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Congress reappoints Sam Pitroda as chairman of Indian Overseas Congress, over a month-and-a-half after he resigned following a controversy over his remarks on 'inheritance tax' at the peak of Lok Sabha elections, P 10

Kenyan Prez William Ruto says he's withdrawing a contentious tax bill, bowing to public pressure after violent protests against plan to raise $2.3bn in new levies led to 23 deaths, PAGE OPP

Denmark will tax livestock farmers for the greenhouse gases emitted by their cows, sheep and pigs from 2030, the first country in the world to do so, PAGE OPP

Belgium team wear their Tintin-inspired kit in the Euro 2024 Group E match against Ukraine in a tribute to Belgian cartoonist Hergé and the character that made him famous, P 20



Ragged in med college, student undergoes dialysis

A first-year MBBS student of a govt medical college in Rajasthan's Dungarpur district had to undergo dialysis after seniors forced him to do more than 300 push-ups in scorching heat, severely impacting his kidney function. Although the ragging incident took place on May 15, the college administration took action against the accused students Tuesday after receiving a communication from the NCM. An FIR has been filed against seven second-year students and they have been suspended. P 9

Six cops get life for beating man to death

A court in Assam sentenced six policemen to rigorous life imprisonment Wednesday for beating to death a man in a market at Sadiya in Tinsukia district more than a decade ago. The convicted cops were found guilty of assaulting Ajit Sonowal on Oct 7, 2013, with rifle butts, lathis, kicks and blows. TNN

Booze ban buzz in Odisha, govt denies

Odisha minister Nityanand Gond caused a flutter Wednesday by declaring the new BJP govt in the state would explore the feasibility of liquor prohibition, pointing out that "addiction is ruining lives and shattering families". The excise department said no such plan was in the works. P 9

L K Advani, 96, admitted to AIIMS

BJP veteran and former deputy PM Lal Krishna Advani (96) was admitted to the old private ward of AIIMS, Delhi, on Wednesday night. He is being treated by urologist Dr Amlesh Seth and kept under the supervision of doctors. "He is stable and under observation," a source said, reports PTI.

Rahul summoned in defamation case

An MP-MLA court in UP's Sultanpur summoned Congress's Rahul Gandhi to appear before it on July 2 in a 2018 defamation case for allegedly calling Union home minister Amit Shah a "murderer". BJP's Vijay Mishra filed the case against Rahul for the alleged remarks at a presser in Aug 2018. TNN

Monthly instant payments jump 4x

India has witnessed a significant surge in monthly real-time payments, which have increased to 13.3 bn transactions from 2.6 bn in 3 years. According to a BCG-QED investors report, availability of an alias directory and QR codes on top of real-time payments infrastructure was key in propelling innovation. P 19

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Denmark vs Serbia	0-0
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CBI gets CM's 3-day custody, court says arrest not illegal

False Narrative That I Implicated Sisodia: Kejriwal

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New Delhi: A city court on Wednesday sent CM Arvind Kejriwal to CBI custody for three days, asserting that his arrest in the Delhi excise policy case was "not illegal". The court of vacation judge Amitabh Rawat said in an 18-page order that at this stage of investigation, statements of witnesses and documentary evidence will be considered and the remand of the accused was, therefore, warranted.

"Investigation is the prerogative of the investigating agency. There are certain safeguards provided in the law, and at this stage, on the material on record, it cannot be said that the arrest is illegal. The agency, however, should not be overzealous," said the court.

CBI arrested Kejriwal during the hearing in court after the court allowed the agency to examine him and to produce documents for his arrest. The agency had sought five days of custody.

The application seeking Kejriwal's arrest had been moved by CBI after he was produced before the court from Tihar Jail, where he was lodged in judicial custody in a money-laundering case related to the excise policy being probed by ED.

The CBI counsel had earlier told the court why the CM's custody was needed. "We need his custodial interrogation. He pushed the entire onus on Manish Sisodia and said he has no idea about the excise policy. We need to confront him with documents. We are not asking him to admit to something," said the counsel.

Responding to this, Kejriwal addressed the court, saying CBI had released fabricated information to the media.

▶EDIT: Jail Mustn't Be Norm

▶ 'Policy objectives', P 6

PLEA AGAINST HC BAIL STAY WITHDRAWN FROM SC

- CM withdraws from SC his plea challenging HC order staying bail granted to him in an ED case. Tells court he **will file comprehensive petition against stay and CBI action**
- Seeking Kejriwal's custody, CBI counsel contends that it was required as **CM was placing onus on** former Delhi deputy CM **Manish Sisodia and needed to be confronted**
- **Kejriwal personally addresses court,** denies having given any statement putting 'entire blame' of liquor policy 'scam' on Sisodia, who is also an accused. **Says, 'I had said that Sisodia is innocent. AAP is innocent. I am innocent.** But CBI's plan is to malign us in the media. Please record that CBI sources have spread fake news'
- AAP netas say CBI has been caught lying after **court agrees with Kejriwal's statement** that he never tried to implicate Sisodia
- CBI's counsel accuses Kejriwal of making **'unnecessary allegation of malice'**
- BJP says it's shocking to see **Kejriwal govt indulging in 'melodrama'** to divert attention of Delhiites from city's water crisis
- AAP urges INDIA bloc to raise issue in Parl

Photo: PTI



Arvind Kejriwal at Rouse Avenue Court Wednesday

Om Birla elected Speaker for second time on voice vote

Opposition Does Not Press For Division Of Votes

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New Delhi: Om Birla, three-time BJP MP from Kota, was re-elected Lok Sabha Speaker for a second consecutive term in a contest that was not to be as the opposition flinched from seeking a vote despite Congress fielding its candidate K Suresh. Birla, 62, was elected by voice vote.

There were 13 sets of proposals in favour of Birla, the first moved by PM Modi and seconded by defence minister Rajnath Singh. Other proposers were drawn from among NDA partners and BJP's own, representing various castes.

With Congress and its allies Shiv Sena (UBT), DMK, NCP and RSP proposing the candidature of Suresh amid strong indications of their desire to make it a play on his Dalit background, a contest — the first in almost five decades — seemed imminent.

Trinamool Congress's decision not to propose Suresh in protest against Congress unilaterally declaring him a contender appeared to be the main reason for the latter not to seek a division of votes.

▶EDIT PAGE: RaGa On Double Duty/Om Shanti Om

▶5th to be elected..., P 22

Photo: ANI

> It is a matter of honour that you (Birla) have been elected to this chair for the second time... Your sweet smile keeps the entire House happy... You chose to uphold the dignity of the House even when you had to take decisions that pained you —**PM Modi**

> ...Govt has political power, but oppn also represents the voice of India's people and this time... significantly more voices... By allowing us to represent the people of India, you will do your duty of defending the Constitution — **Rahul Gandhi** | LOP



PM Modi and leader of oppn in LS Rahul Gandhi greet each other before escorting Om Birla (behind) to the Speaker's chair on Wednesday

Anti-Emergency resolution isolates Cong

Congress found itself isolated on Wednesday as a motion was moved by the newly-elected Speaker to condemn the Emergency imposed by the Indira Gandhi govt in 1975, **reports Akhilesh Singh**. Besides BJP and its allies, Congress's allies Samajwadi Party, DMK and TMC backed the resolution. Speaker Om Birla sought two minutes' silence in the memory of "those dutiful and patriotic citizens of India" who lost their lives "at the hands of the dictatorial Congress govt". While Cong MPs protested, its allies joined in. P 10

LG-tree cutting row: DDA is shielding higher-ups, says SC

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday accused DDA of concealing information to save higher ups as the land controlling agency failed to lift the haze on whether Delhi LG V K Saxena had visited the Ridge area and given approval to the felling of more than 750 trees in violation of law for construction of a road.

The court's observations came after DDA said that it was unable to find documents on whether Saxena had visited the area.

SC had on June 24 directed DDA to come clean on the LG's role in light of the allegation that the executive engineer concerned, in his email messages, had specifically mentioned that the LG visited the site on Feb 3 and directed that the trees be cleared. Later, however, the engineer went back on his claim.

Defending DDA, senior advocate Maninder Singh told a bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan that the authority was not concealing anything but would place the details after locating the records and talking to persons who were present there.

The court was hearing a contempt petition filed by Delhi resident Bindu Kapurea who moved the court through advocate Manan Verma against the DDA vice chairman for felling trees in violation of various laws. As per the petitioner, more than 1,100 trees were cut as against 633 mentioned in DDA's records. Forest Survey of India in its preliminary report said 750 trees were cut but sought time to analyse satellite images to give the exact number.

As it was submitted that DDA member engineer Ashok Kumar Gupta was present when the LG visited, the court directed him to file an affidavit in his personal capacity on "what transpired on that day and whether the LG passed the order."

> The email says LG visited and ordered cutting of trees but no inquiry was conducted... Was it not the function of the committee to look into it? **You are only protecting higher-ups and blaming lower officers.** There are efforts to conceal facts and we are not happy... It is difficult for us to believe there is no record of LG's visit
>
> ...if the highest authority has done something wrong, there is nothing wrong in telling the court... The **truth must come out** —SC bench

▶ 'Brazen act', P 3

Three terrorists gunned down in Doda encounter

Security forces killed three terrorists in a gunfight in Gandoh-Bhaderwah sector of J&K's Doda district Wednesday, with official sources hailing this as an encouraging outcome of multi-layered search operations over the past fortnight in the hilly, forested terrain of Jammu region following four attacks on June 9, 11 and 12, **reports Sanjay Khajuria.**

"Based on specific intelligence inputs, a joint op of J&K police and security forces was launched. Contact was established with terrorists and a gunfight followed. Three terrorists were gunned down," said a police spokesperson. Sources said a J&K policeman named Aashiq Hussain was wounded with a bullet in his right leg and shifted to Doda govt hospital, where his condition is said to be stable. P 9

Probe: NEET leak Bihar kingpin colluded with paper-solving gang of UP

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Patna: Sanjiv Mukhiya, the Nalanda horticulture college employee identified as one of the absconding perpetrators of the NEET-UG paper leak in Bihar, is a repeat offender with a network of collaborators that includes the arrested kingpin of a UP "solver gang", investigators revealed Wednesday.

Mukhiya, it transpired, unofficially took time off from his job as a technical assistant at the state-run Noorsarai Horticulture College in Nalanda from May 6 to 14 and got himself admitted to a hospital. He went missing after word got out about his alleged role in the paper leak ahead of the May 5 test. Sources in the Economic Offences Unit said Mukhiya had links with Ravi Atri, who was jailed in Meerut after being arrested in April for the police constable recruitment exam paper leak.

▶Skipped work, P 22

When NEET met darknet, the web you may not know about



TOI explains how the darknet has become a big headache for NTA officials grappling with paper-leak crisis | P 16

Bombay HC upholds hijab ban in college

Bombay high court on Wednesday upheld the ban by a Mumbai college on students wearing burqa, hijab and niqab on the campus as part of its dress code. "The object behind prescribing the dress code is evident from the instructions since they state that the intention is that a student's religion ought not to be revealed. It is in the larger academic interest of the students as well as for the administration and discipline of the college that this object is achieved," it said. P 9

Slight delay in monsoon but wet spell to continue

Instead of its normal onset date of June 27, monsoon is likely to arrive in Delhi-NCR around June 28-30, weather experts said, although IMD is yet to issue a forecast on the likely arrival date. However, the capital continues to get patchy spells of rain. These are expected to persist, with heavy showers predicted for June 29-30, the likely time of monsoon's arrival. The heat index on Wednesday was 52 degrees C as humidity oscillated between 51% and 71%. P 2

MCD plans to hike parking charges in city

MCD plans to introduce a proposal to revise parking charges in city areas under it to curb congestion and air pollution. For cars, the charges may be hiked from Rs 20 to Rs 30 in 'A' category (premium) areas, and from Rs 10 to 15 for two-wheelers. The monthly charges are also likely to be increased. According to the proposal, likely to be tabled Thursday, there will also be a 'normal' category. Underground parking lots will come under a separate bracket. P 3

₹500cr Pjb action plan to tackle stubble burning

Punjab agriculture and farmer welfare department has prepared an action plan of Rs 500 crore to put a check on stubble burning by providing machinery and other measures during the paddy harvesting season of 2024.

Agriculture minister Gurmeet Singh Khudian said the department has received 21,511 applications from farmers, cooperative societies, farmer producer organisations, and panchayats interested in availing of subsidies on crop residue management machinery during the kharif season of 2024. Farmers have applied for 63,697 machines. Individual farmers can avail of a 50% subsidy on the cost of CRM equipment while cooperative societies, FPOs and panchayats can receive an 80% subsidy, he added. P 2

Telugu speakers jump 4-fold in US, touch 12.3L this yr from 3.2L in 2016

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Hyderabad: Telugu students packing their bags for the US this fall are more likely to feel at home than before. There has been an explosion in the Telugu-speaking population across America, from 3.2 lakh in 2016 to 12.3 lakh in 2024.

According to a Statistical Atlas of the US report based on US Census Bureau data this population ranges from fourth-generation immigrants to recently-arrived students. California hosts the largest Telugu-speaking population — of close to 2 lakh – closely followed by Texas (1.5 lakh) and New Jersey (1.1 lakh). States like Illinois (83,000), Virginia (78,000), and Georgia (52,000) too have a significant pool of people from the two Telugu states. Data shows each of these states have seen an almost four-fold rise in numbers. Local Telugu associations say these numbers are in line with their own estimates.

2L IN CALIFORNIA



Out of 350 languages in the US, **Telugu is now the 11th most spoken foreign language**

▶11th spoken language, P 22

Sought updates on Pannun probe from India: US

The United States has consistently pressed India for updates on the Indian investigation into the alleged foiled plot to kill Khalistan separatist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun and made it clear that it seeks "accountability" in the case, a senior Biden administration official said Wednesday.

"...We raised this issue directly with the Indian government...at the most senior levels between our two sides. We have had constructive dialogue with India on this topic and I would say that they have been responsive to our concerns," US deputy secretary of state Kurt Campbell said at a virtual media briefing on his and US national security adviser Jake Sullivan's visit to India last week. P 16

ADMK suspended from TN House for session for ruckus over hooch toll

Chennai: Legislators of AIADMK, including leader of opposition Edappadi K Palaniswami, were suspended Wednesday from Tamil Nadu assembly for the remainder of the session ending June 29 after they demanded an adjournment to discuss the Kallakurichi hooch tragedy that has claimed 60 deaths.

▶Resolution urges Centre for caste census, P 12

Over 110 people are still being treated in various hospitals after consuming methanol-spoked moonshine brew in Karunapuram village on June 18. Assembly speaker M Appavu ordered the mass eviction of AIADMK MLAs shortly after the session began. Led by general secretary Palaniswami, AIADMK legislators — dressed in black shirts as a mark of protest — shouted slogans and insisted on their demand despite Appavu's assurance that the issue could be raised after question hour. TNN

▶ 'Publicity over duty', P 22

C Suresh Kumar



AIADMK legislators, led by leader of oppn Edappadi Palaniswami, turned up in black on Wednesday

One in 2 Indian adults unfit, inactive: Study

Nearly 50% of Indian adults are unfit and fail to adhere to World Health Organisation (WHO) recommendations for adequate physical activity, says a study published in medical journal The Lancet Global Health. The research, conducted across 197 countries from 2000 to 2022, also showed a gender skew — 52.6% of women were found to be physically inactive, against 38.4% men, **reports Anuja Jaiswal.**

WHO guidelines recommend "150 minutes of moderate-intensity or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity physical activity, or equivalent, per week". P 5

Burglar shoots couple's video, blackmails them

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Raipur: A wannabe civil servant, who took to burglary after his PSC dreams went nowhere, sneaked into a couple's home in Chhattisgarh's Durg a few nights ago, but instead of stealing anything, took a video of their intimate moment and tried to extort Rs 10 lakh from them.

The couple, though shaken by the blackmail, decided to approach police and Vinay Kumar Sahu's short-lived career as a criminal ended just like his PSC dreams.

Sahu (28) had used a stolen phone to take the video and WhatsApp it to the couple, without thinking that it would be under surveillance. "He made it easy for us to eventually track him down," said a police officer.

₹10L DEMAND

- Vinay Sahu, who **burgled the couple's house in Durg twice earlier,** sneaked into their home last Friday
- **Seeing the two in an intimate moment, he furtively shot a video** on a smartphone he had stolen
- Sahu sent the clip to the couple and demanded ₹10L. **Police** put the phone under surveillance, **nabbed Sahu and deleted the video**

▶Failed to crack test, P 22

GRUDGE MATCH AS INDIA EYES FINAL

- Another T20 World Cup semifinal, another England challenge for India. While India's win over Australia in Super 8 was touted as revenge for the defeat in the ODI World Cup final in 2023, today's is the real grudge match
- Defending champs England humiliated India in the semifinal of the previous T20 World Cup, **chasing down 169 runs with 10 wickets and 24 balls to spare**
- Things have changed since then, with India reorienting its batting approach in T20s. Plus, it has a **spin attack better suited to the Guyana surface**
- A **big rain threat looms** over the game, and there is no reserve day. **If there's a washout, undefeated India will go through to final** by virtue of topping their group in Super 8



Buttler



Rohit

KEY MATCHUPS

VIRAT KOHLI vs **ADIL RASHID:** The former has struggled to get going, and Rashid, who has dismissed him 9 times in int'l matches, will fancy his chances

KULDEEP YADAV vs **HARRY BROOK:** If Brook gets going, India's canny left-arm spinner will be called upon to deliver

ROHIT SHARMA vs **JOFRA ARCHER:** Archer has dismissed Rohit thrice from 20 deliveries, giving 17 runs, in T20 matches

JOS BUTTLER vs **JASPRIT BUMRAH:** It will be up to India's paceman for all seasons to dismiss the in-form England captain

VENUE: Providence, Guyana | **TIME:** 8pm IST Today P 21

Fake cops dupe elderly city woman of ₹83 lakh

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New Delhi: Krishna Dasgupta, a 72-year-old resident of CR Park in south Delhi, recently became the victim of an elaborate fraud, with scammers using a tactic known as "digital arrest" to steal Rs 83 lakh from her bank accounts.

The crooks not just sent her fake arrest warrants and notices but also took her on a video call and asked her to remain confined to a room where she was told she had been "held under observation". They then coerced her to go to her bank branches and transfer funds to them for "verification".

'DIGITAL ARREST'

- Scammers text 72-yr-old woman, saying her **phone was used to circulate porn**
- She calls up the number. It's answered by a 'Mumbai cop' who sends an **'FIR' & 'arrest warrant'** in her name, asks her to appear in **Mumbai court within 2 hrs**
- Fraudsters tell her to **withdraw all money** from her bank a/cs and transfer the funds for **'verification'**

The woman told **TOI** that she panicked and followed the instructions to avoid any "legal trouble".

▶Fake legal notices, P 7

Kapil takes guard as Indian men's golf fed chief

Cricket legend turned ace golfer Kapil Dev was on Wednesday appointed president of the Professional Golf Tour of India, governing body for men's professional golf in India. Kapil, who has excelled as an amateur golfer, has been the vice-president and member of the governing body of PGTI for the past three years. "I promise to do my best, as I always have," Kapil said. P 22





MCD looks to discourage illegal on-street parking| 3

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TEMP ON WEDNESDAY
39° MAXIMUM | 31.6° MINIMUM

FORECAST Very light rain likely. Max and min on Thursday would be around 38 and 29°C

SUNSET 7.23 PM (THU) SUNRISE 5.26 AM (FRI)
MOONSET 10.46 AM (FRI) MOONRISE 11.38 PM (THU)

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Tables Turned! How Lakes Project Is Helping Recharge Groundwater

Report Cites Clear Gains At Restored Waterbodies, Especially In SW District

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New Delhi: Delhi govt's project to revive lakes by using treated water has proved successful, particularly in South West district, where the groundwater has risen, according to a new nationwide survey conducted by researchers at the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE). The survey found that the water table rose around 6 metres at Pappankalan, 4m at Nilothi and 3m at Najafgarh after artificial lakes were created in those places.

TOI POSITIVE

The findings of the survey are captured in a book titled *Back from the Brink: Rejuvenating India's Lakes, Ponds, and Tanks – A Compendium of Success Stories*, which was released at a symposium on Wednesday. The book is based on the yearlong survey in which a CSE team reviewed 250 water bodies created or restored under 22 state-level programmes and five central govt schemes.

CSE said that under Delhi govt's City of Lakes project, 14-15 lakes were artificially created or encroached lakes were restored until December last year. According to the report submitted by Delhi Jal Board to the National Green Tribunal, 155 water bodies have been considered for revival under the project.

At Pappankalan, the groundwater level was 21.8m below the surface level in 2019 but rose to 6m after two lakes were revived there. The groundwater level was estimated using piezometers installed at the sites. These calculate the groundwater pressure and the increase in the groundwater table over time in metres.

"To ensure that lakes and waterbodies remain filled throughout the year — Delhi has just 50-odd rainy days a year — DJB connected the revived as well as the new waterbodies to sewage treatment plants wherever possible. The idea was to fill the waterbodies with treated effluent," said CSE.

According to the state govt, Delhi also produces 500 million gallons per day (MGD) or 1,893 million litres per day (MLD) of recycled water from 37 operational STPs, 21 of which is currently being wasted. This recycled water can be stored in the proposed lakes and waterbodies and further used to reduce the deficit of 200MGD (757MLD) of water faced annually by the city, CSE pointed out.

Sushmita Sengupta, senior programme manager of the water programme at CSE, said, "It is a good example of water conservation. The project includes filling up the waterbodies with treated wastewater — which was getting wasted by mixing with sewage in a nearby drain. The filled-up water helps to recharge the groundwater in the nearby borewells. The piezometers (for example, those near Najafgarh and Pappan Kalan) which record the local groundwater showed an increase of 3-4 metres in just one year."

Speaking at a symposium on Wednesday, CSE director general Sunita Narain said, "It is also critical in these times of water stress not only to ensure that wastewater, or sewage, is treated but also to recycle and reuse it. It is here that the waterbodies we protect in our cities, the same ponds and tanks that we use to divert and harvest rainwater, can be used to channel the treated sewage and, in turn, recharge groundwater."

SUCCESS STORY

- Delhi govt's lake revival project using treated water has favourable outcome
- South West district has shown the best results with increase in groundwater levels

Photo courtesy: Swati Bhatia



Site	No. of lakes at site	Water table rise so far (in metres)
Pappankalan	2	6
Najafgarh	1	3
Nilothi	3	4

All these lakes were commissioned in 2021, with the latest data collected by Delhi Jal Board from 2024



HOW LAKES WERE REVIVED

To ensure that lakes and waterbodies remain filled through the year in Delhi—which has just 50-odd rain days annually—DJB connected the revived as well as the new waterbodies to the sewage treatment plant

Excessive silt brings Palla floodplain project to halt

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New Delhi: The Palla floodplain project started by Delhi govt's irrigation & flood control (IFC) department five years ago to capture excess river water is now at a standstill, according to sources. In 2019, a 26-acre pond was created to collect floodwater, which, according to govt report, had recharged 740 million gallons of groundwater in 2022-23. However, the plan to install additional tubewells on the floodplain and expand the pond area to 1,000 acres is facing hurdles.

Last Nov, water minister Atishi inspected the project and announced govt's plan to install 200 tubewells in Palla to help mitigate the water shortage in the city. This hasn't been completed. Delhi Jal Board claimed that tubewells were being sunk, but the floodplain project — which would have recharged the groundwater and boosted Delhi's water sources — had been postponed.

IFC officials reported a problem of heavy silting in the floodwater collection pits. An official said, "As per the National Green Tribunal's order, we carried out a pilot project and assessed it for four years. We discovered two major problems in the project. One is accumulation of silt. If the pond area is increased, the policymakers will have to take a decision on where to collect and dump the silt." This peculiar problem has arisen because river soil is not allowed to be removed from a site.

"To create the existing pond, we had to utilise 17 acres of land just to hold the soil that we had dug up. In this way, the terrain now is uneven and the overall advantage provided by the project has reduced," the official said. "We will submit all these observations to NGT before taking a decision on going ahead with the project."

The primary goal of the Palla project, according to Delhi govt, is to collect floodwater and use the stored water throughout the year to boost the water table.

A water expert associated with the project said the pilots were "very successful. "The plan after three pilots was to expand the project to 1,000 acres of the floodplain. Every monsoon season, the project increased storage of water by an average 1,000 million gallons of water. The only job of IFC is to desilt the pits."

The state govt had stated that the project would not only benefit Delhi but also serve as an excellent example for states grappling with drought and water scarcity. Every monsoon, the Yamuna floods, resulting in millions of litres of water overflowing its banks. The project was to ensure this water did not go waste.

On Wednesday, DJB reported a total water production of 926MGD from all the water treatment plants and tubewells. "Our responsibility at Palla is to operate tubewells. We are doing that," claimed a water official. "New tubewells had to be dug and that too is being done."

There was no official response on the matter from Delhi govt.

File photo



WELL BEGUN BUT NOT HALF DONE: In 2019, a 26-acre pond was created to collect floodwater, which, according to govt report, had recharged 740 million gallons of groundwater in 2022-23

Monsoon set to miss date, but likely by end of month

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi's date with the monsoon could be delayed, weather analysts have said as its arrival on June 27 seems unlikely.

The India Meteorological Department has not announced the monsoon arrival date. On Wednesday, it predicted moderate to light rain on June 29 and heavy to moderate rain on June 30, which is when the weather department is expected to declare the monsoon's onset.

"There are chances that the monsoon may arrive between June 28 and June 30. Currently, it is stuck over the eastern region over Bihar and the Bay of Bengal and has not moved further. But the conditions are favourable for its advancement," said Mahesh Palawat, vice-chairman of meteorology and climate change at Skymet. In 2023, the monsoon reached Delhi on June 25.

Several areas of the city saw a drizzle or very light rain towards Wednesday afternoon. Despite that, the weather was warm and humid. According to IMD, till 5.30pm, the Palam area recorded 2.3mm rainfall on Wednesday, Ayanagar 1.8mm, Pitampura 0.5mm and Lodhi Road and Ridge saw traces of rain.

Delhi has experienced a rise in its minimum temperature while the maximum temperature has dipped.

The heat index or the feel-like temperature on Wednesday was 52 degrees Celsius because of the humidity that oscillated between 51 % and 71%.

The maximum temperature on Wednesday was 39 degrees Celsius, two notches above normal and against 39.9 a day earlier. The minimum temperature was 31.6 degrees Celsius on Wednesday, four notches below normal and against 28.6 a day earlier.

According to the Met forecast, the maximum temperatures will drop further throughout the week, hovering around 38 degrees on Thursday and Friday, 36 on Saturday and 34 on Sunday.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a yellow alert for very light rain and thunderstorms in parts of the city on Thursday.

"The intensity of rain will increase. On Friday and Saturday, parts of the city could receive moderate rainfall. While on Sunday June 30, there are chances of moderate to heavy rainfall, accompanied with gusty winds," said an IMD official.

File photo



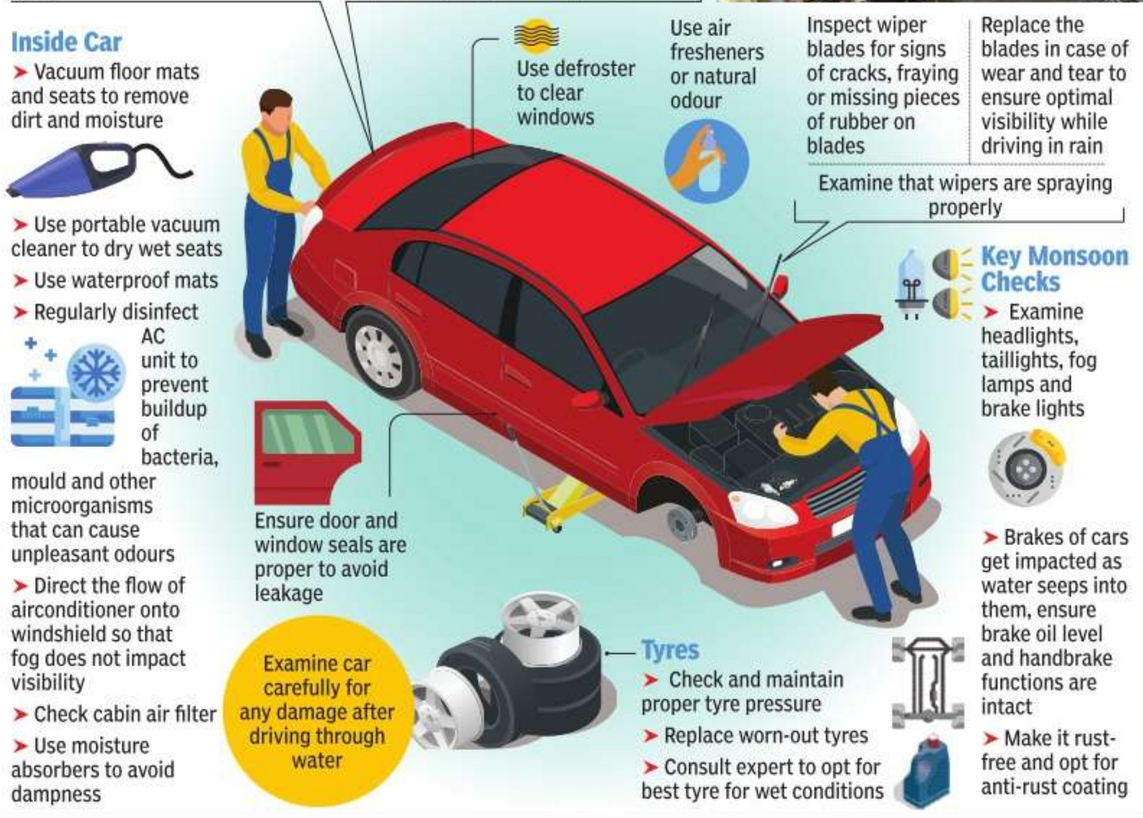
The maximum temperatures will drop further throughout the week

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(Information compiled from different sources)

To roll out new laws, police to establish control room in each district, launch helpline numbers

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New Delhi: Delhi Police will set up a control room in each district of the city and launch helpline numbers to facilitate the rollout of new laws on July 1, sources said. A central control room has also been set up at the office of Crime Branch which will be the nodal centre for the rollout.

Delhi Police brass on Wednesday held its final meeting before the rollout that is scheduled for July 1. The officers brainstormed over their preparedness and discussed the glitches which were coming to fore. Delhi Police has filed over 1,000 dummy FIRs under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) at its over 200 police stations. It has also carried out an equal number of dummy seizures and arrests till now under the procedures laid down under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), which replaced the CrPC.

The helpline will be for cops in the main who can seek assistance in case of any issues they face in the rollout. Cops have been asked to be discreet about the glitches and convey them only to their superiors.

Feedback on the working of the app, e-pramaan, was also taken during the meeting on Wednesday and barring a few glitches, it is reported to be running fine. The app has been prepared to help cops carry out several procedures, including crime or arrest scene videography and seizure and arrest memos, under BNS. It will help them directly upload videos, etc, to the crime and criminal tracking network and systems (CCTNS) and prevent tampering.

The police brass has imparted the training of new laws to over 20,000 police personnel who will be directly dealing with the changes in the capacity of assistant sub-inspectors and SI who function as IOs or even SHOs and ACPs. Officials said on Wednesday that the department was making final arrangements to implement the new laws and overcome the challenges arising with respect to documentation and manpower. Most cops at the police station level have either received the training about BNS or have been acquainted with the laws through a booklet specifically prepared for this purpose.

Delhi Police, however, will have to continue registering some FIRs under the existing Indian Penal Code even after the new laws are rolled out next month. This will be for offences which have occurred before July 1 because IPC was in force at the time, sources said. Also, for cases which are being registered in the run-up to the implementation of new laws — in the last two months for example — the chargesheets will be filed as per the procedures specified under BNSS.

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Delhi Police has filed over 1,000 dummy FIRs under BNS

₹500cr action plan to tackle stubble burning in Punjab

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chandigarh: Punjab agriculture and farmer welfare department has prepared an action plan of Rs 500 crore to put a check on stubble burning by providing machinery and other measures during the paddy harvesting season of 2024.

Agriculture minister Gurmeet Singh Khudian said that the department has received 21,511 applications from farmers, cooperative societies, farmer producer organisations (FPOs), and panchayats interested in availing subsidies on crop residue management (CRM) machinery during the kharif season of 2024. Farmers have applied for 63,697 machines. Individual farmers can avail of a 50% subsidy on the cost of CRM equipment, while cooperative societies, FPOs, and panchayats can receive an 80% subsidy, limited to a maximum according to the guidelines of the scheme, he added.

Under the scheme, the minister said, super SMS, super seeder, surface seeder, smart seeder, happy seeder, paddy straw chopper, shredder, mulcher, hydraulic reversible mould board plough, and zero till drill for in-situ management, as well as baler and rake for ex-situ machines, are being made available on subsidy.

As many as 1,30,000 CRM machines have been provided to Punjab farmers from 2018-19 to 2023, Khudian said.

He added that the agriculture department would also launch an information, education, and communication campaign to educate and train farmers about the available technologies for the management of crop residue, as the state govt is taking every possible step to address the problem of stubble burning.

The minister also asked the department officials to ensure transparency in the entire process and stated that strict action will be taken against the violation of rules and regulations.

Earlier this year, the Punjab govt informed the National Green Tribunal (NGT) that it would take steps to effectively manage the entire 19.58 million tonnes (MT) of paddy straw in 2024. The state govt is also considering a Haryana-type "incentive scheme: to dissuade farmers. However, the higher cost involved due to the larger area under paddy production in the state could prove to be a deterrent in adopting it.

'Prohibitive' Charges Likely To Curb Illegal On-Street Parking

MCD May Table Proposal Today, Facilities To Be Divided Into Categories

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) is planning to introduce a proposal to revise parking charges in its areas.

According to the proposal, likely to be tabled at a meeting of the MCD House on Thursday, the localities will be divided into categories, depending on the valuation done by the municipal valuation committee. This will be the first meeting of the House after the general election.

The parking lots under the first category will be marked as 'premium', followed by 'normal' facilities, while underground parking lots will come under a separate category, C. MCD currently operates 420 paid parking sites in 12 zones, out of which 17 are multi-level facilities. There is no paid parking in residential areas.

To solve the problem of illegal on-street parking, MCD is pondering over introducing "prohibitive parking charges" in all non-parking zones. The move, the proposal would be gradually exited in accordance with the terms of the contract, and the monthly licence fee for the transition period will be changed accordingly," reads the proposal. For cars, the parking charges are proposed to be increased from Rs 20 to Rs 30 in 'A' category areas, and from Rs 10 to 15 for two-wheelers. The monthly charges will also go up.

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The categorisation will be on basis of the valuation done by valuation committee

Increasing parking charges is one of the steps listed under the Graded Action Plan that is enforced when the air pollution reaches critical levels in the city, especially during the winter. The move is intended to discourage people from using their own vehicles.

The other proposals likely to be tabled in the meeting include the redevelopment of flats on Minto Road and the construction of new underground multi-level parking lots in south Delhi. MCD has been planning to develop highrise residential and commercial complexes on a 22-hectare land housing five staff quarters on Minto Road after razing these buildings.

CAQM target: 4.5cr saplings this year

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Commission for Air Quality Management in the national capital region and adjoining areas (CAQM) has set a target of 4.5 crore plantations by different agencies in the entire NCR in 2024-25. The commission has advised all the road-owning agencies in NCR to target complete greening of the central verges or medians of major trunk roads and on roadsides and open areas along the right of ways.

There has been a decrease in annual plantation target of Delhi in the current financial year, but targets for Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan have all increased. CAQM said Delhi has a target of planting 56.4 lakh saplings this year as against over 95 lakh last year.

Haryana's NCR districts have targeted to plant over 1.3 crore saplings – an increase from a target of 98.9 lakh in previous year. Uttar Pradesh's NCR districts will have to plant about two crore saplings as opposed to last year's target of over 1.6 crore. Rajasthan's NCR districts target for current year is about 42.7 lakh saplings, which is an increase from 25.8 lakh last year.

Of the total target of planting 4.5 crore saplings, 4.29 crore will have to be planted by Delhi and other NCR states, while the remaining saplings will be planted by central govt agencies and educational institutes, CAQM said.

"Extensive greening and plantation in open areas in NCR, particularly along the central verges of roads, roadsides or pathways has all along been identified by the commission as an effective means towards mitigating high levels of dust, which is one of the prime concerns for poor air quality, particularly in the dry summer seasons in the entire NCR," said CAQM in a statement.

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Rai asks for action-taken report on cutting of trees

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New Delhi: Environment minister Gopal Rai on Wednesday directed forest department officials to submit a status report on the action taken in connection with the cutting of 1,100 trees without permission, allegedly by Delhi Development Authority (DDA), on south Delhi's Ridge.

Officials said that **Rai** had asked the department to submit the report by 11am on Thursday.



The Supreme Court on Wednesday directed Delhi govt and civic agencies to convene a meeting and discuss comprehensive measures to enhance the city's green cover while observing that people were feeling the heat as the tree cover was lost. A vacation bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan said it expected the forest department and the tree authority to keep a vigil on the activity of illegal damaging of trees in Delhi.

Following the hearing, urban development minister Saurabh Bharadwaj accused DDA of lying in court. He claimed that it was clear in DDA's records that lieutenant governor VK Saxena went to Satbari forest on Feb 3 along with a DDA chief engineer and gave verbal instructions to cut the 1,100 trees. This is written in the emails of DDA officers, which establish the matter, he claimed.

No immediate reaction was available from LG's office.

Bharadwaj alleged LG had been "continuously interfering" in Delhi govt's jurisdiction for the last two years. He further claimed the trees were felled despite objections from forest officials. "The forest department and DDA were aware that there was no permission to cut trees on the Ridge," he added.

"For the first time, the country's apex court has raised the issue of accountability and responsibility of LG of Delhi. Everyone is involved in this whole matter. The forest department, DDA and lieutenant governor, all are involved in this illegal act and together they are working to deceive the Supreme Court," the minister said.

Bharadwaj also questioned how the forest department, which comes under Delhi govt, "turned a blind eye" towards cutting of trees. He pointed out that even the court raised questions on this. "This means that even officers cannot disobey LG's directives, even if they are illegal. They are compelled to follow all kinds of instructions since LG has been vested with unlimited powers by central govt," he alleged.

SC: Brazen act shows a lack of understanding of environment

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New Delhi: Dissatisfied by Delhi Development Authority's response that it hadn't been able to locate documents to confirm or deny that lieutenant governor V K Saxena ordered illegal cutting of trees during a visit to Delhi's southern Ridge, an SC bench observed that it was difficult to believe that there was no record of the LG's visit.

"The email (by a DDA engineer) says that LG had visited and ordered cutting of trees but no inquiry was conducted on that aspect. Was it not the function of the committee to look into it? You are only protecting the higher-ups and blaming the lower officers. There are efforts to conceal facts and we are not happy. You are unable to give us a record. It is difficult for us to believe that there is no record of LG visit," the bench said.

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Senior advocate A D N Rao. who is assisting the court as amicus, submitted that the LG visited a hospital near the site and the hospital could be asked to put the record straight. The bench, however, granted one week's time to DDA to clear the air.

"It is a brazen act, showing a complete lack of understanding of the environment and DDA is the first offender," the bench said. It also issued contempt notice to Environment and Forest Department of Delhi govt for illegal cutting of trees and not taking action against those responsible. It asked the department to start criminal proceedings against DDA under the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act and also impose monetary liability .

Taking a leaf from a detective story, the bench said, "We are very curious to know why the dog did not bark in this case. Everything is being covered up. When the insider does something then there is no barking... This is just the tip of the iceberg."

Addressing the vice chairman, who was present on a contempt hearing on court's directions, Justice Oka said that he had never sent anyone to jail in a contempt case and the court did not intend to send him to prison but he should make sincere efforts to protect the environment and forest in the city. "We are not running with a hammer in our hand against any authority but if the highest authority has done something wrong, there is nothing wrong in telling the court... The truth must come out," the bench said, in what was seen by many as a hint to LG and others that they better own up any illegality they may have committed.

Akhilesh, Brinda Karat meet Atishi at Lok Nayak Hospital

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav and CPI (M) functionary Brinda Karat met water minister Atishi at Lok Nayak Hospital on Wednesday.

Talking to reporters after the meeting, Yadav said Atishi was fighting to solve the problems of Delhi. He also alleged that the Centre was using CBI to frame Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal in liquor case to stall the functioning of AAP govt in the capital.

"Central govt has discriminated against Delhi govt and chief minister Kejriwal the most. Kejriwal formed govt and worked to improve health, education and other facilities but Centre is creating obstacles," Yadav alleged.

"Centre must have known that he (Kejriwal) will come out (of jail). To ensure that he does not come out, govt does not function and he does not go among the people, he was framed by CBI," the former UP CM said.

Karat also said that Atishi was "fighting very bravely" for the people of Delhi. "It is a matter of regret that the central govt and LG are dealing with the issue with bias. It is the people's fight and not that of Atishi alone. I came here to salute her. She told me that she is waiting to return to the path of struggle," Karat told reporters.

Atishi was hospitalised on Tuesday after her health deteriorated during an indefinite fast to demand additional water for Delhi. Doctors at the hospital said her condition was stable and she had been shifted to a ward from the ICU.

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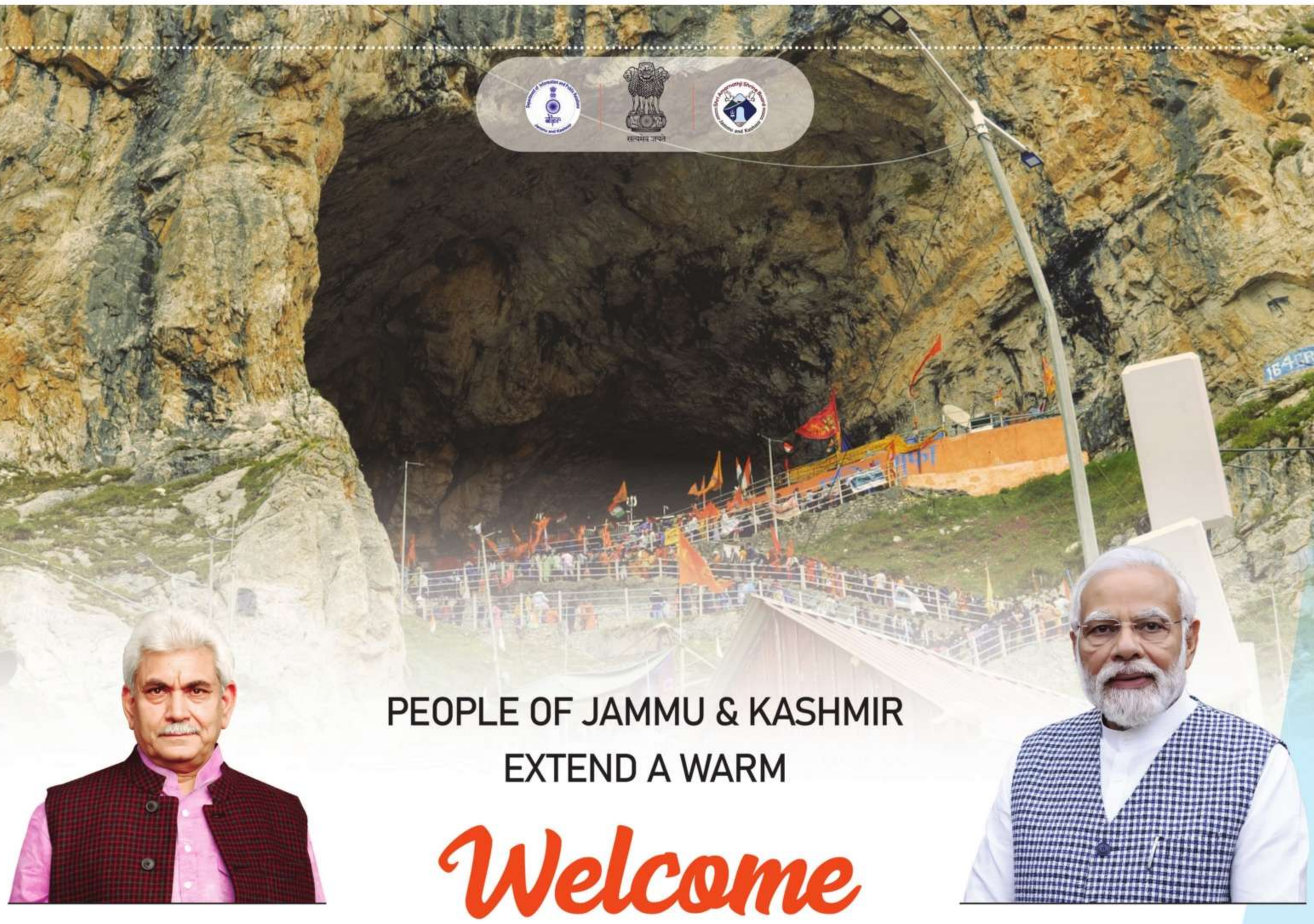
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Every Second Indian Adult Physically Inactive, Fails WHO Guidelines: Study

52.6% Women, 38.4% Men Have Sedentary Lifestyles; Levels Of Inactivity Projected To Rise

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New Delhi: Nearly 50% of Indian adults are unfit and fail to adhere to World Health Organisation (WHO) recommendations for adequate physical activity, according to a study published in medical journal The Lancet Global Health on Tuesday.

The research, conducted across 197 countries and territories from 2000 to 2022, highlighted a significant gender disparity, with 52.6% of women and 38.4% men found physically inactive in 2022. The most concerning aspect of the findings was the dramatic increase in the prevalence of insufficient physical activity among Indian adults, which surged from 22.4% in 2000 to 45.4% in 2022. If the trend of 2010-22 continues, levels of inactivity are projected to rise to 55% by 2030.

To maintain optimal health, WHO recommends adults to engage in "150 minutes of moderate-intensity or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity physical activity, or equivalent, per week". Failing to meet these guidelines can lead to serious health consequences. Physically inactive adults are more susceptible to developing various cardiovascular diseases and face an increased risk of type 2 diabetes, dementia and breast and colon cancer.

According to city-based doctors, the lack of physical activity and increased consumption of unhealthy food are among major factors contributing to the rise in lifestyle-related diseases. With everything available on mobile phones, people have stopped going to markets, further reducing physical movement. The availability of snacks and beverages within the office has also limited the need for employees to move around. This sedentary lifestyle affects all age groups.

"In our OPD, we see a substantial number of patients with orthopaedic issues related to sedentary lifestyles and poor diets. In a month, the number of such patients ranges between 15 and 25. This indicates that these conditions are prevalent and increasing," said Dr Hitesh Bhandari, consultant, orthopaedics, Indian Spinal Injuries Centre.

