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THE WORLD



STARMER SUSPENDS CANDIDATE OVER BETTING AGAINST SELF UK POLL BETTING SCANDAL ENGULFS LABOUR

The escalating scandal of candidates placing general election-related bets has widened from the Conservative Party to engulf the Opposition Labour Party after its leader, Keir Starmer, suspended one of his candidates for betting against himself ahead of the July 4 polls. **PTI**

TOP OF THE WORLD



Evan Gershkovich during his trial. Reuters

RUSSIA Secret trial starts for US reporter on spy charges

Yekaterinburg: U.S. journalist Evan Gershkovich went on trial behind closed doors on 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 U.S. Central Intelligence Agency about a company that manufactures tanks for Russia's war in Ukraine. Gershkovich, his newspaper and the U.S. government 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. **REUTERS**

HOME COMING AFTER 14-YEAR LEGAL BATTLE



WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange arrives at Canberra Airport on Wednesday. Reuters

Assange lands in Australia a free man after signing US deal

Judge releases him with sentence of time served, Albanese thanks US, UK

PETER HOBSON & KIRSTY NEEDHAM
CANBERRA, JUNE 26

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 7:30 p.m. (0930 GMT), 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 Assange 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."

Australia Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, who has lobbied for years to free Assange, said he had spoken to him by phone after his plane landed.

"The Australian government stands up for Australian citizens, that's what we do," Albanese told an earlier press conference. He also thanked the United States and United Kingdom for their support securing Assange's release.

Assange's arrival ends a saga in which he spent more than five years in a British high-security jail and seven years in asylum at the Ecuadorian 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 hun-

dreds of thousands of classified US military documents on the US'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 but said he had believed the US Constitution's First Amendment shielded his activities.

"Working as a journalist I encouraged my source to provide information that was said to be classified to publish that information," he said. "I believed the First Amendment protected that activity but I accept that it was...a violation of the espionage statute."

Chief US District Judge Ramona Mangiona accepted his guilty plea, noting that the US government indicated there was no personal victim from Assange's actions. **REUTERS**

EXPLAINED
'WikiLeaks' work will continue'

JULIAN ASSANGE'S US lawyer Barry Pollack told reporters outside the Saipan court WikiLeaks' work would continue. "WikiLeaks' work will continue and Mr. Assange, I have no doubt, will be a continuing force for freedom of speech and transparency in government," Pollack said. He also said: "We firmly believe that Assange never should have been charged under the Espionage Act and engaged in (an) exercise that journalists engage in every day,"

MALDIVES Minister speaks of close India ties in first China tour

Beijing: A senior Maldivian minister on his maiden visit to China on Wednesday spoke of President Mohamed Muizzu's recent visit to New Delhi and the importance of India to his country's tourism-dependent economy. The comments by Minister of Economic Development and Trade Mohamed Saeed came as Male seems to have re-oriented ties with New Delhi following President Muizzu, known for his pro-China leanings, attending Prime Minister Narendra Modi's swearing-in ceremony earlier this month. **REUTERS**

ITALY EU top jobs deal ignores voters' wishes: Meloni

Rome: Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni criticised Wednesday plans to share out the top jobs in EU institutions, saying they ignored the successes of rightwing parties at European Parliament elections. Sources said Tuesday that three main, centrist groups — which do not include Meloni's conservatives — had agreed to a deal on the bloc's top posts, picking Germany's Ursula von der Leyen for a second term as head of EU's executive. **REUTERS**

PAKISTAN Pak Taliban claim working against CPEC: Minister

Karachi: A senior commander of the banned terrorist group Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan has claimed that his outfit is working with outlawed separatist groups in Balochistan to sabotage the \$60-billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor projects, province's Home Minister Mir Zia Langrove said Wednesday. "Nasrullah aka Maulvi Mansoor, who heads the defence shoorah in the TTP...revealed some very important information about the terrorist activities in Balochistan," Langrove said. **PTI**

WILL TAKE CHARGE ON OCTOBER 1

Outgoing Dutch PM Rutte to lead NATO as war in Ukraine grinds on

ANDREW GRAY
BRUSSELS, JUNE 26

NATO ON Wednesday selected Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte as NATO's next boss, as the war in Ukraine rages on its doorstep and uncertainty hangs over the United States' future attitude to the transatlantic alliance.

Rutte's appointment became a formality after his only rival for the post, Romanian President Klaus Iohannis, announced last week that he had quit the race, having failed to gain traction.

Rutte will take over on Oct. 1 from Jens Stoltenberg of Norway, who is stepping down after a decade in the post. Ambassadors from the alliance's 32 members took the decision at a meeting at NATO headquarters in Brussels.

Rutte said he looked forward to taking up the job "with great vigour". NATO "is and will remain the cornerstone of our collective security. Leading this organisation is a responsibility I do not take lightly," he posted on X.

Rutte gained early support from key members of the alliance including the United States, Britain, France and Germany.



Dutch PM Mark Rutte at NATO headquarters in Brussels in April. File

Others were more reticent, particularly Eastern European countries which argued the post should go to someone from their region for the first time.

But they ultimately rowed in behind Rutte, a fierce critic of Russian President Vladimir Putin and a staunch ally of Ukraine. Stoltenberg said he warmly welcomed the selection of Rutte as his successor. "Mark is a true transatlanticist, a strong leader, and a consensus-builder," he said. "I know I am leaving NATO in good hands."

He will have to contend with the possibility that NATO-sceptic Donald Trump may return to the White House after November's US presidential election. **REUTERS**

Iran-allied militants claim attack on Israel's port city Eilat



Aid trucks arrive at Gaza's US-built pier on Tuesday. AP

ASSOCIATED PRESS JUNE 26

AN IRANIAN-BACKED umbrella group known as the Islamic Resistance in Iraq claimed an attack targeting the southern Israeli port city of Eilat on Wednesday. The militants are allied with Yemen's Houthis rebels, who are suspected of attacking a ship in the Gulf of Aden early Wednesday.

Shipping has reduced through the route crucial to Asian and European markets in a campaign the Houthis say will continue as long as war rages in Gaza.

Meanwhile, with US soldiers within shouting distance of Gaza's bombed-out coast, the American military is taking another stab at delivering aid to hungry Palestinians by sea. After several fits and starts, a \$230 million pier is up and running again. The US military invited reporters for a tour of it on Tuesday, marking the first time international media has witnessed its operations firsthand.

Kenyan president backs down on tax rises after deadly protests

REUTERS
NAIROBI, JUNE 26

KENYA'S PRESIDENT on Wednesday withdrew planned tax rises, bowing to pressure from protesters who had stormed parliament, launched demonstrations across the country and threatened more action this week.

William Ruto said he would not sign a finance bill including the hikes a day after violent clashes between police and protesters at the assembly and nationwide left at least 23 people dead and scores wounded, ac-



Protesters in Nairobi on Tuesday. Reuters

ording 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. Ruto said he would now start a dialogue with Kenyan youth, without going into details, and work on austerity measures — starting with cuts to the budget of the presidency — to make up the difference in the country's finances.

The move will be seen as a major victory for a week-old protest movement that grew from online condemnations of tax increases into mass rallies demanding a political overhaul, in the most serious crisis of Ruto's two-year-old presidency.

SETBACK FOR DISTRICT'S FIRST BLACK CONGRESSMAN

Left-wing Democrats suffer loss in New York House primaries

NICHOLAS FANDOS
NEW YORK, JUNE 26

REPRESENTATIVE JAMAAL Bowman of New York, one of Congress's most outspoken progressives, suffered a stinging primary defeat on Tuesday, according to AP, unable to overcome a record-shattering campaign from pro-Israel groups and a slate of self-inflicted blunders.

Bowman was defeated by George Latimer, the Westchester County executive, in a race that became the year's ugliest intra-party brawl and the most expensive House primary in history.

It began last fall when Mr. Bowman stepped forward as one of the leading critics of how Israelis were carrying out their



Congressman Jamaal Bowman (left); George Latimer

war with Hamas. But the contest grew into a broader proxy fight around the future of the Democratic Party, exposing fractures over race, class and ideology.

Bowman, the district's first Black congressman and a committed democratic socialist, never wavered from his calls for a cease-fire in Gaza or left-wing

economic priorities.

His positions on the war and economic issues electrified the national progressives but a super PAC affiliated with the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, a pro-Israel lobby, dumped \$15 million into defeating him, more than any outside group has ever spent on a House race. **NYT**

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TRUMP'S OUTLANDISH STATEMENTS, BIDEN'S VERBAL SLIP-UPS DRAW VOTER ATTENTION

Age, capability in focus as Biden takes on Trump in first presidential debate today

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, JUNE 26

FOR 90 minutes tonight, US President Joe Biden has the chance to show doubting Americans that, at age 81, he is capable of handling the rigors of another four-year term, when he faces off in a debate against Republican Donald Trump.

A strong showing could help neutralize those concerns and focus voter attention on policy issues. A weak performance could dampen fundraising and push Trump further ahead in the polls.

Both men are under scrutiny over their age and stamina. Trump is 78 and prone to making outlandish statements and



Donald Trump; Joe Biden

mangling his sentences on the campaign trail.

Biden has a stiff gait, makes verbal slip-ups and has inconsistent public appearances, sometimes veering from solidly delivered speeches to rushed, mumbled

public remarks in the same day. A recent poll showed that mental fitness is one of the key issues for undecided voters ahead of the Nov. 5 election, and they are more worried about Biden.

Biden's age has been relentlessly targeted by political opponents and conservative media, who have used a stew of real, fake and misleadingly edited video clips to portray him as feeble and erratic.

Many Democrats are anxious about how well Biden will do because the stakes are so high.

The debate will take place at a CNN studio in



RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

SUPREME COURT WON'T CURB BIDEN ADMIN'S SOCIAL MEDIA CONTACTS

Washington: The U.S. Supreme Court declined on Wednesday to impose limits on the way President Joe Biden's administration may communicate with social media platforms, rejecting a challenge made on free speech grounds to how officials encouraged the removal of posts deemed misinformation, including on elections and COVID. **REUTERS**

Atlanta with no audience. The men may not bring pre-written notes on stage.

MOVE TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY 70% FROM 1990 LEVELS BY 2030

Danish farmers to face carbon tax for flatulent cows, pigs, a world first

JAN M. OLSEN
COPENHAGEN, JUNE 26

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. As of 2030, Danish livestock farmers will be taxed 300 kroner (\$43) per ton 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 ton 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 U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Levels of methane, which is emitted from sources including landfills, oil and natural gas systems and livestock, have increased particularly quickly since 2020.



Livestock account for about 32% of human-caused methane emissions, says the UN Environment Program. AP

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"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. 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.

New Zealand said it would exclude agriculture from its emis-

sions trading scheme in favor of exploring other ways to reduce methane. In Denmark, the deal was reached late Monday between the center-right government and representatives of farmers, the industry, unions, among others, and presented Tuesday.

Denmark's move comes after months of protests by farmers across Europe against climate change mitigation measures and regulations that they say are driving them to bankruptcy. The Danish Society for Nature Conservation described the tax agreement as "a historic compromise."

"We have succeeded in land-

ing a compromise on a CO2 tax, which lays the groundwork for a restructured food industry — also on the other side of 2030," its head Maria Reumert Gjerding said. A Danish cow produces 6 metric tons of CO2 equivalent per year.

Denmark, which is a large dairy and pork exporter, also will tax pigs although cows produce far higher emissions than pigs.

The tax is to be approved in the 179-seat parliament, but the bill is expected to pass after the consensus. According to Statistic Denmark, there were as of June 30, 2022, 1,484,377 cows, a slight drop compared to the previous year. **AP**

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Pannun plot: US says India looking at 'institutional reforms'

DIVYAA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

IN PERHAPS the first indication of what the Indian inquiry commission, formed in the wake of an alleged plot to assassinate Khalistan separatist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, could be looking at, US Deputy Secretary of State Kurt Campbell said Wednesday his country believes "Indian colleagues are looking carefully at what potential institutional reforms might be necessary in... **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

PM HAILS BIRLA FOR MAINTAINING DIGNITY OF HOUSE

Om Birla gets second term as LS Speaker, elected by voice vote

Allow Opp voice, it also represents the people: Rahul

VIKAS PATHAK & ASAD REHMAN
NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

WITH THE numbers on the NDA's side, BJP MP Om Birla was elected Lok Sabha Speaker for a second consecutive term by a voice vote on Wednesday, after a rare contest which saw the Opposition proposing its own candidate for the post.

With the Opposition — which had announced Congress MP Kodikunnil Suresh as its candidate — not pressing for division of votes, pro-tem Speaker Bhartruhari Mahabadi declared Birla as elected, and said the motions to propose and second Suresh's candidature had become infructuous.

Later, however, TMC's Kalyan Banerjee said there should have... **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

IN PARLIAMENT
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Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Wednesday. PTI

Speaker invokes Indira and Emergency blot, Congress MPs protest

VIKAS PATHAK
NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

SPARKS FLEW between the government and the Congress in the Lok Sabha Wednesday soon after Speaker Om Birla took charge, as Birla read out a resolution condemning the imposi-

tion of Emergency on the night of June 25-26, 1975, calling out the Congress and former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi for its atrocities.

Congress members rushed into the well of the House as Birla read the statement, calling for a two-minute silence after it, even... **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

No division of votes, but divide runs deep in House

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

WHEN PRIME Minister Narendra Modi and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi shook hands and ushered the newly-elected Speaker Om Birla to his chair, the Lok Sabha livened up to the spirit of consensual yet competitive politics.

But within a couple of hours, the momentary bonhomie gave way to both the Treasury benches and the Opposition digging into their entrenched positions. All it took was for Om Birla to call upon the Congress to condemn the Emergency imposed by Indira Gandhi, and observe its 50th... **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

ARRESTED IN CORRUPTION CASE



Arvind Kejriwal was sent to CBI custody for three days. PTI

Kejriwal in CBI custody, court backs CM when he rebuts agency's claim

Denies he told agency that Sisodia was responsible for excise policy

NIRBHAY THAKUR
NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

A DELHI court Wednesday sent Chief Minister and AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal to CBI custody for three days, a day after he was questioned by the agency in Tihar Jail in the alleged corruption case involving the Delhi excise policy.

Arrested on March 21 by the Enforcement Directorate in an alleged money laundering case... **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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linked to the excise policy, Kejriwal suffered a setback Tuesday when the Delhi High Court stayed a trial court order granting him bail in the ED case. On Wednesday, the CBI... **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

CONTEMPT NOTICE TO DELHI GOVT

Cover-up on, DDA VC must come clean if L-G ordered tree felling: SC



ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

STATING THAT a "cover-up" was on despite its notice on a plea seeking contempt proceedings against the Delhi Development Authority, the Supreme Court said Wednesday that the DDA Vice Chairman "must come clean" on whether Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena had issued directions to cut trees in the Ridge area of the Capital for widening an approach road to an upcoming hospital for Central paramilitary forces.

The bench of Justices AS Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan dismissed as not bona fide the DDA plea for more time to find out whether the record relating to the Lt Governor's visit to the site on... **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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THIRD INDIAN TO WIN PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Commonwealth Short Story Prize for Indian writer Sanjana Thakur

UDBHAV SETH NEW DELHI, JUNE 26



She won a cash prize of ₹5,000

MUMBAI-BORN WRITER Sanjana Thakur, 26, has won the prestigious Commonwealth Short Story Prize for her story, 'Aishwarya Rai', about a woman who tries out "possible mothers" from a local shelter. She won a cash prize of ₹5,000.

Thakur is the third Indian writer to clinch the prize, which was launched in 2012. It was earlier won by Indian writers Parashar Kulkarni (2016) for his story 'Cow and Company' and Kritika Pandey (2020) for 'The Great Indian Tee and Snakes'.

Thakur, who is currently pursuing a Master of Fine Arts degree in fiction at the University of Texas in Austin, grew up in "many countries not (her) own". She spent her childhood in Mumbai, then moved to Dubai for high school and to Boston for undergraduate studies. Her writing draws from non-Western storytelling traditions and Hindu mythology.

Referring to Mumbai, the city her short story is based in, Thakur said in the press note that distance from it has helped her write about it more authentically.

"I draw from my immediate surroundings. I notice people and details, and those make their way into my work. But the way my current city (Austin) helps me write is that it's not Bombay. I find it very difficult to write about a place when I'm in it."

'Aishwarya Rai' is about a lonely woman evaluating others in a nearby shelter to see who can be a good candidate for a new mother. The story, in Thakur's words, is about "mothers and daughters, about bodies, beauty standards, and Bombay street food... It's about the push and pull, care and desire, resentment and frustration (in that relationship) - how it's fraught but necessary". The jury chair, Ugandan writer Jennifer Nansubuga Makumbi, said the story "employs brutal irony, sarcasm, cynicism and wry humour packaged in tight prose and stanza-like paragraphs to confront us with the fracturing of family... due to modern urban existence."

CBI chargesheet against 5 in 1994 ISRO spying case

Thiruvananthapuram: The CBI has filed a charge sheet against five individuals in a court here in connection with the alleged framing of space scientist Nambi Narayanan in the 1994 ISRO espionage case, sources said Wednesday. It is not immediately known who has been charge-sheeted in the case registered in 2021 following the Supreme Court's directions.

The Kerala police had registered two cases in 1994 after Maldivian national Rasheed was arrested for allegedly obtaining drawings of ISRO rocket engines to sell to Pakistan. Narayanan, the then director of the cryogenic project at the ISRO was arrested along with the then ISRO deputy director D Sasikumaran and Fousiya Hasan, a Maldivian friend of Rasheed. The CBI had found the allegations to be false. PTI

Advani admitted to AIIMS, stable, says hospital

New Delhi: Senior BJP leader LK Advani, 96, was admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences on Wednesday night. "He is stable and under observation," the hospital said in a statement.

He served as the Deputy Prime Minister from 2002 to 2004 and as the Union Home Minister from 1999 to 2004.

Earlier this month Prime Minister Narendra Modi met the BJP leader before forming his third government. In March, he was conferred the country's highest civilian honour Bharat Ratna by president Droupadi Murmu at his residence. The ceremony was attended by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajendra Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah and the family members of Advani. ENS

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In the report Awe, nostalgia, duty & expectations: First-time members get feel of House published in The Indian Express on June 25, it was incorrectly mentioned that the Lok Sabha Member of Parliament from Ladakh, Mohamad Haneeefa, was late to Parliament as he "lost time in finding his way to Ladakh Bhawan". The error is regretted.

FROM PAGE ONE FULL REPORTS ON WWW.INDIANEXPRESS.COM Om Birla gets second term as LS Speaker

been a division, as sought by some members, to ascertain the number of votes for and against Birla.

Following his election, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi escorted Birla to the Speaker's chair.

Congratulating Birla, Modi, who moved the motion for his election as Speaker, lauded him for maintaining the decorum of the House during his previous term. Gandhi, in his speech, underlined that the "voice of the Opposition" should be "allowed to be represented in the House".

"I want to congratulate you on behalf of the House. It is a huge responsibility for you to sit on this post for the second term during Amrit Kaal. With your experience, we hope that you will guide us for the next five years. Aapke chehre par ye meethi meethi muskaan poore sadan ko prasann rakhti hai (This sweet smile on your face makes the whole House happy)," Modi said.

"Under your guidance, the productivity of the 17th Lok Sabha was the highest in 25 years at 97 per cent. For this, not just the honourable members but you also deserve special appreciation," Modi said, as he listed key legislation passed by the previous House.

"In your chairmanship, the House achieved what could not be done in 70 years... I am confident the country will be proud of the achievements of the 17th Lok Sabha now and in the future," he said.

Modi said that in order to enforce the rules and decorum of the House, Birla acted with great restraint but had to take difficult decisions sometimes. "But between the dignity of the House and personal pain, you always chose dignity of the House," he said, in what seemed to be a reference to suspensions of about 100 members in a week in December 2023.

Recalling that Parliament shifted to the new building during Birla's previous term, he said the new Parliament would write the future of 'Amrit Kaal' in India. He said it was during Birla's tenure that the system of

briefing MPs began, and they were given reference material. Speaking after the PM, Gandhi congratulated Birla and said he was confident that the Speaker would allow the Opposition to represent their voice, and the voice of the people of India.

"Of course, the government has political power, but the Opposition also represents the voice of the people... And this time, the Opposition represents significantly more voices of the Indian people than it did last time," he said.

"The Opposition would like to assist you in doing your work. We would like the House to function often and well. It is very important that cooperation happens on the basis of trust. It is very important that the voice of the Opposition is allowed to be represented in this House. I am confident that you will allow

us to represent our voice, allow us to speak to represent the voice of the people of India," said Gandhi.

"The question is not how efficiently the House is run. The question is how much of India's voice is being allowed to be heard in this House. So the idea that you can run the House efficiently by silencing the voice of the Opposition is a non-democratic idea.

And this election has shown that the people of India expect the Opposition to defend the Constitution of the country. We are confident that by allowing the Opposition to speak to represent the people of India, you will do your duty of defending the Constitution of India," he said.

As he assumed charge, Birla read out a resolution condemning the Emergency imposed by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1975 and asked members to observe a moment's silence, triggering protests by the Opposition, after which the House was adjourned for the day.

Cover-up on, DDA VC must come clean if L-G ordered tree felling: SC

February 3, 2024 was available with the authority.

Justice Oka said, "After issuing notice also, cover-up goes on. So, unless we take a strong view, the signal will not go... And the cover-up goes on till today, unfortunately."

He said the court's endeavour was not to send anyone to jail but to know true facts so that remedial measures for the loss of trees could be taken.

"We have issued a contempt notice to the Vice Chairman, but that does not mean we want to send him to jail. But at the same time, he must come clean before the court about who issued directions for felling of trees. If he does that, he will be rendering great service to the environment and to the justice delivery system. He must remember," he said.

"Speaking for myself, I have hardly sent anyone to jail under the Contempt of Courts Act... But still, he has to clear our doubt that some cover-up is going on. He must come very clean. If the highest authority has done something wrong, there is nothing wrong if it is told to the court. Ultimately, we are here to take remedial measures. We are not going to run with a hammer in our hands against all authorities, but truth must come before the court. That is why we are spending so much time," Justice Oka said.

On January 24, the bench had asked the DDA Vice Chairman to inform it whether the Lt Governor had visited the

site and directed cutting of trees. The bench cited the report of an Enquiry Committee set up by DDA to investigate who ordered the tree felling. It said emails sent purportedly by the executive engineer to the contractor showed that the Lt Governor had given the order but the engineer denied sending the emails.

On Wednesday, Senior Advocate Maninder Singh, appearing for the Vice Chairman, told the bench that officials were still trying to find the records and needed more time.

But this did not convince the court which said the request for more time did not appear bona fide. "Learned senior counsel representing DDA... states that he could not obtain information whether the record relating to site visit of the Honourable LG on February 3, 2024 is available with DDA. Learned Senior counsel seeks time. We don't think that the request for time to find out such simple information is bona fide," the bench said.

While the court has sought to know whether the Lt Governor visited the site of the tree felling and directed the clearing, the DDA has maintained that his visit on February 3 was to the hospital and not the site of the tree clearing.

Singh told the bench that DDA Member Engineering Ashik Kumar Gupta was also present during the February 3 visit by the Lt Governor.

The bench directed Gupta to

file a detailed affidavit on exactly what transpired during the visit of Honourable LG on February 3. He may also state whether any suggestions/directions were issued by Honourable LG. It made clear that Gupta "will file his affidavit not in his capacity as officer of DDA, but in his capacity as officer of this court".

To the bench remark that there should have been disclosure about the February 3 visit of the LG, Singh said "there was no effort to not say that the LG had visited the site of the hospital."

Justice Oka asked, "Then why did the enquiry committee not inquire about it? When material comes on record, three emails that LG had visited and ordered cutting of trees, why was the inquiry not made by the enquiry committee whether LG in fact visited? Because the scope of enquiry was who ordered the cutting of the trees. The enquiry committee doesn't want to look into that... Or the object of the committee is only to save the higher ups? And shift blame on some executive engineer, deputy engineer."

The bench also issued contempt notice to the Delhi government through the Principal Secretary, Forest and Environment Department for clearing the felling of 422 trees while the authority concerned for this was the Tree Officer under the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994. The bench won-

dered how the Delhi government could "usurp" the powers of the Tree Officer under the 1994 Act.

"Fantastic. Delhi government usurps the powers of the Tree Authority. Fantastic... This is completely illegal," Justice Oka said on the Delhi Forest Department clearance for tree clearing.

"Under the 1994 Act, permission is required... from the Tree Officer appointed by the government... The state government had no authority to grant permission for felling and transplantation of 422 trees... The state government will have to answer many questions, including the question how the government could usurp the powers of the Tree Officer under Section 9 of 1994 Act by purportedly granting permission while exercising power under Section 29 of the 1994 Act. In fact, the very notification granting exemption indicates that exemption from applicability of Section 9 was not granted to DDA. Therefore, the Delhi government will have to explain how such gross illegality has been committed," the bench said.

It directed the Tree Officer to "immediately initiate action under the... 1994 Act by taking seizure of the felled trees and parts thereof." It also asked DDA to "immediately locate the felled trees or parts thereof and communicate the said information to the Tree Officer within a period of one week from today".

placed him under "formal" arrest in the corruption case and produced him before the Rouse Avenue court of Special Judge Amitabh Rawat.

The agency sought his custody for five days to confront him with the evidence in the present case of conspiracy.

Senior Advocate Vikram Chaudhari, appearing for Kejriwal, asked the court to hear him before ordering the remand.

An offence under the Prevention of Corruption Act is non-bailable and cognizable where an arrest can be made without a warrant. Since Kejriwal was already in judicial custody in the ED matter, the CBI required the court's nod to arrest him.

Judge Rawat, however, said that the arrest was not illegal and that the agency should not be "overzealous".

"The timing may be circumspect but it is not the clear criterion for declaring an arrest illegal," he said.

During the hearing, Special Public Prosecutor DPS Singh, representing the CBI, had a heated exchange with Kejriwal.

In response to a statement by Singh that Kejriwal had said privatisation of the liquor trade was an idea of the then Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, the CM told the court: "CBI sources have planted something in the media. I have not given any statement that Sisodia is responsible (for the excise policy). Yesterday, I told the CBI that neither AAP is responsible nor Sisodia."

"You said it was Sisodia's idea," Singh insisted. "I didn't say that," Kejriwal replied, adding that the CBI was spreading such news for "sensational headlines".

"Maine aisa koi bayan nahi diya hai ki Manish Sisodia doshi hai. Manish Sisodia nirdosh hai, AAP nirdosh hai, mein nirdosh hoon. Unka

saara plan hai hume media mei badnam karne ka. CBI ke sources ne chahwaya (I never gave any statement that Manish Sisodia is guilty. Manish Sisodia is innocent, AAP is innocent, I am innocent. Their aim is to malign us in the media. CBI sources ran this)," he said.

Kejriwal also urged Singh to let him read his statement before the court. But Singh said this was not possible because he was an accused.

"Inka idea ye hai ki kal front page pe top headline honi chahiye ki Kejriwal ne saara thekra Manish Sisodia pe foda. They are sensationalising the issue. Ye kal top headline hogi har akhbar mei. Inka aaj kewal ye maqsad hi hai (Their idea is to ensure that the front page headline says Kejriwal has put all blame on Manish Sisodia. They want this headline in all newspapers. That is their sole aim today)," he said.

"They asked me whose idea it was. I just said it wasn't mine," Kejriwal said.

Judge Rawat intervened and told the CM: "Aap ki statement maine padh li hai... Aisa kuch nahi kaha hai aapne (I have read your statement, you made no such remark)".

Singh said, "The evidence shows that the South Group dictated what the (Delhi excise) policy should be like... Even before the policy was notified, the process began to find people to whom it will suit."

"Notification of the policy was done with haste... There was no meeting called. The CM was at the helm of affairs," he said, adding that the investigation had uncovered a money trail of Rs 45 crore which was allegedly used by the AAP in the 2022 Goa Assembly elections.

Singh told the court that the report compiled by the South Group was taken as the report of

Speaker invokes Indira, Emergency

as members of other Opposition parties stood in their place. The House was adjourned in the din, and will meet again at 11 am Thursday.

At a time when Congress leaders have carried copies of the Constitution to their oath-taking, the government and the BJP decided to sharpen their attack on the prime Opposition party over the Emergency as an attack on the constitution and civil liberties, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP president JP Nadda taking to X to commend the Speaker over the statement.

Birla said: "This House condemns the decision to impose the Emergency in 1975. We also appreciate the resolve of those who opposed the Emergency with all their might and fulfilled the responsibility of protecting India's democracy. The Congress trampled upon the spirit of the constitution. It imposed dictatorship in 1975. People bore the brunt of draconian policies. The Emergency is a blot on our history."

He added: "The amendments done by the Congress government were aimed at concentrating all powers in the hands of one person, at controlling the judiciary, and destroying the basic structure of the constitution. Citizens' rights were trampled upon and democratic values were thrown to the winds. The then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi talked about a committed bureaucracy and a committed judiciary, which showed her anti-democratic temperament. The Emergency brought policies filled with such anti-social and autocratic intent that they destroyed the lives of the poor, Dalits and the marginalised. People had to bear the forced vasectomy drive of the Emergency and irresponsible action in the name of removing illegal encroachments. This House expresses solidarity with all people who suffered due to it."

Underlining that the period is a reminder of Constitutional principles, federal structure and independence of the judiciary, Birla said: "...In order to reinforce our commitment to this second independence after countless sacrifices, it is important to pass this

resolution. We also believe that our youth must know about this black chapter of our democracy. The Emergency destroyed the lives of countless citizens; many people died during it. We will now hold a two-minute silence for those patriotic and dutiful citizens who lost their lives at the hands of the dictatorial Congress government in that black phase of the Emergency."

Even following the adjournment of the House after the ruckus, the government and the ruling party kept up their attacks. PM Narendra Modi took to X and wrote, "I am glad that the Honourable 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 Emergency was imposed 50 years ago but it is important for today's youth to know about it because it remains a fitting example of what happens when the Constitution is trampled over, public opinion is stifled and institutions are destroyed." BJP president and Union Health Minister JP Nadda also lent his support to the resolution. The party fielded Puri MP Sambit Patra to recall the excesses of the Emergency in a presser at the BJP central office.

"We welcome the motion moved by Lok Sabha Speaker Honourable Shri Om Birla against the Emergency. We condemn this attack by Congress on the Constitution of India created by Baba Saheb Ambedkar," Nadda wrote on X. "If the Congress has accepted that period of Emergency as the darkest chapter of democracy, then we welcome this initiative."

Patra said that while Congress members rushed into the well of the House, SP, DMK and TMC members were standing in their place. Patra suggested that this showed the INDIA bloc was not on the same page on this, as SP's Mulyam Singh Yadav, RJD's Lalu Prasad and DMK's M Karunanidhi, TR Balaalu and MK Stalin had also gone to jail during the Emergency.

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Pannun plot

thewake of some of these allegations and reports". The US, he said, has "consistently asked for updates" on the high-level committee set up by New Delhi.

Responding to questions during an online press briefing, days after his India visit with US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan, Campbell said, "We made clear that we seek accountability and we have held constructive dialogue with India on this topic and they have been responsive towards our concerns. We have consistently asked for updates. The issue has been raised directly with the Indian government at the highest levels."

Last week, when Sullivan and Campbell were visiting India, it emerged that Indian national Nikhil Gupta, accused of being involved in the plot against Pannun, was extradited from the Czech Republic to the US on June 14. Gupta pleaded not guilty in a federal court in Manhattan.

To a query on whether rogue agents from India were involved, and that the plot wasn't authorised by higher levels of the Indian government, he said, "I will say we also believe that Indian colleagues are looking carefully at what potential institutional reforms might be necessary in the wake of some of these allegations and reports."

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No division of votes, but divide runs deep

anniversary. The Opposition immediately termed it as a "divisive statement", leading to the first disruption and abrupt adjournment in the newly-constituted 18th Lok Sabha. This suggested that an orderly functioning of the House would be a challenge despite the initial impression that a coalition government and a stronger Opposition would prompt more give and take between the two sides.

The opposition, snapped by the government's refusal to commit the post of deputy speaker to it, had fielded its candidate, eight-term MP Kodikkunnil Suresh, for the speaker post, but did not push for a vote. Although there were a few feeble demands for a division - a vote - from the opposition benches, protem speaker Bhartruhari Mehtab declared Prime Minister Modi's resolution nominating Birla as the speaker as accepted and others "infructuous".

When Union Minister and JD-U MP Rajiv Ranjan Singh asked about voting, Mehtab said the declaration was already made. The Opposition did not press for a division. Gandhi, who was appointed the Leader of Opposition on Tuesday, came forward to the treasury benches to congratulate Birla who was seated at the front row. Modi, Gandhi and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Rijiju ushered Birla to the podium and he occupied the chair for the consecutive second term.

The issue of division became contentious outside the Lok Sabha. While the NDA leaders alleged that the opposition refrained from seeking a vote since it did not have the numbers, Congress maintained it would be "appropriate that there be a consensus on the first day" and that it was a "constructive step from our end." However, its ally Trinamool Congress alleged that the Treasury benches were not sure of its numbers. "The election was not conducted in accordance with the law... Several members sought for division but were not allowed. Division was not held because the NDA did not have enough numbers for their motion," TMC leader Kalyan Banerjee told reporters

outside. Inside the House, the Opposition tried to convey a strong message even as it felicitated the new Speaker. Unlike in the past when BJP enjoyed a clear majority, the Opposition leaders made it clear their voices need to be heard given their large numbers. "I am confident that you will allow us to represent our voice, allow us to speak, to represent the voice of people of India," said Rahul Gandhi.

Many others including TMC's Sudip Bandhopadhyay and SP's Akhilesh Yadav recalled the suspension of around 150 MPs during the last Lok Sabha. Akhilesh Yadav, the leader of Samajwadi Party (SP), the third largest party in the House, hoped that actions like suspension of MPs would not be taken as they hurt the dignity of the House. Bandyopadhyay said: "It is my firm belief and so far as parliamentary democratic practice is concerned, the House belongs to the Opposition. This attitude needs to be adopted by the ruling party."

What took the Opposition's goat was the more than seven-minute-long statement on Emergency in which Birla condemned the "dark period" in the country's democratic history and said the democratic values of India were crushed and the freedom of expression was strangled, that evaporated any signs of harmony in the House. This seemed to be an attempt to single out the Congress in the INDIA bloc; and indeed, it was only the Congress MPs who stood up and started raising slogans.

The ruling BJP and its allies, meanwhile, demonstrated outside at the Makar Dwar of the new Parliament building. The MPs, including senior ministers, raised banners that read "Horrors of Emergency: Some things never change" and "Dictatorial Mentality of Congress's Reality" and shouted, "Maafi mango, maafi mango. Emergency ke liye maafi mango."

Union ministers Ashwini Vaishnaw, Pralhad Joshi, Kiren Rijiju, Arjun Ram Meghwal, Gajendra Singh Sekhawat and Lalan Singh joined other MPs in attacking the Congress.

Kejriwal in CBI custody, court backs CM when he rebuts agency's claim

group of ministers who were responsible for the excise policy. "The South Group prepared the policy. We have evidence now," he said.

A 36-page report of the policy prepared by the South Group was handed over by Sisodia to his secretary C Arvind in the presence of Kejriwal, he said.

"Kejriwal doesn't remember anything... He doesn't even remember going to Goa. The CM went there 11 times and has no recollection," Singh said, stating that the CM had been evasive in his replies and that his custody was also needed to unearth the larger conspiracy.

The CBI alleged that Kejriwal had failed to give satisfactory replies to questions "regarding his role in the matter of demand of upfront money of Rs 100 crore from co-accused persons of South Group, the acceptance and delivery of the same to Aam Aadmi Party through his close associate Vijay Nair as well as utilisation of the ill-gotten money so received in the Assembly elections of Goa during the year 2021-22 to meet the election related expenditures of AAP".

It said his replies were contrary to the oral and documentary evidence gathered by the agency during the investigation.

According to the CBI, the CM's custody was required to "confront him with witnesses/suspects, such other persons as deemed necessary". The CBI also sought his custody to "unearth the facts which are in his exclusive knowledge" and that he could derail the investigation since he was an influential person.

Chaudhari, who was representing Kejriwal, said, "Who will police the police? Who will CBI the CBI? They are trying to carve out a case when none exists."

"Necessity to arrest is the first

aspect that the Lordships have to determine. The next aspect will be looking at the necessity to remand," he said.

Questioning the timing of arrest, Chaudhari said the CBI was waiting for the pronouncement of the order on bail to the CM.

"They could have arrested me on June 2 when I surrendered (in Tihar Jail after the end of the interim bail that the Supreme Court had granted for election campaigning)," he said.

Advocate Vivek Jain, also appearing for Kejriwal, said, "Ministers were consulted and the public was consulted... The (excise policy) report was even sent to the Lt Governor who gave seven recommendations. The cabinet had approved the recommendations. Where is the CM's role in the case?"

Countering the claim on the timing of arrest, Singh said, "The evidence has come to us over the years in parts. So have his (Kejriwal's) lies. When the CBI feels it is necessary, the organisation can decide to arrest someone." He said the CBI decision to arrest the CM was taken long back.

Also Wednesday, Kejriwal withdrew his plea in the Supreme Court against the High Court's decision to reserve its verdict on the ED plea for staying the trial court's bail order - the High Court ruled Tuesday, staying the order granting bail.

The CM said "events are overtaking" him rapidly with the CBI reviving a 2022 interrogation to arrest him shortly after the High Court ruling. He is likely to move a fresh plea before the Supreme Court now.

