make clear why Mavelikkara MP Kodikunnil Suresh (Congress) was neglected in the appointment despite him being the longest serving member of the House, Has BIP got an answer to those who suspect that Sangh Parivar's upper caste politics had worked behind this decision," he said. By making the appointment, the BJP had shown an "arrogant disregard" towards parliamentary democratic norms and precedents, he said.

Other Congress leaders joined the chorus as well. Party MP Manickam Tagore said: "K Suresh is an eight-term Dalit MP and the BJP opted for a seven-term upper class MP against a Dalit even for a pro tem Speaker post. What does that show?"

Congress's Jorhat MP Gaurav Gogoi in a post on X alleged that the government was "denying the Dalit community in India a landmark opportunity to see a member of their community preside over the oath-taking of 543 MPs representing different religions,

gender, caste and regions of India" "The decision to override the claims of K Suresh is not keeping with the spirit of multipartisan-

ship required to run the House,' Congress MP Manish Tewari said. "The government needs to understand that the principal component does not have a majority in the Lok Sabha. If they feel that they can do what they did from 2014 to 2024, they will soon find out that they are sadly mistaken and it will be at their peril."

Rijiju said, "The concept of pro tem Speaker here is inspired by the Westminster system. As per the system, the longest serving member – usually the consecutive longest serving member – is called Father of the House there. Mahtab, he said, "is a seven-time Lok Sabha member without any break". "At this time, if we leave out the ministers, he is the longest-serving member. They talked about K Suresh ji. His total terms are eight, but in 2004 and 1998 there were breaks. From 2009, he has had four consecutive terms... There is no violation. Only those will feel (that there is violation) who haven't read the system or its rules," said Rijiju. He said since pro tem Speaker is a temporary position, there was no need

Amid the slugfest, Suresh said that being the most senior MP, he ought to have been made the pro tem Speaker. "This decision amounts to threatening parliamentary democracy in the country," he told reporters.

for Congress to make it an issue.



'ED ACTING LIKE IT HAS ENMITY WITH CM'

Kejriwal's bail stayed: AAP, BJP trade charges

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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

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

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AAP's Saurabh Bharadwaj; 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 Bharadwaj 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 ing on judicial decisions".

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 comment-

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, 32vear-old Ashok Kumar, a B.Com graduate, recced 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 re-

covered, 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 his handwriting

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 in-

former 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

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

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SOON, DELHIITES 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 selfregistration. 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 "selfregistration of private /non-com-

mercial 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."

department receives around 300-400 applications for verification of registration of commercial vehicles.

Officials said in a week, the

The official said this measure,

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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 re-

form," 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

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THE DWARKA district police has arrested a woman and apprehended her 16-yearold 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 14vear-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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2 security guards held for assaulting Gurgaon resident

Gurgaon: Two security guards have been arrested for allegedly assaulting a resident on the premises of a housing complex in Gurgaon Sector 95 on Thursday night, police said.

The accused, Sunil (33) and Pradeep (40), members of Seclivic Security, work as security guards at the residential complex, said ASI Sandeep, Gurgaon Police spokesperson. The incident took place between 11 pm (Thursday) and 12 am (Friday) when the victim, a resident of Ananda society, was sitting in the park with his relative. "A quick response team vehicle of the Seclivic Security arrived, and two of its bouncers started fighting with the victim... they then assaulted him with sticks and threatened to kill him... a case has been registered against the accused under relevant IPC sections," the ASI added.

motive behind the attack, according to police.

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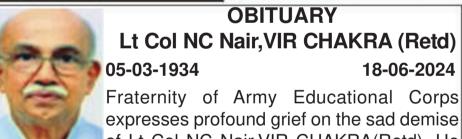
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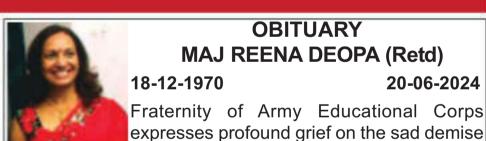
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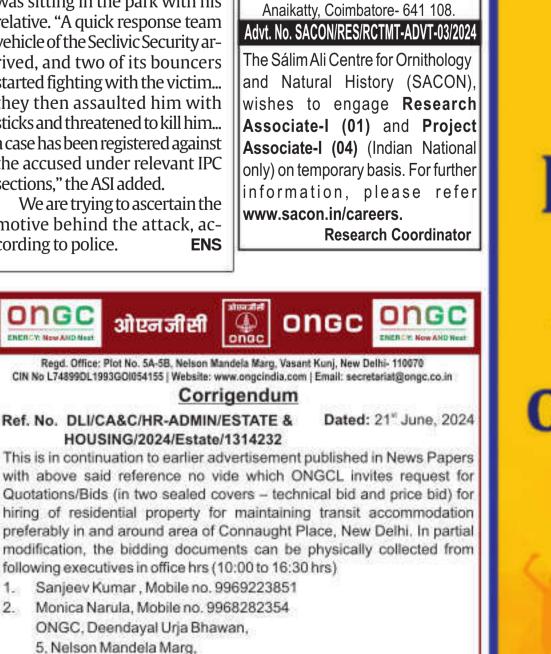


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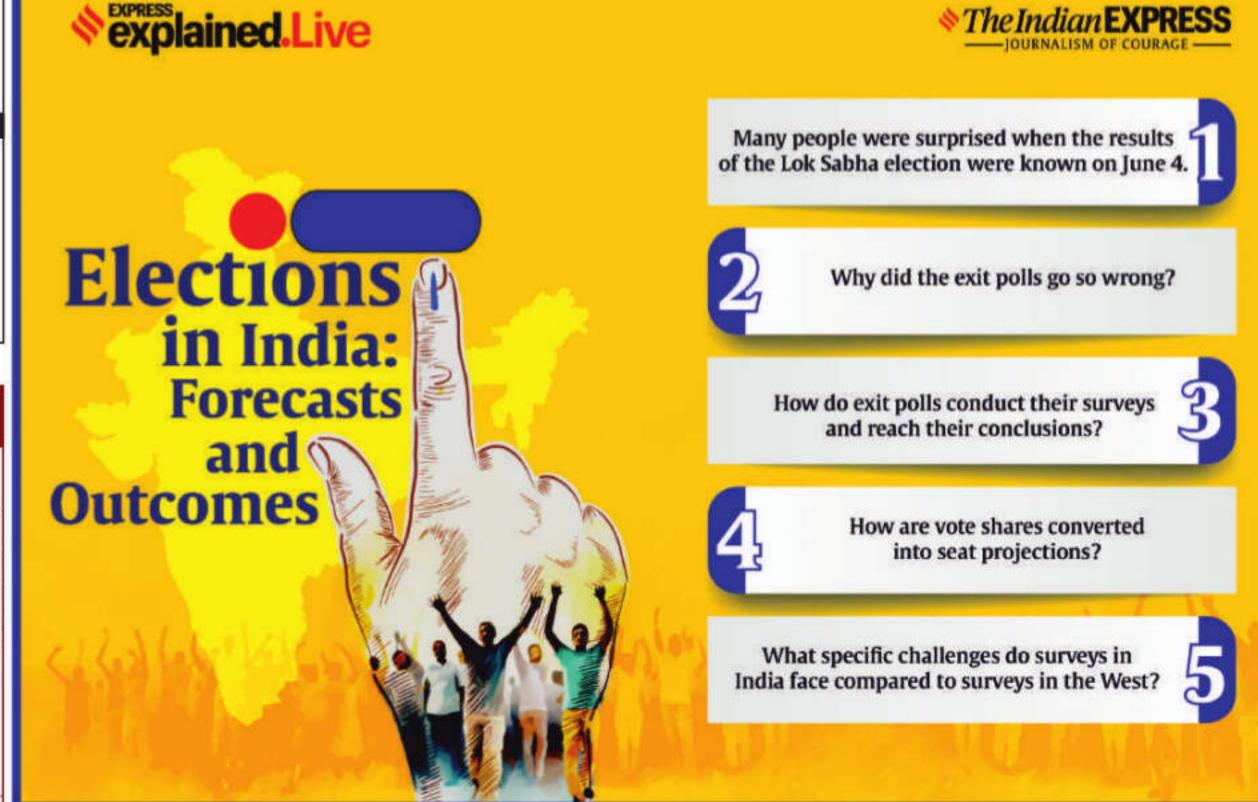


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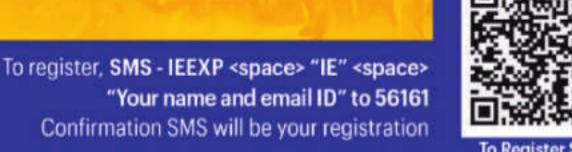
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MINISTER BEGINS 'PAANI SATYAGRAHA' OVER WATER CRISIS

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

SOPHIYA MATHEW NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

WATER MINISTER Atishi Friday began an indefinite hunger strike to protest against the BIP 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

BRIEFLY

Fire breaks out

at plastic bag

unit in Delhi

manufacturing

New Delhi: A massive fire

broke out in a plastic bag

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on Friday night, an official

from the Delhi Fire

Service (DFS) said. No injury has been reported so

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that at least 28 fire ten-

ders 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 ma-

terial kept in the factory

located on a single-storey

premises, he said. So far,

no injuries have been re-

ported. The firefighting

operation is underway,

the official said.

CBI arrests

cop taking

'Rs 1L bribe'

New Delhi: The CBI Friday

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-Harvana government stance of the recently elected Lok Sabha members of BIP 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

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 a 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 com-

plaint. 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

the police station on Tuesday. The girl was found hanging from a ceiling fan in a room of their house Wednesday evening.

daughter and wife with him to

'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 garmi 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 evergreen 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 sur-

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 vet," she said.

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

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 of kin of each deceased.

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 medica-

tion 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

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

to foot the hospital bill," she

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

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

have made several requests to

the Gautam Buddha Nagar dis-

trict magistrate but to no avail. DM Manish Kumar Verma

however, says it is impossible to

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Ranjit Choudhary says they

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

Rain offers respite from scorching heat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

RAIN LASHED parts of Delhi and Gurgaon Friday providing muchneeded 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 deof 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 hospi-

tals over the past 48 hours.

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

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 Ava 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.

On Friday, heatwave conditions were mainly observed in isolated parts of Southwest Uttar Pradesh. Heatwave conditions are very likely in isolated pockets of West Uttar Pradesh throughout the weekend (June 21 to 23) and will abate thereafter, the IMD stated earlier in its forecast bulletin.

Following the rain, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) received 13 complaints of waterlogging and 9 complaints of fallen trees. The MCD has 713 drains that need proper de-silting before monsoons. As of Tuesday, 259 drains were re-

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 venti-

lation 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



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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,

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 restora-

tion 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.

ture. "As occupancy is illegal, we cannot create an electrical infrastructure. If we continue like this

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

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.

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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

have to make a request for consular access to authorities of his or her country. "Nevertheless, consular officers shall refrain from taking ac-

tion on behalf of a national who

states that a detained person will

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

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

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-



try is concerned."

French journalist Sébastien

Farcis

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 iournalist 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 reguests 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', laiswal 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 openwe.f.15th June, 2024. The last date for submission of applications/nominations is 31st July, 2024). The nomination should contain all relevant details specified in the format available on the above portal including in narrative form clearly bringing out the notable and inspiring

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

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

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

I. National Awards for Individual Excellence.

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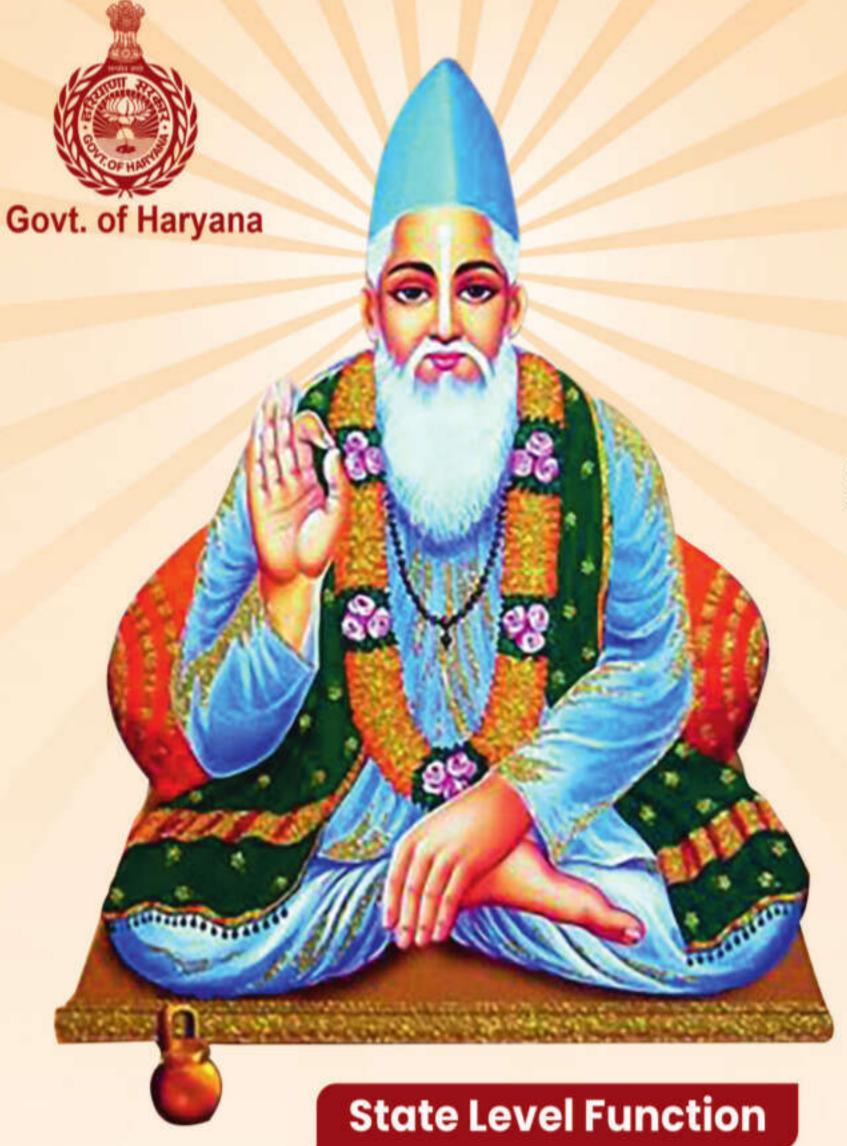
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No.	and eligibility	Awards
1.	(i) Sarvshresth Divyangjan (सर्वश्रेष्ठ दिव्यांगजन)	06 (03 for Male and 03 for Female)
	(Belonging to any field or activity i.e. Education/ Health/Employment/Art & Culture/Sports/Creative	
	work/Empowerment of Persons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

II) National Awards for Institutions engaged in empowering persons with disabilities

S. No.	Category of Award	Number of Awards (A certificate and a shield to each awardee)
1.	Divyangjan Sashaktikaran Hetu Sarveshrestha Sansthan (दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण हेतु सर्वश्रेष्ठ संस्थान) (Private organization, NGO)	1 Award for providing comprehensive Rehabilitation services and 1 Award for Inclusive Education (instituti 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 / BadhamuktaVatavaran Kay Srijan Mein Sarvshrestha Rajya / UT / Zila (सुगम्य भारत अभियान के कार्यान्वयन / बाधामुक्त वातावरण के सृजन में सर्वश्रेष्ठ राज्य / संघ राज्य क्षेत्र / जिला)	1 Award
5	Sarvshrestha Sugamya Yatayat kay Sadahan / Soochana Avam Sanchar Prodyogiki (सर्वश्रेष्ठ सुगम्य यातायात के साधन / सूचना एवं संचार प्रौद्योगिकी) Govt./Private organisation	1 Award
6	Divyangjano Kay Adhikar Adhiniyam/UDID Avam Divyang Sashktikaran ki Anay Yojanaon kay Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshrestha Rajya/UT/Zila (दिव्यांगजनोंके अधिकार अधिनियम / विशिष्ट दिव्यान्गता पहचान पत्र एवं दिव्यांग सशक्तिकरण की अन्य योजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन में सर्वश्रेष्ठ राज्य / संघ राज्य क्षेत्र / जिला)	
7	ApneRajya/UT Mein Divyangjano Kay Adhikar Adhiniyam Kay Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshrestha Pradarshan Karane wale Rajya Divayngjan Aayukta (अपने राज्य / संघ राज्य क्षेत्र में दिव्यांगजनों की अधिकार अधिनियम के दिव्यांगजनोंके अधिकारअधिनियम के कार्यान्वयन में सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रदर्शन करने वाले राज्य दिव्यान्जन आयुक्त)	
8	Punarvas Sevawon ke liye Pesheyvar Taiyar Karne wali Sarvshresth Sansthan (पुनर्वास सेवाओं हेतु पेशेवर तैयारकरनेवाली सर्वश्रेष्ठ संस्थान)	1 Award



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Heartiest Greetings on the birth anniversary of the Great Social Reformer Sadguru Kabir Sahib Ji

June 22, 2024



"संत कबीर दास जी को उनकी जयंती पर शत-शत नमन। उन्होंने न केवल सामाजिक कुरीतियों पर प्रहार किया, बल्कि दुनिया को मानवता और प्रेम का संदेश दिया। उनका दिखाया मार्ग हर पीढ़ी को भाईचारा और सद्भावना के साथ आगे बढ़ने के लिए प्रेरित करता रहेगा।"

- नरेन्द्र मोदी

Chief Minister, Haryana Date - June 22, 2024 | Time - 9 AM Venue - Grain Market, Gohana, Sonipat

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EC sets ball rolling

for J&K Assembly

polls, electoral rolls

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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.

House set for rocky start: BJP Govt on defensive, Opp is

LIZ MATHEW

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 seventerm Cuttack MP Bhartruhari Mahtab of the BIP 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

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 vesterday, 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 voga 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 guestions with great curiosity," he said.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

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 I&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 Commissione** 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, I&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 by elections across the country, sources said.

seeing opportunity media on the first day outside

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 par-

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take place.

Parliament, he will speak to the BIP leader.

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 BIP 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 cer-

"There have been some overtures too," said a source, pointing out that the Revanth Reddyled 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

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

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 definately boost the morale of party workers who are alreday pumped up after the party's success in the Lok Sabha elections," he said.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

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

Govt reaffirms support to Dalai Lama after meet

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

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 Dharamsala. The

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 reengage with the Dalai Lama and other Tibetan leaders to peacefully resolve their dispute over the Congressional delegation is led status and governance of Tibet.

A boost for Opp as it moves to corner Govt: TMC-Cong thaw

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& 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



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 BIP 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-

DIA alliance had exchanged views on the government's decision not to appoint senior Congress MP Kodikunnil Suresh as the pro-tem Speaker. There will also be coordination to raise issues such as the **NEET and UGC-NET controversies** and the train accident in West Bengal, besides mounting pressure on the government to suspend the implementation of the new criminal laws.

In her letter to the PM, Mamata wrote, "I write to you with grave concern regarding the impending – implementation of three crucial laws, namely The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNA) 2023, The Bharatiya Sakhsya Adhiniyam (BSA) 2023, and The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanita(BNSS) 2023. If you kindly recall, on the 20th of December last year, the outgoing Government of yours had passed these three critical Bills unilaterally, and with absolutely no debate. That day, almost one hundred members of the Lok Sabha

had been suspended and a total

146 MPs of both Houses were thrown out of the Parliament. The Bills were passed in an authoritarian manner in that dark hour of democracy. Matter deserves review now.'

The CM urged Modi to consider "at least a deferment of the implementation date", citing "ethical and practical" reasons.

"Ethically, I believe that it would be in the fitness of things to place these significant legislative changes before the newly elected Parliament for fresh deliberation and scrutiny. Given the wide-ranging reservations expressed in the public domain regarding the hurriedly passed new laws, fresh Parliamentary review of these attempts would demonstrate a commitment to democratic principles and foster greater transparency and accountability in the legislative

process," read the letter. "This approach would afford the newly elected people's representatives the opportunity to thoroughly examine the proposed reforms...," she wrote.

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 I S 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 MLA Kallakurichi 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 YouTuber made allegations specifically against persons responsible for the sale of

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 Sangeeta 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 Pustimargi 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.



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

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

Advocate General PS 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."

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THE ODISHA government on

Friday announced the extension

of its sponsorship for Hockey

India until 2036 – a year that

marks the centenary of the

a Hockey India delegation met

new Chief Minister Mohan

Charan Majhi at the state guest

cussed the advancement of sports and strategies to elevate

our beloved sport to new heights.

