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ROHIT'S KNOCK GIVES INDIA A BOOST

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SENSEX 78,053.52▲712.45

NIFTY 23,721.30▲183.45

₹ vs \$ 83.44

GOLD 72,230▲810

SILVER 91,000▲700

BRENT CRUDE (IN \$) 82.94▼0.24

WEATHER

Generally cloudy sky. Possibility of thundery development towards afternoon / evening. Maximum and minimum temperatures likely to be around 33 °C and 26 °C respectively.

RAINFALL: Trace
RELATIVE HUMIDITY
Max. 89% Min. 64%
TEMPERATURE
Max: 34.2 °C (+1.2) Min: 29.0°C (+2.2)
SUN RISES 04:54 hrs SUN SETS 18:25 hrs
MOON RISES 21:33 hrs MOON SETS 07:54 hrs
Full Moon on 06 July

THUMBNAILS



The widow of a CRPF jawan who lost his life in Chhattisgarh's Sukma in a Maoist attack, mourns, in Kanpur on Tuesday. ■ ANI

Atishi hospitalized; ends fast: AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh on Tuesday said Delhi Minister Atishi had to end her indefinite hunger strike over Delhi's water crisis after her health deteriorated and she was hospitalised. Addressing a press conference in Delhi, he said Atishi's health took a hit after fasting for nearly five days, and her blood sugar level dropped to as low as 36 mg/dL, following which she had to be admitted to the hospital at around 3.45 am.

Market closes at fresh record highs: The benchmark indices closed at fresh record highs on Tuesday led by gains in banking and IT stocks coming a day after RBI data showed the current account surplus stood at \$ 5.7 billion. (Page 8)

Govt, Opposition to fight it out for LS Speaker's chair

INDIA bloc's candidate K Suresh of Congress to take on BJP's Om Birla in contest for the post



Om Birla Kodikunnil Suresh

For the first time in the Lok Sabha, there will be an election for the Speaker's post as the Government and the Opposition failed to reach a consensus, with former Speaker Mr Om Birla filing his nomination on behalf of the Government and Mr K Suresh of the Congress doing so on behalf of the Opposition.

So far, there has been a tradition to decide on the Lok Sabha Speaker through consensus between the ruling party and the Opposition. However, this tradition has been disrupted this year when the Congress Party-led INDIA bloc insisted on securing the Deputy Speaker's post in exchange for supporting the NDA candidate for Speakership. Both the ruling BJP as well as the main Opposition Congress Party, have issued whips to their mem-

bers to be present in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday from 11 a.m. till the end of the proceedings, which include the Speaker's election, and support the party stand. BJP leader Piyush Goyal said there was no precedent to suggest that the Deputy Speaker's post must go to the Opposition, and the Opposition was needlessly choosing a showdown. He said the Opposition insisted that first the name of the Deputy Speaker should be decided "and only then we will support the Speaker candidate. We condemn such politics."

He said a good tradition would have been to choose the Speaker unanimously. The Speaker does not belong to any party or opposition; he belongs to the entire House, he said. Similarly, he said, the Deputy Speaker also does not belong to any party or group; he belongs to the entire House. Such conditions that only a particu-

Trinamul not consulted on Oppn candidate for Speaker: Abhishek

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 25 JUNE

The Trinamul Congress was not consulted on the fielding of Kodikunnil Suresh of the Congress as the INDIA bloc's joint nominee for the post of Lok Sabha Speaker, the TMC's national general secretary and newly re-elected Lok Sabha MP, Abhishek Banerjee said on Tuesday. Mr Banerjee, who took oath as a member of the 18th Lok Sabha this afternoon, told mediapersons that his party was not consulted by Congress before fielding the candidate for the Speaker's election, terming it as an unilateral decision.



TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee at the Parliament House during the second day of the 18th Lok Sabha session, in New Delhi on Tuesday. ■ ANI

Mr Banerjee said party chief Mamata Banerjee will take a decision on

backing Mr Suresh. Sources said the Trinamul Congress (TMC) has not signed the nomination papers of Mr Suresh for the election of Speaker and may not attend an opposition meeting called tonight (Tuesday) to evolve a strategy for the Speaker's election. Earlier, the pro tem Speaker, Bhartruhari Mahtab, administered the oath to Mr Banerjee, which he read out in Bengali. Later, all the 29 Trinamul Congress MPs took oath. Mr Shatrughan Sinha, Mr Irfan Pathan and Mr Kirti Azad took the oath in Hindi. The TMC has eight new MPs.

lar person or from a particular party should be the Deputy Speaker, do not fit into any tradition of the Lok Sabha, he said.

Efforts by the BJP's leadership to broker a consensus on the position of the Speaker of the Lok Sabha came to naught when the INDIA bloc decided to field eight-time MP K Suresh for the post. His nomination followed the filing of a nomination by

the BJP's Kota MP Om Birla for the post. Mr Birla was the Speaker in the 17th Lok Sabha as well.

This will be the first time that elections will be held for the Speaker of the Lower House. Since Independence, the Lok Sabha Speaker and Deputy Speaker have been elected by consensus between the ruling party and the Opposition. There was, however, no Deputy Speaker in the 17th

Lok Sabha. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had reached out to the Opposition leaders on behalf of the government in a bid to build a consensus. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said that they had conveyed to Mr Singh that the Opposition was ready to extend support to NDA's Speaker candidate, but the post of Deputy Speaker should be given to the Opposition.

HC stays Delhi CM Kejriwal's bail order



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 25 JUNE

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will for now remain behind bars, as Delhi High Court on Tuesday stayed the trial court's order granting bail to Delhi CM in the (now scrapped) Delhi excise policy-linked money laundering case.

The agency opposed the order by the trial court granting bail to the AAP chief, calling it "illegal" and "perverse". Meanwhile, Advocate Rishikesh Kumar, counsel for Mr Kejriwal, while talking to a news agency has said: "We have already challenged the interim stay in the Supreme Court. Today's judgment is on the same lines, so because we have already challenged the interim stay in the Supreme Court, the challenge of which is listed for tomorrow, today we are filing an application with a copy of this order in the Supreme Court that it should be considered..."

Meanwhile, the Aam Aadmi Party has said that it does not agree with the HC's order. Speaking to a news agency, AAP's chief national spokesperson Priyanka Kakkhar has said that the party's legal team is looking into the matter.

The HC judge has said that the trial court did not fully consider the material submitted by the anti-money laundering agency, and also did not give adequate opportunity to the ED to argue its case. "The Vacation Judge while passing the Impugned Order did not appropriately appreciate the material/documents submitted on record and pleas taken by ED and the averments/grounds as raised in the petition under section 439(2) of the Code require serious consideration while dealing with said peti-

Modi's dig at Cong on Emergency; says no right to profess love for Constitution

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 25 JUNE

Marking the 49th anniversary of the imposition of Emergency, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the dark days showed how the Congress subverted basic freedoms and trampled over the Constitution.

Taking a dig at the Opposition, he said those who imposed the Emergency have no right to profess their love for the Constitution.

His response came a day after the INDIA bloc mounted a massive protest inside the Parliament premises against the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government. In a series of posts on 'X', Mr Modi wrote: "Today is a day



to pay homage to all those great men and women who resisted the Emergency. The #DarkDaysOfEmergency remind us of how the Congress Party subverted basic freedoms and trampled over the Constitution of India which every Indian respects greatly." "Those who imposed the

Emergency have no right to profess their love for our Constitution. These are the same people who have imposed Article 356 on innumerable occasions, got a Bill to destroy press freedom, destroyed federalism and violated every aspect of the Constitution," he wrote. The

PM added that the mindset which led to the imposition of the Emergency is very much alive in the same party which imposed it.

"They hide their disdain for the Constitution through their tokenism but the people of India have seen through their antics and that is why they have rejected them time and again," he said.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the episode is the biggest example of the Congress's long history of attempts to kill democracy.

BJP president J P Nadda said on 'X' that those who claim to be the guardians of Indian democracy today had spared no efforts to suppress the voices raised in the defence of constitutional values.

'PM may visit Russia in July'

AGENCIES MOSCOW, 25 JUNE

India and Russia are making arrangements for an upcoming visit by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Russia, Russian state news agency RIA reported on Tuesday.

According to RIA, a diplomatic source indicated that PM Modi's visit may take place in July. Russian President Vladimir Putin's foreign affairs aide, Yuri Ushakov, was quoted as saying that the Indian Prime Minister's visit was being prepared but did not commit to a date. Mr Ushakov said the date will be announced jointly later. There is as yet no confirmation by the Indian side on the possible visit by Mr Modi.

Rahul Gandhi to be Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 25 JUNE

The Congress on Tuesday announced the name of party leader Rahul Gandhi as the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha.

Talking to reporters, Congress General Secretary in-charge of Organisation KC Venugopal said: "Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) Chairperson (Sonia Gandhi) wrote a letter to the Pro-Tem Speaker informing the decision of appointment of Rahul Gandhi as the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha."

The senior Congress leader said that other office bearers will be decided later. Earlier this month, the Congress Working Committee (CWC) had unanimously



passed a resolution urging party leader Rahul Gandhi to take the post of Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha. "Entire CWC feels that in the current scenario of Indian politics, for a better and stronger and vigilant Opposition, Rahulji should be the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha," Mr Venugopal had said then. In the recently concluded Lok Sabha elections, Rahul Gandhi won from Wayanad and Rae Bareilly Lok Sabha seats. He later resigned from his Wayanad seat.

Centre denies not consulting Bengal govt on water talks with B'desh



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 25 JUNE

The Centre on Tuesday rejected the claim made by the West Bengal government that it was not consulted on the Internal Review of the India-Bangladesh Treaty of 1996 on Sharing of the Ganga/Ganges Waters at Farakka, official sources said.

"On 24 July 2023, the Government of India sought the nominee of the WB Government in the Committee for carrying out an Internal Review of the India-Bangladesh Treaty of 1996 on Sharing of the Ganga/Ganges Waters at Farakka," official sources said.

The sources claimed that on 25 August 2023, the Bengal government conveyed the nomination of Chief Engineer (Design & Research), Irrigation & Waterways Directorate, Government of West Bengal, for the panel. The sources said that on 5 April 2024, the Joint Secretary (Works), Irrigation & Waterways Department of the WB Government, conveyed its total demand for the next 30 years from the stretch downstream of the Farakka Barrage.

The Centre's statement came a day after Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee expressed resentment over the reported discussions between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina over the sharing of the water of Ganga and Teesta, bypassing the state government.

Passenger booked to travel on AI's UK flight from Kochi taken into custody for bomb threat

AGENCIES KOCHI, 25 JUNE

In a bizarre incident, the Cochin International Airport police on Tuesday took into custody a man who was booked to travel on an Air India flight from Kochi to London, after he was identified as the sender of a bomb threat to the airline. Now, the 29-year-old Malappuram resident Suhaib is in the custody of the police and is being interrogated.

Police became alert as Suhaib, due to catch the London flight on Tuesday, was behaving suspiciously at the airport. The police personnel questioned him and later it was discovered that it was he who had sent a threatening mail to the airline on Monday night from his official email. He arrived at the Cochin International Airport along with his

The 29-yr-old Suhaib is in the custody of the police and is being interrogated.

family and the family members are also being questioned now. According to airport officials, the threatening email was sent to the Air India call centre at Mumbai late on Monday night. At the time of the receipt of the threat, the Air India flight had departed from Delhi for Cochin Airport.

When the flight landed at Kochi, it was quickly moved to the isolated parking area of the airport and after a thorough check, it was found to be a hoax threat. On questioning Suhaib it was revealed that he was nursing a grudge against the airline as his daughter fell sick after consuming food on an AI flight a while ago.

Porsche case: Bombay HC grants bail to juvenile accused in Pune accident case, says JJB's remand orders illegal

AGENCIES MUMBAI, 25 JUNE

Bombay High Court granted bail to the juvenile accused in the Pune car accident case on Tuesday. The court ordered the release of the minor into the care and custody of his paternal aunt.

The bench noted the Juvenile Justice Board's (JJB) remand orders were illegal and passed without jurisdiction. Speaking to the media about the case's development, Prashant Patil, the advocate for the minor accused, said: "The child in conflicting law was arrested on 19 May 2024 and was released on bail. After his release on bail on 22 May 2024, the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) took custody of the child under a conflicting law." "That particular custody was illegal per se. Today we challenged the three



remands of the JJB before the High Court. The writ of Habeas Corpus was filed by the paternal aunt of the child in conflicting law. Section 12 of the particular act was the backbone of the writ and we argued that, be it a bailable offence or a non-bailable offence, the code of CrPc does not apply to a child of conflicting law and that's why we requested his immediate release," he said. "Today, the honourable Bombay High Court set aside

Even though the minor accused in the accident has been released, Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde assured that the case has been taken up again for investigation. He also clarified that the case will be fast-tracked.

those orders and ordered the immediate release of the child under conflicting laws," said Mr Patil. Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde met the parents of the two engineers who died in the Pune Porsche crash case on Monday and assured them the guilty would not be spared. Mr Shinde met Omprakash Awadhya, father of Anish Koshta, and Suresh Koshta, father of Ashwini Koshta, and consoled them.

He said that the incident was unfortunate and that the culprits would be severely punished. Mr Shinde spoke to the Commissioner of Police (CP) Pune and directed him to initiate strict action against illegal pubs and bulldoze all structures that are against the building rules.

He also directed the police to initiate renewed action against drug peddlers to make Pune a drug-free city, the chief minister's office said in a press statement.

Even though the minor accused in the accident has been released, Mr Shinde assured that the case has been taken up again for investigation. He also clarified that the case will be fast-tracked. The Chief Minister stated on his 'X' handle: "We fully understand the grief caused by the sudden death of one's young children. So, we decid-

ed to provide Rs 10 lakh each from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund as a special consideration to the families of their two deceased children."

Mr Shinde added that the government is making efforts to track down all the culprits and ensure that they are punished. The two IT professionals, who were travelling on a bike, died on May 19 at 2.30 am after a car allegedly driven by a drunk 17-year-old boy crashed into them.

The investigation unfolded like a bag of worms as his kin allegedly tried to obliterate the evidence against him. On 21 June, the Pune district court granted bail to Vishal Agarwal, the father of the accused teenager, in the primary case where he was booked under Section 75 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

TENDER

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Biker crushed under truck's wheels in Bongaon

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 25 JUNE
A young biker was killed after being crushed by a container truck. The incident occurred on Monday afternoon in the Town Market area on the Bongaon-Chakdah Road. The deceased, identified as Tarak Singh (43), was a resident of Shaktigarh. Following this accident, residents have once again demanded the regulation of daytime truck movement in the town. The police have detained the truck and its driver. According to police, the truck was heading towards Chakdah, while Tarak was coming towards Bongaon town on his bike. Somehow, he fell from his bike in the Town Market area and was crushed by the truck's wheels, and died on the spot.

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, साहेबगंज Tender Cancellation Notice

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a.	Tender e-Publication date	28.06.2024	18.00 Hours
b.	Document download start date	29.06.2024	10.00 Hours
c.	Document download end date	15.07.2024	17.00 Hours
d.	Bid Submission start date	29.06.2024	10.00 Hours
e.	Bid submission end date	15.07.2024	17.00 Hours
f.	Start date for seeking Clarification on-line	29.06.2024	10.00 Hours
g.	Last date for seeking Clarification on-line	08.07.2024	17.00 Hours
h.	Date of Pre-bid meeting (if any)	NA	NA
i.	Technical Bid (Cover I) opening date	16.07.2024	17.00 Hours
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Nepal diplomat meets Indian customs officials, tea exporters

Eshor Raj Poudel referred to Siliguri as 'Lifeline of Eastern Nepal' because of its strategic location

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE SILIGURI, 25 JUNE

The Consul General of Nepal in Kolkata held a series of daylong discussions in Siliguri yesterday, focused on the topic of exporting tea from Nepal to India.

The Consul General, Eshor Raj Poudel, extended an invitation to all individuals involved in the tea industry in Eastern Nepal to share their first-hand experiences and discuss the difficulties and obstacles they face when exporting their goods to India. Significantly, Indian Customs officials, under the leadership of assistant commissioner Nima Sherpa were present during interactive sessions. As a result, stakeholders, especially exporters, highlighted issues related to problems of custom's clearance due to non-compliance of parameters following the orders of the Indian Tea Board



based on FSSAI norms and regulations. During the interactive session, Eshor Raj Poudel, the Consul General of Nepal in Kolkata, referred to Siliguri as the 'Lifeline of Eastern Nepal' because of its strategic location. "In the upcoming years, Siliguri, a city that links Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, as well as other areas and also connects northeastern states to neighbouring countries, will become a major market for Nepal. In fact, Siliguri is rapidly growing and its potential is extremely promising," said Mr Poudel. "The interactive sessions mark the start of our efforts. My responsibility is to address the issue of 'government to government' and find a solution to the current crisis. We are arranging another event in Kolkata where we will invite influential figures from the tea industry in India and officials from various countries to showcase Nepal Tea and allow participants to taste a range of high-quality teas from Nepal," he added. It was suggested that initial discussions between the Indian Tea Board and Nepal Tea Board should take place regarding this matter. The ex-president of the Nepal Tea Planters Association, Suresh Mittal brought up various concerns and questioned the accuracy of laboratory test results in Siliguri and Kolkata. In response, customs officials clarified that they are simply following the 'Risk Management System' as directed by the Indian government. During the discussion, it was mentioned that Nepal tea's unique identity is being eroded as some Indian traders are falsely marketing it as Darjeeling tea. "This has caused frustra-

tion among us, especially since the Indian media has been using derogatory terms like 'cheap' and 'substandard' to describe our tea," said Suresh Mittal. Mr Mittal asked, "If it is truly of substandard quality, then why are these traders still labelling it as Darjeeling tea?" A planter from Suryodaya Tea Producers Association in Ilam, Sameer Shrestha also raised concerns about the lack of intervention from FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India) regarding the tea processing based on Nepali green leaves in India. The current state of the tea industry and plans for its growth in global markets were discussed by president of the Nepal Tea Planters Association, Aditya Parajuli, as well as president of the Suryodaya Tea Planters Association, Suryodaya Municipality mayor and Bhadrapur Municipality mayor Ganesh Pokhrel.

DEMANDING JUSTICE



A protest rally on NEET & NET scam by SFI-AISF-AISB-PSU members in Kolkata on Tuesday. MOULMONDAL

Appear on 9 July or face arrest: Court's ultimatum to BJP MP

AGENCIES KOLKATA, 25 JUNE

An MP-MLA Court at Bidhannagar in Kolkata on Tuesday gave an ultimatum to BJP Lok Sabha MP Saumitra Khan to appear before it in an old case, failing which, he would face arrest.

The court on Tuesday fixed July 9 as the final date for the BJP Lok Sabha MP to personally appear before it. At the same time, the court has also ordered his arrest if he fails to appear on that day. Saumitra Khan is currently in New Delhi and he told a section of the media that he would seek legal consultation on the issue and proceed in the matter accordingly. The court's deadline was in relation to a case filed against Saumitra Khan in 2023 by the Bankura police over tension in Sonamukhi area in the district. The police accused the BJP MP of instigating the people and creating tension in the area and also filed a charge sheet at the said court. Thereafter, the court issued notices to Saumitra Khan, seeking his personal appearance, but he failed to comply with the court's order and ultimately on Tuesday the court set the final deadline for his appearance. The state BJP leadership has claimed that it has become common practice in West Bengal for Opposition leaders to be booked by police in several cases. Saumitra Khan is a three-time Lok Sabha MP from Bishnupur.

Amit Mitra clarifies on Britannia closure

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 25 JUNE

The state government today clarified that Britannia Industries was not leaving the state and would continue its production here. Amit Mitra, chief economic adviser to chief minister Mamata Banerjee today said that Britannia company is committed to continue its production in West Bengal and would like to further strengthen the company in the state. The clarification is important after news reports suggested that the industry was closing its production in the city. Even the social media was abuzz on the issue. Against the backdrop of an apprehension that Britannia would abandon its production in West Bengal, following the shutdown of its Taratala unit, Mr Mitra, quoting Varun Berri, executive president and managing director of Britannia said that Britannia is committed to continue its production in West Bengal. "Britannia is committed to continue its production in West Bengal. The Rs 1,000 to Rs 1,200 crore production

biscuits unit would continue in the state, which is one of the largest markets in India," Mr Mitra said quoting Mr Berri. Brushing aside the apprehension of the company relocating its production elsewhere, the chief economic adviser to the chief minister told news persons that Mr Berri reaffirming his commitment towards West Bengal, has told him that the company wants to build its biscuit business in the state from strength to strength. Mr Mitra further said that the company's registered office in Kolkata would stay in the city. The company's shareholding meeting would be held in Kolkata, Mr Berri supposed to have told Mr Mitra. Mr Mitra also said that he was assured by Mr Berri that he and his team would visit Kolkata following his return from abroad and would hold a meeting to discuss its future course of action. The closure of Taratala factory, which stopped its production in May, has affected 122 permanent employees and an estimated 250 contractual workers, who were working in the unit for decades.

Bhaichung Bhutia quits electoral politics

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE SILIGURI, 25 JUNE

Bhaichung Bhutia, the ex-captain of the Indian football team, who ventured into politics, declared today that he will no longer pursue a career in this field. This decision comes after his unsuccessful attempt to secure a seat in the Assembly elections in his home state of Sikkim. "Following the outcome of the 2024 election, I have come to the realization that electoral politics is not suitable for me. As a result, I am stepping away from all involvement in electoral politics immediately," Bhaichung Bhutia said.

Mr Bhutia, who ran for the Lok Sabha elections as a Trinamul Congress representative from the Darjeeling constituency, was unsuccessful in his bid. As a result, the TMC chairperson Mamata Banerjee nominated him as her candidate for the Siliguri Assembly polls in 2016. However, Mr Bhutia was not able to secure a win in this election either. Subsequently, he established his own political party



in Sikkim but was unable to form a strong base. Eventually, he teamed up with the Sikkim Democratic Party (SDF), led by former chief minister Pawan Chamling. "I want to extend my congratulations to chief minister Prem Singh Tamang and the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha party for their victory in the 2024 Sikkim Assembly Election. The people of Sikkim have given them a strong mandate and I am hopeful that the SKM government will fulfil their promises and bring Sikkim to new heights in all sectors," Bhaichung Bhutia said. "My only regret is that I had some excellent ideas for developing sports and tourism, which I would have loved to implement honestly and sincerely to contribute to the state's growth. However, it was not meant to be. I am sure there are others with better ideas who will do so in the future," Mr Bhutia added.