Kejriwal's arrest in the CBI case means that even if the Supreme Court intervenes in the bail case for money laundering, his release will require a separate bail order in the corruption case.

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To woo Capital's Punjabi, Sikh voters, Congress to 'import' leaders from Punjab

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THE CONGRESS, encouraged by its recent electoral success in Punjab, is bringing leaders — from newly-elected Lok Sabha MPs to booth-level workers — to Delhi with an aim to bolster its support base among the capital's Punjabi and Sikh community.

This special outreach is being planned ahead of the Delhi assembly elections early next year, and especially with the aim of countering its Lok Sabha ally-turned-political foe in the city — the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) — which is at the helm of the state government in both states.

The Congress, which claimed seven of 13 Parliamentary segments in Punjab where it was going it alone in spite of a seat-sharing arrangement with the AAP in Delhi, had confronted a slew of defections, including that of its state unit chief Arvinder Singh Lovely, in the middle of the Lok Sabha polls.

"Delhi Congress president Devender Yadav, who is also in-charge of the Punjab unit, has chalked out this plan to strengthen the party's organisation as well as support base after ground-level surveys and feedback from at least seven Assembly constituencies where Punjabis and Sikhs reside in majority," a senior Congress leader said.

"Drawing room meetings of our Lok Sabha MPs and other



DPC chief Devender Yadav

leaders from Punjab have already begun. Not just former ministers and state presidents, even booth-level workers will, starting July, spend at least 10 days in the city each month as part of the plan. Our focus is on seats such as Tilak Nagar, Hari Nagar, Rajouri Garden and Dwarka among others," the leader added.

In addition to tapping into the Punjabi and Sikh votebank based on kinship, sources said, the Congress' focus would also revolve around "exposing the inefficiency and corruption" of the AAP which heads governments in Delhi as well as Punjab.

"Devender ji was at the helm of the party's successful Lok Sabha campaign in Punjab with the AAP as the main opponent — which is also the case in Delhi. The same strategy will be replicated in the city to reclaim both public support as well as Assembly seats from the corrupt AAP," said another leader.

REGISTRATION OF OVER 4,500 FLATS SET TO GET DELAYED

Action under Kant package: YEIDA cancels allotment of two builders

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NOIDA, JUNE 26

YAMUNA EXPRESSWAY Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) has cancelled the allotment of two key developers — Supertech Township and Sunworld Infrastructure — in sector 22D area, in what is the first instance of action under the Amitabh Kant package aimed at the rehabilitation of builders in NCR.

Officials said that despite granting two years' Covid period relief and sending multiple communications, the builders did not submit their 25% of net dues, which is a condition to begin the registration of stalled units.

Leaving out the third party interests in the said plots, YEIDA, in its 81st board meeting on Wednesday, cancelled the land allotment.

With this, the process of registration of at least 4,500 flats is set to get further delayed.

When contacted, Supertech Chairman R K Arora said the plots can't be cancelled as the Allahabad High Court has already issued a "no-coercive order" since the land is in dispute. "Everywhere, third party rights are created and the HC has already issued no coercive action on recovery because the land is already in dispute and possession to homebuyers is also affected. Above action is illegal and it is a contempt of the court order," he told *The Indian Express*.

YK Gupta, director of Sunworld, said the company has filed a case against YEIDA in the Allahabad HC. "If the authority has decided to cancel the land allotment, it is an illegal decision," Gupta added. Data with the authority shows that Sunworld Infrastructure owed Rs 816.12 crore to YEIDA as land dues for an area of 4.04 lakh square metres allotted to the company in August 2011. After applying the Kant formula, Rs 156.68 crore relief was granted to the builder, bringing down the net dues to Rs 659.44 crore.



Package aimed at rehabilitation of NCR builders. Archive

STATUS OF YEIDA FLATS

Total Stalled Flats	14,358	Total relief granted:	₹993.05 crore
Total Builders	11	Builders who have paid 25% of dues:	3
Total Net Dues	₹4052.89 cr		

TOTAL REGISTRATIONS TILL APRIL: 1,283

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ROW OVER WORKERS MADE TO TAKE PLEDGE

Amazon admits lapse, tells govt action taken against staff

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DAYS AFTER the Ministry of Labour and Employment sought a response from Amazon India, citing a media report on alleged workplace practices at its warehouse in Manesar, the e-commerce platform admitted that an employee had asked a group of workers to take a pledge.

On June 14, *The Indian Express* reported that on May 16, a group of employees was made to take an oath that they would not take toilet and water breaks until their target was met. The National Human Rights Commission had quoted the Express report and asked for a report from the Labour Ministry. On June 21, the ministry wrote to Amazon, seeking a response to the alleged incident.

"Our investigation revealed that on May 16, 2024, around 16:30 hours, after both the breaks for the day had been taken, one of

the employees at the building did lead a small subset of employees and associates at the Subject FC (Fulfillment Centre) in a pledge. The employee thought of the pledge as a motivational exercise. This was an unfortunate and isolated incident and a clear violation of our workplace standards. Prompt disciplinary action has been taken against this employee. The investigation also determined that such a pledge was not forced to be taken by the employees or associates, and neither were the contents of this pledge enforced at Subject FC on the day of this incident, or any other day, and the employees continued to take breaks," the response stated.

It further said the company takes the lessons learnt from this disappointing incident seriously "and will double down on efforts to re-train our managers on workplace health, safety and well-being".

An Amazon India spokesperson said that they found an "iso-

lated incident of poor judgement" by an individual that was totally unacceptable and against the policies, and took disciplinary action.

In the 11-page response, signed by Country Manager Manish Tiwari, the company said the provision of restroom facilities as mentioned under rule 41 of the Haryana Contract Labour (Abolition and Regulations) Rules, 1975 does not apply to the FC "as no associate is required to halt for the day or night in excess of the duration of their respective shifts".

On seating arrangement, the response said seating is provided in cafeterias. "We appreciate your suggestion of providing additional seating space and are evaluating arranging for additional seating arrangements through satellite cafeterias at the FC for the convenience of the employees," it said.

The regional labour commissioner and labour enforcement officer had visited the facility for an inspection on June 20, after which the letter was sent.



The Indian Express report on June 14.

Dwarka woman loses Rs 10 lakh to cyber fraud

New Delhi: A woman from Dwarka was defrauded of over Rs 10 lakh allegedly by two men, who posed as women and offered her a "job" of completing certain tasks on a movie-ticketing website, police said.

Rekha Sharma (29) filed an FIR on March 24 and said the accused stole her bank account details, and her money.

Posing as 'Megha Sen' and her agent 'Kumari', the accused were later revealed to be Mohit Sharma (27) and Smarth Dabar (23), residents of Rohini, police said. The scam began with Rekha completing a set of tasks on a dummy version of a popular website. On requesting the agent for her compensation, she was directed to deposit Rs 11,000 to an account number. Upon depositing the amount, Rekha received her payment. The fraud continued with the agents requesting increasing amounts of money. And then, with a sum of Rs 10,30,849 in their account, the agents stopped replying, said police. ENS

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The advertisement No. A-01/2021, A-02/2021, A-03/2021 and A-04/2021 and its subsequent corrigendum dated 30.10.2021 and 05.12.2022 is readvertised. The last date for submission of fresh application and updation of already applied application in online mode is **07.07.2024**. For detail, visit University Website www.mjpru.ac.in.
Registrar

बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Bank of India
ZONAL OFFICE, PATNA ZONE
1st Floor, Chanakya Place, R-Block, Patna-800001
(Tel. 0612-2506639/2506932)
APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE / IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical/symbolic Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of India, Secured Creditor will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "whatever there is" on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Bank of India from the below mentioned borrower(s) and guarantor(s). The reserve price and the Earnest money deposit are also mentioned hereunder:
Details of Borrower/Plant & Machinery/Mortgaged Property/Inspection Date/ Date E-auction/Reserve Price & EMD.
Date, Time of E-auction:- 25.07.2024 at 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Followed by three extensions of 10 minutes
Inspection Date & Time of the Property: Till 18.07.2024 from 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM in consultation with the Authorized Officer of Patna Zone (Bihar), Last Date of Acceptance of bids: 24.07.2024

Sl. No.	Borrower/Guarantors	Description of the Asset/Property	1. Reserve Price & 2. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)
1.	M/s Krishna Polymer (Prop. Sanjay Kumar) Branch: Birchand Patel Marg Branch Total Due: Rs. 50,14,632.00 (Rupees Fifty lacs fourteen thousand six hundred thirty two) plus interest as mentioned in notice issued dated 28.11.2023 under rule 13(2) & interest accrued there on along with 'cost & Charges'.	Owner of property: All the part and parcel of Property in the name of Mr. Sanjay Kumar, S/o- Sri Dina Nath Lal, Situated at: Mauza- Juharpur, P.S.- Gaurichak, District- Patna, bearing Part Survey Plot No.- 642, Khata No.- 230, Thana No.128, tauzi No.- 6398, total Admeasuring 1.00 Katha, Boundary of Property- North- Niz, South- Rajendra Rai, East- Mahesh Rai & Ramesh Rai, West- Alang (Kacha rasta).	₹ 9,77,000.00 (EMD) ₹ 97,700.00

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Bank of India, Secured Creditor's website i.e. <https://fbapi.in>
Place : Patna
Date : 25.06.2024
Authorised Officer
BANK OF INDIA

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...भररो के प्रतीक!
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Circle Sastra Patna: 2nd Floor, Chanakya Tower, R-Block, Patna-800 001
POSSESSION NOTICE
Possession Notice for Immovable Properties of borrower by the Authorised Officer (For Immovable property)
Whereas Punjab National Bank/ the Authorized Officer/s of the Punjab National Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice/s on the dates mentioned in the account calling upon the borrower to repay the amount as mentioned in the account within 60 days from the date of notice(s)/ date of receipt of said notice(s). The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred to him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned in the account.
The borrower's/ guarantor's/ mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank for the amounts and interest thereon.

Name of the Branch	Name of the Account/ Borrower	Name of the Owner of the property	Description of the property mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice Affixed	Amount outstanding as on date of demand notice
Barh (0569), Patna	M/s Guru Kripa Motors, (Prop.: Sri Ravi Ranjan Yadvendu S/o Late Ramashray Prasad Yadav) Borrower- Ravi Ranjan Yadvendu S/o Late Ramashray Prasad Yadav & Ravi Raj Yadvendu S/o Late Ramashray Prasad Yadav (Legal Heirs of Late Asha Devi Co-Borrower/Mortgagor) A/c No.- 0569008700010280, 0569001L00000234	Sri Ravi Ranjan Yadvendu & Sri Ravi Raj Yadvendu (Legal Heirs of Late Asha Devi)	RM of the property consisting of Residential Building and Land situated at Mouza-Kajichak, Ward No.-24, Pargana-Gyaspur, PS-Barh, Sub Division & Sub Registry Office-Barh, Tauzi No.7929, Thana No.-57, Khata No.-33 & 26, Khesra No.-421 & 423, Area-4.6875 Decimal, Registered Sale Deed No.-5997, dated 20.08.2015. Boundary: North-NH-31, South-Rameshwar Sao & Naveen Sao, East-Purchaser, West-NH-31.	28.03.2024	24.06.2024	Rs. 65,21,975.23 (Rs. Sixty five lakh twenty one thousand nine hundred seventy five and twenty three paise only)

Date : 24.06.2024
Place : Barh
(Authorised Officer)
Punjab National Bank

Sarpanch's husband booked for 'raping' woman in Gurgaon

Gurgaon: An FIR has been registered against a man, the husband of a sarpanch in Gurgaon district, on the complaint of a woman from another village who claimed she was raped on multiple occasions by him, police said.

According to police, the woman alleged that she was raped by the accused in October 2022, and later in January 2024.

In the complaint, the woman said the man promised her a job at a salary of Rs 30,000. She said

he took her to a hotel where he offered her a soft drink and food, which contained an intoxicant, and raped her. The complainant said he blackmailed her and, on January 28, took her to a hotel in Neemrana, where he raped her again.

The SHO of the police station concerned said, "We are verifying the allegations and are yet to arrest the accused."

The accused claimed the complaint was fabricated. ENS

PRESS NOTICE INVITING PERCENTAGE RATE e-TENDER
Executive Engineer(C), Postal Civil Division, Allahabad invites on behalf of The President of India, online percentage rate (CPWD-7) e-tenders for the following work:
N.I.T. No.:01/Ind/EE/PCDA/2024-25 Dated: 26.06.2024
Name of Work: Repairing and painting of Vrindavan HO under Mathura Division, Agra Region, Agra-2nd Call.
Estimated Cost : ₹ 3323602/-
Earnest Money : ₹ 66472/-
Period of completion : 120 Days
Last time and date of submission of bid: on 11.07.2024 upto 12:00 Hours.
The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>
No: PCD/ALD/NIT/A-10/24-25/370

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National Innovation Foundation-India
Autonomous Institute of the Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India
Advt. No. 01/2024
National Innovation Foundation - India (NIF) invites applications from highly motivated and eligible professionals for engagement in various Finance & Administrative positions (Managers/ Associates). The engagement is purely on temporary and contractual basis. The detailed advertisement is available at http://www.nif.org.in/join_us. The last date for receipt of applications is 30th June 2024.
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OIL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas)
OIDB Bhawan, Plot No.-02, Sector-73, Noida-201301

No. AD-14/3/2022-ADM-Part-I
Applications in prescribed proforma are invited from eligible candidates through proper channel for filling up of one post of Deputy Chief Finance & Accounts Officer in Oil Industry Development Board (OIDB) in Pay Level 12 of 7th CPC pay matrix, on deputation basis.
Last date for receipt of applications in OIDB is 30th day from the date of publishing of this advertisement in Employment News. For detailed vacancy circular, please visit OIDB's website: www.oidb.gov.in
Manager (P&A)
CBC 33113/12/0003/2425 Tel: 0120-2594613

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 Liqueur in form of L-13 for Thirteen excise districts in the State. The Wholesale license of IMFL (L-1) and Country Liqueur (L-13) shall be granted to the applicant amongst the retail outlet allottees/licensees of Indian Made foreign Liqueur (L-2) and Country Liqueur (L-14A) respectively. The L-1 and L-13 licenses shall be granted on the basis of quota contribution of Indian Made foreign Liqueur (L-2) and Country Liqueur (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 Liqueur (L-13) in the district for which the applications are being invited in third round shall be as under:-

Sr. No.	Districts	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 Liqueur (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 Liqueur (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.
No.27209/HRY

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SKY WATCH
June 27
Generally cloudy sky. Very light rain/thunderstorm accompanied with gusty winds (speed 25-35 kmph)
MAX: 38 | MIN: 29
0.8°C above normal | 1.1°C above normal

EXCISE CASE: KEJRIWAL SENT TO 3-DAY CBI CUSTODY

CM arrest: AAP, BJP in war of words, his wife Sunita calls it 'dictatorship'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

SLAMMING THE BJP government for getting Chief Minister Arvind arrested in a "fake" CBI case, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leaders said they will urge INDIA bloc leaders to raise the issue in Parliament. The CM's wife Sunita Kejriwal said "the whole system is trying to ensure he does not come out of jail" and it is akin to a dictatorship.

The BJP hit back, claiming that if Kejriwal had not indulged in bribery, he wouldn't have to fear retaliation today. Delhi Congress president Devender Yadav also called the AAP government a "headless" one.

The CBI Wednesday formally arrested the CM — already in judicial custody in connection with the case following his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate on March 21 — in the excise policy case and sought five days' custody. The court remanded them him to three-day CBI custody.

In a post on X, Sunita wrote: "Arvind Kejriwal got bail on June 20. Immediately ED 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 a dictatorship, this is an emergency."

AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh, in a press conference, said the CBI has arrested Kejriwal in a false and baseless case without any evidence at the behest of the BJP government at the Centre.

"I will speak to all leaders of opposition parties part of INDIA bloc and request them to raise this issue in the Lok Sabha... Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav ji has spoken openly in favour of Kejriwal ji... I have also spoken to Uddhav Thackeray and will talk to Congress leaders."

Earlier in the day, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, after meeting Atishi at Lok Nayak hospital — she was admitted there when her health took a turn during her fast for water — said the BJP government at the Centre has discriminated against the Kejriwal government in Delhi.

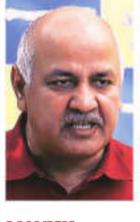
"Kejriwal's government wants to work for the people. It wants to provide facilities like health and education to the people but the central government is creating hurdles. The central government is trying to trap Kejriwal by filing false cases against him through the CBI..." said Yadav.

When asked about AAP's differences with the Congress — the latter has criticised the AAP on several issues like water — Singh said, "There may be differences at the state level but we are fighting together with the Congress on national issues of the

REVISITING THE CBI CASE

12 granted bail | **3** in judicial custody | **2** turned approvers

KEY ARRESTS

 ARVIND KEJRIWAL Delhi CM Arrested: June 26, 2024 Status: In judicial custody in CBI and ED cases	 MANISH SISODIA Former Deputy CM Arrested: Feb 26, 2023 Status: In judicial custody in CBI and ED cases	 VIJAY NAIR former AAP communications in-charge Arrested: Sept 2022 Status: Granted bail in CBI case; judicial custody in ED case
 ABHISHEK BOINPALLY Hyd businessman Arrested: Oct 2022 Status: Granted bail in CBI case; interim bail in ED case	 ARUN PILLAI Hyd businessman Arrested: March 2023 Status: Granted bail in CBI case; judicial custody in ED case	 SAMEER MAHENDRU IndoSpirit promoter Arrested: Sept 2022 Status: Granted bail in CBI case; judicial custody in ED case

Constitution, democracy and the misuse of investigation agencies by BJP against the opposition."

He also alleged that information being shared by the CBI and ED was "sponsored" by the Modi government. "Today in court, the CBI claimed Kejriwal has put the blame on Manish Sisodia and that it was his idea... But when the judge asked the CBI to show Kejriwal's statement, the judge took a look at it and said the CBI was wrong and that Kejriwal did not make any such statements..." Singh said.

AAP leader Jasmine Shah said at a press conference that the party has always maintained the whole case is fabricated.

Meanwhile, Delhi BJP Virendra Sachdeva attacked the AAP saying Kejriwal's arrest in a case filed by Congress party leaders in 2022 is not a surprise. "The CBI already had a separate primary case in which Kejriwal was summoned to its office... Manish Sisodia is already arrested in this case... After Sisodia, the arrest of Kejriwal... was a demand for justice... so it wasn't a surprise..." he said.

He also said, "AAP and Opposition leaders who believe that there is a political vendetta against Kejriwal need to understand that if he had not engaged in *rishwat khori* (bribery), he wouldn't fear *badlakhori* (retaliation) today."

Akhilesh, Brinda visit Atishi at hospital, express support



Samajwadi Party Chief Akhilesh Yadav and (below) CPI(M) leader Brinda Karat visit Atishi at Lok Nayak hospital, Wednesday

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

SAMAJWADI PARTY Chief and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav met AAP leader and Water Minister Atishi at Lok Nayak Hospital, a day after she hospitalised during her indefinite fast to demand Delhi's share of water from Haryana, and expressed his solidarity with the party and the minister's protest against the water crisis.

"I came here to inquire about the health of Water Minister Atishi ji. She is brave and knows how to fight for the people. She has been fighting for the people of Delhi..." he said.

Since the BJP has formed the government, the problems of chief ministers have increased, the Samajwadi Party chief alleged. "The Centre has discrimi-



Brinda Karat visiting Atishi at Lok Nayak hospital.

ated in dealing with the issue... This is not Atishi's fight alone but the fight for people... I came to salute her... she had told me that she will get back to fighting for people once she gets well."

Atishi had been sitting on an indefinite fast for the past five days. Early Tuesday morning, she was admitted to the hospital after her health condition deteriorated.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva hit out at the minister and said: "AAP leaders are creating melodrama to divert the attention of Delhiites from the prevailing water crisis... Since yesterday, no Delhi minister has spoken a word on it even as the situation is getting worse. Today, AAP made a plan to field Akhilesh Yadav and Brinda Karat to hail Kejriwal and Atishi as victims of the Centre's alleged harassment," he alleged.

1,100 trees felled in Ridge: Rai summons records, seeks status report

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

DELHI ENVIRONMENT minister Gopal Rai Wednesday ordered the collection of all relevant records and a status report on actions taken so far in regard to the felling of 1,100 trees in the Ridge.

At an emergency meeting over the issue, which was heard for the second time this week in the Supreme Court, the Forest Department was instructed to provide this information by 11 am on Thursday.

"A few days ago, an NGO had raised the issue of cutting 1,100 trees without any permission in the Ridge area of South Delhi before the Supreme Court. The NGO told the court that 1,100 trees have been cut illegally in the Reserve Forest Area of South Delhi," a statement issued by Rai's office said.

"Whereas it is necessary to take permission from the Supreme Court before cutting trees in the Ridge area. Even after getting the information about cutting these trees, the Forest Department did not take any action," it added.

Only the Supreme Court, the statement said, can give permission to cut trees in the forest areas of Delhi.

It added that the Delhi government had taken a strict stand on the issue.

MURDER AT BURGER KING: WOMAN, 2 SHOOTERS REMAIN ON THE RUN

Key suspect planned a similar crime — except her target never showed up

ARNABJIT SUR NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

WEEKS BEFORE 26-year-old Aman Joon was "lured" to Burger King in Rajouri Garden and shot dead by gangster Himanshu Bhai's henchmen, another man was to meet a similar fate. The motive? To settle scores with the man's cousin, who was a member of a rival gang.

This man, the Delhi Police said, had a lucky escape as he never showed up at the assigned meeting spot.

In both cases, police said, there was a common link — a woman, 24-year-old Anu Dhankar and Bhai's close associate, who befriended the two men, Joon and Amit Malik, online. In Joon's case, the woman succeeded in "luring" him to the food outlet where two men killed him, firing 39 bullets, on June 18. In Malik's case, police said, Dhankar asked him to meet her at a restaurant in Mukherjee Nagar a few weeks ago.

"But Malik couldn't come. He had to attend to something urgent. He didn't suspect anything though," said an officer of the Special Cell, which is probing the case after it was transferred to them from the West district.

Why did police question Malik regarding the Rajouri Garden murder case? "We found out that the woman (Dhankar) was in regular touch with him. His number appeared in her phone's CDR (call detail records)



On June 18, 26-year-old Aman Joon was killed inside a Burger King outlet in West Delhi by two men. Archive

many times. We checked his antecedents and called him for questioning," the officer said.

"We got to know Malik's cousin Amit Baiswal is part of the Rajesh Sarkari gang... and is a close associate of Sarkari. We questioned him as to why he was in touch with Dhankar," the police officer said.

In fact, police suspected a new twist in the murder case after this revelation. "We understood Malik was a target — Bhai had assigned Dhankar to lure him too. She was in touch with Joon and Malik simultaneously."

A senior officer of the Special Cell told *The Indian Express* that "the bitter rivalry between the Bhai and Sarkari gangs was the motive for targeting Malik".

Police have questioned Malik's statement. "During questioning, he claimed Dhankar got in touch with him through Instagram. Malik told us that he spoke to her

Burger King incident were roped in in Malik's case. It is being verified," the officer said.

Where is Dhankar?

Dhankar and the two shooters are yet to be arrested.

Her last known location was at Jammu's Katra Railway Station, where she was caught on CCTV on June 20 — two days after the West Delhi incident. With a scarf covering her face, footage showed her carrying a suitcase and a backpack and briskly walking towards the platform.

How did sleuths from the Crime Branch and Special Cell know she was in J&K?

A senior officer from the Crime Branch, said, "Dhankar reached Katra after taking different routes via road and train. She tried to stay at a girls' hostel, but the person in charge asked for her ID card... she didn't have one. The person asked her to call her parents or a relative to get her identity verified. Dhankar said she needed an internet connection to call over WhatsApp."

The officer added that the moment Dhankar connected to the hostel's WiFi, sleuths of the Crime Branch and Special Cell knew where she was as they had been keeping tabs on her phone's CDR. "Even as police officers rushed to Katra, Bhai was tipped off of their movement and he asked Dhankar to quickly leave. She left the hostel on the evening of June 20," said the officer.

Police are trying to ascertain her current location.



A view of Rashtrapati Bhawan. For Thursday, the Met office has forecast a generally cloudy sky with very light rain.

After searing heat, Delhi can expect rainy weekend

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

AFTER A searing heatwave this summer that saw several people dying of heat-related illnesses, Delhi can finally expect some relief over the next week.

Going by the India Meteorological Department's seven-day forecast, the maximum temperature in the Capital will drop to 34 degrees Celsius by June 30. It was only last week, on Saturday, that the maximum temperature dipped below the 40-degree mark, after 40 straight days of being above this, following a western disturbance in Northwest India.

As per the weather bulletin, Delhi is set to experience moderate to heavy rain from June 30 — bringing down temperatures

during the weekend gradually from 38 degrees Celsius on Friday to 36 degrees Celsius on Saturday to 34 degrees Celsius on Sunday.

The IMD had earlier forecast that rainfall activity is likely to increase over Northwest India between June 28 and 30. It has issued a yellow alert (to be aware) for Delhi for the next seven days, except for June 30 when it is on an orange alert (to be prepared).

On Wednesday, the maximum temperature in Delhi was 39 degrees Celsius, two notches above normal, while the minimum temperature was 31.6 degrees Celsius, four degrees above normal.

For Thursday, the Met office has forecast a generally cloudy sky with very light rain or a thunderstorm.

26-YEAR-OLD LINEMAN ELECTROCUTED EARLIER THIS MONTH, HIS WIFE AND THREE KIDS STARE AT UNCERTAIN FUTURE

'He was hanging on the wire for 15 minutes... nobody came to his aid'

NEETIKA JHA NOIDA, JUNE 26

IN THIS tiny village in Ghaziabad, grief has now a permanent address: the single-room home where 25-year-old Shaista Khan and her three children — Adnan (5), two-and-a-half-year-old Navya and 10-month-old Arhan — live.

On June 15, Shaista's husband Yunus Khan was electrocuted while fixing a wire near the entrance of Ayodhya Ganj at GT Road in Dadri, Greater Noida. Yunus, 26, was employed as a lineman with Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (PVVNL) under a contract with Sherlock Services. His family said he was paid a

salary of Rs 8,000 a month.

"I have nobody now. My parents are also not alive. How will I raise these little children?" Shaista asks, her voice hoarse from wailing. "They (officials) switched on the electricity even when he was still working on the wire. He got electrocuted. He was hanging on the wire for 15 minutes. No one came to help him."

With his job bringing him to Dadri, Yunus was living with his wife and children in a rented room there. His family has now returned to this single-room home owned by Yunus's 77-year-old father, Mehruddin, in Jalalabad village. Mehruddin, who has a broken foot and is unable to walk, lives with his 55-year-old daughter Sehnaz Khan,

a widow, in this tiny house. "How would we all manage to live in this place?" Shaista asks.

Five days after Yunus died, Jalalabad village is in shock. Dozens of women have assembled inside the small room where Shaista sits in a corner. They have come to console her.

"I had called him at 2.45pm. I asked him if he had lunch. He told me he did not get time but will eat once he is free," Shaista says. "The next thing I know, he is gone."

An FIR was registered with Dadri police station under IPC Section 304 (death due to negligence). In the complaint, Mehruddin said his son worked under a Junior Engineer as a lineman. Mehruddin blames the "carelessness of the electricity de-



The victim, Yunus Khan; (right) his wife Shaista Khan and their children. Express



partment and Junior Engineer" concerned for his son's death. "... the power was turned on without checking. This led to his death on the spot," he says.

Investigating Officer Praveen Kumar says the probe is still under process.

"I want justice. Nothing has happened even after the FIR. I want the government to look into this matter," Shaista says.

Mehruddin has been inconsolable. "They killed my son," he says. The family alleged that neither the department nor anybody from the government has approached them.

Yunus's younger brother Imtiaz Khan claimed he (Yunus) had not been paid his salary for four months. "He was waiting for his salary and he would have left the job," he says.

He says Yunus had survived one such instance a few weeks back. "While he was fixing the wire, someone had turned on the feeder then too. But that time, he was only injured," he

says. "He (Yunus) had a phone with him. Nobody called him to confirm if the wire was fixed. They just turned on the power. There is a register which maintains all these accounts. This cannot be carelessness. It is a planned murder," he alleges.

Executive Engineer Avneesh Sinha, however, refutes all claims of the family. "I personally assure that all our employees are paid on time, even if there is third-party involvement. A delay of a month can be agreeable but not four months," he says. "We have asked for an MRI meter report which would assess the flow of current, and the compensation will be provided. I personally met the family and have asked for certain documents."

Yunus's older brother Mohammad Amiruddin alleges he was not provided with any safety gear. "There were no gloves, cap or suit provided by the company or the board. Even the equipment to fix those wire cables was brought by him," he says.

"He would go early in the morning and return by 2 am. The Junior Engineer would call him at any time of the day," Amiruddin claims.

Executive Engineer Sinha says they ask the contractors to ensure safety gear is provided. "There is a manual on outstanding instructions. But it is difficult to ensure that is followed at the site of repair," he says.

Sherlock was not available for comment.

5 IN PARLIAMENT 18TH LOK SABHA

VOICES AGAINST EMERGENCY

"This House strongly condemns the decision to impose Emergency in 1975. People had to suffer sterilisation imposed by the Congress government, arbitrariness in the name of removing encroachment, and evil policies... This House would like to express condolences to all those people."

OM BIRLA,
LOK SABHA SPEAKER

"The country has never seen dense black clouds, which this day saw (in 1975). The biggest democracy of the world had gone in the dark in 1975. In any circumstance, India will not see such a day (again)."

JAGDEEP DHANKHAR,
VICE PRESIDENT

"I am glad that the Honourable Speaker strongly condemned the Emergency, highlighted the excesses committed during that time and also mentioned the manner in which democracy was strangled."

NARENDRA MODI,
PRIME MINISTER (ON X)

"It (resolution) has exposed the anti-democratic thinking of the Congress which has harmed the major pillars like judiciary, bureaucracy and the media..."

AMIT SHAH,
UNION HOME MINISTER

"Dictatorship is in the DNA of the Congress. Today they talk about the Constitution but they do not have the right to even touch the Constitution for what they did (amid Emergency)."

SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN,
AGRICULTURE MINISTER

Remain impartial... our voices should be heard: Opp chorus on Birla election

ASAD REHMAN
NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

AS OPPOSITION leaders on Wednesday congratulated Om Birla on becoming the Lok Sabha Speaker for the second time, they urged the chair to be impartial and reminded him of the suspension of MPs in his last term.

"The Opposition would like to assist you in doing your work. We would like the House to function well. It is very important that co-operation happens on the basis of trust. It is important that the voice of the Opposition is allowed to be represented. I am confident you will allow us to represent our voice, allow us to speak to represent the voice of the people of India," Leader of the Opposition and Congress MP Rahul Gandhi said.

"The question is not how efficiently the House is run; the question is how much of India's voice is being allowed to be heard in this House. So, the idea that you can run the House efficiently by silencing the voice of the Opposition is a non-democratic idea. And this election has shown that the people of India expect the Opposition to defend the Constitution of the country. And we are confident that by allowing the Opposition to speak to represent the people of India, you will do your duty of defending the Constitution of India," he added.

Samajwadi Party chief



SECOND INNINGS: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla in Parliament. Renuka Puri

Akhilesh Yadav, who spoke after Rahul, was more forthright. Expressing hope that there would be no discrimination and the Speaker would provide equal opportunity to Opposition MPs, Akhilesh said: "I expect that the voices of public representatives are not suppressed and the dignity of the House is not hurt by actions like the suspension of the members... Impartiality is a great responsibility of this position..."

"Sadan aapke ishaare par chale, iska ulta na ho (the House should function as per your direction and not vice-versa)," he said.

Expressing hope that the

House would run properly with the appointment of the Leader of Opposition, TMC MP Sudip Bandyopadhyay said: "Sir, (the) parliamentary democratic system, of which we are firm believers. It depends on the secularism, communal harmony, and unity of the country... Sir, the House belongs to the Opposition. This attitude has to be adopted by the ruling party itself... Sir, you may have good wishes and intention of Opposition MPs, Arvind Sawant of Shiv Sena (UBT) said: "The House should run because it should serve justice to the people... I hope that whenever we

stand to save the Constitution, you will bless us," he added. NCP (SP)'s Supriya Sule thanked Birla for helping the members during the pandemic. She said: "In (last) five years... one very sad thing happened. When 150 of our friends were suspended, it made us very sad. And it will be our efforts that you don't think of suspension in the next five years. There can be dialogue," she said. IUMML's Mohammed Basheer said impartiality should be the "mantra" of the House. "We had a bitter experience in the past. This should not be repeated," he said.

RAHUL RECOGNISED AS LEADER OF OPP

New Delhi: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla Wednesday recognised Rahul Gandhi as Leader of Opposition, a day after the Congress communicated its decision to name him for the position to the Lok Sabha Secretariat. In a notification issued Wednesday, the Lok Sabha Secretariat said Gandhi, leader of the Congress, has been recognised as Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha with effect from June 9. This is the first time in 10 years the lower house will have a leader in the post. PTI

Amid suspense over Dy Speaker post, TDP says it is not interested

NIKHILA HENRY & DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

WHILE IT is still not clear if the 18th Lok Sabha will have a Deputy Speaker, the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has said it is not interested in the post. With 16 seats in the Lok Sabha, the TDP is the BJP's biggest ally and is key to the stability of the Narendra Modi government.

"We are not aspiring for the post. We've made it very clear," TDP spokesperson Pattabi Ram Kommareddy told *The Indian Express* on Wednesday. "No meeting to this effect, that suggests the TDP should take up the deputy Speaker's role, has happened so far," Kommareddy said.

The statement comes amid speculation that the AIADMK had it in Modi's first term.

Another top TDP leader said: "From the beginning, the TDP has not expressed its interest in either the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker post. We have left it open to the other (National Democratic Alliance) allies, that is if they are interested." Hinting that the Janata Dal (United) could be interested in the role, the TDP leader said: "If an ally is to be chosen for the role, why not the JD(U)?"

A senior JD(U) leader said the party had not heard anything on this from the BJP. "The BJP has not indicated to us if there will be a Deputy Speaker post and if yes whether they are interested in giving it to us." Another party leader said it would appear odd as the Rajya Sabha already has a JD(U) nominee in Deputy Chairman Harivansh.

Some BJP leaders also suggested that if no ally is interested in the post, then Opposition could be thought about.

The TDP, however, is not comfortable with the idea. Asked if the Opposition, going by convention,

should get the post, Kommareddy said: "The Opposition should first graciously accept the people's mandate. Their attitude has been to create ruckus in the House and disrupt the government's functioning. When they are not following convention, why should we (NDA) offer the role to them?"

It was due to a lack of commitment from the government over the Deputy Speaker's post to the Opposition that the INDIA bloc put up a Speaker candidate against Om Birla, the BJP nominee. It lost in a voice vote.

A TDP source, meanwhile, said that the Opposition supported Speaker Om Birla's candidature right at the beginning, the NDA government could have considered their demand for Deputy Speaker. "Instead, the Opposition fielded their own candidate. This was confrontation. Why should the ruling alliance favour them?" the source asked.

A senior Congress leader said the party had been waiting for a commitment from the NDA on the Deputy Speaker's post even on Wednesday morning. "If they had indicated they would give the post to the Opposition, we would have taken our motion back," the leader said.

The TDP's stand is that it needs more funds for Andhra Pradesh and not key positions at the Centre. The party has one Cabinet minister and one Minister of State. "We are part of the government only to get special financial packages for the state, which we have sought in the pre-budget consultation meeting," a TDP leader said.

On Wednesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi met TDP MPs. He said in a post on X: "Met MP colleagues from @JaiTDP. Our parties are working closely at the Centre and in Andhra Pradesh under the leadership of my friend @ncbn garu. We will do everything possible for the progress of India and the development of AP."

NDA allies congratulate Birla, praise his first term: 'Gave chance to new MPs'

LALMANI VERMA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

THE BJP'S allies Wednesday congratulated Om Birla after he was elected Lok Sabha Speaker, praising him for his performance in his first term and assuring him of their cooperation for his second.

Union Minister Chirag Paswan, the leader of the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), said that Birla, in his previous term, had encouraged new members. He expressed hope that youth and women members of his party will be given opportunities to speak in the same manner.

Paswan also took a dig at the INDIA bloc's demand for the Deputy Speaker post. "There are several states where the parties of the Opposition side are in power and the posts of Speaker and Deputy Speaker both are with the party ruling there," he said.

Telugu Desam Party's Lavu Srikrishna Devarayalu spoke about "groundbreaking" developments in the last five years — the shift to the new Parliament



Chirag Paswan of LJP (Ram Vilas), JD(U)'s Lalan Singh

building, abrogation of Article 370, the Nari Shakti Vandan Bill, the Triple Talaq Bill and the IPC Bill. Devarayalu said that Birla, as Speaker, had also encouraged his first-time members to speak during Question Hour.

Union Minister and JD(U) member Rajiv Ranjan Singh said Birla had established new benchmarks for Parliamentary traditions. He spoke of how Birla had run the House till midnight to give an opportunity to first-time MPs to speak and, on several occasions, allowed only women members to speak during Zero Hour. "I hope you will raise these benchmarks to new heights in the 18th Lok Sabha," he said.

Smaller parties to Speaker: Give us more opportunities to speak

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

AIMIM CHIEF Asaduddin Owaisi, Azad Samaj Party (Kanshi Ram) chief Chandrashekhar Azad and Shiromani Akali Dal's Harsimrat Kaur Badal appealed to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to give a chance to smaller parties to speak in the House.

