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RBI governor Shaktikanta Das says India is at the threshold of a major structural shift in trajectory and is moving towards annual growth of 8% in a sustained manner; adds that such an outlook gives RBI space to focus on inflation, P 21

EU regulators charge Microsoft with breaking antitrust rules by bundling its Teams video conferencing & collaboration software with a suite of other productivity tools, giving it an unfair advantage over rivals, P 20

Kenyan police opened fire on demonstrators trying to storm the legislature, with at least 5 protesters killed, dozens wounded and sections of the Parliament building set ablaze as lawmakers inside passed legislation to raise taxes, P 20

US defence secy Lloyd Austin meets Israeli counterpart Yoav Gallant at the Pentagon, warning that a conflict between Israel and Hezbollah could spark a regional war and urging a diplomatic solution



NDA sticks with Birla, Congress picks Suresh for 4th-ever Speaker contest

Govt Rejects Oppn Demand For Post Of Deputy Speaker

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New Delhi: In the first trial of strength for the newly-elected Modi gov, opposition on Tuesday decided to field its candidate K Suresh against NDA's nominee Om Birla for the post of Lok Sabha Speaker.

The contest, which had looked likely, became inevitable after gov turned down the opposition's demand for the post of deputy speaker as a pre-condition for facilitating a consensus on a fresh term for Birla, the outgoing Speaker. Gov refused to accept the opposition's demand, saying the issue of deputy speaker could be negotiated later.

Though this will be only the fourth time — and the first in nearly 50 years — when a Speaker will not be elected by consensus, the contest on Wednesday is only in line with the intense acrimony that marked the LS campaign and has since persisted. The post was contested in 1952, the first Lok Sabha, in 1967 and 1976.

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HOUSE NUMBERS FAVOUR NDA



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ce two times in a row. Only Jaha completed two full terms.

Congress's Suresh is a veteran of eight terms from Kerala but his choice has equally, if not more, to do with him being a Dalit. Congress and some allies are seeking to build on the advantage they are perceived to have gained among Dalits on the strength of their allegation that BJP under Modi planned to scrap caste quotas.

► **'We want Speakers...'**, P 17

RaGa calls Didi, TMC stand today

Trinamool said Tuesday Congress had not consulted it before declaring a contestant for Speaker. By evening, the party sent two netas to an INDIA bloc meeting and sources said Rahul Gandhi had spoken to Mamata Banerjee. TMC said it would communicate its decision on backing K Suresh by 9am on Wednesday. P 19

MPs make a point with slogans

Oath-taking by MPs on the second day was accompanied by slogans. Several BJP MPs chanted "Jai Shri Ram", while opposition MPs did so as Faizabad MP Awadhesh Prasad was sworn in. Bareilly's BJP MP Chhatrapal Gangwar said "Jai Hindu Rashtra". There were chants of "Jai Bheem" and "Jai Shivaji" too. P 19

PM: Emergency mindset still alive in Cong

Those who imposed Emergency have no right to profess their love for our Constitution. These are the same people who have... violated every aspect of the Constitution." PM Modi said on the 49th anniversary of the Emergency imposed by Indira Gandhi in 1975, countering Congress's "save democracy" campaign, reports Akhilesh Singh.

He said the mindset that had led to suspension of civil liberties was very much alive in the party. "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," Modi said in posts on social media. P 19

Didi effect: Civic staff, cops hit road to clean up mess

On Tuesday, A Day After CM Mamata Banerjee's Rebuke For Deficiencies In Amenities, Civic Bodies & Cops Across Kolkata, Salt Lake and Howrah Go On An Overdrive. TOI Takes A Look



ALL IN A DAY'S WORK: (Left) A portion of the road in Hatibagan on Tuesday after the clean-up drive and (above) the same area on Monday

HAWKERS

- Drives conducted across the city with areas in shopping hubs like Gariahat market and Jadubabur Bazar in south, New Market in central and Hatibagan market in north Kolkata to free up pavements and remove encroachment
- In Salt Lake, civic body deploys bulldozer to demolish 40-odd illegal shops in KL block. Encroachers blocking pavements in Sector V pushed back

TRAFFIC & PARKING

- Kolkata Police & KMC crack whip on illegal parking
- Cops across 10 police divisions remove illegal parking from arterial and connecting roads in Kasba and Behala Silpara in south and Manikata in north
- Fresh 'Save Life Safe Drive' campaign from Wednesday
- In Howrah, special drive to remove parking mafia from stations and other locations

ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS

- Touts to be curbed from entering BL&LRO offices
- Signboards to be set up to identify govt plots
- DMs and ADMs to proactively protect govt land
- Officials to visit govt plots on regular basis
- Officers asked to take photographs of vacant govt plots

WATER

- KMC to install more water meters in added areas and conduct survey to identify high water-waste localities
- KMC to conduct awareness drive

ILLEGAL BUILDINGS

- KMC's buildings dept

GARBAGE DISPOSAL

- KMC to engage private companies on contract basis to keep city clean
- Agencies to be penalised if they fail to meet performance parameters
- Garbage clean-up operation across Howrah city

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In his first constitutional post, Rahul to be LS leader of oppn

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New Delhi: Rahul Gandhi will be leader of opposition in Lok Sabha, in a major leg-up for the Gandhi scion in his parliamentary responsibilities, which is widely viewed as laying the ground for an aggressive and confrontational face-off with a dominant BJP.

The expectation that politics in coming days will be a 'Modi vs Rahul' duel got another fillip by the fact that as LoP — the first constitutional position he will hold — Rahul is likely to be chairman of the all-important Public Accounts Committee that has the primary function of examining CAG reports, and can also seek probes from the gov. The panel, though with



'Jai Hind, Jai Samvidhan', Gandhi said after taking oath as MP

govt majority which decides issues by vote, has proved to be testy for many regimes. Besides, he would also be a member of various collegiums comprising the PM and CJI or

govt nominees for selection of chiefs of important investigation and transparency agencies — CBI, Lokpal, CVC, CEC/Election Commissioners and CIC.

In a late-evening announcement, AICC general secretary K C Venugopal said Congress parliamentary party chairperson Sonia Gandhi had written to pro temp speaker Bhartruhari Mahtab appointing Rahul as LoP. Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge said Rahul would become the "voice of the last person standing". AICC treasurer Ajay Maken said: "Rahul has always been the most fearless voice among the opposition, and as LoP, his impact will be even more profound".

► **'Honour wishes of CWC'**, P 19

HC allows ED plea, stays trial court's bail to Kejriwal

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New Delhi: Delhi High Court stayed a trial court's order granting bail to CM Arvind Kejriwal in the excise policy case.

A vacation bench of Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain allowed Enforcement Directorate's application seeking a stay on the bail order. The court said vacation judge Niyay Bindu had passed the order without going through ED's entire material on record, which reflected "perversity".

The HC bench said it couldn't comprehend how the trial court said in para 16 of the order that it was not possible to go through thousands

CBI questions CM, but denies arresting him

Amid late-night media reports that CBI had arrested Kejriwal in Tihar jail on Tuesday, the agency officially denied any arrest but said it had recorded his statement in connection with the probe into alleged irregularities in implementation of the now-scrapped excise policy. Kejriwal was examined in jail number 2 around 11.30am, CBI sources said. P 14

of pages of documents filed by the respective parties but in para 36 asserted that relevant arguments and contentions raised on behalf of the parties had been dealt with.

► **'Bail not on merit...'**, P 14

Health cover users borrow to pay med bills

Many health insurance policyholders who get their claims settled through reimbursement from insurance companies end up borrowing money or dipping into their long-term savings to cover medical expenses, reports Mayur Shetty. According to a survey, 68% of claimants who used the reimbursement method did not have enough liquid savings to pay medical bills. The incidence of borrowing increased when treatment costs exceeded Rs 1 lakh, with the trend being more pronounced in smaller towns. P 21

Sensex tops 78k for 1st time, Nifty at record high

Mumbai: The BSE sensex rose 712.4 points (0.92%) to cross the 78,000 mark for the first time. It hit a high of 78,054 on Tuesday, led by a surge in bank and finance stocks that had been underperforming earlier in the year. The NSE Nifty also climbed by 183.45 points (0.78%) to a new high of 23,721.3.

Private bank stocks were the main contributors to the market gains, with Axis Bank, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank leading the way with increases of 3.4%, 2.5%, and 2.3%, respectively. SBI and Bajaj Finance also saw close to 1% gains. The rally in HDFC Bank was triggered by a multinational brokerage firm upgrading the stock. TNN

► **'Investment push'**, P 21

UP OKs strict law on exam leaks: Life term & ₹1cr fine

Lucknow: CM Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh cabinet cleared an ordinance on Tuesday imposing stringent punishments for those involved in exam paper leaks, including a life sentence and fines up to Rs 1 crore for the guilty.

This ordinance is significantly harsher than the current IPC provisions, which prescribe up to one year in jail for cheating, up to two years for forgery, and up to three years for impersonation, each accompanied by fines. The existing Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act provides for three to five years of imprisonment for cheating and five to 10 years, along with a minimum Rs 1 crore fine, for organised exam frauds.

Under the new Uttar Pradesh Public Examination

TEACHER HELD

► Another zilla parishad teacher held by Latur police in NEET case following arrest of a ZP headmaster | P 9

► Govt mulls moving towards a more stress-free, multi-session, multiple-times-a-year computer-based format for future exams, similar to JEE-Main | P 10

► Edu min's 7-member panel on NTA reforms will engage with parents & students to know challenges & concerns on the exam process | P 9

(Prevention of Unfair Means) Ordinance, 2024, those responsible for paper leaks leading to exam cancellations will have to pay the costs incurred by gov in conducting the exams. TNN

► **Permanent blacklisting**, P 16

Porsche crash case: HC directs release of teen

The continuation of the minor accused in the Pune Porsche case in an observation home was absolutely illegal, Bombay HC held on Tuesday, directing his release. HC directed the home to release him on bail with his custody not to be with any grandparent, reports Swati Deshpande. The HC said he could be handed over to the care of his aunt. P 6

After 12-yr confinement, Assange to be a free man

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange will plead guilty to one criminal count of conspiring to obtain and disclose classified US national defence documents.

The deal marks the end of a legal saga that has seen Assange spend more than five years in a British high-security jail and seven holed up in the Ecuadorian embassy in London as he fought accusations of sex crimes in Sweden and battled extradition to the US, where he faced 18 criminal charges.

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Kol's 4th blaze in a fortnight at Burrabazar bldg

A fire gutted a chemicals godown on the third floor of Mehta Building, a hub for wholesale medicines, electronic goods and chemicals, in Burrabazar, central Kolkata, on Tuesday afternoon. This is the second fire in the central business district in less than a week and the fourth in the city in about two weeks. Nobody was injured but several shops and godowns were damaged. P 5

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WEATHER

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Soon, you could hail ambulances on Bengal govt-run Yatri Sathi app

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Kolkata: The Bengal govt-run Yatri Sathi is set to include ambulance-booking service through its phone app, aiming to address the two most common problems faced by patients' families in the heat of a medical emergency: unavailability and exorbitant charges.

State gov's intent to do this was announced by transport minister Snehasis Chakraborty on Tuesday. "We are planning to add ambulance-hailing as a service to the Yatri Sathi app," he said, adding gov, through this measure, wanted an end to patient parties being fleeced.

Other ride-hailing services, Chakraborty said, "were welcome" to start a similar

How will it work?

► Ambulances have to register under Yatri Sathi

► The rest of the process is similar to hailing a cab

Benefits

► Hailing ambulances to be easier at odd hrs

► Price regulation

► Option to take action against errant operators

service on their apps.

Ambulances, of course, need to register on Yatri Sathi first for users to avail themselves of the service. The rest of the process, explained a transport department official, "would exactly be like booking an online cab — only, instead of cabs, one has to choose an ambulance." The fare, he said, would be fixed on the

app itself, based on the distance required for it to travel.

The official expressed confidence that fleeing would stop, "since there is no human intervention in determining the fare." What about refusals, or attempts by drivers, later, to charge extra? Such instances, the official said, would be "dealt with strongly". The ambulance in question, he added, could even be blocked on the platform.

The initiative to incorporate ambulance services into Yatri Sathi recently received the green light at a meeting led by transport secretary Saumitra Mohan. "Our intention is to streamline the process of hailing an ambulance during a critical time at reasonable rates," Mohan said.

► **'Parity in fares'**, P 4

THE FANTASTIC 4

India, Afghanistan, South Africa and England — the four survivors of the Super 8 have finally been spotted. This has been a rare, collector's edition of a T20 World Cup where the ball, for once, has mostly dominated the bat. We have also witnessed a clutch of humdingers, and it's likely more nerve-racking encounters are in store in the two semifinals on Thursday

INDIA VS ENGLAND June 27, 8pm IST Venue: Providence, Guyana Chances Of Rain: 88% (No Reserve Day)

In case of washout, India goes to final for getting higher rank in Super 8

HEAD TO HEAD: India has won 12, or 52%, of 23 T20 games. In T20 WC, both teams have won 2 matches each out of 4, though the last meeting in 2022 saw England hammering India by 10 wickets

INDIA (World No. 1)
Formbook: Red hot. Undefeated. Won every group game, barring an abandoned match against Canada. Waltzed past Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Australia in Super 8

Positives: Unplayable paceman Bumrah and wicket-scalping 'chinaman' Kuldeep Yadav. Batter-Skipper Rohit Sharma in six-hitting form. Pandya's return to runs (avg 58, team's highest) and wickets (8) has added depth and value to the unit. Will enjoy crowd support

Concerns: Kohli's run shortage. Lack of form of all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja. Dube's inability to up the tempo (strike rate 107). Arshdeep taking wickets (15) but shows lack of control under pressure. Casual running-between-wickets by middle order

Crucial Question: Can this team replace pressure in a knockout game? Can it avenge the thrashing at Melbourne in 2022?
Hot Star: Jasprit Bumrah, the complete fast bowler. 11 wickets. Avg 8.5. Economy rate 4.1. Too good, too much
ENGLAND (World No. 3 & defending champions)
Formbook: Blow hot, blow cold. Captain Jos Buttler's team has been ruthless against lesser sides but lost to Australia (group stage) & South Africa (Super 8)
Positives: Supreme belief in their all-attack approach. Match-winning and fearsome opening pair of Buttler and Phil Salt. Bats deep. Variety and depth in bowling. Speed gun Jofra Archer among wickets (9). Leg-spinner Adil Rashid is the trump card
Concerns: Australia showed England's bowling can be clobbered; S Africa proved its batters can be checkedmate. Absence of wickets for T20 specialist pacer Reece Topley
Crucial Question: Do they have an answer to the contrasting magic of Bumrah and Kuldeep?
Hot Star: Harry Brook. Adds firepower to the middle order. Has been dismissed only once so far; average 120, strike rate 164



THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT JUNE 25: This day 41 yrs ago, Kapil's Devils had pulled off a historic win at Lord's. On Tuesday, Afghanistan made history by beating B'desh to enter its first-ever World Cup semis, sparking jubilant scenes across the country and among diaspora members

South Africa (World No. 5) vs Afghanistan (World No. 10)
Time: June 27, 6am IST
Venue: Tarouba, Trinidad & Tobago
Chances Of Rain: 37% (There is a reserve day)

Head To Head: The two teams have faced off on 2 occasions, both in World Cups. South Africa leads 2-0
Formbook: Afghanistan defeated New Zealand (group game) and Australia (Super 8). South Africa, the unbeaten team so far apart from India, has won several tight encounters to underline that this team has shrugged off the tag of 'chokers'
Key Players: For Afghanistan, keeper-batter Rahmanullah Gurbaz. Captain Rashid Khan's bowling unit, especially pacers Fazalhaq Farooqi & Naveen-ul-Haq, are among the most effective. For South Africa, opener Quinton de Kock, keeper-batter Klaassen & pacemen Kagiso Rabada & Nortje. Spinner Tabraiz Shamsi is the dark horse

Statistics: Rajesh Kumar **FULL COVERAGE: P 25**



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Decades of pavement grab gone in 6 hours

Hawker Pushback Starts In Gariahat, New Market & Hatibagan

Sudipto Das, Biplab Bhattacharjee & Debabrata Shome

Saikat Ray, Poulami Roy Banerjee, Rohit Khanna & Dwaipayan Ghosh | TNN

CLEARING THE CLUTTER

Kolkata: Almost three decades after Operation Sunshine, a major hawkker eviction drive that was conducted in 1996, the city's hawking hubs on Tuesday saw a series of raids by police and the civic staff to free the carriageways and pavements of encroachment.

Raids were conducted in Gariahat, Hatibagan and New Market to remove hawkkers from the roads and free up at least two-third of the pavements. Hawker pushback drives were also conducted at other zones like Bhowanipore, Behala and Sealdah, among other places.

By the end of the six-hour drive on Tuesday, 15 hawkkers were apprehended by cops across a dozen points in the city, six of them from Gariahat. Sources said the joint drive would continue over the next seven days.

On Tuesday morning, cops accompanied hawkker union leaders and conducted a pushback drive in Gariahat. Hawkkers were asked to remove the plastic sheets that were being used as sheds to protect their wares from the rain. The sudden raid caught a section of hawkkers off guard. They were seen busy removing their wares from the pavements and plastic sheets from atop the stalls.

As the cops threatened a section of hawkkers encroaching the pavements with dire consequences, a scare soon spread over among the hawkkers at south Kolkata's prime hawking zone. Madhu Pal, a hawkker who sells hosiery products beside Basanti Devi College, conceded that streamlining hawking in the area was necessary.

"A section of hawkkers is not adhering to the rules set by the Town-Vending Committee and we are paying the price. I have made it a point not to cross the line that demarcates the hawking arena," said Pal. However, Rajesh Mondal, who sells leather bags, felt the drive, prodded by the CM, was temporary and the hawkkers would continue to flout rules



GARIAHAT



NEW MARKET



BHOWANIPORE

The KMC-cop joint drive that started on Tuesday will continue over the next seven days

- > The number of hawkkers has doubled in nine years – to 3 lakh now from 1.5 lakh in 2015
- > Tuesday's drive went beyond the traditional hawking zones
- > Hawkkers in areas like Bhowanipore, Behala and Sealdah were also pushed back
- > Hawkkers were asked to remove the plastic as well

that include rampant use of plastics.

At Hatibagan, the stretch on Bidhan Sarani from Shyambazar to Hatibagan, extending to the Scottish Church Collegiate School, saw the removal of illegal sheds and encroachments on the road in the presence of police officers from local police stations.

On Tuesday, police officers, who have been onlookers in the past, played an active part in removing illegal sheds, plastic and encroachments on the street. Hawkkers who sit on the road opposite Town School were asked to clear the space. "Police told us to leave the place this morning. The owner went to the market and now we don't know what will happen because we have been working

here for the last 15 years," said Tutu Majumder, a hawkker.

In the afternoon, cops from New Market police station went around the KMC headquarters and removed all hawkkers who were grabbing the pavement opposite the Roxy Cinema building. Mohammed Siraj, a hawkker who sells soft toys, said there were no alternatives left but to listen to the cops and shift to a suitable place till he was allowed to get back to his place.

Cops also conducted a surprise raid near Jadubabur Bazar in Bhowanipore to make it clutter-free. Paddapukur Road, which remains clogged with two wheelers and rickshaws on a usual day, never looked wider in recent times. Poli-

ce started clearing the road off hawkkers Tuesday morning. Hawkkers who had laid their wares on the street were asked to remove them. "We have not seen Paddapukur Road so wide before. Almost one third of the road is encroached by hawkkers selling vegetables and fruits," said a shop owner at the market.

Das Florist has a 140-year-old shop on Paddapukur Road. "This road was a mess even yesterday. Pavements were encroached by hawkkers and people were forced to take the road to walk. Cars which took Paddapukur Road to head towards Sarat Bose Road had a harrowing time in crossing the 100m stretch near Jadubabur Bazar," said Dilip Das, owner of the shop.

Crackdown on illegal parking to carve out more road space

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Biplab Bhattacharjee & Sukhomay Sen

Kolkata: The Kolkata Police and Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has cracked the whip on illegal parking and road encroachments across the city, hours after chief minister Mamata Banerjee's massive on how illegal parking was becoming a bane for free movement.

Cops from all 10 police divisions moved from one spot to other, removing illegal parking from arterial roads and key connecting ones. Whether it was Kasba or Behala Silpara in south Kolkata or Maniktala in north Kolkata, cops removed illegally parked vehicles or warned motorists against parking on the road. For now, the raids that started on Monday may continue twice daily at specific spots identified by Lalbazar.

At Lalbazar, cops held meetings with OCs and ACPs from the traffic wing, instructing them that no traffic should be held up due to illegal parking "at any cost". The top cop reportedly wanted a list of all smaller roads where parking is allowed on both sides, a practice, Lalbazar claimed, that needs to be stopped. "We have decided to keep a 24-hour vigil using CCTV cameras. Multiple drives will be carried out at the same spots — especially in central Kolkata's Free School Street, Camac Street, Dalhousie and Burrabazar, where illegal parking has become a major traffic hindrance. Along with KMC, we will mark the parking areas prominently so that violators know what they are doing is illegal," an officer said.

In the added areas, cops have been asked to focus on il-



(Top) Parked cars eat up road space on Camac Street; (above) a parking-free road in Behala's Silpara after a drive on Tuesday

legal garages and illegal truck parking. "Several vehicles are parked even off EM Bypass and DH Road. These include buses. If they encroach on road space, they have to be removed. All police stations and traffic guards have been asked to follow this rule," a joint commissioner said.

KMC said the focus will now be on both illegal parking and associated extortion. "We are identifying the parking agencies indulging in malpractices. We will share their names with Kolkata Police. We will ask cops to take legal action against them. We will soon hold a meeting with police to discuss these modalities," said a KMC parking department official.

Traffic guards in central and south Kolkata have also reported to Lalbazar and KMC about the issues motorists face while trying to park in these commercial and office zones, including non-use of online payment. Cops said that while poor network did prevent POS devices from accepting payments, these were "only in stray and rare instances".

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proper display of such charts all along the parking spot and have been instructed to report all device-related issues to KMC and the local cops.

"We are collecting a report on the functioning of the machines, network black spots and absence/scarcity of boards showing the parking fee. We will be sending a compiled report to the agencies. Also, at Park Street, where some display boards have been damaged, the agencies have been asked to fix them. Parking agents were sensitized about wearing uniform, displaying photo ID, using POS machine and reporting malfunctioning of devices," said an officer.

Fresh 'safe-drive' campaign from today after CM nudge

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Kolkata: Lalbazar has decided to launch a fresh 'Safe Drive Save Life' campaign from Wednesday after a high-level meeting on Tuesday. Sources said the decision came in the wake of the CM criticizing the drive for being restricted to just a week. The cops felt with 13 deaths so far in this month, the drive will prove beneficial in cutting down on accidents this monsoon.

"An essential part of the drive will be to ensure encroachment-free roads for pedestrians and encroachment-free crossings to stop jaywalking, and reduce accidents," said an officer.

All 25 traffic guards have been asked to highlight issues that affect them the most.

Commercial bus, auto, taxi and truck drivers will be attending the programmes where Lalbazar may also emphasize retraining of drivers. Cops may use real-time footage to explain to drivers where

RETRAINING DRIVERS

they are frequently ending up breaking the rules. "The consequences will be explained," said an officer.

Cops said they may also speak to owners and union leaders to identify errant drivers. "We have a database of commercial bus drivers, but the workshops will al-

low us to upgrade them. Unlike earlier, when we focused on buses involved in accidents, we will now zero in on individual rogue drivers. The same will apply for cabs," said an officer.

Honking, pollution, managing school traffic and pedestrian safety are likely to be key points. Cops plan to include students to act as their agents in this respect.

"A study of road accidents before the pandemic revealed that dangerous behaviour by pedestrians caused 18% of accidents while another 9% was due to lack of attention. Thus, the onus of safety cannot lie with motorists alone. We are counselling these people," said an officer.

Cops bulldoze illegal shops, free up pavements across Salt Lake

Tamaghna Banerjee, Mayukh Sengupta & Suman Chakraborti | TNN

Kolkata: Bidhannagar police on Tuesday bulldozed illegal shacks and shops lining the animal welfare department building in Salt Lake following the chief minister's tirade on Monday where she held Bidhannagar councillors and local MLA Sujit Bose responsible for random encroachments in the township.

The bulldozer drive in Salt Lake was followed by another round of police crackdown at Salt Lake Sector V as cops pushed back hawkkers and forced many to vacate their places to free up the pavements and roads.

NKDA team faces hawkker resistance

A special team of NKDA faced resistance from hawkkers and had to retreat after they had gone to evict some 25-odd hawkkers from outside Axis Mall in New Town. A scuffle broke out between NKDA personnel and the hawkkers who demanded proper relocation before they would leave the place where they claimed they had been doing business for more than a decade. TNN

The 90-minute-long demolition operation started around 11.30am at Salt Lake KB Block where 40 shops were demolished. "We are assisting multiple teams of BMC who are overseeing the demolition and pushback process. From the police station level, a separate survey has also been undertaken to identify places that have been encroached upon," said a senior officer of Bidhannagar City Police.

A BMC official said multiple teams are conducting the operation across the corporation area



(Top) Illegal shacks being demolished in Salt Lake; (above) a drive has started to evict encroachers after the CM's prod

and were taking necessary steps following the CM's instruction.

"The cops came to our shop and gave us two hours to remove our stuff. We could barely start removing the wares when they came with bulldozers and demolished everything. We had paid handsomely for this spot. Now we don't know what to do next," said Tuhin Kazi, who had a shack selling grocery and stationery goods.

Gopal Das, another shack owner, said he had been desperately calling the local party leaders since morning but none took his call. "There were goods worth several lakhs in the shop and I had made several temporary structures to fit in the wares. Everything is go-

ne," said Das.

At Sector V, however, no bulldozer operation was undertaken as cops and civic officials limited the first day of the drive to warning traders to push back stalls to ensure two-thirds of the pavement was available to pedestrians. "We were promised permanent structures by local leaders. But we don't know what will happen now," said Somnath Naskar, a temporary shop owner near Wipro.

Another shop owner Rabin Mahata, outside Webl Bhavan, however, said they were confident that nothing will happen to them. "The last time the govt had made a similar move in 2016, all of us had shut business and the entire Sec-

Fencing plan for govt's vacant Salt Lake plots

The urban development and municipal affairs department on Tuesday issued administrative approval to fence off three large non-residential plots in Salt Lake IA, IB and FF blocks and a residential plot in JC block. Around Rs 10 lakh has been approved for the job. Some years back, the department had identified all such vacant plots but lack of proper supervision turned these vacant plots into garbage dumping grounds. Some of them have even been occupied by unauthorised settlers. TNN

tor V office para had to starve. We are confident this will either be a temporary move or some specific plan will be chalked out for us," said Mahata.

Residents and office-goers appreciated the move but wondered if the drive will be limited to a few days only. "The entire Salt Lake and even parts of New Town have been taken over by hawkkers and illegal encroachers. This should be a sustained drive," said Aritra Ganguly, a Salt Lake resident who works at a Sector V firm.

The CM was also vocal on encroachment at govt lands and garbage dumped across Salt Lake. While garbage was removed from several places on Tuesday, TOI found several govt lands still encroached upon. What had also bothered the CM was the clutter of illegal buildings across Bidhannagar. "We have formed a special team for six boroughs that have already started inspecting the clutter from where construction of illegal buildings has been reported. Wherever necessary, stopwork notices will be served following which FIRs will be drawn," said a senior BMC official.

Bidhannagar mayor: Will resign if I fail to clean mess

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Kolkata: A day after receiving the CM's rebuke over poor civic amenities, Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation (BMC) mayor

Krishna Chakraborty conceded that there are lacunae in different areas, like waste management and street lights. As the mayor, she said she takes all responsibility and will even consider stepping down if she fails to perform her duties.

"What the CM said is final for us. Everybody has to take responsibility and we have to work together. If there is a problem, it has to be rectified," Chakraborty said.

"I will perform my duty and urge councillors to ensure they do so too. If I continue failing to deliver for long, I will consider stepping down myself. I seek cooperation from everyone," Chakraborty said.

After the CM mentioned fire and emergency services department minister Sujit Bose, accusing him of encouraging encroachments in Rajarhat and Sector V, Bose, on Tuesday, told TOI there were the police, BMC and NDTA to look into the matter of encroachments. "The problem of hawkker encroachment is present everywhere throughout the state, not only in Salt Lake. Have I ever told the police or civic authorities not to take any action on this issue? It is their responsibility to look into this matter. I don't have any involvement in this. I can say with full responsibility that I have not encouraged any hawkker to encroach and occupy places," Bose said.

KMC to relaunch water meter drive

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Kolkata: After CM Mamata Banerjee stressed on the need to reduce water wastage, KMC has decided to continue with the drive to install meters, particularly in the added areas, to identify the usage pattern and work out a wastage model.

This apart, the civic body has also asked the KMC water supply department officials in the boroughs to identify areas where misuse is high and then counsel the people there, if need be with the help of councillors, to reduce wastage. The civic body's water

served 2 million people and solved water scarcity in large parts of south and east Kolkata.

According to a KMC water supply department official, to cater to the residents of water-starved pockets, KMC will need to rationalize water usage. In fact, mayor Firhad Hakim regularly gets calls during the 'Talk to mayor' session from residents of added areas like Bahala, Garden Reach-Metiabruz, Tollygunge-Jadavpur and neighbourhoods off EM Bypass who often complain about water shortage.

Reports of water shortage also pour in from Dum Dum, Jorabagan,

SCANNER ON WASTAGE

- Water production (per day)**
 - > 90 crore litre | Palta water treatment plant
 - > 53 crore litre | Garden Reach water treatment plant
 - > 19 crore litre | Dhapa water treatment plant
- Wastage**
 - > 30% of total production
- Possible reasons**
 - > Leaks in old pipelines, overdrawal of filtered water by using pump sets, overflow of water from roadside taps.
- Remedy**
 - > Pinpointing the sources of waste



File photo of a water meter

by installation of water meters

- > ADB will release ₹200 crore for preparing a foolproof water loss management as part of a loan package for modernization of distribution network

wing will also need to replace broken roadside taps that contribute to colossal waste of filtered water.

KMC produces 450 million gallon filtered water every day from its three major water treatment plants. According to reports of a survey conducted by the KMC water supply department engineers and a World Bank study, the volume of filtered water would have been more than sufficient to cater to the needs of the city's population had the civic body been successful in preventing wastage of treated water. The survey puts daily loss of treated water to as much as 30%, which could have

Burrabazar, Jorasanko and other north Kolkata areas though a survey by the KMC in areas like Paikpara and Belgachhia had pointed out indiscriminate water wastage because of these neighbourhoods' proximity to the Tallah tank.

"We produce adequate filtered water. The only thing we need to do is install meters, based on which we will be able to work out a formula to supply more water to the dry pockets," said a civic official. Theft of water meters from large parts of Patuli, Kasba, Garfa and other areas had put the metering scheme on hold.

Tangle in sky gets caught in clean-up job

Move To Clear Cable Mess In Bhowanipore

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Kolkata: The civic authorities launched a drive to clear the cable mess in south Kolkata near Jadubabur Bazar on Tuesday, while local cable TV operators claimed the action was needed to replace two lamp posts that were leaning dangerously.

Several homes in the Bhowanipore pocket went without cable or internet connection for a few hours on Tuesday after cables were snapped to clean up the wire mesh. Later, the connections were



KMC personnel clear cable clutter on Paddapur Road

swiftly restored.

Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has been trying to coax cable operators and internet service providers to discard old cables and clean up their tangled mess. It has also been attempting to lay ducts below major thoroughfares in a bid to shift the

cables underground. But apart from Harish Mukherjee Road, where the first underground duct was laid, operators have not yet shifted their lines below the road. The reason, sources said, was KMC's demand that the operators pay 15 years' wheeling or carriage charge at one



locate the cables underground to clean up the overhead mess, something that both CM Mamata Banerjee and mayor Firhad Hakim have commented on multiple times. Beyond pure aesthetics, cables are hazardous as well. With cables strung up along the lamp posts, when trees topple during storms, they bring down multiple lamp posts as well. Cable operators acknowledge that if the cables go underground, there will be fewer disruptions. However, they say they do not have the financial means to pay up for 15 years at one go and want KMC to introduce a two-year payment scheme. "We have dressed the cables along most major roads and removed those that are redundant," said an operator.

The civic body wants to re-

Cops act against parking rackets

Rupak Banerjee | TNN

Howrah: Following CM Mamata Banerjee's strong reaction on Monday, to the violence over illegal parking near Shalimar station on June 16, Howrah City Police swung into action on Tuesday. From early on Tuesday, cops conducted drives against illegal parking on Howrah station premises, near

Rail Museum, Shalimar station gate 3, Santragachhi station, Ramrajatala station, Chintamani Dey Road in Howrah Maidan-Bangabasi

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area, Salkia, Badaghat, Abdul Road, Kazipara crossing, Mandirtala, Mallikfatak, Dobson Road, Bakra, Belilius Road, Dasnagar, Liluah, Belur station, Pilkhana and Bally Nimtala.

An officer said, "Totos, autos, taxis and goods vehicles were warned and 283 cases were filed. Encroachments near Howrah station, GR Road, GT Road, Mallikfatak, Howrah Maidan, Salkia and Arvind Sarani will also be removed."



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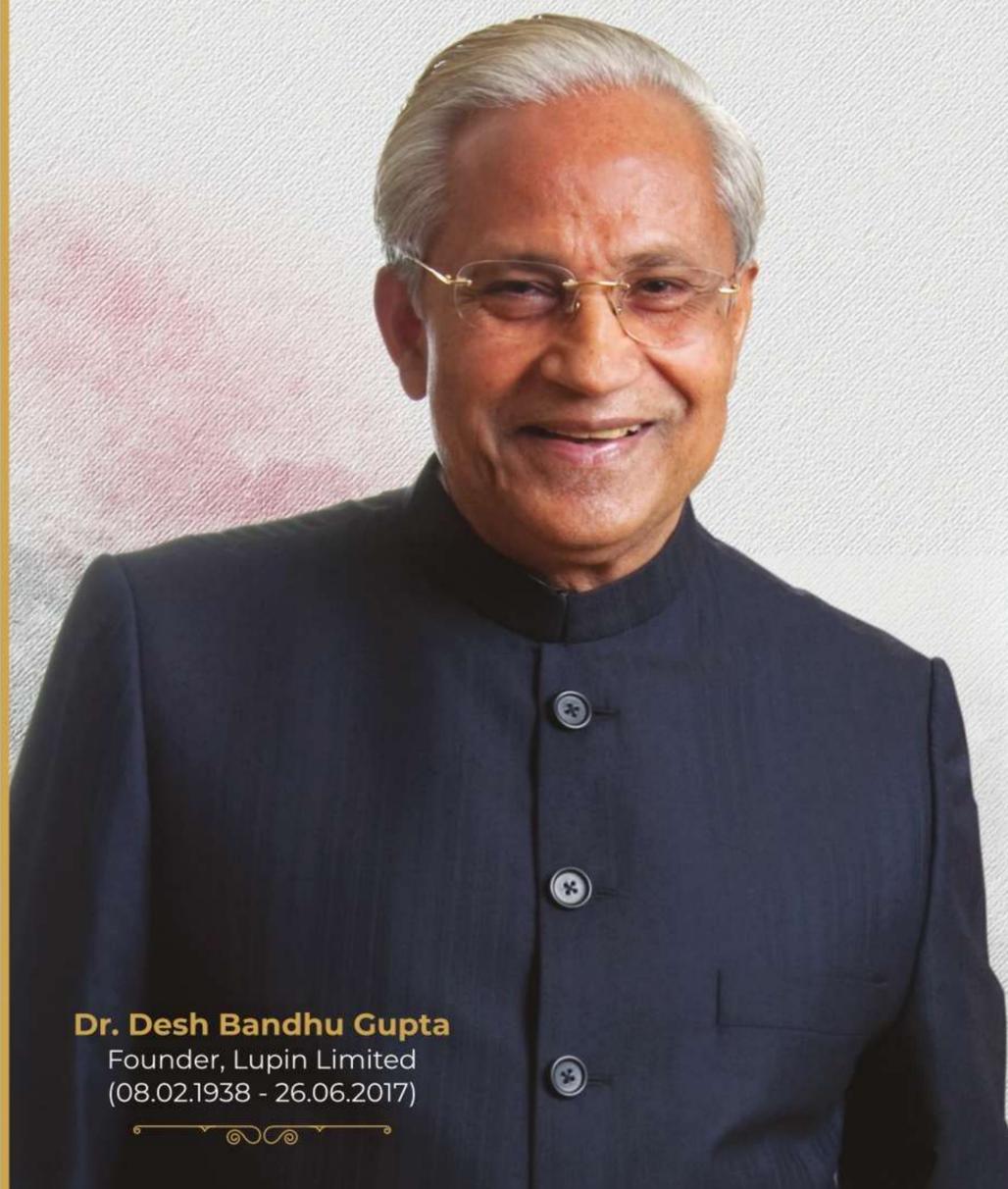
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6	C-10	Sector-12	10400	1,03,89,91,200/-
7	C-11	Sector-12	10400	1,03,89,91,200/-
8	C-12	Sector-12	10400	1,03,89,91,200/-
9	C-4	Delta-1	3600	35,96,50,800/-
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CM rap forces KMC to employ pvt agencies on garbage duty

Civic Body Plans Performance Parameters, Penal Clauses

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Kolkata: The Kolkata Municipal Corporation has decided to appoint private agencies to manage the waste that is generated and keep the city clean. It will also be responsible for keeping hospital premises and educational campuses spic and span. The agencies will also be tasked with cleaning up abandoned plots that turn into dengue hotspots in monsoon.

To be initially taken on a three-year contract, it will be extendable to five years. There will be performance parameters and penal clauses built in if they fail to meet desired goals.

According to a KMC source, the civic body's solid waste management wing will shortly float a tender for appointment of the agencies. Those with a proven track record in collecting and disposing of wastes, will be given priority, said an official.

The purpose behind appointing private agencies for the cleaning operations was to rationalize the existing civic infrastructure that has been witnessing a dip in



Garbage dumped on roads in Bhowanipore (above) and College Street



manpower and the growing pressure of garbage collection, particularly after introduction of waste segregation in all 144 wards had taken a toll on the civic body's manpower and infrastructure.