We are deeply thankful to gov-

ernment of Odisha for its stead-

fast support and commitment to

Indian hockey," said Hockey India

General Bhola Nath Singh said

the state government has con-

sistently been a pillar of strength

for the sport. "The decision to

consider extending our partner-

ship until 2036 underscores

their dedication to sports and

Hockey India Secretary

president Dilip Tirkey.

The decision was taken after

"During the meeting, we dis-

state's formation in 1936.

house in Bhubaneswar.

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Odisha to sponsor

Hockey India till '36

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

"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

youth development," he said.

Corporation Ltd (OMC), a state-

run PSU, had entered into an

agreement with Hockey India for

sponsorship of the Indian Hoc-

key 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 spon-

sorship 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.

tension, the sponsorship will

continue to 2036 – a year in

which the Olympic games will

boost to the sport and attract

game, said Sports Minister

Suryabanshi Suraj.

be held.

With the latest three-year ex-

In 2018, the Odisha Mining



Actor Suriva 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, Suirya 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 electiontime 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.

Kuwait declares for fire victims

New Delhi: The Ministry of External Affairs said Friday that the Kuwaiti 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**

\$15,000 ex-gratia











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



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

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE

AS MANY as 98 Indians, includ-Hockey is a popular sport ing 14 from Kerala, who had among the youth in Odisha, and gone for the Haj pilgrimage to with this decision, the govern-Mecca, have died due to natural ment aims to provide a further causes, chronic illnesses, old age and accidents, MEA's official Spokesperson said Friday. more young players towards the

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 Arafah 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

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 cli-

and Blinkit said the food delivery

company had doubled its rest

points to 450 across India, which include "comfortable seating"

A spokesperson for Zomato

mate goals?" he says.

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

ASTHE 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 environnance (ESG) report that around a guarter of its total 647 million de-

ment, sustainability and gover-

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

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

points by the end of June.

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

apart from "free drinking water", support from their companies, food delivery workers say their washroom facilities and mobile charging points. The company other key touch point — the plans to add at least 5,000 such restaurants — can be quite discriminatory towards them. "Many Zomato has also procured rerestaurants have different entries freshments, juices and glucose to 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 get the shirt, as they have to for actheir customers might ruin the quiring the rest of their kit while aesthetics," he said.

NEET-UG 2024:

SC refuses to

NTCA seeks action plan from states on relocation of villages from tiger reserves

NIKHIL GHANEKAR NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

IN A letter to the state wildlife departments Thursday, the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) had sought a timeline and action plan on relocation of villages situated inside the critical tiger habitats of tiger reserves.

Under the Environment Ministry, NTCA oversees tiger conservation and Project Tiger. Sources said that the letter, written in light of a review of the status of voluntary village relocation from core areas, asked the state wildlife department to follow-up on the issue on a priority basis. The NTCA has stated there are about 600 villages comprising 64,801 families residing in core areas.

The core or critical tiger habitats are areas inside tiger reserves that are kept "inviolate" as per provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act's 2006 amendment for maintaining a viable population of breeding tigers. Fifty-five tiger reserves have been notified in the country and there are villages situated in the core areas of several tiger reserves. The Wildlife Protection Act requires state governments to carry out relocation and for creating inviolate areas for tiger conservation based on "mutually agreed terms and conditions".

"We have asked states to submit a status report on this issue and we will hold review meetings soon", a senior NTCA official said,

The relocation process has to be strictly voluntary and based on informed consent of gram sabhas and families involved. Authorities are also legally mandated to complete the process of recognising and settling of forest rights of Scheduled Tribes and other forest dwellers. Those who voluntarily opt for relocation have to be provided either a financial compensation or resettlement and rehabilitation, as per NTCA's protocol.

The financial compensation involves payment of Rs 15 lakh per family. Those who opt for a resettlement and rehabilitation package are entitled to 2 hectares of land, homestead land and house construction, a onetime financial incentive and basic amenities such as road, water, sanitation, electricity and telecommunication.

"The relocation package offered by NTCA does not comply with the legal requirement of the Land Acquisition Act, 2013, which has special provisions to provide resettlement and rehabilitation to ST communities and forest dwellers. Even the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes had in the past sought consonance of rehabilitation package with Land Acquisition Act. Denial of due rights in tiger reserves has led to conflicts between communities and tiger authorities in many tiger reserves," said Tushar Dash, an Odisha-based independent researcher.

Dalit youth dies in judicial custody in Firozabad, protesters clash with police

MANISH SAHU LUCKNOW, JUNE 21

PROTESTERS CLASHED with police in Firozabad on Friday evening over the death of a 27year-old Dalit youth during treatment in the district jail where he was lodged in connection with a motorcycle theft case. The victim,

The protesters alleged that the death occurred due to severe beatings by the police before Akash was sent to jail. They blocked the road and pelted stones at the police. They also set ablaze a motorcycle parked on the roadside.

Akash Kumar, was sent to judi-

cial custody on June 19.

The situation was brought under control when the police used "mild force" to disperse the crowd. Inspector General of Police (Agra Range) Deepak Kumar said that a panel of doctors conducted the post-mortem on the body before it was

Pune Porsche teen's father gets bail in one case,

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A COURT in Pune today granted bail to the father of the minor boy accused in the Porsche car accident case in one of the six cases he has been booked in.

after a speeding Porsche driven by a 17-and-a-half-year-old boy in an inebriated state hit their motorcycle at Pune's Kalyani Nagar junction on May 19. An FIR was lodged against the minor at the Yerwada police station the same day.

May 20 against his father and six others including the owner, managers of two restaurants in Pune where liquor was allegedly

The father and the restaurant personnel were arrested in this case. Other accused were released on bail. But the father was arrested in other cases. On Friday, he was also granted bail in this case, said his lawyer Prashant Patil. The father is currently lodged in Yerwada jail and

According to the police, Akash was arrested Wednesday for his alleged involvement in a motorcycle theft case. He was produced before the court which sent him to judicial custody. On Wednesday night, Akash complained of health issues in the jail, and was given treatment by the jail doctor, they said. On Friday, when his condition deteriorated, the jail doctor admitted him to the jail hospital

handed over to his family.

where he died during treatment. When the news of the death spread, a group from an organisation working for the Dalit community staged a protest and took out a bike rally. When the body was brought to the victim's house in Suhat Nagar Friday evening, a group confronted the police team

accompanying the dead body. Police said they were trying to collect information about those involved in the arson. They are scrutinising the footage to identify the accused, officials said.

A CBI investigation into the UGC-NET paper leak has found that the question paper might have leaked June 16, two days before the exam, which was released on the darknet and an encrypted social media channel and is suspected to have been sold for more than Rs 5 lakh, sources said.

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However, sources said it is not known how and from where the paper was leaked and for this, the CBI is looking at the role of those who handled the question paper at various levels from the National Testing Agency (NTA), which conducts the exam,

to the examination centres. Following a complaint from

NET paper likely leaked June 16,

sold for over ₹5 lakh, finds probe

CBI looks at role of those who handled the question paper at various levels

the Ministry of Education, the CBI on Thursday registered an FIR in the matter against unknown suspects for cheating and criminal conspiracy. The central agency is coordinating with the ministry and the NTA for its investigation.

Union Education Minister

Dharmendra Pradhan had on Thursday said that the paper was leaked on darknet. "Soon after it was clear that the UGC-NET question paper on darknet matches the original question paper of UGC-NET, we decided to cancel the examination. We take responsibility and have to rectify the system," Pradhan had said.

The exam held on June 18 was cancelled the next day after an input of the alleged leak was generated by the Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the MHA.

"A written complaint was re-

ceived on 20.06.2024 from K

Sanjay Murthy, Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi alleging that UGCNET-2024 was conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) on 18.06.2024 in two shifts across different cities of the country... that on 19.06.2024, the University Grants Commission (UGC) received inputs from National Cyber Crime Threat Analysis Unit of Indian Cyber Crime Coordination

Centre (14C) under the Ministry of Home Affairs on the examination that the integrity of the aforesaid examination may have been compromised," the CBI FIR said. "The facts of the complaint

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prima facie disclose commission of offences punishable u/s 120-B and 420 of IPC against unknown accused persons," the FIR added. The paper leak in UGC-NET

and its subsequent cancellation comes amid countrywide protests by NEET aspirants and activists over alleged irregularities. The Congress is already holding protests across the country in the matter and has demanded a thorough investigation into the allegations apart from cancellation of the NEET exams.

starting on July 6 Top court set to hear several related petitions when it reconvenes on July 8

defer counselling

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

THE SUPREME Court on Friday refused to stay the re-test proposed by the National Testing Agency (NTA) for 1,563 candidates who had appeared in the NEET-UG 2024 exam or postpone the counselling for medical college admissions slated to start on July 6.

A vacation bench of Justices Vikram Nath and S V Bhatti, which has fixed various NEETrelated petitions for hearing on July 8 when the Supreme Court would reconvene after its summer recess, rejected the prayer and said that if they win ultimately, there is a possibility that even the whole exam can be set aside and should therefore await the final outcome.

"Nothing will happen now. Everything can be set aside. When there is a chance of setting aside of the May 5 main examination, where is this question of (re-test for) 1,563 candidates?" said Justice Nath. The counsel appearing for

the petitioner sought a stay on the re-test saying that the NTA had withheld material information from the court – that out of the 1,563 candidates, 753 had already failed. "They are thereby getting a second shot at the examinations," he said. This, he added, was unjust and

unreasonable given that there are

qualified candidates who would like to reappear. He also contended that the candidates reappearing will undergo the stress of taking the examination. The bench questioned the

submission with Justice Nath asking, "You worried about them or are you worried about the other candidates or not being allowed to give the examination?"

"Your argument is that some candidates who have failed are being allowed to take the retest. And now you are saying that those who are going to appear in the second examination are under stress. Completely contradictory arguments you are making,' added Justice Nath.

Yet another petition sought a pause on the counselling for two days. Rejecting the request Justice Bhatti said, "Counselling is not open and shut. It is a process. That process commences on July 6."

Upon being informed that the first schedule will last for about a week, Justice Bhatti added, "What is the duration of the first schedule? Afterwards, within that week, applicants have any number of options to amend, modify, dabble, whatever they want to do, they do it After they freeze, then only it gets into the domain of the con-

Justice Bhatti said the candidates "will come to know what are all the colleges open. It's not that everything is accepted. So we are allowing time not to be lost either by this side or that side".

Considering another plea by a candidate who said he did not get adequate time to take the exam due to his rare medical condition which makes it impossible for him to hold the pens for more than 10 minutes in a stretch, the Supreme Court asked the NTA to decide on his representation to allow him a retest and to inform him of the decision by 4 pm Friday.

Tejashwi: BJP politicising issue, probe agencies free to question my assistant

धात्रों के अविध्य से खेलना बंद करो.: NTA को ख़्वारित्र करो

Patna: As Bihar government suspended two engineers and a clerk on Thursday for allotting a room in NHAI guest house to an accused in NEET paper leak case allegedly on the request of RID leader Tejashwi Yadav's Personal Assistant, the former Deputy CM Friday said that the BJP was "politicising" the issue and that the investigators were free to question his PA.

Tejashwi accused the BJP of "politicising" the matter, adding that the Economic Offences Unit (EOU), which is probing the NEET case, had not talked about guestioning his personal assistant.

On Thursday, Bihar Deputy

CM Vijay Kumar Sinha told reporters: "...Call details show that Yadvendu had first called up Tejashwi's PA Pritam Kumar on May 1. On May 4, Pritam called up clerk Pradeep Kumar who allotted a room to Sikander after informing the two engineers." Tejashwi, who reacted for the

Congress Protests Across Country

Congress workers protest against alleged irregularities in NEET-UG exams in Mumbai, Friday. As the party held nationwide

president Mallikarjun Kharge alleged that the BJP has given a free hand to the 'education mafia' to indulge in corruption. PTI

protests, Rahul Gandhi said the opposition will put pressure on the government to ensure that students get justice. Party

first time following allegations against his personal assistant, told reporters: "They (NDA) have the government at the Centre and in Bihar. Investigation agencies are under them. They are free to speak to my PA. But BJP is trying to politicise the matter as EOU has not said anything like that." **ENS**

NIKHILA HENRY& DEEPTIMANTIWARY NEW DELHI, JUNE 21 AS PROTESTS demanding the

scrapping of the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) rage on, the BJP's key NDA allies Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and the Janata Dal (United) have remained silent. In 2023 and 2024, five stu-

dents from Andhra Pradesh topped the medical entrance exam, securing the first rank with the highest percentiles among their cohorts.

More than 60,000 students reportedly wrote NEET this year from the state.

The TDP, the main party in

sued a statement either in support of the protests or against the National Testing Agency (NTA) that conducts the examination. The TDP has 16 MPs in the Lok Sabha, including two who are Union Ministers.

Andhra Pradesh, has not yet is-

The Indian Express reached out to senior TDP leaders for comment. "The government has no other choice but to scrap the exam conducted this year," one of them said on the condition of anonymity. The others claimed they were unaware of the protests. "We have not yet considered this at the party level," said a senior TDP functionary. Members of the TDP's youth wing also declined to comment. "We have not vet formulated a response," said a youth The Janata Dal (United),

As BJP faces NEET row heat, JDU, TDP silent

which heads the government in Bihar where the current scandal has broken out, has 12 MPs in the 18th Lok Sabha. Despite several students from Bihar appearing in the exams each year and many securing top ranks, the party too has maintained studied silence.

While it has targeted Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav for his personal secretary's role in booking a guesthouse for a key accused in the case, it has shied away from commenting on the examination process and the alleged paper leak saying the "matter is sub judice".

Most JD(U) leaders The Indian Express spoke to refused to comment on the issue. JD(U)

spokesperson Neeraj Kumar who held a press conference in Patna on Thursday attacking Tejsahwi, told The Indian Express, "If the guesthouse where the key accused of the paper leak stayed was booked by Tejshwi ji's personal secretary he must answer. As far as the issue of NEET paper leaks is concerned, it is being examined by the Supreme Court. It would not

be proper to comment on a sub judice matter." Several students have alleged that the examination, which is the gateway for admission to medical, dental, and AYUSH courses in government and private colleges, was rigged, with some students being awarded

favourable results.

Behind encounter in

guide, two terrorists

Kathua: A missing

will remain in jail

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Two IT engineers were killed

Another FIR was lodged on served to the boy and his friends.

As per this FIR, the father had allegedly handed over the car to his minor son knowing that he did not have a driver's licence. Police also said that the minor's father was aware he was drinking.

will not be released on bail due to other pending cases, police said.

Curfew partially lifted in New criminal laws in mind, Haryana clash-hit Balasore town

Balasore: With improvement in situation, the Odisha government Friday partially lifted curfew from Balasore town, which was rocked by a group clash.

The Balasore district administration completely lifted curfew from Industrial Police Station area even as the prohibitory orders remained enforced in Sahadevkunta and Town police station areas till midnight of June 22.

"Curfew will be relaxed from 5 am to 2 pm on June 22, during which all commercial establishments and routine services are allowed to operate." Balasore Collector Ashish Thakare said.

Stating that 65 people have been arrested so far on the charges of rioting and violating curfew orders. Thakare said that WiFi internet services will be restored in the town Saturday but mobile internet services will

continue to remain suspended. Educational institutions in Balasore Municipality area will, remain closed Saturday, he said.

Meanwhile, people in Balasore town bought essential items during six hours of curfew relaxation on Friday. The curfew was clamped on Monday night following a group clash in which 10 people were injured. PTI

IPS officers told: 'No leave till July 31' **SUKHBIR SIWACH** CHANDIGARH, JUNE 21

WITH HARYANA police headquarters getting flooded with leave requests from its IPS officers and supervisory officers posted in districts for June and July, the state police have urged the officers "not to ask for leave

except in emergency" till July 31. According to sources, state police chief DGP Shatrujeet Kapur has imposed a leave restriction on the officers in view of the three new criminal laws coming into effect from July 1.

The state police has taken the measure to ensure that supervisory officers are available to resolve "many unforeseen problems which may crop up" in

In these circumstances, the

state police have requested the IPS officers not to ask for leave except in emergency till July 31. The Indian Express has learnt that the police headquarters on

view of the changes.

Wednesday sent a communication to all senior IPS officers ranging from SPs to the ADGP ranks. According to sources, 11 sen-

ior IPS officers are currently on leave. The leave period of most of these officers ends this month while one woman officer's leave is till June 21. One ADGP ranked officer, heading an important assignment in the state bureaucracy, is on leave till July 7, while another officer has taken earned leave till October. Five officers, who are currently on leave, are in the IGP rank. One of these officers is looking after a police commissionerate in the state. Three SP-level officers are also on leave.

Haryana Chief Secretary T V S N Prasad has said the state is fully prepared to roll out the new laws with training given to judiciary, police, and prosecution.

Hiranagar tehsil. After staying at the house, the militants, who infiltrated from Pakistan, ended up in Saida village. Sources told *The Indian* Express that the two were only caught because a guide who was to accompany them did not show up, and in his absence, they lost the way.

> by security forces in an encounter that took place on June 11 and 12. A CRPF personnel was also killed in the encounter.

> dents of Bathal Chak village in Hiranagar, had claimed that they had come across the militants incidentally, and on being asked, told them the way to the house of the terror associate. According to sources, police and security forces were not convinced by this version of events, particu-

who lost their way larly as they did not inform authorities about the incident even after the two militants were

> killed in the encounter. Police sources said searches were in progress for two more persons, one in whose house the militants stayed for a night and another who was to guide them to the mountains of Udhampur, from where they would have headed either to Doda district or the Kashmir Valley.

Sources said the militants, after crossing the International Border into Hiranagar sector, were guided to the house of a terror associate at Sherpur village by the two detained persons. They stayed at the house for a night, and the next morning, were to be met

by a guide, who did not turn up. So, the two militants proceeded towards the forests of Udhampur district on their own. Without a local guide, they lost their way and reached Saida village, where they knocked at a

Residents of the village raised the alarm after seeing them, which resulted in the arrival of the security forces and the ensuing of the encounter in which the

Rajkot gaming zone fire: SIT's interim report points to lapses, inquiry held on changes needed in police Act fire, senior advocate Amit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GANDHINAGAR, JUNE 21

THE SIT set up by the Gujarat government to probe the May 25 TRP Game Zone fire in Rajkot, which claimed 27 lives, submitted its interim report to Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi in Gandhinagar Friday.

The chairman of the SIT. ADGP (CID Crime) Subhash Trivedi, said that they have found lapses on the part of the police, fire department, town

planning and the road and building department.

In its 100-page interim report, the SIT said that inquiry has been conducted on changes that are necessary in Section 33 of the Gujarat Police Act, which empowers local police to give various licenses to such game zones.

Trivedi said, "Negligence on part of departments like police, town planning, fire as well as roads and buildings have been found and brought to the attention of the government." He did

not give name of any official

found negligent in the probe. "Inquiry has been conducted

on changes that are necessary in Section 33 of (Gujarat) Police Act... and how the situation could be made safe," Trivedi said.

Asked about the presence of inflammable material like petrol and diesel inside the TRP Game Zone, Trivedi said, "Not more than 20 litres of petrol was stored... as per the the Petroleum Act, one needs a license only if he wants to store more than 20 litre of petrol." He added that the liq-

uid chemical that was found at

the game zone was a chemical used for cleaning purpose. "When so many (penal) sec-

tions have been added (to the case), when 27 people have died, do you think that the police will not add sections of Petroleum Act or Explosive Substances Act if they get a chance to do so," Trivedi asked the mediapersons. "Probe is on to study the role of high-level officers, whether of

(municipal) corporation or po-

lice," he said. During a hearing on

a suo motu PIL taken up by

Gujarat HC over the game zone

then Rajkot SP, district collector, municipal commissioner and District Development Officer had attended the inaugural ceremony of TRP Game Zone. Trivedi said these officers

went there about one year after it was opened. "We have already questioned four IAS and one IPS officer who had visited the game zone (in March 2022) and whose photos were taken," he said.

Panchal on June 13, citing pho-At Saida, the two were killed tos available on social media, had informed the bench that the The detained persons, resi-

ARUN SHARMA

JAMMU, JUNE 21

THE JAMMU and Kashmir police

have detained two persons who

allegedly have guided two mili-

tants to the house of an alleged

terror associate at Sherpur vil-

lage in Kathua district's

door for water.

two were killed.