Congratulating Birla, Owaisi said: "You are the custodian of the House. The reality is that the majority enjoys numerical strength but it does not have the strength per se. The Opposition has the voice of the people. I request you to give a chance to the smaller parties."



AIMIM's Asaduddin Owaisi, Chandrashekhar Azad (Azad Samaj Party-Kanshi Ram)

He hoped the government would reduce the burden on Birla by appointing a Deputy Speaker. "This House's character has changed. The BJP will not be able to steamroll now," he said.

Nagina MP Azad said his Azad Samaj Party (Kanshi Ram)

is a new one and that the Speaker should give him chances to speak. "We are a new party, and I am the free voice of my people. I expect patronage from you. You are the protector of democracy... Our people are in a bad state, and if we don't get a chance, we will not be able to put forward what we want to say."

Harsimrat, SAD's lone MP, said that some parties that have differences in the states are seen joining hands at the national level. The Speaker replied: "Give that speech later. Please. No."

Harsimrat replied: "What I want to say is I am the lone member of a regional party who is also a woman. I am worried that I am not on either side."



STARS ALIGN

Union Minister Chirag Paswan with BJP's Kangana Ranaut in Parliament on Wednesday. PTI

Restrain MPs from making disparaging remarks against peers: NC MP to Speaker

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

NATIONAL CONFERENCE MP Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi Wednesday urged Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to preserve the sanctity of the House, bringing up the communal slurs used by a House member against an MP

in the previous session.

Mehdi said it was important to prevent instances where elected representatives are disparaged in the House.

Birla said: "Dear members, this is the first day of Parliament. You should be careful about what you are saying. See the working of the House and then speak."

The MP told Birla: "You are

not the BJP, Congress or SP. You have just one party — the Constitution of India. The hope is that you are the custodian of it."

He added: "You were the custodian when the Bill for (abrogation) of Article 370 was brought in a minute and passed in 30 minutes." The Speaker responded: "He doesn't know it, but there was discussion for 9.5 hours."

Wait for swearing-in of 2 MLAs sparks Bengal's latest govt-Governor row

SANTANU CHOWDHURY
KOLKATA, JUNE 26

A NEW STANDOFF is underway between the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) and Governor in West Bengal — this time over the swearing-in of two MLAs of the party who won in recent bypolls.

On Wednesday noon, the two, Sayantika Banerjee (Baranagar MLA) and Rayat Hossain Sarkar (Bhagabangola MLA), began a four-hour wait — till 4 pm — in the state Assembly compound for Governor C V Ananda Bose to come and swear them in.

Bose too was waiting, over at the Raj Bhavan, having told the two MLAs to come there at 12 pm Wednesday for the swear-

ing-in. As the two TMC MLAs waited in the Assembly corridor, the Governor too did not turn up there by 4 pm nor send any communication to them. According to sources in the Raj Bhavan, Bose left for Delhi on Tuesday evening.

"We will wait for a few more days and see what happens," said the Baranagar MLA.

Accusing the Governor of turning the swearing-in event into an "ego battle" and intentionally complicating the issue, Assembly Speaker Biman Banerjee said, "An impasse was deliberately created for reasons best known to the Governor. We were waiting for him to come to the Assembly, but he didn't come. Such an impasse is not at

all expected."

Constitutionally, the Governor administers the oath to an MLA. But by convention, in case of a bypoll, the Governor assigns the job to the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker of the Assembly.

In this case, Bose has refused to give the go-ahead for the same, and has instead demanded that Banerjee and Sarkar, both first-time MLAs, come to the Raj Bhavan to be sworn in by him.

Banerjee and Sarkar won in bypolls held on June 1, comfortably defeating a BJP and Congress candidate, respectively.

With the TMC at loggerheads with Bose on various issues, including security at the Raj



Newly elected TMC MLAs Rayat Hossain Sarkar and Sayantika Banerjee wait on the Assembly premises for their swearing-in ceremony, in Kolkata, Wednesday. Express

Bhavan, the two MLAs have said that the Governor should either authorise the Speaker or Deputy Speaker to swear them in, or

stand to administer the oath himself.

On Monday, Banerjee wrote to Bose, asking him to let Speaker Biman Banerjee administer her the oath as MLA.

On Tuesday, she told reporters: "I am a Member of the Legislative Assembly, and I need to work from here. The general practice is that in the case of a by-election, the Governor writes to the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker to administer the oath. That is why I wrote to the Governor... and said I would like to take the oath in the Assembly... Already three weeks have passed since my victory but I am yet to start working for the people of my con-

stituency."

Sarkar said: "I also want to take the oath in the Assembly. We are waiting for the Governor to come here for the same."

The Raj Bhavan Tuesday cited Clause 188 of the Constitution to underline that the Governor has the final say on the swearing-in of MLAs. As per the Clause, every member of the Assembly, before taking their seat, must take an oath before the Governor or some person assigned to do so by the Governor.

In a post on its official X handle, the Raj Bhavan cited instances from the past of newly elected members, such as Mamata Banerjee, Jakir Hossain and Amirul Islam — all of the TMC — taking their oath or affirmation

before the then Governor in 2021.

In a similar situation two years ago, TMC Ballygunge MLA Babul Supriyo could not take oath as a legislator even two weeks after his election due to a conflict between the Speaker and then Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar — who also had a contentious relationship with the TMC government — over who would preside over the swearing-in ceremony.

Dhankhar finally assigned the job to Deputy Speaker Asish Banerjee, who also belongs to the TMC.

While MLAs remain members of the Assembly on paper despite not taking oath, they can't take part in the voting process till they do so.

5 QUESTIONS

AFTER TAKING OATH, CONG MP FROM TN SASIKANTH SENTHIL RAISED A SLOGAN AGAINST ATROCITIES ON MINORITIES, DALITS AND ADIVASIS. THE EX-CIVIL SERVANT SPEAKS TO NIKHILA HENRY

'Pitting people against people is not good governance'

Why did you raise the slogan?

For the past ten years the government has been peddling violence against the most oppressed of people. I asked them to stop this kind of politics.

What kind of politics are you referring to?

Winning and losing in elections is one thing, but pitting people against people is not good governance. It shows the government's authoritarian tendency.

Can you list a few things the government should stop?

The government should stop bulldozing people's homes. That is not justice. It should stop changing the lifestyles of Adivasis and Dalits.



Why raise the slogan during the oath, though?

When we are taking the oath by the Constitution, what else do we mean? We mean we will stand by the most downtrodden of people. Hence the slogan was apt at the time.

What would you want to do to stop atrocities?

As an MP I will stand with the vulnerable people. I will raise my voice against atrocities. I will stand by the Constitution.

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POLL 'PROMISE'

RPI(A) CHIEF and MoS for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale is known for his one liners and tongue-in-cheek humour. His ability to lighten the mood in serious situations was on display on Wednesday at an event on Drug-Free India Movement. Athawale, while reassuring anti-drugs campaigners that they will get all the support from the government, said in a lighter vein that those who have successfully rid themselves of addiction would be helped to participate in politics and may even get a ticket to contest polls, leaving the audience in splits.

NO FREE PUBLICITY

SENIOR OFFICERS at Delhi Police headquarters have asked all the DCPs to avoid using fancy phrases to refer to dreaded gangsters in their press releases. They have been asked to identify the gangsters as "normal criminals" and mention only their involvement in different crimes in their press notes. The idea behind this move is to break the morale of the jailed gangsters and their associates, who often highlight such press clippings on their social media accounts.

JOSTLING FOR SPACE

SPEAKING AT the India Space Congress, Inspace chairperson Pawan Goenka took note of the packed banquet hall and the people standing at the back to listen to the guests. He said that over the last couple of years, space conferences have grown bigger and bigger in size, with an increasing participation of foreign delegates. He said the space industry is now moving at the speed of an orbiting satellite.

Report: Transition away from coal power poses challenges to marginalised

NIKHIL GHANEKAR
NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

FROM WORKING irregular jobs with poor wages to facing grave health conditions, people from the SCs, STs and OBCs are likely to bear the maximum impact as India transitions away from coal, a report by National Foundation of India (NFI) has said.

Across six districts of Jharkhand, Odisha and Chhattisgarh, 1,209 households were surveyed within a 10km area of coal mines and coal-related activities. It was found that 81.5 per cent among those surveyed belonged to the marginalised SC, ST, and OBC communities and the rest were from general category. The survey found lower levels of income and educational attainment among SC and ST groups compared to OBC groups, and their higher representation in low-paying, irregular jobs in coal-dumping yards, coal sidings, coal loading, coal transport, coal washeries and other informal work.

This disparity, the report said, indicated the challenges that marginalised groups will face as India gradually phases down coal use, resulting in significant job losses and economic downturns in coal-dependent regions.

"Without a clear plan in place, workers in declining industries may face sudden job losses," said Pooja Gupta, researcher and co-author of the study.

Former foreign secretary Muchkund Dubey dies at 90

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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FORMER FOREIGN secretary Muchkund Dubey died due to heart-related complications at a hospital in New Delhi on Wednesday aged 90. The 1957 batch IFS officer is survived by his wife and two daughters. His last rites will be performed at the Lodhi Road Crematorium on Thursday evening.

"He was not keeping well for

the past few weeks and had been admitted at Fortis (Escorts) heart hospital in Delhi earlier this month. He had heart-related complications and also some other health issues. Prof Dubey died at the hospital today (Wednesday) afternoon," his close friend Manoranjan Mohanty was quoted by PTI.

The veteran diplomat — considered an expert on disarmament and development cooperation — served as India's foreign secretary in 1990-91. He also

TN House OKs resolution asking Centre to conduct caste census

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, JUNE 26

THE TAMIL Nadu Legislative Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution on Wednesday urging the Centre to conduct a caste-based census along with the pending population census. The resolution, proposed by Chief Minister M K Stalin, talks about the necessity of a census to formulate policies ensuring equal rights and opportunities in education, economy, and employment to every citizen of India.

"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 the Union Government to immediately commence the census work, which is due from the year 2021, along with caste-based population census," the resolution said.

The call for a caste-based census has been a contentious issue in national politics. In Tamil Nadu, the demand has been particularly strong due to the state's history of



State govt decision can get legal protection only if done on the basis of data collected by Centre, says CM MK Stalin

caste-based reservations and social justice movements.

There was 16 per cent reservation for SCs and STs, and 25 per cent for other backward classes (OBC) in 1951. The Karunanidhi regime, in 1971, had increased the OBC reservation to 30%, and for SCs and STs to 18%. His third regime conferred a 20% exclusive reservation, a radical move, for most backward classes (MBCs) by taking them away from the OBC category. The impact of this reform was that, for instance, 187 seats were reserved for MBC students in 1989-90 as compared to 65 in 1988-89.

During the debate in the assembly, Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) MLAR Arul voiced his dis-

agreement with the resolution, suggesting that the state government itself could conduct a caste-based census. However, Law Minister S Regupathy explained the legal constraints. "Though the state government could undertake the exercise of a caste-based census under the Collection of Statistics Act, 2008, the Census Act could override this," he said.

CM Stalin also addressed the House, recalling his communication with PM Narendra Modi in 2023, where he demanded a caste census alongside the general census. "The decisions and acts of a state government can get legal protection only if they are done on the basis of data collected by the Centre. If state governments collect data through surveys, these may be stayed by the courts in the future," he said. Stalin said that under Section 3 of the Census Act, only the Union government is authorised to conduct a census. While there is an argument that a state government could conduct a caste-based census as per Collection of Statistics Act, 2008, this Act only permits the collection of data on socio-economic conditions, not a comprehensive caste census.

The resolution came after

PMK floor leader G K Mani raised the issue of a 10.5% reservation for the Vanniyar community.

Mani demanded the implementation of separate reservation for Vanniyars, and Stalin replied this would be possible only after a caste-based census was conducted.

Letter to PM

CM M K Stalin in a letter to PM Narendra Modi Wednesday urged the integration of a caste-based census with the national decadal census for effective policy-making and ensuring equitable development.

Stalin talked about the socio-economic imperatives. "...I consider that the fruits of development must reach all sections of society, particularly the most marginalised. For framing policies and targeting specific interventions for the socio-economic development of the underprivileged, census data has always been the basis."

"When laws and acts are enacted on basis of verifiable socio-economic indicators drawn from the decadal census report, it gets legal validity. However, no contemporary data is available since the last caste census conducted in India in 1931," the letter said.

80% turnout in Nagaland civic elections held after 20 years

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AGARTALA, JUNE 26

CIVIC ELECTIONS were conducted for the first time in two decades in Nagaland Wednesday — with the inclusion of 33% reservation for women candidates — as three municipalities and 22 town councils saw voter turnout of more than 80%, an official said.

This was the first time that these long-pending elections were held with women's reservation, which tribal organisations have opposed for several years citing customary Naga laws.

Nagaland SEC T John Longkumar said: "It was a good election and overall a peaceful election process. Though the exact final figures are not available yet, it is roughly above 80%."

Polling, however, was not held in six districts of the state, in the Eastern Nagaland area. Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation, an apex body of seven Naga tribal communities living in the six districts, announced a boycott and said nobody from the region would participate in the elections.

About the boycott call, the State Election Commissioner said: "We had taken all measures to conduct the polls in all areas of the state. That situation is different. The NGOs decided they would abstain from voting. Meanwhile, individuals filed nominations — 79 of them, in fact. But all withdrew on the last day of withdrawal."

Urban local body polls were held for the first and last time in Nagaland in 2004, in line with the provisions of the Nagaland Municipal Act, 2001.

In 2006, this Act was amended to include 33 per cent reservation for women. It was this 2006 amendment that became a subject of controversy.

Chandrayaan-4 to be sent in parts, assembled in space: ISRO chief

ANONNA DUTT & AMITABH SINHA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

CHANDRAYAAN-4, WHICH is supposed to bring back samples from the Moon, would not be launched at one go and instead, different parts of the spacecraft would be sent into orbit through two launches, and the spacecraft would be assembled in space before proceeding to the Moon, ISRO Chairman S Somanath said Wednesday.

The International Space Station and all previous similar facilities were built by assembling different parts in space. However, this would be probably the first time in the world that a spacecraft would be launched in parts and then assembled in space.

"...We have worked out the configuration of Chandrayaan-4... how to bring back samples from Moon to Earth. We propose to do it with multiple launches because our current rocket capability is not (strong) enough to do it at one go," Somanath said on the sidelines of an event in Delhi.

"So, we have to have docking capability (joining of different



ISRO Chairman S Somanath in New Delhi on Wednesday.

parts of a spacecraft) in space — both in Earth space as well as in Moon space. We are developing that capability. We have a mission called Spadex scheduled later this year to demonstrate this capability," Somanath said.

Docking of spacecraft modules on the return journey from Moon is a fairly routine manoeuvre. A part of spacecraft detaches from the main spacecraft and makes a landing while the other part remains in the Moon orbit. When the landing part leaves the Moon's surface, it docks and links up with the orbiting part, becoming one unit again.

However, it would be the first instance of docking of modules in Earth orbit for the onward journey to the Moon. "We are not making any claims to be the first

one to attempt this, but yes, I am not aware of anyone else having done this so far," Somanath said.

Somanath said that a detailed study, internal review, and cost for the Chandrayaan-4 mission have been worked out which will be sent to the government for approval. This is one of the four project proposals that the space agency plans seek approval for in line with its Vision 2047, which has envisioned India building its own space station by 2035 and sending humans to the Moon by 2040.

India's space station, named Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS), would also be set up by carrying different parts of the infrastructure in multiple launches.

"The first segment of the BAS can be launched using (the current) LVMB rocket as it is the only rocket available today and we have decided that by 2028 we should have the first launch of the BAS. For this, we are preparing another proposal for government approval," Somanath said.

He said details of other modules of the BAS will be worked out in due course. "We have a five module configuration, multiple committees are working on how to develop this," he said.



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with Myanmar Deputy PM U Than Shwe in New Delhi, Wednesday.

Hope early return to path of democratic transition, Jaishankar tells Myanmar Dy PM

DIVYA A
NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

AT A meeting with Myanmar Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister U Than Shwe here Wednesday, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar expressed "deep concern" over the "continuing violence" in areas close to the country's border with India, and sought cooperation for early return of Indians trapped in Myanmar.

India also called for "early return to the path of democratic transition" in the neighbouring country. "Met with Deputy PM and FM of Myanmar U Than Shwe as he transited New Delhi today. Discussed our deep concern at the impact of continuing violence and instability in Myanmar on our border," Jaishankar said in a post on X.

"Urged early return to the path of democratic transition in Myanmar. India stands ready to help in any manner," he said. India has also sought "credible security protection for India-funded ongoing projects in Myanmar". "Particularly flagged illegal narcotics, arms smuggling and trafficking in persons as priority challenges. Sought cooperation for early return of Indian nationals trapped in Myanmar."

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Sam Pitroda, who quit before LS polls, is back as Overseas Cong chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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AFTER STEPPING down in May over his remarks that sparked a political firestorm ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, Gandhi family close associate Sam Pitroda Wednesday was reappointed as the Chairman of the Indian Overseas Congress, a press release issued by the party's General Secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal said. "Honourable Congress President has reappointed Sam Pitroda as Chairman of the Indian Overseas Congress with immediate effect," the letter said.

The party's Communications chief Jairam Ramesh said "during the recent election campaign Sam Pitroda had made some statements and comments that were totally unacceptable to the Indian National 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 the Modi campaign. The Congress President has

reappointed him on the assurance that he will not in future leave room for such controversies to arise," said Ramesh on X.

During the LS poll campaign, in an interview to *The Statesman*, Pitroda said: "People in the East look like the Chinese, people in the West look like the Arabs, people in the North look like, maybe, White, and people in the South look like Africans." "It does not matter. All of us are brothers and sisters," he had added.

Reacting to the remarks, PM Narendra Modi had said in Telangana: "...Today the Shehbaz's (a reference to Rahul Gandhi) philosopher has hurled such a big abuse, which has filled me with anger. Can people's ability be decided on basis of skin colour?"

In April, Pitroda had sparked a controversy, when he said the inheritance tax in the US was an interesting law and could be among issues for debate in India.

'I, Nilesch Dyandev Lanke...' Why floor belonged to this MP in Parliament

ALOK DESHPANDE
MUMBAI, JUNE 26

NILESH LANKE won twice. The first time was on June 4, when the NCP (SP) leader defeated his heavyweight BJP rival, Sujay Vikhe-Patil, from Ahmednagar in Maharashtra. The second time was Tuesday, when the first-time MP stepped up to take the oath in Parliament and began with the words, "I, Nilesch Dyandev Lanke...".

All the way to Ahmednagar, the words rang loud and clear. During the poll campaign, Lanke's BJP rival — belonging to the powerful Vikhe-Patil family — had mocked him, saying Lanke did not know either English or Hindi. Throwing a challenge, Sujay Vikhe-Patil had shared a video clip with the media, and said: "If he (Lanke) manages to

speak even this much Hindi and English (as in the video), I will not file my nomination."

A day later, with Parliament having wrapped up the swearing-in and taken off to a tumultuous start, Lanke admits he is a contented man. Speaking in Marathi, he tells *The Indian Express* over the phone: "Nothing is impossible in this world. Nobody is born with special abilities, everybody learns to swim when thrown in the water. I am like that."

The 44-year-old says he chose not to respond to Vikhe-Patil's barbs during the campaign deliberately. "I did not reply to anybody then, rather I bypassed the topic asking people whether they wanted an MP who will work for them or one who can speak English... People chose me over my opponent," he says.

In Ahmednagar, few disagree

that Lanke's actions speak louder than his words, one reason why the battle-seasoned Sharad Pawar trusted him to take on Vikhe-Patil. The rivalry between the Pawars and Vikhe-Patils dates back four decades, with Sujay a fourth-generation politician from his family. Earlier in the Congress, the Vikhe-Patils, who have hitched their wagon to the BJP now, command Ahmednagar through an empire that spreads from cooperatives to educational institutes. Sujay's father Radhakrishna Vikhe-Patil is Maharashtra's Revenue Minister.

In contrast, Lanke was born to a primary school teacher, with no political background. He was drawn to politics after a small hotel he ran in his native village ran aground, and joined the Shiv Sena (then united) at a very early age. After Lanke lost the first election he fought, to a panchayat samiti,



Nilesch Dyandev Lanke at Parliament, with BJP leader Nitin Gadkari. X

he decided to hunker down and work among the public.

Lanke's focus area initially were the youth, and he earned much goodwill for getting many of them jobs in an industrial park

coming up in Supa. In 2017, he contested again, and won in the Ahmednagar zilla parishad election by the highest margin in the district.

A year later, Lanke quit the

Sena, over internal infighting, but did not lose his touch with the people, setting up a Nilesch Lanke Pratishthan. In 2019, he joined the NCP (then united) and defeated an erstwhile Sena rival in the Assembly polls that year.

It was during the Covid-19 pandemic that Lanke's popularity really soared. Locals talk of him setting up Covid centers down to the village level and personally monitoring relief work and supplying medical aid as well as meal packets. Visuals emerged of him sleeping with relatives of patients on the floor at a time when people shunned contact with Covid patients.

When Ajit Pawar split from his uncle Sharad and joined hands with the BJP last year, all eyes were on Lanke as he was known to be a close aide of Ajit. However, Lanke kept his cards close to his chest, and while he

sided with Ajit, ensured he never badmouthed Sharad Pawar. Then, just before the start of the election process, Lanke skipped over to the NCP (SP), knowing well that he would never get the Ahmednagar Lok Sabha ticket while the NCP (Ajit Pawar) was in an alliance with the BJP.

Lanke says that it was after he won that he decided to reply in kind to Vikhe-Patil's barb against him over his lack of proficiency in English and Hindi. "At a public rally, I announced that my first words inside Parliament would be in English... After all, English is just a language. Nothing to worry about."

No, he did not need any "practice", Lanke adds. "I am an educated man, I understand what is written. Just because I don't look like an elite person, it doesn't mean I can't speak English."

As MP, Lanke says he wants to raise the issues of farmers and of milk producers. "I am here to ensure fair prices for their produce. I don't mind speaking in any language if I can get my voters money for their hard work. I am not going to shy away from raising these issues inside Parliament as well."

Soon as he had taken the oath Tuesday, came the vote of confidence from his party. Sharad Pawar said he was happy for Lanke. "A mass leader cannot be confined to a language. Taunting him over his choice of language was never a wise move. He replied to it in the right manner."

Amol Kolhe, NCP (SP) MP from Shirur, posted on X: "Don't underestimate the power of (the common man)... And yes, You can talk English, walk English... English is a funny language!"

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CHHATTISGARH
Man held for stabbing woman over breakup

Raipur: A 20-year-old woman, identified as Ranjana Yadav, was allegedly stabbed to death by her jilted lover in Gaurella-Pendra-Marwahi district, police said Wednesday. CCTV visuals of the incident circulated on social media, after which police said they arrested Durgesh Prajapati, 25. Police said she was stabbed for breaking up with the accused. **ENS**

MADHYA PRADESH
Houses of 2 men accused in cow slaughter razed

Bhopal: A team of district administration demolished the houses of two men accused of cow slaughter in Madhya Pradesh's Morena, said the police, adding that the houses were "completely illegal". "According to the revenue officials, the houses of the accused are completely illegal and were built without permission. Notices were also issued for the same but no one responded to it," said the police. **ENS**

MADHYA PRADESH
Three held over assault on Dalit youth, say Police

Bhopal: A Dalit youth was stripped and thrashed severely in Madhya Pradesh's Chhatrapur after which police arrested 3 people. The police said the accused wanted to spread fear in the locality and no caste angle was found in the case so far. A case has been registered under sections including the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, police said. **ENS**

TAMIL NADU
Hooch tragedy toll rises to 62

Chennai: The toll from the hooch tragedy in Tamil Nadu's Kallakurichi rose to 62 Wednesday, with three more fatalities reported from Salem and Puducherry. Meanwhile, pressure is mounting on the DMK government, with six leaders of the main opposition AIADMK being suspended Tuesday from the remainder of the assembly session for protesting the hooch deaths. **ENS**

YSRCP leader who smashed EVM during polls arrested

GREENIVAS JANAYALA
 HYDERABAD JUNE 26

POLICE IN Andhra Pradesh have arrested former YSRCP MLA Pinnelli Ramakrishna Reddy for allegedly grabbing and smashing to the ground an electronic voting machine (EVM) at a polling booth on May 13, when voting for simultaneous Assembly and Parliament election was going on in the state.

Reddy, who was caught on CCTV inside the polling booth, had applied for bail after an FIR was registered against him. The High Court on Wednesday afternoon rejected his anticipatory bail and directed the police to take him into custody.

Reddy is a five-time MLA from Machera Assembly constituency. He won on a Congress ticket in 2004 and 2009 before switching to the YSRCP and winning the 2012 bypoll. He also won the polls in 2014 and 2019 polls.

The FIR against him states that on May 13, Pinnelli vented his ire at several polling booths in the Machera constituency after coming to know that he was lagging behind his TDP rival. It was at a polling booth in Palvaigate in Rentachintala that he allegedly damaged the EVM.

Behind water 'leakage' at Ayodhya temple and station: Work in progress

MAULSHREE SETH
 AYODHYA, JUNE 6

SIX MONTHS after the 'Pran Pratishtha' (consecration ceremony) at Ayodhya's Ram Mandir, the Temple Trust as well as the Ayodhya administration are facing their first challenge — dripping water at the temple and potholes on the road leading up to it. The city has been witnessing its first heavy rainfall of the monsoon season since Tuesday. The showers have led to water dripping in the 'gudh mandap' or hall just outside the temple's sanctum sanctorum, and caused waterlogging and potholes on Ram Path and other areas.

Waterlogging was also reported outside the newly renovated Ayodhya railway station. Authorities are now using heavy machinery to fill the potholes and drain the water.

When *The Indian Express* visited the temple early morning, there was rainwater dripping from conduit pipes, two under-construction staircases near the sanctum sanctorum and the temporary roof over the 'gudh mandap'. There were also puddles of water on the way to the mandap, making the marble floor muddy and slippery. The 'gudh mandap' is the last point up to which devo-

tees are allowed. The temple's chief priest, Satyendra Das, claimed there was no drainage system within the temple and there were leaks in the sanctum sanctorum. However, according to temple authorities, the dripping water is due to ongoing work on the temple's upper levels, where a hall and dome are coming up.

Girish Sahasrabhojane, the design and construction manager, said: "Recently there has been hue and cry about the leakage everywhere, but the simple fact is that you cannot expect 100 per cent result from a structure which is nearly 80 per cent complete. During the construction phase, there are bound to be some small issues, but there is nothing wrong in the basic design methodology."

Temple Trust officials also dismissed Das's allegations of the lack of drainage, with one explaining that it was a deliberate choice to ensure that "holy water doesn't mix with sewage".

"These problems will be resolved once the Ram Darbar on the first floor and the dome are completed. We have set the deadline for the year-end," this Trust official said.

Champat Rai, general secretary of the Trust, denied allegations of a leak. "Since the work on electrical wiring, waterproofing and flooring is in progress on the



Maulshree Seth

Repair work being carried out at Ram Path on Wednesday.

first floor, water entered from junction boxes... It looked like water was leaking from the top, but it was actually coming from conduit pipes," he said, adding that "excellent arrangements" had been made at the temple to drain rainwater "so there will be no waterlogging anywhere".

Near the 'gudh mandap' on Wednesday, security personnel stood next to a red bucket, kept to collect rainwater. According to Sahasrabhojane, the 'gudh mandap' is meant to be over 50 feet high with a dome on top. "The single storey at present is just 20 feet. Work is going on at the upper level and thus it's open. But we've tried to cover and secure it temporarily for safety purposes," he said.

Two staircases — one to the north of the sanctum sanctorum and the other on the south — are meant to take visitors to the top two floors. "Because it's a work in progress, the staircase is open on the top (with a temporary roof). Once it's complete, there will not be any problem at this place," he said.

Visitors to the temple also had to deal with a waterlogged Ram Jambhoomi Path — the half-kilometre stretch of road that leads to the temple. While the water cleared up in hours, it left behind sludge and mud that devotees had to trudge through barefoot.

The 13-km long road that links the city's Sadatganj to Naya Ghat

Man dies week after train berth collapsed on him, Rlys blames chain placement

SHAJU PHILIP
 THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 26

A RESIDENT of Kerala who was travelling on a train from Thrissur to New Delhi died after the berth above him allegedly collapsed on him. While the incident took place on June 16, 62-year-old M Alikhan died on Monday after more than a week in the hospital.

Alikhan, who hails from Malappuram had boarded the Ernakulam-Hazrat Nizamuddin express on the night of June 15 with his friend Muhammed.

His elder brother Backer said they were going to Jalandhar. Backer said the incident happened on the evening of June 16, when Alikhan was on the lower berth. "Muhammed told us that the upper berth came apart and fell on Alikhan. Co-passengers informed the TTE. He was given medical attention at the Warangal station. By then, the train had covered over 100 kilometres after the mishap. The next day, he was shifted to another hospital in Hyderabad where he underwent a major surgery last Saturday. He died on Monday," he said. Backer said the Railway police have registered a case into the matter. A Railways Ministry spokesperson said, "The passenger was travelling on seat number 57 (lower berth) of S/6 coach. The upper berth seat fell down due to improper placement of chain of the upper berth... the seat was not in damaged condition, neither it had fallen down nor crashed/fallen as claimed... The seat was checked at Nizamuddin station and found okay..."

After getting a message at 18:34 hrs at Ramagundam station, the on-duty station master immediately arranged for assistance by 108 ambulance and made an unscheduled stoppage of the train at Ramagundam," the statement said.

Very heavy rainfall (64.5 to 204.4mm in 24 hours) has been predicted over Sikkim, Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh till June 29. With the likely emergence of a trough which will run between Punjab to northwest Bay of Bengal, the Met department has warned of heavy rainfall (64.5 to 115mm in 24 hours) over Bihar, east and west Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand from Thursday onwards.

Very heavy rainfall is likely to hit Uttarakhand on Friday and Saturday. The presence of a cyclonic circulation over Madhya Pradesh and adjoining Gujarat will attract more moisture and lead to an increase in the rain intensity over Jharkhand and Odisha till this weekend.

Passengers carried like cattle: HC on high death rate in Mumbai trains

OMKAR GOKHALE
 MUMBAI, JUNE 26

THE BOMBAY High Court on Wednesday expressed concern over the high rate of fatalities in Mumbai's suburban railway system, saying "human passengers are carried like cattle" on local trains and that the court would make officers at the highest level accountable.

A bench led by Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya directed the general managers of the Western and Central Railways to look into the "very serious issue" and sought affidavits on the measures taken to avoid such accidents, while hearing a PIL filed by one Yatin Jadhav on the high rate of fatalities in the second busiest suburban railway in the world.

The bench, also comprising Justice Amit Borkar, said it would consider setting up a committee of commissioners and experts to suggest measures to meet challenges in the face of daily occurrence of deaths in the suburban railway system.

As per the petitioner, over 2,000 deaths take place every year in such accidents within the suburban railway system in Mumbai. Advocate Rohan Shah and Surabhi Prabhudesai, appearing for petitioner, said

also caved in at three places. The road was laid in the run-up to the consecration ceremony.

Authorities said the road was being repaired on priority. "These projects come with defect liability period for this reason," Ayodhya District Magistrate Nitish Kumar said, adding that "repair is ongoing".

Ayodhya Mayor Girish Pati Tripathi told *The Indian Express*: "We have done spot verification and found different teams; 28 places have been identified as prone to water-logging, officials have been deployed to resolve these issues. Some places were prone to water-logging in the past too as they are in low-lying areas. This is the first rainfall after the new construction, we are resolving all issues immediately."

At the new Ayodhya Dham railway station, redeveloped at a cost of over ₹240 crore and inaugurated a month before the consecration ceremony, there was water on the ground floor and first floor. "It's difficult to drain it all out," a worker said.

"Any project is given one year as defect liability period. These are minor issues and will be resolved soon. There is no dripping of the water from the roof, it is entering from unsealed gates and these issues will be resolved," a Railways official said requesting anonymity.



As per the petitioner, over 2,000 deaths take place every year in such accidents.

though there was a phenomenal growth in number of local train passengers in the past few years, infrastructure remained inadequate. In many situations, deaths are disowned by the authorities by terming them as caused by "untoward incidents", he said. "It is almost a daily affair that newspapers carry reports of deaths of humans falling from running trains or being hit by a moving train while crossing railway tracks on station itself... The issue raised in this petition needs urgent attention..." the bench said in its order.

The bench directed higher-level officers nominated by the zonal general managers to file affidavits in reply within six weeks.

The bench posted the matter for hearing after eight weeks.

BJP leader accused in minor's rape, murder

AVANEESH MISHRA
 DEHRADUN, JUNE 26

A BJP leader and a member of Uttarakhand's BJP OBC Morcha is among two booked on Wednesday in the alleged gang-rape and murder of a 14-year-old girl in Haridwar.

According to the police, the body of the victim was found on the Roorkee-Haridwar highway. The FIR names the accused as

Aditya Raj Saini and his accomplice Amit Saini. In her complaint, the victim's mother accused Aditya Raj, husband of the local village head and a member of BJP's OBC Morcha, and Amit Saini of having raped and killed her daughter.

The man has now been removed from the BJP as well as the OBC Morcha. Both suspects have been booked under several IPC sections including murder and gang rape as well as POCSO.

Haridwar Police have refused to reveal details of the case, saying only that it had given "necessary instructions" to SP City and set up five teams "for the speedy and successful disposal of the case". "All the teams have been given different tasks to collect scientific evidence and other proofs. The case is being investigated impartially," Haridwar Senior Superintendent of Police Pramendra Dobhal said. Asked about the arrest of the

High alert as two armed 'terrorists' spotted in Punjab

KAMALDEEP SINGH BRAR
 AMRITSAR, JUNE 26

JUST 10 days after Punjab Police sounded a high alert, two suspicious armed men were allegedly spotted in Punjab's Pathankot on Tuesday night, officials said on Wednesday, even as the Border Security Force said they have not found any evidence regarding entering of suspects from Punjab border with Pakistan.

On Tuesday night, the police control room in Pathankot received a call from a local resident of Kot Bathian, a village near the international border. The caller claimed that two heavily armed terrorists had forced him at gunpoint to serve them dinner at his farmhouse, according to the police. Police sounded a high alert in Pathankot and Gurdaspur after this phone call, and now a search operation is underway.

The Punjab Police, along with the Army and the BSF, has launched a massive search operation in Pathankot district, a senior Punjab Police officer said. "We are on alert," Deputy Inspector General (Border Range, Amritsar), Rakesh Kaushal, told PTI. "A joint operation of the Punjab Police, BSF and Army is being carried out in the Bamial area," DIG Kaushal added. Checks are also being conducted at bus stands and railway stations in Pathankot and Gurdaspur, the officer said.

Jammu & Kashmir Police is also looking for them. "We have not found any physical evidence regarding entering of suspects from Punjab border with Pakistan. But the point where they were allegedly last seen is also nearer to the

Jammu border with Pakistan. I can't say anything about Jammu. Also, there is a river nearby and there are some openings in the iron fencing," said a DIG-level BSF official in Punjab. "A search is on to find anything that suggests they entered from Punjab border with Pakistan," a BSF official said.

Pathankot SSP Suhail Qasim Mir said that on Tuesday night, a person saw two armed suspects. Following this, a joint search operation by BSF and police is being conducted across the area.

The development comes ahead of the start of the Amarnath Yatra. Punjab Police were already working to secure the yatra route. Police had already been on high alert in the region since June 15.

Starting June 29, the government will permit Amarnath pilgrims to enter Jammu & Kashmir from Lakhapur (Punjab). Prior to this, volunteers who annually set up free langars (community kitchens) for the pilgrims have already started arriving on the pilgrimage route (since June 8). Dozens of vehicles carrying langar volunteers arrive daily.

Ten days ago, Punjab Police had issued instructions to increase security in the border areas of Pathankot, and to conduct 24-hour patrols. Similarly, Pathankot police too has beefed up security at the Madhopur checkpoint, located near Lakhapur in Punjab. There was also a heavy police presence at Sunder Chak checkpoint in Pathankot. Additionally, security was increased on the road connecting Dunera via the Atal Setu bridge, in response to rising terrorist activities in Jammu & Kashmir. **-WITHPTIINPUTS**

3 militants linked to attack on SPO killed in Jammu encounter

ARUN SHARMA
 JAMMU, JUNE 26

THREE MILITANTS, suspected to be from across the border and allegedly involved in the June 11 attack that injured a special police officer (SPO) in Gandoh area, were killed in an encounter with the police and security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Wednesday.

According to police sources, the encounter began in Doda's Gandoh area after militants opened fire at security forces combing the area, prompting the latter to retaliate.

An SPO, Ashiq Hussain, was injured during the encounter and has been hospitalised. Pointing out that the senior police officers, including Additional Director General of Police, Jammu zone, Anand Jain were at the spot monitoring the

operation, sources said the bodies of the three militants have been recovered and two M4 rifles and an AK 47 have been seized, along with ammunition and explosives.

Although police and security forces officials were yet to make an official statement, sources said the slain militants are believed to be from the same group that had attacked police and security forces at Kota Top in Gandoh on June 11, wounding an SPO.

Last Friday, police had arrested three people in connection with the attack. The residents of Tanta in Gandoh are accused of providing logistical support to the militants.

Based on the description provided by the arrested persons, police had released a sketch of four militants and announced an award of ₹20 lakh for "fruitful" information about them.

