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BJP veteran L K Advani, who was admitted to AIIMS-Delhi on Wednesday, was discharged on Thursday afternoon. He was undergoing treatment in the department of urology. Docs say the 96-yr-old's condition is stable

EAM S Jaishankar assures TN CM MK Stalin of efforts to secure release of 34 Indian fishermen from the state, who have been in Sri Lanka's custody. The CM had written three letters to Jaishankar on the issue

A day after SP MP R K Chaudhary demands removal of 'sengol' from Lok Sabha, UP CM Yogi Adityanath says it shows lack of respect for Indian history and culture, P 16

A 750-page CID chargesheet alleging sexual assault on a 17-year-old girl, containing the statements of 74 witnesses has been filed in a Pocco court against former Karnataka CM Yediyurappa and three others, P 17

Budget '24 will roll out historic steps, speed up reforms: Prez

May Focus On Jobs, Prices, Try To Spur Demand

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Raising expectations of major announcements, President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday said the first Budget of PM Narendra Modi's third term will have several historic steps, going beyond economic and social decisions. "This Budget will be an effective document of gov't's far-reaching policies and futuristic vision... The pace of reforms will be further accelerated in tune with the aspirations of people of India for rapid development," the President said in her address to the joint sitting of Parliament.

Expectations of a reform-oriented Budget have been building up since Modi returned to office for a third consecuti-

'HIGH-LEVEL PROBE INTO EXAM ROW'

Cases of paper leaks and irregularities in exams being probed at a high level, need to rise above partisan politics. Sanctity, transparency must in govt recruitments and exams

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Modi govt for a third time... Opposing policies different from disrupting Parliament proceedings...

Several records of voting broken in Kashmir; Valley gave fitting reply to India's enemies

Govt working for lasting peace in Northeast... working for gradual removal of Afspa

Govt has started granting citizenship...under CAA. wish for a better future for such people

—President Droupadi Murmu

Rashtrapati JJ's address...was comprehensive and presented a roadmap of progress and good governance

—PM Modi

ve term, equalling Nehru's record, with govt expected to address several concerns flagged during the elections, including job creation and inflation through a push for manufacturing, tax concessions to spur demand and provide more money to households.

The PM has also spoken about the Budget being a key element of the govt's 2047 development agenda which will include a 100-day programme leading to action points and targets up to 2030.

► Won't stop BJP? P 25

Birla's reference to Emergency avoidable: Rahul

Om Birla's condemnation of Emergency in his acceptance speech on election to the office of Speaker was "political" and "avoidable", leader of opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi told him on Thursday.

Govt could have made such a reference, but it was not expected from the Speaker, he said after he led a delegation of INDIA bloc MPs for a courtesy call on Birla. Cong-

► In Parliament, oppn set to go all out on NEET, P 15

ress termed the reference to the 1975 measure as a "travesty of parliamentary traditions". In a letter to Birla, Congress general secretary K C Venugopal called it a "grave matter impacting the very credibility of the institution of Parliament". P 14

Sebi eases delisting norms, tightens finfluencer rules

Sebi, after its board meeting on Thursday, tightened screws on influencers by barring registered advisers from entering pacts with unregistered influencers — commonly known as finfluencers — who make claims about investment returns. It also made it easier for companies to delist & raise debt capital. P 19

Jio hikes mobile tariff up to 25%

Reliance Jio announced a tariff hike of up to 25%, as India's largest telecom service provider, which built subscriber base offering free services in initial days, sought to improve its realisation from subscribers. Airtel & Vodafone Idea may follow suit. P 19

Hate speech rising in India: Blinken

There has been a "concerning increase" in anti-conversion laws, hate speech, and demolitions of homes and places of worship of minorities in India, US secy of state Blinken said at the release of the state dept report on religious freedom. P 13

ASI denies nod for puja at fort temple

Archaeological Survey of India, Aurangabad circle, has denied permission for puja and other rituals to the sole priest at Bharat Mata temple inside the 11th-century Daulatabad Fort, saying the structure is a non-living monument. P 20

Police rejig in 3 Hry dists where BJP lost

Haryana's BJP govt has replaced police chiefs of three (Sonapat, Ambala, and Hisar) of five districts where BJP lost in LS polls. In all, 50 senior cops — 23 of them from IPS and 27 from state cadre — were shifted late on Wednesday. TNN

Man called to clean NCR sewer dies

35-year-old worker from Bengal who choked on gases inside a sewer line earlier this week died in hospital, making it the fourth death in manual scavenging reported in NCR this week. No or Islam went into the sewer without any safety gear. P 9

Finger in ice-cream was unit worker's

Tip of a human finger found in an ice-cream by a Mumbai man belonged to an employee of a Pune factory where it was made, a DNA test revealed. The worker was trying to retrieve the lid of an ice-cream box when his fingertip got sliced. TNN

NEET: CBI arrests Patna duo, detains J'khand principal, takes over Latur case

Kshitiz, Abhijit Sen & Vishwendu Jaipuria | TNN

Patna/Hazariabag/Chatra: CBI made its first two arrests in the NEET-UG paper-leak case in Bihar on Thursday, picking up a pair of suspects accused of arranging accommodation in Patna for some medical aspirants to spend the night before the May 5 test memorising answers to leaked questions under the guidance of "handlers".

In Jharkhand's Hazariabag, CBI detained and interrogated seven people, including the principal of a private school that functioned as a NEET-UG test centre.

A half-burnt question paper bearing the Hazariabag centre's code was found in the Patna "safe house" where a batch of examinees spent exam-eve preparing for the test with leaked questions and



Indian Youth Congress members held a demonstration at Jantar Mantar on Thursday over the alleged rigging of NEET-UG. Party activists also barged into the NTA HQ in the capital & locked its door as a sign of protest | P 4

► Maha teacher held for scam link suspended, P 15

► SC seeks NTA affidavit on OMR evaluation complaints, P 15

lice arrested two teachers of a zilla parishad-run school, while another two suspects — an ITI instructor and a man from Delhi — are absconding.

► Seizes laptop, mobiles, P 25

Birla's UltraTech buys 23% in India Cements in mkt share race with Adani cos

Reeba Zachariah & Yogesh Kabirdoss | TNN

Mumbai/Chennai: UltraTech Cement, controlled by Kumar Mangalam Birla, has acquired a 23% stake in India Cements from veteran investor Radhakishan Damani for Rs 1,885 crore. The move intensifies UltraTech's rivalry with Gautam Adani's Ambuja Cements and ACC as both seek to challenge its position as India's largest building materials maker. The transaction positions Birla as the second-largest shareholder of the Chennai-based India Cements, behind the founders, N Srinivasan and family, who hold 28%.

UltraTech, the world's third-most-valued cement company, described the deal as a "non-controlling financial investment", acquiring

Blue-chip stocks propel sensx past 79k, Nifty to 24,000

Sensex breached the historic 79,000 mark while Nifty scaled the 24,000 peak for the first time on Thursday as buying in blue-chip stocks like Infosys, Reliance and TCS helped markets extend gains to the fourth straight day and close at lifetime high levels. The BSE benchmark jumped 569 points to settle at a new closing peak of 79,243 while Nifty ended at a fresh record high of 24,044, rising 176 points. P 19

shares at Rs 267 each — a 9% discount to the stock's Thursday closing price on BSE.

► No board seat, P 19

A temple for Mahabharat's arch villain, now a taxpayer

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Even in a land of temples, and more deities than even the most pious can name, a temple for the arch villain of India's greatest epic is unusual. But what really makes the Duryodhan temple in a remote village in Kerala's Kollam district a standout is an aspect of modernity — per govt records, the eldest Kaurav prince pays taxes.

Local lore has it that the prince was tired and thirsty during his travels. Drinking water was scarce, but a woman of a so-called low caste offered him a drink of toddy. Duryodhan, who also famously elevated the supposedly low-born Karna to kingship, accepted



There's no idol in Peruviruthy Malanada temple, but maces, the preferred weapon of Duryodhan

happily, blessed the woman and her village, and gave them land. The temple for him was the village saying thank you. Ritual offerings here include a good measure of intoxicants.

► Is called 'grandpa', P 25

'Unflinching' Roy awarded UK's PEN Pinter prize

Arun dharti Roy was awarded UK's PEN Pinter Prize 2024 for her "unflinching" writings on a day UN high commissioner for human rights urged Indian authorities to drop cases against the Booker Prize winner for her comments on Kashmir in 2010.

Accepting the prize, Roy said, "I wish (Nobel-laureate playwright) Harold Pinter were with us...to write about the almost incomprehensible turn the world is taking. Since he isn't, some of us must do our utmost to try to fill his shoes". P 13, 22



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TEMP ON THURSDAY
 35.4° MAXIMUM | 28.6° MINIMUM

FORECAST: Light to moderate rain likely. Max and min on Friday would be around 36 and 26°C

SUNSET 7.23 PM (FRI) | MOONSET 11.46 AM (FRI)
 SUNRISE 5.27 AM (SAT) | MOONRISE 12.10 AM (SAT)

Defunct for 3 months, doorstep delivery of Delhi govt services awaits relaunch | 4

AOI IN DELHI ON THURSDAY (SATISFACTORY CATEGORY)

Study highlights risks AI poses to integrity of education system | 4



Delhi Rejoices As Trailer Of Monsoon Releases

SIGH OF RELIEF: Thanks To Showers, Max Temp Below Normal After Gap Of 46 Days

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New Delhi: The southwest monsoon is likely to arrive in Delhi in the next two-three days, India Meteorological Department announced on Thursday. And on the day of this announcement, the maximum temperature dipped to 35.4 degrees Celsius, two degrees below normal, following light to moderate pre-monsoon showers.

The temperature fell to below normal after 46 days. The last time this happened this season was on May 12, when the maximum high was 38.8 degrees Celsius, one below normal. The maximum temperature stayed above normal continuously from May 13 to June 26.

While the news of the rain-bearing monsoon winds reaching Delhi by the month-end was welcome after a sweltering summer, the city missed the normal onset date for monsoon on Thursday. Delhi is likely to have rain over the next seven days, with the precipitation intensifying after the arrival of monsoon as moderate to heavy rain is expected during the weekend. The Met department has sounded an 'orange' alert for Saturday for moderate to heavy rain, while a 'yellow' alert has warned of some rain over the next seven days.

"The conditions for further advance of southwest monsoon into some more parts of Rajasthan are likely to become favourable, parts of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar, some more parts of Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Chandigarh and some parts of Haryana, some more parts of Punjab, remaining parts of Uttarakhand, Himachal Pra-



Photos: Rajesh Mehta & Anindya Chattopadhyay



MORE TO COME: The city is likely to have rain over the next seven days

des and Jammu during next 2-3 days," IMD said in its bulletin on Thursday. In Delhi, light to moderate rain has been predicted for Friday, while moderate to heavy showers are likely on Saturday and Sunday.

Safdarjung, the city's base weather station, logged 5.2mm of rainfall between 8.30am and 5.30 pm on Thursday. Palam, Lodhi Road, Pitampura and Ridge received, respectively, 17.6mm, 9.6mm, 9mm and 6.2mm of rainfall.

TOI reported on June 25 that Delhi recorded the lowest rainfall in at least 14 years in the March-June period this year. The monsoon rains are

expected to provide much-needed respite from hot and dry conditions. The monsoon reached Delhi on June 25 and 30 in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The maximum temperature on Thursday was 3.6 degrees Celsius lower than Wednesday's temperature. The minimum temperature was 28.6 degrees Celsius, one degree above normal. The heat index, or feels-like temperature, was 47 degrees Celsius against 52 degrees a day earlier.

The maximum temperature is forecast at 36 degrees Celsius on Friday and Saturday and 33-34 degrees Celsius from Sunday to July 7.

City records cleanest day since Sept 19 with AQI of 79

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New Delhi: Delhiites witnessed the cleanest day after a gap of 281 days as the Air Quality Index (AQI) dipped to 79 in 'satisfactory' category on Thursday. This was also the first 'satisfactory' day of the year. Rain and strong winds helped in cleaning the air quality.

Central Pollution Control Board's data shows that a lower AQI than Thursday was seen on Sept 19 last year when it was 73. Sept 2023 had witnessed nine 'satisfactory' days and one 'good' day when AQI touched 45 on Sept 10.

Oct last year saw one 'satisfactory' day with an AQI of 89 on Oct 17. However, no 'satisfactory' day was seen between Oct 18, 2023 and June 26 this year.

The air quality mostly remained in 'poor' to 'moderate' category this summer season. Experts said as local and regional sources of pollution remained high and intense rain was missing the city, the dry spell led to worse air quality.

Anumita Roychowdhury, executive director, research and advocacy, Centre for Science and Environment, said, "Prolonged heatwave and a dry spell had contributed substantially to dust pollution and overhang during summer. The onset of rains therefore has an immediate washout effect. We will see more cleaner air days during the monsoon due to the same reason. This breather needs to be effectively utilised to pace up action to be better prepared for the winter."

In Delhi, monsoon months are usually the cleanest.

From 1960 to 2023, rains arrived in city 33 times in July, 31 times in June

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New Delhi: The monsoon winds are predicted to arrive in Delhi by the end of this month. India Meteorological Department's data of the past years shows that the rain-bearing winds usually announce their arrival with a moderate rain spell either on the date of onset or a day after.

Between 1960 and 2023, the monsoon reached the capital 33 times in July and 31 times in June. During this period, the earliest arrival of the monsoon was on June 9 in 1961. The most delayed was when the winds reached Delhi on July 27 in 1987.

RK Jenamani, senior scientist at IMD, said, "The main criterion for determining the onset of monsoon is a precipitation of more than 2mm. But it must also be considered that the monsoon progresses in the country step by step, so rain that occurs in the city under the influence of a western disturbance is not considered the arrival of the monsoon."

Jenamani added that apart from rain, some other factors are also considered before the monsoon is declared to have arrived. Met officials said among the factors that are considered when declaring the onset of the monsoon are rain clouds without lightning, wind direction, drop in maximum temperature, and rainfall amount and distribution.

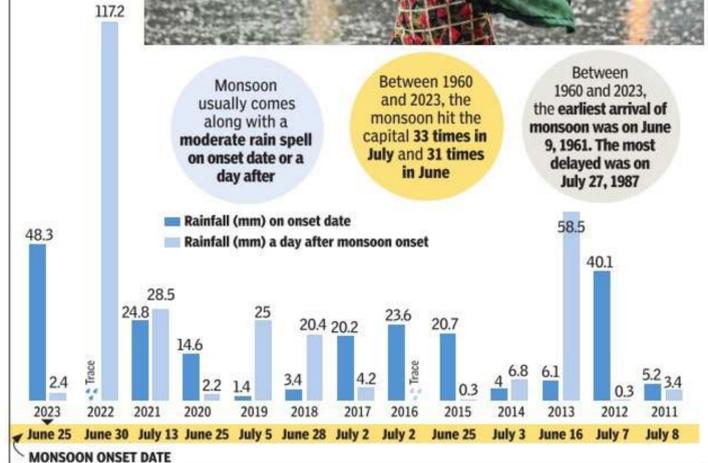
The monsoon reached Delhi on June 25 last year, two days before its normal onset date when Safdarjung, which is the city's base weather station, logged 48.3mm of rainfall. A

COMING SOON

Monsoon likely to arrive in Delhi in next 2-3 days. The capital has missed its normal onset date of June 27



Photo: Rajesh Mehta



Monsoon usually comes along with a moderate rain spell on onset date or a day after

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year earlier, the rains hit on June 30 though the weather stations only logged 'trace' rainfall. However, 'very heavy' rainfall of 117.2mm was received in the average 24-hour rainfall until July 1. This was the only time between 2011 and 2023 that the rainy season began in Delhi with a 'very heavy' spell.

In the 12 years between 2011 and 2023, there were moderate showers either on the onset day or a day after (which is average rainfall logged in the past 24 hours). In 2021, Delhi saw a delayed arrival of the monsoon on July 13, with the city receiving 24.8 mm and 28.5 mm on July 13 and 14, respectively.

Data shows that once the monsoon arrives in Delhi, there are some 'heavy' rain days. In the rainy season, August witnesses the highest rainfall of the year, as per the long period average. The normal withdrawal date for the monsoon from Delhi is September 25. IMD considers as 'very light' rainfall a precipitation measuring trace to 2.4mm in 24 hours. While 'light' rainfall measures between 2.5mm and 15.5mm, a downpour of 15.6-64.4mm is declared 'moderate'. The rainfall is considered 'heavy' if it measures from 64.5mm to 115.5mm. If the rainfall logged is 115.6-204.4mm, it is categorised as 'very heavy'.

UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION					
PROGRAMME OF EXAMINATIONS/RECRUITMENT TESTS (RTs) -2025					
No.22/23/2024-E.I(B) - The Commission's Programme of Examinations and Recruitment Tests (RTs) for the year 2025 is given below for the information of candidates. The annual calendar has also been placed on the Commission's website (www.upsc.gov.in). Aspirants and candidates are advised to retain this advertisement for use as a ready reckoner for applying for the Commission's Examinations in 2025.					
Sl. No.	Name of Examination	Date of Notification	Last Date for receipt of Applications	Date of commencement of Exam	Duration of Exam
1.	Reserved for UPSC RT/ Examination			11.01.2025 (Saturday)	2 DAYS
2.	Combined Geo-Scientist (Preliminary) Examination, 2025	04.09.2024	24.09.2024	09.02.2025 (Sunday)	1 DAY
3.	Engineering Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2025	18.09.2024	08.10.2024	09.02.2025 (Sunday)	1 DAY
4.	CBI (DSP) LDCE	27.11.2024	17.12.2024	08.03.2025 (Saturday)	2 DAYS
5.	CISF AC(EXE) LDCE-2025	04.12.2024	24.12.2024	09.03.2025 (Sunday)	1 DAY
6.	N.D.A. & N.A. Examination (I), 2025				
7.	C.D.S. Examination (I), 2025	11.12.2024	31.12.2024	13.04.2025 (Sunday)	1 DAY
8.	Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2025				
9.	Indian Forest Service (Preliminary) Examination, 2025 through CS(P) Examination 2025	22.01.2025	11.02.2025	25.05.2025 (Sunday)	1 DAY
10.	Reserved for UPSC RT/ Examination			14.06.2025 (Saturday)	2 DAYS
11.	I.E.S./I.S.S. Examination, 2025	12.02.2025	04.03.2025	20.06.2025 (Friday)	3 DAYS
12.	Combined Geo-Scientist (Main) Examination, 2025			21.06.2025 (Saturday)	2 DAYS
13.	Engineering Services (Main) Examination, 2025			22.06.2025 (Sunday)	1 DAY
14.	Reserved for UPSC RT/ Examination			05.07.2025 (Saturday)	2 DAYS
15.	Combined Medical Services Examination, 2025	19.02.2025	11.03.2025	20.07.2025 (Sunday)	1 DAY
16.	Central Armed Police Forces (ACs) Examination, 2025	05.03.2025	25.03.2025	03.08.2025 (Sunday)	1 DAY
17.	Reserved for UPSC RT/ Examination			09.08.2025 (Saturday)	2 DAYS
18.	Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2025			22.08.2025 (Friday)	5 DAYS
19.	N.D.A. & N.A. Examination (II), 2025				
20.	C.D.S. Examination (II), 2025	28.05.2025	17.06.2025	14.09.2025 (Sunday)	1 DAY
21.	Reserved for UPSC RT/ Examination			04.10.2025 (Saturday)	2 DAYS
22.	Reserved for UPSC RT/ Examination			01.11.2025 (Saturday)	2 DAYS
23.	Indian Forest Service (Main) Examination, 2025			16.11.2025 (Sunday)	7 DAYS
24.	S.O./Steno (GD-B/GD-I) LDCE	17.09.2025	07.10.2025	13.12.2025 (Saturday)	2 DAYS
25.	Reserved for UPSC RT/ Examination			20.12.2025 (Saturday)	2 DAYS

Note: The dates of notification, commencement and duration of Examinations/ RTs are liable to alteration, if the circumstances so warrant.

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Can & (differently) able! Meet new police recruits

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New Delhi: Eight years ago, Priyanka, a commerce graduate from Delhi University's Janki Devi Memorial College, met with an accident that left her disabled. The 19-year-old was resilient, and did not allow her disability to hold her back or come in the way of achieving her dreams.



Priyanka (extreme right), who lost both her parents eight years after an accident left her disabled, along with other police recruits

TOI POSITIVE

However, for Priyanka, the daughter of Devender Kumar, a tempo driver in Karol Bagh, and Saroj Kumari, the struggle was far from over. Kumari was diagnosed with cancer and Priyanka had to navigate a few tumultuous years — juggling between household chores, taking her mother for chemotherapy and studying.

On Jan 22 this year, Priyanka, now aged 27, was dealt a tragic double blow. Her mot-

her passed away, and a few hours later, her father died due to severe trauma. It was not until February that her suffering showed signs of abating, as she got her appointment letter from Delhi Police.

On Wednesday, Priyanka and four other specially-abled women — Anshu, Kan-

chan, Vaishali and Rohini — and 10 male colleagues with disabilities were inducted into the police force as head constables, along with 1,340 other personnel. The Divyang personnel will be posted in various ministerial (clerical) capacities. Special commissioner

GAURAV TRIPATHI SAYS

While working at the Ghaziabad Post Office, I got to know about an opportunity in Delhi Police and applied immediately. Joining the police was never an option for me. However, when I saw that there was a dedicated training programme, I knew I needed to put my heart and soul into studying for it. Getting selected was a dream come true

of police Dependra Pathak told TOI that the new recruits are not only trained in administrative operations, but also in the field of cyber security, online crime, communication and the new laws. "It is for the first time in the history of Delhi Police that 15 head constables with disabilities have been recruited," he said.

Of the 1,355 personnel who were inducted on Wednesday, 450 are women. About 1,000 of the cops are graduates while 92 are postgraduates. "They will enrich the force

with diversity and foster the spirit of nationhood in Delhi Police. It is a moment of pride for the organisation," Pathak added.

Like Priyanka, each of the 15 newly-recruited head constables with disabilities has a unique story of resilience to share. Gaurav Tripathi (31), a resident of north-east Delhi, has cerebral palsy. He has 75% disability. After the completion of his diploma in mechanical engineering, he used to teach at a coaching centre. He would coach students with disabili-

ties for free.

In 2020, the coaching centre shut down because of the riots that swept through the area. When the riots were quelled, the pandemic-induced lockdown followed, leaving him stranded and unsure of his future course of action. This led him to apply for various government exams and undertake part-time jobs.

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For Priyanka, the fighting spirit she imbibed from her parents will never die: "I have incorporated their first names in my name now as a tribute to them."

AAP To Move Court Over LG's Decision

'Dissolution Of Advisory Body Petty Politics'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Calling LG VK Saxena's decision to temporarily dissolve Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi (DDCD) as "petty politics", Aam Aadmi Party on Thursday said it would challenge the order in the court.

Delhi urban development minister Saurabh Bharadwaj said that all commissions, committees and boards of Centre and state govt across India, including those in BJP-governed states, often had political appointees, engaged without any formal tests or interviews.

"This is a longstanding and widely accepted practice. Various public commissions, such as the women commission, SC/ST commission and minorities' commission, exemplify this tradition," Bharadwaj said, giving examples of various BJP functionaries who were appointed as the heads of such bodies. Even Saxena's appointment as lieutenant governor is a political appointment made without any advertisement, test or interview, he claimed.

The chief minister heads DDCD as its chairman and only he has powers to take action on its members, Delhi govt said in a statement. The sole purpose of Saxena's order is to stop all the work and stall policy reforms, which has been his singular contribution to the governance of Delhi ever since he assumed office, it alleged.

"We will challenge this illegal order of the LG in the courts. DDCD was constitu-

WORK DONE BY DDCD, AS CLAIMED BY DELHI GOVT

- Delhi's Rozgar Bazaar portal as an emergency response during Covid-19 to support job seekers and employers
- One Delhi App to provide all information on public transport to people
- Delhi EV Policy 2020 to promote electric vehicles
- Faceless transport services to root out corruption
- Upgradation of Delhi street infrastructure; installation of 2.75 lakh CCTVs, 11,500 WiFi hotspots, and 1.2 lakh streetlights
- Rozgar Budget to pushing growth and job creation
- Streamlining city's ambulance system the pandemic
- E-coupon for ration delivery during Covid
- Green Delhi mobile app as a unified grievance redressal system for air pollution complaints

vide gazette notification, which was approved by the then LG of Delhi," govt said in a statement.

Referring to sections 3 and 8 of the notification, govt said the non-official members of the think-tank were appointed solely by the decision of CM and only he had powers to remove them before the completion of their term.

"However, in brazen disregard of existing rules and laws as well as decisions of his predecessors, LG, acting in collusion with officers of the services department, has chosen to exceed the jurisdiction of his office and tried to usurp the powers of the elected CM of Delhi by taking action on DDCD," the govt statement read.

"The appointment process for the vice-chairperson and members of DDCD is si-

ilar to the process followed for public commissions in all state govt across India, including in BJP govt," it added. The statement added that DDCD made a "defining" contribution in shaping many flagship policies and welfare schemes of govt.

"In the process of hating the elected govt, LG has started hating the people of Delhi," govt alleged.

Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva, however, alleged that AAP govt misused the body for financial uplift of political allies. "The Arvind Kejriwal govt had announced the setting up of DDCD to enhance Delhi's development and administrative framework and had intended to appoint experts from their respective fields. But it used the commission as a means to permanently place AAP workers," Sachdeva said.

No work allocation among members of DDCD, says LG

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"Ostensibly, the commission was created to serve as a policy thinktank manned by domain experts, on the lines of Planning Commission/NITI Aayog, so as to provide inputs of governance that a political executive assisted by mostly generalist civil services may be deprived of," the LG mentioned on the file.

"It was not meant to accommodate favoured individuals, unselected friends or politically partisan people," the noting added.

While DDCD vice-chairman Jasmine Shah had been restricted from discharging his duties and associated facilities withdrawn from him in Nov 2022, the appointment of 47 people — advisers, deputy officers, senior research officers and consultants — was terminated by the services department in July 2023.

The LG mentioned in his note that the positions of vice-chairperson and non-official members were envisaged to be co-terminus and were honorary in nature. However, they were subsequently converted into "highly paid and perked positions".

While the vice-chairperson got the rank, pay and facilities equivalent to a minister of Delhi govt, the non-official members were provided pay and perks equivalent to a secretary to Govt of India. Citing a notification of April 2016, the LG said the non-official members were paid without exercising any option of determination of their pay by the chief minister.

"This clearly demonstrates that the chief minister did not exercise any prudence in determining the salaries payable to the non-official members, which should have been commensurate with their job description. The payment of such a huge salary without such determination is a clear violation of the said notification... and is a clear case of favouritism only on political considerations," the file noting read.

Saxena claimed that according to the planning department, there was no work allocation amongst the members of DDCD.

"Therefore, continuation of the non-official members... is not only undesirable but also patently illegal," said the LG.

"Accordingly, the proposal of the services department... for rescinding the appointment orders of the non-official members is approved," the file noting read. "Additionally, the proposal of the services department... regarding exploring the possibility of dissolving DDCD as an interim measure etc... is also approved," it read.

A sign of things to come? Rain causes waterlogging in several areas of capital

Anindya Chattopadhyay



Traffic chaos at Ghazipur after heavy rain in parts of Delhi on Thursday

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Several areas under the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and Public Works Department (PWD) saw waterlogging on Thursday after pre-monsoon morning showers brought down the temperature in Delhi.

Around 47 locations under MCD across all zones reported waterlogging, officers at its control room said.

Similarly, 35 complaints were reported by PWD officials, although some of these calls were repeats.

Areas like Anand Parbat, Kingsway Camp, IP Extension, Vasundhara Enclave, Jangpura Extension, Nanjoi-Najafgarh road, Rajouri Garden, Tagore Garden, and an area under Mayapuri flyover saw waterlogging. In Nizamuddin West, Mayur Vihar Phase-1, Dwarka Sector 8 and Uttam Nagar, there were reports of branches falling from trees, an MCD official said. "As there were complaints of waterlogging, our teams got into action and took all measures to clean the accumulated water. There were reports of fallen branches also. These were removed by field staff to avoid traffic congestion," an MCD official said.

New Delhi Municipal Council on

Thursday said no complaints of waterlogging reached its control room.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said: "The city, which was yearning for water just a day earlier, got waterlogged after light rain, and this is the result of the incompetence of the ministers of the Arvind Kejriwal govt."

He added that it was shameful that the chief minister was in jail, and the minister of public works and water, Atishi, whose job was to get the drains cleaned, had failed in the task just as she had failed to provide water to the people of Delhi. The rest of the ministers were busy defending their govt against corruption charges, while the people of Delhi are suffering, he said.

The pre-monsoon showers caused waterlogging and outages across Noida and Ghaziabad. Local faults and equipment snags led to 2 to 4-hour-long power cuts in sectors 19, 30, 51, 63, 62 in Noida. In Behloulpur, Sector 63, residents reported an 8-hour-long power cut. Clogged sewers and overflowing drains led to waterlogging in sectors 19, 27, 30, 51, 62, 63, Arun Vihar, and Behloulpur.

In Ghaziabad, 4-hour-long outages were reported from Abhay Khand, Nyaaya Khand and Indirapuram.

Since Jan, city sees over 200 dengue cases

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New Delhi: Since Jan, 223 dengue cases have been recorded in the city Municipal Corporation of Delhi sources said. Health department officials anticipate a rise in the number of cases with the onset of the monsoon and preparations are underway to effectively handle the situation, they added.

Till 2023, MCD used to publish weekly reports on vector-borne diseases. In 2022, more than 9,000 cases were reported from across the city in Oct and 23 people had died, making it one of the critical dengue onslaughts in the past few years.

According to MCD's prevention plan, a large number of domestic breeding checkers will be deployed to check larvae and mosquito breeding. "Inter-sectoral meetings with different agencies are also being held to work together in a strategic manner against the spread of vector-borne diseases," said an MCD official.

MCD has been monitoring the major open drains in the city, a source of mosquito breeding, and fines the agencies responsible for the upkeep of drains if mosquito breeding is found.

The dengue controlling task force of the erstwhile three corporations had 12 members, including members from Delhi Jal Board, Public Works Department, Delhi Police and Delhi govt's public health department. MCD is likely to reconstitute it soon.

The task force had different responsibilities in each of the four quarters of the year. It used to oversee the preparedness of each corporation, including the availability of manpower, material, machines and budget, for the execution of different programmes.

Ruckus over water crisis, MCD House meeting adjourned

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New Delhi: The MCD House meeting on Thursday — the first after the Lok Sabha elections — ended abruptly after opposition members disrupted the proceedings over the ongoing water crisis. The House, however, managed to pass a few proposals before it was adjourned.

Shouting "Bharat Mata ki Jai" and slogans against chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, several BJP councillors climbed on their seats, holding posters and earthen pots to highlight the water crisis that has gripped the city. Many from Congress also protested and loudly raised slogans to bring attention to the issue. In response, AAP members raised slogans against the Centre. When AAP councillors began discussing the recent collapses of portions of buildings, Leader of Opposition Raja Iqbal Singh accused the administration of mismanaging MCD.