Govt plans sari outlets across state

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 25 JUNE

The state government is mulling opening Banglar Sari outlets across the state before Durga Puja to encourage weavers. The district administration has been instructed to find suitable land for the purpose. The district magistrates will submit a report to the chief secretary after identifying the land. Chief minister Mamata Banerjee has asked to open the outlets in every block. Good quality saris will be available at reasonable prices at these shops, it is learnt. The first outlets will be opened at Dakshinapan in Dhakuria followed by New Digha. A senior official said the MSME department will implement the scheme. Youths will get jobs at the outlets and he hoped that the outlets would cater to the needs of the middle class. The weavers will also be benefited by the initiative.

BSF-BGB meet vows stricter crackdown on border crimes

AGENCIES KOLKATA, 25 JUNE

The 20th IG-level conference between the Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) came to an end in Kolkata on Tuesday with the signing of a Joint Discussion Record (JDR) to formalise the consensus reached by the two sides on several measures to effectively deal with crime along the India-Bangladesh border. During the meeting, the BSF raised several issues related to smuggling, infiltration, and attacks on its

troops by Bangladeshi criminals. According to a senior BSF official, emphasis was laid on high-level border management during the conference. The BGB delegation appreciated the necessity to strengthen security along the border and curb illegal activities for the sake of both nations that share friendly ties. The issue of infiltration by Bangladeshi nationals also came up for discussion. Both forces agreed that strict action is required to tackle such activities, as they decided to carry out joint patrolling to identify the sensitive areas. This

will enhance security along the border and keep an eye on the activities of criminals. The Indian side was led by Ayush Mani Tiwari, IG, BSF, South Bengal Frontier, while the Bangladeshi side was headed by Brig Gen Shamim Ahmed, Area Commander, South Western Region, Jessore. While the BGB delegation comprised 11 members, the Indian side had 15. "This dialogue has provided us with an important opportunity to enhance security and cooperation along the border," Tiwari said after the four-day conference that started on Saturday.



After CM prod, police crack down on encroachments in Salt Lake

The drive commenced at Sector V and III in a joint operation involving the police and the municipality.

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 25 JUNE

Following chief minister Mamata Banerjee's orders, the Electronics Complex police station has actively begun clearing the footpaths of Sector V that were illegally occupied.

The drive has commenced, with a joint operation involving the police and the municipality. This scene was not only visible in Sector V but also in Sector III.

Yesterday, Monday, during a meeting at Nabanna, the chief minister became furious over the state of municipal services in the state.

She criticized various levels of municipal officials, including councillors for the lack of proper citizen-friendly services.

She even specifically rebuked the state's fire minister, Sujit Bose. She had said, "Encroachments are hap-



pening in Rajarhat, Salt Lake. Sujit Bose is placing outsiders in Salt Lake as he wishes. Why should outsiders be placed there? A tarpaulin is being placed in front of the ARD office and someone sits there. You would be ashamed if you saw the pictures. Why? Why? Who had to pay money? I want to know who has taken how much money. Why don't the municipal councillors work? Do I have to sweep the streets myself? How many



arguments will I have to make?"

Following this, the drive

Early in the morning, the Electronics Complex Police arrived at College More in Sector V. It was visibly clear that hawkers had occupied 90 per cent of the footpath at College More. The police strictly informed them that they must clear the occupied portion of the footpath by 6 pm. In the case of Sector III, the police had already informed the hawkers on Monday that they must

clear the footpath by today.

Initially, the wards like Ward 37 in Sector III were cleared and then the makeshift constructions were demolished.

An attempt was also made to remove the encroachments on the footpath outside SSKM.

The local councillor even arrived at the scene. The footpath adjacent to SSKM had so many shops in a row that it was practically impossible to move.

Today, a final 'warning' was given to those shopkeepers, as stated by the councillor.

Ward 71 councillor came out today and urged the hawkers to remove the overhead plastic sheds and the cylinders being used for cooking food.

The hawkers were asked to bring pre-cooked food from home and not use the LPG cylinders near the hospital to prevent any mishaps.

PHOTO BY BISWAJIT GHOSHAL

Uttarpara, Baidyabati civic bodies get CM's praise for good work



HEMANT JACOB
HOOGHLY, 25 JUNE

Chief minister Mamata Banerjee yesterday had met the heads of various civic body heads and had a stern warning to some of them for non-action, while also praising some of them for doing good work.

Mamata Banerjee praised the Uttarpara Municipality for keeping the town garbage-free, neat and tidy. She also praised the Baidyabati Municipality for cleanliness and good work towards supply of drinking water.

The chief minister remarked that Arambagh and Tarakeswar municipalities have failed to go ahead with their waste management hence the residents of both the civic bodies are facing unhygienic conditions.

The state chief minister at Nabanna on Monday specified that people have voted in favour of the Trinamul Congress.

"They kept faith in us, our working capability and the ongoing developmental work, hence we are answerable to the common people. If they are deprived of civic amenities or become victims of extortion and unconstitutional activities, it is not fair to them," said the CM.

The CM pointed out that a section of people from the administration and from the party level are getting involved in various corrupt practices, bringing much suffering to the common people.

Such people, involved in wrongdoing, are bringing a bad name to the state. Any activity, going against the interests of the common people cannot be tolerated.

The Baidyabati chairman Pintu Mahato said the state government, on many occasions, extended its helping hand towards the upgradation

in the supply of drinking water and also in the implementation of advanced technology in the waste management system. Even the central government, in its survey recognised Baidyabati as a clean city and issued a certificate of appreciation in this regard.

Mr Mahato added, "To stop the people from throwing garbage on the roads CCTV cameras have been installed.

The cameras help trace people throwing garbage on the roads.

Fines have also been imposed against such careless people. The drainage system has been upgraded so that even after a very heavy shower, water does not get stagnant in any one of the Baidyabati municipal wards.

The Uttarpara Municipality chairman Dilip Yadav said, "We have removed all the garbage bins from 29 municipal wards. The municipal workers reach at the doorstep to collect the waste from every house."

The Arambagh and Tarakeswar municipalities till date could not provide a place for waste management plants, the CM had pointed out yesterday.

The Arambagh chairman, Samir Bhandari said the land area for the waste management plant has already been finalised but strangely enough we are facing a stiff objection from the locals, preventing the municipality from going ahead with its waste management plant.

Tarakeswar Municipality chairman Uttan Kundu said locals are creating a problem in going ahead with the waste management plant.

"We are trying to convince them that the waste management plant in the area is in no way going to harm them."

Boy dragged into river by crocodile

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 25 JULY

A crocodile dragged away a minor boy from the banks of a river near his home.

The incident occurred in Gobardhanpur, Patharpratima in South 24 Parganas.

Despite searching the river all night, there is still no trace of the boy. The family is devastated and in tears.

Manik Bhakta, a 14-year-old resident of Gobardhanpur Coastal police station area, under the G-Plot gram panchayat of Patharpratima block, was fishing in the river, adjacent to the Dhanche forest area near his house.

He had no idea about the danger lurking.

A large crocodile was lying in wait in the river. Eyewitnesses reported that before anyone could understand what was happening, the crocodile bit the boy around the waist and dragged him into the depths of the river.

There was a struggle

between the boy and the crocodile for about five minutes. Although the crocodile was later seen, there has been no trace of the boy.

Upon hearing the news, the missing boy's father, Hukum Bhakta, along with other family members, rushed to the scene. The Gobardhanpur Coastal police station, along with the forest department, conducted a search in the river. Under the supervision of panchayat president Sheikh Noor Islam, a trawler was used for the search.

The incident has caused widespread concern in the area. Police and the forest department have advised fishermen not to enter the river.

Kabir Hossain, the forest officer of the Ramganga Range, stated, "As soon as we received the news from the villagers, the forest department started the search for the missing boy. However, he has not yet been found. The search is on."

BRINGING MYTHOLOGY TO LIFE



An international performing arts workshop on Ramayana featuring talented artistes from Myanmar, Vietnam, and Sri Lanka, collaborating with Indian artistes from Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Manipur, and Assam at ICCR in Kolkata. ■ BISWAJIT GHOSHAL

Hooghly rural police equip traffic cops with AC helmets

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
HOOGHLY, 25 JUNE



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HOOGHLY, 25 JUNE

At the initiative of chief minister Mamata Banerjee, special summer safety kits have been procured keeping in mind about the wellbeing of the traffic personnel on duty, who brave the sun everyday. The Hooghly Rural Police District is most likely the first to distribute summer safety kits to traffic constables on duty.



district superintendent Kamanaish Sen said, "Today, summer kits were distributed among the traffic constables. The safety kits include special AC rechargeable helmets and other safety accessories to safeguard the constables from rain and provisions to safeguard from dehydration.

The SP added, "The AC helmets have a regulator to control the cooling temperature within the helmet as per requirement or according to the changing weather con-

ditions. A fully-recharged helmet can work up to eight hours. The AC helmets are a boon to the traffic constables working under hot and humid conditions.

The traffic constables are exposed to heat and rain, on duty. The AC helmets have the efficiency to protect the traffic constables from the harshness of nature. The helmets will surely boost up the working efficiency of traffic constables."

Employee accuses elite club executive of sexual harassment

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 25 JUNE

A female employee has accused an executive of an elite club of sexual harassment.

She lodged a complaint (FIR) at the Shakespear Sarani police station detailing the entire matter. He police have initiated an investigation.

The club authorities have remained silent on the issue. This incident in the elite club of south Kolkata has sparked controversy.

No arrests have been made yet, according to reports. In the complaint, the woman mentioned that her mother-in-law was an employee of the elite club on Wood Street in south Kolkata.

After her mother-in-law's death, the complainant got the job. She began working as an in-charge of a department in the club in 2022 after receiving her appointment letter.

She became a permanent employee in 2023, and that is when the problems allegedly started. Her main accusation is against a person who came to be in charge of the club's house maintenance

committee and staff committee. She claimed that he repeatedly harassed her and sometimes used obscene language to insult her. He also humiliated her by accusing her of not working and transferred her to another department.

However, the harassment reached its peak in February this year, according to the complaint. The accused called her to a construction site within the club where he was allegedly drinking alcohol.

Upon her arrival, he inappropriately touched her. Sensing danger, she fled the scene. But subsequently, he continued to touch her inappropriately on multiple occasions, as per her allegations. Despite informing the club authorities, no action was taken, and the harassment continued.

Finally, with no other option, she went to the police.

The woman's lawyer stated that the complaint of sexual harassment against the individual was filed last week. However, the club has not made any comments regarding the matter.

Guv writes to Sayantika, asks her to take oath at Raj Bhavan

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 25 JUNE

A day after the newly-elected Trinamul Congress MLA, Sayantika Banerjee from Baranagar constituency wanted Biman Bandyopadhyay, Speaker of the state Assembly, to administer her oath at the House, Governor C V Ananda Bose on Tuesday asked her to take oath at Raj Bhavan on 26 June.

Mr Bose in a three-page letter to Miss Banerjee asked her to take oath on Wednesday at Governor House.

Citing the verdict of the Supreme Court in connection with the swearing-in ceremony of MLAs, Mr Bose has also mentioned previous occasions of how the chief minister and other MLAs



have taken oath at Raj Bhavan.

Today's fresh letter from the Governor has once again intensified controversy in connection with the oath-taking ceremony of the two newly-elected MLAs, Miss Banerjee and Rayat Hossain.

Miss Banerjee on Monday met Mr Bandyopadhyay at the



state Legislative Assembly and discussed her oath-taking programme.

After meeting the Speaker Miss Banerjee had told reporters, "I have written to the Governor requesting him to take initiative so that the Speaker can administer my oath in the Assembly where as an MLA I will work."

Ladies' special buses resume services from Howrah station

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 25 JUNE

Aiming to ensure safety and comfort of women commuters during peak office hours, the state transport department rolled out ladies' special buses today. The initiative, according to official sources in the department, has been taken with an emphasis to enable enhanced safety and convenience to women commuters.

The bus service named as 'S-10A Ladies Special,' would have a starting point



at Howrah station and ending at Ballygunge, covering a long route of central and south Kolkata.

The service dedicated to women commuters, would

start from LD-1 bus depot of the Howrah Bus Terminus to cover a length of 12km, via Tea Board, Paribahan Bhawan, Esplanade, Park Street, Elgin Road, Hazra Crossing, Rash-

behari Avenue, Deshapriya Park and Gariahat.

The buses used for the service would generally be the JNNURM non-air-conditioned buses with a woman conductor compulsorily. To begin with, the department has now decided to run two services.

The bus would start from Howrah at 9.30 am and 10 am towards Ballygunge.

Notably, the transport department earlier operated the ladies' special bus service. However, following the outbreak of Covid-19, the

services had to be stopped. The department has now decided to resume the service from today.

As learnt from sources, the women's special services have been introduced keeping in mind the large number of female commuters travelling in local trains from the suburbs and heading towards various parts of the city.

However, for now, the services are to be in one way from Howrah to Ballygunge. The department could revise the services in the near future.

FIRE IN SINGUR GODOWN



A massive fire on Tuesday broke out at a chlorine godown of PHI at Singur, gutting the entire building. Five persons were seriously injured in the fire. One of them, in critical condition, was rushed to SSKM hospital. Many staff cars and two wheelers were burnt in the massive fire, which was brought under control by two fire engines. State minister Becharam Manna rushed to the spot to take stock of the situation. ■ SNS





I will speak to the Minister for Forests, Eshwar Khandre, about this. Eshwar Khandre's son, Sagar Khandre, won the election only because of Muslim votes. He shall do our work. I will get it done

ZAMEER AHMED KHAN KARNATAKA MINISTER FOR HOUSING, MINORITY WELFARE, AND WAQF

Sex video scandal: Prajwal Revanna sent to SIT custody till 29 June, faces fourth case

AGENCIES BENGALURU, 25 JUNE

A court of Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) on Tuesday sent former JD(S) MP Prajwal Revanna, prime accused in a sex video scandal, to Special Investigation Team (SIT) custody till 29 June.

Sources explained that Prajwal's custody has been secured to probe the fourth



case lodged against him by the victim, a woman from his native city Hassan.

The complaint has been registered against Prajwal

Revanna, former BJP MLA Preetham Gowda and his aides Chetan and Sharat. The case has been registered under IPC Sections 354A (assault or use of criminal force to a woman with intent to disrobe), 354B (using criminal force on a woman, abets such act with intention of disrobing), 354D (stalking), 506 (criminal intimidation), and Section 66E under the IT Act, according to sources.

Jagan apprehends denial of LoP status by TDP-led Andhra govt

'In the absence of the status of LoP, his ability to speak on public issues would be curtailed'

ANINDITA CHOWDHURY HYDERABAD, 25 JUNE

Alleging that the ruling TDP was trying to deny the YSRCP the status of principal opposition party, former Andhra Pradesh chief minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy on Tuesday wrote to Speaker Ayyanna Patrudu pointing out that his party was the sole opposition though it got only 11 seats in the recent assembly election.

He expressed apprehension that in the absence of the status of Leader of Opposition and the hostilities that were displayed by the Treasury Benches against him, both his opportunity and duration to



speak on public issues would be severely curtailed.

The YSRCP chief complained that he was called to take oath after the ministers

in the Cabinet, though contention demanded that he should have been called after the Leader of the House. "...YSRCP is the sole party

in Opposition to the ruling coalition comprising TDP-JSP-BJP which was also a pre-electoral alliance. The sequence followed for the process held on June 21 clearly discloses the intent of the floor leaders of the ruling combine to deny YSRCLP the status of principal Opposition party and the concomitant status to its floor leader," he said.

He also complained that the new elected Speaker had spoken against him in a YouTube interview referring to him as a "person defeated and not yet dead" and that "I should be beaten until I die."

He further stated, "YSRCP has secured a vote share of 40 per cent in the recently con-

cluded elections. I owe a duty to the people of Andhra Pradesh to represent their concerns on the floor of the august House.

"In view of the open and undisguised hostility exhibited by the leaders of the ruling combine as also by the Honourable Speaker, the YSRLP is constrained to evaluate the utility of its participation in the proceedings of the august House if it is treated as a party with 11 MLAs with no status of Leader of Opposition." He cited at least three instances where the Opposition leader got the required status though its numbers were inadequate, including that of TDP in Lok Sabha in 1984.

TENDER

Water Resources Department
Request for Bids
Non-Consulting Services (Short Term)
(Two-Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)
SHORT TERM RE-TENDER NOTICE

Employer: CHIEF ENGINEER Flood Control & Drainage, Water Resources Department (WRD), Birpur, Supaul

Project: Bihar Kosi Basin Development Project (BKBDP)

Contract title: Fabrication of Model Trays, Running, Simulation, Operation & Maintenance for 5 Years of Kosi River and Kosi Barrage Models at Physical Modelling Centre (PMC) Centre of Excellence (COE) Birpur, Supaul, Bihar.

Country: INDIA

Loan No. /Credit No. / Grant No.: IDAINS696

RFB No: IN-BIHAR/BAPEPS/WRD/PMC/NCS/2024-25/1

Issued on: 04/07/2024

- The Government of India (GoI) on behalf of Government of Bihar (GoB) has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of Bihar Kosi Basin Development Project (BKBDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract Fabrication of Model Trays, Running, Simulation, Operation & Maintenance For 5 Years of Kosi River and Kosi Barrage Models at Physical Modelling Centre (PMC) Centre of Excellence (COE) Birpur, Supaul, Bihar.
- The Chief Engineer, Flood Control & Drainage, Water Resources Department (WRD), Birpur, Supaul GoB is sub-implementing agency on behalf of Bihar Aapda Punarwas Evam Punarnirman Society (BAPEPS), GoB now invites sealed Bids from Eligible Bidders for Fabrication of Model Trays, Running, Simulation, Operation & Maintenance for 5 Years of Kosi River and Kosi Barrage Models at Physical Modelling Centre (PMC) Centre of Excellence (COE) Birpur, Supaul, Bihar
- Bidding will be conducted through National competitive Bidding procurement using Request for Bid as specified in the World Bank's "Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers", January 2011 revised July 2014 ("Procurement Guidelines"), and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from
Chief Engineer,
Flood Control & Drainage,
Water Resources Department,
Birpur, Supaul -854340 (India)
Email: cebirpur@gmail.com and inspect the bidding document during office hours 10:00 AM to 5 PM.
- The bidding document in **ENGLISH LANGUAGE** available online on <https://eprocure.gov.in/> for a non-refundable fee of INR 10,000, in the form of Demand Draft on any Scheduled/Nationalized bank payable at Supaul in favour of **Executive Engineer, Head Works Division, Birpur, Supaul -854340 (India)**. Bidders will be required to register in the website, which is free of cost. The bidder would be responsible for ensuring that any addenda available on the website is also downloaded and incorporated.

a)	Price of bidding document: (Non-refundable)	₹10,000 (Rupees Ten thousand Only)
b)	Date of commencement of downloading of bidding document	04/07/2024 at 15:00 Hours onwards
c)	Last date for downloading of bidding document from e-procurement Platform: https://eprocure.gov.in/	05/08/2024 at 16:00 Hours
d)	Last date and time for bid Submission/ uploading of Bid in e Procurement Platform:	05/08/2024 at 16:00 Hours
e)	Time and date of opening of bids- Technical part:	05/08/2024 at 16:30 Hours
f)	Time and date of opening of bids- Financial part:	The financial bid of the bidders who are technically qualified will be opened through e-procurement portal on a date to be notified later

- The bid document is available online and bids are to be submitted online through the e-Procurement portal <http://eprocure.gov.in> only. Bids submitted in any other manner will not be accepted. Bidders are required to obtain Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from the authorized Certifying Authorities Portal and then register with the e-procurement platform and submit bids by using their user ID and Digital Signature.
- All Bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security**, amount and currency of the Bid Security shall be **10 Lakhs in Indian Rupees in the form of Bank Guarantee** from Scheduled bank in favour of **Executive Engineer, Head Works Division, Birpur, Supaul -854340 (India)** needs to be submitted as per the procedure as described in Paragraph 8 below.
- Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding document and shall have to be valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the bid. Bids must be submitted on <https://eprocure.gov.in/> on or before **16:00 hours on 05/08/2024** and will be opened online on the **05/08/2024 at 16:30 hours**. Any bid or modifications to bid (including discount) received outside e-procurement system will not be considered.
- The bidders are required to submit following documents in original before date and time fixed for bid submission in the office of **Executive Engineer, Head Works Division, Birpur, Supaul -854340 (India)** before the opening of the technical part of the Bid given above, either by registered post/speed post/courier or by hand.
 - Original demand drafts towards the cost of bid document and registration on e-procurement website (if not previously registered);
 - Original bid security in approved form; and
 - Original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document.
 - Failing to submit above documents, the bids will be declared non-responsive and will not be opened.
- Interested Bidder are advised to visit the PMC Site, Birpur, Supaul at their convenience during official hours before attending Pre Bid Meeting.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held on **15/07/2024 at 15:00 hrs. in Office of Chief Engineer Flood Control & Drainage, Water Resources Department, Birpur, Supaul -854340 (India)** to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in clause 7 of ITB.
- The address (es) referred to above is
This information is available on www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar also

Chief Engineer
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नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

Tamil Nadu government to fill over 75,000 vacancies by January 2026: With the Assembly elections scheduled in 2026, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said on Tuesday that over 75,000 vacancies in the state government will be filled by January 2026. Speaking in the Assembly, CM Stalin listed out the job vacancies that will be filled by various government departments and said that in total, over 75,000 vacancies will be filled by January 2026. AGENCIES

EASTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. EL/HWH/25/21 (Notice)/590, dated 24.06.2024. Following e-Tenders are invited by Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, near Railway Station, Howrah-711101 for the under mentioned electrical works: **SI No. 1. Tender No. : EL-HWH-25-21-3303. Name of work :** Electrical (G) work in connection with Construction of Limited height subway in lieu of Level Crossing No. 24/A/9 at Km. 157/41-43 between Khagrahat Road - Kama Subama in Katwa-Azimganj Section under AEN/Azimganj. **Tender Value :** ₹ 17,29,045/- **Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit) :** ₹ 34,600/- **SI No. 2. Tender No. : EL-HWH-25-21-3304. Name of work :** Electrical (G) work in connection with Construction of Limited height subway (By box push method) in lieu of Level Crossing No. 26 at Km. 53/11-12 between Mayapur - Arambagh in Sheoraphuli - Goghat Section in Howrah Division. **Tender Value :** ₹ 17,13,401/- **Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit) :** ₹ 34,300/- **SI No. 3. Tender No. : EL-HWH-25-21-3281-R. Name of work :** Fire safety Audit of Power sub-station and HTAT Switch rooms over Howrah Division including DRM Building complex, Howrah under Electrical/G department. **Tender Value :** ₹ 25,14,232/- **Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit) :** ₹ 50,300/- **Completion Period:** 120 Days for each tender. **Closing date and time of tender :** 18.07.2024 at 15.00 hrs. for each tender. In case date of closing mentioned in the notice inviting tender is declared a holiday/bandh/strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tenders online will be on any convenient day after closing date and time of the tender. The details of tender are available at website www.ireps.gov.in Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. (HWH-131/2024-25)

Tender Notice is also available at websites: www.easternrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in

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'Those who wanted to weaken party...'