However, the KMC solid waste department has decided to augment its infrastructure at the ward level to make the waste segrega-

tion scheme a success. KMC will soon buy 300 battery-driven vans for collection of segregated wastes that will take the number of such vans to 1,600. In addition, its solid waste management department has 16,000 tricycles that collect garbage from 144 wards.

According to a KMC official, the main objective behind outsourcing

INFRA PUSH

- Kol's daily waste generation | 4,500 tonnes
- Waste segregation scheme in place | 144 wards
- KMC to augment infra by procuring 300 battery-driven vans
- It now has 1,600 such vans

the garbage collection was to give a push to the waste segregation scheme. "We will give an opportunity to the private agencies to show their skill at some of the wards where garbage collection has been hit due to non-cooperation from a section of residents who are in the habit of littering roads by throwing garbage from their houses. If the agencies work satisfactorily, we will extend the contract. If they fail, they will be penalized," said a KMC official.

The agencies to be appointed will also be entrusted to collect garbage from the abandoned land from across the city particularly in the added areas like Behala, Garden Reach, parts of Tollygunge-Jadavpur belt and neighbourhoods located off Bypass. "We have been struggling to clear the mounds of garbage that have been lying accumulated in abandoned plots. If we can engage the private agencies to do the job, we will be relieved," said a KMC solid waste department official.

KMC to reclaim its plots, carry out mutation in own name

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Kolkata: The 29-cottah plot at a prime location — the Lord's crossing near South City mall — that belongs to the state information & cultural affairs department has been lying as a wasteland with the govt unable to reclaim it. Citing the address 355 Prince Anwar Shah Road, CM Mamata Banerjee had on Monday pointed to the larger malaise of govt plots getting occupied and asked govt officials as well as the civic body to stop the theft of govt land.

Acting on it, mayor Firhad Hakim on Tuesday ordered KMC's survey and assessment departments to check KMC land bank records and then tally plots that belonged to the civic body across 144 wards to first identify those that had been encroached upon and then take action to reclaim them.

KMC officials said once the plots are identified, the civic body would mutate them in the name of KMC to prevent a change in ownership in future.

The process will also lead to identification of govt land belonging to various departments and inform them if they see any unauthorised construction in any plot. "If a govt department seeks help from KMC, we will do the mutation for them as well," an official said.

Hakim told officials that the issue was extremely important and needed to be dealt with utmost urgency. "No govt land should be lost. We will seriously monitor the situation," he said.

The civic body will also identify abandoned private land, parti-



The plot at 355 Prince Anwar Shah Road

Nabanna rules on tout raj, land grab, power usage

Kolkata: A day after the stock-taking by CM Mamata Banerjee, Nabanna was quick enough to issue necessary guidelines.

The tout raj at BL&LRO's offices was pointed out and land officials were asked to stop harassment of common people. They were asked to focus on online transaction, specially for mutations, and land conversions.

Officials were asked to take photographs of govt properties, including vested lands and ponds, and told to upload the same so that it could be monitored from Nabanna.

Officials were asked to be cautious about unnecessary spending. The finance department will also issue new guidelines for centralized tendering process. As the CM wanted to check rising power bills, many lights in the lobby were kept switched off on Tuesday. Schools and colleges will also be asked to keep tabs so that power bills don't escalate. TNN

cularly those that have no claimants and have either turned into garbage dumps or have been encroached upon.

A KMC survey department source said the exercise to identify the civic land and its reclamation process has started. "We have alerted our officials, borough-wise to take a tour of the areas under their jurisdiction and prepare a list of our land that have been grabbed. Then we will take help of as-

essment department for doing mutation of these properties," said a civic official. According to a KMC source, the process to reclaim the land on Anwar Shah Road has started.

"Several of these plots are a nuisance as they become breeding ground for mosquitoes and lead to spread of malaria and dengue. KMC will see how these plots can be acquired legally," an official said.

Cop drive against Hwh encroachment but no elected body at HMC plagues other civic issues

Rupak Banerjee | TNN

Howrah: Even as Howrah City Police launched a drive to rein in parking mafia and clear roads of encroachment, politicians who had faced flak during the CM's meeting at Nabanna on Monday said the lack of an elected body at Howrah Municipal Corporation (HMC) was the real problem.

Howrah City Police joint commissioner Sabari Rajkumar K said, "We have launched a drive against illegal parking. Identification of illegal encroachments in entire Howrah Commissionerate, including GT Road, has also started."

While parking issue is being addressed, several others related to the non-functional civic body remain. Shibpur resident and former Odisha HC Chief Justice Sushanta Chatterjee said, "Illegal buildings are coming up everywhere without any regulations. No one is overseeing this. Building materials are being piled up on the ro-



Cops during an eviction drive in Howrah on Tuesday

ads. There is no action."

There is also widespread concern over mushrooming of G+5, G+6 buildings in lanes that are so narrow that even fire tenders cannot access them. Mallick Fatak resident and high court advocate and environment activist (National Green Tribunal) Ankur Sharma complained of garbage accumulation in various places like GT Road, Rishi Bankim Road, Ne-

taji Subhash Road, Mandir Tala, Kadamtala Road, Howrah Amta Road and Howrah Maidan. He also cited multiple instances of ponds being filled up with garbage.

Riyaz Ahmed, a member of the board of administrators of HMC, conceded that illegal buildings were being constructed in Belur Station Road, Belur Bazar, Liluah and Balighat. An officer of HMC

said, "Most illegal buildings are in Tikiapara, Pilkhana, Ghushuri Votbagan and the slum areas of Shibpur. We have issued many notices, but nothing has happened."

HMC vice-chairman Debanshu Das said, "Condition of the conservancy is bad due to negligence of contractors. Show-cause notices will be issued to them."

Central Howrah MLA and minister Arup Roy and North Howrah MLA Gautam Chowdhury acknowledged that CM was justified in expressing anger over corruption related to mushrooming of illegal high-rises in Howrah and breakdown of civic services but said the ire directed at them was misplaced as they did not have anything to do with HMC that was functioning without an elected body for past six years. Calls to Shibpur MLA and minister of state Manoj Tiwari and south Howrah MLA Nandita Chowdhury remained unanswered.

Police evict encroachers from Bamanghata food processing hub

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Kolkata: Following a missive from chief minister Mamata Banerjee to reclaim govt land and property, Kolkata Police has begun an extensive encroachment removal drive at the 12,500 square feet building at Bamanghata food processing hub close to the Bantala Leather Complex. It has been decided that the food processing department will complete its construction at the earliest.

The building located under Bhangar-II gram panchayat is under construction for the past 12 years. It had seen several families coming in and settling here.

According to police, over 25 cops and govt officials went to the building and launched an eviction drive. "From beds to tables and wardrobes, we removed everything inside the room. We even brought vans to ensure that there was no problem in completing the eviction process.



Over 25 cops and govt officials went to the building and launched the drive

No less than 30 persons lived here even as they claimed a school and a club operated here," said an officer.

A video of the drive shows the building, completed with a boundary wall, being cleared by several men. Each of them carried personal belongings on their shoulders. The video, shot on Tuesday afterno-

on, has gone viral.

"We have prepared a list of govt plots that have been encroached upon. These properties will see eviction. We will also lodge cases as required. In addition, we are keeping in touch with the land department," said a senior officer at Lalbazar.

Absence of registration cert a stumbling block for CBSE applicants on UG portal

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Kolkata: CBSE Plus-II pass-outs, trying to apply for undergraduate courses on the centralised admission portal, failed to register in absence of a "registration certificate", one of the documents made mandatory by the website.

Several students, who studied XI-XII in a CBSE school, said they were denied the chance to apply for UG courses in colleges registered with the centralised portal as their affiliating board had not issued



any Plus-II registration certificate. A student from a CBSE school in Salt Lake said, "I failed to register as I don't have any registration certificate that the portal asks to upload. Before the exam, we were sent a re-

OVER 8L APPLICATIONS SO FAR

No. of forms submitted till 6.30pm on Tuesday
8.1 lakh

No. of applicants
2 lakh

An official document with the registration number has to be uploaded on the admission portal. Since this document is a must, we are in talks with the authorities of CBSE schools. Some have already started distributing the certificates

—A higher edu dept official

gistration number in a text message on mobile numbers and an admit card. I called up the helpline number, but the issue was not resolved." Another student from Ballygunge faced a similar problem.

Confirming they, too, received several distress calls, a higher education official said they had started speaking to school authorities. "Unlike till 2023, the registration numbers of CBSE students were not mentioned on their mark sheets this time. They were provided with a number. But an official

document with this number has to be uploaded on the centralised admission portal," said the official. "We are in talks with CBSE schools. Some have started distributing the certificates." A principal said, "We have provided all the documents that CBSE told us to give out."

The portal, which opened on Monday, received 8.1 lakh forms from 2 lakh students till 9.30 pm on Tuesday. An official said applicants seeking clarifications could write to two more email IDs from Wednesday.

Officials contact Google to rectify OTP 'glitch'

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Kolkata: The state higher education department officials had to contact Google to rectify the "glitch" on the centralised admission portal after many applicants complained on Monday that the one-time password required to register was not getting generated. This glitch, an official pointed out, was actually Google blocking the generation of OTPs as the search engine mistook the request for so many OTPs for fraudsters at work.

The Google AI mapping software blocked the applications after it detected over a lakh OTPs being generated in a brief period of time on Monday, shortly after the



1 lakh applications on admission portal on 1st day amidst glitches

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centralised portal started accepting applications, an official said.

TOI on Tuesday reported that many applicants faced problems as they did not receive OTPs and had to wait for a long time.

A higher education official said, "We couldn't imagine that such a problem would crop up. We contacted Google over the issue and it has been sorted out."

BMC can't levy 0.8% surcharge on property: HC

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Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday ordered that the Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation could not levy a surcharge of 0.8% on the market value of a property, as mentioned in the deed. The single bench of Justice Kaushik Chanda said the civic body could not levy such a surcharge under Section 133 of West Bengal Municipal Corporation Act, 2006.

Earlier, a number of lawyers filed a writ petition, based on an RTI response from the BMC. In response to the RTI application filed by lawyer Arindam Das, the BMC said that during mutation, apart from the mutation and processing fees, a property owner had to pay a 0.8% surcharge, as prescribed under Section 133 of West Bengal Municipal Corporation Act, 2006. Aryak Datta, another lawyer for the petitioners, had told the court that the surcharge added up to nearly Rs 1.5 lakh.

The decision was challenged in the HC. "The court has directed the BMC commissioner to pass a justified order," Das said.

"The surcharge was levied for some time. We will look into the court's order and take steps," said a BMC official.

Ladies' spl buses make a comeback

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Kolkata: A decade later, two all-woman buses were reintroduced in Kolkata on Tuesday to ensure women safe and comfortable commute at peak hours. The 'Ladies' Special' buses, which will be doted with all-woman tra-

Madan Mitra were present. The buses will leave Howrah station at 9:30 am and 10 am, just after ladies' special trains on Howrah-Burdwan line and Howrah-Kharagpur line arrive. The buses will reach Ballygunge station, via Dalhousie, Dharmatala, Park Street, Hazra and Rashbehari. The buses will leave Bally-



The Ladies' Special service was flagged off from Howrah on Tuesday

in services, will have female drivers and conductors, too.

"We now have a sizeable number of women who travel in peak hours for their jobs. They often need to jostle for a toehold on congested buses. The aim is to see to it women can travel in peace and comfort," said transport minister Snehasis Chakraborty, who on Tuesday flagged off the ride from Howrah bus stop. His deputy, Dilip Mandal, and WBTC chairman

gungu at 4:30 pm for Howrah station.

The department is considering starting similar services from Sealdah station, too. It is also looking at the feasibility of expanding the fleet and extending the service to cover afternoon rush hours. The all-woman buses were earlier started in 2013 but was discontinued due to poor response. This time, an official said, better planning was made.

Foundation for pump stn in Kol's 'lowest area' today

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Kolkata: Thanthania and Mukhtar Babu Street, which are infamous for flooding at the slightest hint of rain, may turn into a "dry spot" even in mid-monsoon with KMC set to build a major drainage pumping station at Hrishikesh Park on Amherst Street.

Mayor Firhad Hakim will lay the foundation stone of the Rs 68-crore project on Wednesday. A civic sewerage and drainage department official said once completed, the pumping station would solve waterlogging problems in Thanthania, on Mukhtarbabu Street, Amherst Street, Sukeas Street, Keshab Sen Street, parts of Bidhan Sarani and Chittaranjan Avenue. He added that the new pumping station was planned as the existing small facility was not adequate to take



Firhad Hakim will lay the foundation stone for the facility at Hrishikesh Park

the load of the vast stretches of north Kolkata. "Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had instructed then civic officials to do something for effective flushing out of rainwater. It is our duty to honour his wish," said Hakim.

Residents of the area are hoping for the best. Jayabrata Bose, a resi-

Don't cut trees for pumping stn: NGO

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Kolkata: Nagarik Manchha, a NGO, has urged the Kolkata Municipal Corporation

dent of Amherst Street, said, "We hope the new pumping station is built in time and we are spared the waterlogging woes." Echoing him, Mita Jaiswal from Mukhtarbabu Street said, "Every monsoon, whenever it rains heavily, we get stranded. We welcome the civic initiative." Some have appealed against the felling of trees at Hrishikesh Park to facilitate the construction. An official said efforts were on to plant saplings as a compensation.

Max temp touches 35.6°C, rain predicted from Thu

Kolkata: The absence of rain pushed up the mercury to 35.6°C on Tuesday after a gap of five days. But the Met office expects it to climb down after the next two days as the city and other parts of south Bengal are predicted to receive enhanced rain.

"The temperature is unlikely to rise further in the next two days, following which it will dip because we expect enhanced rain, in terms of both intensity and coverage, from Thursday. South and North 24 Parganas and Midnapore are likely to get heavy rain on Saturday. For Kolkata, it is likely to be moderate rain," said H R Biswas, head, weather section, Regional Meteorological Centre Kolkata. —Sumati Yengkhom

'Ambulance app should bring parity in fares'

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Kolkatans praised the move, calling it much-needed.

"Avaling oneself of an ambulance at any time of the day at a reasonable fare is a challenge, and almost impossible at night," said Anirban Ghosh, a Kolkatan, who has

'MUCH-NEEDED MOVE'

been raising the issue at multiple fora over the years. "The later the hour, the more ambulances fleece patients' families. It's unfortunate that hapless people have to face this or-

deal even before the patient has been admitted. There were instances of patient parties being offloaded in the middle of the road at ungodly hours for protesting against inflated fares," Ghosh added.

Oncologist Soumen Das agreed. "It is a very good and intelligent initiative. In our cities, there has been no standardisation of ambulance fares. Charges are often grossly unjustified and arbitrary, leaving patient parties at the mercy of ambulance service-providers. This app-based service should bring parity and standardisation of fares," the oncologist said.

Fourth fire in a fortnight hits Mehta Building in Burrabazar

None Injured, Blaze Guts Godown With Chemicals; Traffic Hit In Central Kol

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Kolkata: A fire gutted a chemical godown on the third floor of Mehta Building in Burrabazar, a hub for wholesale medicines, electronic goods and chemicals on Tuesday afternoon.

This is the second fire in the central business district in less than a week and the fourth fire in the city in about two weeks.

Nobody was injured in the fire but several shops and godowns, many of which were used to stock medicines, were damaged during the rescue operation.

The fire threw central Kolkata traffic out of gear with cops shutting down Rabindra Sarani and other connecting routes for smooth movement of fire tenders.

The fire started a little after 4 pm. Traders alleged the fire alarms and water sprinklers did not work when the fire broke out.

"The entire corridor was filled with smoke and people started to evacuate. It was peak business hour with many



(Clockwise from above) Mehta Building, where the fire broke out on Tuesday; firemen undertake rescue operations and the blaze raging from the third floor of the building



Pics: Sukhomoy Sen

customers in the shops. We ran to safety and alerted the fire department," said Aslam Khan, a wholesaler of flashlights on the same floor where the fire broke out.

In 2018, a fire had raged for over 80 hours in Bagri Market opposite Mehta Building.

"The entire place turned dark on Tuesday. For a second we thought these are clouds and it might rain soon. But in no time we saw traders rushing out of Mehta Building and black smoke enveloping

the sky. It rekindled memories of the fire in Bagri Market six years ago," said Sadhan Das, a vendor outside Mehta Building.

According to a senior fire department official supervising the rescue operation, fire broke out in a space stacked with some chemicals on the third floor of the market.

"Prima facie it appears the fire broke out due to an electric short circuit. The place was stacked with chemicals but we managed to

contain the fire from spreading," said the official.

The market which has witnessed several blazes in the past did have fire safety measures installed but they did not work at the time of the fire, said senior fire department officials.

Mehta Building has over 350 medicine shops. "The market will stay shut on Wednesday. We are awaiting further instructions from fire department about reopening," said a trader.



Short circuit behind Hollong blaze: Cop, fire & forest reports

Dwaipayan Ghosh & Pinak Priya Bhattacharya | TNN

Kolkata/Jalpaiguri: Close on the heels of the report by the forest department, the fire department and cops have also confirmed that the fire at the iconic Hollong Bungalow at Jaldapara National Park was triggered by a short circuit. All three reports, which have now been tabled at Nabanna, have negated any chances of mischief, stated sources aware of the developments.

However, the probe has not been called off, said top officials of the forest department, as the final report from the forensic department is still awaited.

"The report by the fire department and police are now with us. We are awaiting some more forensic reports. Prima facie, we are now convinced that a short circuit was behind the fire. However, we will keep all angles open when we draw our final conclusions,"

'WAITING FOR MORE FORENSIC INPUTS'

said forest minister Birbaha Hansda.

Meanwhile, a decision by the forest department is likely to help administer north Bengal forests better, especially the Neora Valley National Park. The forest department has decided to establish a new office of the assistant conservator of forests and assistant wildlife warden (AWLW), Neora Valley National Park, with headquarters at Lava, Kalimpong.

The national park is under Gorumara wildlife division whose headquarters is at Jalpaiguri, some 109 km from Lava. It takes almost three hours to reach Lava as around 30 km of the route is in the mountainous terrain. This is the second forest in north Bengal after Buxa, where the presence of tigers has been documented.

Interestingly, this notification was issued on June 5, 13 days before the iconic bungalow at Jaldapara National Park was gutted. "The Hollong incident is an accident and has nothing to do with manning the forest," an official said.



Duo occupies seats on Doon Exp, beats up Kol passengers



The injured passengers at Howrah station on Tuesday

Kumod Verma | TNN

Patna: A major disturbance occurred in a sleeper coach of Howrah-bound Doon Express (13010) when two passengers got into a heated argument and assaulted several others, including a woman, who objected to the duo sitting on reserved berths.

The incident occurred near Kudra station in Bihar's Kaimur district on the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya (DDU)-Gaya Grand Chord section of East Central Railway on Monday evening.

A video has gone viral on social media, showing the miscreants beating up passengers with sticks and fists in S-9 coach. One of the assaulted passengers was identified as Rudra Tarafdar (22), a resident of Kolkata. The brawl ended after a GRP escort party intervened, sources said.

Jatin B Raj, commandant of DDU RPF, said the incident occurred around 8.15 pm and that the RPF team received a message on the 'RailMadad' app from distressed passengers. "The team coordinated with the GRP escort party, which reached the spot and calmed the agitated passengers. A joint team of GRP and RPF personnel then began a combing operation near Kudra to arrest the troublemakers," he added.

The RPF commandant said the two without reservation pulled alarm chain after assaulting passengers in the reserved compartment and got off the train. "They also called up their fellow villagers for support. They fled under the cover of darkness," Raj said. Saraswati Chandra, CPRO of ECR, said RPF and GRP recorded statements of affected passengers and lodged an FIR.

11 days after fire, offices reopen at Acropolis tower

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Kolkata: Several thousand employees returned to offices in the tower at Acropolis in Kasba after 11 days. The 4 lakh sq ft building has been shut since June 14 after a fire gutted a bookstore in the mall below the 16-floor tower that houses 99 offices.

Executives of companies that operate out of the building were relieved after they learnt on Monday evening that the fire department had permitted the building management to switch on electricity and resume operations from the tower.

Lumino Industries senior general manager Debraj Ghosh said, "The closure of our 12th floor office has caused significant financial loss to us. Being in the electrical business, we provide services across various states in India and even abroad, including Africa. This building serves as our headquarters, and its closure halted our entire operations, resulting in substantial financial



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Employees were relieved to be back in their offices

losses. We hope that such incidents don't recur in future and that the mall authorities will take the necessary precautions to ensure our smooth operations moving forward."

Kent (east) senior general manager Pradeep Bera was also glad the inconvenience of operating without an office was finally over. "Our office reope-

ned at 2pm," he said.

Prescription audit data firm SMSRC founder and managing director Sanjay Mishra was also thankful to be back. "It can be extremely challenging to function without access to the office. I am glad the situation has been resolved," he said.

It wasn't just the executives who we-

FWe received approval from the DG of fire services on Monday to restore power at Acropolis. All offices from the 5th to the 19th floor have resumed operations on Tuesday. Ozora on the 20th floor has also reopened

Krishna Jha | SENIOR OPERATIONS MANAGER, ACROPOLIS MALL

re glad. The employees who trooped in on Tuesday morning were also all smiles and glad to be back after a week fraught with uncertainty.

"Telecommunication companies are relieved to fulfil customer requirements. Repair work in the mall area is in full swing. We have received permission to check fire safety systems that are in place," said Acropolis mall senior operations manager Krishna Jha.

Social media pics can be misused, warns KP

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Kolkata: Kolkata Police has urged netizens to be cautious while posting pictures individually or with their partners on social media, warning that the images can be "misused". As part of a campaign where cops are trying to develop consciousness about the negative effects of AI technology, cops cited the example in a re-

cent case where an accused had used AI and created obscene photograph of his estranged girlfriend in south Kolkata.

On its official Twitter handle, the cyber cell posted a message warning, **AWARENESS ABOUT AI**

"Think twice before you post a picture of yours without safeguards. A 'cute' picture can go wrong if not cautious!

#BeAware."

Cops said besides the lone case in Kolkata, their counterparts across the nation have received several complaints from people who have suffered harassment as their photographs and personal information were misused, after they were morphed and uploaded on "obscene websites" by criminal elements due to rivalry or thwarted romantic advances.

Harassment complaint against premier city club official

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Kolkata: A senior official of an elite club in south Kolkata has been accused of sexual harassment. The complainant is an employee of the same club, claimed police sources. The complaint was received on June 20 after which a probe has been initiated in this regard at the Shakespeare Sarani Police Station.

According to the complainant, "The official at the club has harassed her multiple times in various ways and made her do inappropriate tasks under different pretexts." Calls to the accused Kaustav Basu was disconnected. While calls to the club president went unans-

COMPLAINANT AN EMPLOYEE

wered, the club vice-president claimed that he was not aware of the recent developments.

In the written complaint, the accused has been identified as an influential member of the general committee of the club and currently appointed as the convener of an important committee. According to the complainant, her mother-in-law was an employee of the club. After her passing away, she was inducted as an employee in the club as an assistant in Oct 2022. She became a permanent employee of the club on April 1, 2023.

Cops said they will ask all concerned to record their statements soon. They are also likely to ask the victim to record her statement before the magistrate, said an official.

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Revolt in SAD: Netas ask Badal to quit, loyalists slam 'BJP plot'

Dissidents Plan To Launch Movement From Akal Takht On July 1

IP Singh | TNN

Jalandhar/Chandigarh: A revolt erupted in Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) on Tuesday, just 20 days after the party's rout in the Lok Sabha polls in Punjab, with a sizeable section of senior netas urging SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal to hand over the party's reins in the spirit of "tyag" (sacrifice) to someone "who can maintain a balance between religion and politics".

The faction loyal to Badal hit back with district presidents and constituency in-charges passing a resolution expressing "full faith" in his leadership and strongly condemning "deep rooted conspiracies by BJP" to divide and weaken the party by using central agencies and "some selfish and opportunistic elements". A total of 33 of the existing 35 district presidents and 96 of the existing 105 constituency in-charges lauded Badal's leadership.

Badal said at a meeting at the party's headquarters in Chandigarh: "I cannot allow



Senior SAD functionaries at a meeting in Jalandhar on Tuesday

SAD to become a puppet of anti-Panth designs. Those ready to betray Panth, Punjab, farmers and the deprived sections of the people are free to follow their course."

A significant section of SAD's core vote base — the Sikhs — have turned against the party since the Bargari sacrifice and Behal Kalan police firing in 2015 during the SAD-BJP regime. The slide has continued in successive elections and bypolls since 2017: in the recent Lok Sabha polls, SAD won just one of the 13 seats in Punjab.

After a five-hour meeting in Jalandhar, the faction opposed to Badal announced the launch of 'SAD Bachao Lehar' (Save SAD Movement) from the Akal Takht on July 1. During this campaign, SAD will contact sympathisers of the Panth, intellectuals, and others to seek their suggestions to "save the party".

Addressing mediapersons after the meeting, senior SAD member Prem Singh Chandumajra said: "We have appealed to Sukhbir Singh Badal that he should respect and accept the sentiments of workers and

people and hand over the leadership of the party."

He said it was decided that the entire leadership which had "either participated in the wrongdoings or stayed silent will appear at Akal Takht to express regret and seek forgiveness in writing. We shall also perform ardas (prayer in Sikhism) to seek strength from the Guru to save us from such blunders in future".

While the meeting in Jalandhar was on, two separate resolutions were passed at the meeting in Chandigarh chaired by Badal. "Frustrated elements sponsored by BJP to float a parallel party or weaken the party from within can be seen in full swing. But these will not be allowed to succeed," read one of them.

Party members urged Badal to take action against those who are acting as "agents of the enemies of SAD, Panth and Punjab". A senior neta said, "We are not taking any action against anyone or expelling anyone... we said come to the meeting and discuss issues."

21 yrs after death in custody, 10-yr jail for 3 cops

Lucknow: Twenty-one years after a Dalit man allegedly hanged himself in police custody, an SC/ST court in UP's Sitapur has convicted three constables for abetment to suicide and illegal detention, sentencing them to 10 years.

Kesari Nandan Patel, Siyaram Yadav and Suresh Singh were taken into custody and sent to jail after special judge Mohammad Shafiq delivered the verdict on Monday. Singh and Yadav have since retired, while Patel is posted in Bahraich.

The court also imposed a penalty of Rs 21,000 on each. The three were posted at Kachnar police outpost in Sitapur and had detained Dalchandra Pasi on July 1, 2003. Dalchandra had been booked in a Goonda Act case. At the outpost, Dalchandra was confined to a room where he hanged himself. On July 2, his family lodged an FIR accusing the constables of abetment to suicide. Postmortem ruled suicide as the cause of Dalchandra's death, leading to the FIR under IPC 306. TNN

J&K Bar Assn ex-chief held for killing of lawyer by terrorists

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A separatist, Bhat has been in and out of jail several times. He had authored the constitution of Hurriyat Conference's Syed Ali Shah Geelani faction

Srinagar: Former president of J&K HC Bar Association Mian Abdul Qayoom Bhat was on Tuesday arrested for a conspiracy leading to the fatal terrorist attack on lawyer Babar Qadri in 2020.

Bhat, who is now in his late 70s, had authored the constitution of Hurriyat Conference's Syed Ali Shah Geelani faction in 1993. His son-in-law Javed Iqbal Wani is a serving HC judge.

A separatist, Bhat has been in and out of jail several times. He was arrested in 1990 under Public Safety Act and jailed till 1992. He was again arrested for brief periods twice, in 2008 and 2010, for organising protests in the Valley. He was arrested on August 5, 2019 — the day Article 370 was nullified — under PSA and released only in 2021 after he gave a bond for not indulging in separatist activities.

Qadri was a long-time rival in the bar who had challenged Bhat's stranglehold on the association, alleging the latter held his post for years by manipulating its polls.

Bhat was picked up by

J&K Police's State Investigation Agency (SIA) and booked under Section 302 (murder) as well as provisions of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act. Qadri was shot dead at his Srinagar home in Sept 2020 by two terrorists who came posing as clients.

Days before his murder, Qadri, a well-known HC lawyer and TV panellist on rights issues, had posted a video alleging how Bhat had rigged the bar elections. Before that, Qadri had narrowly survived an assassination bid in 2018. Qadri's family had links to Jamaat-e-Islami.

Hours after Qayoom's arrest, Srinagar district magistrate issued an order putting on hold J&K High Court Bar Association elections which were scheduled for June 27. The administration has also imposed section 144 in lower court premises in Srinagar where polls were to be held.

Bhat was known for his close association with pro-Pakistan separatist leader Geelani, and was involved in bringing together around 23 outfits, including the bar association, under the Hurriyat umbrella.

Earlier this year, HC had transferred the Qadri murder case to a court in Jammu from Srinagar "for a fair and impartial trial where witnesses are in a position to depose in an atmosphere which is free and not hostile". HC order came on an SIA plea that had claimed no lawyer from Srinagar was willing to render legal assistance due to the involvement of some influential advocates.

After the initial probe into Qadri's killing, the case was transferred to SIA. In Aug 2022, police had searched Bhat's homes and those of two other lawyers in Srinagar, seizing digital devices, bank statements and documents.

Prajwal booked in new case, Suraj quizzed

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Former PM HD Deve Gowda's grandson and ex-MP Prajwal Revanna was taken into police custody Tuesday following a new complaint of sexual harassment lodged a fortnight ago by a survivor, while his elder brother and JD(S) MLC **Suraj Revanna** was questioned for several hours by Karnataka police's special investigation team (SIT) and may have to undergo a potency test in



the coming two days. Suraj, a 37-year-old surgeon-turned-politician, was arrested on Sunday for allegedly engaging in unnatural sex with a 27-year-old party worker at the MLC's farmhouse in Hassan.

A second case has also been lodged against Suraj by his aide, who alleged that he was sexually abused by the

legislator three years ago. The same aide had filed a case against the first complainant last week, accusing him of attempting to extort Rs 3 crore from the MLC. He claimed that he was coerced into filing an FIR against the first complainant. A senior police officer confirmed the second FIR against Suraj.

The new charges against Prajwal, 34, include sexual harassment, assault with intent to disrobe, stalking, criminal intimidation, and

violation of privacy under information technology act. He is accused of raping multiple women and sexually harassing three others.

Prajwal, who was in judicial custody for three other cases, was produced before the 42nd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court. The court remanded him in police custody until June 29. Sources said Prajwal, Suraj and others will be lodged in different cells at CID headquarters in Bengaluru.

No justification for charging toll if roads are not in good condition, says Gadkari

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New Delhi: Echoing the sentiment of many highway commuters, Union road transport minister **Nitin Gadkari** on Tuesday said there is no justification of highway agencies charging toll, if roads are not in good condition and people continue to face problems.

He was speaking at a global workshop on satellite-

based tolling, which will be rolled out across 5,000 km in this financial year. Gadkari said, "If you don't provide good services, you should not charge toll... We are in a hurry to start tolling to collect user fees and protect our interest. You should collect the user fee where you provide the best quality road. If you

collect toll on roads with potholes, mud, then there will be a backlash from people."

He said field officers of NH agencies must be more sensitive towards the "pain" that people face waiting for long at toll plazas and there must be a mechanism for lodging grievances and their quick redressal.

Though govt made use of FASTag for paying toll on highways mandatory in 2021 for seamless travel through

toll lanes and currently around 98% transactions are through these smart tags fixed on vehicles, there have been numerous reports of queues at plazas across the country. In its bid to put an end to this, NNHA is working on the roll out and expansion of Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)-based toll collection. This aims to remove toll gates from the NH network in the next few years.

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Brief Description: Kit, Gasket and sealing parts. (Each kit consists of 15 items as per annexure-B) for P.L. No-14162866, for 1400 HP & 1600 HP DEMU [Warranty period : 30 Months after the date of delivery] Qty-25 Sets for DEMU, NFR (West Bengal). P.L. No-14162866.

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Closing/Opening Date: 12-07-2024.

Brief Description: Gas Acetylene Dissolved as per specn, BIS specification No.: IS:308/88 [Warranty period : 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: CONSG, Stage Insp.: No, Stages:0]. i)Qty- 2400 Cum for New Jalpaiguri GSD, NFR (West Bengal), ii) 15000 Cum for Dibrugarh Town Workshop, NFR (Assam), 3) Qty-33000 cum for New Bongaigaon Workshop Depot, NFR(Assam). P.L. No-81040015.

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Closing/Opening Date: 16-07-2024.

Brief Description: Combination Metal Liners for 52kg UIC rails on 60 kg PSC Sleepers conforming to RDSO Drg. No T-3741 & T-3742 with latest alterations and as per IRS specification for Metal Liners for use with Elastic Rail clips (provisional) 2020 with latest alterations as on date of opening of Tender. [Warranty period : 30Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages:0]. Qty:1328000 Set for SSE/P.Way/TD/Bongaigaon, NFR(Assam). P.L.No-60110510.

SI.No.:6; Tender No.: 61/24/5137/OT/63/2024-25;
Closing/Opening Date: 16-07-2024.

Brief Description: Glued joint for 60 kg Rail on PSC sleeper conforming to RDSO Drg. No. T-2572 (latest alteration) as per specification IRS/Manual of Glued Insulated Rail joints (1998) Corrigendum No.6 of Sep 2016 (latest alteration) The alteration in drawing and specifications issued by RDSO up to one month of prior to tender opening date shall be applicable to this tender. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages:0]. Qty:1328000 Set for SSE/P.Way/TD/Bongaigaon, NFR(Assam). P.L.No-60110685.

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Corrigendum

Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA) has extended the deadline for submission of Expression of Interest (EOI) for empanelment of reputed agencies for Event Management and Media Management. Interested agencies are requested to take note that the deadline for submission of EOI documents has been extended to 10th July 2024, 1700 Hrs. The modified EOI for both Event Management and Media Management documents can be downloaded from the official UPSIDA website at www.onlineupsida.com Nodal Officer Business Promotion and Publicity Cell

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Last date of deposit of application fee in the Bank	12.07.2024
Last date of receipt of hard copy of application in the office of the Administrative Officer (Recruitment Cell), PGIMER, Sector-12, Chandigarh 160012	15.07.2024
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ABRIDGED NOTICE
NIT NO-01 of 2024-25(Pathashree 2) dated 25.06.2024

Executive Engineer on behalf of WBSRDA Howrah Division - II invites percentage rate e-tender for 01 no Construction of balance road work under Pathashree 2 upto 19.07.24 at 17.00 hours for NIT NO-01. Details of which may be viewed in the website www.wbtenders.gov.in.

Sd/-
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WBSRDA Howrah Division-II

CORRIGENDUM FOR TENDER NOTICE NO. 05/2024 DTD. 29-05-2024

Corrigendum for Tender Notice No.: 05/2024 Dated: 29-05-2024 against Tender No.: 01249107RC may please be read as under:-

ITEM	Existing	To be read as
Tender Title	Existing	2 Years Rate Contract for (1) Manufacturing & supply of Derailling Switch 60 kg as per RDSO Drg. No. RT-6068 and conforming to standard specification IRS /T- 10 including all fittings except Fish Plate, Fish Bolt & Nut, insulating liner including Metal Liner, ERC & GRSP Complete in all respect as per RDSO drawing. (2) Manufacturing & supply of Derailling Switch 52 kg as per RDSO Drg. No. RT-5836 and conforming to standard specification IRS /T- 10 including all fittings except Fish Plate, Fish Bolt & Nut, insulating liner including Metal Liner, ERC & GRSP Complete in all respect as per RDSO drawing.
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Cooch Behar Zilla Parishad Press

e-Tender Notice (in Brief)

e-Tender is hereby invited on behalf of Cooch Behar Zilla Parishad in item-wise rate vide NIT No: **WBZP/ 352 /PRESS-ET/COB/2023-24** for supply of various items spare parts of 4-Hi-4- Color Web offset Printing Machine (Press line) Authorize manufacture company/technician agency/ Distributors / Dealers. Detailed information may be had from the website <https://wbtenders.gov.in>. Last date & time for bid submission **05.07.2024 at 12.00 Noon** bidders may call at 03582-222550.

Sd/-
Addl. Executive Officer
Cooch Behar Zilla Parishad
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Memo No.: 157/ICA/ADD/COB Dated, Cooch Behar, 25.06.2024

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Notice Inviting Tender

Notice Inviting Tender on behalf of Prayagraj Smart City Limited, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh for the work:

- Construction of Senior Care Centre including Operation & Maintenance 2 year in Prayagraj under Smart City Mission
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Online Bids are invited for the above-mentioned work from 26.06.2024 onwards. For more details, please visit the website at <http://www.etender.up.nic.in>.

(Sanjay Kumar Rath)
Mission Manager (General)
Prayagraj Smart City Limited

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BRIEF SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids through Karnataka Public Procurement portal against the following enquiry as detailed below:

Enquiry Number and Description

Bid Enquiry no. **KPTCL/2024-25/EL/WORK_INDENT905** for Design, manufacture, testing, supply and installation/ demonstration of **01 No. of 66/11kV, 1X20MVA capacity GIS/Hybrid switchgear Mobile compact Sub-station (MCS)** for KPTCL.

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website <https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in> with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> on or after **01.07.2024 @ 15:00hrs**. Last date & time for receipt of Bids is **22.07.2024 @ 15:00hrs**. Any extension of Due date for Bid submission will be intimated in the Karnataka Public Procurement portal. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the Office of the undersigned during Office hours.

All Corrigendum/Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.

Sd/-, Chief Engineer (Electy), Tendering & Procurement, KPTCL, 3rd Floor, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru-09.

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Understand my pain, urges techie's mom

Mamta Kosta, whose daughter Ashwini was killed in the Porsche crash, was one of the two techies killed in the crash on May 19. She was distraught on learning that Bombay HC had ordered the juvenile's release from detention. While affirming she has full faith in the judiciary, the mother urged judges to empathise with her agony. TNN

the "clarion call given" led to the prosecution seeking to try him as an adult.

"Two people have lost their lives. There was trauma but the child (juvenile in conflict with the law) was also in trauma, give him some time," the Justice Dangre bench had orally observed last week while reserving the matter for orders.