Zonal Office: 75/4, Siddhi Sadan, Halsey Road Near Badshahi Naka Police Station, Kanpur - 208001 E-mail: zokanpur.rec@ucobank.co.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES [See proviso to Rule - 8(6)]

with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to UCO Bank Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of UCO Bank Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 10.07.2024, for recovery of Bank's Dues from Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) to UCO Bank Secured Creditor. The details are described as below

ŝr. Io.	Name & Address of Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date Possession Notice Date	Description of Immovable Property(ies) with known encumbrances, if any	Bank's Dues	Reserve Pric Earnest Mone Deposit
ran	ch:- Kasganj, District -Agra; Contac	t Number(s):- +91-89090	09496, +91-9334414353; Email ld:- kasgan@ucob	ank.co.in, zokanpur.rec@	ucobank.co
The state of the s	Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantors: Mr. Sohil Ansari S/o Aslam, R/o Mohalla Nawab Peer Challa, Kasganj-207123, Mr. Aslam S/o Mr. Abdul Salam R/o Gali No. 2, Mohalla Nawab Baddu Nagar, Kasganj-207123, Branch Name: Kasganj, (3229)	26.04.2023 27.06.2023 (Symbolic Possession)	All that part and parcel of Double story House, measuring area 83.82 Sq. Mtr as per Book No.1, Volume No.1660, Page No. 293-342, Sr. No. 7700 registered on 31.07.2018 at Sub-Registrar Office Kasganj Tehsil & District Kasganj situated at Mohalla Baddu Nagar (Dr Farukh wali Gali-2), Ward-10 Pargana Bilram Tehsil and District-Kasganj standing in the name of Mr. Sohil Ansari S/o Aslam resident of Mohalla Nawab Peer Challa Kasganj-207123. Details of Boundries (As per deed): East: House of Nannu Manihar, West: House of Bhatu Qureshi, North: House of Bhure Qureshi, South: Rasta 8 ft. Known Encumbrances, if any - Nil	Rs. 21,22,375.52 (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Five & Paisa Fifty	Rs. 22,00,000 Rs. 2,20,000
2.	Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantors: Mr. Aslam S/o Abdul Salam, Mrs. Farjana W/o Mr. Aslam, Both R/o Gali No. 2, Mohalla Nawab Baddu Nagar, Kasganj-207123,	26.04.2023 27.06.2023 (Symbolic Possession)	All that part and parcel of Double story House, measuring area 182.68 Sq. Mtr as per Book No. 1, Volume No. 201, Page No. 207-244, Sr. No. 3778 registered on 06.05.2015 at Sub-Registrar Office Kasganj Tehsil & District Kasganj situated at Mohalla Nawab Peer Challa Pargana Bilram Tehsil and District-Kasganj standing in the name of Mr. Aslam S/o Abdul Salam resident of Gali No. 2 Mohalla Nawab Baddu Nagar Kasganj-207123. Details of Boundries (As per deed): East: Gali 15 ft Wide, West: House of Mazeed and Haneef, North: House of Baduddib Sabu, Babu, South: House of Chaman Known Encumbrances, if any - Nil	(Rupees Twenty One Lakh Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Seven & Paisa Seven Only) as on 09.04.2023 (inclusive of Interest	Rs. 32,06,00

"INDO-TIBETAN BORDER POLICE FORCE" (MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS) GOVT. OF INDIA

Date & Time of E-auction :- 10.07,2024 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM as per (IST) with unlimited extension of 10 minutes each with Bid

Note:- Hindi & English versions of this Notice are being published in Hindi & English Newspapers respectively. It is clarified that in case of any contradiction in Hindi and

Place :- Kasgani

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit the websites https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp & https://www.ibapi.in The Borrower's and/or Guarantor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section 8 of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and

> RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF SUB-INSPECTOR (STAFF NURSE). ASSISTANT SUB INSPECTOR (PHARMACIST) **HEAD CONSTABLE (MIDWIFE)--2024**

Indo Tibetan Border Police Force invites online applications from eligible Indian Citizens to fill up vacancies of Sub-Inspector (Staff Nurse) in Group 'B' (Non-Gazetted & Non Ministerial), Assistant Sub Inspector (Pharmacist) and Head Constable (Midwife) (only Female candidate) in Group 'C Non-Gazetted & Non Ministerial) on temporary basis likely to be permanent in ITB Police Force in Pay Scale, Level-6 in the Pay Matrix Rs. 35,400-1,12,400/-, Pay Level- 5 in the Pay Matrix, Rs. 29,200-92,300/- and Pay Scale, Level-4 in the pay Matrix Rs. 25500-81100/- respectively (AS PER 7TH CPC). Selected candidates will be liable to serve anywhere in India or abroad. The applicants are advised to check their eligibility before applying so as to avoid disappointment at later stage.

2. Details of vacancies as per post based roster are as under:-

(a)	SUB INSPECTOR
	(STAFF NURSE):-

	CAT	EGORY	7	
UR	SC	OBC	Total	
06	01	03	10	

Incremental Amount of Rs. 10,000/-

Date :- 22.06.2024

Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

English version of the Notice, the English version of the Notice will prevail

(b) ASSISTANT SUB INSPECTOR

	CA	TEGOR	Y
UR	ST	EWS	Total
03	01	01	05

(c) HEAD CONSTABLE (MIDWIFE) (ONLY FEMALE):-

Authorized Officer (UCO Bank)

	C	ATEG	ORY	
UR	OBC	SC	ST	Total
05	04	03	02	14

Note:-

The vacancies are tentative and may increase or decrease without any notice. Any change in the number of vacancies will be intimated through ITBPF Recruitment website i.e. https://recruitment.itbpolice.nic.in.

Application Fee:- Male candidates belonging to Unreserved (UR), OBC and Economically Weaker Section(EWS) categories applying for recruitment to the post of Sub Inspector (Staff Nurse) should pay Rs. 200/- (Rupees Two hundred only) and Rs 100/- (Rupees One Hundred Only) for Assistant Sub Inspector (Pharmacist) as application fee through online payment gateway system on www.recruitment.itbpolice.nic.in. Candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, Females and Ex-servicemen are exempted from paying the fee.

For Head Constable (Midwife) (Only Female): APPLICATION FEE- Exempted.

ITBP reserves the right to make changes in sequence of the recruitment procedure after publication of this advertisement. ITBPF also reserves the right to cancel or postpone the recruitment at any stage due to administrative reasons.

3. ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS :-

(a) SUB INSPECTOR (STAFF NURSE) :-

Age Limit & Educational Qualifications:-						
Age Limit	Educational qualifications					
21 to 30 years	i) 10+2 examination pass from a recognized board or university					
(The upper age limit is relaxable for SC, ST, OBC and Ex-Servicemen and	or equivalent.					
Government Servant in accordance with the instructions & orders issued by the	ii) Having passed the examination in General Nursing and					
Central Government from time to time. Cut off date for determining the age	Mid-wifery.					
will be 28th July, 2024 (28-07-2024) i.e. the last date for receipt of online	iii) Registered with Central Nursing Council or State Nursing council.					
applications. Candidates should not have been born earlier than 29th July,	Desirable					
1994 and later than 28th July 2003.	Three years experience as Nurse.					

(b) Assistant Sub Inspector (Pharmacist):-

A	ge	L	imit	&	Educational	Qualifications
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ı	Age Limit		Educational qualifications
ı	Between 20 to 28 years	i)	Pass in the Senior Secondary Certificate (10+2) Examination with
ı	(The upper age limit is relaxable for SC, ST, OBC and Ex-Servicemen and		physics, chemistry and biology as subject from a recognized Board
ı	Government Servant in accordance with the instructions & orders issued by the		or equivalent.
ı	Central Government from time to time. Crucial date for determining the age	ii)	Diploma in Pharmacy from any Central/State Government
ı	will be 28th July, 2024 (28-07-2024) i.e. the last date for receipt of online		institution or any institution recognized by Central/ State
ı	application. Candidates should not have been born earlier than 29th July 1996		Government.
1	and later than 28th July 2004.	iii)	Registered as a Pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act 1948.

and later than 28th July 2004. (c) Head Constable (Midwife) (Only female Candidates):-

applications. Candidates should not have been born earlier than 29th July1999

Age Limit & Educational Qualifications:-

and later than-28th July 2006.

CBC 19143/11/0002/2425

Age Limit	Educational qualifications
18 to 25 years	i) Passed 10th examination from a recognized Board or equivalent.
(The upper age limit is relaxable for SC, ST, OBC and Ex-Servicemen and	ii) Auxiliary Nursing Midwifery Course from a recognized
Government Servant in accordance with the instructions & orders issued by	
the Central Government from time to time. Cut off date for determining the	iii) Registered in Nursing Council of Central Government or State
age will be 28th July, 2024 (28-07-2024) i.e. the last date for receipt of online	

- 4. Applications from candidates will be accepted only through **ONLINE MODE** on https://recruitment.itbpolice.nic.in. No offline application will be accepted. For detailed information about age relaxation, eligibility conditions, procedure of filling online application form, recruitment procedure, tests and pay & allowances etc., the applicants are advised to go through the detailed advertisement appearing on the ITBP recruitment website i.e. https://recruitment.itbpolice.nic.in. Any further information/notification in respect to this recruitment will be made on the ITBP recruitment website only. Hence, applicants are advised to login the ITBPF recruitment website from time to time and also advised to go through eligibility criteria carefully before applying, to avoid disappointment at later stage.
- 5. The candidates whose applications are found in order, shall be issued admit cards (online) to appear in recruitment tests. Candidates have to download online admit card from ITBP recruitment website i.e. https://recruitment.itbpolice.nic.in. Therefore, candidates should provide genuine and functional e-mail ID and mobile number at the time of filling online application form. ITBP will not be responsible in case of non receipt of admit card due to
- technical and other reasons. 6. The selection process will consist of Physical Efficiency Test (PET), Physical Standard Test (PST), Written Test, Documentation, Practical Examination,
- Detailed Medical Examination (DME)/ Review Medical Examination (RME). 7. Medical Examination to assess the fitness of candidates will be conducted in terms of Uniform Guidelines for Recruitment Medical Examination for GOs and NGOs in CAPFs and AR issued vide MHA U.O. No. A.VI-1/2014-Rectt(SSB) dated 20.05.2015 and as amended from time to time by the Government and A.VI.I/14-Rectt(SSB) dated 24-08-2015 as amended from time to time by the Government.

ONLINE APPLICATION MODE WILL BE OPENED W.E.F. 29th June, 2024 (29-06-2024) AT 00:01 AM AND WILL BE CLOSED ON 28th July, 2024 (28-07-2024) AT 11:59 PM.

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

SALE NOTICE OF MOVABLE & IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT. 2002 UNDER RULES 6(2), 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described movable & immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" in Eauction arranged by 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

FOR Sr. No. 1 to 3 LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF EMD IS 22.07.2024 UPTO 5:00 P.M.

FOR Sr. No. 1 to 3 DATE OF E-AUCTION IS 24.07.2024 (12:30 PM TO 1:30 P.M) (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)

	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
	ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :-	d officer:- Plot measuring 546 Sq. Yds. 30.04.2018 85728-16290, comprised in knewat No. Rs. 43,58,339.79/-	30.04.2018	Rs. 49.14 Lakh	Rs. 4.92 Lakh	209272434 CNRB0006290
١	Wr. Ranjeet Rumai, (W) 05/20-10230,		RS. 43.58.339./9/- PI	us further interest & other ry, if any)		PHYSICAL POSSESSION
I	 M/s Rose Enterprises 	37, Killa No. 1/2/1 & rect. No. 61 Ballabhgarh, District Faridabad	, Killa No. 3, 8/2, 9/1, 13 I in the name of Smt. Ruc	/4, Near the o thi Munjal.		

Singh Walia (Proprietor) Address: - R/o Plot No. 101, Kaveri Apartment, Sector 21D Faridabad, Haryana, 3. Mrs. Ruchi Munjal W/o Sh. Nateshwar Singh Walia (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. Residential House measuring Total liabilities as per ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal Rs. 73.16 Rs. 7.35 209272434 250 Sq.Yds. comprised in demand notice dated Lakh branch, Authorised officer :-CNRB0006290 Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290,
Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com

Khewat no. 74, Khata No. 147,
Mustil & killa No 61/9 Tadadi 8
kanal situated at Vaka mauja

& other Charges (minus recovery, if any) SYMBOLIC POSSESSION

1. M/S Shree Ganesh Traders Gadhi kesari ganaur within MC limit Ganaur, dist Sonipat. The property is bounded as under: North: house of (Borrower) Address: Shop at other, South: 18 feet Gali, East: Gali, West: house of other. 2093, 1st floor, Narela mandi Delhi- 110040, 2, Smt. Kiran gautam w/o Sh. Bhagwan Gautam (Partner/Mortgagor) Address: - House No- 745/3 Har Nagar, Opposite janta School, Ganaur, Dist Sonipat 131101, 3. Sh. Rakesh Kumar s/o Darshan Lal (Partner) Address:- House No- 745/3 Har Nagar, Opposite janta School, Ganaur, Dist Soninat 131101.

riagai, opposite janta concoi, car	idai, Dia Comparto (101)				
ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal	Property- 2) All the part and parcel of the property Factory Land & Building measuring 18K-18M (2.36 acres) as under:	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. 449.95 Lakh	(Property- 1 & 2) Rs. 45 Lakh	209272434
Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com 1. M/s Kamla Rice and General Mills (Borrower) Through its					CNRB0006290
					(Property- 1,2,3
			Rs. 428.75	(Property- 3) Rs. 42.88 Lakh	are SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
	A) Factory Land & Building	 Factory Land & Building measuring 15K-04M ituated in Village – Daha, Tehsil and District Karna 			
Haryana, 2. Sh. Vipin Goel S/o	wide two cole deed No. 251/4 de	ated 27.04.1994 and sa	le deed No. 25	2/1 dated 27.04.1	1994. Details of the land

Sh.Jaipal Goel (Proprietor and is as under:-(i) Factory Land & Building measuring 03K-14M in Khewat No. - 112, Khatoni No. - 163, Rect. No. - 10, Killa Mortgagor) H No. – 177, Sector – No. -25/1//1(1-17), 25/1/2(1-3), 25/2(0-14) vide Jamabandi for 2014-15. 14, Karnal, Haryana - 132001. Present details of Land measuring 03K-14M: Khewat No. 125 (old 112) Khatoni No. - 172, Rect No. 10 Khasra No. 25/1/1(1-17), 25/1/2/(1-3), 25/2(0-14) as per Jamabandi for the year 2019-20.

Rs. 30.42

Rs. 304.18

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(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 Measuirng 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. – 217/202, 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.

7(8-0), 8(5-15), 26(1-9) vide Jamabandi for the 2014-15. Present details Land measuring 9K-7M: Being 1/2 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.

B) Land measuring 09K-07M being 1/2 share of land measuring 18K-14M in Khewat No. - 109, Khatoni No. - 160, Rec. No. - 12, Kh No. 6(3-10)

branch, Authorised officer :-	measuring 253.44 Sq. Yds., 28.11.2022	Lakh	Lakh	CNRB0006290
Mr. Daniest Kumar (M) 95729 16200	Provided 7 III along the part of the control of the	- Plus further	nterest & other	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
1. M/s Shri Radha Krishna Rice	Kiran Bala. Bounded as: East: Road, West: H.No - 19	994 A, North : H.	No - 1996 B, Sou	th: H.No-1996 P.
(Partner/Guarantor/Mortgagor) #	estone, Kaithal Road, Nissing -132024, 2. Sh. 1996 A , Sector -7, Urban Estate, Karnal-132001,	3. Sh Siddhar	th Popli S/o Sh	. Pawan Kumar Pop

Residential House No 1996-A, Total liabilities as on

(Partner/Guarantor/Mortgagor) # H No - 1996 A , Sector -7, Urban Estate, Karnal-132001, 4. Smt Kiran Bala 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 Commercial Property / Total liabilities as per Rs 40.60 209272434 Rs 406.00 Office space DPC001 in demand notice dated CNIPRODOGOOD

branch, Authorised officer	demand house dated light form	CININDUUUUZSU
Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290, Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com	Block 4A, on Ground floor, 08.04.2021, Rs.26,27,67,918.25/- Plus further super area 2253 Sq. ft. in multi storeyed Complex interest & other Charges (minus recovery, if any)	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
1. M/S UM GREEN LIGHTING	known as "CORPORATE PARK", DLF CITY, constructed on Plot of land measuring 3 falling in Khasra No. 888/1, 888/889, 890/1, 891, 892, situated in Phase-III, DLF City	.65 acres or thereabo
under CIPP) 2 Mr. Course	thereabout and bounded as under along with right to use Car parking Space No. DCP	058 and DCP059 in the

under CIRP), 2. Mr. Gaurav basement and bounded as under - At or towards the North : 002, At or towards the South : Open, At or towards Mamik S/o Sh Tej Pratap Singh the East : Lift Lobby/004, At or towards the West : Open, Parking space No. DCP058 At or towards the North Mamik (Guarantor and Mortgagor 059, At or towards the South: 057, At or towards the East: 065, At or towards the West: Driveway Parking in M/s UM Green Lighting Pvt Ltd) space No. DCP059 At or towards the North : Driveway, At or towards the South : 058, At or towards the East Address-1: Appt no 911A, The 065, At or towards the West: Driveway registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Gurgaon. Aralias, Golf Course Road, DLF City Phase -V, Gurgaon 122009 Address-2: 195-W11/8 Sainik Farms, Pushpa Bhawan, S.O. South Delhi, Delhi-

110062, 3. Mr. Sushant Chhabra S/o Sh Virender Kumar Chhabra (Guarantor in M/s UM Green Lighting Pvt Ltd) Chhabra Farm No.60, Prakriti Marg, Mehrauli Road, Sultanpur, New Delhi -110030, 4. Mr. Virender Kumar Chhabra alias Verinder Kumar Chhabra S/o Kesha Nath Chhabra (Guarantor in M/s UM Green Lighting Pvt Ltd) Chhabra Farm No.60 , Prakriti Marg, Mehrauli Road, Sultanpur, New Delhi -110030, 5. Mr. Tej Pratap Singh Mamik S/o Harbans Singh Mamik (Guarantor in M/s UM Green Lighting Pvt Ltd) Address-1: Appt no 911A, The Aralias, Golf Course Road, DLF City Phase -V, Gurgaon 122009 Address-2: 195-W11/8 Sainik Farms, Pushpa Bhawan, S.O. South Delhi, Delhi-110062, 6. M/s Unitech Machines Limited (Guarantor in M/s UM Green Lighting Pvt Ltd) [Through Sh Vivek Raheja, Resolution Professional in M/s Unitech Machines Ltd] JD-2C,2nd Floor, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 ip. unitechmachines@gmail.com.

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, ARM Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, ARM 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, ARM Branch, Novelty Road, Karnal by hand or by email.) 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.

ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal

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L) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again.

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Q) For further details contact Chief Manager, Asset Recovery Management Branch (ARMB), Canara Bank, Ph. No. 0184-4041820, 85728-16290 during office hours on any working day. E-mail id: cb6290@canarabank.com OR Mr. Praveen Kumar Thevar (97227-78828/92655-62818/92655-62821), E-mail: support@auctiontiger.net and praveen.thevar@auctiontiger.net

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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

HE 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

N 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 nu $trition\,as\,well\,as\,building\,awareness.\,The\,measurable\,impact\,of\,implementing\,stricter\,air\,alternative and alternative action of the contraction of the contraction$ 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

WENTY-SEVEN YEARS after Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan's death at 48, the maestro's sublime voice that had once drawn the world to the gawwali'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 mustt', 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.

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

Faizan Mustafa

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-

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edged in Indra Sawhney itself that "proportion of population of backward classes to the total population would certainly be relevant". Is it not a fact that prior to extending EWS reservation on the eve of the 2019 general elections, no survey was done to examine the inadequacy of representation of the EWS category? True, the policy was brought in through a constitutional amendment, which restricted its judicial scrutiny only on the basis of "basic structure". However, Janhit Abhiyan (2022) is a unique pronouncement in which the consistent judicial approach of strict scrutiny was diluted.

The other major ground for striking down the Bihar reservation amendment is the breach of the 50 per cent upper ceiling for reservation. In MR Balaji (1962), the SC came up with the judicial innovation of the 50 per cent limit, holding it per se violative of the right to equality. It has been consistently followed in a catena of judgments such as Devadasan (1964), N M Thomas (1976) and Indra Sawhney (1992). But even Indra Sawhney said that this limit need not be religiously adhered to in far-flung or remote areas or in areas that remain out of the mainstream of national life.