Rape complaint puts spotlight on Surat firm that duped women in Muzaffarpur

SANTOSH SINGH
 MUZAFFARPUR, JUNE 26

TWO RECENT arrests made earlier this month over a complaint of sexual assault in Muzaffarpur district now hints at a larger job racket involving a Surat-headquartered networking company with branches across Bihar, police said.

On June 2, the Muzaffarpur Police lodged an FIR against nine people — all office bearers of DBR Unique, a herbal product-cum-networking company — on 34-

tions related to cheating, illegal detention and sexual abuse. Two people have been arrested so far.

Muzaffarpur City SP Awadhesh Dikshit told *The Indian Express*, "So far, we have arrested two people -- Tilak Kumar Singh, who is named in the FIR, and Ajay Pratap, who is not named in the FIR. Both of them are employees of DBR Unique, a Surat-headquartered company. While Tilak has been arrested on charges of sexual assault, Ajay Pratap has been held for beating up a girl at DBR Unique's office in Muzaffarpur".

Police said that between 2022 and 2023, at least four FIRs had been lodged against the company in Hajipur district for allegedly duping people — both men and women — by getting them to pay for jobs.

The complainant in the case, a 23-year-old from Saran district, alleged that she and dozens of other girls were sexually abused at the Muzaffarpur and Hajipur hostels for employees of DBR Unique since August 2022. The company is headed by Manish Sinha alias Manish Kumar, a resident of Gopalganj, and has

branches across Bihar, including Muzaffarpur, Hajipur (Vaishali), East Champaran and Gopalganj. Besides the complainant, two witnesses have accused the company's office bearers of taking money after promising them jobs. On February 20, the complainant moved the Muzaffarpur court alleging that she had faced sexual abuse and three abortions over the last two-and-a-half years. According to her complaint, she joined the company's Muzaffarpur office in August 2022 after depositing ₹20,000 on assurance that she would get

a monthly salary of ₹25,000. When she got no salary after three months, she followed this up with her seniors who allegedly told her she would get a monthly salary ₹50,000 along with bonus if she connected the company with 50 job aspirants. She alleged that one of the accused, Tilak Kumar Singh, promised her marriage and forced her into establishing physical relations with him.

The FIR cites two other witnesses — a 21-year-old from Minapur and a 22-year-old from Saran — who have alleged that

they were beaten up by officials of the company. DBR Unique, which is classified as a non-government company and is registered at the Registrar of Companies, Ahmedabad, has Manish Sinha as its only director. Police said raids have been conducted in Bihar and a team may be sent to Noida soon to track down Manish Kumar.

On May 14 last year, a sexual abuse case against a woman from Dumka, Jharkhand, had been filed against the same company officials at Raxaul in East Champaran. The FIR, based on a

complaint by the woman's mother, read, "On May 4, 2023, my daughter was hired by DBR Unique company at Raxaul... After she started working with the company, I was not allowed to talk to her. On 10 May, my daughter called me from her friend's number to say that she was being sexually abused by four people from the company."

The Raxaul Police rescued the girl and booked five people for sexual assault, illegal detention and torture under IPC sections and also under provisions of the SC/ST Act.

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Political scientist Sanjay Kumar will be guest at Explained.Live today



EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

MANY were surprised with the results of the Lok Sabha election. Most of those people had believed the exit polls broadcast on TV a few days previously. Why did the exit polls go so wrong?

Exit polls give estimates about how people voted in an election. They are arrived at on the basis of interviews with voters right after they exit the polling stations, as well as other calculations related to voter data.

How do exit polls conduct their surveys and reach their conclusions? How are vote shares converted into seat projections? The science of surveys, which includes exit polls, works on the assumption that data were collected after interviewing a large number of respondents using a structured questionnaire.

This method is not new; it began back in 1957 during the second Lok Sabha elections when the Indian Institute of Public Opinion conducted a poll. Without a structured questionnaire, the data can neither be collected coherently nor be analysed systematically.

Survey agencies and exit pollsters often advertise the size of

their samples — India's "biggest" poll, etc. Experience, however, shows that sometimes these 'big' surveys make the most embarrassing mistakes. The fact is that while surveys do need to have a certain mass of respondents. Also, how is it that surveys carried out in the West seem to produce more accurate results than those carried out in India? Are there any specific challenges that surveys in India face compared to surveys that are carried out in the West?

For answers to all these questions, listen to Prof Sanjay Kumar, a teacher and researcher of Indian electoral politics at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, and India's most eminent expert on the survey method as a tool of research, at Explained.Live on Thursday evening.

Speaking to Prof Kumar will be P Vaidyanathan Iyer, Executive Editor of *The Indian Express*, and Monojit Majumdar, Editor, Explained, *The Indian Express*.

How 'police extortion, custodial assault' drove brothers in UP to suicide

VIDHEESHA KUNTAMALLA AGRA, JUNE 26

A SUB-INSPECTOR has been arrested, an SHO is on the run, the chief minister has intervened and an MP has paid a visit to the family — the ripples of suicides by two brothers are being felt in Agra's Rupdhanu village and beyond as allegations emerge of extortion and custodial assault by the local police.

On June 24, Pramodh Singh (50), a home guard, was found hanging from the branch of a mango tree at the family's one bigha farm, a kilometre and a half away from his home in Rupdhanu.

Sitting next to his portrait, Pramodh's 19-year-old son Om Shanti, the eldest of four children, said, "On Monday morning, papa came home in the afternoon, asked for a pen and a paper, and said he was going to the farm... Ten minutes later, when I tried calling him, there was no response."

Shanti fired up his motorcycle and made his way to the farm. "This was around 4 pm. While I was on my way, several people told me someone was hanging from a tree on our farm... I was the first one to see my father's body," said Shanti.

Stuck in Pramodh's kadha was a purported suicide note that read, "They kept me in lockup for two days on the 11th and 12th (of June). They demanded one lakh rupees in front of the lockup. They released me on the 13th after taking Rs 10,000... Sanjay also died by hanging. I don't have the capacity anymore. That's why I'm committing suicide. I'm receiving phone calls, asking me to come and record my statement today itself. I said I'll come tomorrow. They said no, come today. That's why my mind is not right. I request the government to take care of my family, Jai Mata Di, Jai Shri Ram... I made a mistake by messing with the police, no one should speak against the police."

Pramodh's suicide came two days after his younger brother, Sanjay Singh, killed himself on the same farm.

Families of both men alleged



At the house of the two brothers in Rupdhanu village. Express

custodial torture and said the police had been demanding Rs 1 lakh and an air-conditioned car from the brothers.

On Monday, an FIR was lodged at Barhan police station based on the complaint by Jaswant Kumar, Pramodh's brother-in-law.

Said an Agra police officer, "An FIR was filed against the SI Hariom Agnihotri and the SHO Mukesh Kumar of Sadabad police station. Both have been suspended. The SI has been arrested and the SHO is absconding." Both men were named in Pramodh's note, and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had instructed that the two be booked.

The family's ordeal began on June 7 when Sanjay's brother-in-law allegedly eloped with a woman, whose family approached the Sadabad police station. Claiming that Sanjay had helped his brother-in-law, the Hathras police arrested him from his village on June 10.

According to the families of Sanjay and Pramodh, and the suicide note the latter left behind, Sanjay was released on June 11 and Pramodh taken into custody the same day. He was let go on June 13.

"When Sanjay was released, we could see bruises on his body. He had been beaten up, one of his toes was broken... Later, Pramodh called me from Sadabad police station and asked me to bring Rs 10,000 to pay police officials," alleged Naresh, Pramodh's younger brother. After being released, Pramodh withdrew Rs 50,000 from his bank account, which he gave to the police, promising to

give the rest in instalments. "That was my brother's life saving," Naresh said. While Pramodh was in custody, Sanjay headed to Delhi in search of his brother-in-law.

"Papa went from place to place, including Etawah and Delhi, looking for him. But without the police's help, he couldn't trace him, and came back home," said Sanjay's 15-year-old daughter Sapna, who lost her mother a decade ago.

Sanjay's body was found hanging at the family farm in the early hours of Saturday.

According to the family, after Sanjay's death, Pramodh went to Barhan police station on Monday to file a complaint against the errant officers, but police allegedly did not take note of it.

"He felt hopeless. He came home in the afternoon, drank water, and left. The next thing we know, our lives were pushed into darkness," said Pramodh's wife Rajni Devi.

The families have sought action against the accused police officials and financial assistance and jobs for children of the two men.

S P Singh Baghel, the BJP MP from Agra and Union MoS for Panchayati Raj, meanwhile met the family and handed them a cheque for Rs 5 lakh as compensation.

BJP MLA Dharampal Singh, who represents the Etmadpur constituency in Agra, also visited the village and said, "The police action is shameful and I will ensure that the cops face strict action. The family has lost two brothers within three days due to police torture and demand for money."

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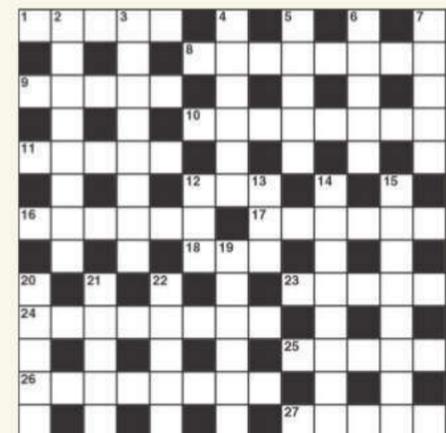
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CROSSWORD 5401



ACROSS

- Use one's loaf in dealing with ink stains (5)
- Grounds for adjusting men's diet (8)
- I am on time for the picture (5)
- Highlighted what it is to be on edge (8)
- What's possibly cut by the scythe (5)
- Complete a fifty-fifty arrangement (3)
- Road repairs in order (6)
- Have prospects? (6)
- The number that was offered initially (3)
- Fish always left inside (5)
- Everybody present and of sound mind (3,5)
- Goes round and tells a yarn (5)
- Not to be taken as shy (8)
- Top scorer puts drive out of bounds (5)

DOWN

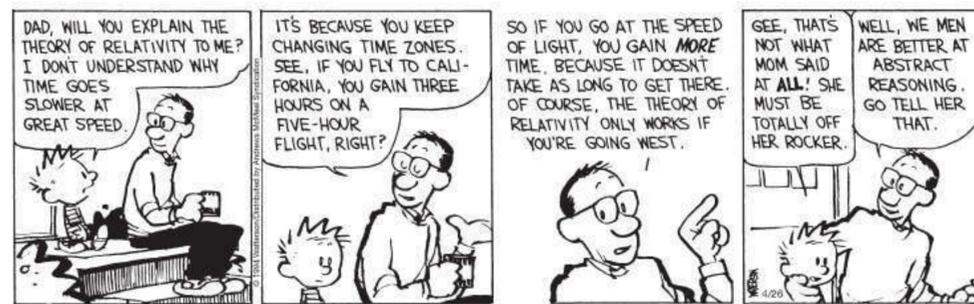
- Household chores for children? (8)
- A late drink to go to one's head? (8)
- Fast, the Italian's pulse (6)
- Reportedly quoted and seen to be lying (5)
- Rejoice in unusual feats (5)
- Learning duty's to be changed (5)
- Social worker (3)
- Stars in a couple of films (3)
- Perfect order for dessert (5,3)
- Filmed but didn't show (8)
- The buck stops here (6)
- Memorial put up for a little dog (5)
- Sort of wound from a rifle shot (5)
- Plot to acquire church paintings (5)

Solutions Crossword 5400 Across: 1 Amateurish, 6 Bash, 10 Irons, 11 Went to sea, 12 Sideral, 13 Inert, 15 Amasses, 17 Stumble, 19 Kneeled, 21 Seesaws, 22 Noses, 24 Colonist, 27 In the past, 28 Bonus, 29 King, 30 Improbable Down: 1 Avid, 2 Abominate, 3 Ensur, 4 Rawness, 5 Singles, 7 Aisle, 8 Heart's-ease, 9 Attitude, 14 Marking ink, 16 Salesman, 18 Brass knob, 20 Declaim, 21 Saluter, 23 Sit on, 25 Nabob, 26 Isle

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JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given clue.

Knowing is not enough; we must ____. Willing is not enough; we must ____. - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (5...2)

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SOLUTION: OASES, FLUXUS, PRAVED, REPOSE

SUDOKU 5604

Difficulty Level 3s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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

SUDOKU 5603

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SOLUTION SUDOKU 5603

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Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha: the position, role, responsibilities

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 NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

RAE BARELI MP Rahul Gandhi is Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, a position that lay vacant for 10 years because no party had numbers equalling a tenth of the strength of the House, which has been by practice a requirement to lay claim to the post.

The Congress, the largest opposition party, won 44 and 52 seats in the 543-member House after the elections of 2014 and 2019 respectively. The party has almost doubled its 2019 tally to 99 seats in this election.

In 2014, Mallikarjun Kharge — who is now Congress president and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha — was recognised Leader of the Congress party in Lok Sabha. In 2019, this position went to then Baharampur MP Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury. Both Congress leaders were part of panels to select candidates for high positions that required the presence of the Leader of Opposition.

Who can serve as Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha?

The position of Leader of Opposition was officially described in The Salary and Allowances of Leaders of Opposition in Parliament Act, 1977.

The Act describes the Leader of Opposition as a "member of the Council of States or the House of the People, as the case may be, who is, for the time being, the Leader in that House of the party in opposition to the Government having the greatest numerical strength and recognised as such by the Chairman of the Council of States or the Speaker of the House of the People".

In an article written for *The Indian Express* in May 2017, former Lok Sabha Secretary General PDT Achary said: "The law is clear that the Speaker is required to recognise the leader of the numerically largest party in opposition as the leader of opposition. The option of not recognising him/her is just not available."

Achary, however, rejected the conventional understanding that to get the post of

Leader of Opposition, a party must have at least 10% of MPs in the House. He wrote:

"A mysterious rule is often quoted by some self-styled experts, which requires a party to have at least 10 per cent of the members of the House for the Speaker to recognise someone as the Leader of the Opposition. There is no such rule. Yes, there is direction 121 issued by the Speaker for recognising a party or group for the purpose of providing certain facilities in the House... This direction relates to the recognition of a party, not the Leader of Opposition."

Before the BJP in 2014 and 2019, the Congress, which had 415 members in Lok Sabha in 1984, had denied the TDP, which had 30 MPs, the post of Leader of Opposition.

What position does the Leader of Opposition have in the House?

The Leader of Opposition sits in the front row to the left of the Chair, and enjoys cer-

tain privileges on ceremonial occasions like escorting the Speaker-elect to the rostrum. The Leader of Opposition is also entitled to a seat in the front row during the Address by the President to both Houses of Parliament.

The main duty of the Leader of Opposition is to serve as the voice of the opposition in the House. An official booklet on Parliament published in 2012 says the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha "is considered as a shadow Prime Minister with a shadow Cabinet, ready to take over the administration if the Government resigns or is defeated on the floor of the House".

Since the parliamentary system is based on "mutual forbearance", the Leader of Opposition lets the Prime Minister govern and is, in turn, permitted to oppose. "His/her proactive role in facilitating smooth functioning of the business of the House is as important as that of the Government," the booklet says.

Theory apart, what practical role and

responsibility does the Leader of Opposition have?

Most importantly, the Leader of Opposition is the opposition's representative in the high-powered committees headed by the Prime Minister for appointment to key posts such as the Director of CBI, the Central Vigilance Commissioner and Chief Information Commissioner, the Chairperson and Members of the National Human Rights Commission, and the Lokpal.

As the Leader of the Congress in Lok Sabha from 2014 to 2019, Kharge had alleged that the government repeatedly tried to keep the opposition out of the selection of the Lokpal on the ground that there was no Leader of Opposition.

In order of precedence, the Leaders of Opposition in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha come at No. 7, along with Union Cabinet Ministers, the National Security Advisor, the Principal Secretary to the PM, the Vice-Chairperson of the NITI Aayog, former PMs, and Chief Ministers.

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SHARAD PAWAR
 (MAR 1998 TO APR 1999)

ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE
 (JUN 1997 TO DEC 1997)

RAJIV GANDHI
 (DEC 1989 TO DEC 1990)

EXPLAINED GLOBAL

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS IN FRANCE: WHAT IS COHABITATION?

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AFTER TWO rounds of polling on June 30 and July 7, France will elect a new National Assembly. For the first time in 22 years, there is a real possibility that the President and the Prime Minister, leader of the National Assembly, will not be from the same party.

This phenomenon is called cohabitation, and has only occurred thrice ever since France transitioned into the Fifth Republic.

President vs Prime Minister

France is a semi-presidential, representative parliamentary democracy, with clearly defined roles for the President and the Prime Minister.

The current political regime, called the Fifth Republic, first came into effect in 1958, with the President being directly elected by popular vote since 1962.

The President, elected for a term of five years, serves as the head of the state and Commander of the Armed Forces. She enjoys regulatory power, exercising control of all decisions on matters of foreign policy and defence. Until 2000, the President enjoyed seven-year terms, which was then reduced to five-year terms.

The Prime Minister is the leader of the largest party/coalition in the National Assembly.

The parliament, which she heads, is responsible for all domestic policy decisions. The cabinet is appointed by the President under the Prime Minister's recommendation.

The Prime Minister herself cannot be dismissed by the President, but her resignation can be requested. The President can be impeached by the Parliament for willfully violating the Constitution or the national laws. This requires a two-thirds majority in both houses of the French Parliament, as well as in a joint session of both Houses.

Cohabitation in France

This system can lead to situations where the French legislature is dominated by a coalition/party opposing the President. In such instances, the President is obliged to appoint a leader from the opposing party as Prime Minister, who enjoys the support of a parliamentary majority.

Cohabitation is very rare in France, and has historically been marred with controversy. There have only been three such instances in the French Fifth Republic: President François Mitterrand of the Socialist Party and Prime Minister Jacques Chirac heading the right-wing RPR/UDF coalition (1986-88); President Mitterrand and Prime Minister Edouard Balladur of the RPR/UDF coalition (1993-95); and President Chirac and Prime Minister Lionel Jospin of the Socialist Party (1997-2002).

Each of these periods was marked by administrative logjam and friction between the executive and the state. President Mitterrand in 1986 had refused to sign ordinances on denationalisation that Chirac's government had proposed. The move would have ensured the privatisation of over 60 industrial groups, reversing the work done by the previous Socialist government. While this legislation would eventually take the form of a bill and be passed in Parliament, it allowed Mitterrand to reiterate his status as a Leftist leader.

A similar outcome appears to be likely following the upcoming elections. All opinion polls project a slim chance of victory for President Emmanuel Macron's liberal-centrist Renaissance Party-led Ensemble coalition, which trails both the far-right National Rally of Marine Le Pen, and the left-wing New Popular Front headed by Jean-Luc Mélenchon.

The upcoming polls will elect legislators for 577 seats in the National Assembly, including 13 overseas districts and 11 constituencies that represent French expats abroad. A party needs 289 seats to secure an absolute majority.

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AHEAD OF the Supreme Court hearing on granting bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on money laundering charges linked to the alleged excise policy scam, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Wednesday took him into custody in the same case.

Special Judge Amitabh Rawat in a Rouse Avenue court allowed the CBI to formally arrest Kejriwal and, in the evening, granted remand of three days.

How is the CBI investigation different from that of the ED?

While the Enforcement Directorate (ED) case investigates the alleged money trail, the CBI case will have to prove corruption and bribe-taking by public servants.

The ED arrested Kejriwal in March on money laundering charges. This was the charge against Kejriwal — the generation of alleged tainted funds and its use. Section 3 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), which criminalises money laundering, lists concealment, possession, acquisition, use, projecting as untainted property, or claiming as untainted property as crimes.

The CBI had registered a case of corruption under the Prevention of Corruption Act (PC Act) in 2022, but it did not name Kejriwal as an accused. In fact, this March, when the ED took Kejriwal into custody, Additional Solicitor General S V Raju had told the Delhi court that "one need not be an accused in the predicate offence to be an accused under PMLA."

Essentially, the ED's argument was that money laundering was a standalone offence that did not depend on the existence of a predicate offence.

In April, the CBI called Kejriwal for questioning, but, according to the arguments of his lawyers in court, it was as a witness and not as an accused.

Kejriwal has so far not been named as an accused in the corruption case. The remand now will allow the agency to investigate further. It will have to file a chargesheet within two to three months of the date of arrest.

In April 2023, the CBI had filed a supplementary chargesheet in the case naming former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia as the prime accused. Three others — Amandeep Singh Dhal, owner of Brindco Spirits, Arjun Pandey, an alleged middleman, and Butchi Babu Gorantla, the chartered accountant/auditor of K Kavitha, former Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MP and daughter of

EXPLAINED LAW

Why CBI arrested Kejriwal

Both the ED and CBI are investigating the alleged Delhi liquor scam. But while the ED is investigating the alleged money trail, the CBI will have to prove corruption and bribe-taking by public servants



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is taken away from the Rouse Avenue court building after he was remanded in three days' CBI custody by a special judge on Wednesday evening. Praveen Khanna

former Telangana CM K Chandrashekar Rao — have also been named accused in the case.

All four have been booked under Sections 420 (Cheating) and 120 B (Criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Sections 7 (Offence relating to public servant being bribed), 7A (Taking undue advantage to influence public servant by corrupt or illegal means or by exercise of personal influence), 8 (Offence relating to bribing of a public servant) and 12 (Punishment for abetment of offences) of the PC Act. So far, a total of 17 individuals have been named accused in the case.

Why has Kejriwal been arrested now?

While the CBI always had the option of arresting Kejriwal, it would first need to gather some plausible evidence linking Kejriwal directly to the alleged scam.

This direct link is suspect in the ED's case as well. The ED has made a case alleging vicarious liability, both as Chief Minister of Delhi and convener of the Aam Aadmi Party, to link Kejriwal to the alleged tainted funds.

However, this cannot be an option in the corruption case.

Additionally, since the bar for granting bail under the PMLA is high, leading the prosecution effort with the ED case allows for prolonged custody of the accused.

Under PMLA, all courts are mandated to apply the stringent twin test to decide on bail.

The requirement of a 'lack of prima facie guilt' virtually amounts to a mini-trial, while in the CBI case, a lack of proximate evidence is also considered as a crucial factor in granting bail.

How do courts grant bail in corruption cases?

An accused can seek anticipatory bail in a corruption case. Grant of bail in non-bailable offences is subject to judicial discretion. Unlike the PMLA, which is an alternative criminal law framework to deal with the offence of money laundering, the PC Act does not impose stringent qualifications for bail.

Under the PC Act, an accused moves court for regular bail under the Code of Criminal Procedure. However, according to an amendment introduced in 2014, no accused shall be released on bail under the PC Act unless an opportunity is provided to the public prosecutor to oppose the bail application.

In 2019, while granting bail to former Union Minister P Chidambaram in the INX media case, the Supreme Court underlined the factors that are to be taken into consideration for deciding an application for bail under the PC Act.

It said: "The nature of accusation and the severity of the punishment in the case of conviction and the nature of the materials relied upon by the prosecution; reasonable apprehension of tampering with the witnesses or

apprehension of threat to the complainant or the witnesses; reasonable possibility of securing the presence of the accused at the time of trial or the likelihood of his absence; character behaviour and standing of the accused and the circumstances which are peculiar to the accused; larger interest of the public or the State and similar other considerations" must be taken into account.

What happens in this case next?

After the three-day remand, the CBI will likely seek either an extension of the remand or judicial custody. The remand can also be challenged or a bail application can be moved.

In the ED case, the Supreme Court on May 17 reserved its verdict on Kejriwal's plea challenging the legality of his arrest in March. It is in this case that the top court had granted him interim relief to campaign for the Lok Sabha election. While reserving the case for verdict, the court also gave Kejriwal liberty to separately approach the trial court for bail.

On June 20, the trial court granted bail to Kejriwal in the ED case. However, soon after, the Delhi High Court stayed the trial court order — the larger hearing on cancellation of bail is still pending before the High Court. Kejriwal's lawyers plan to move the Supreme Court against the stay by the High Court.

With a fresh CBI case now, Kejriwal will have to get bail in that case too for his release.

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Setting targets in rain-truncated matches: How the DLS method works

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 NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

FRANK DUCKWORTH, 84, passed away on June 21. He, along with his fellow English statistician Tony Lewis, co-invented the Duckworth-Lewis method used to fairly determine results and set targets in rain-truncated matches. The method was first used in international cricket in 1997, and was fully adopted by the ICC in 1999. In 2014, the DL method became the DLS (Duckworth-Lewis-Stern), after some key updates by Australian statistician Steven Stern to better reflect modern scoring trends.

Inspired by a farce

In 1992, Duckworth presented a paper titled "A fair result in foul weather" at the Royal Statistical Society — a response to the farcical end of the South Africa vs England World Cup semi final in Sydney. Batting second, South Africa needed an achievable 22 runs from 13 balls when rain stopped play.

When play resumed, South Africa was given a revised target of scoring 22 of 1 ball.

This impossible target was determined by the newly adopted "Most Productive Overs" (MPO) method. Runs scored in the best 'x' number of overs in the first innings were taken into account to set the target — 'x' being the number of overs the second innings was reduced to. So, if a team scored 300 in 50 overs, and 200 of these runs came in 25 overs, a match reduced to 25 overs would set a target of 201 for the chasing team.

While the MPO method factored in that scoring is not evenly distributed across innings, it unfairly penalised the chasing team by ignoring the best overs bowled by them in its calculation of a revised target. It also did not take into account how wickets impacted run-scoring.

"[Watching that match] I realised that it was a mathematical problem that required a mathematical solution", Duckworth would say in an interview in 2007. In his 1992 pa-

per, he presented his idea for an alternative — following which Lewis got in touch.

The DL method

The DL method introduced the concept of 'resources' in making score estimations for truncated games. In limited-overs cricket, each team, in effect, has two 'resources' to score as many runs as possible — the number of overs (balls) yet to be bowled, and the number of wickets in hand.

Simply put, the more the balls left to be bowled, the more the batting team can score; and the more the wickets in hand, the more it can score. In a paper they wrote jointly in 1997, Duckworth and Lewis said: "Clearly, a team with 20 overs to bat with all ten wickets in hand has a greater run scoring potential than a team that has lost, say, eight wickets".

The DL method converts all possible combinations of balls and wickets in hand to a combined "resources remaining" figure, which is expressed in percentage — a

OVERS, WICKETS, AND RESOURCES REMAINING

Wkts lost	0	2	4	9
50 overs	100	83.8	62.4	7.6
40 overs	90.3	77.6	59.8	7.6
30 overs	77.1	68.2	54.9	7.6
25 overs	68.7	61.8	51.2	7.6
20 overs	58.9	54.4	46.1	7.6
10 overs	34.1	32.5	29.8	7.5

From 'A fair method for resetting the target in interrupted one-day cricket matches', by Duckworth and Lewis, 1998. This has since been updated multiple times.

full 50 overs and 10 wickets in hand means 100% resources are available.

Target scores for a team batting second can be adjusted (either up or down) from the total of the team batting first, based on the number of resources either team has lost. The following formula is used: Team

2's par score = Team 1's actual score x Team 2's resources/Team 1's resources.

The real achievement of Duckworth and Lewis was in calculating the relation between total runs that can be scored, and the resources remaining (both runs and balls). While the extremes are intuitively arrived at, how each over and wicket impacts the state of the game was determined through significant number-crunching and some "statistical sorcery", as critics have said.

"Commercial confidentiality prevents the disclosure of the mathematical definitions of these functions. They have been obtained following extensive research and experimentation so that...they behave as expected under various practical situations," Duckworth and Lewis wrote.

Problems with DLS

Even with Stern's additions, DLS has been criticised for weighing wickets more heavily (as a resource) than balls available. This means that in big run chases with rain looming, teams simply need to keep wick-

ets in hand to match the DLS par score.

The tactic of "keeping wickets in hand" aligns with traditional cricketing logic but flies in the face of the reality of the game today, where run-scoring has become ever more rampant. The emphasis on wickets also means DLS is less accurate for T20s, where one good partnership can change a game.

DLS also does not take into account other variables that definitely play a part, like quality of bowling, ground dimensions, pitch conditions, batting depth, etc. For instance, this year's IPL winner KKR had solid hitters coming in at number 8 or 9. Thus, any fast-scoring handicap that a team might face after losing five or six wickets did not apply (or applied to a much lesser extent) to the team.

Today, there are two versions of the DL/DLS method — the publicly available DL Standard Edition, used in lower levels of cricket, and the DLS Professional Edition, which the ICC maintains as a proprietary computer software to be distributed only through countries' cricket boards.



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

NEVER AGAIN

Remembering Emergency is a necessity, learning its lessons more so — for both sides of the aisle in the 18th Lok Sabha

WHAT MAKES THE Emergency “the darkest hour” in India’s democratic history? Many answers are well-known but this question is worth revisiting, especially as a new Parliament begins its tenure. In a pointed coincidence, Speaker Om Birla, after his re-election, called out Indira Gandhi and the Congress for the “dictatorship” that was imposed, the horrors that marked those two years between 1975 and 1977. Their list is endless: The suspension of fundamental rights, the jailing of the Opposition, censorship and intimidation of the press, forced sterilisation, homes bulldozed in the name of “urban renewal”, a “committed” judiciary and a bureaucracy that remain a “blot on our history”. Significantly, Birla flagged how power was concentrated “in the hands of one person”, and the amendments to the Constitution were meant to destroy its “basic structure”. Not surprisingly, the Congress tried to shout down the two-minute silence. For, the Emergency touches many a raw nerve in its history and legacy; the party hasn’t slayed many of its demons from those days. Instead, it tends to brush all invocation of that period under the self-serving carpet of whataboutery. Indeed, the disruption by the Congress — most of its allies didn’t join in — stood out in sharper relief given how a copy of the Constitution has been the Opposition’s most visible accessory during the campaign — and after the results on June 4. The Congress, more so a revitalised Congress, needs to realise that condemning the Emergency is being on the right side of history.

That said, the BJP-led ruling establishment — by the very fact that it begins its third term as the ruling establishment — needs to learn lessons and take notes. At the Emergency’s diseased heart lay a fundamental violation — the government of the day used its electoral victory to make Parliament rubber-stamp laws that shrank freedoms and killed democracy. It’s the spirit of the Constitution — encapsulated in the Supreme Court’s “basic structure” doctrine — that is paramount. In practice, this must mean that a government is accountable, no matter its majority. It cannot wish away the Opposition or curb dissent.

The 18th Lok Sabha has an Opposition with renewed strength. One clear message from the mandate was apprehension among a section of the voters that an overweening majority imperils the Constitution. Misuse of central agencies, arrest of Opposition Chief Ministers, weaponising draconian laws — these did have an echo on the poll street. To do justice to its mandate, the Opposition must push for deliberation, debate and even contestation. The Speaker must allow them the space to do so. In the Winter Session of Parliament last year, as many as 146 MPs from both Houses were suspended. That act curtailed democracy. In his second term, Birla must give all Indians a voice through their representatives. That, as much as remembering the horrors of the Emergency, is the only way to ensure Never Again.

MOODY’S WARNING

Rating agency’s report on water stress affecting India’s credit profile should spur conversations on sustainable use

INDIA’S PERSISTENT WATER crises and increased vulnerability to climate change could dent its sovereign credit strength, at a time when the country is gearing up to be the world’s third-largest economy. The rare use of this non-economic metric is especially pertinent given the difficulties people face in several cities and towns this summer. With meteorologists warning of more exacting heat waves in the coming years, water security would be critical to the country’s economic ambitions. Any drop in water supply could disrupt operations in farms and factories, Moody’s has said. This, the firm, has cautioned can precipitate a rise in food prices and lead to a decline in people’s real incomes. The agency identifies coal-fired power generation and steel production as the industrial sectors most vulnerable to water stress.

According to government estimates, per capita water availability in the country is likely to fall from an already low 1,486 cubic metres — much below the Ministry of Water Resources’ benchmark of 1,700 cubic metres — to less than 1,400 cubic metres by 2030. India’s historical inclination to address water-related deficits by focusing on supply-side parameters has led to uneconomical use of this resource, especially the overutilisation of groundwater. Water pricing mechanisms do not adequately account for the perilous state of the country’s aquifers. In 2019, the Water Resources Ministry launched the Jal Shakti Abhiyan for rainwater harvesting and water conservation. Metros such as Delhi, Bengaluru and Mumbai do have laws on using rainwater. But, by all accounts, these have remained on paper. India’s metros do not have any data on buildings with water-harvesting structures. State governments and municipal corporations do very little to either incentivise housing societies — by linking rainwater harvesting with tax regimes such as property taxes, for example — or penalise builders who do not factor water efficiency in construction projects.

In the next 20 years, India will likely add more than 270 million people to its urban population, intensifying the competition between businesses and households for water. Conversations on water audits are at a nascent stage in industry. The Moody’s report could occasion such discussions. For instance, as the International Energy Agency has pointed out, 70 per cent of India’s projected electricity generation for 2040 will come from plants not yet commissioned. Technologies — dry cooling and non-fresh water cooling, for instance — to reduce pressure on water resources are available today. Moody’s warning should push policymakers to arrive at innovative ways for ensuring sustainable use of water.

SMALL AND COMPETITIVE

Showing of underdogs at T20 Cricket World Cup and European Football Championships confirms sport is a great leveller

IN ITS 30 years of independence from the Soviet Union, Georgia had 14 failed attempts to reach the World Cups and European Championships (Euros) until the nation of 3.5 million made it this summer. Another footballing lightweight, Slovenia, qualified for the Euros directly for the first time in 24 years whereas Austria has had little to boast about in international competitions since finishing third in the FIFA World Cup way back in 1954. None of these teams were expected to do well in the ongoing championships. But as the curtains fell on the group stage, matches involving some of the so-called “smaller” teams have provided the most entertainment.

When the Euros moved from the compact 16-team format to a 24-nation party in 2016, the idea was ridiculed. The snobs scoffed that a bloated tournament would compromise quality and dilute the field given a high level of competition from the outset would no longer be the case. But like Iceland showed eight years ago, football can be a great leveller. Georgia’s fearlessness made them a joy to watch. Albania, playing only their second-ever Euro, played a central role in puncturing the Luka Modric-led Croatia’s ambitions to go deep in another tournament. And Austria, who stunned the Netherlands on Tuesday, have emerged as the best team in a group also comprising tournament favourites France.

These results show that when it comes to sport, especially at major tournaments, quantity doesn’t necessarily compromise quality. This was seen also at the ongoing ICC T20 World Cup. In the early stages of the Euros, where the traditional favourites have looked sluggish and seem to be pacing themselves for the long run, it’s the nothing-to-lose attitude of the underdogs that has given birth to compelling storylines. As the tournament rolls into the knockout stages, the big guns will begin to fire because of the sheer quality of their players. But in the early rounds, it’s the minnows who’ve punched above their weight.

Safe drinking, not morality



VIKRAM PATEL

Tamil Nadu hooch tragedy is a reminder: India needs a public health-centred approach to alcohol

INDIA’S RECURRING TRAGEDIES which lead to countless lives lost and maimed, from road traffic accidents to monsoon flooding, have one common thread running through them: An incompetent state that is unable to enforce the laws. In addition, for some of these tragedies, there is a moral dimension that lurks just beneath the surface, and there is no better example of this than the recurrent calamities due to the consumption of illicit alcohol.

The most recent such occasion is only remarkable because of its sheer scale. Nearly 60 persons have died in the Kallakurichi hooch tragedy in Tamil Nadu. Alcohol consumption is associated with mortality in all countries, both due to its direct effects on various organs such as the liver and its indirect effects that impair one’s abilities, leading to accidents. But deaths due to poisoning by illicit alcohol are limited to a handful of countries, among which India ranks at the top. This is in large part due to the conflicting relationship the state has with the consumption of alcohol, oscillating between a sledgehammer condemnation of drinking as a symbol of the decay of cultural values on the one hand, and an embracing of forward-looking modernity in which citizens are entitled to enjoy personal freedoms, on the other.

This combination of contradictory positions is the result of the multi-hued history of alcohol consumption in India. References to alcohol use can be found in Vedic texts. There was widespread alcohol use even during the Mughal period, despite Quranic prohibition. The arrival of the British radically altered the dynamics of this laissez-faire situation as they strove to restrict the culturally sanctioned patterns of drinking, such as in community celebrations, which were closely tied to the consumption of indigenously produced alcoholic beverages. The colonial narrative was that such practices were primitive. They introduced the gin tonic and whiskey soda, conveniently distilled in industrial quantities and taxed generously under their watch, which spread from the secluded compounds of the British to the upper-class elites of brown *sahibs*.

Thus was born the uniquely Indian moniker of “Indian-made foreign liquor”,

which became a symbol of colonisation designed to deplete Indians of their moral fibre. Abstinence and prohibition became a clarion call for the temperance movement that blended seamlessly with the Independence movement.

The first hints of prohibition were evident even before 1947. But it was only when our Constitution was ratified that India became the only secular and democratic country which required the state to implement prohibition of intoxicating substances, lumping alcohol with other drugs. As with all exhortations of moral purity, such values were heavily gendered with women being tar-nished as being “loose” if they drank alcohol.

But, gin tonics and whiskey soda had already become an integral part of the social worlds of too many of India’s elite and governing classes. The actual realisation of the lofty ideals of abstinence was left to the individual states, of which only a handful, notably Gujarat, the birthplace of the Mahatma, imposed prohibition.

In the decades that followed, state policies have had to navigate the tightrope of not being perceived as licentious while also recognising that drinking is an integral part of society. Moreover, as Bihar’s experiment with prohibition demonstrated, alcohol became a potent electoral issue due to the pervasive experience of domestic violence fuelled by alcohol while, as the ongoing crisis engulfing the AAP government in New Delhi demonstrates, the sale of alcohol was a major contributor to the exchequer.