Speaking of "the rehabilitation and reintegration of the child in conflict with law," the high court said on Tuesday that that is "the primary object of the Act" and "he is undergoing therapy with a de-addiction centre, and he shall continue participating in such sessions."

Jumbo electrocuted in Terai, dies

Rudrapur: A 15-year-old elephant, which had wandered into nearby fields, died after coming in contact with a dangerously low-hanging, high-tension power line in Terai central forest division near Dineshpur, Udham Singh Nagar, on Tuesday, reports **Aakash Ahuja**. Villagers had previously urged the power corporation to raise the 11,000kv power line to prevent such accidents.

Terai Central Forest Division subdivisional officer Shashi Dev said, "A postmortem is being conducted and a detailed investigation will follow. We plan to dig a trench to prevent elephants from entering the fields."

Jaishankar meets new Chinese envoy, discusses 'stabilisation, progress' of ties

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Amid strained bilateral ties, foreign minister S Jaishankar had his first official meeting with new Chinese ambassador Xu Feihong. The minister later said in a post on X that he discussed with Xu the bilateral relationship and "our common interest in its stabilisation and progress".

Xu said they exchanged views on China-India relations and other issues of com-



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mon interest. "Thanks for best wishes. Look forward to working with the Indian side

to push forward the development of China-India relations towards the right direction," said the ambassador.

Official sources said this was a courtesy meeting which the minister usually has with newly appointed envoys. India and China remain locked in a border dispute in eastern Ladakh, which has now entered its fifth year.

Even after 21 rounds of military and 15 rounds of diplomatic talks, the process of military disengagement is

yet to be completed.

China believes the impasse in the remaining areas are legacy issues and that these should not be allowed to block resumption of normal bilateral exchanges, since they predate the onset of the standoff in eastern Ladakh.

India, however, has steadfastly maintained there can't be any progress in ties till the time disengagement is effected in the remaining areas, calling it an essential basis for peace in the border areas.

TMC man hurt in shooting outside party office

Sujoy Khanra | TNN

Kharagpur: A Trinamool worker was injured in a shooting outside the party office in West Midnapore district's Kharagpur on Tuesday.

According to CCTV footage, three youths with their faces covered arrived on a scooter fired four-five rounds at Trinamool workers sitting outside the office. While the party activists threw chairs at them and ran, B Santosh Kumar — who had recently undergone a knee procedure — couldn't flee and was shot below the hip. After the miscreants fled, other TMC workers returned and took Kumar to Kharagpur subdivisional hospital, which transferred him to Midnapore Medical College Hospital.

SP Dhritiman Sarkar stated that police arrived at the scene upon receiving the news, collected CCTV footage and recovered an empty cartridge. The scooter and the culprits have been identified, but the motive is still unknown.

Court summons BJP MP in '23 case

Kolkata: BJP MP Saumitra Khan was issued an appearance warrant by the Bidhanagar MP-MLA court on Tuesday for allegedly "fomenting violence" in 2023 at Sonamukhi, Bankura. The warrant was issued after Khan could not attend the court proceedings for four consecutive dates. "The next hearing date is on July 9," Khan said. TNN

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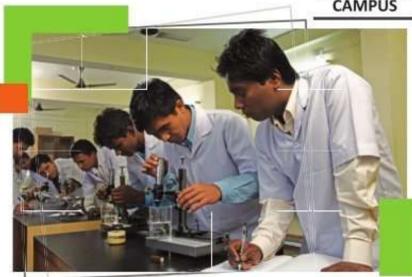
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Reforms panel gets moving, eye on 'tamper-proof' exams

Body Led By Isro Ex-Chief To Consult Students, Kin

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New Delhi: The education ministry's seven-member panel on exam reforms will engage with parents and students to understand their concerns and challenges regarding the examination process, amid ongoing controversies over alleged irregularities in competitive exams National Eligibility cum Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG) and University Grants Commission's National Eligibility Test (NET), according to officials.

Post that, the panel will also deliberate on developing a tamper-proof, error-free system that reduces stress for students while providing adequate flexibility. While NEET-UG is under scanner for paper-leak and other irregularities, UGC-NET question papers



MANY QUESTIONS TO ANSWER: In its first meeting on Monday, the committee discussed cybersecurity issues

were traced in the "darknet", leading to its cancellation. The committee in its first meeting on Monday also discussed cybersecurity issues and the challenges posed by the darknet.

According to sources, the panel is also going to scrutinise the standard operating procedures (SOPs) and other exam management systems employed by the National Testing Agency (NTA) for the NEET-UG and UGC-NET, and also at reasons for shifting the NET to offline and making CUET-UG hybrid (CBT and pen-paper) mode.

Led by former Isro chief R

Radhakrishnan, the panel held its first meeting on Monday evening. "The first priority for us is to elicit from the students and parents in the country their concerns and suggestions," Radhakrishnan told reporters on Tuesday. "We will engage with them in person or through electronic media, and consolidate this information within the next fortnight."

Radhakrishnan said that the next priority is to "quickly establish a robust system for starting the tests. We are also looking at the future, especially to develop in this country a robust system, a

tamper-proof system, a system with zero error and a system that will lessen the difficulties and stress for the students with adequate flexibility built into it."

Sources reported that the committee reviewed the current situation and challenges faced by NTA.

"The panel was informed about the current processes and functioning of the agency, including statistics on multiple exams conducted by the NTA and the number of candidates appearing for each exam," a source said. "They also reviewed which exams are conducted in pen-and-paper mode and which are computer-based tests (CBT), along with the nuances of both modes."

According to Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan, the reforms to be recommended in its report are likely to be implemented by the next exam cycle. "It is a top priority for the ministry right now. The panel will submit its report within two months, and by next academic cycle we will initiate an action plan," said Pradhan.

2nd Maha ZP teacher held in NEET case

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Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar: Another zilla parishad (ZP) teacher was nabbed on Tuesday by Latur police in the NEET paper leak case, following the arrest of a ZP school headmaster on Monday. The case was registered on Sunday at Shivajinagar police station.

The second arrested accused, a ZP teacher — Santosh Jadhav — was produced before the court and remanded in police custody till July 2. ZP school headmaster, Jaleel Khan Pathan, was the first to be arrested in this case. Latur SP Somay Munde refused to comment on the developments related to the case. However, police sources privy to the case said a search is on for an ITI instructor who, too, is wanted in the case.

Investigations, so far, have revealed that the two ZP teachers targeted NEET aspirants and their families, offering help to clear the exam in exchange for money. They allegedly passed on copies of the aspirants' hall tickets and cash to the Delhi-based suspect, Gangadhar Gunde, through the ITI instructor.

Proxy caught at Bihar centre, let go with written apology

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Patna: An AIIMS-Jodhpur student paid to be a proxy for a NEET-UG examinee got caught during biometric attendance at a centre in Bihar's Muzaffarpur minutes before the May 5 test, but was allegedly allowed to go after submitting a written apology to the authorities, new findings in the ongoing paper-leak probe reveal.

Although the breach at the examination centre in DAV School, Malighat, was never officially reported, an FIR was registered at Mithanpura police station in Muzaffarpur the same day after station house officer (SHO) Ram Krishna Paramhans Kumar received this information from an undisclosed source.

The accused, from Barmer in Rajasthan, has been absent from college and staying away from home since, police said. In his apology he confessed to impersonating the son of a doctor who owns a hospital in Prayagraj in exchange for Rs 4 lakh. The AIIMS student said he met Dr Rajesh Prasad Pandey, who allegedly wanted a proxy for his son, in Kota. "I come from a poor family. I was promised Rs 4 lakh, which is why I agreed to write the exam on someone else's behalf," he wrote. The examinee's admit card featured a picture of the third-year MBBS student. ASP Awadhesh Dixit of Muzaffarpur said the centre was "under the scanner" for not reporting the crime immediately.

Those who cleared exam now plagued by sleepless nights

Patna: As uncertainty looms over those who have cleared this year's NEET-UG amid the turmoil let loose by the paper leak fiasco and demands for a retest, many are turning to psychologists to seek professional counselling to deal with the current situation, reports Rakesh Singh.

"The highly competitive NEET-UG does not follow a pattern and is known for its ever-changing nature and unpredictability. Amid this, if re-examination is ordered, I might not qualify again," said Vidisha Kumari, who has returned from Kota, having spent five-long years to crack one of the toughest exams. She had scored 667.

Vidisha isn't alone. Fear for the future has been forcing many to spend sleepless nights. There are over 50,000 seats in govt medical colleges and about 24 lakh students had registered for NEET-UG 2024.

Amid a CBI probe, political parties, including grand alliance's RJD, Congress and CPI-ML, have demanded cancellation of the NEET-UG 2024 even as the SC has ordered counselling to go ahead while also seeking response from the Centre and NTA on pleas asking for cancellation of the exam. Counselling for NEET-UG will start from July 6.

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Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority in exercise of its power conferred by section 40 of the West Bengal Town and Country (Planning and Development) Act, 1979 (West Bengal Act-XIII of 1979) prepared amendments of Land Use and Development Control Plan in respect of Calcutta (Kolkata) Municipal Corporation Area (Excluding ward Nos. 45 and 63 and Eastern Fringe of Calcutta) published and notified in the Official Gazette dated 27.05.1996 under notification No. 788/CMDA/Sec't VIII-64/96(P-1) dated 13.05.1996 and after following due process of law, the same has been approved by the Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal as per requirement of the provisions laid down in the West Bengal Town and Country (Planning and Development) Act, 1979 (West Bengal Act-XIII of 1979). Now it is notified in the following manner:

Amendments

In respect of, Land Use and Development Control Plan (LUDCP) for Calcutta (Kolkata) Municipal Corporation Area (Excluding Ward Nos. 45 & 63 and Eastern Fringe of Calcutta), published and notified in the official Gazette dated 27/05/1996 under notification No. 788/ CMDA, Sec't VIII-64/89(Pt-1) dated 13.05.1996.

In CHAPTER 8-
The Clause 8.3-(a) which has been written as "New industrial building or extension of existing industrial building except for those industries listed in Schedule-II of this Land Use and Development Control Plan," shall be substituted and may be read as:
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In CHAPTER 9-
The Clause 9.4 which has been written as "For the plots and premises mentioned in Schedule-IX of this Land Use and Development Control Plan change of the present occupancy or occupancies indicated in Schedule-IX is prohibited" shall be substituted and may be read as:
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Clause 9.5 which has been written as "The said Schedule-VI, Schedule-VII, Schedule-VIII or Schedule-IX may, with the previous approval of the State Government and by notification in the official gazette, be modified as may be felt necessary in the public interest, during the process of implementation of this Land Use and Development Control Plan" shall be substituted and may be read as:
"The said Schedule-VI, Schedule-VII, Schedule-VIII, Schedule-IX or Schedule IV-A may, with the previous approval of the State Government and by notification in the official gazette, be modified as may be felt necessary in the public interest, during the process of implementation of this Land Use and Development Control Plan"

In SCHEDULES-
Schedule IV-A shall be inserted between Schedule-IV and Schedule V, which may be read as:

SCHEDULE IV-A
(See Para 8.3, 9.4 & 9.5)

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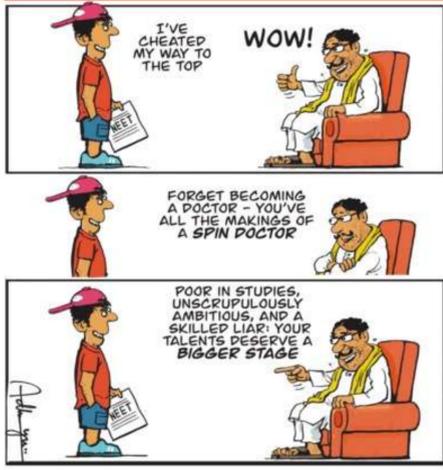
NTA May Join Hands With Global Bodies

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New Delhi: Govt indicated it is considering a move towards a more stress-free, multi-session, multiple-times-a-year computer-based test format for future exams, similar to the Joint Entrance Examination-Main (JEE-Main), which was successfully offered four times during the Covid pandemic.

Sources suggested that National Testing Agency (NTA) can consider learning from and collaborating with global bodies like the Educational Testing Service (ETS), which administer the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) in the US. The seven-member panel constituted by the Centre for exam reforms too briefly discussed the mode of exams—computer-based and pen-paper on Monday—and will deliberate on it in detail in subsequent meetings.

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lastic Aptitude Test (SAT) in the US. The seven-member panel constituted by the Centre for exam reforms too briefly discussed the mode of exams—computer-based and pen-paper on Monday—and will deliberate on it in detail in subsequent meetings.

Earlier on Sunday, Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan hinted at a potential overhaul of the exam process, "India needs a flexible and less stressful exam system like the SAT, the admission test for colleges in the US." When the NTA was established in 2017 and subsequently in 2018, the agency engaged in multiple discussions with ETS. However, senior official at the ministry of education said these talks did not result in concrete collaboration, as they primarily focused on question paper settings and the efficacy of the items.

Hazaribag NEET-UG coordinator junks tamper charges, points finger at courier

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Hazaribag: The Hazaribag coordinator of the five NEET-UG examination centres in the town, Eshmanul Hasan, on Tuesday denied charges of tampering of question papers or leakage from the five centres. Hasan, who is also the principal of Oasis School—one of the five examination centres which media reports said had leaked papers—said a gang, and the courier company that transported the papers, could be involved in the leak.

Talking to mediapersons here, Hasan said the question papers for the May 5 examination in Hazaribag were received by superintendents of the five examination centres—DAV Public School, St Xavier's School, Holy Cross High School, Vivekananda Central School and Oasis School—at 1.15pm in sealed and locked steel boxes from the State Bank of India

When the box was opened, the question papers were found sealed in seven layers of plastic, Hasan added. The plastic seals were found defective



branch where they were kept in the locker.

However, the boxes, which should have reached the locker of the SBI branch here on May 4, were lying in the courier office in Hazaribag town overnight and were taken to the bank in e-rickshaws only on the examination morning on May 5.

The boxes, which had two digital locks each, were opened after they reached the

examination centres from the bank by National Testing Agency (NTA) officers in front of superintendents, assigned observers and 24 student examinee representatives before the start of the examination, he said.

The box for his examination centre, Oasis School, however, did not open and Hasan said he promptly reported the matter to NTA, which advised him to open it with the hacksaw provided along with the box.

When the box was opened, the question papers were found sealed in seven layers of plastic, Hasan added. The plastic seals were found defective and Hasan said the question papers could have been opened beforehand.

Hasan also said the plastic could not have turned defective in Hazaribag because the entire process—from receiving the box to opening it—was videographed.

He said he had narrated

the entire story to the economic offences unit (EOU) of Bihar Police, which reached Hazaribag from Patna to investigate the matter on June 21.

Since the manager of the SBI branch here is the custodian of the question papers, he was summoned and he told investigators that employees of the courier firm, Blue Dart, the local office of which was in Oreya village under the Muffasil police station, should also be questioned.

When the courier firm's delivery man was questioned, he informed the EOU that a van from Ranchi dropped the packet outside the office and left.

Responding to a question on how half-burnt question papers with Hazaribag codes were found in Patna from a coaching centre on May 4, Hasan said he has no information and claimed that a gang could be involved and the courier company could explain.

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Expression of Interest (EOI) is invited from reputed companies/firms for acquiring team franchise rights in the T20 Premier League organised by Kerala Cricket Association. The EOI documents along with application forms will be available from 26th June 2024, 5 pm onwards from the Office of Hon. Secretary, Kerala Cricket Association, Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram / through email on submission of bid fee.

For more details visit:
<https://www.keralacricketaassociation.com/tender/quotation>

MADHYA PRADESH INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

(Government of M.P. Undertaking)

SECRETARIAT FOR SINGLE WINDOW SYSTEM

21, Arera Hills, Bhopal-462011, M.P. (India), Tel. : (91) 0755-2571830, 2575618, 3523555, 3523505
E-mail : helpdesk@mpidc.co.in, Website : www.invest.mp.gov.in, (CIN : U51102MP1977SGC001392)
No.52/MPIDC/LM/II RO/FCFS/01 Date : 26.06.2024

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR ALLOTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL AND WAREHOUSING PLOTS THROUGH E-BIDDING

Department of Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion (DIPIP), Government of Madhya Pradesh through MP Industrial Development Corporation Limited (A Govt. of M.P. Undertaking) is issuing notice for allotment of available industrial & Warehousing plots in industrial area at Bhopal, Sehore, Rajgarh, Narmadapuram, Indore, Bhand, Burhanpur, Chhindwara, Dhar, Jabalpur, Khandwa, Khargone, Mandla, Neemuch, Niwari, Ratlam, Rewa, Sagar, Satna, Singrauli, Morena & Ujjain District on **First Come- First Serve Basis from 28.06.2024 11:00 AM Onwards**. Interested Investors may register themselves on <https://invest.mp.gov.in> portal & submit online application.

The important conditions for allotment of the plots are as follows-

- The allotment of industrial plots will be governed by the provisions of "Madhya Pradesh State Industrial Land and Building Management Rules 2019 (as amended 2022)".
- The application fee for each plot will be Rs 5000/- and GST amount will be payable separately. Application fee is non-refundable (Rule 11(ii)).
- In addition to the application fee, 25 % advance land premium amount of the prevailing rate on the date of application for the applied Plot will have to be deposited online, which will be adjustable at the time of allotment. (Rule 11(v)).
- Aadhar based E-sign is required for booking. So, please apply after e-signing through OTP received on the mobile number linked with aadhar.
- Detailed information about rules, procedure and plots etc. can also be viewed on MPIDC website - <https://invest.mp.gov.in/>.

M.P. Madhyam/115052/2024 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR MANAGING DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS' EMPOWERMENT DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE & FOOD PRODUCTION, ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Engagement of Community Based Organisations at Block Level under "Promotion of indigenous aromatic and non-aromatic paddy with export potential/local market" 2024-25 of Govt. of Odisha

Expression of Interest is invited by the Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha, Bhubaneswar from the experienced and interested organizations for engagement as Community Based Organization for newly allotted blocks of Angul, Dhenkanal, Gajapati, Malkangiri, Mayurbhanj, Nabarangpur, Sambalpur, Koraput, Keonjhar, Nuapada & Sundargarh districts under "Promotion of indigenous aromatic and non-aromatic paddy with export potential/local market" 2024-25. Interested organizations/agencies are requested to submit the EOI in sealed envelope super scribed as **Application for engagement as Community Based Organisations at Block Level under "Promotion of indigenous aromatic and non-aromatic paddy with export potential/local market" 2024-25 of ----- district** as per enclosed application format by registered/Speed post. Proposals in E-Mail would not be entertained in this regard. The EOI should be addressed to the Office of the Chief District Agriculture Officer (District name) from the above mentioned districts. Last date for receipt of EOI is **8th July 2024 up to 1:00 PM** and the same shall be opened on the same day at 3.30PM in presence of authorized signatory and representatives. The application form and detail terms & conditions are available in the official website of www.agrisnetodisha.ori.nic.in & www.agriodisha.gov.in.

The authority shall not be responsible for any sort of postal delay and the EOI received beyond scheduled date and time shall not be entertained and out right to be rejected. The authority reserves the right to cancel/reject any or all the EOI without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha
OIPR-01510/11/0001/24-25

Centre For Railway Information Systems

Chankyapuri, New Delhi-110021

Tender No. : 01245199

Subject: Rate contract for a period of 03 years for supply, transportation to the Site, Preliminary testing, Installation & Integration, Acceptance Testing, Commissioning, 01 year comprehensive on-site Warranty and 05 year Comprehensive AMC support for RTIS devices with M2M mobile data services.

Date of Closing - 19.07.2024 (Thursday) at 15:30 hrs.

Pre-bid Meeting on- 05.07.2024 (Friday) at 11:00 hrs at CRIS HQ, Chankyapuri, New Delhi-110021. Tender Documents can be downloaded from Website www.ireps.gov.in. For future modification / extensions pl. see www.ireps.gov.in

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

- Name of work with its location : Construction of HHP Loco Shed to home/maintain electric loco/3-Phase Locomotive.
- Approx. cost of the work(₹): ₹1,18,53,679/-.
- Earnest Money to be deposited (₹): ₹ 2,09,300/-.
- Date & time for submission of e-tender and opening of e-tender : Opening of e-tenders: on 15.07.2024 at 12.00 Hrs. in the office of the Sr. Divl. Electrical Engineer (TRD), DRM Office, E.C. Railway, Sonpur. 5. Website particulars and notice board location where complete details of e-tender can be seen-WEBSITE: <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. NOTICE BOARD: DRM Office Campus, E. C. Railway, Sonpur, Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD ECR/Sonpur PR/00555/SEE/ETRD/T/24-25/24

EASTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. : 01 of 2024-25/BGP, Dated 21.06.2024. Tender Notice for e-tendering invited by Dy. Chief Engineer/Con/Bhagalpur, Eastern Railway, Behind Police Line, near Issakchak, PS, PO & Dist.-Bhagalpur-812001 for the following work. Tender No. : BGP01 OF 2024-25 (Open). Name of work : Dismantling/ Demolishing of Existing old Road Over Bridge No. 215 and including other ancillary civil work in Jamalpur Yard, Construction of side pathway of Br. No. 130 (1x76.2m Open Web Girder + 2x24.4m Composite Girder) Down Line between Kahalgaon and Ekchari under the jurisdiction of Dy. CE/CON/BGP. Approx. value : ₹ 1,44,02,854.99. Earnest Money : ₹ 2,22,000/-. Cost of Tender document: Nil. Completion period : 03 (Three) Months. Date of closing : 16.07.2024 at 15.00 hrs. The tender Document and other details can be obtained from the website www.ireps.gov.in. The bidding for the tender is to be submitted through e-tendering on above website. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any manual offer if received, shall not be accepted and will be summarily rejected. (CON-30/2024-25)

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

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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 Kharghat Road - Karma Subarna 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 HT/LT 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 tenders. 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)

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BIDHANNAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

POURA BHAVAN, BIDHANNAGAR

NIT No. : 301/PWD(BMC)

Dated : 25.06.2024 of Tender ID : 2024_MAD_700061_1 to 10

e-Tender has been invited for "Different types of development works within different wards under BMC." Last Date of Bid Submission : 13.07.2024 up to 15.00 Hrs. Bid Opening Date : 15.07.2024 at 15:30 Hrs. Corrigendum, if any will be published in Website & Office Notice Board only. For details, please follow www.wbtenders.gov.in, Office Website (bmcwbgov.in) & Office Notice Board. Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

Tender ID: 2024_MAD_700016_1

Superintending Engineer, MED, Central Circle, invites fresh call of online tender from bonafide agencies for civil construction works for proposed 26 TPD Municipal Solid Waste Processing Plant under SWM project within Kalyaganj Municipality. Start date & time of Bid Submission is 08.07.2024 from 10:00 Hrs. Last date & time of Bid Submission is 29.07.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs. Other details may also be seen from the website <https://wbtenders.gov.in>

Sd/- Superintending Engineer Central Circle M.E. Directorate.

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Chief Engineer (CON/JO), South Eastern Railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata-700043 invites E-tender for the following work. Following tender has been uploaded on website www.ireps.gov.in. The tender will be closed at 12.00 hrs. on due date. e-Tender Notice No. : 4425-GR-CE-01-49-2024, Date: 25.06.2024. Brief Description of works: Construction of Fire fighting system in newly constructed 151 units Type-II & 08 units Type-III (G+B) staff quarters at Ranchi & Hatia in Ranchi Division of South Eastern Railway. Approx. Cost: ₹ 0.81 Crore. Bid Security: ₹ 1,63,000. Completion Period: 6 months. Closing Date: 16.07.2024. Interested tenderers may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full details/ description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for this item will be accepted. N.B.: Prospective bidders may regularly visit www.ireps.gov.in to participate in all other tenders. (PR-305)

EASTERN RAILWAY

GeM Bid No. : GEM/2024/B/5076120, Dated 21.06.2024. Tender Notice is invited by Chief Works Manager, Eastern Railway, Kancharapara Workshop, Pin-743145, 24-Parganas (North), West Bengal through GeM Portal for the following work : Description of works : At Kancharapara - Cleaning of jungle by the side of service road entire area of Kancharapara 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, Dangapara Colony, HLR Colony, Bhutbagan 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.ireps.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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Government of Jharkhand

Dr. Ramdayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute, Ranchi

Department of Scheduled Tribe, Scheduled Caste, Minorities and OBC Welfare Ranchi-834008
Phone No. 0651 -2551824, E-mail: tri.directorate@gmail.com; dir-triran@gov.in

Ref no. 992 Ranchi, Dated: 25.06.2024
Re-Expression of Interest

Dr. Ramdayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute (TRI), Ranchi invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested Universities (all Colleges) Department of Universities/ Government Institutes/ Recognized Research Institutes for undertaking a Research Project of TRI, Ranchi during the financial year 2023-24.

Topic: A Study on Dhedhujari Language

Interested agencies are hereby requested to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) duly forwarded by Director of the Institutes/ Registrar of Universities/ Head of Departments [applicable to Universities (all Colleges)/Department of Universities only] along with technical EOI giving relevant details of the organization/ Institute/ University necessary for evaluating the competencies on or before 12 July 2024. The project cost should be all inclusive (inclusive of all requisite statutory taxes, if applicable) and not open ended.

The intending agencies may submit their EOI in sealed envelope on or before the due date. Technical proposal should be sealed in a separate envelope clearly marked in BOLD A TECHNICAL PROPOSAL FOR "A Study on Dhedhujari Language" mentioned on the top of the envelope. These envelopes are to be addressed to the Director, Dr. Ramdayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute (TRI), Morabadi, Ranchi-834008. TRI will not be responsible for delay in transits or damages or loss of proposal document sent by post.

Only those agencies which fulfill technical criteria will be considered for presentation of project.

Terms of Reference (ToR) and other details can be obtained from the office of the TRI on any working day during office hours through the nodal officer (Mr. Vikas Dubey) and the same can also be downloaded from the Institute's website www.trijharkhand.in under tender/notice section.

TRI, Ranchi reserves all rights to accept or reject all or any of the EOIs at any stage without assigning any reasons. TRI, Ranchi also reserves the right to engage/empanel one or more agencies depending on requirements.

PR 327672 (Schedule Tribe, Schedule Caste, Minority and Backward Class Welfare Department) 24-25 (D)

Sd/- Deputy Director

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER CENTRAL MINOR IRRIGATION CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR

Phone/Fax (0674)2540559 cmic.bbssr@gmail.com
No. 1046 Dt. 20.06.2024

1st Corrigendum to e-procurement Tender Call Notice No. ACECMIC-01/2024-25

It is to notify that the following changes have been made for the tender invited vide tender call notice no. ACECMIC-01/2024-25

Description	Earlier scheduled date and time	Modified scheduled date and time
Date and Time of availability of Bid Documents and Receipt of Bid Cost on online Payment mode in Portal	From 26.06.2024 (10.00 Hrs) to 17.07.2024 (17.30Hrs) in website (www.tendersodisha.gov.in)	From 12.07.2024 (10.00 Hrs) to 4.08.2024 (17.30 Hrs) in website (www.tendersodisha.gov.in)
Last Date/Time for receipt of Bids in the Portal	17.07.2024 (Upto 17.30 Hrs.) through online only.	4.08.2024 (Up to 17.30 Hrs) through online only
Date of Opening of Technical Bid	11.00 Hrs Onwards on 18.07.2024 in the O/o-Additional Chief Engineer, Central M.I. Circle, Bhubaneswar	11.00 Hrs onwards on 5.08.2024 in the O/o-Additional Chief Engineer, Central M.I. Circle, Bhubaneswar

All other terms and conditions of the above tender call notice will remain unchanged.

Additional Chief Engineer Central MI Circle, Bhubaneswar
OIPR-32047/11/0003/24-25

Govt. of Bihar

Bihar Medical Services & Infrastructure Corporation Limited

2nd & 3rd Floor, Swasthya Bhawan, Behind IGIMS, Sheikhpura, Adjacent to State Health Society, Patna- 800014, Bihar
Phone/Fax: +91612 2283287, +91612 2283289
Mo. No- 9471006239, 9471009071

(Notice Inviting E-Bids)

Tender for Rate contract for supply of plastic Pallets

Notice Inviting Tender No.-BMSIC/2024-25/WH-01
(Only through E- Tender on website-<https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>)

The Bihar Medical Services and Infrastructure Corporation Limited, Patna invites e-bids from interested parties for Procurement, Rate Contract, Supply of plastic Pallets as listed below:

Tender Reference No.	BMSIC/2024-25/WH-01
Date and time for downloading of bid document	Upto 10 th July 2024 till 17:00 Hrs.
Date of Pre- Bid Meeting	26 th June 2024 at 15:00 Hrs in Conference hall of BMSICL, 3rd Floor, Swasthya Bhawan, Behind IGIMS, Sheikhpura, Adjacent to State Health Society, Bihar
Last date and time of submission of online bids	11 th July 2024 upto 17:00 Hrs.
Last date and time for submission of original documents of EMD	12 th July 2024 upto 14:00 Hrs.
Date, Time and Place of opening of Technical Bid	12 th July 2024 (at 15:00 Hrs.) on the website of https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in in the office of BMSICL
Date and time of opening of financial Bids	To be announced later on https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
Validity of Tender	180 Days
Cost of the tender document	Rs.11,800/- (Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred only) Non- refundable.
Bid Processing Fee	Rs 1180/-

- To participate in E-Tendering the tenderer will have to be registered with E-Tendering service provider. For this, help desk—mjunction services limited RJ complex, 2nd Floor, Canara Bank, Campus, khajpura, Ashiana road, P.S—Shastri Nagar, Patna-800014, Toll Free No.-18005726571, Email-ID: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in can be approached.

For further details please visit website state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

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BMSICL, Patna

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What Business Leaders Can Learn From Sporting Arena

Biz is the ultimate sport and elite execs have at times been compared to top-performing sports stars. Are corporate high-fliers born with these skills or can they be picked up? Besides the mental makeup, commitment and a desire to perform at the highest levels and continuous learning are key to staying ahead...

By Uday Chawla

Here are some lessons from the sports field that business leaders could use for a winning attitude:

Discipline and Work Ethic: Star sportsmen exhibit unwavering discipline and work ethic. They follow rigorous training schedules, maintain healthy lifestyles, and consistently strive for excellence.

Business executives can learn from this by prioritising consistency, setting clear goals, and adhering to routines.

Consistent Effort: Athletes also track their performance metrics meticulously. Whether it's speed, accuracy, or endurance, they constantly measure and improve. Similarly, executives can adopt a data-driven approach — and regularly assess key performance indicators (KPIs) to make informed decisions based on data.

Teamwork: Athletes understand the importance of collaboration. They rely on their teammates, communicate effectively, and work together to achieve common objectives.

Teamwork is more important than ever in today's fluctuating business environment. The best leaders foster a collaborative environment, encourage cross-functional teams, open communication, and shared goals.

Leadership and Motivation: Captains and star players lead by example. They inspire their teams, boost morale, and maintain a positive attitude.



Executives can learn to motivate their teams in a similar manner.

Even when sports stars face setbacks, injuries, and defeats, they manage to bounce back, evolve their strategies, and keep pushing forward — a trait that executives need to readily embrace in the form of resilience. When challenges arise, view them as opportunities for growth. Adaptability is crucial in today's dynamic business landscape.

Handling Pressure: Sports-people perform under immense pressure by managing stress and staying focused so that they prioritise physical and mental health. They understand that peak performance requires a healthy body and mind.

Executives, when faced with high-pressure situations, can find a winning formula in stress management techniques and maintaining composure to achieve success.

Competitive World: The best sportsmen are constantly analysing their competition for their strengths, weaknesses, and strategies. They develop a

playbook to counter the same. The same rules apply in the business world, just that the pitches are different. Sportsmen constantly refine their skills. They seek coaching, analyse their performance, and learn from mistakes. Executives must carve out time to prioritise learning in the form of workshops, industry literature, staying updated on trends and keeping their skill sets refreshed through continued learning.

(The writer is managing partner, Transearch India)

GUJARAT METRO RAIL CORPORATION (GMRC) LIMITED
(SPV of Govt. of India and Govt. of Gujarat)
Block No.1, First Floor, Karmayogi Bhavan, Sector 10/A, Gandhinagar, 382010, Gujarat. (CIN): U60200GJ2010SGC059407

Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation (GMRC) Limited, is a SPV by Government of India and Government of Gujarat, entrusted with the responsibility of implementation of Metro Rail Projects in Gujarat and its Operations & Maintenance.

GMRC invites applications from qualified and experienced candidates for the post of **General Manager (Operations & Maintenance)**. The posts / appointment will be on contract / deputation / post-superannuation basis. Please visit career section of our website www.gujaratmetro.com. Last date for submission of application is **6th July, 2024**.

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GIST Campus, ICARE Complex, Hatberia, Haldia, Purba Medinipur, W.B., Pin - 721657
Website: www.gisthaldia.org, e-mail: gisthaldia@gmail.com
Phone No.: 03224 255953 / 255951

RECRUITMENT
Applications are invited for the following posts:

Post	Department	Qualification Required
Asst. Professor	CS&T / BCA	M.Tech (CSE) with 1st Class and min. 1-2 year(s) industry/teaching experience. Ph.D. Preferable
	Electrical Engineering (EE)	M.Tech (EE) desirable specialization in Power Electronics & Drives/Electrical Machine with 1st Class and min. 1-2 year(s) industry/teaching experience. Ph.D. Preferable.
	Fire Technology and Safety (FT&S)	B.Tech or equivalent degree in Fire Technology and Safety or any other qualification following AICTE norms.

Applications super-scribing the envelope with the post applied for should reach to the Registrar, GIST, within 07 days of this advertisement OR email to: gisthaldia.recruitment@gmail.com. For details visit our website: www.gisthaldia.org. Only shortlisted applicants will be called for interview.

Sd/-
Secretary, GIST & ICARE

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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT VISAKHAPATNAM

Recruitment of Teaching & Non-Teaching Staff

1. No. IIMV/01/F/2024 dated 26-06-2024
For faculty positions on regular basis - rolling advertisement The cut-off date for submitting applications for rolling advertisements is 24-07-2024. Applications submitted later will be considered for next cycle.

2. No. IIMV/HR/RECTT./NTS-R/01/2024 dated 26-06-2024
For positions: Superintending Engineer, Administrative Officer, Assistant Administrative Officer, Senior Superintendent, Accountant, Junior Technical Superintendent (Systems) and Junior Superintendents on regular basis

Last date for submitting applications for notification No. 2 is 24/07/2024 17:00 Hrs
Please visit www.iimv.ac.in/careers for details and applying.
Chief Administrative Officer (HR)

Gopal Narayan Singh University
Jamuahar, Sasaram, Rohtas, Bihar - 821305
Approved by UGC

RECRUITMENT NOTICE
Applications are invited from suitable candidates for the following teaching positions.

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Eligibility Criteria: As per UGC Norms

Interested Candidates may send their resumes to E-mail: registrar@gnsu.ac.in / careers@gnsu.ac.in / hrd@gnsu.ac.in
Last date for submission of application (with full Bio-data): 05.07.2024
WhatsApp: 9431899002

Bal Bharati PUBLIC SCHOOL Gadarwara
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Senior Secondary School Affiliated with CBSE, New Delhi
NTPC-Gadarwara, Distt. Narsinghpur, Madhya Pradesh - 487770
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CIN: L13100TG195980101674

Employment Notification No.02/2024 Dated: 19.06.2024
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Advt. No. - NHB/HRMD/Recruitment/2023-24/03

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Deputy Manager (Credit)	II	1	-	2	-	-	3
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Total		6	-	7	3	7	23

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Advt. No. 2/2024

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Atishi's hunger strike ends with hospitalisation

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Water minister Atishi's 'Paani Satyagrah' came to an abrupt end on Tuesday, the fifth day of her indefinite hunger strike, after she was hospitalised due to deteriorating health.



Delhi water minister Atishi being taken to LNJP hospital in New Delhi on Tuesday

Atishi was taken to LNJP hospital around 3.40am. Dr Suresh Kumar, the hospital's director, said the minister's blood sugar was extremely low when she arrived and ketones were present in her urine sample. The sodium levels in her body were also low.

"She had hypoglycemia, a condition in which the blood sugar (glucose) level is lower than the standard range. Ideally, the blood sugar levels should be 70-100. However, at the time Atishi reached the hospital, her blood sugar levels were around 40. Hypoglycemia needs immediate treatment, especially in these weather conditions," Dr Kumar said. "We kept her in the ICU and she was immediately put on IV fluids. All the blood work was done. She was advised to take fluids, which she did. Her condition is stable now. We are still going to monitor her and keep her under observation, and will get a

few other necessary tests done," he added.

According to AAP's Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh, Atishi's condition began to worsen suddenly on Monday night. "First, she was examined by the doctors of LNJP, then her blood sample was checked at both LNJP and Apollo hospitals. Her sugar levels were at 43, which is extremely low," he said.

Amid the ongoing political dispute over the water crisis, AAP govt has accused neighbouring Haryana of not releasing sufficient water. LG VK Saxena and Haryana govt have refuted these claims and highlighted issues within DJB that have resulted in water wastage and theft. On June 20, Atishi initiated her hunger strike to demand water from Haryana.

HC: Interim bail not on merit, but for LS polls

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Taking note of the trial court's observation that ED's action was "mala fide" as material against Arvind Kejriwal was available with ED in July 2022 but he was called only in Aug 2023 and that the agency had failed to deal with this objection of the Delhi CM, the HC bench said, "The vacation judge... following judicial discipline should not have observed in para 27 of the impugned order that there was mala fide on the part of the ED, particularly in light of an observation made in judgment dated 09.04.2024..."

The bench pointed out that the coordinate bench of the HC had in that order observed that there was absence of any mala fide intention on the part of ED.

The HC was then dealing with the legality of the arrest of Kejriwal by ED. HC pointed out that although SC granted leave against that judgment dated April 9, it did not stay its operation. Responding to the argument by Kejriwal's counsel that his arrest was bad and the April

9 judgment of the high court upholding his arrest by ED had also not attained finality, HC said the same is required to be dealt with at the time of consideration of the agency's main petition. The bench added at this stage, it cannot be said that the arrest and remand of Kejriwal was not in accordance with the law and that his personal liberty was curtailed without following the law.