Amid the sloganeering, mayor Shelly Oberoi passed several proposals and adjourned the House until the next meeting. The proceedings were scheduled to begin at 11am but were delayed till 11.45am. Civic officials did not provide any reason, triggering protests by BJP councillors. The proceedings finally commenced at 11.55am after Oberoi joined. The mayor welcomed the newly-appointed MCD com-

MAYOR OBEROI SAYS

We had plans to discuss preparations for the monsoon and desilting work. It is important to discuss them

missioner Ashwani Kumar. Accusing BJP of not allowing the House to function smoothly "for a single day", mayor Oberoi said, "We had plans to discuss preparations for the monsoon and desilting work. It is important to discuss them. But BJP members have a habit of raising issues not pertaining to MCD in House meetings. For the past one-and-a-half years, their councillors have been disrupting the House every time and creating a ruckus. They did the same this time too."

Criticising AAP over the move to increase parking fees, Singh said, "MCD is determined to accept the long-standing demand of the parking mafia in Delhi to impose parking charges on an hourly basis and levy parking charges based on colony category."

However, municipal officials said the proposal to increase parking charges was postponed in the House meeting. Meanwhile, DJB Thursday reported water production of 934 MGD, a slight improvement from a day earlier, but much lower than the average demand of the city.

Time to go: Govt depts directed to scrap end-of-life vehicles at earliest

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: With a large number of vehicles that have completed their lifespan, including those owned by govt bodies, continuing to ply on city roads, the transport department has asked all Delhi govt departments to identify such vehicles and scrap them at the earliest.

Officials said a similar communication had also been sent to central govt and its related agencies. Sources said the number of such vehicles — cars, jeeps and commercial vehicles — would

run into thousands.

The transport department has already come out with a new set of guidelines to prevent the movement of overaged or end-of-life vehicles — petrol-run vehicles above 15 years of age and diesel vehicles above 10 years — which are considered polluting and have been barred from National Capital Region (NCR) by Supreme Court.

"Not only individuals, even govt agencies are culprits of running overaged vehicles. We have requested central govt agencies to scrap such vehicles through

the govt scrapper at the earliest," said an official.

"We have also asked all Delhi govt departments, linked agencies and autonomous bodies to identify such vehicles and initiate the process of scrapping them. Till the time these vehicles are scrapped, we have asked the departments to ensure they are not operated," said an official.

Sources said the parking areas of most govt buildings had a number of such vehicles occupying the space. The parking lot opposite Delhi Secretariat, Vikas Bhawan I and II and various other offi-

ces spread across the city have such cars and jeeps.

According to the 'Guidelines for handling end of life vehicles in public places of Delhi 2024', which came into effect in Feb, an overaged vehicle registered in the capital impounded by an enforcement agency can be released only on two conditions — either the owner agrees to get the no-objection certificate from the transport department and get it registered in another state outside the boundary of NCR or he or she keeps it parked in a private space.

Under both conditions, the vehicle will be released just once on the payment of a penalty — Rs 10,000 for a car and Rs 5,000 for a two-wheeler — and the undertaking from the owners. The application will have to be made within three weeks of the vehicle being impounded. If the owner decides to keep the vehicle at a designated private parking, the vehicle will have to be carried by a towing vehicle.

If the vehicle is found on the road or in a public place again, it will be scrapped by the authorities. There are no provisions now under which impounded vehicles can be released again to owners.

In case the vehicle is registered in a different state, the owner will have to explain the reason why it was brought to the capital to get it released. If the violation is repeated, the vehicle will be sent to the scrapper yard.



OLD IS NOT GOLD: A large number of white Ambassadors, Innovas and Sumos, which are 15-20 years old, can be seen parked in the parking areas of government buildings across the city

Man jumps in front of metro

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 35-year-old man allegedly jumped in front of a Metro train at Hauz Khas Metro Station. The man sustained head injuries and bruises on the left side of his body and was on a ventilator at AIIMS Trauma Centre, police said. After analysing CCTV footage, police found that the man jumped from platform number 1 at Hauz Khas at approximately 2.15 pm upon seeing the train approaching. TNN

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NEET Protest Turns Violent, 70 Detained

Youth Cong Claims 20 Of Its Members Injured

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi Police detained 70 people after a protest against alleged irregularities in the medical entrance exams paper leak turned violent at Jantar Mantar on Thursday.

At the protest organised by Indian Youth Congress, its president, Srinivas BV said that 47 people were injured, including women. Three of them received serious injuries. He also posted the video of the incident, writing in Hindi, "See these horrifying pictures of the lathi charge. Delhi Police should remember it doesn't take long for times to change and govt to change."

According to police, around 1,500 people were protesting without permission. "We requested them to stop when they started moving from the designated area towards Parliament. They refused and breached the first barricade," an officer said. The protesters were again asked to stop, but instead began pushing a water tanker trailer to break down the barriers.

Devesh Kumar Mahla, DCP (New Delhi), alleged the protesters were carrying knives. "They used the water tanker not only to break the barricade, but also to mow down police personnel. They were told not to use the illegal knives, but they didn't listen," said



Security personnel detain NSUI members protesting at Jantar Mantar

Mahla. "The protesters also threw water glasses, bottles and stones at police. Finally, police had to disperse them. Four or five cops were injured. We will also take legal action."

One of the protesters, who had been preparing for NEET for two years, expressed his dismay on learning about the paper leak. "Not only my career but also those of other youths are on the line. There should be a re-examination, and we need a proper investigation into the matter," he said.

At Okhla, members of the National Students' Union of India, the Congress students' wing, barged into the National Testing Agency. Protesters tried to put a lock on the NTA office as well. They raised slogans

demanding the immediate banning of NTA. NSUI national president Varun Choudhary said, "This protest is to show the authorities how angry and frustrated the students are. Their future is in jeopardy because of NTA's malpractices."

The frequent postponements and paper leaks weren't just administrative failures, but a direct attack on the future of India's youth, Choudhary added. NSUI members also questioned the lack of action by education minister Dharmendra Pradhan. "Why is the education minister not acting against NTA? He has to answer to the students," Choudhary insisted, stressing on the need for accountability and urgent intervention of the Centre.

Cheat code? Study points out how AI may pose risks to integrity of education system

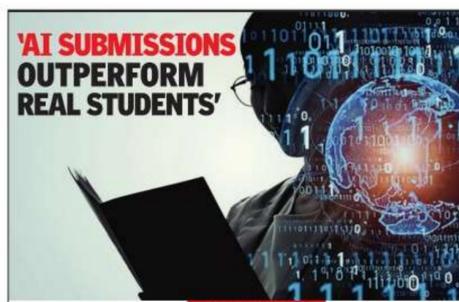
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New Delhi: A recent study has highlighted the risks that artificial intelligence (AI) poses to the integrity of the education system, particularly in the context of examinations, and raised concerns among researchers about its potential misuse in academic settings.

The study, conducted for five undergraduate modules for a BSc degree in psychology at a UK university, was published in the journal PLOS One. It suggested that students who use AI tools to cheat on tests may not only succeed in their dishonest endeavours, but also outperform their honest peers. "Students could cheat undetected using AI and, in doing so, attain a better grade than those who did not cheat," it stated.

The alarming finding underscores the need for educational institutions to address the growing threat of AI-assisted cheating. According to experts, it is critical to develop effective strategies to detect and prevent the misuse of AI in academic assessments.

Pallavi Joshi, a consultant psychologist at Sri Balaji Action Medical Institute, said, "The consequences of AI misuse in academia go beyond the immediate concerns surrounding academic integrity. It raises questions about the fairness of the educational system and can hinder the development of essential critical thinking abilities among students. The psychological repercussions are far-reaching, affecting students' motivation to engage in genuine learning experiences."



STUDY FINDINGS

- Researchers found that 94% of AI submissions went undetected
- AI submissions consistently achieved scores that were, on average, approximately half a grade above their human counterparts
- It was also found that in 83.4% of instances, the grades achieved by AI submissions were higher than a random selection of the same number of student submissions

POTENTIAL NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON A STUDENT'S LEARNING AND ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

- AI-generated responses may not accurately reflect a student's own knowledge or abilities
- The use of AI for submitting answers can hinder the development of critical thinking, problem-solving and writing skills
- By relying on AI-generated content, students may miss out on valuable opportunities to engage with course material, formulate their own ideas, and practise articulating their thoughts effectively
- Use of AI for academic work raises ethical concerns related to academic integrity and honesty

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She expressed concerns about the detrimental effects

PSYCHOLOGIST PALLAVI JOSHI SAYS

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of AI misuse in academic environments. Such misuse, she said, can have a negative impact on students' overall thinking and learning processes.

During the study, researchers used AI-generated responses for 33 simulated students and submitted them to examiners. The examiners were unaware of the origin of the answers, whether they came from actual students or were generated by AI. The assessment consisted of two types of questions — short-answer questions with a maximum word count of 200 and essay-based questions allowing up to 1,500 words. The results of the study revealed that the examiners were only able to correctly identify 6% of the AI-generated answers, meaning that "94% of the AI answers remained undetected."

According to Dr Rahul Rai Kakkur, consultant in psychiatry and clinical psychology, Narayana Hospital, Gurgaon, "These AI models can create written responses that closely resemble human writing styles, making it increasingly

difficult for educators to differentiate between student-authored work and AI-generated content. This challenge is particularly pronounced when AI has been trained on academic resources relevant to the subject matter."

He said that traditional evaluation techniques are often insufficient for detecting the use of AI in student submissions. This limitation in identifying AI-generated text highlights the psychological constraints faced by humans when confronted with the ever-evolving capabilities of artificial intelligence, he added.

"As AI continues to progress and refine its text generation abilities, the task of distinguishing between human-written and AI-produced content will only become more complex. Educators and institutions must adapt their evaluation methods to keep pace with these technological advancements, ensuring the integrity of academic assessments in the face of increasingly sophisticated AI systems," said Dr Kakkur.

Cancellation of UGC-NET leaves scores anxious

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New Delhi: Anxiety and apprehension about the future have gripped scores of PhD applicants following the abrupt cancellation of UGC-NET, or University Grants Commission-National Eligibility Test, the exam held on June 18 for admission to PhD programmes and for appointment as associate professors in colleges.

Earlier, universities conducted their own admission tests for PhD programmes, but this year was the first time UGC-NET 2024 was supposed to select candidates for doctoral studies admissions. In March, UGC decided that the UGC-NET scores would define qualifications for PhD admission, following which several universities announced replacement of their own entrance exams with the central one.

Around a week ago, following controversy over other entrance exams conducted by the National Testing Agency, it was announced that the UGC-NET was cancelled. The announcement said, "There have been indications of irregularities in the examination conducted by NTA, due to which the UGC-NET 2024 held on June 18 stands cancelled. The exam will be rescheduled."

The aspirants have been hard hit by the cancellation of the exam. Prasanjeet of Bihar, who wanted to pursue a doctorate in history after finishing his master's degree programme in Delhi University, said he was anticipating his new course to begin soon. However, due to the "failure of NTA, we have

been left with the feeling of dejection," he said.

Prasanjeet, who lives in the city in a rented house, said, "I was hoping that once my PhD studies started, I would also get some stipend to sustain myself financially. But now, after this delay, I am rethinking my dream to go for doctoral studies."

For Anjali of Uttar Pradesh, there are bigger worries. She said, "For women, pursuing higher education is a big challenge, and such a delay in the academic cycles due to the failure of NTA is only going to add to our problems." Anjali, who has completed her master's from Jamia Millia Islamia and is hoping to do her PhD in sociology, said, "We all hope to get into a PhD programme. Now, not all of us can sit idly for six months. Especially women, many of whom will be asked to return home. Their dreams to pursue a PhD degree might be in jeopardy."

Similar fears have gripped other students, many of whom also participated in the protest against NTA at Jantar Mantar on Thursday. The students are demanding that universities be allowed to conduct their own admission exams so that the academic cycle isn't disrupted. Saumya, a PhD applicant, said, "We do not have any trust in NTA. If there can be an exam paper leak once and malpractices can happen, then why can't it happen in the next exam? Why are exams being centralised when the universities were already capable of conducting the PhD admissions themselves? We want UGC to revoke its criteria for UGC-NET for PhD admissions."

RS chairman revokes Singh's suspension

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Rajya Sabha chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar has revoked the suspension of AAP MP Sanjay Singh, taking note of recommendations of the Committee of Privileges that, while holding him "guilty of breach of privilege", noted that he has already suffered "sufficient punishment for the transgression". The revocation follows an "unconditional apology" from Singh.

Stating that although Singh's conduct justifies exemplary punishment, the privileges committee in its report said that taking a "conspectus of entire facts and circumstances of the case it has been recommended that Singh's unconditional apology may be accepted and the suspension suffered by him so far be taken as sufficient."

Singh was suspended through a motion on July 24 last year for the breach of privilege. In another report the Privileges Committee, held 12 opposition MPs, including AAP's Sanjay Singh, guilty of misconduct for disrupting House proceedings and cautioned them "to desist from such behaviour in future." While recommending no action against Kumar Ketkar, Naranbhai J Rathwa and L Hanumanthiah who have since retired from membership of the council, the committee cautioned Sanjay Singh, Shaktisinh Gohil, Sushil Kumar Gupta, Sandeep Kumar Pathak, Syed Nasir Hussain, Phulo Devi Netam, Jebi Mather Hisham, Ranjeet Rajan and Imran Pratapgarhi and also asked them to "scrupulously adhere to exemplary conduct and optimise their performance in the House."

Lying defunct for almost 3 months, doorstep delivery of services scheme awaits relaunch

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New Delhi: Delhi govt's flagship scheme, doorstep delivery of services, which offered Delhiites the facility to apply for certain documents from the comfort of their homes, has been lying defunct for almost three months now. The scheme was given an extension in Nov last year till March 31, sources said.

The department of administrative reforms, which was running the scheme, failed to get Delhi cabinet's approval for the project within the stipulated time. Till March 31, Delhi govt was offering 100 different services under the project and in four and a half years of its run, more than six lakh documents, certificates, permits, and licences were issued to residents of the capital.

This is AAP govt's second

WAS GIVEN EXTENSION TILL MARCH 31

Sept 10, 2018 Doorstep delivery of services was launched

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Over six lakh certificates/documents/permits were issued till March 31, 2023

58 new services were to be added

flagship project after the free Wi-Fi scheme, which stopped working abruptly.

A senior Delhi govt official said that while giving extension in Nov 2023, the department made it clear that the project in its current form will either remain oper-

rational till it is replaced with a new and a revised scheme or last till March 31.

"Now that the scheme has completed its term, govt will have to relaunch it. A proper concept note will have to be presented before the cabinet for approval after

getting the nod of planning, finance, law and other departments concerned," said an official requesting anonymity.

"Due to the model code of conduct, we could not renew the policy. We will now place it before the cabinet soon," said a govt source.

The scheme was launched in Sep 2018 with 30 services. Forty services were added to the project in March 2019 and another 30 in Sep same year. Govt had initially roped in VFS Global, a private company known for providing visa-related facilities, to run the scheme for three years. Later, two companies - CSC e-Governance and Core Doc2 - were hired after the project was retendered. While Core Doc2 was to provide the services in east Delhi, CSC e-Governance was responsible for the remaining city.

Under the scheme, people would call on a centralised number 1076 to book a service and a mobile sahayak, the last-mile agent, would visit them to collect necessary documents, saving them the hassle of traveling to govt offices.

The facilities available under the scheme included issuance of income, caste and domicile certificates; sewer, water and electricity connections; ration card, drivers licence, drug licence and bus passes from 14 govt departments including revenue, transport, Delhi Jal Board, social welfare and food and supplies, among others.

Officials said that there were plans to add 58 more services in Aug last year and had tested the software and deployed the required hardware, the project ran into rough weather before the new facilities could be officially launched by AAP govt.

Railways told to pay ₹1L to woman for luggage theft

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A Delhi consumer court recently held Indian Railways responsible for "negligence and deficiency in services" and directed it to pay Rs 1.08 lakh to a woman whose luggage was stolen while she was travelling from New Delhi to Indore on a reserved seat in a reserved coach on the Malwa Express.

The district consumer dispute redressal commission (central district), comprising president Inder Jeet Singh and member Rashmi Bansal, was hearing the

complaint of Jaya Kumari, a resident of Delhi. Advocate Prashant Prakash appeared for the complainant.

According to Kumari, her bag was stolen in Jan 2016 between Jhansi and Gwalior on the Malwa Express by some people who had entered the reserved coach but did not have any reservation. The TTE in the coach and railway administration was immediately informed in writing about the incident but paid no heed, the woman alleged.

"It was the duty of the railways for a safe, secure and comfortable journey as well

as the safety and security of belongings of passengers. The complainant's belongings were not recovered," the complaint said.

The commission stated the railways had the territorial jurisdiction to try the case as the complainant boarded the train from New Delhi and there was "a continuity of the journey" till its arrival at its destination (Indore). It said that the office of the opposite party (general manager, Indian Railway) was situated within the commission's jurisdiction.

The commission rejected the arguments of the railwa-

ys that Kumari was negligent about her belongings and that the luggage was not booked. It noted the submissions of the woman that she was made to "run from pillar to post to register an FIR".

"The manner in which the episode has happened and valuables were stolen followed by the efforts of the complainant to get the FIR registered with the authorities for appropriate inquiry or investigation, she suffered all kinds of inconvenience and harassment to pursue her legal rights," the commission said. The commission noted

that the complainant had established her case against the railways for negligence and deficiency in service as her belongings were stolen during her journey against reserved tickets.

"Had there been no negligence or deficiency in services on the part of the opposite party or its staff, there would be no such incident.... Therefore, the complainant is held entitled to reimbursement of loss of Rs 80,000," the commission said.

It awarded Rs 20,000 as damages for inconvenience, with a cost of Rs 8,000.

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2 arrested for sexual assault on woman

New Delhi: Two men have been arrested for allegedly sexually assaulting a woman in southwest Delhi's Kapashera.

Police received information about the assault on June 22, when the woman said that she had befriended suspect Ashok Verma. "She alleged that she was sexually assaulted by him on Feb 6. She also claimed that he secretly recorded a video of this incident," a senior police officer said.

The complainant alleged that Verma forced her to get involved with two more people by threatening to release the video, the officer said, adding that other two men also assaulted her, and later Verma sent the video to her husband and family.

A case was registered in this regard and DCP (southwest) Rohit Meena formed a team under SHO (Kapashera) Naven Kumar to investigate the matter.

After identifying Verma's location, he was nabbed from Bihar's Gaya and other suspect Ram Kishore Ahirwar was also held at his behest, the DCP said, adding that raids were being conducted to arrest the third suspect. **TNN**

Love Triangle Behind ACP Son's Murder: Chargesheet

26-Year-Old Lawyer Was Strangled And Thrown Into A Canal

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A love triangle, and not a financial dispute as earlier suspected, was the likely motive behind the murder of 26-year-old lawyer Lakshay Chauhan, the son of a Delhi Police ACP who was strangled and thrown into a canal earlier this year, fresh evidence has suggested.



Lakshay Chauhan

Chauhan, who practised law at Tis Hazari courts, was allegedly murdered by Vikas Swami, a munshi (clerk) at the same court. Police investigation has revealed that Swami was "obsessed" with a typist working at the court and believed Lakshay was romantically involved with her. Consumed by jealousy and rage, Swami hatched a deadly plan and roped in his associates too, according to the chargesheet filed by police at Rohini court.

Swami (23) and another accused, Abhishek (19), have been charged with murder, kidnapping, concealing and causing disappearance of evidence, using a false property mark, criminal conspiracy and common intention. The murder took place on the intervening night of Jan 22-23 when Chauhan, along with Swami and his friend Abhishek, was travelling to a wedding in Bhiwani, Haryana, in his EcoSport. During

their return journey, Chauhan was sitting in the front passenger seat while Swami drove. In Panipat, close to Mukna canal, the accused stopped the car and, taking Chauhan by surprise, allegedly strangled him with a piece of cloth. They then allegedly threw his body into the canal before returning to Delhi.

Police launched a search for Chauhan after a 'missing person' report was filed by his father, ACP Yash Pal Singh Chauhan. The two accused were arrested on Jan 28.

Swami told police that he was close to a woman working in Tis Hazari courts who assisted lawyers in preparing affidavits, marriage certificates and typing. He suspected Chauhan was also interested in her and resented this.

"On Jan 22, when Chauhan visited a common typist and mentioned that he was going

to Bhiwani to attend a wedding, Swami saw an opportunity. He asked Chauhan if he could accompany him and later asked Abhishek to join them," a police source said.

The three men went to Narela, where Swami and Abhishek got clothes from their houses. Then, they headed to Bhiwani and began their return journey around 1.30am. Under the pretence of visiting his maternal uncle's house, Swami asked them to take the route via Panipat so that he and Abhishek could execute their plan, the chargesheet stated.

After the murder, the two accused allegedly obtained a fake number plate and continued driving Chauhan's EcoSport. Later, Swami abandoned the vehicle in an isolated place in Narela. They later led the police to the car and the original number plate.

Surgery helps 185kg man regain ability to walk

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 40-year-old man weighing 185kg regained his ability to walk and control his body functions after a surgery by doctors at Apollo Hospitals. The patient was diagnosed with severe lumbar canal stenosis, a condition that was compressing the nerves controlling his legs and bodily functions.

Doctors said the patient was initially admitted with a lower backache, bilateral lower limb radicular pain. He had been unable to walk for five days following a fall at home.

Diagnostic imaging revealed severe lumbar canal stenosis. Given the urgency of the situation and the patient's extreme weight, the medical team decided to perform an intricate spinal decompression and stabilisation surgery.

Dr Sudheer Kumar Tyagi, a senior consultant in the department of neurosurgery at Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, and his team did a bilateral L2, L3, L4 pedicle screw fixation with L1, L2, L3, L4 & L5 laminectomy and decompression. The L1-L5 are lumbar bones of the spine.

"The surgery presented numerous challenges, including difficulties in patient positioning, surgical exposure and

precise implant placement due to the patient's extreme obesity," Dr Tyagi said.

Breaking down the surgery process further, he said that the complex procedure involved carefully inserting stabilising screws and rods into the spine and removing the pressure from the compressed nerves. The surgical team had to work at exceptional depths to reach the spine, using specialised long instruments to navigate through the extensive layers of tissue. The anaesthesia team faced hurdles in intubation, maintaining proper oxygenation and managing the high risk of deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism. Post-operative care, particularly physiotherapy and mobilisation, required specialised equipment and techniques to accommodate the patient's size and ensure a safe recovery.

The patient is expected to be discharged soon and will continue with a specially designed rehabilitation plan to improve his mobility.

Dr Tyagi said: "This case represents a significant milestone in neurosurgical care. The patient's extreme obesity presented unprecedented challenges at every stage of the treatment, from the moment he was admitted, unable to walk and suffering from severe pain."

Gang sent links to dupe many, busted

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi Police has busted a gang that allegedly scammed people by posing as customer care officials from several companies. Its kingpin has been arrested.

The gang used to send phishing links to siphon off money from its targets' accounts. Investigators suspect that over 150 people might have been duped.

After losing Rs 2 lakh, a woman filed a complaint on March 19, alleging that she had received a call from an unknown number claiming she needed to make a payment to release a delayed parcel. The scammer then sent her a link on WhatsApp and asked her to make the payment through the application. She entered her bank details, but the payment failed. The victim realised that she had been cheated when the bank informed her of a Rs 2 lakh debit.

DCP (southwest) Rohit Meena formed a team under inspector Vikas Buldak, which conducted raids and arrested Amrul Ansari from Jamtara.

Police found that Ansari used multiple devices with various SIM cards, indicating his involvement in organised cybercrime activities. Cops said the gang had been active since 2019. "Ansari was arrested earlier too for cyber fraud," an officer said.

Police said that after sending a phishing link as a customer care executive, he used to gain control over a target's device to transfer the money to the gang's account.

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Stir Against New Criminal Laws Reaches Bar Council

BCI To Discuss Matter With Centre, Asks For Stop On Protests

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New Delhi: Days before the rollout of the new criminal codes, protests by lawyer bodies have reached the Bar Council of India, which in turn has urged all bar associations across the country to refrain from any immediate protests.

Taking note of the reservations expressed by the state associations, BCI acknowledged on Wednesday the numerous representations received from bar associations and state bar councils expressing strong protests against the criminal laws to be implemented from July 1.

The newly encoded laws — Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Act — will replace the Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and the Evidence Act.

Senior advocate and BCI chairman Manan Kumar Mishra said in a statement, "Bar associations have signalled their intent to engage in indefinite agitations and protests unless these laws are suspended and subjected to thorough nationwide discussions, including a comprehensive review by Parliament."

Mishra said concerns had been "raised that several provisions of these new laws are perceived to be anti-people, more draconian than the colonial-era laws they

WHAT THE BAR ASSOCIATIONS SAY

➤ Several Bar associations called for review of provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), and a relook at the The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), The Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNS), and The Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA)

➤ They say several provisions in these laws violate principles of natural justice and fundamental rights

➤ For instance the fake promise to marry is now punishable, which was not the case earlier. Lawyers fear greater misuse

➤ Associations say a few provisions in the new laws give wide powers to police and make bail difficult. They also flagged how BNS 2023 allows police to seek 15 days' remand — all at once or in a phased manner — minimising chances of bail

➤ Opposition to lack of clear definition in BNS of what constitutes a 'gang'

➤ Concerns around greater weightage to electronic records in the new Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, which will replace Evidence Act. The existing Act keeps electronic evidence as secondary evidence



intend to replace and pose a serious threat to the fundamental rights of citizens".

While the BCI communication didn't specify the exact provisions flagged by the various bar associations, TOI has learnt the concerns centre on the tweaks made to existing laws, including CrPC, on bail and remand, electronic evidence in Evidence Act and criminalising false promise to marry with a 10-year jail term.

"The communication said several 'legal luminaries' and ad-

vocates had also strongly opposed the laws, asserting that these contravened the principles of fundamental rights and natural justice. "After careful consideration of these demands and concerns, BCI requests all bar associations to refrain from any form of agitation or protest at this juncture. BCI will initiate discussions with the Union govt, represented by the Union home minister and the Union law minister, to convey the concerns of the legal fraternity," the statement said.

"Upon receiving specific suggestions from the bar associations, BCI will constitute a committee comprising noted senior advocates, former judges, impartial social activists and journalists to propose necessary amendments to these new laws," the apex lawyers' body said, urging restraint.

BCI SAYS

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BCI said it also intended to seek the intervention of Union environment minister Bhupendra Yadav, a lawyer himself, to mediate in the matter. "Additionally, BCI requests all bar associations and senior advocates to submit specific provisions of the new laws they deem unconstitutional or detrimental, to facilitate a productive dialogue with the government," the statement said.

It underlined that Union home minister Amit Shah had announced in September 2023 the Centre's willingness to amend any provision of these laws if "valid reasons and plausible suggestions" were presented.

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Police arrest rape accused after chase spanning 1,800km

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi Police have arrested a 22-year-old man accused of rape from Andhra Pradesh, after a chase that spanned more than 1,800km.

On June 11, a 22-year-old woman informed police that a man had raped her and then threatened her by saying he had taken her photos and videos, which would be made viral. A case was registered under sections 376 (rape) and 354(C) (voyeurism) of IPC.

Using technical surveillance, police teams found that the suspect was constantly changing his location. "Sources informed us that he was hiding in some district of Andhra Pradesh. One of the teams was immediately sent to Andhra Pradesh," the officer said.

After traveling 1,865 km, police nabbed the suspect, a resident of Rajasthan, from Gandhi Market in Ongole following a door-to-door search, the officer said, adding that he was brought to Delhi on transit remand and sent to judicial custody.

Inquiry revealed that the suspect and the complainant had met through social media five months ago and became friends.

Owaisi claims house vandalised

New Delhi: Delhi Police have launched an investigation after AIMIM MP Asaduddin Owaisi alleged on social media that his house had been vandalised with black ink by some "unknown miscreants" on Thursday. Police said they were scanning CCTV footage to identify the suspects. TNN

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2kg tumour removed from 16-yr-old's thigh

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 16-year-old girl from Najafgarh underwent surgery at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital for the removal of a tumour weighing 2kg in her left thigh.

The growth had encased her sciatic nerve, causing numbness, making her unable to walk.

The hospital medical team managed to not only remove the tumour but also save Maya's leg and, ultimately, her life.

Maya had lived with a swelling in her left thigh's posterior side for years. Initially, the swelling was small, and both Maya and the doctors she consulted in the initial stages disregarded it. However, the swelling recently grew rapidly, limiting her ability to walk, run and jump. The swelling progressively

became painful and started to cause numbness in the leg.

Dr Chintamani, chairman of the department of surgical oncology, said that to determine the nature of the growth, Maya underwent imaging tests and a core needle biopsy. The results showed there was a soft tissue tumour that had completely surrounded the left sciatic nerve.

The diagnosis posed a significant challenge as the tumour's location and extent of involvement with the nerve required careful consideration and planning for the best possible outcome.

"The sciatic nerve is a vital nerve that emerges from the lower back (lumbar and sacral spine) and runs through the gluteus maximus muscle (buttocks) on both sides. It then passes

down the back of the thigh and leg, supplying muscles of the lower limbs. This particular nerve is critical for the functionality of the lower limbs," Dr Chintamani said.

He added that to avoid future recurrence, the entire tumour had to be excised. Consequently, saving the limb posed a significant challenge, and there was a high likelihood that amputation would be necessary to ensure the patient's survival. After an 8-hour surgery, doctors were able to remove the entire tumour while saving the sciatic nerve.

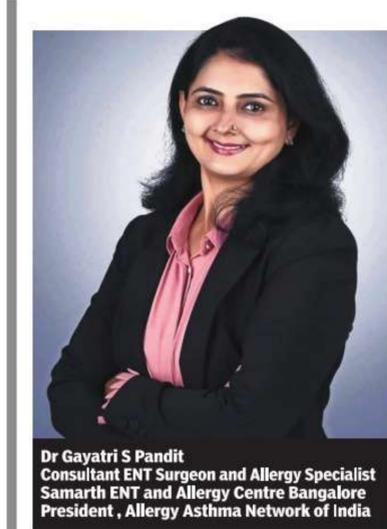
Following her surgery, the patient experienced transient lower limb muscle weakness. With the help of physiotherapy and the passage of time, her condition has shown significant improvement, doctors said.

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(जन कार्य एवं उद्यान विभाग)
खण्डवा, दिनांक: 25/06/2024
क्रमांक-123/जन.वि.इ-देण्डरिंग/2024
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DECODING SNEEZES: COLD OR ALLERGY?

typically associated with colds. Allergies occur when your immune system mistakenly identifies harmless substances as threats, releasing chemicals like histamine. This response leads to swelling in the nasal passages, resulting in sneezing and coughing.

Unlike colds, allergies aren't contagious, though a tendency to develop them can be inherited. Both conditions can cause congestion, a runny nose, and tiredness, but several symptoms don't overlap. Recognizing these differences can help you identify whether you're dealing with a cold or allergies and seek appropriate treatment.

2. FEVER: THE NO-SHOW IN ALLERGIES
One of the most telling differences between colds and allergies is the presence of a fever. Allergies do not cause fevers. If you have a fever, it's a sign that your body is fighting off an infection, such as a cold or the flu. While it's possible to have an allergy flare-up concurrently with an infection that causes a fever, the fever itself is not a result of allergies.