Each state has evolved its own policy, somewhere on the spectrum, from liberal to draconian. Some states have even evolved a hybrid approach to accommodate this contradictory stance. For example, Gujarat came up with a bizarre policy wherein residents were banned from drinking but out-of-state visitors could procure alcohol if armed with a doctor’s certificate stating that they had a drinking problem. More recently, the state allowed liquor in the ambitious GIFT City but only to permanent employees and their authorised visitors.

Such contradictory positions have led to the persistence of the illegal moonshine industry that thrives on the enormous profits which are to be generated to fulfil the desire

of people to drink in contexts where the substance is criminalised, and where law enforcement agencies and the political class collude with the mafia or are simply incompetent to enforce the law. And, as with all such laws which limit personal freedoms, the poor suffer the most. In Bihar, prisons are bursting with poor men who were arrested for drinking. As everywhere in the country, most victims of hooch tragedies are the poor.

We need nothing short of a national consensus on finding the right balance in our approach to drinking alcohol. We can be guided both by public health science and the experiences of other countries. This might also offer an opportunity to revisit our policies on cannabis, another substance with a long and storied history of use in India. It was criminalised under pressure from the US while that country itself has become home to the largest legal cannabis industry in the world. Such policies would permit alcohol consumption and legalise, with strict quality controls, indigenous alcohol production. At the same time, there would be zero-tolerance for alcohol-related offences, for example on bars for selling alcohol to underage drinkers — as has belatedly happened in the context of the notorious “Porsche” drink-driving deaths in Pune. The treatment of harmful drinking would need to evolve beyond the historic focus on in-patient de-addiction centres, a legacy of a morally grounded, disease-focused approach and offer evidence-based psychosocial interventions in a non-stigmatising way through the country’s primary care network.

I remember when I was a hospital resident in London back in the late 1980s when it was commonplace to drink heavily as pubs approached the mandatory closing hour of 11 pm, and then drive home inebriated. It required more than a decade of a combination of policies, from extending the closing hours of pubs to strict enforcement of drink-driving laws to lead to a culture change in British society such that it became socially unacceptable to drink and drive. It is time for us, as a nation, to engage in this journey.

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WE, THE PEOPLE IN THE HOUSE

543 MPs represent all in their constituency, not just those who voted for them

IN GOOD FAITH

THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN is over and the 18th Lok Sabha is underway. The voters have gone back to being citizens and hope that Mandate 2024 will elevate their trust in the parliamentary form of democracy. How should this translate onto the floor of the House? Here are some notes for our newly elected MPs.

One, cease fire, the battles are over. Don’t belittle your rival. You have won the vote, now you don’t need to prove that you are more electable than anybody else. The philosopher Max Scheler wrote that communication constitutes both the individual as well as the social person. In other words, how you communicate with the other defines you, too. The seat you occupy may have been bitterly contested, but it is a rare privilege. You are one of 543 MPs who represent the world’s largest democracy of 1.4 billion. As Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on the sidelines of the G7 meetings, India’s elections have a lesson for democracy all over the world.

Two, listen to those who may not have voted for you, you are their representative too. In all the excitement over tallies and margins, not often does the winner look at the number of votes that he or she didn’t get and try to understand that each voter is a fully aware citizen and casting their vote is making a statement. That statement needs to be understood. A Lok Sabha MP is always an MP of Party A or Party B, but they are the representatives of all the

people in that constituency, not just those who voted for them. In short, a good MP is a good leader who knows how to read the silence of the *aam aadmi* and the *aam aurat*.

Three, campaigns make for good speeches, but how do you remain good as a communicator post-election? Only if the self gives space to the human values of promise, trust, care and courage. Promise prepares the MP to weigh the responsibility of their words. Trust is when the MP acts on the promises made and if they can’t, comes clean with the people. Care and courage flow from the realisation that the mandate is a responsibility, not a privilege or an entitlement. Care is a reminder that directly or indirectly, someone can depend on you.

Four, there is a lot of talk about the Constitution as MPs wave copies and flag the need to protect it. The Constitution doesn’t belong to Party A or Party B, it is a set of principles that rise above party lines, that are the beating heart of the Republic. It has laid down our rights, it has drawn the lines around those in power, it empowers those on the margins, it is our promise to each other that it doesn’t matter who you vote for, who we pray to, what is constitutional will always be yours. Respecting Mandate 2024 means swearing to uphold every letter and the spirit of the Constitution. The Constitution cannot be a book to hide behind or use as a weapon to beat anyone with. It is the text that binds us all.

Five, on the floor of the House, listen, listen, listen. When we genuinely listen, there is a deep sense of empathy. Shouting may be needed at times, but shouting someone down is not just impolite, it denies people the space and time to listen to themselves. When the nation watches Parliament sessions, every citizen wants to hear their representative — and the other’s representative too. In a democracy, that’s their sacred right and that’s why they have participated in the seven-phase elections, braving the elements and their own adversities. Listening is what makes us look beyond the My and the I.

And especially for a mandate that is so nuanced, that carries within it so many messages, listening is more important than ever. In the end, all five things add up to one: Being good. Goodness empowers both the speaker and the receiver. It will help MPs be aware of the fact that people are not votes, people are not winning percentages, but individuals with hopes, aspirations and fears, members of families. They are parents, siblings, someone’s children, colleagues at work, neighbours in the building, fellow passengers on a journey. They are you and me and you — and that’s why the 18th Lok Sabha is not just 543 MPs, it’s also we, the people.

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JUNE 27, 1984, FORTY YEARS AGO

VAJPAYEE ATTACKS CONG

BJP PRESIDENT ATAL Bihari Vajpayee accuses the Congress (I) of having “a fascist mentality”, after the party’s reaction to the BJP’s resolution on the Punjab issue, which blames the Congress and the prime minister for the foment of terrorism in the state. Vajpayee cites numerous accounts where Bhindranwale, complicit in many acts of violence, was spared by the Congress.

ARMS IN KASHMIR

THE FLOW OF arms from Pakistan to Kashmir has added a new dimension to Indo-Pak rela-

tions. Given the heavy presence of security forces on the border, the flow of weapons is not brisk. However, the arms trade has continued for around three years. The arms manufactured in Pakistan’s NWFP are smuggled through various points on the border.

RIOTS IN BOMBAY

SHIV SENA WORKERS are engaged in widespread rioting across various parts of Bombay like Sahar, Tilak Nagar, and Bhatwadi in Ghatkopar. As a result, two individuals were stabbed to death. Sena members also set fire to a shop outside the international airport in Sahar and smashed 30 taxis. The secretary of

the Bombay Taximen’s Union said that several cabs were damaged, during periods of no police intervention. He also claims that eight taxi drivers have been stabbed during the rioting, across the city.

EEC TO PAY BACK UK

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC Community summit meeting on June 26 in Paris decided on a compromise formula to resolve the budgetary crisis. The formula is based on the question of refund to Britain, which complained about contributing too much to the EEC budget, given its economic status. The EEC will be refunding Britain one billion ECUs.

THE IDEAS PAGE

Only by eternal vigilance

Emergency is a reminder of the need to protect the rights and freedoms of individuals in society. A government that undermines the Constitution will be held to account



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HISTORY OFFERS INVALUABLE lessons on how to keep from repeating the mistakes that led to the lowest points in our past. The imposition of Emergency is one such dark episode that continues to guide present and future generations, given its implications for democracy and the right of citizens to live with dignity.

Article 352 of the Constitution provides for the proclamation of national emergency on the grounds of internal disturbances, threat to national security due to war or external aggression. A state of emergency has been imposed thrice since Independence — during the wars with China in 1962 and Pakistan in 1971 and for the third time in 1975, this last episode being the most infamous in the annals of our democracy.

This year marks the beginning of the 50th year since the imposition of Emergency on June 25, 1975. It was imposed because of the political insecurity of the then Prime Minister, not because of any genuine "internal disturbance". Many factors were making the PM's position untenable at the time. Among them were concentration of power in the hands of one leader, lack of respect for democratic functioning, a culture of sycophancy, corruption in the vital organs of the state and the undermining of constitutional organs like the judiciary. Amidst widespread resentment against misrule, Jayaprakash Narayan called for "sampoorna kranti" (total revolution) and the nation responded in unison.

The last straw was the judgment of the Allahabad High Court on June 12, 1975, which nullified the election to the Lok Sabha of the then Prime Minister in 1971 on the grounds of abusing official machinery for electoral gains. Emergency was proclaimed two weeks later.

The first lesson to be learnt from the dark saga of Emergency is how not to govern the state. Our Constitution mandates democratic governance based on people's participation, wider consultations and consensus, conformity with the spirit and provisions of the Constitution and compliance with the laws made by the legislature. Despotism has no place in democracy. The period from 1971 to 1975 saw brazen violations of all conventions of democracy. People's resentment against growing misuse and abuse of power was misunderstood as a threat to despotism. The Supreme Court's judgments in Golaknath and Kesavananda Bharati in defence of the basic rules and framework of the Constitution and in support of the fundamental rights of citizens were taken as serious threats to rule by an individual. This was also the case with the Allahabad High Court judgment.

An elected ruler can't afford to have an unclean mind and hands. She or he should rule in the best interests of the people, in true democratic spirit, within the constitutional framework, not in personal interest



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and for aggrandisement.

The second lesson is that people, including the poor, do not live by bread alone and that they draw greater meaning from their lives. They want to live with dignity and self-respect too. They value their right to freedom of speech, their right to life, etc. They won't tolerate any infringement on fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution. The 21-month-long saga of Emergency was lifted on March 21, 1977. India was poorer and more illiterate than now. In the general elections that followed, the poor and illiterate Indians revolted against the excesses of the Emergency and voted in the first-ever non-Congress government at the Centre. Individual rights that accord dignity to life are as important to people as their daily bread.

Since 1977, people have often expressed their concerns about such rights in different elections. They have expressed their aversion to leaders who have betrayed arrogance, disrespected democracy, degraded the spirit of the Constitution and acted against the laws and interests of the people. Humility and a demonstrated spirit of service to the people are highly regarded and rewarded in democracy.

There is a third lesson to draw from this chapter in history. The excesses committed during the Emergency are too many to recall in this space. A reign of terror prevailed across most parts of the country and citizens, deprived of fundamental rights, lived in a state of fear. Amidst this, every organ of the state and every pillar of the Constitution crumbled, and the media was no exception.

The role of large sections of the media during the time has come in for sharp criticism. Except for The Indian Express under the fiery Ramnath Goenka, The Statesman headed by CR Irani and Nikhil Chakravarty's The Mainstream, the print media of the time surrendered meekly to the diktats of the government. As my mentor, Lal Krishna Advani told journalists after the Emergency had been lifted, "You were asked only to bend, yet you crawled."

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The government used preventive detention provisions nationwide to suppress dissent and stifle opposition voices. Leading lights of the Opposition, including stalwarts like Jayaprakash Narayan, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, L K Advani, J B Kripalani and many others, were detained.

As I was actively engaged in student politics at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, in 1974, J P Narayan appointed me as convener of the J P Yuvajana Chhatra Sangharsha Samiti, Andhra Pradesh unit. Later, I was detained under MISA for seventeen-and-a-half months in three different jails. The only reason for my detention was that I had invited J P Narayan to the university to address the students.

To learn from such excesses and their implications for democracy, the dark saga of the Emergency, the factors that led to it and its consequences should be made a part of the curriculum for students. All of us, and the youth particularly, need to learn from history to guard against such unsavoury episodes. Let's resolve to safeguard our democracy. The Emergency serves as a stark reminder of the need to protect the rights and freedoms of individuals in any society. As the well-known adage goes, "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The political solution to this lengthy saga is welcome, particularly given the reported impact on Mr Assange's health after years holed up in London's Ecuadorian embassy and then in Belmarsh prison. But the threat to press freedom has not ended. Its defence cannot rest either." — THE GUARDIAN

It is about the jobs

India is set to be the third-largest economy in the world. But quality of employment will determine how benefits of growth reach people



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OVER THE NEXT few years, as the Indian economy continues its forward march, there are likely to be significant changes in the global economic order. Going by IMF projections, India is on track to surpass Japan to become the fourth-largest economy in the world by the end of 2025. Two years thereafter, it is expected to whisk past Germany to become the third-largest economy. From then on, the top three slots in the global economic rankings — occupied by the US, China and India — are likely to be fixed, barring, of course, any major catastrophe.

Five years from now, by roughly the end of the current government's term, the IMF expects India's GDP to have increased to \$5.8 trillion, up from \$3.5 trillion now — implying an addition of \$2.3 trillion, which is just shy of the combined size of Spain and Netherlands today.

The Fund's projections imply real growth, averaging 6.5 per cent during this period. This seems achievable. After all, it is broadly in line with the pace at which the economy has grown over the past two decades. But, it is a far cry from the growth rates achieved during the mid-2000s. It also implies a more gradual upward climb, not quite the rapid catch-up that many have hoped for. Thus, for the foreseeable future, India will remain the poorest nation amongst the largest economies in the world. With its per capita income expected to touch \$4,281 by 2028-29, the country is unlikely to make the ranks of the upper middle-income category by then. That will have to wait.

These are, however, projections. And going by the past, such projections can be quite off the mark, on both the upside and the downside. Sustaining the healthy growth rates of the last few years over the medium to longer term, broadening the consumption base, will be challenging, considering that large sections of the labour force in the country continue to be trapped in low-productive jobs.

Data from recent government surveys shows that the number of informal enterprises in the country has risen from 5.76 crore in 2010-11 to 6.34 crore in 2015-16 and further to 6.5 crore in 2022-23 (There are some differences in coverage). Roughly 11 crore workers continue to be engaged in these establishments, a sizeable number of which are essentially one-man roadside shops. If the economy was producing more productive forms of employment, both these numbers — informal firms and the workforce therein — should have been going down sharply. In 2015-16, just under 16 per cent of these establishments hired workers. By 2022-23, it was down to less than 15 per cent. Hiring fewer workers is not something productive firms do.

This kind of employment is characterised by low levels of productivity and earning. Value added in such establishments

works out to around Rs 1.4 lakh, while in comparison, it is roughly 10 times higher at Rs 15.04 lakh by workers in formal enterprises as per the annual survey of industries. For these workers in informal enterprises, wage growth has barely kept pace with inflation, which implies little to no real wage growth for the better part of the last decade.

To these 11 crore workers in non-farm informal enterprises, add the 23-odd crore engaged in agriculture and that is almost two-thirds of the labour force which continues to be engaged in low productive jobs in less productive sectors — sectors which are now capturing an even lower share of the entire value added in the economy than before. And then there are those informally employed in construction, and the formal parts of the economy. In the absence of low or semi-skilled job opportunities in the more productive formal manufacturing sector and lacking the education to enter the more skilled forms of formal employment in both manufacturing and high-end services, their alternatives only include precarious forms of employment in the gig economy. It is, perhaps, no coincidence that after the various arms of the Indian state such as defence and Railways, Uber, with more than 10 lakh drivers in the country, now ranks as amongst the largest employment generators in the country, followed by companies like Zomato and Swiggy, which together have more than six lakh delivery personnel.

The issue of jobs, or the lack thereof, has been a constant in India's development story, not just restricted to the ruling dispensation. But what has changed in recent years is the youth bulge; the rising labour force participation rate, especially of women, as financial distress pushes them into the labour market; the dwindling share of value added by the informal sector; and the growing capital intensity of production in sectors that not only account for more value addition in the economy, but also those that are more labour intensive in nature. Add to that the fall in migration — the decline in Railway passenger traffic both suburban (where distances are less than 150 km) and non-suburban (longer distances) compared to pre-pandemic levels indicates that possibility — and the channel that facilitates the transfer of resources from urban to rural areas also appears to have cracked.

If such an employment situation persists, governments will find it difficult to restrict fiscal transfers to the less well-off. An obvious corollary is the possibility of continuing high levels of taxation of the more affluent — collections from the surcharge levied on high-income individuals have increased by almost 50 times over the past decade, from Rs 1,343 crore in 2014-15 to Rs 65,000 crore in 2023-24. But this approach of milking the rich, while increasing giveaways at the lower end, also has its limits.

The fallout from not being able to create more productive jobs on a sufficiently large scale, the deepening labour market duality, is likely to manifest in many ways, perhaps more visibly in the form of less social mobility and high-income inequality. As others have also noted, it will determine whether the country will resemble East Asia or end up going the Latin American way.

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A lasting harmony

Remembering CV Chandrasekhar's sublime and soulful Bharatanatyam

PROFESSOR CV Chandrasekhar (May 22, 1935-June 19, 2024) — Chandru Anna to us — was one of the last of the legendary greats who studied Bharatanatyam with Peria Sarada, Chinna Sarada, and Guru Dandayudhan Pillai, in the Pandanallur style, at Chennai's Kalakshetra during its founder Rukmini Devi's time. He was, afterwards, a senior member of the faculty of Dance at Banaras Hindu University; and professor and head of the Dance department, and, then, dean of Fine Arts at M S University, Baroda, for a long period. He won the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, the Padma Bhushan, and the Kalidas Samman. He was a student of music before he became a dancer; and that wellspring illuminated his art. A robust knowledge of music is imperative for classical Indian dance, and Chandrasekhar possessed way more than a fair share of it.

Chandrasekhar was blessed with a handsome and expressive face and a lean, tall frame. He was a dancer's dancer: Eloquent, chiselled, poised, perfect, and moving. Bharatanatyam's sitting posture is called the *araimandi* (or *ardhamandali*) and it is the mandatory base from which the dance grows, and strikes roots, branches and flowers. It is difficult, but compulsory, to maintain the *araimandi* through an entire recital — but it is alarmingly absent today. When you sit in the *araimandi*, and your feet are together, pointing out in opposite directions, at 180 degrees, and, consequently, you are at two-thirds of your height, you are doing Bharatanatyam in the

classically prescribed way. Sitting any less, or having your feet not quite out, is cheating. Chandrasekhar sat much more — his *araimandi* was sustained, even at 85, and a sight for the gods.

In a full-blown traditional recital, or *margam*, performed at age 82 — with not a sliver of a concession to his age — Chandrasekhar started off with a crisp *alarippu*, breezing through, among the other classic repertoire pieces, the challenging *varnam*, all the way to the *tillana* in Natabhairavi. His *abhinaya* was most convincing, if subtle, as his face became the palette for a gamut of emotions. There was not a single moment in this recital which was not complete in itself; and not a single moment which you might have wished for in any other way. That is perfection, and it generates exhilarating *rasavada*.

Chandrasekhar's costume, minimal jewellery, and no makeup, save an outline of the eyes, did justice to a prized aesthetic in which less is more. It is this Bharatanatyam which I love, and have practised since age six; and it is this Bharatanatyam which is never excessive, but, nevertheless, exuberant and brilliant, and contains complex multitudes. Bharatanatyam is a grand style: It integrates dance and music, *sahitya*, *raga*, *bhava*, and *tala* — in a repertoire of over a thousand pieces, and steadily growing — and it is the god Shiva's dance, as well as his consort, Parvati's. As you watched Chandrasekhar, it was Shiva's dance which came to mind.

I contrast Chandrasekhar's sublime art to

the ubiquitous razzle dazzle of today; and, to some of Bharatanatyam's prima donnas, who are profoundly restless and overdone: They flash repeated come-hither expressions, even as they do *nritya*, or pure dance pieces. Yamini Krishnamurti articulated being dismayed at this phenomenon to me, way back in 1981, when I spent two years in close proximity to her. Their costumes often resemble Christmas trees at Walmart. I also contrast his meditative and self-assured dance to the aggressive selfie- and Instagram-addicted cadres who post inconsequential, narcissistic — and often plagiarised — dance clips of themselves, three times a day. Their live performances thus become an agglomeration of selfies, with a plethora of unappealing dazzle, "in a spirit of gluttony and bricolage". They don't possess a hint of the Yeatsian merging of the dancer and the dance, which you witness in Chandrasekhar.

I first met Chandrasekhar, together with his lovely wife, Jaya, a sought-after Bharatanatyam guru herself, in Varanasi, in September 1979, when I was first invited to dance there. My guru Kelucharan Mohapatra accompanied me on pakhawaj (he always did), and I gave a recital at the Nagri Natak Mandali. Chandrasekhar played the manjira for me at my concert because my guru asked him to. Think of the extreme good fortune of a rather young girl: Two great gurus simultaneously onstage, accompanying you at a recital. In my audience that evening were Pandit Kishan Maharaj, Pandita Girija Devi,

Ustad Bismillah Khan, Pandit Chhannulal Mishra, professor Veer Bhadra Mishra, and other Varanasi legends.

The day after my recital, Chandrasekhar and Jaya Akka invited Guruji and me to their charming Varanasi home. We spent the better part of that day and the next day together. How precious those two days were, I always knew, but after Chandrasekhar's passing, they seem even more so.

Gerard Manley Hopkins, a Jesuit poet, and a favourite, writes of the opposites which make for the miracle of divine creation: Whatever is "sweet-sour; swift-slow, adazzle-dim". In tribute, I will always recall the inherent grandeur in Chandrasekhar's art, which enabled him to create and easily juxtapose dichotomous emotions and *tattwas* (attributes), and reach into the deep recesses of our beings, creating within us, the spectator *rasika*, a lilting and lasting harmony.

As the novelist Raja Rao said: "When movement is from oneself to the Self, one dances". That Self is the divine: It is, verily, the universe.

Professor Chandrasekhar is survived by his wife, Jaya, and lovely dancer daughters, Chitra and Manjari.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INDIA'S GROWTH

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Putting manufacturing on track' (IE, June 26). We are far from the target of achieving 25 per cent manufacturing share in GDP and generating 100 million jobs. While PLI was launched with much hope, it has not achieved the desired goals. It was meant to increase domestic manufacturing and make India an export hub. For the manufacturing sector to thrive in India, both land and labour reforms need to be implemented earnestly. This would automatically improve India's EDBI ranking. Once the manufacturing sector is revived, MSMEs will also get boosted and subsequently, generate employment.

Bal Govind, Noida

FREEDOM CALLS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial 'Holding the spotlight' (IE, June 26). WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange's release from prison marks the culmination of a long-running saga. Assange pled guilty to breaching the Espionage Act and returned to Australia, which Canberra has been pushing for. In 2016, Russian interference was suspected when Wikileaks released the Democrats' emails which harmed Hillary Clinton's electoral prospects and boosted Trump's. So, it's difficult to predict how this will affect the coming US presidential elections.

Khokan Das, Kolkata

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Holding the spotlight' (IE, June 26). Julian Assange did what journalists do in a free world when he published secret documents exposing the truth behind America's wars in the Middle East. For this, he was denied freedom. This is a rare story in Western democracy — which boasts of its democratic record yet punishes whistleblowers. The way Assange is being released raises concerns. Obama commuted the sentence of Chelsea Manning, the military analyst who published the documents on WikiLeaks, yet Assange remained in jail. The West settled on a convenient deal — conviction for the US and freedom for Assange. How this unfolds with regard to freedom of information is yet to be seen.

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

A&N'S FUTURE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Security and ecology' (IE, June 26). NITI Aayog's plan to turn A&N into a mega-infrastructure and strategic hub is a result of security concerns due to Chinese belligerence in the Indian Ocean Region. This threat perception explains why there's a need to enhance the security around A&N islands by turning some of the islands into strategic strongholds. However, at the same time, the policymakers should not lose sight of the ecological aspect.

Manish Mishra, Bhopal

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, ANKIT ANAND S/O ABHAY KUMAR R/O H.No. 69E, POCKET-C, SHEIKH SARAI PHASE-2, DELHI-110017 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANKIT CHOUDHARY FOR ALL PURPOSES IN FUTURE.
0070909858-1

I, Shagun D/o Kapil Dev R/o VPO Bhugnara, Tehsil Nurpur, Distt. Kangra, Himachal Pradesh-176201, have changed my name to Shagun Choudhary
0070909856-1

I, Satyapal Chaudhary S/o Shri Ram R/o-542 Pocket-F Sarita Vihar, New Delhi-110076, have changed my name Satyapal Singh for all purposes. 0040735510-4

I, Puja Pirya Darshi, D/o- Sh. Vinod Kumar Sharma, R/o- Flat No.89, Fourth Floor, Unique Apartment, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Puja Priyadarshi for all purposes. 0040735471-1

I, Neeru W/o Rajkumar R/o B03-104, 1st Floor, Block-B, Sare Homes, Sector-92, Gurgaon-122505 have changed my name from Neeru Kumari to Neeru for all purposes. 0040735477-1

I, Ayush Tandon S/o Late Sh. Kamal Tandon R/o 4644, Gali Paswan, Charkhe Wali, Delhi G.P.O., North Delhi, Delhi-110006 have changed the name of my minor son from Dhanush Tandon to Uddhav Tandon for all purposes. 0040735465-1

I, Deepika Gupta W/o Abhishek Gupta, R/o 40 Mig Nehru Enclave Shamsabad Road Agra, Uttar Pradesh-282001, have changed my name to Deepika Agarwal.
0040735523-1

I, MONIKA VERMA W/o LALIT KUMAR R/o 36, PEER KHANA MOHALLA, WARD NO-05, KALANWALI DISTRICT SIRSA-125201, have changed my minor daughter's name aged about 09 years from Gargi to Gargi Verma.
0130043078-1

I, AYUSH YADAV alias AYUSH S/O DHARMVEER R/o House No. 1798 Sector 4, Rewari, Haryana 123401, have changed my name to AYUSH YADAV. 0130043091-1

My daughter's name has been mistakenly written as Mannat Upadhyay in my departmental records, whereas the correct name is Mannat upadhyay. The correct name is Mannat upadhyay should be understood and written. The correct name is written in the Aadhaar card, 4285210 X Pawan Kumar Upadhyay gram, Bajinath chappra P.O., raniganj baliya (U.P.) 277208.
0040735510-9

It is for general information that I, CHANDRA PRAKASH SHARMA, S/O LATE SHRI R L SHARMA, R/O FLAT NO-331, T/F DELHI-APARTMENT CGHS LTD, PLOT NO-15C, BLOCK-3, VTC DWARKA, Sector-22, RAJ NAGAR-II, SOUTH-WEST DELHI-110077, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as CHANDRA PRAKASH SHARMA in my PPO No.08/14/8/08876/1991, PENSIO N-CERTIFICATE NO (IAFA-373) and DIRECTORATE OF AIR VETERAN RECORD OF SERVICE (139); AIRMEN/NCs (E). The actual name of mine is CHANDRA PRAKASH SHARMA, which may be amended accordingly.
0040735510-7

I, hitherto known as Shaurya, S/o Pramod Kumar, R/o F-42, Street No-7, Near World Gym, West Jyoti Nagar, Gokul Pur, North East Delhi, Delhi-110094, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shaurya Jangid. 0040735523-5

I, Vipin Kumar Sirohi, S/o Vijaypal Singh, R/o 651, Sector-A, Pocket-B and C, Vasant-Kunj New New-Delhi-110070, have changed my name Vipin Sirohi, for all purposes.
0040735510-3

I, Parnajeet Kaur W/o Manjeet Singh R/o J-13 Vishnu Garden New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Parnamjit Kaur 0130043090-1

I, Vijay Singh Bhaduria, S/o Shiv Bodhan Singh R/o-D-74, 4th Floor, Near DDA-Park, Sector-8, Dwarka-110077, have changed my name to Vijay Singh.
0040735521-7

I, VISHAL TRIVEDI, R/o-4/2920 SECOND-FLOOR, GALI NO-3, SHRIRAM-COLONY BHOLANATH NAGAR SHAHDARA, NORTH EAST, DELHI-110032, have changed my Minor Daughter name from STUTI to STUTI TRIVEDI. 0040735521-6

I, Usha Kumari, spouse of Madan Mohan Singh, resident of Village Kajihad Kot, Post Office-Nonari Nevadhiya, Lagadharpur, District-Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh-222128, have changed my Name, from Usha Kumari to Usha Singh vide-Affidavit dated-26/06/2024, at Faridabad (Harayana). 0040735523-2

I, Trilok Goel S/O Ramavtar goyal, R/O-164, Deepali Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Trilok Goyal 0040735522-5

I, KM MUNNI KAPALIYA W/O HARISH SINGH SAMANT R/O FLAT NO-441, F-BLOCK, 1ST AVENUE, GAUR CITY-1, GREATER NOIDA WEST, G.B. NAGAR, UP-201301 have changed my name to NAMARTA SAMANT for all purposes. 0070909849-1

I, Sahil Ralley S/o- Narender Ralley, H no-8, first floor block-7, Tilak Nagar Delhi-110018, changed my name to Sahil Ralley. 0040735495-4

I, SURENDER BIDHURI S/O RAMVIR SINGH BIDHURI ADDRESS-H.No-35 POCKET-1, JASHOLA VIHAR, SARITA VIHAR, DELHI-110076, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SURENDER SINGH BIDHURI. 0040735524-1

I, SHIV PARSHAD JAIN S/O DAULAT RAM JAIN R/O-158, RAJDHANI ENCLAVE PITAMPURA, DELHI-34, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHIV PRASHAD JAIN, FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040735510-5

I, SHALIQUN NISHA, W/O HABIB BAKHSH, House No.151, Dareegaran, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh-284002, have changed my name to SALLIQUN NISHA, For all purpose. 0040735524-4

I, Ramesh Chander S/O Late Gaimda Lal R/O WZ -535, Nangal Raya New Delhi-110046, have changed my Name to RAMESH CHAND Permanently. 0040735510-6

I, Rajesh Kumar, S/o Ram Chander R/O H.No.5, Near-Haryana blood Bank, model Town, Hisar, Haryana-125001, have changed my name to Rajesh Rohilla. 0040735522-1

I, Rachna Singh@ Rachna, W/o Sh. Dayanand Singh, R/o H.No.D-1, G.T.B-Hospital Campus, Dilshad-Vihar, East-Delhi, Jhilmil, Delhi-110095, have changed my name, from Rachna Singh@ Rachna to Rachna Singh for all future purposes. 0040735524-5

I, Ram Kishan, S/o CHHOTE RAM, R/O-538-1, MAHALWARA HOUSE, KHEDA DEWAT ROAD NEW RAILWAY-ROAD GURGAON(HARYANA)-122001, have changed my name to RAM KISHAN KATARIA. 0040735521-5

I, Pradeep Gupta S/o Om Prakash Gupta R/O P-132, Maurya Enclave, Pitampura Delhi-110034, have changed my name from Pradeep Gupta to Pradeep Gupta Permanently 0040735522-9

I, Pavneet Kaur W/o Karandeep Singh R/o B-98, Sector-31, Noida Gautam, Budh Nagar-201303, have changed my name to Pavneet Kaur Batra 0040735522-2

I, Mamta Goel/Mamta Rani W/O Tirlok Goyal R/O-164, Deepali Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Mamta Goyal 0040735522-7

I, Kashmiri Lal, S/o-Late Shri Mela Ram Khurana, R/o-137 DDA-Flats, Sunlight Colony-2, New Delhi-110014, have changed my name, from Kashmiri Lal, to Kashmiri Lal Khurana, for all purposes. 0040735521-9

I, Sahil S/O Rajesh R/O Gochhi(8), P.O Gochhi, Distt: Jhajjar Pincode-124107 HAVE CHANGED My name to Sahil Singla 0040735521-2

I, Kalpna Verma W/o Shri Vratkunj Verma R/o Y-77, Sector-12, Noida, U.P., have changed my name from Kalpna Verma to Lovely Verma Permanently. 0040735492-1

I, JYOTI DEVI HASWANI, D/O RAM BALANI, R/O-M-8-D-7, JHULEAL APARTMENT, ROAD NO.44, PITAMPURA, DELHI-110034, DECLARE THAT DEEPA AND JYOTI DEVI HASWANI IS ONE AND THE SAME-PERSON. 0040735495-1

I, JAGDISH S/O SERVISE SINGH R/O-29, MAURA KATH NEEMRANA, KOTPUTLI-BEHROR, RAJASTHAN-301705, have changed my name to JAGDISH KUMAR. 0040735521-3

I, HARISH CHAWLA S/O ATAM PAKRASH CHAWLA R/O 1456, SECTOR-15, SONIPAT, HARYANA-131001, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO HARISH KUMAR. 0040735495-2

I, HABIB BAKSH S/O PEER BAKHSH, R/O House, No.-151, Darigarjan, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh-284002, have changed my name to HABIB BAKHSH, For all purpose. 0040735524-3

I, Gurdeep S/O Bhupinder Singh, R/O Flat, No. A1/1202, Signature Global Solera, Sector-107, Gurgaon-122006 (Haryana), have changed my name to Gurdeep Singh. 0040735524-2

I, Gourav S/O Rajesh Kumar R/O Gochhi(8), P.O Gochhi, Distt: Jhajjar Pincode-124107 HAVE CHANGED My name to Gourav singla 0040735521-1

I, Gondharv Singh, S/O-Punnu Singh, H no-103 S/F, gali, no-34, som bazaar-road rajra puri uttam nagar dwarka-110059, changed my name to Gundharav Singh jasrotia. 0040735495-3

I, Garvit Goel S/O Tirlok Goyal R/O-164, Deepali Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Garvit Goyal 0040735522-4

I, Dharmadatta Chauhan S/o Prem Raj R/O Gali-3, Chhalera Banger, Sector-44, Noida (U.P) have changed my name to Dharam Dutt for all purposes. 0040735483-1

I, Mohd Rizwan R/O B.416 Gali, No.11 Subhash Mohalla Delhi, 110053 My Mother name is wrongly written as SHAHNAZ in Matriculation Certificate. The actual name of my mother is AFSARI SULTAN. 0040735260-1

I, GITA YADAV, W/O BHUWNESHWER PRASAD YADAV, Resident, House No.162, Raj Nagar Part-II Palam, New Delhi-110045, have changed my name from GITA YADAV to GEETA YADAV, Vide-affidavit INDL08369323488981W dated-25/06/2024, before-District Court- Dwarka, Sector-10. 0040735510-8

I, Dayanand Singh@ Dayanand, S/O Late, Sardar Singh, R/o H.No.D-1, G.T.B-Hospital Campus, Dilshad-Garden, Vivek-Vihar, East Delhi, Jhilmil, Delhi-110095, have changed my name, from Dayanand Singh@ Dayanand to Dayanand Singh, for all future purposes. 0040735524-6

I, DURGESH KUMAR, S/O AKHILESH MISHRA, R/O-61/6, EKTA-COLONY MALAK-ROAD VIJAY-NAGAR-I NILMATHA, MALAK LUCKNOW UP-226002, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM DURGESH KUMAR TO DURGESH MISHRA. 0040735510-6

I, BIMLA W/o-RAM KISHAN KATARIA, R/o-538-1, MAHALWARA HOUSE, KHEDA DEWAT ROAD NEW RAILWAY ROAD GURGAON (HARYANA)-122001, have changed my name to BIMLA KATARIA. 0040735510-1

I, Rajesh Kumar, S/o Ram Chander R/O H.No.5, Near-Haryana blood Bank, model Town, Hisar, Haryana-125001, have changed my name to Rajesh Rohilla. 0040735522-1

I, Anu Chauhan W/o Mahkin Chauhan R/o 1105, Gardinia Glamour Society Sec-3, Vasundhara Ghaziabad UP-201012, changed my name to Anuradha Chauhan 0040735495-7

I, Ankkush Gupta S/o B.B Gupta R/O H-4-5/788, Suvridha Kunj Pitampura Saraswati, Vihar Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Ankush Gupta 0040735522-3

I, Anita Rani W/O Subhash Goyal R/O-163 Deepali Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Anita Goyal 0040735522-6

I, Amit Khanna S/O Harish Khanna R/O-1814 SF, Rani Bagh Saraswati, Vihar Delhi-110034, have changed my minor son name Priyanshi Khanna alias Tejas Khanna aged 6 Years to Tejas Khanna 0040735522-8

I, Akshat Gautam, S/o Sudhir Kumar, R/O, C-105 FF BPTT Astaire Garden Sector-70A, Gurugram (Haryana), have changed my name, from Akshat to Akshat Gautam. 0040735510-2

I, Abhishek Garg, S/o Madan Lal Garg, Address-F-85, Gali No-81, Mahaveer Enclave Part-3, Uttam Nagar, Dwarka, Delhi-110059, changed my name to Abhishek Garg 0040735495-5

I, 16025710L, NK Ravi Kumar, R/o 56, Asoda, Todran (28), Jhajjar (Haryana)-124505, Hereby Declare that my Father & Mother Date.of.Birth Wrongly Entered in my Service Documents As Naresh, 01-01-1967 & Nirmala Devi-05-03-1969 Correct Date.of.Birth is Naresh 01-01-1953 & Nirmala Devi, 01-01-1955, Vide-Affidavit No.1767, Date-24-06-2024, Bahadurgarh(Haryana). 0040735521-8

I, Vishwameet Chawla S/O, Jogendra Singh Chawla R/o house no H2/14 Ground Floor, Vatika India Next, Sector 82, Shikohpur, Gurgaon, Haryana, 122004, have changed my name to Vishwameet Chawla for all purposes. 0040735474-1

I, Vinod Kumar S/o Jai Prakash R/O House No-393, R.K. Puram Sector-7, Delhi-110022, have changed my minor son's name from Prateek aged 12 years to Prateek Chander forever 0070909816-1

I, VINOD SINGLA, S/O ISHWAR CHAND R/O 860/8, THIRD FLOOR, GOVINDPURI, KALKAJI, NEW DELHI-110019 have changed my name to VINOD KUMAR. 0070909790-1