Referring to ED's contention before the trial court about the vicarious liability of the CM under Section 70 of PMLA, the bench said ED's written note had mentioned it but did not find a place in the trial court order. Citing the SC bail order dated May 10, the HC bench said though there is no allegation of misuse of bail, the CM had not been granted interim bail on merit but in the context of the Lok Sabha elections. The HC also rejected the trial court's finding that unless the exercise of tracing the remaining amount of the proceeds of crime, i.e. Rs 60 crore, was completed by ED, Kejriwal cannot remain behind bars without proper evidence against him.



Justice Arvind Mishra

HC to take call on BJP's Raj Bhavan stir plea tomorrow

Subrata Chattaraj | TNN

Kolkata: Calcutta High Court will on Thursday pass directions on a BJP application to hold a dharna in front of Raj Bhavan, an area under prohibitory orders.

Justice Amrita Sinha split the matter into two parts—one relating to BJP's plea and the other on the state's stand on the violation of CrPC Section 144 for five days during a dharna by the governing dispensation from Oct 5, 2023. Advocate general Kishore Datta submitted that the state didn't take any steps against the violators. "If you can't rule your members, how can you rule others? Do you intend to take any step?" Justice Sinha observed. At the same time, Justice Sinha held that BJP was seeking "negative equality".

BJP had moved court after the joint commissioner of police turned down an "administrative" grounds its application to hold the protest from June 19 to June 24. The joint commissioner, instead, requested the party to hold the dharna at Y Channel, 200m away from Raj Bhavan. In its application to the joint commissioner, BJP

BJP had moved court after the police turned down its application to hold the protest from June 19 to June 24



had cited the dharna by Trinamool. As directed by the HC, BJP counsel Billwadal Bhattacharya suggested two "alternate places".

He proposed that it could be staged opposite the DG office at Nabanna or in front of the DG office at Bhabani Bhavan. Datta came up with four alternatives — Y channel at Esplanade, the Gandhi statue on Mayo Road, Sahid Minar and the Matangini Hazra statue.

Justice Sinha indicated that the court would pass directions on the venue on Thursday. She also observed that the HC was bothered by the state's stand. "You are actually applying separate principles for different sets of people," Justice Sinha observed to the advocate general.

Teesta water: Ministry didn't consult Bengal rep, says Alapan

Kolkata: A day after CM Mamata Banerjee wrote to PM Narendra Modi, protesting against Centre's "unilateral deliberations and discussions without consultation and the opinion of the state govt" regarding the PM's recent Teesta water-sharing discussions with Bangladesh, the CM's chief adviser Alapan Bandyopadhyay said that Bengal's representative in the panel, formed by the Jal Shakti ministry, was not consulted.

On Tuesday, Bandyopadhyay said the Jal Shakti ministry had formed a committee of 12 members, including a chief engineer representing Bengal govt, but he was only asked to give some inputs. The Jal Shakti ministry didn't send any communication to Bengal govt regarding the Teesta water issue, he added. Bandyopadhyay said the Farraka water pact was a major technical issue and inextricably linked to Teesta. He said there were several ramifications and dimensions in the water-sharing mechanism as the livelihoods of people were involved. Bandyopadhyay said the CM had drawn the PM's attention to issues like erosion and water crisis so that Bengal was consulted before any international water-sharing pact was signed. TNN

TIMES ascent

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Advt. No. Admn/Rectt/2024/31 Dated: 21 June 2024

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(NOTIFICATION NO. HRAQ/CONT-EX-B/24-139 DATED 26/06/2024)

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Advt.No.HR/02/679 Date: 26.06.2024

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EDUCATION REVIEW @ MADHYA PRADESH

A New Era of Learning and Innovation

With state-of-the-art infrastructure, innovative liberal education models, and strategic industry partnerships, Madhya Pradesh is becoming a leader in education, attracting young learners, and setting new standards in higher education and research



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Madhya Pradesh, once viewed as a state trailing in educational progress, is now rapidly emerging as a beacon of innovation and excellence in higher education. This remarkable transformation is fuelled by state-of-the-art infrastructure, a progressive focus on liberal education, and dynamic industry-academia collaborations. With cutting-edge technology seamlessly integrated into teaching and administration, and prestigious institutions such as IIT and IIM leading the way, the state is setting new benchmarks. Madhya Pradesh's forward-thinking approach is not only attracting students and scholars from across the globe but also establishing the state as a hub for world-class education and research.

MODERN INFRASTRUCTURE BOOSTING MP'S GLOBAL EDUCATION

A pivotal factor in Madhya Pradesh's educational renaissance is its substantial investment in advanced infrastructure. This strate-

gic focus on modern facilities is transforming the state's educational landscape, fostering an environment conducive to high-quality learning and groundbreaking research. Dr Archana Kirti Choudhary, principal of IPS Academy, Institute of Engineering and Science, underscores the significance of these developments: "Hi-tech laboratories and state-of-the-art facilities with modern instruments are essential for meeting global education challenges. These advancements not only elevate educational standards but also offer students opportunities to pursue international-level education. The cutting-edge facilities and laboratories, capable of conducting research and innovation on complex topics like micro-physics, are attracting scholars from around the world to collaborate and share knowledge in Madhya Pradesh."

FOSTERING PASSION-DRIVEN LEARNING
Madhya Pradesh is revolutionising its educational landscape by embracing a liberal education model to counter the limitations of traditional education, which often relies on rote learning and external pressures. In this transformative shift, Er. Sanjeev Agrawal, chancellor of Sage University Indore & Bhopal, highlights that many students' educational choices are frequently influenced by peer pressure and societal expectations rather than their true interests. He asserts, "In Madhya Pradesh, liberal education is fostering creativity, adaptability, and a love for lifelong learning, ensuring that students are not only knowledgeable but also prepared to navigate and thrive in an ever-changing global landscape."

MP'S EDUCATIONAL-INDUSTRIAL SYNERGY
In Madhya Pradesh, the strengthening of

industry-academia collaborations is a key element of the state's educational transformation. These partnerships align academic curricula with industry requirements, ensuring students are job-ready upon graduation. Dr Davish Jain, chancellor of Prestige University, highlights their importance by stating, "Partnerships between industry and academia help graduates transition into future jobs by bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical skills. This approach not only improves job prospects but also significantly boosts

the state's education sector, making Madhya Pradesh a prime destination for higher education and career development."

A RISING HUB FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Madhya Pradesh is rapidly emerging as a leading center for higher education in India, attracting attention from scholars and institutions worldwide. Crediting this boom to technology, Dr. Upinder Dhar, vice chancellor of Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya, shares, "Technology is now seamlessly integrated across all teaching and administra-

tion disciplines in Madhya Pradesh. This enhances understanding and improves the teacher-learner interface. With AI incorporated into engineering, medical sciences, and pharmacy, the state is pioneering innovative educational experiences and elevating its educational standards." Highlighting the state's promising future in the education sector, he adds, "The future prospects for Madhya Pradesh's education sector are exceptionally promising. With prestigious institutions like IIT and IIM in Indore, along with CAT and DAVV being counted among the best

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public universities, the state boasts a robust educational infrastructure. Additionally, a significant number of private universities are present, and numerous world-class institutions are looking to establish their presence in Madhya Pradesh, further solidifying its reputation as a burgeoning hub for higher education."

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Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, 4th Floor, Rail Yatri Niwas Building, near Howrah station, Howrah-711011 (HWH-133/2024-25)

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NOTICE INVITING E-AUCTION
AWARDING CONTRACT FOR OPERATION OF PARKING LOTS
No. COM/E-AUCTION/HWH/2024, 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, Pin-711011 for the following work : **Name of Work :** Awarding contract for operation of parking lots at various stations over Howrah Division for a period of 03 years. For more details and participation in E-Auction kindly visit the website www.ireps.gov.in through E-Auction Leasing Module. **Catalogue No. : PARK-HOWRAH-8. Auction Start Date/Time :** 05.07.2024 at 12.00 hrs. **Sl. No. & Lot No./Category; Name of the station respectively :** (1) PARKING-HWH-SIU-TW-161-24-1 (Parking-Two Wheeler); Singur. (2) PARKING-HWH-BDC-TW-31-24-1 (Parking-Two Wheeler); Bandel. (3) PARKING-HWH-NGX-TW-258-24-1 (Parking-Two Wheeler); Nigan. (4) PARKING-HWH-PDA-TW-188-24-1 (Parking-Two Wheeler); Pundooah. (5) PARKING-HWH-AMBG-TW-180-24-2 (Parking-Two Wheeler); Amsrabad. (6) PARKING-HWH-CNS-TW-184-24-1 (Parking-Two Wheeler); Chinsurah. (7) PARKING-HWH-BHR-TW-248-24-2 (Parking-Two Wheeler); Bhadreswar. (8) PARKING-HWH-BTRH-MX-93-22-1 (Parking-Mixed); Bhatar.

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, 4th Floor, Rail Yatri Niwas Building, near Howrah station, Howrah-711011 (HWH-133/2024-25)

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Durgapur Municipal Corporation
 City Centre, Durgapur - 713216, Dist.- Paschim Bardhaman

Notice Inviting e-EOI

1) Name of the work : Laying of 200mm Dia. DI pipe line (Pipe will be supplied by DMC), 110mm Dia (OD) & 160mm Dia (OD) HDPE pipe line (Supplying, fitting and fixing) at Vidyasagarparly within Ward-43 under DMC
 e-Tender No. : WBDMC/WS/COM/MIT-222/23-24 (2nd Call)
 Tender ID : 2024 MAD 699488 1 • Est. Amt. : Rs. 17,90,485.00

2) Name of the work : Laying of 200mm Dia. DI pipe line (Supplied by DMC) and 110mm (OD) Dia. HDPE (PE-100 & PN-6) pipe line (Supply, fitting, fixing) at Nalanda Fortune Park, Gopalmath within Ward No.-35 under DMC
 e-Tender No. : WBDMC/WS/COM/MIT-236/23-24 (2nd Call)
 Tender ID : 2024 MAD 699517 1 • Est. Amt. : Rs. 57,35,503.00

3) Name of the work : Laying of 160mm (OD) Dia. HDPE pipe line (PE-100 & PN-6) from Sriniketan More to Interior of Amral Village within Ward No.-12 under DMC
 e-Tender No. : WBDMC/WS/COM/MIT-230/23-24 (2nd Call)
 Tender ID : 2024 MAD 699585 1 • Est. Amt. : Rs. 22,65,371.00

4) Name of the work : Laying of 110mm (OD) Dia. & 160mm (OD) Dia. HDPE pipe (PE-100 & PN-6) at Aurobinda Pally (Ward-20), Natunpally (Ward-18) under DMC
 e-Tender No. : WBDMC/WS/COM/MIT-216/23-24 (2nd Call)
 Tender ID : 2024 MAD 699632 1 • Est. Amt. : Rs. 13,33,729.00

5) Name of the work : Laying of 110mm (OD) Dia., 160mm (OD) Dia. HDPE pipe line (PE-100 & PN-6) at Gopalmath Jagurbandh Plot & Dhanura plot (Ward No.-35) and Bidhanpally (Ward No.-15) under DMC
 e-Tender No. : WBDMC/WS/COM/MIT-237/23-24 (2nd Call)
 Tender ID : 2024 MAD 699689 1 • Est. Amt. : Rs. 15,17,354.00

6) Name of the work : Laying of 110mm (OD) Dia. & 75mm (OD) Dia. HDPE pipe at Kada Road Ghatak Market (Ward-34), Santi Nagar (Ward-15), Bidhanpally (Ward-14), Ananda Nagar (Ward-14), Kora Para (Ward-15), Milanspally Kurua (Ward-11) under DMC
 e-Tender No. : WBDMC/WS/COM/MIT-180/23-24 (3rd Call)
 Tender ID : 2024 MAD 699715 1 • Est. Amt. : Rs. 21,47,401.00

7) Name of the work : Augmentation of distributaries system by inter-connection between rising main and delivery main pipe line at Energy Park OHR and Sali Co-op. OHR under DMC
 e-Tender No. : WBDMC/WS/COM/MIT-184/23-24 (3rd Call)
 Tender ID : 2024 MAD 699763 1 • Est. Amt. : Rs. 12,84,713.00

8) Name of the work : Construction of reinforced concrete drain at proposed SWM vehicle ground beside Bhagat Singh Stadium under DMC
 e-Tender No. : WBDMC/DRGS/WIT-026/24-25
 Tender ID : 2024 MAD 699825 1 • Est. Amt. : Rs. 31,90,937.00

9) Name of the work : Beautification of Pavement area by Chequered tiles at Bhagat Singh Stadium under DMC (2nd Phase)
 e-Tender No. : WBDMC/ASSET/WIT-14/24-25
 Tender ID : 2024 MAD 699880 1 • Est. Amt. : Rs. 83,52,279.00
 Last Date : 12.07.2024 upto 5:00 p.m.

10) Name of the work : Construction and Renovation of curb drain at Faridpur within Ward No.-33 under DMC area
 e-Tender No. : WBDMC/DRGS/WIT-023/24-25
 Tender ID : 2024 MAD 699876 1 • Est. Amt. : Rs. 5,37,945.00

11) Name of the work : Construction of Drain from Central Bank of India to Collins Path at Astronaut, Ward-27 under DMC
 e-Tender No. : WBDMC/DRGS/WIT-020/24-25
 Tender ID : 2024 MAD 699902 1 • Est. Amt. : Rs. 6,01,620.00

12) Name of the work : Laying of 110mm (OD) & 160mm (OD) Dia HDPE pipe (PE-100 & PN-6) at Uttarayan near Dakshinayan Bus Stand within Ward No.-43 under DMC
 e-Tender No. : WBDMC/WS/COM/MIT-223/23-24 (2nd Call)
 Tender ID : 2024 MAD 699937 1 • Est. Amt. : Rs. 9,85,953.00

13) Name of the work : Construction of Bathing Ghat and Changing Room at Narayanpur Roy Pukur within Ward No.-43 under Durgapur Municipal Corporation
 e-Tender No. : WBDMC/WS/COM/MIT-226/23-24 (2nd Call)
 Tender ID : 2024 MAD 699972 1 • Est. Amt. : Rs. 6,93,868.00

14) Name of the work : Re-Laying and lowering of 300mm Dia DI Pipe line under RC Culvert (Pipe will be supplied by DMC) at Natunpally (Ward No.-14) under DMC
 e-Tender No. : WBDMC/WS/COM/MIT-214/23-24 (2nd Call)
 Tender ID : 2024 MAD 700015 1 • Est. Amt. : Rs. 5,78,771.00
 Last Date : 05.07.2024 upto 5:00 p.m.
 For details : wbtenders.gov.in

Sd/-
 Executive Engineer, DMC

EASTERN RAILWAY
E-tender No. 93_2024-25, dated 24.06.2024. Following e-Tender is invited online by Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, near Railway Station, Howrah-711011 from Tenderers having experience of Similar Nature of work and required Financial capabilities including those Registered with Irrigation/CPWD/SEB/MES or any public sector undertaking for the following work : **Sr. DEN/2/Howrah : Description of work :** Supply of Welding portion under the Jurisdiction of under Sr. DEN/2/Howrah. **Approx Cost :** ₹ 1,99,25,973.12. **Earnest Money :** ₹ 2,49,600/-. **Completion Period :** 12 (Twelve) months. In case the 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 tender online will be done on the next working day. **Closing date and time of tender :** 15.07.2024 at 14.00 hrs. The details of tenders are available at website www.ireps.gov.in. Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. No manual offer will be accepted. (HWH-128/2024-25)

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EASTERN RAILWAY
E-tender Nos. I) 88_2024-25 II) 89_2024-25, dated 24.06.2024. Following e-Tenders are invited online by Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, near Railway Station, Howrah-711011 from Tenderers having experience of Similar Nature of work and required Financial capabilities including those Registered with Irrigation/CPWD/SEB/MES or any public sector undertaking for the following work : **DE/4/Howrah : SI. No. 1. E-tender No. 88_2024-25. Description of work :** Destraining of LWR & other misc. works under the jurisdiction of DE/3/HWH. **Approx Cost :** ₹ 99,90,837.24. **Earnest Money :** ₹ 1,99,800/-. **SI. No. 2. E-tender No. 89_2024-25. Description of work :** Alumino Thermit Welding of rail joints by short pre heat welding technique (SKV process) of fusion of 60kg/52kg/60E1 R260 Rail using compressed air petrol pre heating system & Supply of portion under section DE/3/HWH. **Approx Cost :** ₹ 1,53,82,818.92. **Earnest Money :** ₹ 2,26,900/-. **Completion Period :** 12 (Twelve) months from the date of issue of acceptance letter. In case the 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 done on the next working day. **Closing date and time of tender :** 12.07.2024 at 14.00 hrs. The details of tender are available at website www.ireps.gov.in. Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. Payment of EMD and TDC - Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) & Tender Document Cost, in respect of e-tendering, should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. **Note :** Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) will not be accepted as EMD for tenders invited on IREPS (e-tender portal). No manual offer will be accepted. (HWH-127/2024-25)

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FIR against 2 UP cops after 2 die by suicide

Agra: UP police on Tuesday registered an FIR against an inspector and a sub-inspector in Hathras after two brothers died by suicide in Ropdhanoo village in Agra over alleged custodial torture and bribery.

The move comes after directions from CM Yogi Adityanath's office, reports **Deepak Lavania**.

Based on a complaint filed by the family, a case was registered at Barhan against SI Hariom Agnihotri & Sada-bad SHO Mukesh Kumar under IPC section 306 (abetment of suicide).

Farmer Sanjay Singh, 45, was found hanging on Saturday. His elder brother Pramod, 50, a home guard, was found dead on Monday.

EASTERN RAILWAY
E-tender Nos. 84_2024-25 & 85_2024-25, dated 24.06.2024. Following e-Tenders are invited online by Divisional Engineer (IV), Howrah, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, near Railway Station, Howrah-711011 from Tenderers having experience of Similar Nature of work and required Financial capabilities including those Registered with Irrigation/CPWD/SEB/MES or any public sector undertaking for the following work : **DE/4/Howrah : SI. No. 1. E-tender No. 84_2024-25. Description of work :** Repairs to staff quarters along with upgradation of kitchen, Bathroom, Toilet, Leaky roof, out side drainage system, Boundary wall and minimised crisis of water by submersible boring with provision of structural OH water tank and related pipe line etc. in colony area at Pakur station under AEN/RPH section. **Approx Cost :** ₹ 2,29,86,576.59. **Earnest Money :** ₹ 1,24,64,352.92. **Completion Period :** 18 (Eighteen) months from the date of issue of acceptance letter. **SI. No. 2. E-tender No. 85_2024-25. Description of work :** P-Way maintenance work under SSE/P-Way/SNT Between PNE No MLV From Km 45/900 to 880. **Approx Cost :** ₹ 1,24,64,352.92. **Earnest Money :** ₹ 2,12,300/-. **Completion Period :** 12 (Twelve) months from the date of issue of acceptance letter. In case the 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 done on the next working day. **Closing date and time of tender :** 17.07.2024 at 14.00 hrs. The details of tender are available at website www.ireps.gov.in. Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. Payment of EMD and TDC - Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) & Tender Document Cost, in respect of e-tendering, should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. **Note :** Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) will not be accepted as EMD for tenders invited on IREPS (e-tender portal). No manual offer will be accepted. (HWH-127/2024-25)

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The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
 (A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
 Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
 Sagardighi Thermal Power Project
 P.O. Monigram, P.S. Sagardighi, Dist. - Murshidabad, Pin - 742237

Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No. : WBPDDL / Tender-Adv/24-25/SgTPP/CC-1927 Date: 20.06.2024
NIT No. : WBPDDL/SGTPP/NIT/E2987/24-25 Dated: 12.06.2024
 E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbidders.gov.in> by the General Manager SGTPP WBPDDL from eligible Agencies/Companies in three (03) Part bid system for "Engagement of tractor and JCB for facilitating housekeeping job at boiler, ESP and other areas of stage-II". Tender Document Download Start Date: 25.06.2024 at 10.00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 17.07.2024 upto 10.00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. Bishesh Biswas, Sr. Mgr (Contract Cell), Mobile: 833604003, E-mail: b.biswas01@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit : <https://wbidders.gov.in>
 ICA-TS707(2)-2024

Metro Railway, Kolkata

Tender Notice is invited by Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/M/Blue Line, Metro Railway, Kolkata for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work : **Name of Work :** "Improvement of Illumination Level at Critical Location of Metro Railway, Kolkata". **Advertised Value :** ₹ 1,35,81,102.22. **Date and Time of closing :** 15.00 hrs. (IST) of 15.07.2024. **Notice Board Address :** Office of the Principal Chief Electrical Engineer, Metro Railway, 33/1, J. L. Nehru Road, Kolkata-700071. **Website particulars :** <https://www.ireps.gov.in>

Tender No. : ELM_106_ILUMN_R_DT14-6-24

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EASTERN RAILWAY
E-tender Nos. : NIT/02/24/35, dated 24.06.2024. e-Tenders are invited by Principal Chief Materials Manager, Eastern Railway, 2nd Floor, Fairlie Place, 17, Netaji Subhas Road, Kolkata-700001 for supply of the following items : **Sl. No. & Tender No. ; Description; EMD respectively ; Tender Opening Date & Time :** 11.07.2024 at 13.30 hrs. (1) 15235150B; Supply & commissioning of Dynamic Balancing Machine (on turnkey basis) with AMC as per Annexure/DBM/KPA; & 700.080/-; (2) 12245470B; Inj. Dexamethasone intravitreal implant 0.7 mg; & 700.080/-; (3) 12245470B; Inj. Dexamethasone intravitreal implant 0.7 mg; & 700.080/-; (4) 08245031; Procurement of XLPE single Core cable; & 6,34,390/-; (5) 12245220; Procurement of motor machine spares; & (6) 2023013D; POH kit complete for Vertical dampers of M/s. Gabriel India Ltd./Pune make (Capacity 300kg) for Secondary Suspension of EMU/MEMU coaches with air spring arrangement bogie (20 Ton axle bogie) consisting of 11 items; & 700.080/-; (7) 12245139; Running Contract for supply of Thick Web Switches to RDSO Drg. No. T-6493; & 20,00,000/-; (8) 12245139; Running Contract for supply of Thick Web Switches to RDSO Drg. No. T-6155 & T-6280; & 20,00,000/-; (9) 20231000; End shield for NDE side for Bombardier make traction Motor Type MJC 280-1; & 700.080/-; (10) 12245139; Running Contract for supply of Thick Web Switches to RDSO Drg. No. T-6155 & T-6280; & 20,00,000/-; (11) 12245139; Running Contract for supply of Thick Web Switches to RDSO Drg. No. T-6155 & T-6280; & 20,00,000/-; (12) 12245139; Running Contract for supply of Thick Web Switches to RDSO Drg. No. T-6155 & T-6280; & 20,00,000/-; (13) 12245137A; Running Contract for supply of GFN Liner 60 Kg to RDSO Drg. No. T-3706; & 4,52,050/-; (14) 08245025; Procurement of Microprocessor Controller etc.; & 3,67,550/-; (15) 10241175; Procurement of Shunting Contactor etc.; & 700.080/-; (16) 10241241; Suspension Spring Outer; & 3,57,450/-; (17) 12245139; Running Contract for supply of Thick Web Switches to RDSO Drg. No. T-6155 & T-6280; & 20,00,000/-; (18) 20231000; End shield for NDE side for Bombardier make traction Motor Type MJC 280-1; & 700.080/-; (19) 15235169A; Electric overhead travelling Crane of 30 Tonne Capacity as per attached Annexure; & 3,54,200/-; (20) 16241168; Procurement of Microprocessor; & 95,070/-; (21) 12245139; Running Contract for procurement of Gued Insulated Rail Joints 60 Kg to RDSO Drg. No. T-2572; & 50,00,000/-; (22) 15235056B; Procurement of Coil Spring SCRAGGING & Load Deflection; & 2,31,520/-; (23) 12245139; Running Contract for Manufacture and supply of Improved Switch Expansion Joint; & 50,00,000/-; (24) 12245139; Running Contract for Manufacture and supply of Improved Switch Expansion Joint; & 50,00,000/-; (25) 12245139; Running Contract for Manufacture and supply of Improved Switch Expansion Joint; & 50,00,000/-; (26) 12245139; Running Contract for Manufacture and supply of Improved Switch Expansion Joint; & 50,00,000/-; (27) 12245139; Running Contract for Manufacture and supply of Improved Switch Expansion Joint; & 50,00,000/-; (28) 12245139; Running Contract for Manufacture and supply of Improved Switch Expansion Joint; & 50,00,000/-; (29) 12245139; Running Contract for Manufacture and supply of Improved Switch Expansion Joint; & 50,00,000/-; (30) 12245139; Running Contract for Manufacture and supply of Improved Switch Expansion Joint; & 50,00,000/-; (31) 12245139; 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'We want Speakers to be elected unopposed'

All NDA Allies Unanimously Agree On Birla

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Defence minister Rajnath Singh held several rounds of discussions with opposition leaders, including Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, for a consensus over the Speaker's choice. However, the opposition insisted on a commitment for the deputy speaker's post going to one of their own. Govt, which had looked uncomfortable with the idea, did not agree to the condition, saying the issue should be left for later.

Parliament Street, P 19

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said as per convention, the deputy speaker's post was spared for the opposition, a claim refuted by NDA, which cited multiple instances under Congress regimes of both positions being held by nominees of the treasury benches.

"For the last two days, we have been in contact with main opposition parties, talked to their floor leaders regarding the post of speaker. We want speakers to be elected unopposed and



After the decision, Birla called on PM, who was present in Parliament

through consensus. We appealed to them to support the speaker candidate but they demanded the deputy speaker's post. We said it is not right to conduct elections for speaker and deputy speaker posts together. We request them for no election for speaker," parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju said.

Though only the second fiddle as deputy speaker gets to preside over House proceedings in the absence of the speaker, the holder of the post can strike a discordant note for the govt in a fractious Parliament.

BJP has the entire NDA flock sticking together. In contrast, TMC made public its annoyance with Congress over what it called the unilateral

Cong shows old mentality of dictating terms: NDA

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New Delhi: NDA netas in one voice denounced INDIA bloc for fielding Congress's K Suresh against BJP's Om Birla for a petition of Lok Sabha Speaker, necessitating an election for the constitutional post.

Union minister Piyush Goyal said Congress has shown its 'old mentality' of 'dictating terms'.

"In the morning, Rajnath Singh wanted to discuss this with Mallikarjun Kharge but he was busy so he said Venugopal will talk to you. But after speaking with T R Baalu and Venugopal, the old mentality that we will dictate the terms was shown again; that the condition is that first decide who will be the deputy speaker and then support will be given for the speaker. We condemn this type of politics," he said.

Union minister and Lok Janshakti Party's (LJP) Chirag Paswan recalled several occasions when Congress fielded Dalit candidates, whose defeat was a certainty, a fait accompli even in case of Suresh, also a Dalit.

Can't call a man 'enemy' for working in Pak, says HC, junks property case

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kochi: A high court bench of Justice Viju Abraham has ruled that merely because a man went to Pakistan in search of a job and worked there briefly does not classify him as an "enemy" under the Defence of India Rules.

The court was considering a petition by Umamoy Koya of Malappuram seeking a declaration that his father's prop-

erty could not be subjected to provisions of the Enemy Property Act of 1968. Koya, a senior citizen retired from the Kerala police service, stated that his father Kunji Koya went to Karachi, Pakistan, in 1953 in search of employment and worked as a helper in a hotel there for a short period. Later, he returned to India and passed away in Malappuram in 1995.

When the petitioner approached village officer (VO) to pay property tax for 2022-23, it was declined. The VO informed him that the tehsildar had instructed him not to collect the tax on the property based on the guidance of the Custodian of Enemy Property of India. Umamoy Koya argued that due to harassment by police who branded his father a "Pak citizen" he had approached Centre to determine his national status as an Indian citizen.

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INFORMATION WANTED

This is the photograph of **Mumun Mukherjee**, Daughter of **Sakti Sadhan Mukherjee**, of 33-2 Station Road Bhatpara, PO-Bhatpara, 743126, who has been missing since 13.05.2024 from Own House, Bhatpara, Barrackpore Commissionerate, W.B., Description of this missing person is : Age-40 years, Complexion-Dark, Height-163 cms., Wearing-Not Known, Language-Bengali. Please inform whereabouts of the missing person, to the Spl. Supdt. of Police, C.I.D. (W.B.), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

ICA-D1034(3)/2024

INFORMATION WANTED

This is the photograph of **Sankar Banerjee**, of 36-24, B Road, PO-Salkia, 711106, who has been missing since 24.05.2024 from Residence, Liluah, Howrah Commissionerate, W.B., Description of this missing person is : Age-79 years, Complexion-Fair, Height-161 cms., Wearing-Not Known, Language-Bengali. Please inform whereabouts of the missing person, to the Spl. Supdt. of Police, C.I.D. (W.B.), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

ICA-D1042(3)/2024

INFORMATION WANTED

This is the photograph of **Riku Mandal**, Son of **Lt. Bharat Mandal** of Ailerupur Ramkantapur, PO-Sadikpur, 742223, who has been missing since 27.11.2022 from Madna, Sub, Jangipur Police District, W.B., Description of this missing person is : Age-5 years, Complexion-Dark, Height-107 cms., Wearing-Yellow Sweater, Khoyri Pant, Language-Bengali. Please inform whereabouts of the missing person, to the Spl. Supdt. of Police, C.I.D. (W.B.), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

ICA-D1043(3)/2024

INFORMATION WANTED

This is the photograph of **Basanti Bag**, Daughter of **Sankar Bag**, of Dakshin Parsura PO-Dhalnaga, 721150, who has been missing since 04.04.2024 Own House, Keshpur, Paschim Medinipur, W.B., Description of this missing person is : Age-17 years, Complexion-Sallow, Height-153 cms., Wearing-Red Churidar and Jeans Jacket, Language-Bengali. Please inform whereabouts of the missing person, to the Spl. Supdt. of Police, C.I.D. (W.B.), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

ICA-D1040(3)/2024

INFORMATION WANTED

This is the photograph of **Tinku Mandal**, Daughter of **Akhandeswar Mandal**, of Bilikandi Colony, PO-Amalpara, who has been missing since 02.05.2024 from Ransagar, Murshidabad, W.B., Description of this missing person is : Age-17 years, Complexion-Wheatish, Height-153 cms., Language-Bengali. Please inform whereabouts of the missing person, to the Spl. Supdt. of Police, C.I.D. (W.B.), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

ICA-D1035(3)/2024

INFORMATION WANTED

This is the photograph of **Nikhil Singh @ Bittu**, Son of **Shatrughan Singh**, of Bhattanagar Burma Colony, PO-Bhattanagar, 711203, who has been missing since 22.05.2024 from Residence, Liluah, Howrah Commissionerate, W.B., Description of this missing person is : Age-24 years, Complexion-Fair, Height-163 cms., Wearing-Sky Colour T-Shirt, White Half Pant, Language-Hindi. Please inform whereabouts of the missing person, to the Spl. Supdt. of Police, C.I.D. (W.B.), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

ICA-D1039(3)/2024

Bengal's debutant 'Tollywood' MPs dazzle in cotton saris

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Kolkata: Five years ago, newly elected Trinamool Congress (TMC) MPs from Tollywood took to Instagram to share photographs of their inaugural day at Parliament — Mimi Chakraborty wearing blue jeans and a white top and Nussrat Jahan opting for an all-black ensemble. This time, the first-time MPs from Tollywood — June Maliah, Rachna Banerjee and Saayoni Ghosh — went for an elegant and traditional option, resplendent cotton saris.

The TMC MPs also carried copies of the Constitution and protested with other opposition parties against the NDA govt on several pressing issues. Medinipur MP Maliah opted for a Bengal linen sari on her first day in the Parliament on Monday, which coincided with her birthday.



TMC MPs outside Parliament on Tuesday with Rahul Gandhi (right)

"This was the most extraordinary birthday present ever for me. Saugata Roy accompanied the women contingent, including Rachna, Mitali Bag, and Sharmila Sarkar, for my birthday lunch and then escorted us to the Parliament," Maliah said.

Hooghly MP Rachna Banerjee said, "I gravitate towards subtle hues, so I chose a green sari. The blouse is meticulously tailored for my poll campaign, and I intend to continue donning

elegantly coiffed in a bun. Maliah said, "Being at the Parliament was an awe-inspiring experience. The new Parliament is unquestionably tech-savvy. However, the old Parliament possesses its own allure. We ventured into the other side, which houses the TMC office. We proceeded to the hall of the old Parliament but it was closed on Monday. Hopefully, someday we will have the chance to explore that as well."

Rachna said, "I have never played the part of a politician on screen. Real-life experience is different. There was a period when I was trolled for all of my statements. Today all of that has been vindicated. When so much was said about Sandeshkhali, I was the only one who demanded proof. Although I was then trolled for being anti-women, today my words have proven true," she said.

REVISION OF ENTRY FEE OF VEHICLE INSIDE THE CAB ROAD AT HOWRAH RAILWAY STATION

CORRIGENDUM

In reference to the above captioned advertisement published earlier regarding revision of entry fee of vehicles inside the Cab Road (Old & New Complex) at Howrah Railway Station w.e.f. 11.06.2024, the following corrigendum has been made in revised tariff in both old and new Complex of Howrah Station (for 2 hours only) (including 18% GST) : ● Half-Yearly Permit for 04-Wheeler : ₹ 17,700/-; ● Yearly Permit for vehicles : Concessional Rate @25% of Vehicles of Ramkrishna Mission, Bharat Sevashrama, Gaudiya Mission, Sister of Charity, Newspapers/Catering & Vending Suppliers, Missionaries of Charity : ₹ 8,850/-; ● Half-Yearly Permit for Vehicles: Concessional Rate @25% of Vehicles of Ramkrishna Mission, Bharat Sevashrama, Gaudiya Mission, Sister of Charity, Newspapers/Catering & Vending Suppliers, Missionaries of Charity : ₹ 4,425/-

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The applicant is required to ensure submission of online application as per the procedure indicated in the detailed advertisement, available on NHA1 website (www.nhai.gov.in), by 26.07.2024 (upto 6:00 PM).

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INFORMATION WANTED

This is the photograph of **Beehul Passi**, Son of **Lt. Mithalal Passi**, Spouse's Name: **Nirmala Devi** of Bandal 2 No Pole, PS-Maheshwala, who has been missing since 09.05.2024 from Residence, Maheshwala, Diamond Harbour Police District, W.B., Description of this missing person is : Age-49 years, Complexion-Sallow, Height-183 cms., Wearing-Yellow Shirt, Black Pant, Language-Hindi. Please inform whereabouts of the missing person, to the Spl. Supdt. of Police, C.I.D. (W.B.), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

ICA-D1037(3)/2024

INFORMATION WANTED

This is the photograph of **Pallabi Das**, Daughter of **Sumon Das**, of Pipli Natunpara, PO-Jagdispur, 711405, who has been missing since 03.05.2024 from Residence, Dumjuri, Howrah Commissionerate, W.B., Description of this missing person is : Age-16 years, Complexion-Fair, Height-153 cms., Wearing-Not Known, Language-Bengali. Please inform whereabouts of the missing person, to the Spl. Supdt. of Police, C.I.D. (W.B.), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

ICA-D1041(3)/2024

Army rolls out phase-II of Agniveer job scheme

New Delhi: Army has announced phase II of Agniveer recruitment process. "This phase marks a significant milestone in the Army's efforts to transform its requirements procedures and ensure a seamless and efficient selection process for aspiring candidates. It is free, fair, and transparent so all candidates are advised not to approach any type of tout," PRO defence, Guwahati said, reports ANI.

Agniveer recruitment scheme was rolled out in June 2022 for short-term induction of personnel with the aim of bringing down the age profile of the three services. Under the scheme, recruitment of youths between the age

bracket of 17-and-half years and 21 for four years is done with a provision to retain 25% of them for 15 more years. The recruitment process involves two phases, the first being an online written examination and the second being the recruitment rally.

Recently, a group of secretaries from 10 key ministries were tasked to review the scheme. They were asked to suggest ways to make the armed forces recruitment programme more attractive. The scheme became a key election issue with opposition parties vowing to revoke it, if voted to power. The panel is expected to give a final presentation to PM Narendra Modi. TNN & AGENCIES

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CORRIGENDUM

No. AUD/07/Acad./2024 Dated: 18.06.2024
Refer university advertisement No. AUD/07/Acad./2024 dated 14.03.2024 regarding recruitment of various teaching positions on regular basis. The last date for submitting online application was extended vide notification dated 05.04.2024, 30.04.2024, 08.05.2024 and 27.05.2024. In continuation of these extensions, the corrigendum dated 07.06.2024 regarding reservation for persons with disabilities and corrigendum dated 13.06.2024 regarding essential qualification and experience for the post of Assistant Professor in Liberal Discipline and Pedagogy - Hindi Communicative Skill (OBC - 01) had been issued. Accordingly, date of submission of online application for various teaching posts is extended till 28.06.2024 (up to 23:59 hrs) and for receiving hard copy of application form is extended till 01.07.2024 (up to 17:30 hrs). Regarding qualifications and other details, please visit University website <https://aud.delhi.gov.in/recruitment-various-teaching-posts-aud07acad2024>

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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.