He added, "Sedentary lifestyles and consumption of junk food are key contributors to diseases. These include osteoporosis, where a lack of weight-bearing exercise can lead to weaker bones, and osteoarthritis, which is exacerbated by obesity caused by poor diet and inactivity. Chronic lower back pain is another common issue, resulting from poor posture and weak core muscles due to inactivity. Adults aged 40-65 are most affected by a sedentary lifestyle in terms of orthopaedic health. This age group often has desk jobs and establishes sedentary habits, leading to musculoskeletal problems."

Dr Balbir Singh, group chairman, cardiac sciences, Max Super Speciality Hospital, Saket, emphasised the significant health risks associated with a sedentary lifestyle, particularly in relation to cardiovascular diseases, which affect both the heart and the brain. These ailments are a major concern for people who engage in minimal physical activity. A sedentary lifestyle is also linked to issues like hypertension, diabetes and obesity.

"The consequences of a sedentary lifestyle are more pronounced in older age groups, particularly those aged 40 and above. However, in recent years, there has been a significant change in the lifestyle habits of younger groups. The younger generation is also being impacted, as many work on computers and avoid in-person interactions. Online meetings and lack of walking are becoming prevalent among them. At least 80% of the people who visit my OPD lead a sedentary lifestyle," said Dr Singh.

Women tend to lead a more inactive lifestyle compared to men, he added. Many women believe working in the kitchen and performing household chores constitute significant physical activity, and they often claim to be very active as a result. However, this perception is inaccurate, he said.

Dr Anoop Saraya, a gastroenterologist from ILBS, said annual check-ups and corporate health screenings have been instrumental in identifying health issues through incidental findings.

"Individuals with fatty liver are at a higher risk of developing non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, which can progress to liver fibrosis, scarring and cell destruction. In advanced stages, this condition may lead to cirrhosis, and those with cirrhotic liver have a higher likelihood of developing liver cancer compared to the general population. The progression from fatty liver to liver malignancy can span over 20-25 years," he said, adding genetic predisposition plays a crucial role in the development of certain diseases. When coupled with unhealthy eating habits, the risk of developing these conditions increases.

According to Dr Pragya Shukla, head of clinical oncology department at Delhi State Cancer Institute, "There is an increasing trend of cancer incidence in the younger population. Breast and colon cancers are directly or indirectly affected by a sedentary lifestyle."

The sedentary nature of modern lifestyles, characterised by prolonged periods of sitting and minimal exercise, has been identified as a significant risk factor for cancer occurrence across all age groups, particularly among young people, she said.

"Insufficient exercise can contribute to psychological issues, and there is a correlation between eating unhealthy food and experiencing anxiety and depression," said Dr Praveen Gupta, principal director and chief of neurology, Fortis Hospital.

A sedentary lifestyle may negatively impact a person's mental well-being. Moreover, the consumption of nutrient-poor, high-calorie foods has been associated with increased levels of stress and low mood.

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Surge in demand for nutritional guidance, fitness coaching

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New Delhi: The demand for nutritional guidance and fitness coaching has surged on various platforms, particularly in the post-Covid era.

According to experts, this can be attributed to several factors, including a higher incidence of diet-related and lifestyle disorders, which has heightened people's awareness of their daily habits. Social media has also played a significant role in spreading information and raising consciousness about these issues.

Ruchika Jain, head nutritionist at Fortis Vasant Kunj, pointed out that the post-pandemic era has seen a surge in sedentary lifestyles due to an increase in work-from-home arrangements. This shift has led to a greater reliance on online food delivery services and ready-to-eat meals, which has had a significant impact on people's dietary habits and overall health.

The most common age range seeking nutritional advice falls between 18 and 45 years old, Jain added. In recent years, there has been a significant rise in the number of younger individuals consulting with professionals.

Anjali Bhola, a nutritionist at AIIMS, recently counselled five-six adolescents aged 17-19, whose weights ranged from 115 kg to 130 kg. She attributed the alarming trend to a sedentary lifestyle, with teenagers more engaged in online activities and mobile devices than physical interaction. The convenience of food delivery services has led teens to prefer ordering food online rather than consuming home-cooked meals, which Dr Bhola identifies as the main culprit. She also holds parents accountable for this. Some children were found to be on the verge of pre-diabetes.

Ritika Samaddar, head (south zone), dietetics, nutrition, Max Super Speciality Hospital, Saket, said she has observed a significant number of patients seeking dietary advice to maintain their health. "About 5-10 patients visit the OPD every day for blood tests and nutritional guidance, in addition to those with chronic illnesses. This trend can be attributed to a combination of sedentary lifestyles, poor eating habits and high stress levels," she said.

Gastrointestinal issues have become increasingly common, with many patients presenting concerns such as digestion problems, constipation, bloating and acidity, known as irritable bowel disease, she added.

Additionally, there has been a rise in cases of metabolic syndrome, characterised by high triglycerides, high blood pressure, dyslipidemia and excessive weight. These are caused by unhealthy lifestyles, stress and irregular sleep patterns. However, they can be completely reversed through proper nutrition, exercise and the adoption of healthy lifestyle practices.

"The focus has shifted from simply losing weight to overall well-being, general health and fitness," said J K Francis, MD and fitness consultant and personal trainer at Rejuvenation Fitness Pvt Ltd.

He said strength training has gained attention. "We cater to clients ranging from six to 90 years old, as people have become more aware of health issues," he added.

Yoga, weight training, Pilates, aerobics and kickboxing are tailored to individual requirements and medical conditions, said Francis.

MAKE CONSCIOUS CHOICES, ADOPT HEALTHY HABITS



- Kickstart your day with a **nutritious breakfast**
- Opt for a **diet rich in high-quality** protein and complex carbohydrates
- Having an **early dinner** is also a key component of maintaining a healthy lifestyle
- Be mindful of your **food choices,** limiting your intake from outside and binge eating. Instead, opt for nutritious, home-cooked meals whenever possible
- **Hydration** is key, drink plenty of water through the day
- It's important to **manage stress** through practices like meditation
- Aim for **6-8 hours** of quality sleep each night

1 more peacock dies at Palam Air Force station

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New Delhi: Another peacock died at the Palam Air Force station on Wednesday, bringing the toll to 28 since June 4. Worried foresters have now sent the samples to Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly for virology tests.

28 PEACOCKS HAVE DIED SINCE JUNE 4

According to officials, one peacock, India's national bird, was found dead at 9am inside the Air Force station. Its postmortem has been conducted and the report is awaited.

An official said, "The samples have already reached for virology analysis at IVRI Bareilly." Four carcasses were earlier sent to the Delhi zoo for postmortem and the results are awaited.

On Tuesday, a forest department team had inspected the Air Force station. Wednesday is the fourth consecutive day when the death of peacocks has been reported at the station. According to a report by the forest department, the Air Force station inputs reveal that the first death occurred on June 5, followed by one each on June 6, 11 and 12, two on June 13, 14 and 15, one on June 17, two on June 18, four on June 19, one on June 20, two on June 22, four on June 24, three on June 25 and the latest one on June 26. Prima facie, it seems that the peacocks had died of heatstroke.

According to the Air Force station administration's submission, six more peacocks, a species safeguarded under Schedule 1 of Wildlife (Protection) Act 1974, have been found in poor health.

While a detailed health inspection report is due, the station administration has stated that it had informed Delhi Police, which gave "honoured burial" to the peacocks and took the unwell birds to Sanjay Gandhi Animal Care Centre.

NEET row: Students want NTA scrapped, minister to resign

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Scores of students gathered at Jantar Mantar on Wednesday to demand the scrapping of the National Testing Agency (NTA) and sought the resignation of education minister Dharmendra Pradhan following the NEET controversy.

Holding placards that read 'NTA failure puts our future in jeopardy', 'NTA must go' and 'Education minister must resign', the protesters criticised alleged malpractices in NEET and demanded a re-examination for all candidates.

JNUSU president Dhananjay, who took part in the protest, said, "Injustice has been done to thousands of students and the culprit for this malpractice is NTA. The ministry of education should take responsibility for the failure and Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan must resign."

He added that the students will continue the protest until their demands are met.

Prof Jitender Meena from Shyamlal College, who was also at the protest, said, "This is not the first time NTA has come under the scanner for alleged malpractice. During Pradhan's tenure, there has been failure of not just NEET, but also many other papers that have also been leaked. It is now critical to raise questions to safeguard the education system of the country and save the future of students."

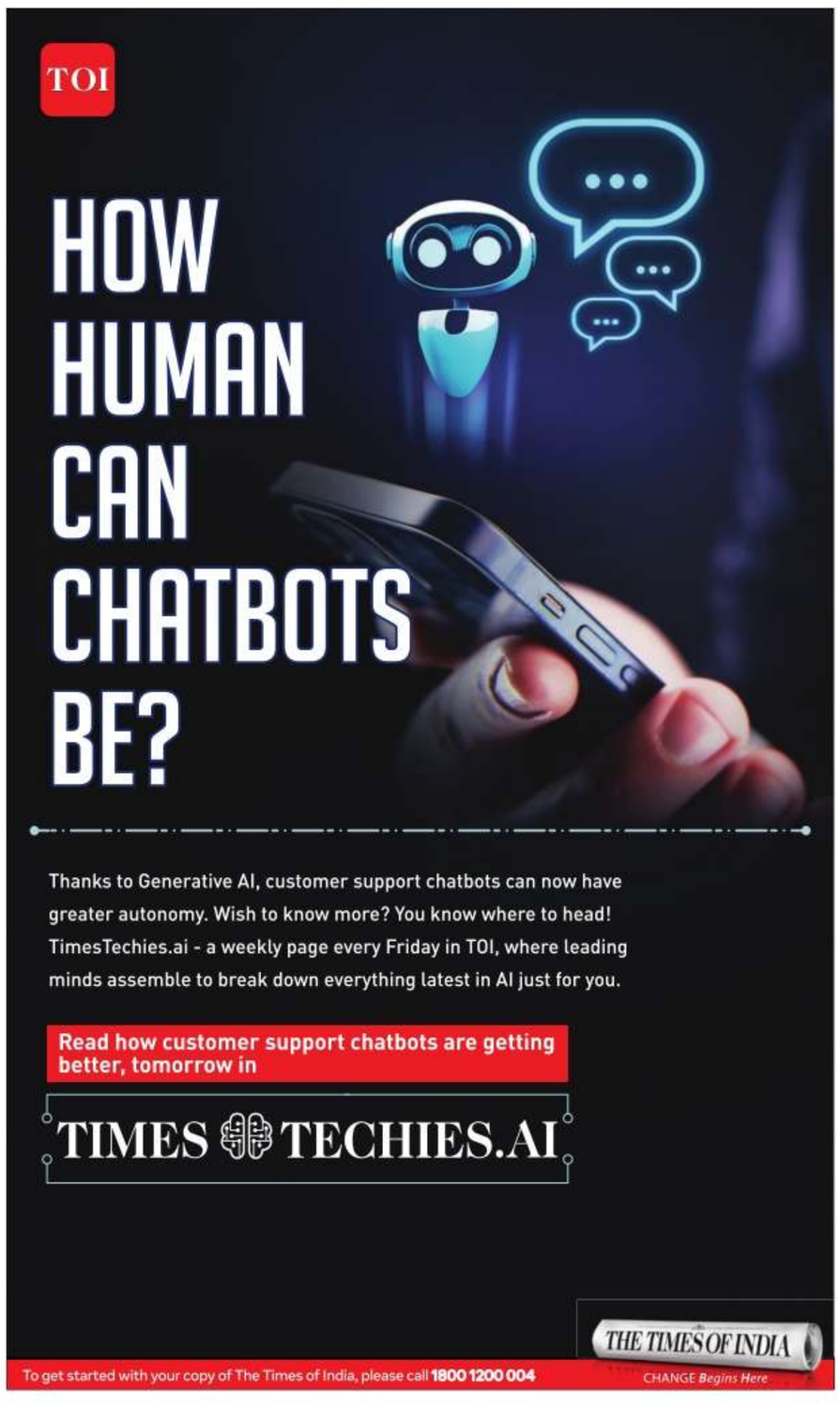
The protesters criticised alleged malpractices in NEET and demanded a re-examination for all candidates

The protest, organised under the banner of 'India Against NTA' by the All-India Students' Association (AISA), drew a significant crowd. Later on Wednesday evening, some protesters were detained but were later released.

Jatin Kumar



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Man cleared of sex assault on son, 'testimony not reliable'

New Delhi: A court recently acquitted a man of the charge of committing aggravated sexual assault on his minor son, saying he couldn't be convicted solely on the basis of the boy's "unreliable testimony without corroboration from independent evidence".

The court of additional sessions judge Vinod Kumar Gautam said, "The story projected by the victim fails to inspire the confidence of this court." The case was registered under Section 10 (aggravated sexual assault) of Pocso Act.

The prosecution claimed the man had touched the private parts of his son, then 7 years old, with sexual intent on July 17, 2022 inside a court complex during a custody case.

The court, however, said the child's testimony was not corroborated by independent witnesses. It also noted that his statement during the cross-examination was contradictory to his earlier statement that during the alleged incident, he was playing with other children as his father was annoying him from a distance.

The accused had claimed that his wife had filed a false case against him to deny him the son's guardianship. The court noted that the son didn't feel uncomfortable meeting his father even after the registration of the case. He was also not adversely affected or traumatised, it added. TNN

I Told Sisodia About Policy Objectives: CM

Rejecting Questioning Of Timing & Necessity Of Arrest, Court Says Merits Of Case To Be Considered At This Stage

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He rebutted media reports which claimed that he had blamed deputy CM Manish Sisodia for the scam.

"CBI sources se media me chalwaya ja raha hain ki maine ek bayaan diya hai ki Manish Sisodia doshi hain. Maine aisa koi bayaan nahi diya hai. Manish nirdosh hai, AAP nirdosh hai, main nirdosh hun. Unka saara plan hai hame media main badnaam karne ka. Inke saare aarop jhhute hain. Isko record kiya jaaye. (CBI sources are disseminating the information in the media that I have given a statement saying Manish Sisodia is guilty. I have not given any such statement. Manish is innocent, AAP is innocent, I am innocent. Their entire plan is to malign us through media. All their claims are false. Please record this," said Kejriwal.

He said CBI wanted a headline on the frontpage that Kejriwal had put the entire blame on Manish Sisodia. "They are sensationalising the issue," he said.

Responding to this, the judge said he had read the CM's statement and agreed that he hasn't said what the CBI has attributed to him.

The Delhi CM told the court that he had told CBI about the directions he had given to Sisodia, who was then deputy CM, regarding formulation of the said policy. "I told them the excise policy had three objectives. We had to increase revenue and put an end to the long queues besides ensuring equitable distribution," he said, speaking in Hindi. "I had called Manish Sisodia and given him these three directions."

He said CBI had asked him whose idea was privatisation and he had told them that it was not his idea.

However, the CBI counsel, special public prosecutor (SPP) D P Singh, opposed the submissions. "It's not sources. I argued in court. No source said anything. And I argued on facts," he submitted. The court replied: "Media picks up one line. It is very difficult to control media that way."

Responding to a query by the court about the material submitted, the SSP said Vijay Nair was a close associate of Kejriwal and Magunta Reddy had met Kejriwal in his office.

Rejecting the plea of Kejriwal's counsel, senior advocate Vikram Chaudhri, that there was an issue of applicability of Section 41A of CrPC, the court said CBI has taken permission of the court before examining and interrogating Kejriwal. This section requires a police officer to issue a notice to the accused before making an arrest without a warrant.

The court also rejected the contention of the CM's counsel about the timing and necessity of the arrest. "This court has to consider, at this stage, the merits of the case. The timing may be circumspect but it is not the clear criterion for declaring an arrest illegal," said the judge.

The court took note of the SSP's submission that Kejriwal's role as one of the "main conspirators" became clear during further investigation, particularly after statements of Magunta Sreenivasulu Reddy (MP) recorded on Jan 25, 2024 and the statement of his son, Raghav Magunta, recorded on Jan 20, 2024. CBI had also claimed that Kejriwal's replies during his questioning in Tihar were found to be evasive.

In order to prove that Kejriwal can influence witnesses and derail the investigation, CBI had pointed out to the court that permission/sanction for certain individuals in this case was not granted by the Punjab govt and that many cases had been filed against certain persons in Punjab.

The counsel for the CM, Vikram Chaudhri, said the agency had all the material with it even when it filed the previous three chargesheets. Moreover, the arguments made against Kejriwal are essentially the same as against Manish Sisodia a year back. He also questioned the statements of the witnesses, saying these were available in 2023 and were not new. These were obtained under duress, he added.

The SPP also pointed out that while the Delhi govt had invited public feedback on the proposed liquor policy, the comments were fabricated. Responding to this, advocate Vivek Jain said that more than 14,000 comments had been received and the agency had alleged that seven opinions were fabricated which amounted to just 0.06% of the opinions.

The court allowed Kejriwal to meet his wife, Sunita, and his lawyers for one hour everyday (from 6-7pm) while in custody.

The court also allowed the CM a medically prescribed diet, home-cooked food, prescribed medicines, glucometer and spectacles.

WHAT KEJRIWAL CLAIMED IN COURT

- CBI sources have released fabricated information to media
- He has not made any statement holding Manish Sisodia responsible

TO THIS, THE COURT SAID,

Aapki statement maine padh li hai, aapne aisa nahi kaha hai | I read your statement. You have not said what CBI has claimed (on Sisodia)



WHAT KEJRIWAL'S COUNSEL SAID

- They want to see that I remain in custody. Are these independent agencies or are they playing to the gallery? I am saying if this man was really guilty and deserved to be arrested, why did they not arrest him?
- There are four chargesheets till now and, in none of them is there even a reference to Kejriwal
- You have filed four chargesheets. You are now arresting me and you still have to identify some people through me? Is this a valid reason for arrest?

WHAT CBI ALLEGED

- We need his custodial interrogation. He is not even recognising that Vijay Nair was working under him. He says he was working under Atishi and Saurabh Bharadwaj
- He pushed entire onus on Sisodia and said he had no idea about excise policy
- We have evidence to show that South Group said what the policy should be like
- Report prepared at instance of South Group was taken to govt and that report became the policy
- Kejriwal assured Magunta Srinivas Reddy of support in excise policy case and asked him to provide funds to AAP

2022

Aug 17 | CBI registers FIR to probe alleged irregularities in framing and implementation of Excise Policy 2021-2022

- FIR names deputy CM Manish Sisodia as top accused; 14 others, including former excise commissioner Arva Gopi Krishna, 10 liquor licencees and middlemen named

Sept 18 | Agency conducts raids at 31 places in seven states, including Sisodia's residence; documents and electronic devices seized

Aug 20 | CBI starts summoning the accused to join probe

Aug 21 | Lookout circulars opened against eight of the accused named in FIR

Sept | Enforcement Directorate registers case of money laundering based on CBI's FIR

Sept 27 | Vijay Nair, AAP's communication in charge and former CEO of an event management company, arrested by CBI

Oct 16 | Sisodia questioned for the first time

Nov 25 | CBI files first chargesheet in case against seven accused

2023

Jan 14 | CBI seizes computer from Sisodia's office

Feb 26 | Sisodia joins investigation, arrested after eight hours of questioning

April 14 | CM Arvind Kejriwal asked to join probe, questioned on April 16

2024

- Kavitha, daughter of former Telangana CM K Chandrashekar Rao, arrested by ED on March 15
- Kejriwal arrested by ED, a week later on March 21
- Kavitha questioned in Tihar by CBI on April 6, arrested by CBI on April 11
- Kejriwal questioned by CBI in Tihar on June 25, arrested by CBI on June 26

CBI caught red-handed lying in front of court: AAP

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Following Arvind Kejriwal's arrest by Central Bureau of Investigation on Wednesday, senior AAP functionary Jasmine Shah, at a press conference, alleged that the investigating agency had falsely claimed in court that the chief minister had washed his hands of the liquor policy case and put the entire blame on former deputy CM Manish Sisodia.

Shah said not only did Kejriwal immediately refute CBI's claim in court and challenged the investigating agency to present any evidence to support it, the judge also confirmed that the chief minister had made no such remarks. "CBI has been caught red-handed lying in front of the court. The agency wanted Kejriwal to give such a statement that would create a sensation in the media. The judge also found the CBI's claim to be wrong," Shah said.

Kejriwal's wife Sunita, meanwhile, said the arrest was akin to "dictatorship" and "emergency" and alleged that the entire system was trying to ensure that her husband did not come out of jail.

In a post on X in Hindi, Sunita said her husband got bail on June 20 in the alleged excise policy-linked money laundering case but the Enforcement Directorate immediately got a stay. "The very next day, CBI made him an accused. And today he was arrested. The whole system is trying to ensure that the man does not come out of jail. This is not law. This is dictatorship, this is emergency," she alleged.

Seeking Kejriwal's custody, CBI counsel DP Singh submitted before the court that the chief minister had put the "entire onus" on Sisodia and claimed he had no idea about the excise policy. "We need to confront him with the documents that we have. We are not asking him to admit to something," submitted the CBI counsel. Shah alleged that the case had now taken a political colour and ED and CBI had been put behind Kejriwal.

SUNITA KEJRIWAL SAYS

The whole system is trying to ensure that the man (Kejriwal) does not come out of jail. This is not law. This is dictatorship, this is emergency

In a separate press conference, Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh said CBI had interrogated Kejriwal for 9 hours in April 2023. "If he was an accused, why did the agency remain silent for so many months," Singh said, adding that he will raise the issue in Parliament with the help of INDIA bloc partners.

Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said that it's "regrettable" to see AAP casting aspersions on investigation agencies. "The CBI case in the liquor scam is going on since 2022 and Kejriwal had been summoned in April 2023. But, they are trying to portray that Kejriwal is being victimised," Kapoor alleged.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said after Sisodia, the arrest of Kejriwal was a demand of justice. "AAP and opposition functionaries need to understand that he was engaged in bribery," Sachdeva said.

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1	Memo No.422/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Mallickpur	Mouza- Auliapur, Near Auliapur Loknath Temple
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3	Memo No.419/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Mallickpur	Mouza- Srirampur, Near Baruipur Government Polytechnic
4	Memo No.418/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Ramnagar-I	Mouza- Sitakundu, Near Ramnagar-I Gram Panchayet
5	Memo No.417/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Sankarpur-I	Mouza- Alampur, Near Alampur Masjid
6	Memo No.415/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Belegachhi	Mouza- Ramdhari; Near JLD College
7	Memo No.444/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 22.05.2024	Brindakhali	Mouza- Paruldaha, Near Paruldaha Ramkrishna Vivekananda Mandir
8	Memo No.439/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 22.05.2024	Mallickpur	Mouza- Kholapota; Near Kholapota Masjid
9	Memo No.395/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Kalyanpur	Mouza- Uttar Kalyanpur; Near P.S.K.Play Ground
10	Memo No.356/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 13.05.2024	Mallickpur	Mouza- Mallickpur, Near Ganeshpur Madrasa Ground
11	Memo No.538/SC/FS/BRP/23 Date: 13.06.2023	Champahati	Mouza-Solgohalia; Near Biswas Electronic, Solgohalia
12	Memo No.393/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Hardah	Mouza-Hardaha; Near Paschim Hardaha Jumma Masjid
	Sub-Division- Baruipur, Block- Jaynagar-I		
1	Memo No.454/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 22.05.2024	Dhosa Chandaneswar	Mouza-Tilpi, Near Tilpi F.P School
2	Memo No.453/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 22.05.2024	Uttar Durgapur	Mouza- Tajpur Fatepur, Near Tajpur Fatepur F.P School
3	Memo No.428/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Narayanitala	Mouza- Hogla; Near Hogla F.P. School
4	Memo No.427/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Harinarayanpur	Mouza- Baneswarpur, Near Baba Panchugopal Temple
5	Memo No.426/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Bamangachhi	Mouza- Kamaria, Near laskar Para Doctor Builders
6	Memo No.425/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Sripur	Mouza- Uttar Para Nij, Near Uttar Para Bandhu Sangha Club
7	Memo No.424/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Dhosa Chandaneswar	Mouza- Tilpi, Near Tilpi Kulbariya Masjid
8	Memo No.402/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Baharu Kshetra	Mouza- Baharu, Near Mithani F.P. School
9	Memo No.400/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Bamangachhi	Mouza- Kamaria, Near Modern Children Academy
	Sub-Division- Baruipur, Block- Jaynagar-II		
1	Memo No.432/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Monirtat	Mouza- Monirtat, Near Monirtat Primary School
2	Memo No.431/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Gardoani	Mouza- Gordowani, Near Gordowani F.P. School
3	Memo No.430/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Manirtat	Mouza- Monirtat, Near Monirtat Moninaddin Primary School
4	Memo No.429/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Chuprijhara	Mouza-Radhaballabhpur, Near Radhaballabhpur Health Sub-Center
5	Memo No.448/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 22.05.2024	Chuprijhara	Mouza- Radhaballabhpur; Near Radhaballavpur Primary School

	Sub-Division- Baruipur, Block- Bhangar-I		
1	Memo No.399/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Tardaha	Mouza- Andulgari, Near Sonatikari Santi Sangha Club
2	Memo No.397/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Sanksahar	Mouza- Bausahar, Near Bakshar F.P. School
3	Memo No.396/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Bodra	Mouza- Santra; Near Srirampur ICDS School
4	Memo No.391/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Bodra	Mouza- Khargachhi; Near Khargachhi FP School
5	Memo No.387/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 17.05.2024	Prangunj	Mouza- Serpur; Near Serpur FP School
6	Memo No.438/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 22.05.2024	Prangunj	Mouza- Maricha, Near Maricha F.P School
7	Memo No.376/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 17.05.2024	Narayanpur	Mouza- Padmapukur, Near Padmapukur Uttar SSK
8	Memo No.375/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 17.05.2024	Bodra	Mouza- Gokulpur, Near Gokulpur Icds Centre
9	Memo No.374/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 17.05.2024	Chandaneswar-I	Mouza- Dakshin Kasipur, Near Sanksharpukur Bazar
	Sub-Division- Baruipur, Block- Bhangar-II		
1	Memo No.413/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Shanpukur	Mouza- Uttar Kashipur; Nearby Khonner Pol Ssk School
2	Memo No.412/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Chaltaberia	Mouza- Panapukur; Near Ganirait FP School
3	Memo No.404/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Bhagawanpur	Mouza- Uttar Narikelberia; Near Uttar Narkalberia Jame Masjid
4	Memo No.401/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Shanpukur	Mouza-Dheati, Near Dheati FP School
5	Memo No.378/SC/FS/BRP/24 Date: 17.05.2024	Bhogali-II	Mouza- Chilatala, Near Chilatala FP School
	Sub-Division- Diamond Harbour, Block- Diamond Harbour-I		
1	Memo No.118/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 22.05.2024	Basuldanga	Mouza-Kabira, Maruibaria Near Kabira FP School
2	Memo No.111/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Harindanga	Mouza- Mohanpur, Ramgobindapur; Near Ramgobindapur FP School
3	Memo No.116/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 22.05.2024	Parulia	Mouza- Jaydebpur; Near Jaydebpur F.P. School
	Sub-Division- Diamond Harbour, Block- Diamond Harbour-II		
1	Memo No.79/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 16.05.2024	Patra	Mouza- Patra; Near Dar F. P. School
2	Memo No.105/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Nurpur	Mouza- Chakloknath, Dakshin Simulbaria, Near Dakshin Simul Baria Primary School
3	Memo No.131/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 24.05.2024	Kalatalahat	Mouza- Nainan; Near Korestulla F P School
4	Memo No.126/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 24.05.2024	Kalatalahat	Mouza- Khandalia; Near Khandalia Kali Mandir
5	Memo No.121/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 23.05.2024	Nurpur	Mouza- Sriphalbaria; Srifalberia Primary School
6	Memo No.115/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 22.05.2024	Patra	Mouza- Mollapukur; Near Mollapukuria Primary School
	Sub-Division- Diamond Harbour, Block/Municipality- Diamond Harbour (M)		
1	Memo No.112/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 21.05.2024	6, 7, 8	Mouza- Dhanbaria, Near Dhanbaria High School
	Sub-Division- Diamond Harbour, Block- Mathurapur-I		
1	Memo No.132/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 24.05.2024	Lalpur	Mouza- Paschim Ranaghata; Near Paschim Ranaghata F.P. School
2	Memo No.125/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 24.05.2024	Debipur	Mouza- Uttar Durgapur; Near Mathurapur Station Market
	Sub-Division- Diamond Harbour, Block- Mathurapur-II		
1	Memo No.108/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Raidighi	Mouza- Baribhanga Abad, Raydighi Abad, Near 23 No. Lat Sambay Krishi Unnayan Samity
2	Memo No.89/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 16.05.2024	Kumrapara	Mouza- Kumrapara; Near Singher Gheri FP School
3	Memo No.88/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 16.05.2024	Raidighi	Mouza- Raidighiabad, Near Kachari More
4	Memo No.87/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 16.05.2024	Nagendrapur	Mouza- Purba Shridharpur; Near Nagendrapur Gram Panchayet Office
5	Memo No.86/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 16.05.2024	Raidighi	Mouza- Raidighiabad, Near 2 No 14 Rashi Bus Stand)
	Sub-Division- Diamond Harbour, Block- Magrahat-I		
1	Memo No.107/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Sirakole	Mouza- Chakhaturia, Near Chakhaturia Gol Masjid
2	Memo No.129/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 23.05.2024	Kalikapota	Mouza- Kalikapota, Near Kalikapota F P School
3	Memo No.128/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 24.05.2024	Usthi	Mouza- Nazra, Near Nazra Molla Para Jame Masjid
4	Memo No.120/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 22.05.2024	Usthi	Mouza- Usthi, Near Usthi Kazipara F P School
5	Memo No.119/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 22.05.2024	Usthi	Mouza- Nazra; Near Deula Gajir More
6	Memo No.94/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 17.05.2024	Sirakole	Mouza- Chak Jayedi; Near Chak Jayedi Baro Thakurer Mandir
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8	Memo No.92/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 17.05.2024	Sherpur	Mouza- Sherpur; Near Patra Para Pally Mangal Club
	Sub-Division- Diamond Harbour, Block- Magrahat-II		
1	Memo No.97/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 17.05.2024	Multi	Mouza- Barat Kamdebpur; Near Shyampur Tablig Jamat Masjid
2	Memo No.91/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 17.05.2024	Dhamua South	Mouza- Shyampur, Near Alida Adarsha F.P School
	Sub-Division- Diamond Harbour, Block- Falta		
1	Memo No.77/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 14.05.2024	Belsingha-I, Falta	Mouza- Chandideul, Falta, Near Beleswar Harijan Nimno Buniadi FP School
2	Memo No.98/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 18.05.2024	Mallikpur	Mouza- Mamudpur; Near Sonatala Petrol Pump
3	Memo No.96/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 17.05.2024	Banganagar-I	Mouza- Jafarpur; Near Dharmaraj Mandir

4	Memo No.110/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Noyapukuria	Mouza- Ponkamra; Near Amot Ali Boro Mosjid
	Sub-Division- Diamond Harbour, Block-Mandirbazar		
1	Memo No.103/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 20.05.2024	South Bishnupur	Mouza-Bangsidharpur, Near Bilpara More
2	Memo No.104/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 21.05.2024	South Bishnupur	Mouza- Purba Bishnupur, Near Gandaberia Shib Mandir
3	Memo No.122/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 24.05.2024	Anchna	Mouza- Nilambarpur; Near Nilambarpur Jyotsna Debi Vidyamandir
	Sub-Division- Diamond Harbour, Block- Kulpi		
1	Memo No.109/SC/FS/DH/24 Date: 21.05.2024	Ramkishore	Mouza- Hanra; Near Hanra Jele Para FP School
	Sub-Division- Canning, Block- Canning-I		
1	Memo No.304/SCFS/CAN/MR/VACANCY/2024 Date: 10.05.2024	Nikarighata	Mouza- Dumki , Near Dumki Gramin Health Centre
	Sub-Division- Canning, Block- Canning-II		
1	Memo No.309/SCFS/CAN/MR/VACANCY/2024 Date: 10.05.2024	Deuli-I	Mouza- Ghikhali,, Near Ghikhali Taltalapara Playground
2	Memo No.308/SCFS/CAN/MR/VACANCY/2024 Date: 10.05.2024	Deuli-I, Deuli-II	Mouza- Gutri, Near Delpukur
3	Memo No.306/SCFS/CAN/MR/VACANCY/2024 Date: 10.05.2024	Deuli-I	Mouza- Chandibari, Near Chandibari F P school
4	Memo No.307/SCFS/CAN/MR/VACANCY/2024 Date: 10.05.2024	Deuli-I	Mouza- Kalugachhi, Near Kalugachi Junior High School, Patipara
	Sub-Division- Canning, Block- Basanti		
1	Memo No.321/SCFS/CAN/VACANCY/2024 Date: 15.05.2024	Jharkhali	Near Tridibnagar Bazar
2	Memo No.332/SCFS/CAN/MR/VACANCY/2024 Date: 15.05.2024	Basanti	Mouza- Bollartop, Near Bollartop Duttar Chak Jame Masjid
3	Memo No.331/SCFS/CAN/MR/VACANCY/2024 Date: 15.05.2024	Bharatgarh	Mouza- Goran Bose; Near 3 No. Goranbose Cyclone Shelter Center
4	Memo No.330/SCFS/CAN/MR/VACANCY/2024 Date: 15.05.2024	Charavidya	Mouza- Charvidya; Near Petuyakhali Dalui Para
5	Memo No.328/SCFS/CAN/MR/VACANCY/2024 Date: 15.05.2024	Kathalberia	Mouza- Bhangankhali; Near Laskar Para, Sekh Para Jame Masjid
6	Memo No.327/ SCFS/CAN/MR/VACANCY/2024 Date: 15.05.2024	Uttar Mokamberia	Mouza- Uttar Sonakhali; Near 2 No Sonakhali, Matri Mandir Sardar Para
	Sub-Division- Canning, Block- Gosaba		
1	Memo No.326/SCFS/CAN/MR/VACANCY/2024 Date: 15.05.2024	Radhanagar-Taranagar	Mouza- Purba Radhanagar, Near Purba Radhanagar F.P School
2	Memo No.325/SCFS/CAN/MR/VACANCY/2024 Date: 15.05.2024	Bipradaspur	Mouza- Chandipur, Near Purba Madhya Chandipur F.P. School
3	Memo No.310/SCFS/CAN/MR/VACANCY/2024 Date: 10.05.2024	Rangabelia	Mouza- Rangabalia; Near Kali Mandir

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After Arrest By CBI, CM Takes Back Plea In SC

To Move Court Afresh Against HC Stay On Bail And Arrest by CBI

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SR ADVOCATE SINGHVI SAYS

The HC judgment has all kinds of issues ... Kejriwal was re-arrested last night by CBI. Now there is no option for Kejriwal but to file a fresh SLP with all available grounds to challenge substantively and properly the Delhi HC order of June 25 order and the arrest by CBI

New Delhi: Following his arrest by CBI, Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal withdrew from Supreme Court his petition challenging Delhi HC's order staying the bail granted to him in the money laundering case brought against him by the ED.

Kejriwal told the court that he would soon file a comprehensive petition to challenge the Delhi HC's stay on his bail in the ED case as well as CBI's action.

The ED had registered a case under Prevention of Money Laundering Act five days after the CBI had lodged an FIR under Prevention of Corruption Act on Aug 17, 2022 alleging irregularities in framing and implementation of Delhi govt's excise policy. Kejriwal's former deputy Manish Sisodia was arrested in the case by CBI on Feb 26, 2023. On March 9, the then deputy CM was arrested in a PMLA case.

Senior advocate A M Singhvi summarised the challenging times for Kejriwal before a vacation bench of Justices Manoj Misra and S V N Bhatti prior to seeking withdrawal of the CM's petition challenging the Delhi HC's June 21 order staying the trial court vacation judge Nyay Bindu's decision to release him on bail. The HC on June 25 confirmed the interim stay on Kejriwal's bail while faulting the trial court's bail order.

"Events are overtaking us everyday. The HC judgment has come which has all kinds of issues ... Kejriwal was re-arrested last night by the CBI in the 2022 (excise policy scam) case. Now there is no option for Kejriwal but to file a fresh SLP with all available grounds to challenge substantively and properly the Delhi HC order of June 25 order and the arrest by CBI," Singhvi said.

Seeking withdrawal of the special leave petition, Singhvi sought liberty from the SC to file a comprehensive petition to meet the eventualities thrown up by "the fast-paced developments". Solicitor general Tushar Mehta said ED's reply to the Kejriwal's petition be taken on record. The bench recorded additional solicitor general S V Raju's no objection to Kejriwal's withdrawal plea and dismissed the petition as withdrawal while granting liberty to the CM to file fresh petition.

To be out of jail, Kejriwal now has to get bail in both the PMLA case lodged by ED and the excise scam related corruption case filed by the CBI. Sisodia has been in jail for more than 15 months and several of his bail pleas have been rejected by the trial court, HC and the SC.

In its reply to Kejriwal's withdrawn petition, the ED said the trial court granted bail to Kejriwal ignoring the mandate of Section 45 of PMLA, which provided that the public prosecutor must be given reasonable opportunity to oppose bail. ED said the ASG was repeatedly told by the trial court to cut short his submissions and did not peruse the entire material against the accused.

Scammers scare 72-yr-old with fake legal notices

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The fake cops even told the 72-year-old woman to take rest after making her run around the whole day and said they would revert to give her a clean chit. She only realised she may have been duped when they didn't get back.

The drama unfolded around 9.30am on May 24. Dasgupta received a pre-recorded message from the "Telecom Regulatory Authority of India's notification unit". They threatened to block her mobile number for alleged misuse for circulating pornographic content. Alarmed and confused, Dasgupta called the number back to clear her name. On the other side was a man who claimed to be a Mumbai Police officer.

He fabricated a case against Dasgupta, complete with a fake FIR number and a warrant for her arrest issued by "CBI" in a "Mumbai court". The scammer ordered Dasgupta to appear in the Mumbai court within two hours. She also received a fake arrest order on WhatsApp that looked almost real with a stamp and signature.

During a video call with the scammers, who had their own video turned off, Dasgupta was instructed to keep her camera on, lock herself in a room, and not allow anyone to enter or leave. She was also told to cease all communication with family members and neighbours.

"Scared of what was to unfold next, I continued to follow their orders as they kept on saying things like, 'you're like our mother, we know you haven't done anything wrong, let me try to speak to my seniors in CBI, and I'm sure something will work out'," she told **TOI**. "I could hear multiple voices in the background actually talking about my money laundering activities and how they could get me out of this," she added.

The scammers demanded her Aadhaar card number, insisting they needed to check if her name had come up in other cases. They informed her about an alleged money laundering case involving a former airline chief and bombarded her WhatsApp with more fake notices.

The scammers then instructed Dasgupta to transfer all her funds to the Mumbai police and CBI officials for further scrutiny and investigation. She was ordered to visit her banks and transfer Rs 58 lakh from one account and 25 lakh from another immediately. Dasgupta endured a harrowing virtual confinement via WhatsApp video call from 9am till 10.30pm, unable to leave her seat before heading to the bank to transfer money as demanded by the fraudsters.

ON VIDEO CALL, ASKED HER TO REMAIN CONFINED TO A ROOM



WHAT HAPPENED

- A 72-year-old woman residing in south Delhi fell victim to a fraud amounting to ₹83 lakh through a digital arrest scam
- Initially, she received a call from fraudsters posing as Mumbai police, claiming her mobile number was involved in criminal activities like distributing pornographic content
- Under the guise of assisting her, the scammers coerced her into revealing her Aadhaar card details
- Subsequently, pretending to be CBI they falsely informed her that her identity was linked to money laundering cases
- She was sent a fake copy of a Supreme Court arrest warrant on WhatsApp due to which she panicked and became anxious
- She endured a harrowing 12+ hours of virtual confinement via WhatsApp video call, unable to leave her seat unless heading to the bank to transfer money as demanded by the scammers
- Her house help continuously asked her to come out, but she was so anxious that she could not move. She was strictly told that no one should enter or leave the room during the digital arrest

Dos

- Verify the caller
- Hang up if you suspect it's a scam
- Approach the nearest police station/ cyber police station and report the case
- Report online financial fraud at National Cybercrime Helpline Number 1930
- Log on to cyber crime reporting portal https://cybercrime.gov.in/ and file a complaint
- Share your experience to raise awareness

Don'ts

- Don't give personal information
- Don't engage further
- Don't send money
- Don't share any OTPs
- Don't trust caller ID

TIMES VIEW: Cyber frauds are no longer exceptions; they are routine. These scamsters are not only ruthless, but razor-sharp and always coming up with innovative ways to dupe the susceptible. Of late, they have also been using modern technology to imitate voices. We have said this before, but it needs to be repeated: Think carefully before making payment decisions online. Avoid clicking on shady links. Shun easy passwords. Don't share an OTP number with someone you barely know. Staying attentive and on guard is the only way to stay safe.

Subjected to constant media trial, pleads ED

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New Delhi: In a role reversal, the Enforcement Directorate has claimed that it was subjected to constant media trial and more than 250 petitions were filed against the agency in different courts by politicians and businessmen accused in the Delhi liquor scam, including CM Arvind Kejriwal and former deputy CM Manish Sisodia, all meant to derail its probe in the money laundering case.

Since the investigation started, the agency said at least 253 petitions were filed in different courts by the accused, as against only 17 arrests. The submissions were made in its affidavit before Delhi High Court which it had recently moved against a subordinate court order granting bail to the Delhi CM. Agreeing with the ED's arguments and evidence of money trail produced against the CM, the HC stayed his bail on Tuesday.

Describing how it was facing obstructions in completing the investigation against high-profile accused in the liquor scam, who have been fielding senior advocates and legal luminaries, ED said the IO (investigating officer) of the case has to be present in court every time these cases come up for hearing, adversely impacting its progress and further delaying the trial.

Elaborating further, ED said so far, 225 such cases were disposed of but the agency, constrained with limited manpower and finances, was facing problems in putting up adequate and matching legal representation.

"It is relevant to state that investigation is a complex process and does not follow a linear path in unearthing any offence, more so, a scam of this nature where 176 digital devices have been destroyed with an attempt to thwart investigation and cash transactions of around Rs 100 crore in bribes are transferred through hawala operators, which has been spent in cash in another state," ED said.

The probe is spread across several states, including Delhi, Goa, Telangana, Punjab and Haryana with more than 30 people accused so far. Six chargesheets have been filed and cognisance taken by the special PMLA court, the agency said on the challenges involved in concluding the probe.

"There has been rampant trial by media wherein more than 19 press conferences and over 50 media statements have been made by associates of accused persons as well as those released on bail vilifying the investigation and the officers conducting the probe," ED said.

The agency said after Delhi HC rejected Sisodia's bail, more than 130 applications were filed "in concert" by several co-accused. This was quite substantial considering that before the rejection of Sisodia's bail, only 40 petitions were filed related to the liquor scam, it added.

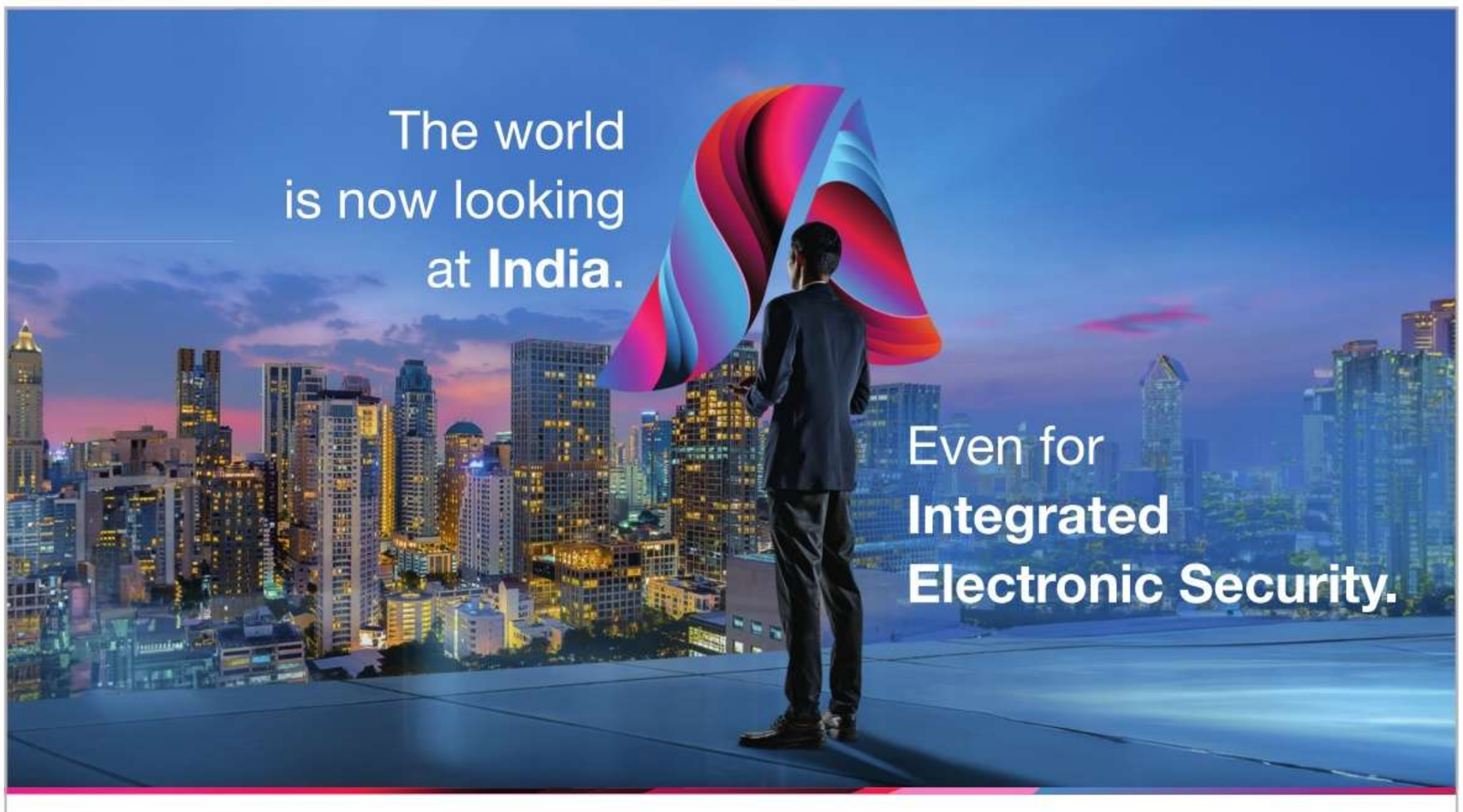
ED has attached assets worth Rs 260 crore belonging to several accused, treating them as 'proceeds of crime'. It has identified Rs 1,100 crore as 'proceeds of crime' in the liquor scam, which includes "illegal gains to wholesalers as well as retailers of cartel members and bribes to AAP leaders".

Bus gets stuck in caved-in road

New Delhi: Traffic movement was briefly choked in south Delhi on Wednesday after a Delhi Transport Corporation electric bus got stuck in a caved-in section of a road in Mehrauli. Police said some work was going on at the site.

The police received around four to five calls regarding traffic congestion in the area. In a post on X, the police said, "Traffic is affected on MB Road in the carriageway from Khanpur towards Mehrauli due to breakdown of a bus near Saket metro station. Kindly plan your journey accordingly."