MUMBAI, 25 JUNE

Amid the speculations that some of the MLAs of the Ajit Pawar camp are willing to return to the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)-SP, NCP-SP Chief Sharad Pawar on Tuesday clarified that those who wanted to "weaken" the party would not be taken in.

However, the veteran NCP leader added that those MLAs who would not "hurt" the image of the party would be taken back, but after having a word with the party leaders and workers. Addressing the media in Maharashtra's Mumbai, Sharad Pawar said, "Those who wanted to weaken the party would not be taken in. But those leaders who would help strengthen the organisation and not hurt the image of the party would be taken in." AGENCIES

UDF disrupts proceedings in Kerala Assembly over govt's move to grant remission to murder convicts

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, 25 JUNE

The Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) disrupted the Kerala Assembly on Tuesday after Speaker AN Shameser denied the Opposition's notice for an emergency debate on the state government's move to grant special remission to the TP Chandrasekharan murder case convicts.

Speaker AN Shameser on Tuesday refused permission for the notice moved by TP Chandrasekharan's widow and RMP MLA KK Rema, seeking suspension of proceedings to discuss the alleged move of the LDF government to grant special remission to the murder case convicts.

"Since it has been made clear that such a move had not taken place, and also because there is no urgency involved, I decline the notice," the Speaker ruled.

Responding to the Speaker's decision, Leader of the Opposition VD Satheesan accused the Chair of committing a shocking breach of parliamentary etiquette by endeavouring to reply for the government. He pointed out

the impropriety in the Speaker responding to an issue on behalf of the government

"The government had set the sentence remission process in fast motion. Denying it is a barefaced lie and challenge to the rule of law," he said

Mr Satheesan said he's in possession of a letter from the jail superintendent to the police commissioner seeking details of the prisoners - including the murder convicts - for early remission. He also showed a copy of the letter which revealed that Rema's statement was taken by the police on 22 June seeking her stand on giving remission to the convicts.

Mr Satheesan alleged that Speaker was scared to allow discussion on the issue. Though VD Satheesan tried to make his point clear, the Speaker didn't permit him to speak, and switched off his microphone. Angered over the Speaker's attitude, Opposition legislators trooped to the Well of the House and disrupted the proceedings. The Opposition legislators shouted slogans against the government. The Speaker hurried through the day's business and adjourned the House for the day.

Later, speaking to media persons in the Assembly's media room, Mr Satheesan alleged that conspiracy to repeal the sentence was a long and drawn-out process that commenced in 2018

"These convicts are getting undue preference and five-star facilities even in the prison. It's they who decide their menu. Rema had sought clarification on the parole details of these prisoners five months ago, but to no avail. We understand that they have been blackmailing the CPI-M," said Mr Satheesan.

The Speaker has given the reply which should have been given by the Chief Minister in the assembly, he said

"If remissions would be granted to TP Chandrasekharan murder case convicts, Kerala would witness the sort of agitation in which Chief Minister and other ministers of his cabinet would not be able to step out of their residences," said VD Satheesan.

Meanwhile, KK Rema said she will meet Governor Arif Mohammed Khan at Raj Bhavan and will urge him not to grant remission to convicts in the TP Chandrasekharan murder case

Honour Killing: Stalin rules out allies' demand for special law

MCRAJAN CHENNAI, 25 JUNE

Even as Tamil Nadu is witnessing a spike in honour killings and anti-Dalit atrocities, Chief Minister MK Stalin has refused to accede to the demand from the ruling DMK's allies to bring in a special legislation to curb them on the ground that effective implementation of existing penal laws was enough and would serve the purpose.

Stalin was responding to a calling attention motion of the CPI(M) on the brutal mob attack on the party's district office in Tirunelveli city following the conduct of an inter-caste marriage on June 13. Raising the issue in the house, CPI(M) member Nagai Maali, urged the government to expeditiously enact a special law to curb honour killings and rising violence directed against the Dalits. Alleging that the police was not acting impartially, he demanded that the CPI(M) district secretary be provided with adequate police security.

The mob attack on the CPI(M) office followed the marriage of a Dalit youth and a dominant caste girl after the latter's family had stopped their wedding at the registrar's office. The party had conducted the marriage after duly informing the cops. Later, a mob from the girl's family, armed with sickles and crowbars, barged into the office and damaged the properties and held out a threat. Earlier, the district had witnessed gruesome murder of a dalit youth for marrying a girl from the intermediary caste. A Dalit student and his sister were brutally assaulted with sickles by the boy's school mates in Nanguneri



recently. According to reports, the district had witnessed 50 caste-related deaths, including honour killings.

The Chief Minister, sharing the members concern, however, made it clear that a special legislation was not needed to tackle this problem. He said strict implementation of existing laws in the IPC, CrP and the SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Act was enough. Citing some cases where the guilty had been punished with these laws, he said "the government will appoint Special Public Prosecutors to argue these cases. Further, instead of the Sub-inspector (SHO) being the Investigating Officer (IO), DySPs would be made IOs ensure fair and speedy investigation."

On the Tirunelveli issue, Stalin informed that sections under the SC/ST PA Act had been invoked in the case and of the 14 arrested seven women have secured bail while the rest are under judicial custody.

Interestingly, the Marxist legislator found support from the BJP's Vanathi Sreenivasan besides other allies of the DMK.

Directorate of Archaeology
Department of Art, Culture and Youth
Notice for Inviting Tender

Directorate of Archaeology, Department of Art, Culture and, Youth, GoB invites tender for Repair, Conceptualisation, Supply, Installation Testing and Commissioning of Multimedia (Light, laser and Sound Show) at Golghar, Patna with Comprehensive Operations and Maintenance for a period of 5 Years.

The tender document with detailed terms & conditions can be downloaded from the website of the department <https://state.bihar.gov.in/yac/> and from EPROC website <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/>. The bids in response to the tender can be submitted online on EPROC Website.

DoAcer@1080 current Cost	Rs.10,00,00/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)
EMD	Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Only)
RFP Issue Date	26/06/2024
Pre-Bid Meeting Date - Time	08/07/2024 15:00 Hours
Last Date for Bid Submission Date - Time	18/07/2024 15:00 Hours
Technical Bid opening Date-Time	18/07/2024 16:00 Hours

Note:

- All further notifications/corrigendum/amendment if any shall be posted at department website <https://state.bihar.gov.in/yac/> and <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/>
- Directorate of Archaeology, Department of Art, Culture and Youth, GoB reserves the rights to accept / reject any of the submissions without assigning any reasons thereof.
- No tender will be accepted after closing date and time in any circumstances

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

Director
Directorate of Archaeology

PR. No. 002569 (Art & Culture) 2024-25

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UNION MINISTER JITENDRA SINGH

HIGHLIGHTING INDIA'S PROGRESS IN NUCLEAR ENERGY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

IN THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL
KOLKATA BENCH, KOLKATA
Company Petition No. C.P. (CAA)/94(KB) 2024
Connected with
Company Application No. C.A. (CAA)/84 (KB) 2024
In the matter of:
The Companies Act, 2013.
And
In the matter of:
A petition made under Sections 230 and 232 of the said Act.
And
In the matter of:
Dream Suppliers Private Limited (CIN: U52190WB2009PTC133290)
- Transferee Company
And
In the matter of:
Akarshan Metal Distributors Private Limited (CIN: U51909WB2009PTC140103)
- Transferee company No. 1
And
In the matter of:
Emarat Projects Private Limited (CIN: U45400WB2010PTC148051)
- Transferee Company No. 2
And
In the matter of:
Immortal Vanija Private Limited (CIN: U51909WB2009PTC133596)
- Transferee company No. 3
And
In the matter of:
Midias Agency Services Private Limited (CIN: U74140WB2009PTC140230)
- Transferee Company No. 4
And
In the matter of:
Panchwati Commotrade Private Limited (CIN: U51909WB2009PTC139765)
- Transferee Company No. 5
In the matter of:
Powerful Merchandise Private Limited (CIN: U51909WB2009PTC139668)
- Transferee Company No. 6
And
In the matter of:
Sarkar's Realtors Private Limited (CIN: U45400WB2009PTC138332)
- Transferee Company No. 7
And
In the matter of:
Immortal Nirman Private Limited (CIN: U45202WB1998PTC807856)
- Transferee Company No. 8
NOTICE (Form NCLT 3A)
A petition under Sections 230 and 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 for confirmation of a Scheme of Amalgamation of Akarshan Metal Distributors Private Limited, Emarat Projects Private Limited, Immortal Vanija Private Limited, Midias Agency Services Private Limited, Panchwati Commotrade Private Limited, Powerful Merchandise Private Limited, Sarkar's Realtors Private Limited, Troyee Nirman Private Limited with Dream Suppliers Private Limited, and their respective shareholders was presented by the above named petitioners and admitted on 13th June 2024 and the said petition is fixed for hearing before the Hon'ble Tribunal on 25th July 2024. Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition should send to the petitioners' Advocate notice of his intention, signed by him or his Advocate, with his name and address, as to reach the petitioners' Advocate not later than two days before the date fixed for hearing of the petition. Where he seeks to oppose the petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of his affidavit should be furnished with such notice. A copy of the petition/application will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.
Dated this 21st June, 2024
Kolkata
Jnana Ranjan Dhal
(Advocate for petitioners)
12, Chandi Ghosh road, 2nd Floor, Kolkata- 700040 M-9831533102
Email: legaljrd1@gmail.com

FORM NO. NCLT 3A
ADVERTISEMENT DETAILING PETITION
(See Rule 35 of the National Company Law Tribunal Rules, 2016)
BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL,
KOLKATA BENCH
In the matter of:
Section 230 and 232 of the Companies Act, 2013
- And -
In the matter of:
Scheme of Amalgamation of:
DEVBHUMI VANIJYA PRIVATE LIMITED, RUDRAPRIYA DEALCOM PRIVATE LIMITED, SHIRDI TRADELINK PRIVATE LIMITED, MIRACLE DEALERS PRIVATE LIMITED AND SHAMBHUNATH TRADELINK PRIVATE LIMITED (Altogether referred to as "Transferee Companies") with **DOLPHIN GOODS PRIVATE LIMITED** ("Transferee Company")
C.P. (CAA) No. 215/KB/2023 connected with **C.A. (CAA) No. 135/KB/2023**
NOTICE OF PETITION
A Petition under section 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013, inter-alia for sanction of the Scheme of Amalgamation between **DEVBHUMI VANIJYA PRIVATE LIMITED (PAN: AADC04527F)** (Transferee Company No. 1), **RUDRAPRIYA DEALCOM PRIVATE LIMITED (PAN: AAECR7858N)** (Transferee Company No. 2), **SHIRDI TRADELINK PRIVATE LIMITED (PAN: AAQCS1712C)** (Transferee Company No. 3), **MIRACLE DEALERS PRIVATE LIMITED (PAN: AAFCM6617F)** (Transferee Company No. 4), **SHAMBHUNATH TRADELINK PRIVATE LIMITED (PAN: AAQCS1713D)** (Transferee Company No. 5) with **DOLPHIN GOODS PRIVATE LIMITED (PAN: AADC04480B)** (Transferee Company) was presented by Mr. Hemant Tiwari, Advocate, 9, Old Post Office Street, 2nd Floor, Kolkata (Advocate-on-Record) on behalf of the Petitioners in the above matter, on the 14th day of May, 2024 (filed on 6th day of December, 2023) and the said petition is fixed for hearing before the Kolkata Bench of the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal on 5th day of July, 2024.
Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition/application should send to the Practitioner on Record, notice of his intention, signed by him or his advocate, with his name and address, so as to reach the Practitioner on-record not later than two days before the date fixed for the hearing of the petition/application. Where he seeks to oppose the petition/application, the grounds of opposition or a copy of his affidavit must be furnished with such notice. A copy of the petition/application will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.
Sd/- Hemant Tiwari, Advocate
(Advocate on Record of the Petitioners)
Address: 9, Old Post Office Street, 2nd Floor, Kolkata-700001
Email: ihemanttiwari1111@gmail.com
Mobile: 6291085992
Date: 26/06/2024
Place: Kolkata

MP ministers to pay their income tax themselves: Ministers in the Madhya Pradesh government would now be responsible for paying their income tax themselves, as the state government will no longer provide any financial assistance to them for this purpose. This decision was taken at a state cabinet meeting presided over by Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav in Bhopal on Tuesday. The CM said that the state government would change the old system and that from now on, all the ministers would have to pay their income tax themselves. The CM said this decision would go a long way in the state's development. In another major decision, the cabinet decided that if any soldier from MP gets martyred, the financial compensation provided by the state government would be distributed equally between the martyr's wife and parents. SNS

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CBC 21239/12/0002/2425

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS
CENTRE FOR PROCESSING ACCELERATED CORPORATE EXIT (C-PACE)
HICA Building, 7th Floor, Plot P-6, 7, 8, Sector-5, IMT Manesar, Gurgaon, Haryana-122050
E-mail: roc.cpace@mca.gov.in

FORM NO. STK-6
PUBLIC NOTICE
[Pursuant to Sub-Section (2) and Sub-Section (4) of Section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016]
Public Notice: ROC/C-PACE/STK-2/248(2)/2024-25/274 Date: 11-06-2024

Reference:
(1) In the matter of striking off or removal of names of (38) companies in the State of WEST BENGAL under Section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of:

Sl. No.	Work Item	CIN	Company Name
1	AA8297003	U72900WB2021PTC246884	PRODIGY IT SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
2	AA8243174	U74999WB2020PTC239949	MPSS ECOM PRIVATE LIMITED
3	AA8210867	U25209WB1929PTC235323	OSRM GLOBAL INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
4	AA8211199	U25209WB2018PTC229128	OSRM INDUSTRIES INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
5	AA8009703	U85100WB2013PTC198012	STAR MULTISPECIALITY DENTAL TREATMENT & TRAUMA CENTRE PRIVATE LIMITED
6	AA7695152	U37100WB2014PTC202141	GREEN & CLEAN ENERGY INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
7	AA7973241	U70102WB2012PTC186333	WELLSWORTH INFRASTRUCTURE PRIVATE LIMITED
8	AA8044221	U85100WB2009PTC135566	LALDIGHI HEALTH CARE PRIVATE LIMITED
9	AA8179395	U60231WB2011PTC164639	BHUNTUSH TRANSPORT PRIVATE LIMITED
10	AA7460911	U18101WB2008PTC127997	DAGA BANDHU SAREES AND SUITS PRIVATE LIMITED.
11	AA8177664	U45400WB2008PTC123159	GOLDMINE TOWERS PRIVATE LIMITED
12	AA7835303	U17121WB2000PTC091845	AURA CREATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
13	AA8303864	U45201WB1997PTC085851	NAREN BUILDERS & DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED
14	AA8202756	U74999WB2018PTC226978	SYED'S CREATIVITY PRIVATE LIMITED
15	AA8144297	U46610WB2023PTC265093	SAI SHIVALIK PETROTECH PRIVATE LIMITED
16	AA8141196	U52399WB2022PTC258529	KOVELI ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED
17	AA8132017	U74900WB2014PTC199633	PARAMOUNT GURUJI TEA PLANTATION PRIVATE LIMITED
18	AA8131989	U85100WB2014PTC199474	PARAMOUNT PHARMA CARE PRIVATE LIMITED
19	AA7388675	U26931WB2010PLC147615	BUILDMAT BRICKS & TILES LIMITED
20	AA8118827	U51909WB2021PTC247641	SHOOLIN TRADING PRIVATE LIMITED
21	AA8101086	U25199WB2005PTC101862	DREAM POLYMERS PRIVATE LIMITED
22	AA8098420	U52399WB2021PTC246872	BHARAT MEP ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED
23	AA8088969	U46909WB2023PTC261354	KHAMRIMO TRADERS PRIVATE LIMITED
24	AA8070219	U17299WB2020PTC240635	AMRAAN EXPORTS PRIVATE LIMITED
25	AA8066627	U27200WB2021PTC247581	OMM NAMAH VENKETESAYAH TRADING PRIVATE LIMITED
26	AA7964233	U65993WB1997PTC085105	SKC EXIM PRIVATE LIMITED
27	AA7942571	U72900WB2022PTC258166	SYSIZ WEB SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
28	AA7490595	U74999WB2018PTC227587	SHOBHIT DAIRY PRODUCTS PRIVATE LIMITED
29	AA7905297	U51909WB2021PTC247792	MEDISOLVE PHARMA PRIVATE LIMITED
30	AA7885586	U51909WB2015PLC205904	SATAYWAN MARKETING LIMITED
31	AA7868459	U55209WB2022PTC254860	POSITIVE INCLUSIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
32	AA7835445	U51909WB2017PTC224006	LBI RETAIL BRANDS PRIVATE LIMITED
33	AA7538906	U65993WB1991PTC050848	HARDWAR HOLDINGS PVT LTD
34	AA7811117	U29253WB2009PTC139132	SILVER ENGINEERING PRIVATE LIMITED
35	AA7676513	U18101WB1999PTC089527	CHATRATH & DAUGHTERS SAREES PVT LTD
36	AA7664246	U74140WB2021PTC245594	GAINERS CAP ANALYST PRIVATE LIMITED
37	AA7643578	U72203WB1991PTC051208	DAVY ENGINEERING COMPANY PVT LTD
38	AA7561224	U70102WB2013PTC194208	CLUB 7 REALTORS PRIVATE LIMITED

(2) Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the abovementioned companies under Section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of its / their name(s) from the register of companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation or on the ground that the company(ies) is / are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and has / have not made any application(s) within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under Section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the Company(ies) have obtained the status of dormant company / subscribers to the memorandum have not paid the subscription which they had undertaken to pay at the time of incorporation of a company and a declaration to this effect has not been filed within one hundred and eighty days of its incorporation under Sub-Section (1) of Section 10A / have not been carrying on any business or operations, as revealed after the physical verification carried out under Sub-Section (9) of Section 12, but it / they do not wish to continue its / their registration as companies and have, therefore, requested for removal / strike off of its / their names from the register of companies.
(3) Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the abovementioned companies from the Register of Companies.
(4) Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned here above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.
Irkan Tirkey
Assistant Registrar
Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit
CBC 07123/11/0179/2425

Form No. 3
See Regulation-15 (1)(a)/16(3)
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
KOLKATA (DRT 3)
8th Floor, Jeevan Sudha Building, 42-C, Jawahar Lal Nehru Road, Kolkata- 700 071
Case No: TA/326/2014
[Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993]
Exh. No.: 4264
ICICI BANK LIMITED
VS
SURYA NARAYAN SHAW AND ANR
To,
(1) SURYA NARAYAN SHAW AND ANR 69/A/1, KALI KUNDU LANE, PS- BANTRA, HOWRAH, WEST BENGAL- 711101
(2) MANISH SHAW RESIDING AT- 69/A/1, KALI KUNDU LANE, PS- BANTRA, PIN- 711T6A HOWRAH, WEST BENGAL
SUMMONS
WHEREAS, TA/326/2014 was filed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 19/02/2024. WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 1073686.21/- (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).
In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:
(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;
(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets. You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy there of furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 08/08/2024 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence. Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 29/05/2024.
Signature of the officer
Authorised to issue summons,
Registrar-in-Charge
Kolkata Debts Recovery Tribunal

'PM Modi recalling past to hide his shortcomings'

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 25 JUNE



Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been recalling the past to hide his "shortcomings" and added that there is an "undeclared emergency" in the country under his government.

The statement of the Kharge came after the Prime Minister took a jibe at the Congress on the 50th anniversary of the Emergency imposed by former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on 25th June, 1975. The Congress chief in an apparent reference to Prime Minister's Emergency remark in a post on X said, "Narendra Modi ji, the country is looking towards the future, but you keep recalling the past to hide your shortcomings." He alleged that there has been an "undeclared emergency" in the country since the last 10 years under his rule and it has dealt a deep blow to the Constitution and democracy. "Breaking parties, toppling elected governments through backdoors, misusing the Enforcement Directorate, Central Bureau of Investigation, Income Tax on 95 per cent Opposition leaders, putting even Chief Ministers in jail, and spoiling the level playing field by using power before elections. Is it not an undeclared emergency? Is this not an undeclared emergency?," the Congress president said. Kharge, who is also the Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha further said, "Modi ji talks about consensus and cooperation, but his actions are opposite to that. 146 Opposition MPs were suspended from Parliament and the three laws to change the criminal justice system- the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and

the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 were passed. Where was the consensus when it was passed?." "Be it demonetisation, hastily implemented lockdown, or the law on Electoral Bonds, there are hundreds of such examples on which the Modi government did not use consensus/cooperation at all," he said. Earlier in a post on X, the Prime Minister said, "Today is a day to pay homage to all those great men and women who resisted the Emergency. The dark days of emergency remind us of how the Congress party subverted basic freedoms and trampled over the Constitution of India which every Indian respects greatly."