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INFORMATION WANTED

This is the photograph of **Rekha Devi**, Daughter of **Channu Paswan**, of Vill-Lakhanpatti, PO-Kashore, PS-Warish Nagar, Dist.-Samastipur, who has been missing since 05.06.2024 Under Sonarpur PS, Sonarpur, Barulpur, W.B., Description of this missing person is : Age-26 years, Complexion-Fair, Height-138 cms., Wearing-Green T-Shirt, Salwar Suit and Green Pajama, Language-Bengali, Identification Mark/Nature-Black Mole upon the Right side of Lip and Mentally Disbalance. Please inform whereabouts of the missing person, to the Spl. Supdt. of Police, C.I.D. (W.B.), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

ICA-D1038(3)/2024

INFORMATION WANTED

This is the photograph of **Sajal Chandra Deb Nath @ Rahul**, Son of **Haripada Deb Nath**, Spouse's Name: **Pinki Koley** of Taranipur, PO-Taranipur, 743290, who has been missing since 02.06.2024 from Taranipur, Gopalnagar, Bongaon Police District, W.B., Description of this missing person is : Age-36 years, Complexion-Fair, Height-171 cms., Wearing-Blue Shirt, Brown Colour Pant, Language-Bengali. Please inform whereabouts of the missing person, to the Spl. Supdt. of Police, C.I.D. (W.B.), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

ICA-D1036(3)/2024

Drunk official mows down 3 in U'khand

Dehradun: A 36-year-old woman and her two nieces, aged 7 and 10, were killed after they were hit by a car driven by an additional block development officer of Jakhnidhar in Tehri Garhwal district, while the three were on an evening stroll near the municipal council office on Monday evening. According to police, the victims were identified as Reena Negi and her nieces, Agrima, 10 and Anvita, 7. Negi's daughter, Aradhya, who was also present at the time of the incident, is currently undergoing treatment for critical injuries. The accused, Devi Prasad Chamoli, was arrested shortly after the incident. ANI

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Advt. No. AIIMS/NGP/Admin I/Faculty/2024/02/01 Dated: 26/06/2024

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Note: 1. The format of application and details of the age limit, essential qualification and experience, pay scales, etc. and the pre-payment link for application fee are available at <https://aiimsnagpur.edu.in>. The aspiring applicants satisfying the eligibility criteria in all respect must submit their application through the Google link by 22-07-2024 and by Speed/Registered post to the address - The Executive Director, AIIMS Nagpur, Administrative Block, Plot No. 2, Sector - 20, MIHAN, Nagpur, Maharashtra, Pin-441108 by 29-07-2024.

Executive Director,
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Kangsabati North Division, Purulia
Abridged Tender Notice No. WBFBCCR/DFOKND/NIT-21/2024-25
 Head, Kangsabati North DMU, Purulia invites e-tender for Bonafide Contractors for setting up of a "FAIR PRICE DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE (DR & LAB)" vide NIT No: DCH/2566 Dated 20/06/2024. Details of the project are available at the website www.wbtenders.gov.in on 27.06.2024. Sd/- Principal, Dr. R. Ahmed Dental College & Hospital, Kolkata. ICA-19690(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
 e-TENDER NOTICE
 NIT No. DCH/2566 Dated 20/06/2024. Tenders are invited by the Principal, Dr. R. Ahmed Dental College & Hospital, Kolkata, from reputed firms for setting up of a "FAIR PRICE DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE (DR & LAB)" vide NIT No: DCH/2566 Dated 20/06/2024. Details of the project are available at the website www.wbtenders.gov.in on 27.06.2024. Sd/- Principal, Dr. R. Ahmed Dental College & Hospital, Kolkata. ICA-19690(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
 Buxa Tiger Reserve West Alipurduar Court PIN-736122
 e-Tender Notices
 No. 02/BTRW/SP/2024-25
 Bonafide contractors eligible for participating are requested to visit the website www.wbtenders.gov.in from 26.06.2024 regarding e-Tender Notices No. 02/BTRW/SP/2024-25. For details of the work, visit the website www.wbtenders.gov.in. Last date: 10.07.2024. Sd/- Deputy Field Director, Buxa Tiger Reserve (West). ICA-19702(2)/2024

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVATHANAMS TIRUPATI
e-AUCTION NOTIFICATION TENDER
 e-Auction for Sale of Press Jelly, Office Sweeping / records etc.. (As-it-is where-it-is condition) in TTD Press. For Tender Notice & Details, Please see the Auction ID: 23595. Rcc.No.P2/36/Press/2014. Please log on the website <http://www.tirumala.org> and <https://konugolu.ap.gov.in>. For further details contact: 0877-2264292. TTD-0021(01)/2024-PRO SEC (Adv. No. 45). Date : 25.06.2024 Sd/- Executive Officer

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
 (A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
 Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
 Sagardighi Thermal Power Project
 P.O. Monigram, P.S. Sagardighi, Dist. - Murshidabad, Pin - 742237
Notice Inviting E-Tender
 Ref. No.: WBPDDL/Tend-Adv/24-25/SGTP/CC-1932 Date: 20.06.2024
NIT No.: WBPDDL/SGTP/NIT/E2977/24-25
 E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbtenders.gov.in> by the General Manager SGTP, WBPDDL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 3 (three) Part bid system for the job "Procurement of HP Printer Cartridges for Sagardighi Thermal Power Project, WBPDDL". Tender Document Download Start Date: 21.06.2024 at 03:00 PM. Bid Submission End Date: 05.07.2024 at 03:00 PM. Contact Person: Mr. Arun Mandal, Senior Manager (Purchase). Mobile: 8336903813. E-mail: amondal@wbpddl.co.in For details please visit: <https://wbtenders.gov.in> ICA-19708(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
 KMDA TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT No. 01/SE/CP/W&S/KMDA of 2024-25 (2nd Call)
 Online two part rate/amount quoted e-tender is invited by the Executive Engineer (E/M-II, E/M Sector, KMDA, 6th Floor, Unnayan Bhavan, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091, from eligible and experienced firms/manufacturers having valid ISO 9001 and 14001 Certificates or their authorized agencies/representatives, for the work, Name of the Work, Estimated Amount, Earnest Money, Time of Completion, Revamping and refurbishment of some electromechanical systems at Dakghar 5 MG UGR cum Booster Pumping Station under Mahabatala Municipality. Rate/amount to be quoted by the bidder, @2% of the amount quoted by the respective bidder (balanced amount, if any, to determine @02% of contract/accepted amount) is to be deposited by the concerned bidder before issuing of tender, 12 calendar months, Last date & time of Online Bid submission: 13.07.2024 upto 15:00 hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites. (KMDA-74) www.kmda.wb.gov.in ICA-19695(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
 e-TENDER NOTICE
 E-tender is invited by the Commissioner of Police Kolkata for Supply of different types of Items for the use of Dog Squad, Kolkata Police for the financial year 2024-25. The last date for submission of the bid is 05/07/2024 up to 15.00 hours. The NIT Document and other details will be available in the website: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Commissioner of Police, Kolkata. ICA-19694(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
 ABRIDGED e-TENDER NOTICE
Abridge e-Tender Notice No. DFOBKNE/1/JICA OF 2024-25. e-Tenders are invited from Agencies / Contractors for upgrading of Central Nursery. Start date of bid submission details is 14-07-2024 at 05.00PM & Technical bid opening date is 15-07-2024 at 11.00AM. For details of the work visit <https://wbtenders.gov.in>. This advertisement is also given in www.westbengalforest.gov.in Sd/- Umar Imam, IFS Divisional Forest Officer Bankura (North) Division. ICA-19666(3)/2024

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 Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
 Sagardighi Thermal Power Project
 P.O. Monigram, P.S. Sagardighi, Dist. - Murshidabad, Pin - 742237
Notice Inviting E-Tender
 Ref. No.: WBPDDL/Tend-Adv/24-25/SGTP/CC-1928 Date: 20.06.2024
NIT No.: WBPDDL/SGTP/NIT/E2864/23-24 Dated: 12.03.2024
 E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbtenders.gov.in> by the General Manager SGTP, WBPDDL from eligible Agencies/Companies in three (03) Part bid system for the job "Contract for Running Factory Canteen at SGTP for Two(02) Years". Tender Document Download Start Date: 20.06.2024 at 10.00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 15.07.2024 up to 15:00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. Alanu Chowdhury, Deputy General Manager (Contract Cell). Mobile: 8336903740. E-mail: achowdhury@wbpddl.co.in For details please visit: <https://wbtenders.gov.in> ICA-19710(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
 KMDA TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT No. 01/SE/CP/W&S/KMDA of 2024-25 (2nd Call)
 E-Tender is invited by the Superintending Engineer, East Circle, W&S Sector, KMDA, Block-C, 2nd floor, Unnayan Bhavan, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091, from eligible and resourceful contractors, for the work, Sl. No., Name of Work, Estimated Amount, Earnest Money, Time of Completion, (1) Design, drawing & construction of administrative Building with sanitary arrangement inside the premises of existing WTP at Bhatnagar, construction of 06 nos. of Guard room with concrete floor, the project is existing OHR sites within Bhatnagar Municipal area connection to the project. (2) Augmentation & strengthening of Urban Water Supply Scheme of Bhatnagar Municipality under AMRUT-2.0". Rs.1,25,50,396/-, Rs.2,51,01,0/-, 10 months. (2) Supplying and laying of different dia. D.I (K9) pipe & 600 mm Dia SWMS Pipe for Clear Water rising main network including temporary road restoration in connection to the project - as per S.M. No. 1. Rs.4,74,09,179/-, Rs.9,48,185/-, 06 months. (3) Supplying and laying of different dia. HDPE, PVC - O & DI-K7 pipe for distribution network including temporary road restoration in connection to the project - same as sl. no.1. Rs.2,74,91,563/-, Rs.5,49,831/-, 06 months. (4) Rejuvenation work of existing Intake Jetty and repairing work of ancillary building in connection to the project - same as sl. no.1. Rs.87,33,000/-, Rs.1,74,661/-, 06 months. Last date & time of Online Bid submission: 14.07.2024 upto 18.30 hrs. (for Sl. No. 1-2 & 3) & 08.07.2024 upto 18.30 hrs. (for Sl. No. 4 & 5). For details contact the above office or visit both websites. www.kmda.wb.gov.in www.wbtenders.gov.in (KMDA-78) ICA-19699(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
 KMDA TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT No. 02/SE/CP/W&S/KMDA of 2024-25 (2nd Call)
 E-tender is invited by the Superintending Engineer, Planning Circle, W&S Sector, KMDA, 1st floor, Block-C, Unnayan Bhavan, Sector-II, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091, from eligible reliable, resourceful, bonafide and experienced Firms / Companies / Individual contractors, for the work, Sl. No., Name of Work, Estimated Amount, Earnest Money, Time of Completion, (1) Supplying and Laying Distribution network (DI-K7 & HDPE) with all other allied works including temporary road restoration work at Zone-11, 13 of Kalyani Municipality in connection with work of Augmentation & strengthening of Urban Water Supply Scheme of Kalyani Municipality under AMRUT 2.0. Rs.2,48,95,366/-, Rs.4,97,910/-, 2.0. (2) Rejuvenation and strengthening Work for (Right) nos. Over Head Reservoir at Kalyani Municipality area under AMRUT 2.0. Rs.68,66,739/-, Rs.1,37,335/-, (3) Construction of Common Sludge Sump (Internal Dia 7.25 Mtr.), Water channel with Pipe laying works and Pumping Arrangements at Kalyani WTP under AMRUT 2.0. Rs.1,03,18,458/-, Rs.2,06,370/-, Time of Completion: 18 months for each sl. no. Last date & time of Online Bid submission: 18.07.2024 at 18:45 Hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites. (KMDA-76) www.kmda.wb.gov.in ICA-19697(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
 e-TENDER NOTICE
 e-Tenders are invited by Commissioner of Police, Kolkata from Bonafide Dealers / OEM/Traders having experience in Supply, Installation & Maintenance of 22 nos. CCTV Cameras to be installed around West Bengal Legislative Assembly. Last date of submission of tender is on 12.07.24 up to 3 PM. The NIT Document and other details are available in the website <https://www.wbtenders.gov.in>. ICA-19703(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
 PWD TENDER NOTICE
 Executive Engineer, PWD, Kolkata Electrical Division, invites-tender for the work of "Installation of Ceiling Suspended Ductable Air-condition at the first floor of the South Annex Building for Public Relation & Members' Pension Section and various committee sections and Officers' Mess, Assembly House, Kolkata. Phase - I: Air Condition Works." Vide e-tender no. WBPWD/EE-KED/E-NIG-35Q4th/23-24. Tender id: 2024_WBPWD_697603_1 Bid submission end date is 12.07.2024 upto 12.00 PM. Details of tender documents incl. Corrigendum, if any will be available in the website: <http://wbtenders.gov.in> ICA-19712(3)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
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 Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
 Sagardighi Thermal Power Project
 P.O. Mecheda, Dist. Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721137
Notice Inviting E-Tender
 Ref. No.: WBPDDL/Tend-Adv/24-25/KTPS/CC-1902 Date: 19.06.2024
NIT No.: WBPDDL/KTPS/NIT/E2993/24-25
 E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbtenders.gov.in> by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDDL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 part bid system for "Supply of LED Luminaires for CHPEM, CHMHP, CHMHP, CHMHP, CHMHP at Kalgahat Thermal Power Station". Tender Document Download Start Date: 27.06.2024 at 10:30 hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 26.07.2024 at 15:00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. S.Das, DGM (Purchase). Mobile: 8336904051. E-mail: sadas01@wbpddl.co.in For details please visit: <https://wbtenders.gov.in> ICA-19705(3)/2024

KARNATAKA STATE MEDICAL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED
 No.1, Dr. Siddaiah Puranik Road, KHB Colony, Magadi Road, Bengaluru - 560079, Phone: +91-80-29619801 Email: md.ksmc@gmail.com
 No: KSMSC/DRUGS/TND/NCDC/STROKE & STEMI MANAGEMENT/05/2024-25 Dated: 24.06.2024
TENDER NOTIFICATION
 Ref: 1. Tender Notification No: KSMSC/DRUGS/TND/NCDC/STROKE & STEMI MANAGEMENT/ 05/2024-25 Dated: 24.06.2024 (IND-0119).
 Nationwide Tender is invited through e-Tendering system under KTPA Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tender:
 1. Tender for the supply of Inj. Alteplase and Inj. Tenecteplase under STROKE & STEMI Project 2024-25 (IND-0119).
 Details regarding EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> from 24.06.2024. The eligible tenders shall submit their e-tenders under e-procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office.
 Sd/- Managing Director, KSMSC, Bengaluru.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
 KMDA TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT No. 02/SE/CP/W&S/KMDA of 2024-25 (2nd Call)
 E-tender is invited by the Superintending Engineer, Planning Circle, W&S Sector, KMDA, 1st floor, Block-C, Unnayan Bhavan, Sector-II, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091, from eligible reliable, resourceful, bonafide and experienced Firms / Companies / Individual contractors, for the work, Sl. No., Name of Work, Estimated Amount, Earnest Money, Time of Completion, (1) Supplying and Laying Distribution network (DI-K7 & HDPE) with all other allied works including temporary road restoration work at Zone-11, 13 of Kalyani Municipality in connection with work of Augmentation & strengthening of Urban Water Supply Scheme of Kalyani Municipality under AMRUT 2.0. Rs.2,48,95,366/-, Rs.4,97,910/-, 2.0. (2) Rejuvenation and strengthening Work for (Right) nos. Over Head Reservoir at Kalyani Municipality area under AMRUT 2.0. Rs.68,66,739/-, Rs.1,37,335/-, (3) Construction of Common Sludge Sump (Internal Dia 7.25 Mtr.), Water channel with Pipe laying works and Pumping Arrangements at Kalyani WTP under AMRUT 2.0. Rs.1,03,18,458/-, Rs.2,06,370/-, Time of Completion: 18 months for each sl. no. Last date & time of Online Bid submission: 18.07.2024 at 18:45 Hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites. (KMDA-76) www.kmda.wb.gov.in ICA-19697(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
 ABRIDGED NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NIT No. WBIW/EE/MNCD/NIT-01(e)/2024-25
 The Executive Engineer, Mayurakshi North Canals Division, Rampurhat, Birbhum, I&W Dte. on behalf of Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal invites online tender from eligible bonafide outside contractor having requisite credential for 73 (seventy three) numbers of works under jurisdiction of Mayurakshi North Canals Division. Last date and time of submission of application- 05.07.2024 upto 13.00 hours. The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.wbiw.gov.in & <https://wbtenders.gov.in>. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Mayurakshi North Canals Division, Rampurhat, Birbhum. ICA-19669(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
 PWD TENDER NOTICE
 AE, Kalimpong Sub-Division-II, PWD invites online tender for the work of "ROAD SIDE DRAIN CLEARANCE, LAND SLIDE CLEARANCE WITH JUNGLE CUTTING OF 12th MILE TO NIMBONG FATAK ROAD FROM 2.10KMP TO 5.00KMP UNDER KALIMPONG DIVISION IN THE DISTRICT OF KALIMPONG UNDER KALIMPONG DIVISION P.W.D." Estimate Amount: Rs.2,46,482.00 NIT No. 06 of 2024-25 (Sl No 1) Tender id: 2024_WBPWD_697553_1. Bid submission start date (online): 21.06.2024 from 04.00 p.m. Bid submission Closing date (online) 29.06.2024 upto 04.00 p.m. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T and Tender document may be downloaded from: <http://wbtenders.gov.in> Sd/- AE, PWD Kalimpong Sub-Division-II. ICA-19721(2)/2024

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 Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
 Sagardighi Thermal Power Project
 P.O. Monigram, P.S. Sagardighi, Dist. - Murshidabad, Pin - 742237
Notice Inviting E-Tender
 Ref. No.: WBPDDL/Tend-Adv/24-25/SGTP/CC-1926 Date: 20.06.2024
NIT No.: WBPDDL/SGTP/NIT/E2990/24-25 Dated: 13.06.2024
 E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbtenders.gov.in> by the General Manager SGTP, WBPDDL from eligible Agencies/Companies in three (03) Part bid system for "Miscellaneous Work of Ash Slurry Line & Dry Ash Conveying Line as and when required basis at AHP Stage 1, SGTP". Tender Document Download Start Date: 27.06.2024 at 10:00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 19.07.2024 upto 10:00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. Bidesh Biswas, SM(OC). Mobile: 8336904003. E-mail: bbiswas01@wbpddl.co.in For details please visit: <https://wbtenders.gov.in> ICA-19711(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
 TENDER NOTICE
 E-tenders have been invited by the concerned TIAs of different districts under the Directorate of Fisheries, West Bengal for the following works:

Sl No	District/Establishment	Tender Reference No./NIT No.	Bid Submission Start and End Date	Name of the Work / Scheme
1.	Purba Medinipur	WBDOF/ADP/PURMED/NIT-02/24-25	27.06.2024 & 13.07.2024	Construction of concrete road from shop of Subhramanyu (Saksharee hut goral) to Terin Bera at Uttar Chakrabarti, moza-Haraskandi, old No. 18, Chakrabarti, P.O. No. 1, Wikipur, P.S. Temuk Panchayat, Samity, Purba Medinipur.
		WBDOF/ADP/COOCHBHAR/NIT-14/2023-24(2) Call	01.07.2024 & 08.07.2024	Construction of concrete Trestle at Nahaikhan-2 Chandra Beef Fisherman Colony under Bhatnagar-II in the village of Tullaganj, Dist. Block, Coochbehar.
		WBDOF/ADP/COOCHBHAR/NIT-15/2023-24(2) Call	01.07.2024 & 08.07.2024	Construction of Back Stop road from Anil Barman House to Santal Barman House under Bhatnagar-II in the village of Dev, Block, Coochbehar.
2.	Coochbehar	WBDOF/ADP/COOCHBHAR/NIT-16/2023-24(2) Call	01.07.2024 & 08.07.2024	Construction of Back Stop road from Chandra Das house under Bhatnagar-II in the village of Debra, Dist. Block, Coochbehar.
		WBDOF/ADP/COOCHBHAR/NIT-17/2023-24(2) Call	01.07.2024 & 08.07.2024	Construction of USB Road from house of Nagan Mishra to house of Debra Das via via centre Fisherman colony under Bhatnagar-II in the village of Debra, Dist. Block, Coochbehar.
		WBDOF/ADP/COOCHBHAR/NIT-18/2023-24(2) Call	01.07.2024 & 08.07.2024	Construction of concrete Block at water inlet in Nataraj up and connection of fisheries within Melkiganj, Dist. Block, Coochbehar.

 Other details may also be seen at <https://wbtenders.gov.in> Sd/- Director of Fisheries, West Bengal ICA-19673(3)/2024

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE FOR MISC. WORKS
 Srl. No. (1) E-Tender No. DRM-ENG-G-BSP-T-50-24-25, Date: 12/06/2024. Work: Execution of Civil Zonal works from Darritola (In) to Ambikapur (In) for the period ending 30.06.2025 under the jurisdiction of Assistant Divisional Engineer/Manendragar. Tender value (In Rs.): 1,40,71,476.10/- EMD (In Rs.): 2,20,400/- Completion Period: Upto 30.06.2025
 Srl. No. (2) E-Tender No. DRM-ENG-G-BSP-T-51-24-25, Date: 12/06/2024. Work: Execution of Civil Zonal works from Anuppur (Ex) to Borand (Ex) for the period ending 30.06.2025 under the jurisdiction of Assistant Divisional Engineer/Manendragar. Tender value (In Rs.): 1,00,85,919.43/- EMD (In Rs.): 2,00,400/- Completion Period: Upto 30.06.2025
 Srl. No. (3) E-Tender No. DRM-ENG-G-BSP-T-52-24-25, Date: 12/06/2024. Work: Execution of Civil Zonal works from Borand (In) to Darritola (Ex) & Borand (In) to Chirimiri (In) for the period ending 30.06.2025 under the jurisdiction of Assistant Divisional Engineer/Manendragar. Tender value (In Rs.): 1,50,40,057.23/- EMD (In Rs.): 2,25,200/- Completion Period: Upto 30.06.2025
 Srl. No. (4) E-Tender No. DRM-ENG-G-BSP-T-53-24-25, Date: 12/06/2024. Work: Execution of Civil Zonal works from Birsingpur (In) to Umria (Ex) for the period ending 30.06.2025 under the jurisdiction of Assistant Divisional Engineer/Manendragar. Tender value (In Rs.): 91,04,256.18/- EMD (In Rs.): 1,82,100/- Completion Period: Upto 30.06.2025
 Srl. No. (5) E-Tender No. DRM-ENG-G-BSP-T-54-24-25, Date: 12/06/2024. Work: Execution of Civil Zonal works between Umria (In) to Katni for SECR assets at KTE and KMZ for the period ending 30.06.2025 under the jurisdiction of Assistant Divisional Engineer/Umria. Tender value (In Rs.): 90,77,772.17/- EMD (In Rs.): 1,81,400/- Completion Period: Upto 30.06.2025
 Srl. No. (6) E-Tender No. DRM-ENG-G-BSP-T-55-24-25, Date: 12/06/2024. Work: Execution of Civil Zonal works between Anuppur (In) to Burhar (In) for the period ending 30.06.2025 under the jurisdiction of Assistant Divisional Engineer/Shahdol Tender value (In Rs.): 1,02,88,761.94/- EMD (In Rs.): 2,01,500/- Completion Period: Upto 30.06.2025
 Srl. No. (7) E-Tender No. DRM-ENG-G-BSP-T-56-24-25, Date: 12/06/2024. Work: Execution of Civil Zonal works between Burhar (Ex) to Birsingpur (Ex) for the period ending 30.06.2025 under the jurisdiction of Assistant Divisional Engineer/Shahdol Tender value (In Rs.): 1,10,65,594.86/- EMD (In Rs.): 2,05,300/- Completion Period: Upto 30.06.2025
 Srl. No. (8) E-Tender No. DRM-ENG-G-BSP-T-57-24-25, Date: 12/06/2024. Work: Execution of Zonal works for Road repairs for the period ending 30.06.2025 under the jurisdiction of Sr Divisional Engineer/North of Bilaspur division Tender value (In Rs.): 75,000,000/- EMD (In Rs.): 1,50,000/- Completion Period: upto 30.06.2025
 Note: For above mentioned all works Start date of Submission of Tender: on 21-06-2024 Last date of Submission of Tender: Upto 11:00 hrs. on 05-07-2024
 The complete information of above e-Tender Notices is available over websites <https://www.reps.gov.in>. Bids other than e-bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders.
 Div. Railway Manager (Engg.), CPRI/09 South S.E.C. Railway, Birsingpur

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
 Office of the Manager
 Home for Lunatic Vagrants, Mahalandi Colony, P.O. Hazarpur-Nabagram, Dist-Murshidabad, PIN-736136
 Email ID: hlvmahalandi@gmail.com
e-TENDER NOTICE
 The following E-Tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide contractors/agencies for the Home for Lunatic Vagrants, Mahalandi Colony, P.O. Hazarpur-Nabagram, Dist. Murshidabad:- 1) NIT No. 01/2024/25/HLV dated 19.06.2024, 2) NIT No. 02/2024/25/HLV dated 19.06.2024, 3) NIT No. 03/2024/25/HLV dated 19.06.2024. The details of e-NIT will be available in the website wbtenders.gov.in and www.mahalandi.gov.in on and from 27.06.2024, 6 p.m. onwards. Sd/- Manager, Home for Lunatic Vagrants, Mahalandi, Murshidabad. ICA-19676(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
 PWD TENDER NOTICE
 AE, Kalimpong Sub-Division-II, PWD invites online tender for the work of "ROAD SIDE DRAIN CLEARANCE, LAND SLIDE CLEARANCE WITH JUNGLE CUTTING OF 12th MILE TO NIMBONG FATAK ROAD FROM 0.00KMP TO 2.50KMP, 4.00KMP TO 6.00KMP AND 7.50KMP TO 9.20KMP IN THE DISTRICT OF KALIMPONG UNDER KALIMPONG DIVISION P.W.D." Estimate Amount: Rs.2,21,081.00 NIT No. 04 of 2024-25 (Sl No 1) Tender id: 2024_WBPWD_697556_1. Bid submission start date (online): 21.06.2024 from 04.00 p.m. Bid submission Closing date (online) 29.06.2024 upto 04.00 p.m. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T and Tender document may be downloaded from: <http://wbtenders.gov.in> Sd/- AE, PWD Kalimpong Sub-Division-II. ICA-19722(2)/2024

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
 (A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
 Regd. Office: Vidut Bhavan, Block-DI, Sector-II, Bidhanagar, Kolkata-700091
 CN: U40109WB2005GSC13473, www.wbsecl.in
WBSECL invites E-tenders as follows:
 (1) NIT No.: BNDI/E-Tender/2024-2025/464 Date: 19.06.2024 of the Divisional Manager, Bidhanagar-II Division, WBSECL. Estimated Cost: ₹ 54,68,299.95 for the work of Shifting of UG Power Cable of Bidhanagar-I Division, Bidhanagar-II Division & Newtown Division to facilitate construction of Technopole Metro Station of RVL near Newtown-Mahishbathan Box Bridge Signal under Bidhanagar-I Division.
 (2) NIT No.: WBSECL/BNDI/OM/E-TENDER/24-25/04 Date: 20.06.2024 of the Divisional Manager, Bidhanagar-II Division, WBSECL. Estimated Cost: ₹ 6,94,447/- for the work of 'Supply & delivery of 550 nos. LT DIST BOX 3PH CON. WH ST. STRAP & BUCKLE-ABC, Make-Macedon'. ICA-19687(01)/2024
 For details, visit <https://wbtenders.gov.in> & www.wbsecl.in

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
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After pro tem Speaker row, Cong's Suresh to take on NDA nominee Birla

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New Delhi: K Suresh, a Dalit नेता of Congress and the most senior MP in Lok Sabha, filed his nomination for the Speaker's post, forcing an election to the top chair after the opposition protested the govt's refusal to concede the deputy Speaker's post to the opposition.

Suresh will now cross swords with Om Birla, who is the NDA nominee for the post, with the election scheduled for Wednesday. The opposition had announced it was ready for a consensus on Speaker if the govt respected parliamentary conventions and gave the deputy's chair to the rival camp. Suresh has been the focus of a controversy in recent days, after the govt "overlooked" him for the pro tem Speaker's post and appointed BJP MP Bhartruhari Mahabadi instead. INDIA bloc allies met at Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge's residence for an hour late Tuesday, where parties emphasised the need to convey a strong message to govt. While the opposition has fielded a candidate as a "mark of protest", it may seek a division of votes only if TMC, which has alleged non-consultation on the issue, assures support on Wednesday morning.

Govt interlocutor and defence minister Rajnath Singh spoke to Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge late on Monday night to seek support, but refused to assure him on the deputy's post.

Congress said the govt offer that "support us for Speaker now and we will discuss deputy Speaker later" was not acceptable in view of "Modi's track record".

Reminding Modi of his public call for "governance through consensus" at the start of the Parliament session on Monday, an agitated Rahul Gandhi lashed out at him to signal that the opposition was not ready to compromise without adequate compensation.



Congress MP K Suresh at the Parliament House complex in New Delhi on Tuesday

"PM Modi's words have no credibility because his intent is not clear. He speaks of constructive cooperation but undermines parliamentary conventions. But this formula will not work. He will have to change this attitude. We will force him to change," Rahul said on the stairs of the Parliament building on Tuesday morning.

At odds with Kerala brass, aligned with 'high command'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Thiruvananthapuram: Kodikunil Suresh, an eight-time Congress MP from Kerala, has always been at odds with the party's state brass. Yet, his strategic alignment with the "high command" has consistently allowed him to get his way.

Now, contesting as the opposition INDIA bloc's candidate for Lok Sabha Speaker could well be the high point of his long political career.

Born in 1962, the youngest son of Kunjan and Thankamma, he began his political career in 1975 as unit president of Congress-affiliated Kerala Students Union at Lekshmi Vilasam High School in Pothencode. He later attended Mar Ivanios College and obtained an LLB degree from Government Law College in Thiruvananthapuram. In 1987, Suresh became the state general secretary of KSU. That year, Congress stalwart K Karunakaran selected Suresh to contest Adoor LS constituency.

He won his first parliamentary election in 1989 and has been a member of LS since, winning eight out of ten contests — facing defeats in 1998 and 2004. He is the senior-most Congress member in LS and working president of Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee. In 2009, Kerala high court annulled his election over allegations of using a fake certificate to claim reserved community status. However, Supreme Court later ruled in his favour, affirming his membership in the Puttala community.

Rahul dials Didi over Speaker poll after meet with Abhishek

Mohua Chatterjee & Dwaipayan Ghosh | TNN



Trinamool Congress MP Abhishek Banerjee takes oath as a member of the 18th Lok Sabha, in Parliament on Monday

New Delhi/Kolkata: Congress MP Rahul Gandhi dialled CM Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday afternoon, seeking support for his speaker candidate K Suresh. They spoke for over 20 minutes.

Trinamool is likely to convey its final decision by Wednesday morning, confirmed party seniors.

The talks between Rahul and Mamata led to the INDIA bloc calling a meeting at 8pm where all its major constituents, including TMC, were present. TMC seniors said while the party was not averse to supporting Suresh, its concerns needed to be addressed. Sources said they had hoped that this strategising could have been done earlier given that Congress was aware of the Speaker election slated for June 26.

"It is not the candidate over whom we have an issue. It is rather the process of going about it," claimed a TMC senior, saying that all major non-Congress constituents of the alliance feel that the INDIA bloc must keep its numbers intact in the speaker election to gain a psychological edge over the NDA.

On Tuesday morning, it started with TMC general secretary Abhishek Banerjee not hiding his disappointment at not being consulted on Suresh's candidature. "We were not contacted there was no discussion. Unfortunately, this is a unilateral decision," Abhishek said. The ice started melting

later when Rahul met Abhishek and the two spoke inside Parliament while sitting side by side in the front row of Lok Sabha. When Rahul came out of the House, he was asked by the media if he could reach an agreement with Abhishek over the issue. He said: "Jai Samvidhan (hail Constitution)."

This was followed by Rahul's call to CM Banerjee. Congress said the decision that Suresh would be pitted against Om Birla was a "last-minute decision" and that they had to take a call 10 minutes before the noon deadline and no consultation could be held.

The ice melted further after TMC attended the 8pm meeting at Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's residence. Trinamool was represented by Derek O'Brien, Rajya Sabha MP, and Kalyan Banerjee, chief whip in Lok Sabha.

BJP, which sharpened its attacks on the opposition for putting forward a "pre-condition" of nominating the deputy speaker from the opposition, criticised TMC and

other INDIA partners of not following the same in their respective states.

Meanwhile, TMC used Bengali identity as a 'weapon' even inside Parliament on Tuesday. Of the 26 Trinamool MPs who took oath, 21 did so in Bengali. Many even shouted the 'Joy Bangla' slogan. On Monday, CM Banerjee had given a stern message about protecting Bengal's 'identity'.

Mahua Moitra took her oath in Bengali. So did Abhishek. Pratima Mondal from Joynagar, Saayoni Ghosh from Jadavpur and Satabdi Roy from Birbhum chanted slogans in names of their respective constituencies after taking their oaths. Kalyan Banerjee recited the Chandri sloka in Sanskrit. Partha Bhowmick, who won from Barrackpore, caught attention with his attire — a white shirt with "Joy Bangla" written in bold blue letters near the chest pocket. Among TMC's elected MPs, apart from Shatrughan, Nurul Islam from Basirhat and Deepak Adhikari (Dev) from Ghatil did not take their oaths.

Cong still driven by mindset that imposed Emergency: PM

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New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi escalated his attack on Congress over the imposition of the Emergency by Indira Gandhi and said the opposition party was still driven by the same mindset that responded to dissent by suspending democracy 49 years ago.

In a series of posts on social media to mark the 49th anniversary of Indira Gandhi's momentous decision, Modi took a swipe at Congress's "save democracy" campaign and said, "Those who imposed 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."

The PM said, "They hide their disdain for the Constitution through their tokenism but the people of India have seen through their antics



BJP state units across the country observed 'black day' on Tuesday to mark the 49th anniversary of Emergency imposition on June 25, 1975

and that is why they have rejected their time and again."

He paid homage to all those "great men and women" who resisted Emergency, and said the "dark days" are a reminder of how Congress subverted basic freedoms and trampled over the Constitution. "Just to cling to power, the then Congress govt disregarded every democratic principle and made thenation into a jail," he said.

While BJP functionaries followed Modi in recalling the days of Emergency, the

party floated #DarkDaysOfEmergency on X, in what appeared to be an attempt to get their own back at Congress which used its allegation of Constitution being in danger under Modi to inflict damage on BJP.

Home minister Amit Shah said Congress crushed the spirit of Constitution several times for the sake of maintaining a certain family in power and Indira Gandhi unleashed "ruthless atrocities" on people during Emergency. Referring to Rahul Gandhi

as "yuvraj", he said the former had forgotten that his grandmother imposed Emergency and his father, Rajiv Gandhi, on July 23, 1985, tried to justify this horrific episode in the Lok Sabha with much pride.

He mentioned a speech by Rajiv Gandhi where the former PM had said, "If any prime minister of this country who feels that an Emergency is necessary, under these circumstances, and does not apply Emergency, he is not fit to be PM of this country."

Defence minister Rajnath Singh said if democracy was still alive in the country, the credit went to those people who struggled to restore democracy, went to jail and had to undergo physical and mental torture. "The coming generations of India will remember their struggle and their contribution in protecting democracy," he added.

BJP president J P Nadda reminded Congress of the "dark days of Emergency" as he slammed the opposition for fielding K Suresh in the election for Lok Sabha speaker.

Fearing public thrashing, Indira had planned to flee: Annamalai

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: BJP Tamil Nadu unit president K Annamalai said on Tuesday that former PM Indira Gandhi had decided to fly out of the country after the Emergency ended in 1977.

At a meeting at BJP office in Chennai, Annamalai said,

"After the end of Emergency, Indira Gandhi thought her family would be thrashed by the people of the country and so asked her son Rajiv to get a special flight ready for them in Mumbai to fly out of the country. But Morarji Desai, after assuming office in 1978, assured her that the people of the country will forgive her and there will be no threat to her life."

Annamalai said there was repression all around during the Emergency as over 1.14 lakh people were arrested in 21 months, from 1975 to 1977. TNCC president K Selvapuruthagali, responding to Annamalai's comments, said, "There were several benefits due to the Emergency, like the abolition of zamindari system (sic), and bonded labour system. They (BJP) will not talk about these benefits."

Constitution in hand, Rahul, Akhilesh & others make a point

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New Delhi: Rahul Gandhi took oath as MP from Rae Bareilly, followed by KL Sharma from Amethi, and Akhilesh Yadav from Kannauj, as the triumphant INDIA bloc in UP of Samajwadi and Congress cornered the focus on the day which rounded off the formality of swearing-in newly elected members to Lok Sabha.

As 43 members of UP, 40 from Tamil Nadu, 31 of Maharashtra, 8 from Telangana, and 10 from Punjab belonging to the opposition took oath, the waving of Constitution, in covers red, white and blue, as a mark of protest against the Modi govt, firmly held centre stage. Rahul held up the copy of



SP chief Akhilesh Yadav and Congress MP Rahul Gandhi greet each other inside Lok Sabha

the Constitution, took oath, and rounded it off with 'jai samvidhan'. Congress members broke into 'jodo jodo, bharat jodo', the chant of his two Bharat Jodo Yatras. SP chief Akhilesh Yadav was cheered to the podium with loud thumping of the desks, and Rahul Gandhi shook hands with him as did others by his side. Interestingly, when Amethi's K L Sharma walked up, Congress mem-

bers shouted 'ab batao', an exclamation underlining his victory over BJP stalwart Smriti Irani.

Akhilesh's wife Dimple Yadav too drew wild cheers, as did Kanimozhi of DMK and Supriya Sule of NCP (Pawar). The young Rajasthan MPs Sanjana Jataw and Rahul Kaswan (Congress) and Rajkumar Roat (Bharatiya Tribal Party), Chandrasekhar of Bhim Army, Iqra Chaudhary (SP), and Mahua Moitra (TMC) were other names that were watched for different political reasons.

Hema Malini cornered some limelight too, and representing Mathura, she chanted "radhe radhe". When Alfred S Arthur, Congress' Outer Manipur MP, was called for taking oath, Rahul Gandhi stood up to shake his hands.

Oppn must get dy speaker post, Pawar tells allies

Mumbai: NCP (SP) president Sharad Pawar on Tuesday said he advised INDIA bloc that

the Lok Sabha Speaker should be elected unopposed, but the opposition must get the deputy speaker's post which has been a parliamentary convention.

Traditionally, the Speaker's post went to the ruling party and the deputy Speaker's post to the opposition, but this did not happen in the last ten years of the Narendra Modi govt, the veteran leader told reporters here. "In Parliament, non-BJP leaders sought my opinion and I advised them to tell the govt that we agree to hold the Speaker's election unopposed. Simultaneously, the deputy Speaker's post must go to the Opposition," he added.