Police added the bus was removed and traffic movement resumed. The route number 419 bus was on its way from Kashmere Gate to Lado Sarai. PTI



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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD E-QUOTATION NOTICE
Publication of NIQ No.: WBPWD/EE/JED/ NIQ 04e/Q of 2024-25, Tender Id No.: 2024_WBPWD_699178_1, and corrigendum publication of NIQ No.: WBPWD/EE/JED/NIQ 02e/Q of 2024-25, Tender Id No.: 2024_WBPWD_691298_1. The last date for submission of tender 12-07-2024 and 01-07-2024 at 02:00 P.M. All details can be seen from the website — http://etender.wb.nic.in or http://www.pwdwb.in or office of the undersigned during office hours. Sd/- S.THAKUR. EE/JED/JALPALPAIGU.
ICA-T9827(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-Tender Notice
N.I.e.T. No. 02 of EE/MLMD of 2024-25, Malda Mechanical Division, PHE Dte. Tender Id: 2024_PHED_697152_1 to 2024_PHED_697152_5, Executive Engineer, MLMD invites e Tender in WBF 2911 for Charges for carrying of empty tonners, baby cylinder and returning back filled in tonners, baby cylinder from different gaseous chlorination plant and distribution zones under Malda Arsenic Area W/S Scheme (Northern and Southern Setor) under MLMD, PHE Dte. Last date of Submission 12.07.2024 upto 02:30 PM. For details visit at: www.wbtenders.gov.in. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Malda Mechanical Division, PHE Dte.
ICA-T9830(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
N.B.D.D NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
Notice Inviting e-Tender by the S.E./ NBDD vide **NIeT No- 06/2024-25**. Details of works may be seen in the above mentioned NIeT in the website:- **www.wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbnorthbengaldev.gov.in**
Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
North Bengal Development Department
ICA-T9788(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Abridged Notice Inviting Tender
No.: WBIW/EE-I/CD/NIT-03/2024-25
Online tenders are hereby invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal from the bonafide agencies for 2(two) nos work, for which bid submission end date will be 03.07.2024 at 16:00 pm and for 03(three) nos of work, for which bid submission end date will be 10.07.2024 at 16:00 pm. Other details may be seen in the websites: www.wbiwd.gov.in, www.wbtenders.gov.in and also in the office of the undersigned. Sd/- Executive Engineer-I, Canals Division.
ICA-T9771(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Office of the Executive Engineer
MAYURAKSHI SOUTH CANALS DIVISION
IRRIGATION & WATERWAYS DIRECTORATE
SANTINIKETAN, BIRBHUM-731 235
e-TENDER NOTICE
No-WBIW/EE/MSCD/NIT-02(e)/2024-25
e-Tender is hereby invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal from the eligible contractors for 01 (One) no. work under SDS/NP. Last date & time of Bid submission is 09.07.2024 till 16.00 Hours IST. Details of Tender Notice may be seen at https://wbtenders.gov.in or https://wbiwd.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Mayurakshi South Canals Division.
ICA-T9773(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Bid reference no. - WBMSCL/NIT- 372/2024, Dated –24/06/2024, West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for **"Setting up of workstation area at maintenance room in 8th floor of Swasthya Sathi Building"** Last date of submission of bid (online) – 04.07.2024 upto 03.00 P.M. or as per available slot of WB tender portal after 04.07.2024 upto 3.00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from www.wbtenders.gov.in on or after 12.00 P.M. on 27.06.2024. Details of the tender will also be available at www.wbmsc.gov.in Clarification requests, if any may be sent to eecivil@wbmsc.gov.in, or info@wbmsc.gov.in. **Sd/- Managing Director, WBMSCL**
ICA-T9779(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Re e-Tender Notice
The West Bengal State Seed Corporation Ltd. (A Govt. of West Bengal Company), 6, Ganesh Chandra Avenue, Kolkata-700013 invites e-Tender from the bonafide manufacturers / suppliers for submission of rate for supply of Bio-fertilizers. The Re e-Tender Reference No. WBSSCL/MD/KOL/NIT-04/2024-25 dated 24.06.2024. Bid Submission Closing Date 08.07.2024 upto 1.00 P.M. The details are available in website: wbtenders.gov.in & wbsscl.com Tender related information including addendum / corrigendum, if any, shall also be available in said website and Notice Board of WBSSCL, Kolkata. Sd/- Managing Director, WBSSCL.
ICA-T9787(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
N.B.D.D NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
Notice Inviting e-Tender by the S.E./NBDD Vide NIeT No. 02 (Sl. No. 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18), NIeT No. 03 (SL. No. 01, 02), NIeT No. 04 of 2024-25 and NIeTNo.05 (SL. No. 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10) of 2024-25 of the S.E, NBDD. Details of works be seen in the above mentioned NIeT in the website:- www.wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbnorthbengaldev.gov.in Sd/- Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Development Department
ICA-T9769(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
District Health & Family Welfare Samity, Paschim Medinipur
Tender Notice
1 of 2024-2025
e-tenders are invited by Member Secretary, DH&FWS & CMOH, Paschim Medinipur on behalf of Governor of West Bengal for New Construction of 16 nos Su-Swashtya Kendra - from enlisted PWD, CPWD & Govt. contractors of respective group and / or resourceful bonafide contractors having credential of completing similar nature of works. Start date of Submission of Tender Documents:- 27/06/2023 from 10.00 AM. Last date of Submission of Tender Documents:- 18/07/2023 UPTO 5.00 P.M. Details will be available in the website of www.wbtenders.gov.in under the Organisation District Health & Family Welfare Samity, Paschim Medinipur, www.wbhealth.gov.in/tender & office Notice board. Sd/- Chief Medical Officer of Health Paschim Medinipur
ICA-T9790(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
THE DURGAPUR PROJECTS LIMITED
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
CIN NO. U40102WB1961SGC025250
NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)
NIT No. (1))WBDPL/PP/T/12020(18)/11/2024/EMIPH/E/063 dated,21.06.2024 Tender ID : 2024_DPL_697661_1 for Miscellaneous repairing job under EMIPH, DPPS. Bid submission end date : 02.07.2024 Bid Opening date : 05.07.2024. **(2)WBDPL/PP/T/GM(PP)-12021(12)/1/2024/EMOPHnIPH/E/065** dated,22.06.2024 Tender ID : 2024_DPL_698284_1 for Propo- sal for the job of servicing of 415V air circuit breakers under EMOPH&EMIPH, DPPS. Bid sub- mission end date : 06.07.2024 Bid Opening date : 10.07.2024. Date extension **NIT No. (3)WBDPL/PP/ T/12011(99)/3/2024/AHP EM/E/24** dated,06.06.2024 Tender ID:2024_DPL_689729_1 Bid submission end date :28.06.2024 Bid Opening date:01.07.2024. Please visit : **https://wbtenders.gov.in / www.dpl.net.in**
ICA-T9781(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, P.W.D, North 24 Prgs Electrical Division invite online e-Tender for the work of :- "Renovation of Circuit House at Barasat in the district of North 24 Parganas (Electrical)." NIT No: WBPWD/EE/N24/EL/e-NIQ-115/24-25. Tender id: 2024_WBPWD_699085_1. Pre Bid Meeting Date: 28.06.2024 at 12.00 Hrs . Bid Submission start date (Online): 29.06.2024 Bid Submission Closing date (Online):13.07.2024 Corrigendum if any will be published website only. Details of NIT & tender documents may be downloaded from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D NORTH 24 PARGANAS ELECTRICAL DIVISION.
ICA-T9828(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
E.E./ T.B.C.D, P.W.D. invites online e-tender for the works of :- **1.** Repairing works in different stretches over damaged roadway surfaces of Dhaprahatr BRK Bari Road from Ch. 2.00kmp to 5.00kmp at Mekhliganj under Teesta Bridge Construction Division, P.W.D during the year 2024-2025, Estimated Amount: Rs. 10,26,745.00, e-NIT No.- 02 (Sl No. 01) of 2024-25. **2.** Repairing works in different stretches over damaged roadway surfaces of Mekhliganj-Dhaprahat Road from Ch. 8.00kmp to 12.00kmp at Mekhliganj under Teesta Bridge Construction Division, P.W.D during the year 2024-2025, Estimated Amount: Rs. 10,66,900.00, e-NIT No.- 02 (Sl No. 02) of 2024-25. Bid Submission start date (online) 02.07.2024 from 10.00 A.M. Bid Submission closing date (online) 15.07.2024 upto 4.00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only, Details of N.I.T. and Tender documents may downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- E.E, P.W.D, TBCD., Mekhliganj, Coochbehar
ICA-T9849(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
N.B.D.D NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
Notice Inviting e-Tender by the S.E./ NBDD vide **NIeT No- 07/2024-25**. Details of works may be seen in the above mentioned NIeT in the website:- **www.wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbnorthbengaldev.gov.in**
Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
North Bengal Development Department
ICA-T9789(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
P.W.(Roads)Dte. Tender Notice
Executive Engineer, South 24 Parganas Highway Division, P.W.(Roads)Dte., invites online e-NIT No. 01 of 2024-2025. Tender Id: 2024_SH_697280_1, 2024_SH_697280_2 & 2024_SH_697280_3. Bid submission start date 28.06.2024 from 11.00 AM. Bid submission end date 08.07.2024 upto 11.00 AM. Details of NIT and tender documents may be downloaded from: https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Highway Division, P.W.(Roads)Dte.
ICA-T9804(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
EE/PWD/TD, invites e-Tender for Repairing and maintenance work of Marisda Suniaghat Road from ch. 0.00 to 14.245 km by stone metal consolidation, repairing potholes, 20 mm premixed surfacing and premixed seal coat (Type-B) in patches under Contai Sub-Division, PWD in the Dist. of Purba Medinipur during the year 2024-2025. NIeT No. **02 of 2024-2025. Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_698095_1.** Bid submission start date (online): 22.06.2024 from 10.00 Hours. Bid Submission closing date (online): 12.07.2024 at 11.00 Hours. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIeT and Tender documents may be downloaded from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.Dte., Tamluk Division.
ICA-T9805(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
The Executive Engineer, Salt Lake Reclamation Division invites two no. online percentage rate basis e-tenders vide Tender ID No. 2024_UDD_696544_1&2 WBUD&MA/EE/SLRD/NIT-03(e)/2024-25 of EE/SLRD dated 19/06/2024. Value of works is Rs. 9,56,587.00 and Rs. 4,88,638. Start and Last date of submission of bid online are 27/06/2024 and 04/07/2024 upto 13:00 Hrs. respectively. All documents can be seen/ obtained from the website https://wbtenders.gov.in Detailed information can also be seen in the website: www.wburbanservices.gov.in and office Notice Board. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Salt Lake Reclamation Division.
ICA-T9772(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-Tender Notice Vide Memo No:- DH/HGL/2153 Date: 22/06/2024. One e-Tender is invited by the Superintendent, Imambara District Hospital, Hooghly for the PRINTING OF "Printing Articles. For Details Please visit the website **www.wbtender.gov.in** & www.wbhealth.gov.in or the Office of the Undersigned. Sd/- The Superintendent, Imambara District Hospital, Chinsurah, Hooghly
ICA-T9777(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
DIRECTORATE OF EMPLOYEE'S STATE INSURANCE (M.B.) SCHEME, W.B.
NEW ESIC BUILDING, WING-B 2nd & 3rd FLOOR, G.B.BLOCK,SECTOR-III,SALT LAKE KOLKATA- 700097
e-Tender Notice
e-Tender is invited for "Selection of Security Agency to provide security service at ESI Hospital Belur, Baltikuri, Gourhati, Kamarhati, Manicktala, Serampore & Uluberia." Detailed information will be available in the Govt. website https://wbtenders.gov.in and https://esiwb.gov.in **Sd/- DIRECTOR, ESI (MB) SCHEME, W.B.**
ICA-T9775(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
NIeT No. WBPWD/EE/HCD/e-NIT-02/2024-25 of Executive Engineer, P.W.D, Howrah Construction Division. 1) **Name of Work:-** Repair and Renovation work of South Bhatora PHC at Howrah. Estimated Amount:- Rs. 30,93,803.00. Tender ID:- 2024_WBPWD_698073_1. 2) **Name of Work:-** Construction of a Toilet Block for use of OPD patients at Mahesh Bhattacharyya Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Howrah. Estimated Amount:- Rs. 15,11,041.00. Tender ID:- 2024_WBPWD_698073_1. **Bid Submission end date** 13.07.2024 at 3.00 P.M. Details will be available from the website http://wbtenders.gov.in and notice board of this office on all working days within office hours. Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D, Howrah Construction Division.
ICA-T9806(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WRI&DD. e-NIT
Executive Engineer (A-I), Bankura (A-I) I & P Division Division Bankura invites e-tender for 2(Two) nos Check Dam (CD) schemes in Para Block within Purulia District under Bankura (A-I) I&P Division under CORE SECTOR Programme,2023-24. e-NIT no: 01 / 2024-25 of the Executive Engineer (A.I.) Bankura(A-I) I&P Division Bankura & **Tender ID:**
2024_WRDD_699786_1,
2024_WRDD_699786_2
Estimate Amount put to tender Rs:- 6543564, 10061547.00,
Bid submission **Last date is 22/07/2024** up to 05.00 PM. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for details.
Sd/- Executive Engineer (A-I)
Bankura (A-I) I&P Division, Bankura
ICA-T9800(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
E- QUOTATION NOTICE
(NIeT No. WBP/BKPC/NIeQ-02/2024-25)
Quotations are invited from the bonafide firms/concern for supplying of Motor Spare parts and Repairing works of Govt. Vehicles and Motor Cycles of Barrackpore Police Commissionerate for the financial year 2024-2025. Intending suppliers / firms are requested to submit the tender within 15 days from the date of publication in news papers. Tender will be opened on 15+02 day from the date of publication at 14:00 hrs. Tender papers can be downloaded from www.wbtender.gov.in Sd/- Dy. Commissioner of Police(HQ), Barrackpore.
ICA-T9794(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
NIeT No. 09/ASDIII of 2024-25, E.E.-I, Alipore Division, PWD. Name of Work - Periodical cleaning of underground reservoir both Domestic & Fire at Open Air Theatre (Uttirna) during the year 2024-25. (Rs. 2,23,860.00). Bid Submission end date 09.07.2024 upto 15.00 P.M. Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_699161_1. Details will be available from the website http://wbtenders.gov.in and notice board of this office on all working days within office hours. Sd/- Executive Engineer-I, Alipore Division, PWD
ICA-T9824(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Assistant Engineer, PWDte, B.M.C Electrical Sub-Division invites on line tender for the work of 1) Various work in the nature of regular Operation , Repair and Maintenance on the basis of vetted estimate from PWD (Civil) ,PWD (Electrical) , and PHE (Civil) at Bankura Sammilani Medical College and Hospital in Bankura District for the Super Speciality Block Building----Fabrication & Erection of structural platfrom at Terrace of PMSSY-III Building.. NIQ No: WBPWDTE / AE / BMCESD / NIQ-06/ Q of 2024-25 Bid Submission closing date-01.07.2024 Time-10.55 a.m Bid opening date-03.07.2024 Tender I.D: 2024_WBPWD_698694_1 2) Various work in the nature of regular Operation , Repair and Maintenance on the basis of vetted estimate from PWD (Civil) ,PWD (Electrical) , and PHE (Civil) at Bankura Sammilani Medical College and Hospital in Bankura District for the Super Speciality Block Building. ------ Replacement of existing Fire prone Wall Bracket Fans at PMSSY-III (4th ,5th ,Terrace floor and Ancillary Building) ,within the complex of BSMC and H , Bankura. NIQ No: WBPWDTE / AE / BMCESD / NIQ-07/ Q of 2024-25 Bid Submission closing date-01.07.2024 Time-10.55 a.m Bid opening date-03.07.2024 Tender I.D: 2024_WBPWD_698747_1 3) Various work in the nature of regular Operation , Repair and Maintenance on the basis of vetted estimate from PWD (Civil) , PWD (Electrical) , and PHE (Civil) at Bankura Sammilani Medical College and Hospital in Bankura District for the Super Speciality Block Building ---- Replacement of 12 Volt 130 Ah Batttery for Dialysis unit at PMSSY-III building under Bankura Sammilani Medical College & Hospital , Bankura. NIQ No: WBPWDTE / AE / BMCESD / NIQ-08/ Q of 2024-25 Bid Submission closing date-01.07.2024 Time 10.55 a.m Bid opening date-03.07.2024 Tender I.D: 2024_WBPWD_699110_1 4) Various work in the nature of regular Operation, Repair and Maintenance on the basis of vetted estimate from PWD (Civil) ,PWD (Electrical) , and PHE (Civil) at Bankura Sammilani Medical College and Hospital in Bankura District for the Super Speciality Block Building. --------- Replacement of existing Fire prone Wall Bracket Fans at PMSSY-III (Gr. floor & 1st floor) ,within the complex of BSMC and H , Bankura. NIQ No: WBPWDTE / AE / BMCESD / NIQ-09/ Q of 2024-25 Bid Submission closing date-01.07.2024 Time-10.55 a.m Bid opening date-03.07.2024 Tender I.D: 2024_WBPWD_699179_1 e-mail I.D. (eebelectpwd@wb.gov.in/eebedpwdte@gmail.com/bsmchesdpwdte@gmail.com) Corrigendum if any will be published in website only Details of NIT/NIQ and Tender documents may be downloaded From http:/wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Assistant Engineer, PWDte. B.M.C Electrical Sub-Division.
ICA-T9826(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Tender is hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, PWD, Kolkata IT Division, Main Block, Ground Floor,Writers' Buildings, Kolkata-700001 from the eligible contractors for the following works. 1." Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of CCTV Surveillance at Criminal Investigation Department, 4th Floor, BhabaniBhawan , Kolkata- 700027 [Job No: KIT/OW/022 of 24-25]" e-TENDER No. WBPWD/EEKIT/E-NIT-27/T/24-25 Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_693227_1 Bid Submission Closing : 28.06.2024 up to 03.00 PM 2." Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Wifi Data Network with Network Security Firewall and Allied Infrastructure for the Department of Disaster Management & Civil Defence, Govt. of West Bengal at Nabanna, 325, Sarat Chatterjee Street, Howrah - 711 102. [Job No: KIT/OW/026 of 24-25]" e-TENDER No. WBPWD/EEKIT/E-NIT-29/T/24-25 Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_694089_1 Bid Submission Closing : 08.07.2024 up to 03.00 PM 3." Provision of Internet Leased Line Connectivity for the Department of Disaster Management & Civil Defence, Govt. of West Bengal at Nabanna, 325, Sarat Chatterjee Street, Howrah - 711 102 [Job No: KIT/OW/027 of 24-25]" e-TENDER No. WBPWD/EEKIT/E-NIT 30/T/24-25 Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_694114_1 Bid Submission Closing : 28.06.2024 up to 03.00 PM 4." All-Inclusive Annual Maintenance of Computer and Peripherals installed at Different Offices of PWD at Writers Building, KIT Annex Building and NS Building, Kolkata for 01(One) Year [Job No: KIT/RW/016 of 24-25]" e TENDER No. WBPWD/EEKIT/E-NIT-32/T/24-25 Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_695268_1 Bid Submission Closing : 15.07.2024 up to 03.00 PM Corrigendum or Addendum if issued will be published only on website (https://wbtenders.gov.in) Sd/- Executive Engineer, Kolkata I T Division, PWD
ICA-T9812(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
WBPWD/EE/HCD/ NIT e-21, Sl-2/3rd Call Call of 2023-2024 Installation of Speed-Breaker at Sujalpur More, chainage 39.40 kmp over Arambagh to Bardhaman Road under Hooghly Construction Sub Division-I, PWD, Arambagh under Hooghly Construction Division, P.W.D during the year of 2023-2024. Estimated Amount: Rs. 175672.00 Tender ID: 2024_PWD_699051_1. Tender Reference No. WBPWD/EE/HCD/ NIT e-21, Sl-2/3rd Call Call of 2023-2024. WBPWD/EE/HCD/ NIT e-22/2nd Call of 2023-2024 Construction of Car parking, open sitting arrangement & beautification beside main gate and replacement of GCI shed and allied works at Generator room at Prafulla Chandra Sen Government Medical College and Hospital during the year 2023-2024. [Scheme ID: HF2324144935000] Estimated Amount: Rs. 1824915.00 Tender ID: 2024_PWD_699130_1. Tender Reference No. WBPWD/EE/HCD/ NIT e-22/2nd Call of 2023-2024 WBPWD/EE/HCD/ NIT e-23/2nd Call of 2023 2024 Restoration and Conservation of Ruins of Kanakeswar Shiva Temple, Project ID: IC232414492S000-CIVIL WORK. Estimated Amount: Rs. 1438502.00 Tender ID: 2024_PWD_699168_1 Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT(s) and Tender documents may be downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- J.Sikdar Executive Engineer, PWD Hooghly Construction Division. Chawkbazar, Hooghly
ICA-T9829(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
N.I.T. No. 146/CE(M)/WBSTC dated-25.06.2024
(Abridged e-Tender)
Tender, in prescribed from in two parts viz. Technical & Financial Bids are invited for the works : Block repairing of vessel M.V. Meghamaller(LCT). Tender ID: 2024_WBSTC_699599_1. Please visit website: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Chief Engineer (Marine) & OSD (Dy. Managing Director), For W.B.S.T.C. Ltd.
ICA-T9874(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE
NIET 06 Elec of 2024-25 Sl. No. 1 & 2 for E.I.work Garia C.P. and CLC Bantala have been invited For details log on to www.wbsidcl.in & www.wbtenders.gov.in and see in our office notice board within 03.07.2024 up to 2.00pm Sd/- Assistant Engineer (E.I.) -in charge The WBSIDC Ltd.
ICA-T9791(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, Barasat Division, P.W.D. invites online e-Tender for the work of "Improvement of different approach road adjacent to the Rajberia-Bhurkunda Road under Barasat Division, PWD" e-NIT No. WBPWD/BSTD/EE/NIT 15e/24-25, Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_698703_1. Bid submission start date (online) 24/06/2024 from 6:30 P.M. Bid submission end date (online) 13/07/2024 up to 3.30 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/- Executive Engineer-I, Barasat Division
ICA-T9842(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer-II, P.W.Dte., Central Kolkata Health Electrical Division, P-12, C.I.T Road (1st Floor), Kolkata-14 invites e-tender (online) for the work of (1) "Day to day operation of lifts at different buildings under NRS Medical College & Hospital Kolkata in three shifts per day per month round the clock." vide e-tender no. WBPWD/EE-II/CKHED/ENIT-11/24-25. Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_699504_1. Bid submission end date (online) for the job is 15/07/2024 upto 02.00 P.M. Detail information/download/upload will be available from the website: http://etender.wb.nic.in, http://wbtenders.gov.in & http://pwdwb.in Sd/- Arindam Haldar, Executive Engineer-II, Central Kolkata Health Electrical Division, P.W.Dte.
ICA-T9845(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Ref No.:
WBPWD/EE/KNED/eNIT06R/23-24
Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_698813_1
Online Tender is hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, PWDte, Kolkata North Electrical Division, P-5, CIT Road, 2nd Floor, Moulali, Kolkata-14, from the eligible contractors for the following works: Name of Work : Triennial comprehensive maintenance of Split type AC Machine at Different floor in PWD Complex, Baguihati, O/O SE, Southern Electrical Circle and O/O EE, North 24 Parganas Electrical Division. Bid submission start: 02.07.24 at 06.00 PM. Bid Submission end: 09.07.24 at 01.00 PM. Bid opening Date: 11.07.24 after 01.00 PM. Details of eNIT, BOQ & tender document may be downloaded from https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWDte., Kolkata North Electrical Division, Govt. of West Bengal
ICA-T9850(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
CORRIGENDUM NOTICE
Please note Bid submission end date (online) is extended to 04.07.2024 upto 03.00 P.M. for the following job 1. "Triennial comprehensive maintenance of open type 6 Body mortuary cooler with stand by unit and 1 no. 6 Body mortuary cooler unit with stand by unit installed at Anatomy Building under NRS Medical College & Hopsital, kolkata." vide e-tender no. WBPWD/EEII/CKHED/ENIT-02/24-25, Tender ID : 2024_WBPWD_690030_1. Detail information/download/upload will be available from the website: http://etender.wb.nic.in, http://wbtenders.gov.in & http://pwdwb.in Sd/- Arindam Haldar, Executive Engineer-II, Central Kolkata Health Electrical Division, P.W.Dte.
ICA-T9844(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
2 Nos. e-Tender are invited for **"(i)** Emergent repair & rehabilitation of Male Eye Cabin, Female Eye Cabin, Nursing Station & Bath Block at Baghajatin SGH. **(ii)** Repairing & renovation of toilets, OT toilet, OT room, corridor & installation of new entrance gate at burn 01 of IPD bldg. in the compound of MR Bangur Hospital." Estimated Amounts: (i) Rs. 7,41,252.00, (ii) Rs. 7,19,316.00, e-NIT No. WBPWD/KSHD/EE/NIT-06 OF 2024-2025, Tender IDs:- 2024_WBPWD_699240_1 & 2024_WBPWD_699240_2. Bid Submission Start date (online): 01/07/2024 at 02:00 P.M. Bid Submission Closing date (online): 08/07/2024 upto 02:00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT & tender documents may be downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer-II, PWD, Kolkata South Health Division
ICA-T9822(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
EE, Kalimpong Division, PWD invites online eNIT for the Below mentioned work:- "Emergent Repair of Potholes in between stretches – (15.200 to 15.900, 16.300 to 17.00, 17.100 to 17.800, 18.000 to 18.700, 18.900 to 19.600, 20.300 to 21.000, 21.200 to 21.900, 22.000 to 22.700, 23.100 to 23.800, 24.400 to 25.100, 25.300 to 26.000, 26.200 to 26.900, 27.100 to 27.800, 28.200 to 28.900, 29.300 to 30.00) KMP of Upper Rishi Road under Kalimpong Sub-Division - I of Kalimpong Division PWD", (Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_697327_1) eNIT No 01e of 2024-25 Bid submission start date (online): 21.06.2024. from 09.00 AM Bid submission Closing date (online): 05.07.2024. upto 05.00 PM Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.Q and Tender document may be downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- EE, PWD Kalimpong Division
ICA-T9863(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
EE, PWDte, Bankura Electrical Division invites e-NIQ NOTICE for the work of **(1)** "Upkeepment and maintenance of electrical Installation (regular/periodical maintenance as well as preventive and corrective maintenance) including AC machine, FDS, DG, at CMOH office Bishnupur _ AMC of AC machines. (For the period of one year)." e-NIQ NO 93/Q of 2024-25 of EE/BED. Last Date-28.06.2024. **(2)** "Upkeepment and maintenance of electrical Installation (regular/periodical maintenance as well as preventive and corrective maintenance) including AC machine, FDS, DG, at CMOH office Bishnupur Annual Maintenance of entire E.I. works and Maintenance & Operation of 62.5 KVADG set at Bishnupur CMOH Office for the Period of one Year."e-NIQ NO. 94/Q of 2024-25 of EE/BED. Last Date-28.06.2024. **(3)** "Upkeepment and maintenance of electrical Installation (regular/periodical maintenance as well as preventive and corrective maintenance) including AC machine, FDS, DG, at CMOH office Bishnupur Annual Maintenance of entire Fire Detections ystem, for the Period of one Year." e-NIQ NO 95/Q of 2024-25 of EE/BED. Last Date-28.06.2024. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT/NIQ and Tender documents may be downloaded From http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- EE, PWD, Bankura Electrical Division, GOVT OF WB
ICA-T9810(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
EE/PWD/TD, invites e-Tender for Establishment of POCSO Court inside New Court Building, Tamluk (5th Floor of New Court Building) in the District of Purba Medinipur during the year 2024-2025 (Civil Work). NIeT No. 03 of 2024-2025 Tender ID : 2024_WBPWD_698834_1 Bid submission start date (online) : 25.06.2024 from 10.00 Hours Bid Submission closing date (online) : 06.07.2024 at 11.00 Hours Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIeT and Tender documents may be downloaded from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.Dte. Tamluk Division.
ICA-T9851(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
N.I.T. No. 148/CE(M)/WBSTC dated-25.06.2024
(Abridged e-Tender)
Tender, in prescribed from in two parts viz. Technical & Financial Bids are invited for the works : Selection of bus provider cum ticket selling agent for operation of Volvo AC Bus services in the following routes - (i) Kolkata-Dhaka, (ii) Kolkata-Agartala Via-Dhaka, (iii) Kolkata-Dhaka via-Khulna. Tender ID: 2024_WBSTC_699790_1. Please visit website: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Chief Engineer (Marine) & OSD (Dy. Managing Director), For W.B.S.T.C. Ltd.
ICA-T9873(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
NIeT No. 08/ASDII of 2024-24, E.E. - II, Alipore Division, PWD. Name of Work – Annual Maintenance of Building works and S & P works for the different building within the State Institute of Physical Education for Women at Alipore Hastings House under Alipore Division during the year 2024-25. (Rs. 5,28,781.00) Bid Submission end date 09.07.2024 upto 15.00 P.M. Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_698917_1. Details will be available from the web site http://wbtenders.gov.in and notice board of this office on all working days within office hours. Sd/- Executive Engineer – II, Alipore Division, PWD
ICA-T9864(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
WB/PWD/EE/NBD/SS/NIT No. 6 of 2024-2025. EE, NBD, SS, P.W. Dte. invites e-Tender for the work of : One time cleaning of drain and jungle cutting of NBMC & H campus in the district of Darjeeling during the year 2024-25. Tender Id : 2024_WBPWD_698808_1 Bid submission start date (online) 29.06.2024 from 12.00p.m. Bid submission closing date (online) 16.07.2024 from 12.00p.m. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT & tender documents may be downloaded from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- EE, NBD, SS, P.W. Dte., Siliguri, Govt. of WB.
ICA-T9861(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Divisional Forest Officer
Kangsabati North Division, Purulia
Abridge e-Tender Notice
No. NIT-40/WBZA/DFOKND/2024-25
Kangsabati North Division, Purulia invites E-tender from Bonafide Contractors vide E-ender Notice No. **NIT-40/WBZA/DFOKND/2024-25** for Renovation and extension of 2 (two) nos. Gazebbo at Surulia Mini Zoo under Kangsabati North Division, Purulia. The last date of submission E-tender documents is 09.07.2024 upto 04:00 p.m. for viewing and participating in E-tender visit www.wbtenders.gov.in and for more information please contact to the undersigned or visit the www.westbengalforest.gov.in Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer, Kangsabati North Division & Ex-Officio Director, Surulia Mini Zoo, Purulia.
ICA-T9795(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer-II, P.W.Dte., Central Kolkata Health Electrical Division, P-12, C.I.T Road (1st Floor), Kolkata-14 invites e-tender (online) for the work of (1) "Day to day operation of Semi -automatic/ automatic passenger/ bed cum passenger lifts at Calcutta National Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata." vide e-tender no. WBPWD/EE-II/CKHED/ENIT-12/24-25. Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_699546_1. Bid submission end date (online) for the job is 15/07/2024 upto 02.00 P.M. Detail information/download/upload will be available from the website: http://etender.wb.nic.in, http://wbtenders.gov.in & http://pwdwb.in Sd/- Arindam Haldar, Executive Engineer-II, Central Kolkata Health Electrical Division, P.W.Dte.
ICA-T9846(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
EE/KNHED/PW Dte. invite online e-tender for the work "SITC of Fire Detection and Alarm system at New Emergency Building including installation of LPG Gas detector at the campus of Dr. B.C.Roy Post Graduate Institute of Pediatric Sciences (Phoolbagan Campus)." e-NIT No.:- **WBPWD/EE/KNHED/NIQ-27/2024-25.** Tender Id:- **2024_WBPWD_698992_1.** Bid Submission Start Date (online): 02/07/2024, 1:05 P.M. Bid Submission Closing Date (online): 08/07/2024 upto 1:00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be Published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender Documents may be download from http://wbtenders.gov.in **Sd/-S. Chakraborty/EE/KNHED/PW Dte./Govt. of W.B.**
ICA-T9866(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, Krishnagar Division, Social Sector, P.W. Dte. invites online e-Quotation for 01 (one) no

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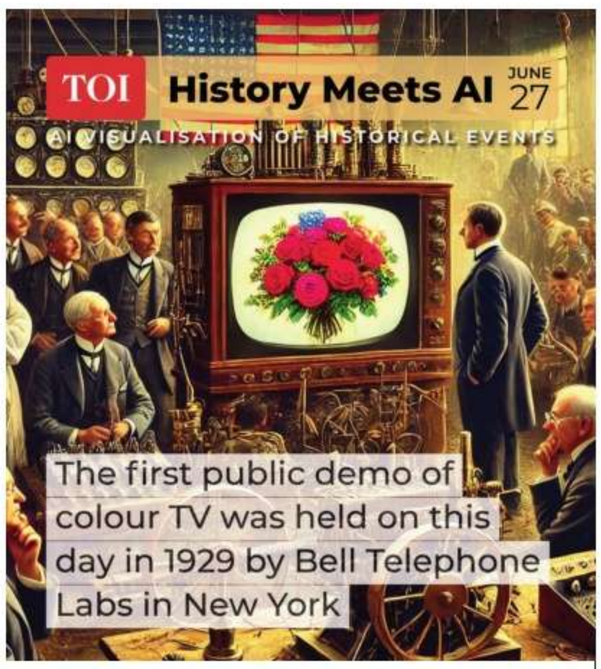
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SIDDA SAYS CONG HIGH COMMAND'S DECISION FINAL AS DEMAND FOR 3 K'TAKA DY CMs GROWS

OPPN SHUNS CM SHINDE'S CUSTOMARY TEA PARTY ON EVE OF MAHARASHTRA MONSOON SESSION





Train upper berth seat falls, kills man

A 60-year-old man from Kerala died while undergoing treatment at a hospital due to the injuries he sustained after the upper berth seat in a train coach in which he was travelling fell on him due to improper chaining by another passenger, Govt Railway Police said on Wednesday. The incident happened on June 16 when Ali Khan C K from Kerala was travelling to Agra along with his friend in the lower berth of the sleeper coach. The official spokesperson of the ministry of railways on X clarified that the seat was not in damaged condition, neither it fell down nor crashed. The seat was checked at Nizamuddin station and found ok. PTI

STATOISTICS A slice of life in numbers

Punjab has 16 times more milk per person than Assam

State-wise per capita daily availability of milk for the year 2022-23 in grams per day



Highest In States	
Punjab	1,283
Rajasthan	1,138
Haryana	1,098
Lowest In States	
Odisha	148
Assam	78
Delhi	64

By Atul Thakur; Source: Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics-2023

HC upholds hijab ban in Mum college in 'interest of students'

'Dress Code Helps Maintain Discipline And Avoid Disclosure Of Religion'

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Mumbai: Observing that it is in the larger academic interest of students, Bombay HC on Wednesday upheld the ban by a Chembur college on students wearing burqa, hijab and niqab on the campus as part of its dress code.

"The object behind prescribing the dress code is evident from the instructions since they state that the intention is that a student's religion ought not to be revealed. It is in the larger academic interest of the students as well as for the administration and discipline of the college that this object is achieved," said Justices A S Chandurkar and Rajesh Patil.

They dismissed a petition by nine SY/TY science students of N G Acharya and D K Marathe College that the ban is arbitrary and discriminatory and affects their fundamental rights to expression under Article 19 (1) (a) and religion under Article 25. The petition also stated that their rights to choice and privacy were affected by the dress code and donning hijab and niqab was an essential religious practice.



HC dismissed a plea by nine students that the ban is arbitrary and affects their fundamental rights to expression

Senior advocate Anil Anturkar, for the college, had cited Karnataka HC full bench's judgment in a similar case that donning hijab or niqab was not an essential practice of girls professing Islam, and prescribing dress code did not violate their fundamental rights. A challenge is pending in SC. "We are in respectful agreement with the full bench that the prescription of dress code is intended to achieve uniformity among students in the school/college so as to maintain discipline and avoid disclosure of religion," the judges said.

They also said the college's right to maintain discipline flows from recognised fundamental right to establish and administer an educational institution. "We do not find how the prescription of the dress code by the college violates the provision of Article 19 (1) (a) and Article 25," they said, adding "moreover a changing room was provided."

They noted that college's instructions "are applicable to all students irrespective of caste, creed, religion or language". The students' advocate Altaf Khan argued that the dress code is against UGC regulations, Rashtriya Uchhastar Shiksha Abhiyan and National Education Policy. The judges said "above guidelines and instructions attempt to promote a non-discriminatory atmosphere in higher educational institutions" and "we do not find how" they are violated by the college's instructions.

MBBS student in Raj undergoes dialysis after ragging, 7 booked

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Jaipur: A first-year MBBS student of a govt medical college in Rajasthan's Dungarpur had to undergo dialysis after seniors forced him to do more than 300 push-ups in scorching heat, severely impacting his kidney function. An FIR has been filed against seven second-year students in the matter and they have been suspended.

Although the ragging took place on May 15, the college administration took action against the accused students on Tuesday after receiving a communication from the National Medical Commission (NCM). The victim had filed a complaint with NMC's anti-ragging cell.

"The email by NMC was forwarded to college's anti-ragging committee on June 22, which investigated the matter and confirmed the incident had taken place. Following SC guidelines and based on the recommendation of the anti-ragging committee, we filed an FIR against seven accused students," college principal Balamuruganvelu S told **TOI**.

According to the complaint, the first-year student was forced to do over 300 push-ups in scorching heat, severely impacting his kidney function

According to the complaint, the accused took the first-year student outside the college campus to a hilly spot one-and-a-half km away, where they made him do the push-ups in blazing heat, resulting in severe dehydration. He was admitted to a hospital in Ahmedabad for seven days.

Based on the principal's complaint, the accused have been booked under multiple IPC sections, including 143 (unlawful assembly), 147 (rioting), 149 (offence committed in prosecution of common object), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 341 (wrongful restraint), and 352 (assault or criminal force otherwise than on grave provocation).

3 terrorists shot dead in gunfight with security forces in J&K's Doda

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Jammu: Security forces killed three terrorists in a gunfight in Gandoh-Bhaderwah sector of J&K's Doda-Wednesday, with official sources hailing this as an encouraging outcome of multi-layered search operations over the past fortnight in the hilly, forested terrain of Jammu region following four attacks on June 9, 11 and 12.

"Based on specific intelligence inputs, a joint op of J&K police and security forces was launched. Contact was established with terrorists and a gunfight followed. Three terrorists were gunned down," said a police spokesperson. The slain terrorists haven't been identified yet.

Sources said a J&K policeman named Aashiq Hussain was wounded with a bullet in his right leg and shifted to Doda govt hospital, where his condition is said to be stable.

Jammu zone ADG Anand Jain confirmed the three deaths and the seizure of a large quantity of arms and ammunition, including an American M4 carbine.

People have been restricted from approaching the site to prevent rumourmongering, circulating unsubstantiated news, and revealing the positions of security forces.

A search is also underway in a forested area in Reasi following reports of suspicious movement of armed men.

It couldn't be ascertained if the slain terrorists in Doda were involved in the twin attacks in the district. Police had released sketches of four suspected Pakistani terrorists and announced a cash reward of Rs 5 lakh each for information on them. Three locals were also detained on suspicion of aiding the terrorists in hiding and navigating the area undetected.

Pathankot on alert as 2 armed men spotted

Pathankot: Two armed men with covered faces and carrying backpacks arrived at a farmhouse in Pathankot area of Punjab and demanded food from migrant labourers present there Tuesday night, raising fears of fleeing terrorists from J&K reaching the plains and prompting intense search operations along the India-Pakistan border and the Pathankot-Jammu inter-state border, reports **Yudhvir Rana**.

DIG (border range) Rakesh Kumar Kaushal said the area was cordoned off, and an alert was issued to BSF, Army, and IAF. The suspects left after eating at the farmhouse.

Odisha mantri talks of booze ban plan, excise dept denies it

Bhubaneswar: Odisha minister Nityananda Gond caused a flutter Wednesday by declaring new BJP govt in the state would explore the feasibility of liquor prohibition, pointing out that "addiction is ruining lives and shattering families", reports **Debabrata Mohapatra**.

"There are states where liquor is banned. Odisha govt will hold discussions in this regard with the excise department," Gond, minister of social security and empowerment of persons with disabilities said.

The excise department contradicted the minister, saying no such plan was in the works. "There is no plan as of now to ban liquor. New govt has not given any such indication or proposal," a senior excise department officer said.

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Centre for Post Graduate Studies
Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar-751003
Walk in Interview for Engagement of Guest Faculties in the Dept. of Agri-Business Management, OUAT, Bhubaneswar
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Walk in interview will be conducted for engagement of Guest Faculties in different subjects in the Department of Agri-Business Management, CPGS, OUAT, Bhubaneswar.

Date of interview : **08.07.2024, Time:10.00 AM**
Place of Interview :Dept. of ABM, CPGS, OUAT, Bhubaneswar

For details, please refer to website: www.ouat.ac.in

Sd/-
OIPR:01534/11/0001/2425 **Dean, PGF-cum-DRI**

TOURISM CORPORATION OF GUJARAT LIMITED (TCGL)
(A Government of Gujarat undertaking)
Udyog Bhavan, Block No. 16, 4th Floor,
Sector-11, Gandhinagar - 382 011
Website: https://www.gujarattourism.com

TENDER NOTICE

Bids are invited from reputed and experienced agencies towards **"Providing human resources on an outsourcing basis to TCGL".**

The project requirements, technical specifications, eligibility criteria, selection process, etc. are included in the Tender document, which shall be available for download from the websites: **https://www.nprocure.com/** and **http://www.gujarattourism.com from 27/06/2024 onwards.**

The last date for submission of the **Financial Bid (online only) is 25/07/2024 up to 6:00 pm. and Technical Bid (online & physical) is 29/07/2024 up to 3:00 pm.**

Managing Director

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR MEDICAL EDUCATION, TRAINING & RESEARCH GOVERNMENT OF ARUNBACHAL PRADESH NAHARLAGUN

NO. DMETR-19012/1/2022 Naharlagun the 20th June'2024

Advertisement

Applications are invited on prescribed format from Indian Nationals for the post of Chairperson, Arunachal Pradesh Allied and Healthcare Council as specified under Section 22(3) of National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021 as follows:

Eligibility: The Chairperson shall be a person of outstanding ability, proven administrative capacity and integrity, possessing a post-graduate degree in any profession of recognized category of allied and healthcare sciences from any University and having experience of not less than twenty-five years in the field of allied and healthcare sciences, out of which at least ten years shall be as a leader in the area of allied and healthcare professions.

[As per recognized category specified in National Commission for allied and Healthcare Professions Act. 2021 (Act no. 14 of 2021)]

Pay Scale: If the Chairperson comes from Central/State Government on deputation basis, he will be entitled to pay matrix level 14 Rs. 144200-218200 or else consolidated fixed salary of Rs. 2,00,000/- plus HRA. In case of retired person joining as chairperson, he will be entitled to last pay drawn minus pension."

Tenure: The Chairperson of Council shall hold office for a term not exceeding two years from the date on which they enter upon their office and shall be eligible for re nomination for a maximum period of two terms.

Interested Candidates are invited to send their application on prescribed format (downloadable from **www.dmetrap.in**) along with certificates latest by 04:00 pm on 31-07-2024, to the Office of Director Medical Education, Training & Research Training, Arunachal Pradesh only by registered / speed post.

Applications received after due date and time and incomplete applications would not be taken into consideration.

Sd/-
(Dr. Hage Ambing)
Director of Medical Education Training & Research
Government of Arunachal Pradesh
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No.KMSCL/ED/35/2024 Date : 26.06.2024

E- TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited from manufacturers/direct importers/ loan licensees on behalf of Department of Health, Govt of Kerala for the Procurement of Test Kits for NVBDCP for the year 2024-25.

Sl. No.	Tender No. and Date	Category	No. of items
1.	KMSCL/ED/NVBDCP-TEST KITS/ RC/2024/014 dtd. 26.06.2024	Test Kits	02

The last date and time of online uploading of tender will be 20.07.2024, 5.00 pm. The date and time of opening of Technical bid will be 24.07.2024 11.00 am. Tender shall be downloaded and submitted online through the e-tender portal **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**. **(Sd/-) MANAGING DIRECTOR** (Tender Inviting Authority)

Office of Superintending Engineer
1st Circle PWD Almora
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (E-Tendering)
Short Term E-TENDER NOTICE

The Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, PWD Almora invites tender through E-Tendering (Two Bid System) on behalf of Honourable Governor of Uttarakhand for following works. All other information will be available from dated 27/06/2024 & onwards on website http://www.uktenders.gov.in.

S. No.	Name of work	Cost of Tender Form	Earnest Money (Rupee In lakh)	Validity of Tender	Time of Completion	Contractor's Category of Registration for tendering
1	**PD PWD Almora** Renewal work by SDBC in KM 78, 79, 80, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89 and 90 of Kathgodam (Ranibagh) - Bhimtal - Khutani - Padampuri - Dhanachuli - Paharpani - Shaharfatak - Mournaula-Devidhura- Lohaghat-Pancheshwar (SH-10) Motor Road in Jageshwar Constituency District Almora	5000.00 + 18% GST	Rs. 5.80 Lakh	60 Days	06 Month (Including Rainy Season and Winter Season)	Class B & Higher in Road work in Central Govt./ Any state Govt./ Any Govt. Undertaking.

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Maharashtra Medical Goods Procurement Authority, Mumbai
e-mail- maha.mmgpa2023@gmail.com
MMGPA, 1st Floor, Arogya Bhavan, St.Georges Hospital Compound, MUMBAI-400 001.

TENDER NOTICE

Date - 25.06.2024

Chief Executive Officer. Maharashtra Medical Goods Procurement Authority, Mumbai invites tender in two Envelope system from the eligible bidders for the following items for purchase of medicines

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Name of Item(s)	Prebid Meeting	Period of sale. download & submission of bid	Bid Opening
1	E-111	Sonography Machine	Dt. 01.07.2024 At 2.00 PM.	Dt. 24-06-2024 at 02.00 PM to Dt. 15-07-2024 Upto 02.00 PM.	Dt. 16-07-2024 at 02:00 hrs.

1. For detailed information the interested bidders may visit the website **https://mahatenders.gov.in.**
2. The Chief Executive Officer reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity to be purchased and also reserves the right to cancel all the tenders without giving any reason to.