Birla, Rahul, Akhilesh, Manipur MPs cheered in LS oath



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Former Speaker and ruling NDA's Speaker candidate for the 18th Lok Sabha Om Birla on Tuesday took oath as member of the Lok Sabha, along with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav and NCP (Sharad Pawar) leader Supriya Sule. Mr Birla, re-elected to the House from Kota, Rajasthan for the third consecutive time, was cheered by the Treasury benches as he took the oath. He greeted members on all sides of the House. As the Lok Sabha was adjourned for Wednesday, Pro-tem Speaker Bhartruhari Mahtab said oath-taking of most members of the 543-member House was completed in the first two days of the session since yesterday. He said some members were yet to take the oath as they were not present. He said several members, despite advice of the Chair, had kept speaking after the text of the oath, invoking names of political leaders or divine figures. "We are still not out of the election fever," he said.

Other than the oath text, he said, invocations made by the members had been blurred and were not going on record. The Chair's advice, however, had little effect on the members, who kept invoking the names of their leaders and divine figures. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi held a copy of the red-cover Constitution in his hand while taking his oath in English. Mr Gandhi was cheered by his party colleagues as he proceeded to sign the members' register after the oath. Mr Gandhi, along with many members of his party and its INDIA partners, paid tributes to the Constitution but their references were not kept on record, as per the Pro-tem Speaker's ruling. Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav and his wife Mrs Dimple Yadav took oath amidst cheers from their party colleagues. Trinamul Congress members from West Bengal like Abhishek Banerjee, Saugata Roy, Sudip Bandyopadhyay, Kalyan Banerjee and Mahua Moitra were among those cheered by their party colleagues. Among the Congress members from Uttar Pradesh, Mr Kishori Lal Sharma, who won from Amethi, received cheers from the Opposition desks. The two Congress MPs from Inner Manipur (Mr Angomcha Bimol Akojiam) and Outer Manipur (Mr Alfred Kannangam S Arthur) were heavily cheered from the INDIA parties and received a standing ovation as they proceeded to take oath. Members from other North Eastern States like Nagaland, Meghalaya and Mizoram were also heartily cheered by several parties. All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimen (AIMIM) President Asaduddin Owaisi stoked a controversy during his swearing-in by raising the slogan "Jai Palestine", leading to chaos in the House. BJP members created an uproar over Mr Owaisi chanting 'Jai Palestine' slogans and demanded that it be expunged from the proceedings of the House. Radha Mohan Singh, who was in the chair at the time, told the members that nothing extra would go on record, except the oath ceremony. Prior to this, when he moved to the podium to take the oath, Mr Owaisi was greeted by Jai Shri Ram slogans.

Chhattisgarh govt committed to development of all communities: CM Vishnu Deo Sai

RAIPUR, 25 JUNE

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Tuesday reaffirmed the state government's dedication to maintaining peace and harmony across all communities while promoting inclusive development.

In a meeting with a delegation from the Satnami community, he acknowledged their significant cooperation in achieving these objectives. CM Sai made these remarks during a courtesy call by a Satnami community delegation, led by Rajaguru Dharmaguru Gurubaladas Sahib Ji, at his residence office in Raipur. The meeting was also attended by Arang MLA Guru Khushwant Sahib and several Rajmahants from the Satnami community across the state. Addressing the recent violence in the Baloda Bazar district, CM Sai assured the delegation that stringent action would be taken against the perpetrators. He emphasized that while no innocent individuals would be harassed, those found guilty would face strict punishment.

He stressed that the government's actions would be fair and just. CM Sai also highlighted that measures are being taken to ensure no innocent person is implicated in the incident. He informed the delegation about the formation of a committee chaired by Revenue Minister Tankram Verma.

This committee will receive information from the community about innocent individuals to ensure they are not subjected to any unjust actions. The Satnami community, known for its peaceful nature and adherence to the teachings of Baba Guru Ghasidas, expressed deep sorrow over the incident. SNS

'Centre accords top priority to farmers' welfare'

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Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi inaugurated the three-day 64th Council Meeting of the International Sugar Organization (ISO) at Bharat Mandapam on Tuesday.

Experts from over 30 countries participated in the meeting to discuss and deliberate on the future possibilities, challenges, and strategies in the sugarcane, sugar, and allied sectors. Earlier, India hosted the 41st session of ISO council Meeting in 2012. During his inaugural

address, Mr Joshi said nearly five crore farmers were engaged in cultivation of sugarcane and the industry was providing ample employment opportunities both directly and indirectly. He emphasised that the Government of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi accords top priority to the welfare of farmers and safeguarding interest of consumers as well as the industry thereby ensuring collaborative efforts to improve agricultural practices.

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Honour Killings

The tragic deaths of Tejveer Singh and Meena in Haryana are a stark reminder of the brutal realities of honour killings in India. Despite the progress made in other areas, these incidents expose the dark underbelly of societal norms that prioritise family honour over individual rights and freedoms. The couple's murder, suspected to be orchestrated by those opposing their union due to their familial ties and same-caste marriage, is a part of a disturbing trend in Haryana, which has seen multiple honour killings in just one month. Honour killings are a grotesque manifestation of deeply entrenched patriarchal values. They are often justified as necessary actions to preserve family honour, but in reality, they are violent expressions of control and dominance. The victims, typically young couples who dare to defy traditional expectations, pay the ultimate price for their pursuit of love and autonomy. In the recent cases in Haryana, the motives are painfully similar. In Kaithal, a minor was coerced into killing his sister, a chilling tactic to exploit lenient juvenile laws. This deliberate manipulation of legal loopholes highlights the calculated nature of these crimes. Meanwhile, in another incident, a father strangled his daughter for merely talking to a boy, illustrating the extreme measures taken to control women's lives and choices. These acts of violence are not just family matters; they are societal failures. They reflect a broader issue of how honour and reputation are weaponised to justify the suppression of individual freedoms. The persistence of these crimes, despite legal prohibitions, underscores the need for more robust enforcement and cultural change.

Activists have long argued for specific legislation targeting honour killings to ensure these crimes are documented and prosecuted effectively. The absence of a dedicated legal framework allows many cases to be brushed under the carpet, perpetuating a culture of impunity. Implementing stringent laws, coupled with a strong judicial response, is crucial in sending a clear message that such acts of violence will not be tolerated. However, legal measures alone are insufficient, not the least because many in the Haryana Police may share the values of perpetrators. Education and awareness campaigns can play a significant role in challenging the notions of honour that underpin these killings.

By promoting values of individual rights, gender equality, and respect for personal choices, society can begin to dismantle the toxic beliefs that fuel honour-based violence. Moreover, support systems for those at risk need to be strengthened. Safe houses and protection mechanisms should be accessible and robust to provide refuge for individuals who fear for their lives due to familial opposition to their choices. The case of Tejveer and Meena, who withdrew their request for police protection, highlights the need for continuous support and assurance to vulnerable individuals. The fight against honour killings is ultimately a battle for the soul of society. It challenges us to uphold the principles of dignity, freedom, and justice for all individuals, regardless of their choices in love and marriage.

Shifting Fronts

The recent statements by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu signal a potential shift in the focus of Israel's military operations from Gaza to its northern border with Lebanon, raising critical questions about the broader implications for regional stability. While Mr Netanyahu's declaration that the Gaza offensive is winding down may bring temporary respite, the looming threat of a new front against Hezbollah could escalate into a more extensive conflict with far-reaching consequences. Mr Netanyahu's acknowledgment that fewer troops will be needed in Gaza, allowing for redeployment to the north, highlights Israel's strategic recalibration. The conflict with Hamas, marked by extensive military engagement and significant casualties, appears to be entering a new phase. Despite claims of substantial damage inflicted on Hamas, Mr Netanyahu's remarks suggest that Israel is preparing for continued "mowing" operations - targeted strikes to prevent Hamas from regrouping. This on-going vigilance underscores the enduring nature of the threat posed by Hamas, even as immediate hostilities in Gaza subside. The situation on the northern border, however, presents a more complex and potentially more dangerous challenge. Hezbollah, backed by Iran, has demonstrated formidable military capabilities and a willingness to engage in sustained conflict with Israel. The daily exchanges of fire and Hezbollah's recent unveiling of new weapons, including attack drones, signify a heightened readiness for war. Mr Netanyahu's warning that Lebanon could be turned into a second Gaza if hostilities escalate is a stark reminder of the devastating impact such a conflict could have on both nations. The international community, particularly the United States, has a crucial role to play in mediating these tensions. The involvement of White House envoy Amos Hochstein in the region underscores the urgency of diplomatic efforts to prevent a broader war. However, Mr Netanyahu's mixed messages - expressing hope for a diplomatic solution while preparing for military action - reflect the precarious balance Israel must maintain between deterrence and diplomacy.

Mr Netanyahu's vision for post-war Gaza, which involves maintaining Israeli military control while establishing a Palestinian civilian administration, raises significant ethical and political questions. This approach, while aimed at ensuring Israel's security, risks perpetuating the cycle of violence and undermines prospects for a sustainable peace. The exclusion of the Palestinian Authority from this plan further complicates the path to a comprehensive resolution, as it sidesteps an internationally recognised entity that could play a crucial role in governance and rebuilding efforts. The Prime Minister's dismissal of resettling Israelis in Gaza, deeming it unrealistic, reveals a pragmatic acknowledgment of the limitations of Israeli control over the territory. However, this pragmatism must extend to broader considerations of human rights and the humanitarian impact of prolonged military occupation and conflict. The humanitarian crisis in Gaza, which has been exacerbated by the on-going blockade and repeated military offensives, demands urgent attention and action from the global community.

Disconnect to Connect

A Lund University study demonstrated that if one is to attain and maintain self-control, productivity, improved well-being, and a healthy balance between in-person and virtual relationships, digital detox is decisive for one's private, professional, and social lives. Research also disclosed that limiting social media use to about 30 minutes a day can significantly reduce incidences like depression, sleep disorders and loneliness



Digital devices like computers, tablets, televisions and especially smartphones which are now ubiquitous due to their multi-functionalities, adaptability, portability and purposeful design, are now integral to and indispensable for modern lives, and they influence, indeed dictate how we equip, interact, communicate, entertain, and receive services such as banking, healthcare, education and even navigation.

These compulsive contrivances are integrating and making the users dependent on them for almost everything. As most people, particularly generation Z, remain obsessively and incessantly plugged-in to digital screens - mostly on unproductive social media or games - the apprehension of David Thoreau that humans would one day become "prisoner to machine" or slaves to screens appears to have come to fruition.

The gadgets surely offer and afford a multitude of advantages and conveniences, but they also, like most other technological innovations in human history, pose myriad challenges and tribulations on mental, psychological, cognitive, behavioral and social thriving and wellbeing.

The situation is rapidly reaching such a pass where it is incumbent to strive for a balanced and progressive symmetry between the benefits of gadgets and socio-personal safeness.

One countermovement, generically known as Digital Detox (DD) has emerged as a palliative passageway or expedient recourse against the upsetting on-fall of excessive digital screen time and the downsides of continuous connectivity. The movement is gathering steam and sustenance, principally in European countries and medical literature.

DD refers to intentional and voluntary timeouts from digital devices, including their attached applications. With the praxis that may be summarised as disconnect to connect, the DD identifies the fallout of habitual screen usage, seeks to reclaim control over tech devices, reinvents the virtue of the in-person relationship, prioritises mental well-being, and strives for a healthy balance in the personal and intellectual spheres.

Flexible, action-oriented countermeasures entail rational, productive, and minimal use of tech gadgets. The objective is to simplify device use, under-

score no-frills usage, and adhere to de-cluttered practices. The energy, time and conscientiousness gained from the abstinence process should be better utilised for in-person relationships with family, friends, and community members, as well as for introspection, capacity building, and mindfulness.

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As the countervailing concept to the fear of missing out (FOMO) and fear of being offline (FOBO) which decode why device users remain continuously connected, DD emphasises the joy of missing out (JOMO) which harps on the values of freedom from digital distractions and the centrality of disconnection for full engagement with people and activities that matter most in our lives.

Cristina Crook in The Joy of Missing Out: Finding Balance in a Wired World elaborated on her experience; "When we step offline, it's amazing how little we miss... the world keeps on turning without my words, without my likes and dislikes. It made me feel small. It showed me I am not so important as I think."

The movement recommends an easy and incremental strategy, depending on individual-level feasibility. The methods extend to fixing one's offline period, device management frames like blocking notification buttons or purging intrusive applications, and setting goals like a phased social media detox or general screen Sabbath.

To minimise the behavioural addiction problems, DD suggests common-sense boundary settings: screen breaks during study, project work, bed and meal times, interaction with

family and friends.

Regardless of the method and goal one willingly opts for, the initial phase of detoxing is, however, challenging. A dead-stop from non-stop screen time is both tumultuous and treacherous. After all, entrenched and addictive habits die hard.

To assuage the initial discomfort and hiccups, one tangible way can be to underscore the disproportionate tolls of tech devices on personal, professional, and social terrain. When one gets fairly convinced that an untangled life is rewarding enough, at least for oneself, the consequent resolve will help in salvaging one from becoming a slave to the screen.

The already palpable cognitive corrosion consequent upon the enslaving use of smartphones - otherwise regarded as an immersive technological tool with toxic applications intended to grab users' browsing data for a profit - is one case in point that can persuade one to proceed with a detox strategy.

Incidentally, smartphones are reported to be more demonic, having ample upsetting impacts on the health, cognitive flourishing, and productive capacity of the users. Initially crafted as a simple interpersonal communication tool, technological innovations have traversed from the basic mobile phone to the feature phone and now the devilish smartphones.

The advantages of smartphones, like quick access to information and the transaction of multifarious tasks, are turning out to be their major curse.

Coupled with usurpation of basic cognitive activities and information overload, dependence on smartphones for information assistance induces the process of memory offloading, which inter alia implies disarray and decline in (i) certain types of memory recall; (ii) ability of critical thinking and problem solving; and (iii) capacity of creativity or active creation.

The human brain is not designed to efficiently process multiple tasks at a time. But multitasking is ingrained in smartphones, and users' propensity to

multitask by juggling multiple activities simultaneously - texting while watching videos - can impair cognitive performance and productivity.

While the human mind is by nature prone to habitual diversions, the fanatical use of smartphones perpetuates those. The impulsive check on notifications, social media posts, or customised feeds fragments mental attention, interrupts focus, and impairs the ability to concentrate for an extended period.

Such distractions obstruct the memory consolidation or memory encoding process (transferring information from short-term memory to long-term memory), without which retention and recall of information become problematic.

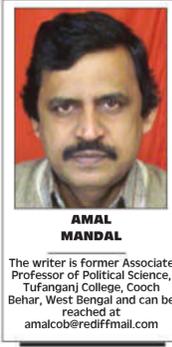
Research reveals that the human attention span is shorter than that of goldfish, and it is gradually slumping. In the early 2000s, one could focus for about ten seconds on average, but it subsequently came down to eight seconds. And for the user susceptible to nonstop disruptions, it is an uphill task to concentrate on anything, literally.

While each mental distraction reportedly demands about twelve minutes to regain preceding focus, relentless derangements day in and day out incapacitate smartphone users in their rumination, reflection, reasoning, thinking capability, and capacity building.

Studies substantiate that the addictive use of smartphones is closely correlated with diminishing reasoning capacity, lower numerical processing ability, and weaker impulse control. And such debilities make one irrelevant or unfit for the struggle called life. Honing of skill sets, academic proficiency, or intellectual competency can only enable one to navigate the challenges and storms life throws in one's way.

Considerable downtime is absolutely essential for contemplation, introspection, equipping, and preparing oneself in this highly competitive world where survival is getting tougher and livelihood options are either transforming or shrinking.

The incapacity arising out of cognitive stultification and intellectual inaptitude can only make, particularly, the younger generation incompetent or irrelevant. Such an eventuality is fraught with momentous socioeconomic upheavals.



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Intelligent Transportation System

The Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) will be the key to enhancing and optimising the management, operation and use of highways. It will improve traffic capacity, help reduce congestion and accidents, minimise environmental pollution and raise driver awareness.

Intelligent Transportation System applies scientific and technological advancements, including sensors, electronics, informatics and telecommunications, to optimally control, operate and manage transportation infrastructure.

This system aims to improve traffic capacity, reduce congestion and accidents, minimise fuel consumption and limit environmental pollution, making transportation more efficient.

Essentially, ITS leverages advances in IT and telecommunications to connect people, road systems and vehicles into an integrated network. This network optimises the management, operation and flow of traffic on highways, with the primary goal of automating traffic management.

ITS also manages traffic information, electronic toll collections, traffic control, automatic incident detection and timely incident responses on highways. It helps prevent accidents, raises road user awareness and contributes to building a safe, civilised, modern and developed society.

According to its plan, Viet Nam's expressway network will include 41 routes with a total length of over

9,000km. Currently, the country has 35 expressway sections with a combined length of 2,001km in operation. By 2025, this is expected to increase to 3,000km and by 2030, to 5,000km.

ITS is an integral part of all highway projects and is as important as other construction elements. The Ministry of Transport (MoT) has recommended that Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh approves the use of information technology in transport management and operation, focusing on the road sector. This project aims to ensure that by 2025, 100 per cent of all expressways will be equipped with intelligent traffic management systems. It also aims to establish integrated traffic management centres in smart urban areas in major cities and localities with high demand.

Currently, MoT has directed units to urgently review and invest in completing ITS and the traffic management centers for the North-South Expressway projects in the eastern region. Minister of Transport Nguyen Van Thang recently directed the Vietnam Expressway Corporation to send working delegations to Europe and regional countries to learn about intelligent transportation systems.

Units are required to invest in modern equipment, apply advanced global technologies, standardise technical systems and enhance the use of AI technology in the ITS to automatically collect, analyse and process data for the management and operation of expressways.

Traffic management centres will be constructed by combining adjacent short expressway sections, ensuring that every 70-100km of road is managed by one centre. This approach, similar to practices in other countries worldwide and in the region, aims to enhance management efficiency.

These centres will use a common software platform to ensure consistency. There will be a common data connection system to facilitate information exchange and interaction between routes.

ITS investment will revolutionise expressway management, operations and maintenance. MoT has mandated modern equipment and advanced technologies, ensuring effective connectivity between traffic management centres and the national ITS centre.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Strategic games

SIR, President Vladimir Putin's recent visit to North Korea and signing a pact there are viewed by today's editorial titled "Putin-Kim pact" as a potentially destabilising shift in Northeast Asia's geopolitics and Cold War-style posturing.

As the United States and a majority of the West intensify their support for Ukraine, the alliance between Moscow and Pyongyang prompts China to reassess its relations with North Korea.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's unconditional support to Russia in its war against Ukraine strategically emboldens North Korea's dreaded nuclear

programme.

South Korea, an ally of America, is also likely to review the development which could result into growing military tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

On the other side, the recently-held peace summit with the aim of establishing peace in Ukraine, hosted by Switzerland could not produce the desired outcome as Russia was not invited.

The demands raised in the peace summit include (1) ensuring safety of all nuclear installations including Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant in accordance with the International Atomic Energy Agency principles;

(2) safe passage of Ukrainian agricultural products; (3) release of all prisoners of war and (4) return of thousands of Ukrainian children, believed to be in Russia's captivity. About 82 countries including the US signed the communique.

Despite the demands sounding apparently reasonable, India, Saudi Arabia and some other countries did not agree to sign the declaration because of Russia's absence in the summit.

South Africa also did not become a part of the signatories citing illegitimate presence of Israel in the peace summit when Israel is violating the United Nations' norms in its war against the Hamas and Palestinians.

Yours, etc., Sukhendu Bhattacharjee, Sheoraphuli, 21 June.

FIX THE SUPPLY

SIR, This refers to today's report "Website, all portals fully secure, says NTA," in The Statesman. The haste to damn the National Testing Agency (NTA) and the politicisation of what isn't the agency's finest moment is unfortunate. The Centre's move to address the problem of leaks and irregularities by setting up a time-bound committee headed by former IAS head and chair of IIT Kanpur board of governors, K Radhakrishnan, is the right first step. A common test for all applicants is a good idea. It reduces complexity, costs and ensures a level playing field for applicants. Fixing NTA will also require regaining public trust.

The committee must engage with stakeholders as well as experts, who can provide guidance on creating fail-safe means to localise and minimise impacts should the system be breached. The government must be transparent and inclusive in its repair job. The biggest vulnerability is the demand-supply gap. Nearly 24 lakh aspirants took the 2024 undergraduate medical test, NEET, for admission to 91,000 seats. As long as the ratio of aspirants to seats remains this high, there will be consistent and innovative efforts - legal and illegal - to game the system. As the committee begins its work, the ministry should start working on addressing this mismatch.

Yours, etc., N Sadhasiva Reddy, Bengaluru, 24 June.

OCCASIONAL NOTE

Tea planters in India may be congratulated on the buoyant tone of the speeches at the annual Assam dinner in London. Sir John Hewett contrasted the present favourable outlook with the very different position which presented itself three years ago when the tea growers of Assam and elsewhere were "almost in despair." Every industry has to reckon with fluctuation, but it is to the credit of the tea industry that through the work of the Tea Association it does its best to common success by enterprising methods of publicity; and Sir John Hewett referred to the good effects of the advertising campaign undertaken in America. Lord Olivier was one of the chief guests at the dinner, and as was becoming in a member of a Labour Government, he put in a good word for the coolie. It should hardly be necessary to observe that it is not only the duty but very much to the interest of the planter to look carefully after the welfare of his labourers. Lord Olivier was a welcome guest, representing as he did an administration whose policy is decidedly a favourable one for the tea trade.

NEWS ITEMS

Patriarch Tikhon

REMOVED BY SOVIET FROM MOSCOW

(TIMES' SPECIAL SERVICE.)
RUMOURS had lately been current in Moscow that because the Patriarch Tikhon's influence is growing the Soviet authorities intended to remove him to some monastery in a less populated place where religious feeling is less strong. These rumours, says the Times Riga correspondent, are now confirmed by the Soviet Press which announces that the Patriarch Tikhon is leaving Moscow to settle in a monastery near Leningrad.

JAPAN BOYCOTT

WILL IMPORT ONLY INDIAN COTTON

(TIMES' SPECIAL SERVICE.)
THE Tokio correspondent of the Times states that at a mass meeting in Yokohama it was decided to boycott American goods, to import only Indian cotton, and to export silk only to Europe.