Modi remained incognito for entire duration of Emergency

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New Delhi: As a young RSS full-timer, Narendra Modi remained incognito for the entire Emergency phase, utilising it as an opportunity to work with leaders and organisations across the political spectrum which exposed him to diverse ideologies and viewpoints.

Like other satyagrahis, he adopted various disguises to evade detection.

"His disguises were so effective that even long-time acquaintances failed to recognise him. He dressed as a swamiji in saffron attire and even as a Sikh wearing a turban. On one occasion, he successfully deceived authorities in a jail to deliver an important document," the archives



IN DISGUISE: PM Modi seen in a turban during the Emergency

handles related to Modi on social media recalled.

After Emergency was lifted in 1977, Modi's activism and leadership during that tumultuous period started to gain recognition.

The same year, he was invited to Mumbai to participate in a discussion on the youth's resistance efforts during Emergency.

In recognition of his fighting spirit and organisational work, Modi was appointed the 'sambhag pracharak' (regional organiser) of south and central Gujarat.

Young RSS full-timer Modi was also entrusted with the important task of preparing official articles of the RSS during the Emergency.

In 1978, Modi authored his first book, 'Sangharsh Ma Gujarat', a memoir of his experiences as a leader in the underground movement against the Emergency in Gujarat. Remarkably, he completed the book in just 23 days.

Honour wishes of CWC on LOP post, Kharge urges Rahul

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New Delhi: The decision to name Rahul Gandhi as leader of opposition in Lok Sabha lifted the suspense on the issue that has been agitating minds in Congress since results of the 2024 elections were declared, and especially after Congress Working Committee on June 9 passed a resolution urging Rahul to take up the position.

In the meeting, Kharge had personally pushed the issue by telling Rahul that he was anyway playing the key role of mediation and coordi-

nation, and had gained the desired experience to take up the formal post. Besides, he urged Rahul to honour wishes of the party's apex body.

The appointment comes in the wake of Congress being in high spirits despite losing the third consecutive election to the Modi-led BJP, encouraged by the fact that it has revived in key regions of the country and performed admirably despite the adverse circumstances of extreme polarisation, funds crunch, pressure from agencies and sidelining in media under the BJP dispensation.

As the head of a rejuvenated opposition led by a strong Congress strength, the party believes Rahul can take on Modi with a focused targeting of govt on issues of governance. The Congress leader is credited with taking on BJP at a time when regional parties were cagey about its blowback. He also put "communalism" back on centre stage in the face of popular belief that it would repel Hindu voters — as headlined by his two countrywide yatras. His aggressive credentials have raised hopes in the party rank and file, and is also believed to have rubbed off on some allies.

Cong held both Speaker, deputy post in Nehru & Indira era: BJP

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New Delhi: BJP Tuesday came out with a long list of deputy speakers being nominated from the same party as that of the Speaker in Lok Sabha as well as state assemblies to disapprove of Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's claim that there was a convention of deputy Speaker's post being spared for the opposition.

"It is utterly shameful that Congress is imposing an election for the exalted position of Speaker which is above and beyond partisan politics," BJP spokesperson Shehzad Bonna

For Ram to Hindu Rashtra to Palestine, slogans create storm in teacup

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New Delhi: It was the day of religious invocations and storms in the teacup on the second day of MPs oath-taking in the Lok Sabha.

The repeated chants of Jai Shri Ram from BJP triggered much mirth as Samajwadi Party's showcasing of its MP representing Ayodhya (Faizabad constituency), a sore defeat for BJP, checked the enthusiasm in the governing camp.

Even as it dominated the proceedings through the day, All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen chief Asaduddin Owaisi's hailing of Palestine after the oath triggered belated protests from BJP, leading to a minor disturbance.

BJP's Chhatrapal Gangwar from Bareilly said "Jai Hindu Rashtra", which stoked protests from the opposition bench that called it

"against the Constitution". The oath by Owaisi, who also used an Islamic war cry was over and he was firmly ensconced in his seat with the proceedings smoothly underway, before Shobha Karandlaje questioned the invocation of Palestine by the Hyderabad veteran, in what was an afterthought.

She was joined by NDA colleague Shrikant Shinde and CM Ramesh which led to some commotion. Sitting in his place, Owaisi stood his ground. But the Chair, Radha Mohan Singh, clarified only the oath was going on record, urging members to not create any disturbance. Earlier, pro tem Speaker Bhartruhari Mahabadi had said chants and invocations should be avoided, but it was ignored by the members throughout.

Interestingly, when Owaisi's name was called and he was proceeding to the podium, BJP benches

WHO SAID WHAT

From Jai Shri Ram To Jai Samvidhan to Jai Palestine, slogans echo during 2nd day of oath-taking

► Congress member **Rahul Gandhi** and Samajwadi Party president **Akhilesh Yadav** took their oaths while holding copies of the Constitution. The Rae Bareilly MP concluded with 'Jai Hind, Jai Samvidhan'

► AIMIM's **Asaduddin Owaisi**, elected for his fifth term from Hyderabad, took his oath in Urdu, reciting a prayer beforehand. He hailed Telangana and BR Ambedkar, while also raising AIMIM's slogan for Muslims. He concluded with 'Jai Palestine'

► BJP MP from Bareilly **Chhatrapal Singh Gangwar** was seen chanting 'Jai Hindu Rashtra, Jai Bharat'

► BJP MP from Meerut **Arun Govil** took his oath in Sanskrit and ended it with 'Jai Shri Ram, Jai Bharat'

► BJP member and Mathura MP **Hema Malini** began her oath with 'Radhe Radhe' and ended it with 'Jai Shri Krishna, Jai Shri Radha Raman Ji, Jai Bharat Mata Ki'

raised 'Jai Shri Ram' and 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' slogans, as if to tease him. Later, when Arun Govil of BJP raised 'Jai Shri Ram', SP's Dharmendra Yadav asked why BJP was not objecting to it, and he was joined by others. Then, Dharmendra loudly shouted 'Jai Awadesh' and the Faizabad MP, as if on cue, stood up with raised folded hands in mock acknowledgement of the as-

sembly — a grandstanding that triggered laughter all around. The to and fro continued. The icing on the opposition's cake was when Awadhesh Prasad's name was called. This time, the opposition benches broke into 'Jai Shri Ram', and BJP side was hum. While the INDIA bloc huddled BJP a solid defeat in the Lok Sabha elections in Uttar Pradesh, it is the upstaging of the saffron party in Faizabad constituency that the opposition has been using to rub it in. It proved effective in Parliament for the first two days.

The oaths of Alfred kenngam Arthur and Bimol Akoijam, MPs from Manipur, which has been roiled by ethnic conflict for over a year, led to lusty cheers of "Manipur, Manipur" from Congress and the opposition, with the members themselves seeking "justice for Manipur". Meanwhile, Owaisi hailed Palestine.

After campaign dare, MP takes oath in English

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Nashik: A newly-elected Maharashtra MP, who was mocked by an electoral rival for his alleged inability to speak either English or Hindi after a month's practice. "Today, I took the oath in English as an MP. I am fully aware of the immense responsibility this moment carries. I am committed to fulfilling my duties towards the people of my constituency with complete dedication and integrity. I am constantly working to live up to the trust the people have placed in me," Lanke wrote on X.

NCP (SCP) MP from Shirur Amol Kolhe heaped praise on his party colleague. "Don't underestimate the power of the common man! Yes, Lanke can talk in English," he said.



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CONVENTION CLASH

wala said in a post on X (formerly Twitter) and also shared instances when the two posts were held by the same party.

"Rahul Gandhi says convention is that deputy Speaker should be in opposition and this was a pre-condition imposed for supporting the Speaker. Such a condition is shameful," the BJP functionary said and added, "But did his own family follow this convention he speaks of?"

When Jawaharlal Nehru was PM, M Ananthasayanam Ayyangar (1952-1956), Hukam Singh (1956-1962) and S V Krishnamoorthy Rao (1962-67) were deputy Speakers, all from Congress while Speakers were also from the same party. During Indira Gandhi's tenure as Prime Minister, R K Khadilkar from Congress was deputy Speaker from 1967-1969, Poonawala said, adding, in Tamil Nadu, DMK's M Appavu and K Pitchandare Speaker and deputy Speaker, respectively. In Karnataka, Congress's U T Khader Fareed is the Speaker and R M Lamani is deputy speaker.



'FREAKY FRIDAY 2' SET FOR 2025 RELEASE! LINDSAY LOHAN, JAMIE LEE CURTIS REUNITE ON SETS AS FILMING KICKS OFF

SEAN PENN SAYS CURRENT 'TIMID & ARTLESS POLICY TOWARD HUMAN IMAGINATION' MEANS HE CAN NO MORE PLAY GAY ROLES LIKE IN 'MILK'



Assange To Plead Guilty To Be Free, Ending Standoff With US

WikiLeaks Founder Likely To Get 5 Yrs' Jail, Term Already Spent Behind Bars

A plane carrying WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange departed Bangkok after refuelling Tuesday, taking him to Saipan to enter a plea deal with the US gov't that will free him and resolve the long legal case over the publication of a trove of classified documents.

Australian-born Assange left Belmarsh maximum security jail in the early hours of Monday, before being bailed by the London high court and later boarding a flight. The WikiLeaks account on X said Assange was heading toward the capital of the Northern Mariana Islands, a US commonwealth in the Pacific, where he's scheduled to appear in court Wednesday. He's expected to plead guilty to a single Espionage Act charge of conspiring to unlawfully obtain and disseminate classified national defence information.

He is expected to be sentenced to the five years he has already spent in the British prison while fighting extradition to the US, where he was indicted on 17 espionage charges and one charge of computer misuse. The plea deal brings an abrupt conclusion to a criminal case of international intrigue and to the US gov't's yearslong pursuit of a publisher whose hugely popular secret-sharing website made him a cause celebre among many press freedom advocates who said he acted as a journalist to expose US military wrongdoing. US prosecutors, in contrast, have asserted that his actions broke law and put the nation's security at risk.

WikiLeaks came to prominence in 2010 after it released hundreds of thousands of classified US military documents on Washington's wars in Afghanistan and Iraq along with swaths of diplomatic cables. The trove of more than 700,000 documents included battlefield accounts such as a 2007 video of a US Apache helicopter firing at suspected insurgents in Iraq, killing a dozen people including two Reuters news staff. That video was released in 2010.

The plea deal was not entirely unexpected. Prez Biden had been under pressure from Australia to drop the long-running case against Assange. AGENCIES

THE LONG ROAD HOME

2006, WikiLeaks Takes Root | Julian Assange — an Australian editor and publisher — establishes WikiLeaks to help whistleblowers expose hidden information

2010, US Military Files Leaked | WikiLeaks releases almost half a million documents relating to the US wars in Iraq and Afghanistan leaked by Chelsea Manning, an army intel analyst

2012, Legal Troubles Begin | Flees to Ecuador embassy in London to escape extradition to Sweden over 2010 accusations of rape and sexual assault (later dropped), remains there until ejected in 2019

2018, Indicted By US | The US justice dept obtains a sealed grand jury indictment against Assange on a narrow charge of a hacking-related conspiracy



for trying to help Manning **2019, Assange Arrested** | Ecuador revokes his asylum, asks UK police to arrest him for violating bail in rape case. He's sentenced to 50 weeks in jail; **US requests his extradition on 18 charges tied to publication of classified documents; faces**

up to 175 years in prison 2021-2024, Extradition battle | In 2021, a British judge blocks Assange's extradition to US citing suicide risk. But in 2022, UK gov't orders his extradition to US. His case continues to be tied up in appeals till May 2024



Assange spent \$500k for flight out of UK. His wife suggested it was paid for in debt so they will launch a fundraising drive to pay it off

FLIGHT TO A US TERRITORY | In Saipan — capital of Northern Mariana Islands, a US commonwealth in the western Pacific — **Assange is expected to appear in court on Wednesday to plead guilty to an Espionage Act charge of conspiring to unlawfully obtain and disseminate classified national defence information**

WHY SAIPAN | Like Guam or Puerto Rico, it is part of the US but not a state. Its 51,000 residents are US citizens but cannot vote in presidential elections. Saipan also hosts US district courts. **US prosecutors said Assange chose Saipan due to his opposition to travelling to the mainland US and for its proximity to Australia (roughly 3,000km south of Saipan)**

WHAT IS THE PLEA DEAL | Under the terms of the new agreement, US justice department prosecutors will seek a 62-month sentence — which is equal to the amount of time Assange has served in a high-security prison in London while he fought extradition to the US. The plea deal would credit that time served, allowing Assange to immediately return to Australia

Assange speaks with wife Stella in Sydney via video call from the UK airport

Wife elated, says will seek pardon

Julian Assange's wife Stella, a lawyer who has worked on his campaign almost since the start of his legal battles, said she was "elated" that he will be a "free man" but still angry that he had been held for so long. The couple married while he was in jail in London, and they had two kids while he was holed up in the Ecuadorian embassy. She said they would seek a pardon because the acceptance of guilt on espionage charge was a concern for journalists globally. REUTERS

Diplomatic manoeuvres clinched deal: 'Aus PM, Kennedy's daughter, Aukus played role'

Behind closed doors, an Australia-US-UK diplomatic dance opened the way for a plea deal to free WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, analysts and a diplomat previously involved in the case told AFP. US ambassador to Australia Caroline Kennedy — late prez John F. Kennedy's daughter — "has been talking about this in the last few months", said Jared Mondschein of Sydney's US Studies Centre. The tide shifted strongly in Assange's favour after PM Anthony Albanese was elected in 2022 and made his release a priority, said a diplomat who did not want to be named. Albanese has repeatedly called for an end to Assange's legal ordeal, saying: "Enough is enough". The gov't had been working "behind the scenes diplomatically" with the US for his release, said Emma Shortis of Australia Institute. "Part of the reason this has happened today is because it was becoming a significant issue for the relationship," she said, notably since London, Washington and Canberra agreed on a N-powered submarine pact, AUKUS. AFP

Kenyans protesting tax hikes set sections of parliament ablaze, several shot dead by police

Nairobi: Police fired on demonstrators trying to storm Kenya's legislature on Tuesday and at least five protesters were shot dead, with sections of the parliament building set ablaze as lawmakers inside passed a bill to raise taxes. In chaotic scenes, protesters overwhelmed police and chased them away in an attempt to storm the parliament compound, with Citizen TV reporting protesters had managed to enter the Senate chamber. Police opened fire after tear gas and water cannon failed to disperse the crowds.



Protesters clash with cops outside the parliament in Nairobi on Tuesday

A Reuters journalist counted the bodies of at least five protesters outside parliament. A paramedic, Vivian Achista, said at least 10 had been shot dead. Another paramedic said over 50 people had been wounded. "We want to shut down parliament and every MP should resign," protester Davis Tafari,

who was trying to enter parliament, said. "We will have a new gov't." **Kenyan activist Auma Obama, the half-sister of former US Prez Barack Obama, was among protesters tear-gassed during the protests, a CNN interview showed.** Police eventually managed to drive the protesters from the

building amid tear gas and the sound of gunfire. The lawmakers were evacuated through underground tunnels, local media reported. Internet services across the country experienced severe disruptions during the police crackdown, internet monitor Netblocks said. Protests also took place in

several other cities and towns across Kenya, with many calling for Prez William Ruto to quit. Parliament has approved the finance bill, moving it through to a third reading by lawmakers. The next step is for it to be sent to the prez for signing.

Ruto won an election almost two years ago on a platform of championing Kenya's working poor, but has been caught between the competing demands of lenders such as the IMF and a hard-pressed population. Kenyans have been struggling to cope with several economic shocks caused by Covid-19, the war in Ukraine, two consecutive years of droughts and depreciation of the currency. The finance bill aims to raise an additional \$2.7 billion in taxes as part of a bid to lighten Kenya's heavy debt load, with interest payments alone consuming 37% of annual revenue. REUTERS

Anti-terror drive to be intensified, no new military offensive: Pak PM

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

Islamabad: Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif clarified in the face of intense opposition criticism on Tuesday that the planned counterterrorism campaign would entail intensifying ongoing intelligence-based operations (IBOs) rather than launching a new, organised military offensive.

On Saturday, Sharif had announced plans to launch a full-scale offensive, named "Azm-e-Istehkam (Resolve for Stability)", to eliminate terrorism and extremism. The announcement drew sharp reactions from opposition, with analysts saying that Chinese concerns about attacks on its nationals had likely influenced the decision.

Defence minister Khawaja Asif, meanwhile, said a majority of operations under "Azm-e-Istehkam" will be in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan, two volatile provinces bordering Afghanistan. "The operation has no political motive, its sole purpose is to counter terrorism."

"We fought two wars under Zia-ul-Haq and Musharraf for US interests. This operation, however, is being conducted on our own terms, not at the behest of China or anyone else," he said, assuring there would be no evacuations.

Israeli SC orders army to draft ultra-Orthodox men, rattling Bibi gov't

Jerusalem: Israel's Supreme Court Tuesday ruled unanimously that the military must begin drafting ultra-Orthodox men for compulsory service, a landmark decision that could lead to the collapse of PM Netanyahu's governing coalition as Israel continues to wage war in Gaza.

The ruling effectively puts an end to a decades-old system that granted ultra-Orthodox men broad exemptions from military service while maintaining mandatory enlistment for the country's secular Jewish majority. The arrangement, decried as discriminatory by critics, has created a deep chasm in Israel's Jewish majority over who should shoulder the burden of protecting the country.

change to the current system. If the exemptions are ended, they could bolt the coalition, causing the gov't to collapse and likely leading to new elections. In the current environment, Netanyahu could have a hard time delaying the matter any further or passing laws to restore the exemptions. During arguments, gov't lawyers told the court that forcing ultra-Orthodox men to enlist would "tear Israeli society apart."

A statement from Netanyahu's Likud party criticised the ruling, saying a bill in parliament backed by the Israeli leader would address the draft issue. Critics say it falls short of Israel's wartime needs.

In its ruling, the court found that the state was carrying out "invalid selective enforcement, which represents a serious violation of the rule of law, and the principle according to which all individuals are equal before the law."

The ruling of Israel's highest court must be followed, and the military is expected to begin doing so once it forms a plan for how to draft thousands of members of a population that's deeply opposed to service. The army had no immediate comment. AP

Conservatives seize stronghold from Trudeau's party in by-poll

Toronto: Canadian PM Trudeau's Liberal party has suffered a major upset in a special election for a Toronto district it has held for three decades, raising doubts about Trudeau's leadership ahead of next year's general election.

Elections Canada reported Tuesday that opposition Conservative candidate Don Stewart won the Toronto-St Paul's district by almost 600 votes, 42.1% over the Liberal candidate's 40.5% with all 192 polling stations reporting results of Monday's voting. The Liberals had held Toronto-St Paul's since 1993. It is one of 338 seats in Canada's House of Commons.

Losing in Canada's largest city, a traditional Liberal stronghold, does not bode well for Trudeau ahead of the election expected in the fall of 2025.

Trudeau has said he intends to lead the party into the next election. The Trudeau Liberals have been in power since 2015 but are trailing badly in the polls amid concerns over the cost of living. Opposition Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre demanded that the PM call a snap election after what he described as a "shocking upset." "Here is the verdict: Trudeau can't go on like this," Poilievre said on X. AP

Zelensky ousts top gen accused of causing excessive troop casualties

Ukraine Prez Zelensky removed one of his top generals from his post Monday amid public criticism that the commander's decisions had led to excessive casualties.



The dismissal of the general, Yuriy Sodal, as commander of the Joint Forces of the Armed Forces, was a clear indication that the discord that had riddled the army since Zelensky replaced his outgoing general, Valery Zaluzhny, with Gen Oleksandr Syrskyi in Feb, continued to threaten military cohesion. Zelensky announced that he was replacing Sodal with Brig Gen Andrii Hnатов. Sodal was appointed by General Syrskyi as part of a broader shake-up in Feb, and Zelensky did not say why he had dismissed the commander or what position he would now hold.

But the president's announcement came after Bohdan Krotevych, chief of staff of the Azov brigade — a regiment of the Ukrainian National Guard — wrote a letter to the State Bureau of Investigation calling for an investigation into the general's conduct. Then, just hours before the general's dismissal, Krotevych posted an unusually blunt and scathing open letter on social media, implicitly accusing the general of, through his poor leadership, "killing more Ukrainian soldiers than any Russian general." While Krotevych did not name Sodal directly in the public letter, he suggested that all of Ukraine's forces knew to whom he was referring. "Everyone in the military understands because 99% of the military hate him for what he does," he wrote. NYT

EU charges MS with antitrust violations over Teams bundling

Accused Of Stifling Competition By Packaging App With Word, Excel

European Union regulators on Tuesday charged Microsoft with breaking antitrust rules by bundling its Teams video conferencing and collaboration software with a suite of other productivity tools, giving it an unfair advantage over rivals. Regulators said Microsoft's packaging of Teams with other well-established software tools in Office 365 and Microsoft 365, which includes programs like Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook, amounted to an illegal abuse of market dominance that rival companies like Zoom and Slack could not match. Regulators said businesses essentially had little choice but to take Teams if they wanted other software made by Microsoft.



On Monday, EU regulators accused Apple of violating competition rules because of its App Store policies

The Microsoft case has its roots in Covid-19 pandemic, when videoconferencing and collaboration tools like Zoom, Slack and Teams became essential for remote workforces. In 2020, Slack complained to regulators that Microsoft's bundling of Teams with other productivity software was anti-competitive. EU regulators said Microsoft had an unfair "distribution advantage" by not giving customers a choice of whether to buy Teams when

purchase other software. "The conduct may have prevented Teams' rivals from competing, and in turn innovating," the European Commission, the EU's executive branch conducting the probe, said. The charges brought on Tuesday are one step in a long process. Microsoft can now respond to the complaint, but if the two sides do not reach an agreement, the company could face a fine of up to 10% of its annual global revenue. The case has parallels to the antitrust charges brought decades ago by US justice department against Microsoft for bundling Internet Explorer inside its Windows operating system, a case that was eventually resolved.

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China lunar probe back on Earth with world's 1st samples from far side of the moon

Beijing: China's Chang'e 6 probe returned on Earth Tuesday with rock and soil samples from the little-explored far side of the moon in a global first. The probe landed in northern China on Tuesday afternoon in the Inner Mongolian region. "I now declare that the Chang'e 6 Lunar Exploration

mission achieved complete success," Zhang Kejian, Director of the China National Space Administration said shortly in a televised news conference after the landing.

Chinese scientists anticipate the returned samples will include 2.5 million-year-old volcanic rock and other material that scientists hope will answer questions about geographic differences on the moon's two sides.

The near side is what is seen from Earth, and the far side faces outer space. The far side is also known to have mountains and impact craters, contrasting with the relatively flat expanses visible on the near side. While past US and Soviet missions have collected samples from the moon's near side, the Chinese mission was the first that has collected samples from the far side.

China's leader Xi Jinping sent a message of congratulations to the Chang'e team, saying that it was a "landmark achievement". The probe left earth on May 3, and its journey lasted 53 days. The probe has drilled into the core and scooped rocks from the surface. AP



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US surgeon general declares gun violence a public health emergency

Washington: The US surgeon general on Tuesday declared gun violence a public health crisis, driven by the fast-growing number of injuries and deaths involving firearms in the country. The advisory issued by Vivek Murthy, the nation's top doctor, came as the US grappled with another weekend marked by mass shootings that left dozens of people dead or wounded. "America should be a place where all of us can go to school, work, supermarket, house of worship, without having to worry that that's going to put

our life at risk," he told AP. To drive down gun deaths, Murthy calls on the US to ban automatic rifles, introduce universal background checks for purchasing guns, regulate the industry, pass laws that would restrict their use in public spaces and penalise people who fail to safely store their weapons.



Vivek Murthy's advisory is likely to incense Republicans & gun lobby

None of those suggestions can be implemented nationwide without legislation passed by Congress, which typically recoils at gun control measures. Some state legislatures, however, have enacted or may co-

might be injured by a firearm. His advisory will certainly incense Republican lawmakers, most of whom opposed Murthy's confirmation — twice — to the job over his statements on gun violence. Murthy has published warnings about troubling health trends, including social media use and loneliness. He's stayed away from issuing a similar advisory about gun violence since his 2014 confirmation as surgeon general was stalled and nearly derailed by firearm lobby and Republicans. He ended up promising the Senate that he did "not intend to use my office as a bully pulpit on gun control." But he has faced mounting pressure from some doctors and advocacy groups to speak out more.

"It is now time for us to take this issue out of the realm of politics and put it in the realm of public health, the way we did with smoking more than a half century ago," Murthy said. A 1964 report from the surgeon general that raised awareness about the dangers of smoking is largely credited with snubbing out tobacco use. AP

AROUND THE WORLD



HEALING NOTES: A Ukrainian serviceman plays a piano in a damaged building on the frontline town of Chasiv Yar in Donetsk region

In world 1st, Finland to give anti-bird flu vaccine to humans

Finland plans to offer preemptive bird flu vaccination as soon as next week to some workers with exposure to animals, health authorities said Tuesday, making it the first country in the world to do so. The Nordic country has bought vaccines for 10,000 people, each consisting of two injections, from Australian manufacturer CSL Seqirus. The H5N1 strain of bird flu has killed or caused the culling of hundreds of millions of poultry globally in recent years and has increasingly been spreading to mammals and, in some cases, also to humans. Finland has not detected the virus in humans. However, the country is eager to roll out vaccinations given transmission risks posed by its fur farms. Widespread outbreaks of bird flu among mink and foxes at Finland's mostly open-air fur farms led to the culling last year of some 485,000 animals.

Warner Records sued artificial intelligence companies Suno and Udio on Monday, accusing them of committing mass copyright infringement by using the labels' recordings to train music-generating AI systems. The companies copied music without permission to teach their systems to create music that will "directly compete with, cheapen, and ultimately drown out" human artists' work, as per the lawsuits. The complaints said Suno and Udio users have been able to recreate elements of songs, including Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas Is You" and James Brown's "I Got You" and could generate vocals that are "indistinguishable" from musicians such as Michael Jackson, Bruce Springsteen and ABBA.

'Pirates of the Caribbean' actor dies in shark attack

Professional surfer, lifeguard and actor Tamayo Perry, 49, was killed by shark while surfing near the north shore of the Hawaiian island of Oahu on Sunday. He achieved fame appearing in the surfing film 'Blue Crush' in 2002, 'Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides' in 2011 and the TV series 'Hawaii Five-0' in 2011.

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Sensex Surges Nearly 6,000 Pts Since Election Low

The sensex saw sharp fall on election results day, but it is up nearly 6,000 points or 8.3% since June 4. The BSE midcap index has surged 13% in the same period. Investor wealth is near its peak at ₹441 lakh crore, up by ₹40 lakh crore since June 4

Sensex
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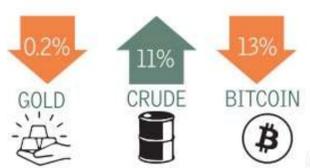


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LOSERS



Gold Prices Have Barely Moved...



Source: Refinitiv, ETIG

Water crisis may hit sovereign credit health: Moody's

New Delhi: Moody's on Tuesday said India's growing water shortage can disrupt farm and industry sectors and is detrimental to the credit health of the sovereign as rising food inflation and decline in income may spark social unrest. The water stress is worsening because of an acceleration of climate change, which is causing extreme climate, Moody's said. AGENCIES



UltraTech revises its offer for UAE-based co

New Delhi: Almost a month after making an offer to acquire 31.6% in UAE-based RAKWCT, Aditya Birla group firm UltraTech Cement on Tuesday said it has revised the deal to 25% stake. AGENCIES

Realty co Sattva lines up ₹14k cr investment

Bengaluru: Real estate firm Sattva plans to invest up to Rs 14,000 crore in the next few years across commercial, residential, and hotel projects. The company is in discussions with Blackstone over creating a REIT. TNN

Telcos place ₹11k cr bids for spectrum

New Delhi: The auction of radio waves used for mobile services saw a muted opening on Tuesday, with five rounds attracting bids worth about Rs 11,000 crore from telecom companies. Govt has put over 10,500MHz spectrum in eight frequency bands — 800MHz, 900MHz, 1,800MHz, 2,100MHz, 2,300MHz, 2,500MHz, 3,300MHz and 26GHz, valued at Rs 96,238 crore at base price, for auction.

Moving towards 8% growth, RBI to focus on inflation: Das

RBI Guv's Statement Rules Out Rate Cuts In Near Term

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: RBI governor Shaktikanta Das said that the country is at the threshold of a major structural shift in its growth trajectory and is moving towards an annual growth of 8% in a sustained manner. He said that such a growth outlook gives RBI the space to 'single-mindedly and unambiguously' focus on inflation.

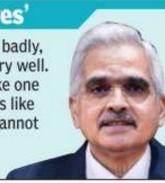
While Das's economic outlook is the most optimistic it has been in recent years, the message — coming on the back of a cautionary observation on credit growth outpacing deposits — rules out any near-term interest rate reduction.

Das also said that the central bank's nowcasting team is projecting that growth in Q1FY25 could be higher than the 7.3% projected by the monetary policy committee. Supporting the higher growth forecast was the continuation of the Q4FY24 growth momentum in Q1FY25, a pick up

'No Room For Wrong Moves'

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Shaktikanta Das | GOVERNOR, RBI



in rural consumption, favourable monsoon and a rise in external demand.

On inflation, Das said that after spiking in the wake of the Ukraine war, inflation in India has improved from 7.8% in April 2022 to 4.7% in May this year, thanks to measures taken by RBI and govt. He said maintaining a 4% inflation target is crucial as this level supports a healthier economy and financial system.

“But inflation is moderating at a slow pace. We are still at 4.7%, within striking distance of 5%. One severe weather event and vegetable prices may go up and we will be at 5%. So, we must navigate our path towards the 4%

inflation target with clear and unambiguous focus and commitment to bring down the inflation to 4%. There cannot be any wavering; there cannot be any distractions at this stage,” said Das.

Das likened RBI's current inflation battle to a game of chess in which there can be no wrong moves. “In cricket, you play one shot very badly, but you can play the next shot very well. But chess is one game where if you make one wrong move, you can lose the game. It is like that in the battle against inflation. We cannot afford to make any wrong move,” said Das.

Pointing out the 8.3% average growth in the last

three financial years, Das said that last year, India contributed 18.5% to global growth, with the IMF projecting a further increase. He said that the growth was driven by structural reform, which included GST, bankruptcy laws, and a flexible inflation-targeting regime under the RBI's monetary policy.

Das expressed confidence about achieving 7.2% growth this year despite facing risks such as weather events, geopolitical conflicts, global trade fragmentation, and financial sector volatility. On the positive side, global growth is improving, with the IMF projecting a 3.2% increase for this year and the next. On the debate over which sector should drive growth, Das said that India's growth story must be multi-sectoral, driven by manufacturing, services, agriculture, and exports. “As a large economy, it cannot rely on a single sector for growth. The growth story has to be sustained by multiple sectors,” said Das.

Cash less... Health cover users borrow to pay bills

Reimbursement Claims: 2 In 3 Policyholders Unable To Cover Medical Costs, Finds Survey

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Mumbai: Many health insurance policyholders who get their claims settled through reimbursement from insurance companies are end up borrowing money or dipping into their long-term savings to cover medical expenses.

According to a survey of policyholders, 68% of claimants who used the reimbursement method did not have enough liquid savings to pay medical bills. The incidence of borrowing increased when treatment costs exceeded Rs 1 lakh, with the trend being more pronounced in smaller towns.

“The study reiterates the importance of increasing the proportion of cashless claims in line with Irda's recent initiatives... It is also critical to note that approximately 70% of respondents said that they would have either needed financial assistance or drawn upon their investments if cashless claims had not been available,” said PolicyBazaar CEO Sarbvir Singh.

While cashless treatment is the preferred option among policyholders, many are unable to access the same with their chosen healthcare providers. Even after increased insurance coverage, about 47% of health costs in India

satisfaction was higher among reimbursement claimants (12%) than cashless claimants (4%).

Moreover, the average wait time for approval after doctor discharge in the cashless category was 3.8 hours,

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The survey also found that 89% of respondents who received cashless claims were satisfied, compared to 79% of those who received reimbursements. Dis-

but 6% of claimants were dissatisfied due to the wait time exceeding 8.5 hours.

The findings are part of a study based on a face-to-face survey of 2,128 insurance claimants conducted by PolicyBazaar, aiming to assess policyholders' satisfaction with the claim process.

Britannia is fully committed to Bengal, says Amit Mitra

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Kolkata: Britannia Industries is fully committed to Bengal, Amit Mitra, the CM's principal chief adviser, said on Tuesday. Mitra said he had spoken to Britannia MD and vice-chairman Varun Berry, who had also assured him that the company's registered office will remain in Kolkata.

Mitra was speaking to the media at Nabanna following reports that Britannia was closing down its Taratala plant, one of the oldest plants of the company.

“Britannia is fully committed to West Bengal and Varun Berry told me that after coming back from abroad, a full team from Britannia will meet the state govt to take Britannia's business here from strength to strength,” Mitra added.

Britannia Industries, one of the largest food companies in India, was incorporated in Kolkata in 1892 and its AGM is held here

TOI had reported on Monday that the food major is likely to pump in fresh investment in Bengal. This came amid fears that Britannia might minimise its operations in the state following the closing down of the Taratala plant.

Mitra said Britannia was producing items worth over Rs 1,000 crore from Bengal through some franchisees now, which would continue. Bengal is one of the biggest markets of Britannia — its revenue from the state, which was Rs 750 crore in

2019, has now surpassed Rs 900 crore.

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Sources pointed out that across the country, Britannia was moving its manufacturing facilities away from city centres to locations near highways for more space and better logistics. Before Taratala, plants in Mumbai and Chennai were closed down. In fact, the company now outsources a major portion of its production from contractual manufacturers. Sources added that Britannia had quite a few contractual manufacturers in Bengal, including a big one in Dankuni.

Sebi revises norms for exchanges

New Delhi: Markets regulator Sebi on Tuesday revised its oversight framework for stock exchanges and other market infrastructure institutions (MIIs), defining the structure and responsibilities of various statutory committees to enhance governance.

These guidelines are on the recommendations of Sebi's committee on strengthening governance of MIs, according to a circular by the regulator. AGENCIES

'Investment push from FIIs, DIIs'

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IICI Bank achieved a new high with its market cap crossing \$100 billion for the first time. Commenting on the market performance, Karthick Jonagadla, Manager and Founder of Quantace Research, said, “Sensex crossing the 78,000 mark reflects the strong cash buying activity in the market, driven by substantial investments from both FIIs and DI-

Is, who have collectively injected around Rs 28,500 crore into the cash markets over the last 11 trading sessions.”

This was supported by a rise in mutual fund systematic investment plan contributions, which have increased to Rs 20,904 crore—a seven-fold increase since FY 2016-2017.

In the forex market, the rupee slightly rose by 0.03% against the US dollar, reaching 83.43 per dollar; boos-

ted by expectations of foreign investments in domestic debt, which will soon be added to the JP Morgan index, and by news of a current account surplus in Q4FY24.

The Bankex surged by 1.9% financial services rose by 1.45%, IT by 0.5%, and capital goods by 0.3%. However, realty saw a decline of 1.8%, while power (-1.1%), utilities (-1%), metal (-0.8%) and telecommunication (-0.3%) indices also experienced decreases.

Global tyre makers to invest for manufacturing in India

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New Delhi: Global tyre makers Michelin, Bridgestone and Goodyear have lined up manufacturing investments for India, with Yokohama and Birla Tyre may join in to take advantage of a govt scheme that links imports to investment.

While the amount involved could be in the region of Rs 3,000 crore it is seen as a beginning after the Centre put curbs on imports in a bid to spur domestic investments. The investments are expected to result in the creation of a few hundred jobs with Yokohama, which is yet to announce its investment plans, expected to be the biggest investor with a plant in Haryana, where nearly half the workforce will include women.

The scheme by the department for promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT) has linked imports to investment in capacity creation. The check on tyre imports, which was among the first set of items to face licensing requirements, had resulted in foreign companies complaining of difficulties in shipping tyres, with the high-end ones hit the hardest. The scheme will help fill the gap.

“We are seeing the results of the steps we have taken and we are expecting more companies to come and make in India,” said a senior official. The development is seen as a positive sign for the electric vehicle policy, where govt is seeking to allow lower duty imports for a limited period if a company invests in a local manufacturing facility and sources components.

Eyeing Policy Benefits

- Govt has put curbs on tyre imports in an attempt to push domestic investments
- Investments are expected to create jobs
- Yokohama may emerge as the biggest investor with a plant in Haryana
- Others include Michelin, Bridgestone and Goodyear



Industry seeks tax cuts, rationalisation of duties

New Delhi: In an effort to boost the economy, representatives of various industries on Tuesday urged finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman to reduce the incidence of indirect taxes and rationalise duty structure wherever required.

In a pre-Budget meet with Sitharaman, FIEO president Ashwani Kumar made a case for an extension of the interest equalisation scheme for the next five years. “We request the scheme which is valid till 30th June, 2024 may be extended for 5 years. Looking into rise in interest rates consequent to the increase in repo rate from 4.4% to 6.5% in the last 2 years, the subvention rates may be restored back from 3% to 5% for manufacturers in MSMEs,” Kumar said.

Emerging from the meeting, Ajay Sardana, president & head of petchem-industry affairs, at Reliance Industries, said there is a need for a review of tariffs on imported goods from China related to the petrochem industry. “What we requested is a review of the tariffs regime so that domestic capacity can be increased,” Sardana said.

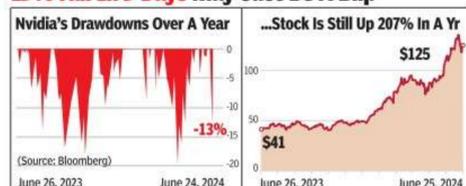
Shree Cement chairman HM Bangur said govt should spend more on capital expenditure so that the cement industry benefits. Representing the services sector, Nasscom vice president and head of public policy Ashish Aggarwal said, “From the Budget perspective, we are looking for easing the transfer pricing regime as a lot of our industry is not able to benefit from transfer pricing provision.” AGENCIES

After \$430bn rout, Nvidia shares take a breather

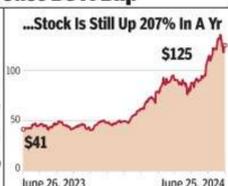
Nvidia shares showed signs of steadying after a \$430-billion selloff sent traders searching for signals as to where the bottom may be. The stock rose as much as 5% on Tuesday, set to snap a three-day rout that had pushed it into a technical correction — when a stock drops 10% or more from a recent peak — for the first time since April.