I, Surbasha W/O Shyam Babu R/O -C/O Shyam Babu, Flat No. 701, Tower 5, NIRALA ASPIRE GH-03, Sector 16 B, Greater Noida West, PO Bisrakh, Distt-G.B. Nagar UP PIN 201306 have Changed my Name to SURBASHA DEVI for All Future Purposes. 0040735472-1

I, Shalini Aggarwal, W/o Ramanand Mittal, R/O-H-1/29, Bengali-Colony, Mahavir Enclave, New Delhi-110045, have changed my name Shalini Aggarwal, for all future purposes. 0040735488-1

I, Rohit Rawat S/O Sh. Balam Singh Negi R/O/ 109-H Pocket A-3, Mayur Vihar Phase-III Delhi, have changed my name from Rohit Rawat to Rohit Negi for all future purposes. 0040735478-1

I, Rajni Bala W/O Anil Dahiya R/O-C/1, Kapil Vihar, Sector-21-C faridabad, have changed my name to Rajni Dahiya 0040735473-1

I, PATEEK CHHABRA, S/O RAJESH CHHABRA, R/O House no-206 CHAND NAGAR, TILAK NAGAR, TILAK NAGAR S/O WEST DELHI, DELHI-110018, have changed my name to PRAATEEK CHHABRA For all future purposes 0070909809-1

I, Ms Manisha D/o Ganga Bisban R/O Village-Biran, Post Office-Chhanibari, 5.AMS, Hanumangarh, Chhanibari, Rajasthan-335511 have changed my name to Manisha for all purposes. 0070909844-1

I, Kali S/O Chhagan Bhat R/O W-7/C-54, KPC, Pandav Nagar, Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008, have changed my name to Karan Bhatt. 0040735529-2

I, Manoj Kumar S/O Surennder Verma R/O Near Jain Mandir Posra, Ambehta Dehat, Saharanpur have changed my name to Manoj Verma. 0070909852-1

I, Manju Devi W/o Arun Jain R/O C-140, 2nd-Floor, Ramprastha Colony, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011, have changed my name to Manju Jain. 0040735529-1

I, Harsh -D/o Gopal Krishan Khurana and W/o of Deepak Kumar R/O H.No-52/11, Subhash Nagar, Gurgaon-122001, Haryana have changed my name to Harsh Kataria. 0070909812-1

I, Habal Ghosh, Father of No-13623127M, Hav Ashis Kumar Ghosh, R/O- Harinathpur, District- Nadia -741150 West Bengal. In my son's service records my name and D o B has been wrongly mentioned as Habal Chandra Ghosh (D o B-02-04-1955) instead of Habal Ghosh (D o B-05-11-1948 as in Aadhaar card. It needs corrections. Objection be filled to 2 Rajput, C/O-56 APO.. 0070909854-1

I, Geetika Karamveer Shell D/o Karamveer Shell, R/o L-1/29-A, DDA Flats, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019 have changed my name to Geetika Arya by virtue of my marriage with Mr. Nitin Arya. 0040735479-1

I, Bhawana Negi W/O Ganga Singh R/O J-1002, Amrapali Princely Estate, Sector-76, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar Pin:-201305, Uttar Pradesh, have changed my name from BHAWANA NEGI to BHAWANA RANA for all future purposes. 0070909854-1

I, Bhawana Negi W/O Ganga Singh R/O J-1002, Amrapali Princely Estate, Sector-76, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar Pin:-201305, Uttar Pradesh, have changed my name from BHAWANA NEGI to BHAWANA RANA for all future purposes. 0070909854-1

I, Arvind Sahota, R/o House No 310, Sec-20, Gali No.2, Friends Colony, Faridabad-121002. Declare that I have changed my daughter's name from Davelen Sahota to RASHPREET KAUR SAHOTA for all future purpose. In future my daughter will be known as RASHPREET KAUR SAHOTA. 0040735469-1

I, Archana W/o Barun Kumar, R/o-B2/302, SRS Residency, Sector-88, faridabad, have changed my name to Archana kumar 0040735473-3

I, Anil Kumar S/o Jai Narayan Dahiya R/O-C-41, Kapil Vihar Sector-21-C, faridabad, have changed my name to Anil Dahiya 0040735473-2

I, Aaditya Aggarwal, S/O Rajesh Aggarwal, Address-C-703, Victoria Gardens M2K Near Azadpur Bus Terminal, Delhi-110033, changed my name to Aditya Aggarwal. 0040735495-6

I, Arvind Sahota, R/o House No 310, Sec-20, Gali No.2, Friends Colony, Faridabad-121002. Declare that I have changed my daughter's name from Davelen Sahota to RASHPREET KAUR SAHOTA for all future purpose. In future my daughter will be known as RASHPREET KAUR SAHOTA. 0040735469-1

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LOST & FOUND
I Priti Bose, D/o of late Sh Panchanan Bose, have lost the original supplementary agreement dated 06.06.1984 for my property G19/21 Kachnar Marg, DLF Phase 1, Gurugram Haryana. Finder contact me at 9811357966 0040735468-1

I, Tulsidarsi Manchanda, C/o Sh. Girdhar Lal Manchanda, R/o, H.No.333/4 Mehrauli, New Delhi-110030, have declare that I, have lost my Allotment-letter of Plot.No.E-354, Original-Receipts, Builder-Buyer-Agreement. If found contact- 9278081260. 0040735510-10

LOST AND FOUND
Lost of original receipts along with two original plot buyer agreement unexecuted in Delhi in property bearing no B-019, Parsvanth City, Dharuhera and details of documents as per following:- Receipt no. 1) SO107453 dated 19.08.2011 amount in Rs. 6,26,775/- 2) SO109366 dated 13.12.2011 amount in Rs. 7,00,000/- 3) SO109755 dated 29.12.2011 amount in Rs. 4,00,000/- 4) SO110888 dated 17.02.2012 amount in Rs. 5,60,000/- 5) SO12450 dated 17.05.2012 amount in Rs. 6,50,000/- 6) SO11382 dated 13.06.2012 amount in Rs. 2,05,000/- 7) SO11363 dated 22.06.2012 amount in Rs.3,20,000/- 8) SO11388 dated 10.07.2012 amount in Rs. 2,70,000/- 9) SO114752 dated 18.08.2012 amount in Rs. 2,00,000/- 10) SO114753 dated 18.08.2012 amount in Rs. 1,20,000/- 11) SO110973 dated 10.08.2012 amount in Rs. 1,80,000/- 12) SO11605 dated 12.10.2012 amount in Rs. 3,20,000/- 13) SO117226 dated 20.11.2012 amount in Rs. 2,00,000/- 14) SO118117 dated 01.01.2013 amount in Rs. 1,35,000/- 15) SO118573 dated 02.02.2013 amount in Rs. 1,15,000/- 16) SO120102 dated 11.04.2013 amount in Rs. 3,94,000/- 17) SO121142 dated 31.05.2013 amount in Rs. 1,65,000/- 18) SO122262 dated 04.07.2013 amount in Rs. 2,94,000/- 19) Two plot buyer agreement unexecuted.

General Public is informed that my clients Sh. Ashok S/o Manik Chand and Smt. Shikha Banerji W/o. Ashok, R/o H.No. 1104C, Block-C, Mansarovar Park, Shaheed, East Delhi-110032, has debarred or evicted their son Sh. Ajay Banerjee and his wife Smt. Ranuoni Banerjee, due to their disobedient, misbehaviour and quarrelsome nature forever, from all their movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with Inuran Ahmed and his wife Aleena Qayyum will do so at his/her/their own risk and responsibilities and my clients will not be responsible for any act, deed or omission done by Inuran Ahmed his wife Aleena Qayyum & Furrman Ahmed his wife Aleena Qayyum.

General Public is informed that my clients Sh. SHABANA w/o Abrar Ahmed R/O C-155 Minto Road Complex Minto Road Central Delhi, 110005 have served all their relations with their sons Inuran Ahmed S/O Abrar Ahmed R/O C-155 Minto Road Complex Minto Road Central Delhi, 110005, his wife Alisha Qayyum & Furrman Ahmed S/O Abrar Ahmed R/O C-155 Minto Road Complex Minto Road Central Delhi, 110005, and his wife Aleena Qayyum due to their bad habits. Both of my above named clients have also debarred and debarred their said sons from all their movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with Inuran Ahmed and his wife Aleena Qayyum will do so at his/her/their own risk and responsibilities and my clients will not be responsible for any act, deed or omission done by Inuran Ahmed his wife Aleena Qayyum & Furrman Ahmed his wife Aleena Qayyum.

General Public is informed that my clients Sh. VINAY ATTRI ADVOCATE CLNO. 321, CH. VIKAS, Tis Hazari, Delhi-110054

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MEITY MISSIVE TO LABOUR MINISTRY, EPFO

Inputs delayed, IT system to cut EPF claim rejection hanging fire

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK
NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

EVEN AS rejection rates for Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) are climbing, a key software intervention to meet the Labour Ministry's requirement to reduce the number of rejected claims is facing a significant delay. The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), a unit of the Information Technology (IT) Ministry – which is building a central IT system for the EPFO – is yet to receive key information from the organisation

C-DAC BUILDING CENTRAL IT SYSTEM FOR EPFO

THE CENTRE for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), a unit of the IT Ministry – which is building a central IT system for the EPFO – is yet to receive key information from the organisation

INA letter dated June 18, sent by the IT Ministry to the Labour Ministry, there is a tacit acknowledgement that the latter is working towards reducing the number of EPF rejections which have soared manifold in the last few years

sequent design and development stages by C-DAC," the letter said.

"We would like to inform you that C-DAC has taken proactive measures in order to meet the requirement of (Labour Ministry) for reducing the rejected claims. In order to expedite the project, C-DAC has already initiated development with assumptions regarding the requirements," the letter is learnt to have said.

The letter, it is understood, was written by MeitY Secretary S Krishnan, and addressed to Neelam Shami Rao, who is the Central Provident Fund Commissioner in EPFO under the Labour Ministry.

The IT Ministry has asked the Labour Ministry to sign off the final requirements specification document "at the earliest," and has also told them that there is

an "imminent need" to revamp the unified portal application of EPFO.

"Furthermore, since the technology stack and support platform are already on the verge of obsolescence, you may like to prioritise the revamp (of) the complete EPFO application and platform through the development of the De-Novo system to ensure optimal performance and compatibility through any suitable vendor," the letter said.

The proposal for the development of centralised IT-enabled systems around Unified Portal by C-DAC was approved in the 229th meeting of the EPF's central board of trustees held in November 2021.

The Indian Express had earlier reported that the rejection rates of EPF final settlement have been surging, up from around 13 per cent in 2017-18 to nearly 34

per cent in 2022-23, which translates into over one in every three claims for final settlement of provident fund amount made by the members being turned down by the EPFO.

Official data show that out of the total 73.87 lakh claims received for final PF settlement in financial year 2022-23, 33.8 per cent (24.93 lakh) were rejected, while 46.66 lakh were settled and 2.18 lakh remained as closing balance. This has been sharply higher than the rejection rate seen in 2017-18 and 2018-19, which stood at around 13 per cent and 18.2 per cent, respectively. The rejection rate, calculated as a percentage of rejected claims out of total applications for claims, increased further to 24.1 per cent in 2019-20 and 30.8 per cent in 2020-21 for final settlement claims. In 2021-22, the rejection rate for final settlement claims increased to 35.2 per cent.

EPFO officials had earlier told this paper that the key reasons for rejection are a complete shift to the online system for processing claims. Earlier, according to them, the verification of documents for claims would take primarily at the employers' end and then would come to EPFO, which has now been majorly linked to Aadhaar and 99 per cent claims are through the online portal.

Domestic funds on buying spree as indices breach new peaks

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, JUNE 26

LED BY Reliance Industries (RIL) shares, stock markets on Wednesday rallied to a new peak on the back of heavy buying support by domestic institutional investors (DIIs). The benchmark Sensex hit a record high of 78,674.25, registering a gain of 620 points or 0.80 per cent. The NSE Nifty Index jumped by 147 points, or 0.62 per cent, to 23,868.80 in the sustained buying euphoria despite withdrawals by foreign institutional investors (FIIs).

On Wednesday, DIIs, led by mutual funds, bought stocks worth Rs 5,103 crore thereby boosting the bull rally. However, FIIs pulled out Rs 3,535 crore from the cash market during the day, according to exchange data.

DIIs have bought stocks worth Rs 30,000 crore in June so far. FIIs sold stocks worth Rs 2,062 crore during the month. After showing volatile movements, the Sensex has gained over 2,000 points since June 3 this year, aided largely by domestic funds.

Net inflows into equity mutual



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EXPLAINED
Bullish ahead of Budget

DOMESTIC institutional investors have bought stocks worth Rs 30,000 crore in June so far. Foreign institutional investors sold stocks worth Rs 2,062 crore during the month. Investors are largely bullish and are betting on the next month's Budget, experts say.

mounting bullish bets ahead of the next month's Budget, which once again triggered a major rally and lifted both benchmark indices to fresh all-time highs. "Market participants are hoping for a reform-oriented budget from the government that would translate into buying action in stocks supportive of long-term economic growth," said Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd.

Telecom stocks saw significant gains on expectations of tariff hikes, while cement stocks witnessed renewed buying interest today, driven by expectation of higher government spending on road construction. "The sentiment for banking and financials has improved after lower current account deficit numbers released yesterday. Overall optimism surrounding the Union Budget, increasing FII inflows and robust domestic economic data contributed towards the positive movement in the market. We expect the ongoing uptrend to continue further," said Siddhartha Khemka, Senior Group VP, Head - Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd.

funds grew 83 per cent month-on-month to touch a record high of Rs 34,697 crore in May, as compared to Rs 18,917.09 crore in April, latest data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) showed. "This money is now being deployed in the stock market, taking the indices to new peak," said a market source.

RIL shares rallied by 4.09 per cent to Rs 3,027.47 on sustained buying support. RIL market capitalisation rose to Rs 20.48 lakh crore during the session.

"The domestic market hit a

new peak, bolstered by a rally in large-cap stocks, where the valuation is relatively fair. In contrast, mid- and small-cap stocks saw profit-taking due to valuation concerns," said Vinod Nair, head of Research, Geojit Financial Services. Currently, financials and consumer stocks are catching up, driven by improved balance sheets, strong GDP growth forecast and softening inflation. "Global market sentiments reflected similar trends, with a consensus on imminent rate cuts," Nair said.

Analysts said investors are

Sebi eases trading plan norms for insiders

AKSHATA GORDE
MUMBAI, JUNE 26

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has made it easier for insiders to trade in shares of their companies by amending the Prohibition of Insider Trading regulations. The amended norms provide flexibility in the 'trading plan' of a company's key managerial personnel and will come into effect after three months.

These new norms include reduction in the cooling-off period, price limits of 20 per cent at both upper and lower side, and cancellation of the trading plan. Any person in a company who has access to unpublished price-sensitive information (UPSI) are considered insiders, which usually entail the senior management and officials.

According to Sebi guidelines, these insiders have to get approval for the 'trading plan', which specifies the share price, amount and transaction date in advance so as to not coincide with any news leaks. Earlier, the insider had to inform the board of his buy/sell decision six months in advance. This time limit has now been reduced to four months.

AUCTION ENDS EARLY IN TWO DAYS

Spectrum auction fetches over ₹11,340 cr; Bharti Airtel top buyer

New Delhi: Bharti Airtel on Wednesday emerged as the biggest bidder for radio waves used to transmit mobile phone voice and data signals, cornering about 60 per cent of the Rs 11,341 crore worth of spectrum sold in an auction that ended within two days. Bharti Airtel bought 97 MHz of radio frequency for mobile services for Rs 6,856.76 crore.

An official statement said, in all 141.4 MHz of radio waves were sold for Rs 11,340.78 crore. A total of 10 GHz of spectrum ranging between 800 MHz to 26 GHz was offered, which was worth Rs 96,238 crore at the base or auction start price. However, only a small amount of the spectrum on offer got sold in seven rounds of auction.

Vodafone-Idea buys 30 MHz of spectrum

₹1,398-CRORE OUTFLOWS

Net equity outflows at 1.5% of AUM in last 3 days: Quant MF

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 26

QUANT MUTUAL Fund's founder and chief investment officer Sandeep Tandon on Wednesday said the fund house has seen net equity outflows to the tune of Rs 1,398 crore or 1.5 per cent of its asset under management (AUM) in the last three days.

The fund house has witnessed redemptions after media reports, last week, said that the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) conducted search and seizure operations on Quant Mutual Fund on suspicion of front-running at its Mumbai and Hyderabad offices.

In response to media reports, Quant Mutual Fund, on June 23, informed investors that it had received inquiries from the Sebi



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Vodafone Idea, the struggling telecom operator that recently got a fresh lease of life through India's biggest follow on share sale, bought 30 MHz of spectrum for Rs 3,510.4 crore.

"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 said.

Jio buys spectrum in 2 circles for Rs 973.63 cr

Mumbai: Reliance Jio Infocomm acquired additional spectrum in the 1800 MHz band in Bihar and West Bengal circles at a cost of Rs 973.63 crore in the auction.

"Jio's spectrum footprint has increased to 26,801 MHz (uplink and downlink), solidifying its leadership position..." it said. Akash M Ambani, chairman, Reliance Jio Infocomm, said, "this new spectrum acquisition will continue to enable us serving aspirations of the new India, in terms of growing traffic demands and superior customer experience, which is no longer limited to only urban markets."

REPORTS OF SEBI ACTION

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Quant MF, on June 23, informed investors that it had received inquiries from the Sebi

and was cooperating with the regulator for any review.

"Over the last three days, our

net equity outflows were Rs 1,398 crore (1.5 per cent of total AUM) only, despite so much noise," Tandon said during a virtual call on Wednesday. He said while gross inflows still remain normal, gross outflows have increased.

The fund house has seen a substantial jump in its total AUM, from Rs 27 crore in 2018 to Rs 93,000 crore currently. It has 26 schemes and has 84 lakh investors.

Allaying investors' concerns, Tandon said the liquidity position of the fund house has been good since the beginning of 2024.

"As of June 25, 2024, our liquid assets, which include large caps, stocks, cash, treasury bills (T-bills) government securities (g-sec), gold and silver, were approximately Rs 47,640 crore. This allocation represents 54 per cent of our total AUM," Tandon said.

As per the latest stress test results, the fund house would take 9 days to liquidate 50 per cent of Quant Mid Cap Fund and five days to liquidate 25 per cent of the same fund. It will take 28 days to liquidate 50 per cent of Quant Small Cap Fund portfolio and 14 days to liquidate 25 per cent of it.

Besides, the fund house has borrowing lines of Rs 650 crore to manage any contingency situation, Tandon said.

Tandon said as a strategy the fund house has moved its exposure from mid and small-caps to large-caps. This decision is more from a risk management perspective and the fund house is not negative on mid and small-caps.

"We have moved from illiquid to liquid stocks and that is an important strategy we have played out," Tandon said.

BRIEFLY

'India likely to achieve over 7% growth in FY25'

New Delhi: India's economy will grow higher than 7 per cent, even closer to 7.5 per cent, in the current fiscal on the back of expectations of above normal monsoon and absence of any known global risks so far, economic think tank NCAER said in its monthly review.

Foxconn plant: LabourMin seeks report from TN

New Delhi: The Ministry of Labour and Employment has sought a detailed report from the Tamil Nadu labour department amid reports that married women are not being allowed to work at the Foxconn India Apple iPhone Plant.

Wardwizard Innovations bags \$1.29-bn order

New Delhi: Wardwizard Innovations & Mobility Ltd, manufacturer of electric vehicles under the 'Joy e-bike' and 'Joy e-rik' brands in India, has secured a order worth \$1.29 billion from Beulah International Development Corporation, one of the full-service business integration companies and EPC firms in the Philippines backed by RP Connect.

Vedanta promoter divests 2.6%

New Delhi: Vedanta Resources on Wednesday divested a 2.6 per cent stake in its Indian mining arm, Vedanta Ltd, for Rs 4,184 crore through an open market transaction.

Naik steps down as chairman of LTIM, LTTS

New Delhi: A M Naik has decided to step down as Chairman of LTIMindtree as well as L&T Technology Services and SNSubrahmanyan will take over as Chairman in his place with effect from June 27, the two companies said.

Yen tumbles to 38-yr low vs USD as likely Japan intervention looms

New York/London: The yen dropped to its lowest against the US dollar since late 1986 on Wednesday, amid a wide interest rate differential between the two economies, keeping the market alert for any sign of intervention from Japanese authorities to boost its currency.

The US dollar rose to as high 160.63, its strongest level since

December 1986. The greenback was last up 0.5 per cent at 160.455 yen, Japan's low interest rate regime, compared to that of the United States, has continued to hammer the yen.

The 10-year Japanese government bond yield was 1.03 per cent on Wednesday, while the 10-year Treasury yield was 4.304 per cent.

ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
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TENDER NOTICE No. 24/01

Request for Proposal through e-tenders with validity upto 180 days are hereby invited from reputed Insurance Companies (licensed and registered with IRDA) and having requisite experience in providing "Group Health Insurance Plan", for implementation of providing insurance cover to the employees of APDCL. The bid document along with other relevant information shall be available for download in www.apdcl.org and www.assamtenders.gov.in as mentioned hereunder:

Last date for submission of Bids: 15.07.2024 1400 Hrs
Date for Pre-bid Discussions: 01.07.2024 1200 Hrs
Bid submission start date: 06.07.2024 1100 Hrs
Date and time of opening of Bids: 17.07.2024 1500 Hrs

Sd/- Chief General Manager (HRA), APDCL

THE SPECIAL OFFICER AND COMPETENT AUTHORITY, (UNDER KPIDFE - IMA & OTHER SCAM)
3rd Floor, Podium Block, V.V Tower, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001

NOTICE/INVITATION FOR E-AUCTION FOR MOVABLE ITEMS

Pursuant to attachment of movable properties by the Government under the provisions of the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004 (KPIDFE Act) and pursuant to the absolute attachment order by the Hon'ble Special Court the Special Officer & Competent Authority (under KPIDFE-IMA and other Scam), is issuing notice for e-auction of the movables attached through e-auction on 'as is where is and whatever there is basis'.

The intending bidders will be required to furnish Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (as mentioned against each auction in the e-portal provided by the Service Provider/Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only.

Short Description of the Movable items

Sl. No.	Description of Vehicle	Reserve Price (Rs)	EMD (Rs)	Bid Increase Value (Rs)
1.	Variant: Fortuner 3.0 OL 4 WD MT Manufacturer: Toyota Kilroskar Ltd. Vehicle No: KA 22 P 6378 Year Of Mfg: 2010	3,32,500/-	17,000/-	2,000/-
2.	Variant: Innova 2.5V Manufacturer: Toyota Kilroskar Ltd. Vehicle No: KA 22 N 8378 Year Of Mfg: 2006	1,42,500/-	8,000/-	1,000/-
3.	Variant: Aviator Manufacturer: Honda Motorcycle Ltd. Vehicle No: KA 22 EJ 9730 Year Of Mfg: 2012	9,500/-	500/-	50/-
4.	Variant: Pleasure Manufacturer: Her Limited Vehicle No: KA 22 ED 9459 Year Of Mfg: 2010	9,500/-	500/-	50/-
5.	Variant: Honda Shine Manufacturer: Honda Motorcycle Ltd. Vehicle No: KA 22 EX 0876 Year Of Mfg: 2017	19,950/-	1,000/-	100/-
6.	Variant: Pleasure Manufacturer: Hero Limited Vehicle No: KA 22 ER 0148 Year Of Mfg: 2014	11,875/-	600/-	100/-
7.	Variant: Pleasure Manufacturer: Hero Limited Vehicle No: KA 22 EG 2759 Year Of Mfg: 2011	8,550/-	500/-	50/-
8.	Variant: Aviator Manufacturer: Honda Motorcycle Ltd. Vehicle No: KA 22 ER 8387 Year Of Mfg: 2015	20,900/-	1,000/-	100/-
9.	Variant: Aviator Manufacturer: Honda Motorcycle Ltd. Vehicle No: KA 22 EJ 8534 Year Of Mfg: 2012	7,600/-	500/-	50/-
10.	Variant: Mahindra Rodeo Manufacturer: Mahindra & Mahendra Vehicle No: KA 22 ED 3175 Year Of Mfg: 2010	7,125/-	500/-	50/-
11.	Variant: Aviator Manufacturer: Honda Motorcycle Ltd. Vehicle No: KA 22 EF 9343 Year Of Mfg: 2011	11,400/-	600/-	100/-

Date of Pre bid Meeting & time : 29th of July 2024, 3 pm to 4 pm.
Place: O/o SPLOCA, 3rd Floor Podium Block, Visveswariah Tower, Bengaluru-01
Date of Inspection & Time: 30th of July 2024, 11 am to 2 pm.
Place of Inspection: Women's Police Station near Police Quarters, Belagavi Taluk & District.
Last date of Submission of Bid Documents & EMD Submission: 31st of July 2024, till 5pm.
Date & time of E-Auction: 02nd of August 2024, 11 am to 1 pm.
For Registration & Online Auction, you can login to: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> (Helpdesk No: 080-46010000, 080-68948777) The interested bidders who require auction related information can contact Joint Secretary, Office of the Special Officer & Competent Authority, 3rd Floor, Podium Block, Visveswariah Towers, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001, e-mail ID: splocaeauction@gmail.com or Contact Mob. No 6364403715.

Sd/-
The Special Officer & Competent Authority
(Under KPIDFE - IMA & Other Scam)
Bengaluru, Karnataka

DIPR/CP/595/Zen/2024-25

Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd.
Victoria Park, Meerut.

E-TENDER INVITING NOTICE

1. Open tender is invited through e-tendering for supply different make of 700 No. 11 KV Vacuum Interrupter against tender specification no. PVVNLMM/79(S)/24-25.

Tender Cost: Rs. 35-40.00 (with GST)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): Rs. 123900.00
Last Date of tender submission & Time: 12.07.2024 at 14.00 Hrs.
Date of tender opening (Part-1 & 11): 12.07.2024 at 17.00 Hrs.

Note:- In case of any amendment in tender specification or date of extension, the same shall be uploaded on e-tender website www.etenders.up.nic.in and www.pvnvlmm.com Superintending Engineer (MM-1) "Help Line Number For Information of Theft of Electricity:- 1800-180-3002 (Meerut), & 9412207451" Sd/-

आयुक्त-277 विवरक- 26.06.2024 Superintending Engineer (MM-1)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) **Sushil Shukla @ Ravi S/o Shri Niwas Shukla R/o H. No. T-429, Mangolpuri, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 22/2017 U/s 380/457/511/279/34 IPC, PS Rajouri Garden, Delhi and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) **Sushil Shukla @ Ravi** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) **Sushil Shukla @ Ravi** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) **Sushil Shukla @ Ravi** of case FIR No. 22/2017 U/s 380/457/511/279/34 IPC, PS Rajouri Garden, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated **01.08.2024**

By Order
Shashank Nandan Bhatt
MM-02, West,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/8054/WD/2024
(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **SUNITA SHARMA W/o: Vijay Sharma R/o: C-2/242, 1st Floor, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in Case FIR No. 442/2018, U/s 323/451/506/427/34 IPC, P.S. KNK Marg, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **SUNITA SHARMA** cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **SUNITA SHARMA** has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant);

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **SUNITA SHARMA** accused of Case FIR No. 442/2018, U/s 323/451/506/427/34 IPC, P.S. KNK Marg, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **26.07.2024**.

By Order
Sh. Himanshu Sehlot
DP/8195/RD/2024 Metropolitan Magistrate-3, North Distt.,
(Court Matter) Room No. 213, Rohini Courts, Delhi

Appeal for Identification

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body Name: **Dilip Kumar, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 62 years, Height: 5'6", Sex: Male, Wearing: Light Pink Color T-Shirt Grey Color Lower he was dead during treatment in the S.D.N. Hospital.** In this regard, a **DD No. 103A, dated 21.06.2024** has been lodged at PS: Farsh Bazar, 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., Farsh Bazar, Delhi
Ph. : 011-21210833, 21210828, 7065036028

DP/8185/SHD/2024

J.C. FLOWERS ASSET RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED

Registered Office: 203-206, 2nd Floor, Wing A, Inspire BKC, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai 400051, India. CIN: U74999MH2015PTC264081 Telephone No.: +91 22 62580400

[See rule 8 (1) POSSESSION NOTICE]

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of J. C. Flowers Asset Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd. ("JCF ARC"), acting in its capacity as trustee of JCF YES Trust 2022-23/18 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("the Act"), Yes Bank Ltd. ("Assignor Bank") has absolutely assigned and transferred all the rights, title and interest in the financial assets pertaining to **SSV Marketing Private Limited ("Borrower")** together with the security created thereon in favour of JCF ARC vide Assignment Agreement executed on 16th December, 2022. In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a Demand Notice was issued to the Borrower, Guarantors and Mortgagors dated April 26, 2023 under Section 13(2) of the Act by JCF ARC calling upon (1) SSV Marketing Private Limited ("Borrower & Mortgagor No. 1") (2) Mr. Prateek Kumar ("Mortgagor No. 2") (3) Mr. Ketan Shah ("Guarantor No. 1") (4) Ms. Tejal Shah ("Guarantor No. 2"), (5) Mr. Bhavesh Shah ("Guarantor No. 3") and (6) Mr. Jashvanti Shah ("Guarantor No. 4") to repay the total amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 4,80,23,834.96/- (Rupees Four Crore Eighty Lakh Twenty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Four and Paise Ninety-Six only) as on April 04, 2023 with further interest and costs within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower, Mortgagors and Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower, Mortgagor and Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken POSSESSION of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on June 21, 2024.

The Borrower, Mortgagors and Guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of JCF ARC for an amount of Rs. 4,80,23,834.96/- (Rupees Four Crore Eighty Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Four and Paise Ninety Six only) as on April 04, 2023 with further interest and costs as mentioned in demand notice dated April 26, 2023 under section 13(2) issued to the Borrower, Mortgagors and Guarantors by JCF ARC.

The Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Equitable Mortgage by deposit of title deeds
Residential Flat / penthouse bearing No. PH - 1403, situated on 14th Floor, Pharoahs Tower of Block B1 in the complex "The Nile", Sector 49, Sohna Road, Gurgaon - 122002 owned by Mr. Prateek Kumar.

Date : June 21, 2024
Place : Gurgaon

Sd/-
Mr. Aman Bajaj
Authorised Officer
J. C. Flowers Asset Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd.
(acting in its capacity as trustee of JCF YES Trust 2022-23/18)

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

No.: DSL-TKD-AIR-DRYER-RT-24 Dated: 24.06.2024

The Sr.DME Diesel, Northern Railway, Diesel Loco Shed, Tughlakabad for and on behalf of President of India invites e-Tenders for the following work. The tender will be accepted online only in the prescribed tender document.

Name of work: M4B10H schedule overhauling of Air Dryers of Different Makes fitted in Diesel Shed TKD based Locomotives for 03 years (Qty. 238 Nos.)

Place of work: Diesel Shed, Tughlakabad, New Delhi-110044.

Completion Period: 3 Years

Approximate cost of work: Rs. 33,22,258.66/- including GST (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Twenty Two Hundred Fifty Eight and Sixty Six paise Only)

Amount of Bid Security: Rs. 66,500/- (Rs. Sixty Six Thousand Five Hundred Only)

Technical & Financial Eligibility Criteria: As per clause 10 of tender form (second sheet) of Tender Document.

Website to download and upload e-tender document: www.reps.gov.in

Due date & time of uploading of Tender by tenderer: 16.07.2024 upto 12:00 Hrs.

Date & Time of Tender opening: 16.07.2024 After 12:00 Hrs.

Validity of offer: 60 days from opening of tender

Allocation: 05-311-32

Tender Document can be downloaded from Indian Railway website www.reps.gov.in. For details of work experience, scope of work and terms & conditions please see Tender document.

19/18/24

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that this Person (depicted in the photo) namely **Narender Singh Gusain S/o Late Fateh Singh Gusain R/o H. No. T-147A, 3rd Floor, Baljeet Nagar, New Delhi** has been missing from residence on **14.06.2024 at 07:00 AM**. In this regard a FIR No./DD No. 82-A Dated **18.06.2024** has been lodged at **PS Patel Nagar, New Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this person but no clue has come to light so far.

His physical description is as under:-
Sex: Male, **Age:** 42 years, **Height:** 5'6" ft., **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Navy colour Jeans, green colour T-Shirt and sports shoes in feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the following telephones numbers:-

SHO P.S. Patel Nagar, Delhi
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph. No.: 011-25872637, 25926101
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Mob. No.: 8750870434
Fax No.: 011-24368639 DP/8022/CD/2024

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that a unidentified dead body of a male named **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown found dead on 19.06.2024 from Road No. 29, in front of the gate of Delhi Fire Station, Paschim Vihar, Delhi.** In this regard **DD No. 62A, dated 19.06.2024** has been lodged at Police Station Paschim Vihar East, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: About 60 Years, Height: 5'8", Complexion: Shallow, Built: Thin, Face: Long, Wearing: Cream Colour Kurta, Printed Shorts and bare foot.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO P.S. Paschim Vihar East, Delhi
Ph: 9213282445

DP/8213/OD/2024

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that one male person **Namely: Sunil kumar, S/o: Lt. Mahesh Kumar, R/o: H. No. A-808 Gali No-19 Part-04 Sonia Vihar Delhi** Sex: Male, Age: 24 Years, Height: 5'6", Face: Oval Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Thin Wearing: Red Colour Shirt and Fouji Colour Lower & Hawaai Chappal in Feet, (जिसकी दिमागी हालत ठीक नहीं है) has been missing since 22.06.2024 from H. No. A-808 Gali No-19 Part-04 Sonia Vihar Delhi from the Jurisdiction of Police Station Khajuri Khas, Delhi. In this regard **GD No. 0024A Date: 23.06.2024** has been registered at P.S.: Khajuri Khas, Delhi.

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.

Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-Mail ID : cic@cbi.gov.in **SHO P.S.: Khajuri Khas, Delhi.**
Fax: 011-24368639 P.S.: Khajuri Khas, Delhi.
DP/8173/NE/2024 Mobile: 87808707727, 9210394782

नगर निगम, प्रयागराज। ई-निविदा सूचना

पत्रांक सं020-3088/ज0सम्प0अधि0/2024 दिनांक : 26/06/2024

नगर निगम, प्रयागराज की चाहनों / मशनों में जी०पी०एस०डिवाइसें लगाये जाने एवं 03 वर्ष के संचालन एवं अनुरक्षण कार्य हेतु डुअल बिड ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है, विस्तृत विवरण निविदा प्रपत्र वेबसाइट में उपलब्ध रहेगा। निविदा प्रपत्र उरार प्रदेश की ई-प्रक्रोसेमेंट की वेबसाइट <http://etender.up.nic.in> से प्राप्त एवं देखे जा सकते हैं। निविदा के साथ मांग की गयी जमानत की धनराशि एफ०डी०आर०/आर०टी०जी०एस० रसीद की स्कैन कॉपी के रूप में संलग्न करना अनिवार्य होगा, जो मुख्य अभियन्ता (वि/या), नगर निगम, प्रयागराज के नाम लगेज होगा। बिना जमानत की धनराशि के निविदा अवैध मानी जायेगी। निविदा प्रकाशन के निर्धारित तिथि तक निविदा शुल्क की धनराशि नगर निगम, प्रयागराज के इण्डस्ट्रियल बैंक, सिविल लाइन्स, प्रयागराज शाखा में टेंडर कॉस्ट खाता संख्या-100116210130 व **IFSC Code- INDB0001124** में जमा करना होगा। जिसकी रसीद तथा जमानत धनराशि के एफ०डी०आर०/आर०टी०जी०एस० रसीद 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 प्रपत्र वेबसाइट पर अपलोड करने की तिथि	02/07/2024	अपरान्ह 11:00 बजे से
निविदादाताओं द्वारा निविदा प्रपत्र वेबसाइट पर अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि	19/07/2024	अपरान्ह 5:00 बजे तक
निविदा खोलने की तिथि	19/07/2024	सांयकाल 5:30 बजे तक
क्र० सं०	कार्य/वाहन का विवरण	निविदा फार्म का मूल्य धरोहर की धनराशि
1.	Supply Installation & Commissioning of 730 nos. Vehicle Tracking GPD in Prayagraj Municipal Corporation	रू 5000/- + 18% GST = रू 5900/-

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

हस्ता/-
मुख्य अभियन्ता (वि/या)
नगर निगम, प्रयागराज।

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) **Sushil Shukla @ Ravi S/o Shri Niwas Shukla R/o H. No. T-429, Mangolpuri, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 22/2017 U/s 380/457/511/279/34 IPC, PS Rajouri Garden, Delhi and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) **Sushil Shukla @ Ravi** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) **Sushil Shukla @ Ravi** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) **Sushil Shukla @ Ravi** of case FIR No. 22/2017 U/s 380/457/511/279/34 IPC, PS Rajouri Garden, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated **01.08.2024**

By Order
Shashank Nandan Bhatt
MM-02, West,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/8054/WD/2024
(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Rajan Thakur @ Karan @ Dhore S/o Jangbahadur Thakur R/o H.No.: Side I-43, Vikas Puri, Delhi and Vegabond Grill, Vikas Puri, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence case FIR No.-28/2022, Cr. Case No.: 1304/2022 u/s 394/411/34 IPC at P.S. Rajouri Garden, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Rajan Thakur @ Karan @ Dhore** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Rajan Thakur @ Karan @ Dhore** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in the case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Rajan Thakur @ Karan @ Dhore** accused of FIR No.-28/2022, Cr. Case No.: 1304/2022 u/s 394/411/34 IPC at P.S. Rajouri Garden, New Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on **18.09.2024**

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

DP/8138/WD/2024

WESTERN RAILWAY - BHAVNAGAR DIVISION VARIOUS ENGINEERING WORKS

Sr. No.	E-Tender No & Name of Work	Tender Value (Rs.)	EMD Rs.
1	58/2024-25 Surendranagar Damnagar section: Replacement of Pota Cabin at recently manned level crossings by providing permanent structure (10 LCs) in PRCL Section.	1,05,31,985.05	2,02,700.00
2	59/2024-25 Group work: (1) Closure of LC No. 9 between Dhola Junction Phasa and (2) Closure of LC No. 190 between Dhola Junction Bhavnagar Terminus section both by providing connecting road.	1,28,04,461.64	2,14,000.00
3	60/2024-25 Bhavnagar Division: Re-surfacing at level crossings of Surendra nagar Pipavav section	68,75,574.53	1,37,500.00
4	61/2024-25 Assistant Divisional Engineer Botad Sub Division: Requirement of various boards etc. at.	57,24,607.27	1,14,500.00
5	62/2024-25 Surendranagar Pipavav section: Improvement of Infrastructure at Level Crossings.	68,11,789.83	1,36,200.00
6	63/2024-25 Supply of portable drinking water on various locations such as stations, gang huts, gate lodges and railway colony etc. with contractor's own all arrangement for the period of three years on Surendranagar-Lathid section	59,99,613.17	1,20,000.00
7	64/2024-25 DEN C jurisdiction: Supply of monsoon reserve to recoup for two years	39,97,618.90	80,000.00
8	65/2024-25 Trimming-cutting of trees in the Surendranagar-Pipavav, Rajula-Mahuva, Dhola-Sihor-Palitana, Sihor-Bhavnagar, Kanalus-Wansajalia Bhaktinagar-Jetalsar section	24,21,342.50	48,400.00
9	66/2024-25 Construction of Gati Shakti unit Office building at Bhavnagar Para Railway Colony	3,00,37,565.53	3,00,200.00

For All above Tender: Bidding Start Date: 28/06/2024 Date of Bidding Closing: 12/07/2024 NIT has been uploaded on railway web site www.reps.gov.in on Date - 20-06-2024

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SHO P.S. Paschim Vihar East, Delhi
Ph: 9213282445

DP/8213/OD/2024

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Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-Mail ID : cic@cbi.gov.in **SHO P.S.: Khajuri Khas, Delhi.**
Fax: 011-24368639 P.S.: Khajuri Khas, Delhi.
DP/8173/NE/2024 Mobile: 87808707727, 9210394782

नगर निगम, प्रयागराज। ई-निविदा सूचना

पत्रांक सं020-3088/ज0सम्प0अधि0/2024 दिनांक : 26/06/2024

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नगर निगम, प्रयागराज। ई-निविदा सूचना

पत्रांक सं020-3088/ज0सम्प0अधि0/2024 दिनांक : 26/06/2024

नगर निगम, प्रयागराज की चाहनों / मशनों में जी०पी०एस०डिवाइसें लगाये जाने एवं 03 वर्ष के संचालन एवं अनुरक्षण कार्य हेतु डुअल बिड ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है, विस्तृत विवरण निविदा प्रपत्र वेबसाइट में उपलब्ध रहेगा। निविदा प्रपत्र उरार प्रदेश की ई-प्रक्रोसेमेंट की वेबसाइट <http://etender.up.nic.in> से प्राप्त एवं देखे जा सकते हैं। निविदा के साथ मांग की गयी जमानत की धनराशि एफ०डी०आर०/आर०टी०जी०एस० रसीद की स्कैन कॉपी के रूप में संलग्न करना अनिवार्य होगा, जो मुख्य अभियन्ता (वि/या), नगर निगम, प्रयागराज के नाम लगेज होगा। बिना जमानत की धनराशि के निविदा अवैध मानी जायेगी। निविदा प्रकाशन के निर्धारित तिथि तक निविदा शुल्क की धनराशि नगर निगम, प्रयागराज के इण्डस्ट्रियल बैंक, सिविल लाइन्स, प्रयागराज शाखा में टेंडर कॉस्ट खाता संख्या-100116210130 व **IFSC Code- INDB0001124** में जमा करना होगा। जिसकी रसीद तथा जमानत धनराशि के एफ०डी०आर०/आर०टी०जी०एस० रसीद 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।

TAMIL NADU CO-OPERATIVE SUGAR FEDERATION LTD.,
"AAVIN ILLAM, 1st FLOOR, 3-A, PASUPON MUTHURAMALINGANAR SALAI, NANDANAM, CHENNAI - 600 035. Phone: 044-24330083, 24344177 E-mail: tamilnaducooperativesugarfederation@gmail.com

E-Tender Notice

Appointment of Manpower Contractor for Operation and Maintenance (O&M) and supply of Manpower for Bagasse / Coal / Bio-mass Based Co-generation Power Plants in 7 Cooperative and Public Sector Sugar Mills for 2024-25 year

E-Tender details
E-Tender Web Portal: <https://etenders.gov.in>
Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 1,80,000/- per mill
Pre Bid Meeting will be held on: 10-07-2024 @ 11.00 AM
Due Date & Time for Submission of e-tender: 27-07-2024 @ 11.00 AM
E-Tender opening of Part I (Technical bid) date & Time: 29-07-2024 @ 12.05 PM onwards

For Further details visit Website: <https://etenders.gov.in> and tender form can be downloaded at free of cost Chennai. 26.06.2024
DIPR/2094/Tender/2024 Administrator (FAC)

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER INDRAWATI PROJECT CIRCLE, JAGDALPUR (CHHATTISGARH)

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

System Tender No. 155135/ NIT No.: 01/SAC/24-25 Dated: 24.06.2024

Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 15.07.2024 at 17.30 Hours.

Name of work- Construction of Sub Divisional Officer Office Building, Residential Building and Boundary Wall at Block Keshkal, District Kondagaon.

Probable Amount of Contract: Rs. 109.43 Lakhs (As per S.O.R dated 01.08.2010 and amended upto dated 22.08.2022).

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 01.07.2024, at 17.31 Hours. (IST) onwards.

NOTE: All eligible/intrested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Water Resources Division, Kondagaon
For, Superintending Engineer
Indrawati Project Circle, Jagdalpur (C.G.)

WESTERN RAILWAY - BHAVNAGAR DIVISION VARIOUS ENGINEERING WORKS

Sr. No.	E-Tender No & Name of Work	Tender Value (Rs.)	EMD Rs.
1	58/2024-25 Surendranagar Damnagar section: Replacement of Pota Cabin at recently manned level crossings by providing permanent structure (10 LCs) in PRCL Section.	1,05,31,985.05	2,02,700.00
2	59/2024-25 Group work: (1) Closure of LC No. 9 between Dhola Junction Phasa and (2) Closure of LC No. 190 between Dhola Junction Bhavnagar Terminus section both by providing connecting road.	1,28,04,461.64	2,14,000.00
3	60/2024-25 Bhavnagar Division: Re-surfacing at level crossings of Surendra nagar Pipavav section	68,75,574.53	1,37,500.00
4	61/2024-25 Assistant Divisional Engineer Botad Sub Division: Requirement of various boards etc. at.	57,24,607.27	1,14,500.00
5	62/2024-25 Surendranagar Pipavav section: Improvement of Infrastructure at Level Crossings.	68,11,789.83	1,36,200.00
6	63/2024-25 Supply of portable drinking water on various locations such as stations, gang huts, gate lodges and railway colony etc. with contractor's own all arrangement for the period of three years on Surendranagar-Lathid section	59,99,613.17	1,20,000.00
7	64/2024-25 DEN C jurisdiction: Supply of monsoon reserve to recoup for two years	39,97,618.90	80,000.00
8	65/2024-25 Trimming-cutting of trees in the Surendranagar-Pipavav, Rajula-Mahuva, Dhola-Sihor-Palitana, Sihor-Bhavnagar, Kanalus-Wansajalia Bhaktinagar-Jetalsar section	24,21,342.50	48,400.00
9	66/2024-25 Construction of Gati Shakti unit Office building at Bhavnagar Para Railway Colony	3,00,37,565.53	3,00,200.00

For All above Tender: Bidding Start Date: 28/06/2024 Date of Bidding Closing: 12/07/2024 NIT has been uploaded on railway web site www.reps.gov.in on Date - 20-06-2024

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सार्वजनिक सूचना

नगर निगम गुरुग्राम के द्वारा सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि पलम्बर रजिस्ट्रेशन के लिए दिनांक 05.07.2024 तक आवेदन पत्र जमा कराने की तिथि निर्धारित की गई है। अतः योग्य उम्मीदवार अपने आवेदन पत्र के साथ सम्बन्धित दस्तावेज लगाकर वाटर बिलिंग शाखा, द्वितीय तल, सो वन इन्फो सीटी, नगर निगम कार्यालय में जमा कराना सुनिश्चित करें। दिनांक 05.07.2024 के उपरान्त कोई भी आवेदन स्वीकार्य नहीं होगा। आवेदन पत्र उपरोक्त कार्यालय में उपलब्ध है तथा आवेदन के लिए नियम व शर्तें इस प्रकार हैं।

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,
पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, गढ़वा
E-mail - eercdgarhwa-jhr@nic.in, Ph.:- 06561-223543

अति आवश्यक सूचना
 एतद् द्वारा PRL Project and Infrastructure Limited, At- 34/1, Vikas Apartments, East Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi को इस प्रेस विज्ञापन के माध्यम से सूचित किया जाता है कि पथ प्रमंडल, गढ़वा अन्तर्गत भवनाथपुर-कांडी भाया कैलन पथ के कि०मी० 0.00 से 25.866 का पुनर्निर्माण कार्य, जिसका एकरारनामा सं० 23 SBD/17-18 एवं दिनांक 30.01.18 द्वारा आवंटित था एवं कार्य पूर्णता की तिथि दिनांक- 29.09.2019 थी। परन्तु इतनी लंबी अवधि बीत जाने के बावजूद भी वर्तमान अवधि उपरान्त भी उक्त कार्य पूर्ण नहीं किया जा सका है। अघोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा समय-समय पर विभिन्न पत्रों द्वारा दिये गये निर्देश के बावजूद भी पथ योजना कार्य को पूर्ण करने हेतु समुचित प्रयास नहीं किया गया एवं मनमाने ढंग से कार्य निष्पादन कर, अपने ही द्वारा पूर्व में प्रमंडलीय कार्यालय में समाप्त, विभिन्न पुनरीक्षित कार्य-योजना (Revised Work Programme) का भी बारंबार उल्लंघन कर कार्य एकरारनामा के शर्तों का उल्लंघन किया गया एवं अद्यतन दिवस तक वर्णित पथ कार्य पूर्ण नहीं हो सका है।

अतः इस प्रेस विज्ञापन के माध्यम से आपको तीसरी एवं अंतिम रूप से सूचित किया जाता है, कि यथाशीघ्र अवशेष कार्य पूर्ण कर दें, अन्यथा बाध्य होकर आपको आवंटित कार्य रद्द करते हुए आपके विरुद्ध एकरारनामा के सुसंगत कडिकाओं के आलोक में तत्संबंधी समस्त कार्रवाई प्रारंभ कर, नियमानुसार जमानत की राशि जब्त कर लिया जायेगा, जिसके लिए आप स्वयं जिम्मेवार होंगे।

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 कार्यपालक अभियंता,
 पथ विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, गढ़वा।
 PR 327710 Road(24-25)D

झारखण्ड राज्य ग्रामीण पथ विकास प्राधिकरण (JSRRDA)
 एफ०एफ०पी० भवन, तृतीय तल्ला, धुर्वा, राँची -834004, झारखण्ड

ई-निविदा संख्या:- 07/2024-25 दिनांक :- 25.06.24

मुख्य अभियंता, जे०एस०आर०आर०डी०ए०, राँची द्वारा निम्नविषयक के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र० सं०	आई०टी०फिकेशन संख्या/पैकेज संख्या	प्रयोज्य का नाम	कार्य का नाम	अंश म (लाख में)	अंश म (रुपये में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	JH-M-DUM-14/2023-24	जामा	आर०ई०ओ० रोड से हेमचरणी तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य (लं०-2.044 कि०मी०)			
		जामा	पिपरा से सिरसानाथ मंदिर भाया लोलावरी तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं०-3.000 कि०मी०)			
		जामा	पी०डब्ल्यू०डी० रोड लकड़ापहाड़ी से मदनपुर तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं०-1.400 कि०मी०)			
		जामा	बसकिचा मोड़ से बसकिचा तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं०-0.968 कि०मी०)	1061.754	दस करोड़ इकसठ लाख पचास हजार चार सौ ०० मात्र	15 महीना
		जामा	संजाकोड़ा मोड़ से जाराटिकर तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं०-1.050 कि०मी०)			
		जामा	सिलदा से प्रभासिंहार तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं०-1.320 कि०मी०)			
		जामा	कीरायनी मोड़ से अगोया तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं०-1.070 कि०मी०)			
		जामा	हल्दी पट्टी मोड़ से पधरुली भाया धनाडीह तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं०-4.200 कि०मी०)			
		जामा	पुनरुआ मोड़ से पुनरुआ तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं०-2.300 कि०मी०)			

2. वेबसाइट से निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:-28.06.2024
 3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:- 22.07.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
 4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:-23.07.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।
 5. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता:- मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, जे०एस०आर०आर०डी०ए०, राँची, एफ०एफ०पी० भवन, तृतीय तल्ला, धुर्वा, राँची -834004, झारखण्ड।
 6. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं०:-

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

अभियंता प्रमुख
 ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग-सह-
 जे०एस०आर०आर०डी०ए०, राँची।
 PR 327696 Rural Work Department (24-25)D

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE EX-SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH SCHEME STATION CELL (ECHS), AMBALA CANTT
PHONE: 0171 2981162 Email: echsstncellambala@yahoo.in

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

1. ECHS invites applications to engage following Medical, Para Medical & Non-Medical Staff on contractual basis in ECHS Polyclinics under AOR of Station Cell (ECHS), Ambala Cantt for a period of 12/11 months renewable for additional period of 12/11 months/till attaining the maximum age subject to performance of candidates/other conditions according to the criteria as mentioned against each post:-

Appointment	Minimum Qualification	No of Vacancy		Fixed Remuneration
		ESM Only	Open (ESM/Civilian)	
Medical Officer	MBBS & Min 05 Yrs Experience after Internship Preferable Additional Qualification in Medicine/Surgery	07 (Panipat-01, Karnal-02, Kaithal-01, Kurukshetra-01 & Naraingarh-02)	13 (Ambala-07, Sonapat-02, Kaithal-01, Kharakhoda-01 & Yamuna Nagar-02)	Rs 75,000/-pm each
Dental Officer	BDS & Min 05 Yrs Experience	01 (Kharakhoda)	04 (Ambala-01, Nahan-01, Kaithal-01 & Gohana-01)	
Medical Specialist/ Gynaecologist	MD/MS in Specialty Concerned/DNB & Min 05 yrs Experience in the Specialty after Post Graduation	-	01 (Sonapat) 01 Ambala	Rs 1,00,000/-pm each
Radiologist	PG Degree & Min 03 Yrs Experience after PG Degree	-	01 (Sonapat)	
Dental A/T/H	Diploma Holder in Dental A/T/H/Class-1 DH/DORA Course (Armed Forces) & Min 05 Yrs Experience in Dental Laboratory	02 (Panipat-01 & Kurukshetra-01)	06 (Sonapat-01, Gohana-01, Kaithal-01, Naraingarh-01, Nahan-01 & Yamunanagar-01)	
Nursing Assistant	GNM Diploma/Class-1 Nursing Assistants Course (Armed Forces) & Min 05 Yrs Experience	01 (Kaithal)	06 (Ambala-01, Sonapat-01, Kurukshetra-01, Naraingarh-01, Gohana-01 & Yamuna Nagar-01)	Rs 28,100/-pm each
Pharmacist	B Pharmacy or diploma in pharmacy from Recognised Institute Or 12th with Science stream from Recognised Bd & Min 03 Yrs Experience	02 (Nahan-01 & Kurukshetra-01)	05 (Kurukshetra-01, Ambala-02, Panipat-01 & Yamuna Nagar-01)	
Physiotherapist	Diploma/Class-1 Physiotherapist Course (Armed Forces) & Min 05 Yrs Work Experience	-	01 (Yamuna Nagar)	
Laboratory Technician	B Sc (Medical lab Technology) Or 10th/12th with Science from Recognized Institute/ Board/ DMLT & Min 03 Yrs Experience in Laboratory Asst in a Medical Lab	01 (Panipat)	03 (Kaithal-01, Kharakhoda-01 & Yamuna Nagar-01)	
Laboratory Assistant	DMLT/Class-1 Lab Tech Course (Armed Forces) & Min 05 yrs Work Experience in Laboratory.	01 (Ambala)	04 (Sonapat-01, Naraingarh-01, Kurukshetra-01 & Yamuna Nagar-01)	
Radiographer	Diploma/Class-1 Radiographer Course (Armed Forces) & Min 05 Yrs Experience	01 (Sonapat)	02 (Kaithal-01 & Yamunanagar-01)	
Driver	Class 8th Class-1 MT Driver (Armed Forces) Possess a Civil Driving Licence & Min 05 Yrs Experience as Driver	01 (Panipat)	06 (Ambala-01, Nahan-01, Karnal-01, Naraingarh-01, Kaithal-01 & Kurukshetra-01)	Rs 19,700/-pm
Clerk	Graduate/Class-1 Clerical Trade (Armed Forces), Computer qualified & Min 05 Yrs Experience	09 (Ambala-02, Nahan-01, Panipat-01, Yamuna Nagar-01, Karnal-01, Naraingarh-01, Kharakhoda-01, & Kurukshetra-01)	03 (Kaithal-01, Nahan-01, Yamuna Nagar-01, Karnal-01, Naraingarh-01, Kharakhoda-01, & Kurukshetra-01)	
Data Entry Operator/ Receptionist		02 (Ambala)	02 (Ambala)	
Peon	Class 8th or GD Trade for Armed forces & Min 05 Yrs Experience	01 (Ambala)	01 (Ambala)	
Chowkidar	Education (Class 8th or GD Trade for Armed Forces Personnel)		03 (Panipat-01, Karnal-01 & Gohana-01)	Rs 16,800/-pm each
Safaiwala	Literate & Min 05 Yrs Experience		08 (Ambala-01, Karnal-01, Panipat-01, Kharakhoda-01, Kaithal-01, Naraingarh-01, Gohana-01, Yamuna Nagar-01)	Rs. 19,700/- pm for Clerk-02 at Ambala
Female Attendant	Literate & Min 05 Yrs Experience in Civil/Army Health Institutions		01 (Gohana)	

2. For Terms & Conditions, Application Form & Remuneration Website www.echs.gov.in Preference will be given to Ex-Servicemen. Selected candidates in the category of Medical Officer, Medical Specialist, Radiologist, Gynaecologist & Dental Officer will have to carry out 10 days On Job Training (OJT)/Handing/Taking Over and obtain a certificate from OIC Polyclinic before signing the contract. The duration of OJT will remain unpaid and counted as mandatory before assuming charge as a contractual employee.

3. Last date of receipt of application as per format given at our website, Application as per format in only physical form along with self-attested photocopies in support of Education Qualifications, PAN, Aadhar Cards, Work Experience. Original copies of Latest Medical Certificate signed by SEMO/CMO & Character certificates, NOC from concerned Station Cell (If candidate working with any Army Organisation), Copy of Discharge Book and PPO for ESM will be submitted to OIC, Stn Cell (ECHS), Ambala Cantt by 12 July 2024 till 01:00 PM. An application received after 12 July 2024 (01:00 PM) will not be accepted.

4. Interview Date, Timing & Venue. Interviews will be held between 0900 hrs to 1330 hrs from 05 Aug 2024 onwards Specific date/time will be intimated Candidates must bring all the original certificates/mark sheets degree at the time of interview. No TA/DA is admissible Only candidates meeting the Qualitative Requirements may apply & only screened candidates will be called telephonically for interview.

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Board/Corp/ AUTH	Name of Work/Notice Tender	Opening Date Closing Date (Times)	Amount (EMD) (Approx.) IN Rupees	Website of the Board/Corp/AUTH	Nodal Officer/ Contact Details/E-MAIL
1	THE ROHTAK CO OF MILK PRODUCERS UNION LIMITED	SALE OF SCRAP ITEMS	29.06.2024 22.07.2024	AS PER DNIT	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	999677829 vtiandata@gmail.com
2	THE ROHTAK CO OF MILK PRODUCERS UNION LIMITED	HIRING OF SPACE ON RENT IN MUNDKA (DELHI)	29.06.2024 20.07.2024	AS PER DNIT	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	999677829 vtiandata@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in No- 27191_HRY

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Board/Corp/ AUTH	Name of Work/Notice Tender	Opening Date Closing Date (Times)	Amount (EMD) (Approx.) IN Rupees	Website of the Board/Corp/ACTH	Nodal Officer/ Contact Details/E-MAIL
1	MARKET COMMITTEE GANAUER	CLEANLINESS WORK AND MAINTENANCE OF TOILETS IN ALL MADRES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF MARKET COMMITTEE GANAUER. 1. NEW GRAIN MARKET GANAUER. 2. VEGETABLE MARKET GANAUER. 3. SUB-YARD PUGTHALA (GANSAL). 4. PURCHASE CENTER GANAUER-1 (GURKHAHS (IRANAPERA (BHEBAPALE) I.E. ROAD, COMMON PLATFORMS, INDIVIDUAL PLATFORM, COVERED SHEDS, PARKING AREA, CLEANING OF TOILETS, URINALS, WATER COOLER ROOMS, OFFICE BUILDING AND OTHER AREA OF MANDI ETC	CLOSING DATE 30.06.2024	EMD AS PER GOVT INSTRUCTIONS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	822194609 anagarua307@gmail.com

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झारखण्ड राज्य ग्रामीण पथ विकास प्राधिकरण (JSRRDA)
 एफ०एफ०पी० भवन, तृतीय तल्ला, धुर्वा, राँची -834004, झारखण्ड

अल्पकालीन ई- पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (3rd Call)
PR No. -318226 Dated 07.02.2024

अल्पकालीन ई-पुनर्निविदा संख्या:- 09/2024-25 दिनांक :- 25.06.24

मुख्य अभियंता, जे०एस०आर०आर०डी०ए०, राँची द्वारा निम्नविषयक के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र० सं०	आई०टी०फिकेशन संख्या/पैकेज संख्या	प्रयोज्य का नाम	कार्य का नाम	अंश म (लाख में)	अंश म (रुपये में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	JH-M-DHN-10/2023-24	बाघमारा	योगेश्वर मोड़ दिशि पहाडी भाया शौधपुर लक्ष्मीटांड तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं० - 2.865 कि०मी०)			
		बाघमारा	आर०सी०डी० पथ से बरौरा तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं० - 1.750 कि०मी०)			
		बाघमारा	एन०एच०-32 मुसोिया से माटडीह पुल तक भाया कंचनपुर कुमारीह, कंचरा तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं० - 5.880 कि०मी०)			
		बाघमारा	खरखरी रेलवे पुल से फुलवारीटांड भाया सहना तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं० - 1.790 कि०मी०)			
		बाघमारा	सिन्धवाटांड से रामजरा मंदिर (विटाही) भाया बहियारीह तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं० - 3.900 कि०मी०)	1330.498	तेरह करोड़ तीस लाख उनचास हजार आठ सौ ०० मात्र	15 महीना
		बाघमारा	आर०ई०ओ० पथ (सुराही)-मारी पूर पथ से झुवा पथ परिया तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं० - 1.610 कि०मी०)			
		बाघमारा	पायरागारा से कमलिया निचमरि भाया जुदुटांड तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं० - 2.950 कि०मी०)			
		बाघमारा	एन०एच०-32 तेलमचौ से जुमोिया रेलवे फाटक भाया अंभारी तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं० - 3.620 कि०मी०)			
		बाघमारा	एन०एच०-32 पतराकुली से आर०सी०डी० पथ रामपुर भाया कुमारीहोरी तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं० - 4.250 कि०मी०)			
		बाघमारा	मुसुराडीह से तरगा तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं० - 2.400 कि०मी०)			
		बाघमारा	मुंडीलाडीह हरि मंदिर से कदमटांड भाया मंडुडीह तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं० - 2.050 कि०मी०)			

2. वेबसाइट से निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:-27.06.2024
 3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:- 08.07.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
 4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:-09.07.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।
 5. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता:- मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, जे०एस०आर०आर०डी०ए०, राँची, एफ०एफ०पी० भवन, तृतीय तल्ला, धुर्वा, राँची -834004, झारखण्ड।
 6. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं०:-

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

अभियंता प्रमुख,
 ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग-सह-
 जे०एस०आर०आर०डी०ए०, राँची।
 PR 327697 (Rural Work Department) 24-25 (D)

झारखण्ड सरकार
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ।

ई- पुनर्निविदा संख्या :- 03/2024-25/EE/RWD/SRK दिनांक 26.06.2024

1. कार्य का नाम

क्र. सं.	ID No. / पैकेज संख्या	प्रयोज्य का नाम	कार्य का नाम	अंश म (लाख में)	अंश म (रुपये में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि	टेंडर कोल
		नीमडीह	जामवीह रेलवे कोरिंग से सिरका तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 2.75 कि०मी०)				
		नीमडीह	बान्टु से पडकोडीह तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 0.860 कि०मी०)				
		नीमडीह	हुडरू पायराडीह पीडब्ल्यूडी रोड से लाकडी तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 6.26 कि०मी०)				
		नीमडीह	हेंसालीग से चंडिया तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 2.65 कि०मी०)				
		नीमडीह	रामनगर बान्टु रोड से पुर्णिया मोड़ पीडब्ल्यूडी रोड तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 2.485 कि०मी०)	1367.109	तेरह करोड़ सत्रसठ लाख दस हजार नौ सौ मात्र।	12 माह	3 rd Call
		नीमडीह	एफ०एच०-32 बोरें रोड से माहुला तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 3.950 कि०मी०)				
		नीमडीह	पिंकी रेलवे गेट से बुरुजुल तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 5.37 कि०मी०)				
		ईंचागढ़	टिकर से नदीसाई तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 3.200 कि०मी०)				
		ईंचागढ़	किरडीह से रडडीह तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 1.800 कि०मी०)				
		ईंचागढ़	जारागोडीह से सडो तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 1.800 कि०मी०)				
		ईंचागढ़	बोडडीह करनरा से पुनरडीह तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 2.320 कि०मी०)				
		ईंचागढ़	लेटमचा रेलवे लाइन से बौवाबीर नाव तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 2.200 कि०मी०)				
		ईंचागढ़	बौदा कारोला बोक से सारडीह भाया मानकीडीह तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 3.500 कि०मी०)				
		ईंचागढ़	कुकुडू से ईंकोडीह तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 4.300 कि०मी०)	1397.860		15 माह	2 nd Call
		ईंचागढ़	चिपडी हाई स्कूल से बुनीडीह भाया सारगाडीह तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 3.20 कि०मी०)				
		कुचाई	सिवाडीह से गुरुपानी भाया तुदुदीह तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 5.950 कि०मी०)				
		कुचाई	जिंभार से जोडीडीह भाया कोपडीह तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 3.475 कि०मी०)				
		कुचाई	दलमंगा से पुनडीह तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 3.068 कि०मी०)				
		कुचाई	जोडीहाट से लुमडीह तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 3.386 कि०मी०)	1228.798		15 माह	2 nd Call
		कुचाई	पारया से देवापहाड तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 1.882 कि०मी०)				
		चाण्डल	चाण्डल डेम रोड (मुंघिया रोड) से दिवाडीह भाया बोरापिन्दा तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 5.50 कि०मी०)				
		ईंचागढ़	तामारी से अतरग्राम तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 1.87 कि०मी०)				
		ईंचागढ़	लेपाटांड से कुन्परीलींग भाया बुवालीग तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 4.10 कि०मी०)				
		ईंचागढ़	झाखवा मोड़ से आदरडीह भाया डाइटांड तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 4.375 कि०मी०)				
		ईंचागढ़	कुकुडू (हिंमूली) से चानो तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 2.30 कि०मी०)				
		ईंचागढ़	तिलुडीह बौदा पथ से सपारुन तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 2.80 कि०मी०)	1245.351		12 माह	3 rd Call
		ईंचागढ़	रुनडी बाजार से कुटाम तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 2.40 कि०मी०)				
		राजमनगर	खोखरी से जुनाल तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 5.50 कि०मी०)				
		महरिया	दुधवा से यमपुर तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 1.90 कि०मी०)				
		महरिया	तिल्ला रमाटांड से नदीघाट भाया गुमाग तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 3.00 कि०मी०)				
		महरिया	पद्मपुर कुमारी जारुडीहोली पथ से मुकुडम (मन्डरिया स्टेशन) तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 3.20 कि०मी०)				
		सरायकेला	दोलनडीह बोक से पाण्डू लोहे हुए डुण्डू ग्राम तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 6.50 कि०मी०)	1136.190		15 माह	3 rd Call
		सरायकेला	L040 मारुडीह से कोपे तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 2. 985 कि०मी०)				

2. वेबसाइट से निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :- 03.07.2024
 3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- 13.07.2024 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक।
 4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- 15.07.2024 को अपराह्न 03:30 बजे।
 5. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ।
 6. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष संख्या :- 7209661815

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कार्यपालक अभियंता
 ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल,
 सरायकेला-खरसावाँ।

PR.NO.327783 Rural Work Department(24-25):D

V. O. CHIDAMBARANAR PORT AUTHORITY
MARINE DEPARTMENT, TUTICORIN- 628 004.

Online Electronic Tenders are invited by V.O. Chidambaram Port Authority, Tuticorin for experienced, reputed and financially sound contractors, as stipulated in the tender document for the following work:

Tender No: **M-TECH/607 BP and above Tug/ASTDS/2024-25**

Name of Work: **Supply, Manning, Operation and Maintenance of 170 T80 Tug Bollard Pull and above Highly Manoeuvrable ASD Tug to be built as per the ASTDS standard for V.O.C Port on hire basis for a period of seven years.**

Estimated value of Work of Tender online: **₹ 82,84,68,000 plus applicable GST.**

Downloading of Tender documents start date: **28/06/2024 @ 1000hrs**

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING OPEN TENDER ON LINE (E-TENDERING) DANAPUR DIVISION (ENGINEERING DEPT.)
 The Divisional Railway Manager, E. C. Railway, Danapur is inviting online (E-Tendering) Open Tender for and on behalf of the President of India from reputed contractor with experience, financial capability including those registered/working with Railway/Irrigation/CPWD/MES or any other public sector undertaking for the following work :-

Tender Notice No. : W-7/E-Tender/04/ Open/DNR/2024-25

Item No. : 1. SI.No. : 1. Name of the work with its location : Improvement of Road surface of various Level. Crossing including Widening of L.C. No.72 under ADEN/ BXR Section. 2. **Approx. Cost of work :** 2,78,43,614.20. 3. **Bid security :** 2,89,200/-

Item No. : 2. SI.No. : 1. Name of the work with its location : Provision of Rubberised Road surface pad at level crossing No.67, 69 & 72 under ADEN/ PNBE. 2. **Approx. Cost of work :** 1,01,39,965.60. 3. **Bid security :** 2,00,700/-

Item No. : 3. SI.No. : 1. Name of the work with its location : NWD- Construction of Type III 02 Nos. and Type- II 03 Nos. at Nawadah. 2. **Approx. Cost of work :** 90,23,000.74. 3. **Bid security :** 1,80,500/-

Item No. : 4. SI.No. : 1. Name of the work with its location : Replacement of Porta Cabin at LC No.6/C, 6/A/C, 40/C & 54/C by gate lodge in Kiul- Gaya Section. 2. **Approx. Cost of work :** 61,51,057.44. 3. **Bid security :** 1,23,000/-

Item No. : 5. SI.No. : 1. Name of the work with its location : Augmentation of Power Supply system by provision of SSP/LKR and SHT. 2. **Approx. Cost of work :** 50,35,948.67. 3. **Bid security :** 1,00,700/-

Item No. : 6. SI.No. : 1. Name of the work with its location : KEU & JA: Construction of 04 Unit Type- IV quarters for Officer of Memu Shed, Jhajha and 01 unit type-IV quarter at Kiul for Railway Magistrate under ADEN/KEU. 2. **Approx. Cost of work :** 1,74,15,313.05. 3. **Bid security :** 2,37,100/-

Item No. : 7. SI.No. : 1. Name of the work with its location : Provision of 01 Lakh gallon OH tank with Deep Tube well in connection with Quick watering facility as per CAMTECH design at Buxar Station. 2. **Approx. Cost of work :** 1,92,31,530.42. 3. **Bid security :** 2,46,200/-

Item No. : 8. SI.No. : 1. Name of the work with its location : Provision of cover shed on FOB at different station at KEU, Duman, MKA, BRYA, Hathidah, Tekabigha, Karauta, GHZ & BXR of Danapur Division. 2. **Approx. Cost of work :** 1,13,88,337.30. 3. **Bid security :** 2,02,000/-

Item No. : 9. SI.No. : 1. Name of the work with its location : Karahiya Halt: Provision of 3.00 metre wide FOB with ramp for Divyagjan at Karahiya station under ADEN/ BXR. 2. **Approx. Cost of work :** 2,10,11,293.03. 3. **Bid security :** 2,55,100/-

Item No. : 10. SI.No. : 1. Name of the work with its location : Provision of cover shed & Sump connectivity from Bridges at Newly Constructed 03 Nos. LHS (L.C. No. 25/C, 32/C & 33/C) in FUT-IPR Section and 01 No. LHS(LC No.29/C) in BKP-RGD Section of Danapur Division. 2. **Approx. Cost of work :** 1,73,62,579.79. 3. **Bid security :** 2,36,800/-

Item No. : 11. SI.No. : 1. Name of the work with its location : BKP: Replacement of T-10 staff quarters 10 units at BKP under SSE/WBPK. 2. **Approx. Cost of work :** 1,40,62,773.78. 3. **Bid security :** 2,20,300/-

Item No. : 12. SI.No. : 1. Name of the work with its location : Balance work for provision of cover shed & Sump connectivity from Bridge at Newly Constructed 06 Nos. LHS (L.C. No. 1/C, 2/C, 4/C, 5/C, 6/C & 9/C) in DHWN-BEHS Section of Danapur Division. 2. **Approx. Cost of work :** 2,22,07,072.42. 3. **Bid security :** 2,61,000/-

Item No. : 13. SI.No. : 1. Name of the work with its location : Aungardham Halt: Upgradation of passenger amenities at Aungardham Halt by raising and improvement of platform, waiting hall with provision of light under ADEN/RGD. 2. **Approx. Cost of work :** 1,77,31,831.47. 3. **Bid security :** 2,38,700/-

Item No. : 14. SI.No. : 1. Name of the work with its location : Replacement of existing signaling gears (PI) with Electronic Interlocking system (EI system) at Parsa Bazar & Hilsa station in Branch line under Danapur Division. 2. **Approx. Cost of work :** 81,38,965.60. 3. **Bid security :** 1,62,800/-

Item No. : 15. SI.No. : 1. Name of the work with its location : JHD: Construction of Type-III 02 nos. and Type-I 03 Nos. at Jehanabad under Sr.DEN/1/DNR section. 2. **Approx. Cost of work :** 90,23,000.74. 3. **Bid security :** 1,80,500/-

Item No. : 16. SI.No. : 1. Name of the work with its location : Provision of PF surfacing and improvement of approach road of BKP-RGD & FUT -IPR section of Danapur Division. 2. **Approx. Cost of work :** 86,62,849.85. 3. **Bid security :** 1,73,300/-

Item No. : 17. SI.No. : 1. Name of the work with its location : Patna-Replacement of 15 Nos. Type-II and 10 Nos. Type-III staff quarters in RMS Colony, Patna under SSE/W/PNBE. 2. **Approx. Cost of work :** 2,76,81,293.47. 3. **Bid security :** 2,88,400/-

Item No. : 18. SI.No. : 1. Name of the work with its location : Work of cement pebbly grouting of Br.No.61, 67, 72, 74, 76, 81, 82, 83, 84, 89, 90, 91, 97 & 02 under DEN/1/DNR of DNR DIVN. 2. **Approx. Cost of work :** 1,88,48,084.80. 3. **Bid security :** 2,44,300/-

Item No. : 19. SI.No. : 1. Name of the work with its location : Danapur: Construction of waiting hall, registration room and parking shed in Divisional Railway Hospital at Danapur under ADEN/HQ/DNR. 2. **Approx. Cost of work :** 72,82,800.68. 3. **Bid security :** 1,45,700/-

Item No. : 20. SI.No. : 1. Name of the work with its location : Patna Jn.: Construction of Rubberised path way of both end of Patna Jn. under ADEN/W/PNBE. 2. **Approx. Cost of work :** 2,17,19,976.85. 3. **Bid security :** 2,58,600/-

Item No. : 21. SI.No. : 1. Name of the work with its location : DNR: Improvement of Danapur Colony main road under ADEN/HQ/DNR. 2. **Approx. Cost of work :** 2,27,00,165.93. 3. **Bid security :** 2,63,500/-

Item No. : 22. SI.No. : 1. Name of the work with its location : PNBE: Soft upgradation of PIA (passenger interface area) at Patna Jn. 2. **Approx. Cost of work :** 54,85,423.79. 3. **Bid security :** 1,09,700/-

4. Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of Tender: The tender have to be submitted online on www.ireps.gov.in. Upto 12:00 hrs. on the date of opening i.e. 16.07.2024 and will be opened on the same day after 12:00 hrs. 5. **Website particulars, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender can be purchased etc. :** Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria & tender documents can be seen from the CRIS website. <http://www.ireps.gov.in> & full details of notice can be seen on office board. Amendments/modifications or any shall not be published in news papers, but the same shall be uploaded in the web-site. In case of any dispute in the English & Hindi version, modification/ publication in IREPS will be acceptable. It is tenderers responsibility to view web site for amendments/modifications and submit his tender accordingly.