For e-tendering help/ information, please contact.
Website: https://mahatenders.gov.in
Contact No. 022-22621886/022-22621973
Email- maha.mmgpa2023@gmail.com

Signature/-
Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra
Medical Goods Procurement Authority, Mumbai

DGIPR/2024-2025/459

F.No. 1/25/2023/G.II
UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DHOLPUR HOUSE, SHAHJAHAN ROAD
NEW DELHI-110069

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Online bids are invited on GeM portal for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of the following items from authorized vendors/partners of the proposed OEMs:-

S.No.	Name of the Items	Quantity
1.	Rack Server	4
2.	NAS of 100 TB usable Capacity	2
3.	Network Switch 24*10GB	2
4.	42U Rack 800X 1000 mm with smart PDU	1
5.	Red Hat Enterprise Linux for Virtual Datacenters	2

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Speaker moves resolution condemning Emergency, Cong finds itself isolated

Besides NDA, INDIA Bloc Allies SP, DMK & TMC Too Back Motion

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PM Modi and leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi accompany Om Birla to the chair after his election as Lok Sabha Speaker on Wednesday

I am glad that the Speaker strongly condemned the Emergency, highlighted the excesses committed during that time and also mentioned the manner in which democracy was strangled. It was also a wonderful gesture to stand in silence in honour of all those who suffered during those days
PM NARENDRA MODI

New Delhi: Proceedings of the new Lok Sabha got off on an interesting note with the resurgent Congress finding itself isolated over a motion moved by the newly-elected Speaker to condemn the Emergency clamped by the Indira Gandhi govt to silence protests.

The resolution, marking the "post-facto ratification" by the Indira Gandhi Cabinet of the presidential proclamation issued late night to suspend democracy and civil rights, was supported by Congress's allies like SP, DMK and TMC, besides, of course, BJP and its allies.

"Dictatorship was imposed on India by Indira Gandhi, India's democratic values were crushed and freedom of expression was strangled. During that dark period of Emergency, several people lost their lives at the hands of the dictatorial Congress government. Let's observe two minutes of silence in the memory of those dutiful and patriotic citizens of India," the resolution read by Speaker Om Birla in Lok Sabha, a few minutes after his re-election, said.

"This House strongly condemns the decision to impose Emergency in the country in 1975. Along with this, we appreciate the determination of all those people who strongly opposed the Emergency, fought an unprecedented struggle and took the responsibility of protecting the democracy of India," he further said.

The motion, mirroring PM Narendra Modi's condemnation of the Emergency on the inaugural day of the session, caught Congress unawares, splitting it not just from allies like SP and DMK whose leaders were victims of Emergency's excesses but also, surprisingly, TMC, a breakaway unit.

When Birla started reading out the resolution that specifically named Indira Gandhi and Congress for the assault on "Babasaheb Ambedkar's Constitution, illegal arrests, press censorship and other excesses", only Congress MPs protested from the aisle while the rest of the opposition, including SP and TMC, remained seated. Congress's allies also joined in the two-minute silence urged by the speaker to express solidarity with the victims of Emergency and to "remind the younger generation" of what happened in the 21 months of the Emergency.

Besides the embarrassment to Congress, the swift move was significant also in that it again indicated BJP's resolve to pay Congress back in the "Constitution-in-danger" coin that Rahul Gandhi effectively used during the election campaign, as well as its willingness to pick and widen gaps in the INDIA bloc.

"This is the 50th anniversary of the Emergency. It is our collective duty to create awareness about all historic events. Awareness towards the Constitution will only strengthen when the young generation knows about democracy," Birla said, adding that post-facto ratification of Emergency was done by the cabinet on June 26 fifty years ago.

Endorsing Birla for his resolution on the Emergency, Modi said on X, "I am glad that the speaker strongly condemned the Emergency, highlighted the excesses committed during that time and also mentioned the manner in which democracy was strangled. It was also a wonderful gesture to stand in silence in honour of all those who suffered during those days."

The PM said Emergency was imposed 50 years ago but it was important for today's youth to know about it because it remained a fitting example of what happened when the Constitution was trampled, public opinion was stifled and institutions were destroyed.

"The happenings during the Emergency exemplified what a dictatorship looks like," Modi said, a reassertion of what Birla said in the resolution and seen as a bid to deflate Congress's "save democracy" campaign.

Later, parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju framed the issue as one between those who supported the atrocities during Emergency on the one hand and those who sympathised with those who resisted the "imposition of dictatorship".

BJP sought '400 paar' to change Constitution, but failed: Cong

New Delhi: None of the INDIA bloc parties protested when the govt brought in the proposal to condemn the Emergency, leaving Congress members to fight the battle alone in Lok Sabha.

The Congress group led by KC Venugopal, Gaurav Gogoi, Manickam Tagore, K Suresh and Hibi Eden stood up and raised slogans for the duration that Speaker Om Birla read the resolution.

Later, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav told reporters that Samajwadis were victims of Emergency and BJP alone did not face the state action. "But what BJP has done today is just a pretence. How much do we look behind, look at the past? The future is ahead. We brought an Act to provide wages to 'Loktantra Rakshak Sainani'. If BJP is serious about the issue, let them bring this Act everywhere. Let BJP increase their honorarium, make it Rs 1 lakh," he said.

Responding to the govt, Congress spokesperson Jairam Ramesh said, "Between 2014-24, all constitutional values and principles were assaulted and the independence of all constitutional bodies eroded. During the election campaign, PM Narendra Modi asked for '400 paar' to change the Constitution and he was rebuffed by the people resoundingly." TNN

Be impartial, don't stifle India's voice: Rahul, oppn netas to Birla

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We believe actions like suspensions which hurt the dignity of the House will not be taken, SP's Akhilesh Yadav said on Wednesday

New Delhi: Indulging in no pleasantries barring customary congratulations, the opposition on Wednesday told Speaker Om Birla that he should be "impartial" in his treatment of the opposition, and invoked mass suspension of members to rubbish the arguments that previous Lok Sabha witnessed high productivity — in what is seen as setting the tone for the coming term of the 18th House.

Congress' Rahul Gandhi, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, Sudip Bandopadhyay (TMC), T R Baalu (DMK), Arvind Sawant (Shiv Sena-UBT), Supriya Sule (NCP-SP), N K Premachandran, made biting comments, and stated that suspension of members hurts the dignity of the House. Crucially, many MPs including AIMIM's Asaduddin Owaisi said the opposition has better strength than in the past, and "BJP won't be able to steamroll." National Conference MP Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi lamented that a Muslim MP was called a terrorist in the last LS, which was a blot on the Chair's record. As the expected bonhomie disappeared quickly, Birla even had to cut short some members and admonish some.

On his first day as the leader of opposition and dressed in white kurta instead of his trademark T-shirt, Rahul Gandhi warmly escorted Birla to the Chair in company with PM Narendra Modi. But his short speech in English, measured in tone in contrast to the decibel levels and rhetoric of his past interventions, drove home that "cooperation happens on the basis of trust".

He said, "This House represents the voice of India's people and you, Speaker sir, are the final arbiter of that voice ... the opposition also represents the voice of India's people and this time, the opposition represents significantly more voice of the Indian people than it did last time." He said the Speaker will be defending the Constitution by helping the opposition.

In what sounded like a riposte to Modi lavishing praise on Birla for overseeing record business in the 17th LS, Rahul said the issue is how much of "India's voice" is heard in the House, and not how efficiently it is run. "The idea that you can run the House efficiently by silencing the voice of the opposition is a non-democratic idea ... This election has shown that the people of India expect the opposition to defend the Constitution."

The words, at once laced with plea for Chair's indulgence and warning of opposition's intent, were echoed by Akhilesh Yadav who, speaking in easy Hindi, conveyed the message with two terse comments — "your control should be on the treasury benches too, as it is always there on the opposition" and "the House should run on your directions, and not the opposite".

"We believe you will move forward without discrimination... You are the chief justice of the court of democracy...actions like suspensions which hurt the dignity of the House will not be taken," he said. Baalu said, "Kindly be impartial, impartial, impartial." TMC's Bandopadhyay recalled the suspension of 150 MPs in a day, to the jeers of "shame" from the INDIA benches. He also asserted that secularism and harmony should be upheld.

While slamming the absence of condolence and tears on issues like Manipur, Covid deaths, farm suicides, Sena's Sawant remarked that the House wants "harmony, not hatred". The NC MP slammed the "hasty" passage of the bill for nullification of Article 370.

Akhilesh regretted that the new Parliament building has "lowered" the Chair of the Speaker, while it is "very high" in the "House" he just was, a reference to the UP assembly. Though it mentioned a fact, it was also viewed as sarcasm in view of the day's context.

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Replace sengol with replica of Constitution: SP

Samajwadi Party's R K Chaudhary demanded the removal of "sengol" from Lok Sabha, calling it an anachronistic symbol of monarchy in a democratic India, reports **Subodh Ghildiyal.** He said the sengol should be replaced by a replica of the Constitution.

PM hails Birla, says he presided over golden era in history of LS

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New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi on Wednesday lauded newly-elected Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla for his conduct as presiding officer in the previous House and also as a parliamentarian. He said Birla presided over a golden era in Lok Sabha's history as a number of historic decisions were taken during its previous term.

Noting that he was the first Speaker after Balram Jakhar to get another term after serving a full tenure, the PM expressed confidence that he would continue to create new benchmarks. Jakhar served between 1980 and 1989.

Modi pointed to a 20-year period when those elected Speakers either did not contest elections or did not win an election after their appointment, and said Birla had scripted history by returning as Speaker after emerging victorious again.

The PM noted that the previous Lok Sabha notched around 97% productivity, the highest in 25 years, and said Birla ensured the House functioned even during the Covid pandemic and maintained its dignity and decorum, at times by taking difficult decisions.

He said Birla's polite and humble personality and his winning smile helped him in conducting the House. He also mentioned the Speaker's personal touch and concern for members during the pandemic. The PM praised the Kota MP's welfare work for his constituency, saying it would inspire young parliamentarians. He also expressed confidence that the speaker would continue to achieve new success.

Rahul recognised as LoP, 3rd Gandhi to occupy post

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla Wednesday recognised Rahul Gandhi as the leader of opposition (LoP), issuing a notification to the effect. The lower house has an LoP after a gap of ten years as Congress in 2014 and 2019 did not receive the minimum 10% MPs to qualify for the post. The post is equivalent to a cabinet rank, which will put Rahul higher in the list of protocol. Rahul has also become the third person from the Gandhi family to occupy the LoP post after father Rajiv Gandhi and mother Sonia Gandhi. TNN

IN A NEW ROLE: ABHINETA TO NETA

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Union minister Chirag Paswan and BJP MP Kangana Ranaut share a light moment at Parliament on Wednesday. The two have worked as co-actors in a movie in 2011

Emergency was an era of injustice, exposed Cong's dictatorial mentality: Shah

PTI



By moving a resolution in LS against the Emergency, Speaker Om Birla has honoured the struggle of satyagrahis who raised their voices against repression and exploitation of the Congress govt, Amit Shah said

New Delhi: Home minister Amit Shah on Wednesday hailed Speaker Om Birla for moving a resolution in Lok Sabha condemning the imposition of Emergency by former PM Indira Gandhi even as BJP took a swipe at Congress over members of the INDIA bloc not joining the party's protest in the House against the move.

Shah said Lok Sabha remembered Emergency, which was an "era of injustice", and expressed its sympathy for the poor, Dalits and backward people who had to suffer exploitation and atrocities of the then Indira Gandhi govt, when rights of citizens were destroyed and freedoms snatched away.

Shah said many sensitive amendments made in the Constitution during Emergency exposed the dictatorial mentality of Congress which centralised all powers in one person.

"It (resolution) has exposed the anti-democratic thinking of Congress which has harmed major pillars like judiciary, bureaucracy and media, has condemned the cruelty of Congress in imprisoning lakhs of opposition leaders for more than one-and-a-half years without any reason," Shah said on X with #EmergencyHorrors.

He said Lok Sabha also expressed regret at how the country was turned into a prison during Emergency and how the Indira Gandhi govt worked to crush the spirit of the Constitution.

"By moving a resolution in Lok Sabha against the Emergency of 1975, Speaker Om Birla has honoured the struggle of satyagrahis who raised their voices against the repression and exploitation of the Congress govt that insulted Babasaheb Ambedkar's Constitution. I wholeheartedly support the resolution," Shah said.

At a press conference, Puri MP and BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra said, "As soon as the Speaker brought the resolution, Congress members began shouting and rushed to the well of the House while members of SP, DMK and TMC were standing peacefully. Seeing them, Rahul Gandhi also had to eventually rise from his seat." TNN

Did Cong avoid seeking division of votes due to TMC reluctance?

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New Delhi: The Congress-led opposition did not press for division of votes during the Speaker's election, a move the party claimed was done in the interest of bipartisanship, but which left an impression that the change of tack was linked to Trinamool Congress's reluctance on the issue.

Major constituents of the INDIA bloc — SP, DMK, Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP-SP — moved motions proposing K Suresh's name for the top post, but TMC stayed away. When the motion proposed by govt in favour of Om Birla was put to vote, the opposition benches allowed the election by a voice vote, foregoing voting.

TMC had complained it was not consulted over the election and Suresh's name. When the opposition tried to persuade it, TMC said it will convey its decision ahead of the election. The decision to allow a voice vote, sources said, suggested that TMC did not give a favourable response to vote division.

However, there was much confusion over the issue later.

AICC spokesman Jairam Ramesh said, "INDIA alliance exercised the democratic right to propose K Suresh for the post of Speaker and a voice vote was taken. After that, INDIA could have pressed for vote division, but did not, because INDIA wanted a consensus to strengthen the spirit of cooperation which is so lacking in the actions of PM and NDA."

But TMC's Abhishek Banerjee and Kalyan Banerjee said several members sought voting, but the pro tem Speaker did not allow the division because govt did not have the numbers to win the election. Abhishek called it "immoral".

Meanwhile, Congress is seriously considering forcing a contest for the post of deputy Speaker, peeved as it is with govt's attitude on the issue.

However, sources said the process for the deputy Speaker post will take some time and a decision will be taken then.

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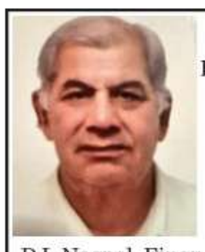
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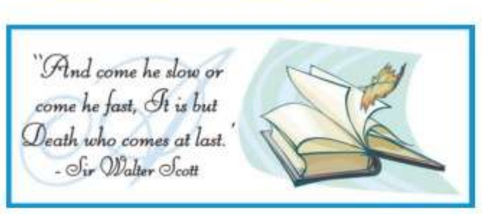
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Months after exit, Pitroda back in key Congress post

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New Delhi: Congress Wednesday reappointed **Sam Pitroda** as chairman of Indian Overseas Congress over a month and half after he resigned following a major controversy over his remarks at the peak of elections on "inheritance tax" and analogies on India's diversity ascribed as "racist" by opponents. Congress had dissociated itself from both his statements and his reappointment comes after an assurance to the leadership that in future he will leave no room for such controversies to arise.

Congress general secretary K C Venugopal in a press statement announced that Pitroda has been reappointed to the post with "immediate effect".

Congress general secretary in-charge of communications Jairam Ramesh said on X, "During the recent election campaign Sam Pitroda had made some statements that were totally unacceptable to Congress. By mutual consent he stepped down as chairman of Overseas Indian Congress. Subsequently he clarified the context in which statements were made and how they were later distorted by Modi campaign." Ramesh added that "Congress president has reappointed him on the assurance he will not in future leave room for such controversies to arise."

Meanwhile, BJP's national spokesperson C R Kesavan lashed out at Congress saying the "reappointment is an egregious insult to all the good citizens of our country."

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New Delhi: Centre's efforts to prepare the states for a smooth transition to the new criminal laws — set to take effect on July 1 — had started soon after they were notified on Dec 25, with the past six months seeing the National Crime Records Bureau make 23 functional modifications in the Crime and Criminal Tracking & Network Systems (CCTNS) to enhance the use of technology in criminal justice delivery. Additionally, Bureau of Police Research and Development has facilitated training of more than 6.2 lakh personnel in various aspects of the new laws.

Not just NCRB and BPRD, but Union ministries and departments like legal affairs, higher education, personnel, women & child development, rural development, panchayati raj and I&B have been working with various stakeholders like govt employees, state police, judiciary, prison, prosecution, law students and general public to ensure technology upgrade, capacity building and awareness generation regarding provisions of the new laws prior to their enforcement, as per home ministry sources.

"MHA has held regular meetings with states/UTs. States and UTs are geared up in terms of technology, capacity building and awareness generation to implement the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sangita (BNSS) and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) from July 1," an MHA official informed **TOI**.

Given the new laws' emphasis on leveraging technology for investigation, trial and court proceedings in criminal cases, NCRB has been providing technical assistance to states/UTs and set up 36 support teams and a call centre to enable review and hand-holding of states/UTs for their smooth implementation. NIC has developed apps like eSakshya, NyayShruti and eSummon Apps, for facilitating videography and photography of crime scene, judicial hearings and delivering court summons electronically, in accordance with BNSS provisions.

For capacity building, BPRD had developed training modules and shared them with all the stakeholders. BPRD on its own conducted 250 training courses/webinars/seminars in which 40,317 officers/personnel were trained. BPRD is also offering three training courses on the new criminal laws, for which 2.2 lakh officials have enrolled thus far.

To educate citizens on the transformative reforms and positive impact of BNS, BNSS and BSA, WCD and other central ministries have undertaken webinars in which nearly 40 lakh grassroots functionaries participated. Public awareness regarding the new criminal laws is being created by the I&B ministry through the Press Information Bureau, which has has conducted 17 nationwide 'vartalap', (conversations), a media workshop primarily for the regional media, in the states.

NIA offers ₹10 lakh for info on Goldy Brar, aide

New Delhi: National Investigation Agency on Wednesday declared a cash reward of Rs 10 lakh each for sharing information that can help in arresting Canada-based terrorist Goldy Brar and another accused wanted in an "extortion and firing" case in Chandigarh. The accused are wanted in the case related to firing at the house of a businessman as part of an extortion bid on March 8 this year. PTI

Put up united front for state polls: Rahul, Kharge to Haryana netas



Chandigarh: AICC president **Mallikarjun Kharge** and leader of opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, Wednesday advised party's netas from Haryana to shun differences and put up a joint front in the upcoming assembly elections, reports **Manvir Saini**. They also directed netas not to speak in public about internal organisational matters.

At a meeting to plan the roadmap for the assembly elections and review the performance of Congress's candidates in the recent Lok Sabha polls, Kharge and Rahul appreciated the efforts made by Haryana Congress's netas and workers in the general elections. The party won five of the 10 seats in the state.

"At the meeting of Haryana Congress functionaries, a clear directive was issued to all functioraies to avoid making any public statements regarding any differences or internal matters of party," AICC general secretary K C Venugopal said on X after the meeting. "We will unitedly take BJP head on," he added.

Barring a few senior netas, who had sought exemption, all five MPs, including AICC general secretary and Sirsa MP Kumari Selja and Rohtak MP Deepender Hooda, former CM and CLP leader Bhupinder Hooda and all the MLAs and members of the state executive attended the meeting, which was coordinated by AICC in charge for Haryana Deepak Babaria.

After Amritpal's LS win, his aide plans to contest Punjab bypoll

Bathinda: Byelections to four assembly seats in Punjab — vacated by legislators who were elected to Parliament — are turning out to be interesting, and potentially controversial, with yet another Khalistan sympathiser jailed under NSA pitching his candidature for one of the seats, reports **Neel Kamal**.

After Amritpal Singh won Khadoor Sahib LS seat by highest margin in Punjab while locked up in Dibrugarh jail, his fellow NSA-detainee Bhagwant Singh 'Pradhan Mantri' Bajeke has indicated that he is keen to contest Gidderbaha assembly bypoll in Punjab's Muktsar as claimed in a 32-second video posted by a youth who claims to be Bajeke's son.

Gidderbaha is part of Faridkot parliamentary constituency, from where Sarabjit Singh Khalsa, son of Beant Singh, one of the assassins of former PM Indira Gandhi, was elected as an MP.

Bajeke, who belongs to Moga district's Bajeke village, was the most outspoken out of Amritpal's supporters. He had come to limelight on March 19, 2023, when an unverified video hit social media when he failed to escape a police cordon laid in a field in his village. Bajeke ran Amritpal's radicalisation mission on multiple social media platforms.

TMC MLAs on dharna as swearing-in delayed due to guv standoff



While the governor wants Reyat Hossain Sarkar and Sayantika Banerjee to take their oaths at Raj Bhavan, the MLAs have expressed their desire to be sworn in at the state assembly

Kolkata: Newly elected Trinamool Congress MLAs Sayantika Banerjee and Reyat Hossain Sarkar staged a dharna on the steps of West Bengal assembly on Wednesday afternoon due to a delay in their swearing-in following a disagreement between the Raj Bhavan and them, reports **Debashis Konar**.

Governor C V Ananda Bose had invited actor-turned-politician Sayantika and Reyat — elected from Baranagar and Bhagwangola, respectively, in the recent bypolls — to take their oaths at Raj Bhavan on Wednesday. However, the MLAs had written to the governor, expressing their desire to take the oath in the state assembly. These letters remained unanswered and Bose departed for Delhi later in the day.

The new MLAs held placards reading "Waiting for the arrival of Honourable Governor for Oath (sic)" during their dharna. MLAs Madan Mitra and Nayana Das also joined the demonstration. Sayantika and Reyat plan to continue their protest Thursday.

Assembly speaker Biman Banerjee announced that the assembly would seek legal advice, as the governor had not delegated anyone to administer the oath to the new MLAs. The speaker also held a meeting with law minister Moloy Ghatak to discuss the issue and might write to the President to resolve the impasse.

This is seen as a result of ongoing rift between governor and Trinamool govt, which escalated after a former Raj Bhavan staffer accused Bose of molesting her.

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The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Gati Shakti Unit/Delhi, DRM Office, New Delhi-110055 invites e-tender for the under noted work, hence it has been uploaded to IREPS website on date 27.06.2024.

1	Name of work and location	Augmentation & Improvement in electrical infrastructure at Freight Examination Points at Tughlakabad & Shakurbasti
2	Tender Notice no.	18-DyCEE-GSU-DLI-24-25
3	Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online) Now	Rs. 2,45,400.00/-
4	Approximate cost earlier	Rs. 1,90,81,337.00/-
5	Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	Tenders uploaded on date 27/06/2024 on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11:30 Hrs on 18.07.2024
6	Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document now	The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway web site i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in. Above tender document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 03.07.2024 to 18.07.2024 All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

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No.: 1171 /CAET, Dt. 26.06.2024
Walk-in Interview for Engagement of Guest Faculty
Guest faculties will be engaged in different subjects in the College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology, Bhubaneswar through walk-in interview to be conducted in the Office of undersigned **on 9th July, 2024 at 10.00 AM**. The details of the Guest Faculty positions, qualifications, terms and conditions of engagement and other details are available on the OUAT website (**ouat.ac.in**).
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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA FINANCE DEPARTMENT
EOI No: 18/PPOMU/24-25 Dated: 29.06.2024
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
EMPANELMENT OF CONSULTING AGENCIES TO UNDERTAKE THIRD PARTY EVALUATION OF DIFFERENT SCHEMES
Finance Department, Government of Odisha intend to empanel eligible consulting agencies to undertake third party evaluation of different schemes implemented by the State Government.
Applicants fulfilling the prescribed eligibility criteria of the selection process and conditions of the empanelment can access and download the complete EOI Document from the websites **https://finance.odisha.gov.in/** and **www.devnetjobsindia.org**.
The tentative schedule under the selection process is:

Sl. No	Schedule	Timeline
1	Date of Issue of EOI	29.06.2024
2	Proposal Due Date	07.08.2024 up to 5:00 PM
3	Opening of Technical Proposal	08.08.2024 at 11:30 AM
4	Notification of Final Empanelment List	30.08.2024

The proposal complete in all respect must reach the undersigned through **Speed Post/ Registered Post / Courier** only latest by **07.08.2024 up to 5:00 PM** in a sealed envelope clearly mentioning on the top of it **"EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - EMPANELMENT OF CONSULTING AGENCIES TO UNDERTAKE THIRD PARTY EVALUATION OF DIFFERENT SCHEMES "**. The proposals received beyond the last date and time will be rejected. The authority reserves the right to reject any/ all proposals without assigning any reason thereof.
Address for Submission of Proposal:
PPOMU, Finance Department
Annexe Building, MDRAFM Campus
Near XIMB Square, Chandrasekharpur
Bhubaneswar - 751023
Tel No: 0674-2303692
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Finance Department, Government of Odisha
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Post	Monthly Remuneration	No. of post
Lab Technician	Rs.20,000/- + HRA as per rule	01

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Prof. Kavita Gulati
Nodal Officer, MRU, VPCI
CBC 17169/12/0010/2425

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Anushakti Bhavan, C.S.M. Marg, Mumbai - 400 001.
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b) Department of Personnel and Training's website under the caption
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Website :- www.drrmlims.ac.in
Ref. No. 587/CON/Dr.RMLIMS/2024/CON/PR Cell Date: 26.06.2024
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Note- Candidates should fulfill the eligibility criteria as laid down by Indian Nursing Council.
Director

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(A statutory body under Ministry of Labour and Employment) (Govt. of India)
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PH. NO. : (033)-2950 0731
Website : www.esic.gov.in
Advt. No. 02, 03, 04 & 05 of 2024
A walk-in-interview will be held from 01.07.2024 to 06.07.2024 at 09:00 (A.M) onwards at ESI-PGIMSR & ESIC Medical College, Joka, engagement for the **post of Senior Resident, Junior Resident, Teaching Faculty and Super-Specialist** on Contractual Basis.
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Institute has published a Notice No. Cont./04/2024/28 dated 25.06.2024 for contractual appointment on various Teaching & Non-Teaching posts. The Walk-in-Interviews for the said posts will be held from11.07.2024 to 26.07.2024. All the eligible and desirous candidates for various posts are invited for Walk-in-Interview. All the appointments against the above said notice will be on purely contractual basis, without any right or likelihood of permanent absorption in near future and neither will have any right to be considered for regular appointment.
For further details regarding posts, date, qualification, experience and salary, please visit Institute website www.lnipe.edu.in. Corrections/ alterations if any in the above-mentioned notice will only be uploaded on the Institute website
(Dr. Sanjeev Yadav)
Registrar I/c

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IIM-K flips gender ratio with record 60% girl-student intake

IIM Raipur Comes Close To Half Mark With 45%

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Mumbai: At a time when management institutes across the world are trying to bring gender parity in male-dominated classrooms of business education, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Kozhikode has admitted almost 60% female students in its postgraduate programme in management.

In the cohort of 2024, IIM Kozhikode has 290 female students compared to 201 male students, thus overturning the gender equation on campus that had admitted 285 male students and 207 females last year. Meanwhile, IIM Raipur came close to the half-mark this year by admitting 45% female students—the number will be finalised only by July 1.

"At IIM Kozhikode, we take pride in being a pioneer in promoting gender diversity among Indian B-Schools. This year...we have yet again achieved a significant milestone with close to 60% female students, the highest ever in our history," said professor Debashis Chatterjee, director of the institute.

For one year, in 2019, the institute had set aside 60 supernumerary seats for women, but now, there is no reservation for them.

Many IIMs, like Ahmedabad, have come close to admitting 30% women this year. At IIM Ahmedabad, of 404 students from a diverse educational, professional, socio-economic and gender backgrounds in the PGP Class of 2024-26, about 25% are female students, as compared to about 23% last year. About 39% of the batch comprises students from non-engineering disciplines and 61% from engineering. The new batch of PGP consists of 29% freshers and 71% experienced candidates having a range of skills and work experience in sectors such as consulting, banking and financial services, public sector units, pharmaceuticals/healthcare, and information technology.

GENDER EQUATION OVERTURNING?

Students in flagship PG programme in mgmt (in %)

Institute	2023		2024	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
IIM-Kozhikode	285	207	201	290
IIM-Ahmedabad	315	93	304	100
IIM-Udaipur	220	114	261	123
*IIM-Indore	285	202	352	135
*IIM-Raipur	155	233	184	130
IIM-Lucknow	NA	NA	326	187

Source: Data collected from each IIM by TOI; * nos. to be finalised by next week

BJP's East Champaran ZP member shot dead, 'land dispute' suspected

Motihari: Three motorcycle-borne criminals shot dead East Champaran zila parishad member and BJP functionary Suresh Yadav (38) near Chandmari roundabout on Wednesday while he was emerging from Chandmari society complex, reports **Chandra Bhushan Pandey**.

He was taken to a private nursing home where he was declared brought dead. Police sent the body for postmortem examination. Police said prima facie a land dispute appeared to be the reason for the killing.

SP Kantesh Kumar Mishra directed police to scan CCTV footage from nearby shops and other establishments to identify the assailants.

Govt mulls monthly, annual NH toll passes for private cars

New Delhi: Union road transport minister Nitin Gadkari has urged top officials to find ways to make highway travel hassle-free for commuters, suggesting the implementation of a system for issuing monthly or annual passes for cars to use the NH network, reports **Dipak Dash**. He made this suggestion noting that collection from cars and private vehicles accounts for less than 25% of NHAI's toll revenues.

"Around 75% of the toll revenue comes from trucks and commercial vehicles. The remaining 25% comes from cars. There is a thought, which the secretary and NHAI officials can look at... whether we can give monthly or annual passes for cars. The income from this category of vehicles is not much," he said at a conference on next-generation toll collection system.

Currently, NHAI issues monthly passes with a cap on the number of trips a vehicle can make, and that too on a particular stretch.

Meanwhile, IHMCL, an entity of NHAI that deals with all toll related matters, will soon carry out a study to assess the financial impact of exempting private vehicles — car, jeep and van — from paying toll at NH toll plazas as part of a bigger exercise to find the impact of electronic toll collection.

"The findings will give us new insights and help us plan better," said an official.

TN assembly urges Centre to undertake caste census

Chennai: Tamil Nadu assembly on Wednesday 'unanimously' passed a resolution demanding that the Union govt conduct a caste census. DMK allies, including Congress, VCK, CPI, CPM, MMK and KMDK, backed the resolution while opposition PMK and BJP argued that the state govt has the authority to conduct the exercise.

The govt resolution moved by Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin stated, "This House considers that caste-based population census is essential to formulate policies in order to ensure equal rights and equal opportunities in education, economy and employment to every citizen of India. This House, therefore, unanimously urges Union govt to immediately commence census work, which is due from the year 2021, along with caste-based population census this time."

Later, the resolution was adopted by voice vote in the presence of two AIADMK MLAs loyal to former CM O Panneerselvam.

Terming the claims that state govt could conduct the census as wrong, Stalin said the law facilitated the collection of statistics on socio-economic issues, but not on matters specified under the Union List. The CM recalled his letter to PM Modi in Oct last year, urging the integration of a caste census with the national decadal census. TNN

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Take notice that the Arbitral Proceedings being Case Reference No. DIAC/3008/06/21 instituted vide an order of the Hob'ble Delhi High Court dated 20.05.2021 in Arb. Pet. No. 831/2021 are currently pending before the Delhi International Arbitration Centre ("DIAC").

It is to be further noted that in the aforesaid Arbitral Proceeding, a Statement of Claim dated 23.06.2023 has been filed by M/S North East Centre for Technology Application & Reach, in which you are named as Respondents.

In furtherance of the directions issued by the undersigned vide orders dated 28.11.2023, 20.03.2024, and 15.04.2024, you were served via e-mail at **paresnath@gmail.com** & **pna@kaviacarbons.com** and notices of hearing were also despatched by way of speed post at your respective registered addresses, despite which there has been no appearance by you.

In these circumstances, and in the interest of justice, service of summons on you has been ordered by means of this advertisement. You are directed to appear personally or through your counsel on 02.07.2024 at 4:30 PM physically at DIAC.

A copy of the summons and the Statement of Claim may be obtained from the DIAC at Delhi High Court Campus, Shershah Road, New Delhi - 110503.

And further take notice that, unless you enter appearance on or before 02.07.2024 either personally or through your counsel, the case will be heard in your absence.

(RAJSHEKHAR RAO)
SOLE ARBITRATOR
15.05.2024/R.No.16/JB
On behalf of:
North East Centre For Technology Application & Reach

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सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि प्रतिवादीगण के विरुध्द वाणिज्य न्यायालय, इंदौर में एक प्रकरण दिनांक 24/12/21 को पेश किया गया था जो न्यायालय में प्रकरण नं. Comms-01/2022 को पंजीकृत वर्तमान में प्रलम्बित है। जिनमे दिनांक 20/1/22 को आप प्रार्थी गणो के विरुध्द आदेश पारित किये गये थे। माननीय वाणिज्यिक न्यायालय में 09/08/23 को आपके विरुध्द जहीर सूचना देने का आदेश दिया गया है। माननीय वाणिज्यिक की संतुष्टि के लिए यह साबित हो चुका कि प्रतिवादी अपने निदेशक श्री मुकुंद बेलॉंग सेल प्रा. लिमिटेड लक्ष्मी बाजार नॉवेल्टी सिनेमा के पास मध्य दिल्ली, दिल्ली- 110006 और सेवा के सामान्य तरीके से सेवा नही दी जा सकती। इसलिए आदेश 5 नियम 20 सीपीसी के तहत यह उद्घोषणा उनके खिलाफ जारी की जाती है और उन्हें 03/07/2024 को इंदौर एमपी के माननीय वाणिज्यिक न्यायालय में व्यक्तिगत रुप से या उनके वकील के माध्यम से उपस्थित होना चाहिए। ध्यान दें कि उल्लिखित दिन से पहले उनकी उपस्थिति के अभाव में उपरोक्त मामले की सुनवाई और निर्णय उनकी अनुपस्थिति में किया जाएगा।

हस्ता./- **दिनेश सेवकराम मुछाला**
मनजीत कॉटन प्राईवेट लिमिटेड

BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH BENCH
COMPANY PETITION NO. NO. 15/CHD/HRY/2024
With COMPANY APPLICATION (CAA) NO. 15/CHD/HRY/2024
(under Sections 230-232 of the Companies Act, 2013)
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT AND DEMERGER BETWEEN

Sarla Holdings Private Limited, CIN U70101HR2001PTC114812, PAN AAFCS7428A, a company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956, having its Registered Office at Pathways School Gurgaon, Gate No. 01, Baliawas, Gurgaon-Faridabad Road, Sector 45, Gurgaon, Haryana- 122003, Tel No. : (91)-0124- 4871000, Email : Ramashanker. tiwari@pathways.in, Income Tax Ward/Circle/Assessing officer: Circle 22(2), Delhi, CR Building, New Delhi 110002., Email ID: delhi.dcit22.2 @incometax.gov.in

...Petitioner Company 1/ Demerged Company

AND

RPJ Holdings Private Limited, CIN U65999HR2023PTC109157, PAN AAMCR4574K, a company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, having its Registered Office at C/o Sarla Holdings Private Limited Ansal Aravali, Badshahpur, Gurgaon - Haryana 122002. Tel No.: 0124-4513000. Email : Ramashanker. tiwari@pathways.in, Income Tax Ward/Circle/Assessing officer: Circle3(1) Gurgaon, Udyog Vihar Industrial Area, Phase 5, Gurgaon 122016, Email ID: Gurgaon.dcit 3.1@incometax.gov.in

...Petitioner Company 2/ Resulting Company 1

AND

PRJ Ventures Private Limited, CIN U80902HR2023PTC108867, PAN AANCP4902E, a company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, having its Registered Office at C/o Pathways School Gurgaon, village baliawas Gurgaon, Faridabad Road, Haryana - 122003, Tel No. : (91)-0124-4871000, Email: Ramashanker. tiwari@pathways.in, Income Tax Ward/Circle/Assessing officer: Circle3(1) Gurgaon, Udyog Vihar Industrial Area, Phase 5, Gurgaon 122016. Email ID: Gurgaon.dcit 3.1@incometax.gov.in

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AND

PJ Green Farms Private Limited, CIN U01500HR2023PTC109822, PAN AANCP5757B, a company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2023, having its Registered Office at C/o Pathways School Gurgaon, Gate No. 1, Baliawas, Gurgaon-Faridabad Road, Haryana-122003, Tel No.: (91)-0124-4871000, Email : Ramashanker.tiwari@pathways.in, Income Tax Ward / Circle/Assessing officer: Circle3(1) Gurgaon, Udyog Vihar Industrial Area, Phase 5, Gurgaon 122016., Email ID: Gurgaon.dcit 3.1@incometax.gov.in

...Petitioner Company 4/ Resulting Company 3

NOTICE OF PETITION

A Petition under Sections 230 to 232 and other relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, for obtaining sanction to the Scheme of Arrangement and Demerger between, **SARLA HOLDINGS PRIVATE LIMITED ("Petitioner Company 1/ Demerged Company"), RPJ HOLDINGS PRIVATE LIMITED ("Petitioner Company 2/ Resulting Company 1"), PRJ VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED ("Petitioner Company 3/ Resulting Company 2"), PJ GREEN FARMS PRIVATE LIMITED ("Petitioner Company 4/ Resulting Company 3")** and their respective shareholders and creditors ("Scheme") was presented by the Petitioners above named and the said Petition is fixed for hearing before Chandigarh Bench of National Company Law Tribunal on July 19, 2024. Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said Petition should send a notice of his intention signed by him or his Advocate with his/her name and address, to the Advocate of the Petitioner Companies so as to reach the Advocate of Petitioner Companies not later than 2 (two) days before the date fixed for the hearing of the Petition. Where he seeks to oppose the Petition, the grounds of opposition and a copy of his affidavit should be furnished with such notice. A copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same upon payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Sd/-
(Atul V Sood)
Advocate
Counsel for the Petitioner Companies
#3273, Sector 15-D, Chandigarh,
atulvsood@gmail.com
Date: 26-06-2024, Place: Gurugram

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General Manager (Tech. & HR)

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E-Tenders are invited from eligible Parties, in two-part bid system for the following:

S.No.:1, **Tender No.**: RFCL/2024-25/BM/Prod/CAP240107/103 (e-Tender No: 56719), **Item Description:** Supply of Catalyst (HT), **Part-I Bid Opening Date:** 08.07.2024.

S.No.:2, **Tender No.**: RFCL/2024-25/RM/Prod/CAP230717/104 (e-Tender No: 56725), **Item Description:** Supply of Catalyst (LT), **Part-I Bid Opening Date:** 08.07.2024.

For further details, visit websites: **https:// www.rfcl.co.in / https://rfcl.abcprocure. com.** Any amendment / modification to the NIT will be displayed only on our websites. Vendors are advised to visit our website regularly. Tender documents can also be downloaded from our website.

General Manager (Materials)

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Vijay Kumari D/o Late Sh. Chhajjan Singh,W/o Sh. Malkhan Singh R/o House No. 411 Sector 19 , Distt. Faridabad (Haryana) inform that Vijay Kumari Alias Vijay Chaprana is one and the same person. My actual name is Vijay Chaprana

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I Bala Devi, wife of late Charan Singh, resident of Rohini, Delhi, have changed my name from Raj Bala to Bala Devi for all future purposes.

I Vishnu Kumar Malhotra S/o Lt. Shri C. L. Malhotra R/o 42, Ashirwad Apartment, Plot No. 74, IP Extension, Patparganj, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Vishnu Malhotra for all future purposes.

I, Prerna Sharma D/o Shyam Sunder Sharma, R/o of B-4011, Faridabad have changed my name from Prerna to Prerna Sharma for all future purposes

I, Vikrant Kumar S/o Shamsher Singh, R/o Village Sharan, Ranol (25), PO-Ranol, Dist. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh-171214, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Vikrant Kupwan.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION

A property known as **A-58, Kailash Colony, New Delhi 110048,** measuring 1003 Sq. Yards (approx.), located near Kailash Colony Metro Station on main Lala Lajpat Rai Road represented to be freehold, is being auctioned for sale pursuant to Order dated 07.06.2024 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi at New Delhi with the consent of the parties, in Partition Suit bearing **CS(OS) No. 150 of 2023** titled ***Suchit Tuli v. Deven Tuli & Ors.*** on as-is-where-is basis.

The property & title documents can be inspected between 11 AM and 1 PM on 07.07.2024 at the site. The Reserve Price of the property has been fixed by the Hon'ble Court at Rs. 65,00,00,000/- (Rs. Sixty Five Crores). Auction bids are invited and bidders may participate by making Earnest Money Deposit of Rs. 65,00,000/- (Rs. Sixty Five Lakhs) by way of Demand Draft in favour of "Registrar General, Delhi High Court" payable at New Delhi, in the office of the undersigned between 11 AM to 5 PM on 15.07.2024. Inter bidding permitted. For detailed terms & conditions regulating the auction proceedings, a request may be sent by email to auction.A58.KC@gmail.com on or before 14.07.2024.

Date of Auction: 18.07.2024
Time of Auction: 11 AM to 1 PM
Venue of Auction: Holiday Club, Panchsheel Enclave, New Delhi 110017
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I Prisha Gautam D/o Hemant Gautam R/o 34-R, New Colony, Gurgaon have changed my name from Prisha to Prisha Gautam for all future purposes

I, Abhilasha Aggarwal R/o 88-B, DDA Flats, Gulabi Bagh, Delhi-110007 have changed my daughter's name from Dhurvi to Dhurvi Narayan for future.

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CORRIGENDUM

No. 75/Paper Publication/ Fab Dated: 24/06/2024. The following corrigendum has been carried out in respect of the Tender No. 75/24/4130 schedule to be opened on 01/07/2024. **Sl. No.: [01]. Particulars : TOD. Tender No: 75/24/4130. Opening Date Changes From:** 01/07/2024 **To** 05/07/2024. **Quantity: 739 Sets**

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CORRIGENDUM

No. PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/ CORRIGENDUM/24/13. Dated: 24.06.2024. The following Corrigendum of E-Tender/s is for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective/ likely suppliers are requested to look up the website **www.ireps.gov.in** for detailed instructions. These are E-Tenders only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. **Sl. No. : [01] . Tender Notice no.: Sl. No. 146** of PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/24/30 Dated: 15/05/2024. **Tender No.:14242692A, Tender Opening Date:** Tender Opening Date is to be read as **"15/07/2024"** instead of existing entry.

[PR1-489] PCMM/CLW/HWH

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Faculty of Engineering & Technology (FET)

Notice No.FET/PG-ENGG/NP-01/2024; Date : 18/06/2024

Information for Admission to M.E./M.TECH./M.ARCH./MMD (2024-2025) will be available at https://admissionju.jadavpuruniversity.in/ fengadmission from 21st June, 2024. On-line Application Form fill-up : from 25th June 2024 to 7th July 2024. Last Date for Application Fee Payment : 10th July, 2024 (2 PM).

Secretary (o), FET

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

CPM (Electrical/GS)/ECR/Dhanbad for and behalf of the President of India invites e-Tender for execution of the following works.

e-Tender No. : EL-GS-03-open-2024-25.

1. Name of work with location and Completion of work : Name of work : Part-A "Augmentation of infrastructure facility for homing capacity of 200 electric locomotives at Diesel loco Shed, Patratu". Part-B "Obra Dam : Up gradation of the maintenance facility at sick line OBRA". (Completion period : 24 Months). 2. Approx. cost of the work : ₹2,12,23,984.73, 3. Bid Security to be deposited : ₹2,56,100/-. 4. Date & Time for submission of closing and opening of e-Tender : Closing of e-Tender : On 17.07.2024 at 11:00 Hrs. Opening of e-Tender : On 16.07.2024 after 11:00 Hrs. 5. Website particulars : WEBSITE : www.ireps.gov.in. Manual offers are not allowed against e-Tender.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (GS)/ ECR/Dhanbad

PR/00571/DHN/EGEN/T/24-25/32

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Tender Notice No.: MECHCKP-24-25-06, Date: 26.06.2024. For and on behalf of President of India, Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical), South Eastern Railway, Chakradharpur invites E-tender for the under mentioned service contract. Manual offers are not allowed against the tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Name of work:** Hiring of Private Oil Tanker of 12 KL capacity to RCD/DLS/TATA for enroute/doorstep refueling of diesel locomotives in Tata yard and nearby area round the clock for a period of 1 year through open tender. **Tender Value:** ₹ 20,49,216. **Bid Security:** ₹ 41,000. **Cost of tender form:** Nil. **Place of opening of tender:** Office of the Sr.DME/CKP, South Eastern Railway. **Date and time of closing of tender:** 15.00 hrs. of 18.07.2024. Tender can be viewed at website **http://www.ireps.gov.in**. The tenderer/ bidder must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered under IREPS portal. Only registered tenderer/bidder can participate on e-Tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-tendering. **(PR-313)**

WESTERN RAILWAY - AHMEDABAD DIVISION

SCHEDULE MAINTENANCE AND ESCORTING CONTRACT

E- TENDER - NOTICE No.: Sr.DEE/ADI/ 18 (24-25) dt.- 21.06.2024 **Tender No.:** EL-50-1-ADI- T-29-2024-25 **Name of work:** Schedule maintenance and escorting contract of Greaves make diesel engine Alternator set and accessories installed in power cars in trains of Ahmedabad division for 2 years. **Estimated cost:** ₹79145707.5

Earnest Money: ₹5,45,700/- **Date and time of submission:** Not later than 15:00 Hrs. of 18.07.2024 **Date and time of opening:** 18.07.2024 at 15.30 Hrs. **Address of the office:** Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, D.R.M. Office (W.R.), Near Chamunda bridge; Opp: G.C.S. hospital, Naroda road, Amdupura, Ahmedabad- 382345. **Website details:** www.ireps.gov.in 86

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S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Chief Engineer (CON)/I, 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.: 4460-GRC-CE-C-01-19-2024, Date: 25.06.2024. Brief Description of work:** New sick line shed to cater sick wagons arising out of empty yard & departure yard at Bokaro and extension of sick line Bokaro to create infrastructure for ROH of BOXNHL 25T and other wagons at Bokaro Steel City– Execution of earthwork in formation & cutting including p.way linking work with ballasting including loop lines & siding, construction of service building, road & platform, circulating area including other related work including S&T and Electrical work at Bokaro new sick line & existing sick line in Bokaro of South Eastern Railway. **Approx. Cost:** ₹ 39.98 Crore. **Bid Security:** ₹ 21,49,000. **Completion Period:** 18 months. **Closing Date:** 18.07.2024. 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 tender for this item will be accepted. **N.B.:** Prospective bidders may regularly visit **www.ireps.gov.in** to participate in all other tenders. **(PR-312)**

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Open E-Tender Notice No. 07 SEE 24-25. The DRM (Engg.)/SEE for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-Tenders for the following works. The last date of online E-tendering is 18.07.2024 up to 13:00 hrs. All information and tender documents related to E-tender is available on website – www.ireps.gov.in.

1. Name of works : Carting of Rails, Sleepers, SEJ, Glued Joints, Point & X-ing and other different P.way materials from different locations/depot to TD/SEE and different works site under Sonpur division under SSE/P.WAY/TD/SEE. Approx Cost (In Rs.) : ₹1,68,13,429.50, Earnest Money (In Rs.) : ₹2,34,100.00.

2. Name of works : Civil work in connection with : SEE Div :- Provision of Electronic interlocking at Mansi Station with fresh Relay Room on the basis of age cum gear condition. Approx Cost (In Rs.) : ₹1,84,44,581.12, Earnest Money (In Rs.) : ₹2,42,200.00.

3. Name of works : SEE Div. :- Interlocking with upgradation of 1 Nos. Level crossing gates with provision of Motor operated Lifting Barrier and Sliding Boom". Approx Cost (In Rs.) : ₹16,94,336.01, Earnest Money (In Rs.) : ₹33,900.00.