While the rout displayed some concerning signals, analysts are focusing on the stock's longer-term trend. “This is just how Nvidia trades,” an analyst said. Among Nvidia selloffs of this scale, the stock tends to rebound on the fourth day — which would be today — about 63% of the time, according to Daniel O'Regan, MD of

13% Fall In 3 Days May Just Be A Blip



(Source: Bloomberg)



(Source: Bloomberg)

equity trading at Mizuho Securities. While technical analysis for insight in historic trading patterns isn't precise, it can provide a useful road map for investors. Nvidia has soared this year amid unrelenting demand for its chips that dominate the market for artificial intelligence computing. The latest leg of the advance saw the

stock rise 43% from its May 22 earnings report and stock split announcement to the June 18 peak when it closed with a market value of \$3.34 trillion, topping Microsoft. Nvidia is still up 144% this year. Analysts such as Dormeyer believe the long-term uptrend remains intact for Nvidia, but they're keeping an eye on the \$100 level. BLOOMBERG

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I'm sticking to the script, I'm putting that organic feeling back in the game.

KENDRICK LAMAR

Didi In Charge

Mamata, cushioned by her victory over BJP, is keeping her urban voter flock together

It's unusual for a CM to upbraid the party organisation, top to bottom, sparing no one. That three-time Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee held forth for a record 70 minutes, critiquing municipalities on upkeep and maintenance, ministers, MLAs, partymen and senior bureaucrats on graft and extortion, was a rare event, even for her. Her lecture failed to mention some TMC bigwigs close to her, alleged to be among Bengal's most corrupt, but her sweeping indictment perhaps was also a case of *kahin pe nigaahain, kahin pe nishana*? Whichever way it's sliced or diced, it's instructive to ask why mercurial Didi lit into her own govt. And why now?

In top form | The answer to both is Mamata yet again demonstrating political acumen. The Trinamool chief is at the top of her game. In both LS and assembly polls since 2017, TMC has proved wrong every poll punditry, all of which routinely predict a "close contest". Even ahead of this year's high stakes LS election, Didi – despite being an ally – played cat and mouse with INDIA bloc, refusing to even consider *not* fielding her own candidates on any of the state's 42 seats. She won the gamble to return 29 MPs to Parliament, up from 22 in 2019. BJP crashed to 12, down 6 seats, overturning all poll predictions. BJP replaced CPM as main opposition in 2021 assembly election, with 77 MLAs. But TMC was far ahead with 215 seats in the 294-seat assembly – notably in its third term.

What tomorrow holds | Yet Mamata knows electoral victories are no slam dunk, when popular discontent is as deep, wide and serious as in Bengal today. The 69-year-old knows it's a self-goal to ignore the overhang on governance of entrenched political violence, extortion rackets, everyday crush of corrupt contractors. Political excesses of consecutive Left govts are what Mamata battled effectively – so much so that CPM's vote, the anti-TMC vote, has almost totally shifted to BJP. Her decision to overhaul the state's bidding process can mean upheaval for institutionalised corruption – risking your own party's ire is a game you play only when you dominate the field, as Mamata does now.

To Mamata's credit, she displayed publicly that she is not disconnected from the discontent. That is the politics that drove the authoritative dressing-down her govt received. She knows voters love just one management style – shape up or ship out.

Warring. Worrying Bibi

Netanyahu now setting his sights on Hezbollah is bad for West Asia. He has severely hurt Brand Israel

Netanyahu continues to play with Israeli lives. After announcing the "intense phase" of the Israeli operation in Gaza is winding down, he now looks set to send more troops to the Lebanon border to fight Hezbollah. This, potentially, can be an unmitigated disaster. It won't help Israel's security. It may directly drag Iran into the conflict and lead to a wider conflagration. But Netanyahu now seems to want perpetual conflict to stay in power.

Hezbollah not Hamas | This Lebanon-based Shia militia group is far superior to Hamas in military strength. Its range of short-range rockets and missiles can pose problems for Israeli defences. In fact, since the Gaza conflict began on Oct 7 last year, Hezbollah's strikes into northern Israel have forced tens of thousands of Israelis to evacuate towns along that border. The last time the two sides had a full-scale war in 2006, there were heavy casualties on both sides and Israel failed to destroy Hezbollah's military capabilities. Hezbollah is far stronger today.

Netanyahu's cussedness | Hezbollah says it will stop firing into Israel once there's a ceasefire in Gaza. But Netanyahu continues to assert that the war in Gaza won't end until Hamas is eliminated. However, Israel's military has said Hamas as an ideology can't be defeated. Meanwhile, families of Israeli hostages in Gaza want a hostage deal. And US certainly doesn't want an Israel-Hezbollah war. But Netanyahu isn't listening.

Image bruised & battered | Long known as the only genuine democracy in West Asia and a tech powerhouse, Israel's reputation today lies in tatters. Netanyahu's actions have jeopardised Israel's fledgling relations with regional Arab nations, undermined its economy, and turned Israelis against their own govt. His determination to hold on to power has given Israel its worst PR moment. But King Bibi still thinks he can get away with it all.

Liberal paradox

Those who uphold freedom of speech, even for those they disagree with, can tie themselves up in knots

Jug Suraiya



Doing the rounds on social media is a debate between a conservative and a liberal, expressing diametrically opposing views. The conservative extols what she sees as the benefits of the British Empire to its colonies, such as the bringing of railways to India.

The liberal argues that the British brought the railways to India not to benefit Indians, but to facilitate military deployment in the event of a repeat of the 1857 uprising. He also highlights the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, and the man-made Bengal famine of 1943 which resulted in the starvation deaths of millions, and for which no apology, let alone any form of reparation, has been made.

However, no matter how deeply he disagrees he cannot, because of his liberal standpoint, deny his opponent the right to hold and express her opinions.

This is the paradox of the liberal. An outspoken conservative can give vent to views that are patently intolerant, and objectionable to those who take exception to such ideas and attitudes, but nonetheless can't deny their espousal.

I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it, is a quote attributed to Voltaire, and is a cornerstone of liberal ideology.

Liberals are enjoined to speak out against anything which is deemed to be prejudicial in terms of gender, or religion, or social or political orientation. They are compelled not only to oppose what they see as intolerance in any form but must publicly do so, because silence implies consent, and to be silent in the face of bigotry is to acquiesce in it.

At the same time liberals must not only grant their ideological adversaries the right to broadcast their creed, but must also endorse their entitlement to do so under the rubric of freedom of expression, as long as it does not violate the laws of the land or incite violence.

Caught between opposing the illiberal, yet supporting its advocacy, liberals can find themselves tied up in a knot of Gordian dimension which even Alexander would be unable to cut.

WHAT ASSANGE FREED

Some see the digital fourth estate he pioneered as anarchic. But the real WikiLeaks lesson is citizens must know how their govts make decisions that affect their lives

Apar Gupta



Julian Assange's release after years of captivity invites us to reflect on the legacy of WikiLeaks. As the editor-in-chief and spokesperson of WikiLeaks, he became a household name, emblematic of the fight for radical transparency.

His work highlights the need for citizens to understand how govts and corporations make decisions that affect ordinary people's lives. WikiLeaks, which began in 2006, helps us understand our present information disorder and the weakening civic trust in democratically elected govts.

Assange and WikiLeaks have fundamentally altered the dynamics between the press and the powerful, pioneering a bold vision of the digital fourth estate. While some view this as a beacon of progress, others see it as teetering on the edge of anarchy and challenging traditional norms of journalism.

Challenge US on state torture etc | Though WikiLeaks has a global charter, its principal impact has emerged from focusing on US, the world's most powerful country.

In April 2010, WikiLeaks truly shook the global stage. The release of the "Collateral Murder" video, showing US Apache helicopters killing twelve individuals in Iraq, including two Reuters employees, marked the beginning of a series of disclosures that revealed the realpolitik actions of US govt.

Notably, these disclosures were made only after US govt denied access to Reuters. These releases followed the Afghan and Iraq War logs from earlier that year, all believed to have been sourced from US army intelligence analyst PFC Bradley Manning, which evidenced the use of state torture.

Challenge the 'sensitivity' of India's elite | This was only a prelude to "Cablegate" when, in Nov 2010, WikiLeaks began releasing 251,287 classified diplomatic cables sent to the US state department by 274 of its consulates, embassies, and diplomatic missions worldwide. This media maelstrom provided direct insight not only into the imperial instincts of US govt but also the

motivations of our own power elite.

It laid bare unvarnished commentary on Modi and Rahul, India's foreign relations, and reports on interactions with our politicians, including their candid assessments on issues of Hindu nationalism, Naxalism, and terrorism. Given their sensitivity, WikiLeaks collaborated with major news organisations like El Pais, Le Monde, Der Spiegel, The Guardian, and The New York Times to ensure careful analysis and redaction.

transparency. The subsequent prosecution of Assange by US govt, resulting in a restriction on his liberty for more than a decade, starkly reveals this hypocrisy as much as it is an attack on whistleblowers and press freedom.

As a counterblast to the disclosures, US govt prosecuted him under the Espionage Act and Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and sought his extradition. During this same period, US championed the internet as a tool to topple oppressive regimes but found it difficult to accept the use of the same tool when it undermined its own interests.

In Oct, 2021 a broad coalition of rights organisations through an open letter urged US govt to drop these proceedings: "A precedent created by prosecuting Assange could be used against publishers and journalists alike, chilling their work and undermining freedom of the press."

Finally, US has offered Assange a plea deal. As WikiLeaks' X account announced, after five years of imprisonment in a high-security prison in south London, "Julian Assange is free."

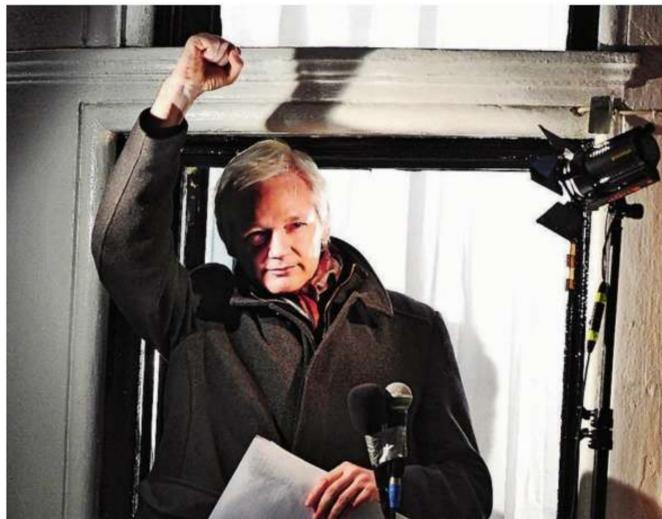
Question how GOI provides data | While WikiLeaks' contribution may, in time, be compared to historic archives that have shaped modern history, we must not read Assange's release as an obituary but as a principled need to fight for transparency.

For us in India, Assange's release after concessions made by US govt must draw attention not only to what WikiLeaks contained but also to the present. It must prompt questions about how our own govt provides data and makes proactive disclosures. How do we treat our own whistleblowers?

Over time, there has been a growing secrecy and centralisation of power by our elected officials. Recent changes and operational issues have handicapped transparency under the Right to Information Act, 2005. Special executive instructions, such as for website blocking, make orders secret.

While unpleasant, Assange used the internet to model a new form of whistleblowing and confront the brutish nature of state power. We must not only debate what Assange did, but also draw the right lessons from it.

The writer is an advocate and co-founder of the Internet Freedom Foundation



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Protect whistleblowers, protect press | This radical form of transparency led to charges of terrorism, with Assange being termed "Public Enemy No. 1" by many US politicians. Even many press commentators at the time viewed it as upsetting the traditional norms of journalism, premised on issues of accuracy and verifiability.

It is important to remember, at such points, the value of a whistleblower in any society. Whistleblowing might expose the lurid details of the personal lives of the rich and powerful, but it serves an important function in breaking cosy, self-serving coalitions.

Question the secrecy of power | Often, democratic institutions and private corporations claim commitment to oversight and justice but choose opacity over

'No EVM can be hacked. An embedded programme fused on the processor can't be changed from outside'

Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) is the developer of EVMs in India. Its former R&D director Col (retired) HS Shankar led the team that produced the first 1.5L units used in 1990. EVM credibility has been questioned ever since and through each iteration. Currently CMD, Alpha Design Technologies, Shankar takes Chethan Kumar through the tech's journey:

● **What's the story behind switching from ballot paper to EVMs?**

In the 1980s, then CEC Peri Shastry studied poll processes globally. He proposed automating India's ballot paper process, while retaining the procedure. Col GK Rao, then R&D director at BEL, had a rudimentary EVM successfully tested in BEL's trade union elections. BEL then developed semi-production EVM models – about 100 units were used in Kerala polls, 1986.

In 1988, Rajiv Gandhi called for a demonstration. In attendance were Shastry, defence minister KC Pant, and a BEL team that included me as project head.

Gandhi had concerns about rigging, ballot stuffing and booth capturing. He suggested introducing a time gap between each button press on the Ballot Unit (BU) to limit the number of votes that could be rapidly cast – so that no more than two votes could be polled per minute. This modification was carried out. Gandhi's practical input to prevent misuse was crucial in making EVMs a secure and reliable voting system.

● **What was the initial opposition reaction?**

Opposition parties alleged Congress wanted to 'rig' elections via EVMs. VP Singh and George Fernandes called for a demo, claiming any software controlled equipment can be meddled with. That whichever button voters pressed on BU, it was all 'programmed' to automatically shift votes to Congress candidates.

● **What was Rajiv Gandhi's response?**

He set up a high-level team headed by LK Advani to

study these objections and recommend solutions. Experts from IITs, IETE, and DRDO, were tasked with attempting to "tamper" with EVMs within five days, to establish if these could be rigged/manipulated.

At IIT Delhi, Prof PV Indiresan led a team of four PhD scholars and experts who worked round the clock for five days, using high-end equipment and simulators. Despite their best efforts and Indiresan's assertion that any electronic device can be hacked, they couldn't tamper with EVMs. After this failed attempt, production and supply of indigenous EVMs went smoothly.

● **Has anything changed since and can EVMs be hacked now?**

No! But even if we, for a moment, give credence to those claiming the machines can be tampered with, there is another argument against EVMs' vulnerability. It's hard to manipulate machines on such a large scale. For instance, how many machines does one have to manipulate in order to rig an assembly election? It is basic maths.

Say mean electoral win/loss margin in an assembly election is 5,000 votes. Each EVM can hold up to 3,000 votes. However, the number of voters in a booth is generally around 1,200. Let's say 50% of these, that is 600, are manipulated to go in favour of a certain party. To manipulate 5,000 votes, one would have to manipulate a maximum of 9 machines. Also remember each vote added to someone is also one vote deducted from someone. So, to alter the result, one has to manipulate five

machines for 50% votes.

● **So, if EVMs are hacked, 50% manipulation at 3% of booths can subvert process integrity?**

Not a single EVM can be hacked. An embedded programme fused on the processor simply cannot be changed from outside. It's like claiming the encryption algorithm on STARS-V (army's basic communication system) can be changed from outside or through external wires/cables.

How can anyone change a software programme without knowing the programme? If any expert wants to try his hand, he can visit me – I'll give a printed circuit board with an embedded programme fused on the chip (not of EVM, but equivalent processor card) and will ask him to change it in my presence, or with experts.

● **EVMs use 'non-writable microprocessors'. What exactly does that mean?**

A non-writable microprocessor is a simple microchip. The writing pin is physically disabled. The processor has ROM (read only memory) and not 'Read & Write' version. Hence, the 'core' programme based on high-level encrypted algorithm is embedded/fused – can't be changed.

● **Argument is there are ways to write over such chips...**

No. It's impossible to manipulate input or programme through BU to CU (control unit) via cables. The 64-pin IC (integrated circuit) is soldered on CU-PCB by wave soldering process. It cannot be accessed directly through cables.

Also, the argument that a microchip on the wire can manipulate input to get a desired output *without* touching BU or CU doesn't hold. I will reiterate it for those who keep asking if EVMs can be hacked through outside networks. No, simply because an EVM, including VVPAT, isn't connected to the internet or any wireless network.

Calvin & Hobbes



Meditation Could Be An Antidote To Drugs

Osho

If a person is addicted to drugs, the problem is not the drugs; the problem is why he is addicted to drugs – because life gives no joy, life is so empty, so meaningless. Drugs make at least a few hours colourful and psychedelic; there is great joy. One forgets this whole madhouse, this world.

You cannot tell them, "We will teach you meditation only if you drop all these things first." They cannot drop them. You have to be more compassionate to them... You teach them meditation.

Meditation will help them to drop drugs, not vice versa. Meditation can give them better experiences, far superior, and real. Drugs are only giving them hallucinations. And when somebody has to choose between a dream and

a reality – and a reality which is far more golden and far more beautiful than the dream – I don't think anybody is going to choose the dream. But first let him have something else to choose, to fall upon.

He was empty; he was disgusted with his whole life. Drugs have supported him; they are killing him, they are destroying him, but they have at least shown him beautiful dreams. Life cannot give any beautiful dreams; the politicians, the priests, the pedagogues altogether have made life so ugly, so difficult to live, so worthless, that any intelligent person is bound to find something or other. And meditation is not for sale – there are no meditation dealers from whom you can

get an injection. You will have to learn it, that is the difficulty. You will have to go through a certain discipline.

So tell them, "Whatever you are doing is absolutely accepted. You are doing it not without reason, so continue it. We will give you a better drug which is not chemical. We will give you meditation; try it." And you will be surprised, the people who have been on drugs can enter into meditation more easily than other people...

Before he becomes addicted to any drug, he starts experiencing tremendous ecstasies within himself. The drug is left far behind. Now he himself can say that it was stupid to go on hanging around the drug; it was giving him only a hallucination, an

illusion. What does it matter if in your dream you become the king of the whole world? In the morning, you wake up in the same wretched hut; then you need more and more of the drug so that you need not wake up. That's how drugs go on killing people.

But anything that is so destructive can be used in a constructive way; it has been used for thousands of years...

Tell them to meditate, and never mention their drugs; just insist on meditation... The drug takes you into hallucinations, opens doors in your inner chemistry and that is the most vulnerable moment. You can meditate easily.

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To make the fastest progress, Be an absolutely cheerful Hero-warrior And take both victory and failure As parallel experience rivers Leading to the sea Of progress-delight
Sri Chinmoy



THE SPEAKING TREE

TECH I'D LIKE TO SEE

QR TICKS ON FOOD PICKS

Your grocery cart is piled high with packaged and fresh food products. You wish you also had a pro service assuring you that your purchases are safe, healthy, and made sustainably. What if we put AI-assisted QR technology to where the mouth is! A simple QR technology that generates a QR code, which could go on the principal display panel of a pack or on the purchase cart of online marketplaces/offline store shelves, that transparently demystifies, decodes complex labels and, in an instant, verifies the goodness of a product.



Rinka Banerjee | CO-FOUNDER, THINKING FORKS

In a study done by the National Institute of Nutrition and the Indian Council of Medical Research, of the 90% of consumers, across age groups, who read food labels, the majority (81%) looked only for the manufacturing date or expiry/best-before date. Nutrient information on labels is often ignored or unread because most consumers lack nutrition knowledge or find the information too technical. Now, imagine a QR reader right there, which helps by making short work of sifting through the bold and fine print to help make an empowered, informed, and healthy choice!

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How NatWest's India GCC is helping transform the bank

Nearly 30% of the UK bank's global employee base is today in India

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Punit Sood is the head of India for NatWest Group, one of the biggest banks in the UK. He's been at the bank now for over four years, prior to which he had stints with Citi Technology Services, and JP Morgan Services India. NatWest's India centres across Gurgaon, Chennai and Bengaluru – which provide core technology and operations services – today have over 17,000 employees, close to 30% of the bank's global strength. The leaders of many key functions sit out of India. A lot of this movement of work from the UK has happened over the past few years. And Punit says it wasn't initially easy to convince his headquarters that India could do it.



NatWest has 17,000 employees in India, almost a third of its global strength of 59,000. Multiple global roles across technology, data and analytics, and operations are based out of India. Some of them are the heads of Digital Platforms - Wealth CDIO; Core Trading Solutions - Commercial & Institutional CDIO; Physical Channels - Retail DigiX; Regulatory Reporting - Finance, Risk, Audit & Legal Technology; Data Engineering, Digital X Analytics - Data and Analytics; Everyday Banking Operations; Markets Operations; Risk Oversight Lead - India and Functions; and Finance Cost Control

INDIA CENTRE TALKS DIRECTLY WITH UK REGULATORS

“Half of the bank's tech and data strength is in India. About a third of our global financial organisation is in India, a third of our financial crime unit, which is a big part of the bank, is here, a third of our fraud function is here. For our investment bank, except for the front-end sales and trading businesses, almost 95% of the middle and back offices are in India. We directly talk to the UK regulators, and they are ok with the accountable executive being in India. That person sits on my leadership table.”

Punit Sood | HEAD OF INDIA

“We hire engineers with skills in digital, cloud, AI, data. We hire people smart enough to understand what the future would be like. It's good to have a STEM background. But the future will be about smart people who can understand a problem quickly, and find the best technology to solve it. The days of writing thousands of lines of code, or learning a language deeply, that is going.”

Dhiraj Anand | HEAD, RETAIL DIGITAL X AND RETAIL BANKING OPERATIONS INDIA

If a mortgage customer comes and says they want to prepay, they have two choices – prepay and reduce the tenure, or prepay and reduce the principal, but keep the tenure the same. We help UK customers with all of such issues,” Punit says.

A host of other leadership functions, both in technology and operations, now sit out of India because much of the work around it happens here. This includes the

head of digital platforms, head of core trading solutions, head of regulatory reporting, and head of data engineering and digital analytics.

Dhiraj Anand is head of retail digital X and retail banking operations in India, focusing on engineering and innovation, and developing digital insights. He says the larger vision is to make NatWest a digital bank. One of his major ini-

tatives out of India has been to move the bank's contact centre agents in the UK to the AWS platform, allowing the bank to benefit from cloud and SaaS platforms, including using data better. Another big effort is around automation processes. “My role includes all of tech and all of operations for retail banking. Since we have operations teams in India, servicing things like opening of accounts and

handling complaints, I can get tech teams to work with these ops teams to understand what customers want. We are continuously improving processes for account opening, mortgages, handling complaints,” he says.

Automation of some of the more complex processes, he says, has resulted in 30-35% reduction in effort and time. “In one of the processes, the (internal) user had to initially refer to almost 50 screens for every request – this has been reduced to five screens,” he says.

The India team has led the development of the bank's AI digital assistant called Cora. Cora enables self-service for customers. Last year, Cora handled 10.8 million retail banking conversations (up 400,000 compared to 2022), and almost half of these conversations required no human intervention.

Now, the team is working with colleagues in the UK, and with IBM to develop Cora+, which will allow customers to ask questions and receive responses in a more conversational style. Cora+ will also be able to access information from multiple secure sources that were previously inaccessible through chat alone. India is also working on a unified customer engagement platform, and the first service from that will be a new real-time appointment booking service which is expected to reduce booking times by up to 75%, and is estimated to help unlock about 88,000 hours of employee time.

CROSS-POLLINATION

Punit, who previously also led Nasscom's GCC (global capability centre) council, says what NatWest has done in India, is what other GCCs are increasingly doing. “There's a lot more cross-pollination too now, with newer GCCs learning from existing ones. And they are starting with the intent of building an innovation centre in India (not a back-office operation),” he says.

Integrate data sources to become a sustainable biz

Organisations looking to become sustainable run into some common problems: Firstly, there is often a lack of comprehensive data integration and real time monitoring. Without comprehensive data integration, you cannot accurately track and manage sustainability metrics. Secondly, many organisations struggle with aligning their sustainability goals with their business objectives, leading to a fragmented effort that does not fully leverage potential synergies. If the business objective and sustainability goals do not match, the company will face issues.

Chittaranjan Meher | COUNTRY LEADER, IBM SUSTAINABILITY SOFTWARE BUSINESS UNIT, IBM INDIA/SOUTH ASIA

We have almost 15,000 towers across the country. There were times when every month a technician used to go to examine the towers. Now, because of data, out of 10,000 towers, 8000 need not that monthly attention anymore. We can move it to six months or even one year. With drones coming in, we are even thinking about doing it once in two years without compromising the reliability of the asset. These decisions can only happen with data that comes through real-time connected solutions.

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There is enormous pressure on businesses to become sustainable today. Prioritising the bottomline over long-term sustainable practices is no longer tenable and can in fact lead to more environmentally-conscious competitors having an edge. That's what experts in the field told us on a webinar last week.

Achieving a sustainable business model requires a lot of planning and, most importantly, adequate, reliable, real-time data. Getting the right data is by far one of the most common problems businesses face when

starting out on their sustainability journeys, says Chittaranjan Meher, country leader of the sustainability software business unit for IBM India/South Asia.

“Without comprehensive data integration, you cannot accurately track and manage sustainability metrics. That's why we're helping customers collect data through different sources and integrate it.” Chittaranjan says IBM's Maximo application suite allows businesses to manage their assets more efficiently, predict and prevent breakdowns, and maintain compliance with safety and regulatory guidelines, all by gathering data from the right sources.

Indigrid operates and manages power transmission networks and renewable energy assets throughout India. The company's chief operating of-

line will trip. So, we use drone and satellite-based monitoring to get data and then run image analytics on it, which tells us exactly when a tree will grow to be a problem. It's a scientific method that allows us to cut 100 branches of trees instead of a thousand.”

Excellent future career Chittaranjan says professionals should consider getting into the rapidly growing sustainability sector. “We think this is the decade of sustainability because everybody has done their digital transformation already, the next transformation they are doing is sustainability. The requirement for sustainability professionals is very high,” he says.



From curing toothache to helping develop drugs

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Vijaygeeta Raju was a dentist, but after a decade of hectic practice, she felt she must do something else that would allow her more time for herself and her family. So she wrote the Karnataka government's civil service entrance exam.

Since the results' declaration was taking time, Vijaygeeta started studying online courses on the use of technology in the pharma and healthcare sector. She studied pharmacovigilance, the science of identifying, assessing, and preventing adverse effects of medicines and vaccines. She trained in databases like Argus, Sceptre, and Google's GCP. And she got a job in this area with IQVIA (formerly QuintilesIMS), where she had to feed in patient data and produce reports on the efficacy of drugs.

“In hindsight, I was glad I did not sit waiting for the civil services exam

“Those doing MBBS could consider a career outside clinical practice. They could take up post-graduate courses in data analytics which will help them get into fields like mine. The pace at which clinical and tech professions are merging, this sort of upskilling is a must.”



Vijaygeeta Raju | HEAD, CLINICAL EVALUATION, SIEMENS HEALTHINEERS

where, for the first time, she stayed away from her family and home responsibilities. She went on a solo Europe trip. Around this time, she also learnt Lean Six Sigma and got a project management certification.

Though she does not do any coding, over the years, her job has taught her the basics of coding and AI, which she says helps when she interacts with coders in the process of making devices.

After four years with IQVIA, she had short stints with BioQuest Global Solutions and Celegance, and then Indegene, where she spent another four years. In 2020, she moved to Siemens Healthineers, where her work today involves telling the technology team if a solution would make a difference to the lives of patients, the clinical outcomes, and how regulators in India would take it. “Knowing how to work with databases has eased the process of not just pulling out structured and unstructured clinical data, but also analysing it in a way that other teams can use it to make devices and drugs more useful to patients,” she says.

She gets to leave the office early and spend her evenings with the family. She's now upskilling to understand the structure of large language models and how these models could help build better devices.

BUILDING AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE DEVICES

Social enterprises are using technology for greater good. Here are two that have used AI/ML to develop affordable solutions, and who were part of Nasscom Foundation's incubator programme.

Identifying learning difficulties

10% to 15% of children have some form of learning difficulty like dyslexia. Early identification and right remediation are crucial for the success of these children. The present methods of screening tend to be pen and paper based, and require expertise. Ajit Paul, Justin Jose, and Teena Paul started Giftlolexia with the idea of developing tech-based screening for early identification of the risks of dyslexia in primary school children. It uses an eye tracking device with infrared cameras to capture gaze data while children read age and grade appropriate text on a TV or a smart screen. The data is analysed to extract multiple markers which are processed digitally. Risk of dyslexia is assessed using predictive modelling. The system generates individual risk reports and fluency reports with actionable insights. Giftlolexia also offers teacher training programmes on inclusive classroom strategies.

Ajit says Nasscom Foundation gave them the opportunity to pilot and validate their solution in Malayalam language. “This also helped us to adapt our solution for low resource settings by using a smart screen to project the text instead of the TV, thereby reducing dependency on uninterrupted power supply. Nasscom also improved our



visibility and helped us generate many business leads,” he says.

Screening for respiratory diseases

Dr Prashant Patel, Dr Arun Tiwari, and Sunil Kumar Singh's Alveofit was inspired by a compelling study published in a prestigious international journal, highlighting the significant burden of respiratory diseases in India and other developing countries. Prashant and team found that the crux of the problem was the absence of basic screening services. This persuaded them to develop an affordable, user-friendly screening device that

could be utilised anywhere, by anyone, at any time. Their handheld spirometer, integrated with AI, delivers comprehensive reports to both patients and providers for better understanding of lung parameters. “Over the past two years, we've dedicated ourselves to refining our AI model, and the results are staggering – achieving an impressive accuracy rate of 97.2%,” Prashant says. Nasscom Foundation, he says, has been instrumental in clinically validating the device, and deploying a pilot.

- Amin Ali

SPIROMETER

A spirometer is a medical device used to measure the volume of air inspired and expired by the lungs. It's commonly used in pulmonary function tests (PFTs) to assess how well the lungs are functioning. Spirometry can help diagnose various respiratory conditions such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and restrictive lung diseases. During spirometry, the patient breathes into the spirometer through a mouthpiece, and the device measures different lung volumes and capacities, providing valuable information for diagnosing and managing respiratory conditions.

GLOSSARY OF IN-GROUP TERMS USED

Operational technology (OT) systems refer to a class of technologies utilised in industrial settings to manage and monitor physical processes and infrastructure. Unlike information technology (IT) systems, which focus on data processing and management, OT systems directly control and oversee machinery, equipment, and operational processes. These systems encompass various components: In industrial environments, OT systems include control systems such as Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), Distributed Control Systems (DCS), and Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs). These systems manage and regulate processes to ensure optimal performance and safety. OT systems integrate sensors and monitoring devices to gather real-time data from physical assets. These sensors detect parameters like temperature, pressure, flow rates, and other variables.

CAREER LADDER FOR WOMEN

Put on work gloves when needed

Swati Maini

I am a mechanical engineer with a focus on aerospace engineering. During my college years, I completed a 1-year project with Nasa as part of a design-build-fly mission. In the early years of my career, I worked as a design engineer and site engineer in the nuclear power space. After this, I began my entrepreneurial journey in Boston, in the area of ocean energy devices and hydrokinetic turbines. During this journey, I also dabbled in solar energy and industrial water treatment.

I liked creating things | I was constantly questioned on why I don't do a consulting job. However, I liked creating new things that were larger than anything I had seen living in Mumbai and Delhi, so I did not let other people's opinions come in the way and did everything alongside my male counterparts to achieve my goals.

Keep target in mind | Underestimation was another challenge. I've had to prove my mettle in every new work scenario and this has been the greatest challenge for me. My best suggestion to fellow women in STEM is to stay grounded in your knowledge and keep your target in mind at all times. Dressing the part is very important. Whether in the office or on-site, don't hesitate to put on the work gloves when needed.

Find mentors | I would also advise professionals to be assertive – there is no difference in your intelligence compared to a man's and you have to take every day as it comes. Overthinking will only lead to confusion. Mentors are extremely important in your growth journey, find your harshest critics and get them to mentor you. As women, we are tested twice over, so keep yourself abreast with your field-specific knowledge and stay calm as we convince the world of our equality.

Swati Maini is director at Maini Renewables



IF IN THE INTERNAL ENVIRONMENT THERE ARE THOSE WHO SPEAK OF THINGS OUTSIDE, IT'S SOMEONE WHO HARMS THE NATIONAL TEAM. I DID MY THESIS (AT THE ITALIAN UNIVERSITY OF FOOTBALL) ON THE 3-5-2. I'LL LET YOU SEE IT LATER, IT'S ONLY NATURAL I SPEAK TO THE PLAYERS."

— ITALY COACH **LUCIANO SPALLETTI** WHEN ASKED IF HIS FORMATION WAS THE RESULT OF A PACT WITH HIS PLAYERS

STANDINGS

GROUP A

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
Ger*	3	2	1	0	6	7
Swi*	3	1	2	0	2	5
Hun	3	1	0	2	-3	3
Sco	3	0	1	2	-5	1

GROUP B

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
Spain*	3	3	0	0	7	9
Italy*	3	1	1	1	0	4
Cro	3	0	2	1	-3	2
Alb	3	0	1	2	-2	1

GROUP C

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
Eng*	2	1	1	0	1	4
Den	2	0	2	0	0	2
Slo'nia	2	0	2	0	0	2
Serbia	2	0	1	1	-1	1

GROUP D

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
Aut*	3	2	0	1	2	6
Fra*	3	1	2	0	1	5
Ned*	3	1	1	1	0	4
Pol	3	0	1	2	-3	1

GROUP E

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
Rom	2	1	0	1	1	3
Bel	2	1	0	1	1	3
Svk	2	1	0	1	0	3
Ukr	2	1	0	1	-2	3

GROUP F

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	GD	Pt
Port*	2	2	0	0	4	6
Tur	2	1	0	1	-1	3
Cze	2	0	1	1	-1	1
Geo	2	0	1	1	-2	1

* Qualified for Last 16; Table updated till Tuesday's matches

TONIGHT'S TUSSELES

Group E

Slovakia vs Romania	9.30pm
Ukraine vs Belgium	9.30pm

Group F

Georgia vs Portugal	12.30am
Czech R vs Turkey	12.30am

Live on Sony Sports Network

SAGNOL REJECTS TALK OF POLITICAL INTERFERENCE

Gelsenkirchen: Georgia coach Willy Sagnol said only he selects the national side, responding angrily when asked whether forward Budu Zivzivadze's playing time at Euro 2024 had been limited because of his reported criticism of a new law on foreign agents.

Georgia play already-qualified Portugal in their final group game on Wednesday, when victory would secure a place in the last 16. Zivzivadze has played only six minutes at Euro 2024. "I want to take proper decisions based only on football fact," Frenchman Sagnol said.

Turks need a point, Czechs a win and a favour: In the other Group F match, Turkey need a point against the Czech Republic in Hamburg to be sure of reaching the knockout stage. The Czechs need a win and a favour from group-winners Portugal against Georgia. AGENCIES

Super Sub Zaccagni Channels His Inner Del Piero

ITALY TURN BACK CLOCK

Leipzig: Italy might be in the knockout stage but all is far from rosy for the defending champions after Mattia Zaccagni's last-gasp goal against Croatia gave them a last-16 berth.

Luciano Spalletti's team will face Switzerland in Berlin on Saturday, giving them four days to reflect on their unconvincing efforts in Group B, where they finished second and five points behind Spain.

Italy once again failed to live up to the standard of play expected by Spalletti, an attack-minded coach who bemoaned his team's inability to retain possession and create goal-scoring opportunities.

The joyous scenes that followed Zaccagni's leveller in Monday night's thrilling 1-1 draw with Croatia didn't mask the evident issues with new-look Italy who were also taught a footballing lesson by Spain.

"If you don't create, you're not going to score. You could see we were thinking about bringing a result home, without really believing that we needed a win," said Spalletti. "I expect more from my players, because they show it in flashes."

Lazio forward Zaccagni ended up under a pile of blue-shirted bodies as wild celebrations in the stands and on the pitch followed his brilliant leveller in the eighth and final minute of added time in Leipzig.

With almost no time left on the clock Zaccagni was the coolest head in the stadium as he approached Riccardo Calafiori's perfect pass and curled home a stunning finish.

The 29-year-old's first interna-

tional goal came at the end of a hugely entertaining match which looked to have been decided by Luka Modric's 55th minute strike, scored just seconds after Gianluigi Donnarumma saved his penalty.

"I had no idea that it was the last kick of the game when the ball came to me," said a delighted Zaccagni.

"Calafiori gave me such a brilliant ball for a first-time shot that I didn't even think twice about it. Then we went mad and I got battered with them all on top of me!"

Zaccagni's strike takes Italy back to Berlin where they won the World Cup in 2006 and was reminiscent of Alessandro Del Piero's winning goal in the semi-final against Germany.

Italy beat France to win the World Cup, the last hurrah for a golden generation which included Del Piero and Andrea Pirlo, Gianluigi Buffon and Fabio Cannavaro. "Alex (Del Piero) has always been my hero, I had his picture on my bedroom wall when I was a kid," said Zaccagni.

Zaccagni's joy was not mirrored in Spalletti's livid post-match rant in which he accused Italian reporters whom of spitting "venom".

"I inject myself with this venom," said Spalletti, who was angry at his tactics supposedly being leaked pre-match and claimed that "everybody" was trying to get Italy eliminated.

Turmoil often accompanies Italy to major tournaments and the grit shown on Monday is a typical trait of a team which is famed for its battling qualities, particularly in defence. AFP



COPY, PASTE: Mattia Zaccagni (left) scores Italy's last-gasp equaliser against Croatia in Leipzig on Monday, the strike reminiscent of 'idol' Alessandro del Piero's winner (right) against Germany in Dortmund at the 2006 World Cup



'I'd like to play forever, but...'

Leipzig: A standing ovation, man-of-the-match and a record. But Croatia star Luka Modric was in no mood to celebrate, regardless of the accolades, after what could have been his last appearance at a major tournament.

Modric scored against Italy to become the oldest goal-scorer ever at a European Championship. Ultimately it wasn't enough to ensure his team stays in the competition.

Modric, who is 38 years and 289

days old, claimed the opening goal on a rebound, within a minute of having

a penalty saved by Donnarumma.