Divnl. Railway Manager (Engg.) East Central Railway, Danapur PR/00566/DNR/ENGG/T/24-25/192

Office of the Principal Government Polytechnic, Asthawan, Nalanda
 E-mail ID - gp.nalanda@gmail.com, Website- www.gpsthawannalanda.org.in
NIT NO. - 04/2024
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
 (Through e-procurement mode only - www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

Government Polytechnic, Asthawan, Nalanda has been established under the Department of Science, Technology and Technical Education, Government of Bihar inviting e-Bids for hiring service provider for Internet Leased Line at Government Polytechnic, Asthawan, Nalanda.

Tender Schedule:

Sl.No.	Event Description	Timeline
4.1	Last date & time of downloading the RFP	Till 20.07.2024 up to 01:00PM, on eproc2.bihar.gov.in
4.2	Pre-bid meeting (if required)	03.07.2024 at 11:00 AM
4.3	Submission (upload) of online bidding document.	Till 22.07.2024 up to 01:00PM, on eproc2.bihar.gov.in
4.4	Submission of EMD	Offline by 5000/- Demand Draft on or before 22.07.2024 to "Principal Government Polytechnic, Asthawan, Nalanda"
4.5	Opening of Technical Bid	24.07.2024 on the eproc2.bihar.gov.in
4.6	Opening of Financial Bid	27.07.2024 on the eproc2.bihar.gov.in
4.7	Pre-bid meeting venue	Government Polytechnic, Asthawan, Nalanda - 803107 Principal, Government Polytechnic, Asthawan, Nalanda Mobile no - 9430956725 Email ID- gp.nalanda@gmail.com
4.8	Contact person	Nodal Officer Government Polytechnic, Asthawan, Nalanda Mobile no - 7004491493 Email ID- gp.nalanda@gmail.com
4.9	Method of Selection	Least Cost Selection (LCS)

Note:

- Interested bidders may obtain further information about this Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) from the office of Government Polytechnic, Asthawan, Nalanda and Institute website - www.gpsthawannalanda.org.in
- No tender will be accepted after closing date and time in any circumstances.
- Tender is floated on <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in> website.

Principal Government Polytechnic, Asthawan, Nalanda
 PR. No. 002562 (Sci.&Tech.) 2024-25
 This information is available on website www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar also

बिहार में शराब का व्यापार, बिक्री एवं सेवन अवैध है।
इससे संबंधित शिकायत इस नंबर पर दर्ज करायें, आपकी जानकारी गुप्त रखी जाएगी।
टॉल फ्री नं- 15545 या 180035 6268

झारखण्ड राज्य ग्रामीण पथ विकास प्राधिकरण (JSRRA)
 एफ०एफ०पी० भवन, तृतीय तल्ला, धुर्वा, राँची - 834004, झारखण्ड

ई-पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (2nd Call)
 PR NO - 321280 Dated : 02.03.2024

ई-पुनर्निविदा संख्या:-24/2024-25 दिनांक :-26.06.2024

मुख्य अभियंता, जे०ए०ए०आर०आर०डी०ए०, राँची द्वारा निम्नविकरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र० सं०	आई०डी० सं०	प्रयोज्य का नाम	कार्य का नाम	प्राकटित राशि (लाख में)	अंश में (रुपये में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	JH-M-JAM-10/2023-24	कुंहाहट	खजुरी से मुताबेिया तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं०-13.400 कि०मी०)	1337.7036	रोड करेड सौरस लाख	15 महीना
		कुंहाहट	गुरुजी पी०डब्ल्यू०डी० पथ से बानसनी तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं०- 6.300 कि०मी०)		सौरस हज़ार	
		कुंहाहट	तिलाबाद से कटना तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं०-2.550 कि०मी०)		सात हज़ार	
		कुंहाहट	खिजुरी से सिंगारपुर तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं०- 2.300 कि०मी०)		सात हज़ार	
		कुंहाहट	खैराबनी मोड़ से सोमा तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं०-2.425 कि०मी०)		सात हज़ार	
		कुंहाहट	अमलादेही से सोनाचारा तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लं०-2.700 कि०मी०)		सात हज़ार	

2. वेबसाइट से निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि-03.07.2024
 3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय- 18.07.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
 5. निविदा चालने की तिथि एवं समय-19.07.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।
 6. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ को दूरभाष सं- 834004, झारखण्ड।
 7. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं- 834004, झारखण्ड।
 8. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का लिंक वेबसाइट jrharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

अभियंता प्रमुख
 ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग-सह-
 जे०ए०ए०आर०आर०डी०ए०, राँची

PR 327816 Rural Work Department(24-25)#D

NORTHERN RAILWAY
AMZADI KAZI MAHOTSAV
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Chief Medical Superintendent, Northern Railway Hospital Moradabad for and on behalf of the President of India, invites sealed Expression of Interest (E.O.I.) on the prescribed form for the work noted below:

N.I.T. No. No. 139-Med/recogn/EOI/2024 dated 26.06.2024

Name of Work Chief Medical Superintendent, Northern Railway Hospital Moradabad invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for empanelment of CGHS, ECHS & ESIC empanelled hospitals or any other private hospital situated at/or near by (Railway Health unit area Dehradun, Haridwar, Rishikesh, Laksar, Bijnor, Najibabad, Hapur, Chandausi, Bareilly, Shahajahanpur, Hardoi, Sitapur Balamau & Lucknow (Near Balamau Area) for cashless treatment of railway beneficiaries on CGHS rates or their hospital tariff rates for the of Two Years.

Performance Bank guarantee disposed For Multispecialty hospital Rs. 1000000 (Ten Lac)
 For charitable hospital Rs. 500000 (Five Lac)
 For Single specialty hospital Rs. 200000 (Two Lac)
 Above cost will be submitted at the time of agreement as performance guarantee)

Empanelment Period Two Year

Last Date & Time of Submission & opening of EOIs From 26.06.2024 from 11.00 hrs up to 24.07.2024 at 15:00 hrs. & opening on 25.07.2024 at 10:00 hrs in case of holiday, will be opened on next working day at same timing.

Address of the office in which EOI document will be submitted Office of the CMS, Northern Railway, Division Railway Hospital, Moradabad in any working day from 26.06.2024 at 11:00 hrs. up to 24.07.2024 at 15:00 hrs.

Website address Additional relevant information may be checked on the website: www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in

Cost of EOI on cash/By post Nil

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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)
ADV NO-38 Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, P. H. DIVISION, CUTTACK
 Ph. No 0671-2441663, E-mail: eehctcii@gmail.com, sephdct521@gmail.com
 No. 3071 / Dated. 26/06/24

1st Corrigendum to e-procurement Notice for Bid Identification No. SEPH-DIVISION, CTC-02 of 2024-25

- Date & time of availability of Bid Document in the Portal may be read as dttd. 29.06.2024 from 11.00 AM to dttd. 15.07.2024 upto 5.00 PM instead of from 11.00 AM of 26.06.2024 to 5.00PM of 10.07.2024
- Last date/time of receipt of bids in the portal may be read as dttd. 15.07.2024 upto 5.00 PM instead of 5.00 PM of 10.07.2024.
- Date & time of opening of bids may be read as dttd. 16.07.2024 at 11.00 AM instead of 11.00 AM of 11.07.2024.

All other conditions remain unaltered.

Further details can be seen from e-procurement portal <https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in>.

Sd/-
 Additional Chief Engineer,
 I/C Superintending Engineer
 P.H. Division, Cuttack

OIPR-13225/11/0004/2425

Appeal for Identification

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name: Unknown, S/O Unknown, R/O: Unknown, Age: About 45 years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Wheatish, Face : Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: Red Color T-Shirt & Blue Capri** was found dead at Gali Guliyan Near Dariba Govt Dispensary Delhi. In this regard, **DD No. 33A Dated 21.06.2024** has been lodged at PS Jama Masjid, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for 72 hours at the mortuary of Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi for identification.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this male but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this male may kindly inform to the following.

SHO P.S., Jama Masjid, Delhi
Ph. : 011-23261625, 23269777
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement System

Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railways, New Delhi-110001 for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through E-Procurement System for the supply of the following items:-

S.N.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing date
01	19240678	Sand Ejector	4825 Nos.	17.07.2024
02	19240681	Wiper Blade for 3 Phase	3486 Nos.	17.07.2024
03	09242405	Bolster Spring Inner for BLC Wagon	6359 Nos.	17.07.2024
04	08195281H	Trans Receiver VHF Radio 25 Watt	530 Set/Nos.	19.07.2024
05	12241192	Single Core Elasticomeric Cable Size 2.5 Sq.mm 750 Volt	59800 Meter	22.07.2024
06	01241151	Out Going Cable Lead	96 Nos.	22.07.2024
07	09242111	Draft Gear Arrangement	510 Nos.	23.07.2024
08	19240751	Procurement of Vigilance Unit	07 Nos.	29.07.2024
09	19240687	Gauge for Air Flow Indicator	149 Nos.	29.07.2024
10	12241920	PVC Insulated Single Core Multi Stranded Flexible Copper Cable size 4 Sq.mm	84271 Meter	29.07.2024
11	07243460	Secondary Lateral Damper for LHB Coaches	1762 Nos.	31.07.2024
12	19240707	Set of Gear and Pinion	40 Set	05.08.2024
13	19240665	Kit for Direct Brake Exhaust Valve	127 Set	09.08.2024
14	19240691	Set of LED Lights	163 Nos.	02.09.2024
15	19244450	Bearing for Hitachi Traction Motor	190 Nos.	09.09.2024
16	07241495	Pinion (20 Teeth)	212 Nos.	12.09.2024
17	19244451	Bearing for Hitachi Traction Motor	157 Nos.	16.09.2024
18	19240583	Kit for EP Relay Valve	81 Set	16.09.2024
19	07242050	Wearing Plate (Finish Machined) for Side Bearer	10024 Nos.	18.09.2024
20	19240701	Temperature sensor Assembly Complete	193 Nos.	07.10.2024
21	19240803	Set of Single Duct Leather Below	74 Nos.	07.10.2024

NOTE: 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details. 2. No manual offer will be entertained.
 Tender Notice No. 27/2024-25 Dated: 26.06.2024 1911/2024

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
 Dy. CME/Works, for Chief Workshop Manager, N.E. Railway, Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur for and on behalf of President of India invites tender through on-line E-Open Tender for the following work:-
S.No. 1. E-Tender Notice No. & Name of the work: Tender No.-"13-GKP-MWS-2024-25" "Repair Activity (Disassembly & assembly) of Brake Caliper unit in Mechanical Workshop Gorakhpur for 04 year." Estimated Cost (In ₹): 416,95,660/- Earnest Money (In ₹): ₹93,900/- Cost of the Tender Forms: Zero. Period of Contract: 12 Months; Last date of tender submission: Upto 11.00, Date: 22.07.2024. The details of above tenders are also available on Indian Railway website "http://www.ireps.gov.in."

Dy. CME/Works
 Gorakhpur
 CP/RO/Mech-37
 DO NOT SMOKE BIDDING/GARRETT IN TRAINS

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI

4 Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

Notice under section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Bank and Financial Institutions Act 1993 read with rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rule) 1993 in the matter of TA No.165 / 2023 Date: 18.11.2023

UCO BANK.....Applicant
 Versus
 Ameer Faizan Khan & Ors..... Respondent

To, DEFENDANT
D1. AMER FAIZAN KHAN
 S/o SH. MAUJOOD HUSSAIN KHAN
 Both At: K-78, 45 Floor, Hussain Apartment Jamia Nagar Okhla, New Delhi-110025.
D3. M/s RUDRA BUILDWELL PVT. LTD.
 2821/2 Guru Nanak Auto Mkt. Kashmiri Gate, Delhi-110006.

Whereas the above named applicant(s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of Rs.73,60,297/- (Rupees Seventy Three Lakh Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Seven Only) against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 23.10.2024 at 10:30 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

All the matters will be taken up through Video Conferencing or Physical and for that purpose:-

- All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the "Cisco Webex" application/Software.
- "Meeting ID" and "Password" for the date of hearing your cases to be taken by Hon'ble Presiding Officer / Registrar shall be displayed in the daily case list itself at DRT Official Portal i.e. "drt.gov.in".
- In any exigency qua that, the Advocate / Litigants can contact the concerned official at Ph.No.23748478.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal this 18th Day of June 2024.

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL,
 SECTION OFFICER, DRT-II, DELHI

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Corrigendum
 Ref: i) Tender Notice No. 96/2023-2024 Dated : 23.02.2024 ii) Tender No. 15245055 due on 18.07.2024. 01. In reference to above tender, the date due has been extended from 20.06.2024 to 18.07.2024. All other terms & conditions remain unchanged. The Corrigendum has been published on website www.ireps.gov.in 1915/2024
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WESTERN RAILWAY - RAJKOT DIVISION
ENGINEERING WORKS
E-Tender Notice No. : 11 of 2024-25 date 21/06/2024 (1) e-Tender No. : DRM-RJT-2024-25-E-27 Name of Work : Hapa-Goods Yard: Interlocking of point No.501/502 & 503/504 with insertion of 03 trap points. 2 Starter signals with Shunt. Approximate Nit Cost : ₹8,92,871.98 Earnest Money : ₹17,900.00 (2) e-Tender No. : DRM-RJT-2024-25-E-29 Name of Work : Rajkot Division (1) Wankaner-Providing Community Hall and Development of park. (2) Morbi-Improvement to community Hall Approximate Nit Cost: ₹2,22,590.30 Earnest Money : ₹2,61,100.00 For all above tenders Date & Time of Opening of Tender : 12/07/2024 15:00 Hrs. Office Address: Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), Western Railway, Kothi Compound, Rajkot, Gujarat - 360 001 Website: www.ireps.gov.in

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WESTERN RAILWAY - AHMEDABAD DIVISION
SCHEDULE MAINTENANCE AND ESCORTING CONTRACT
E-TENDER - NOTICE No. : S/DE/ADI/18 (24-25) dt.- 21.06.2024 Tender No. : EL-501-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, Amdapur, Ahmedabad- 382345. Website details: www.ireps.gov.in

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
 Open E-Tender Notice No.03-GSU-SEE-24-25-01. CPM/SGS/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 17.07.2024 up to 13:00 hrs. All information and tender documents related to E-tender is available on website - www.ireps.gov.in

- Name of works : Construction of Gati-shakti office on 1st & 2nd floor of TRD office at DRM office Sonpur under CPM/SGS/SEE. 2. Approx Cost (In Rs.) : ₹77,47,861.58. 3. Earnest Money (In Rs.) : ₹1,55,000.00. 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. Sr. Divisional Engineer (GSY) ECR/Sonpur PR/00576/SEE/Engg./T/24-25/28

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE No. : AGC-EL-GSU-T-08R-24 Date: 25.06.2024
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 Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Gati Shakti), North Central Railway, Agra on behalf of President

SEMIFINAL PREVIEW: INDIA VS ENGLAND

India's new mantra: Rohit sprints, rest follow

But what if the skipper fails in the semis against England? Kohli and Dube will have to step up

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SOMETIME BEFORE the start of the 2023 ODI World Cup, Rohit Sharma had enough of the old Indian way of playing white-ball cricket. In the dressing room, he addressed the seniors and "garden-mey-gloomney wale" youngsters and told them that he is going on an all-out attack as an opener himself, preferring to inspire them through action.

The result was startling: the old-dawdle from the land that had ironically liberated batsmen from other countries through the IPL was gone, and a box-office hit followed that was soaked up by adoring fans all around the country, so much so that there wasn't any criticism when they failed in the final.

Rohit's India have gone with the same method in this T20 World Cup as well on mostly sluggish tracks. Consider just a couple of stats: India has the best strike rate in Super 8 and has hit most sixes - double of the team in second position. Incidentally, their second highest sixes count in a T20 World Cup came way back in 2007 (38 sixes), the tournament that gave birth to IPL in many ways. Had Misbah-ul-Haq not messed that night with his lap-shot, who knows whether the fans would have lapped up the IPL as euphorically as they did. But it's astonishing that India ditched that free-hitting style they showed in the inaugural tournament for a decade-and-half after that.

This time too the plan was set-up nice and early, at least in Rohit's mind. As he has said, sometime during the IPL when Rishabh Pant raced ahead of Dinesh Karthik in the wicket-keeper race, he had firmed up in his mind that the left-handed basher would be his No.3. With Pant, perhaps self-aware of his frailties lower down the order in T20s in the past, pushing himself further, India has never been short of fury at the top in this tournament. Neither Rohit, barring an Ireland game and the astonishing walloping against Australia, nor Virat Kohli could provide good starts but Pant had them covered.



India's template of aggression has been set by skipper Rohit Sharma, who has managed to let loose of the controls. AP/PTI

All-new Kohli

Even before the IPL, Kohli had read the tide correctly and decided he had to change his ways at the top, if he were to be selected without major fuss. He is yet to nail it in this tournament, and it still has the potential to upset India's cart on the big day. But the die at least was cast and he has tried to fit in the mould rather than the other way around - a criticism that could be easily laid on the team in the past that had puzzlingly continued in an outdated fashion.

It's perhaps apt that they run into England in the semi-final, a team that had blown them away in the semifinal of 2022 T20 World Cup that was also overseen by Rohit as the captain. If India had won that, it would have been an upset; such was the stark contrast.

England who had overhauled their white-ball cricket after the horrors of 2015 ODI World Cup and sparkled from the 2019 edition onwards has some in ways be the team

that has shown others the way. It's one thing for Australia to dominate - for they never have wallowed near the bottom, but England's style was an anaesthetist's delight for decades in the shorter format. It took a man born in Ireland in Eoin Morgan to drastically transform them and a man born in New Zealand in Ben Stokes to extend that further.

The Rohit template

Somehow, Rohit managed to let loose of the controls, and once the captain does it, it's not surprising that the rest would follow. Especially when the youngsters were more than eager to do it and were doing it in the IPL to an extent as it comes more naturally to them.

There was this one astonishing shot against Australia in the eight over of the innings bowled by Marcus Stoinis. Until then, Rohit had been imperiously overcoming Australia's attempts to make him hit into the

breeze, but that shot was a page ripped out of Suryakumar Yadav's playbook. Rohit had anticipated that Stoinis was going to hurl that one short, and crouched a touch more than he usually does and positioned his body perfectly for the swat-pull into backward square-leg stands. It was relatively an ungainly looking hit that night where he even had unadulterately slogged a couple but his most craftily-executed shot. Ungainly as it wasn't a natural shot for him.

That it came from Rohit and not from Surya captures how this Indian team has adapted and adopted from the more accomplished naturals in this format. His reaction was priceless: he quit following the trajectory of the ball and broke into this childish smile, almost a laugh even, as he walked across to that shot's owner Surya. Australia's bowling lengths too wasn't ideal, they played into Rohit's hands by full-pitched half-voleys.

Surya has continued to be the middle-

overs wizard, manipulating the fields, angles, pace and contorting his own body into perfect positions while retaining his supreme balance. He has also evolved, occasionally confounding the opposing team by not going for his typical shots but targeting the V, but aerially.

Dube or Dinesh Mongia

Shivam Dube seems to be India's Dinesh Mongia-like carryover of the 2003 World Cup, yet to totally find his feet at this level in this tournament. Mongia was taken to South Africa then in hope that he would fit in as the pace-swing-negotiating middle-order batsman who can also bowl spin. Dube has been considered the spin-bashing middle-order batsman who can bowl some seam, if needed. Dube has fought hard, just as Mongia did, but both are in the same boat of not quite getting able to nail their performances as expected. Just like Kohli at the top, Dube's performances in the middle overs could also well decide how things turn out on the big day.

Luckily for India, Hardik Pandya the batsman has risen as well as the bowler, turning in a couple of crisp performances that have allowed them to give breathing space to Dube, and Ravindra Jadeja. Barring a game, they haven't had to make Axar extend himself as a batsman either. And importantly, Pandya's all-round performance has allowed Rohit Sharma to carry Ravindra Jadeja almost as an impact sub - use him rarely, only if needed with both bat and ball.

The bowling, especially once Kuldeep Yadav came in, has been nothing short of phenomenal. Jasprit Bumrah and Kuldeep haven't been a surprise, Arshdeep Singh has surprised the opponents. But it was never about the bowling in the past; it was the much-touted batting that would repeatedly drag them but Rohit's India took that leap of faith, crossed the self-imposed Laxman rekha, freeing and finding themselves.

The only worry is this: what if Rohit pushes himself too far again - his failures before Australia have almost all come from frantic cross-the-line swipes and the success against Australia was aided by the poor bowling lengths, and what if Kohli continues to fail. Can Pant and Suryakumar continue to make India march on under immense knock-out-game pressure? If Rohit exits early, it could well come down to how Kohli, in particular, and Dube bat - India could sink or swim with them.

Most sixes in tournament, highest strike-rate in Super 8

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MOVING ON from their 2022 T20 World Cup semifinal debacle against England, Rohit Sharma and India emphasised the need to raise the scoring rates in white-ball cricket. The work began at the ODI World Cup last year when Rohit single-handedly pulled off a radical turnaround, smashing 597 runs at a whopping 125.94 strike rate.

Translating it into T20s required a certain level of mending in personnel and methods. India have had a go at the same after a torpid run with the bat in New York during the T20 World Cup group stage, an epidemic that stifled batters of all teams on the uneven drop-in pitches.

The collective charge

Since the Super 8s began in the Caribbean, India have consistently attempted to maintain high scoring rates amidst a regular crop of dismissals. India are the only side to have registered three 180-plus scores in the Super 8s, recording the most runs (526) with just three individual fifties. The newfound mantra was crucial as India batted first in all three matches against contrasting bowling attacks in Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Australia. India effectively surpassed the average first-innings score at St Lucia, North Sound and Barbados with an appreciable margin of 20 to 40 runs.



INDIA SUPER SONIC IN SUPER 8						BEST-EVER 6 TALLY AT T20WC		
Team	M	R	SR	4s	6s	YEAR	M	6S
India	3	526	155.62	39	34	2024*	6	46
England	3	420	152.17	37	17	2007	7	38
West Indies	3	375	142.04	25	25	2022	6	37
Australia	3	342	134.64	34	17	2010	5	32
South Africa	3	420	134.18	36	17	2014	6	26
U.S.A.	3	308	112.4	20	14	2021	5	25
Bangladesh	3	300	105.63	26	9	2009	5	19
Afghanistan	3	304	98.38	23	11	2016	5	18
						2012	5	12

This has happened despite the top-order failing to strike heavily in unison, with the best opening stand between Rohit and Virat Kohli reading only 39. In Super 8 games, only once has an Indian batter faced more than 30 deliveries. The one exception was Rohit's brutal attack on the Aussies where he compiled a 41-ball 92 - his second-quickest T20I fifty-plus score that had a 224.39 strike rate.

Situational heroes have emerged with the bat as Rohit, Suryakumar Yadav, and Hardik Pandya aced match-winning knocks in different matches with able cameos around them. Consequently, India's top-six batters have collectively recorded the best batting strike rate - 155.62 - among the lineups of all teams in the Super 8s, with England a close second at 152.17.

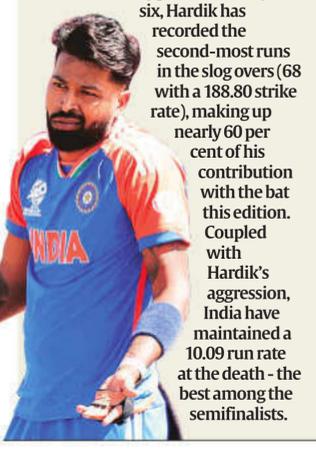
Sixes galore

India have redefined their power-hitting this World Cup, levelling up their game with 35 sixes in the Super 8s - the most among all eight teams. Surprisingly, the 46 sixes in this edition are India's best haul since the inaugural 2007 edition when they lifted the crown. Only West Indies (2012 and 2024) and Australia (2010 and 2024) have struck more maximums in an edition. In successive games against Bangladesh and Australia, India struck 13 and 15 sixes, respectively, bettering their previous best of 10 against England in 2007.

THE PANDYA FACTOR
SECOND-MOST RUNS IN SLOG OVERS, SR 188.80

Even though he entered the tournament with a massive slump in his striking abilities, Hardik has rekindled his attacking self, particularly at the death for India.

Batting predominantly at six, Hardik has recorded the second-most runs in the slog overs (68 with a 188.80 strike rate), making up nearly 60 per cent of his contribution with the bat this edition. Coupled with Hardik's aggression, India have maintained a 10.09 run rate at the death - the best among the semifinalists.



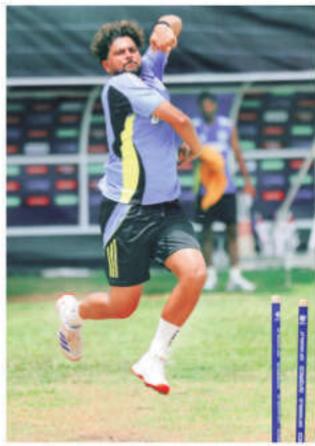
Will Kuldeep prove England's nemesis yet again in semis?

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JOS BUTTLER would remember the ball. It smiled at Buttler before it gnashed its evil teeth. The England white-ball captain stepped back, to work the ball through the leg-side. But it dropped and fizzed, spat back from outside the off-stump to skittle the middle stump.

He would remember the bowler too; it was Kuldeep Yadav in their 2023 World Cup duel, wearing a playful smile and putting his bouncing curls in order. He has been a familiar nemesis for England, from their first sighting of him, in Nottingham in 2018, where Yadav bamboozled six of them, to their last encounter in Dharamshala, where he scythed through their top order with a five-for.

Experience has not been England's best teacher when fathoming Yadav - several hours with the Merlin, the bowling machine that simulates wrist spinners, international games and IPL exchanges have not made them any wiser in nullifying the left-arm



In Kuldeep Yadav, England's brigade of hitters will face a spinner with multilayered deception. AP/PTI

wrist spinner's wiles, barring perhaps a couple of exceptions. Buttler and his sidekicks stumble into him again in the Guyanese suburb of Providence, where the surface has historically aided the spinners. A worse news perhaps is that he still weaves magic, like the Glenn Maxwell ripper, making Yadav versus the England middle-order contest a fascinating sub-plot. It could be the spectacular match-up - England's bravado brigade of Buttler (if he survives Jasprit Bumrah), Jonny Bairstow, Liam Livingstone, Harry Brook and Phil Salt against a spinner with multilayered deception.

In his early days, Yadav bemused batsmen with his variations, turn and flight. The re-skilled version deceives them with mastery of length and modulating of pace too. He might have traded some of his romance for precision, aggression for utility, but has emerged as a more daunting proposition. So much so that without a doubt, he has been India's lead spinner this tournament. Not just in terms of the impressive numbers he has stacked (seven wickets in three games, 6.25 runs an over, a wicket every 10th

ball, 31 dot balls) but in the effect he has produced, in the control and penetration he has provided in the middle overs, and in the belief that it is better to negotiate him safely than attempt anything outrageous. But England batsmen wouldn't merely sit back and milk him for singles and twos. They are preternaturally wired to uncork their strokes, a philosophy that predated Bazball. Buttler improvises masterfully; Brook, a fabulous destroyer of spin, prefers to lofts them down the ground; Salt generates vein-crushing power; Bairstow slogs-swates disdainfully; Livingstone's long reach dishevels the length of spinners, often forcing them to drop shorter.

Their approach to spinners have been contrasting - they have bossed off-spinners, though not of elite level; but left-arm spinners and leg-spinners have exercised a constrictive hold over them. Adam Zampa snafled four (for 28 runs) and Keshav Maharaj snafled two (for 24 runs), making their strategies against India more exciting.

Yadav on a turning track could be stuff England nightmares are made of. It has been a classical narrative in India-England match-ups in the World Cup. It had produced batting masterclasses against spin-bowling - Graham Gooch conquering India's spinners with sweep in the 1987 semifinal, Buttler and Hales tearing Ravi Ashwin and Axar Patel apart in the 2022 World T20 last-four clash. It has exposed England's vulnerabilities against spinners too - Harbhajan Singh and Piyush Chawla combining memorably in Colombo in 2012, or Jadeja keeping them on a leash in Lord's in 2009.

The daunting proposition for England is that it's not only Yadav they have to neuter, but also Patel and Jadeja. Patel has quietly played the sidekick role to perfection, tying ends up with change of angles, speed and release points. His thrifty spells have gone unnoticed, like the 2-0-11-1 spell against Pakistan.

The latter tried to target him in the 16th over of the game, but eked out only two runs. Panic sank in, and Pakistan eventually folded up. Against Australia, he grabbed a one-

handed blinder to disunite Mitchell Marsh and Travis Head, before stifling them with a three-run over. Urgency kicked in and Yadav winked out Maxwell with a wicked googly. Patel then ejected Marcus Stoinis with a flat ball angled into him, which he tried to reverse sweep.

A lesson for England batsmen - it's imprudent to sweep or reverse sweep, because he's quick through the air, skiddy along the pitch and always on the stumps. He doesn't offer much width to cut, or flight to swipe down the ground.

So effective the pair of contrasts has been that Ravindra Jadeja has barely been summoned to bowl (just 10 overs in six games), but he offers experience, guarantee, and of course threat, especially if Guyana turns out to be even a semi-turner.

Irrespective of the surface, the threesome could be a fearsome proposition. Patel suffocates, Jadeja probes, and Yadav conjures balls that live in batsmen's minds as scars.

10 Kuldeep Yadav has taken a wicket every 10th ball he has bowled this tournament. He has seven scalps to his name in three games, going at 6.25 runs an over.

Belgium limp into Euro last 16 after 0-0 draw

REUTERS
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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 of the group 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 Slovaks 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.

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.

The referee's whistle went, yet Belgian joy was short-lived as boos and whistles rained down from the stands after another unimpressive display.

Fulton plays it safe

India select largely same squad that won gold at the Asian Games to qualify for Paris Olympics

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THE OLYMPICS might not be a platform for a leap of faith but at some level, Craig Fulton was expected to make one or two bold choices for the Paris Games, especially in the forward-line and midfield. Instead, when the chief coach revealed his squad on Wednesday after a two-day selection trial – which was a mere formality – he named the tried and tested players in what can best be described as conservative team selection.

The most contentious choices are in the forward line. Lalit Upadhyay and Mandeep Singh, who have served the team with distinction for close to a decade, were integral to the team's return to the Olympic podium three years ago in Tokyo. But in the shortened Olympic cycle, they haven't always been at their peak. A lot of India's field goals in the recent tour of Belgium and England were scored when Sukhjeet Singh, Gurjant Singh and Abhishek combined. Mandeep and Upadhyay weren't always in the thick of action.

Especially when the team is playing a low block – Fulton's India switch between different types of press more than any previous sides – the range of Upadhyay and Mandeep's skills seemed restricted. In such scenarios, for them to sprint forward and cover the rest of the field during counterattacks feels laborious.

A team source said that the duo's fitness test scores have been on par with the rest of the squad and the management felt their experience of playing at the Olympics – and winning big matches at that level – would come in handy. With Akashdeep Singh also not making the cut, the selectors and Fulton felt dropping one of Upadhyay or Mandeep to make space for a young forward – someone like Arajeet Singh Hundal – could affect the balance of the forward line.

"There was also a question of who if not them," the team source said. Hundal's name came up during the conversation. In the Pro League matches, the six-foot-plus striker added variety to India's attack and showed the ability to take first-time shots at goal. "But his performances weren't consistent enough and it was tough to include him based on a few de-



Harmanpreet Singh will be India's captain at the Paris Olympics and lead the forward line for Craig Fulton's team. Hockey India

cent performances," the source added.

It will be key for the forwards to continue the goal-scoring touch they displayed in the European tour especially since the onus of converting penalty corners will fall heavily on Harmanpreet Singh, who will also captain the squad. Jugraj Singh has been the number 2 drag-flicker but his returns have been limited as often, he has dragged his flicks wide of the goal. Prone to defensive mistakes as well, Jugraj has been relegated to the standbys list.

In his absence, Harmanpreet will have the support of Amit Rohidas and Sanjay. The two defenders haven't been regular options in penalty corner situations. But in training, they have been routinely taking flicks and it is expected that the team could also showcase some of the variations practised during the camps if Harmanpreet's direct drag-flicks do not result in a goal.

The trio will also be expected to take charge of India's defence. Amit and Harmanpreet will form the central pairing; Sanjay on the left along with Sumit and Jarmanpreet Singh will be on the right flank. PR Sreejesh (selected for his fourth Olympics along with Manpreet Singh) will be the biggest source of relief.

The midfield remains stable. Vice-captain Hardik Singh and Manpreet Singh are expected to do most of the running around, assisting the attackers while also shielding the defence (whether Manpreet drops back in defence for some games will be interesting to see). The source added that the thinking behind selecting the tried and tested players was to retain the experienced core of the team while 'upgrading the team that won the gold medal at

the Asian Games'. From the Hangzhou squad, Krishan Pathak and Nilakantha Sharma go to the reserves. In defence, Tokyo Olympian Varun Kumar, accused of rape, is no longer in the core group. And that's where Raj Kumar Pal comes into the midfield. His ability to eliminate players with his dribbling skills compelled the management to include him. Pal's selection, the team source said, was because of the creative element he brings.

One player who impressed some members of the team management with his flair was Mohammed Raheel. In the limited chances he got the attacking midfielder came up with some eye-catching performances. However, Raheel wasn't included in the team for the Paris Olympics, the source said, because he couldn't 'contribute defensively as much as others'.

Fulton said the players he picked demonstrated 'exceptional skill, dedication and resilience throughout our rigorous preparation phase'. "Our focus has been on building a cohesive team that can adapt to different playing styles and situations, and I believe we have achieved that," Fulton said.

INDIAN MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM FOR PARIS

Goalkeeper: PR Sreejesh.

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 Athletes: Nilakantha Sharma, Jugraj Singh, Krishan Bahadur Pathak (GK).

Final boarding call for mixed relay team at Interstate meet

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PANCHKULA, JUNE 26

It's literally a race against time for the country's elite track and field athletes who are still hoping to make the cut for the Paris Olympics. The Interstate Athletics Meet, which kicks off on Wednesday in Panchkula, Haryana, will be the last major competition for athletes to attempt to make the cut for the mega event before the qualification cycle closes at the end of this month.

As things stand, 18 athletes have achieved the direct qualification marks from various events including the relay and race walk and 16 will finally board the flight to Paris. The tally is expected to reach at least 31 considering the current ranking placement. This Interstate meet, being a B-level tournament, gives an opportunity for those on the fence to accumulate some valuable ranking points before this month's deadline.

Among those who are expected to go full throttle at Panchkula are the 4x400m mixed relay team who are chasing 3:11.88s to replace Kenya at the 16th spot and qualify for the Games. To meet the World Athletics norms for ranking points the Athletics Federation of India has invited two international teams - Maldives and Sri Lanka - to participate in the relays. But the move is unlikely to boost the Indian team's chances of qualifying since both the international teams are slower compared to India.

"You saw what happened at the Asian Championships, no? We were faster than these teams and while I was running I just took a huge lead and had no clue where the rest were. That is not an ideal scenario when you are chasing a qualification mark. You need teams that push you," said Amoj Jacob, who will have to pull out an extraordinary run if the mixed team stands a chance to qualify.

But we can't say that it is impossible," said Jacob, who has a personal best of 45.68s. The chances of the mixed relay team qualifying for Paris seem bleak, Jacob feels that PBs might help the relay team make it. "We are still in it. If I and Anas bhai run a sub-45s race and the rest pull out their personal bests we might still make it," said the spirited runner.

AFI president Adile Sumariwalla felt that the mixed relay team had a chance and said, "Personally, I feel that the mixed 4x400m relay will be the next big thing af-



A young quarter-miler takes a picture with Amoj Jacob (L). Andrew Amsan

ter the men's 4x400m relay, though many people may not agree with this."

High jumpers Sarvesh Kushare (29) and Tejaswin Shankar (38), long jumper Jeswin Aldrin (32) - who has had a lukewarm season, triple jumpers Abdulla Aboobacker (21) and Praveen Chitravel (24), shot putters Abha Khatua (25) and Tajinderpal Singh Toor (25), javelin throwers Annu Rani (19) and Manu DP (15), and Jyothi Yarraji (31) are those in reckoning for Paris.

The AFI has maintained that all athletes will have to compete in the Interstate Meet for qualification and selection for Pairs barring reigning Olympic and World Champion Neeraj Chopra and a few race walkers who have already achieved qualification for Paris.

Among those to watch out at the event is long-distance runner Gulveer Singh, who is currently ranked 57. Guvleer's coach Bahadur Singh reckons his ward needs to run below 13 minutes 27 seconds to finish within the 42 ranking bracket and qualify for the Olympics. The UP athlete, who has a personal best of 13:18.92s (national record), broke the 10,000m national mark in the season opener. Earlier this month, he took Avinash Sable's spot in the national record books in 5000m.

"If he runs well he can qualify. But yes he is in good form and we are very confident of him qualifying for Paris in the 5000m," said coach Bahadur.

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