4. Name of works : Repairs of colony roads in jurisdiction of SSE/Works/SPP. Approx Cost (In Rs.) : ₹59,64,370.52, Earnest Money (In Rs.) : ₹1,19,300.00.

The above tender notice is available on website www.ireps.gov.in. RIGHT OF RAILWAY TO DEAL WITH TENDER: Railway Administration reserves the right to postpone /modify or to cancel any one or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

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Tender Enquiry No. 316/DIT-1118 (Vol-1) dated 25.06.2024

Dy. CE/IT(O&S) Ground Floor PSPCL Head Office, The Mall, Patiala invites e-tender for AMC of VMware software for PSPCL. For Detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 25.06.2024, 05:00 pm onwards.

Note :- Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**.

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SAMAGRA SHIKSHANA-KARNATAKA

Office of the State Project Director,
New Public Offices Annexe Building,
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No. SSK/QMT /GKA-1.0/tender/2023-24 Date: 24.06.2024

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Samagra Shikshana - Karnataka has invited tender through e-Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for manufacture and Supply of GKA 1.0 Math Kits to selected Government Primary Schools of 13 districts for the year 2024-25 through eligible firms / agencies. Last date of submission of tender : **11.07.2024 @ 5:00 pm**

Sd/-
State Project Director
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उ0 प्र0 राज्य विद्युत उत्पादन निगम लि0 में 'लेखाधिकारी' के पद पर प्रथम तैनाती के पश्चात श्रीमती निक्की शिवा, लेखाधिकारी सम्बद्ध निदेषक (वित्त) पुत्री–चमन लाल शिवा, कार्यस्थल से अनधिकृत रूप से दिनांक 30.09.2018 से 02.05.2023 तक लगातार तैनाती स्थान–हरदुआगंज तापीय विद्युत परियोजना, उ0प्र0रा0वि0उ0नि0लि0, कासिमपुर (अलीगढ़) से अनुपस्थित रही हैं। उक्त के परिप्रेक्ष्य में, उ0प्र0 सरकारी कर्मचारी आचरण नियमावली 1956 के प्राविधानों के घोर उल्लंघन किये जाने के लिए उत्तरदायी पाते हुए, आपको प्रथम दृश्टया आरोपित किया गया है।

प्रकरण में आपको निगम के पत्र सं0–577 / मु0अभि0(ईंधन) / जाँच / उ0नि0लि0 / कैम्प दिनांक 13.05.2024 द्वारा आपके पत्राचार के पते पर, आरोप–पत्र निर्गत करते हुए, 15 दिवसों के अन्दर वर्णित आरोपों के बचाव में, अपना लिखित उत्तर, संगत साक्ष्यों सहित जाँच–समिति को उपलब्ध कराये जाने हेतु निर्देशित किया गया था, जोकि डाक विभाग की वेबसाइट से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार आरोप पत्र आपको दिनांक 17.05.2024 को प्राप्त हो चुका है परन्तु आपने कोई उत्तर नही दिया। तदन्तर, निगम के पत्र सं0–658 / मु0अभि0(ईंधन) / जाँच / उ0नि0लि0 / कैम्प दिनांक 04.06.2024 द्वारा अनुस्मारक प्रेषित करते हुए आपको 10 दिनों का अतिरिक्त समय प्रदान करते हुए पुनः यह निर्देशित किया गया कि आप 10 दिवसों के अन्दर वर्णित आरोपों के बचाव में, अपना लिखित उत्तर, संगत साक्ष्यों सहित जाँच–समिति को उपलब्ध करायें, डाक विभाग की वेबसाइट से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार अनुस्मारक पत्र आपको दिनांक 10.06.2024 को प्राप्त हो चुका है, परन्तु आपने अभी तक उत्तर प्रेषित नही किया है।

अतः उक्त सूचना के माध्यम से आपको व्यक्तिगत सुनवाई का अन्तिम अवसर प्रदान करते हुए पुनः यह निर्देशित किया जाता है कि आप अपना लिखित उत्तर, संगत साक्ष्यों सहित दिनांक 01.07.2024 को जाँच–समिति, उ0प्र0रा0वि0उ0नि0लि0, शक्ति भवन विस्तार, कक्ष सं0–1432, लखनऊ के समक्ष उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करें। यदि निर्धारित तिथि को आप अपने उत्तर सहित व्यक्तिगत सुनवाई हेतु जाँच समिति के समक्ष उपस्थित नहीं होती हैं तो यह मान लिया जायेगा कि आपके पास अपने बचाव में कोई तथ्य नहीं हैं और आपको कुछ भी नही कहना है। तदनुसार आपके प्रकरण में गुणावगुण के आधार पर जाँच की कार्यवाही पूर्ण कर तत्सम्बन्धी जाँच आख्या सक्षम अधिकारी को प्रेषित कर दी जायेगी।

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अधीक्षण अभियन्ता (ता0पवि0)
सदस्य एवं संयोजक (जाँच समिति)

(संदीप रस्तोगी)
मुख्य अभियन्ता (ईंधन)
अध्यक्ष (जाँच समिति)

पत्रांक : 738 / मु0अभि0(ईंधन) / जाँच / उ0नि0लि0 / कैम्प दिनांक: 26.06.2024

"राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचायें"

PUBLIC NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE FOR INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLOTMENT OF WHOLESALE LICENSE OF IMFL (L-1) AND COUNTRY LIQUOR (L-13) FOR THE YEAR 2024-25 IN THIRTEEN DISTRICTS OF THE STATE.

The applications are hereby invited for grant of wholesale license of IMFL in the form of L-1 and Wholesale license of Country Liquor in form of L-13 for Thirteen excise districts in the State. The Wholesale license of IMFL (L-1) and Country Liquor (L- 13) shall be granted to the applicant amongst the retail outlet allottees/licensees of Indian Made foreign Liquor (L-2) and Country Liquor (L-14A) respectively. The L-1 and L-13 licenses shall be granted on the basis of quota contribution of Indian Made foreign Liquor (L-2) and Country Liquor (L-14A) (of the policy year 2024-25), amongst the applicant allottees/licensees of retail zones within an Excise district. The quota contribution for the purpose of grant of L-1 & L-13 licenses shall be calculated on the basis of retail liquor zones allotted as on 01.07.2024 for receiving such applications for grant of L-1/L-13. The L-1/L-13 license(s) shall be granted only to those eligible applicants who apply for the License(s) within the date fixed/extended by the Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Haryana. The Excise Policy provides that the Excise and Taxation Commissioner may invite applications for such number of L-1/L-13 licenses as he may deem fit. The Excise and Taxation Commissioner may also conduct the process of allotment in multiple rounds of inviting applications. Next round of allotment of L-1 and L-13 Licenses will be initiated after the completion of third round.

The number of wholesale licenses of IMFL (L-1) and Country Liquor (L- 13) in the district for which the applications are being invited in third round shall be as under :-

Sr. No.	District	Number of L-1 (s) to be granted	Number of L-13 (s) to be granted
1	Ambala	1	1
2	Faridabad	1	1
3	Gurugram (East)	1	0
4	Hisar	1	1
5	Jhajjar	0	1
6	Kaithal	1	1
7	Karnal	1	1
8	Kurukshetra	1	0
9	Panipat	1	0
10	Rewari	1	1
11	Rohtak	1	1
12	Sirsa	1	1
13	Sonepat	0	1
	TOTAL	**11**	**10**

The licenses for wholesale outlets of IMFL. (L-1) and Country Liquor (L-13) shall be granted in accordance with the provisions of Haryana Excise Act, 1914, rules framed thereunder and as per the Excise Policy for the year 2024-25. The Excise Policy for the year 2024-25 is available on the official website of the department www.haryanatax.gov.in.

The application may be submitted in the office of the DETC (Excise) concerned on or before 01.07.2024. The application shall be forwarded by the DETC (Excise) alongwith his recommendation to the Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Haryana, immediately.

The quota contribution shall be taken up to 01.07.2024.

The licenses for wholesale outlets of IMFL (L-1) and Country Liquor (L- 13) shall be granted subject to the provisions of Haryana Excise Act, 1914, rules framed thereunder and as per the Excise Policy for the year 2024-25.

Excise and Taxation Commissioner
Haryana, Panchkula.

Issued through:DPR,Haryana/Advt. No. 27209/26.06.2024

MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Khadi India



MSMEs are crucial for our economy as they drive innovation, employment, and contribute significantly to growth. Our Government attaches great importance to this sector.

- Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

MSMEs for Viksit Bharat

- Whopping 20 times increase in registered MSMEs in last 10 years, from just 22 lakh in 2014 to 4.6 crore registered MSMEs now.
- Udyam Registration portal has ensured simple and free of cost registration for MSMEs.
- Over 20 crore employment generated in MSME sector alone in last 10 years, contributing to equitable development.
- PM Vishwakarma scheme has provided end to end holistic support to artisans and craftspeople of 18 trades; 2.22 crore enrolments within 9 months of launch.
- 73.57 lakh credit guarantees worth Rs. 5.56 lakh crore provided for Micro and Small enterprises in the last 10 years under the Credit Guarantee Scheme.
- Under PMEGP, 6.93 lakh new micro enterprises established with margin money subsidy of Rs. 19,800 crore, generating employment for more than 55 lakh persons.
- Through Public Procurement Policy, efforts for inclusive growth made. Further, National SC-ST Hub committed for providing holistic support and handholding of SC-ST. 15 fold increase in procurement from SC-ST MSEs.
- More than five-fold increase in Khadi sales. Boost to Khadi and Gramodyog products generating employment opportunities in rural areas.

उद्यमी भारत
अग्रणी। आधुनिक। आत्मनिर्भर

Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi, Union Minister for MSME, in presence of Ms. Shobha Karandlaje, Union Minister of State(MSME), will preside over 'Udyami Bharat Programme' on the occasion of 'International MSME Day 2024'

On 27th June, 2024 at 11:00 AM

Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi

CBC 25113/15/0004/2425

Office of the Project Director PMU(RWSRPD)& Chief Engineer Water Resources(North) Hanumangarh

Notice Inviting Bid
(NIB Code-WRN2425A0014)

Bids for 08 Nos. of works related to **Reclamation of water logged areas in command in IGNP Stage-I** estimated cost of work from ₹ 1.59 Crore to 33.52 Crore are invited from prospective bidders up to 08.07.2024 Time 6.00 PM. Other particulars of the bids may be visited on the procurement portal http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, of the state and www.water. rajasthan.gov.in departmental website.

UBN No.-
WRN2425WLOB00073, WRN2425WLOB00074, WRN2425WLOB00075, WRN2425WLOB00076, WRN2425WLOB00077, WRN2425WLOB00078, WRN2425WLOB00079, WRN2425WLOB00080

Sd/-
(Amarjeet Singh)
DIPR/C/4850/2024 Project Director PMU(RWSRPD)&Chief Engineer

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY G20

Tender Notice No.: AGC-ELG-T-07R-2024-25 Date : 24.06.2024

E-Tender Notice

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General) N. C. Railway, Agra on behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on line only (E-Tendering) for the following works.

Tender No. : AGC-ELG-T-07R-2024-25 | Approximate Cost of work : Rs. 5614848.60

Name of work with its location & Completion Period : Part (A) Electrification work for Provision of Type-II quarters (08 units) against abandoned Type-II quarters RB-II-249 in North Colony at Agra cantt station. Part (B) Electrification work for Provision of Type-II quarters (08 units) against abandoned Type-II quarters RB-II-250 in North Colony at Agra cantt station. Part (C) Electrification work for Provision of Type-II quarters (08 units) against abandoned Type-II quarters RB-II-251 in North Colony at Agra cantt station.

Completion Period : 09 months

For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in** Tenders can only be submitted through web portal **www.ireps.gov.in** up to 15:00 Hrs. on 18.07.2024. **1099/24 (D)**

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @northcentralrailway @ CPRONCR

Government of Punjab
(Department of Health & Family Welfare)

Bid Ref No:- E-tender/ PHSC/Proc/2024/145

The Punjab Health Systems Corporation, SAS Nagar (Mohali) invites online bids for the Rate Contract of two years of **Biometric Machines & Web Cameras** as per list enumerated in the tender document available on the website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.

Date, time and Place of pre bid Conference	:	08.07.2024 at 11:30 am in the Committee Room of Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Punjab School Education Board Building, 2nd Floor, E-Block, Mohali-160062. Phone No. 0172-2232245, 2232247
Closing Date and Time	:	24.07.2024 till 3:00 pm

For details log on https://eproc.punjab.gov.in).

Note : Any Corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.

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MANAGING DIRECTOR
PHSC Mohali

DPR/Pb.:-phsc/12/376/2023/34987

NORTHERN RAILWAY

'E'-TENDER NOTICE

Dy.CSTE/SPL, Northern Railway, Tilak Bridge, New Delhi-110002 acting for & on behalf of President of India invites E-tenders in **Two packet system** from the experienced & established contractors having sufficient experience in similar work and satisfying minimum eligibility criteria for the under noted work:

1	**Name of work :** "Provision of Electronic Interlocking (EI) based Automatic Signaling in Delhi-Rewari section, along with Replacement of 6 EI's at Palam, Gurgaon, Jataula Jauri Sampka, Pataudi Road, Inchhapuri & Khalilpur (Delhi-Rewari Section length-75 Kms approx.)"
2	**Approximate cost of the work :** Rs. 45,11,77,647.70 (Rs. Fourty-Five Crore Eleven Lakh Seventy-Seven Thousand Six Hundred And Forty-Seven Rupees And Seventy Paise Only)
3	**Earnest money/Bid Security (INR) :** Rs. 24,05,900.00/- (As on **www.ireps.gov.in**)
4	**Completion period :** 12 Months from the date of issue of Letter of Acceptance
5	**Website address and Date and Time where tender available : www.ireps.gov.in**
6	**Closing date :** 11.00 Hrs. on date: 22.07.2024
7	**Date of Opening of tender :** 11.30 Hrs. on date: 22.07.2024
8	**Validity of offer :** 90 days from the date of opening of tender.

(Tenders without earnest money will be summarily rejected)

Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date & time only. Bids are to be submitted online only. Manual bids/offers are not allowed against this tender, and any manual offer received shall be ignored. The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in** for participating in the e-tender system. Necessary changes, Corrigendum/addendum, if required, would be posted on this webiste only.

No.: 256Sig-SPL-TKJ-230-DLI-RE Dated: 26.06.2024 **1924/2024**

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Jharkhand Education Project Council
JSCA, Stadium Road, Sector-3, Dhurwa, Ranchi – 834004
Phone : 0651-2444501, 2444502, Fax – 2444506,
e-mail: jepcranchi1@gmail.com

Ref. No.: JEPC/ QU/40/28/2024/2201 Date: 26/06/2024

E-Tender Notice

JEPC, Ranchi invites E-Bids for **Publishing and Supply of Monthly Magazine "PANKH".** Bidders can download bid documents from website ***https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in*** from 28.06.2024 (11.00 AM), onwards. Last date/Time for receipt of bids through e-tender is 18.07.2024 up to 06:00 PM. The pre-bid meeting will be held on 03.07.2024 at 04:30 PM.

Sd/-
(Aditya Ranjan)
State Project Director

PR 327810 (Jharkhand Education Project Council) 24-25 (D)

UTTAR PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Vidyut Niyamak Bhawan, Vibhuti Khand,
Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226 010. Phone : 0522-2720426,
Fax : 0522-2720423, E-mail : secretary@uperc.org

Ref : UPERC/D(D)/2024/472 Dated : 26 June, 2024

E-TENDER NOTICE
INVITATION FOR CONSULTANCY PROPOSAL

Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (UPERC) has invited proposals for Engagement of Consultant for Assistance in framing of Regulations (on QCBS basis) on 22.06.2024

For above assignment the description of tasks, terms & conditions, proposal submission procedure, etc. are provided in the 'Terms of Reference' (TOR) and 'Contract Agreement' in E-Tender Reference No. E-T-02/UPERC/2024-25 and can be downloaded from E-procurement portal https://etender.up.nic.in.

The due date and Time for Submission of bid is **18:55 Hrs. of 15th July 2024**. The tenders will be opened before the bidders present at **16:00 Hrs. of 16th July 2024**.

Secretary

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in Mobile No. 96461-55525

Short Term E-Tender Enq. No. 7564/P-3/EMP-12694 dated 25.06.24

Dy. Chief Engineer/Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_122811_1 for Procurement of Special steel Sail Hard/Tiscral or equivalent 6mm carbon steel for gas ducts for unit #6. For Detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 25.06.2024/05.00 PM onwards.

Note :- Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.

RTP-55/24, DPR/Pb.:76155/12/3038/2023/35028

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identification Number (CIN) : U40109PB2010SGC033813;
website : www.pspcl.in; e-tendering portal: https://eproc.punjab.gov.in
Contact No.: 96461-19383, 96461-11036

Tender Enquiry No. QQ-252/PO-C **Date: 25.06.2024**

Chief Purchase Officer/MM, Central Purchase Organization, PSPCL, 2nd Floor Multistory Building, The Mall Road, Patiala, invites E-tender for procurement of **20 MT** ISI Marked Polypropylene yellow coloured rope, 3 strand, Hawser Laid, conforming to IS:5175-1992 (with latest amendments) and PSPCL Specification **QQ-252** for 10mm, 16mm & 20mm sizes.

For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.** from **01.07.2024** from 03:00 PM onwards.

Note : Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

C 381/24, DPR/Pb. : 76155/12/3037/2023/35026

ANDHRA PRADESH POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED
VIDYUT SOUDHA :: VIJAYAWADA

TENDER NOTICE NO. 610001627

APGENCO invites open tender for "Manufacturing , Supply, Testing, Offering for Inspection, Packing, Forwarding, Transportation (with insurance coverage) and Delivery at Site and unloading of various types of MS ERW Pipes required for Ash Handling System of Dr.NTTPS" through APGENCO e-Procurement.
Schedule available Date & Time: From 19.00 Hrs on 24.06.2024 onwards.
Bid Submission closing date & time: At 13.00 Hrs on 04.07.2024.
For further details visit website, viz. **www.apgenco.gov.in or https://etender.apgenco.gov.in/irj/portal**

DIPR No.3051PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22 Dt.26.06.2024

INDIAN RAILWAYS

"PUBLIC NOTIFICATION"

Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the Complete section of the under noted section of the Northern Railway that the 25000 Volt, 50Hz, AC overhead traction wires will be energized on or after the date specified against the section. On and from the same date the overhead traction line shall be treated as live at all time and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead line.

Section	Date
Sub- Energisation of 25 KV, Single phase AC newly electrified Line no. 5 (Common Loop Line), Line no.6 (goods line) and TMC sidings in Roorkee Yard including modification in existing lines, associated turnouts & x-overs from location no. 1555/17N (Ch: 1555/555.90) to location no. 1559/5(Ch: 1559/181.00) along with energisation of Auxiliary Transformers under Moradabad Division".	26.06.2024

INDIAN RAILWAY
INTRODUCTION OF AC 25 KV TRACTION
"WARNING TO ROAD USERS"

It is notified for information of the Public that in connection with introduction of 2.2 KV AC electric traction over **"Energisation of 25 KV, Single phase AC newly electrified Line no. 5 (Common Loop Line), Line no.6 (goods line) and TMC sidings in Roorkee Yard including modification in existing lines, associated turnouts & x- overs from location no. 1555/17N (Ch: 1555/555.90) to location no. 1559/5(Ch: 1559/181.00) along with energisation of Auxiliary Transformer under Moradabad Division".** Height gauges have been erected at all the level crossings with clear maximum height 4.78 m and contact wire shall be at a height of minimum 5.5 m above road level with a view to prevent loads of excessive height from coming into contact or dangerous proximity to live traction wire. Public are hereby notified to observe the height specified above for the purpose of loading vehicles and to see that the loads carried in road vehicles do not infringe the height gauges under any circumstances.
The dangers of a load of excessive height are as follows:-
i) Danger to the height gauge and consequent obstruction to the road as well as the railway line.
ii) Danger to the materials or equipment carried or the vehicle itself.
iii) Danger of fire and risk of life due to contact with or dangerous proximity to the conductors.

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE 1919/24

Students sent Ambani threats via pvt email services: Chargesheet

Mumbai: The two college students, Jagatsingh Rajveer Khant (20) from Gujarat and Telangana's Ganesh R Vanparthi (19), arrested last year for sending separate threat emails to Reliance chairman **Mukesh Ambani** and demanding Rs 400 crore used secure and private email service tools to evade security agencies, police have said in their 300-page chargesheet filed in court, reports **Ahmed Ali**.



Police said they used Mailfence and ProtonMail, which provide secure and private email services — they have no ads, spams, trackers, solicitation or backdoor breaches, and are free of govt surveillance — and whose servers were based abroad.

The central intelligence unit of the crime branch submitted the chargesheet last week against Khant, the son of Gujarat police constable Rajveer Khant, and Vanparthi for extortion, criminal intimidation and destruction of evidence under IPC, and relevant sections of IT Act. Police invoked destruction of evidence after learning that the two tried to erase their digital footprints.

Police also found that the two had used a virtual private network, which protects users by encrypting data and masking IP addresses and makes it difficult to trace them.

After police traced Vanaparthi's threat email and picked him up from a locality in Telangana, they found that he had already deleted all items from the outbox. Police traced Khant to Gandhinagar in Gujarat with the help of call data records and subscriber detail records.

Shame that local train users carried worse than cattle: HC

Asks Rlys If It Has Been Able To Stop Train-Fall & Trespassing Deaths

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Mumbai: Observing that passengers in local trains are carried worse than cattle, Bombay high court on Wednesday asked Railways whether it has been able to stop train-fall and track-trespassing deaths.

"It is your responsibility and duty. You must not depend on the court's direction to save the lives of people," said Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya and Justice Amit Borkar, hearing a PIL that highlighted the possible causes for high fatalities on suburban railways and gave suggestions to salvage the situation. "I feel ashamed. The manner in which the passengers in local trains are made to commute," said the CJ.

The petition said Mumbai suburban railway, which is the second busiest globally after Tokyo, sees over 2,000 deaths annually, with a high 33.8 fatality rate. It also stated that while there is phenomenal growth in the number of passengers, infrastructure at railway stations is old and crumbling.



The petitioners, arguing Railways disowns deaths due to track crossing, said going out to pursue your vocation or to college is 'like going to war'

Advocates Rohan Shah and Surabhi Prabhudesai, for petitioner Yatin Jadhav, argued that Railways disowns deaths due to crossing tracks, falling from train or slipping between platform-train gaps and terms them "untoward incidents".

Shah said: "Going out to pursue your vocation or to college is like going to war." He also submitted news reports, including of a stampede-like situation to board a train at Kalyan station.

Western Railway's advocate Suresh Kumar said that since 2008, it has complied with directions in an earlier PIL in which guidelines for Railways, including fixing platform-train gaps, and HC was satisfied with the steps taken. The judges then asked if Railways have been able to stop train-fall and trespassing deaths. They said WR cannot take a refuge by saying it carries 33 lakh passengers daily. "You have to change your attitude and mind," the chief justice said. "This time we are going to make the officials accountable... You are carrying human passengers like cattle. Perhaps even worse."

In the order, the judges said the issue raised in the petition "needs urgent attention" of all concerned, specially higher-ups, including a Railway Board member and zonal safety commissioners. HC directed WR and Central Railway general managers to file an affidavit in reply to the PIL, and list measures to check mishaps. After receiving the replies, "HC may consider setting up a committee of commissioners/body of experts to conduct a study to suggest measures for meeting the challenge of daily train passenger deaths in Mumbai".

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tendering Notice No. 2024-Jun-05 Dated: - 25.06.24

E-TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering), N.C. Rly Agra for and on behalf of the President of India invites **"Open Tender"** through on Line only (E-Tendering) for the following works. The details of the tender are as under:

Tender No. : 2024-Jun-05-01	Approx Cost Rs. : 7434000.00

Description of Work : Carrying out ultrasonic testing of FB welded joints by using phased array ultrasonic testing (PAUT) on all types of Rails in Agra division

For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **"www.ireps.gov.in"** Tenders can only be submitted through web portal **"www.ireps.gov.in"** up to **15:00 hrs on 16.07.24** 1110/24 (AN)

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @northcentralrailway @CPRONCR

Our N-trajectory based on 'no first use & massive retaliation': CDS

New Delhi: Noting that the threat from nuclear weapons has once again occupied centerstage in the geopolitical landscape, Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan on Wednesday said that the "uniqueness" of India's nuclear trajectory is premised on the principle of "no first-use and massive retaliation".

There is an urgent need for "a deeper thought, development of new doctrines, reimagining deterrence and safeguarding nuclear C4I2SR (command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, information, surveillance and reconnaissance) infrastructure", he said while addressing a seminar here on 'Nuclear Strategy: Contemporary Developments and Future Possibilities'. TNN

Posing as buyer, crook swaps ₹4.5cr diamond with a lab-grown one

Surat: A man posing as buyer swindled a city-based diamond trader by swapping a rare 10.08-carat heart-shaped diamond worth Rs 4.55 crore with a lab-grown one of the same shape worth only Rs 1 lakh, reports **Vishal Patadiya**.

Police filed an FIR against Hitesh Purohit, the swindler, and his aide, one Ishwar, on a complaint lodged by Chirag Shah, who owns Akshat Gems in the diamond trading hub of Mahidharpura in the city.

Shah and his son tried to trace Purohit, but couldn't locate him anywhere. After multiple attempts to contact Purohit failed, Shah registered a complaint with the Mahidharpura police.

HM Chauhan, inspector at Mahidharpura police station, said: "We formed five teams, one of which has been dispatched to Palanpur, Purohit's native place. We are also investigating a couple of others involved in the plot, Kamlesh and Ashok." Chauhan is hopeful of apprehending all the suspects soon.

Dinesh Navadiya, president of the Indian Diamond Institute, told **TOI**: "Looking at the size and colour of the diamond, this is a rare piece. In the diamond industry, D colour denotes the highest colour grade among all diamonds."

Muchkund Dubey, veteran diplomat & former foreign secy, dies at 90

New Delhi: Veteran diplomat and former foreign secretary Muchkund Dubey, 90, died from heart-related complications at Delhi's Fortis Hospital on Wednesday.

Dubey joined Jawaharlal Nehru University as a professor after retirement. His last rites will be performed at Delhi's Lodhi Road Crematorium on Thursday at 4pm.

Born in 1933 in Jharkhand's Deoghar (then in undivided Bihar), Dubey studied economics at Patna, Oxford and New York universities. He joined foreign services in 1957, and served as India's high commissioner to Bangladesh, as permanent representative to UN in Geneva, and as the Indian member on the Unesco executive board. TNN

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Sajjan** S/o **Tejpal** R/o **H.No. F-7/W-48/252, HGI, Labour Colony, Sultanpuri, Delhi** has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 532/2020 U/s 25/31 Arms Act, P.S. Raj Park, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Sajjan** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Sajjan** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Sajjan** of case **FIR No. 532/2020 U/s 25/31 Arms Act, P.S. Raj Park, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint/case on or before **29.07.2024.**

By Order
Ms. Ebbani Aggarwal
Metropolitan Magistrate (NW)
Room No. 107, 1st Floor
Rohini Court, New Delhi

DP/8004/OD/2024(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 (2) (II) CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Namely: Smt. Annu, W/o: Sanjay, R/o: B-27, Saranga Apartment, 2nd Floor, Saket, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a case vide **FIR No. 85/2013, U/s 3/4/5 ITP Act** registered at **PS Tilak Nagar, New Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued stating that the said **Annu** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused **Annu** absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Annu** is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **29.07.2024.**

By Order
Milan Goyal,
MM Room No.236,
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi.

DP/8113/WD/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Abhishek Jain S/o** Arihant Jain **R/o** RZ-45 A/216 J Block West Sagarpur New Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 15923/2020, U/s 379/411/482 IPC P.S.: Janakpuri, New Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Abhishek Jain,** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Abhishek Jain,** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Abhishek Jain,** accused of **FIR No. 15923/2020, U/s 379/411/482 IPC P.S.: Janakpuri, New Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **27.07.2024**.

By Order
Bharti Beniwal
MM-11, Room No. 5, Ground Floor,
Dwarka District Court, New Delhi

DP/8221/WD/2024 (Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Where as complaint has been made before me that accused **Anand Kumar S/o Sh. Bhagwan Dass, R/o- H. No. 158/159, Prayog Vihar, Delhi** has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide **FIR No. 622/2020 U/s 188 IPC PS Rajaouri Garden, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Anand Kumar** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Anand Kumar** has absconded (or is concealing himrself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Anand Kumar** of case **FIR No. 622/2020 U/s 188 IPC PS Rajaouri Garden, Delhi** is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the complaint on or before the day of **02.08.2024.**

By Order,
Sh. Shashank Nandan Bhatt
Metropolitan Magistrate-02 (West),
Room No. 356, 3rd Floor,
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi.

DP/8055/WD/2024 (Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused person **Sunder Nath** S/o Ghariba Nath R/o 30 Kheri Gujran, Faridabad Haryana has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in Case reg No. 7801/2019 , U/s 138 NI ACT PS Karol Bagh Delhi and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person **Sunder Nath** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Sunder Nath,** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said person **Sunder Nath accused of Case reg No. 7801/2019, U/s 138 NI ACT PS Karol Bagh, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **29.07.2024.**

By order
Ms. Divya Gupta
Metropolitan Magistrate,Room No.2
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/8108/CD/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) **Yamin, S/o:** Yakub Khan, **R/o:** H. No-44/2, Bhagirathi Vihar, **Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **FIR No. 252/2018, U/s. 379/34 IPC, P.S.: Khajuri Khas, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) **Yamin** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) **Yamin** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) **Yamin** of **FIR No. 252/2018, U/s. 379/34 IPC, P.S.: Khajuri Khas, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **23.08.2024**.

By Order
Sukhjeet Singh,
Metropolitan Magistrate-03
Room No. 22 North-East Distt
Karkardooma Court , Delhi

DP/8174/NE/2024 (Court Matter)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male Namely Unknown **S/o** Unknown, **R/o** Unknown, **Age:** 50 years, **Height:** 5'4", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Beard :** White & Black, **Wearing:** White coloured kurta, Payjama and Slipper in feet, was found unconscious on 23.06.2024 at 2:48 PM from Near Power House, Ajmeri Gate side, New Delhi Railway Station & admitted in LHMC Hospital by Private Ambulance vide MLC No.1511/2024, during the treatment Doctors declared him dead. The dead body has been preserved for 72 hours at the mortuary of LHMC Hospital for identification. In this regard a **DD No.31A dated 23.06.2024 u/s 174 Cr.PC** has been lodged at P.S. **New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi**
If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

SHO
P.S. New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi
Ph. No.: 011-23744073
Mob.: 8750871305, 9811598008

DP/8146/RLY/2024

Appeal for Identification



General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name:** Unknown, **S/o** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age**: about 35 Years, **Height:** 5'8", **Complexion:** Shallow, **ID Mark:** A mole on Chin Right Side. **Wearing :** Sky Blue T-Shirt Blue Jeans pant found dead Near Gol Chakkar, Nehru Park Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi On 18.06.2024 at 3.30 PM. In this regard **DD No.88A, dated 18.06.2024** has been lodged at PS: Kirti Nagar, New Delhi.
Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.
Any, person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S., Kirti Nagar, New Delhi
Ph.: 011-25438719, 8708246223

DP/8201/WD/2024

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male (depicted in the photo) name **Unknown** S/o **Unknown, R/o Unknown**, age 38-40 years. He was Found Dead Near NH24 Khichripur Colony, **Delhi** on 20.06.2024 at 10:57 AM **DD No.** 35A, **Dt 20.06.2024**, has been lodged at **P.S. Kalyanpuri, Delhi** His physical description is as under.

Sex: Male, **Age:** 38-40 years, **Height:** 5'6" **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Grey T-Shirt & Khaki Pant. Any person having information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address and telephone number:-

S.H.O
PS: Kalyanpuri, Delhi
Ph No.: 01122772287, 8750871830

DP/8062/ED/2024

SEARCH FOR MISSING



Deepansh Sinsinwar

General Public is hereby informed that one Male (depicted in the photo) namely **DEEPANSH SINSINWAR S/o** Sh. Ajay Singh **R/o** G-13, Police Colony, Mehram Nagar, Delhi Cantt., New Delhi **Age**-21 Years has been reported missing since 24.06.2024 at about 12:00 AM from his Residence vide **DD No. 39A Dated 24.06.2024** registered at **Police Station Delhi Cantt. South West Distt., New Delhi**. His physical description is as under:

Complexion: Fair, **Height:** 5'8" **Face:** Long, **Build:** Normal, **Hair:** Black, **Clothing:** White & Black Colour T-Shirt, Blue Jeans and Sports Shoes on his feet.
Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing male but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing male, please inform to the following.

SHO,
Police Station Delhi Cantt.
South West Distt., New Delhi
Ph.: 7065036229, 9555166123

Website: https://cbi.nic.in
DP/8179/SW/2024

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Name:** Unknown, **S/o** Unknown, **R/o** Unknown, **Age :** About 60 years, **Height :** 5'3", **Complexion:** Shallow, wearing light yellow colour linedaar shirt and brown colour pant was found dead on 18.06.2024 from Near Babusa Chowk, Bus Stand, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 96A dated 18.06.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Begumpur, Delhi.

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

SHO - P.S. Begumpur, Delhi.
Tel. No. 011-27579030, 27579031,
8750870323, 9311439793

DP/8234/RD/2024

Appeal for Identification



General public is hereby informed that one person **Namely:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 50 Yrs., **Height:** 5'2", **Sex:** Male, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing:** Black Colour Shirt and Brown Colour Pant, **Place of Recovery:** Found Dead near Baba Ramdev Mandir, Park Tigri. The dead body of deceased has been preserved in AAIMS Hospital Mortuary for identification.

In this regard **DD No. 74A, Dated 10.06.2024** has been lodged at **Police Station: Tigri, New Delhi**. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO
P.S.: Tigri, New Delhi
Ph.: 8750870834

DP/8191/SD/2024

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male (depicted in the photo) name **Unknown** S/o **Unknown** residence and family is **Unknown** age 48-50 years. He was found Dead Libaspur under pass Bhalswa Dairy on 18.06.2024 , **DD No.** 60A, **Dt 18.06.2024**, has been lodged at **P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi.** His physical description is as under.

Sex: Male, **Age:** 48-50 years, **Height:** 5'2" **Complexion:** Black, **Wearing:** Grey T-Shirt & Black Lower. Any person having information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address and telephone number:-

S.H.O
PS: Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi
Ph No.: 7065036328

DP/7910/ON/2024

SEARCH FOR MISSING



MUKHATAR

General Public is hereby informed that one Male (depicted in the photo) namely **MUKHATAR S/o** Sh. HARUN **R/o** H.No. 14, Gali No.-01, Jatav Chowk, Saboli, Gadda, Delhi, **Age**-28 Years has been reported missing since 23.06.2024 at about 8:00 PM from H Near Gagan Cinema, Nand Nagri, Delhi vide **DD No. 96A Dated 25.06.2024** registered at **Police Station Nand Nagri, Delhi**. His physical description is as under:

Complexion: Wheatish, **Height:** 5'6" **Face:** Round, **Build:** Medium, **Clothing:** Blue Colour T-Shirt, Blue Colour Lower and Slippers on his feet.
Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing male but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing male, please inform to the following.

SHO,
Police Station Nand Nagri, Delhi
Ph.: 011-22583307, 011-22585985
and 8750870733

Website: https://cbi.nic.in
DP/8227/NE/2024

भारतीय अन्तर्देशीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण
INLAND WATERWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
(Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Govt. of India)
P.O.-Gulzharbagh, Gaighat, Patna-800007, Tel.: 0612-2310026
Website: http://iwai.nic.in, E-mail: iwaiptn@rediffmail.com, dirpat@iwai.gov.in

SAGARMALA

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender no.: IWAI/PTN/17(106)/Office Shifting/VNS/2024-25

Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), Gaighat, Gulzarbagh invites online bids/ tenders from reputed and experienced contractors for Work for dismantling of existing office setup, shifting and setting up the same at New premises of IWAI Varanasi Sub office.

1.	Date for start downloading and submission of the tender documents	26.06.2024 at 1530 hrs.
2.	Last Date & time for submission of Online Bids/tender	02.07.2024 at 1500 hrs.
3.	Date & time for online opening of Tender	03.07.2024 at 1530 hrs.

The tender document can be downloaded at : **http://iwai.nic.in** and **http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app** but online submission will be through **http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app**

Sd/-
Director

SAMAGRA SHIKSHANA-KARNATAKA

Office of the State Project Director,
New Public Offices Annexe Building,
Nrupathunga Road, K.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560001.

No. SSK/QMT /Science kit/2023-24 **Date: 24.06.2024**

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal Only)

Samagra Shikshana - Karnataka has invited tender through e- procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for supply of Science Kits to 7228 Government Primary and High Schools of 18 districts of Karnataka state for the year 2024-25 through eligible firms/agencies.Last date of submission of tender : **11.07.2024 @ 5:00 pm**

Sd/-
State Project Director
Samagra Shikshana-Karnataka

DIPR/CP/JA/578/2024-25

Government of Punjab
(Department of Health & Family Welfare)

Bid Ref No:- E-tender/ PHSC/Proc/2024/150

The Punjab Health Systems Corporation, SAS Nagar (Mohali) invites online bids for the Rate Contract of various types of Glasswares ie **Test Tubes, Beakers, Conical Flat Bottom Flask, Measuring Cylinders, Filtering Funnel, Glass Bottles, Petri Plates etc** as per list enumerated in the tender document available on the website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.

Date, time and Place of pre bid conference	:	08.07.2024 at 11:30 am in the Committee Room of Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Punjab School Education Board Building, 2nd Floor, E-Block, Mohali-160062. Phone No. 0172-2232245, 2232247
Closing Date and Time	:	25.07.2024 till 11:30 am

For details log on https://eproc.punjab.gov.in).

Note : Any Corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only. No separate communication shall be given to any of the bidders. All the prospective bidders are advised to check the website regularly.

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MANAGING DIRECTOR
PHSC Mohali

Advt.No.phsc/12/373/2023/34983

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Chief Engineer/Construction (North), North Central Railway, Prayagraj on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following works with closing date/time as mentioned below. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Brief Description of work: Construction of 2 lane ROB with approached in lieu of LC No. 48 at km 38/2-3 and LC No. 61 at km 49/2-3 between Barhan- Etah section under Dy.CE/C/Kanpur on Prayagraj division of North Central Railway.

Tender No.	Approximate cost	Amount of EMD	Cost of Tender Document
CNB2024202510	₹93.79 Crore	₹48,39,300/-	Nil

Tender closing date: 22.07.2024 at **15.00** hours. **Completion period:** 18 months. **Note: 1.** The complete information along with tender document of above E-works tender will be available on website on **https:/ireps.gov.in** up to **13.30 hrs** on the due date of tender opening. **2.** Bids, other than in the form of E-Bids, shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Class-III Digital Signature Certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **3.** Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form / letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. **4.** Documents being attached should be signed by the tenderer. **5.** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached.

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Uttarakhand Landslide Mitigation and Management Center (ULMMC)

Under Department of Disaster Management & Rehabilitation (Government of Uttarakhand)
4 Subhash Road, Uttarakhand Secretariat,
Dehradun-248001, Uttarakhand
Email id: ulmmc.ddn@gmail.com

NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR BIDS

REFERENCE No. 136/03/ GOODS /ULMMC/2024 **DATE:** 26.06.2024

Uttarakhand Landslide Mitigation & management Center (ULMMC) intends to procure Laptops, Desktop Computers and Printers for Uttarakhand Landslide Mitigation & Management center, Dehradun, UTTARAKHAND. Hence Bids are invited for the following Packages and the bid documents of which, can be downloaded from the website **https://uktenders.gov.in.** A complete set of bidding documents in English may be downloaded by interested eligible bidders from the website **https://uktenders.gov.in** which will be available from **27/June/2024** to **27/July/2024**. Bids must be submitted online on the website **https://uktenders.gov.in** on or before **12:00 PM, 27/July/2024**. Bids will be opened on **27/July/2024** at **4:30 PM.**

S.No.	Package No.	Name of Package
1.	01/ GOODS/RFB/ / ULMMC/2024	Procurement of Laptops, Desktop Computers and Printers

Note:- 1. The corrigendum for the above packages will be uploaded on website **www.uktenders.gov.in**
2. Email id ulmmc.ddn@gmail.com may be contacted for any information related to the bids.

Dr. Ranjit Kumar Sinha
Director General

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Criteria for selection based on handling capacity (A) Upto ₹1 Crore (B) From ₹1 Crore - ₹10 Crore (C) ₹10 Crore – ₹100 Crore (D) Above ₹100 crore.

Companies with a proven track record of at least 3 years of working for NHAI / MORTH projects can submit their company profile, statutory documents (PAN, GST, MSME, Bank details), last 3 years turnover & net worth certificate via email to **invitevendor@interiseprojects.com**. Details of various tenders with templates for submission are available on our website **www.interiseworld.com**

Drop box: **Interise Project Management Pvt Ltd**, 5th Floor, SKCL - Tech Square, Lazer St, South Phase, SIDCO Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032 Tamil Nadu, India; Tel: +91 44 4398 6000.

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Open E-Tender Notice

The following **e-Tenders** can be accessed under the link **www.ireps.gov.in.** Offers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link **www.ireps.gov.in → login → E-Tender Stores/Supply**. Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or IREPS related information if any, Dy.CMM/HQ/CLW/ Chittaranjan, **0341-2525594** or SMM/CON/HQ, **0341-2535631**. **Office Address:** Office of the PCMM /CLW/ Chittaranjan. **[A] No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162 Date: 21/06/2024. Sl. No.; Tender No.; Brief Description of Item; Quantity; Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees); Tender Closing Date & Time (IST)** are as follow: **[1]; 70240051A;** Main Transformer 6531 KVA Type ABB LOT 6500 or similar for WAG-9 Loco As Per Specn. No. CLW/ES/3/0456/J, CLW/ES/3/0507 (For Transformer Tank) and CLW/ES/3 /0508 For (Conservator Tank) With 350 Liters Oil Separately Provided For Filling Up Oil Pipes and Other Accessories. [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **761.00 Set;** ₹ 5000000.00; **18/07/2024 at 11:00 AM. [2]; 75243922;** 2KG Portable CO2-TYPE Fire Extinguisher And Bracket Assembly. As Per CLW's Drg./Specn No. CLW/MS/3/016 ALT-2 and 1209-13.240-025 Alt-4. [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **1913.00 Numbers;** ₹ 122150.00; **22/07/2024 at 11:00 AM. [B] No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162 Date: 22/06/2024. Sl. No.; Tender No.; Brief Description of Item; Quantity; Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees); Tender Closing Date & Time (IST)** are as follow: **[1]; 81240231;** Anaerobic Adhesive (3 B1103) or Similar As Per Specification No. 4TMS.095.018 Rev-1, STR NO. CLW/TM/22600 Rev.1 (Shelf Life 06 Months) [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **143.42 Litre;** ₹ 0.00; **25/07/2024 at 11:00 AM. [2]; 81240266;** Primer G-790 Of Wacker Metroark Chemicals Or Equivalent Specification No. 4TMS.096.095 Alt-1, STR No. CLW/TM/STR/0266 Rev-1 (SHLEF LIFE 12 MONTHS) [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **598.00 Kg;** ₹ 0.00; **01/08/2024 at 11:00 AM. [C] No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162 Date: 24/06/2024. Sl. No.: [1]. Tender No.:75241009. Brief Description of Item:** Gasket Metallic for G-9/P-7, Spec no/Drg.no-1209-11.439-044 Alt.-1. [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]. **Quantity: 81699.00 Numbers. Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees)**: ₹ 0.00. **Tender Closing Date & Time (IST): 15/07/2024 at 11:00 AM.**

PR6/486 PCMM/CLW/Chittaranjan

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PMGSY Tenders

Bharat Nirman through Rural Roads
Chief Engineer (Shimla Zone) HPPWD Nirman Bhawan Nigam Vihar
Shimla H.P., 171002

UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)

Notice Inviting Tender

1. The Superintending Engineer, 11th Circle, HPPWD, Rampur Distt. Shimla (HP)-172001 on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system, for construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for each of the following works including their maintenance for five years from the eligible and approved contractors registered with CPWD, HPPWD, P&T, Railway and other State Govt. or Central Govt. Non-registered bidders may submit bids; however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.

Sr. No.:- 1 **Name of Distt.:-** Kullu **Package No.:-** HP-06-323 **Name of work :-** Balance work of link road from Kutal (Bashad) to Sharshah Km 0/000 to 10/000 (SH:- C/O Retaining walls, breast walls, Parapets, PCC side drain, metalling & tarring and routine maintenance for five year after completion). **Estimated Cost (in lacs):- Const. cost:-** 10606767 **Estimated Cost (in lacs) Maint. cost:-** 5881386 **Total cost (in lacs):-** 16488153 **Period of completion (in days):-** 180 **Bid Security :-** 330000

2. Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement **24.06.2024.**
3. **Cost of Form:** Rs. 5000/- per package (non-refundable) only in form of Demand Draft in favour of Executive Engineer, Outer Seraj Division Nirmand.
4. **Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:** The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website www.pmgsytenders.gov.in the bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in PMGSY may obtain the same from the website: www.pmgsytenders.gov.in.
5. **Submission of Original Documents:** The bidders are required to submit (a) online print towards the cost of bid document and (b) online print bid security and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provision of Clause 4.4B(a) (ii) of ITB with Superintending Engineer, 11th Circle, HP.PWD, Rampur Bsr Distt. Shimla HP-172001, on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand.
6. **Last Date/ Time for receipt of bids through e-tendering: 29.06.2024 upto 1000 hours.**
7. The site for the work is available.
8. Only online submission of bids is permitted, therefore; bids must be submitted online on website www.pmgsytenders.gov.in. The technical qualification part of the bids will be opened online at 1100 hours on **29.06.2024** by the authorized officers. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bid as specified, the bids will be opened online on the nest working day at the same time.
9. The bidder is not required to quote his rate for routine maintenance. The rates to be paid for routine maintenance are indicated in the Bill of Quantities. Further, the payment for routine maintenance to the contractor shall be regulated bases on his performance of maintenance activities.
10. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than ninety days after the deadline date for bid submission.
11. Bidders may bid for any one or more of the works mentioned in the Table above. To qualify for a package of contracts made up of this and other contracts for which bids are invited in the same NIT, the bidder must demonstrate having experience and resources sufficient to meet the aggregate of the qualifying criteria for the individual contracts.
12. Other detail can be seen in the bidding documents. The Employer shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the tender without declaring any reason.