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The High Court has rightly observed that the recommendation of the National Backward Classes Commission or the State Backward Classes Commission was not necessary but its insistence on the so-called "analysis" of the Caste Survey and consultation with the experts would in the future put additional restraints on the government's affirmative ac-

tion policies. *Indra Sawhney* (1992) did refer to consultation with experts led by sociologist M N Srinivas (who, along with two other experts, Yogender Singh and BK Burman, disowned the report). But since Mandal's 11 yardsticks of backwardness had been approved by the SC, there was no need for experts' inputs after the massive exercise of surveying a population of 11 crore. The government was well within its rights to act on the report and then the assembly unanimously passed the amendment enhancing reservation. Even the BJP, which had opposed the Caste Survey, supported the reservation amendment.

The 50 per cent rule is justified in the name of efficiency and merit. The Patna High Court too observed that "merit... cannot be sacrificed completely". No scientific or empirical research has proved that SC/ST/OBC employees, in the performance of their duties, are less efficient than employees recruited under the general category. Justice Chinnappa Reddy in Vasanth Kumar (1985) demolished the efficiency argument when he stated that "efficiency is very much on the lip service of the privileged whenever reservation is mentioned. Efficiency, it seems, will be impaired if reservation exceeds 50 per cent; efficiency, it seems, will suffer if the carry forward rule is adopted; efficiency, it seems, will be injured, if the rule of reservation is extended to promotional posts." He went on to say that "the underlying assumption that those belonging of upper castes and classes who are appointed to non-reserved posts because of their 'presumed merit' naturally perform better than those who have been appointed to reserved posts and the clear stream of efficiency would be polluted by the infiltration of latter into the sacred precincts is a vicious assumption, typical of superior approach of elitists classes."

Justice Chandrachud in B K Pavitra II (2019) observed that we need to redefine our notions of merit in terms of a more inclusive and plural society. Merit cannot lead to exclusion. He rightly held that the transformative vision of the Constitution cannot be buried by the myths around "merit". Merit must be measured in terms of social good.

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THE DIL IN DILJIT

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

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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 Punjabiyat 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 Punjabiyat 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

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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 Punjabiyat 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 Punjabiyat. 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 Punjabiyat. 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 Punjabiyat. 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 Punjabiyat. 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. Punjabiyat 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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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, gurudwaras, except the Golden Temple and Gurudwara Muktsar, were opened to all devotees.

with the exception of two districts. All

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

DIS/AGREE THE BEST OF BOTH SIDES

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



C R Sasikumar

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

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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 immor-

talise 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,

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

our schools. Opposition to meaningful textbook revisions stems from the old narrow ideological thought process, knowing well that such a stance risks eternalising historical grievances and animosities into the future.

Given these concerns, appropriate textbook revisions are vital to provide a balanced, credible and reliable historical narrative, underscoring positive examples of conflict resolution and mutual respect. When students read such examples, they are inspired to apply these principles in their lives. Our school textbooks should prioritise enabling them to become responsible and empathetic citizens with a finer insight into India's heritage, while building the cognitive and emotional foundation essential for future critical analysis.

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 and comprehensive historical accounts. They have access to various scholarly works that provide multiple viewpoints on historical events.

Universities are autonomous; their statutory bodies approve the syllabus in undergraduate 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 de-

bate, 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 coexistence, 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 be-

coming 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 problemsolving capabilities.

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limit knowledge

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

In India, where an

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Kaushik Das Gupta

UNTILTHE 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 rea-

"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 in-

stance, there is nearly a century-long history

of African-American educators taking issues

with racist ideas of learning so that "the story

soned, because studying these events can

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 encour-

age 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 ex-

pansive outlook. Instead, the NCERT's edits

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

About three decades ago, the Ram Ianmabhoomi 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 cur-

rent 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 classroom teaching, the Gujarat 2002.

textbook is the ultimate 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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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Nepal must take the initiative to invite regional cricketing powerhouses such as Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka for friendly and competitive matches so that our players get greater exposure... We stand to be the next big story... if we play our shots right." -THE KATHMANDU POST

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



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 address 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.

Y G 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 be-

hind 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 Bhartiya 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 secrecy 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

SC gives 2-week interim bail

to Bhima Koregaon accused

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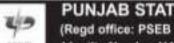
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granted interim bail for two

weeks to Mahesh Raut, an ac-

cused in Bhima Koregaon case,

to attend rituals in connection

with his grandmother's death.

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relief would be subject to condi-July 10, 2024," the bench said. tions imposed by trial court and "The terms and conditions that Raut would have to surrenof release shall be determined der "without fail" on July 10.

by the special court (NIA) or the trial court as the case may be," it "Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and added, disposing of Raut's plea. Raut had moved the the period of incarceration al-

ready undergone by the re-Supreme Court after the NIA spondent and also the nature of special court in Mumbai on request made for the purpose, June 5 denied him interim bail. we are inclined to grant two His counsel, advocate weeks' interim bail to the appli-Aparna Bhat, said the top court

had earlier stayed the regular bail granted to Raut by the Bombay High Court. Opposing Raut's plea for in-

terim bail, the NIA said that Raut's grandmother had died in May and questioned why he wanted interim bail now.



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CAD-312 S/59, MANCHESWAR INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, BHUBANESWAR-751010, ODISHA Website www.oredaodisha.com Email: ceoreda@oredaorissa.com

e-Tender Call Notice Notice No: 2607/PD--05/2024 Date: 19.06.2024

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

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

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

Chief Executive OIPR-04065/11/0006/2425

Solar PV Mini-Grids installed under DDUGJY program in Odisha along with Comprehensive

Maintenance for Five Years. Date of publication of NIT on E-procurement website and 20.06.2024

e-Tender Call Notice

E- tender is invited through e-tender portal from eligible bidders for Repair & Revival of defunct

Due date of pre bid query submission as per format of NIT 27.06.2024, Time: 5:00 PM Date and time of pre-bid meeting through virtual mode 29.06.2024, Time: 3.30 PM https://meet.google.com/qga-cdrn-rgo Due date and time for submission of online copies of 15.07.2024, Time: 5:00 PM Technical Bid and price bid. Due date and time for submission of hard copies of 19.07.2024, Time: 5:00 PM **Technical Bid for select Bid Forms only** Tentative date and time for the opening of Technical Bid for 20.07.2024, Time: 3:30 PM

both online copies and hard copies, except price bid. Due date and time for the opening of online price bid applicable only for the bidders whose Technical bids shall be To be intimate later

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

Chief Executive OIPR-04065/11/0005/2425

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that one person Namely: Rahul Sabharwal, S/o: Dinesh Kumar, R/o: T-364, Baljeet Nagar, West Patel Nagar, Delhi Sex: Male, Age: 35 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Thin, Face: Long, Wearing: Flower Printed Shirt, Blue Jeans & Shoes in Feet, has been missing since 31.05.2024 from his home. In this regard DD No. 109A Dated: 06.06.2024 has been

RAHUL SABHARWAL Sincere efforts have been made by

registeredat P.S.: Patel Nagar, Delhi.

local police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing person. 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/7483/CD/2024

SHO P.S.: Patel Nagar, Delhi Ph.: 9971076961

Advt. No.NAM/NUH/2024/1868 Dated: 21.6.2024

Advertisement

District AYUSH Society, Nuh (Shahpur Nangli Road, Near MDA office, Nuh)

(E-mail- daomewat@gmail.com, Phone no. 01267-297016) District AYUSH Society, Nuh invites application from the eligible candidates for filling up of the following post in the District Nuh Haryana under National AYUSH Mission purely on contract basis

Sr.	Name of	No.	Date and Time of
No.	Post	of Post	Written Test
1	Yoga Instructor (Part Time)	Gen-1	Interview date will be uploaded on website

initially up to 31-03-2021 with details as mentioned below:-

- The interested candidates are advised to visit website nuh.gov.in for details of post and download the application form and also may be collected from office of District Ayurvedic Office, Nangli Road, Nuh Pin 122107.
- Last date for submitting of duly filled application form with attested documents is 12.07.2014 up to 05:00PM in the office of District Ayurvedic Office, Nangli Road, Nuh Pin Code 122107 by hand or by post. After the given time no application forms will be excepted. Incomplete application forms will not be excepted.
- The Documents Verification and Interview schedule will be uploaded on above mentioned website. Applicants will be intimated on Mobile No/E-mail Id provided by
- the applicant. Therefore applicants are advised to produce valid E-mail Id and valid Mobile No. Please check website nuh.gov.in regularly.

Candidates coming for interview are advised to bring original

- documents for verification. No TA/DA will be given to candidates.
- For any query you can contact No. 01267-291016 between 09:00
- AM to 05:00 PM. District Ayurvedic Officer -cum Member Secretary, District AYUSH No. 27059/HRY Society, Nuh.



PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED Regd. Office PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001

Corportate Identity No: U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website: www.pspcl.in (Contact number 96461-18721)

Tender Enquiry No. QW-324/PO-W Dated: 11.06.2024 Chief Engineer/Stores & Workshops Organization, Sarabha Nagar, PSPCL Ludhiana, invites E-tender of Repair of 3-phase, 50 cycles, outdoor type, oil mmersed, naturally cooled, Stack core type construction, OWP Aluminium Wound Distribution Transformers (Type Conventional) of capacity 200 KVA W/o tap changer) with voltage ratio 11/0.433 KV conforming to ISS: 2026 (with latest amendments, if any) and 1180 part-1 (2014) complete with a first filling of

oil conforming to ISS: 335/1993 (with latest amendments, if any) Quantity = 500 Nos.

For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

from 11.06,2024 from 4.00 P.M. onwards. NOTE:- Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online a

https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

No. 34842/PSPCL C356/24

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Amar Pal S/o Badan Singh R/o 382, Gali No.19, Gokulpul Village, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 361/21, U/s 356 IPC at PS: Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Amar Pal can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Amar Pal has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Amar Pal of FIR No. 361/21, U/s 356 IPC of PS: Mukheriee Nagar, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 12.08.2024.

By order Niharika Kumar Sharma ACMM (N) Room No. 117, DP/7729/NW/2024 Rohini Courts Delhi

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person (depicted in the photo) name is unknown, residence and family is unknown was found dead at Footpath, Near Anand Vihar Railway Station, Delhi on for Identification.

His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, Age: 60 years approx., Height: 5' 6" Feet, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Blue Colour Lower and Navy Blue Colour Shirt.

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

Website:http://cbi.nic.in E-mail: ciccbi@cbi.nic.in Tel. No.: 011-23014046/23015218 Fax No.: 011-23011334

19.06.2024 at 14.44 hrs. In this regard a DD No. 24A, Dated 19.06.2024 has been registered at PS Anand Vihar Railway Station, Delhi. The Dead body has been preserved in GTB Hospital Mortuary for 72 hrs.

> PS: Anand Vihar Rly. Stn., Delhi Ph.: 011-22384300, 22384300 Mob.: 7065036022 DP/7806/Rly/2024

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No:- E-Tender No. NCR-S&T-EPC-LTE-NDLS-HWH Dated: 08.03.2024 Corrigendum No. -5

For the work of :- "Provision of LTE (Long Term Evolution) based MTRC over New Delhi-Howrah route (Including Kanpur-Lucknow Section of Indian Railways" Corrigendum No. 5: for the above mentioned tender has been issued. For details please visit the www.ireps.gov.in site 424/24 (D)

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बिहार सरकार

योजना एवं विकास विभाग कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन, कार्य प्रमंडल, सहरसा।

अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या - 13SBD/2024-25

NAME OF WORK NOTICE

TENDER

LIQUID MILK CHRACIIN GHEE AT

E-TENDER FOR OPERATION

COOP MILK FILLING & CODING MACHINES FOR

(केवल ई-टेन्डर पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर) बिहार के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से बिहार राज्य के किसी भी कार्य विभाग / निगम / अन्य राज्य सरकार / केन्द्र सरकार

/ सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रम या राष्ट्रीय या अंतरराष्ट्रीय ख्याति के किसी भी एजेंसी में समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधित संवेदकों से प्रतिशत दर निविदा दो बीड प्रणाली (तकनीकी एवं वित्तीय) अन्तर्गत आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। यदि संवेदक बिहार राज्य के किसी कार्य विभाग / निगम में पूर्व से निबंधित नहीं हैं, तब एकरारनामा के पूर्व निम्नलिखित कार्य का स्वीकार पत्र (लेटर ऑफ एक्सेपटेंस) प्राप्त होने के बाद बिहार राज्य के किसी भी कार्य विभाग / निगम (जिसमें निबंधन की प्रक्रिया लागू हो) में निबंधन कराना अनिवार्य होगा। 1 कार्यों की विवरणी

ग्रुप संख्या	कार्य का नाम	परिमाण विपन्न की राशि (लाख रू० में)	अग्रधन की सांश (ऑन लाईन मोड या ऑफ लाईन मोड में केवल B.G. के रूप में) (लाख रू0 में)	परिमाण-विपत्र का मूल्य (अप्रत्यर्पणीय केवल ऑनलाइन मोड में भुगतान) (रूपये में)	बीड प्रोसेसिंग शुल्क (अप्रत्यर्पणीय केवल ऑनलाइन मोड में भुगतान) (रूपये में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि (माह में)
01.	02	03	04	05	06	07
01	नवहट्टा प्रखंड अंतर्गत हाटी में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	308.35054	6.17000	10000	e-proc2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	14 माह
02	सिमरी बखितयारपुर प्रखंड अंतर्गत कांठो पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन निर्माण कार्य।	306.36537	6.13000	10000	e-proc2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	14 माह

2. विज्ञापन निर्गत करने की तिथि

3. निविदा कागजात अपलोड करने की प्रारम्भिक की तिथि

5.निविदा अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय 6.तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय

4.प्री—बीड मीटिंग का समय, स्थान एवं तिथि

7 वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय ८ निविदा खोलने का रथान 9 निविदा की वैधता अवधि

10.विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता विस्तृत जानकारी www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर देखी जा सकती है।

: दिनांक 03.07.2024 को 10.00 बजे पुर्वोहन से । (सिर्फ वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर) ं दिनांक 01.07.2024 समय 3:30 बजे, मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय,

दिनांक 10.07.2024 समय 3.30 बजे अपराहन से। (कंडिका 5 में उल्लेखित अंतिम तिथि से दो कार्य दिवस के पश्चात की तिथि)। (सिर्फ वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

: सक्षम पदाधिकारी द्वारा बाद में घोषित की जायेगी। (सिर्फ वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

ः कार्यपालक अभियंता, स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन प्रमण्डल, कार्य प्रमंडल, सहरसा।

कार्यपालक अभियंता

PR- 002312 (Planning) 2024-25 नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार। epaper.indianexpress.com

: दिनांक -20.06.2024

स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन, विरवेश्वरैया भवन, चतुर्थ तल, कमरा नं0-423, बेली रोड, पटना-800015 दिनांक 08.07.2024 समय 3.00 बजे अपराहन तक । (सिर्फ वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर : 120 दिन(निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि के बाद)

> स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन,कार्य प्रमंडल, सहरसा।

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 guotations/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, Nirvat 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 ran	smission lines covered under the scheme will passthro	ugh, 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, Jhinjharpur, 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

hereby given to the general public to make observation/representation on the proposed transmission system within two months from the date of publication of this notice before 13.08.2024 to the office of the under signed in writing. For further particulars and clarifications please contact:

M. Raghu Kumar (Director) 2nd Floor, Niryat Bhawan, Rao Tularam Marg, Vasant Vihar,

Date: 22.06.2024

Opposite Army Hospital & Referral, New Delhi-110 057 Email: info@msptl.in.net, Phone No.+91-11-2614077, Fax: +91-11-41052064 Mob: 8790994621/9676404605

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

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 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)

SI.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	
SI.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	AND AND
Si.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	AV
SI.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
		Fice, Air Force Station, Race Course, New Delhi - 110 003 on all om 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". 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-10 003 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 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 exservicemen/dependents are expected to follow service norms and ethos in all communication and follow laid down

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.

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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

'Jewar 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: Jewar Transmission Limited Works covered underthe scheme:

S.No.	Scope of the Transmission Scheme	Capacity/ Km
132	Construction of 400/220 kV, 2×500MVA 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.
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	at 400/220 kV GIS Substation Jewar	
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	220 kV GIS feeder bay - 03 Nos.

	Varanasi	
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)-	0.5 KM Approx.

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

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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, Dharmanpur, Sarai Takki, Hathiwar, 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, Daniyalpur, 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						

Copy of the route alignment is available in the office of the undersigned. Notice is hereby given to the general public to make observation/representation on the proposed transmission system within two months from the date of publication of this notice before 20.08.2024 to the office of the undersigned in writing. For further particulars and clarifications please contact:

M. Raghu Kumar (Director)

Sulatanpur, Khemkaranpur Basai, Hardoan

Date: 22.06.2024

2nd Floor, Niryat Bhawan, Rao Tularam Marg, Vasant Vihar, Opposite Army Hospital & Referral, New Delhi-110 057 Email: info@jtl.in.netPhoneNo.+91-11-2614077 Fax: +91-11-41052064, Mob: 8790994621/ 9676404605

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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 usadmn-dolr@gov.in The last date for submission of application is 19th July, 2024 (Friday).

Resources (https://dolr.gov.in) for further details. website

Applicants are advised to refer to the official website of Department of Land

(Arjun Rana) Under Secretary to the Government of India CBC 35201/11/0003/2425

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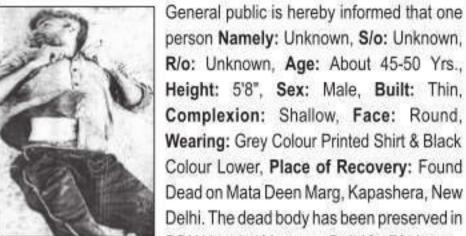
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Appeal for Identification



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.

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

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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.

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.

It is further brought to the notice that the assets of

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.

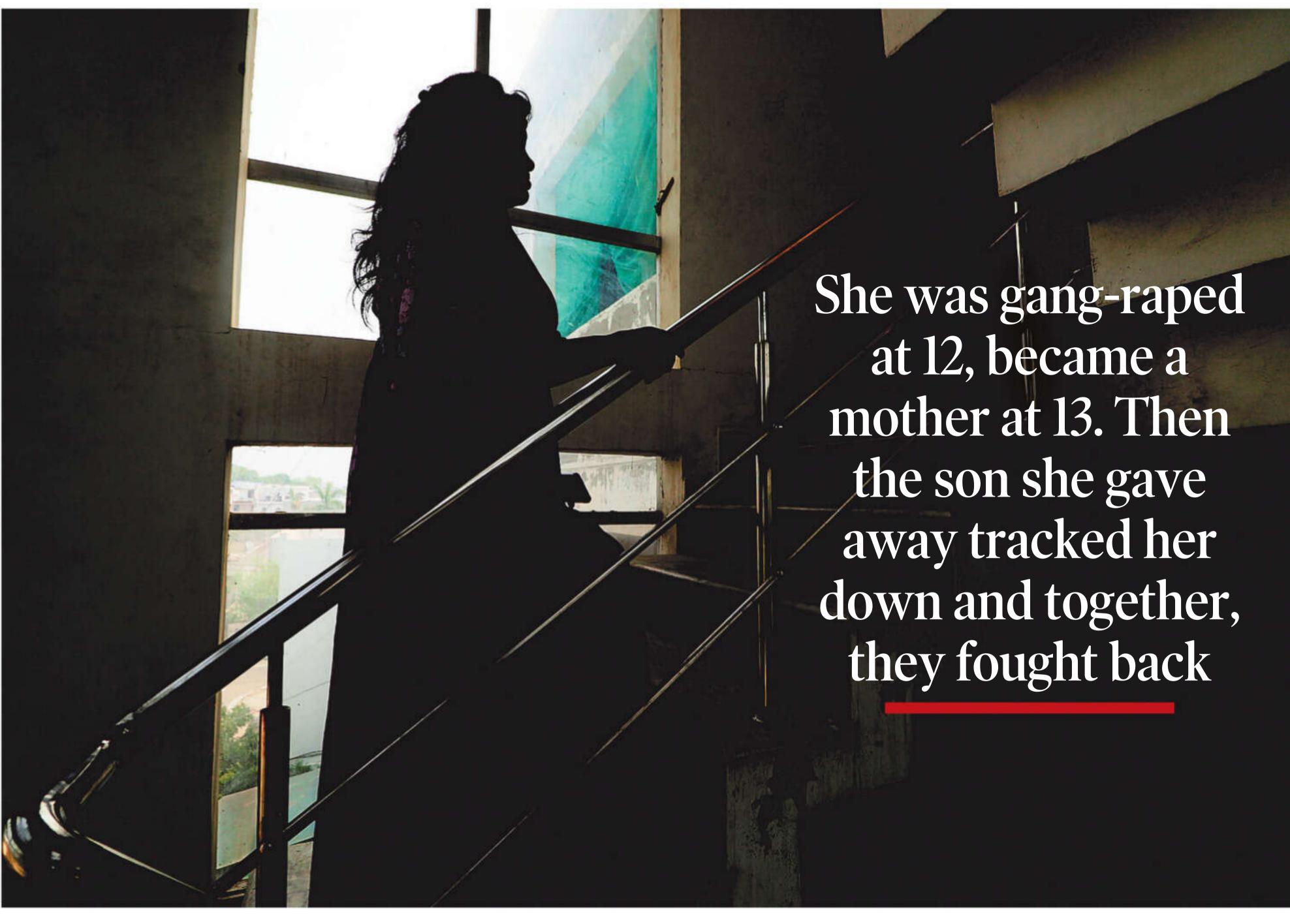
The public at large is hereby cautioned and made aware that in terms of the above order of Hon'ble Supreme Court, SEBI along with the Liquidator of HBN is authorized to sell the assets of HBN and its directors or assets wherein HBN has interest/rights therein directly or indirectly.