Colds, on the other hand, can cause your body temperature to rise, though it usually stays below 100 degrees Fahrenheit. This mild fever is part of your body's natural response to the viral infection. If you find yourself with a fever and other cold symptoms, it's more likely that you've caught a cold rather than experiencing allergies.

Moreover, chills are another symptom that allergies don't cause. If you're experiencing chills along with a sore throat and body aches, it's more likely you have a cold, the flu, or another type of infection.

HOW TO COUNTER ALLERGIES: DR. GAYATRI S PANDIT'S EXPERT ADVICE
Dr. Gayatri S Pandit, Allergy Specialist from Samarth ENT and Allergy Centre, Bangalore and President of Allergy Asthma Network of India (AANI), has dedicated her career to understanding and combating allergies. Here, she shares her top strategies to help prevent and mitigate the effects of colds and seasonal allergies.

THE ULTIMATE SHOWDOWN BETWEEN COLD AND ALLERGY
Distinguishing between a cold and allergies can be a game-changer in your quest for relief. Colds, often accompanied by fever and sore throat, rarely bring itchy eyes, while allergies almost always do. Both can make you sneeze, feel tired, and suffer from a runny or stuffy nose.

Colds typically resolve in 3 to 10 days, with rest and fluids as your allies. Allergies, however, are relentless, lasting for weeks and requiring antihistamines or nasal sprays. If your symptoms persist beyond 14 days, it's time to see a doctor—it could be allergies or another underlying issue demanding your attention.

3. THE COUGH CONUNDRUM: WET VS. DRY
Coughing is a common symptom in both colds and allergies, but the nature of the cough differs. A cold often brings on a wet, hacking cough that produces mucus or phlegm, which can turn thick and take on a yellow or green color as the cold progresses. This type of cough is your body's way of clearing out the viral infection from your respiratory system.

Allergy-related coughs, however, are typically dry or with whitish mucoid secretions and can feel like you have a tickle in your throat. This is due to post-nasal drip, where watery mucus from your irritated nasal passages drips down the back of your throat, causing that persistent tickling sensation. One could also feel wheezy if there is involvement of lungs. If any of above symptoms are there for prolonged period it requires medical attention.

IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC ALLERGENS
While there are several blood tests available in market to know your allergies, Dr. Pandit emphasises on Skin Prick Allergy test which is considered of gold standard in detecting aero allergen sensitisation. Allergic Rhinitis are usually caused by house dust mites, pollens, fungal spores, animal dander and insect epithelia.

THE GREAT HEALTH MYSTERY: COLD VS. ALLERGY
When you're sneezing, coughing, and feeling generally miserable, it can be difficult to determine whether you're dealing with a common cold or allergies. Following are the key distinctions that can help you figure out whether you're battling a cold or fending off allergies.

4. THE ITCH FACTOR: A SIGNATURE OF ALLERGIES
Itchy eyes, ears, nose, and throat are hallmark symptoms of allergies. Allergens such as pollen can irritate the lining of your eyes, leading to dryness, redness, itching, and burning sensations. This itching is a direct response to your body's release of histamines, which are chemicals produced in response to allergens.

Colds rarely cause such widespread itching. If you're experiencing significant itchiness along with other symptoms like sneezing and a runny nose, it's almost certainly due to allergies rather than a cold.

AVOIDANCE STRATEGIES
Once you detect what allergen you are sensitised to, you are advised to focus on environmental control measures for that particular allergen. Dr. Pandit opines that major allergen sensitisation among Indian population are house dust mites. Surprisingly, these dust mites are from indoors and not the outdoor ones. These house dust mites feed on human skin debris and leave out faecal matter which could cause allergies in a sensitised person. Maximum concentration of dust mites are found in our beds. Frequent changing of bedsheets and washing them in hot water, sun drying, wet mopping and keeping away the soft toys and furry blankets can help to reduce house dust mite exposure.

1. PATTERN AND DURATION OF SYMPTOMS: THE SEASONAL DANCE OF ALLERGIES
Allergies follow a predictable pattern and tend to stick around longer than colds. If you suffer from allergies, your symptoms will flare up during specific times of the year when allergens like pollen are prevalent. For instance, tree pollen allergies typically manifest in early spring. This means your symptoms can last for several weeks, until that particular allergy season ends. For some of the allergens such as House dust, Dust mites symptoms can be through out the year.

5. SORE THROATS AND BODY ACES: MORE LIKELY A COLD
While allergies can cause some discomfort, such as a headache from congestion or a sore throat from post-nasal drip, they rarely lead to the sore throats or body aches associated with colds. Viral infections like colds and the flu often cause mild to moderate body aches and sore throats as your immune system fights off the

NO NEED TO ENDURE ALLERGIES
Even Allergic Rhinitis which is considered a trivial disease, can significantly impact patients' physical, social and mental well-being. Dr. Pandit explains that allergies are chronic inflammatory and progressive diseases. Hence, optimal treatment for this condition is necessary. She further adds that such patients require controlled medications such as Intra Nasal Corticosteroid nasal spray for long term and reliever Anti Histamine medications on need

THE COLD CONUNDRUM: UNMASKING THE TRUE CULPRIT
Contrary to popular belief, the common cold is not a seasonal visitor but a sporadic invader, striking whenever you encounter the virus. With hundreds of virus types ready to make you sick, these tiny intruders trigger your immune system, leading to the familiar cold symptoms: a runny or stuffy nose, coughing, and a sore throat.

These symptoms are actually your body's defence mechanisms in action, fighting off the viral attack. Highly contagious, colds spread through sneezing, coughing, or direct contact with an infected person. Within one to two weeks, your immune system usually overcomes the virus, and symptoms subside.

STRENGTHENING THE IMMUNE SYSTEM
Keeping your immune system robust is crucial. Dr. Pandit suggests regular exercise, a healthy diet, and sufficient sleep as of utmost importance. "Exercise helps maintain overall health, and a balanced diet provides the necessary nutrients for a strong immune response. And don't underestimate the power of good sleep," she states. Vaginal delivery, breast feeding, less antibiotics in early life and exposure to livestock early in life are found to strengthen immunity over allergic disorders.

DECODING YOUR SYMPTOMS
Understanding whether your symptoms are caused by a cold or allergies is essential for choosing the right treatment. When they persist beyond two weeks or are particularly severe, it's always a good idea to consult a healthcare professional. They can provide a definitive diagnosis and recommend the best course of action to get you back to feeling your best. By paying attention to the nuances of your symptoms, you can unravel the mystery of whether you're facing a cold or allergies and take appropriate steps to find relief.

#STOPALLERGYBEFOREITSTOPYOU
Don't take allergies lightly. Left untreated, they can spiral into serious health complications. Act now - address your symptoms immediately and stop them today, before they stop you.
This article is an educational initiative, supported by Sanofi Consumer Healthcare India Ltd.

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ADV No.05/D3/CE/TTD/2024-25 & NIT No.6/SE/TTD/2024-25. Dt: 26/06/2024

Name of Works: (1) Providing Interiors, Acoustic treatment, paintings, Electrical works including Air-conditioning & yard lighting etc, for S.V.Auditorium in S.V.College, New Delhi, Amount Rs 580 Lakhs, Mixed tender Type, Time for completion 12 months.

Note: For full details log on to the website <https://www.tirumala.org>. TTD-40021(31)/1/2024-PRO SEC (Adv. No. 48), Dated:27.06.2024

Sd/- Executive Officer

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PHED CIRCUIT ALWAR
Manu Marg Alwar (Raj.) Date-12-06-24

NOTICE INVITING BID (NIT No. 03-13/2024-25)

Bids for work of Construction of Sources, P/L/J/T/C of Rising, Distribution, Pipelines, Reservoirs and FHTC including Defect Liability period Under JMD PHED Division Rajgarh (Alwar) are invited from interested bidders upto 06:00 PM on Date 04.07.2024. Other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raj.nic.in>) of the state and <https://phedwater.rajasthan.gov.in> departmental website.

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NIT Mizoram invites Expression of Interest for GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE PLAN (GTLIP) for Regular Employees of NIT Mizoram from eligible Life Insurance Company. Interested Life Insurance Company may drop the offer documents in the Tender Box in the Institute or send the offer document through Registered Post / Speed Post / Courier. Last Date for Submission of the above EOI: 28th July, 2024 till 1:00 PM

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Sd/- (Prof. AJMAL KOYA PULIKKAL)
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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Deepak Kumar S/o Jawahar Singh R/o H. No. E-1/973, Gali No. 25, 25 Foota Road, 4½ Pushta, Sonia Vihar, New Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 364/2019 U/s 306/385/419 IPC P.S.: Fatehpur Beri South Distt. and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Deepak Kumar, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Deepak Kumar, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said Deepak Kumar, accused of FIR No. 364/2019 U/s 306/385/419 IPC P.S.: Fatehpur Beri South Distt. is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 27.07.2024.

By Order
Sh. Gaurav Gupta,
ASJ/Special Judge (NDPS) Act,
Saket Courts, New Delhi

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Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) Sagar, S/o: Sunil, R/o: C-52 Sadar Bazar Road Pipal wali Gali Matiyaganj, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 598/20, U/s. 356/379/34 IPC, P.S.: Keshav Puram, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) Sagar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) Sagar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) Sagar of FIR No. 598/20, U/s. 356/379/34 IPC, P.S.: Keshav Puram, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 14.08.2024.

By Order
Ms. Divya Arora
Metropolitan Magistrate, North West-04
Room No. 112, 1st Floor, Rohini Court, Delhi

Urban Development Directorate, Uttarakhand
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Letter no. 1505 Date: 25.06.2024

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Director

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क्रमांक :- जस्स/2023-24/28 दिनांक :- 24.06.2024

ई-निविदा सूचना क्रमांक :- 8/2024-25

SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF STATIC COMPACTOR MACHINES, HOOK LOADERS AND CONTAINERS WITH OPERATION & MAINTENANCE AND TRANSPORTATION OF WASTE हेतु संयोजित निविदाओं की अधिक जानकारी हेतु www.jaipurmc.org, www.sppp.raj.nic.in and www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर स्टेट पब्लिक प्रोक्यूरमेंट के UBN No. JMC2425GLO800136 पर देखी जा सकती है।

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(Yogesh Chandra Srivastava)
Administrative cum Purchase & Sales Officer

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DOIT&C द्वारा निम्न ऑनलाइन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :-

NIB No./ Date/ Unique Bid No.	Particulars	Estimated Cost/EMD	Start of Sale/Last Date
RIS2425 A0026/ 24.06.2024/ RIS2425GL OB00026	Request For Proposal (RFP) for Rate Contract for Procurement of Aadhaar Enrollment Kits (AEK- ECMP) for Rajasthan UID Project based on open competitive bidding.	Rs.618.00 Lakh(a) Amount (INR); Rs. 12,36,000/- [2% of the estimated procurement cost b) Amount (INR); Rs. 6,18,000/- [1% of the estimated procurement cost in case of S.S.I. units and units of BIFR]	25.06.2024/ 26.07.2024

विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु इन वेबसाइट पर सम्पर्क करें-
<http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in>,
<http://risl.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://www.doitc.rajasthan.gov.in> and <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>

Sd/-
SA(Joint Director)

RAIL COACH FACTORY KAPURTHALA

E-TENDER NOTICE

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for the following item(s):

Sr.No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (Nos/Sets)	EMD(%)
1.	14241103/17.07.2024	PVC Flooring Roll	1722 Nos.	624400/-
2.	13245020A/22.07.2024	XRF Analyzer as per Spec. No. QM/XRF/TS-19 DT-07/03/2019 and modification spec dated 21.06.2024 (PL.No. 6415181)	3 Nos.	132310/-
3.	17241321/29.07.2024	Supply & Application of set of Roof and Endwall Panels in LHB High Capacity Parcel Van Coaches	73 Sets	318720/-
4.	17241319/25.07.2024	1) Set of FRP Modular Toilet with manufacturing process SMC for LHB 2) Set of FRP Modular Toilet with manufacturing process SMC for LHB SLR HOG Amrit Bharat Coaches.	1) 850 Set 2) 95 Set	5000000/-
5.	12241248/22.07.2024	Supply, Installation and commissioning of One Rake set of Vacuum Evacuation system for Train Set. One Rake Consists of 2 DTC Coaches.	16 Set	2000000/-
6.	17241355/24.07.2024	Aluminium Composite Panel Size 3X1350X1850MM	54866 Nos.	2000000/-
7.	12241182/01.08.2024	Small Window (Fixed)	712 Nos.	51260/-
8.	01241253/01.08.2024	Air Spring 180 KN for MEMU Coaches	233 Sets	1991590/-
9.	01241138A/30.07.2024	Safety Wire Rope Assly	3554 Nos.	0
10.	05241219A/25.07.2024	Emergency Brake Pull Box	1859 Nos.	2000000/-
11.	01241221/24.07.2024	Set of Assembled Control Arms	1418 Sets	2000000/-
12.	05241369A/22.07.2024	Set of Channel for LHB Coaches	335 Sets	156540/-
13.	05241469/26.07.2024	Set of Cab Door Assembly LH & RH	104 Sets	150900/-
14.	04241052/18.07.2024	Steel coils two types	20000 kgs+ 20000 kgs	68000/-
15.	01241242/01.08.2024	Brake Beam Inner	900 Nos.	66610/-
16.	05231141B/23.07.2024	Set of Pipe Sealing Kit	1022 Set	1049190/-
17.	05241555/24.07.2024	Set of Roof Sheet for LHB	400 Set	1702340/-
18.	05241270A/30.07.2024	Set of Longitudinal Beam	48 Set	140470/-
19.	05241485/31.07.2024	Set of Frame	114 Sets	111380/-

1. For details and making On-line bids, visit Website <http://ireps.gov.in> Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website <http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in>. Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at website <http://www.cce.gov.in>. 2. All limited tenders and Advertised tenders will normally close at 11:25 Hrs and 14:25 Hrs respectively on the stipulated date and will be opened at 11.30 Hrs and 14.30 Hrs. 3. Tender at Sr.No. 1 to 7 will be opened at RCF, Kapurthala and Tender at Sr. No. 8 to 19 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi-110002. 4. For queries contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF Helpdesk at 011-23378658. NOTE: "GST No. of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them".

PCMM

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By Order
Ms. Isha Singh
Metropolitan Magistrate-03,
Patiala House Court, New Delhi

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF HANDLOOM TECHNOLOGY
CHOWKAGHAT: VARANASI-221002
ADMISSION NOTICE
POST DIPLOMA IN TEXTILE PROCESSING

Applications are invited from eligible candidates by Indian Institute of Handloom Technology, Varanasi (U.P.) for admission to Post Diploma in Textile Processing for the Academic Year 2024-25 commencing from 16th July, 2024.

- ELIGIBILITY:**
A candidate having passed Three Years Diploma in Handloom Technology/Diploma in Handloom & Textile Technology/Diploma in Textile Technology/ Textile Chemistry/Textile Processing from a recognized Institute.
OR
Any Science Graduate (B.Sc.) from a recognized College/ University OR B.Sc. in Home Science having Physics and Chemistry subjects at 10+2/Intermediate level.
- ADMISSION PROCESS:** The admission will be made strictly on merit prepared on the basis of marks obtained in qualifying examination followed by the counseling at respective institute.
- RESERVATION:** 27%, 15% 7.5% & 10% seats will be reserved for OBC, SC ST and EWS candidates respectively.
- DURATION OF COURSE:** 1½ years (Three semesters)
- STIPEND:** Rs.2500/- per month (as per gov. norms).

LAST DATE: Completed applications in the prescribed format with self-attested copies of Mark Sheets for all three years and testimonials confirming his/her eligibility along with community certificate (for OBC/SC/ST/EWS) and Transfer certificate from the institute last attended should reach in respective institute on or before 08.07.2024 at following addresses:

The Director,
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF HANDLOOM TECHNOLOGY,
CHOWKAGHAT, VARANASI-221002 (U.P.)
Phone:- 0542-2203833

Note:- Candidates may download the application form for admission from the website: [www.iitvvaranasi.edu.in](http://iitvvaranasi.edu.in) and www.handlooms.nic.in.
CBC 41102/11/0003/2425

SAHA INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR PHYSICS,
KOLKATA

No.: SINP/Estt/Adv/11/2024 Date: 12.06.2024

Recruitment of Project Engineer in DAE-CMS Project

Please visit the institute website www.saha.ac.in for information on the above position. The last date of receiving applications by email is July 12, 2024.

CBC 48135/12/0009/2425

उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग
हिंदी
विज्ञापन क्रमांक- 249404

संख्या: 67/72/02/डीओआर(प्रशासित)/सेवा-1/2021-22
दिनांक: 26 जून, 2024

विज्ञापित पशुचिकित्साधिकारी (ग्रेड-2) परीक्षा-2023

एतद्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि विज्ञापन संख्या: A-3/DR(VO)/S-1/2023, दिनांक 12 अक्टूबर, 2023 द्वारा विज्ञापित पशुचिकित्साधिकारी (ग्रेड-2) परीक्षा-2023 के क्रम में आयोजित लिखित परीक्षा दिनांक 21 व 22 फरवरी, 2024 के साक्ष्य अभिलेख सत्यापन हेतु सफल अभ्यर्थियों का अभिलेख सत्यापन दिनांक 01 व 02 मई, 2024 को किया गया। उक्त अभिलेख सत्यापन में अभ्यर्थियों द्वारा प्रस्तुत अभिलेखों की सन्निरीक्षा उपरान्त प्रश्नगत पदों के साक्ष्य अनर्ह अभ्यर्थियों की सूची, साक्ष्य अभिलेख सूची एवं अभ्यर्थन निरस्त अभ्यर्थियों की सूची आयोग की वेबसाइट पर प्रसारित कर दी गई है। विस्तृत विवरण आयोग की वेबसाइट psc.uk.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

(विद्यार्थी सिंह रावत) सचिव।

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that a Female person Namely: SAROJ, W/o: Krishna, R/o: Vardha Ashram Basti Vikash Kendra, D-33, Block, Nand Nagri, Delhi was residing at D-3 Block, Nand Nagri, Delhi. She was dead on 25.06.24 at 3:53 p.m. In this regard vide DD No: 74A dated 25.06.2024 has been lodged at P.S, Nand Nagri, Delhi.

The description of the deceased is given as below:
Name: Saroj, Sex: Female, Age: 73 years, Complexion: Dusky, Height: 5'6"

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to identify the deceased but no clue has come to light so far. Anyone having information about the deceased, please inform the undersigned.

SHO
P.S Nand Nagri, Delhi
DP/8209/NE/2024 Ph. No. 011-22583307, 22585985 & 8750870733

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER IN CHIEF
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, NAVA RAIPUR, ATAL NAGAR
(CENTRAL TENDER CELL)

E-Procurement Tender Notice
Main Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>
Tenders are invited for the Following works:-

S. No.	System Tender No. / Date	Name of Work	PAC Amount (Rupees in lacs)
1	155096 First Call 19.06.2024	STRENGTHENING WORK OF BAGIYA TO SUJIBAHAR ROAD, LENGTH 8.70 KM., DISTT.- JASHPUR (C.G.) (Work code-W28605)	752.94
2	155170 First Call 20.06.2024	Construction of Tehsil & SDM New Building at Sarangarh. I/c W.S.S.F. Electrification work.	370.36
3	155190 First Call 21.06.2024	Widening of Janjiri Kera Shivarinanarayan Road in km 2/2 to 3/4 = 1.40 km.	285.56
4	155201 First Call 21.06.2024	CONSTRUCTION OF BASANTALA TO BHELWATOLI ROAD, LENGTH 2.74 KM, DISTT.- JASHPUR.	291.94
5	155206 First Call 21.06.2024	CONSTRUCTION OF PIPERDANO CMGSY ROAD TO KATORA RAILWAY STATION APPROACH ROAD, LENGTH 2.60 KM, DISTT.-KOREA.	230.19
6	155208 First Call 21.06.2024	CONSTRUCTION OF BAGIYA KARANJOTLI MAIN BASTI ROAD IN KANSABEL BLOCK JASHPUR LENGTH 1.20 KM, DISTT.- JASHPUR.	288.23
7	155240 First Call 21.06.2024	CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL ROOMS (OFFICE HALL & ROOMS AT 2ND & 3RD FLOOR) I/C ELECTRIFICATION WORKS AT (SALES) STATE TAX OFFICE, DIVISION NO. 1, CIVIL LINE, RAIPUR (C.G.) (DN. NO.), RAIPUR.	249.73

Last Date of Tender Downloading S.No. 01 date 10.07.2024, S.No. 02 To S.No. 07 date 12.07.2024. For more details on the tender and bidding process please visit the above mentioned portal.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
(Central Tender Cell)
Office of Engineer in Chief
P.W.D. Nava Raipur Atal Nagar
G-242500600/9

UJVN LTD.
H.O.: 'UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone: 0135-2763808, 2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508
CIN No.: U40101UR2001SGC025866 Website: www.ujvn.com

Letter No. 545 Corrigendum-I Dated 26.06.2024

Clause 43 of General Condition of contract under section-III of the uploaded bid document of the e-NIT No. 02/EE/PCM-DKPTN/2024-25 invited by the office of the Executive Engineer Project Civil Maintenance-Dakpathar has been amended and uploaded on the e-Procurement portal "<https://uktenders.gov.in>"

Other Terms & Conditions of the tender will remain same. Information regarding Addendum/Corrigendum/Cancellation etc. of tender may be obtained from the website. Full & Further Details of tender can be seen from the e-procurement portal "<https://uktenders.gov.in>".

Executive Engineer
Project Civil Maintenance-Dakpathar
"Avoid Wasteful use of Electricity"

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. AGC-EL-GSU-T-07R-24 Date: 25.06.2024

E-Tender Notice

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Gat/Shakti), North Central Railway, Agra on behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on line only (E-Tendering) for the following works:

Name of work with its location & Completion Period : Electrical TRD work related to 12 meter FOBs under Amrit stations scheme in PWL-DHO section of Agra Division. **Completion Period:** 06 Months.

Approximate Cost of work : ₹12397790.55. **Closing date of Tender:** 17.07.2024 @12:00 Hrs. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in. Tender can only be submitted through web portal www.ireps.gov.in upto 12.00 Hrs. on 17.07.2024. 1111/24(DG)

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

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Letter No: 541 e-Tender Notice Date: 26/06/2024

Office of the Executive Engineer, (M&G) Pathri Power House, Bahadradab, Haridwar invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:-

Tender No. : 04/EE(Pathri)/2024-25
Name of work/supply/services etc.: Procurement of Submersible Pumps at Pathri Power House.

Estimated Cost: Rs. 10,78,4

Man enters septic tank in Ggn to clean it, chokes to death

Mahesh.Buddi@timesgroup.com

Gurgaon: A 35-year-old man from West Bengal who choked on gases inside a sewer line he was called to clean by a contractor earlier this week died in hospital, the fourth death reported in NCR this week in manual scavenging jobs that people keep being pushed into without the mandatory safety gear.

Three deaths were reported in Noida at the office of an IT company on Monday after three housekeeping workers called to fix an overflowing sewer line fell to death inside the water tank of the sewage treatment plant in the basement.

Noor Islam was called to fix a sewer near a traffic signal in Sector 47 along with two others on Tuesday night, his wife said in a complaint filed at Gurgaon Sadar police station.

"At 7pm on Tuesday, contractor Muqeem Ali, who lives near Kanhai temple, called my husband for sewer cleaning work near the traffic signal in Sector 47. While entering the sewer through the manhole, my husband fell inside it. His co-workers Anrud and Chandan Das immediately got into the sewer and brought him out," Mausumi said in her complaint. She and Noor had come to the city from Balurghat in Bengal and lived near Bengal Market in Sector 49.

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Police spokesperson Sandeep Kumar said the sewer line comes under GMDA, but Mausumi was not aware which agency he worked for. "Muqeem is a private labour contractor. We are trying to locate him. Once the contractor is arrested, we will get the details," the spokesperson said.

Officials both at MCG and GMDA said that they had not engaged any workers in that area for sewer cleaning.

Big B's powerful punches and stunning visuals shine above the film's flaws

CINEMA OF THE WEEK

Kalki 2898 AD (Action, Adventure, Drama)
★★★

Cast: Prabhas, Amitabh Bachchan, Kamal Haasan, Deepika Padukone, Disha Patani, Rajendra Prasad, Shobhana, Saswata Chatterjee, Brahmanandam
Direction: Nag Ashwin
Duration: 3 hours 1 minute
Language: Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada (UA)

■ In the year 2898 AD, the tenth and final avatar of Lord Vishnu, Kalki, is poised to be born, heralding a new era amidst a dystopian world fraught with malevolent forces.

Kalki 2898 AD begins with a gripping depiction of the aftermath of the Mahabharata war, when Lord Krishna cursed Ashwatthama (Amitabh Bachchan) with immortality. This sets the stage for a fictional narrative within a star-studded cinematic universe, deeply rooted in Hindu mythology. A story about the tenth avatar of Lord Vishnu, who is prophesied to arrive on a white horse, signaling the end of the Kali Yuga.

Writer-director Nag Ashwin crafts his story around it, but the film is a precursor to what you can expect in the future installments of this massive universe. To do that, he uses his imaginative prowess and transports the audience into a visually stunning world. This is the biggest and most obvious strength of the film. Ashwin, with the help of his cinematographer Djordje Stojiljkovic, takes us into the lone existing city of Kasi, ruled by the evil Commander Manas (Saswata Chatterjee) and led by God King Supreme Yaskin (Kamal Haasan), who lives in a mysterious powerhouse known as Complex. It's a dark world where



fertile women are killed and men are enslaved. The only ray of hope, perhaps, is Bhairava (Prabhas) and a motley bunch of rebels from Shambhala until they rescue one of the subjects from the Complex, SUM80 (Deepika Padukone), the bearer of the awaited avatar.

It's a simple story thrown into a complex web of too many characters and subplots, some of which have little to do with the broader narrative. Ashwin's plot meanders into unnecessary detours so many times that it gets tiring to wait for it to get back on track. The entire first half suffers from this back and forth, especially with Prabhas' character. The futile attempts to generate comedy, even with a veteran like Brahmanandam (who plays Bhairava's landlord Rajan), fall flat, much like his half-baked love angle with Roxie (Disha Patani) that could have been completely done away with.

Thankfully, the film picks up pace in the

second half with Amitabh Bachchan's re-entry. The veteran superstar wows us with his infectious energy in high-octane action scenes. Even with all the special effects and latest tools of computer animation, he manages to breathe life into his character and bring a level of realism into Ashwatthama's unbridled power. Deepika Padukone shows commendable restraint and skill in playing a subdued character who is destined to eventually be powerful.

Prabhas gets a raw deal and is relegated to playing a disjointed character that is stuck in a repetitive loop, often slowing down the pace of the film itself. South superstar Shobhana provides good support as the wise Mariam. Saswata Chatterjee comes across as somewhat caricatured in his role of Commander Manas. Kamal Haasan once again delivers a role that is strikingly distinctive and sends chills down the spine. Special appearances by Vijay Deverakonda, Mrunal Thakur, Dulquer Salmaan, S.S. Rajamouli, and Ram Gopal Varma leave a brief but memorable impact.

Kalki 2898 AD is undeniably a larger-than-life visual spectacle that transports viewers into a vividly imagined universe. In fact, the film's visual quality is so high that it overshadows many of its obvious flaws by engaging the audience into the atmospherics of the make-believe world of Kasi and the Complex. Moreover, it's a concept that can spark imaginative experiences beyond the cinema. If you enjoy diving into a world of epic battles between gods, good, and evil, then **Kalki 2898 AD** offers quite a satisfying audio-visual experience, even though it may require some patience.

— Ronak Kotecha

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7 held for fraudulent land deals near Noida airport

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Noida: This was a gang that capitalised on surging interest in real estate around the upcoming Noida International Airport, offering land to the gullible and enthusiastic. With the airport poised to unlock significant real estate value, finding customers wasn't difficult.

Till the law caught up when seven of them were arrested in Greater Noida on Thursday in a police probe into a Rs 2.4-crore land deal. The land did not belong to them, but they posed as its owners and were armed with fake registration papers to back their ruse.

Identified as Neetu, Jaiver Singh, Bhura Kumar and Pinku alias Devicharan of Jahangirpur in Bulandshahr, and Saurabh Kumar, Rahul Bhati and Pratham Bhati of Gautam Buddha Nagar, the accused have been charged under section 419 (cheating by personation), 420 (cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property), 467 (forgery of valuable security, will, etc), 468 (forgery for purpose

of cheating), 471 (using as genuine a forged document) and 406 (criminal breach of trust) of the IPC.

Ashok Kumar, additional DCP of Greater Noida, said, On June 26, Jewar police station received a complaint from Gautam Singh, who said the accused had fraudulently tried to sell a 14-bigha land in Kanpur village in Rabupura. The land belongs to Vaibhav, Gaurav and their mother Neeraj."

Pratham Bhati, according to the complaint, posed as Vaibhav and a woman accompanying Bhati identified herself as Vaibhav's mother Neeraj while striking the land deal. They took an advance of Rs 15 lakh.

Explaining the gang's modus operandi, Kumar said, "The suspects would first trace land ownership records and create fake Aadhaar cards and PAN cards with the owners' names. They would use these fake IDs to register the land sales. The gang is believed to have been involved in several such fake deals. We are now registering similar complaints."

Kooki (Drama) ★★★

Cast: Ritisha Khaund, Rajesh Tailang, Rina Rani, Dipannita Sharma, Devoleena Bhattacharjee
Direction: Pranab J Dekha
Duration: 1 hour 55 minutes
Language: Hindi (UA)

■ **Kooki (Ritisha Khaund)** is a 16-year-old shattered by a brutal gang rape. Despite swift justice, the trauma lingers, as she grapples with a question—why is murder worse than rape?

Films on rape often focus on courtroom drama for investigations. But is justice enough? **Kooki** challenges this, showcasing the lasting scars a survivor carries. In Assam, Kooki is gangraped and left for dead. As she heals, loved ones offer support, SP Mandira Singh (Dipannita Sharma) and Dr Priyadarshini Pator (Ritu Shivpuri) rally around her. Then a journalist Navmita's (Devoleena Bhattacharjee) debate on a video Kooki uploads begs the answer: Why isn't rape considered heinous like murder? This question forms the film's core.

The narrative paints Kooki's pre-tragedy life: a teenager's world that has loving parents—Dhananjay Mishra (Rajesh Tailang) and mother Suman (Rina Rani), best friend



Rashmi (Nancy Singh), and a fledgling romance with Saptarishi (Bodhisattva Sharma). Post-assault, the focus shifts to the emotional and psychological devastation. Along the way, it critiques the nation that has had many amendments but is still stuck in the same place where it fails to protect its women.

Director Pranab J Dekha delivers a poignant

narrative that keeps you invested until the end. However, the exploration of Kooki's PTSD and the core question arrives late, leaving some aspects underdeveloped. The movie raises other important points such as justice and law are two different things and the accused being innocent until proven guilty in the court of law. However, these also largely remain unexplored.

Kooki also boasts powerful performances. Ritisha Khaund shines with her portrayal of the plucky heroine who eventually finds rain traumatic. Her monologue about how she's too young and naive to understand how the world works but despite justice being served, she feels betrayed, will tug at your heart. Rajesh Tailang as her lawyer father is outstanding and shows his prowess in a sequence at the hospital when he enters the doctor's cabin a strong and collected man but walks out shattered. Nancy Singh as the outgoing friend and Bodhisattva Sharma as her boyfriend and support system deliver strong performances, as do Rina Rani, Dipannita Sharma, and Ritu Shivpuri in a guest appearance.