The previous record was held by Ivica Vastic, who was 38 years, 257 days old when he scored for Austria against Poland at Euro 2008.

Modric received standing ovations from fans when he went off, and was applauded again when he showed up for the post-game news conference.

Modric later said Italy's last-gasp equaliser was "cruel." "We kept battling right until the end but unfortunately football was merciless with us tonight," said Modric. "It was cruel... but that's part and parcel of football."

Modric has played 178 games for Croatia since making his debut at age 20 under Zlatko Kranjcar in 2006. The 2018 Ballon d'Or winner is playing in

his fifth Euro. His goal against Italy took his tally to four goals in 16 games at the tournament. Modric has enjoyed greater success at the World Cup, leading Croatia to the final in 2018, and third place in 2022.

On Monday, one Italian journalist started by telling Modric he was one of the most magnificent players he had ever seen. He said he had no question to ask, just a request for him never to retire from playing. Modric seemed genuinely moved by the kind words.

"I'd like to keep playing forever but there will probably be a time I'll have to hang up my boots," Modric said. "I'll keep playing on, I don't know for how much longer." AGENCIES

RESERVES KEEP SPAIN TRAIN ROLLING

Dusseldorf: Albania coach Sylvino suggested that Spain's second team could win the Euros, and though they will probably face stiffer challenges on the training field this week, the stand-ins duly showcased the squad's depth on Monday.

Their 1-0 win over Albania that made it three out of three with five goals scored and none conceded and sent them into the knockout stage on a high was a combination of controlled play, almost in second gear,

followed by some resolute defending. With Spain already in top spot, coach Luis De la Fuente made 10 changes, and the new boys slotted effortlessly into the spotlight.

Their pastel lemon kit might have looked unfamiliar but the stylish playing with purpose was just what Luis De la Fuente has been developing with his "first team". Their

13th-minute goal was a geometric beauty as Aymeric Laporte drilled a crossfield pass to Dani Olmo, who slipped a perfectly weighted through ball that allowed Ferran Torres to sweep it home. REUTERS



FERRAN TORRES



IT'S ALL HAPPENING... Austria's Romano Schmid celebrates scoring against Netherlands. (Right) France captain Kylian Mbappe is hemmed in by the Poland defence

Belgium aim to emerge top of four-way Group E scrap

Work To Be Done Against Ukraine In The First Match-Off Between The Countries; Slovakia, Romania Need A Point

Stuttgart: Belgium head into their final Group E game against Ukraine at Euro 2024 looking to grab top spot in a section where all four teams - including Romania and Slovakia - are level on three points. It is the first time in the tournament's history each team in the same group has had the same number of points going into the last round of games.

Belgium brushed off a surprise 1-0 loss to Slovakia in their opening match by beating Romania 2-0 as Kevin De Bruyne delivered a timely masterclass.

There is still work to be done in Stuttgart for Belgium, who saw key members of a golden generation move on after the country's group-stage exit at the 2022 World Cup.

Ukraine are playing in their first

4 No team with four points has ever failed to advance to the last 16 since the tournament was expanded to 24 teams, but Ukraine would miss out on goal difference if both Group E games on Wednesday end in draws.

major tournament since Russian forces invaded the country in 2022.

Slovakia and Romania face off at the same time in Frankfurt knowing a point apiece would be enough to send both countries into the next round. Edward Iordanescu's side need just a point against Slovakia though to guarantee a top-two finish.

Slovakia can finish top if they win and Ukraine do not. A draw would assure them of third place. AFP

Late Sabitzer strike sees Austria top group

Berlin: Marcel Sabitzer scored late for Austria to advance to the knockout stage of the European Championship as group winners with a 3-2 win over the Netherlands on Tuesday.

Austria topped Group D thanks to France drawing with Poland 1-1 in the other game. Both France and the Netherlands were already assured of progress thanks to results in other games.

The Austrians had needed a point to be sure of progress and got off to a great start with Dutch forward Donny van de Beek scoring an own goal in the sixth minute.

First-half substitute Xavi Simons set up Cody Gakpo to equalize two minutes after the break, but Romano Schmid headed Austria back in front in the 59th.

Memphis Depay equalized with a brilliant finish in the 75th, though he had to endure a VAR check as referee Ivan Kruzliak felt he handled the ball. The check found Depay hadn't. But Sabitzer restored Austria's lead two minutes later with a fierce strike from a difficult angle. It proved to be the winner despite a frenetic finale with chances at both ends.

Netherlands coach Ronald Koeman made three changes to the

team that drew against France. He had criticized Simons for not pressing enough in that match and subsequently dropped the young player in favor of Joey Veerman in midfield. Lutsharel Geertruida started for Denzel Dumfries at right-back, and Malen started in place of Jeremie Frimpong, who plays as a wing back for Bayer Leverkusen.

But Koeman's team made a lethargic start in contrast to the busy Austrians, who scored when Malen turned Alexander Prass's cross

inside the left post. Tijjani Reijnders and Malen both missed good chances to equalize. Koeman berated his charges and told his substitutes to warm up. He sent Simons on for Veerman in the 35th.

Simons' entrance gave the Dutch more urgency. Depay saw a header cleared off the line before the break, and Simons set up Gakpo after Florian Grillitsch lost the ball in midfield. Koeman's side maintained its pressure and looked more likely to score until Grillitsch crossed for Schmid to head Austria back in front with his first international goal. Ultimately, the Austrians were more clinical. AP

NETHERLANDS Gakpo 47, Depay 75

AUSTRIA Malen 60g, Schmid 59, Sabitzer 80

Mbappe scores but France held 1-1

Dortmund: Kylian Mbappe, with his mask on, scored from the penalty spot on his return after breaking his nose before France conceded a spot kick by Robert Lewandowski in a 1-1 draw with Poland at the European Championship on Tuesday.

Mbappe removed his protective mask to celebrate in front of France's fans after converting his 56th-minute penalty for his first goal at a European Championship. It wasn't enough to secure his team first place in Group D at Euro 2024, though.

Lewandowski had his penalty saved in the 77th minute by France goalkeeper Mike Maignan, who was adjudged to have come off his line. The Poland striker found the bottom corner with his second attempt, which was similar to his first.

France finished as runner-up to Austria in the group and will play the runner-up in Group E, which could be Belgium, Romania, Slovakia or Ukraine, in the last 16 on July 1.

France are yet to score an

open-play goal at Euro 2024, having beaten Austria 1-0 on an own-goal and then drawn 0-0 with the Netherlands — when Mbappe was missing after breaking his nose against the Austrians.

Mbappe returned to the starting lineup against last-place Poland, which was already eliminated before the match began, and was clearly impaired by wearing a mask that limits his peripheral vision.

He largely kept away from overly physical challenges and didn't compete for the ball in the air. Still, Mbappe remained France's most dangerous attacker and finally got his first goal in six matches at the tournament — taking in four at Euro 2020 and two at Euro 2024 — after Ousmane Dembele was tripped in the area.

Mbappe played the full game, starting as a central striker before ending up on the left wing, in another unconvincing display from France — a two-time European champion and the World Cup runner-up in 2022.

"I'm very happy, it's important to start well today against a tough opponent like Paraguay," Rodriguez told Caracol Gol.

"We could have done better in the second half, but you correct things better when the team wins, it's much easier that way." AGENCIES

FRANCE Mbappe 56 (p)

POLAND Lewandowski 79 (p)

Brazil still unable to get the best out of Vinicius

HELD TO A 0-0 DRAW VS COSTA RICA

Los Angeles: Brazil's poor performance in their goalless draw against Costa Rica in their Copa America opener on Monday has dampened the enthusiasm surrounding their new manager and a revamped squad headlined by Vinicius Jr. Fans were optimistic that Brazil had turned a corner under Dorival Jr but his side had no answers to Costa Rica's five-man defence in California.

As the clock ticked down and the five-time world champions' frustrations grew, Dorival decided to make his first two substitutions in the 70th minute. His decision to take Vinicius out of the game came as a huge surprise.

Even Brazil talisman Neymar, who is recovering from a serious knee injury but was at the stadium as a fan, could not hide his dismay.

The broadcast showed his reaction in the stands. He was rarely substituted by Real Madrid man-



OFF THE BOIL: Brazil's Vinicius Junior (R) is held back by Jeyland Mitchell of Costa Rica during their Group D match on Monday

ager Carlo Ancelotti. Vinicius is deployed as more of an orthodox forward wide on the left and has scored only three goals in 31 games for Brazil. Dorival's decision to take him off on Monday brought back memories of the 2022 World Cup quarter-finals, when then manager Tite also substituted Vinicius early in the second-half against Croatia, a game Brazil ended up losing on penalties.

On Monday, Vinicius struggled to make an impact from the left wing and exited the game without a shot on target. Dorival said he tried moving Vinicius around before replacing him with 17-year-old forward Endrick. The challenge for Dorival in Brazil's

upcoming games will be finding a way to balance their attack without sacrificing his best player.

Gustavo Alfaro said Costa Rica had been written off before the match had even started. "We were Bruce Willis in 'The Sixth Sense,' where the only one that did not know he was dead was him, right? Well, everyone thought we were dead before the movie started in our case."

Brazil defender Marquinhos said, "Now it's about being honest with ourselves, creating alternatives to create chances, scoring, results are important in this competition, points left at the beginning can complicate things at the end."



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T20 WORLD CUP

"A LOT OF CREDIT FOR MY WICKETS GOES TO JASPRIT BUMRAH. HE PUTS A LOT OF PRESSURE ON THE BATTERS. HE GIVES THREE OR FOUR RUNS AN OVER SO BATSMEN COME HARD AT ME AND THERE ARE A LOT OF CHANCES OF GETTING WICKETS."

—Arshdeep Singh



FREEDOM SONG ON ROHIT'S LIPS

The Skipper Exorcised The Ghosts Of India's 50-Over World Cup Final Defeat With Inimitable Flamboyance & Smart Game Sense, Taking The Burden Off His Teammates In The Game Against Australia...



St. Lucia: It was the first media interaction with Rohit Sharma in this tournament, on the eve of India's T20 World Cup opener with Ireland in New York. Normally, going into a tournament of this magnitude, you would expect a slightly cagey captain, someone holding his cards to his chest.

In a departure from the trend, though, Rohit seemed extremely frank. It seemed he was tired of carrying the burden of a defeat in the ODI final in November last year and was just happy to let himself go. When the captain says right at the beginning of the tournament that "our opening partnership won't change through the tournament while the rest will go up and down as per necessity", you know something has changed in Rohit.

It is this sense of freedom in every step that the Indian captain has exercised over the last one month that paid rich dividends in a game of massive significance for India. It was his 41-ball 92, easily the best innings of this World Cup by any batter; in St. Lucia on Monday that left Australia on the brink of ouster. Afghanistan's subsequent victory over Bangladesh eventually led to Australia's early exit.

It was the 28 that Rohit took off Mitchell Starc in the third over of the game that set the tone for this onslaught. Starc's pace-bowling partner Josh Hazlewood doffed his hat to the effort.

"I've seen Rohit do that a few times now. He's a world-class player, so if you're a bit off your game that can happen. It just looked like he obviously targeted the boundary

with the wind there for a while and then we probably reacted and then he hit a few on the other side as well. He's a class act and you expect him to do that a couple of times through the tournament," Hazlewood said.

Playing without any sense of inhibition is a practised art for some, but for Rohit, it comes naturally. That's what he used to be when he was growing up as a young batter, catching the eye of one and all. Now at the twilight of his career, it is this same flamboyance that makes him look so special when it comes off.

"The idea is to be not just one-dimensional. And that is something that was going through my mind all through. I was thinking to hit the ball everywhere possible. And when you keep an open mind and not think about just playing one shot, you can open up and access all sides of the field," Rohit said.

While run-making wasn't exactly a piece of cake in St. Lucia — the others struggled after Rohit's departure — it was the sheer effortlessness of the skipper's batting that kept the dugout relaxed.

Indian pacer Arshdeep Singh explained how the team feels when

Rohit takes charge the way he did. "We just enjoyed it a lot. When he hits those long sixes, it doesn't feel like he is hitting the ball. He handles the ball with love, yet it goes far," Arshdeep said.

That's the beauty of Rohit, who has been his own man through this World Cup. Happy, relaxed, sharing the odd laugh with people around, spending time with his family once off the field — the pressure-cooker situation of opening and leading India in an ICC tournament hasn't bothered him. And now it's about keeping it going for two more games. The final act of this drama demands a perfect ending.



"I thought, right from over number one, there was a strong breeze blowing across. But they changed their plan, trying to bowl against the breeze. So I had to open up the other side of the field as well. We need to be smart when we play. You've to open up all sides of the field and not be one-dimensional."

—Rohit Sharma

INDIA'S TOP PERFORMERS SO FAR

Batters	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	50	SR	6s
Rohit Sharma	6	6	1	191	92	38.20	2	159.16	13
Rishabh Pant	6	6	1	167	42	33.40	0	132.53	6
Suryakumar Yadav	6	6	1	149	53	29.80	2	139.25	8
Hardik Pandya	6	4	2	116	50*	58	1	145.00	7

Bowlers	M	Wkts	Avg.	Best	4WI	SR	ER
Arshdeep Singh	6	15	11.86	4/9	1	9.60	7.41
Jasprit Bumrah	6	11	8.54	3/7	0	12.54	4.08
Hardik Pandya	6	8	19.62	3/27	0	15.75	7.47
Kuldeep Yadav	3	7	10.71	3/9	0	10.28	6.25

—Stats: Rajesh Kumar

SUPER 8s

Teams	M	W	L	NRR	Pts
IND*	3	3	0	2.017	6
AFG*	3	2	1	-0.305	4
AUS	3	1	2	-0.331	2
BAN	3	0	3	-1.709	0

*Qualified for semis

Clumsy Aussies fluff their lines

ODI, Test Champs Faltered At Crucial Junctures In T20 WC

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St. Lucia: It's not often that Australia are left to cheer for Bangladesh to get a passage into a semifinal of an ICC event. That's what the Test and the ODI world champions had to do for the better part of Monday after being thrashed by India, only to find that their prayers would not be enough.

It was a disappointment that didn't seem likely in the beginning of the tournament — Australia did look one of the most balanced outfits till a point. The first dip came against Scotland in an inconsequential group game that they managed to win but come Afghanistan and India on two completely different pitches, things unravelled very fast for the Aussies.

One of the surprising aspects of the twin losses was the way the Aussies dropped catches at crucial junctures. While a couple of missed chances and a few more lapses in the outfield hurt them badly against Afghanistan, Mitchell Marsh dropping Hardik Pandya led to India adding about 15 extra runs that proved crucial in the end.

Paceman Josh Hazlewood, who bowled decently against India, tried to explain the lapses, but you could see that he was struggling.

"I'm not sure what you could put it down to. The guys are always



GOING, GOING, GONE... Pat Cummins walks off the field after Australia's loss at the Sammy National Cricket Stadium in Gros Islet, Saint Lucia

working as hard as ever on the fielding and training. Here we probably didn't get as many opportunities to work on it because we were always travelling and playing. But yes, it hasn't been good enough for the last few games in particular," Hazlewood said.

The fact that games came back-to-back and a slight dip in intensity over 36 hours was all that was required for Australia to pack their bags and go home. But Hazlewood didn't want to blame it on the format, saying that it ought to be cut-throat at this level.

"It's not sudden death straight off but even South Africa, had they lost one game after winning six in a row, could have been out. That's the nature of T20. You've got to be

on your game every day that you turn up. So yes, it's disappointing," the pacer added.

The third factor that hurt Australia in both the games was their inability to chase it down at the back-end despite reaching positions of some comfort.

While against Afghanistan they needed 41 runs off six overs with five wickets in hand, in the game against India, the asking rate was in the vicinity of 10 in the last 10 with only two wickets down.

Travis Head, who was trying his best to keep Australia alive on Monday, seemed to acknowledge that they lost the match-ups between overs 14-17. "They have some good bowlers, they did well and yes, we couldn't capitalize either," Head said, adding that the "emotions are still pretty raw".

It will remain that way for a while for a team that is used to winning most of the time.

Afghanistan sneak into semis amid high drama

RASHID & CO. PIP BANGLADESH BY 8 RUNS AS AUSSIES ARE ELIMINATED

Kingstown: Afghanistan advanced to their first-ever senior world tournament semifinal with a nerve-jangling eight-run victory over Bangladesh that eliminated mighty Australia. Amid excruciating tension at the Arnos Vale Stadium in St. Vincent, Afghan captain Rashid Khan and seamer Naveen ul Haq were the heroes as Afghanistan battled through three rain stoppages to secure a famous victory under the DLS scoring method that was sealed after 1 am local time. Defending a modest total of 115/5 on a bowler-friendly surface, Rashid finished with figures of 4/23 while Naveen took 4/26 as Bangladesh were dismissed for 105, chasing a revised target of 114 off 19 overs.

An unbeaten 54 from Bangladesh opener Litton Das threatened to deny Afghanistan's fairytale win and earn Australia the last semifinal spot. But pacer Naveen claimed the last two wickets of Taskin Ahmed and Mustafizur Rahman off consecutive deliveries to trigger delirious Afghan celebrations and leave a disconsolate Das stranded.

"We have worked so hard over the past few years and we were dreaming of this day. It's a surreal experience," said a relieved but delighted Naveen, the man of



FAIRYTALE RUN: Afghanistan captain Rashid Khan (right) celebrates with teammates after dismissing Bangladesh's Rishad Hossain in Kingstown, Saint Vincent

the match. "We always knew they were going to be coming hard at us to try to get the target in 12.1 overs but we stuck to the task."

With India defeating Australia earlier in the day and advancing to the second semifinal against England in Guyana on Thursday, this result assured the Afghans of second spot in the group and eliminated the Aussies and Bangla-

deshis. Afghanistan will now face South Africa in the first semifinal in Trinidad on Wednesday.

Earlier, leg-spinner Rishad Hossain claimed 3/26 to lead the impressive Bangladeshi bowling effort. Despite another good opening stand — 59 off 10.4 overs — the Afghans failed to capitalise on that platform with top-scorer Rahmanullah Gurbaz's laborious 43

off 55 balls typifying the struggle.

"The belief came when we beat New Zealand," said Afghanistan captain Rashid Khan. "We gave 100% effort to make the people back home proud."

Brief scores: Afghanistan 115/5 (Gurbaz 43, Rishad 3-26) beat Bangladesh 105 (Litton 54*, Rashid 4-23, Naveen 4-26) by 8 runs via the DLS method. AFP

'Oscar, Emmy?' Naib's 'cramping' sparks controversy over delaying tactics

Kingstown: Gulbadin Naib dramatically falling on his back, clutching his thigh after Afghanistan coach Jonathan Trott signalled his players to slow things down against Bangladesh caused both amusement and annoyance as former players questioned the genuineness of his discomfort.

Naib, who was fielding in the slip cordon, complained of cramps during the 12th over bowled by spinner Noor Ahmad, after Trott was seen on camera asking his players to slow down as Bangladesh had fallen behind on the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern par score in the rain-hit clash.

The match saw frequent rain interruptions and Bangladesh, at that stage, were 81/7, two runs behind on the DLS par score in a revised chase of 114 in 19 overs.

"The coach sends a message

out to say slow it down, slow it down and the first slip just dives on the ground needlessly. That is unacceptable. Gone off anyway. I get that might have gone off anyway for the rain," said Simon Doull while commenting on air. Zimbabwean commentator Pommie Mbanga quipped: "Oscar, Emmy?"

Naib was given treatment and was taken off the field by teammate Naveen ul Haq and a support staff as it started raining again and players ran to the dugout. "Kabi khushi kabi gham main huta hai (it happens sometimes when you are happy or when you are sad). Hamstring," Naib posted on X, dotted with laughing emojis.

This was in response to a tongue-in-cheek post by India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin. "Red card for Gulbadin Naib," Ashwin had said. Former New Zealand cricketer and commentator Ian Smith said: "I've a dodgy knee for the last six months, I'm gonna see Gulbadin Naib's doctor straight after the game. He's the eighth wonder of the world right now." PTI



NOT-SO-DUMB CHARADE? With a rain break imminent, Afghan coach Trott (on top) gestures to slow down proceedings. Immediately after, Naib (above; at slip) falls clutching his thigh

Bravo, the man behind Afghan pacers' upswing

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St. Lucia: If you have been following the Afghanistan roller-coaster in the last couple of games, you might have noticed one man taking quietly around the ground quietly as the drama kept unfolding.

That man is Dwayne Bravo, the bowling consultant who seems to have made a world of difference to this team. Captain Rashid Khan is a white-ball legend and he doesn't need much coaching.

But it's the pace bowling unit that has stood up tall in this World Cup under pressure and you can clearly see some significant work has gone into it.

While left-arm pacer Fazalhaq Farooqi with 16 wickets is still the highest wicket-taker of the tournament, against Australia in St. Vincent it was medium-pacer Gulbadin Naib's 4-20 that

finally won Afghanistan the game. Add to that Naveen-ul-Haq's 4-26 at a crucial juncture against Bangladesh, including the wickets of Taskin Ahmed and Mustafizur Rahman at the end, which had Bravo written all over it.

The subtle changes of pace, the bluff that the short ball is coming and then pushing in a full delivery, the ability to bowl the wide yorker — this is something that Bravo had done all through his career right from the start in mid-2000s. He had won many games for West Indies, and over the last decade, it used to be Bravo's pet project for Chennai Super Kings in the IPL.

The CSK fans can't count the number of games the West Indian had won on his own at the death with his bag of tricks and now when he is retired from IPL, he works in the same way for his franchise as he is doing with the Afghan boys. It's Bravo's understanding of the West Indian condi-



LENDING THE CUTTING EDGE: Afghanistan's bowling consultant Dwayne Bravo (fourth from left) celebrates with the team

tions that he seems to have tried to drill into this team.

There's of course Jonathan Trott, the head coach who does his job with a lot of passion and knows this team inside out, and then there's the Bravo input. Especially for a bowling unit like Afghanistan, that sometimes lacks the experience to kill off games, let alone win it from a tight corner with the ball. It was this inexperience that had brought

about their downfall in Mumbai in the ODI World Cup when Glenn Maxwell had scored 201 not out on one leg as the Aussies thrashed 202 for the eighth wicket.

"You need to have those people who remind you of the things you need to do. In the heat of the game, they forget the things that were planned for a specific batsman and DJ is always there to remind them what we had planned and what we are doing," Rashid said.

Now, Afghanistan will take on South Africa in Bravo's actual home, Trinidad and Tobago, in the semifinal. Bravo knows the conditions inside out.

'We'll have a new WC winner in Afghanistan'

Team's Ex-Coach Lalchand Rajput Hails Performance After Historic Run To Semis

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Mumbai: Afghanistan's historic run into the T20 World Cup semifinal on Tuesday prompted former coach Lalchand Rajput, who has been watching his former team in action closely, to make a bold prediction.

"My gut feeling says that we'll have a new T20 World Cup winner this time, and it will be Afghanistan. If the wicket in Trinidad for the first semifinal is slow, I would rate them as favourites to win against South Africa as they have a fabulous spin attack and the Proteas can be vulnerable against quality spin," Rajput, who was the head coach of Afghanistan from 2017 to 2018, told TOI.

Rajput, who is currently coaching UAE, has also had stints with India and Zimbabwe. A

former India opener who played two Tests and four ODIs, Rajput could see a sharp improvement in Afghanistan's game in the last couple of years. "Before this T20 World Cup began, I had predicted that Afghanistan would upset big teams."

They narrowly missed out on a few wins in the 50-over World Cup in India last year, failing to close games out. However, this year, they're playing brilliantly. You can see the intent in their body language. They just want to do well. On the slow, turning wickets of the West Indies, their brilliant bowling is good enough to defend whatever scores their batters put up." The 62-year-old Mumbaier, who was coach of the MS Dhoni-led Indian team that was crowned World T20 champs in the inaugural edition in 2007 in South Africa, said.

As a budding cricketing nation, Afghanistan gained Test status back in 2017 when Rajput was in charge, but former England batsman Jonathan Trott has taken the emerging Asian cricketing power to a new level. "Trott and Dwayne Bravo (the former West



LALCHAND RAJPUT

Indies allrounder is Afghanistan's bowling coach for this T20 World Cup) have done a brilliant job. The good thing about Afghanistan's players is that they are very keen to learn. They've improved massively from when I was with them.

"Earlier, their batters would just look to smash the ball anyhow, but they have now learnt the art of building an innings. Earlier, their bowling was heavily dependent on their spinners. Now, while they still have great spinners, they've got two very fine fast bowlers in Naveen-ul-Haq and Fazalhaq Farooqi," Rajput analysed. Afghanistan's 21-run win over Australia at Kingstown in the earlier Super Eight game had left the cricketing world shocked, but Rajput wasn't surprised. "I was sure that this was coming because they had almost beaten Australia in Mumbai, before a Glenn Maxwell special and a few dropped catches saw Australia through," Rajput said.

GALLERY



Leading chess players of the city at a felicitation event on Tuesday

Mandhana, Harmanpreet in top 10 of ICC rankings

India vice-captain Smriti Mandhana dropped a rung to fourth spot while skipper Harmanpreet Kaur jumped two places to ninth position in the ICC women's ODI batting rankings issued on Tuesday. Deepthi Sharma was static at the fourth position with 671 rating points in ODI bowling rankings.

India to play Pakistan in women's Asia Cup opener: Defending champions India will open their campaign against arch-rivals Pakistan on July 19 in the women's T20 Asia Cup scheduled to be held in Dambulla, Sri Lanka. According to the updated schedule of the July 19-28 event, released by the Asian Cricket Council (ACC), after Pakistan, India will take on UAE on July 21, followed by the match against Nepal on July 23, this year the eight teams have been divided into two groups

Duckworth, co-inventor of the DLS method, passes away: English statistician and one of the inventors of the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (DLS) method, Frank Duckworth died at the age of 84 on June 21, according to a report. The Duckworth-Lewis method, devised by Duckworth and fellow statistician Tony Lewis, was introduced to determine results in rain-affected cricket matches.

Vihari to continue playing for Andhra: India all-rounder Hanuma Vihari has committed to represent Andhra following assurance from the state's ruling party, Telugu Desam Party (TDP) that his grievances with the state association would be addressed.

AITA junior ranking tennis: Girls U-16 top seed Drimi Biswas was stunned 6-1, 3-6, 3-6 by unseeded Somali Mondal in the pre-quarterfinals of the AITA junior ranking tennis meet at South Club on Tuesday. Boys' U-16 sixth seed Eshan Chaudhuri went down 0-6, 0-6 by unseeded Subhradip Mukhopadhyay.

Badminton meet: Divyansh Agarwal beat Siddharth Venkataraman 21-19, 16-21, 21-16 to win the U-19 boys crown in the Bengal Junior State Badminton Championship, which concluded on Tuesday. Kanishka Bijarnia won the girls crown with a 21-18, 21-9 win over Sukanya Choudhury. The U-17 titles were won by Pranjal Das (boys) and Srenakshi Mandal (girls).

UNEVENTFUL CLOSURE TO A CONTROVERSIAL CAREER

Warner Finally Exits International Cricket After Oz Tumble Out Of WC

Kingstown: David Warner's 15-year international career came to an anti-climactic end on Tuesday as Australia were dumped out of the T20 World Cup in excruciating fashion. Australia and Warner could only watch on powerless as Afghanistan instead reached the semifinals by beating Bangladesh by a nail-biting eight runs.

The 37-year-old opening batsman Warner had always said the World Cup in the United States and Caribbean would be his farewell to international cricket. He couldn't have imagined going out quite like this.

The combative Warner stood tall at the top of the Australian order ever since his international debut in January 2009, and as opening partners came and went. He hangs up his pads as arguably Australia's greatest three-format player. He is the country's leading run-scorer in T20 cricket with 3,277 from 110 games.

Warner exited a glittering 112-Test career in January after plundering 8,786 runs at an average of 44.60, with a strike rate of 70.19. His One-day exploits were equally impressive, crunching 6,932 runs from 161 matches.

Warner was also one of the most consistent slip fielders in the game, whose name was among the first on the team sheet. But for all his exploits on the pitch, Warner

made enemies along the way and will forever be remembered for his key role in a notorious ball-tampering scandal in 2018.

Warner was seen as the chief plotter when Cameron Bancroft used sandpaper to scuff the ball before a crude attempt to conceal the evidence down his trousers during a Test in Cape Town. Along with skipper Steve Smith, Warner was suspended for a year by Cricket Australia, stripped of the vice-captaincy and banned from ever leading the team.

Warner, who will continue to play T20 cricket in leagues around the world and will also be a commentator, admitted this month he would always be tarnished by "Sandpaper-gate".

Warner was always an assertive presence and his involvement in "Sandpaper-gate" was not a surprise to many. In June 2013, he was suspended and fined for punching England's Joe Root in a Birmingham bar on the eve of the Ashes. Two months earlier he was similarly contrite after an ugly Twitter spat with two Australian journalists.

Despite the controversies, he kept bouncing back. Warner was also a part of the IPL side Sunrisers Hyderabad from 2014 till 2021, and led the franchise to its only title in 2016. He also played for Delhi Capitals. AFP



WARNER IN INTERNATIONAL CRICKET

Debut: 2009, in a T20i vs South Africa at Melbourne

	M	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	SR
Tests	112	8786	335*	44.59	26	37	70.19
ODIs	161	6932	179	45.30	22	33	97.26
T20is	110	3277	100*	33.43	1	28	142.47
ODI WC	29	1527	178	56.55	6	5	101.46
T20 WC	41	984	89*	25.89	0	8	134.24

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

70.19 Strike rate in Tests – the joint-second highest among batters with 8,000 runs or more, behind Vivender Sehwa's 82.23. Vivian Richards also had strike rate of 70.19

335*

His knock against Pakistan at Adelaide in 2019 is the second highest score by an Oz player in Tests, behind the 380 by Matthew Hayden against Zimbabwe at Perth in 2003.

Stats: Rajesh Kumar

"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." —Ricky Ponting

MSC rout Wari 6-0 in CFL opener

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Kolkata: Mohammedan Sporting began their defence of the CFL Premier Division title in emphatic fashion, brushing aside Wari AC 6-0 at the Kishore Bharati Stadium on Tuesday.

Sajal Bag (32 & 56 minutes), and Lalthankima (78, 85) scored a double each while Ashley Albankoli (66) and T James Singh (75) added 2 more to the tally as the black-and-white brigade gave their season-opening campaign a perfect start.

Bogged down by uncertainty over their participation, Wari managed to hit the training ground only five days ago. But they mat-



Mohammedan Sporting's Sajal Bag celebrates after scoring on Tuesday

ched their fancied rivals move by move in the initial period of this CFL Premier Division opener. Sajal helped Mohammedan Sporting go into the break with a 1-0 lead,

but had Wari been a bit more clinical in front of the goal, they could have added more gloss to their fight.

However, the reigning champions looked a different side after the break and once Sajal scored his second in the 56th minute, with a powerful long-ranger, Wari's resistance was broken.

Apua joins Bagan, Maher to stay at EB: Mohun Bagan SG on Tuesday announced the signing of Lalengmawia 'Apua' Ralte on a five-year contract. East Bengal FC, on the other hand, extended Jordanian defender Hijazi Maher's stay for two more seasons.

Anush to represent India in Paris

New Delhi: Asian Games

medallist **Anush Agarwalla** will represent the country in the dressage event of the Paris Olympics as largely riders in past editions competed in eventing categories only.

Agarwalla, who bagged gold in team dressage and bronze in individual dressage

events at the 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games, was picked ahead of Vora after a careful evaluation of the recent performances of the two contenders.

It will be India's first ever entry at the dressage event of the Olympics as largely riders in past editions competed in eventing categories only.

Judoka Maan secures quota: Commonwealth Games silver medallist Tulika Maan on Tuesday secured a Paris Olympics quota for India in judo. **PH**

IOA hikes cash awards for Oly medallists

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New Delhi: The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) will give away a cash award of Rs 1 crore to individual gold medal winners at the Paris Games. The silver medallists will get Rs 75 lakh and bronze medallists Rs 50 lakh, TOI has learnt. The Games will run from July 26 to August 11.

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These awards will be given over and above what the govt offers to the Olympic medallists in individual categories. According to the govt's scheme for medal winners, an Olympic champion gets Rs 75 lakh, the silver winner Rs 50 lakh and bronze medallist Rs 30 lakh.

IOA had, for the first time, handed out cash awards in 2018 to the medal winners of the Jakarta-Palembang Asian Games: gold medallist got Rs 5 lakh, silver medallist Rs 3 lakh and bronze winner Rs 2 lakh.

Since then, IOA has been regularly rewarding the athletes. At the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, it has given Rs 75 lakh to the gold medallist, Rs 40 lakh to silver winner and Rs 25 lakh to the bronze medallist.

For the Paris Games, it has announced a significant raise in the cash prizes. In the case of silver and bronze winners, the award money has been almost doubled.

Medal expectations: The IOA has put its projection count for Paris at 10 individual medals. In an interview with TOI recently, IOA president P T Usha had expressed confidence that India would finish with a double-digit medal tally. IOA is expecting Indian athletes to win at least 10 individual medals in Paris and for that, it has earmarked a budget of Rs 7 crore.

Individual medallists (IOA)
Gold: Rs 1 cr
Silver: Rs 75 lakh
Bronze: Rs 50 lakh

Men's hockey team
Gold: Rs 2 cr
Silver: Rs 1 crore
Bronze: Rs 75 lakh

What government offers
Gold medallist: Rs 75 lakh
Silver: Rs 50 lakh
Bronze: Rs 30 lakh

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Man with drive: From ₹1.5k/mth to ₹36cr/year

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Mumbai: Ashfaque Chunnawala is proof that courage, determination, hard work and financial discipline can turn your life around. From earning a modest monthly salary of Rs 1,500 in 2004 by stacking the shelves of a retail store to owning a fleet of 400 cabs with an annual turnover of Rs 36 crore, the 37-year-old Oshiwara resident is only hungry for more—he wants to expand his fleet to 500 soon.

Chunnawala had to drop out after Class X to support his family and found a job in 2004 with a retail store as an attendant. But his ambitions pushed him to try newer things.

For close to 10 years, he kept switching to jobs in search of better opportunities and eventually became the manager of an apparel and skincare store. He still couldn't shake off the feeling, though, that he was meant to do more. But while his instincts egged him on to aim higher, he found himself drowning in financial debts.

His luck turned in 2013 after he came across an advertisement of a newly launched ride-hailing app that was quickly gaining popularity and offered flexible earning opportunities. He joined the platform as a part-time driver, secured a cheap and small car through the company's special programme, got behind its wheel, and never looked back.

Chunnawala balanced both his jobs initially—driving for a few hours from 7am, then heading to the store and driving again for some time at night. As his earnings grew—he made Rs 35,000 a month as a driver—he worked on building his savings.



From working at a retail store in 2004, Ashfaque Chunnawala now owns a fleet of 400 cabs

His path to success was also laid by his sister, who helped him buy a second car. With the increased earnings from both the cars, he recognised the need to expand and applied for a bank of Rs 10 lakh to buy three more cars.

After his loan got sanctioned, he hired more drivers. Instead of being content with his already improved prospects, he kept a small sum from his earnings after paying his loan EMIs and invested the rest. He used the deposits, along with fresh bank loans, to buy more cars, eventually building a 400-strong fleet over time. "I also strive to empower drivers to pursue their dreams unhindered by financial constraints," he said.

But it wasn't a smooth ride. He faced multiple setbacks—from employees deserting him and promoting toxicity at work to his toughest trial during the first lockdown triggered by Covid-19 that brought business to a screeching halt.

Chunnawala, who will soon be felicitated by the ride-sharing app, Uber, with which he is still affiliated, as a top first-generation entrepreneur, said his drivers are put through an intensive training for 15-30 days, where they are sensitised about appropriate behaviour and expectations.

QR codes boost Malda mango marketing

Subhro Maitra | TNN

Malda: The marketing of mangoes has been revolutionised in Malda with the addition of QR code labels.

The initiative, spearheaded by a farmer from Rata, has been adopted by the horticulture department. This innovative approach allows consumers to verify the origin and condition of the mangoes they purchase.

Farmer Debbarayan Ghosh said: "We want to sell our own Himsagar or Lakshman Bhog in other states as well as abroad. I saw Maharashtra was successful in branding their Alphonso. The



The QR code allows customers to verify the origin and condition of the mangoes they purchase

farmers used QR codes on their fruits, scanning which one may know their origin and history. This gave me the idea."

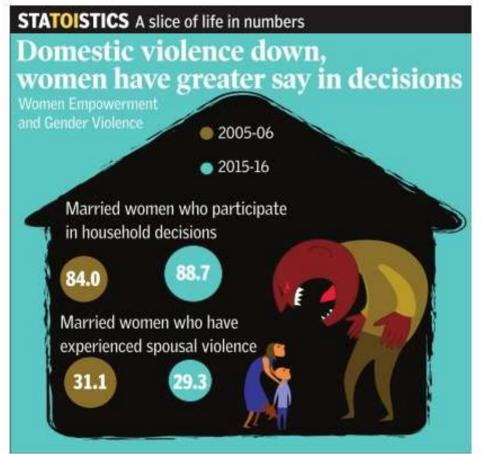
Ghosh reached out to the horticulture department,

which showed keen interest in the concept. A Mumbai-based organisation was engaged to develop the QR codes. The QR-coded mangoes were a resounding success at the recent mango fair in New Delhi. Samanta Layek, deputy director of the horticulture department, highlighted that three varieties of Malda mangoes—Fazli, Himsagar and Lakshman Bhog—had received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag. Ghosh, a certified GI farmer, produces all three varieties.

Farmers must satisfy the department regarding the climate and pesticide-free production of their mangoes to get a certificate. The GI de-

partment then approves the use of the QR code, thus ensuring they cannot be manipulated with false information. Ghosh's initiative has inspired farmers from Murshidabad, Nadia, Hooghly and Bankura to adopt QR codes for their mangoes. Customers have also expressed satisfaction with the system.

Ujjwal Saha, secretary of the Malda Mango Merchants Association, welcomed the initiative. "Often, sellers try to sell poor quality mangoes in the name of Malda mango. This code will stop such cheating and pave the way for export of Malda mangoes to other states."



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