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

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14 BIGPICTURE



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

VIDHATRI RAO meets the woman, now 42, and her two sons as they step back in time to tell their story

AP MUMMY hain (Are you my mother)?" The 15-yearold 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 February 1995, she file a case against the two gave birth to a baby. A relative arranged for sentenced her rapists to 10 the infant to be adopted by a couple in Hardoi. "They took the baby away. I was very weak. After that, I did not even know if the child was dead or alive"

In 2021, her son got her to men who raped her. On May 22, a court in Shahjahanpur years in jail.

"The DNA test matched one of the accused," said Rajeev Tripathi, the governcounsel 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 brotherin-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 hus-

band'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 fam-

ily'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)".

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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?"

2019, a house in Lucknow

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). "Just being there, back in that town, made me feel sick."

The police asked her the questions that police do — when, how, what and where are the perpetrators now? "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.

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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 cov-

ered 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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Bail in money laundering cases, and the 'twin test' under PMLA

EXPLAINED

LAW

APURVA VISHWANATH NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

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 language 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

sification' is a feature of the right to equality, which is a fundamental right.

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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

INDIA'S PRODUCTION of cereal grains has

gone up by more than 1.5 times over the

past two decades, according to the

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

Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES) of

the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)

show a marked decline in the quantity of ce-

reals 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

weights based on the rural-urban distribu-

tion of HCES sample households, has been

from 11.78 kg to 8.97 kg during this period.

12 months with the country's population

yields the total annual consumption of cere-

als 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

The overall per capita decline, using

Multiplying this weighted average over

from 10.42 kg to 8.05 kg in urban India.

Data from the latest Household

But a rising share of cereals is going not

Agriculture Ministry.

liquor, and ethanol fuel.

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 AM Khanwilkar (now retired) refused to accept the previous ruling.

"We are unable to agree with the observations in Nikesh Tarachand Shah distinguish-

ing 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 undergraduatelevel knowledge (MMLU).

model has also shown significant im-Sonnet is exceptional at writing highable 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-40, Gemini 1.5 Pro, and Meta's Llama 3 400B in seven out of eight overall benchmarks.

picking scores under categories that make them look good.

vision capabilities?

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.

provements 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.

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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The company claims that the new

provement in grasping nuance, humour, and complex instructions. Claude 3.5 quality content with a natural and relat-

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However, benchmark scores should not be taken too seriously — many AI startups have been accused of cherry-

What about Claude 3.5 Sonnet's

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This ability to transcribe is what

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 signifof wheat, and 3.6 mt of other grains. icantly increased from 196.4 mt in 1999-These exports would, however, account

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

TABLE 1

INDIA'S ESTIMATED HOUSEHOLD CEREAL CONSUMPTION **VERSUS PRODUCTION**

EXPLAINED ECONOMICS

Cereal numbers

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

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	
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#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

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

Ninety per cent of this would have been used as the primary energy ingredient in poultry, livestock, and agua 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

maize production in 2022-23 at 38.1 mt.

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?

EXPLAINED

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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.

Sabha election, the other three were candidates in Assembly elections in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.

Eight of the applicants contested the Lok

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

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.

candidate."

"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 re-

leased 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 constituency 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

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

to be verified either by giving the polling

40,000 (plus 18% GST) per set **POLICY** 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

against the outcome can be filed by any candidate or elector. Since the results were announced on June 4, Election Petitions can be filed until July 19. ■ The checking will start only if no

Election Petitions have been filed. In case a petition has been filed, the checking will start only after a court issues an order specifically allowing the checking to commence. ■ The process is to be started within 30

days of the manufacturers being told if any Election Petitions have been filed. Thus, mid-August is the earliest that the results of the checks can be known. ■ The checking will be done at desig-

nated halls within the manufacturers' facil-

ities, with the requisite strong rooms and CCTV cameras in place. ■ Electronic devices, including cell phones and cameras, will not be allowed inside the halls. The hall will have a single

entry and exit, with at least one section of armed police force will be deployed there. Candidates who have applied

polling stations or sets of EVMs and VVPATs. For Lok Sabha constituencies, three candidates each from the BIP and Congress have applied, plus a DMDK and a YSRCP candidate.

Not all these candidates have lost by narrow margins — while the Congress candidate from Kanker in Chhattisgarh was defeated by just 1,884 votes, the Congress candidate at Karnal in Haryana was de-

feated by more than 2.32 lakh votes. EC officials argued that the fact that doubts have been raised over only 118 polling stations out of the lakhs in the country, shows the trust in the system of EVMs. However, Jagdeep Chhokar, a founder of ADR, the nonprofit working on electoral reforms that had moved the SC, said the exer-

cise has no real meaning. "The verification will be done after 45 days, by the same entities [BEL and ECIL] who have programmed the EVMs in the first place, with a cost imposed on the candidates. All this is in the direction of discouraging anybody who wants to apply for verification," Chhokar said. The 11 applications together cover 118

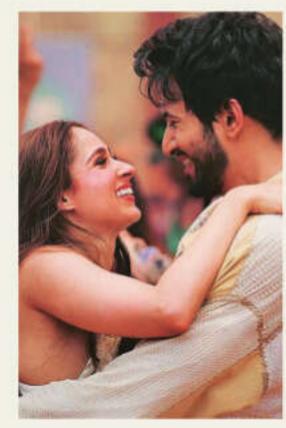
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In Four Different Directions

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 foursome, 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 underpressure-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? Uhhuh, 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 bff? Yeh dosti hai, ya pyaar? Yaaaaa 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; firsttimer 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 foottapping music? Not a single song leaves an impact.

SHUBHRAGUPTA

▼F THE jobless moral police hadn't got twisted out of shape about Maharaj, a pe-I riod 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 dharm in bad light'.

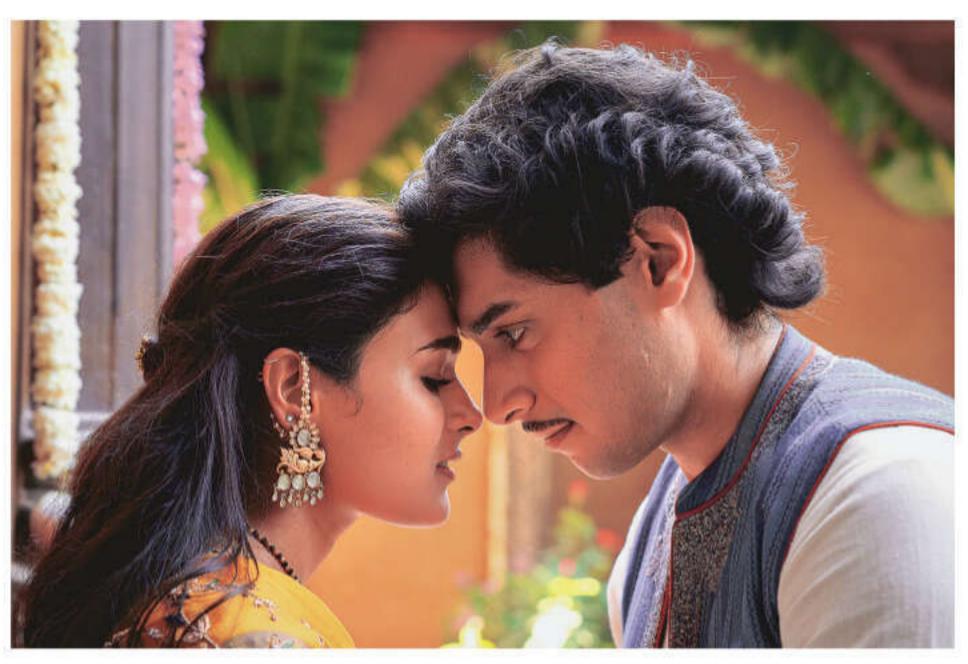
Everyone can relax, because *Maharaj* is nothing but the usual story of good against evil, the meek against the powerful, which Bollywood has been telling forever, with a change in protagonist and antagonist. Junaid plays the "taaja aur nai soch waley pragatisheel (progressive)" Karsandas Mulji, whose 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 dharm ka thekedar to beat all dharm ke thekedars. 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 'dharm ka paalan darr 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

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: 'Dharm se zyaada 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?

STREAMING WATCH

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-turnedsheriff Jesse (Mark Webber) as she looks to understand what happened to her dad.



THEBOYSS4 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.

A Ragged Ride

THE BIKERIDERS

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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 goodlooking, 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 cigarette 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 elare 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

ements get mixed in, Johnny realises things

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.

On a Downward Spiral

THE EXORCISM ★

Director: Joshua John Miller

Cast: Russell Crowe, Ryan Simpkins, Sam 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 slaver-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*

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, home from hell.

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

has returned to what is a

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.

Pursuit of Happiness

KOTA FACTORY SEASON 3 **1

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

TURNS 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 stu-

dents let their hair down as they play impromptu gully cricket match with Vaibhav's cousin who is selected for IPL. The happygo-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.

T20 World Cup West Indies vs USA, 6 am; Bangladesh vs India, 8 pm

'Putting team ahead of individuals is most important ideology'

cricket team, said that putting team ahead of individuals is the bedrock of his coaching philosophy. "If you have the intent of keeping



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.

ology, team-first philosophy is the most important ideology in any team sport," he added.

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

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

India head coach, saying on Friday that he doesn't 'see that far ahead.'

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.

to captain India for a long run. **ENS**

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Kolkata: Former India opener Gautam

Gambhir, the frontrunner to take over as coach of the men's

your team ahead of



"For me, the guru mantra is team first philosophy. I think team-first ide-

Gambhir said everyone was a

"Yes I was the leader but all of us in

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

"I don't see that far ahead. You are

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

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 lowerdown, 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 goto 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.

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 Survakumar 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

used just two in his highest Test score of 254 in Pune in 2019 against South Africa that had 35 boundaries) and used them a lot more this IPL. He tried a couple of times against Afghanistan as well, though they didn't quite connect as well as he intended. But that's a shot now that one can reliably state he would go for every now and then.

If he is convinced that ball isn't turning much or if he is really desperate to break-out, he can charge the spinners too.

As he did once but failed against Afghanistan, he also shuffles outside leg to try cut the spinners from the stumps through the off side ring. Or just stretch and try to chip up and over, like he tried against Rashid Khan but holed out.

But again, Pant and Suryakumar both have greater arsenal against spin. If anything with Pant, he can combust trying one too many; his repertoire is that wide.

That leaves Kohli and Pant with the opening slot question. The advantage of Pant in powerplay is obvious - potentially more runs in lesser time than Kohli but with the risk of losing him before the middle-overs (7 to 15) where he has the game to rise above the sluggishness of the pitch and get quick runs.

And considering Kohli has been trying his utmost best to change his game in the powerplay through the IPL, if he comes off, then he won't be too far behind Pant in that phase. Kohli's attacking moves are predictable against the new ball: the charge-and-smash ala young Tendulkar though without that kind of consistency yet, the reach-out square and cover drives that also can get his wicket, the leg-side wristy whips and the pulls on a good day. In the first few games, he tried to go all out in the spirit of an evangelist, but it didn't come off. Against Afghanistan, he was more circumspect before he fell.

But against a newish ball that comes on to the bat better than it would a little later and in conditions where it doesn't seam or swing too much, the new-Kohli is still better equipped if he can find the right balance he needs to kickstart a knock.

Rohit Sharma's form isn't helping him either but suffice here to say that if India wants to continue with their aggressive intent particularly if the pitches remain sluggish, then Kohli will have to open. If the pitches ease out to be batting beauts, then he can do the job in middle overs in theory, but as things stand, Kohli the opener has to find an aggressive way that works.

India can take a leaf out of Australia's slow-cutter plan

VENKATA B KRISHNA JUNE 21

batsmen seemed at ease. At 57/1, with Litton Das and Najmul Hossain Shanto set, they were beginning to consolidate their position on a slow Antigua pitch that was gripping, offering some turn. It's then that Australia's seamers switched to the cutters and slower ones, even as leg-spinner Adam Zampa capitalised from the other end. Bangladesh innings never took off from then on as they managed only 140/8, which Australia overhauled comfortably by 28 runs via DLS as rain put full-stop to their chase.

TILL THE end of the eighth over, Bangladesh

If India were watching it, they couldn't have got a better live demonstration of what they should be expecting from their next two opponents Bangladesh and Australia.

India are scheduled to face Bangladesh at the same venue on Saturday and going by this game, it has all the making for a slugfest in these conditions. Having learned their lessons the hard way, Bangladesh won't be any pushovers, particularly if the left-handed seamer Mustafizur Rahman puts his cutters to good use like Pat Cummins did in the second-half of the innings to complete the job

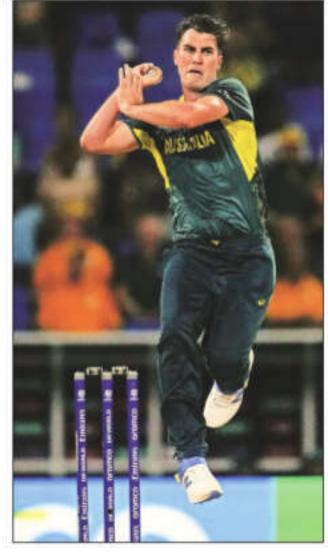
started by Zampa. In Rishad Hossain, Bangladesh also have a leg-spinner with wicket-taking abilities in the middle-overs.

India have Jasprit Bumrah, who doesn't mind going the slower cutter route even with new ball as he showed to take out the attacking opener Rahmanullah Gurbaz on Thursday. It wasn't the delivery that Gurbaz was expecting, but Bumrah doesn't do the expected or the extravagant; he solves problems with the best delivery suited in the situation. In the fifth over, Bumrah slipped in another offcutter to induce a leading edge from the left-handed Hazratullah Zazai. Afghanistan's back was broken. India also have Arshdeep Singh and Hardik Pandya to bowl the cutters.

Hardik in particular prefers the slow bouncer with that cutter, and Arshdeep can do all lengths with that type of delivery. So, Bangladesh's batsmen have their hands full, especially after their torrid time against Australia. At least they should expect it now.

Template for slow conditions

Since the 2021 T20 World Cup, Australia's template for slow conditions has been on predictable lines. After their new ball bowlers go full throttle, the likes of Cummins, Stoinis, Mitch Marsh or Cameron Green – who all bowl cutters – rotate with Zampa at one end.



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

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

Islet, the ball came on nicely in the second

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 middleovers, 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).

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

SHIVANI NAIK JUNE 21

SOUTH AFRICAN bowlers are winning them 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 wickettaker 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 sliding 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 Maharai 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

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. epaper.indianexpress.com

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 Iofra 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 powerplay 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 (Ouinton 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 has wings, tiki-taka grounded

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

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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 cutback 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 leftback 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 upfield, 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.



Spain winger Nico Williams on the charge against Italy. Reuters

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Spain

Italy

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 ploy afforded more offensive liberty for the overlapping Cucurella.

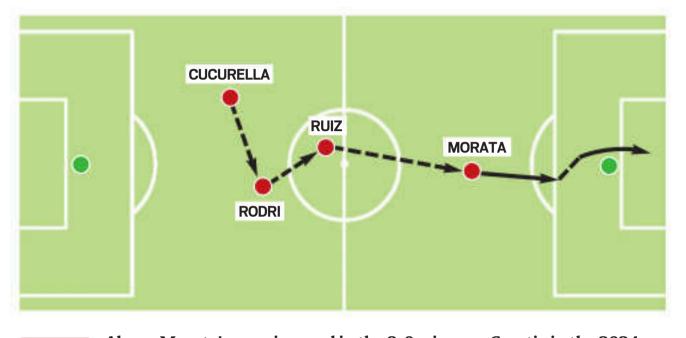
The goal against Italy too originated from Williams' snap-second burst down the left. Williams, the son of Ghanaian immigrants, their journey to Spain involving crossing parts of the Sahara on barefoot, was Italy's chief tormentor.

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

SPAIN: LESS POSSESSION BUT EQUALLY DEADLY 3 PASSES 35 PASSES 4 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.



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
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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 closerange 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.

PLAYING TODAY: Georgia vs Czech Republic, 6.30pm; Turkey vs Portugal, 9.30pm; Belgium vs Romania, 12.30am Live on: Sony Sports Network

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 medallist Kim Woojin in the lastfour 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 topranked 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 Gangee 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**

'AIFF runs football only thinking about social media'

SHASHANK NAIR
JUNE 21

FORMER INDIAN football team head coach Igor Stimac held a chaotic press conference where he levelled a myriad of accusations on the All-India Football Federation (AIFF) on Friday. The Croatian spoke on the mismanagement of his contract, the senior national team, and the overall running of the organisation under president Kalyan Chaubey.

The conference was just as disorderly as his tenure as coach had been – at

one point an account, as their profile picture, on the Zoom meeting started playing highlights of the India vs Afghanistan World Cup qualifier which they had recently lost in Guwahati, while Stimac was detailing his time in India. Chief among his complaints

was the issue of club versus country that had dogged India, especially over the last year when the Asian Games squad handling was mismanaged. Stimac said that while a calendar was mutually agreed upon with Football Sports Development Limited (FSDL), the new AIFF management decided to add

games to the schedule and essentially jeopar-

dise any future national team camps.

"I offered to give up the October and November FIFA windows to have a camp for the Asian Games and then have a four-week camp prior to the AFC Asian Cup. But AIFF arranged the King's Cup and Merdeka Cup tournaments without consulting me. After that, FSDL couldn't do anything for our team," said Stimac. "The people in Football House (AIFF's office) run it only thinking what social media will think. There's no other objective

for those people.

"The deal between FSDL and AIFF is dubious. There needs to be a public tender for such deals. We also don't have relegation, without it there is no competition in the league," said Stimac on AIFF's handling of ISL.

Citing an example of the lack of support by the AIFF, Stimac said that former Indian striker IM Vijayan, leading the technical committee, was not the right person for the job. He said that he had once asked the AIFF president to send a member of the committee on a permanent national team role so that the AIFF was aware of the work going on with the team. Stimac's logic was that instead of him writing a report that could have falsehoods in it, the AIFF TC members could see for themselves and pass judgement.

"They never sent anyone. I asked for my re-

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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 Ind

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.

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BRIEFLY

Get InvITs under purview of IBC: SBI MD

New Delhi: Infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs) are enjoying immunity from insolvency proceedings and should be brought under the Insolvency Bankruptcy Code, said Ashwini Kumar Tewari, managing director of State Bank of India on Friday.