Despite its shortcomings, the film compels introspection. **Kooki's** journey urges viewers to understand that justice isn't always healing, and the fight for true safety continues.

— Dhaval Roy

RATING SCALE

TRASH ★ | BELOW AVERAGE ★★ | AVERAGE ★★★ | ABOVE AVERAGE ★★★★ | GOOD ★★★★★
VERY GOOD ★★★★★ | OUTSTANDING ★★★★★ | MASTERPIECE ★★★★★

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3	Memo No.202/CFS/2024 Date: 16.05.2024	Jukhia	Mouza- Garania, Near Garania Primary School
4	Memo No.201/CFS/2024 Date: 16.05.2024	Garbari-II	Mouza- Barbari, Near Barbari Srikrishna High School
5	Memo No.200/CFS/2024 Date: 16.05.2024	Garbari-II	Mouza- Brindabanpur, Near Brindabanpur Primary School
6	Memo No.199/CFS/2024 Date: 16.05.2024	Arjunagar	Mouza- Naruabilla, Near Naruabilla Gangadhar Adarsha Vidyalaya (H.S)
7	Memo No.182/CFS/2024 Date: 14.05.2024	Itaneria	Mouza- Uttar Khamar, Near Uttar Khamar Bazar
8	Memo No.170/CFS/2024 Date: 14.05.2024	Arjunagar	Mouza- Janumanu, Near Janumanu Primary School
9	Memo No.169/CFS/2024 Date: 14.05.2024	Baraj	Mouza- Dismula, Near GP Office of Baraj
10	Memo No.168/CFS/2024 Date: 14.05.2024	Mugheria	Mouza- Dakshin Bayenda, Near Bayenda Bazar
11	Memo No.167/CFS/2024 Date: 14.05.2024	Itaneria	Mouza- Jashibar, Near Jashibar Primary School
12	Memo No.152/CFS/2024 Date: 13.05.2024	Baraj	Mouza- Bijonagar, Near Bijonagar Primary School
13	Memo No.208/CFS/2024 Date: 16.05.2024	Jukhia	Mouza- Nelia Gopal Chak, Near Nelia Primary School
14	Memo No.214/CFS/2024 Date: 17.05.2024	Mugheria	Mouza- Bhupatnagar, Near Bhupatnagar Primary School (Pradhan Para), Paschimasha
15	Memo No.196/CFS/2024 Date: 16.05.2024	Itaneria	Mouza- Pachahari, Near Pachahari Primary School

Sub-Division- Contai, Block- Contai-III

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2	Memo No.192/CFS/2024 Date: 16.05.2024	Durmuth, Marshda	Mouza- Ratnamala, Near Ratnamala I.C.S Centre
3	Memo No.176/CFS/2024 Date: 14.05.2024	Lauda	Mouza- Raghunandan Pur, Near Raghunandan Pur Primary School
4	Memo No.164/CFS/2024 Date: 14.05.2024	Kusumpur, Laudu	Mouza- Dakshin Pethula, Near Dakshin Pethula Primary School
5	Memo No.163/CFS/2024 Date: 14.05.2024	Durmuth	Mouza- Betalazami Dingal Beria, Near Betala Primary School
6	Memo No.162/CFS/2024 Date: 14.05.2024	Kanadighi	Mouza- Kanadighi, Near Kanadighi Sanghatnik Primary School
7	Memo No.161/CFS/2024 Date: 14.05.2024	Kanadighi	Mouza- Bhatigarh, Near Bhatigarh A.K High School
8	Memo No.219/CFS/2024 Date: 17.05.2024	Kumirda	Mouza- Baranawai, Near Baranawai Primary School

Sub-Division- Contai, Block- Contai-I

1	Memo No.206/CFS/2024 Date: 16.05.2024	Hajipur, Rajpur Paschim Barh	Mouza- Rajpur Paschimbarh, Near Rajpur Paschimbarh SKS
2	Memo No.187/CFS/2024 Date: 15.05.2024	Nayaput	Mouza- Madhapur, Near Madhapur Jnanendra SKS
3	Memo No.179/CFS/2024 Date: 14.05.2024	Rajpur Paschim Barh	Mouza- Tengunia, Near Tengunia Basuli Temple
4	Memo No.178/CFS/2024 Date: 14.05.2024	Nayaput, Sabajput	Mouza- Dakshin Ekarpur, Near Dakshin Ekarpur SKS
5	Memo No.148/CFS/2024 Date: 13.05.2024	Majlipur	Mouza- Purba Ramchandrapur, Near Purba Ramchandrapur Primary School
6	Memo No.147/CFS/2024 Date: 13.05.2024	Dulajpur	Mouza- Erya Fatepur, Near Erya Fatepur Primary School

Sub-Division- Contai, Block/Municipality- Contai (M)

1	Memo No.189/CFS/2024 Date: 15.05.2024	17, 18	Mouza- Kishorenagar, Near Central Town Rakhal Chandra Vidyalaya
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1	Memo No.181/CFS/2024 Date: 14.05.2024	Birbandar	Mouza- Kanthibari, Near Kanthibari Natun Bazar
2	Memo No.175/CFS/2024 Date: 14.05.2024	Kalagachhia	Mouza- Kalagachhia, Near Kalagachhia Jagadsh Bidyayith
3	Memo No.166/CFS/2024 Date: 14.05.2024	Kalagachhia	Mouza- Jahanabad, Near Thakurachak Madan Gopal Primary School
4	Memo No.165/CFS/2024 Date: 14.05.2024	Tikashi	Mouza- Tikashi, Near Tikashi Bazar
5	Memo No.190/CFS/2024 Date: 15.05.2024	Kalagachhia	Mouza- Kalagachhia, Near Kalagachhia GP Office
6	Memo No.215/CFS/2024 Date: 17.05.2024	Kalagachhia	Mouza- Jahanabad, Near Jahanabad Gangadhar SKS
7	Memo No.197/CFS/2024 Date: 16.05.2024	Kamarda	Mouza- Kamarda, Near Bhunia More Bus Stand

Sub-Division- Contai, Block- Khejuri-II

1	Memo No.205/CFS/2024 Date: 16.05.2024	Janka	Mouza- Sahapur, Near Sahapur Phy School & ICDS Centre
2	Memo No.204/CFS/2024 Date: 16.05.2024	Jankajaksha	Mouza- Paschim Bhangamari, Near Paschim Bhangamari SKS
3	Memo No.188/CFS/2024 Date: 15.05.2024	Haludbari	Mouza- Mundumari, Near Bandhan Multitase Co-operative Credit Society, Mundumari Mini Market
4	Memo No.186/CFS/2024 Date: 15.05.2024	Nijaksha	Mouza- Nijaksha, Near Alichak Primary School

5 Memo No.183/CFS/2024 Date: 14.05.2024

5	Memo No.183/CFS/2024 Date: 14.05.2024	Haludbari	Mouza- Chaudha Chulli, Near Chaudha Chulli Janakalyan Club
6	Memo No.180/CFS/2024 Date: 14.05.2024	Khejuri	Mouza- Radhanagar, Near Radhanagar Primary School & ICDS Centre
7	Memo No.174/CFS/2024 Date: 14.05.2024	Baratala	Mouza- Maidaha, Near Maidaha ICDS Kendra
8	Memo No.173/CFS/2024 Date: 14.05.2024	Khejuri	Mouza- Sahebagnagar, Near Sahebagnagar SKS
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11	Memo No.154/CFS/2024 Date: 13.05.2024	Baratala, Khejuri	Mouza- Satkumari, Near Hemantachak Samabai Samitee
12	Memo No.193/CFS/2024 Date: 16.05.2024	Baratala, Khejuri	Mouza- Medakhal, Near Medakhal Adarsha Bani Pith Primary School

Sub-Division- Contai, Block- Ramnagar-I

1	Memo No.185/CFS/2024 Date: 15.05.2024	Badhia	Mouza- Badhia, Near Dakshin Badhia Primary School
2	Memo No.150/CFS/2024 Date: 13.05.2024	Padma-I	Mouza- Ratangpur, Near SBI Holiday Home
3	Memo No.145/CFS/2024 Date: 13.05.2024	Padma-I	Mouza- Dakshin Shimulia, Near Digha DI High School

Sub-Division- Contai, Block- Ramnagar-II

1	Memo No.160/CFS/2024 Date: 13.05.2024	Depal, Paldhui	Mouza- Satrapur, Near Paldhui GP Office
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Destination Uttarakhand

A concept for sustainable development and international appeal: Uttarakhand Tourism Policy 2023-30

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Following the vision of PM Narendra Modi, CM Pushkar Singh Dhami is transforming the tourism sector of Uttarakhand

Under the able leadership of PM Narendra Modi, Uttarakhand is seeing transformative growth over the course of time. The undertaking of state-of-the-art roadway projects and advancements in railways, roadways, and air connectivity is deemed to revolutionise travel and tourism in Uttarakhand. These endeavours not only assure eco-friendly and efficient conveyance but also strengthen our regional economy and generate new prospects for our locals. Uttarakhand's impressive mix of spiritual, adventure, and cultural experiences makes it a preferred destination for visitors from around the globe. We remain committed to sustainable development, conserving our natural and cultural legacy while making way for a thriving tomorrow.

Pushkar Singh Dhami
Chief Minister

Uttarakhand is venturing on a transformative path with the unveiling of its Tourism Policy 2023-30, which strives to establish the state as an exclusive international tourism centre. This innovative approach, under the guidance of PM Narendra Modi and governance of CM Pushkar Singh Dhami, aims to harness Uttarakhand's myriad possibilities while assuring sustainable development and inclusive expansion, setting the state as a destination with a vast collection

of authentic experiences.

Paramount to this policy is the empowerment of all stakeholders in the tourism sector, assuring that the advantages of Uttarakhand's evolution are broadly shared. By aligning the objectives and interests of different stakeholders, the policy furnishes a cohesive framework for holistic tourism growth, driving beyond the conventional notion of Uttarakhand as largely a spiritual and wellness destination.

Uttarakhand's Tourism Policy 2023-30 aims to harness the state's myriad possibilities while assuring sustainable development and inclusive expansion, making it a destination with a vast collection of authentic experiences

The policy strives to unlock the state's latent prospects, fostering a combination of legacy, theology, wilderness, nature, health, and wellness tourism. This policy seeks to offer memorable experiences for every kind of visitor and appoint Uttarakhand as an all-weather destination. Winter and Alpine tourism are emphasised to draw tourists all around the year. Sustainability is a pivotal priority of the policy, with measures to maintain Uttarakhand's environmental and cultural assets. The policy highlights the preservation of natural resources, wilderness, and intangible legacy. It also contains the revitalisation of lost natural and cultural assets, assuring the state stays a secure and stunning destination for the future.

In the digital age, the policy emphasises the usage of technology to satisfy dynamic visitor anticipations. This involves leveraging online mediums for advertising, dealing, bookings, and data dissemination, improving tourists' all-around experience from the convenience of their abodes.

The policy facilitates private sector investment in hospitality and tourism undertakings, seeking to lower government involvement in places where private participation can be more useful. Streamlined approval procedures will promote ease of conducting trade, stimulating evolution and invention.

To obtain balanced regional growth, the policy presents the 'Hub and Spoke' model, handling carrying capacity problems in famous places. Advancements

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in fundamental conveniences and infrastructure are designed to improve the visitor experience and assure stability to natural catastrophes.

The enterprising aims of the Uttarakhand Tourism Policy 2023-30 include contributing USD 10 billion yearly to the state's economy and drawing substantial private investments. By yielding job prospects and concentrating on skill development and industry, the policy seeks to grow the average duration of stay and boost foreign travellers' visits.

Uttarakhand is famous for its majestic Himalayan terrains, holy pilgrimage places, and rich cultural legacy, and offers a remarkable combination of untouched magnificence, adventure, spirituality, and conventional hospitality

Uttarakhand, also known as Devbhoomi or 'Land of the Gods,' is a state ensconced in the northern part of India. This hill state is famous for its majestic Himalayan terrains, holy pilgrimage places, and rich cultural legacy. Uttarakhand offers a remarkable combination of untouched magnificence, adventure, spirituality, and conventional hospitality that makes it an ideal place for visitors pursuing myriad experiences. Let's delve into different elements of tourism in Uttarakhand, highlighting its connectivity, homestays, special tourist trains, stargazing opportunities, and the mystical Om Parvat.

Manaskhand Express Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train: A spiritual journey
In an ingenious step by the CM Dhami led government to portray Uttarakhand's cultural and spiritual importance, the Indian Railways



Manaskhand Express connecting rest of the country with Uttarakhand

has introduced the Manaskhand Express — Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train. This train, run by the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) in alliance with the Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board, presents a curated expedition through the Kumaon area, also known as Manaskhand in age-old Indian scriptures.

The inaugural voyage of the Manaskhand Express began from Pune on April 22, 2024, carrying 280 excited visitors. The train, decorated with portrayals of Uttarakhand's rich legacy, tours to destinations including Nainital, Bhimtal, Almora, Chauri, Purnagiri Temple, and more. The travel package includes cozy train travel,

Exploring the splendour of U'khand



PM Narendra Modi and CM Pushkar Singh Dhami visiting Jageshwar Dham Temple — part of Manaskhand Mandir Mala Mission

hotel stays, homestays, guided excursions, meals, and travel insurance.

Upon arrival at Tanakpur Railway Station, visitors are greeted in conventional Indian style with aarti, bhajis, and flower petals. The travel includes visits to different temples, picturesque locations, and cultural spots, delivering a complete experience of Uttarakhand's lesser-known places. The train's pantry car serves an assortment of dishes, including Uttarakhandi cuisine, enriching the cultural

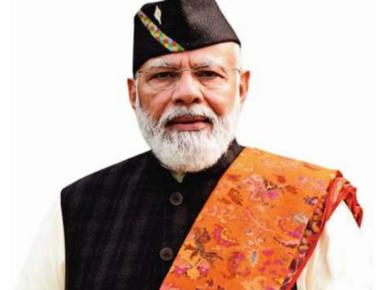


immersion for tourists.

Stargazing: Celestial wonders in Uttarakhand
Uttarakhand's clear night skies and minimal light pollution make it an excellent place for stargazing. Numerous places across the state provide spectacular vistas of star-studded skies, making memorable experiences for astronomy lovers and nature enthusiasts. Some of these places include:

- **Mukteshwar:** A small town renowned for its spectacular night skies, drawing astrophotographers and stargazers.
- **Deoria Tal in Ukhimath:** A tranquil lake with a background of Himalayan peaks, perfect for night camping and stargazing.
- **Majkhali in Ranikhet:** Famous for its picturesque terrains and zero light pollution, Majkhali is ideal for stargazing.
- **Kedarkantha in Uttarkashi:** The Kedarkantha trek, well-known as a winter trek, delivers clear stargazing sites.
- **George Everest Peak in Mussoorie:** Offers scenic vistas of Dehradun city and the Milky Way on clear night skies.
- **Munsari in Pithoragarh:** This Himalayan town furnishes dark skies and breathtaking sights of the Panchachuli Peaks.

Om Parvat: The venerated mountain
Sited in the Pithoragarh district of Uttarakhand, Om Parvat is a venerated mountain famous for its distinctive rock formation that resembles the holy Hindu symbol 'Om'. This natural wonder is



I congratulate the Uttarakhand government on the remarkable progress achieved in the last few years. This has been made possible by sustained policy push and focus on key sectors such as tourism and renewable energy. Alongside, the state has made significant strides in infrastructure development, setting new benchmarks for sustainable growth. Uttarakhand's commitment to harnessing its natural resources and promoting tourism has not only bolstered its economy but also showcased its potential on the global stage. I applaud the state's dedication to inclusive development and look forward to its continued success in the years ahead.

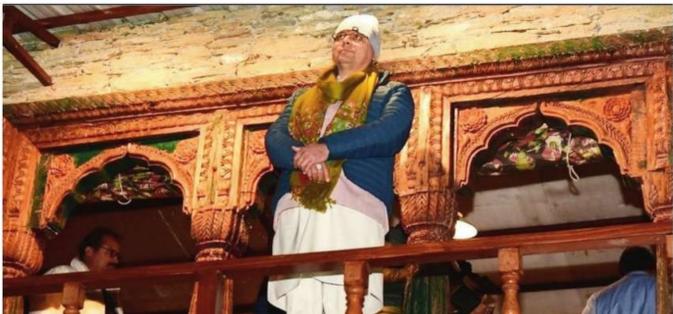
Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

regarded as sacred by both Hindus and Buddhists and is considered to be the home of Lord Shiva. Pilgrims visiting Om Parvat as part of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, encounter spiritual comfort and deep relation to their beliefs.

The peak's remarkable symbol, visible from Nabhidham Camp, is a testament to the area's magical charisma and spiritual importance. Om Parvat's increasing popularity among believers worldwide highlights its prominence as a pilgrimage destination and a sign of nature's sacred art.

Strengthening tourism and local economy: Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Homestay Scheme

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Griha Awaas Vikas Yojana is a key enterprise undertaken by the Uttarakhand government to improve tourism infrastructure and bolster local economies



The Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Homestay Scheme, also known as Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Griha Awaas Vikas Yojana, is a key enterprise undertaken by the CM Dhami led Uttarakhand government to improve tourism infrastructure and bolster local economies. This ingenious strategy is devised to draw visitors to both famous and isolated destinations in Uttarakhand, offering hygienic, reasonable lodging while providing a memorable cultural experience.

The main purpose of this scheme is to foster a genuine experience of the state for both Indian and global travellers. By living in local dwellings, visitors get a chance to engross themselves in the region's rich culture, customs, and delicious cuisine. This not only improves the traveller experience but also supports maintaining and encouraging the regional legacy.

A noteworthy element of the scheme is

Homestays: A glance into the Himalayan hospitality

Staying in a homestay is one of the best ways to experience the celebrated Himalayan hospitality of the state. Homestays provide budget-friendly lodging and assistance furnished by local households, letting visitors engage themselves in the area's culture and customs. The residents of Uttarakhand are known for their warmth and hospitality, following the age-old Vedic practice of "Atithi Devo Bhava" meaning "Guests are God". Homestays are present across several districts in Uttarakhand, offering guests the prospect of exploring rustic places, relishing local food, and discovering remote gems with the assistance of local hosts. Options range from age-old wooden "havelis" and traditional structures to rural huts and modern homes.

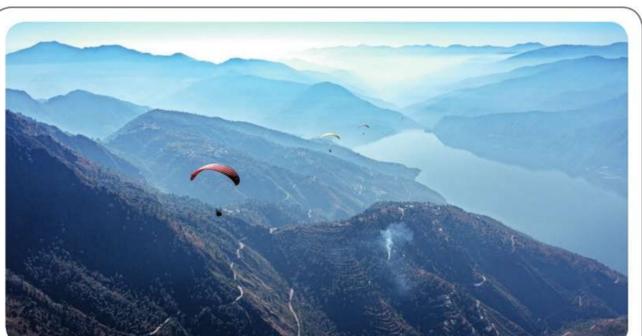
the economic help provided to homeowners who desire to transform their places into homestays. For houses in hill regions, the government provides a capital subsidy of 33%

Eligibility standards are specific yet assure quality and genuineness. The homeowners must stay in the same establishment with their family and can offer 1 to 6 rooms for travellers

or up to Rs 10 lakh, whichever is less. Further, there is an interest subsidy for the first five years, amounting to 50% of the interest or Rs 1.50 lakh per year, whichever is lower. In the plains, the capital subsidy is 25% or up to Rs 7.50 lakh, with an interest subsidy of up to Rs 1 lakh per year for the first five years. Furthermore, the scheme offers help apart

from economic support. State assistance includes reimbursement of the State Goods and Services Tax (SGST) on revenue from homestays for the first three years and training in hospitality for homestay operators. There is also a provision for recompensing the chargeable expense on the bond deed for business loans up to Rs 30 lakh. Notably, land conversion is not needed for upgrading or preserving buildings and building new washrooms up to a limit of Rs 2 lakh.

Eligibility standards are specific yet assure quality and genuineness. The homeowners must stay in the same establishment with their family and can offer 1 to 6 rooms for travellers. The scheme spreads statewide, except in municipal corporation regions, and prioritises structures built in traditional or hill styles. Registration under the Home Stay Scheme is compulsory. The wider purposes of the scheme include enhancing the financial condition of locals by providing self-employment prospects, familiarising travellers with Uttarakhand's culture, food, and legacy, and preventing migration by generating local employment.



Tehri: Transforming into a prime wedding destination and adventure hub

The scenic Tehri district in Uttarakhand is experiencing a transformative journey to emerge as a premier destination for weddings as well as numerous adventure sports

Tehri as a wedding destination

The scenic Tehri district in Uttarakhand is experiencing a transformative journey to appear as a premier wedding destination. With the CM Dhami led government's strategic expansion endeavours and the vigorous aid of stakeholders, Tehri is deemed to draw couples desiring an exquisite and outstanding location for a memorable event.

A notable highlight is the evolution of Tehri as a tent city. This enterprise, functioning on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, strives to provide an immaculate and close-knit wedding experience. This Ring Road will also feature picturesque views and dedicated spots for hawkers, adding to the overall local charm

homestay villages. These homestays offer a combination of traditional hospitality and contemporary amenities, enabling marriage guests to indulge in the regional culture. The homestay endeavour not only adds to the appeal of the marriage experience but also offers financial prospects for the residents, encouraging sustainable tourism.

The four-lane Ring Road from Kott Colony to Dobra Chanti Bridge will also improve connectivity, making the place more accessible for travellers and well as wedding functions. This Ring Road will also feature picturesque views and dedicated spots for hawkers, adding to the overall local charm

undertaking to convert Tehri Lake and its surroundings into a centre for adventure sports. This endeavour, with an estimated expense of Rs 7,708 crore, seeks to build a vibrant eco-system for both travellers as well as local denizens.

A pivotal element of this undertaking is the renovation of the Tipari Madan Negi ropeway, currently run by SIDCUL. This ropeway will improve accessibility and offer spectacular aerial vistas of the lake and its surroundings. The expansion plan also contains the development of herbal gardens and a park at Dobra Chanti, presenting visitors with a combination of peace and natural magnificence.

Tehri Lake itself will evolve as a premier spot for water sports, with activities such as kayaking, jet skiing, and parasailing. The lake's prospect as an adventure hub is also boosted by imparting paragliding training to students. To date, nearly 150 students from across the state have been trained as paragliders.

To support these activities, a solid waste management project is being executed, which will also cater to the adjoining places. This endeavour assures that the environmental effect of boosted tourism is handled sustainably, maintaining the natural attractiveness of Tehri.

In addition to water and aerial sports, the growth plan includes the building of museums and cultural centres. These establishments will portray the rich legacy and history of Uttarakhand, offering a cultural continuity to the adventure experience. The museums will function as educational centres, enhancing the tourist experience and boosting the state's cultural assets.

Evolution of Tehri Lake as an adventure destination
Parallel to its emergence as a wedding hotspot, Tehri is also the next exclusive destination for adventure lovers. The Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board (UTDB) is spearheading an enterprising

Enhancing connectivity: A boost for tourism and economic growth in Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand's efforts to improve conveyance via railroads, highways, and airways are not only making travel more seamless but also greatly expanding tourism and opportunities of trade and commerce

The state government's endeavours, under the vision of PM Narendra Modi and leadership of CM Pushkar Singh Dhami, to improve travel via railroads, highways, and airways are not only making conveyance more easy but also expanding tourism and commercial opportunities for the region.

Rishikesh-Karnaprayag Rail Project
The 125 km broad-gauge railway line between Rishikesh and Karnaprayag stands as an example in the evolution of the state's transportation infrastructure. Endorsed by the Ministry of Railways in 2010-11, the undertaking strives to enable comfortable entry to pilgrimage sites, link new business centres, and promote the evolution of backward regions. Traversing Dehradun, Tehri Garhwal, Pauni Garhwal, Rudraprayag, and Chamoli, the railway line will connect major towns like Deoprayag, Srinagar, Rudraprayag, Gauchar, and Karnaprayag. The project includes a comprehensive tunnelling job, with 83.07% of the course made of tunnels, including 16 main tunnels and 12 escape tunnels. The lengthiest tunnel will be 14.58 km.

The culmination of the Rishikesh-Karnaprayag railway project pledges a significant decrease in travel duration and expense. It will unlock prospects for industrial growth, encourage cottage enterprises, and greatly expand tourism.

Record-breaking achievements in tunnelling

A noteworthy landmark in the Rishikesh-Karnaprayag project is the culmination of 25 km of NATM (New Austrian Tunneling Method) excavation in just 44.7 months, creating a new record for the most rapid tunnelling in the country. The project unit also attained a world record by achieving 107.9 meters of tunnelling in a single day on August 23, 2022. Such accomplishments highlight the undertaking's efficiency and the cutting-edge technology being utilised.

Delhi-Dehradun Expressway:
The forthcoming Delhi-Dehradun Express-

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Railway station at Rishikesh — improving land connectivity

way is set to transform the roadway journey between Delhi and Uttarakhand. Envisaged to be functional by May 2025, the 210 km expressway will lessen the travel duration between Delhi and Dehradun from the present 5 hours to just 2.5 hours. This six-lane highway,



■ **L&T's Rishikesh: Karnaprayag railway tunnel package — 2** completed 25 kms of NATM excavation in just 44.7 months on May 19, against industry standards of 5 to 7 years. The package's stretch is spread from Shivpuri to Biyasi village of Uttarakhand. This is the fastest 25 km tunnelling done in the India so far

■ **The project team has also created a World Record by completing 107.9 meters of tunnelling in a single day on August 23, 2022.**

■ **The tunnel excavation was executed through 16 fronts during the peak time, out of which, 3 faces have already achieved their breakthrough last year**

with the possibility for expansion to eight lanes, will not only ease traffic congestion but also promote residential and retail expansion along its course. A remarkable element of

the Delhi-Dehradun Expressway is its wildlife corridor, which is a 12 km elevated flyover developed to spare the local fauna. This assures that the evolution of infrastructure does not come at the expense of environmental degradation. The expressway's phased construction, with blocks already approaching fruition, pledges to improve connectivity incredibly.

Air connectivity

Enhancing air connectivity is another vital element of Uttarakhand's growth plan. The Dehradun-Pithoragarh flight service ventured under the UDAN Regional Connectivity Scheme, has significantly cut the travel period between the two cities from 12-15 hours by road to just 60 minutes by air. This service improves connectivity between the Kumaon and Garhwal regions, promoting tourism and commercial activities.

Further, new flights from Dehradun to Ayodhya, Varanasi, and Amritsar, undertaken in March 2024, have boosted the state's air network. These routes will draw visitors, improving the charm of Uttarakhand as a tourist destination. The introduction of flights to Ayodhya is particularly noteworthy given the inauguration of the Ram Mandir in January 2024.

Augmenting railway networks

The Tanakpur-Dehradun Weekly Express Train marks a substantial enhancement in railway connectivity within the region. Joining different crucial stations, it facilitates smoother travel for locals and travellers alike. The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is rebuilding six stations in Uttarakhand, also enhancing the quality of railway infrastructure.

The introduction of Vande Bharat trains between Dehradun and other major cities like Anand Vihar and Lucknow is a testament to the state's dedication to updating its rail network. Plans for additional Vande Bharat routes, including Dehradun to Ayodhya, Varanasi, and a daytime service between Kathgodam and Dehradun, will additionally improve connectivity, making travels more efficient and comfortable.

Kedar Badri Kartik (Murugan) Koil Yathirai Express train for Uttarakhand started from Madurai, Chennai

To promote tourism in Uttarakhand, Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board, in collaboration with IRCTC, has started a tourist train named Kedar Badri Kartik (Murugan) Koil Yathirai to travel to Garhwal region. The train leaves from Madurai and reaches Yoganagari Rishikesh railway station of Uttarakhand via Chennai, Vijayawada, Warangal, Nagpur, Bhopal, Jhansi, Gwalior, Agra, etc. Kartik Swami Temple is one of the holy tourist places in

Rudraprayag district. According to mythology, Lord Kartikeya, son of Lord Shiva, came here angry with his parents and then he gave the bones of his body to his father and his flesh to his mother. These bones are still present in the temple, which are worshipped by thousands of devotees. This is the only temple of Lord Kartikeya, known as Lord Murugan in South India, located in North India.

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Transforming transit and tourism: Ropeway projects in Uttarakhand

The transport sector in Uttarakhand is evolving for the better, with the development of several ropeway undertakings that are part of the Central Government's Parvatmala scheme

Kaddukhal-Siddhpeeth Devi Ropeway Project

One of the noteworthy additions to Uttarakhand's ropeway network is the Kaddukhal-Siddhpeeth Devi Ropeway. Inaugurated in May 2022 by CM Pushkar Singh Dhami, this ropeway has already started to influence spiritual tourism. Earlier, following two-hour trek to reach the venerated Maa Surkanda Devi temple. Currently, the 502-meter-long ropeway, constructed at a cost of around Rs 5 crores, can ferry up to 500 tourists per hour, greatly lessening travel duration and struggle.

This undertaking not only enables easier access to the temple but also promotes the local economy by improving livelihood prospects for locals. Further, the ropeway facilitates adventure and spiritual tourism, attracting more tourists to the area and thereby boosting financial activity.

Hemkund Ropeway Project

The Hemkund Ropeway Project is another enterprising effort under the Parvatmala scheme, striving to improve connectivity to the holy Hemkund Sahib. Situated within the Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve, this un-

dertaking pledges to deliver a secure and suitable travel alternative for pilgrims and travellers. The ropeway traverses a 13 km alignment from Gobind Ghat to Gurudwara Hemkund Sahib, greatly diminishing the difficult hike traditionally needed.

The project is split into two phases. Phase I focuses on the component from Gangaria to Gurudwara Hemkund Sahib, while Phase II contains three corresponding divisions from Gobind Ghat to Gangaria. The proposed 12.5 km ropeway will cut down the journey period to Hemkund Sahib to about 45 minutes, a substantial decline from the 12-hour trek. This progress is anticipated to help not only the tourists but also the local residents by promoting commercial prospects and improving the overall tourist experience.

Kedarnath Ropeway Project

Conceivably the most tremendous of these undertakings is the Kedarnath Ropeway, which strives to establish the world's longest ropeway at an altitude of 11,500 feet above sea level. Traversing 11.5 km, this ropeway will join Sonprayag to the Kedarnath shrine in the Rudrapur district. Presently, pilgrims encounter a difficult 16 km trek from Gaunkrot to Kedarnath, a voyage that takes an entire day. The new ropeway will help them reach the shrine in just 60 minutes, improving the accessibility and comfort of this expedition.

With the capability to ferry 3,600 passengers per hour in each direction, the Kedarnath Ropeway is set to be one of the world's longest and most elevated ropeways. Its culmination will not only enable a smoother travel experience but also boost tourism in the area, presenting spectacular aerial vistas of the Himalayan terrain.

Dehradun-Mussoorie Ropeway Project
The Dehradun-Mussoorie Ropeway Project (DMRP) symbolises a substantial jump ahead in metropolitan mobility and tourism infrastructure. Set to be India's longest ropeway at 5.5 km, this undertaking seeks to bridge the distance between Dehradun and Mussoorie, two of Uttarakhand's most visited cities. Construction has started with an evaluated culmination date of September 2026 for phase I.