LABOUR AND TATA'S

QUESTION OF UNION'S RECOGNITION

MR. C. R. DAS, Dewan Chamanlal, Mr. D. P. Sinha, Mr. T. C. Goswami and Mrs. Santosh Kumari Gupta, members of the Conciliation Board, arrived here this morning. They had informal discussions with representatives of the labourers and with Mr. Sawday on behalf of the management of the Steel Works. The Board meets again this afternoon. It is understood that the important question for settlement is the recognition of the local Union by the employers. Mr. Das has been elected president of the Conciliation Board and Mr. T. C. Goswami secretary.

MOMENTOUS ELECTION

THREE NOTABLE LEADERS DEFEATED

THE general election in South Africa is the most momentous in its history. There were 267 candidates for 13 contested seats. Many rural constituencies cover huge areas which will delay the announcement of the final result, but already the South African party, of which General Smuts is the leader, has had its majority of eight at the dissolution wiped out, with notable leaders like General Smuts, Sir Abe Bailey, and Mr. Roach, Chairman of Committees, defeated.

All three parties, entered the fight most confidently. The South African party, which absorbed the predominantly British Unionist party, had 129 candidates. The Nationalists, who are mostly Dutch headed by Gen. Hertzog, had 84. The Labourites were the most optimistic, claiming that there had been a revulsion of feeling against the pact. The centre of the fight was on the Rand, and in the Cape Province. No important changes are anticipated in Natal and the Orange Free State, where there were very few triangular fights. One of the most notable triangular contests was in the constituency of Donver, where Colonel Oresswell, leader of the Labourites, defeated the South African and Independent Labourite candidates, - Reuter's Special Service.

Indigenous seeds help rural empowerment

BHARAT DOGRA

When green revolution seeds with a narrow genetic base were spread rapidly over a vast part of the agricultural land of India and several other developing countries, they displaced a vast diversity of local crops and crop-varieties. The reason why farmers over several generations had developed and preserved a vast and increasing diversity of crop-species was that these were needed for different kinds of land, situations and needs.

There could be different varieties suitable for lower land and upper land, for flood-prone land and well-protected land. Seed selection could vary depending on whether rains were normal, deficient or excess. Different varieties could be selected for preparing normal rice or scented rice, for rice known to be best for preparing khichdi or kheer, or for processing into poha or murmura, or for meeting some special health or medicinal needs.

Farmers recognized and understood their local, diverse seeds and their special characteristics. As long as they had these seeds in stock, or could obtain them from neighbours, they could adapt themselves to various changing situations at the local level.

Once these seeds were lost and displaced, farmers became helpless and then understood their great loss. However by then it was too late and much of the precious heritage of seeds had been lost. But gradually several community efforts started to be made to find and save traditional seeds. Of course, government and corporate efforts too had started to save endan-



gered seed varieties in gene banks, but from the point of view of farmers what was really important was to save traditional seeds by growing them on their farms. These would then be shared with others and so the process of revival of the diversity of traditional indigenous seeds would spread.

The Himalayan region with different seeds found suitable for different elevations and with farmers traditionally adopting many fascinating mixed-farming systems, including millet crops that are rare in the plains, have been particularly known for the genetic diversity of crops. When some Chipko movement activists of Hemvalgthi region in Garhwal (Uttarakhand) realised that this diversity including an invaluable system of growing together about 12 nutritious crops, called barahana, was being threatened in various ways, they launched a pioneering movement called 'beej bachao andolan' (save

the seeds movement) to protect the heritage of traditional indigenous seeds. They took out foot marches to remote villages to spread the message of protecting indigenous seeds and mixed farming systems like barahana. Several endangered seeds were collected from remote villages and shared with farmers so that these could be saved in field and farm conditions. Characteristics of many diverse varieties of rice and other crops were carefully documented.

Several of those trying to spread natural farming practices realized that it is very important for the success of these efforts to create a strong base of diverse, traditionally-grown indigenous seeds. SRIJAN, a voluntary organization which has been promoting natural farming in several states has set up natural farming centres which also include efforts to collect and share several diverse varieties of traditional indigenous seeds.

Several such efforts have found that tribal communities in particular have a rich heritage of a diversity of traditionally grown indigenous seeds and they have been quick to realize the importance of saving this heritage. In the tri-junction tribal belt of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat, efforts of a voluntary organization Vaagdhara to protect this heritage of tribal communities, particularly the Bheel tribal community, have won widespread appreciation.

These efforts have continued for nearly 15 years. Several foot marches were taken out to spread this message. While individual farmers were also encouraged in indigenous seed protection efforts, at the same time community seed banks were also established.

These efforts led to the emergence of several women farmers in particular as very capable and successful conservers of indigenous seeds. They were honoured at gatherings of villagers as beej-mitra and beej-mata.

Thanks to the sharing of these seeds by farmers at several levels, these seeds which were once getting endangered are now being grown in several villages by an increasing number of farmers. A recently organized seeds festival, which involved the holding of nearly 90 seeds assemblies in as many villages, has given a big boost to the saving and sharing of indigenous seeds by tribal farmers, particularly women farmers.

For the activists of Vaagdhara, this is part of a wider vision of Gram Swaraj or village self-reliance which draws its inspiration from Mahatma Gandhi and has proven of great value in

improving the livelihood base of tribal communities and reducing their dependence on highly exploitative migrant labor. As the Coordinator of Vaagdhara Jayesh Joshi says, "Practical application of Gandhiji's concept of Swaraj in terms of contemporary issues and needs is very important and in the context of the farmers their most important need perhaps is to be self-reliant in terms of seeds. Seed is after all the basis of all farming. Hence beej swaraj or seed self-reliance of farmers has been for us a very important part of the overall concept of swaraj."

"What is more", he continues, "the response of farmers particularly women farmers from tribal communities has been so encouraging that clearly our theoretical understanding of the concept of beej swaraj has been confirmed by the field level realities and experiences."

The other aspect of promotion of self-reliance in this context has been in terms of promotion of natural farming and preparation of field-level natural fertilizers and pest repellants based on locally available resources. All these components are mutually supportive and can be well-integrated with each other.

Hence the way forward is not to look at the saving of indigenous seeds as an isolated activity but to integrate it in a more holistic understanding of swaraj and gram swaraj, or a vision of village development based on increasing resilience and self-reliance of rural communities.

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Battle of old vs young in Kathmandu

NARESH KOIRALA

The duel between Kathmandu's 34-year-old mayor Balendra Shaha (popularly called Balen), a structural engineer, reputed rapper and political novice, and 72-year-old Khagda Prasad Sharma Oli, a high school dropout, two-time prime minister, political veteran and chairperson of the Communist Party of Nepal (United Marxist Leninist) is a caricature of contemporary Nepali politics marred by the conflict between the old and the young. The duel has attracted numerous newspaper articles, set social media on fire and provided YouTubers a field day.

What is Oli's motive in mobilising his whole party to attack Balen, and what is Balen—a lone man with no political experience and political following—doing picking a fight with Oli? How will the duel impact Oli's party and Balen's aspirations going forward?

The Balen-Oli fight began when the metropolitan city started to clear buildings built illegally on municipal land or business advertisements that did not comply with municipal regulations. The city would order the occupants of the offending buildings or business owners to comply with the law and vacate the premises. In most cases, the occupants would ignore the order. Like in old times, they relied on their political connections to continue to subvert the law. However, that did not work with Balen. He sent municipal forces to demolish the encroachment and non-compliant adverts. The first property subjected to the mayor's action belonged to someone connected to the UML. Soon after the clear-



ance, a Central Committee member of the UML, Mahesh Basnet, called upon his minions to physically harm Balen if he did not "mend his ways".

Balen's attempt to clean up Kathmandu from squatters occupying public land, particularly river banks, intensified the conflict. Oli publicly mocked Balen for using bulldozers to demolish plastic shades built by "poor squatters." Some "squatters" are believed to occupy multi-story buildings constructed on public land and own businesses worth millions of rupees. The majority of them are UML voters, "UML's vote bank", observed a Balen supporter. The squatter problem is not new. All previous governments, including the one led by Oli, recognised it.

The conflict became increasingly acrimonious when Balen opened the basement of Dharahara for car parking. The government objected, arguing that the reconstruction of Dharahara is still incomplete and the

car park is unsafe to use. Balen retorted, "Dharahara was inaugurated as a completed project by Prime Minister Oli before the last election. How can it be incomplete?" The inauguration of the work-in-progress was one of Prime Minister Oli's pre-election charades. The car park is safe and currently in use; the reconstruction continues.

The recent New Road imbroglio added fuel to the fire. Balen started widening the footpath on New Road to comply with the standards set by the Nepal Department of Roads (NDR). A local ward chair, a UML member, objected and complained to the Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport headed by Deputy Prime Minister Ragubhir Mahaseth, an Oli acolyte. The NDR, which reports to Mahaseth, issued a "stop work" order. Incensed, Balen asked Oli to expeditiously arrange repayment for those who cheated the so-called Giri Bandhu Tea Estate land

plotting scandal. Oli's apparatchiks compared Balen to "a puppy" (a good-for-nothing weakling) and chastised him for maligning "our respected Chairman". Oli himself has described Balen as a "bubble" which will fizzle out in no time.

Oli is old, witty, foxy, prickly, intolerant of criticism and, like all other politicians, corrupt in the public eye. As enunciated during his premiership, his vision of economic development includes building view towers, providing Kathmandu households with piped gas within six months, and building facilities for maritime trade—the latter two unachievable pipe dreams or political ploys.

Balen is young, angry, ambitious, audacious, brash, bold, impulsive, focussed and untainted by corruption. His vision for Kathmandu is to make it a clean, functioning, beautiful heritage city. In about two years since he became mayor, Kathmandu has become relatively cleaner and greener. Its roads are rid of perpetual potholes; its sidewalks are walkable; teaching standards in public schools have improved; private schools that were short-changing on paying taxes have been forced to pay their share; emergency ambulance service has become more dependable, and so on. All of the above, despite a lack of support from political parties and the government. Parties do not support him because his success will spotlight their past failures.

Despite the odds, his accomplishments have made him hugely popular throughout the country. "If we have ten leaders like Balen, we can change the country," an exuberant Kathmandu taxi driver told me. Even

the international press has taken note of Balen's leadership. The New York Times published a story on Balen last year. He was named one of the 100 upcoming leaders in 2023 by the internationally known Time Magazine, published in the US.

Balen's public support is so visceral that he gets away even with outrageous comments like "burning Singha Durbar", Nepal's central secretariat, the office of Nepal's Ministries, and irrelevant dragging of Oli into the "Giri Bandhu Tea Estate" scandal, and other similar outbursts.

Although the overwhelming support for such comments on social media is surprising, it is indicative of the intensity of public dislike of established politicians.

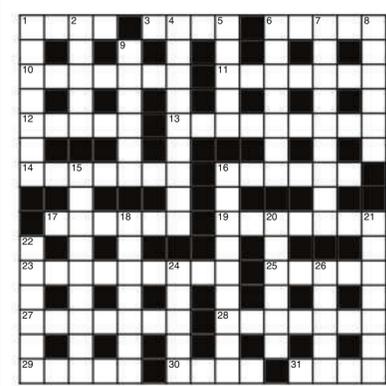
Balen knows that he owes his popularity as much to his performance as his refusal to bow down to political pressure and to stay clean from corruption scandals. In the two years since he assumed office, he has given confidence to the city dwellers that with exemplary leadership, the city and the country can be changed. His future depends on whether he can continue to ignore political pressure and demonstrate his perseverance, will, guts and vision to turn chaotic Kathmandu into a livable metropolis.

As for Oli, UML lost the last election in Kathmandu because its mayor, a UML member, was a dismal failure. The confrontation with Balen for political oneupmanship and ego inflation will unlikely win Kathmandu for him. Cooperation may work better than confrontation.

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ACROSS

- Plaster frame of artwork in religious establishment (4)
- Lost boot not seen during football season (4)
- Energy equals discharged voltage doubled, divided by resistance (5)
- What could have an unexpectedly beneficial effect? (7)
- See sign involved creative act (7)
- Refreshing place with nothing staying the same (5)
- King follows period in office beset by enemy alien (9)
- Greatest power invested in certain author (7)

DOWN

- Instrument lined with lead to reinforce old metal (6)
- Brownies regular press skirts one by one (6)
- Confusion spread by broadcast and stupidity (7)
- Person making a claim before proposal (9)
- Work out zero in school (5)
- Musical group attempt to tour America (7)
- Vintage department store regularly checks gold standard for design (7)
- High-flier who predates good result for part of course (5)
- Stage is plain to the audience (4)
- Collide briefly with runners when cycling (4)

DOWN

- Generous admission of liability stops arrests (7)
- Romantic writer inspired by lake at sunset (5)
- Cold air, almost -18C, disrupts a swimming lesson (9)
- Drink fit for royalty served up (5)
- Hawking's essential part in proving conclusion (7)
- Article rendered on screen captures something evocative (9)
- Quarantee criticism spares leading clubs (6)
- He should honour contract to the letter (6)

DOWN

- What Gollum did in fight scene? (5,4)
- Fine and bail armed suspect (9)
- Do over American couple snubbed by judge (7)
- Head to destination by alternative route (6)
- Offence exploits openings in person? (7)
- Original American term for "ultra cheap shot" (6)
- Refuse to meet with democrat instead of conservative (5)
- One takes a bow when playing this part in dramatisation (5)

NOTE: Figures in parentheses denote the number of letters in the words required. (By arrangement with The Independent, London)

THUMBNAILS

Electric car sales in India to reach 1.3-1.5 lakh in FY25: With an improving adoption rate, electric car sales in India are likely to reach 1.3-1.5 lakh in the current fiscal year (FY25), according to a CareEdge Rating report. After a record growth of 90 per cent with volumes at 90,432 units in FY24, the electric car penetration is consistently increasing in the country, driven by the government's efforts towards a more sustainable, environmentally friendly, and efficient transportation sector. The shift to electric mobility extends beyond cars and trucks and e-rickshaws and e-karts are also gaining popularity across the country. As per the report, the overall passenger vehicles (PV) industry is expected to exhibit moderate volume growth of around 3-5 per cent in FY25, on account of a high-base effect of FY24, shrinking order book and expectation of persistently subdued demand for entry-level variants in FY25.

Pharma formulations sector to more than double to Rs 5.5 trn by 2034: India's Domestic Pharma Formulations (DomForm) market, which includes branded generic medicines, is expected to more than double and cross Rs 5.5 trillion in the next 10 years at a CAGR of 10 per cent.

Sensex, Nifty hit new all-time high levels

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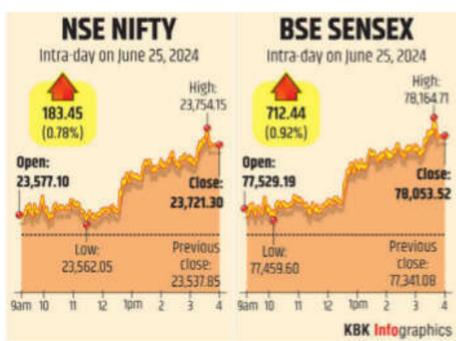
STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 25 JUNE

The benchmark indices closed at fresh record highs on Tuesday led by gains in banking and IT stocks coming a day after RBI data showed the current account surplus stood at USD 5.7 billion.

Sensex opened at a record high of 77,543.22 and closed at 77,337.59, up 36.45 points, or 0.05 per cent.

The index created a fresh all-time high of 77,851.63, as investors piled onto banking stocks but also touched a low of 76,954.87.

Nifty 50 opened at a record high of 23,629.85, and touched another record high at 23,664.00. It closed at 23,516, down 41.90 points, or 0.18 per cent.



Nifty Metal and Nifty Media fell by 0.7 per cent and 0.5 per cent respectively. Among banking stocks, Axis Bank, HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank surged. On Nifty 50, Titan, Maruti Suzuki India, Bharti Airtel, Bajaj Auto, and BPLCL, were the top drags, while Axis Bank, IndusInd Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank, were the top gainers for the day.

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Moody's says India's worsening water shortage may impact its sovereign credit strength

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 25 JUNE

Moody's Ratings on Tuesday said that India's worsening water shortage, triggered by high consumption amid rapid economic growth and frequent natural disasters, can negatively impact its sovereign credit strength.

"This is detrimental to the credit health of the sovereign, as well as sectors that heavily consume water, such as coal power generators and steel-makers," Moody's Ratings said in a note.

"In the long term, investment in water management can mitigate risks from potential water shortages," it added. It is to be highlighted that millions of Indians face water shortages every summer when water demand rises in farms, offices and homes against a limited supply. A prolonged heat wave this year has worsened the shortfall, including in Delhi and the southern tech hub of Bengaluru.

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Government begins auction for 10,500 MHz of mobile service radio waves in eight bands

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 25 JUNE

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) is auctioning 10,500 megahertz of mobile service radio waves in eight bands to telecom players on Tuesday.

Ministry of Communications announced that the frequencies on auction across the spectrum include 800 megahertz (MHz), 900 MHz, 1,800 MHz, 2,100 MHz, 2,300 MHz, 2,500 MHz, 3,300 MHz, and the 26 gigahertz (GHz) bands.

Total quantum of spectrum being auctioned is 10,522.35 MHz in various bands valuing Rs 96,238.45 crore at reserve prices.

The auction will see participation from three bidders including Bharti Airtel Limited, Vodafone Idea Ltd, and Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd.

"This is in line with the government's commitment to facilitate affordable, state-of-art high quality telecom services to all the citizens," the ministry said. The Communication Ministry in a statement said "the auction shall be a Simultaneous Multiple Round Ascending (SMRA) e-auction, assigned for a period of 20 years."

Successful bidders will be allowed to make payment in 20 equal annual instalments, duly protecting the NPV at the interest rate of 8.65 per cent.

Spectrum acquired through this auction can be surrendered after a minimum period of ten years, and there will be no Spectrum Usage Charges (SUC) for Spectrum acquired in this auction.

It is not required by the successful bidder to submit a Financial Bank Guarantee (FBG) and Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG).

Notably, the DoT initiated the Spectrum Auction and Notice Inviting Applications (NIA) was issued on 8 March, 2024. Mock Auctions were conducted on June 3, June 13 and June 14 to familiarise the bidders with the e-Auction platform. Subsequently, Auction Catalogue was published on June 24 at 9 am to ensure there is no inaccuracy in the data of bidders. The Live Auction started at 10 AM on June 24.

Budget to positively impact capex, affordable housing, consumer companies: Jefferies

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 25 JUNE

Brokerage agency Jefferies said the government won't need to walk a fiscal tightrope in balancing discipline with capex and growth plans in the upcoming Budget.

Thanks to the RBI's dividend and robust tax revenues, the central government enjoys a financial cushion of approximately 40-50 basis points, it said.

This financial buffer allows the government to satisfy various vested interests, enabling higher capex and increased social spending while maintaining a tighter fiscal policy.

Jefferies anticipates the Budget will positively impact sectors such as affordable housing, capex plays, consumer companies, and rate-sensitive industries.

However, the IT and pharmaceutical sectors may not see significant boosts in this Budget, it said. As per the rating agency, the rising income tax collections and fiscal space could allow the government to give a meaningful income tax cut. This would provide relief to taxpayers and potentially stimulate economic growth through increased consumer spending.