Zepto valued at \$3.6 bn in latest fund raise

New Delhi: Zepto said it has raised \$665 million in an investment round that valued the firm at \$3.6 billion, almost triple of what it was worth a year back, and is preparing to list soon. The fund raise will help Zepto compete with e-commerces Amazon. Blinkit, and homegrown firms such as Swiggy's Instamart and Tata Group's BigBasket in the hyper-competitive grocery delivery space. PTI

BoM pays ₹857 crore dividend to govt

New Delhi: Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) presented Rs 857 crore dividend cheque to Finance Minister. The cheque was handed over by BoM MD Nidhu Saxena and executive director Asheesh Pandey in the presence of Services Financial Secretary Vivek Joshi. PTI

'DOMESTIC GROWTH OUTLOOK FOR 2024-25 REMAINS UPBEAT'

Food inflation behind grudgingly slow pace of disinflation: Das

HITESHVYAS MUMBAI, JUNE 21

SLOW PACE of disinflation is mainly due to the elevated food inflation which has been impacted by recurring supply-side shocks, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said in the minutes of the Monetary PolicyCommittee(MPC)meeting

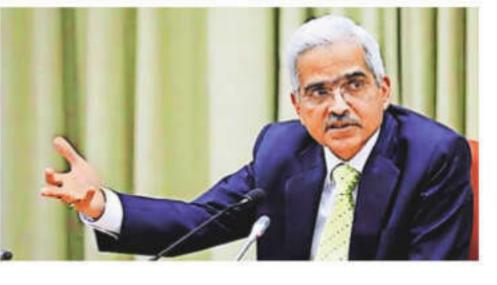
held from June 5 to 7.

Of the six-member rate setting panel, four voted to keep the policy reporate unchanged at 6.5 per cent and policy stance as withdrawal of accommodation as higher food inflation is affecting disinflation process.

Two external members of the MPC – Ashima Goyal and Jayanth Varma, however, voted for a 25 basis points cut in the repo rate as higher interest rates could hurt growth. They also voted to change the policy stance to neutral from withdrawal of accommodation.

Das said headline consumer price-based inflation is moderating but at a very slow pace. Headline inflation has moderated by around 30 basis points (bps) from 5.1 per cent in February 2024 to 4.8 per cent in April 2024. In May 2024, inflation softened to 4.7 per cent and food inflation remained unchanged at 7.9 per cent.

"Food inflation is the main factor behind the grudgingly slow pace of disinflation. Recurring and overlapping supply-side shocks continue to play an outsized role in food inflation," Das wrote in the minutes. In the monetary policy, Das voted for keeping the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent and to continue with the stance of withdrawal of accommodation. "With persistently high food inflation, it would be in order



Reseerve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das.

to continue with the disinflationary policy stance that we have adopted. Any hasty action in a different direction will cause more harm than good," he said.

It is important that inflation is durably aligned to the target of 4 per cent, the Governor said, adding that price stability is the bedrock for high and sustainable growth.

Going forward, the baseline projections show inflation moderating to an average 4.5 per cent in 2024-25. In the immediate months, however, the impact of exceptionally warm summer months on output of certain perishables; a likely rabi production shortfall in some pulses and vegetables - particularly potatoes and onions; and the upward revisions in milk prices, warrant close monitoring, Das said.

On economy, the Governor said domestic growth outlook for 2024-25 remains upbeat as economic activity continues to maintain momentum. The RBI has proiected real gross domestic product (GDP) at 7.2 per cent in the current financial year.

RBI Deputy Governor Michael Patra, who voted for keeping the

policy rate and the stance of withdrawal of accommodation unchanged, said the speed of the easing of inflation has been disappointing so far, even from a

cross-country perspective. "The Indian economy remains hostage to intersecting food price shocks. Their repetitive occurrence calls for intensifying monetary policy vigil to ward off spillovers to other components of inflation and to expectations," he said.

MPC member Ashima Goyal said the experience of the past year shows supply shocks no longer have persistent effects on inflation or on inflation expectations. "We have waited for one year to watch the impact of these shocks, now it is time to move on," Goyal wrote in the minutes.

A durable approach to the inflation target is consistent with a transient rise in inflation, she said. It is necessary to avoid the mistake of 2015 when international crude oil prices fell substantially but the fear that they would rise again prevented an adequate cut in the policy rate.

"Real interest rates rose substantially and hurt growth," Goyal

said. Iavanth Varma said that the maintenance of restrictive policy for unwarrantedly long will lead to a growth sacrifice in 2025-26 as well. Professional forecasters surveyed by the RBI are projecting growth both in 2025-26 and in 2024-25 to be lower than in 2023-24 by more than 0.75 per cent, and lower than the potential growth rate (of say 8 per cent) by more than 1 per cent.

"This is an unacceptably high growth sacrifice considering that headline inflation is projected to be only about 0.5 per cent above target, and core inflation is extremely benign," Varma said.

MPC member Rajiv Ranjan said headline and core inflation have moderated on anticipated lines. There is, however, little comfort in the near-term with inflation projected to remain sticky at around 4.9 per cent in Q1 of FY2024-25.

"While we can draw some comfort from headline inflation running within the tolerance band successively for eight months in a row, we cannot drop is still not aligned to the target," Ranjan said. Repeated incidence of food price shocks is delaying the final descent of inflation to the target, he said.

According to Shashanka Bhide, the moderate inflation rate will have to be durable to be an effective condition for sustained growth. In this context, the policy would have to continue its focus on maintaining the inflation rate aligned to the target over the medium term. He also voted for keeping policy rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent and keeping policy stance as withdrawal of accommodation.

Manufacturing PMI rises to 60.9 in June, job creation fastest in 18 years: Survey

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, JUNE 21

AIDED BY gains in manufacturing and services sectors, business activity in the country got further strengthened in June with the pace of job creation fastest in over 18 years, according to a survey.

According to the HSBC survey, the final Manufacturing, Services and Composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) figure rose by 0.4 percentage point to 60.9 in June, compared to a downward revised figure of 60.5 in May. "The composite output index

rose further in June, supported by an increase in new orders, leading firms to increase hiring in both sectors. Input prices moderated slightly in June, resulting in improvement in margins, particularly for manufacturing firms," the survey said. While robust demand condi-

tions are keeping business activity elevated, the outlook for future activity dropped sharply, it said.

Manufacturers and service providers, combined, saw their our guard as the headline inflation output rise. Of the two, the bigger boost came from manufacturers, the HSBC survey said. The composite flash PMI ticked up in June, supported by rises in both the manufacturing and service sectors, with the former recording a faster pace of growth, said Maitreyi Das, global economist at HSBC.

It said new orders rose by almost one percentage point, primarily led by domestic orders. Mirroring the trend in output, new orders rose at a quicker pace for manufacturers than for service providers. "Meanwhile, new export orders slowed in June, but remained at a much higher level



Rise in st input but activity Rise in staff, input buying

ACCORDING TO the HSBC survey, rising demand resulted in capacity pressures which led to the increase of staffing levels and input buying activity in both manufacturing and service firms. The pace of job creation was the fastest in over 18 years.

compared to their historical average. Service-related firms fared better than manufacturers in terms of international demand. Panelists noted broad-based gains from Africa, Asia, Australia, the Americas, Europe and the Middle East," it said.

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The PMI survey said the good

news is that input cost inflation moderated in June and came in below long-term average. Both manufacturers and service providers saw moderation in input price pressures. However, overall price levels remain elevated with survey respondents citing higher labour and material costs, particularly for food, steel and electronics. Output prices moderated a tad, with divergence between the manufacturing and service sector: the former saw a rise in output prices, while the latter saw a moderation, it said.

"Corporate margins improved in June. Both the manufacturing and service sectors saw margin improvement as input costs moderated. However, manufacturing firms were able to pass on a part of their input costs to customers, resulting in higher gains in corporate margins," it said. "However, we should remain

slightly cautious as the future output index fell sharply. The overall degree of optimism weakened to a three-month low, but remained above the series average. Private sector firms believe that marketing efforts are likely to help sustain the momentum in demand. the HSBC survey said.

'Reimburse GST to farmers, revive agricultural research'

RAVI DUTTA MISHRA NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

TO ADDRESS challenges such as low income for farmers and stubborn food inflation, farmer associations and agriculture experts suggested to the government a slew of measures ranging from reviving agricultural research to reimbursing taxes on input material to farmers, sources in the know told The Indian Express.

The suggestions were made during a pre-Budget consultation meeting chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on

Friday with senior advisors and Finance Ministry officials. However, prominent farmer unions that have been protesting over the demand for legalisation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops were not present for the discussion. As climate change stoked food

security concerns forcing the government to restrict exports of a number of items, experts suggested that the government should revive agriculture research that has historically paid rich dividends especially in the production of basmati rice that dominates export, it is learnt.

upon ways to extend the benefits under PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi to non-landowning farmers that comprise nearly 30 per cent of the workforce involved in crop production. Currently under the scheme, the government makes direct cash transfers to landowning farmers.

Discussions also touched

To ease the pressure on farmers, farmer bodies are learnt to have sought a mechanism to reimburse the Goods and Services Tax(GST) that farmers pays on input materials such as fertilizers and pesticides.FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

'Rural India a bright star for FMCG sales'

Rural India is expected to maintain better pace of expansion than urban areas in the second quarter of 2024, as per a Kantar report



While urban market is likely to remain under stress, the rural may consolidate its position in second quarter

The growth in the rural areas is helped by region-centric measures by the government in the interim budget earlier this year

Populist measures are expected by some states which are going to face elections this year

The urban market did not see growth for three straight quarters, and is contending with a huge Q2 2023 base

towards the second half more

The effect of rainfall will be felt

Source: Kantar/PTI

dropped by \$2.922 billion to ended June 14, the Reserve Bank

India's forex reserves

\$652.895 billion for the week of India said on Friday. In the previous reporting week, the kitty had jumped by

\$4.307 billion to \$655.817 billion, a new all-time high after consecutive weeks of increase in the reserves. For the week ended June 14, foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, decreased by \$2.097 billion to

drop to \$652.895 billion New Delhi: India's forex reserves \$574.24 billion, the data released on Friday showed.

> Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

Gold reserves decreased by \$1.015 billion to \$55.967 billion during the week. The Special Drawing Rights were down by \$54 million to \$18.107 billion, the apex bank said.

Do not advertise ULIPs as investment plans: Irdai

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

TO CURB the mis-selling of life insurance policies as pure investment products, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) has barred insurance companies from advertising unit-linked insurance plans or Ulips as investment plans. The insurance regulator said

all insurers shall advertise the launch of Ulips only with reference to the underlying life insurance coverage and the products associated with it.

"Further, no press release or statement shall be issued by the insurer without making a reference to the life insurance cover-

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PENSION FUND Regulatory and

Development Authority chairman

Deepak Mohanty on Friday said

the regulator would introduce

new life cycle fund options by

September for NPS (non-govern-

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markets, Mohanty said.

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

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ALL THE advertisements shall disclose that the past performance does not construe any indication of future bonuses, and other

age and the associated products,' Irdai said in the master circular. This comes in the backdrop of insurers launching mid-cap and small-cap Ulips in the past couple of years when the two indices were rising steadily. Investors ilar to Securities and Exchange

PFRDA to bring new life cycle fund option by Sep

In addition, the regulator said that all the advertisements shall disclose that the past performance does not construe any indication of future bonuses, and other factors – a move that is sim-

Board of India guidelines for mu-

tual funds. "This is a progressive

move. It could have come earlier,"

Yojana (APY), Mohanty said, 1.24

crore new subscribers were added

said Ashvin Parekh, managing partner of Ashvin Parekh Advisory Services. Parekh said this was a neces-

sary step given that the stock market has done pretty well in the last few years.

"There is a tendency to sell Ulips on the basis of investment returns rather than on protection basis. It is not necessary that manufacturers encourage this, but this tendency exists," he said. Insurers will have to specifically state that market-linked insurance plans are different from traditional endowment policies and carry risks. Likewise, participating (with bonus) endowment policies will have to state upfront that the bonuses projected in benefit illustrations are not guaranteed. **FE**

Since its inception 6.6 crore

subscribers have been added un-

der APY, he said, adding that it is

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crore subscribers during the cur-Phase II of Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation (GMRC) Ltd. rent financial year, he added. nterested bidders are requested to visit https://tender.nprocure.com/ for The enrolment under NPS eligibility criteria, applying / downloading the tender document. The last date and and allocation of equity and debt (non-government)was 9.7 lakh in time for Bid Submissions of Tender is 15:00 Hrs. on 29.07.2024 FY24 and that same is expected to depends on the option chosen by Any alterations in Eligibility Criteria cum Qualification Requirements, and terms of them. There are different investgo up to 11 lakh in the current fisthe Tender Document, or any amendment to the Tender Document, etc, will be ment choices (Auto/Active) for cal, he said. uploaded on https://tender.nprocure.com/ and GMRC's Website Tier I and Tier II NPS accounts. www.gujaratmetrorail.com without any obligation or press notification or other Market functioning normally, With regard to Atal Pension the total corpus, including APY,

20 CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

I, RAJEEV MAHESHWARANAND

ROY, S/o Shri Agam Narayan

of Kailash. New Delhi declare

that my complete name is

ROY\' and my name is also

mentioned as \'RAJEEV M.

Roy, R/O-E-265 First Floor, East

\'RAJEEV MAHESHWARANAND

ROY\'in some records/ places

\'RAJEEV MAHESHWARANAND

and it is hereby clarified that

ROY\'and \'RAJEEV M. ROY\'

are the names of one and the

same person. I have sworn an

I, Rattan Gupta S/o Om Parkash

R/o-2A-203, Rang Rashayan-

changed my-name to Rattan

Rattan Gupta and Rattan Saraf

Extension Part-1, Laxmi Nagar,

Delhi-110092, have changed

my name to Rehana Shazad.

I, Rupesh Kumar S/o Maan

Singh R/o, H.No. 196, Road-

No.77, Mahatma Gandhi-

New Delhi-110026, have

I.Anil Sharma S/o.Gauri

Badshahpur, Gurgaon,

my name to Anil Kumar

Sharma for all purposes.

I. Prashantkumar Chandan

Olympia Society, Sec-16C,

have changed my name to

I. Pallavi Gulati W/o Sandeep

Kundra R/o B-65, UGF, Mansa

Ram Park, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-

110059 have changed my name

to Pallavi Kundra. 070909104-1

I, Ngesh Singh S/o Rajendra

Singh R/o H.No. FCA-399, C-4,

SGM NAGAR, NIT Faridabad,

I, Kumari Binita W/o Ram

Basant Lane, Pahar Ganj,

my son's name Piyush to

Piyush Prasad S/o Ram

I, KAUSHAL S/o KRISHAN

KUMAR R/o B-58, THIRD

FLOOR, PART-1, Opposite

GANGA RAM VATIKA, VISHNU

GARDEN, WEST DELHI, DELHI-

110018 HAVE CHANGED MY

NAME TO KAUSHAL KUMAR

I, Freya Kapoor D/o Deepak

49, Aravali Vihar, sainik

Kapur R/o H.No.2534, sector-

colony, NIT Faridabad-121001

Haryana, have changed my

name to Freya Kapur for all

I, Davinder Kumar Gulati S/o

Rikkhi Ram Gulati R/o RZJ-

to Davinder Gulati.

I, BALJINDER DUTTA, D/O

JARNAIL SINGH SIKKA, R/O

RAJOURI GARDEN, TAGORE

110027, have changed my

all future purposes.

GARDEN, WEST DELHI, DELHI-

name to BALJINDER SIKKA For

I, Anurag Sharma S/o Mahesh

Tower-G, 11th Avenue, Guar

corrected date of birth from

21.07.2009) to SHUBH SHARMA

Saran Chaursia, R/o, RZF-659/4

201318 have changed my

minor son's name and

SHUB SHARMA (DOB:

(DOB: 21.07.2008) for all

I, Amit Chaursia S/o Kishori

Gali-No-24A, Sadh-Nagar-2,

Palam Colony, Delhi-110045,

have changed my name to

I Varun S/O Giri Raj R/OHouse

110096, have changed my

Saxena and W/O. Raieev

New Delhi-110065 have

SAKSENA ROY\'as per

Name to Varun Kumar

no-1/78 Khichri Pur, New Delhi-

Permanently. 0040734879-7

I KETAKI SAKSENA, D/o Shri Anil

Maheshwaranand Roy R/o E-

265 First Floor, East Of Kailash,

changed my name to \'KETKI

affidavit dated 20-06-2024.

I.Meena Kumari w/o Naresh

Kumar, R/o C-7, Gali. No. 6, Arjun

110051 have Change my Name

to Divya Kurseja permanently

I Arpita D/o Sh. Vikas Bararia

R/o C-8/300, Yamuna Vihar,

Delhi -110053 have changed

I Nikita Gupta W/o Sunil R/o

H.No.T-282/1A,Third Floor,

Nagar, Patel Nagar, Delhi-

all purposes.

person.

my name to Arpita Bararia for

Right Side Road No.20, Baljeet

110008 is also known as Pooja.

Both names Nikita Gupta and

Pooja are of one and the same

Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-

purposes.

Amit Chaurasia.

Chandra Sharma R/o Flat 651,

City-2, Greater Noida West, UP-

House no- 30 A MIG FLATS RED

40/222, West Sagar Pur, Delhi-

110046 have changed my name

INFUTURE FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Delhi-110055, have changed

Parvesh Prasad for all future

Parvesh Prasad R/o

Harvana-121001 have changed

my name to NAGESH SINGH for

H.No.102/A-4, Railway Colony,

all purposes.

all purposes.

purposes.

purposes

Jena S/o Chandan Kumar Jena

R/o Flat No- 155, Tower-2, Palm

Greater Noida West, UP-201009

PRASHANT CHANDAN JENA for

Camp, West-Punjabi Bagh,

changed my name to Rupesh.

Shankar Sharma R/o. House

M3M Golf Estate, Sector-65,

No-10A.Tower-7, Fairway East

Haryana-122101 have changed

Saraf for-all purposes. That

Apartments, Sector-13,

both are one and same-

I, Rehana W/o Mohammad

Shezad, R/o J-215A, J-

Rohini, Delhi-110085, have

0040734867-1

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0040734898-5

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0070909092-1

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affidavit dated 20-06-2024 to

this effect.

person.

Classifieds

I,NADIM AHMED,S/O.BASHIR AHMED,R/O.1435,CHHATTA-NAWAB SAHAB, FARASH KHANA G.P.O, CENTRAL, DELHI-110006, changed my name to NADEEM AHMED, for all, future purposes. 0040734883-9

PERSONAL

It is for general information that I Prithvi B S/O Bheemanna Setty R/O room 209, hostel 16, AIIMS, masjid moth, South ext part 2, New Delhi-110049 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Prithvi Bheemanna Setty in my passport. The actual name of mine is Prithvi B, which may be amended accordingly.

0040734825-1

I.YUVRAJ SINGH TOMAR..S/o Mr.NAVEEN TOMAR.R/o-H.NO-483, ARUN VIHAR, SECTOR-37, NOIDA, DISTT. GAUTAM-**BUDH-NAGAR.UTTAR** PRADESH-201303, have changed my, name from YUVRAJ SINGH to YUVRAJ SINGH TOMAR.for all.future purposes. 0040734879-10

I.YASMIN D/o SRIDHARAN,R/o WZ 220, BASAI DARAPUR, RAMESH NAGAR WEST DELHI DELHI-110015, have changed my name to JESSYMOL, for all future purposes. 0040734879-8

I,Vanda W/o Prabhu Ramkishan Kundgir, Tg. Gangakhed, Post. Dongarpimpla, Parbhani, Maharashtra have changed my name to Mitravandana Prabhu Kundgir. 0040734886-2

I,TAMANNA PARVEEN AKLEEMA,W/O-MOHD QADEER ALI,R/O J-15,LG-2,GROUND-FLOOR, DILSHAD COLONY, JHILMIL, DELHI-110095, have changed my name to TAMNNA PARVEEN, for all, future 0040734898-3 purposes.

I,Swati Pandey,W/o Piyush Kumar Tewari.R/o CV1-0301. Supertech Capetown. Sector-74, Noida, UP have changed my name to Swati Tewari, for all, future purposes.

0040734883-3

I,Sudha Bhatt,W/o Alok Bhatt R/o Flat.No.B-921 Tower-6 River Heights Rajnagar-Extension Ghaziabad, U.P.-201017, have changed my name to Sudha Alok Bhatt

Rathi, R/o-G-1/118-119, Ground Floor, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi-110089, Have changed my name to Sanjay Kumar Rathi. 0040734898-1 I,SHWETA TIWARI,R/O.D-

I.Saniav Rathi.S/o-Brii Mohan

0040734883-8

13, SILVER OAK SOCIETY, POCKET-7, GREATER-NOIDA, **GAUTAMBUDH NAGAR, UTTAR** PRADESH-201310, changed my minor CHILD name SHAURYA to SHAURYA TIWARI, for all future purposes. 0040734883-6

I,Parbhot Singh S/o Paramjeet Singh R/o D-339,Tagore Garden Extn., Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Prabhjot Singh for, all purposes.