Presently, the 33 km long road trip between Dehradun and Mussoorie can take between 1.5 to 3 hours due to traffic. The ropeway will cut this travel time to just 15 minutes, with 10-seater diamond cabins made to house 1,300 passengers per hour in each direction. The project's assessed cost is Rs 300 crores, and pledges to greatly ease and enrich the travel experience.

The Dehradun-Mussoorie Ropeway is developed to work year-round, making it a pioneering undertaking for both tourism and urban transit purposes. Its cutting-edge technology assures a trustworthy and secure way of transportation, anticipated to yield job prospects, draw international visitors, and facilitate the state's GDP.

The ropeway projects in Uttarakhand are more than just infrastructural evolutions; they denote a paradigm shift in the state's strategy for tourism and transportation. By furnishing efficient, eco-friendly, and picturesque transit prospects, these undertakings will certainly improve the travel experience for lakhs of tourists and locals alike. The envisioned advantages include not only enhanced accessibility to significant spiritual and tourist places but also noteworthy financial upliftment for local residents.

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Land-for-jobs: HC grants interim bail to Lalu aide on medical grounds in laundering case

Delhi high court has granted six-week interim bail on medical grounds to RJD chief Lalu Prasad's close aide Amit Katyal in a money laundering case linked to the land-for-railway-jobs scam. Katyal, arrested by ED on Nov 11, 2023, under various provisions of the PMLA, argued that after undergoing bariatric surgery, he required further treatment and care, which was not available in Tihar Jail. ED opposed the bail, saying if there was any requirement of a special diet, it could be brought to the jail premises by way of home-cooked food for him. However, the high court observed that the petitioner's dietary requirements were such that they could not be fulfilled in jail. **TNN**

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General Public is hereby informed that one male person **Named Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown** was found in unconscious state from Shop No. 60 Outram Lane backside of Bikaner, Mukherjee Nagar Delhi. He was taken to BJRM Hospital and was declared brought dead vide MLC NO- 252037/24 Dated 23.05.2024. In this regard case DD No: 88A Dated: 23.05.2024 has been lodged at P.S Mukherjee Nagar Delhi. The body has been preserved in BJRM Hospital Mortuary.



The description of the dead body is given as below:
Name: Unknown, **Age:** 35-40 years, **Height:** 5' 7" ft, **Complexion:** Dusky, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Sky blue T-shirt and Blue lower. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone having any information about the dead person please inform the undersigned.

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The general public is hereby informed that an unidentified person about 35 years of age whose name: unknown, residence, and family is unknown has declared dead during treatment in LNJP Hospital, Delhi on 21/06/2024. In this regard, an information has been registered vide DD No: 7A, dated: 21/06/2024 at PS Lahori Gate, Delhi. Dead Body has been preserved in MAMC Mortuary, for 72 hours sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person, but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the UDB is as under: **Sex:** Male, **Age:** 35 Years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Covered with dead body cover. If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/ Lahori Gate, Delhi.



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Modi praises Bihar's growth under Nitish

New Delhi: PM Modi Thursday said that Bihar under the leadership of CM Nitish Kumar was on the path of development and asserted to continue working with JD(U) for good governance.

The PM made these remarks after a delegation of JD(U) MPs called on him. "Our parties have a long history of working together and fighting poor governance, corruption and criminalisation in Bihar. The leadership of Nitish Kumar has taken Bihar on the path of development. We will keep working together for good governance (sic)," Modi wrote on X. JD(U) MP Lalan Singh said it was a courtesy meeting but led to meaningful discussions regarding Bihar's proper development under Nitish Kumar's leadership. **TNN**

Birla's Reference To Emergency Sparks Row Remarks 'political and avoidable': Rahul to Speaker Cong's invocation of Constitution a masquerade: BJP

New Delhi: Leader of opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Thursday told Speaker Om Birla that the Chair's reference to Emergency was "political" and "avoidable", a day after Birla ended his acceptance speech on election to the top Lok Sabha post with a detailed condemnation of the 1975 measure. Congress also termed the controversial reference "travesty of parliamentary traditions".

Rahul is said to have told the Speaker that the govt could have made such a reference, but it was not expected from the Speaker. After being declared LoP, Rahul led a delegation of INDIA bloc MPs for a courtesy call on Birla, which included Dimple Yadav, Kanimozhi, Misa Bharti, Supriya Sule, NK Premachandran, Gaurav Gogoi, K Suresh, Dharmendra Yadav, Kalyan Banerjee, among others.

Congress general secretary KC Venugopal said, "We discussed many things about Parliament functioning. Rahul Gandhi, as LoP informed the Speaker about this issue (Emergency) and said it could have been avoided from Speaker's reference. That is clearly a political reference, it could have been avoided."

Venugopal also shot off a letter to Birla lodging Congress's protest over Wednesday's development. Terming it a "grave matter impacting the very credibility of the institution of Parliament", Venugopal told the Speaker there was an atmosphere of camaraderie when opposition members were congratulating him on his election as Speaker. "However, what followed thereafter, which is a reference from the Chair after your acceptance speech, in regard to the declaration of Emergency half a century ago, is deeply shocking. Making such a political reference from the Chair is unprecedented in the annals of the history of Parliament. This coming from the Chair as one of the 'first duties' of a newly-elected Speaker assumes even graver proportions," he noted. **TNN**

New Delhi: BJP on Thursday attacked Congress for objecting to Speaker Om Birla's condemnation of the Emergency, claiming that this shows the opposition party's intentions are not right and its invocation of the Constitution is merely a smokescreen.

Former Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said Congress begins squirming at the mention of Emergency, which was imposed by the then PM Indira Gandhi in 1975. Referring to the Emergency as "the sin of murder of democracy", he asked, "Why should not this black chapter in the Indian democracy be discussed?"

He noted that Congress never apologised for the Emergency. Taking a swipe at its current allies like Akhilesh Yadav, M K Stalin and Tejashwi Yadav, he said they should remember the excesses of Emergency.

Prasad's remarks came after LoP Rahul Gandhi met Birla and voiced his displeasure over his critical statement Wednesday in the House on Emergency. Gandhi claimed it was "clearly political" & could have been avoided. Defending Birla's stand, Prasad said it is necessary to tell the country why it was imposed.

President Droupadi Murmu also condemned the Emergency in her address to a joint sitting of the Parliament on Thursday. The BJP neta noted that opposition leaders were arrested, RSS activists were tortured, thousands of people were forced to undergo vasectomy and media was put under censorship among the Emergency's numerous excesses. While the DMK govt in Tamil Nadu was dismissed, Tejashwi Yadav's father and former Bihar CM Lalu Prasad Yadav was arrested. Akhilesh's father Mulayam Singh Yadav was also imprisoned.

Congress functionaries are carrying copies of the Constitution and it is clearly a smokescreen, Prasad claimed. It is a matter of immense pride that the country defeated the forces behind the Emergency, he added. **TNN**



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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Where as complaint has been made before me that accused **Mukesh S/o Sh. Ran Singh, R/o- B-26, Samaipur Badli, Delhi** has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide FIR No. 444/17 U/s 356/379/411 IPC PS Prashant Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Mukesh** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Mukesh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Mukesh** of case FIR No. 444/17 U/s 356/379/411 IPC PS Prashant Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the complaint on or before the day of 31.07.2024.

By Order,
Sh. Rohit Kumar
Metropolitan Magistrate-04
(North), Room No. 110,
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DP/6871/RD/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 **Gul Mohammad S/o Noor Mohammad R/o A-109, Joshi Colony, Mandawali, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence case FIR No. 73/2016 u/s 395/397 IPC and 25/54/59 Arms Act at P.S. Laxmi Nagar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Gul Mohammad** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Gul Mohammad** 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 **Gul Mohammad** accused of FIR No. 73/2016 u/s 395/397 IPC and 25/54/59 Arms Act at P.S. Laxmi Nagar, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on 06.08.2024.

By Order: Sh. Sushant Changotra,
Add. Sessions Judge,
Fast Track Courts (East)
DP/8074/ED/2024 **Court No.30, Karkardooma Court, Delhi**

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(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

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MAHA 'LIFT-OFF' STIRS BUZZ



The Maharashtra assembly monsoon session in Mumbai began with an unexpected encounter between Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray and deputy CM Devendra Fadnis outside the elevator in Vidhan Bhavan on Thursday. The former chief ministers then rode the elevator together. Following the impromptu meeting, Thackeray joked that their next secret meeting would be in the elevator. "People might think of the song 'Na na karte pyar tumhi se kar baithe', but nothing like that will happen. It was just a chance meeting. They say the walls have ears, but the elevator walls don't," Thackeray remarked. **TNN**

Maha still tops FDI charts but inflow dips 15%

Mumbai: Though Maharashtra continues to be the top destination for foreign direct investment (FDI), its quantum has slid 15% with inflows of Rs 1 lakh crore for 2023-24 as against Rs 1.18 lakh crore in 2022-23 and Rs 1.14 lakh crore in 2021-22, reports Clara Lewis.

As far as the MSME sector is concerned, up to Jan 9 this year, 33.07 lakh MSMEs were registered on Centre's Udayam portal. These MSMEs employ around 1.2 crore workers, Maharashtra's economic survey for 2023-24 said. The state has 32 lakh micro enterprises, 90,599 small and 11,509 medium. The micro enterprises employ 94.2 lakh workers, small ones employ 16.7 lakh workers and medium 12.6 lakh workers.

According to the survey, 2.4 crore MSMEs were registered on the portal as on March 11, 2024 and 16.9% are from the state. Till March 2024, under Micro and Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme, Centre had approved 46 projects for setting up of common facility centres in the state and a grant of Rs 247 crore has been released. Of these, 24 are already operational. Maharashtra also has the highest number of startups recognised by DPIIT. **TNN**

Congress slams Speaker for chiding Tharoor

New Delhi: Congress trained its guns at Speaker Om Birla after he chided Shashi Tharoor for saying "Jai Samvidhan" after his oath and shut down party MP Deepender Hooda who sought to defend Tharoor. Party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra tweeted that governing party members were not stopped from raising unparliamentary and unconstitutional slogans but objections were raised on opposition members hailing the Constitution. In a post, Priyanka asked, "Can one not say 'Jai samvidhan' in Parliament?" **TNN**

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v	Bid will be opened on	19/07/2024 up to 16.00 hrs.
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Oppn to go all out on NEET 'leak' in LS, RS

To Stage Sit-In To Protest Against 'Misuse Of Agencies'

Subodh Ghildiyal & Mohua Chatterjee | TNN

New Delhi: After the procedural formalities, turbulence looms over the new Parliament as opposition has decided to raise the issue of NEET scam and paper leaks in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on Friday, with indications that it is not ready for a compromise on the issue.

Opposition will move an adjournment notice in Lok Sabha and is likely to move a notice for discussion under Rule 267 in RS on Friday.

The demand carries the seed of serious confrontation on the very first day of substantive business in the 18th Lok Sabha. While the govt business has listed the start of discussion on "motion of thanks" to the President's joint address, INDIA bloc wants to start the Parliament session with a discussion on NEET-paper leaks.

At a meeting of the opposition at the residence of Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, the parties decided that NEET is a serious issue impacting the future of lakhs of youth, and it cannot be clubbed with debate on



Rahul Gandhi with former party chief Sonia Gandhi in Parliament Thursday

Arrest BJP ally's UP MLA for leak: Akhilesh

Demanding the arrest of BJP ally Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party MLA Bedi Ram for his alleged involvement in the NEET paper leak, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav questioned the BJP govt in UP over its delay in taking action against the legislator.

Posting a video of Bedi Ram on his X account where the MLA could purportedly be heard boasting about his ability to get papers leaked, Akhilesh wrote: "Do we need further proof of the extent to which BJP-supported leaders had swooped down morally? These leaders are playing with the future of our children. Parents who have voted for BJP are not only already regretting it but have also taken a resolve that they will never vote for the BJP in future. He should be immediately arrested." TNN

"motion of thanks". It is generally assumed that the opposition can raise its issues of concern in the debate on the President's address.

Modi govt has in the past been averse to accepting adjournment notices, which has resulted in protests and walkouts. But it is feared that a refusal in the 18th Lok Sabha could invite unmanageable protests given the increased strength of the anti-BJP bloc after the elections — a point repeatedly made by opposition MPs.

The meeting at Kharge's

residence was attended by Rahul Gandhi, Sharad Pawar, KC Venugopal, Sanjay Raut, Priyanka Chaturvedi, NK Premachandran, Mahua Mahji, Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar, Derek O'Brien, Arvind Sawant, Pramod Tiwari, Rajani Patil, Tiruchi Siva and Sanjay Singh, among others.

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Maha teacher arrested for NEET scam link suspended

Kolhapur: Sanjay Jadhav, the primary school teacher arrested in connection with the NEET-UG paper leak scam, has been suspended and his transfer order cancelled, reports Abhijeet Patil.

Jadhav, who was posted at Takali village in Maharashtra's Solapur district, had sought a transfer to Akkalkot, citing his wife's mental health issues. He had also furnished a medical certificate of her condition. Now, the authenticity of this certificate, too, will be checked.

Jadhav is an accused in the NEET-UG paper leak case and has been in custody of Maharashtra ATS since June 24. Jadhav and another arrested accused, Jaleel Khan Pathan — a Latur-based zilla parishad (ZP) school headmaster — were charged with acting as agents in the paper leak scam. Their exact roles are being ascertained. Probe revealed that Jadhav had sought a transfer to Akkalkot, where he used to meet students' parents and assure them of their children's high scores in NEET.

After his name came up in the alleged scam, a Solapur Zilla Parishad education department team visited Takali and spoke to the teachers, parents and residents about him.

ZP education officer Kadar Shaikh told TOI: "Jadhav's name had featured in the list of 600 teachers who were granted transfer. However, we have not issued the order yet. As his name emerged in the NEET issue, he has been suspended."

What is your locus standi: SC to coaching centre on NEET plea

Dhananjay Mahapatra @timesgroup.com

New Delhi: Pressure to advertise their strike rates in competitive examinations to increase enrolment for private tutorials made a coaching centre approach Supreme Court on Wednesday, alleging that National Testing Agency (NTA) has not provided for a mechanism to redress grievances of candidates regarding evaluation of OMR sheets in NEET-UG examination.

A vacation bench of Justices Manoj Misra and S V N Bhatti wondered as to which fundamental right of the coaching centre was violated to entitle it file a petition under Article 32 of the Constitution. "You are a coaching institute. How can you file a petition under Article 32," it asked senior advocate R Basant.

When Basant said even if the court disregards the coaching centre, there are four other students who have filed a joint petition alleging that OMR answer sheets have discrepancies in evaluation and that there is no mechanism provided by the NTA to address these grievances.

NTA counsel Vardhaman Kaushik said a batch of petitions related to alleged irregularities

in NEET-UG is engaging the attention of SC and is fixed for hearing on July 8, the first day of the court resuming normal business after summer break.

But court, on insistence of Basant, asked NTA to file an affidavit detailing the mechanism to address grievances of students regarding evaluation of OMR sheets. However, it expressed its strong disapproval of the coaching centres jumping into the fray with students regarding the NEET-UG.

The bench observed, "We see the role played by the coaching centres as to which fundamental right of the coaching centre was violated to entitle it file a petition under Article 32 of the Constitution. "You are a coaching institute. How can you file a petition under Article 32," it asked senior advocate R Basant.

Reputating the claim of the coaching centre that OMR sheets are not provided to every candidate who took NEET-UG, NTA counsel told SC that they have been uploaded on the website.

The apex court asked NTA to file a detailed affidavit on this issue and tagged the petition with the bunch of matters to be taken up for hearing on July 8.

Student ends life, 12th Kota suicide in '24

A 17-year-old from Bihar's Bhagalpur, who was preparing for NEET-UG at a coaching institute in Kota, died by suicide on Thursday. This is the 12th case of suicide by a coaching student in Kota this year, where 26 students had taken the extreme step in 2023. Autopsy is yet to be conducted as police are awaiting the parents' arrival. Cops have informed his family, ASI Shambhu Dayal said. TNN

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S No	Location of conducting Walk-in-Interview	Department	Date of Conducting walk-in-interview
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- Tenure of Engagement :-**
 - Not more than three years from the date of engagement or till attaining the age of 62 years whichever is earlier.
 - The retiring Director (Commercial), who has not attained the age of 62 years on date of completion of his term, shall be eligible for reappointment only for one more term for a further period as per provisions of Articles of Association of MPPGCL, if the Selection Committee constituted for the purpose considers such reappointment conducive to the interest of MPPGCL and recommends so.
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 - A. Applicants from successor companies of erstwhile MPSEB.**
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 - Age Limit :-** Not more than 60 years of age as on the last date fixed for submission of the applications by the candidates. Provided, however that a retiring Director (Commercial) who has not attained the age of 62 years on the date of completion of his/her term shall be eligible for reappointment subject to Article 58 (iv) of the Article of Association of MPPGCL.
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The application is to be submitted in hard copy in prescribed application form at the address mentioned here under :-
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Last date of receipt of Applications is 26.07.2024, till 06:00 PM. Incomplete applications shall not be considered and shall be summarily rejected.

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Thakur may initiate LS debate on Prez speech

BJP functionary and former Union minister Anurag Thakur is likely to initiate the discussion on Motion of Thanks on the Prez's address in the Lok Sabha on Friday, with PM Modi's reply on the debate expected on July 2, sources said. Sources also said that BJP's Sudhanshu Trivedi is likely to initiate the discussion on the motion in the Rajya Sabha on Friday and the PM could respond to the debate on July 3 in the Upper House. **TNN**

Govt committed to fair probe into paper leaks, says Murmu

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New Delhi: Amid the controversy surrounding cancellation of exams and leak of the NEET question paper, President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday sought to assure the country and said the govt was working towards major reforms in exam-related bodies and all aspects of the process.

"Regarding recent instances of paper leak in some examinations, my govt is committed to a fair investigation and ensuring strict punishment to the culprits. Even earlier, we have witnessed many instances of paper leaks in different states. It is important that we rise above party politics and undertake concrete measures nationwide," the Prez said amid opposition MPs shouting "NEET-NEET".

The mention of NEET came amid indications that the opposition may dial up the pressure on the govt in Parliament on Friday through an adjournment motion to seek an immediate discussion by suspending the debate on the motion of thanks on the Prez's address.

Govt has said that it was not running away from a discussion but whether it would agree to a full-scale debate on the exam controversy immediately, by allowing it to be raised during the debate on the motion of thanks, remains to be seen.

In any case, while it views the issue as serious, it will not allow itself to be painted into a corner. The intent came across clearly in the Presi-



Prez Murmu said the govt will ensure strict punishment to the culprits behind the leaks

dent's address, with Murmu saying that there have been such incidents in the past too and, besides, have been reported from states. She urged members to rise above party politics and contribute in evolving concrete measures.

The comments came amid the probe by CBI and state police and education minister Dharmendra Pradhan setting up a panel to review the entire system, including the functioning of National Testing Agency, whose chief was shunted out after several irregularities and gaps came to light. Besides, Murmu pointed to the recently notified law against those undertaking unfair means or those offering assistance.

The address also gave a strong vote of confidence for EVMs, on which the opposition repeatedly raised doubts during the poll campaign. "We must realise that hurting the faith of people in democratic institutions and the poll process is like cutting the very branch on which we all are sitting," Murmu said.

SP MP's sengol jibe shows lack of respect for our culture: Yogi

New Delhi: A day after Samajwadi Party MP R K Chaudhary demanded the removal of 'sengol' from Lok Sabha, Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath said it revealed the ignorance of the SP leader and demonstrated lack of respect for Indian history and culture.

"Sengol is India's pride and PM Modi has bestowed upon it the highest honour in Parliament. Samajwadi Party has no respect for Indian history and culture. The comments of its top leaders on the sengol are reprehensible," Adityanath said in a post on X.

"It shows their ignorance and also reflects the hatred of the INDI Alliance towards Tamil culture," he added.

Minister of state for parliamentary affairs L Murugan, a former president of the Tamil Nadu BJP, said the sceptre was the pride of every Tamilian. "It is also mentioned in Tirukkural (by poet and philosopher Thiruvalluvar), which spoke about how the sengol plays a role in govt. When India got freedom, (governor general) Mountbatten and Jawaharlal Nehru had spoken about how power would be handed over after independence and when Rajaji (C Rajagopalachari) was consulted, he said it can be done using a sengol," Murugan said. **TNN**

Oppn calls Prez speech 'full of lies'. Comprehensive, says BJP

Address Silent On Paper Leaks, Inflation, Terror Attacks: Cong

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Stating that PM Narendra Modi is in a "perpetual state of denial", Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge said the Prez's address to the joint session whitewashed the key issues facing the country because Modi is trying to pretend that nothing has happened after the electorate "rejected" him. Congress, along with the rest of the opposition, also punched holes over the govt's claims including on the economy and women empowerment.

In a stinging criticism of the Prez's address, Kharge said the speech was silent on paper leaks, backbreaking price rise, violence in Manipur, train accidents, terror attacks in J&K, and rising atrocities against SC/ST/minorities in BJP-governed states. "Modi is making a futile attempt to garner some applause by making the Honourable President read lies, which the people of India have rejected in the 2024 polls," he said.

SP chief Akhilesh Yadav said, "The story that is being told about India becoming the fifth-largest economy... has it made our farmers prosperous? If we are the fifth-largest economy, then why are so many youths unemployed? Why is there a scheme like Agri-Neer? Why can't price rise be controlled?" He said growth of some individuals cannot enable national growth.

CPI (ML) MP Sudama Prasad said, "They should have talked about Manipur. Why are they making empty speeches on women empowerment? Women were paraded



IN ATTACK MODE: Akhilesh Yadav

naked (Manipur), people have been rendered homeless... women wrestlers have not yet received justice. This address was full of lies."

AAP boycotted the joint address against the "misuse of agencies" and arrest of Arvind Kejriwal ahead of his bail hearing, and held a protest in the Parliament complex.

Kharge said Modi's election speeches confirmed that BJP/RSS stood for social division, and BJP-ruled Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Assam and UP have witnessed rising incidents of mob lynching, communal violence and illegal "Bulldozer Justice" against the poor after Modi's coming to power. "The governing party cannot maintain a stoic silence on this," he said.

Kharge accused the govt of trying to "whitewash NEET scam", stating that 12 of the 66 recruitment exams by NTA in last five years have witnessed serious rigging and paper leaks, affecting 75 lakh youth. "Modi govt cannot run away from its responsibility by just simply saying that 'we should rise above partisan politics' when every second youth is unemployed," he said.

He said prices of essential food items have skyrocketed with food inflation over 8.5% for four months, but the word "inflation" was missing from the speech. He said terror attacks have risen over ten years while PM is singing the "false tune of Naya Kashmir".

PM: Murmu presented road map of progress and good governance

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi on Thursday said the President's speech had presented a roadmap of progress and good governance and also cited major challenges to be overcome collectively to ensure qualitative changes in people's lives.

"Rashtrapati ji's address to both Houses of Parliament was comprehensive. It covered the strides India has been making and also the po-

speech for her mention that the 2024 Lok Sabha election was an election of faith in policy, intention, integrity and rules. "President Droupadi Murmu ji in her speech said how for decades there was low voter turnout in Kashmir due to bandhs and strikes, but this time the Valley gave a befitting reply to anti-national forces by breaking voting records of many decades," he said.

BJP president J P Nadda said the Prez's address was



President Droupadi Murmu with Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar (L), PM Narendra Modi and LS Speaker Om Birla (R) ahead of the presidential address to both Houses of Parliament on Thursday

tential that lies ahead. Her address also mentioned some of the major challenges we have to collectively overcome to ensure a qualitative change in the lives of our citizens," Modi said in a post on X soon after President Droupadi Murmu concluded her address to the joint sitting of the two Houses of Parliament.

Home minister Amit Shah hailed the Prez's

profound moment for our democracy. "Parliament embodies the aspirations and hopes of 140 crore Indians and stands as a testament to their faith in our democratic values. Your inspiring words continuously motivate us to push our limits in public service and lead our country towards 'Viksit Bharat' with our mantra of 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas,'" he said.

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Corrigendum No.-1

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Reply of queries of firms have been made as per corrigendum-1 may be seen on the website www.ireps.gov.in 858/24 (D)

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Start Date of Submission of Tender: From 04.07.2024. Last Date of Submission of Tender : Upto 15:00 hrs on 18.07.2024.

The complete information of above e-tender notices is available over website <https://www.ireps.gov.in>. Bids other than e-bids shall not be accepted against above tender.

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Detailed information regarding the said tender has been made available on the Maharashtra Government website www.mahatenders.gov.in. The tender draft and the complete terms and conditions of the tender are available at the above link.

Accordingly, the interested tenderers, as per mentioned below stipulated time period, paying the tender form fee, earnest money deposit online and downloading the tender form can participate in the tender process.

Sr. No.	E-Tender No.	E-Tender Description	E-Tender Submission date & Time
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Date :- 28/06/2024

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DGIPR 2024-25/483

FCI stock 3.5 times more than buffer, Centre may resume rice sale to states

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New Delhi: With rice stocks at around three and a half times of requirement, Food Corporation of India (FCI) is starting at spending a whopping Rs 16,000 crore for storing the foodgrain for one year. Coupled with the challenge to create space for storing the upcoming kharif crop, the govt may soon resume selling rice to states to liquidate the surplus

stock, sources said. Sources also said the govt may look at the possibility of govt-to-govt export of rice on humanitarian grounds.

The rice stock with FCI as on June 1 was around 325 lakh tonne and another 268 lakh tonne of unmilled paddy is lying with the millers, which translates to around 180 lakh tonne of rice. "So, the overall rice stock was around 500 lakh tonne. The buffer stock norms specify

that the FCI must have at least 135 lakh tonne as on July 1. This excess stock is an issue and we hope govt will soon take decisions to reduce this," said an official, who did not wish to be named.

In June last year, govt stopped selling rice from FCI to state govts under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) to run their programmes citing that it was done "to maintain adequate buffer stock and control price rise".

BJP: Pitroda return marks Cong seal on 'unsavoury' remarks

New Delhi: Sam Pitroda's reappointment as chairman of Congress' overseas unit is the party's endorsement of all the "objectionable and unsavoury" remarks he made about Indians, 1984 anti-Sikh riots, and the Pulwama terror attack, BJP said on Thursday. At a presser, BJP's Shehzad Poonawalla alleged that Congress had distanced itself from Pitroda's remarks "just to fool and confuse" the people of the country. **TNN**

CORPORATE BUZZ

Ladakh achieves full functional literacy

Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Dr. B.D. Mishra, on June 24, 2024, declared Ladakh as the administrative unit to achieve full functional literacy under the ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, after having achieved more than 97 per cent literacy. This milestone reflects Ladakh's commitment to empowering its citizens through foundational



literacy and numeracy, and critical life skills for all. Dr. Mishra informed this in a celebration at Sindhu Sanskritik Kendra (SSK), Leh. The declaration was made in the presence of Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, GoI; Archana Sharma Awasthi, Joint Secretary; Dr. Mohd. Jaffer Akhoun, Chairman, LAHDC, Kargil; Sanjeev Khirwar, Principal Secretary, School Education, Ladakh; and more than 500 new literates and volunteers. The ceremony included the felicitation of neo-literates and volunteer teachers and the launch of the Annual Achievement Report 2023 of the school department.

NBCC awarded project worth Rs 100 crore

NBCC has recently received work order related to construction of new training centre and renovation of existing buildings of REC Institute of Power Management Training at Hyderabad. The project cost is approximately Rs 100.00 crore, out of which Rs 60 crore is for construction of new training centre, hostel, classrooms, auditorium, landscaping in the entire campus, etc. The remaining Rs 40 crore is expected to be spent on demolition of old/unsafe existing elevated service reservoir, its new construction with modified design/capacity and renovation of existing RECIPMT buildings. This is the first such assignment secured by NBCC (India) Limited by

participating in tender through GeM portal as a seller. NBCC has secured this tender on Quality Cost Based System (QCBS) method by receiving highest marks after competing with other bidders through GeM.

GAIL opens new round for solicitation of proposals

In a bid to support the start-ups operating in identified focus areas, GAIL (India) Limited plans to invest in such companies through its start-up initiative 'Pankh'. GAIL has now opened a fresh round, which is 9th round for solicitation of investment proposals from start-ups operating in focus areas. Details of focus areas are available on GAIL website (<https://gailonline.com>) under the 'GAIL Pankh' section. The focus areas mainly include natural gas and its adjacencies, city gas distribution, pipeline operation and maintenance, petrochemicals, energy, renewable and alternate energy sources, energy storage, energy sector-related software products, project management, nano-materials, IOT, automation and robotics, emerging mobility, data mining, environment, health, etc. The start-ups that are interested in equity investment from GAIL can apply through link 'GAIL Pankh' on GAIL website <https://gailonline.com>. The current solicitation round will remain open till July 18, 2024.

Minister appreciates new designs at 'The Cottage'

During his visit to 'The Cottage' (Janpath) on June 18, 2024, S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister, praised the delightful array of artisanal products. Manoj Lal, Managing Director of The Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India



Ltd (CCIC), showcased the impressive offerings. "The Cottage" has also introduced new models of sale cum live demonstrations by artisans themselves in their emporia network across the country, ensuring that India's rich heritage reaches a global audience.

10th International Day of Yoga celebrated



NCC: Eight lakh National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets celebrated the 10th International Day of Yoga by participating in yoga sessions organised by NCC across the country on June 21, 2024. The sessions were organised at numerous schools, colleges and iconic locations including Sun Temple (Konark), Red Fort, Dal Lake, Sabarmati riverfront, Sanchi Stupa, Gateway of India, Nainital Lake, Jhansi Fort, and Victoria Memorial. Chief of the Army Staff-designate Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi,



who is currently Vice Chief of the Army Staff, led the celebrations at an event organised by the Indian Army HQs, Delhi area at the Cariappa Parade Ground, Delhi Cantt. He performed asanas with DG NCC Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh, other senior officers and about 250 NCC cadets.

Board and Northern Railway were present on this occasion and performed yoga asanas.

AIIA: The All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) celebrated the 10th International Day of Yoga with a series of events across multiple locations, including Kendriya Vidyalaya-NTPC campus, the Supreme Court of India, and AIIA's Goa campus. These events witnessed active participation from dignitaries, faculty members, scholars, and yoga enthusiasts. AIIA organised a common yoga protocol session at



Kendriya Vidyalaya, NTPC campus, graced by AIIA Director Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Nesar; Kendriya Vidyalaya Principal Akhileshwar Jha; AIIA Dean Prof. (Dr.) Mahesh Vyas; Dean PG Prof. (Dr.) Anand More; Additional M.S Professor (Dr.) Yogesh Badwe, and other senior faculty members of AIIA, Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers, and around 350 students.

HUDCO: Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) celebrated the 10th International Yoga Day pan India at its regional offices and corporate office. The main function was held in New Delhi with an enriching session led by experts from Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY). Speaking on this occasion, M. Nagaraj, Director,



Corporate Planning, impressed on the usefulness of yoga for balancing mind, body and soul.