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SUBJECT- POWER OF ATTORNEY NOTIFICATION
It is being informed that I have been appointed Attorney by Bibha Hazra and Tapas Hazra, legal heirs of Srishidhar Hazra, owner of the RS Plot No - 1984 corresponding to LR Plot No. - 2128 under LR khatian - 2978, Total Area - 17.00 Decimal in Mallickbagan Mouza. vide registered Power of Attorney Being Number 050301006 dated 25/02/2022 registered at the office of ADSR Ranihati, Howrah. I have Later I have sold the said property to Gangotri Dealcom Private Limited vide deed no 050303646 dated 15/05/2024 registered at the office of A.R.A - III, Kolkata which is under mutation in the BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah and the case no is MN/2024/0505/4048. If anyone has any kind of objection kindly contact BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah.
Thanking You
ALOK KUMAR BAJORIA

SUBJECT- POWER OF ATTORNEY NOTIFICATION
It is being informed that I have been appointed Attorney by Ananda Hazra and Bidhan Hazra, legal heirs of Sudhir Hazra, owner of the RS Plot No - 1984 corresponding to LR Plot No. - 2128 under LR khatian - 2978, Total Area - 11.00 Decimal in Mallickbagan Mouza. vide registered Power of Attorney Being Number 050301009 dated 11/04/2022 registered at the office of ADSR Ranihati, Howrah. I have Later I have sold the said property to Gangotri Dealcom Private Limited vide deed no 050303646 dated 15/05/2024 registered at the office of A.R.A - III, Kolkata which is under mutation in the BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah and the case no is MN/2024/0505/4048. If anyone has any kind of objection kindly contact BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah.
Thanking You
ALOK KUMAR BAJORIA

SUBJECT- POWER OF ATTORNEY NOTIFICATION
It is being informed that One Samsuddin Mollah son of Jahangir Mollah has been appointed Attorney by Shikherjit Khatri son of Joy Khatri owner of the RS Plot No - 1992 corresponding to LR Plot No. - 2138 under LR khatian - 5776, Total Area - 17.00 Decimal in Mallickbagan Mouza. vide registered Power of Attorney Being Number 050301936 dated 30/06/2021 registered at the office of ADSR Ranihati, Howrah. Later My company Ganesh Prachinam have bought the said property vide deed no 050305030 dated 23/12/2021 registered at the office of ADSR Ranihati, Howrah which is under mutation in the BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah and the case no is MN/2024/0505/2540. If anyone has any kind of objection kindly contact BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah.
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SUBJECT- POWER OF ATTORNEY NOTIFICATION
It is being informed that I have been appointed Attorney by Kartick Chandra Manna son of Jatindra Nath Manna, owner of the RS Plot No - 2279 corresponding to LR Plot No. - 2407 under LR khatian - 509, Total Area - 3.3702 Decimal in Mallickbagan Mouza. vide registered Power of Attorney Being Number 050300799 dated 16/02/2023 registered at the office of ADSR Ranihati, Howrah. Later I have sold the said property to Hareesh Kumar Ojha vide deed no 050302619 dated 09/04/2024 registered at the office of A.R.A - III, Kolkata which is under mutation in the BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah and the case no is MN/2024/0505/3291. If anyone has any kind of objection kindly contact BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah.
Thanking You
ALOK KUMAR BAJORIA

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform in general public that my client wish to purchase the property being 'Bastu' land measuring 12 (twelve) cottahs be the same a little more or less, along with tile shed structures admeasuring 1500 sq.ft. standing thereupon, at Premises No. 59/H/1, Matheswartola Road, Calcutta-700046, Assesee No. 210661003443, Mouza-Tangra, C.S. Dag No. 408, within C.S. Khatian No. 617, Holding No. 7, J.L. No. 5, Touzi No. 1298/2833, Dhi-Panchannagram, Police Station: Tiljala, Sub-Registry Office at Sealdah, District: South 24 Parganas, West Bengal from MR. TSENG HSIEH HSIN, son of Late Cho On Tseng and (2) MRS. CHANG HUI FANG, wife of Tseng Hsien Hsin, both by faith - Buddhist, by occupation - Business, by Nationality - Non Resident Indian both residing at 110 Laguna Cres Markham ON L3S367, Country: CANADA. Any person having any right, title, claim or interest in the said property by way of sale, inheritance, possession, succession, mortgage, lease, gift or otherwise however in respect of the same, shall intimate the objection in writing to the undersigned with supporting documents thereof within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice or else any such claims by anyone shall not be considered and shall deemed to have been waived and / or abandoned. And my client shall proceed to conclude the negotiations and no claim shall be entertained thereafter.
Subhro Kanti Roy Chowdhury
Advocate
High Court Calcutta Reg. No. WB-478/2000 5/8, Jessore Road, Brinda Apartment Ground Floor, Kolkata-700028
Phone No.: 9831581182/9432371406
Date: 26-06-2024
Place: Kolkata

SUBJECT- POWER OF ATTORNEY NOTIFICATION
It is being informed that I have been appointed Attorney by Kartick Chandra Manna son of Jatindra Nath Manna, owner of the RS Plot No - 2279 corresponding to LR Plot No. - 2407 under LR khatian - 509, Total Area - 3.3702 Decimal in Mallickbagan Mouza. vide registered Power of Attorney Being Number 050300799 dated 16/02/2023 registered at the office of ADSR Ranihati, Howrah. Later I have sold the said property to Hareesh Kumar Ojha vide deed no 050302619 dated 09/04/2024 registered at the office of A.R.A - III, Kolkata which is under mutation in the BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah and the case no is MN/2024/0505/3291. If anyone has any kind of objection kindly contact BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah.
Thanking You
ALOK KUMAR BAJORIA

SUBJECT- POWER OF ATTORNEY NOTIFICATION
It is being informed that I have been appointed Attorney by Prasentij Manna son of Nitrapada Manna, owner of the RS Plot No - 2279 corresponding to LR Plot No. - 2407 under LR khatian - 509, Total Area - 4.00 Decimal in Mallickbagan Mouza. vide registered Power of Attorney Being Number 050305931 dated 21/11/2022 registered at the office of ADSR Ranihati, Howrah. Later I have sold the said property to Hareesh Kumar Ojha vide deed no 050302619 dated 09/04/2024 registered at the office of A.R.A - III, Kolkata which is under mutation in the BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah and the case no is MN/2024/0505/3291. If anyone has any kind of objection kindly contact BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah.
Thanking You
ALOK KUMAR BAJORIA

SUBJECT- POWER OF ATTORNEY NOTIFICATION
It is being informed that I, MR. ALOK KUMAR BAJORIA son of Ashok Kumar Bajoria, has been appointed Attorney by Legal Heirs of Dibakar Roy, Shanku Charan Roy, Shaktisiddhan Roy, Sasank Roy, Sisir Roy, Satyabala Roy, Sukhendu Roy and Hariblas Roy owner of the RS Plot No - 662 corresponding to LR Plot No. - 690 under LR khatian - 697, 1591, 1595, 1622, 1643, 1684, 1810, 1893 Total Area - 35.00 Decimal in Jaynagar Mouza. vide registered Power of Attorney Being Number 050305717 dated 06/10/2023 registered at the office of ADSR Ranihati, Panchla, Howrah. Now I have sold the said property vide deed no 050301372 dated 05/03/2024 registered at the ADSR Ranihati, Panchla, Howrah to PUNAM CHAUDHARY which is under mutation and the case no is MN/2024/0505/2430 before the office of BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah. If anyone has any kind of objection kindly contact BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah.
Thanking You
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It is being informed that I, MR. ALOK KUMAR BAJORIA son of Ashok Kumar Bajoria, has been appointed Attorney by Sourav Das son of Sanat Das owner of the RS Plot No - 649 corresponding to LR Plot No. - 670 under LR khatian - 3816 and 3853 Total Area - 0.3320 Decimal in Jaynagar Mouza vide registered Power of Attorney Being Number 050301150 dated 03/03/2023 registered at office of ADSR Ranihati, Panchla, Howrah. Now I have sold the said property vide deed no 050301583 dated 05/03/2024 registered at the ADSR Ranihati, Panchla, Howrah to Ganesh Construction & Infracon Private Limited which is under mutation and the case no is MN/2024/0505/2536 before the office of BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah. If anyone has any kind of objection kindly contact BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah.
Thanking You
ALOK KUMAR BAJORIA

SUBJECT- POWER OF ATTORNEY NOTIFICATION
It is being informed that I have been appointed Attorney by Kartick Chandra Manna son of Jatindra Nath Manna, owner of the RS Plot No - 2291 corresponding to LR Plot No. - 2420 under LR khatian - 509, Total Area - 62.00 Decimal in Mallickbagan Mouza. vide registered Power of Attorney Being Number 050300799 dated 16/02/2023 registered at the office of ADSR Ranihati, Howrah. Later I have sold the said property to RRA STEEL PROJECTS LLP vide deed no 050302394 dated 30/03/2024 registered at the office of A.R.A - III, Kolkata which is under mutation in the BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah and the case no is MN/2024/0505/3275. If anyone has any kind of objection kindly contact BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah.
Thanking You
ALOK KUMAR BAJORIA

SUBJECT- POWER OF ATTORNEY NOTIFICATION
It is being informed that ONE MR. AVIJIT KODALI, son of Sital Kodali has been appointed Attorney by Legal Heirs of Hariblas Roy owner of the RS Plot No - 2296 corresponding to LR Plot No. - 2425 under LR khatian - 1441 Total Area - 16.66 Decimal in Mallickbagan Mouza. vide registered Power of Attorney Being Number 050301728 dated 09/09/2020 registered at the office of ADSR Ranihati, Panchla, Howrah. Now My Client RRA STEEL PROJECTS LLP has purchased the said property vide deed no 050302394 dated 30/03/2024 registered at the ADSR Ranihati, Panchla, Howrah which is under mutation and the case no is MN/2024/0505/3275 before the office of BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah. If anyone has any kind of objection kindly contact BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah.
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ALOK KUMAR BAJORIA

NOTICE FOR SALE

This to inform all the persons who are concerned to buy the property situated at Madhupur Mouza Barbad Thana No. 372 Thoka No. 18 Plot No. 128, 129, 133, Ward No. XXII, P.S. and Sub-Division Madhupur, New Anchal - Margamunda, District: Deoghar measuring about 13 kathas, in connection with Case No. ACR/2/2024 (Subhendu Hazra & Anr. versus Nil) are requested to bring 25% of the present market price as the base price which Rs. 9,10,000 (nine lakh ten thousand) only to the undersigned on or before 1st July, 2024 or be present before the Hon'ble Judge of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta on 4th July, 2024 or soon thereafter as and when the matter will be taken up next.
IPSITA GHOSH
Advocate
High Court, Calcutta
46/C/11, Biplabi Barin Ghosh Sarani Aurobinda Abasan, Flat No. E8/5 Kolkata-700054

THE BENGAL CLUB LIMITED Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Members of The Bengal Club Limited will be held at the Registered Office at 33B Chowringhee Road, Kolkata-700071 on Friday, 19th July, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. to transact the following business:
As Ordinary Business:
1. To consider and adopt the Audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 and the Report of the Committee and the Auditors thereon (collectively "Statement of the Annual Accounts").
2. To elect a President, Vice President and the Committee Members.
3. To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration.
a) Each of the above business will be transacted through E-Voting by electronic mails (hereinafter referred to as "Remote E-Voting")
b) Remote E-Voting shall commence on 16 July, 2024 at 9 a.m. shall end on 18 July, 2024 at 5 p.m.
c) Members who have paid their Club bills till the month of May 2024 only shall be eligible to cast their vote on the business stated in this notice
d) Details of Remote E-Voting may be had from the Notice dated 26 June, 2024 calling the AGM sent to all Members and also displayed on the Website of the Club at www.thebengalclub.com
By Order of the Committee
Sd/-
Dinyar Mucadam
Chief Executive Officer

CHANGE OF NAME

01-02-1970 to 29-11-1970 vide affidavit 20 June, 2024 before the court of the Executive Magistrate, Purba Bardhaman.

I, Tarani Mondal, date of birth 16-12-1981, S/o. Bharat Chandra Mondal, Paternal address of Vill.: Padua, P.O.: Ghosalati, P.S.: Hasnabad, Dist.: 24 Pgs.(N), my presently residing at Vill.: Iswariachha, P.O. + P.S.: Baduria, Dist.: 24 Pgs.(N), W.B. I have converted my religion from Hindu to Mohamedan as well as changed my name as Md. Alamgir Arman from Tarani Mondal by 1st Class Judicial Magistrate affidavit at Basirhat Court, on 04-08-2021. I further declared that Md. Alamgir Arman and Tarani Mondal, S/o. Bharat Chandra Mondal as the same one and identical person.

CHANGE OF NAME

01-02-1970 to 29-11-1970 vide affidavit 20 June, 2024 before the court of the Executive Magistrate, Purba Bardhaman.

I, CHANDAN Choudhary, son of Hariram Choudhary, residence of Paik Para, Suri, Birbhumi-731101, 21-06-24, declare that under Suri Executive Magistrate Court, that Chandan Prakash Choudhary and Chandan Choudhary and Hariram Choudhary and Hariram Choudhary are same one and identical person.

CHANGE OF NAME

01-02-1970 to 29-11-1970 vide affidavit 20 June, 2024 before the court of the Executive Magistrate, Purba Bardhaman.

I, TANDRA Choudhury, spouse of No. 14563968Y Rank Ex MACP/HA/V Name Samar Kumar Choudhary, resident of Vill.: Hari Narayan Pur, P.O.: Bajepuratappur, Dist.: Purba Bardhaman (WB), Pin-713101 have change my Date of Birth from

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I, Saidamun Nisa, D/o. Late Md Hanif / Naimun Nisa / W/o. Late Md. Maqbool Ansari, residing at 5/A/2, Anjuman Road, Rishra, Hooghly-712248 shall henceforth be known as Saifun Nisa as declared before the Notary Public / First Class Judicial Magistrate Dist Court vide Affidavit No. 6134, dated: 11-06-2024. Saidamun Nisa and Saifun Nisa both are same and one identical person.

EDUCATION

COOCH BEHAR PANCHANAN BARMA UNIVERSITY
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UNIVERSITY OF KALYANI
Notice for E-tender
E-tender for AC supply and Installation (45 Nos) is invited against Tender ID No. : 2024_UOK_698982_1. Last date for submission of quotation 17.07.2024. For details please visit website www.klyuniv.ac.in (for viewing only) and <http://wbtdens.gov.in> (for viewing & tender submission). Sd/- Registrar

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AUSTRALIA'S PRIME MINISTER ANTHONY ALBANESE
WELCOMING NEWS OF WIKILEAKS FOUNDER'S RELEASE

Man who set off 18-hr hostage standoff at Hamburg Airport jailed: A German court on Tuesday convicted a man who drove onto the tarmac at Hamburg Airport with his 4-year-old daughter last year and was arrested after an 18-hour standoff of hostage-taking and other charges. He was sentenced to 12 years in prison. The Hamburg state court also convicted the 35-year-old defendant, whose name wasn't released in line with German privacy rules, of removal of a child, intentional bodily harm and possessing ammunition.

Julian Assange on his way to a US court, and freedom

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BANGKOK, 25 JUNE



A plane carrying Julian Assange landed Tuesday in Bangkok for refueling, as the WikiLeaks founder was on his way to enter a plea deal with the U.S. government that will free him and resolve the legal case that spanned years and continents over the publication of a trove of classified documents.

A chartered flight from London that Assange's wife, Stella, confirmed was carrying her husband landed at Don Mueang International Airport. Officials there told The Associated Press the plane was scheduled to continue on to Saipan, the capital of the Northern Mariana Islands, a U.S. commonwealth in the Pacific, where Assange is expected to appear in court on Wednesday.

He's expected to plead guilty to an Espionage Act charge of conspiring to unlawfully obtain and disseminate classified national defense information, according to the U.S. Justice Department in a letter filed in court.

Assange is expected to return to his home country of Australia after his plea and sentencing. The hearing is taking place in Saipan because of Assange's opposition to traveling to the continental U.S. and the court's proximity to Australia, prosecutors said.

British judicial officials confirmed that Assange left the U.K. on Monday evening after being granted bail at a

secret hearing last week. "Thirteen-and-a-half years and two extradition requests after he was first arrested, Julian Assange left the U.K. yesterday, following a bail hearing last Thursday, held in private at his request," said Stephen Parkinson, the chief prosecutor for England and Wales.

The plea deal brings an abrupt conclusion to a criminal case of international intrigue and to the U.S. government's yearslong pursuit of a publisher whose hugely popular secret-sharing website made him a cause célèbre among many press freedom advocates who said he acted as a journalist to expose U.S. military wrongdoing. U.S. prosecutors, in contrast, have repeatedly asserted that his actions broke the law and put the country's national security at risk.

Stella Assange told the BBC from Australia that it had been "touch and go" over the past 72 hours whether the deal would go ahead but she felt "elated" at the news.

Ukraine and Moldova set to launch EU membership talks

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BRUSSELS, 25 JUNE



Ukraine is set to officially launch membership talks with the European Union on Tuesday in what President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has described as a dream come true for his country's citizens more than two years into a war with Russia.

Deputy prime minister for European and Euro-Atlantic integration Olga Stefanishyna will lead Ukraine's delegation at an intergovernmental conference in Luxembourg marking

the official opening of talks to align the country's laws and standards with those of the 27-nation bloc.

A few hours later, Moldova, which applied to join the EU after Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and was granted candidate status

four months later, will take part in a separate intergovernmental conference to officially launch its own accession process. Ukraine, too, sought candidate status in the days after Russia invaded. By June 2022, EU leaders had quickly made it official. But things have moved more slowly since then and membership, if it comes, might be years away.

Turkey's accession talks have lasted almost two decades without result.

Still, starting the talks process is sending another strong signal of solidarity with Ukraine

beyond the billions in financial support the EU has provided. It's also a show of support for Moldova, which has faced its own challenges with Russia.

"Generations of our people are realizing their European dream. Ukraine is returning to Europe," Zelenskyy said in an online post after EU member states agreed on Friday to open the talks.

Tuesday's intergovernmental conference marks the launch of talks but the negotiations themselves are unlikely to begin for a few months.

CONTINUATION OF RUNNING OF THREE MORE SPECIAL TRAINS

For the convenience of commuters, 03131/03132 Sealdah - Gorakhpur - Sealdah, 03043/03044 & 03045/03046 Howrah - Raxaul - Howrah Special Trains (TOD) will continue to run for more trips on its existing path, timings, stoppages and composition on the dates mentioned below:-

Train No. & Name	Extended Dates of Run	Trips
03131 Sealdah - Gorakhpur Special	01.06.2024, 13.15.20.22, 27 & 29.06.2024 (on Mondays & Saturdays)	09
03132 Gorakhpur - Sealdah Special	02.07.09, 14.16.21, 23, 28 & 30.06.2024 (on Tuesdays & Sundays)	09
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03044 Raxaul - Howrah Special	07.14.21 & 28.06.2024 (on Sundays)	04
03045 Howrah - Raxaul Special	01.04.08, 11.15.18, 22, 25 & 29.06.2024 (on Mondays & Thursdays)	09
03046 Raxaul - Howrah Special	02.05.09, 12.16.19, 23, 26 & 30.06.2024 (on Tuesdays & Fridays)	09

All other instructions will remain same.
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Diversion of Trains for Non-Interlocking work over North East Frontier Railway

For commissioning of double line in Chhaygaon-Mirza section of Rangiya division over North East Frontier Railway, Non-Interlocking work will be executed at Chhaygaon & Mirza stations. Consequently, 12346 Guwahati-Howrah Saraighat Express (JCO 27.06.2024) & 15662 Kamakhya-Ranchi Weekly Express (JCO 25.06.2024) will be diverted via Kamakhya-Rangiya-New Bongaigaon and 12345 Howrah-Guwahati Saraighat Express (JCO 25.06.2024 & 26.06.2024), 12503 SMVT Bengaluru-Agartala Humsafar Express (JCO 25.06.2024) & 22511 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Kamakhya Karmabhoomi Express (JCO 25.06.2024) will be diverted via New Bongaigaon-Rangiya-Kamakhya. Passengers are requested to follow the public address system at stations. Inconvenience is regretted.

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Public Notification Regarding Energization

Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the completed sections of the under-noticed section of Eastern Railway that the 25000 Volt, 50 Hz AC overhead traction wire will be energized on or after 28.06.2024. On and from 28.06.2024, the overhead traction line shall be treated as live at all times and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead line.

Electrification of following existing siding of Howrah Division:

- Siding: Bhadreswar Ghat Goods Shed Siding at Bhadreswar station. Km.: From Loc. No. 28/38 (Ch. 28/825.00) to Loc. No. BHR/1077 (Ch. 02/558.00) and From Loc. No. BHR/1070 (Ch. 02/190.00) to Loc. No. BHR/4018 (Ch. 02/905.50). TKM: 4.315. Date of Energisation: 28.06.2024.

"WARNING TO ROAD USERS"

It is notified for information of the public that in connection with the introduction of 25000 Volt AC electric traction over the above mentioned section of Howrah Division of Eastern Railway, height gauges have been erected at all the level crossings with clear maximum height of 4.78 meter above road level with a view to prevent loads of excessive height from coming into contact or dangerous proximity to live traction wire (contact wire) which shall be at a height of minimum 5.5 m above the Rail level at level crossings. Public are hereby notified to observe the height specified above for the purpose of loading vehicles and to see that the loads carried in road vehicles do not infringe the height gauges under any circumstances. The dangers of a load of excessive height are as follows: (i) Danger to the height gauge and consequent obstruction to the road as well as the Railway line. (ii) Danger to the materials or equipment carried or the vehicle itself. (iii) Danger of fire and risk of life due to contact with or dangerous proximity to the conductors.

Chief Electrical Engineer/Con/Kolkata
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WALK-IN-INTERVIEW Engagement of Part Time Lady Doctors

A Walk-in-Interview will be held to engage Part Time Lady Doctors for seven (07) Health Units under Chief Medical Superintendent, Howrah on contract basis to work for four hours per day & six days in a week. Willing Lady Doctors who satisfy the requisite qualification & age for the above engagement are requested to report for "Walk-in-Interview" at below mentioned date, time and the venue with all Educational Certificates.

Venue: Office of the Chief Medical Superintendent, Divisional Railway Hospital (Orthopaedic Hospital), Eastern Railway, Biplabi Haren Ghosh Sarani, Howrah.
Date of Interview: 09.07.2024 (Tuesday).
Reporting Time: 10.00 hrs.

While attending the Walk-in-Interview, the candidates are requested to bring relevant certificates in original with attested copies of same in support of age, qualification, medical registration, experience etc. and two copies of passport size recent photograph duly self attested and application duly filled in as per format given [Application format will be supplied at the time of interview]. The candidates should be prepared to stay for one day, if required, at their own expense. Terms and Conditions: The engagement will be on contract basis for a period of one year. Qualification: Minimum qualification shall be MBBS from a recognized University and must have completed rotating internship for one year and should be in possession of a valid Registration Certificate of any of the State Medical Council of India. Experience: Part Time Lady Doctor must have three (03) years working experience or be a post-graduate. No. of Post: Seven (07) [One each for Azimganj Health Unit, Rampurhat Health Unit, Katwa Health Unit, Bardhaman Health Unit, Bandel Health Unit, Kamarkundu Health Unit & Bamangachi Health Unit]. Mode of Selection: Selection will be made through Walk-in-Interview. Remuneration: ₹ 36,900 per month only. No. other allowance will be granted. Period of Engagement: One year or till a regular IRHS Lady Doctor is posted in the respective Health Unit, whichever is earlier. Age: (a) Not exceeding 53 years as on date of notification. (b) Not exceeding 64 years for retired IRHS Officers/retired Govt. Medical Officers of State and Central Govt.

Chief Medical Superintendent, Howrah
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Death toll rises to 23 in South Korea battery plant fire: Rescue workers retrieved one more body on Tuesday after a fire at a lithium battery plant in Hwaseong, south of Seoul, one of the worst chemical plant accidents in the country. The retrieval increased the death toll to 23 from the fire that gutted lithium battery maker Aricell's plant in Hwaseong, 45 kilometres south of Seoul, the previous day, Yonhap news agency reported. Eight others also sustained injuries, two of them seriously.