0040734819-1

I, Archana-W/o-Sunil Kumar.R/o-Flat.no.-102.Tower-5.Emaar Imperial Garden Sector-102, Dwarka expressway Gurgaon-122006 (Haryana), have changed my name to Archana Kumari.

0040734898-2 I,D K Tyagi,S/o-Chhidda Singh Tyagi, R/o-Raghunathpur,

Sector-22, Noida, Gautam Budh-Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name to Devendra Tyagi, for all, future 0040734879-5 purpose. I,DAKSH GUBRANI S/O

MAHINDER GUBRANI R/o B-8/101,2ND FLOOR,SECTOR-5, ROHINI, NEAR SECTOR-7.ROHINI DELHI-110085.HAVE **CHANGED MY NAME TO** DAKSH.

0040734883-4 I, Harshit S/O Kishori Lal. R/o

LALPUR, Kasganj, Kasganj, Uttar Pradesh-207123, have changed my name, from Harshit to Harshit Kushwah, for all, future purposes.

0040734879-6

I.Janhvi Nitin Rane.D/o Nitin Rane,R/o C-65, Type-II,New Police Line, Kingsway Camp, Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Janhvi Rane, for all, future purposes.

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I,KHUSHBOO,D/O.HEMANT GULATI.R/O.A-122.SECTOR-31.NOIDA,GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH-201301, changed my name to KHUSHBOO GULATI. for all future purposes.

0040734883-5

I,Kirti W/o Lalit Maggo,R/o-H.No.1399, Sector-9, faridabad, Haryana-121006, have added my husband's surname with my name Kirti Maggo, for all future purposes

0040734789-2

I, Raju Mishra S/o Kanta Prasad Mishra R/o 96, Near Sanjay Park, Shakarpur Khas, Delhi-110092 have my name to Raj Narayan Mishra.

0070909084-1 I, SIDDHANTH MISHRA, S/O ANURAG MISRA, R/O H-108, SECOND FLOOR, SHIVAJI PARK, WEST PUNJABI BAGH, WEST DELHI, DELHI-110026, INDIA. Have changed my name to SIDDHANT MISHRA For all

future purposes.

0070909108-1

I,Kundgir Prabhu S/o Ramkishan Kundgir, Tq. Gangakhed, Post. Dongarpimpla, Parbhani, Maharashtra have changed my name to Prabhu Ramkishan Kundgir.

0040734886-1

I.Monika Kumar, W/o Deepak Kumar, R/o E-502, Satisar Apartments, Plot No.6,Opposite Vishwa Bharti School.Sector-7.Dwarka.South West Delhi, Delhi-110075, have changed my minor daughter's name from Airaa Kumar aged 10 years to Manasvi Kumar for all future purposes. 0040734883-10

I,PARVESH CHAUHAN S/O PARAS CHAUHAN, R/O FLAT NO-87,GH-4,PASCHIM VIHAR DELHI-110063, HAVE CHANGRD MY NAME TO PRAVESH CHAUHAN FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0040734895-2 I,Phool S/o Medi Ram R/o-House.No-20,New Roshan Pura Village, Najafgarh, South-West Delhi, Delhi-110043, have changed my name to Phool

Singh

0040734789-1

I.RANDHEER SINGH, S/O-JAMAN SINGH,R/O-H.NO-151,SMITH-NAGAR ARCADIA GRANT PREM-NAGAR **DEHRADUN, UTTRAKHAND-**248007, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RANDHIR SINGH, FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0040734883-1

I,Radhe Krishna S/o Mr.Dharam Raj Ram, R/o B-907, 1st Floor, Block-B, Enter Gate-No.4, Green Field Colony, Sector-43, Faridabad, Haryana-121010, declare that Radhe is my First Name and Krishna is my Surname.

0040734785-1

I,Raj Kumar s/o-Sohan Lal Sehgal,R/o-3424, D.B.Gupta Road, Gali Hari Mandir, Pahargani, Delhi-110055, have changed my name to Raj Kumar Sehgal permanently. 0040734879-4

I,Rajinder Dharna,S/o Baldev Raj, R/o-A-77, Narang Colony,

Janakpuri, West Delhi-110058, have change my name from Rajinder Dharna to Rajinder Kumar Dharna, for all future purposes. 0040734849-1

I,SHATAKSHI Alok Bhatt,D/o

Rajnagar Extension, Ghaziabad U.P.-201017.have changed my name to Shreva Waghmi Alok Bhatt. 0040734883-7 I,Ankush Aggarwal,S/o Kishan

Alok Bhatt, R/o Flat. No. B-

921, Tower-6, River Heights

Kishore Aggarwal, R/o House No: 1/19,Roop Nagar,North Delhi-110007, have changed my minor Daughter name, from Dhriti to Dhriti Aggarwal. 0040734895-9

PASCHIM PURI DELHI -110063, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO CHANDRIKA. 0040734879-2

I,ANITA W/O ANIL KUMAR R/O

440, POCKET-3, JANTA FALT

I,ANIL S/O RAMESH CHANDER R/O 440, POCKET-3, JANTA FALT PASCHIM PURI DELHI-110063, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANIL KUMAR.

0040734879-1

I,AFREEN SANA,W/o MOHD. WASEEM,R/o I-66,BLOCK-I,BATLA HOUSE,JAMIA NAGAR, OKHLA, NEW DELHI-110025, inform that ARFEEN SANA and AFREEN SANA, both names are same person. My correct name is AFREEN SANA. for all, future purpose.

0040734879-9

I, hitherto known as AMBICA JAIN D/o Amit Jain, R/o 126 Lane C8/1, Central Avenue, Sainik Farms, New Delhi-110062, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as AMBICA RANA JAIN.

0040734847-1

I, Yogesh Kumar Sharma, R/O-458/6, Gali No 6, Govindpuri Delhi, am changing my son's name from Dhruv Sharma to Yatharth Sharma for all purposes.

0040734623-1

I. Tufail Ahmad Siddigue R/o D-103/B, Abul Fazal Enclave Part-2 Shaheen Bagh, Jamia Nagar, Okhla South Delhi-110025 Have changed my minor Daughter name from Saddeeka Tasneem to Sadiga Tasneem for all future purposes

0070909102-1

I, Tufail Ahmad Siddique R/o D-103/B, Abul Fazal Enclave Part-2 Shaheen Bagh, Jamia Nagar, Okhla South Delhi-110025 Have changed my minor Daughter name from Ashana Tufail to Aashna Tufail For all future purposes. 0070909085-1

I, SHIKHAR PRAMODKUMAR DIXIT. S/o Pramod Dixit. K-43. BALAJI ENCLAVE, GOVINDPURAM, GHAZIABAD, UP-201013 have changed my name to SHIKHAR DIXIT

0070909058-1

I Rohit R/O 162, 3rd floor, sector 12, gokuldham society, vasundhra, ghaziabad 201012 U.P. have changed my name to Rohit Khanna.

0070909119-1 I Renu Kumari Prasad W/O, Dr. Vivekanand Bhagat R/o Flat N0-175, Bharat Apartment, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to

Renu Prasad. 0040734788-1 **LOST & FOUND**

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(224611,224613,2246 15,224616, 224617,224618, 224619, 224620, 197013, 231582, 279622,290636, 296713, finder Contact-9582551908.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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), fron Mrs. Rashima Kasal, who has represented that she is the sole & absolute owner of said Flat. having inherited through Wil dated 25.10.2018 (Doc No. 875 of her deceased father - Late Mi 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 o claim whatsoever on the said Property or objection to its mortgage, then he/she/it may contact the undersigned with documentary proof of clain 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

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

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property.

harokha Sha, aged about 86 years, R/o K 22, Near Lamba Cycle, Laxmi Nagar, Delh 110092 do hereby in his full senses and without any pressure, declare that the above-mentioned property was purchase by him in the year 1965 through his ow nings and got the same built by himself His elder son Shiy Kumar soon after hi narriage, started living separately with hi wife Smt. Shail Devi and did not have an omestic relationship with our client and his family. After the demise of Shiv Kum in 2007, out of humanity our client allowe nis elder son's widow to stay in his proper and since then Shail Devi along with he adopted son Rahul Kumar and his wif Manju alias Priyanka and their children ar

The behavior of Shail Devi, her son Rahu

Kumar and his wife Priyanka grew ver rude and hurtful towards our client and hi family. Shail Devi, along with her son' family, are harassing our client and hi family by filing false cases against or client and the rest of his family an xtending threats to our client that if h does not transfer the above property in her name then she will implicate our client and nis 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 will not have any right in our client's movable an movable property/assets in future. He nereby severe all his relations with the above said persons. He has no relation wit her and her extended family and if an erson does any business or transaction with them then our client will not b esponsible for the same

BHARTI SHARMA Advocate Enrl. No. D/442/2013

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 Ward No. XV. Mohalla Bawli, Paharganj, New Delhi hereinafter referred to as "said property". NOTICE is hereby given to general public that our clients, Mr. Manjeet Singh Narula, 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 dt 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.1825674/2024 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 Joginder 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 objection/s, 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

For M/s Intellective Law Offices

A-74, Lower Ground Floor, Defence Colony, New Delhi-24

be prosecuted under the law.

Shivkant Arora, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform public at large that my Clie Sh. Vishwambhar Dayal, S/o Sh. R.S. Shar

and **Smt. Sheela Devi,** W/o Sh. Vishwambh Dayal, residents of J-3/2, Near Alaknan nplex, DDA Flats, Kalkaji, South Delhi, Delhi 110019 being anguished by the miscondu hisbehavior and intolerable attitude as well a uarrelsome nature of their son **Sh. Shailendr** Parashar, Daughter-in-law Mrs. Sonika Sharm nd grand-daughters Ms. Pragya Parashar ar Ms. Lavanya Parashar, has severed all the rand-daughters as such disown and disinherit, a them from their movable and immov roperty (ies). Further, my clients were not/ar ot/ shall not be responsible for any of the

> MEENAKSHI GARG(Advocate Enrl. No. D/2749/201' Chamber No. 33, Western Wing Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-11005

Public at large is hereby informed that () Entire Ground Floor of Freehold property No M-59, Greater Kallash II along with 22.53

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proportionate rights in land underneat presently owned and possessed by Shri Ami Goyal & Smt. Riya Goyal by virtue of Sale Deed duly registered vide Regd. No. 531 dated 10:10:2013 and (2) Entire Basemer Floor of Freehold property No M -59. Greats Kailash - II along with 10% proportionate rights in land underneath presently owner and possessed by Shri Amit Goyal & Smt. Madhu Goyal by virtue of Sale Deed dul registered vide Regd. No. 5312, dated 10.10.2013, my/our client(s) intends to purchase the above mentioned properties from its above mentioned owners by availar the home loan facility from State Bank of India: Branch: Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh an keeping the Floor property(ies) as securit with the 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/o Bank, beneficiary of Will, HUF/ member HUF, financial institution having any claim any charge, interest or lien or claim and/o objection to thereof, he/she/ they may lodge notify the same to the undersimed will documentary proof/court judgment within 1 days from the day of publication of this publi notice, failing which any further/ futur claim/objection(s) shall be rejected and m client/prospective buyer(s) as a bona-fid purchaser conclude the title/Sale Der proposed to be executed in layor of my clien or in the name of his/her/their nominee shall be deemed to be clear and marketable without any defect, encumbrance, flaw and

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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 RailTel 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 Aungaridham Halt by raising and improvement of platform, waiting hall with provision of light under ADEN/RGD., 2 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. Al corrigendum will be uploaded on website, it required. Divisional Railway Manager, E.C.Railway, Danapur

PR/0533/DNR/ETRD/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 underpass/overpass, RFO, soil stability, slope stability, EV2 test for 3rd & 4th Line of Son Nagar - Andal 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 descripencies found in tender

notice, English version will be final. Tenderers are requested to visit the website http://www.ireps.gov.in atleast 15 days before last date of closing, for latest corrigendum/corrections etc in connection with this e-tender.

Any change/addendum/corrigendum will

be published on IREPS website only. CAO/Construction/South ECR., Mahendrughat, Patna **STEM WATER DISTRIBUTION &**

B-1 Tender for following work.

INFRASTRUCTURE CO. PVT. LTD., THANE Vardan Commercial Complex, 9th Floor, MIDC, Road No. 16, Wagale Industrial Estate, Thane (W)-400 604. stemwatercompany@gmail.com

E-Tender Notice No. 6 (1st Extention) for 2024-25 STEM Water Dist. & Infra. Co. Pvt. Ltd., Thane are invited E-Tender in the form of

Date & Time Name of Work Construction of STEMs new Head Office Start Dt. 20.06.2024 at 1200 Hrs. building at Kharegaon, Thane End Dt. 25.06.2024 at 1200 Hrs. Technical Bid Open on Providing, installing, testing V-wire Dt. 27.06.2024 at 1200 Hrs. under drain system at WTP Temghar.

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. (Sanket M. Gharat)

Managing Director कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय भवन निर्माण विभाग

शुद्धि सूचना

भवन प्रमण्डल संख्या-1, राँची

एतद 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 – Tender Reference No. **Work Name** PR No.

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

को अपरिहार्य कारणों से रद्द किया जाता है।

PR 327235 Building(24-25).D

N.I.T. No. 12/HFA/2024

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

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

Bhopal, Dated 21.06.2024 Online percentage rate bids for the following work are invited from contractors and firms fulfilling registratioon criteria: Probable Earnest Period of Cost of Money Document

Name of Work Sr. Online Completion Tender Amount of No. Deposit (In Months) Contract (In Lakhs) Rupees) Rupees) 2023 UAD Contruction of Houses and Development of Infrastructure for 24 Months 261197 7 Affordable Housing in Bhopal including Approach Road from (Including 10637.27 | 5318637/-50000.00 Neelbad Square to Site and Development of Chandrashekhar Rainy Garden, at Kalkheda Phase II Site, under PMAY - Bhopal 1. The interested bidders may view the Detailed Notice Inviting Tendeer 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.

Superintendent Engineer (HFA) Bhopal Municipal Corporation



T.N. 68/024/025

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



एतद 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 :--

		पूर्व ई–प्रोक्योरमेंट नोटिश	में अंकित	वर्त्तमान 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	18.06.2024 (10:30 A.M.) to	28.06.2024 (10:30 A.M.) to	
	(Date & Time)	16.07.2024 (12:00 Noon)	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.)

* प्राक्कलित राशि घट–बढ सकती है। शेष क्रम संख्या पर अंकित विवरणी यथावत रहेंगे।

कार्यपालक अभियंता PR 327211 Lohardaga(24-25).D पथ निर्माण विभाग,पथ प्रमंडल, लोहरदगा



ENGINEERING SECTION}, KUTCHERY ROAD, RANCHI, PIN - 834001 e-mail :- support@ranchimunicipal.com DATED:-20-06-2024

LETTER No :-181/Eng

e-Procurement Notice (6th Call) 1. Name of Tender Inviting Officer :-Chief Engineer, RMC, Ranchi

Date of Publication of Tender on Website :-24-06-2024

3. Bid Submission Start Date Bid Submission End Date

:-24-06-2024 :-09-07-2024 Up to 5:00 PM :-10-07-2024 Up to 12:30 PM

5. Date/Time of Opening bid Helpline number

Name of the Work

:-9279239910/9430763688 Cost of Tender Approximate Earnest value of work Document Money

SI. Ward Period of No. No. completion (Rs.) "Remaining Works of Urban 10,62,86,028/- 10,63,000/-01 29,500/-365 Days Hatt" at Kanke, Ranchi. 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 UDHD 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 **NORTHERN RAILWAY**

Dated 18.06.2024

e-AUCTION NOTICE NO. August/2024

E-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous Scrap, Non Ferrous Scrap, Other Misc Scrap, Condemned Loco, Coaches and Wagons, Scrap Rail and other scrap P Way material. Used lead Acid Batteries/Used oil/Refused oil will be sold only to recyclers registered with State Pollution Control Board. Auction programme is as under.

-	CAOOHON DAILOT ON August 2024.									
S.No	Depot conducting auction	Time	1 st round	2 [™] round	3 rd round	4th round	5th round			
1	Alambagh/Lucknow 0522-2451257	10.00	5	12	20	27	30			
2	Shakurbasti 011-27015387	10.00	7	14	21	28	30			
3	Jagadhari 01732-252388	10.00	6	13	20	27	30			
4	Sr.DMM/LKO 0522-2234756	10.00	6	13	20	27	30			
5	Sr.DMM/FZR 01632-244154	10.00	1	8	16	22	30			
6	Sr.DMM/UMB 0171-2611203	10.00	7	14	21	28	30			
7	Sr.DMM/MB 0591-2413141	10.00	1	8	16	22	30			
8	Sr.DMM/DLI 011-23365311	10.00	5	12	20	27	30			

The details of item to be sold in auction will be available in catalogue at www.ireps.gov.in

working hours at nominated locations. To participate in e-auction, purchasers need to get themselves registered with ireps. The

4. For further details regarding registration and other conditions of e-auction,

epaper.indianexpress.com

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Principal Chief Materials Manager Amrit Mahotsav Headquarters Office, Baroda House, New Delhi-110001 Mail ID: salenr365@gmail.com

No. 117-S/Sales/Auction Programme/2024-25

e-AUCTION DATES FOR August' 2024.

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2. The intending purchasers may inspect the scrap material before the auction during

details on last sold rates in auctions are available at www.railnet.gov.in.

please visit Railway website 'www.ireps.gov.in (Anil Kumar Rai) Dy. Chief Material Manager/S&P

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PR/0530/CONS/ENGG/T/24-25/44

JAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Indira Circle, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur-302004

No:- JDA/EE & TA to Dir. Engg.-1/2024-25/D-37 NOTICE INVITING BID

Dated: 21.06.2024

NIB No. : EE & TA to Dir.Engg.-1/03/2024-25

Bids are invited from interested bidders for following works :-

UBN No. Cost of Nature Last Date of Work No. Work (Lacs) JDA2425WSOB00030 251.87 08.07.2024 Road 10.07.2024 JDA2425WSOB00051 235.49 Road STP 30 MLD 23.07.2024 JDA2425WLOB00033 5816.09 (EPC) Sewerage JDA2425SLRC00044 275.31 19.07.2024 Network (DPR)

Other particulars of the respective bid may be visited on Procurement Portal website www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.ir and www.jda.rajasthan.gov.in. **Executive Engineer &** TA to Dir.Engg-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.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax: 011-24368639 DP/7748/N/2024

SHO PS, Kashmere Gate, Delhi Ph.9079025026

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER Tender Notice No. PCMM/GENL/TP/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.ireps.gov.in as follows. All the tenders will be closed at 14.00 hrs. SI.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 & ₹ 92,960. 2; 60240006; 28.06.2024 Manufacturing and supply of HVN-66 insulating liners etc.; 3100000 nos. & ₹ 6.31,160 3; IH245191; 08.07.2024; SKV welding equipment; 12 set & ₹ 1,48,680. 4; IF245505 12.07.2024; Full Room Digital Radiography Compatible X-Ray Machine with Printe and CAMC for 5 years; 01 no. & ₹ 1,60,630. 5; 80243060; 08.07.2024; Grease no 0 Graphited for elastic rail clips etc.; 424242 kg. & ₹ 8,51,150. 6; IE245626; 12.07.2024 Rotary screw electric driven air compressor 500 CFM; 01 no. & ₹ 51,440. 7; OE245286. 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 Fedderslloyd 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 Axle counter purpose; As per tender & ₹ 1,01,240. 19 AA241247; 10.07.2024; New Doorway stiffining cross bar for BOXNHL Wagon; 10000 nos,& ₹ 66,640. 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 se & ₹ 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 IF 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; Bogle 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; Hose Assembly-1" with flange for BOXNHL Wagon for Knorr Bremse Design BMBS; 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 sei & ₹ 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 aintenance schedule of N-32 tap changer consisting of 32 nos.; 67 set & ₹ 1,12,750 Interested tenderers may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full details/description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these items will be accepted. N.B: Prospective Bidders may regularly visit www.ireps.gov.in to participate in all other tenders & any corrigendum

published thereafter.