Signature and Designation of the authority inviting bids for and on behalf of Governor of H.P.
Superintending Engineer
11th Circle HPPWD.,
Rampur Bushahr
Distt. Shimla (HP)
Fax: 01782-233167
Tel: 01782-233044

Advt.No.:-0362/25/06/2024. **HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK**

DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS SAMBA

"LOOK OUT NOTICE"

SHO P/S Bari Brahmana has intimated vide his letter No. 1192/5-1/PSBB Dated 09-06-2024, that on 07-06-2024 one girl namely Payal D/O Kamlesh Kumar R/O Bangati Tehsil & District Chamba H.P A/P Bari Brahmana has been missing from Bari Brahmana area and her missing report has been entered vide DDR No. 14 dated 09-06-2024 at P/S Bari Brahmana. Her search was conducted but not traced out till date. Through the medium of this LOOK OUT NOTICE, it is informed to all the Police Establishments/General Public that any information related to the missing girl may be communicated on following contacts :-

1. **PCR Samba - 01923-246333, 9541649001**
2. **SSP Samba's email ID :** sspsamba@jkpolice.gov.in
3. **SHO P/S Bari Brahmana :- 94191-38824**

The description roll along with photograph of missing girl is as under :-

Name :-	Payal
Father Name :-	Kamlesh Kumar
Address :-	Bangati Tehsil & District Chamba H.P, A/P Bari Brahmana
Height :-	5 feet 04 inch feet (approx)
Complexion :-	Fair
Built :-	Medium
Age :-	23 years
Face :-	Round
Language :-	Hindi/ Dogri



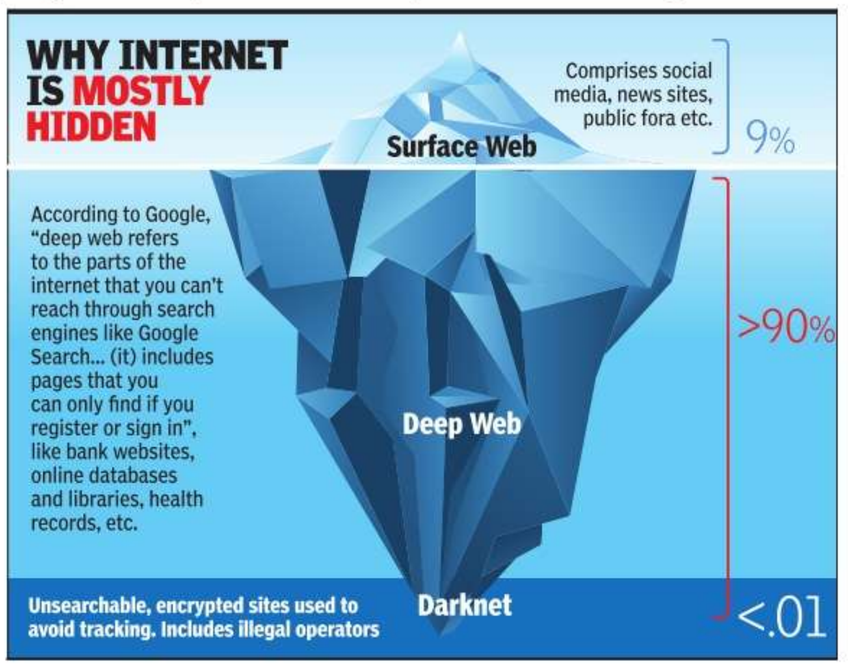
No. CB/Look/2024/
Dated :- .06.2024
DIP No:DIP/J-1912/24/25/06/2024

Sd/-
Sr. Superintendent of Police, Samba.

When NEET met darknet, the web you may not know about

It's A Haven For Crusaders And Crooks Looking To Cover Their Tracks. For NTA Officials Grappling With Paper-Leak Crisis, It's Become A Big Headache

TIMES NEWS NETWORK



When you use a web browser — Google, Bing, Firefox, Safari — to go online, you are surfing what can be called the 'surface' web. This is mainly the internet made up of sites that use the domain name system, or DNS, which converts intelligible hostnames, like google.com, into internet protocol (IP) addresses (mostly numbers or alphanumeric code). These sites are searchable by a browser, which indexes their content to be able to return relevant results when you type in keywords.

To be discoverable by a browser means that traffic to such websites can be monitored and it is possible for network administrators to see who all visited a particular site and what they did there. But there are websites that may not want to be discoverable to the public at large. These occupy the layer of the internet that lies below the 'surface' and is known as the 'deep' web. The 'darknet', or dark web, sits a little deeper. In fact, it's the deepest part of the 'deep' web.

What Is Deep Web?

The 'deep' web may contain the darknet but it is not itself necessarily dark. There's much that goes on online that is access-restricted and available only to authorised persons, like customer details with banks, health information stored by hospitals, etc. Thus, databases that are not connected to the wider web, and intranets — or internal networks used by govts, businesses, and other institutions — are what mostly make up the deep web. While these websites don't welcome general traffic, there is nothing illegal about them.

The darknet is the layer beneath the deep net, inhabited by sites that are specifically looking to avoid detection by the general public and internet regulators. According to Google, "the deep web includes 90% of the internet, while the dark web likely includes less than 0.01%".

What Makes Darknet 'Dark'?

What really sets darknet apart from the deep web is the mode of accessing it, with anonymity being key. A darknet site implies that it is not indexed and is accessible only through specialised software. The commonly used browser for accessing darknet is Tor, short for 'The Onion Router'. This browser, which can be downloaded for free, was developed by US military as a means to enable secure communication among the American intelligence community.

It hides details of sites visited and online activity by routing traffic through multiple layers (hence, the 'onion' in its name). Tor also allows hosting of web pages using the .onion domain name. This domain name, just like the browser, enables anonymity for websites and servers, protecting the identity of both the website and visitors to it through layers of encryption. That makes it nearly impossible to trace the country from where such a site is being operated. There are other similar browsers, like I2P.

If the darknet needs special browsers it's also impossible to search using common search engines. The principle on which the likes of Google and Bing work doesn't apply to sites using the .onion domain name. One has to use special darknet search engines but, given that darknet websites do not want to be easily discovered, these search engines may not always return optimum results.

Who Uses The Darknet?

The anonymity and untraceability of sites and activity on the darknet means that it is the go-to tool for anybody who wants to hide their identity from regulators and authorities. This includes not only whistleblowers and activists living under repressive regimes but also criminals offering illegal services on the internet. It was reported that the paper for the UGC-NET exam, which has been scrapped, was leaked on the darknet for Rs 6 lakh.

TOI Explains

Interestingly, the likes of Facebook, too, have a .onion website to enable people to browse it in countries (for instance, China) where its access is blocked. According to Norton, the maker of antivirus software, "as many as 70.8% of users claim to use the Tor browser for anonymity, 62.3% said they use it for additional security, and 27.1% use it out of curiosity about the dark web".

Is It Legal, Safe To Use?

While darknet browsers are not illegal in many countries, including India, their use implies a desire to hide one's tracks. So, even if it is for accessing a social media website, if it is blocked under a certain jurisdiction, one may fall afoul of govt authorities. Again, many of the websites on the darknet may themselves be banned for hosting illegal content, accessing which can land one in trouble.

As Kaspersky, another antivirus maker, points out, "there is a clear danger of becoming govt target for simply visiting a dark website" as that raises questions about the purpose of covering one's online tracks. Also, darknet activity may not be as untraceable as one would like to think. While "illegal drug marketplaces like the Silk Road have been hijacked for police surveillance", experts say that despite multiple layers on Tor, "your ISP can still see that you're connected".

Source: Google, media reports

US seeking accountability from India in Pannun case, says official

Delhi Looking At Potential 'Institutional Reforms': US Dy Secy Of State

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Reuters



The US has been asking India for updates on its probe into the Pannun murder plot, deputy secretary of state Kurt Campbell said. His remarks are significant as India has so far said nothing about the probe outcome

New Delhi: The US has been consistently asking New Delhi for updates on its probe into the alleged involvement of an Indian official in the murder-for-hire plot against Sikh separatist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, as it seeks accountability from India, deputy secretary of state Kurt Campbell said on Wednesday.

Campbell, who met foreign secretary Vinay Kwatra and deputy NSA Vikrim Misri during his visit to India last week, further said "Indian colleagues" are looking carefully at what potential "institutional reforms" might be necessary in the wake of some of the allegations and reports in the media. He was responding to a question on whether the US would accept the unconfirmed 'rogue agent theory' reported in the media.

The remarks are significant as India has so far said nothing about the outcome of its probe. Campbell said India has been responsive to concerns raised by the US about the foiled attempt to murder Pannun, a US national.

According to Campbell, the two countries are presently having a constructive dialogue on the issue. "We've made clear that we seek accountability from the govt of India," he said in a virtual interaction with Indian journalists from Washington. "And we have consistently asked for updates on the Indian investigation. And I would just simply say we raised the issues directly with the Indian govt at the most senior levels."

Campbell was in India last week with NSA Jake Sullivan for talks mainly focused on the initiative on critical and emerging technology (iCET). This is the first time either of them has spoken publicly about the plot since the visit. The US has officially not confirmed if the Pannun issue was raised in Sullivan and Campbell's engagements here.

Asked if India's ties with Russia could come in the way of cooperation in sensitive technology sectors, Campbell said the US has expressed concern about it and the two sides remain clear what areas are affected by the continued military relationship between India and Russia.

"I think we will take what steps we can to mitigate some of those engagements. And we have expressed some concerns, but at the same time, we have confidence and trust in India and we're seeking to advance our partnership in technology," said the official.

"I do want to underscore that the US and India are both great powers. We have many areas of alignment, but it is not surprising that there would be areas where we had different perspectives. And I think in the context of our strategic partnership, what's been important is our ability to share views on areas where we occasionally have disagreement, and seek where possible to narrow those areas where there are differences," added Campbell.

EAM meets Myanmar dy PM, flags violence along border

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: In a rare meeting with Myanmar deputy PM and foreign minister U Than Shwe, who transited through Delhi on Wednesday, EAM S Jaishankar expressed deep concern about the impact of continuing violence and instability in Myanmar on the Indian border. Jaishankar said he particularly flagged illegal narcotics, arms smuggling and trafficking of persons as priority challenges and sought cooperation for early return of Indian nationals trapped in Myawaddy.

He said India is open to engaging all stakeholders in addressing this situation and pressed for credible security protection for India's projects in Myanmar. "Urged early return to the path of democratic transition in Myanmar. India stands ready to help in any manner," the EAM said.

This was possibly the first time there was an acknowledgement publicly by India about its engagement with a senior leader of the military junta. In a tough diplomatic stance, India has maintained ties with the regime because of the need to cooperate for checking activities of insurgents active in border areas.

India steps up training of foreign military personnel to boost ties

Rajat.Pandit@timesgroup.com

New Delhi: From basic infantry skills and seamanship to operating advanced weapon systems and platforms like diesel-electric submarines and supersonic fighter jets, India is cranking up training of foreign military personnel to strengthen defence ties with countries.

The focus is on training cadets and personnel from "friendly foreign countries" part of Asean, in the Gulf and Africa, apart from the neighbourhood, in various Indian military establishments and academies. As part of the outreach to Gulf countries like UAE, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar and Bahrain, for instance, as many as 76 Saudi cadets have begun sea training at the Southern Naval Command at Kochi. Similarly, personnel from 26 countries in Africa, where China has made huge strategic inroads, regularly attend courses in Army's academies.

India has also been steadily deepening ties with Asean countries like Singapore, Vietnam, Indonesia and the Philippines through regular joint exercises and military exchanges, with an eye firmly on an expansionist China.

CHANDIGARH POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE

Paryavaran Bhawan, Madhya Marg, Sector 19-B, Chandigarh-160019
Ph - 0172-2700311, E-mail - cpcc-chd@nic.in Website: cpcc.chd.gov.in

Notice for Pubic Hearing

It is for the information of all concerned that project proponent Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh has proposed a project of "Integrated Solid Waste Management (ISWM) Facility at Dadu Majra, Chandigarh".

The project is covered under the ambit of Environment Impact Assessment Notification No. S.O. 1533 (E) dated 14th Sep, 2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi and thus Environmental Clearance is mandatory for the proposed project. Accordingly the project proponent has applied to the concerned authority for Environmental Clearance.

As a part of procedure for seeking the Environmental clearance, as notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi vide Notification No. S.O. 1533 (E), dated 14.09.2006, as amended till date, the project proponent mentioned above has applied to the Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee for conducting a Public Hearing for its above said proposed project of Integrated Solid Waste Management (ISWM) Facility at Dadu Majra, Chandigarh. **Accordingly the Public Hearing for the** above said project has been fixed on 30.07.2024 at 11.00 am in the Community Centre, Sector-38 (West), Chandigarh.

Copies of executive summary of the project and EIA study report, submitted by the project proponent, are available in the following offices, which can be perused during office hours, on any working day :-

1. Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee, Paryavaran bhawan, Madhya Marg, Sector 19-B, Chandigarh.
2. Deputy Commissioner, Chandigarh, Estate office, Sector-17, Chandigarh.
3. Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, Sector-17, Chandigarh.
4. Director, Industries, Chandigarh, plot no. 39, Phase-II, Industrial area, Chandigarh.
5. Regional office of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Sector-31, Chandigarh.

Notice is hereby given to all concerned to file suggestions, views, comments and objections, if any, on the proposed project, to the Member Secretary, Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee, Paryavaran bhawan, Madhya Marg, Sector 19-B, Chandigarh, within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Besides, a Public Hearing will also be held on the Date, Time & Venue mentioned above which can be attended by any person including Environmental Groups, bonafide residents and others located at site likely to be affected. Oral/Written suggestions if any can also be made during the Public Hearing.

No TA/DA will be admissible for attending the public hearing.

Saurabh Kumar, IFS
Member Secretary

Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC)

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of Operator for managing water meter reading, on spot billing, user charge collection and improving coverage of water connections. (Second Call)

E-Tender Notice No 1/2024-25

Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation invites online RFP for " Selection of Operator for managing water meter reading, on spot billing, user charge collection and improving coverage of water connections (Second Call) within the limits of Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation,", The detailed e-tender document for the above is available at https://mahatenders.gov.in The duration of work is 36 months for implementation phase and Operations to enhance its water billing system and integrating it with SCADA, GIS database of consumers / property connections for the citizens in the city & use of AI & ML for Data Analytics for strategic informed decision

In that context, PCMC invites interested entities having experience as envisaged in the RFP document, to submit their proposal. Interested entities can download the RFP document from the website https://mahatenders.gov.in Interested entities shall make **online payment of Rs. 37,430/-** towards the cost of RFP document and bid security/ earnest money deposit of **Rs. 20,50,615/-** at the time of submission of its proposal through the e- tendering system.

The last date of submission of bid will be dt. 11/07/2024

Sd/-
Addl. Commissioner (1)
Pimpri Chinchwad Muncipal Corporation

ADV NO-38

Bihar Museum Society, Patna

Govt. of Bihar

(An Autonomous Organization Under the Department of Art, Culture and Youth, Government of Bihar, Registered Under Societies Registration Act, 21, 1860)

NOTICE

Tender Notice with **PR Number 016911 (Art & Culture),** 2023-2024 dated **9th February 2024 with ID 133085, dated 6th February 2024** for Comprehensive Facility Management, Maintenance and Operation contract (for 5 years) of Patna Museum, Buddha Marg, Patna, on outsource which was published in News Papers and Website, is hereby cancelled due to administrative reasons. A fresh tender will be published/ floated shortly.

(Ranbeer Singh Rajput)
Additional Director Admin (I/C)
Bihar Museum, Patna

PR- 002596 (Youth, Art & Culture) 2024-25

नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार।

नगर निगम, प्रयागराज।
ई-निविदा सूचना

वॉकी-टॉकी उपलब्ध कराये जाने हेतु प्रथम चरण में 85 अदद Walkie-talkie hand held device with display & keypad with Video Calling & Video Monitoring के क्रय हेतु वित्तीय रूप से सुदृढ़/इच्छुक एवं अनुभवी (डीजल पम्प के अधिकृत डीलर) फर्मों से दुअल बिड ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है, विस्तृत विवरण निविदा प्रपत्र वेबसाइट में उपलब्ध रहेगा। निविदा प्रपत्र उत्तर प्रदेश की ई-प्रक्योरमेन्ट की वेबसाइट http://etender.up.nic.in से प्राप्त एवं देखे जा सकते हैं। निविदा के साथ मांग की गयी जमानत की धनराशि सी0डी0आर0/एफ0डी0आर0, जो प्रभारी अधिकारी, कर्मशाला, नगर निगम, प्रयागराज के नाम प्लेज्ड हो। निविदा प्रकाशन के निर्धारित तिथि के एक दिन पूर्व तक निविदा शुल्क की धनराशि नगर निगम, प्रयागराज के इण्डस्ण्ड बैंक, सिविल लाइन्स, प्रयागराज शाखा में टेण्डर कॉस्ट खाता संख्या- 100116210130 व IFSCode-INDB0000124 में जमा करना होगा। जिसकी रसीद तथा जमानत धनराशि का सी0डी0आर0/एफ0डी0आर0 की स्कैन कॉपी निविदा के साथ अपलोड करना अनिवार्य होगा। उक्त की अनुपस्थिति में निविदा अवैध मानी जायेगी। किसी भी समय निविदा स्वीकृत/अस्वीकृत करने का अधिकार नगर आयुक्त महोदय को सुरक्षित होगा। निविदा खोले जाने की तिथि को किसी कारणवश अवकाश होने पर निविदा तिथि अगला कार्य-दिवस मानी जायेगी।

निविदा अपलोड करने की तिथि	02.07.2024	अपरान्ह 4:00 बजे से
निविदा अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि	19.07.2024	अपरान्ह 2.00 बजे तक
निविदा खोलने की तिथि	19.07.2024	सायंकाल 4.00 बजे तक

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1	वॉकी-टॉकी उपलब्ध कराये जाने हेतु प्रथम चरण में 85 अदद Walkie-talkie hand held device with display & keypad with Video Calling & Video Monitoring का क्रय	5,000.00 + 18 प्रतिशत जी.एस.टी.	रु0 58,500.00

नोट:- नियम व शर्तों का विस्तृत विवरण वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध रहेगा।

मुख्य अभियन्ता (वि/यां)
नगर निगम, प्रयागराज।

Karmayogi Bharat

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RECRUITMENT UNDER KARMAYOGI BHARAT

Karmayogi Bharat, a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) under DoPT requires experienced professionals for the following posts under Mission Karmayogi

Sl. No.	Position	Number of Post	Level of Pay
1.	General Manager- Information Security	One (1)	E6
2.	General Manager- Infrastructure	One (1)	E6

The candidates desirous to apply are requested to refer to the detailed advertisement available on organization's website (https://karmayogibharat.gov.in/careers.php). The last date for submission of application is 03.07.24.

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer

CBC 32201/11/0003/2425

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(A GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKING)
SANTARAFUR, BHUBANESWAR - 751002.
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NIT No. OSSC/ Mktg (Hort)-100/2024

Short e-Tender Call Notice for Procurement of Certified Seed Potato for Kharif-2024

OSSC Ltd. invites e-Tender only from Producers (and in case of GOI PSUs, their authorized Agencies) on item wise rate contract basis **for Procurement of Certified Seed potato for Kharif-2024** in double cover system through online mode only for the work below.

Name of the work	Purchase of Certified Seed Potato for Kharif-2024
No of work	One
Availability of bid documents in portal	15.00 hours on dt. 27.06.2024 to 17.00hrs of dt. 05.07.2024
Last date of receipt of tender in portal	17.00 hrs of dt.05.07.2024
Date and time opening of Bid	10.30 lirs of dt. 06.07.2024

The detailed descriptions of crops, varieties, quantity, parameters, terms and conditions and other details of tender specified in the tender schedule would be made available in the e-Tender portal www.tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum/ corrigendum/ cancellation can also be seen in the said website.

Managing Director
OSSC Ltd.

OIPR: 01106/11/0014/2425

Govt. of Bihar

Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd.
(A Government of Bihar Undertaking)
Beltron Bhawan, Shastri Nagar, Patna-800023,
Telephone No. 0612-2281242 Tele Fax No. 0612-2281857
CIN No -U31900BR1978SGC001317
Email: mahendrakumar@bihar.gov.in

e-Tender Notice

Ref. No:-3164/2024

Empanelment of OEMs for Supply and Installation and AMC of All in One (AIO) Computer, Desktop and Laptop

e- Tender is invited by **Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd.** for "Empanelment of OEM for Supply, Installation and AMC of Computer, Laptop and All in One (AIO)" The details of the tender document are available on the
website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in.
Submission of Tender Document (Last Date) 19/07/2024 at 4:00 PM
Last date of bid submission is 19/07/2024 till 4:00 PM.
This information is available on **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar also**

Managing Director

PR. No. 002638 (B & C) 2024-25

नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

ECO-TOURISM SOCIETY OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
UNDER THE AEGIS OF
HIMACHAL PRADESH FOREST DEPARTMENT
(GOVT. OF HIMACHAL PRADESH)

Invites
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
for

SELECTION OF OPERATORS FOR DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, MANAGEMENT/ PROVIDING SERVICES TO RUN ECO-TOURISM ACTIVITIES AT 20 ECO- TOURISM POTENTIAL SITES IN THE STATE OF HIMACHAL PRADESH

"We are not above nature, we are a part of nature"

The Eco-Tourism Society of Himachal Pradesh (**"HPECOSOC"**) under the aegis of Himachal Pradesh Forest Department (**"HPFD"**) is desirous of developing 20 eco-tourism sites in the State of Himachal Pradesh which have a huge potential for eco-tourism activities.

As such, HPECOSOC under HPFD invites bids from interested and eligible bidders for designing/ developing, operating, managing, providing services and maintaining ecotourism facilities & activities at the following eco-tourism sites, for a period of 10 (ten) years, extendable by 5 (five) years subject to certain conditions:

Eco-tourism sites at (1) **Near FRH Kaisdhar, (2) Solang Nallah (3) Gorudugh** under Kullu Forest Division; (4) **Kasol** (5) **Khirganga (Bindravani)** (6) **Sumaropa (7) Shonda Dhar (8) Dhara (9) Garsa Bihal** under Parvati Forest Division; **(10) Shojha (11) Pundrik Rishi Lake** under Banjar Forest Division of Kullu Forest Circle;

Eco-tourism sites at (12) **Swar, (13) Sourav Van Vihar (14) Neugal park, (15) Bir-Billing (16) Rajgundha and (17) Tatwani** under Palampur Forest Division of Dharamshala Forest Circle and

Eco-tourism sites at (18) **Ichhaser (19) Mangla Mata temple (20) Kawaliya Top, Koti** under Shimla Forest Division of Shimla Forest Circle

For further details regarding the detailed scope of work, minimum eligibility criteria, bidding procedure etc. for eco-tourism sites, the interested bidders are required to refer to the RFP/ Bidding Document for eco-tourism sites which will be hosted on the e-procurement portal http://hptenders.gov.in/ on **26.06.2024 and the interested Bidders can download the RFP document from 26.06.2024 onward up to 18.07.2024, 17:00 hrs. For further updates, please visit the portal** http://hptenders.gov.in/ **and the website** https://himachalecotourism.hp.gov.in **periodically as all updates shall be posted there only.**

For queries (if any), please contact
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Ecotourism Society of Himachal Pradesh
Mist Chamber, Khalini,
Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, India
Phone : 0177-2623036, +91-7018504629
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Advt. No. 0103/26.06.2024

Mines and Geology Department

Govt. of Bihar

District- Gopalganj

Notice Inviting E-Auction for Settlement of Sand ghats

(PR NO-000848 (Mines) 2024-25)

(Through E-Procurement mode over https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

बिहार बालू खनन नीति, 2019 (यथा संशोधित) तथा बिहार खनिज (समानुदान, अवैध खनन, परिवहन एवं भंडारण निवारण) नियमावली, 2019 (यथा संशोधित) में उल्लिखित प्रावधानों के तहत बालूघाटों/उप इकाई (विखण्डन के प चात) की अगामी पाँच वर्षो के लिए बंदोबस्ती निम्न कार्यक्रमानुसार करायी जाएगी :–

1. ई–नीलामी कार्यक्रम:–

क्र0 सं0	बालूखण्ड/बालूघाट	ई–नीलामी से पूर्व प्री– बीड बैठक एवं प्रशिक्षण का समय एवं स्थान	निविदा दस्तावेज बिक्री शुल्क (5,000/–रु0) जमाकर निविदा दस्तावेज डाउनलोड प्रारंभ करने की तिथि	अग्रधन राशि एवं ऑक्शन प्रोसेसिंग फीस ऑनलाईन जमा तथा निविदा दस्तावेज अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	तकनीकी निविदा की जाँच/मूल्यांकन कर सफल निविदादाताओं की सूची सिस्टम में संबंधित समाहर्त्ता द्वारा अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि	ई–नीलामी प्रारंभ होने की तिथि एवं समय	ई–नीलामी समाप्ति की तिथि एवं समय
01	SIPAHIYA KHAS KALAMATANIYA -(क)	दिनांक 06.07.2024 को 11:00 बजे पूर्वाहन से गोपालगंज समाहरणालय सभागार	दिनांक 08.07.2024 को 11:00 बजे पूर्वाहन्	दिनांक 20.07.2024 को अपराहन 05:00 बजे तक	दिनांक 29.07.2024 को 05:00 बजे अपराहन् तक	दिनांक 31.07.2024 को 11:00 बजे पूर्वाहन	दिनांक 31.07.2024 को 01:00 बजे अपराहन्
02	SIPAHIYA KHAS KALAMATANIYA -(ख)						
03	RAJWAHI-02 (क)						
04	RAJWAHI-02 (ख)						
05	RAJWAHI-03 (क)						
06	RAJWAHI-03 (ख)						
07	RAJWAHI SEMRAHI-(क)						
08	RAJWAHI SEMRAHI-(ख)						
09	JAGRI TOLA- (क)						
10	JAGRI TOLA- (ख)						
11	SATTAR GHAT - (क)						
12	SATTAR GHAT - (ख)						

1. बालूखण्डों/बालुघाटों की विस्तृत विवरणी जिला के वेबसाईट https://Gopalganj.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है।
2. बालूघाटों की बंदोबस्ती ई–नीलामी प्रक्रिया ई–प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in से करायी जाएगी।
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विस्तृत जानकारी **state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar** से प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

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गोपालगंज

PR- 002584 (Mines) 2024-25

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UTTARAKHAND ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

'Vidyut Niyamak Bhawan', Near ISBT, PO- Majra, Dehradun- 248171

VACANCY NOTICE

The Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission (UERC) invites application for the following vacancies, which is to be filled up on Deputation Basis:

S.N.	Name of Posts	Pay	No. of Post
1	Director (Costing/Licensing)	Pay Matrix Level 13A (₹ 131100-216600)/ Level-15 (₹ 144200-218200)	One (01)

Further details, application format and other instructions can be downloaded from/seen at the Commission's website **www.uerc.gov.in.** Application in prescribed format along with requisite documents are invited from eligible candidates through registered/speed post only latest by **26.07.2024.**

Secretary

Advt. No. – 07/2024-25

JK•PDC

Subject : All Risk comprehensive package Mega Insurance Policy for 900 MW Baglihar HEP Stage-I and II against tender No. JKSPDC/FIN/BI-19/7447787/2024-25/02 of 2024 Dated :- 05-06-2024

CORRIGENDUM–II to the E-NIT no. JKSPDC/FIN/BI-19/7447787/2024-25/02 of 2024 dated :- 05-06-2024

In view of the requests made by the prospective bidders for the extension of date of bid submission for the E-NIT no: JKSPDC/FIN/BI-19/7447787/2024-25/02 of 2024 dated :- 05-06-2024, the last date for submission of e-bids are hereby extended with the details as under :-

S. No.	Event	Date of Extension
1.	Last Date of Bid Submission	01-07-2024 upto 12 Noon
2.	Date of opening of Technical Bid	01-07-2024 at 2.00 PM

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

No: JKSPDC/FIN/INS/2024-25/7447787/1113-24
Dated : 24.06.2024
DIP No:DIP/J-759-P/24/25.06.2024

Deputy General Manager (Finance), JKSPDC

बिहार सरकार

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमंडल बक्सर

शुद्धि–पत्र

इस कार्यालय के ज्ञापांक– 406, दिनांक– 15.03.22024, एवं सूचना जन सम्पर्क विभाग द्वारा प्रकाशित ई0–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–26/2023–024 पी0 आर0 संख्या–020066 (भवन) 2023–024, दिनांक–16.03.2024, पी0 आर0 संख्या–000413 (भवन) 2024–025, दिनांक–03.05.2024, पी0 आर0 संख्या–000980 (भवन) 2024–025, दिनांक–29.05.2024, एवं पी0 आर0 संख्या–001231 (भवन) 2024–025, दिनांक–09.06.2024, जो पचायत सरकार भवनों के निर्माण कार्य से संबंधित है जिसका प्रकाशन दैनिक समाचार पत्रों में हुआ है को अपरिहार्य कारणवश निम्नांकित रूप से संशोधित करते हुए अवधि विस्तारित किया जा रहा है :–

संशोधित (अवधि विस्तारित) तिथि

क्रमांक	विवरण	पूर्व निर्धारित तिथि एवं समय	संशोधित तिथि एवं समय
1	परिमाण विपत्र (अपलोड/डाउनलोड) करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक–15.04.2024 से 27.06.2024 को 15:00 बजे तक।	दिनांक–15.04.2024 से 01.07.2024 को 15:00 बजे तक।
2	निविदा खोलने (तकनीकी बीड) की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक–29.06.2024 को 3.30 बजे अपराहन तक।	दिनांक–04.07.2024 को 3.30 बजे अपराहन तक।
3	वित्तीय बीड खोलने (तकनीकी बीड) की तिथि एवं समय	विभागीय निविदा समिति द्वारा तकनीकी बीड मूल्यांकन के पश्चात।	विभागीय निविदा समिति द्वारा तकनीकी बीड मूल्यांकन के पश्चात।

शेष शर्तें यथावत रहेगा।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
भवन प्रमण्डल, बक्सर

PR. No. 002566 (BCD) 2024-25

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GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
SOCIETY FOR SELF EMPLOYMENT
UNDER DIRECTORATE OF TRAINING & TECHNICAL EDUCATION
MUNI MAYA RAM MARG, PITAMPURA, DELHI-110034
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email ID- sseonline.co@gmail.com

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Applications are invited from interested candidates for under mentioned course. Application form is available at SSE training centre (Plumbing Lab, E-Block Ground Floor, FF Complex Jhandewalan New Delhi-110055) from 24.06.2024 during working hours (Monday to Friday). **Training form will be available at https://tte.delhi.gov.in/ and our training centre free of cost**. Last date for submission of application form alongwith fee, 2 passport size photographs, copy of educational certificates & address proof is 31.07.2024 at our training centre. **Concessional DTC Bus Pass facility will be given to trainees**.

S. No.	Name of the Course	Duration	Course Fee			Eligibility	Name of Training Centre
			Tuition fee	Pupil fund for all	Security fee refundable for all		
1.	Water Engineering (Plumbing)	6 months	SC/ST & Female of Delhi-Nill, General-Rs. 1200	Rs.100	Rs.500	8th pass	Plumbing Lab, E-Block Ground Floor, FF Complex Jhandewalan New Delhi-110055

Note- 1.The fee may also be deposited online in Society for Self Employment A/C No. No.30044533831 IFSC:- SBIN0011358, SBI Shalimar Bagh, Delhi. SC/ST certificate should be of Delhi.

Sd/-
(Smruti Mohapatra)
Asstt. Director (SD)/
Dy. General Manager

DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0104/24-25

Govt. of Bihar

Department of Art, Culture and Youth

Notice for Inviting Tender

Department of Art, Culture and, Youth, GoB invites tender from manpower supply agencies for providing various manpower, outsourcing of manpower as per the current and time to time requirement of the departmentand its units.

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

Sl. No	Information	Details
1.	Download of RFP Document.	From EPROC Website https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/ or From DACY website https://state.bihar.gov.in/yac
2.	Bid Submission Process	Through EPROC website
3.	Start Date of Tender	26/06/2024
4.	Date of pre-bid conference	08/07/ 2024, 04:30 pm at Address : 3rd Floor, Vikas Bhawan (New Secretariate) Nehru Path, Bailey Road, Patna - 800015
5.	Last date of submission of bid on EPROC website	18/07/2024, 04:00 PM
6.	Opening of Technical Bids	18/07/2024, 05:00 PM

Note:

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

Under Secretary
Department of Art, Culture and Youth,
Gov. of Bihar

PR. No. 002556 (Art & Culture) 2024-25

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

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A thought for today

For a change, start by speaking to people rather than walking by them like they're stones that don't matter

MAYA ANGELOU

RaGa On Double Duty

Opposition's new leader in LS also has to keep delivering on the campaign trail

Rahul entered politics and Lok Sabha in 2004. His family name ensured that predictions of a glittering political future were there from that start. And yet it is only now, 20 years on, that he has taken up his first constitutional post – Leader of Opposition in LS. In poor performances in 2014 and 2019, Congress didn't muster enough numbers to claim this spot. In 2024, he is being widely credited not just for Congress coming back as a player of note, but also for INDIA standing solid against BJP. So, after scripting a roller-coaster CV, where he's been written off many times, today he's being trusted with heavy-duty KRAs, one inside and the other outside Parliament.

Alliance jugalbandi | In his welcome speech to the 18th LS Speaker yesterday, Rahul underlined that while it is govt that has "political power", opposition also represents "the voice of India", and this time it represents "significantly more" voice of the Indian people than it did last time. SP, TMC, DMK speeches followed and in tandem. Its bigger numbers naturally have the opposition walking with a bigger vibe. Rahul's KRA is not just to be a better opposition *sutradhar* than the previous leader of Congress in LS, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury. Because that's too low a bar. He has to maximise the INDIA voice in Parliament, constructively and effectively.



Accountability dandia | LoP role will also be constantly scrutinised through the 'Modi vs Rahul' prism. From never having shared a panel, they will now be sitting together to select key functionaries from CBI director to CEC. Rahul will also likely be chairman of the all-important Public Accounts Committee that examines CAG reports and can also seek probes from govt. It has to be seen if there's a follow-through of the combative stance that has brought him electoral success, in his new parliamentary responsibilities. And if this ends up making govt more accountable.

Constitution song | There are assembly elections coming up in Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Haryana and J&K, and early next year, Delhi. For Congress and INDIA to maintain electoral momentum, Rahul will have to be really out on the campaign trail as well. Can he stay on two treadmills non-stop, à la Modi? From 10,000km worth of yatras to building a Constitution-upholding brand, Rahul has got many things right of late. But at root, it is about his communication with voters finally working well. This is where he cannot afford any slackening.

Jail Mustn't Be The Norm

Twists in Kejriwal case urgent reminder that question of bail mustn't get entangled in procedural knots

Supreme Court, on Monday, considered "unusual" Delhi high court's decision to reserve its order on ED's appeal against Kejriwal's bail. Yesterday, one had to wonder what the top court would have had to say about the timing of Kejriwal's arrest by CBI in the same excise policy case, albeit a separate strand. The arrest came just as SC was to hear his appeal against HC's stay on his bail in the ED case. CBI and ED should, of course, not work at cross purposes. But what happened on Tuesday night doesn't appear to be an example of investigative efficiency.

On Tuesday, SC also rebuked Delhi HC over adjourning a bail plea. It made its comments while refusing to consider ex-Delhi minister and AAP functionary Satyendar Jain's appeal against HC's adjournment of his bail hearing. SC reiterated for the nth time that "it goes without saying that bail matters are not to be unnecessarily adjourned." The trial court that granted Kejriwal bail had taken the cue from SC's frequently repeated emphasis on bail.



Yet, chronology of events has been such that Kejriwal has been in and out of various courts, from trial to SC, for bail and in his challenge to the legality of ED's arrest. The latter is currently in SC. PMLA is a stringent law, but as courts wrangle over bail while investigators figure out Kejriwal's "vicarious liability", it is pertinent to remember the far-reaching impacts of a CM behind bars – political, electoral and, of course, on governance. This is not an irrelevant factor in bail pleas.

In May, SC granted Delhi CM interim bail, keeping under consideration the ongoing Lok Sabha elections. Opposition alleges arrests of opposition CMs Kejriwal and Soren aren't delinked from political considerations. Probity in public life is non-negotiable. And anyone can be and should be investigated. But, through that process, justice must be seen to be done.

Netasana

Maha CM: 'Make yoga part of daily life.' Netas do so too

Bachi Karkaria



As an Iyengar practitioner, I'm weary of International Yoga Day's usual *bakwasana*. Last week, our no-longer-Maha CM instructed us to make yoga a part of 'daily living'. Helloh-ji! Aren't we already forced to do this vis-a-vis all genres of authority, from traffic cop to top boss? It's mostly stretching in supplication via dog pose, *adho mukha svanasana*; some do it with a hint of defiance, via upward-facing *urdhva mukha svanasana*. Everyone must submit to backbends, forward bends and supine positions since everyone, bar none, has someone above him/her. Elections are the time for inversions, when 'below' become 'above', and *aam janata* revels in victorious breath, *ujjayi pranayama*.

Politicians don't need Eknath Shinde's advice. They are adept at so many poses, but not everyone is called 'Yogi'. Here are some common *netasanas*.

Padmasana remains top of the pops, even if this time it wasn't quite the tomtommed lotus feat. *Sirsasana* is the uncrowned 'king of yoga poses'; our ruler party's braggadocio too was made to stand on its head. Fittingly, for yoga aims at taming ego. 'Queen' pose is *sarvangasana;* in body politic too, all parts have to be fully stretched. In yoga sequence, *sarvangasana* is followed by *halasana*. *Netas* are furiously perfecting this plough pose after farmers showed that you can't reap electoral yields by sowing despair.

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Undivided Shiv Sena owned *dhanurasana* since bow (along with arrow) was its symbol. Now allotted to Shinde's breakaway faction, our Eknath-ji must work at *virabhadrasana 1* to show that he's still the standing archer. Maharashtra politics itself has been a *trikonasana* with dizzying variations of Sena, NCP and BJP. Now Dilli too submits to this triangle; BJP's NDA is still at its head, but without Naidu-Nitish, there'd be no tale.

With coalitions inevitable, political landscape resembles one mega class perfecting only one pose, bridge-building *setu bandha sarvangasana*. It needs total alertness since one member may suddenly rock the boat with *navasana*. Then, as in every yoga session, the ruling alliance could end in corpse-like *savasana*.

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Alec Smart said: "Critically-ill NEET is a clear case for 'Physician, heal thyself!' "

Om Shanti Om?

Lok Sabha has re-elected Om Birla as its Speaker. He must be non-partisan and maintain peace between govt & opposition. Changing archaic parliamentary procedures will help

Chakshu Roy



A contested election for the post of Lok Sabha Speaker is a sign of a broadening divide between treasury and opposition benches. Before Independence, contests for the position of president (equivalent of modern-day Speaker) were quite common. In the first election in 1925, Vithalbhai Patel defeated the govt nominee by two votes. He went on to lay the institutional foundations for the independence of the Speaker's office.

The next exciting contest was in 1946. In this election, the colonial govt thought its nominee would win. But to its surprise, its members cross-voted, leading to GV Mavalankar's election by a margin of three votes. Govt was incensed and wanted to examine the ballot papers to identify which of its members had voted for Mavalankar. Anticipating such an eventuality, the assembly secretary destroyed the ballot papers.

A high-pressure job | In a parliamentary democracy where govt is answerable to the legislature, a non-partisan Speaker is critical. It's one of the most challenging offices. It combines constitutional responsibility with a political millstone. When the electoral verdict is that of a majority govt, Speaker has to ensure adequate space for minority voices and not allow govt to ride roughshod over them.

In a coalition scenario, Speakers are under pressure from their party to secure govt's continuity and ensure the passage of its legislative business. Speakers have to walk a fine line, where they are not with any side but belong to the entire House. In both these situations, Speaker must ensure that the House fulfils the constitutional mandate of a deliberative legislature.

In 1952, when Mavalankar became Speaker of the first LS, he started the conversation to ensure Speaker's impartiality. In his acceptance speech as Speaker, he highlighted the British convention about Speakership, "the principle of which is that, once a Speaker, he is not opposed by any party in the matter of his election, whether in the constituency or in the House, so long as he wishes to continue as Speaker".

He championed this issue in parliamentary forums and pushed for it with Congress party. The party, however, felt that "this was not a feasible proposition for the present in view of other political parties being involved in the question." Since then, the practice has been that political parties come to a consensus, and Speaker (usually from the majority party) is elected unanimously. Part of the consensus-building exercise is that the post of Deputy Speaker often goes to opposition benches.



Uday Deb

Adding to complications | Over the years, the job of Speaker has become more complex and contentious. His responsibility is to conduct the proceedings of the House on the colonial principle that govt will decide the agenda for debate in the national legislature. The rules of both Houses of Parliament also prescribe that govt business takes priority. As if this were not enough, in 1985, the anti-defection law gave Speakers the power to decide on the disqualification of MPs for voting against the party whip and for anti-party activities. They could now make or break parties and govt.

Some of these structural issues have become more prominent now. They have led to successive govts shying away from uncomfortable debates in Parliament, and ministers are requesting the Speaker to exercise his/her discretion in fast-tracking govt business through LS. Limited space for opposition and inadequate scrutiny of govt bills by parliamentary committees have become a bone of contention between govt and opposition benches. Speaker's decisions in state assemblies under anti-defection law have also tainted the office. There is apprehension that some of the unhealthy practices in states might find their way to Parliament.

Getting it right | The strengthening of the office of Speaker to better serve our national legislature requires interventions at two levels. The first is an urgent need to change some of the old procedures in the functioning of LS. For example, currently, Speaker has discretion in sending bills for scrutiny to parliamentary committees. Then, most decisions by the House get taken by a voice vote, but rules require an MP to demand a recorded vote to register whether they support or oppose a decision. In most developed countries, all legislation is scrutinised by committees, and all House decisions are recorded. These changes in India can insulate Speakers from unnecessary controversy in how they exercise their discretion.

On the aspect of anti-defection law, a pertinent question is why should the constitutional office of Speaker be required to solve the internal struggles of a political party? Perhaps it's time to abolish the law to save the office of Speaker from aspersions of partisan behaviour.

In gist, what is expected of a Speaker was ably captured by Sir William Harcourt, who summed up the matter in the House of Commons: "We expect dignity and authority tempered by urbanity and kindness; firmness to control and persuasiveness to counsel; promptitude of decision and justness of judgment…a natural superiority combined with an inbred courtesy, so as to give by his own bearing an example and model to those over whom he presides an impartial mind, a tolerant temper, and a reconciling disposition."

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'Soft corner for INDIA, but will stay Independent. Joining them will jeopardise our future, our community, our movement'

***Rajkumar Roat** is lone Lok Sabha member from Bharatiya Adivasi Party (BAP). The Bhil legislator achieved a giant upset, though few outside of Rajasthan took note. It was the first time Banswara rejected BJP. Congress candidates to elect the 31-year-old founding member of Bhil Pradesh Vidyarthi Morcha. Roat not only elbowed out both mainstream opponents, but remains equidistant from either coalition. **Swati Mathur** and **Siddhartha Dutta** spoke to the Banswara MP about staying outside INDIA bloc, and his plans as debutant MP.*

Q&A

● You were seen as a weak link in the battle for Banswara. What worked?

As Chorasi MLA, I raised issues that bother resident tribals, such as education, malnutrition. We forced govt to amend Forest Rights Act. I also raised the reservations issue. People saw me as one who could fearlessly speak their concerns in assembly. BJP's rhetoric about changing the Constitution also made people realise the importance of democracy.

National parties have done little to improve tribal lives. BJP branded anyone who wouldn't toe its line as 'Naxals'. They used this label to demotivate tribal movements and prevented people from supporting them. In Banswara, RSS's Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram was badly hit since Bhil Pradesh Vidyarthi Morcha was founded, and BAP came into being.

They misused funds, stifled information mechanisms, so people remained unaware of their rights. RSS used tribals from across Rajasthan to make '*jhande aur dande* (sticks and flags)' for their marches. These processions have stopped since we began to make tribal masses aware.

● You took help from Congress for LS polls, but are not part of INDIA. Why?

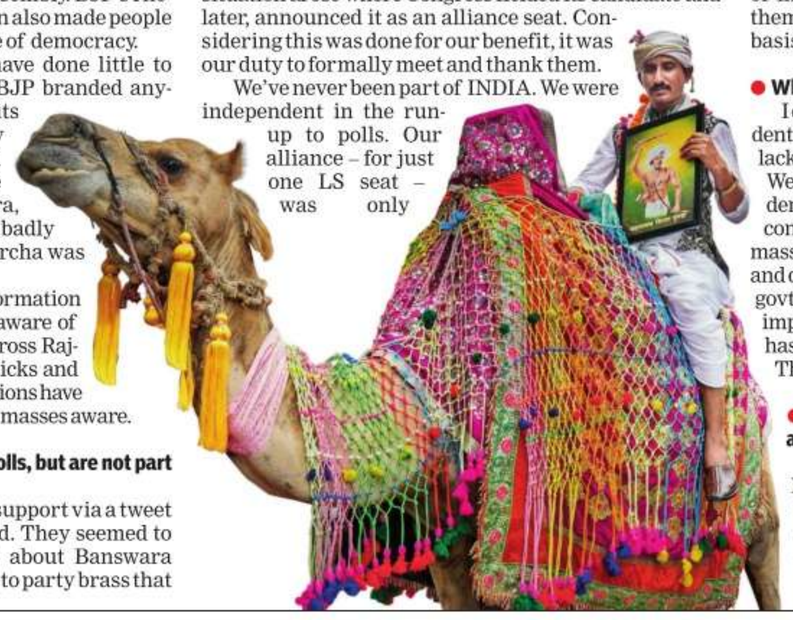
Before polls, I sought Congress's support via a tweet because I felt the party was confused. They seemed to have received conflicting feedback about Banswara and my prospects. I tweeted to clarify to party brass that Congress would lose the seat following their partyman's rebellion and defection to BJP. Congress had no replacement. It needed to support me since I was the only one capable of defeating the defector. My party also wanted an alliance with Congress on the Udaipur seat – Congress could either field our candidate on its symbol or vice versa.

So, we sought its support. It had an impact. Congress's Rajasthan in-charge SS Randhawa and PCC chief Govind Singh Dotasra, both announced their support soon after. Congress also repaid a debt it owed us. When Gehlot govt was unstable in 2023, we helped them. Rahulji also took feedback on Banswara during Bharat Jodo Yatra.

● So, why aren't you part of INDIA even after you met Kharge?

We met Kharge and Venugopal. Though we had initially planned to contest LS polls independently, a situation arose where Congress fielded its candidate and later, announced it as an alliance seat. Considering this was done for our benefit, it was our duty to formally meet and thank them.

We've never been part of INDIA. We were independent in the run-up to polls. Our alliance – for just one LS seat – was only firmed up five days ahead of polling day. We are, at present, independent and not part of any alliance.



We were, of course, asked to join INDIA. We treat them with respect, and acknowledge the friendship. But we won't join. We've put this matter on hold for now. We've neither turned it down, nor said yes. Our organisation will take a call at the right time. We do, however, have a soft corner for INDIA.

● Will BAP consider merging with Congress?

That is not possible. We'll remain independent because joining them will jeopardise our future, our community's future, and future of the movement we are leading. The same old conditions would return to our area.