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CENTRAL RAILWAY

Open E-Tender Notice No. NCP-NC-CR-SNT-C-5-04-2024 dated 21/06/2024
Name of Work: Provision of Outdoor Signaling Work including Supply of Materials, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Ballasthead and Vivekanand Nagar stations. Alteration in Existing RRUPI at Ballasthead & Vivekanand Nagar stations and Indoor Work of New Electronic Interlocking in Majri station (Distributed EI), Shifting of Interlocked Gates & IBS during Phase Working in Connection with provision of 3rd line in Wardha-Ballasthead Section of Nagpur Division of Central Railway. Approximate Cost: ₹ 19,37,53,874.12. Earnest Money: ₹ 11,18,800/- . Cost of Tender Booklet: ₹ 0.00/- . Date & Time of Closing of Tender: 15/07/2024 at 15.00 hrs. Complete Details and Instructions for E-Tendering and Online Participation for the above work is available on Railway Website: www.irps.gov.in
DSTE (C), Nagpur
अग्ने जलद्वारे को रे साइन से सुर रखे

B-41 OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER CUTTACK (R&B) DIVISION NO. 1, CUTTACK
E-mail I.D.: eepwdcuttack@gmail.com
Tel./Fax No.: (0671)-2304128

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
Auction Sale Notice No. 01 of 2024-25

- Name of the work: i) Demolition of existing Girder Bridge over Taladanda Canal D/S at Ch.3/550Km & Disposal of dismantled materials of Girder Bridge over Taladanda Canal U/S at Ch. 3/550Km.
 - Reserve Price: Rs. 17,60,000.00
 - EMD to be deposited: Rs 4,40,000.00
 - Period of completion: 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of issue of work order.
 - Date and time of receipt: From 28.06.2024 Up to 5.00 P.M. of 11.07.2024.
 - Date & time of Opening: 12.07.2024 at 11.00 A.M.
 - Name and address of the Officer Inviting: Superintending Engineer, Cuttack (R&B) Division No. 1, Cuttack.
- Further details can be seen from the State Govt. portal: www.odisha.gov.in
Er. P. K Majhi
Cuttack (R&B) Division No. 1
OIPR-34091/110007/2425

TAMIL NADU HANDICRAFTS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

No. 0047/M1/23-24 E-TENDER NOTICE Dated: 26.06.2024
Applications are invited for allotment of handicrafts sales counters in selected Poompuhar Sales Showrooms of Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited for the period from 01.08.2024 to 31.07.2025. The tender documents shall be downloaded from the following websites between 26.06.2024 and 11.07.2024 (Thursday)
www.tntenders.gov.in and www.poompuhar.com
Last date & time for downloading of tender document through on-line: 11.07.2024 upto 10.00 AM
Last date & time for submission of tender document through on-line: 11.07.2024 upto 11.00 AM
Date & time of opening of tender document: 11.07.2024 at 4.00 PM
DIPR/2075/TENDER/2024 Managing Director

EASTERN RAILWAY

NOTICE INVITING E-AUCTION
Contract for Operation and Maintenance of Pay & Use Toilets at different stations over Howrah Division
No.: COM/DEV/E-Auction/PU/HWH/2022, Dated: 21.06.2024.
e-Auction is invited by Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, 4th Floor, Rail Yatri Niwas Building, near Howrah Station, Howrah-711101 for the following work: Name of Work: Awarding fresh contract for Operation and Maintenance of Normal Pay & Use Toilet at Memari (Near Main Booking Office), Nalhati (Platform No. 1), Ambika Kalna (Beside Booking Office Station) for 03 years over Howrah Division. The subject e-Auction is governed as per Railway Board's Freight Marketing Circular No. 11 of 2022 and Commercial Circular No. 14 of 2022. For more details and participation in e-Auction kindly visit the website www.irps.gov.in through E-Auction Leasing Module. Auction Catalogue No.: PnU-HWH-03-24-R. Sl. No. & Lot No./Category; Station respectively: (1) PnU-HWH-MYM-Toi-28-24-1; Memari (MYM). (2) PnU-HWH-NHT-Toi-42-23-1; Nalhati (NHT). (3) PnU-HWH-ABKA-Toi-25-23-1; Ambika Kalna (ABKA). Auction date & time: 05.07.2024 at 12.00 hrs. (HWH-134/2024-25)
Tender Notice is also available at websites: www.e.in.indianrailways.gov.in / www.irps.gov.in
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TENDER

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
DRM (Electrical/OP)/ECR/Dhanbad for and behalf of the President of India invites E-Tender for execution of the work.
E-Tender No.: GEM/2024/B/5075093, Dt. 21.06.2024. 1. Name of the work, location and Completion period: Maintenance/Repair of Fog safe device (FSD) of all crew lobbies of Dhanbad Division. Work complete period - 01 year. 2. Approx. cost of the work: ₹33,53,933/-. Earnest money to be deposited: ₹67,100/- . 4. Date & Time for closing and opening for E-Tender: Closing of E-Tender: On 12.07.2024 at 16.00 Hrs. Opening of e-Tender: on 12.07.2024 at 16.30 Hrs. 5. Website particulars: Website: www.gem.gov.in Manual offers are not allowed against this GEM Tender.
Divl. Railway Manager (Elect./OP)/ ECR/Dhanbad
PR/00551/DHN/EOPN/T/24/24/28

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE
NO. DNR/S&T/TE/2024/12 Danapur, Dt. 24.06.2024 Divisional Railway Manager (Signal & Telecom), East Central Railway, Danapur Division, for and on behalf of President of India invites tenders on web portal www.irps.gov.in for the following work:
1. Name of work with its location: Provision of Surge protection device, maintenance free earthing for telecom equipments & its associated gears under danapur division. 2. Approximate cost of work: Rs. 4221611.40. 3. Bid Security: Rs. 8400.00. 4. Last Date & Time of Submission: Up to 15:00 hrs. on 15.07.2024. 5. Opening of tender: 15:30 hrs. on 15.07.2024. 6. Website particulars where detail of the work and criteria can be seen: www.irps.gov.in. 7. Address of the office from where detail information can be obtained: Sr. Divl. Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, East Central Railway, Danapur.
Note: Any corrigendum if required will be uploaded on above website before 14 days.
DSTE/ECR/DNR
PR/00561/DNR/S&T/T/24-25/32
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GEM Bid No.: GEM/2024/B/5076120, Dated 21.06.2024. Tender Notice is invited by Chief Works Manager, Eastern Railway, Kanchrapara Workshop, Pin-743145, 24-Parganas (North), West Bengal through GeM Portal for the following work:
Description of works: At Kanchrapara - Cleaning of jungle by the side of service road entire area of Kanchrapara such lower road near 44/21 to Br. No. 71, 70 to TB Ward at T/118, TB Ward to ICU, SRH to T/39 and T/73 X-ing road Hospital Road to 152, 172 to X-ing Hospital 174 to X-ing N/Colony area, 4th Avenue and junction ward, 1st, 2nd & 3rd avenue & junction road, 174 boundary road, New Colony, RMP School, surrounding Colony area and Colony roads of Officers' Colony, Ambagan Colony, Dangapar Colony, HLR Colony, Bhutagan Colony etc. Tender Value: ₹ 31,11,756.00. Earnest Money/Bid Security: 62,200/- (The Railway Board vide L. No.-2020/CE-1/CT/3E/GCC/POLICY, Dt. 30.12.2020 had instructed not to take any EMD for any works tender upto 31.12.2021. But, as there is no such further instruction till date, hence, the EMD system is returned back. Cost of Tender document (non-refundable): Nil. Completion period ending on & from the date of commencement: 24 months. Date & time of opening of tender: 12.07.2024 at 17.30 hrs. The scope of work is indicative only. However, detail can be viewed at Indian Railway e-tendering site (IREPS) i.e. https://www.irps.gov.in Advertisement period: Time during which all information pertaining to tender shall be available but offers cannot be submitted. Offer submission period: Fifteen days prior to opening of tender, during which tenderers can submit their offer. Tender will be closed on 12.07.2024 at 17.00 hrs. and tender will be opened on same date at any time after 17.30 hrs. as per availability of opening personnel and net accessibility. (MISC-79/2024-25)
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e-TENDER NOTICE

OFFICE OF THE MAL PANCHAYAT SAMITY MAL, JALPAIGURI
Notice Inviting Tender by the undersigned for different works vide NIT No. WB / 34 / EO / MAL PS / 2024-25, dated: 20-06-2024 Last date of online bid submission: 03-07-2024 up to 18-55 hrs. For further details you may visit: https://wbenders.gov.in
Sd/- Executive Officer Mal Panchayat Samity Jalpaiguri

NOTICE

Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore is inviting e-tender NIT No: 7/ACCS/ZG/e-tender/2024-25 for Design, Build, Operate and maintenance of Information Panels in the premises of Zoological Garden, Alipore and the last date of submission of documents online is 18.07.2024 For details see website kolkatazoo.in & wbtenders.gov.in.
CCF & Director Zoological Garden, Alipore

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER

Tender Notice No.: TM-GRC-IP-EXCH-HQ-2024, Dated: 24.06.2024. ASTE/TM, South Eastern Railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata-700043 for & on behalf of President of India invites Tender for the following work: Description of work: Replacement of IP Exchange at South Eastern Railway HQ, Garden Reach. Advertised Value: ₹ 1,77,39,055.04. Earnest Money: ₹ 2,38,700. Cost of Tender Document: Nil. Date of Closing of Tender: 06.08.2024 at 15.00 hrs. Completion period: 6 months. Detailed Tender Notice is also available on website http://www.irps.gov.in (PR-307)

TPWODL

TP WESTERN ODISHA DISTRIBUTION LIMITED (A Joint Venture of Tata Power and Government of Odisha)
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

T. No. TPWODL/MKO/SER/014 Date: 26.06.2024
TP Western Odisha Distribution Limited, invites tender quotations (in 2part bidding) from eligible vendors for the following package:
Purchase Order for on-field Meter Testing Jobs in TPWODL Area.
Interested bidders to submit Tender Participation Fee and Authorization Letter through email on or before 3rd July 2024, 15:00Hrs after which the link from e-Tender system shall be shared.
For detailed tender documents of the above-mentioned tender, please visit Tender section on website www.tpwesternodisha.com. Further details for participating in tender is given in the tender document.
All future correspondence regarding the tender, bid submission, date extension etc. will take place with the participating bidders only through E-Tender system.
Sd/- Chief-Contracts and Stores

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

L. No. JHS-ELG-W-T-15-2024-25 Date: 21.06.2024
E-Tender Notice
For and on behalf of President of India, the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (Gen) North Central Railway, Jhansi invites open tenders through online (E-Tendering) for the following work:-
Description of work: Jhansi Division: Provision of Ring main system & associated works at VGLB. Tender value (₹): 1,38,91,021/- only
Bid Security (₹): 2,19,500/- only
Completion period: 06 Months, Closing date of tender: 15.07.2024 (upto 15:00 Hrs.). Tenderer will submit the tender online upto 15.07.2024 (upto 15:00 Hrs.). Complete details & for submission of tenders can be seen in Indian Railway website http://www.irps.gov.in. 1093/24 (ADM)
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Metro Railway, Kolkata

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4	82243047	Eltrombopag 25mg (Like Revolade) Tab/cap	5000	Nos	15-07-2024
5	82242422	Nilotinib 200mg.Tab./Cap	1940	Nos	15-07-2024
6	36244838	AEROSOL Generator - 500 gms	145	Nos	16-07-2024
7	1024286	VALVE SPRING ASSEMBLY	7710	Nos	17-07-2024
8	82243718	Rucollinib 20mg Tab./Cap	1350	Nos	18-07-2024
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10	10244289	CYLINDER HIGH PRESSURE. confirming	26	Nos	22-07-2024
11	30243071	N2 Boiling for WSP system of LHB type Coaches	20	Nos	22-07-2024
12	36241454	Air brake cylinder 203 mm.	271	Nos	22-07-2024
13	40241769	Supply air bellow connection with frame	868	Nos	22-07-2024
14	30243330	MUST CHANGE ITEM FOR BRAKE CALIPER	986	Nos	29-07-2024
15	30242195	FLEX BALLCABLE	134	Nos	29-07-2024
16	30243211	MV BOARD FOR WSP SYSTEM OF LHB COACHES	38	Nos	30-07-2024
17	30243069	Speed Sensor G16.	372	Nos	05-08-2024
18	30243392	BRAKE CYLINDER LH AND RH FOR LHB COACHES	43	Set	05-08-2024
19	30243180	OVERHAULING KIT FOR BRAKE CYLINDER	684	Set	12-08-2024
20	30242184	Flex ball cable short length	223	Nos	12-08-2024

Paper leaks mess: UP govt to bring in Ordinance; life in prison for guilty

The Ordinance was approved by the state cabinet which was chaired by CM Yogi, on Tuesday

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, 25 JUNE

An Ordinance to prevent unfair practices and paper leaks in public examinations will be introduced by the Uttar Pradesh government very soon.

The Ordinance was approved by the state cabinet here on Tuesday, which was chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

This ordinance includes stringent penalties for violators, with punishments ranging from 2 years to life imprisonment and fines of up to Rs one crore.

Notably, the Yogi government has previously implemented strict measures against paper leaks, and this ordinance is another significant step



in that direction. State Finance and Parliamentary Minister Suresh Khanna, while briefing media persons said "A total of 44 proposals were presented to the Cabinet of which 43 were approved. Among the approved proposals was the Prevention of Unfair Means and Paper Leaks in Public Examinations Ordinance 2024."

According to the Finance Minister, this ordinance mandates severe penalties for those involved in paper leaks, including institutions and associated individuals, with punishments ranging from 2 years to life imprisonment and fines of up to Rs one crore.

The ordinance covers the Public Service Commission, Uttar Pradesh Subordinate Services Selection Board, Uttar

Pradesh Board, universities, authorities, or institutions nominated by them. It applies to all recruitment examinations, regularization or promotion exams, and entrance exams for degrees, diplomas, or certificates.

The ordinance also criminalizes the distribution of fake question papers and the creation of fake employment websites.

He said, "If an examination is compromised, the financial burden will be recovered from the solver gang, and the involved institutes and service providers will be permanently blacklisted. The Act also includes provisions for property attachment in case of a crime. All offences under this ordinance are classified as cognizable, non-bailable, and

triable by the Sessions Court and are non-compoundable. Stringent conditions for bail have also been established."

He added, "In the absence of an Assembly session, an ordinance has been proposed in place of a bill. The Council of Ministers has approved the proposal, after which the ordinance process will be completed and implemented."

Meanwhile in other decisions of the Cabinet, the UP government has also approved extension of the Varanasi, Bareilly, and Moradabad development authorities with inclusion of several revenue villages. Finance Minister Suresh Khanna informed that with the proposed extension, the Varanasi Development Authority will include 215 revenue villages.

SC notice to Yogi govt on Cong leader Ajay Rai's plea to quash case under Gangsters Act

PARMOK KUMAR NEW DELHI, 25 JUNE



The Supreme Court on Tuesday sought response from the Uttar Pradesh government on a plea by Congress leader Ajay Rai seeking the quashing of the criminal proceedings against him under the Uttar Pradesh Gangster and Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Act, 1986. Aji Rai has challenged the Allahabad High Court's order refusing to quash criminal proceedings against him at Varanasi court under the provisions of Indian Penal Code and the Gangsters Act case registered in 2010 case.

Issuing notice to Uttar Pradesh government and also to one Bhanu Pratap Singh on whose complaint FIR was registered against Ajay Rai, a vacation bench of Justice Abhay S. Oka and Justice Rajesh Bindal refused to stay the proceedings against the Congress leader before the

trial court. Ajay Rai had contested against Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Varanasi seat in the just concluded Lok Sabha election. Rai is Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee (UPCC) president.

The vacation bench posted the matter for hearing on July 15, 2024. On May 19, the High Court had dismissed Rai's plea seeking the quashing of the case against him under the Gangster Act. Earlier, the High Court had refused to accept the compromise entered between the accused persons and the complainant on September 28, 2023.

The High Court had said that the offence punishable under the Gangsters Act is an independent offence and it was not imposed at the instance of the complainant but it has been imposed by the State government to achieve the aim and object of the said Act.

The High Court had said that there is no statutory basis to quash the proceedings under section 7 of the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act and section 3(1) UP Gangsters Act even after compromise between the complainant and accused for the offence under IPC.

Ruling parties & Opposition are in collusion to change the Constitution: Mayawati

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, 25 JUNE



Bahujan Samaj Party supremo Mayawati claimed that the ruling NDA and the opposition alliance are in collusion with each other to change the Constitution.

"They are pretending to save the Constitution. But as most of the people on both sides have casteist mentality so they are against reservation," she said.

Talking to reporters here on Tuesday, Mayawati alleged that these people want to abolish reservation.

"The governments of Congress, BJP and other parties are pretending to save the Constitution to divert people's attention from poverty, unemployment and inflation," she alleged.

The BSP President said that both (the ruling party and opposition) are playing with the Indian Constitution for their political interests and this is not at all appropriate.

"Together, these two have made so many amendments in the Constitution that now it has become not an egalitarian, secular constitution but a capitalist, casteist and communal Constitution. Both

of them want to end reservation and efforts are being made to ensure that people belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes do not get the benefit of reservation in education and jobs or it remains ineffective." She said when the Mandal Commission report was implemented by the then Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh, it was opposed by the Congress and the BJP.

Mayawati also targeted Samajwadi Party and said that the SP, which is calling itself a well-wisher of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, did not allow reservation to be implemented in promotions during its regime. She advised people to beware of such conspiracies.

AAP to revamp organisational structure in Assam ahead of Assembly elections

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE GUWAHATI, 25 JUNE



The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has taken a significant step towards fortifying its presence in Assam by announcing an overhaul of its existing organisational structure as part of its preparations for the upcoming assembly elections in the state.

In an official statement posted on its X handle, the AAP declared, "In view of the need to strengthen the party ahead of upcoming elections in Assam, we hereby dissolve the present organisation in the state of Assam with immediate effect."

The decision underscores

the party's commitment to reinforcing its grassroots-level network and ensuring a robust electoral strategy.

Despite the dissolution of the current structure, key leadership positions will continue to be occupied on an interim basis. The party's state president, state secretary, and state treasurer will

continue to hold their posts until the new organisational framework is established. This continuity is intended to maintain stability during the transition period.

To oversee the restructuring process, the AAP has formed a working committee comprising prominent leaders who will spearhead

the reorganisation efforts. The committee includes Dr. Bhaben Choudhury as the convener, with Manoj Dhanowar serving as the co-convener.

Other notable members of the committee are Rajiv Saikia, Mamun Imdadul Haque Chaudhary, Rishiraj Kaundinya, and Anurupa Dekaraja. The team is assigned the task of devising and implementing strategies to strengthen the party's organisational capacity in Assam. The dissolution and subsequent revamp of the AAP's state structure in Assam highlight the party's proactive approach to addressing the evolving political landscape.

UP govt provides 10 hours of free electricity to farmers

LUCKNOW, 25 JUNE

Committed to bolstering income of the farmers in the state, the Uttar Pradesh government is providing 10 hours of free electricity to them through 2,735 agricultural feeders with plans to surpass 5,000 feeders soon.

Notably, 14.21 lakh farmers having tubewells are currently benefiting from the free electricity facility provided by the UP government. In Uttar Pradesh, there are a total of 23,226 electricity feeders. It is proposed to separate over 5,433 of these feeders for agricultural purposes.

Prayagraj Mahakumbh should become a medium for global branding of UP & India: Yogi

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, 25 JUNE



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that Prayagraj Mahakumbh is an opportunity to introduce the entire world to the Sanatan Indian culture, and in addition, it will become a medium for global branding of India along with UP.

"We will have to contribute our best to organise Mahakumbh successfully early next year," he said.

In a review late Monday evening, Principal Secretary Urban Development, Kumbh Mela officials and police officers shared information with the CM about the preparations done so far.

CM Adityanath said that under the guidance of Prime

Minister Narendra Modi, Kumbh was successfully organised in 2019. This time, the expectations are higher, he pointed out.

"Keeping in mind the faith, expectations and aspirations of the common people, Mahakumbh should be organised in accordance with dignity and importance. For this, we will have

to work with better teamwork. This time the fair area is being expanded to an area of more than 4,000 hectares. In such a situation, the number of parking, bridges, ghats, street lights, and toilets should be increased.

Apart from the devotees and tourists, arrangements should be made according to the safety, convenience and needs of the Kalp residents. No parking in the fair area should be more than five km away from the Sangam," the CM said.

He said there should be no garbage anywhere in the river Ganga from Bijnor to Ballia. "Not even a single drain or sewage should fall into the river. Along with sewerage treatment plants, activate Ganga Clean Com-

mittee in all districts concerned," he said.

The Chief Minister directed to complete the construction of seven riverfront roads, 14 ROB and seven old ghats, six-lane bridge and the airport by October.

Among the many directions, the CM said the Prayagraj Development Authority should continue the anti-encroachment campaign. Road side facade development work should be completed by September, the Transport Department should arrange for more than 7,000 buses, Urban Development should provide EV shuttle buses and decorate the city according to the culture of Mahakumbh.

He also directed to depict the stories related to Kumbh

UP govt to equip Bundelkhand Expressway with advanced traffic management

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, 25 JUNE

The Uttar Pradesh government is gearing up to equip the Bundelkhand Expressway with the Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) to make expressways smart.

The Uttar Pradesh Expressway Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) has called for applications through Requests for Qualification (RFQ) and Requests for Proposal (RFP) to carry out this project, officials here on Tuesday said.

In a determined effort to elevate Uttar Pradesh to a leading state, the Yogi government

is prioritizing investment processes to transform the state into a trillion-dollar economy. Concurrently, they are upgrading the state's expressways with cutting-edge facilities.

With this, they are improving the convenience for travelers and enhancing the safety and monitoring of logistics movements in the state.

According to the action plan prepared to make Bundelkhand Expressway ITMS enabled, a Traffic Management Command Center will be established on Bundelkhand Expressway. This will strengthen the traffic monitoring and management process.