UJVN Limited (An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprises)

Ro. No. 521

H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006 Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508 CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866 Dated 21/06/2024

Tender Notice

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. Vasundhra Chhaunkar ACMM (North-West) DP/7742/NW/2024 Room No. 101, 1st Floor, (Court Matter) Rohini Courts, Delhi

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 Bhardwai Metropolitan Magistrate-06 DP/7585/OD/2024 West District (Court Matter) Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

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 Tihar 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.

DP/7734/NW/2024 (Court Matter)

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कार्य का नाम

01/PCL/ | Construction of Toilet Block under

2024-25 | College at Meerut, Distt.-Meerut

कि समय–समय पर वेबसाइट का अवलोकन करते रहें।

scheme of P.M. Shree for Rajkiya Inter

By Order Niharika Kumar Sharma, ACMM North Room No. 117 Rohini Courts, Delhi

U.P. Project Corporation Ltd.

(ISO 9001:2015 Certified Company) Gomti Barrage, Left Bank, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow

ई-निविदा सूचना

28.06.2024 की अपरान्ह 02:00 बजे तक ई-निविदाएँ आमत्रित की जाती है। निम्न कार्यो हेत ई-निविदा प्रपत्र

विनांक 22.06 2024 की पूर्वान्ह 09.00 बजे से 28.06.2024 की अपरान्ह 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

निविदा से सम्बन्धित विस्तृत विवरण विभाग की बेवसाइट 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

दिनाँक 28.06.2024 की अपरान्ह 03:00 बजे अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में गठित समिति द्वारा खोली जायेगी।

प्रबन्ध निदेशक, उत्तर प्रदेश प्रोजेक्ट्स कॉरपोरेशन लि. की ओर से अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा निम्न कार्यों हेत् दिनांक

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Jala Jeevan Mission Malappuram Dt-Chunkathara, Pothukal, Edakkara, Vazhikadavu, Karulai, Amarambalam, Moothedam, OHSR, SUMP, GSLR in Chokkad Pt. Pulikal Cherimundam, 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 has committed) the offence in case CC no. 354/23 U/S 145 B, 146, 174 C Railway Act protection Force post Badli Which is punishable and a warrant of arrest issued there upon has been returned unexecuted stating that the said accused Vikas Kumar S/o Jagbir Singh cannot be found, his permanent and local addresses not verified and his other where abouts are unknown and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Vikas Kumar S/o Jagbir Singh has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

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

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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

IRQP/STRENGTHENING work of (A)

Shankosai (road no 5) to Gudrubasa Dimna basti, Hayat Basti road (Total length 1.6 KM) (B) Baliguma 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 -Pardih 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 pardih 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

2. Estimated Cost of Work Rs 8,78,08,480.70 (Rupees Eight Crore Seventy Eight Lakh Eight Thousand Four Hundred & Eighty

1. Name of the work

and Paise Seventy Only) 3. Initial Bid Security (Rs Rs 8.79 Lakh (Rupees Eight Lakh Seventy nine thousand only).

24.06.2024 from 12.30 P.M.

Govt, of Jharkhand vide Letter No. 120, Dt.

Cell, Room No. 330A, 3rd floor, Road

Jamshedpur, Road No. - 1, CH Area.

Mantralaya , Dhurwa , Ranchi

Construction Department, Jharkhand

Executive Engineer, RCD, Road Division,

Financial Bid)

In Lacs) 4. Initial Bid Security in the 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

Rs 10,000.00 (Rs Ten Thousand) only. Cost of Bidding documents Time of Completion 08 (Eight Months) 24.06.2024 at 12.30 P.M. Date of Publication of

9. Last date & Time for 02.07.2024 up to 02.00 PM. online bidding Type of Bid Two envelope mode (Technical and

11. Last date & time for 02.07.2024 receipt of Bid Security Through e-tendering portal and other documents in www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in As per SOP issued by Information Online form Technology and e-Governance Department

Start date of bidding

Date & time for opening 03.07.2024 at 3.00 PM by e-Procurement of Technical Bid

13. Name & address of office Inviting tender Contact no. of Procurement officer

Helpline number of e-Above informations are only indicative. Detail NIT & SBD publised

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on Tender portal shall be final and mandatory. Details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in **Executive Engineer** RCD, Road Division,

0657-2227724

0651-2401010

PR 327205 (Road) 24-25 (D)

TRD WORKS OVER RANGIYA DIVISION

Jamshedpur

E-Tender Notice No.: EL-RNY-TRD 04-2024-25 Dated: 18-06-2024: Tender are invited by the undersigned fo the following work: Tender No.: EL-RNY TRD-04-2024-25. Name of Work: A Rangiya Division:- TRD works in connection with New Bongaigaon Goalpara Town-Kamakhya (DN&SL) CTR(P)-53.70 TKM from Km 50.79 55.60, 58.30-68.60, 71.40-71.50, 72.3 72 68. 81 62 - 81 85, 91 47-92 85, 110 00 111.75, 126.63-127.82, 129.17-136. 139.50-154.50, 154.40-158.00, 158.80 170.10, 170.10-172.30 consists of D-mark rails. Advertised Value: ₹96,61,865.76 Earnest Money: ₹ 1,93,200/-; Date & time of closing of tender at 11:00 hrs. or 08-07-2024. For details please visit in website www.ireps.gov.in

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Sr. DEE/TRD, Rangiya

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 Riv. Stations & staff colonies in STLI (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 epair 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 up to 15:00 hrs. on 28.06.2024. - For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE **OF 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).

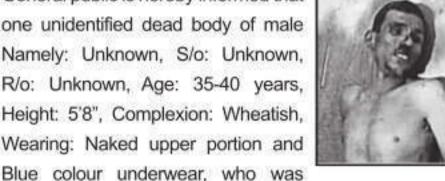
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Manoj @ Sukda of FIR No. 398/2010, U/S 302/201/120B/34 IPC, PS Samaipur Badli, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 27.07.2024.

Shefali 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



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. Sd/- SHO

P.S: Kotwali, Delhi Ph. 011-23953442, 8750870121

General Public is hereby informed that

DP/7836/N/2024

SEARCH FOR MISSING



SHIVANI

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, 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 have any information about this missing girl. Please inform to the Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641

Website: http://cbi.nic.in E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in P.S.: Budh Vihar, Delhi Fax: 011-24368639 DP/7704/RD/2024 Ph.: 011-27052772, 27052773

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



DP/7572/NW/2024

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

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

been lodged at Police Station, Mahendra Park, New Delhi.

deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

Police Station, Mahendra Park, New Delhi

Ph.: 011-27632501, 8750870227

कार्यालय वरिष्ठ पुलिस अधीक्षक रायपुर छ.ग.

क्रमांक :- वपुज/राय/याता/594/2024 इस कार्यालय की ओर से रायपुर जिला हेतु शराब सेवन कर वाहन चालन करने वाले वाहन चालकों के विरुद्ध प्रभावी कार्यवाही व सड़क सुरक्षा के लिए दिनांक 26.02.2024 एवं 13.03.2024 को ब्रीथ एनालाईजर (एल्कोमीटर) क्रय करने हेतु मुहरबंद निविदा आमंत्रित किया गया था। उक्त निविदा की निरस्त कर द्वितीय निविदा प्रकाशन किया जाता है :-

स.कर	सामग्री/उपकरण का नाम	अनुमानित मात्रा	धरोहर राशि (सुरक्षा निधि)	निविदा प्रपन्न का मुल्य
01	ब्रीथ एनालाइजर (एल्कोमीटर)	20 नग	24000-00 ক্.	500-00 रु.

नोट :- सामग्री की मात्रा घटाई बढ़ाई जा सकती है तथा सामग्री के स्पेशिफिकेशन निविदा प्रपत्र के साथ प्रदाय किए

निविदा प्रपत्र अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय से आवेदन पत्र (आयकर प्रमाणपत्र सहित) के साथ 500-00 रू०

कोषालय में लेखा शीर्ष 0055 पुलिस शीर्ष 800 अन्य प्राप्तियों के अन्तर्गत जमा कर चालान की मूल प्रति वरिष्ठ पुलिस अधीक्षक रायपुर छ0ग0 को प्रस्तुत कर दिनांक 01.07.2024 के 16.00 बजे तक कार्यालयीन दिवस में प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं। 01. निविदा फार्म बिकी की अंतिम तिथि : 01.07.2024 को 16.00 बजे तक।

रायपुर छ.ग.

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED (A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking)

Corporate Identity No. UA40109UP2001SGCO25867/2358, 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 TENDED NOTICE

SI. 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-1 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	- 84	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	蒜	1.219 CRORE	2.44 CRORE	2.44 LAKH	11 800	11.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs.	12.07.2024 at 16:15 Hrs.

For further details, please visit our website www.uktenders.gov.in No.: 293/EE(CM)/UPCL/A-2 Date: 20.06.2024

SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION, Customer Care No. - 18004190405 "Pay Electricity bill online 24x7 from www.upcl.org" For information on Electricity Theft, Informer may report to Toll Free No. 18001804185 / Fax: 0135-2760911

Superintending Engineer, Corporate (Contract & Procurement-II)

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for same should be uploaded on the IREPS website, by the contractor. Uploaded documents will be considered for finalization of tender. The brief of same has also been given in the special condition attached with the tender. स्वच्छ भारत अभियान - एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर

E-tender is invited from reputed and experienced contractors by

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General), DRM's Office,

E-TENDER NOTICE . Date: 21.06.2024

West Central Railway, Bhopal (Near Rani Kamlapati Station), for and on behalf of the President of India, for the following:- Tender No.: ELECT-GEN-BPL-T-28-2024. Name of work: Part A - Harda - Augmentation of divyang friendly facilities. Part B-Khrikiya - Improvement to Divyangjan facilities. Part C-Khirkiya - Development of circulating area and Facade improvement (Electrical Work). Completion Period: 3 Months. Estimated Cost: ₹ 33,25,752.38. Earnest Money: ₹ 66,500/-. Date and Time for closing of tender: 08.07.2024, 11.00 Hrs. Tender No.: ELECT-GEN-BPL-T-29-2024. Name of work: Part (A)-BPL Division - Improvement of electrical installation of rest houses and staff quarters/colony (RH NYET, PYET, RKMP, BPL, BINA, GUNA), Part(B) - Provision of one bay COP at NSG-6 category stations in BINA-HBD section, Part(C) - Provision of one bay COP at NSG-6 category stations in HBD-KNW section, Part(D) - Itarsi: Improvement of platform surface and circulating area, Part(E) - Rewiring of service building with improvement of power supply (Electrical Work). Completion Period: 4 Months. Estimated Cost: ₹ 1,29,61,873.23. Earnest Money: ₹2,14,800/-. Date and Time for closing of tender: 22.07.2024, 11.00 Hrs. For both the above Tenders:- The details of complete tender documents and its related information may be seen at https://www.ireps.gov.in and notice

board of this office. Manual offer for above said tender is not acceptable and if any manual offer submitted will not be considered. Corrigendum/Updating, if required, will be uploaded on website, it may be seen at above said URL and notice board of this office till the date of closing of tender. If cost of tender is above ₹50 takhs then as per para 10 of GCC eligibility criteria will be applicable. Before participation in tender, contractor first read this condition. Documents

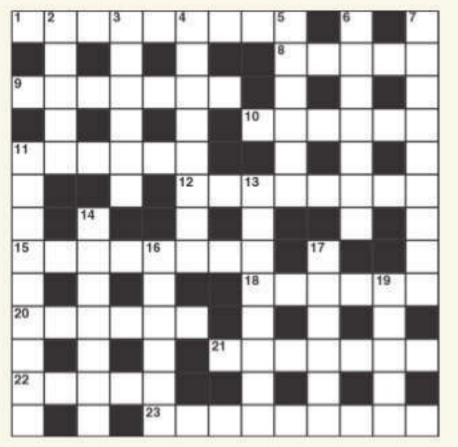
02. निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि : 02.07.2024 को 15.00 बजे तक। 03. निविदा खोलने की तिथि : 02.07.2024 को 16.00 बजे। निविदा प्रपत्र विक्रय स्थान:- कार्यालय अतिरिक्त पुलिस अधीक्षक यातायात कालीबाड़ी रायपुर

वरिष्ठ पुलिस अधीक्षक

By Order

22 CALENDAR

CROSSWORD 5397



ACROSS

1 Basic training results in pilot's suspension (9) **8** A win, not for the first time

9 Gemstone - a dealer maybe 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)

actor? (5,4)

23 Overtime for the small-part 19 Establish one's innocence

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)

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

7 Out of gear (2,3,4)

drinker(7)

16 It's not much to eat as a final course (6) 17 Pub argument which carries weight (6)

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 Hang back, 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 Three, 17 Once

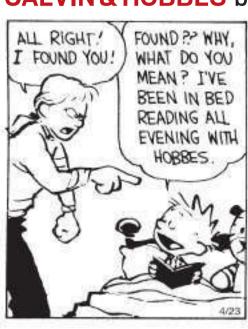
OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis







CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



JUST NOW SNEAKED INSIDE, TOOK OFF YOUR SILLY COSTUME, AND JUMPED IN BED! I KNOW WHAT YOU DID! WELL YOU'RE GONNA GET IT NOW, BUCKO!

DON'T GIVE ME THAT! YOU





MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED 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. -

NORTGH

Wuswel: Tone endures only when the lovers love many things together and not merely SOLUTION: AMISS, TUNNY, SMITHY, THRONG

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.

Difficulty Level 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

1		4			5		8	
	8			1		2		7
							9	
			3					6
	4		9		2		7	
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	6							
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	7		2			9		8

SOLUTION SUDOKU 5598 9 3 6 2 5 4 9 6 8 9 1 7 9 8 9 1 7 3 5 8 2 4 6

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.

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.

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

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Now is the moment

good news to come.

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.

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.

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.

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.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

An ordinary humdrum 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.

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.

You must decide

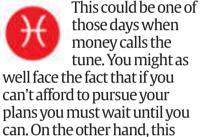
CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

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.

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.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)



might be sooner than you think.

कार्यालय नगर परिषद् जैसलमेर (राज.) 345001

-: निविदा सूचना संख्या 02/2024-25 :-NIB Code DLB2425A0346

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Electrical work in connection with (i) Repairing and CAMC of VRF

Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.

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Remarks

21.06.2024 at 03.00PM

Per day

Per day

Per day

Executive Engineer-SBM.

Municipal Corporation,

for Commissioner.

Gurugram.

18.07.2024, 12.00 Hrs.

AC system installed at cafeteria, Gallery National Rail Museum

Maintenance & operation of 2x35 TR air conditioning plant

Rs. 25.03 lacs

Rs. 50100.00

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Expression of Interest

Subject:-Door to door Collection and Transportation of Solid Waste to the designated

sites as well as secondary point to Bhandhawai landfill site, MCG.

In view of recent order of Chief Secretary-Cum-Chairman Executive Committee, Stat-

Disaster Management Authority vide Endst. No.- PS/TS/SDMA/71602 (1-8) date

11.06.2024 to cater the current crises of collection and transportation of Solid Waste i Gurugram. Municipal Corporation, Gurugram intent to invite expression of interest is

providing comprehensive services for the door to door collection and transportation of Solid

Waste to the designated sites as well as secondary point to Bandhwari landfill site as an

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

Bid Preparation & Submission (Bidder 21.06.2024 at 02.00PM

Total Annual Financial Turn Over (average | Financial requirements

once of Solid Waste Manag

18.07.2024, 12.00 Hrs.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. (ii) Comprehensive Annual

30-Elect-32-T-2024-25-E3

installed at NRM, New Delhi.

Approx cost of the works in :-

Date & time of submission of tender :-

secondary point to Bhandhawai landfill site, MCG

Date of Opening of Technical Bid/s

Date & Time of opening of Financial Bid/s

Rates to be kept valid for acceptance up to:

Sr. No. Collection transportation & disposal of MSW

designated site to Bandhwari landfill sites

site to Bandhwari landfill sites

Door to door collection in the ward by Tractor Per day

Door to door collection in the ward with Per day

Dumper having capacity 08-10 MT from Per tonne

Hyva having capacity 10-15 MT from designated Per tonne

Note:- Quoted rates for the machinery will be inclusive of fuel, driver & maintenance

Tipper Tata Ace having capacity minimum 01

Expression of interest

Date of pre-bid meeting

Tender Document Fee

Earnest money deposit

three years).

The BOQ format is given below:-

trolley with helper

MT with helper

JCB/Backhoe loader

Pocklane /excavator

Sanitation Worker (each)

Dozer

etc. complete in all respect

Mobile No:- 8053494965

No. - 27015

Contact Person: Nijesh Kumar

Email ID: ee.sbm@mcg.gov.in

Stage) Start Date

Stage) Expiry Date

Particulary

Bid Preparation & Submission (Bidder 20.06.2024

Address of the office :-

Earnest Money :-

Opening of tender :-

Website & notice board :-

work

and its

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. Divil 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.

of Mathura Jn.Railway station.

Website & notice board: www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General,

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

No:-DRM/C/AGRA/NFR/E-AUCTION

Central Railway-Agra invites E-Auction as per category given as under:

Dated:-19.06.2024 E-Auction Notice On Behalf of the President of India. The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager-North

Category: Misc Static 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)	Date:- 29.06.2024	Date:-29.06.2024		

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 🐹 @CPRONCR 🚺 @north centralrailway 🏢 www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

Time:-11:20

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:-

1	#1:00/F#NE# BL N7:001:00			
1	21.06.2024 at 02.00PM	S.No. Description	Tentative Qty.	Unit of Quoting Rates
t	21.06.2024 at 03.00PM	01.PAINTS	As per our piece meal	On maximum discount
1	Same day after approval of Technical Bid or as the Commission decides.	(ASIAN.BERGER)	requirement arises from time to time during	on Company current price list
t	Rs. 2000/-		the year	
I	Rs.1,00,000/-	02.BEARING(SKF.FAG)	-do-	-do-
1	Financial requirements	03.Poly V Belt Fenner	do	do
	Rs.50,00,000(Rs. Fifty lac only)	04. EXIDE BATTERY	do	do
		05.Buffen Cap	-do-	Each
Ñ	Unit Quoted including	06. Nitrie 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, No. 27038/HRY Milk Plani, Ballabgarh epaper.indianexpress.com

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

03. Ghee Corrugated Boxes: One coloured Printed laminated corrugated boxes (Lamination from inside) of 5-ply virgin for the packing of flitre Ghee of capacity 12 packets in one box having dimension 380mm (L) x 227mm(B) x 212mm(H) with 1 nos virgin craft of 140 GSM for top and 20BF of all ply, 4 ply of 120gms for centre with separator. BS of Box=10Kg±1Kg per cm2, wt. of box=480gm±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) 115mm(H). Approx. Qty 20,000-25000 Annually.

The Bid document is available/published online on dt.26.06.2024 upto 04:00PM. Bidder would 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://hptenders.gov.in & https://hpmilkfed.org for complete details. Bidders should visit the website from time to time to note the corrigendum. if any. Managing Director

scheme of 'One Station One Product' for setting up

A. Stall at: Panipat, Delhi Cantt, Ghaziabad, Delhi Shahdara, Rohtak & Muzaffarnagar stations.

Applications are invited under

NORTHERN RAILWAY

B. Trolley at: Jind, Jakhal, Mansa, Narwana, Tohana, Shamli, Tapri, Julana, Badli, Anand Vihar Terminal, Palam, Delhi Safdurjung, 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, Shamli, 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

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.indian railways.gov.in & URL: https://indianrailways.gov.in/railway board/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. 1878/2024

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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.	Chit of Quoting
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01, Lab Chemical	As per our piece meal	Maximum Discoun
Make:Rankem, Merck,	requirement arises from	on Company
Glaxo, Qualigen, S.D.Fine,	time to time during	Current Price List
Fisher, Avarice, Loba,	the year	
C.D.H., T.C.L.,		
Finar etc.		
02. Borosil Glass War	edo	do

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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.

> Chief Executive Officer, Milk Plant, Ballabgarh

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Tentative Qty.	Unit of Quoting
	rates
As per our piece meal	Maximum Discou
requirement arises from	on Company
time to time during	Current Price Lis
the year	
	Tentative Qty. As per our piece meal requirement arises from time to time during the year

Conditional Tender will not be accepted.

03. Hi-Media

No. 27040/HRY