● Will you extend issue-based support to both INDIA and NDA?

Yes. We'll stand by issues raised in the nation's interest or in the interest of the tribal people without viewing them through the prism of politics. We'll assess issues basis merit, not political alignment.

● What are your priorities for Banswara as MP?

I can't resolve all issues afflicting tribals, but am confident I'll do better than previous MPs. The biggest issue is lack of education and rapidly increasing malnutrition. We want policy measures to address malnutrition. The demand for a separate Bhil state, a sentimental issue connected to the sacrifice of 1,500 tribals in the Mangarh massacre, will continue because of historical reasons and discrimination tribals face in budget allocation by all govts. As for tribal reservation, we believe it should be implemented as per constitutional provisions. Andhra has a provision for 100% reservation in tribal areas. This can be replicated in other states.

● You're a single-MP party in LS. Yet, you flex your muscles at mainstream parties. How do you pull that off?

By the time politicians or parties reach this level, they've inevitably made many mistakes that make them fearful and susceptible to blackmail. Our working style has been transparent. We have not made mistakes. So, there is no fear. As a result, we stand our ground and fight.

Calvin & Hobbes



Sacred*space*



In dwelling, live close to the ground. In thinking, keep to the simple. In conflict, be fair and generous. In governing, don't try to control. In work, do what you enjoy. In family life, be completely present.

Lao Tzu

Being Aware Transforms Our Popcorn Mind

Pulkit Sharma

A recent study published in *Nature Communications* journal has revealed that our attention span, or the ability to focus on something for an extended period, is becoming shorter. In present times, an information overload from digital gadgets, numerous apps and social media channels confronts the limited resources of our brain. To cope with this onslaught, our mind sifts through the incoming information and rapidly shifts from one thing to another. It develops the habit of getting distracted frequently and loses the capacity to engage in activities which require sustained attention, focus and patience.

Psychologists have called this phenomenon 'popcorn mind', as it resembles popping corn kernels. The phenomenon is so prevalent that most of us don't even see it as a problem. In other words, it has just become the way we are and the way the world around us happens to be. Without us realising, this syndrome creates havoc in our system. It leads to problems, including mental fatigue, stress, boredom, meaninglessness, irritability, anxiety, poor decision-making, disturbed relationships and lack of initiative in the real world.

THE SPEAKING TREE

The first crucial step in rewiring our mind is to become aware of our short-attention span, its negative effects and the amount of time we waste in dealing with the inconsequential information overload. This awareness will make us see through our denial and we will acknowledge the gravity of the situation. As we become aware of the problem, we can use our discernment and inner power to overcome it.

The Bible states, "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!" Our eyes, senses and minds are not passive entities that must grapple with whatever is presented. Rather, they are powerful entities that can choose what to take in, when, how much, and when to stop.

Let us begin by becoming conscious of our body and its associated physical sensations. The body sends strong signals when it is at ease and when it is in distress. We need to receive these signals, nourish it with care and love and make sure that we are not subjecting it to toxic stimuli. The next step in healing our popcorn mind is to teach ourselves the art of mindfulness or being in the 'here and now'. This involves keeping a deep focus on whatever we are doing or experiencing in the moment, maintaining our awareness on it and attending to all the sensations, thoughts and feelings that are coming up. If our attention wavers, we bring it back gently to the 'here and now' as soon as we realise it.

With practice, we realise that the aim of our life is not to exist in some dreamland and chase some obscure fantasies. The reality is in 'here and now' and we can only make a difference to our lives, the lives of others around us and our planet in this realm.

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Nvidia's Huang Biggest Wealth Gainer This Year...



■ **AI Wave:** Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang is now the world's **13th-richest person**

Source: Bloomberg

Top Wealth Gainers In 2024 ($ bn)



...With $111Bn, Huang Is As Wealthy As Ambani





Dr Reddy's to buy UK co's nicotine gum biz for ₹5k cr

In Its Biggest Deal, Hyd Co To Get Non-US Biz From Haleon

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Hyderabad: In its biggest acquisition so far, Pharma major Dr Reddy's Laboratories is set to buy British consumer healthcare giant Haleon's nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) portfolio, excluding the US business, for a 500 million pounds (about Rs 5,275 crore).

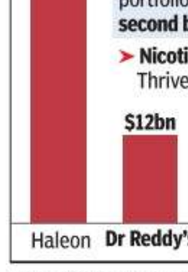
The portfolio being acquired by the Hyderabad-based company includes Nicotinell, touted as the second biggest brand in the NRT space globally with a footprint in 31 countries across Europe, Latin America and Asia. Nicotinell is branded as Nicabate in Australia, Thrive in Canada and Habitrol in New Zealand and Canada.

"The proposed acquisition will be inclusive of all formats such as lozenge, patch, gum as well as pipeline products in all the applicable global markets outside of the US," Dr Reddy's said.

As part of the deal, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dr Reddy's will acquire 100% stake in newly incorporated Haleon group company, Northstar Switzerland. The company has inked a definitive agreement for the same, it said in a filing.

Sensodyne Owner Sells Nicotinell Brand

- British consumer healthcare co Haleon, which owns brands like **Sensodyne**, was **spun off from GSK** two years ago
- The deal will boost Dr Reddy's presence in **consumer healthcare** in global markets
- The **nicotine replacement therapy** portfolio being acquired includes Nicotinell, the **second biggest brand** in the NRT space globally
- **Nicotinell** is branded as Nicabate in Australia, Thrive in Canada and Habitrol in NZ & Canada



■ **Market Cap:** Haleon's value is over **3x** Dr Reddy's



The deal includes an upfront payment of 458 million pounds as well as performance-based contingent payments of up to 42 million pounds that will be payable in 2025 and 2026. The transaction is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2024 and is subject to satisfactory completion of customary conditions, including regulatory approvals.

Dr Reddy's said the deal will give it access to a global OTC (over-the-counter) anchor brand through a strong footprint in Europe and other global markets and could be a potential vehicle to build its global consumer healthcare OTC business.

Haleon, which owns brands such as Sensodyne and Panadol, was spun off from GSK in July 2022. The total revenue of the portfolio being acquired clocked net revenues of around 217 million pounds in 2023. The company has been stepping up its presence in the consumer healthcare markets globally, acquiring several brands in the US market in recent years such as Habitrol in the NRT space, pain relief brand Doan's, women's health products such as Premama for fertility and parenthood, and MenoLabs portfolio for menopause.

L&T short of 45,000 workers & techies: MD

'One Of The Reasons Is People Moving To Russia & Israel'

TNN & Agencies

Mumbai: L&T is experiencing a "severe" shortage of skilled labour across its businesses, said its chairman and



MD **S N Subrahmanyan**. While the engineering and construction business is grappling with a shortage of 25,000 labourers, its IT and IT-enabled services' unit is facing a crunch of 20,000 engineers.

This has impacted the execution of the conglomerate's projects. L&T attributed the manpower shortage situation to extreme weather conditions, disruptions caused by elections, people moving abroad including to places like Russia and Israel for higher earnings, and demand for certain skill sets where those hands are not available. There is also a 10-12% attrition at L&T, said SNS, as Subrahmanyan is popularly known.

L&T has been facing manpower shortages on and off . Last year, SNS had said the company faced challenges despite wanting to recruit over 30,000 labourers. He said the adverse weather events have led to changes in working hours in some projects wherein no work is happening during the afternoons except essential or critical works.

The conglomerate is taking care of its employees by offering them transport facilities, health drinks and food at the sites. Besides, it has skill centres and other initiatives that can act as a mitigating factor.

> **L&T attributed the trend to extreme weather conditions, disruptions caused by polls, among other reasons**

At any point of time, L&T engages over 4 lakh labourers with skills like carpentry and masonry, across its projects, said SNS. On the engineering side, the CMD said an attrition of over 10% makes it more challenging and this ensures that there is a shortage of over 14,000 engineers at any point of time. "I think we would, at the moment, need about 20,000 people, including attrition... that is engineers," he said.

L&T's labour crunch mirrors that of the infrastructure sector as well as the broader industry. Earlier this month, TeamLease said the semiconductor sector is expected to face a shortage of 2-3 lakh professionals by 2027. This is significant as India aims to capture a sizeable share of the global semiconductor manufacturing industry.

L&T chief is LTIMindtree chairman as Naik exits

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: L&T chairman & MD S N Subrahmanyan will take over as the chairman of LTIMindtree and L&T Technology Services, the two listed companies announced Wednesday.

The move follows after L&T's chairman emeritus A M Naik relinquished the chairman's position at the two firms on Wednesday, which also marks his exit from the boards of all the companies controlled by the engineering-to-financial services conglomerate.

Currently, SNS, as Subrahmanyan is popularly known, is the vice-chairman of LTIMindtree and L&T Technology Services. L&T forayed into IT in 1996 with L&T Information Technology to retain talented software engineers. It became L&T Infotech in fiscal 2002. SNS joined the board of L&T Infotech in Jan 2015 and was redesignated as its vice-chairman in May 2017. He was instrumental in the acquisition of Mindtree in 2019, which subsequently led to the merger of L&T Infotech and Mindtree.

LTIMindtree is the fifth largest IT firm by market cap and sixth largest in terms of revenue. L&T's engineering research and development capability face around the globe is through LTTS. SNS joined the board of LTTS also in Jan 2015 and was appointed its vice-chairman in May 2017. From a modest beginning of $60 million in revenue, LTTS's current revenue run rate is $1.2 billion.

SNS with his engineering DNA and can-do, will-do attitude has been the catalyst in ensuring LTTS's growth momentum continues at a fast clip.

Aditya Birla Grp to invest $50mn in chem biz in Texas

Mumbai: Aditya Birla Group will invest $50 million to set up a manufacturing and an R&D facility for its chemicals business in the US. It has acquired land in Beaumont, Texas to launch the first phase of this project. The investment will be done through Aditya Birla Chemicals (Thailand). Aditya Birla Group chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla said, "This represents a significant expansion of our ambitions in the Americas and a continuation of our strategy to apply our deep manufacturing expertise in new markets." TNN

crazy bosses



Foxconn hiring bias? Centre seeks report

New Delhi: Taking note of a report suggesting that Foxconn India's iPhone plant in Tamil Nadu was not hiring married women workers, the Union labour ministry has sought a detailed report from the state govt. "Section 5 of the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 clearly stipulates that no discrimination to be made while recruiting men and women workers. As the state govt is the appropriate authority for the enforcement and administration of the provisions of this Act, hence the report has been sought from the state govt," an official statement said. TNN

Vedanta promoter divests 2.6% stake

New Delhi: Vedanta Resources on Wednesday divested a 2.6% stake in its Indian mining arm, Vedanta, for Rs 4,184 crore through an open market transaction. Finsider International, an affiliate of Vedanta Resources, offloaded shares of Vedanta through a bulk deal on the BSE. Finsider is one of the promoter entities of Vedanta. AGENCIES

Sebi eases trading norm for cos' insiders

New Delhi: Sebi on Wednesday eased 'trading plans' framework for companies' insiders in possession of unpublished price sensitive information. Trading plans enable persons perpetually in possession of unpublished price sensitive information to trade in securities in a compliant manner. AGENCIES

figure it out

3.5 million

Indians lived in UAE in 2020, destination with the highest number of migrants from the country. At 2.7mn US was second highest.



Source, World Migration Report 2024

Spectrum auction ends in 2 days, fetches ₹1lk cr

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The latest spectrum auction to sell airwaves to mobile companies ended within two days, with Sunil Bharti Mittal's Bharti Airtel buying nearly 60% of the Rs 11,341 crore that was sold.

After seven rounds of bidding, just over a quarter or 141 Mhz spectrum of the 533 Mhz that was on offer could be sold with Bharti acquiring 97 Mhz across three bands, followed by Vodafone (30 Mhz) and Reliance Jio (14.4 Mhz)

The auction revenue will be lower than govt's estimated flow, although an over Rs 2 lakh crore dividend bonanza from RBI will more than make up for the shortfall. Govt had offered a total of 10 GHz of spectrum, ranging between 800 MHz to 26 GHz, which was worth Rs 96,238 crore at the base or auction start price. There were no takers for at least three of the frequencies on offer, generating 12% of the base price.

MUTED RESPONSE

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- Auction revenue will be lower than govt's estimation
- Govt offered **10 GHz of spectrum worth ₹96,238 crore** at base price

Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea have successfully renewed their expired spectrum in 900 MHz and 1,800 MHz bands, and further an additional quantum of 87.2 MHz worth Rs 6,165 crore has been acquired by telcos to augment their services, DoT said in a statement.

"Spectrum auction 2024 was part of a continuous allocation process that is transparent, robust and progressive. Telecom service providers (TSPs) have taken spectrum not only for continuity of service but for expanding their services but the volume is limited because already a large part of the spectrum required was auctioned only last year," communications minister Jyotiraditya Scindia told reporters.

In West Bengal and Bihar, bids went above the reserve price in the 1,800 MHz band. DoT statement suggested that the response was muted as most of the 5G spectrum required was auctioned in August 2022 and their monetisation is still in progress.

Companies said they went about buying spectrum in a planned manner. "In this auction, we have bolstered our sub-giga hertz and mid-band holding, which will significantly improve our coverage especially indoor," said Bharti Airtel MD & CEO Gopal Vittal, adding that the company is seeking to judiciously acquire the right amount of spectrum.

HC to Chandra: Respond to Sebi summons

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: The Bombay HC on Wednesday directed Zee founder & chairman emeritus Subhash Chandra to offer documents sought by Sebi in a March 27 summons in a fund diversion case.



The court, in a verbal order, asked Chandra not to respond to Sebi's Jan 12 summons but to respond to its March 27 summons. A detailed order is awaited.

Sebi had alleged that Chandra was trying to stop the probe by not responding to its Jan summons. Chandra, through a writ petition, argued that the Jan summons by Sebi did not comply with the provisions of the Sebi Act, contained pre-determined and conclusive allegations, and were in the nature of a show cause notice. After Chandra failed to respond to the Jan summons, Sebi issued fresh ones on March 27. Chandra's lawyer said Wednesday that the documents called for in the March summons will be provided in four weeks.

Sensex nears 79k, RIL's mcap back above ₹20L cr

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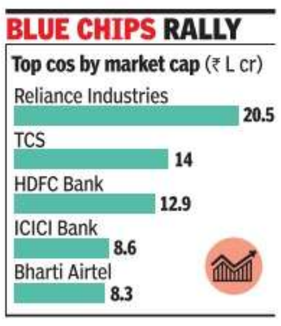
Mumbai: Stock market indices reached new all-time highs on Wednesday as the blue-chip rally persisted.

Reliance Industries, after hitting a lifetime high during the day, closed 4% higher at Rs 3,027. The company's market capitalisation once again exceeded the Rs 20 lakh crore-mark, reaching Rs 20.5 lakh crore.

While the sensex increased by 621 points to close at 78,674, the broader Nifty climbed 148 points to 23,868. Besides Reliance Industries, Bharti Airtel — which renewed 97MHz spectrum in Wednesday's auction — also rallied 3%. Private banks, after leading the rally on Tuesday, gained as well.

BLUE CHIPS RALLY

Top cos by market cap (₹ L cr)



Brokers said that as more money flowed into the stock market, investors were adjusting valuations across different segments. Traditional stocks had lower price-to-earnings ratios compared to some stocks where prices had risen faster than earnings.

Among sectoral indices, the telecom index was the top gainer and rose 2.3%. Telecom stocks GTL Infra, Vi and Tata Teleservices were the top gainers, rising 4.9%, 4.8% and 4.3% respectively.

BSE's energy index was also up nearly 1.5%, driven by gains in Reliance. On the other hand, the metal index was the biggest loser due to a drop in the share prices of NMDC, Vedanta, Sail, Tata Steel and Hindalco. Vedanta fell by 2.7% following its parent company's announcement to sell a 2.6% stake to a group of institutional investors.

Monthly instant payments jump 4x in 3 years: Study

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: India has witnessed a significant surge in monthly real-time payments, which have increased to 13.3 billion transactions from 2.6 billion three years.

According to a BCG-QED investors report, the availability of an alias directory and QR codes on top of real-time payments infrastructure was critical in propelling innovation. The report — based on insights from interviews with over 60 global fintech CEOs and investors — highlights the key forces shaping the industry. It acknowledges the role of digital public infrastructure and govt involvement in India's success.

"Many countries have tried to emulate the success of the two leading players: India's UPI and Brazil's Pix. However, the limited success of these efforts reveals that isolated implementations of po-

QR CODE BOOM

int solutions for digital identity or real-time payment systems do not suffice to foster widespread adoption," said Karthik Ragupathy, head of strategy and investor relations at PhonePe, who was quoted in the report.

India has recently introduced new notifications to clarify KYC and co-lending standards for fintechs. Similarly, the consumer financial protection bureau in the US is preparing to develop guidelines under Section 1033 of the Dodd-Frank Act, which aims to empower customers by giving them control over their financial data and the right to access and share it.

India's DPI stack consists of govt-defined protocols across three layers, enabling private innovation: a foundational national digital ID, a platform for interoperable instant and cheap payments, and a consent-based exchange of federalised data. Despite the challenges faced by the fintech industry in recent years, there is immense potential for future growth.

Sembcorp sues Siemens over contract breach

Hyderabad: Singapore's state-owned sustainable energy and urban development player Sembcorp Industries has dragged Siemens Energy and its Indian arm Siemens Gamesa Renewable Power to court to prevent it from selling its India business before it settles an arbitration arising from an alleged default in executing a contract.

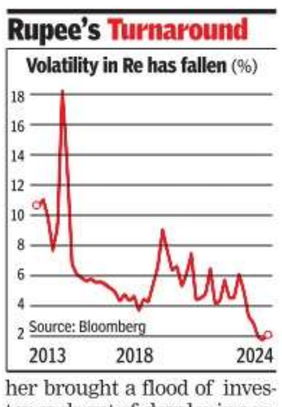
Sembcorp's India unit, Green Infra Wind Energy, has filed a case in a Bengaluru court. It has sought an injunction to prevent Siemens Gamesa from selling its India assets, including its shareholding. The court has issued notices to both Siemens Energy and its arm in the suit. — **Swati Bharadwaj**

How Re went from most to least volatile in Asia

The rupee has gone from being one of Asia's most volatile currencies to among its most stable in the span of a decade. The turnaround reflects India's growing economic heft and RBI's interventions to manage the rupee's wild swings. With Indian bonds set to join an important global index this week, the currency's stability couldn't have come at a better time, burnishing the appeal of Indian assets for investors. Too much volatility makes it tough for businesses and investors as it could add to their costs. Here's a deeper look at how the rupee's fortunes have been transformed:

Rupee's Turnaround

Volatility in Re has fallen (%)



Why was the rupee Asia's most volatile currency?

About a decade ago, India's inflation rate was around 10% — stoked in part by govt's decision to spend its way out of an economic slump that followed the global financial crisis — and crude oil, a key import, was trading at more than $100 a barrel. Frustration over political scandals and policy paralysis threatened to derail India's economic growth and its image as an investment destination. It all made for a toxic mix for investors, at just the wrong time, as the Federal Reserve's plan to reduce bond purchases in 2013 shook emerging markets. The prospect of Treasury yields moving higher brought a flood of investor cash out of developing countries like India back to the US at the time.

What tamed wild swings?

The rupee continued to weaken against the dollar during Modi's rule, but the swings became less wild over that period. Economic growth that beat most other nations, policy continuity and political stability have drawn foreign investors. Govt also implemented key reforms such as giving RBI an inflation-target mandate and steadily whittling down the size of its budget deficit. India now sits on top of the world's fourth-biggest pile of foreign reserves. RBI has been buying dollars when the rupee is strong and selling forex when it weakens to lean against big moves in the currency. By managing the supply of dollars available in India's currency market, RBI is able to smooth out shifts in the value of the rupee.

What does less volatility mean for investors?

Indian assets provide relatively high volatility-adjusted returns — better performance with more predictability — compared with other emerging markets. The local currency is proving more reliable than those of economies in Latin America or Africa that might show a stellar performance in one year and burn a hole in portfolios the next. But there are shortcomings to RBI's approach. Its firm grip means any changes in economic fundamentals may not always get fully reflected in the currency.

What does bond index inclusion mean?

JP Morgan's decision to add India's debt to its emerging-market index starting June 28 could bring fresh challenges for policymakers. Foreign investors have long been big buyers of Indian equities, but as they start to build a bigger presence in the bond market, it's an additional channel through which flows can buffet the rupee. Govt will also have to run a tight ship, keeping any fiscal profligacy in check to avoid a knee-jerk reaction from investors. BLOOMBERG

AI doomerism has quietened down: Nilekani

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Bengaluru: Infosys chairman Nandan Nilekani has dismissed the possibility of a single dominant GenAI model overshadowing others, even as a new generation of AI applications and services emerges.

Speaking at the company's 43rd annual general meeting, held virtually on Wednesday, Nilekani said, "As we look at the larger business environment, we are now into the second year of the GenAI revolution, and the initial AI doomerism has quietened down. People have accepted that, like any other general-purpose technology — be it electricity, nuclear energy, the internet, or even a discovery like fire — GenAI has enormous potential for good when advanced within the guardrails of responsibility. It is also clear that there won't be a scenario where we'll have 'one model to rule them all'."



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> **Nandan Nilekani** | CHAIRMAN, INFOSYS

According to Nilekani, the emergence of robust open-source AI models has accelerated the application of AI to address complex business and societal issues. "As we move into more use cases, a thousand flowers will bloom."

Nilekani highlighted the distinct adoption curves of consumer AI and enterprise AI. "It is also widely expected that the manifestations of consumer AI will make life easier and more productive for millions of people. It will push the envelope of usability, convenience, and accessibility for all." In contrast, he noted that enterprise AI is significantly more intricate, necessitating a comprehensive overhaul of the multi-generational technology within organisations. Nilekani said enterprise AI is a lot more complex. It will require a root and branch surgery of the multi-generation technology that lies within firms. The challenge will also be to orchestrate the extensive data inside the corporation in a way that it is consumable by AI. The quality of output will need to be managed to ensure factual responses and insights with no hallucinations."

Despite the challenges, Nilekani acknowledged that AI is still in its early stages, and widespread enterprise adoption will require time. Infosys is currently engaged in 225 GenAI projects for clients seeking to enhance productivity. "From our own early journey to becoming an AI-first enterprise, we know that navigating to value-at-scale from AI means breaking down tasks into sequential small wins, taking the 'responsible by design' approach. This has been our AI-first strategy for accelerating business value and amplifying human potential. Nearly 50,000 reusable intelligent services, applied in over 25,000 instances, amplify our employees today. We are one of the first organisations globally to be certified in ISO 42001:2023 for AI management systems for risk management and governance of enterprise AI." Infosys has integrated GenAI components into all its service lines and developed 25 playbooks to create an impact for its clients.

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—PHENOMENON **RONALDO NAZARIO** DURING A PROMOTIONAL EVENT

IN GAME OF FOUR, UKRAINE LOSE

All Teams Finish Level On Points For The First Time In Euros; Belgium Set Up French Date

Stuttgart: Belgium played out a nervy scoreless draw with Ukraine to eventually wrap up second place in Group E and set up a last-16 tie with France, with the Ukrainians eliminated on goal difference, finishing bottom behind Slovakia.

Romania finish as group winners after they drew with Slovakia 1-1 in the other match. All teams finished on four points, but Romania pushed the Belgians into second on goals scored. Slovakia finished above Ukraine on goal difference to advance as one of the four best third-place finishers.

With all four sides locked on points as the final games began there was no margin for error, while a win would see any team through, and both sides went hunting for goals from the kick-off.

The best early chance fell to Romelu Lukaku, who was played in by a trademark defence-splitting pass from Kevin De Bruyne in the seventh minute, but as so often in this tournament, the burly striker fluffed his finish and the danger was easily averted, setting the tone for Belgium's evening.

Stringing five across the back, defending was the focus for Ukraine and they did so all over the pitch, pressing hard and tackling aggressively, but not recklessly, as they sought to contain the Belgians.

They had chances of their own too, and Roman Yaremchuk will regret not being more selfish when he was played in and, rather than shooting, opted to square to Artem Dovbyk, but his pass was too hard and flew harmlessly across the goal.

By halftime all four teams in the group had still only gained a point, with the Romanians and Slovakians adding a goal each in a 1-1 draw in Frankfurt, and eventually Ukraine had to release the handbrake to go for victory.

A triple substitution by Serhiy Rebrov in the 70th minute didn't quite have the desired effect however, and substitute Yannick Carrasco almost scored for Belgium with a stinging shot that was parried away by Anatoliy Trubin.

Malanovsky almost netted with a low corner whipped in at the near post but Koen Casteels was alive to the danger, and Taras Stepanenko headed over from the resulting corner as the Ukrainians increased the pressure.

Belgium could have snatched a late winner but Bakayoko curled his shot past the far post, and Georgiy Sudakov wasted a glorious stoppage-time chance for Ukraine after a storming attack through the middle, but he fired his shot straight at Casteels.

The referee's whistle went, yet Belgian joy was short-lived as boos and whistles rained down from the stands after another unimpressive display, although they will at least have a chance to redeem themselves while Ukraine head home. REUTERS

STATS THE WAY

Ukraine		Belgium
14	Shots	11
5	On target	4
43%	Possession	57%
326	Passes	498
86%	Pass accuracy	89%
9	Fouls	8
1	Yellow cards	1
4	Saves	0
5	Corners	11

Reuters



UKRAINE 0
BELGIUM 0

TINTIN IN GERMANY: Belgium's Kevin De Bruyne tries to find his way through a Ukrainian maze

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 *	3	1	2	0	1	5
Den*	3	0	3	0	0	3
Svn*	3	0	3	0	0	3
Serbia	3	0	2	1	-1	2

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	3	1	1	1	1	4
Bel	3	1	1	1	1	4
Svk	3	1	1	1	0	4
Ukr	3	1	1	1	-2	4

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 **Wednesday** matches

It's a win-win for Romanians and Slovaks

Frankfurt: Romania's Razvan Marin scored a first-half penalty to cancel out Ondrej Duda's headed goal for Slovakia as they played out a 1-1 draw to both reach the last 16.

Romania and Slovakia must wait until the completion of the group stage on Wednesday to learn their last-16 opponents, but Belgium go to Duesseldorf and face France on Monday. Romania reached the knockout stages of the Euros for the first time since 2000, while for Slovakia it will be a second appearance in the last 16 after 2016, when they lost to Germany.

The game in Frankfurt was played in a feverish atmosphere, with the fervour in the stands matched by the helter-skelter nature of a match that was not high on quality, but had plenty of entertainment and intrigue.

The teams came into the game knowing a draw would be enough to send both through and there was plenty of talk in the build-up of the potential for them to contrive that, something the coaches denied vehemently.

Certainly, there was no lack of energy and endeavour, which slowed only towards the end of the game. Slovakia opened the scoring midway through the first half with the simplest of goals that will have left Romania coach Edward Iordanescu fuming.

Juraj Kucka curled in a cross from the right and Duda was left unmarked between two defenders to head across goal and into the net.

SLOVAKIA 1 (Duda 24)
ROMANIA 1 (R Marin 37)



AFTER LONG: Hagi celebrates after Romania advanced after 24 years

Romania were restricted to shots from range, none of which troubled Slovakia goalkeeper Martin Dubravka.

That was until they were awarded a penalty when Ianis Hagi was felled by Slovakia defender David Hancko.

German referee Daniel Siebert initially gave a free kick as the contact looked outside the box, but compatriot Bastian Dankert in the Video Assistant Referee booth ruled it was inside.

Marin made no mistake with the spot-kick as he rifled it into the top corner, signalling a thunderous eruption of joy from the Romanian fans in the stadium, who appeared to outnumber their Slovak counterparts by four to one. AGENCIES

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IT'S NOT HAPPENING... Harry Kane misses a chance against Slovenia. **(Right)** Hjulmand becomes the sixth Danish player to be booked in this Euro

Reuters



England invite flak after another dull day

Southgate's Men Still Top Group; Slovenia Advance Too

Cologne: While England won their group at Euro 2024 their humdrum scoreless draw against Slovenia on Tuesday, the third dull performance in as many games, had frustrated supporters poking fun at coach Gareth Southgate and his team.

Even Irish-owned airline Ryanair got in on the heckling, writing in a post to the team on X: "That's enough, let's get you home."

ENGLAND 0
SLOVENIA 0

The tepid draw launched numerous amusing memes, including a photo of a man sitting facing a brick wall under the words "Watching England play football." Another showed Southgate planting an England flag at the top of a manure pile, with the words "Group C."

England, who could muster only two goals in three games, enjoyed 70% possession on Tuesday but despite boasting four of the best attackers in European football this past season, had just four shots on target.

Many England fans in Cologne beat a hasty exit well before the final whistle, and many of the ones who stayed angrily booed the team off the pitch. A few hurled empty beer cups in Southgate's direction, which had the manager looking shell-shocked in the post-game press conference.

Former England and Man United defender Gary Neville said Southgate's men "looked so basic in the first half." "It was a struggle to watch but it moved forward in the second half even though we didn't get the result but there was glimpses of what we can be," he said. "England have Cole Palmer, Bukayo Saka, Jude Bellingham, Kobbie Mainoo, Phil Foden -- we cannot afford to mismanage them." AFP

FODEN LEAVES CAMP DUE TO FAMILY MATTER

Blankenhain: Phil Foden has temporarily left England's Euro 2024 base in Germany to return home due to a "pressing family matter," the English Football Association said on Thursday. It remains to be seen whether the 24-year-old will be available for the last 16 match on Sunday.

Denmark through as Serbia misfire

Danes Pip Slovenia To Second Spot On Disciplinary Record

Munich: Denmark progressed to the knockout stages of Euro 2024 after a goalless draw with Serbia on Tuesday which allowed them to seal second spot in Group C, ahead of third-place Slovenia on disciplinary record.

The 0-0 stalemate finished with the same scoreline as England and Slovenia's parallel group match, with England emerging group winners. With Denmark and Slovenia both finishing on the same points total and goal tally, second place - and a meeting with hosts Germany - was decided on the basis of total yellow cards so far at the tournament.

It is Denmark who edged it and will face Germany in Dortmund, while England will return to Gelsenkirchen for a meeting with a third-placed side. Slovenia will take on a group winner while Serbia were eliminated.

Denmark coach Kasper Hjulmand called the Danes "everyone's team" and said "we have to be happy. "We got through the group stage so let's be very happy about this."

Stojkovic said he was "proud" of Serbia's efforts, adding "we played brave football, sometimes it's not easy to score." AFP

DENMARK 0
SERBIA 0

ASST COACH'S BOOKING BREAKS YELLOW CARD DEADLOCK

A booking for Slovenia coach Milvoje Novakovic earlier in the tournament contributed to their total of seven yellow cards to Denmark's six, setting the Danes up for a last 16 meeting with Germany. Slovenia qualified as one of the four best third-placed teams.

Our display was appalling: Koeman

Berlin: Netherlands coach Ronald Koeman hammered his team for their performance in a 3-2 defeat by Austria at Euro 2024 on Tuesday that left them with third place in Group D. Austria won the section ahead of France but the Netherlands were already guaranteed to qualify for the last 16, doing so as one of the four best third-place sides after crumbling in Berlin.

The Dutch beat Poland in their opening fixture before a goalless draw against tournament favourites France, but underwhelmed in the German capital against Ralf Rangnick's well-drilled outfit.

"The France match went reasonably well, taking into account the outcome, we played rather well as a team (but) today the performance was appalling," Koeman said. "People played poorly in certain aspects... we have to track our opponents and that's not what happened."

Koeman said his team made a catalogue of errors against Austria, who took an early lead through Donyell Malen's own goal.



Cody Gakpo equalised and after Romano Schmid struck for Austria, Memphis Depay pulled the Dutch back level again, but Marcel Sabitzer then lashed home the winner in the 80th minute.

"I can list quite a few (mistakes)," continued Koeman.

"We started very badly in many aspects. We did not defend well. There were many openings for the opponent. We were not aggressive. We lost the ball as well, particularly at the start. We were really very bad." Netherlands won the competition for their first and only time 36 years ago to the day in Germany at Euro 1988, but Koeman said his team had to improve to have another chance of glory. "We need to find a response, we have to prepare for the next match," added Koeman.

"That could be the final knockout, we don't want that to be the case, but we will have to play better than we performed today (to avoid that)."

Koeman was visibly angry with the team's performance in the first half and substituted midfielder Joey Veerman after 35 minutes to try and shake up his team.

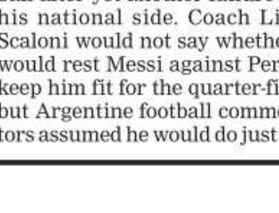
The PSV Eindhoven player, 25, appeared on the verge of tears as he watched the rest of the match from the bench. "I had to intervene as coach after the first half an hour," explained Koeman. "We gave away the ball a lot, and so did Joey, but I could have taken off more players." Koeman noted the first half display by the whole side was poor as Austria dominated the ball. AFP

If you beat the Netherlands, top the group, then you can't be that bad: Sabitzer

Berlin: Austria coach Ralf Rangnick said it was "incredible" for his team to snatch top spot in their Euro 2024 group ahead of France and the Netherlands on Tuesday. Rangnick's men edged a dramatic closing Group D encounter 3-2 against the Dutch, who had to settle for going through in third place, while France were held to a 1-1 draw by Poland.

Austria jumped up from third before kick-off and will next face either Turkey, the Czech Republic or Georgia in the last 16 in Leipzig on July 2. They have never reached the European Championship quarterfinals. "We started in the tournament with a 1-0 loss with an own goal against France and if you knew the pressure we had against Poland (3-1 win) when we knew we had to win to have a realistic chance to qualify, then to finish top of the group is incredible," Rangnick said. "If you had bet on us to win here and France not to win you'd be a very rich man or woman...

"But that's the great thing about football and we were rewarded for a great and energetic performance from my lads." Rangnick surprisingly made four changes from the team which beat Poland, knowing Austria would qualify unless they suffered a defeat by more than four goals. He said Italy's last-gasp equaliser on Monday against Croatia allowed him to rest some players who would have picked up a one-match suspension with a yellow card. "If the goal in the Italy game hadn't gone in in the last minute, we would've had a different line-up as we wouldn't have been basically qualified," added Rangnick.



"So we had an unexpected line-up but in the end all the thinking was worth it as we were able to go all in with this line-up and we didn't have to think about second bookings and so forth and it worked out."

Two of Austria's squad — Nicolas Seiwald and Christoph Baumgartner — play for RB Leipzig, while key midfielders Marcel Sabitzer and Konrad Laimer count the Bundesliga side among their former clubs.

Rangnick also enjoyed two stints there as head coach and he admitted playing in Leipzig next week would give his team an advantage. "Now we have a week to prepare, we won't have to travel a lot, we won't have to fly...Apart from the three points we got and the 'home' game in Leipzig, the depth of our squad is better than we thought because the lads who played today did so well."

Sabitzer was the hero at the Olympiastadion against the Netherlands, firing Austria in front for the third and final time in the 81st minute. "The intensity is the decisive factor, we managed that for a very long time," said the Borussia Dortmund star. "If you beat the Netherlands, win the group, then you can't be that bad." AGENCIES

Late Lautaro strike sends Argentina into quarters

NURSING A SORE THIGH, MESSI COULD SIT OUT LAST GROUP GAME

East Rutherford: Lionel Messi may sit out Argentina's next Copa America game against Peru to rest a sore thigh with his team already qualified for the next round after two wins. Messi, who turned 37 this week and has been suffering muscle niggles, required brief medical treatment on his thigh during Argentina's 1-0 victory over Chile at the US-hosted tournament.

But he completed the 90 minutes, shaving the post with one long range shot and was at the heart of Argentina's attacks. "It bothers me a bit, but I was able to stay on until the end. I hope it's nothing serious ... I wasn't able to move properly because of the bother," he said, acknowledging it might be wiser to sit out the Peru game on Saturday.

"Let's see how the next few days go, how I recover. We've taken an important step to qualify and be relaxed. It's a lot of games, a lot of travelling," added Messi, saying he had also suffered from a sore throat and fever before the Chile game.

With a 2-0 win over Canada also under their belt, world champions and tournament favourites Argentina are looking comfortable in the early stages of the Copa America even if not at their scintillating best. They top Group A with six points, ahead of Canada on three after their victory over Peru.

Argentina are happy to have started the Copa with routine wins after the unwanted drama of their last major tournament when they opened the World Cup in Qatar with a 2-1 defeat to Saudi Arabia in one of the all-time shocks.

Victory at the MetLife Stadium in New Jersey on Tuesday, thanks to a late Lautaro Martinez goal, helped Messi bury one of the worst moments of his career at the same stadium eight years ago.

His penalty shootout miss helped condemn Argentina to an agonising loss to Chile in the 2016 Copa America final, leaving an inconsolable Messi vowing to quit international football after yet another failure with his national side. Coach Lionel Scaloni would not say whether he would rest Messi against Peru, to keep him fit for the quarter-finals, but Argentine football commentators assumed he would do just that.

AP



4 Lautaro Martinez (2nd from right) celebrates after scoring the winner against Chile. The Argentina striker has scored four goals in his past three appearances for Argentina.

Canada script historic win over Peru

Kansas City: Jonathan David scored in the 74th minute as Canada beat Peru 1-0 for their first victory over a South American opponent in 24 years.

Peru played a man short after Miguel Araujo was given a red card in the 59th minute for a studs-up tackle on Jacob Shaffelburg, a call made after a video review.

Canada got their first win in four matches under Jesse Marsch and beat a South American team for the first time since a 2-0 victory over Colombia in the 2000 Gold Cup final. David's goal, his 27th for Canada, ended the national team's 391-minute scoreless streak. Twenty-six of his goals have come in competitive matches. AGENCIES

ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP

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"DEFINITELY IT'S ALWAYS GREAT TO DREAM AND I THINK EVERYONE IN SOUTH AFRICA DREAMS OF THE TIME WHEN A TROPHY GETS LIFTED. NO DOUBT THAT WILL HAPPEN. WHETHER IT'S GOING TO BE THIS WEEK, THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN."
—Rob Walter | SOUTH AFRICA COACH



WILL IT POUR HAPPY TEARS?

India Will Seek To Avenge Defeat At England's Hands In The 2022 WC Semis, But Rain Looms And While A Washout Will See Rohit's Men Through, A Truncated Game Could Get Tricky...



TIME TO DELIVER: Virat Kohli does some batting practice at the nets on Wednesday

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TIMES IN THE CARIBBEAN

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Georgetown: In most parts of the West Indies, the old-fashioned way of walking down the runway to the plane still prevails. It's fun on most days, but at night with the rain lashing down, the walk to take the flight, or to deplane, can get a little tricky.

On Tuesday night, a small flight of about 80 people, consisting mostly of people related to the T20 World Cup, landed in Georgetown and were greeted by persistent showers. As the passengers all dashed for the shade, one could see the tall figure of Australian umpire Rod Tucker running alongside. When somebody asked Tucker whether he would be officiating the game, he laughed: "Well, yes, if it happens".

"If it happens." That's the operative word on everybody's lips as India get ready to play England in Rohan Kanhai land on Thursday.

It's been raining for the last couple of days in Guyana and it didn't stop through the morning on Wednesday. What the locals are hoping is that if it rains on one day, it doesn't on the other. But then, that's clutching at straws, especially when the forecast is as bad as it is for Thursday.

Probably the only ones who don't care are the Indian fans who have tickets for the final in Barbados on Saturday but couldn't manage one for the semifinal here. India will make the final if it's a washout because they topped their Super 8 group.

The ICC has extended the cut-off time for calling the game off by four hours than what it was earlier, but for all that to happen, the rain has to stop first. "This is rain time in Guyana, why did they even schedule the game here? That too without a reserve day," mused a local in anguish.

But the guys who will benefit the most if it keeps raining — the Indian team — are the ones who don't want it to happen this way. The sun came out here after the morning showers on match eve and after India completed a practice session at the quick-drying Providence Stadium, captain Rohit Sharma said: "We are not looking at a curtailed game. When we come tomorrow, we will hope that it is a full game, but if it is so, we will adapt."

This game has a lot riding on emotionally as well for the Indian team because it is their chance to get revenge on a team that had humiliated them in the 2022 T20 World Cup semis. Though the return of Jasprit Bumrah, who missed that World Cup with an injury, has been the single most important change that has happened since then, Rohit insists "not much has changed".

"We have thought and discussed and thrashed out numerous times what needs to be done. It's about keeping it going," the skipper said.

Bumrah apart, it's Kuldeep Yadav who has been another superb inclusion once India landed in the West Indies. His quality and guile have been difficult to deal with for most opponents and England shouldn't be any exception.

The defending champions, though, have a bit of firepower with the likes of Jos Buttler, Phil Salt and the rest finding some form. They have three spinners — Moeen Ali, Adil Rashid and Liam Livingstone — who can make use of spin-friendly conditions in Guyana, but the biggest England supporter would say that a curtailed game would be their best chance.

Man to man, on current form, India are much superior, but if it's a shorter game, many of those things go out of the window. It becomes a bit of a shootout and with rain in the air and Messrs Duckworth, Lewis and Stern calling the shots, the toss, too becomes important.

India know that they may have to deal with these variables, because that's the nature of the beast these days if it's a 365-day cricket season. Rohit and Co. will believe they are good enough for whatever comes in their way as they look to break their ICC silverware drought.

FACE-OFF

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FORM GUIDE: LAST FIVE MATCHES

IND	W	W	W	W	W
ENG	W	L	W	W	W

VENUE: GUYANA

ODDS

IND	ENG
7/10	5/4

WEATHER UPDATE

It will be cloudy in Guyana on Thursday with 75% probability of rain. While forecast for match hours are slightly better, if it rains heavily before the starts, it can have an impact. With an inefficient stadium drainage system, many hours could be lost.

There is no reserve day for this game. However, play can extend to 4 hours and 10 minutes to complete the game. India advance in case of a washout.

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BRACE FOR SPIN: Providence Stadium is a spinner's haven with low, sharp turn on offer. Spinners have conceded less than 7 runs per over here in recent times, good news for India's spin troika — Kuldeep, Axar and Jadeja. England too boast of Moeen Ali, Adil Rashid and Liam Livingstone in their ranks for this day game.

EXPECT VARIABLE BOUNCE: In the previous WC game here, West Indies struggled to chase down PNG's 137, with the variable bounce raising eyebrows. Don't expect the ball to come on to the bat and expect the surface to play a few tricks.

EMBRACE POWERPLAY RISK: This is precisely what India didn't do in Adelaide last time around. If Rohit Sharma can reprise his heroics against Australia, India will be home free.

UNLEASH MIDDLE-OVERS FIREPOWER: On paper, England have more six-hitters in the lineup but India's middle-order enforcers like Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant and Shivam Dube will worry the England attack.

BANISH KNOCKOUT NERVES: India have been traditionally shaky in knockout rounds. But the current England white-ball dispensation too is under pressure after the failure to defend the ODI World Cup last year.

PROVIDENCE FACTS

A look at last 10 result-oriented T20Is here

Won by teams batting **first**	Won by teams batting **second**
4	6
Average **first** innings score	Average **second** innings score
150.50	117.50
Wickets taken by **pacers**	Wickets taken by **spinners**
71	45

ECONOMY RATE

Pacers	Spinner
7.54	6.43

170 An unbroken partnership between Buttler and Alex Hales for the opening wicket in the semifinal vs India at Adelaide on Nov 10, 2022 remains the highest by any pair for any wicket in T20 WC.

164.12 Suryakumar Yadav's strike rate while amassing 430 runs at 43.00 in 15 innings is the highest among the batters with 400-plus runs in T20 WC.

LAST 6 T20Is BETWEEN INDIA AND ENGLAND

Date	Venue	Toss	Teams & Scores	Result
18-3-2021	Ahmedabad	Eng	India 185/8, Eng 177/8	Ind won by 8 runs
20-3-2021	Ahmedabad	Eng	India 224/2, Eng 188/8	Ind won by 36 runs
7-7-2022	Southampton	India	India 198/8, Eng 148/8	Ind won by 50 runs
9-7-2022	Birmingham	Eng	India 170/8, Eng 121	Ind won by 49 runs
10-7-2022	Nottingham	Eng	215/7, Ind 198/9	Eng won by 17 runs
10-11-2022	Adelaide	Eng	India 168/6, Eng 170/0	Eng won by 10 wickets

10 Runs Jos Buttler (990 at an average of 43.04 in 34 matches) needs to become the first England batter and the fourth overall after Virat Kohli (1207), Rohit Sharma (1154) and Mahela Jayawardene (1016) to complete 1000 runs or more in T20 WC. —Stats: Rajesh Kumar

15 Wickets taken by Arshdeep Singh at 11.86 runs apiece in six matches is a record by an Indian bowler in a T20 WC.

Mott feels Rohit & Co. will look to 'bat us out of the tie'

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Georgetown: England completed one of their most complete T20 performances in recent times when they thrashed India by 10 wickets in the World Cup semifinal in Adelaide in 2022. But Matthew Mott, the coach of the England team, insists there is a difference between that Indian team and this one.

"They are a very different team from what they were in Adelaide. They look to take it on right from the word go and look to play the Powerplay very hard, led by their captain Rohit Sharma. During that semis, we had put them in and it seemed they were not exactly sure what the right score would be. It can be different this time and they will probably look to bat us out of the game," Mott said ahead of an England practice session on Wednesday.

The suggestion that India tend to choke in the knockouts is also something that the England coach doesn't endorse. "The fact that they made the semis and the final so many times shows how good a team they are. With time, people will know what a great Indian team this was," Mott said, showing a lot of respect for the Indian team.

England had a bit of a rocky start in this World Cup when their first game was washed out against Scotland. Then, they lost badly to Australia. Since then, though, every game has been a must-win for the team and they have risen to the task. But Mott suggests that will count for nothing at the business end of the tournament.

"I think we went through the Super 8s with a mixture of relief and happiness. Our tournament starts now. The general feeling in the team is that the best cricket is in front of us. The Indian team is a superb unit and it will be a great occasion to take them on," Mott said.

The England coach feels the form of their openers should stand them in good stead in this game. "Jos (Buttler) has been inspirational with his game while Phil Salt has broken through and they are a super strength in this team. We are just excited what they bring to the table," he said.

We'll not dwell on what happened in the past: Rohit

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Georgetown: As the sun shone here after long spells of rain, India worked on their game at the Providence Stadium one last time before getting to the business end. The relaxed approach that has been part and parcel of this Indian team was still there but Rohit Sharma looked slightly more tense than he usually does.

When an English journalist asked him whether it was always easier for India because they always knew they would be playing the semifinal in Guyana, Rohit didn't look too happy. "I don't think it is an advantage and England players have played in different types of venues. At the end of the day good cricket matters. I'm only worried that we could miss the next chartered flight to the next venue if it goes too late," Rohit's words, slightly dismissive, showed how confident the team was going into the game against England.

India's constant failures in the knockout stages of ICC tournaments also came up and the skipper was asked whether the losses were due to fear of failure or just bad days at the office. Rohit agreed that "it is a combination of both".