EdCIL: EdCIL (India) Limited celebrated International Day of Yoga-2024 at its Corporate Office, Noida. To mark the occasion, Manoj Kumar, Chairman & Managing Director, along with senior officers and employees participated enthusiastically. Dr.



Puja Dewan (guest of the day) and Ramesh Khadka, yoga trainer, conducted a workshop and explained various useful yoga asanas, power yoga, yoga therapy and pranayam to overcome health issues. The CMD addressed the participants on the theme of 2024 - "Yoga for Women Empowerment" with an emphasis on promoting women's well-being and advancing global health and peace.

Ministry of Rural Development: Union Minister of State for Rural Development, Kamlesh Paswan, participated in the event organised at Major Dhyan Chand Stadium on the occasion of 10th International Day of Yoga. Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Shailesh Kumar Singh and other senior officials also attended the programme.

Ministry of Coal: Union Minister of Coal and Mines G Kishan Reddy participated in the 10th International Day of Yoga celebration organised by the ABV Foundation & Nizam College at Basheerbagh, Hyderabad. Officials of the ministry celebrated the day with theme of 'Yoga for Self and Society' at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. Vismata Tej, AS; Rupinder



Brar, AS; B.P. Pati, JS; Sanjeev Kumar Kassi, JS, along with other officials participated in the event. The yoga instructor from Bramha Kumaris was present to demonstrate the common yoga protocols and meditation practices. More than 100 officials participated in the event.

Ministry of Civil Aviation: Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu participated in the 10th International Yoga Day event at Rajeev Gandhi Bhawan, New Delhi. Secretary Civil Aviation, Vumlungang Vualnam; DG, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, Zulfiqar Hasan; Chairman Airport Authority of India, Sanjeev Kumar and other senior officials of the ministry were also present at this event. On the occasion, the minister said yoga is such a valuable heritage associated with Indian culture whose fame has now spread to foreign countries.



PMBI: On the occasion of the 10th International Day of Yoga, PMBI, the implementing agency of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), organised an office 'Desk' yoga session for its head office employees at Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi, along with field officers posted in regional locations.

MSCB scam: EOW opposes ED claims on Ajit

'No Cognizable Offence Was Committed'

Rebecca Samervel & Vijay V Singh | TNN



Mumbai: Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Mumbai Police, in its reply to the court, objected to Enforcement Directorate (ED)'s claim that Maharashtra State Co-Operative Bank (MSCB) office bearers, including NCP leader and deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar, had committed cheating while auctioning the sick sugar mills at throwaway prices to their kin.

ED had alleged cheating in the auctioning of four sick sugar mills and linked the suspicious deals to Ajit Pawar and his wife

right to file an intervention plea despite an earlier one being rejected by the court, EOW filed its reply against the application which opposed the closure report by EOW in the Rs 25,000-crore MSCB scam.

EOW said even after further investigations were conducted, it was found that no cognizable offence had been committed. Hence, the closure report was submitted.

The development comes days after an article in the RSS organ 'Organiser' attributed BJP's poor performance in LS polls in state to its alliance with Ajit Pawar, and amid reports of state BJP and Shiv Sena functionaries urging their netas to 'remove NCP from the Mahayuti'.

The Rs 25,000 crore MSCB scam case highlights the alleged irregularities in auctioning of sick sugar mills by MSCB, which was reported to be controlled by senior politicians who allegedly benefited from auctioning of

these mills to their kin. ED had alleged cheating, misconduct, and money laundering in the auctioning of the four sick mills and linked the suspicious transactions with Ajit Pawar, his wife Sunetra Pawar, Shiv Sena's Arjun Khotkar, and companies of NCP (SP) leaders Rohit Pawar and Prajakta Tanpure.

ED informed the court that it had shared its findings with EOW and stated that it is an affected party as their money laundering case is based on EOW's FIR in the scam that was registered on Bombay HC's directions. In response, EOW submitted its reply in the court recently stating that the court had earlier rejected the ED's similar intervention application.

In Pocco case, CID files 750-page chargesheet against BSY, 3 others

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: A 750-page CID chargesheet alleging sexual assault on a 17-year-old girl and containing the statements of 74 witnesses was filed Thursday in a Pocco court against former Karnataka chief minister BS Yediyurappa of BJP and three others.

Deputy SP and investigating officer Puneeth Kumar R cited forensic and digital evidence while naming Yediyurappa as the first accused in the chargesheet, filed under sections 8 (sexual assault) of the Pocco Act and 354 A (sexual harassment), 204 (de-

struction of evidence), and 214 (inducement to shield offender) of the IPC.

The other three accused in the case are Arun YM, Rudresh M and G Mariswamy.

Rudresh and Mariswamy stand accused of visiting the survivor's house after the alleged assault and later summoning the teenager and her now-deceased mother to Yediyurappa's house, where they deleted a purportedly incriminating video stored on a phone and also uploaded to Facebook.

The chargesheet mentions that Rudresh gave Rs 2 lakh to the girl's mother as hush money, allegedly on Yediyurappa's instructions.



Hand over CM's post to DKS: Seer to Sidda

Amid the growing powerplay within the Congress group in Karnataka, a prominent Vokkaliga seer ignited controversy by publicly urging CM Siddaramaiah to relinquish his position in favour of his deputy, DK Shivakumar, reports Santosh Kumar B. Chandrashekhara Swami, seer of Vishwa Vokkaligara Mahasamsthana Mutt, made an impassioned plea while speaking at an event here to celebrate the birth anniversary of Kempegowda, widely regarded as the founder of Bengaluru and a demigod of the Vokkaliga community, to which Shivakumar belongs.

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Patna-800001

NOTICE

Bihar State Legal Services Authority, Patna, invites application for the post of Chairman of Permanent Lok Adalat in 37 (Thirty seven) District of Bihar, separately. For the Advertisement and Apply, click the given link below:-
<https://patnahighcourt.gov.in/bslsa/Exam/PLACHAIRMAN2024/DefaultPLAChairman2024.aspx>

It is made clear that candidates who had earlier applied, need not apply afresh and their application shall be treated to be application for the present selection unless specifically withdrawn.

PR- 002850 (LAW) 2024-25 (Shilpee Soniraj)
Member Secretary

नरो की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

Govt. of Bihar

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BARIAPADA
"e-Procurement Notice for Road Work"
Identification No.- Online Tender-Road N.C.B. No. 357 for 2024-25.
Letter No. 2303 / Date. 27.6.24 /

- Name of the work :- Construction of Periodical Maintenance Road Works in the District of Mayurbhanj for the year 2023-24..
- Total No. of work :- 12 Nos. (Twelve)
- Estimated Cost :- Rs. 52.70 Lakhs to Rs.172.84 Lakhs (approximately).
- Eligible Class of Contractor :- As per annexure.
- Period of Completion :- As per annexure.
- Other details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of opening of Tender in O.C.C.E.R.W. Circle, Baripada.	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Baripada	Road On-line N.C.B. No.357	01.07.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	16.07.2024 up to 5.00 P.M.	16.07.2024 at 2.00 P.M.	18.07.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated later

Further details can be seen from the website: www.tendersodisha.gov.in.
Any Corrigendum / Addendum will be displayed in the above e-tender website only.

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer,
R.W. Circle, Baripada.
OIPR-251311/0001/24-25

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण
प्रथम तल, कॉमर्शियल कॉम्प्लेक्स, सेक्टर-ओमेगा-1 (बी-2), ग्रेटर नोएडा, जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर-201308 (उप्र)
Toll Free No. 18001808296 वेबसाइट: www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com

पत्रांक : वाईईए0/ GM(P) / 2024 / 914 दिनांक : 27 / 06 / 2024

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु केन्द्र सरकार / राज्य सरकार / केन्द्र शासित / अर्द्धशासित / सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों के कार्यों का काम से कम चार वर्ष का अनुभव रखने वाले ठेकेदारों / फर्मों से ई-निविदाये आमंत्रित की जाती है। ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट सोल्यूशन द्वारा निविदाये द्विस्तरीय पद्धति से खोली जायेगी।

कार्यालय आदेश संख्या : वाई.ई.ए./GM(P)/2024/913 दिनांक 27.06.2024 के अनुसार निम्नलिखित में यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण की कार्यों में संविदाकार द्वारा बिल ऑफ क्वॉन्टिटी (बीओक्यूओ) पर डाले गये 10 प्रतिशत कम दरों तक 0.5 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर तथा उसके पश्चात 10 प्रतिशत से अधिक कम दरों पर 1.00 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर सिक्वोरिटी / परफॉर्मन्स गारंटी प्राप्त की जायेगी तथा परफॉर्मन्स गारंटी एफ0डी0आर0 / सी0डी0आर0 / बैंक गारंटी / एन0एस0सी0 के रूप में न्यूनतम संविदाकार द्वारा अनुबन्ध गठन से पूर्व देनी होगी, जो कार्य के अन्तिम बीजक होने के बाद वापिस होगी।

क्रम सं0	कार्य का नाम/वर्क सफिल	अनुमानित लागत
1	Construction of Rcc pipe drain and interlocking tiles from Rabupura to Faleda Bangar road pump house and providing and laying interlocking tile in Rabupura to Rabupura Jhajhar road at Village-Rabupura yea wc-06	₹0 257.55 लाख
2	Modification and Maintenance Under Operation Kayakalp for J.H.S and P.S school in (Zone-08) Phase-2 yeida Wc-06	₹0 285.00 लाख
3	Development work for 7% Abadi plots (Atta Gujran) of pocket-J1, J2, K, L1 and L2 in Sector-25 YEIDA WC-03	₹0 463.11 लाख

जिन्हें दिनांक 28.06.2024 से 12.07.2024 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं की प्री-क्वॉलिफिकेशन दिनांक 15.07.2024 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे खोली जायेगी।

महाप्रबन्धक (परियोजना)

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, KENDRAPARA-JAJPUR.
AT-CHANDIKHOL, PO-SUNGUDA, JAJPUR-754296, Email-serv_kpd@yahoo.com
No. Tender Online RCK-17/24 Letter No.- 2156 Date :- 26.06.2024
e-Procurement NOTICE

- Name of the work :- Tender for the Bridge & Road works in the Dist. of Kendrapara.
- Class of Contractor :- As specified in the Column-6 of the Annexure.
- Time of Completion :- As specified in the Column-7 of the Annexure.
- Detail Projects :- As per Annexure attached
- Other Details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur	Tender Online RCK - 17/24	01.07.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	16.07.2024 up to 5.00 P.M.	16.07.2024 at 2.00 P.M.	18.07.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated later

Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersorissa.gov.in

Sd/-
S.N Parida
Chief Construction Engineer
Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur
OIPR-2512911/0002/24-25

Govt. of Bihar

OFFICE OF ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF-CUM-ADDITIONAL
COMMISSIONER-CUM-SPECIAL SECRETARY,
RURAL WORKS DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR
PRESS RELEASE

Rural Works Department, Government of Bihar has the mandate to strengthen the rural infrastructure and is primarily responsible for providing connectivity to the unconnected rural habitations by constructing rural roads to the extent of approx. 130000 km and about 2000 Long Span bridges across the state. The construction of cement concrete pavements and High-Level Bridges involve use of Ordinary Portland Cement in large scale grade -43/53.

In this regard, the undersign intends to interact with the cement manufacturers, suppliers and their authorized representatives to understand the possibility of OPC cement supply at work locations and other factors to ensure unhindered work progress at site with proper quality.

In view of the above, Rural Works Department is planning to have an interaction meeting on 24th July in Conference Hall at 5th floor Vishveshwarya Bhawan where in the interested cement manufacturers & their CNFs, their authorized representatives are invited for discussions. The meeting will be attended by the HQ officers of RWD implementing the project.

Larger participation of such representatives from cement manufacturers/suppliers will be highly solicited.

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

Bhagwat Ram
Engineer-in-chief-cum-additional
Commissioner-cum-special secretary

PR.No.002766 (RWD) 2024-25

नरो की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

Government of Jharkhand
Dr. Ramdayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute, Ranchi
Department of Scheduled Tribe, Scheduled Caste, Minorities Ranchi-834008
Phone No. 0651 -2551824, E-mail: tri.directorate@gmail.com; dir-triran@gov.in

Ref no. 997Ranchi, Dated: 26.06.2024

Re-Expression of Interest

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

Topic: A Study for Nutritional Enrichment of Food Basket of Students of Welfare Dept. run Residential Schools

Interested agencies are hereby requested to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) duly forwarded by Director of the Institutes/Registrar of Universities/Head of Departments (applicable to Universities (all Colleges) /Department of Universities only) along with technical EOI giving relevant details of the organization/ Institute/ University necessary for evaluating the competencies on or before 17th July 2024. The price should be all inclusive (inclusive of all requisite statutory taxes, if applicable) and not open ended. The intending agencies may submit their EOI in sealed envelope on or before the due date. Technical proposal should be sealed in a separate envelope clearly marked in BOLD A TECHNICAL PROPOSAL FOR: "A Study for Nutritional Enrichment of Food Basket of Students of Welfare Dept. run Residential Schools"(Please specify name of the concerned project) written on the top of the envelope. These envelopes are to be addressed to the Director, Dr. Ramdayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute (TRI), Morabadi, Ranchi-834008. TRI will not be responsible for delay in transits or damages or loss of proposal document sent by post.

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

Terms of Reference (ToR) and other details can be obtained from the office of the TRI on any working day during office hours through the concerned nodal person (Mr. Manish Kumar Oraon) and the same can also be downloaded from the website www.trijharkhand.in under tender/notice section.

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

Sd/- Deputy Director
PR.No.327829 Schedule Tribe, Schedule Caste, Minority and Backward Class Welfare Department(24-25)-D

GOVT. OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SUNDARGARH
Bid Identification No. Online-PMGSY/RWCCESNG-01 of 2024-25
Letter No. 1366/1/ Date: 25.06.2024

- Name of the work :- Repair and Maintenance of Rural roads under PMGSY roads
- Total No. of Roads :- 14 No. individual Road
- Estimated Cost of individual packages :- Rs. 450.97 lakh
- Period of completion :- 05 (Five) years
- Other details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	No. of Packages	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Date & Time of Technical Bid opening	Date & Time of Financial Bid opening
			From	To		
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh	PMGSY / RWCCESNG-01 of 2024-25	14 No	03.07.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	23.07.2024 upto 5.00 P.M.	25.07.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated separately

Further details can be seen from the website : www.pmgstenders.gov.in

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Design & Quality Control)
Chief Construction Engineer, (I/C)
Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh
OIPR-251331/1/0003/24-25

NAGAR NIGAM FIROZABAD (NNF)
(UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA)

Letter No:202/NNF/2024-25 Di. 26.06.2024

Notice Inviting 2nd Call Tenders (NIT)

Municipal Commissioner (MC), Nagar Nigam Firozabad invites item Bids for the work mentioned below through e-Procurement in conformity with the terms and conditions of this advertisement and the detailed tender call notice in two Bid systems (Part-I: General & Technical Bid and Part-II: financial Bid/Price Bid/BOQ) from intending bidders fulfilling the eligibility criteria mentioned in this Notice and other qualifying requirements mentioned in this RFP. Bidders can participate in the bidding after registering them on E- tendering portal <http://etender.up.nic.in>. Bidder can download the RFP from <http://etender.up.nic.in> after paying the tender cost through online payment in the name of Nagar Nigam Firozabad, Bank Name- Punjab National Bank. Account No.-03822011009820, IFSC- PUNB0038210 Bidder will have to upload the scanned copy of transaction slip along with technical bid failing this; the Bid is liable to be rejected. The Bidder should deposit the Earnest Money online in above mentioned account number or through Bank Guarantee from a Nationalized Bank pledged in favor of Municipal Commissioner, Nagar Nigam Firozabad. The scanned copy of the transaction slip should be uploaded along with technical bid. The bidders should have necessary Portal enrollment (Digital Signature Certificate) under e-procurement process of Govt. of Uttar Pradesh in required class/category. In case of any queries on this RFP, intending bidders may contact Chief Engineer, NAGAR NIGAM FIROZABAD.

S. No.	Name of the work	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)	Tender fee with GST @ 18%	Completion/Implementation Period (months)	Operation and Maintenance Period
1	"Design, Supply, Construction, Installation & Implementation of 50 TPD Construction and Demolition waste processing plant with Operation & Maintenance of Three years period in Firozabad City (U.P) on EPC Contract mode	5.00 Lakhs	11,800	9 Months	03 Years after the Completion/Implementation Period

Time schedule for Bidding:

S.No.	Description	Critical Dates
1.	Upload/Publish of RFP	26.06.2024
2.	Bid start Date of RFP	26.06.2024
4.	Bid Closing Date/Time of RFP	10.07.2024 (02:00 PM)
5.	Technical Bid Opening Date/Time	11.07.2024 (10:00 AM)
6.	Financial Bid Opening Date/Time	To be notified

- Other details can be seen on website <http://etender.up.nic.in> (for view, download and bidding).
- Subsequent corrigendum, if required, shall appear in these websites.
- Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons
- Contractor who wants to participate in bid must registered themselves on <http://etender.up.nic.in>
- For any other queries, please contact Executive Engineer, Nagar Nigam Firozabad. Also, for any further queries, the bidders are advised to send an email to: nagamnigamfzd@gmail.com

Chief Engineer
Nagar Nigam Firozabad

Municipal Commissioner
Nagar Nigam Firozabad

ODISHA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH
GHATIKIA, MAHALAXMI VIHAR,
BHUBANESWAR-751 029

Bid No. 2085/ OUTR/2024 Date: 27/06/2024

NOTICE FOR INVITING TENDER

Sealed Tenders are invited from Original Equipment Manufacturers/Distributor/ Authorized Dealers for "Supply of 17 Desktop Computer at OTR", details of which are available in the tender papers. The tenderers must possess valid up-to-date GST / income tax clearance etc. The last date of submission of tender is 19.07.2024 up to 3 PM and will open on 20.07.2024 at 11.00 A.M. The sealed tender will be delivered by Speed Post / Registered Post or Courier only. Tender received after the scheduled date and time will not be considered. The authority is not responsible for any postal delay. The authority reserves the right to cancel the bids without assigning any reason thereof. More details are available at our university website www.outr.ac.in.

Sd/-
REGISTRAR
OIPR-1600511/0006/24-25

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION DIVISION BHOPAL

Tender Notice
NIT No-01/Setu/2024-25/E.E.(Bridge Division). Date 14-06-2024

Online Tender for mentioned below are being invited. The Tender have been uploaded on the mptenders. system of Public Works Department on the Portal www.mptenders.gov.in Tender details are as below:-

S. No.	Tender No.	District	Nature of work	Name of work	Call No.	Cost of Project (PAC) (Rs. In lack)	Remarks
1	2024_PWDREB_350900_1	Betul	Bridge Work	CONSTRUCTION OF SUBMERSIBLE BRIDGE ACROSS DHARAKHOH RIVER ON CHARGAON TO ANKAWADI ROAD, DISTT. BETUL	First	445.24	Original FDR payment will be online and all documents will be submitted online.
2	2024_PWDREB_350933_1	Betul	Bridge Work	CONSTRUCTION OF SUBMERSIBLE BRIDGE ACROSS BHAJI RIVER ON MANDHWADAH TO RAJJAMUN ROAD, DISTT. BETUL	First	457.00	Original FDR payment will be online and all documents will be submitted online.
3	2024_PWDREB_350952_1	Betul	Bridge Work	CONSTRUCTION OF SUBMERSIBLE BRIDGE ACROSS JHIRI NALLI A ON PATHAKHEDA TO IMLIDHANA ROAD , DISTT. BETUL	First	285.29	Original FDR payment will be online and all documents will be submitted online.
						Total	1187.53

The document can only be purchased online from the above website after making online payment. The last date & time for purchase of Document online is Dated 03-07-2024 up to (17:30.) Detailed NIT and other details can be viewed on the above mentioned portal. Amendments to NIT, if any, would be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

The Original FDR payment will be online and all documents will be submitted online. Physically, any type of documents will not be submitted in the office.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD Bridge Construction Division Bhopal

G-12448/24

कार्यालय नगर निगम, बरेली

पत्रांक: 174/प्र0अचि0/उ0वि0/2024-25 दिनांक: 27 जून 2024

TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited for following work. Tender forms may be purchased online by the bidders, having relevant experience.

Work Description	Tender & EMD Fee	Work Period
RFP for selection of agency for annual maintenance contract (AMC) for various horticulture works at Bareilly Nagar Nigam Area.	The EMD & Tender Fee shall be submitted online in the account mentioned below. Bank Details for online payment-Account Number- 3647000100980707 Bank Name: Punjab National Bank Branch: Patel Chowk, Bareilly IFSC: PUNB0364700	24 Months (Further expandable for 12 months upon the approval of Municipal Commissioner)

Event of Calendar:

Sl. No.	Events	Date & Time
1.	Date of downloading tender document	28.06.2024 from 12.00 PM
2.	Last date for seeking clarification, if any	09.07.2024 up to 02.00 PM
3.	Start date for uploading of proposal on e-Procurements platform	11.07.2024 from 02.00 PM
4.	Last date for uploading of proposals (both Technical & Financial) in e-Procurements platform	18.07.2024 up to 04.00 PM
5.	Time and date of opening of Technical proposal	18.07.2024 at 05.00 PM
6.	Time and date of opening of Financial proposal	To be intimated later

The tender document can be downloaded from <https://etender.up.nic.in>. Corrigendum if any. Would appear only on the <https://etender.up.nic.in> site and not to be published in any News Paper.

प्रभारी अधिकारी उद्यान विभाग
जगर विभाग बरेली।

BRIDCUL (ब्रिडकुल)

ब्रिज, रोपवे, टनल एण्ड अदर इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर डेवलपमेंट कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ उत्तराखण्ड लिमिटेड
(उत्तराखण्ड सरकार का उपक्रम) पूर्व में उत्तराखण्ड राज्य अवस्थाना विकास निगम लिमिटेड
प्रधान कार्यालय: अवस्थाना पवन, 583-ड, राजकीय आईटीआई नरिंजनपुर के सामने, भाजपुर, चहलानपुर रोड, देहरादून-248001
टेलीफोन- 0135-2522941, ई-मेल-bridcul@gmail.com, CIN No - U45203UR2008SGC032591

Ref : 992/BRIDCUL-912/24 E-Tendering (2nd Call) Dated: 27/06/2024

On behalf of Hon'ble, Governor of Uttarakhand, E-Tenders are invited by Managing Director BRIDCUL, from the Contractors registered with any Govt./Semi Govt./PSU/Nigam in suitable Class & Category for the works given as below:-

S. No.	Ref No.	Name of Project	Estimated Cost (in lac including GST)	Earnest Money (in Lac)	Cost of Tender Document (In Rs.)	Time Period
1	BRIDCUL/ HQ Pith/ 22/2024-25)	Construction of 50 Bedded Critical Care Block at Govt. Medical College Distt. Pithoragarh. (Civil Work)	1300.45	26.00	5000+ 18% GST	18 Month

For above tenders, document download start date is 28.06.2024 and Bid submission end date is 12.07.2024 at 1500 Hrs. The details of e-tender of above work can be obtained directly from website <https://uktenders.gov.in>

Changes, if any will be intimated only through website <https://uktenders.gov.in>

General Manager (Civil)-I

Monsoon fury claims 2 lives in K'taka: Monsoon has wreaked havoc in Karnataka as two died of electrocution, floodwaters inundated several areas, and several houses caved in Thursday. **TNN**

यू.पी. प्रोजेक्ट्स कारपोरेशन लि.
(उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार का उपकरण) CIN: U15209UP1976SGG004285
कार्यालय महाराष्ट्र, जौन-2, 14-बन्दरशेखरनगर कालोनी, तुसा शेरापुर,
संजयनगर बाईपास, बरेली-243122. ई-मेल: gm2.uppcbly@gmail.com

पत्रांक: 91/पीसीएस/जी.एम./जौन-2/प्रकाशन दिनांक: 26.06.2024
अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना

जनपद राजजहापुर में राजकीय कन्या इंटर कॉलेज पुर्नवा में अतिरिक्त कक्षा, भौतिक विज्ञान लैब एवं मल्टीपरपज हॉल के निर्माण कार्य हेतु अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना सं 02/PCL/GM/ZONE-2/BLY/2024-25 दिनांक 26.06.2024 आमंत्रित की जाती है। उक्त निविदा <http://etender.up.nic.in> की वेबसाइट पर दिनांक 28.06.2024 से दिनांक 11.07.2024 के अपराह्न 01:00 बजे तक डाउनलोड/अपलोड की जा सकती है। ई-निविदा से सम्बन्धित अन्य विवरण, नियम एवं शर्तें कारपोरेशन की वेबसाइट www.upprojects.org पर दिनांक 28.06.2024 से देखी जा सकती है।
महाप्रबन्धक, जौन-2, बरेली

TAMILNADU POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-Tender through e-procurement platform at <https://tenders.gov.in/nicgepp> as per the instructions in the tender specification Coal (SHF) - 161 Dated 27.06.2024 for time chartering of One Self-Trimming Panamax / Kamsarmax gearless vessel for coastal movement of coal by TNGCL.

Sl No	Specification No.	Description of Work / Materials	Due date & time for submission of e-tender
1	Coal (SHIP) - 161 Dated 27.06.2024	TIME CHARTERING OF ONE SELF-TRIMMING PANAMAX / KAMSARMAX GEARLESS BULK CARRIER VESSEL WITH THE LAIDAYS FROM 15th to 30th JULY 2024 FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS + 2 MONTHS CHOITION +/- 15 DAYS CHOITION	06.07.2024 Upto 14:30 Hours.

Submission of E-Tender: THROUGH THIS HYPERLINK <https://tenders.gov.in/nicgepp/app>
Date & Time of commencement of download of Tender Specification: 17:00 Hrs. on 28.06.2024
Date & Time of closing of download of Tender Specification: 14:30 Hrs on 06.07.2024
Soft copy of Tender Specification:
The tender specification can be downloaded from TANGECDD website www.tangecdd.gov.in, from Tamil Nadu Government Web site www.tenders.in.gov.in and from National Informatics Center website <https://tenders.gov.in/nicgepp/app> free of cost.
Tender will be opened: Through the NIC portal <https://tenders.gov.in/nicgepp/app>
DIPR/2125/Tender/2024 CHIEF ENGINEER / MECH / COAL, TNGCL / CHENNAI-2

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority
Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida-201301 (U.P.)
Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.in

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from eligible contractors/firm for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com & <https://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

Fresh Tender Work: -

Sl. No.	Job No.	Work Name	Tender Amount (Rs. In Lacs.)
1.	10/DGM/Sr.M (E&M)-II/2024-25/ET	Construction of 11 KV No-3 Feeder Line 33/11 KV Sub-Station Sector-63A, Noida	188.58
2.	08/DGM(E&M)/S.M./E/M-III/24-25	Construction of 33/11KV Sub-Station Building in sector-75, Noida (Civil work)	153.83

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 11.07.2024 up to 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/ downloaded on dated 12.07.2024 at 11.00 AM.

Re Tender Work: -

Sl. No.	Job No.	Work Name	Tender Amount (Rs. In Lacs.)
1.	10/DGM(E/M)/S.M.(E/M)-IV/2023-24	Construction of 33/11KV Sub-Station in Sector-156, Noida. (Electrical work)	900.67
2.	44/DGM(E/M)/S.M.(E/M)-IV/2023-24	Providing Street Lighting Arrangement in Duplex Sector-135, Noida	108.94

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 04.07.2024 up to 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/ downloaded on dated 05.07.2024 at 11.00 AM.

Office Sector - 39 **Dy. General Manager (E&M) NOIDA**

CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

यू.पी. प्रोजेक्ट्स कारपोरेशन लि.
(उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार का उपकरण) CIN: U15209UP1976SGG004285
कार्यालय महाराष्ट्र, जौन-2, 14-बन्दरशेखरनगर कालोनी, तुसा शेरापुर,
संजयनगर बाईपास, बरेली-243122. ई-मेल: gm2.uppcbly@gmail.com

पत्रांक: 92/पीसीएस/जी.एम./जौन-2/प्रकाशन दिनांक: 26.06.2024
अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना

जनपद विजोनगर में बस स्टेशन, धामपुर के निर्माण कार्य हेतु अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना सं 03/PCL/GM/ZONE-2/BLY/2024-25 दिनांक 26.06.2024 आमंत्रित की जाती है। उक्त निविदा <http://etender.up.nic.in> की वेबसाइट पर दिनांक 28.06.2024 से दिनांक 11.07.2024 के अपराह्न 01:00 बजे तक डाउनलोड/अपलोड की जा सकती है। ई-निविदा से सम्बन्धित अन्य विवरण, नियम एवं शर्तें कारपोरेशन की वेबसाइट www.upprojects.org पर दिनांक 28.06.2024 से देखी जा सकती है।
महाप्रबन्धक, जौन-2, बरेली

PALASH
(Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society)
Rural Development Department, Govt. of Jharkhand

No: JSLPS/1150 Date: 26/06/2024
National Competitive Bidding (NCB)
for Hiring of AWS Cloud Server for JSLPS under e-procurement system

Time Schedule for the bids:

Bid Reference No.	SMMG20240268 Dated 26.06.2024
Date of commencement of downloading of bid document	15:00 hours onwards of 28/06/2024
Last date for seeking clarification if any.	Up to 15:00 hours of 08/07/2024
Date and time of pre-bid meeting	11:00 hours of 09/07/2024
Bid submission start date	11:00 hours of 22/07/2024
Last date for down loading of bid document from the e-Procurement platform	Up to 14:00 hours of 29/07/2024
Last date and time for bid submission/uploading of bid in eProcurement platform	Up to 14:30 hours of 29/07/2024
Time and date of Technical bid opening.	15:00 hours of 29/07/2024
Place of opening of bid and address for communication.	Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society, 2 nd Floor, JSAMB Building, Iki Road, Hehal, Ranchi - 834005, Jharkhand

Only-e tender documents are acceptable. **Sd/ Chief Operating Officer (G)**

Head Office: 2nd Floor, JSAMB Building, Iki Road, Hehal, Ranchi-834005. Website: www.jsamb.in, Ph: 06512551315, 0651-2951915
Regional Office: 3rd Floor, FFP Building, HEC Campus, Dhuma, Ranchi - 834001, Jharkhand
PR: 327857, Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society(24-25)D

NORTH EASTERN INDIRA GANDHI REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH & MEDICAL SCIENCES, MAWDIANGDIANG SHILLONG - 793 018

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Sd/-
Dean (Academics) NEIGRIHMS

Court raps UP DGP as cops fail to present ex-MP despite 53 NBWs, several letters

A special MP/MLA court in Bulandshahr demanded an explanation from the UP DGP by June 29 on the police's failure to present a wanted former MP in court, reports **Rahul Singh**. Despite 53 non-bailable warrants (NBWs), the former MP has evaded capture. Apart from the NBWs, multiple letters to various authorities, including one to UP's home secretary, four to the DGP, six to the Bulandshahr SSP, and four to the SHO of Bulandshahr Dehat (rural) police station, cops have not presented former Ghosi MP Hari Narayan Rajbhar in court. MP/MLA court special judge Vinay Kumar Singh issued a letter to the DGP after police repeatedly failed to produce former Rajbhar. The court highlighted multiple raids "claimed by police" but no progress in locating Rajbhar. The court has also written to the Lok Sabha Speaker and the Delhi Police commissioner, requesting details of the facilities provided to Rajbhar.