LEISURE

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- Imitation (4)
- Divisions of a play (4)
- Waterproof overshoes (8)
- Brackets (11)
- Close of play in cricket (6)
- Spring flowers (6)
- Result (11)
- Careless (8)
- Jump (4)
- Uninteresting (4)
- Sturdy shoe (6)

DOWN

- Summary (5)
- Patent medicine (7)
- Encourage (3,2)
- Fertile area in a desert (5)
- Lively party (Informal) (5-2)
- Outdated (Informal) (3,3)
- Amused (Informal) (7)
- Boil (6)
- Cricket fielding position (4,3)
- Asian country (5)
- Beneath (5)
- Dodge (5)

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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- Fake
- Inflect
- Pandemonium
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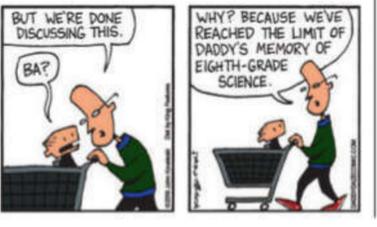
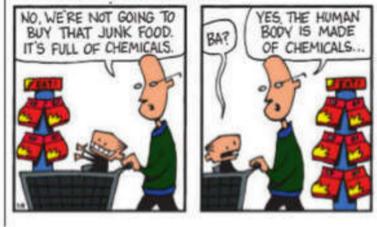
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RED EYE/Bill Yates & Mel Casson



DADDY DAZE/John Kovalski



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Ambulance
FD Block Association (Amb) 9830452536, 9830781296
Happy Calcuttans 24400160
City Point Nurses Centre 2567-4113, 9831142623
People's Relief Committee 2280-4943/9444

24 hrs Medical Oxygen Delivery
BOC India Ltd. 9831277777

Blood Banks
Ashok Laboratory 24720333
Central Blood Bank 23510619

Life Care 2284-6940
Peoples Blood Bank 2455-5164/5557
RK Mission Seva Pratishthan 2475-3636/39

Police/Fire
Lalbazar (Police Control Room) 22143230
S.P. (North 24-Pgns) 25423005
S.P. (South 24-Pgns) 2479-3333/1311
Bhawani Bhawan 24791761/9, 24791933
Fire Service Station Salt Lake: 2357-5293;

Howrah 2666-8111: Behala 2497-6285

Civic Services
Kolkata Municipal Corporation: 2286-1000
Water: 2543-1602

Calcutta Telephones
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Taxi Refusal
SMS 575756: Complain and registration

Police Toll Free No. 1073
Transport Dept. No. 6451-6718

CESC Fault Reporting
1912 and 4403-1912

Trains
Howrah Station Old Complex 1331/1332 (Auto Telephone Numbers), 1310, 2638-7412/3542/2581 (manual).
Sealdah: 2350-3535/3537
Shalimar Station: 2668-1121, Eastern Railway and South-Eastern Railway: 139.

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION BY JUDD

CENTRAL Rank 1 = 28
CEDE Rank 2 = 13
BEARISH Rank 3 = 8
CURTAIN Rank 4 = 8

PAR SCORE 125-135 JUDD'S TOTAL = 282

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Access to previous puzzle

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that no row, no column and no 3x3 box contains the same number. The difficulty level increases through the week.

answer to previous puzzle

Sleepless nights: Climate change triggers unhealthy warmer nights in India

Climate change is leading to a rise in night-time warming, which is impacting sleep quality and human health in India and across the globe. Night-time temperatures have increased even more rapidly than daytime temperatures as the world heats up due to climate change, primarily caused by burning fossil fuels like coal, oil, and gas.

Roxy Mathew Koll, climate scientist, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune, says, "The urban heat island effect is most visible in the night-time temperatures. Cities turn into urban heat islands when buildings, roads, and other infrastructure absorb and re-emit heat, causing cities to be several degrees hotter than surrounding rural areas. During the day, the sun's rays reach as shortwave radiation and heat the Earth's surface. At night, the heat escapes as longwave radiation. While shortwave radiation can easily penetrate through and reach the surface, the longwave gets trapped easily by concrete and clouds. The high-rise buildings and concrete setups in the cities do not let the excess heat escape during the night. As the temperatures do not cool down, the heatwave continues into the night. Open green spaces and natural environments with trees can help release the heat faster during the night."

Warming nights in India: An alarming trend

Climate change has had a major influence on night-time temperatures above 25 degrees Celsius in India. The new analysis shows that approximately 50 to 80 days each year were added above this threshold by climate change in cities across Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir, and Andhra Pradesh between 2018 and 2023. According to **Mahesh Palawat, vice president of meteorology and climate change, Skymet Weather,** "In the absence of pre-monsoon rains, India has been battling prolonged heatwave conditions. Usually, due to controlled mechanisms of nature, we do see some kind of weather activity after a four to five-day spell of a heatwave. However, due to erratic weather patterns, unabated hot winds from Sindh and Rajasthan regions with

speeds between 15-20 kmph, led to the constant rise in day as well as night temperatures. This led to continuous insulation during the night time, interrupting the night time cooling." Among the metro cities, Mumbai has seen the biggest changes in the night-time temperatures, with the city experiencing an additional 65 days of warmer nights due to global warming.

West Bengal and Assam are the regions that have been most impacted, with cities like Jalpaiguri, Guwahati, Silchar, Dibrugarh and Siliguri experiencing between 80 and 86 additional days each year above the 25 degrees Celsius threshold due to climate change, on average.

Several cities across India saw between 15 and 50 additional days where the minimum temperatures exceeded 25 degrees Celsius due to the influence of climate change, including Jaipur, with an additional 19 hot nights attributable to climate change.

Meanwhile, in both observations and in the counterfactual climate, the night-time summer temperatures across India often exceed 20 degrees Celsius over the entire summer period. The cities that had the largest number of days where the minimum temperature exceeded 20 degrees Celsius due to climate change are Gangtok, Darjeeling, Shimla, and Mysore, with an average of 54, 31, 30, and 26 days added by climate change, respectively.

Higher night-time temperatures can cause physiological discomfort and impact human health by preventing body temperature from cooling off during the night, increasing mortality risks. There is also a growing body of evidence that as night-time temperatures rise, it is adversely affecting the quality and length of sleep. Poor sleep adversely affects physical and mental health, cognitive functioning and even life expectancy. Hot nights can have disproportionate impacts on vulnerable groups, including the elderly and people who do not have access to proper cooling mechanisms.

Prof Anjal Prakash - clinical associate professor (research) and research director at Bharti Institute of Public Policy, Indian School of Business, says, "The rise in night-time temperatures due to climate change poses a severe threat to the vulnerable populations in India,



especially in metropolitan areas like Mumbai. As global warming adds an additional 50 to 80 warm nights annually in states such as Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir, and Andhra Pradesh, the impact on those without access to proper cooling mechanisms is profound. High night-time temperatures limit nocturnal cooling, exacerbating health issues such as heat strokes and cardiovascular diseases. The inability to cool down at night can lead to chronic sleep deprivation, further weakening immune systems and increasing susceptibility to illness. For marginalized communities who already face hardships, this added climate stress can be devastating. It highlights the urgent need for climate resilience initiatives, equitable access to cooling solutions, and comprehensive public health strategies to mitigate

the adverse effects of a warming world in India."

New records set for night-time heat in India:

These findings come during a week that saw new records for night-time heat in several Indian cities. On June 19, Delhi shattered the all-time high minimum temperature record, with the mercury reaching 35.2 degrees Celsius overnight. Delhi recorded almost four additional nights over 25 degrees Celsius due to climate change between 2018 and 2023, according to the Climate Central analysis.

On 18 June, Alwar in Rajasthan had a minimum temperature of 37 degrees Celsius, the highest ever night-time temperature since records began in 1969. Alwar experienced almost nine additional nights over 25 degrees Celsius that are attributable to climate

change between 2018 and 2023. In Uttar Pradesh, Lakhimpur Khiri, Shahjahanpur and Varanasi also witnessed their highest recorded minimum temperatures at 33 degrees Celsius, 33 degrees Celsius and 33.6 degrees Celsius, respectively, this week. Varanasi saw four additional nights over 25 degrees Celsius due to climate change from 2018 to 2023. These increasingly frequent extreme night-time temperatures are contributing to heat stress, exhaustion and heat-related deaths.

The average person on Earth experienced 4.8 additional days above 20 degrees Celsius as a result of higher night-time temperatures induced by climate change between 2018 and 2023. Meanwhile, over this time period, the average person experienced an additional 11.5 days per year above 25 degrees Celsius.

Michelle Young, climate

impacts research associate at Climate Central, observes, "Hot nights prevent people from recovering from extreme heat during the day and are likely to have shortened and disrupted people's sleep, with a range of serious knock-on effects on physical and mental health. We also know these impacts are not being experienced evenly or equally, with disparities between and within countries based on income, access to air-conditioning, age and other factors. As one of the countries worst affected by extreme heat caused by climate change, higher minimum temperatures overnight have made this year's record-breaking heatwave in India even more deadly. As night-time temperatures continue to shoot up, there will be more and more of these sleepless nights until the world stops burning fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas and cutting down forests."

Concrete floors: A hidden culprit in groundwater depletion

VIDHI CHURIWALA

In the hustle and bustle of urban life, the convenience of concrete floors is undeniable. From driveways and pavements to sprawling malls and residential complexes, concrete surfaces are omnipresent. However, beneath the hard, unyielding surface lies an environmental challenge that is steadily exacerbating the global water crisis: groundwater depletion.

Concrete, a composite material made from cement, water, and aggregates, is prized for its durability and versatility. However, its impervious nature prevents rainwater from percolating into the soil. Instead of soaking into the ground, water runs off concrete surfaces, often flowing into storm drains and rivers, bypassing the natural process of groundwater recharge.

Areas covered with concrete significantly affect the availability of groundwater. According to a report by the Ground Water Directorate Bangalore, the water table in parts of Bengaluru has recorded a drop of more than four meters in June compared to the same period last year. In the Nelamangala area, groundwater is now available at 50-60 meters below ground level, and in Yelahanka, it is reachable at 20-30 meters below ground level.

Experts attribute this depletion to rapid urbanization, increased impervious surfaces, and over-exploitation of groundwater. Dr T.V. Ramachandra from the Centre for Ecological Sciences at IISc emphasizes that urban spaces have been excessively concretized, and water is over-extracted, leading to dwindling groundwater levels.

The situation in Bengaluru highlights the severe impact of urbanization on groundwater. The city's rapid growth has led to extensive construction activities, particularly in areas like Yelahanka. The proliferation of borewells for agricultural purposes and the presence of eucalyptus plantations in Nelamangala have further exacerbated groundwater depletion.

Addressing the issue of groundwater depletion requires a multifaceted approach. Urban planners and developers must prioritize sustainable practices to mitigate the impact of concrete surfaces. Implementing green infrastructure, such as permeable pavements, green roofs, and rain gardens, can significantly enhance groundwater recharge. Permeable pavements made from porous materials allow water to infiltrate through the surface, reducing runoff and promoting groundwater recharge. Green roofs covered with vegetation absorb rainwater and provide insulation, contributing to groundwater recharge. Shallow depressions planted with native vegetation capture and filter runoff, allowing it to seep into the ground, known as rain gardens.

Reforestation and the creation of urban green spaces are vital. Trees and plants increase soil permeability, facilitating water infiltration. Community awareness and participation in water

conservation efforts are essential. Rainwater harvesting and the recharge of water tables should be mandatory, even in rural areas.

The Karnataka Groundwater Act of 2011 mandates the registration of borewells, but the implementation of these rules needs to be stricter. Dr Nagaraja suggests that authorities should impose penalties on defaulters and ensure compliance.

Concrete floors offer convenience and durability, but their environmental impact cannot be overlooked. The impervious nature of concrete

surfaces significantly contributes to groundwater depletion, posing a threat to water security. Sustainable urban planning, incorporating green infrastructure and reforestation, is crucial to mitigating this impact. By prioritizing groundwater recharge and conservation, we can pave the way for a more water-secure future.

The writer is an environment enthusiast and an animal welfare activist, and is the Founder of Kaloms Ideas Welfare Foundation. She is also a chartered accountant.



Major disparity between white noise, pink noise and brown noise

Ambient noise is the background noise that reaches the human ear like the natural soundtrack of the world we live in. Those consist of the hum of traffic, chirping birds, rustling leaves, distant conversations or the gentle patter of steady rain.

While low levels of ambient noise can easily be tolerated, any noise at a sufficiently high volume can have adverse effects on anyone exposed to it, even if they are not directly paying attention to it.

What is a pink noise?

Pink noise emphasizes lower frequencies. It has a rumbling or rushing quality. It is often compared to the sounds of ocean waves or rain. Pink noise focuses more on the lower end of the sound spectrum. It encompasses a vast array of natural sounds, including leaves rustling, falling rain, and ocean waves.

Compared to white noise, which is often attributed to the hum of air conditioning, whirring fans, or static, individuals have observed that pink noise is a better



What is white noise?

White noise refers to noise that is produced by combining all audible sound frequencies. Consider the imaginable tones that a human can hear and mash them together, you would have white noise. If you look at it through a spectral analyzer, you can see flat spectral density. You can hear white noise in music, especially in percussion. White noise is a combination of all of the different frequencies of sound.

choice for concentration and sleep.

What is a brown noise?

Brown noise resembles a scale where the frequency gains more momentum and power as it goes down.

This drop-off of power at higher frequencies produces deeper sounds, like a low, distant rumbling or a steady wind.

Brown noise is made up of low-frequency bass tones and decreases by 6dB per octave, giving it a much stronger power density than pink noise. **SNS**





SAI SUDARSHAN RETURNS TO SURREY

Surrey have secured the services of Indian cricketer B. Sai Sudharsan for the upcoming round of County Championship fixture against Essex in a highly anticipated top-of-the-table clash. Sudharsan first joined Surrey in 2023 and played a crucial role in helping the club secure the County Championship title away at Hampshire. Sudharsan's recent form has been nothing short of impressive. In the IPL, he had a standout season with the Gujarat Titans, scoring his first century in the competition and accumulating over 500 runs. His consistent performances earned him a debut in the ODI format for India, where he impressed with two half-centuries in three innings against South Africa.

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THUMBNAILS

Mumbai City FC sign Jeremy Manzorro: Mumbai City FC has announced the signing of French midfielder Jeremy Manzorro on a free transfer until the end of the 2024-25 season. The 32-year-old began his senior professional career with Stade de Reims in France and has since showcased his skills in various leagues across the globe, including Bulgaria (PFC Slavia Sofia), Lithuania (FK Zalgiris), and Kazakhstan (Tobol and Astana). "I have enjoyed my time in India so far and am excited to stay for another season. Mumbai City FC is one of the most successful teams in the ISL and has a history of winning titles. I can't wait to meet my new teammates and work with Coach Petr Kratky. I'm thrilled to start this new chapter in my life in the vibrant city of Mumbai and contribute to the club's success. My goal is to help the team achieve its objectives and bring more silverware to the club," said Manzorro to Mumbai City's media team. He has participated in elite European competitions like the UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europa Conference League. His accolades include the Lithuanian Cup, the Kazakh Cup, and two consecutive Kazakh league titles.

Rohit's knock gives India boost ahead of England clash

Rohit's knock helped India settle scores with the Aussies for the heartbreak in the ODI World Cup final

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Rohit Sharma's blistering 92 from 41 balls saw him dominate one of the best pace attacks at the ICC men's T20 World Cup, and in a way helped India settle scores for the November 19 heartbreak in the 2023 ODI World Cup final.

But in reality, it has more implications than it meets the eye. The knock that set his team up with a controlling position inside the first powerplay of this fascinating Super Eight face-off against Australia gave the Men-in-Blue the attacking blueprint ahead of the final hurdle that has often eluded India in major ICC tournaments, and in what could probably be his final hurrah Rohit doesn't want to return empty-handed from the Caribbean.

Rohit's knock was more than just a good innings; it was the sort of a batting display that breaks spirits. Against an attack featuring the likes of Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood, Marcus Stoinis, Rohit smoked eight sixes and set the tone for India to push on, even when he was dismissed eight short of his century in the 12th over. And



it looked at times to have done just that to an Australian team who rarely appear to wilt under pressure on the field.

World-class performers such as Rohit have a tendency to make genius look straightforward, and his comments following India's win hinted at some of the strategic thinking that made an innings that had appeared almost effortless in its brilliance possible. What made it even more special was the fact that Rohit showed his character, even after the loss

of his opening partner Virat Kohli for nought, as the Mumbai-based leftie left the Australians high and dry after the early celebration.

"I thought right from over number one that there was a strong breeze blowing across," Rohit said, of a Gros Islet venue where the weather conditions have played a part all tournament.

"They changed their plan, bowling against the breeze, so I realised I had to open up the off-side as well. When you keep an open mind and not just think of one shot, you

can access all areas of the field," Rohit continued.

"It was a good wicket, and you want to try and back yourself to play those kinds of shots. I've been trying to do that for a few years now, and I'm glad it came off today. You want to make big scores, yes, but at the same time you want to make the bowlers think where the next shot is coming, and I think I managed to do that today," he added.

A beaming Suryakumar Yadav, who occupied the best seat at the opposite end to witness the carnage, felt it was a "dream" while stressing on the kind of "approach" they wanted to come against the Australians.

"It felt like a dream, he batted beautifully. Before coming here we sat together, we talked about it, how we want to approach and what brand of cricket we want to play, and he showed us the way," SKY said.

Some tough batting conditions during the group stage in New York had contributed to Rohit having relatively low returns prior to this innings during the tournament. But his teammate Arshdeep Singh, who returned with impressive figures of 3 for 37 on the day, said that it was little surprise

to see the skipper light it up on the big stage.

"As a team, we always talk in the dressing room that personal scores don't matter much as long as the team is doing nice. We knew he is a legend and the big knock was around the corner all the time. So, we were not surprised by the way he played today and it came off really well, and even in the coming games we just hope he does the same for us," the left-arm pacer said.

After the game, there was no respite for the Indian team, thanks to the scheduling of the second semifinal in Guyana, where they reached well past midnight. Leaving the logistical challenges aside, Rohit & Co have another score to settle in their next meeting when they take on defending champions England on June 27.

The wounds of the 2022 T20 World Cup semifinal against Jos Buttler's men will still be fresh for the ones on the field, and Rohit Sharma's knock that showed the exit doors to the Kangaroos, has in a way, set the template at the right time for India to step out with the same mindset and end the decade-long title drought in Barbados on June 29.



Frank Duckworth, co-inventor of cricket's DLS method, passes away aged 84: Frank Duckworth, one of the pioneering minds behind the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method, passed away at the age of 84. Duckworth's contribution to the game has left an indelible mark, revolutionizing how rain-affected matches are determined. Duckworth passed away on June 21 in England. The Duckworth-Lewis method, co-devised by English statisticians Frank Duckworth and Tony Lewis, emerged as a solution to one of cricket's longstanding challenges: setting fair targets in rain-interrupted matches. First implemented in international cricket in 1997, the method was officially adopted by the International Cricket Council (ICC) in 2001, becoming the standard for adjusting targets in truncated games. The method gained further refinement in 2014, when Australian statistician Steven Stern introduced modifications to the system, leading to its current iteration, the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (DLS) method. This update honoured the original creators while integrating new insights to enhance its accuracy and applicability in modern cricket. Duckworth-Lewis' innovation replaced the much-criticised rain rule previously used, which famously marred the 1992 ODI World Cup semifinal.

We proved Brian Lara right, says Rashid

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Rashid said.

"I think when you get the kind of great, great statements from a legend, as a team, I think it gives you lots of energy as well. We are capable - but as long as we keep the things very simple and I think in the whole competition so far, we kept the thing simple. Yes, there were some tough times but we didn't let ourselves down and we always try to come back stronger," he added. The bowling all-rounder was excited about their first-ever semi-final appearance in senior men's cricket, and believed it to be a great inspiration for the youngsters in Afghanistan.

"I think the semi-final is going to be a massive, massive inspiration for the youngsters back home in Afghanistan. That Afghanistan team got into the semis for the first time. And we have done it at the Under-19 level, but at this level, we haven't done that (before). Even Super

Eight was first time for us and then in semis. It's an unbelievable feeling."

Sharing his pride in his team, Khan added, "Well, I don't know how to describe my feeling. It's a big achievement for us being in the semi-finals and yeah, I think the cricket we have played in the whole tournament so far - I think we deserve to be in the semis. The way everyone took the responsibility of getting into the game and performing best for the team."

The Afghanistan team's incredible feat triggered massive celebrations back home. For a country ravaged by four decades of war and beleaguered by economic, humanitarian and political crises, the fairytale victory over Bangladesh, that also effectively ended Australia's campaign in the showpiece tournament, is a testament to the team's rapid rise in world cricket.

Warner's international career officially over post Australia's T20 World Cup exit

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Australia's drawn-out, but eventual, elimination from the ICC Men's T20 World Cup officially concludes David Warner's time as a wily, competitive, ball-blasting opening batter for Australia.

He has done it all, across multiple formats, and another former Australian top-order champion has encouraged Warner to celebrate and reflect. After Australia's loss to India, former skipper Ricky Ponting pulled his compatriot aside to offer some advice, as Warner adjusts to life without international cricket on the calendar.

Ponting, of course, went through this process almost a decade back. "I put my arm around him. I said, '...just take a moment tonight to sit back by yourself and reflect on what's been an unbelievable career across all three formats for Australia.'"

"We know he retired in the summer from Test cricket, but you'll struggle to find a guy that's had as big an

impact on all three forms in Australian cricket than David Warner has," he recounted. "I've been able to play with him, I've been able to coach him in the IPL the last couple of years and I really enjoy his company. So he should be very proud of what he's done."

Into his twilight, Warner remained as damaging with the bat as ever, knocking two fifties in the Caribbean, helping the Aussies put together

a deep run. But ultimately, the side fell short of the final four, after losses to Afghanistan and India.

It's back to the drawing board for the Kangaroos now, which transitions to a new Warner-less reality.

"We'll definitely miss him around the group, out in the field and off field," bowler Josh Hazlewood said after the team's loss to India.

"(An) amazing all-format

career. It's sort of been a slow burn with Test cricket and ODI cricket and now T20. So, life without him, we've sort of gotten used to it a little bit ... it's always different when you lose a player that's been there for so long."

The Aussies will reassemble in a few months, ahead of back-to-back short format series with England in the UK, both T20s and ODIs, beginning in mid-September. It'll be the first look at a top order without Warner's imposing presence.

Then later this year, the Border-Gavaskar Trophy is up for grabs Down Under, with a gruelling five-Test series against India that will have the world's undivided attention. Australia's Test team already had a taste of life without Warner, touring New Zealand earlier this year.

But the consistency and cohesion he's helped provide, as the Australian side pivots from one format to another, and from one series to another, will prove almost irreplaceable.

Real Madrid announces captain Nacho's departure: Real Madrid has announced the departure of club captain Nacho, who has made the decision to leave the side where he has spent 23 years. In 2001, Nacho joined Real Madrid at the age of just 10, and has played throughout the youth academy until he made his first team debut in 2012.

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