"We want to treat this as just another game and won't stress on the context that it is a semifinal. We'll not talk and think about what happened in the past. We played well and enjoyed each other's success and it is important to carry on from what we have been doing," Rohit said, adding that the team was not thinking too far ahead.

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LIVING THE MOMENT: Rishabh Pant and Kuldeep Yadav at the nets on Wednesday

It was slightly contradictory to what he said later, but the skipper insisted this time that if the team doesn't stay in the moment, "they won't be able to make the correct decisions that everybody is expected to make".

The one thing that is giving this team a lot of confidence going into the semis is their last win against Australia. Asked about the one big takeaway from the win, the skipper smiled: "Probably the fact that Australia are not there in the tournament anymore?" He then he went on to add that the team being able to do what needed to be done at different situations of the game gave him the maximum satisfaction.

"The confidence we played with is definitely a takeaway. The bowlers executing their plans and batters doing their job. This format is about confidence and when we win like that, it gets a major boost. In fact the Bangladesh game was the perfect game for us because only one guy scored a half-century and the rest 20s and 30s and still we made 196."

KITE-RUNNERS MEET RAINBOW NATION

Seeking Dream End, Afghans Take On SA, Who Are Looking For 1st WC Title

Tarouba (Trinidad): Rashid Khan was hoisted on the shoulders of his celebrating Afghan teammates and then joined in a circle with the squad and took his turn to dance on the field, all beamed live for the TV audience.

The joy of reaching the Twenty20 World Cup semifinals for the first time — at the expense of cricket powerhouses Australia — lasted long after the dramatic win over Bangladesh in St. Vincent.

On Wednesday, the underdogs will go back to work against South Africa, who have been at or near the top of limited-overs cricket for decades but never won a World Cup. And so the first of the T20 World Cup semifinals in Trinidad will be a contest between the overachievers and underachievers of international cricket.

Rashid is one of the leading bowlers in the T20 format, a regular star in the franchise leagues around the world. This is the pinnacle so far for him in national colours.

"It's a massive achievement for us as a team and as a nation to be in the semis," he said. "The cricket we have played in the whole tournament so far — I think we deserve to be there."

At the end of his post-match TV interview in the early hours of Tuesday morning, Rashid thanked the interviewer and then delivered a message in Pashto for the team's massive following back in Kabul. Afghans in their thousands took to the streets of Kabul to celebrate the national team's success in the Caribbean.

After reaching the second round at the previous three T20 World Cups, Afghanistan knocked out New Zealand in the group stage and then beat Australia for the first time last weekend to advance to the final four. Losses to co-hosts West Indies in the group stage and to India in the second phase were reality checks that could serve the team well in the knockouts.

Rob Walter, who has been head coach of South Africa's limited-overs teams since the start of 2023, is well aware of the magnitude of the match.

"It's never just another game. I think that sort of rhetoric around semifinals is always untrue, or people trying to downplay the occasion," he said. "It is a semifinal of a World Cup, and we appreciate that and we're looking forward to it."

South Africa is unbeaten at the tournament, but had to endure a tighter-than-expected one-run win over lowly-ranked Nepal, tough contests against Netherlands, Bangladesh and England and only beat West Indies with five balls to spare in the Super Eight stage.

"We've managed to get over the line in quite a number of close games in the lead up to the semifinal, which has been great for us," he said. "We've potentially missed out on a few of those moments in the past."

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Afghanistan players celebrate their win against Bangladesh

Afghanistan's performance has been inspired by some career-best form from individual bowlers and batters. Three of the top five wicket-takers in the tournament are from Afghanistan, led by fast bowler Fazalhaq Farooqi with 16. Rashid, who snared a match-winning four-wicket haul against Bangladesh, has 14. Fast bowler Naveen-ul Haq has 13.

South Africa's leading wicket takers in the tournament have been fast bowlers Anrich Nortje at No. 8 with 11 wickets and Kagiso Rabada with 10.

Opening batters Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Ibrahim Zadran have put together three century partnerships for Afghanistan and are among the top three leading run-scorers in the tournament with 281 and 229 respectively.

South Africa's strong batting lineup hasn't really fired as a unit so far in the tournament with only Quinton de Kock — at No. 6 with 199 runs — in the top 10. But the Proteas have the capacity to take a game away from an opposing team and are desperate to make some history of their own. "The near misses in the past, they belong to the people who missed them," Walter said. "We own whatever is ours to own. And so, our nearest reflection point is this tournament where we've managed to get over the line. So that's what we think about." AP

FACE-OFF

SA vs AF
TV TIME: 6 AM
STAR SPORTS
HOTSTAR

HEAD TO HEAD

SA	AF
2	0

LAST FIVE MATCHES

SA	W	W	W	W	W
AF	W	W	L	L	W

VENUE: TAROUBA

ODDS

SA	AF
6/10	12/10

NUMBERS GAME

2 South Africa defeated Afghanistan in both the T20Is (T20 World Cup fixtures) they have squared-off in—by 59 runs at Bridgetown on May 5, 2010 and by 37 runs at Mumbai (WS) on March 20, 2016.

7 Number of matches won by South Africa in this edition—a record for most victories in a T20 WC. Three teams have recorded six wins each—Sri Lanka in 2009; Australia (twice: 2010 & 2021) and India in 2024.

'Have no scarring, no history'

Kingstown: Coach Jonathan Trott believes Afghanistan will go into Wednesday's T20 World Cup semifinal against South Africa boosted by "having no scarring, no history" unlike the accident-prone Proteas.

Afghanistan will be playing in the last-four of any World Cup for the first time. South Africa are still without a major global title with just the 1998 Champions Trophy to show for all their endeavours. They have also been accused of "choking" on big occasions.

"We go into the semi-final with no scarring or no history with regards to semifinals. This is uncharted territory for us," said Trott, the former Ashes-winning England batsman who was born and raised in South Africa.

"We're just going to go out there and give it our all. There's no preconceived ideas on it all, or history of failure or success in semifinals in past years. For us it's a new challenge and I think that makes us dangerous in the semifinals as a side with nothing to lose and obviously a lot of pressure on the opposition."

Trott said it felt "surreal" to have led Afghanistan into the semifinals. The 43-year-old has certainly developed close bonds with the team since taking over in 2022. After the rain-hit win over Bangladesh, he was carried off on the players' shoulders. "When I took over, I was astounded by the talent that I saw," added Trott.

"There was a certain rawness to it all and no real structure to how the game was played or thought about. I've just tried to add here and there. At no stage have I tried to clip anybody's wings. I'm just trying to make the bow of the arrow even stronger so that they can go for longer, win more games and shoot for the stars even further away." AGENCIES

I was almost in tears laughing: Oz skipper on Naib's theatrics

Gros Islet (St Lucia): Australia captain Mitchell Marsh saw the funny side of Afghanistan all-rounder Gulbadin Naib's theatrical complaining of cramps in the match against Bangladesh, terming it as "one of the funniest things" he has ever seen on a cricket field.

Naib, who was fielding in the slip, fell on his back while clutching his thighs during the 12th over, just after coach Jonathan Trott signalled to slow down the proceedings as rain was imminent with Afghanistan ahead in the proceedings in the Super Eights game. "I was almost in tears laughing and at the end of the day it had no bearing on the game. So, we can laugh about it now – but, gee, it was funny. It was outstanding," Marsh told cricket.com.au.

Naib later bowled two overs and participated with vigour in Afghanistan's victory celebrations without showing any hint of 'cramps.' The ICC's playing conditions stipulate that a player can get up to two-match ban for "deliberate or repetitive" time wasting tactics, but that Naib might just escape with a first and final warning by the match referee.



NAIB (R) WITH RASHID KHAN

The all-rounder said the team was dejected after the fall of the final Bangladesh wicket. "We were all flat (when the final wicket fell). We were desperate to continue on in the tournament. But fair play to Afghanistan – they beat us and they beat Bangladesh and they deserve to be in the semifinals," added Marsh.

GALLERY

Head replaces Suryakumar as top T20 batter

Dubai: Australia opener Travis head on Wednesday toppled India's Suryakumar Yadav as the number one batter in the latest ICC T20 rankings. Suryakumar was holding the number one spot since December 2023 but Head's splendid run at the T20 World Cup catapulted him to the top even as his team has been knocked out. The Australian is two points ahead of Surya (842 points) who dropped a spot to second.

Deshpande gets BCCI's fast bowling contract: Mumbai and Chennai Super Kings (CSK) pacer Tushar Deshpande, who recently received his maiden call-up into the Indian team when he was picked for the upcoming five-match T20I series in Zimbabwe in July, has become the latest player to receive the BCCI's fast bowling contract.

Nitish injured, Shivam picked as replacement: All-rounder Shivam Dube has been picked as replacement for injured Nitish Reddy in the Indian T20 squad for the upcoming tour of Zimbabwe, the BCCI announced on Wednesday. India will play five T20 Internationals in Zimbabwe from July 6.

Robinson gives away 43 runs to get unwanted record: England seamer Ollie Robinson on Wednesday had an unwanted record registered against his name for bowling the second-costliest over in First-Class cricket history, giving away 43 runs during a County Championship match in Brighton. Robinson was clobbered for 43 runs in a total of nine deliveries he bowled to complete his over. AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

CRICKET: WCT20 semis: SA vs Afg, 6 am; Ind vs Eng, 8 pm (Star Sports)

Harman to lead men's hockey team in Paris

Five Olympic Debutants Included In 16-Member Squad Announced By HI

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HARMANPREET SINGH

Bengaluru: Eleven players, who have stood on the podium at the Tokyo Olympics, and five debutants have been named as a part of the Harmanpreet Singh-led Indian men's hockey team for the Paris Games. Chief coach Craig Fulton has opted to play it safe and the line-up is mostly composed of players who won the gold at the Asian Games last year.

Seasoned PR Sreejesh, who predictably made the cut as the lone goalkeeper, will feature in his fourth Olympics alongside midfielder Manpreet Singh, while key midfielder Hardik Singh has been named Harmanpreet's deputy. Jarmanpreet Singh, Sanjay, Abhishek, Sukhjeet Singh and Rajkumar Pal will make their maiden Olympics appearance. After ending the medal drought in 2021 at Olympics, India — currently ranked seventh in the world — have been dogged by inconsistency. The squad was named on Wednesday after a two-day selection trial last week, which was a mere formality.

Given Fulton's approach and India's performance in the recently-concluded European leg of FIH Pro League, atleast a couple of progressive decisions were on the cards, but the team think-tank has adopted a traditionalist approach.

While Sreejesh picked himself based on his experience, the backline, especially in the penalty corner area, is a cause of concern. Inconsistency has sent Harmanpreet's dragflick under study Jugraj Singh into the alternative players' list. This is bound to put pressure on the skipper with Amit Rohidas and Sanjay not inspiring confidence with their recent performances. The absence of Varun Kumar, who was dropped from the probables list after being embroiled in an off-field controversy, will be felt. Instances of defensive lapses and inability to soak pressure were glaring in the Pro League and the onus will be on Jarmanpreet and Sumit to man the flanks at the back.

Given his progress over the past year, one would have expected towering striker Araijeet Singh Hundal to make the cut. Instead, the team management has opted for the experience of Lalit Upadhyay and Mandeep Singh to lend support to the in-form Abhishek and Sukhjeet. The crux of this team is the stable midfield led by Manpreet and Hardik. India are in the tough Pool B, which includes Belgium, Australia, Argentina, New Zealand, and Ireland.

INDIA SQUAD

Goalkeeper: Sreejesh PR; **Defenders:** Jarmanpreet Singh, Amit Rohidas, Harmanpreet Singh, Sumit, Sanjay; **Midfielders:** Rajkumar Pal, Shamsher Singh, Manpreet Singh, Hardik Singh, Vivek Sagar Prasad; **Forwards:** Abhishek, Sukhjeet Singh, Lalit Kumar Upadhyay, Mandeep Singh, Gurjant Singh; **Alternate players:** Nilakanta Sharma, Jugraj Singh, Krishan Pathak.

Ex-Vietnam coach Park among 214 applicants for India job

AIFF Expects Number To Rise With A Week Still Left For Deadline

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PARK HANG-SEO

Panaji: Park Hang-seo, the man who transformed Vietnam football into a consistent continental force, is among the more prominent names who have applied for the coaching vacancy with the national football team.

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has received 214 applications so far, with coaches and their representatives registering their interest. That number is expected to rise with another seven days still left for the July 3 deadline.

"We are not looking at any of the applications till the deadline," a senior official told **TOI** on Wednesday. "Next week, we will sort out the applications, categorise the coaches and take the process forward. As of now, we are keeping all options open."

The AIFF may be tempted to look at Park's application more closely, given his record with Vietnam. During his five-year stint, he took Vietnam from no-hopers in 2017 to the quarterfinals of the AFC Asian Cup where they eventually lost by a solitary goal against Japan.

'Uncle Park', as he was popularly known, also masterminded Vietnam's World Cup 2022 qualifying campaign, taking the team to the final stage of the Asian qualifiers, which included 12 teams. Under the South Korean's watch, Vietnam maintained their top position in Asean region and spent a record time among the world's top 100 for a Southeast Asian team.

"Park is a hero in Vietnam and his interest in Indian football is a good sign. He not just managed the senior team but also took charge of the under-23s, delivering the south-east Asian title. His record against much higher-ranked countries is enviable, and he managed to do all this with thrilling, counter-attacking football," said another official.

When Juergen Klinsmann was sacked as South Korea coach after a catastrophic Asian Cup 2023 campaign, there were calls for the 65-year-old Park to take over as the national team coach.

The AIFF, though, will be wary of the South Korean's salary. According to sources, the coach was paid a monthly salary of $50,000 (approx. Rs 41 lakh), a significant increase in what the federation paid Igor Stimac till it decided to sack the coach.

In its advertisement, the AIFF has called for applications from coaches with minimum 10-15 years of coaching experience at the elite youth and senior level football. Experience as the first team coach of the senior national team is being preferred, while experience of coaching in the World Cup and continental championship qualifiers is an advantage. "The coach has to be efficient, plan much in advance and make the best use of the available resources and deliver within the budget," said the AIFF.

'Paris wasn't on cards but luck smiled on me'

Judoka Tulika Mann Returned From Injury Setback To Earn Oly Berth

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New Delhi: For judoka Tulika Maan, a Birmingham Commonwealth Games silver medallist, the road to Olympics qualification for Paris hasn't been easy. Paris was not on her mind after she got injured in 2022 and missed the rest of the season, resulting in the loss of crucial ranking points. The knee injury she suffered during her campaign at the judo Worlds in Uzbekistan's Tashkent two years ago and the resultant anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and meniscus tears couldn't have happened at a more inopportune time as the qualification period for the Paris Games ran from June 22, 2022 to June 23, 2024.

However, the 25-year-old Delhi girl overcame tough challenges and booked her berth in the women's +78kg division for Paris after securing a victory over Canada's Portuondo Isasi in the Round-of-32 at the Abu Dhabi Worlds last month. It boosted her ranking points to 1345 helping her move up to 36th in world rankings. She will be India's lone entry in judo competitions in Paris.

Tulika was sceptical about her chances to secure Paris berth through continental quota when she couldn't win a single bout in two Grand Slam competitions in Dushanbe and Astana. She felt seasoned judokas in the men's section, Avtar Singh (100kg) and Vijay Yadav (60kg), stood a better chance to qualify but they fell behind in world rankings.

"Judo has always been full of surprises and one never knows what will happen on a given day. Look at how I made it to the Paris Olympics! It's been surreal. Given my injury issues, I was doubtful about my qualification chances. Now that I have qualified for Paris, I'll give my best. I am hoping I will make it to the bronze medal match if not the final. But we are training for gold," said Tulika

Tulika's Olympics bid was aided by her fifth-place finishes at the Hangzhou Asian Games and the Asian Championships in Hong Kong in April this year which helped her rake in crucial points. "I won three bouts each at the Asiad and the Asian Championships. Hong Kong is when I first thought, 'maybe I can do it'. The win at the recent Worlds definitely helped my chances. My coach (Yashpal Solanki) had drawn up a calendar of events to target but the Olympics was not part of that. Now, we will prepare accordingly. My training has been going on well," she added.

Vijay, CK Nayudu's grandson, dies

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Mumbai: Vijay Nayudu, grandson of India's first Test captain CK Nayudu, passed away at a suburban hospital here on Wednesday due to prolonged illness. He was 79. He is survived by his wife, a daughter and a son.

Nayudu captained Madhya Pradesh and played 47 First-Class matches from 1960-61 to 1977-78, in which he scored 1926 runs@25.34, with one hundred and nine fifties, besides taking 35 wickets@26.51.

He also played for Central Zone in the Duleep Trophy. When he led West Zone University, the legendary Sunil Gavaskar played under him and scored 246.

Kapil takes guard as PGTI prez

New Delhi: Year 2024 began with a bang for cricket legend turned ace golfer **Kapil Dev** as he made a hole-in-one on Jan 1 at the Jaypee Greens Golf Resort, Greater Noida. Kapil, playing fourballs with friends, achieved this rare feat on the 16th hole.



On Wednesday, Kapil notched up another milestone in his golf career when he took over as the president of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI). This development marks a new chapter for the PGTI, the governing body for men's professional golf in India. Kapil, who has excelled as an amateur golfer, has been the vice president and member of the governing body of PGTI since the last three years. Since then, he has played an important role in shaping and developing Indian professional golf.

"It is an honour to become the president of PGTI, an organisation with which I have now been associated for quite a few years. It is a player's body. I am great friends with all of them and with whom I often play. Now, golf is the sport where I spend most of my time. It's an honour to be chosen by the players to be the president. I promise to do my best, as I always have. What gives me even greater pleasure is that I will be able to spend more time with my golfing friends and play a little more," Kapil said.

Uttam Singh Mundy, CEO, PGTI, added, "We are honoured to have Indian sports icon Mr. Kapil Dev take over as president of PGTI. We are confident that the PGTI will scale greater heights under his astute leadership as his name has been synonymous with excellence in sports. His valuable experience as a professional sportsman and an accomplished golfer will be an asset for the PGTI, paving the way for the further growth of Indian professional golf."

TIMES NATION

Ex-MLA held for destroying EVM at polling booth in Andhra

Vijayawada: Former MLA of Andhra Pradesh's Macherla, Pinnelli Ramakrisna Reddy, was on Wednesday arrested after high court refused to extend the interim relief against arrest for vandalising a polling booth on May 13 and poll-related violence, reports **Srikanth Aluri**.

Given the gravity of the offence, its effect on society and considering the antecedents of the accused petitioner, anticipatory bail cannot be granted, Justice T Mallikarjuna Rao said.

Reddy, the then Macherla MLA and YSRCP candidate from the seat, was caught in CCTV footage entering a polling station at Paluvaigate Village in Palnadu's Rentachintala Mandal and vandalizing an EVM and VVPAT on May 13.

AIADMK MLAs prioritising publicity over duties: Stalin

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Some members, including former ministers, rushed to the well. "Even if I allow the motion, they aren't ready to discuss as they intend to walk out," Appavu said.

TN CM MK Stalin criticised AIADMK, saying they were prioritising publicity over their democratic duties. "State govt has taken appropriate measures with genuine concern in this tragedy," he said, asserting that DMK-led govt had been prepared to address opposition's questions from the first day of the session.

Palaniswami, speaking to reporters, claimed the party was not given an opportunity to discuss the increasing death toll despite submitting a notice for adjournment.

He accused speaker Appavu of engaging in politics and govt of suppressing the opposition's voice.

Birla 5th LS Speaker to be elected for 2nd term

There Should Be New Vision, Resolve For LS: Birla

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PTI



Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge and MP Rahul Gandhi during a meeting with other leading lights of INDIA bloc on Wednesday

An effort involving Congress's K C Venugopal and DMK's T R Baalu from the opposition side and Union ministers Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah and J P Nadda on Tuesday to evolve a consensus had failed with govt again turning down the demand that the deputy speaker be from the opposition.

But Congress did not press for a vote, despite an attempt by Union minister for animal husbandry Rajiv Ranjan Singh 'Lalan' to bait them into seeking one, leading to the 62-year-old Birla being elected by voice vote.

Modi congratulated Birla on his re-election and expressed confidence that he would guide parliamentarians and play a big role in the House to fulfil people's expectations.

After his election, Birla told members that there should be a new vision and resolve for the 18th Lok Sabha. He called for Lok Sabha to be a centre of creative thinking and new ideas, which would establish high levels of parliamentary traditions and dignity. Modi and parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju were joined by leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi in escorting Birla to the Speaker's chair after his election, marking a moment of harmony.

Birla got a second consecutive term, the fifth time that a Speaker will serve beyond the tenure of one Lok Sabha.

It is also among the few occasions that an election became necessary for a post conventionally decided by consensus.

Birla, who has risen through the ranks in BJP, is also a three-term former Rajasthan MLA.

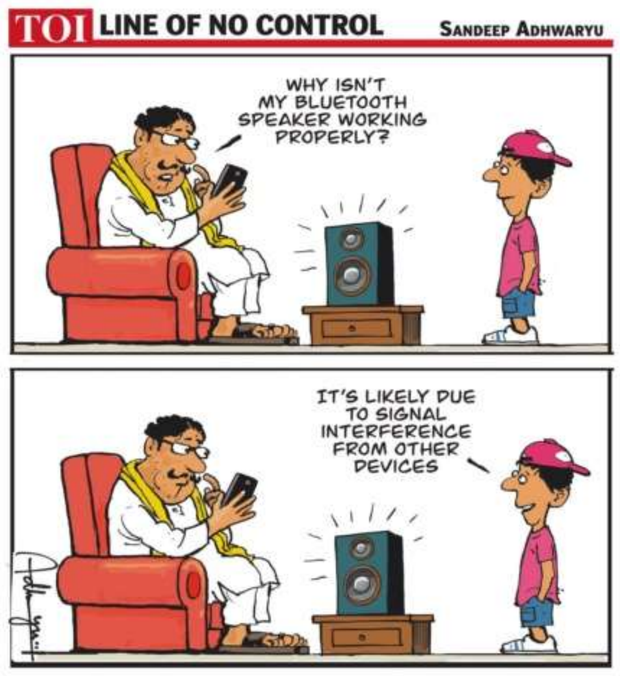
Isro arm NSIL to launch largest-ever Australian sat

New Delhi: Australian-Indian in-space servicing arm Space Machines Company has signed a launch service agreement with Isro's commercial arm NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL) for the launch of second Optimus spacecraft weighing 450kg, the largest Australian-designed and-built spacecraft so far, reports **Surendra Singh.**

Slated for a launch on board NSIL's new mini rocket Small Satellite Launch Vehicle in 2026, this mission, named Space MAITRI (Mission for Australia-India's Technology, Research and Innovation), will mark a defining moment for both nations in the area of space collaboration. The mission will address the problem of increasing levels of space debris around Earth.

Space MAITRI is assisted by an $8.5 million grant from the Australian Space Agency, and is part of the ISI India Projects program. At the India Space Congress 2024 held in Delhi, Rajat Kulshrestha, CEO and co-founder of Space Machines Company, and NSIL CMD Radhakrishnan Durairaj formally announced the signing of the agreement.

TOI LINE OF NO CONTROL SANDEEP ADHWARYU



Out of 350, Telugu is now America's 11th most-spoken language

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Between 60,000 and 70,000 students arrive in the US each year, along with close to 10,000 H1B visa holders. About 80% of them are registered with us, said Ashok Kolla, former secretary of the Telugu Association of North America. "Over 75% of them settle here in the US, mostly in Dallas, the Bay Area, North Carolina, New Jersey, Atlanta, Florida, and Nashville."

The older generations are largely entrepreneurs, whereas over 80% of the younger lot are in IT and finance. Telugu influence has seen such a rise that it is now the 11th most spoken foreign language — out of 350 languages — in the US, and the third most spoken Indian language, preceded by Hindi and Gujarati.

"When I moved to Dallas last year, I felt right at home," said Vinay K, who moved to Texas for a data analyst's job. "From my PG to my office, from streets to malls, I was surrounded by Telugus. Most of my colleagues from India are from AP and Telangana, which helped me settle down and not feel homesick," the young professional said.

Old-timers recount how communities around them have seen a shift in the ethnic composition over the years. "I don't remember knowing more than four or five Telugu families when I first moved. But over the years the community has grown significantly. It's like we have a third state after AP and Telangana in the US. There are more footfalls in temples and community spaces now," said T Raghavendra Rao, a 63-year-old businessman who's lived in NJ for over five decades.

According to the Indian Mobility Report 2024, AP and Telangana form the largest cohort of Indian students in the US — accounting for 12.5% of the total student crowd. So much so that Kent State University has started receiving their new batches with signs that read "Vidhyardhulaku Swagatham (Welcome Students)". "I was moved by this gesture," said Indra Varsini, pursuing a master's in IT in NJ. "I feel I am not too far from my own people," she added.

Sahu took to burglary after failing to crack govt test: Cops

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Police said that Sahu had tried to bag a govt job and attempted the PSC exam but failed every time. He decided to go for a career change and stole a few mobile phones from his locality's vegetable market. He couldn't go beyond petty theft or his familiar neighbourhood. "He was so lazy that he hit the same places repeatedly," said a policeman.

Crime branch DSP Hem Prakash Nayak said Sahu had burgled the couple's house in Ahiwara locality twice earlier and believed he would get third-time lucky as well.

He sneaked into their home last Friday and was looking for something to steal when he came upon the couple in an intimate moment. He stood in the shadows and took a video on a smartphone he had stolen earlier.

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The morning after, the couple was rattled when their video popped up on one of their phones from an unknown number. It was followed by a call to cough up Rs 10 lakh.

The couple had no clue how their personal moment was recorded. They filed a police complaint, mentioning the number from where the video was sent and extortion call was made.

A special team was constituted to reach out to the accused and nab him. The cyber cell had no problem tracking Sahu and arresting him on Wednesday. He was still using the same phone and the same number. Police seized three mobile SIM cards and handsets from him and deleted the video.

As a fallout, the couple triple checks doors and windows and every corner of the house before going to bed these days.

Suspected mastermind Mukhiya didn't report for duty on day of NEET-UG test

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Officials at Noorsarai Horticulture College said Mukhiya didn't report for duty on the day of the NEET-UG test and has been marked as absent without authorised leave since.

In his response to a notice from the college on May 18, he claimed to have been hospitalised on May 6 due to a sudden illness. He requested leave until June 5, totalling 31 days. The college wrote back with queries to which he was supposed to respond within three days.

The institute's office superintendent Pranay Kumar Pankaj said, "Mukhiya has been posted in the college for seven years. When we heard he was a suspect in the NEET-UG paper leak, we summoned him through another letter on June 20, but received no response." Pankaj mentioned that an EOU team visited the campus for questioning.

A senior EOU official said Mukhiya previously collaborated with Ranjit Don, the alleged mastermind of several paper leaks from the 1990s till early 2000. Mukhiya allegedly branched out after Ranjit joined politics. "Mukhiya operated as a link between candidates' parents, middlemen, handlers and the solver gang. The NEET-UG question papers are suspected to have been leaked from a centre in Hazaribagh. The principal of a school, the centre observer, superintendent and others are under the scanner," an official said. The absconding franchise of a courier company in Hazaribagh is also under scrutiny.

A special CBI court in Patna Wednesday remanded two of the arrested accused in the agency's custody for three days. Baldev Kumar, alias Chintu, and Mukesh Kumar, have been linked to the Lutan Mukhia gang.

The CBI registered an FIR in the case on June 23, based on a directive from the Union education ministry.

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TASTE OF FREEDOM: Julian Assange landed at RAAF air base Fairbairn in Canberra on Wednesday and was greeted by his wife Stella

Canberra: WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange landed to an ecstatic welcome in Australia on Wednesday after pleading guilty to violating US espionage law in a deal that sets him free from a 14-year legal battle.

Assange disembarked from a private jet at Canberra airport just after 7.30pm (local time), waving to waiting media and cheering supporters before passionately kissing his wife, Stella, and lifting her off the ground. He embraced his father before entering the terminal building with his legal team.

Assange has not spoken publicly since being released and did not appear at a WikiLeaks press conference at a hotel in Canberra, where Stella said it was too soon to say what her husband would do next. "Julian needs time to recover, to get used to freedom," she said. "I want Julian to have that space to rediscover that freedom."

Assange told PM Anthony Albanese in a phone call from the capital Canberra's airport tarmac that Australian govt intervention in the US prosecution had saved his life, Assange lawyer Jennifer Robinson said.

Assange's arrival ends a saga in which he spent more than five years in a UK high-security jail and seven years in asylum at the Ecuadorean embassy in London battling extradition to Sweden on sexual assault allegations and to the US, where he faced 18 criminal charges. Those charges stemmed from WikiLeaks' release in 2010 of hundreds of thousands of classified US military documents on Washington's wars in Afghanistan and Iraq — one of the largest breaches of secret information in US history.

During a three-hour hearing held earlier in the US territory of Saipan, Assange pleaded guilty to one criminal count of conspiring to obtain and disclose classified national defence documents. He defended his actions, describing himself as a journalist seeking information from sources, a task he said he saw as legal and constitutionally protected. "I believe the First Amendment and the Espionage Act are in contradiction with each other," he said, "but I accept that it would be difficult to win such a case given all the circumstances."

Asked if Assange would return to publishing, Stella did not rule out the possibility. She said he "will always defend human rights, will always defend victims." Another of his lawyers, Barry Pollack, expected his client would continue vocal campaigning: "WikiLeaks's work will continue". REUTERS, NYT

Kenya prez backs down on tax hikes after unrest leaves 23 dead

Nairobi: Kenyan Prez **William Ruto** on Wednesday withdrew planned tax hikes, bowing to pressure from protesters who had stormed parliament, launched demonstrations across the country and threatened more action this week.

The move will be seen as a major victory for a week-old, youth-led protest movement that grew from online condemnations of tax rises into mass rallies demanding a political overhaul, in the most serious crisis of Ruto's 2-year-old presidency.



But some demonstrators said on social media that despite Ruto's climbdown they would go ahead with a rally planned for Thursday, with many reiterating demands that he resign.

Ruto announced he would not sign a finance bill including the tax increases, a day after violent clashes between police and protesters at the assembly and nationwide left at least 23 people dead and scores wounded, according to medics.

"Listening keenly to the people of Kenya who have said loudly that they want nothing to do with this finance bill 2024, I concede. And therefore, I will not sign the 2024 finance bill, and it shall subsequently be withdrawn," he said in a televised address with lawmakers.

Ruto said he would now start a dialogue with Kenyan youth, without going into details, and work on austerity measures — beginning with cuts to the budget of the presidency — to make up the difference in the country's finances. REUTERS

Mark Rutte moves from leading Netherlands to heading Nato

Outgoing Dutch PM A Putin Critic, And A Ukraine Supporter

Mark Rutte, the long-serving Dutch PM, was formally named the new secretary general of Nato on Wednesday, putting an experienced, strongly pro-Ukraine leader with a reputation for conciliation at the head of the alliance. Rutte, 57, will take over from Jens Stoltenberg on Oct1, at a difficult time for Nato in the face of Russia's war against Ukraine and in the midst of a tight race for the US presidency that could bring Donald Trump, who disparages the alliance, back into power.

The decision, sealed by Nato ambassadors during a meeting at the 32-nation alliance's headquarters in Brussels, removes a potentially contentious issue from the alliance's 75th anniversary meeting next month in Washington. US Prez Biden and his Nato counterparts will formally welcome Rutte to their table at a summit, which begins on July 9.

Long a favourite of Biden for the post, Rutte served as the Dutch PM four times, for nearly 14 years, building complicated coalitions through debate and compromise. Those skills should serve him well in an alliance that works by consensus, where one country can block the intentions of the rest.

Rutte turned down Biden's request that he seek the Nato job at least once before, forcing the alliance to extend Stoltenberg's term for an extra year.

Now serving as a caretaker PM before a new Dutch government is sworn in, Rutte is known as a hard worker but an affable boss. A man of habit, the son of a car dealer, he has lived in the same modest house, with the same furniture, for the past 30 years. Every summer, he rents the same house with family members and spends a few days each year in New York with the same friend, staying in the same modest hotel in Chinatown, wrote Caroline de Gruyter, Europe correspondent for the Dutch newspaper NRC Handelsblad, in Foreign Policy.


AFP

TOUGH ROAD AHEAD

He is also known for riding his bicycle to work, a habit that will have to change because his new job will require him to endure significantly enhanced security wherever he goes. He will also have to drop the weekly social studies class he has taught for years at a high school in The Hague.

Rutte will take over with Nato struggling to find a way to reassure Ukraine of its long-term commitment to its security at a time when the country is facing increased Russian pressure after more than two years of war. Allies are also concerned that Trump, who has been openly hostile to Nato and some of its leaders, could win back the presidency, although Rutte got along well with Trump when he was in office.

In Feb, speaking at the Munich Security Conference, Rutte told Europeans to "stop moaning and whining and nagging about Trump," and instead act in their own interests by beefing up their militaries and producing more ammunition for Ukraine. Americans will decide the next president, he said, adding: "I'm not an American, I cannot vote in the US. We have to work with whoever is on the dance floor."

Rutte's view of the Kremlin was deeply affected by the shooting down of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 over Ukraine in 2014, with 196 Dutch people among the 298 people killed by a Russian antiaircraft missile that had been provided to separatist forces by the Russian military. In Sept 2022, Rutte told the UN of Prez Putin: "He won't stop at Ukraine if we don't stop him now. This war is bigger than Ukraine itself. It's about upholding the international rule of law." He has described Putin as "coldhearted, brutal, merciless." Under Rutte, the Netherlands has increased military spending to over 2% of GDP demanded of Nato members, and it has provided F-16s, artillery, drones and ammunition to Kyiv while investing more in its own military. NYT

US House adopts resolution seeking independent probe into Pak elections

The US House of Representatives has overwhelmingly passed a resolution supporting democracy and human rights in Pakistan, urging an independent probe into claims of irregularities in the country's Feb 8 general elections.

The polls were plagued by a nationwide mobile internet shutdown on election day, arrests and violence during the lead-up, and unusually delayed results. These issues led to accusations of the vote being rigged.

The resolution, passed Tuesday by a 368-7 vote, urged Prez Biden to collaborate with Pakistan in upholding democracy, human rights, and rule of law.

Islamabad criticised the resolution, saying that it was neither constructive nor objective due to its "lack of understanding of Pakistan's political situation and electoral process". PTI

Pak's Balochistan home minister alleges India's RAW backing 'TTP-BLA nexus'

Cites One Militant's 'Video Statement' To Make Accusation

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

Islamabad: The home minister of Pakistan's restive Balochistan province accused India on Wednesday of being the "single investor" of banned outfits Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan and Balochistan Liberation Army, responsible for carrying out terror attacks and abductions in the country.

Minister Ziaullah Langau's allegations came during a press conference in Quetta, Balochistan's capital. He said security forces had arrested two key militant commanders — TTP's Nasrullah, alias Maulvi Mansoor, and Idrees, aka Irshad — and then showed a recorded statement of the former. In the video, Nasrullah, a member of TTP since 2007, said he had settled in Afghanistan's Paktika province during the 2014 military offensive in North Waziristan and had been working as an "emir" in the militant group's defence commission since 2023.

He then explained a plan he had been briefed about in Jan 2024, according to which a BLA guide would take him to southern Balochistan by helping him cross the Pak-Afghan border through Spin Boldak town. The militant claimed Bashir Zeb, the commander of BLA Majeed Brigade, was complicit in the plan's creation. Nasrullah alleged India's intelligence agency RAW was behind all this, that it wanted a BLA-TTP nexus, and that TTP bases be established in Khuzdar, Balochistan.

He claimed: "TTP chief Mufti Noor Wali Mehsud and the outfit's defence minister, Mufti Muzahim, said we (TTP) and our friends (RAW) have three objectives in establishing a foothold in Balochistan: Sabotaging CPEC projects, including targeting Chinese citizens; carrying out kidnappings to play up the matter of enforced disappearances so that intelligence agencies can be defamed; and spreading anarchy and frustration among the people by fomenting terrorist activities." Nasrullah claimed Mehsud held meetings with RAW agents at the Indian embassy in Kabul, and this was fully supported by the Afghan govt.

After showing Nasrullah's statement, Langau said while TTP vowed to "introduce Islamic system", the BLA was its "ideological opposite". "Their nexus only means their investor is the same, using them from two angles," he alleged.

Karachi heat kills 450 in just 4 days

Karachi: A searing heat wave that has hit Pakistan's biggest city has led to the death of at least 450 people over the last four days, leading NGO Edhi Foundation claimed on Wednesday.

Karachi, Pakistan's port city, has been hit by extreme hot weather since Saturday with mercury crossing 40°C for third consecutive day on Wednesday, considered too high for a coastal area. Edhi said most of the bodies belonged to homeless people and drug addicts on the streets. The cosmopolitan city, also Pakistan's financial capital, is home to millions of migrants from other parts of the country and also from Afghanistan and some African nations. PTI

Flatulent cows and pigs will face a carbon tax in Denmark, a world first

Copenhagen: Denmark will tax livestock farmers for the greenhouse gases emitted by their cows, sheep and pigs from 2030, the first country in the world to do so as it targets a major source of methane emissions, one of the most potent gases contributing to global warming. The aim is to reduce Danish greenhouse gas emissions by 70% from 1990 levels by 2030, said taxation minister Jeppe Bruus.


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GREEN MOVE

As of 2030, Danish livestock farmers will be taxed 300 kroner ($43) per tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent in 2030. The tax will increase to 750 kroner ($108) by 2035. However, because of an income tax deduction of 60%, the actual cost per tonne will start at 120 kroner ($17.3) and increase to 300 kroner by 2035.

Although carbon dioxide typically gets more attention for its role in climate change, methane traps about 87 times more heat on a 20-year timescale, according to the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Livestock account for about 32% of human-caused methane emissions, says the UN Environment Program.

"We will take a big step closer in becoming climate neutral in 2045," Bruus said, adding Denmark "will be the first country in the world to introduce a real CO2 tax on agriculture" and hoped other countries would follow suit. The tax is to be approved in the 179-seat parliament, but the bill is expected to pass after the broad-based consensus.

New Zealand had passed a similar law due to take effect in 2025. However, the legislation was removed from the statute book Wednesday after hefty criticism from farmers and a change of govt in 2023 election. AP

Italy busts gang smuggling in Chinese via luxury cars

Rome: Italian police said on Wednesday they have busted a Chinese trafficking network which used luxury cars to smuggle Chinese migrants into Italy, before confiscating their passports and treating them like slaves. The smugglers had the migrants pose as "unsuspecting Asian citizens, well-dressed, with little luggage, travelling in expensive cars, driven by Chinese citizens who had lived in Italy for years and spoke Italian," the police said.


AFP/File

TRAFFICKING RING UNRAVELLED

Investigators were alerted to a possible ring after a Chinese citizen was stopped at the border between Italy and Slovenia in April during routine checks, and found to be transporting four undocumented Chinese. A probe uncovered "the existence of a consistent, continuous flow of irregular Chinese citizens who, in small groups, were flown to the external European borders in countries (mainly Serbia) where they entered with a visa exemption," the police said. "And then, from there, they were accompanied by car, through Bosnia, Croatia and Slovenia, up to the Italian state border."

Smuggled migrants were transported to a safehouse near Venice, before being taken on either to areas of Italy or other EU countries. The traffickers confiscated their passports. The migrants were kept "without medical assistance, given nothing except a bed and a place to work indefinitely", police said. Police arrested nine alleged members of the trafficking network during the operation and identified 77 undocumented migrants. AFP

Honduras ex-prez gets 45 yrs' jail on US drug charges

New York: Former Honduran prez Juan Orlando Hernandez was sentenced by a US judge on Wednesday to 45 years in jail for his conviction on drug and firearm offenses. A Manhattan jury in March found Hernandez guilty of accepting millions of dollars in bribes to protect US-bound cocaine shipments belonging to traffickers he once publicly proclaimed to combat. The sentence, which included an $8 million fine, was less than the life imprisonment that prosecutors had sought — although Hernandez's age, 55, means he may die behind bars.

He led Honduras, a US ally in Central America, from 2014 to 2022. During a two-week trial, prosecutors said Hernandez used drug money to bribe officials and manipulate voting results of 2013 and 2017 prez polls. Several convicted traffickers testified they bribed Hernandez. Testifying in his own defence, Hernandez denied taking bribes from drug cartels. REUTERS

Activists held after 'dirty protest' at Sunak's home

Naomi Canton

London: Four men have been arrested after trespassing in the grounds of British PM Rishi Sunak's Yorkshire country mansion where one of them even defecated in his lake.

Protest group Youth Demand claimed responsibility for the incident, uploading footage to X. The group wrote: "As Sunak faces electoral wipeout, we offer up a parting gift. We have given the Tories exactly what they have given us. A ****show. The political system in this country is in the toilet." The statement then goes on a rant about the "collapsing NHS", "crumbling schools", food banks, new oil and gas projects, and UK arms sales to Israel. The video shows Oliver Clegg, 21, a Just Stop Oil activist from Manchester, climbing into a lake and appearing to defecate while wearing an "Eat s*** Rishi" shirt.



It was another blow for the PM whose party is engulfed in a betting scandal and whose election campaign has been star-crossed from the outset.

Sunak's constituency home in the village of Kirby Sigston, North Yorkshire, is a manor house, worth over £2 million, with extensive gardens, a private lake, weir and boathouse. Cops were with the four men within a minute of them entering the grounds. "They were detained around 12.40pm Tuesday before being escorted off the property and arrested on suspicion of aggravated trespass," a police spokesman said. They have been released on conditional bail. Just half an hour earlier, a man was arrested on suspicion of drink-driving and criminal damage after ramming car into entrance of Chequers, Sunak's official country residence.

Russia starts secret trial of US scribe for spying

Yekaterinburg (Russia): US journalist **Evan Gershkovich** went on trial behind closed doors Wednesday in the Russian city of Yekaterinburg, where he faces charges of espionage and a likely sentence of up to 20 years in prison.



Prosecutors say the Wall Street Journal reporter gathered secret information on the orders of the US' CIA about a company that manufactures tanks for Russia's war in Ukraine. Gershkovich, his newspaper and the US govt all reject the allegations and say that he was just doing his job as a reporter accredited by the foreign ministry to work in Russia. The Kremlin declined to comment.

After several hours of closed proceedings, the court said the next session would take place on Aug 13. REUTERS

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SOLAR VATICAN IN THE WORKS: Pope Francis, a vocal campaigner for action against climate change, on Wednesday ordered the construction of a solar farm to cover the energy needs of the Vatican city state. The mini-state, based in Rome, hosts the headquarters of the global Catholic Church and comprises St Peter's Basilica. It is the world's smallest country, measuring just 0.44 square kilometres

South Korean airport briefly shuts down runways because of North's trash balloons

Takeoffs and landings at South Korea's Incheon international airport were disrupted on Wednesday for about three hours before dawn because of balloons launched by North Korea filled with refuse, an airport spokesperson said. One balloon landed on the tarmac near passenger Terminal 2 and the three runways at Incheon were temporarily shut down. North Korea has flown balloons carrying trash into South Korea since late May. Several balloons were spotted in and around the airport boundaries, the spokesperson said, adding that this was not the first time operations at the airport — about 40km from the North Korean border — had been disrupted by such balloons.

North Korea 'hypersonic missile explodes in flight'

A suspected hypersonic missile launched by North Korea exploded in flight on Wednesday, South Korea's military said. The missile was launched at about 5.30am (local time) and was travelling off the North's east coast before it blew up, South Korea's joint chiefs of staff said. Missile fragments were scattered in the water up to 250km from the launch site near North Korea's capital, it said. No damage was reported.

Kafka letter in which he says he can no longer write on sale

A letter from Franz Kafka in which he tells a friend he can no longer write is being offered at auction 100 years after his death, with an estimate of up to $114,000. Kafka is one of the 20th century's greatest writers, known for works such as "The Trial" and "The Metamorphosis". In the one-page letter in German, the Prague-born novelist says he has not written anything in three years. It is believed to have been written around April-June 1920, according to auction house Sotheby's. Kafka was diagnosed with tuberculosis in 1917. "When worries have penetrated to a certain layer of inner existence, writing and complaining obviously cease," Kafta wrote.

Two astronauts stuck on ISS as Boeing capsule faces technical woes

Washington: Problems with Boeing's Starliner capsule, still docked at the International Space Station, have upended the original plans for its return of its two astronauts — Sunita Williams and Barry Wilmore — to Earth, as last-minute fixes and tests draw out a mission crucial to the future of Boeing's space division. Nasa has rescheduled the planned return three times, and now has no date set for it. Since its June 5 lift-off, the capsule has had five helium leaks, five manoeuvring thrusters go dead and a propellant valve fail to close completely, prompting crew in space and managers in Houston to spend more time than expected pursuing fixes.

The current situation

Starliner can stay docked at the ISS for up to 45 days, according to Nasa's commercial crew manager Steve Stich. But if absolutely necessary, it could stay docked for up to 72 days, relying on various backup systems, according to a source. Internally at Nasa, Starliner's latest targeted return date is July 6, according to this source. Such a return date would mean that the mission, originally planned for eight days, instead would last a month.

Starliner's expendable propulsion system is part of the craft's service module. The current problems centre on this system, which is needed to back the capsule away from the ISS and position it to dive through Earth's atmosphere. Many of Starliner's thrusters have overheated when fired, and the leaks of helium — used to pressurise the thrusters — appear to be connected to how frequently they are used. Stich said recent test-firings of the thrusters gave mission teams confidence in a safe return. The mission team in Houston, made up of Nasa and Boeing personnel, is scrutinising data on the propulsion issues and considering how to fix them, such as by updating software or changing how the hardware is used. Once Nasa officials give the team a go-ahead for a return, Starliner's thrusters would be used to undock the capsule from the ISS and begin a roughly six-hour journey home. This is Starliner's first mission to orbit carrying astronauts — the final test needed for Nasa to certify it as its second ride to ISS along with SpaceX's Crew Dragon.


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Astronauts Sunita Williams (above in blue) and Butch Wilmore lifted off on June 5. Their 8-day mission has stretched to weeks

If the unexpected happens

Even with the propulsion system issues, Nasa has said Starliner still would be capable of returning the astronauts to Earth if absolutely necessary — that is, if the capsule must serve as an escape pod from the ISS in an emergency or if any of Starliner's perishable items — such as solar panels — show signs of expiring earlier than planned.

If Starliner cannot be used

If Starliner is deemed incapable of safely returning Wilmore and Williams to Earth, one option would be sending them home aboard Crew Dragon, which ferried four astronauts to the ISS in March and is able to fit more people in an emergency. That scenario, considered unlikely, would be embarrassing for Boeing. The last time a Nasa astronaut needed an alternative ride home came in 2022, when Russia's Soyuz capsule sprang a coolant leak after delivering to the station two cosmonauts and US astronaut Frank Rubio. He used an empty Soyuz capsule that Russia launched as a rescue craft. His mission was extended from 6 months to 371 days — a record-breaking duration for an American in space. REUTERS