Kerala denies reprieve plan for Chandrasekharan case convicts

minutes before the opposition raised the matter in the assembly. Govt denied in the house that the convicts in the case were being considered for remission of sentence. Joint superintendent of Kannur central prison K S Sreejith, who is holding the superintendent's charge, assistant superintendent (grade-I) B G Arun and assistant prison officer O V Raghunath have been suspended. The suspension came

Probe report reveals bid to shield civic body chief in boat tragedy case: Guj HC

Gujarat high court on Thursday expressed its displeasure at the inquiry committee report into the Harni Lake tragedy, which said that municipal commissioners generally rely on technical reports submitted to them and cannot be seen as doing anything wrong in signing these notings in good faith. The court said that the report revealed "efforts to protect the then Vadodara municipal commissioner" in connection with the boat capsizing incident at Harni Lake in Jan in which 14 persons, including 12 school kids, were killed. The Gujarat govt submitted an inquiry report in a sealed cover to the HC as ordered earlier. While going through the report, the bench of Chief Justice Sunita Agarwal and Justice Pranav Trivedi said, "It is a kind of report where there is an effort to protect the municipal commissioner. Though the committee finds fault... (it) sidelines the role of the municipal commissioner." **TNN**

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
WORLD BANK PROJECT DIVISION, AKOLA
E-TENDER NOTICE No.2/2024-2025
No. 1955 /TC/ETN-2/2024/Date 21.06.2024
Online E-Tenders.

Online Tender are invited by Executive Engineer, World Bank Project Division, Akola (Telephone No. 0724-2436995) e-mail-wbakra.ee@mahapwd.com for following works for B-1 Works Sr. No. 4 from Competent Contractors (Register With P.W.D.) Government of Maharashtra Public Work Department in appropriate class & B-1 Works Sr. No. 1 to 3 From Competent and Interested Contractors (Not Necessary Registered With P.W.D.). If Global Company having its Branch/ Sub Company in India, They Can Participate in Tender. E-Tender can be downloaded from the <http://mahatenders.gov.in>. Other instruction can be seen in the e-tender form. Competent Authority Reserve the Right to Reject All or any one of the Tender. Conditional tender will not be accepted.

Sr. No	Name of work	Estimated Cost
1	2	3
1	STBT to Chittalwadi to Bhili Road VR 102 Km 0/00 to 3/00 Tq Telhara Dist Akola	39306594
2	STBT to Karla to Pimper Road VR km 1/500 to 4/00 Tq Akot Dist Akola	26512820
3	Widening And Improvement Of Kalwadi Warur Jaulka Kawasa Rel Dharel Road MDR 5 Km 3/00 To 5/00 Tq Akot District Akola	25134853
4	STBT to Ruikhed Mankari Road VR 28 km 1/500 to 3/800 Tq. Akot Dist. Akola	14478082

Note:-

- All eligible/interested tenderer are required to be enrolled on portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in>
- Work No. 1 to 4 Tender download & preparation of Bid from Dt. 28.06.2024 at 10.00 Hrs to To Dt. 8.07.2024 at 18.00 Hrs. Download. Work No. 1 to 4 Technical Envelope Opening Date 10.07.2024 (Further tender timetable as on Online)
- Pre-Tender Conference will be held on Dt. 01.07.2024 at 12.00 Hrs in the office of the Chief Engineer, P.W. Region, Amravati of Work No. 1 to 3
- Please note the further changes regarding above work will not be published through corrigendum by press notice the changes will be available only on electronic tendering system of Govt. of Maharashtra which is available on the portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in> & Notice
- All detail information is available on following websites & Office Information Board. Visit web site for details: 1. <http://mahapwd.com>
2. <http://mahatenders.gov.in>
Information also available on:- Office of the Executive Engineer World Bank Project Division, Akola Office Information Board.
- Other instructions can be seen in the tender form. All or any one of the tender may be rejected by the competent authority.
- Online Schedule in Applicable and Final
- Note that the Bidder has no objection regarding Condition & Specification mentioned in Tender & CSD while bidding. No objection are entertained after submission of bidding completed.

Sd/-
(Pravin Saranyak)
Executive Engineer
World Bank Project Division, Akola

DGIPR/2024-2025/506

Uttar Pradesh पर्यटन
पर्यटन भवन, सी-13, विपिन खण्ड, भोमतीनगर, लखनऊ - 226010
फोन नं. 0522-2308916, ई-मेल: mdupstdd@gmail.com / md@upstdd.co.in

ई-निविदा सूचना

उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य पर्यटन विकास निगम लि. द्वारा जनपद कुशीनगर में महापरिनिर्वाण मन्दिर के निकट बनी वाहन पार्किंग एवं नवनिर्मित फास्ट फूड सेंटर (छ: दुकानों को छोड़कर) को समेकित रूप से निजी उद्यमियों के माध्यम से प्रबन्धकीय संविदा पर संचालित कराये जाने हेतु ई-टेंडर वेबसाइट पर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

निविदा प्रपत्र एवं नियम-शर्तें ई-टेंडर वेबसाइट etender.up.nic.in से दिनांक 28.06.2024 के अपराह्न 12:00 बजे से डाउनलोड की जा सकती है तथा दिनांक 18.07.2024 अपराह्न 12:00 बजे तक निविदा अपलोड की जा सकती है। निविदा प्रपत्र धरोहर राशि एवं निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य के पृथक-पृथक बैंक ड्राफ्ट जो यू.पी.एस.टी.डी.सी.लिट. लखनऊ के पत्र में देय होगा, के साथ ही स्वीकार किये जायेंगे। निविदा प्रस्ताव एवं बैंक ड्राफ्ट मूलरूप में समस्त संलग्नकों एवं स्वहस्ताक्षरित प्रपत्रों की छायाप्रतियों सहित सील बन्द लिफाफे में दिनांक 18.07.2024 को अपराह्न 03:00 बजे तक उ.प्र. राज्य पर्यटन विकास निगम लि. लखनऊ में जमा की जा सकेंगी। ई-टेंडर पोर्टल पर प्राप्त निविदाएं उसी दिन उपस्थित निविदादाताओं के समक्ष गठित समिति द्वारा सायंकाल 04:00 बजे खोली जायेंगी। एक अथवा समस्त प्रस्तावों को बिना किसी कारण बताये निरस्त करने का अधिकार निगम प्रबन्धक को होगा।

Urban Development Directorate, Uttarakhand
31/62, Rajpur Road Dehradun, Uttarakhand-248001.
Email id : recruitmentudd@gmail.com
Phone No. - 0135-2742885

Letter no. 1547/01/शपविनि/रिडर्स/2019-20, Date: 27.06.2024

Advertisement

Urban Development Directorate (UDD), Government of Uttarakhand invites application under Urban Reforms & E-Governance Cell (PIU) for below mentioned posts on Purely Contractual Basis latest by 18.07.2024 (Thursday) 17:00 hrs. only through by hand/registered post/speed post. Details can be obtained from the website: www.udd.uk.gov.in.

Project Management Unit (PMU)

1. Team Leader (IT)	- 01 Post
2. Senior Software Development	- 01 Post
3. Software Engineer	- 02 Post
4. Data Preparation and Coordination (MIS) Expert	- 02 Post

Director

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LIMITED
CIN: U40102RJ2000SG016484 (A Govt. of Rajasthan Undertaking)
Suratgarh Super Thermal Power Station, Suratgarh-335805

Online Tender Notice

E-tenders are invited for TN-1946(RVU2425GLOB00471) Supply of S.S Feed pipe of Ball Tube Mills BBD-4772 & 1972(RVU2425GLOB00507) Supply of various type & sizes of LT and C&I cables at various sites of STPS, Suratgarh. Tender details are available on websites <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> (for e-tender), www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvuni & www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.
Raj.samwad/C/24/1321 RVUN/PR-4018 Addl. Chief Engineer (Proc.)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that this person (depicted in the photo) Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 45-50 Years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Oval, Build: Normal, Wearing: Sky Blue Shirt, Grey color Pant and Black color Slipper in Feet, found dead near Ambedkar Terminal Bus Stand, Delhi on 19.06.2024 under area of P.S. I.P Estate, Delhi.

In this regard a DD No. 39A, dated 19.06.2024 has been lodged at P.S. I.P Estate, 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.

Dead Body has been preserved in Mortuary of LNH MAMC, Delhi for 72 Hours if any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S. - I.P Estate, Delhi
DP/8279/CD/2024 (UIDB) Ph: 011-23378387, 8750870426

Markfed
PUNJAB
A House Of Quality Food Products

Tender Notice

Purchase of different packaging of 1121 Steamed Basmati Rice, Sharbati Steamed Rice, Traditional Basmati Rice/HBC-19 and Parmal Rice

No. Fed/Mktg/2024/336 Dated: 27/6/24

The Department of The Punjab State Cooperative Supply and Marketing Federation Limited (Markfed) invites online bids for purchase of following quantity of rice in different packaging

Variety	Tentative Quantity
1121 Steamed Basmati Rice Full	175 MT
1121 Steamed Basmati Rice Tibar	150 MT
1121 Steamed Basmati Rice Adhwar	150 MT
1121 Steamed Basmati Rice Broken	100 MT
Sharbati Steamed Rice Rice	75 MT
Traditional Basmati Rice/HBC-19	50 MT
Parmal Rice	100 MT

Pre-bid Meeting : on 05.7.2024 at 11.00 AM
Closing date & Time : on 22.7.2024 till 11.30 AM
Date of Opening of Tender : on 22.7.24 at 2.00 PM
For detail log on to : www.markfedpunjab.com & eproc.punjab.gov.in

Note : Any corrigendum to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

MANAGING DIRECTOR
MARKED, CHANDIGARH

NORTH EASTERN INDIRA GANDHI REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH & MEDICAL SCIENCES, MAWDIANGDIANG SHILLONG - 793 018

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Raj.samwad/C/24/1321 RVUN/PR-4018 Addl. Chief Engineer (Proc.)

CAD-367

The Odisha State Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation Limited
D-2, Sahid Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751007
PH NO.: 0674-2546030, 2540273, 2540417, 2540974
E-mail ID: omfed@yahoo.com

Date: 28.06.2024

Bid Identification No. MM/113/AT/POLY ROLLU 2024-2025

Tender inviting 'online' through 'e-procurement' of Govt of Odisha web portal

OMFED invites e-Tender from reputed Manufacturing Units (Manufacture) for supply of Polythene Film for packaging of milk & products at our different dairies for one year. The tender is invited on-line through 'e-procurement' of Govt. of Odisha web Portal <https://tendersodisha.gov.in> and <http://www.omfed.com>. The Bid documents will be available in the website: <https://tendersodisha.gov.in> from 10.00 AM of 28.06.2024 to 5.00 PM of 18.07.2024. The Techno-Commercial bids shall be opened at 11.30 A.M. on 19.07.2024 at OMFED Corporate office in the presence of the interested bidders. The Management reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bid document or part thereof without assigning any reason.

Sd/-
Managing Director
OPR-69663/11801324-23

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B.Sc NURSING COURSE ADMISSION NOTICE

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Sd/-
Dean (Academics) NEIGRIHMS

KERALA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECT (KSWMP) LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Project Director, Kerala Solid Waste Management Project (KSWMP) under LSGD, intends to notify tender for Hiring of the following activities:

SL.No.	Activity	Published Date
1	Consulting Services for Engagement of Manpower Service (HR) Agency for KSWMP	07 June 2024

RFP along with TOR is available at www.kswmp.org and <https://etenders.kerala.gov.in>. Interested Consultants must submit their Proposals through the electronic-procurement portal of Government of Kerala <https://etenders.kerala.gov.in>. Telephone: 0471-2333011, E-Mail: tenderkswmp@gmail.com

TELANGANA FOODS : IDA : NACHARAM : HYDERABAD - 500076
Phone No. 27152207, 08 & 09

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notification No. TF/GG/Tender/Vitamins/HDPE & HM-HDPE Bags/1489/2024-25, Dt.27.06.2024

Telangana Foods invites e-Tenders for procurement of Vitamins, HDPE and HM-HDPE Bags. For details please visit website: <https://tender.eprocurement.gov.in> and website: <https://foods.telangana.gov.in>, tenders schedules can be downloaded from 28-06-2024 @ 5.00 pm onwards. R.O.No: 131-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2024-25, Date: 27-06-2024 **Sd/- Managing Director**

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
ANSARI NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110029
F. No. 1-4/2024-Entr./R(CT)

VACANCY NOTICE

Applications are invited in the prescribed proforma for filling up the following posts at this Institute ON DEPUTATION BASIS :-

S. No.	Name of the Post	Pay Scale	Upper Age Limit	Number of Post(s)
1.	Chief Nursing Officer	Level-12 in the Pay Matrix	56 Years	01
2.	Deputy Fire Officer	Level-07 in the Pay Matrix	56 Years	02

For essential eligibility conditions, other details and terms & conditions, please visit the Institutes' website: www.aiims.edu and www.aiimsexams.ac.in under the head 'Recruitment'. The candidates who fulfil the prescribed eligibility conditions may submit their applications in the prescribed proforma (available on the website) to the Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi-110029, so as to reach the addressee on or before 08.08.2024.

CBC: 17112/12/0007/2425 **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (RECT.)**

INDIAN RAILWAYS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. 2023/Track-III/M/C/5 New Delhi, dated: 27.06.2024
CORRIGENDUM-VIII

Subject :- E-Tender No. TM-2303 for procurement of Rail Bone Maintenance Vehicle "RBMV" for Indian Railways to be opened on 31.07.2024

The date of opening of above mentioned tender due on 28.06.2024 has been postponed to 31.07.2024.

All other terms and conditions of the subject tender remain unchanged.

(Vijay Singh)
Executive Director/Track (M&C)
Railway Board
Tel: No. 011-47845531
E-mail: vijay.singh.2017@gov.in
1928/2024

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 (2) (II) CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that that accused person namely Sanjeev Gautam S/o Babu Ram R/o H. No. - 33, Sector-16, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, U.P & Laxmi Gaushala, Plot No. 56 Purani Basti, Bagh Mughalian, Opp. Housing Board Society, Near Ramdev Mandir, Tehsil Huzur, Dist Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a case vide Case.Reg.No. 7846-16 U/s 138 NI Act registered at PS Keshav Puram and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued stating that the said Sanjeev Gautam could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused Sanjeev Gautam absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Sanjeev Gautam is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 29.08.2024.

By Order
Ms. Divya Arora
MM North West-04,
Room No. 112, 1st Floor
Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/7594/NW/2024

Don't link CIBIL score to farm loan: Maha dy CM

It's June end, and sowing has begun in parts of Maharashtra. However, the banks have not met even 50% of the crop loan disbursement target in Vidarbha for the Kharif season, report **Shishir Arya & Ved Gulghule**. A large section of farmers depend on annual crop loans to meet their cultivation expenses each year. The PSU banks, which have the biggest share, have barely covered 30% of the target, shows the progress report maintained by the state govt. Maharashtra deputy CM Devendra Fadnis had warned during a state-level banker committee meeting of an FIR against bankers if they insist on CIBIL scores before lending to farmers. Vidarbha's 11 districts are divided into Nagpur and Amravati divisions. In Amravati division, which has agrarian-crisis-ridden districts, the banks have so far covered 48% of their target of lending over Rs 8,028 crore for the Kharif season. In Nagpur division, the target has been fixed at Rs 5,247 crore out of which Rs 2,355 crore has been lent. This amounts to 44% of the target. PSU banks have met

SpaceX will sell insider shares at a higher-than-expected price that boosts the value of Elon Musk's space & satellite co closer to \$210bn



The co priced its tender offer — which enables employees to sell shares — at more than the \$200bn valuation that was discussed last month, due to significant investor demand

SpaceX is now on a par with some of the world's largest publicly listed cos by market cap

Tesla	626
ByteDance	268
Reliance	248
SpaceX	210

(Value in \$ bn)

HC: Ex-Religare promoter Shivinder can't travel abroad

New Delhi: The Delhi high court has refused to allow former Religare promoter Shivinder Mohan Singh to travel abroad. It declined to suspend a look-out circular issued against Singh in connection with an SFIO probe into the affairs of Religare Enterprises and other related entities. Justice Dharmesh Sharma observed that prima facie, Singh has sizable assets and properties and if allowed to go abroad, he may not come back to join the investigation and trial. **TNN**



Shareholder nod for Singhania to remain Raymond chairman

New Delhi: Raymond on Thursday said its shareholders have approved the reappointment of Gautam Singhania as chairman & MD for a term of five years effective from July 1, 2024, along with his proposed remuneration. Earlier, proxy advisory firm IAS had asked shareholders to vote against the reappointment of Singhania on the company's board. **AGENCIES**

Anti-dumping duties on Chinese products

New Delhi: India on Thursday imposed anti-dumping duties on three Chinese products, including hydraulic rock breakers, with an aim to protect domestic players from cheap imports. **AGENCIES**

JSW Infra to buy 70% in logistics co Navkar

New Delhi: JSW Infrastructure on Thursday said it will acquire 70.4% stake in Navkar Corp for around Rs 1,012 crore, paving the way for its foray into the logistics industry. **AGENCIES**

Amazon fund flow into payments arm

Mumbai: Amazon has infused Rs 600 crore into its India payments entity, taking its total investment in the unit to nearly Rs 1,000 crore this year. Amazon attempts to gain a larger share of the fintech market. **TNN**



Record St: Sensex tops 79k, Nifty crosses 24k milestone

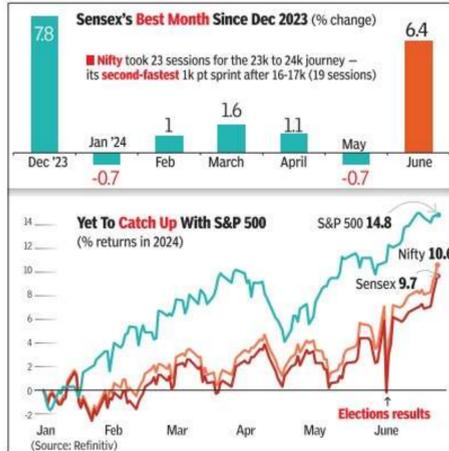
Hat Trick: Stock Indices Log Fresh Highs For 3 Days In Row

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: The sensex and Nifty logged a record high for the third successive session on Thursday driven by domestic and foreign fund buying. In a day of firsts, the sensex closed above the 79,000 mark while Nifty surpassed the 24,000 milestone. While Nifty rose 0.7% to close at 24,044 points, the sensex ended 569 points higher at 79,243. After a tumultuous start to the month due to election results, both indices have stabilised — and risen by over 6% in June. This has been one of the sensex's best months since Dec 2023.

In Thursday's market, a host of positive factors kept the pre-Budget rally going. President Droupadi Murmu's reference to 'historic' steps to be announced in the Budget was seen as a pointer to impending reforms. In the bond and foreign exchange market, there were signs that passive foreign debt funds have started investing to align

BULLS ON BUYING SPREE SINCE ELECTION CRASH



their portfolios with India's inclusion in the bond indices. "Except for the last four days, the up-move in the markets has been gradual so far. Participants are wary of the high valuations and afraid of a sharp bout of profit-taking which has not happened so far. Q1FY25 numbers are also not expected to be great due to election-related disruption," said Deepak Jasani of HDFC Securities. He added that India is one of the few large markets that offer visible growth at a good pace over the next few years, unaffected mostly by global developments. A rate cut by the US Fed later this year could make equities even more attractive.

UltraTech Cement emerged as the biggest gainer on the sensex, rising 5% after the company revealed it had acquired a 23% stake in India Cements. Other gainers included NTPC (3.2%), JSW Steel (2.4%), Tata Motors (2.1%), Infosys (2.1%), TCS (2%), and Kotak Mahindra Bank (1.9%). "The rotational buying across key sectors is contributing to the index's steady rise, and we expect this trend to continue. Following the banking sector, we anticipate that IT and FMCG will play crucial roles in maintaining the positive momentum. With Nifty crossing the 24,000-mark, we see the potential for it to test 24,500," said Ajit Mishra of Religare Broking.

'Fin sector governance needs highest priority'

RBI's Report Flags Concerns Over Decline In Household Savings, Froth In Small-Caps

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: RBI governor Shaktikanta Das has said the highest priority must be assigned to governance in the financial sector. Strong governance is at the core of the resilience of stakeholders in the financial system, Das said in his foreword to a report. The financial stability report released on Thursday highlighted concerns linked to falling household savings, speculative activity in small caps and derivatives markets, and the increase in bank borrowing and lending by NBFCs. Noting that household savings dropped to 18.4% of GDP in FY23, from an average of 20% over 2013-22, RBI said that it is important to monitor household debt due to the increasing trend in financial liabilities, to ensure financial stability. The report noted the rapid growth in futures & options volumes, which poses risks to retail investors without proper risk management, potentially impacting the cash market. Short-duration options in volatile indices could amplify leverage, driven by changing investor preferences for immediate expiries. It also expressed concern

over froth in small-cap stocks. The report said there has been a rapid increase in mid- and small-cap stocks, accompanied by higher inflows to mutual fund schemes targeting these segments. Das said all stakeholders should not only invest

(common equity tier-1 of 10.8%) even under a severe stress scenario where gross non-performing assets rise to 3.4%. "Today, the matrix of financial stability is perhaps at its best, but the real challenge is to maintain it and improve it



Efforts must be made to develop an ecosystem that puts the interests of the customer at the forefront. Ultimately, preserving the trust of the customer is the cornerstone of safeguarding systemic stability. **Shaktikanta Das | GOVERNOR, RBI**

adequately to take full advantage of technological advancements, but also take steps to safeguard the security and soundness of their systems. "Efforts must be made to develop an ecosystem that puts the interests of the customer at the forefront. Ultimately, preserving the trust of the customer is the cornerstone of safeguarding systemic stability," Das said. He said the results of stress tests demonstrate that capital levels of banks and NBFCs will remain above the regulatory minimum even under severe stress scenarios. The stress tests reveal that in FY25, the banking sector will have adequate capital

further. The regulators, on their part, remain committed to these goals," Das said. The baseline projections in the report show that if economic indicators follow expectations, the banking system will be at its healthiest. Gross NPAs are projected to improve further from a 12-year low of 2.8% as of March 2024 to 2.5% by March 2025. Banks had a capital adequacy ratio of 16.8% as of March 2024, which would decline to 14.4% and 13% under medium and severe stress scenarios. In the non-bank sector, the report said that there has been high delinquency among borrowers with personal loans below Rs 50,000.

Sebi eases delisting norms, tightens finfluencer rules

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Markets regulator Sebi on Thursday made it easier for companies to delist and raise debt capital, while tightening the screws on influencers by barring partnerships with regulated entities. Following its board meeting on Thursday, Sebi barred registered advisors from entering agreements with unregistered influencers — commonly known as finfluencers — who make claims about investment returns. Sebi has barred regulated entities from partnering with anyone "who, directly or indirectly, provides advice or recommendation or makes any implicit or explicit claim of return or performance, in respect of or related to security or securities unless permitted by the Board". This crackdown aims to safegu-

ard investors from misleading information and ensure that regulated entities maintain a clear distinction from unregulated entities. **Sebi also tightened eligibility criteria for stocks in the F&O market**

The markets regulator has tightened the eligibility criteria for stocks in the F&O (futures & options) market to reduce risk, requiring stocks to be in the top 500 based on average daily market value and traded value over the last six months. Additionally, the stock must have a median order size of at least Rs 75 lakh and a market-wide position limit of at least Rs 1,500 crore, along with an average daily value of over Rs 35 crore. Under the reforms ai-

Hyd's Megha bags ₹13k cr NPCIL contract

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Hyderabad: Megha Engineering & Infrastructure (MEIL), which shot into the limelight after it emerged as the second-largest electoral bonds donor at Rs 1,232 crore (directly and through associated companies), has bagged a Rs 12,800-crore engineering, procurement, & construction (EPC) contract from state-owned Nuclear Power Corporation of India. Hyderabad-based MEIL marked its foray into the nuclear energy space after it outbid heavyweights such as L&T and BHEL to emerge as the lowest bidder (L1) with a bid of Rs 12,800 crore for the construction of 2x700MW electrical reactors at Kaiga project, under the department of atomic energy. The project has to be completed in 66 months after the letter of award. The Kaiga nuclear power generating station, located in Uttara Kannada, Karnataka, has 4x220MW nuclear reactors operational. The setting up of Kaiga 5 and 6 is being seen as a significant milestone in India's clean energy journey.

Jio hikes tariffs by up to 25%, Airtel & Vi may follow

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio on Thursday announced a tariff hike of up to 25%, as the country's largest telecom service provider, which built its subscriber base offering free services during its initial days, sought to improve its realisation from subscribers. The move, the first in two-and-a-half years, sets the stage for an increase by Airtel and Vodafone Idea. India has among the world's cheapest mobile and data services, which is a boon for consumers, but makes life difficult for investors as it lowers returns for them. Besides, telecom being a capital-intensive business, companies have to repeatedly pump in money to meet the requirements of evolving technology and acquiring spectrum. Analysts were betting on a tariff hike after the Lok Sabha elections. The impact of the increase will only be visible in the next quarter results. Just last month, Airtel chief executive Gopal Vittal had said that the average revenue per user (Arpu) on monthly basis remains "abysmally low" in India and advocated a "tariff repair". The Sunil Bharti Mittal-controlled company has periodically raised tariffs, focusing on "quality customers", and has the best Arpu among the three private players, es-



Infy's Parekh settles insider trading case with Sebi

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Infosys CEO Salil Parekh has agreed to pay Rs 25 lakh as settlement charges for failing to put in place adequate internal controls to comply with Sebi's rules to prevent insider trading. Parekh entered into a settlement agreement with Sebi following an investigation that ascertained two entities were in violation of the provisions of the Sebi Act and PIT Regulations, 2015. The company, however, said there is no impact on its financial, operational, or other activities pursuant to the settlement order. The case relates to Infosys's deal with Vanguard that was signed in 2020. Through the partnership, Infosys said it will assume day-to-day operations supporting Vanguard's DC (defined contribution) record-keeping business, including software platforms, administration, and associated processes. Around 1,300 Vanguard roles transitioned to Infosys. Vanguard was the largest asset manager in the defined contribution space, and Infosys would provide a cloud-based record-keeping platform to Vanguard, the order said. The investigation concludes that the information related to the strategic partnership was covered under the definition of unpublished price-sensitive information (UPSI) under the PIT Regulations, 2015.

Investors pull out ₹1.4k cr in 3 days this week: Quant MF

TNN & AGENCIES

New Delhi: Quant Mutual Fund, which is under regulatory scanner for alleged front-running, has said that investors pulled out \$168 million (around Rs 1,400 crore) in three days this week. The redemptions amount to 1.5% of assets. Sandeep Tandon, the firm's founder and chief executive officer, said in a video call with investors late Wednesday. "The work at Quant Mutual Fund is as normal as it has been, apart from the data points asked by the regulator." The Mumbai-based asset manager, one of the fastest growing mutual funds

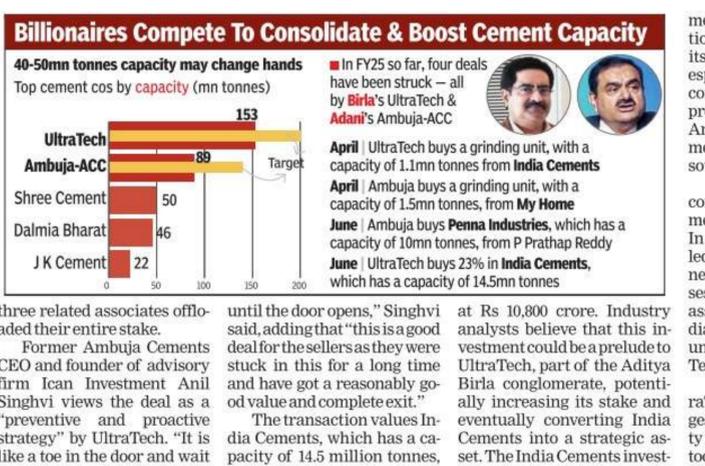
in India, has seen its assets soar to Rs 93,000 crore from Rs 240 crore in 2019. "As of June 26, 2024, cash and liquid investments were 53.5% of closing equity AUM of Rs 88,270 crore and over the last three days, net redemptions have totalled only 1.5% of closing AUM, which is a small figure," the fund house said in a set of FAQs for investors. It also said the performance should not be hit. "Returns are a by-product of research capabilities and style of management. In qu-

GST: Post-sale discounts under lens

New Delhi: Suppliers giving post-sale discounts through credit notes under GST will have to ensure that the client gives an undertaking or a CA certificate stating that the Input Tax Credit (ITC) availed on the discount value has been reversed, the CBIC has said. Currently, there is no mechanism to track whether ITC on such discounts has been reversed or not. EY Tax Partner Saurabh Agarwal said these documents, with a unique ID number, serve as proof for audits and ensure consistent application of GST rules on post-sale discounts. **TNN**

No board seat for UltraTech in India Cements

► From P1 The 23% stake, which does not include a board position in India Cements, is a little shy of the threshold requiring an acquirer to make an open offer to public shareholders under the country's takeover code. Despite Srinivasan and family owning 28% in India Cements, 46% of that is pledged, according to the company's filings with the stock exchanges. This transaction marks the exit of Damani, who is also the founder of retail chain DMart, from India Cements, where he first invested in fiscal 2020. Over the years, he had increased his stake to 22.8% from a little over 1.3%. Bulk deal disclosures on BSE showed that Damani, his brother Gopikishan, and



ment and the Kesoram acquisition will help UltraTech guard its turf in the southern region, especially as the Ambuja-ACC combine attempts to ramp up its presence there. A few weeks ago, Ambuja-ACC bought Penna Cement, seeking to strengthen its southern grip. The UltraTech investment comes at a time when India Cements is facing rough weather. In recent quarters, it has struggled to meet its working capital needs. Despite narrowing its losses, it has decided to sell certain assets to raise funds. In April, India Cements sold its grinding unit in Maharashtra to UltraTech for Rs 315 crore. Under Birla's leadership, UltraTech has become India's largest cement player with a capacity of 153 million tonnes. When he took over as chairman of the Adi-

tya Birla Group in 1995, the cement unit's capacity was less than 5 million tonnes. The sector, expected to double to \$49 billion by 2029 from 2022 levels, has long been dominated by UltraTech until Adani entered the market by acquiring Ambuja-ACC in 2022, making him the country's second-largest player. Ambuja-ACC currently has a capacity of 89 million tonnes after expansions and acquisitions of smaller assets. In a June 13 note, ratings agency ICRA said it expects mergers and acquisitions to continue in the sector; given the aggressive expansion plans of large incumbent players who want to maintain their market shares. Broking firm Emkay said Thursday that it sees at least 40-50 million tonnes of cement capacity changing hands over the next few years.

Flipkart sellers allege price curbs

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Mumbai: Several sellers on Flipkart have alleged that the platform has locked the selling price of products and is not allowing them to change or raise the prices of their listings. This mechanism came into place on May 18, shortly after the Walmart-owned e-commerce firm announced the rollout of a simplified rate card policy. Four sellers TOI spoke with said that Flipkart did not notify them before placing restrictions on pricing. "Flipkart cannot control the selling price of a product. Many products on the platform are now being sold below our purchase price. Sel-

lers whose products were already stocked up at Flipkart's warehouses had no option other than selling them at a lower price," one of the sellers said. This sudden move by Flipkart has nudged many platform sellers to remove their listings and display an out of stock notification. "I have 1,250 product listings on Flipkart. About 800-900 of them have been taken out. I am only selling products on which I am managing to make some profit," added another seller. Flipkart's justification to sellers is that irrespective of the pricing restrictions, they are getting the same average settlement value.

Harassed over loan, woman and daughter die by suicide in Bihar's Vaishali

Patna: A 30-year-old woman, along with her minor daughter, died by suicide in Sherpur village in Bihar's Vaishali district on Thursday morning, police said, reports Kshitiz. According to villagers and her family members, a self-help group was harassing the deceased, Shobha Devi, 30, over the repayment of a loan they gave to the victim. Staff of the self-help group incessantly pestered her to repay the loan, her family said. The victim's husband works in Kolkata, while she was living with her daughter in the village. Villagers found the bodies of Shobha and her daughter, Suruchi Kumari, 8, floating in a ditch that was dug up by a brick kiln operator to store water.

Didi halts drive to evict hawkers, warns against cop-neta nexus

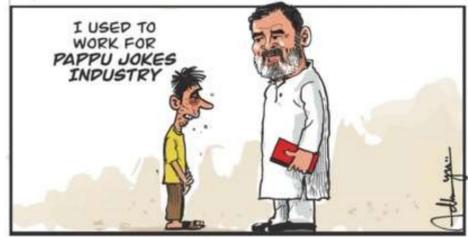
Kolkata: Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee temporarily halted Thursday the ongoing anti-hawker and anti-encroachment drive from public spaces in Kolkata for a month. However, she issued a stern warning against politicians and police officers who she claimed encourage hawkers to encroach, take bribes from them, and then use bulldozers to evict them, report Dwaipayan Ghosh & Tamaghna Banerjee.

Addressing a meeting with ministers, bureaucrats, police, and hawkers' union representatives at Nabanna, the state secretary, Banerjee said she disapproves of the use of bulldozers and wants the one-month pause to be used for conducting surveys in hawking zones to identify alternatives and solutions. She warned that encroachments removed during the past week should not be allowed to return and called on police and politicians to curb their greed.

"I do not believe in first allowing encroachers and then using bulldozers. I want restrictions to be imposed from the beginning," Banerjee said, warning: "Politicians who incite hawkers will be arrested, regardless of their party affiliation, and police officers supporting them will either be arrested by their superiors or removed from their positions."

"The local mafia, the sand mafia, the land mafia are doing everything. Why should I take the blame? They are taking money with their right hand and giving it to BJP with their left hand," she alleged.

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CBI charges 5 former cops for 'framing' Nambi in Isro spy case

New Delhi: CBI has filed a chargesheet against two former DGPs, Siby Mathews of Kerala and R B Sreekumar of Gujarat, and three other retired police officials in connection with the alleged framing of space scientist Nambi Narayanan in the 1994 Isro espionage case, officials said.

Three years after registering a case in 2021 following SC directions, CBI has filed its chargesheet against then DGP Mathews, who headed the SIT that probed the 1994 Isro espionage case, Sreekumar, who was deputy director in the Intelligence Bureau, P S Jayaprakash, who was then posted in SIB-Kerala, then deputy superintendent of police K K Joshua and inspector S Vijayan.

CBI has charged them under sections 120B, 342, 330, 167, 193, 354 of IPC. CBI had lodged the case on SC orders on April 15, 2021. SC had ordered the probe on the basis of report of a high-level panel, which had said probe into the role of erring cops in the case involving Narayanan be given to CBI.

Kerala Police had registered two cases in Oct 1994 after Inter-Maldivian national Rash-eeda was arrested in Thiruvananthapuram for allegedly obtaining secret drawings of ISRO rocket engines for selling to Pakistan. Narayanan, the then director of the cryogenic project at Isro, was arrested, along with the then Isro deputy director D Sasikumar and Fousiya Hasan, a Maldivian friend of Rasheed. CBI probe found the allegations to be false.

ASI denies nod for puja at temple in Daulatabad fort

Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar: The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Aurangabad circle, has denied permission to perform puja and other rituals to the sole priest at the Bharat Mata temple inside the 11th century Daulatabad Fort, citing that the structure is a non-living monument, reports Prasad Joshi.

Of the 3,693 centrally protected monuments and archaeological sites managed by ASI, around a fourth (820) include places of worship, while the rest are considered non-living monuments, where no new religious rituals can be started or conducted. The Daulatabad Fort, also known as Deogiri Fort, has many tourist attractions, including the Bharat Mata temple dedicated to Mother India. ASI's superintending archaeologist Shiv Kumar Bhagat, in an order dated June 14, directed local authorities to prevent the priest from engaging in any puja or related rituals at the temple with immediate effect, saying permitting such religious activities "at any temple situated on the fort is in violation of the provisions in the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act". Bhagat told TOI that his office had received multiple complaints from tourists against the priest performing puja at the temple.

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Extracts of Financial Results for the quarter and year ended 31st March, 2024 [Regulation 52 (B), read with Regulation 52 (4), of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015]								
Sl.No.	Particulars	Standalone				Consolidated		
		Quarter ended		Year ended		Year ended		
		31st March 2024	31st Dec. 2023	31st March 2024	31st March 2023	31st March 2024	31st March 2023	
	Un-audited	Un-audited	Un-audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	
1	Total Income from Operations	17,947.88	19,180.92	17,180.37	75,504.52	68,840.74	1,00,235.41	88,428.72
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	5,045.16	(2,165.15)	(8,757.75)	(6,116.71)	(14,563.36)	(7,169.82)	(17,612.90)
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	5,034.33	(2,165.15)	(8,766.64)	(6,127.54)	(14,572.25)	(7,291.86)	(17,711.58)
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	5,034.33	(2,165.15)	(8,766.64)	(6,127.54)	(14,572.25)	(7,291.86)	(17,711.58)
5	Total comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	5,033.75	(2,165.47)	(8,763.99)	(6,129.07)	(14,573.52)	(7,340.12)	(17,722.78)
6	Paid up Equity Share capital (Face value of Rs. 1000/- per share)	1,29,272.06	1,26,727.52	1,18,467.77	1,29,272.06	1,18,467.77	1,29,272.06	1,18,467.77
7	Other Equity	(96,840.43)	(1,04,696.13)	(93,245.22)	(96,840.43)	(93,245.22)	(83,151.27)	(79,795.71)
8	Securities Premium Account	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
9	Net Worth	32,235.68	21,835.44	25,026.60	32,235.68	25,026.60	25,177.89	19,179.86
10	Outstanding Debt	59,442.22	64,203.00	68,815.64	59,442.22	68,815.64	68,794.17	79,185.66
11	Outstanding redeemable preference shares	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
12	Debt Equity Ratio	1.84	2.94	2.75	1.84	2.75	2.70	4.08
13	Earning per share (of Rs. 1000/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)							
	Basic	39.22	(17.09)	(76.26)	(49.59)	(126.81)	(59.39)	(154.22)
	Diluted	38.68	(17.09)	(76.26)	(49.59)	(126.81)	(59.39)	(154.22)
14	Capital Redemption Reserves	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
15	Debt Redemption Reserves	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.10	0.0002	0.15	0.33	0.39	0.62	0.37
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	3.36	(1.36)	(5.37)	(0.96)	(2.35)	0.04	(1.20)

Note 1: The above results have been reviewed by the audit committee of the Board of Directors in the meeting held on 26th June, 2024 and approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on the same day.

Note 2: The above is an extract of the detailed format of audited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange (BSE Limited) under Regulation 52 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015. The detailed format is available on the website of BSE Limited and the company's website at www.uppcl.org

Note 3: Additional information/other line items pursuant to Regulation 52(4) of the SEBI (LODR) 2015, have been disclosed in the detailed Financial Results filed with the stock exchange (BSE Limited) and can be accessed on the website of BSE Limited and the company's website www.uppcl.org

Note 4: Figures for the previous periods have been restated, regrouped/reclassified wherever necessary to conform to current period classification.

Note 5: The figures for the quarter ended 31st March, 2024 and 31st March, 2023, represent the derived figures between the audited figures in respect of the full financial year and the limited reviewed & published year-to-date figures up to the 3rd quarter of the financial years ended 31st March, 2024 and 31st March, 2023 respectively.

Date: 26th June, 2024
Place: Lucknow

Save Electricity for Nation
RO 24 dated 27.06.2024

For & on the behalf of Board of Directors
(Nitin Nijhawan)
Chief Financial Officer



THE SPECIAL OFFICER AND COMPETENT AUTHORITY, (UNDER KPIDFE - IMA & OTHER SCAM)

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REVISED NOTICE/INVITATION FOR E-AUCTION FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Pursuant to attachment of immovable 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 immovable property 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 material lot/auction in the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only).

Short Description of the Immovable Property

Properties are free of all encumbrances and are in the name of Competent Authority appointed by Government and confirmed by the Special Court under KPIDFE Act, 2004.

Sl. No.	DETAILS OF THE PROPERTY (Clear Title by Court in order No. MISC No. 209/2023)	Reserve Price	EMD (Rs)	Bid Increase Value (Rs)	Clear Title	
1	All the piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing R.S.No.633 of Belagavi Village, Belagavi Taluk, Belagavi District totally measuring 03 acres 04 guntas 11.81 guntas, bounded as stated below: East: R.S. No.637, West: National High Way Service Road, North: R.S.No.634, South: R.S.No.622, Google Map link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/Z7YRrNHBt47zKnmj7 , Latitude and Longitude: 15°50'26.5"N 74°32'35.1"E	7,36,25,000/-	73,63,000/-	7,37,000/-		
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2	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 04 Acres 03 Guntas in Sy.No. 191/1+2K in Ambadagatti Village, Kitter Taluk (Previously named as Bylahongala Taluk), Belagavi District. Bounded on: East: Land belonging to Udaya Kalappa Pattara(Hittalu), West: Land belonging to gangayya Guruvaiah, North: Land belonging to chidananda Pattara, South: Land belonging to Rayappa Dasthikoppa, Google Map link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/3vF74ythrW85R3N6 , Latitude and Longitude: 15°38'00.6"N 74°43'39.5"E	38,71,250/-	3,88,000/-	39,000/-		
3	All the Piece and Parcel of land measuring 01 acres 25 Guntas in Sy.No 10/1A/1 in Ankalagi Village, Bagevadi Hobli, Belagavi District. Bounded on: East: Property belonging to Shivappa Jakkati, West: Property belonging to Pordhar Avaroli, North: Government Naala, South: Property belonging to Shivappa Jakkati, Google Map link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/SvQQd89BTUffPTA , Latitude and Longitude: 15°44'06.9"N 74°35'10.0"E	15,43,750/-	1,55,000/-	16,000/-		
4	All the Piece and Parcel of land measuring 01 Acres 29 Guntas in Sy.No. 115/1+5+6/2/3 in K.K Koppa Village, Belagavi Taluk, Belagavi District, Bounded on: East: Land belonging to Suresh Dotre, West: Land belonging to Bassu Bavantha Godala Kunderagi, North: Land belonging to Balappa Chandrappa Godala kunderagi, South: Land belonging to Neelakanta Godala Kunderagi, Google Map link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/XF6RpTtuUkBENI96 , Latitude and Longitude: 15°46'40.7"N 74°35'16.5"E	16,38,750/-	1,64,000/-	17,000/-		
5	All the Piece and Parcel of land measuring 03 Acres 14 Guntas in Sy.No 119/1 in K.K Koppa Village, Bagevadi Hobli, Belagavi Taluk, Belagavi District. Bounded on: East: Land belonging to Siddappa Somayya keshappagola, West: Cart Track, North: Land belonging to Chambappa Kalabhavi, South: Land belonging to Somayya Kambi Google Map link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/bbQn7XuEwo74xkX9A , Latitude and Longitude: 15°46'34.5"N 74°34'60.0"E	25,46,000/-	2,55,000/-	26,000/-		
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6	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 07-00 Acres in Sy.No.53/1 of Honnidibba Village, Kitter Taluk (Previously Bylahongala Taluk), Belagavi District. East: Land belonging to Ananda Balakrishna Appugol, West: Land belonging to Ananda Balakrishna Appugol, North: Land belonging to Ananda Balakrishna Appugol South: Land belonging to Channamallayya Guruvaiah, Google map Link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/ewbhV6RBmEPSj2v18 , Latitude and Longitude: 15°38'31.7"N 74°44'58.7"E	79,80,000/-	7,98,000/-	80,000/-	RTC stands in the name of Competent Authority and Auctioning Authority	
7	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 03 Acres 21 guntas in Sy.No.60/3 of Honnidibba Village, Kitter Taluk (Previously Bylahongala Taluk), Belagavi District. East: Land belonging to Ramappa Ba. Samapanganppa West: Land belonging to Rudrayya Guruvaiah, North: Land belonging to Basayya Ra. Kerematta South: Land belonging to Shankrayya Cha. Guruvaiah, Google Map link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/cgXoxaSZiCgGLzZLA , Latitude and Longitude: 15°38'46.4"N 74°44'54.6"E	40,18,500/-	4,02,000/-	41,000/-		
8	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 06 Acres 24 guntas in Sy.No.54/1 of Honnidibba Village, Kitter Taluk (Previously Bylahongala Taluk), Belagavi District. East: Land belonging to Chambayya Guruvaiah, West: Land belonging to Aravida Havala, North: Land belonging to Basappa Dastikoppa, South: Land belonging to Gayarana, Google Map Link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/3EX1nEA7A5UwL9YK8 , Latitude and Longitude: 15°38'27.7"N 74°44'55.0"E	75,24,000/-	7,53,000/-	76,000/-		
9	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 02 Acres 33 guntas in Sy.No.53/2 of Honnidibba Village, Kitter Taluk (Previously Bylahongala Taluk), Belagavi District. East: Land belonging to Basavayya Guruvaiah West: Land belonging to Nagavva Basavappa Kotagi, North: Land belonging to Shivayya Guruvaiah South: Land belonging to Gayarana Google map Link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/ewbhV6RBmEPSj2v18 Latitude and Longitude: 15°38'31.7"N 74°44'58.7"E	32,20,500/-	3,23,000/-	33,000/-		
10	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 14 Acres 38 guntas in Sy.No.974 of Sattigeri Village, Savadatti Taluk (New Taluk Yarangatti) Belagavi District. East: Land belonging to Rajeshaba Chikkodi, West: Land belonging to Rachayya Hirematt, North: Sarkari Pada, South: Land belonging to Rachayya Hirematt Google map Link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/PEvTYbL1GEIGM/ci8 , Latitude and Longitude: 16°02'31.7"N 75°02'37.4"E	92,31,625/-	9,24,000/-	93,000/-		
11	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 01 Acres 20 guntas in Sy.No.170/A (New Sy.No.170/7) of Balekundri K.H Village, Bagevadi Hobli, Belagavi Taluk, Belagavi District. East: Remaining land of purchaser, West: Land belonging to Kashappa Kulkarni, North: Naala, South: Remaining land of purchaser Google Map Link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/MRUNp8YKv68DkWj7 Latitude and Longitude: 15°51'10.0"N 74°37'11.2"E	39,18,750/-	3,92,000/-	40,000/-		
12	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 01 Acres 10 guntas in Sy.No.170/B, New Sy.No.170/3 (Phodded from Sy.No.170/A & a170/B) Balekundri K.H Village, Bagevadi Hobli, Belagavi Taluk, Belagavi District. East: Land belonging to Nagappa Pakirappa Kakati, West: Land belonging to Kashappa Kulkarni, North: Land belonging to Nagappa Pakirappa Kakati, South: Remaining land, Google Map link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/8uVrZzmsuf6EKuXKA , Latitude and Longitude: 15.850844, 74.614785	32,65,625/-	3,27,000/-	33,000/-		
13	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 60*95= 5700 Sq.ft (including 1200 Sq.ft. cement Sheet out house), Grama Panchayat No. 95, Hindalaga Grama Panchayath, Belagavi Taluk, Belagavi District. East: Plot No.109, West: Plot No.94, North: Bhangimarga, South: Road	2,90,55,380/-	29,05,538/-	2,91,000/-		
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14	All the piece and parcel of land measuring in Sy.No.188 Hissa No. A2 of Kangrali K.H village, Belagavi city, measuring 15 guntas 03 ana, Bounded on: East: Sy.No 187, 189, West: Hindalaga Seeme., North: Sy.No.190, 191, South: Kabaja Belagavi Seeme. Google Map link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/nNgYtZ1X5eYukqr5 Latitude and Longitude: 15°52'41.7"N 74°29'15.5"E	2,33,23,930/-	23,33,000/-	2,34,000/-		
15	All the piece and parcel of land & red tiled building in CTS No. 3546 of Resildargalli, Belagavi city, measuring 528-43 sq.mtr (2000 Sq.ft house building & 3686 Sq.ft vacant space total 5686 sq.ft), Bounded on: East: Land of Sri Ghatagi & Appugol, CTS No 3545 wall, West: CTS No. 3547 wall, North: Bangi Passage, South: Road, Google Map link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/JYcKfgkV5kg4yBzx6 , Latitude and Longitude: 15°51'43.3"N 74°30'42.3"E	2,29,57,225/-	22,96,000/-	2,30,000/-		
16	All the piece and parcel of land in Sy.No 188/C, CTS No. 2324, Kangrali K.H village, Hanuman Nagar, Belagavi City, measuring 443.04 Sq.ft (out of 9398.62 Sq.mtr) Bounded on: East: Re. Sy.No.187, West: Road, North: Re Sy.No.188/B, South: Re Sy.No.188/D, Google Map link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/Nog4s7bCy5dGwccZ8 , Latitude and Longitude: 15°52'42.7"N 74°29'16.9"E	95,13,916/-	9,52,000/-	96,000/-		
17	All the piece and parcel of land in Re Sy.No 163/2, measuring 5 Acre 01 guntas of Tadasaluru Village, Murugodu Hobli, Savadatti Taluk Belagavi District. Bounded on: East: Land of Sri Parameshwara Kattimani, West: Land of Sri Basappa C Gowdra, North: By Road, South: By Road, Google Map link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/NnzUJVIU1ukRmURA , Latitude and Longitude: 15°55'28.0"N 74°54'14.3"E	1,33,66,500/-	13,37,000/-	1,34,000/-		

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IS AI RESHAPING THE WORLD?



It's a once-in-a-generation reset

There is a non-linear paradigm shift in software engineering led by rapid advancements in AI. Evolving foundation models and Gen AI are paving way for this change in software development. For example, coding is transitioning to AI-assisted code generation with human-in-loop. Conversational coding and right prompting skills is the new competency for a future software developer. From a product engineering perspective, efficient development through high automation will unleash faster time-to-market and higher first-pass-yield. High compute capabilities at competitive price points will drive industrial scale deployment of 'AI at edge'. For example, a car will have a high-performance computer with an inbuilt intelligent parking algorithm. With several such systems connected to an intelligent cloud, there will be lifetime enrichment of products with high frequency upgrades. I believe AI-led disruption is a once-in-a-generation reset with immense possibilities to seize.

Dattatri Salagame | PRESIDENT, CEO & MD, BOSCH GLOBAL SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGIES

The Age-Old Debate



Claude 3.5 Sonnet sets new coding benchmarks

It is a significant development for Anthropic Claude 3.5 Sonnet to outsmart other leading frontier models and occupy the top position especially in coding tasks. The new model, like its predecessors, can easily be integrated with IDEs (integrated development environments), and developers can seamlessly use it to create new code, customise existing code or to troubleshoot a bug. It also has the capability to translate code from one language to another and that makes it quite useful for legacy modernisation tasks.

Jayachandran Ramachandran | SENIOR VP, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE LABS, C5I



Claude 3.5 Sonnet achieved remarkable performance in the LMSYS Chatbot Arena, a renowned benchmark for large language model performance. Notably, it excelled in the challenging categories of Coding Arena and Hard Prompts. In the Coding Arena category, which involves tasks related to programming and code generation, the model demonstrated its proficiency in understanding and creating code. This is excellent news for software developers, as it can assist them in writing, debugging, and enhancing their code more efficiently.



Bebi Negi | SENIOR LEAD DATA SCIENTIST, ANALYTICS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE, HAPPIEST MINDS TECHNOLOGIES

Claude will have a significant impact on software development. Coding is one of the areas where Claude 3.5 Sonnet is really ahead of GPT-4. While GPT-4 has been assisting developers with writing code for some time now, it has been prone to error and hallucinations. However, Claude can write production level deployable codes now. This will boost developer productivity and the time to build software will keep coming down.



Sourabh Kumar | SENIOR MANAGER, EXPERIENCE ENGINEERING, PUBLICIS SAPIENT

As someone deeply involved in integrating AI into development processes, I find Claude 3.5 Sonnet to be a game-changer for coders. Its exceptional coding abilities can automate many routine tasks, like generating boilerplate code, debugging, and translating legacy code to modern frameworks, freeing up valuable time for more creative and strategic work. Embracing this model is not just beneficial but essential for staying competitive in the fast-evolving tech landscape.



Akhil George | SENIOR LEAD DATA SCIENTIST, ANALYTICS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE, HAPPIEST MINDS TECHNOLOGIES

This will boost developer productivity and the time to build software will keep coming down," he says. With its advanced reasoning skills, it's great at handling multi-step workflows too, which is essential for complex projects, says Sourabh Kumar, senior manager of experience engineering for Publicis Sapient. "Compared to other industry leaders like GPT-4o, Claude 3.5 Sonnet offers faster processing speeds and higher accuracy in complex coding and reasoning tasks. For industries such as finance, where accurate data analysis is critical, or retail, where trend prediction can drive success, integrating Claude 3.5 Sonnet can lead to significant efficiency gains and innovation," he says.

Anthropic's latest AI model - Claude 3.5 Sonnet - arrived seemingly out of nowhere last week, free to use for everyone, and is now setting new benchmarks in a number of metrics. Most notably, it aced the leader boards in key categories of the LMSYS Chatbot Arena, a benchmark used to measure large language model performance. Specifically, it secured the top position in the 'Coding Arena' and 'Hard Prompts' categories, beating industry behemoths like GPT-4o and Gemini 1.5 Pro, all while being a lighter, faster model to run. Jayachandran Ramachandran, senior VP of Artificial Intelligence Labs for C5i, says the LMSYS Chatbot Arena is a crowdsourced open benchmarking platform and that users perform various tasks in pair wise comparison of models and provide feedback on which models can satisfactorily provide the best response. "The ranking system is quite transparent, robust, and reliable. In recent times, the top position was occupied by frontier models such as GPT-4 series and Gemini-1.5 series. It is a significant development for Claude 3.5 Sonnet to outsmart other leading frontier models and occupy the top position, especially in coding tasks," he says.

Saurav Swaroop, co-founder & CTO of financing platform Velocity, which recently launched Vani AI, a GenAI-led customer calling solution for financial institutions, says that while GPT-4 has been assisting developers with writing code for some time now, it has been prone to errors and hallucinations. "However, Claude can write production level deployable code now. This will boost developer productivity and the time to build software will keep coming down," he says.

Claude 3.5 Sonnet can also offer alternative solutions that coders might not have even considered, says Bebi Negi, senior lead data scientist at the Analytics Centre of Excellence for Happiest Minds Technologies.

However, Bebi says coders will still need to check the code created by the model. "While it can create code quickly, it is very important to understand the code and make sure it meets a project's requirements and standards. Even though benchmarks rate the model at around 90%, the remaining 10% gap underscores the necessity for coders to review the outputs," she says. Securing the top spot in the Hard Prompts category was also a big deal, says Bebi. "The Hard Prompts category was all about handling complex tasks and instructions. The model did a great job here too, showing it can understand and generate high-quality content, even when the instructions are quite tricky."

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SERVICE BOTS GET OUR LINGO

There are still concerns around data privacy & hallucinations, so companies are being careful

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The other day I decided to check out an airline's chatbot to see how it works. I keyed in: "I'm travelling with my 8-year-old son, recommend the best flight without disturbing his sleep". It asked for my source and destination, which I gave as Chennai and Hyderabad. It asked for the date. I typed 'Mon' (for Monday), but it did not recognise what I meant. I typed 'tom', it correctly recognised it as tomorrow. The bot responded that there were no flights that "fully meet" my specified criteria and provided a bunch of options. I then asked for the cheapest flight, and non-stop flights. The options it provided were correct - I confirmed that on MakeMyTrip and Google Flights. It automatically filled the passenger list as 1 adult and 1 child for booking. It even clarified the availability of gluten free food for my fictional son.

SAVES LOTS OF TIME, BUT TAKES EFFORT TO GET THERE

For GenAI systems to work for an organisation, it needs integration with CRMs. For the AI agent to understand what one says, checking and interpreting information requires 3-4 steps and the database has to work on the back-end for smooth functioning. Companies will need time and effort to build the tech layers.

Prashant Garg | PARTNER, DATA AND AI, EY



Data analytics, predictive analytics, fraud management are increasingly being deployed in customer service. IT enabled service providers (BPOs) are proactively training their employees on how to use these AI tools to improve their productivity. Enterprise concerns around data privacy and security could be addressed with regulatory frameworks; data governance models too will mature over time.

Sangeeta Gupta | SVP & CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER, NASSCOM



For customer assistant bots, smaller and more domain specialised models with less than 5 billion parameters mapped to context could be deployed, and these models can invoke medium and large models on a need basis. Smaller models have minimal risk of hallucinations, but they don't have emergent behaviour (complex actions of AI models which are not programmed).

Ramprakash Ramamoorthy | DIRECTOR, AI RESEARCH, ZOHOCORP



Even a 95% accuracy is not good enough for enterprise customers. Currently, the concerns about hallucinations are the reason for lower adoption. But development of newer architectures could solve these risks. In 3-4 years, accuracy may not be a concern.

Chaitanya Chokkareddy | CTO & CO-FOUNDER, OZONETEL



Those serving customers or employees are either implementing AI or thinking about it. We're seeing savings of hours of time and effort of human agents when GenAI is used in support and solving issues. Building guardrails around AI systems like content filters and prompt injections are important.

Dennis Woodside | CEO, FRESHWORKS



Even for basic customer support services, companies are being careful due to concerns around data privacy, and hallucination. Nobody, after all, wants to get into a situation like Air Canada did earlier this year when its chatbot offered a discount to a customer that it wasn't supposed to. Chaitanya Chokkareddy, co-founder of Ozonetel, the Hyderabad-based customer experience tech provider, says the focus currently is on automating the most common, repetitive queries. Chatbots, he says, fail in non-common areas of work. He says a lot of work is happening with AI in the back-end like data analysis, summary, intent analysis, and quality control, focusing on efficiency and productivity of human customer agents and improving margins of companies. "We handle about 20 million calls per day which last about 3 to 5 minutes each, and a lot of that data is currently not accessible to managers to make better



Customer support bots have come a long way from the days of clunky bots that only answered FAQs. These sophisticated generative AI-based tools are much better than their predecessors, though still far from perfect. Sometimes they ask silly questions even after being explicitly told. They struggle to recognise colloquial words, have woefully poor memory, unlike human agents. But at least you don't have to listen to hold music for 15 minutes.

The leap comes from GenAI's ability to understand conversations better, their ability to understand multilingual queries, and support for interfaces like voice and videos. As these systems improve, customer support will become a lot quicker and easier for users, and hugely cheaper for companies, since they won't have to hire thousands of contact centre staff.

MOVING TO COMPLEX FUNCTIONS

Ramprakash Ramamoorthy, director of AI Research at Zoho Corp, says with GenAI, the next goal is to make customer assistant bots do more

On-device AI is cheaper and faster than cloud

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As devices such as smartphones, laptops, tablets and cars become more intelligent and powerful with increased processing capabilities and sensors, the tech industry is focusing on harnessing the power of AI on the edge or on-device AI to come up with more context-aware personalised user experiences.

And while AI may have started off as something very specific to image processing, it has over the past four to five years evolved and exploded, especially with GenAI coming into play, to include a lot more use cases around text processing, voice processing and multimodal use cases, said Rajesh Narayanan, vice president of engineering at Qualcomm.

He was speaking on 'AI on the Edge' at the first edition of the 'TechForward' research seminar series launched by Indian Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad (IIITH). The series seeks to spark regular and deep academia-industry conversations around emerging technologies.

Narayanan pointed out that on-device AI has evolved to offer advantages such as personalisation, privacy and security, and with lower energy consumption and costs, and better performance compared to AI on the cloud.

"Today, smartphones, smartwatches, devices that are a part of home automation, devices in the car and industrial IoT are equipped with plenty of cameras and sensors and are becoming a lot more powerful with the ability to collect more data. They also have more processing capacities leading to more context aware user experience that can lead to a much better day-to-day life for all of us," he said. He said that for all this to become a reality, you need a very powerful AI engine, and the overall solution has to be extremely power efficient. Personalisation is a key selling point for

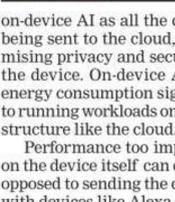
As we transition from traditional AI to GenAI, the cost per query is actually going up and cloud economics isn't going to work as compared to doing it on the device.

Rajesh Narayanan | VICE PRESIDENT, ENGINEERING, QUALCOMM



Innovations in vision are allowing AI on the edge, improvements in AI are pushing computer vision to the edge, and improved edge devices are allowing both AI and vision.

Anoop Nambodiri | HEAD, BIOMETRICS AND SECURE IDENTITY LAB, IIITH HYDERABAD



on-device AI as all the data that was earlier being sent to the cloud, potentially compromising privacy and security, can be done on the device. On-device AI also brings down energy consumption significantly compared to running workloads on a much bigger infrastructure like the cloud.

Performance too improves as processing on the device itself can enable low latency as opposed to sending the query to the cloud, as with devices like Alexa.

Narayanan said on-device AI is also a lot more affordable compared to the cloud. "As we transition from traditional AI to GenAI, the cost per query is actually going up and cloud economics isn't going to work as compared to doing it on the device," he said.

In his talk on 'Vision on the AI edge', Anoop Nambodiri, who heads the Biometrics and Secure Identity Lab and is associated with the Centre for Visual Information Technology at IIITH, said computer vision is playing a key role in pushing AI, and now GenAI.

BUILDING ONLINE STOREFRONTS FASTER



Arvind Nair and Amritendu Mukherjee with their NeuroPixel team

Arvind Nair and Amritendu Mukherjee's NeuroPixel is a GenAI-based fashion-tech venture. It applies AI/ML and computer vision tech to online retail storefronts.

Arvind and Amritendu came together through the Entrepreneur First programme in 2020. The Reid Hoffman-backed programme helps individuals find a cofounder and build a startup from scratch. Arvind, an alumnus of ISB, Hyderabad, was teamed up with Amritendu, a PhD from Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, whose primary research interest was in the application of advanced ML and deep learning algorithms, and statistical learning theory in image processing and computer vision. "This turned out to be speed-dating of sorts. In six months, I found a cofounder match in Amritendu," Arvind says.

While he was doing his PhD, Amritendu was diagnosed with cancer. Despite this setback, he persevered and completed his paper from the hospital bed. "I survived stage IV composite lymphoma. When I got better, I contemplated a career in research. I'm still a guest faculty at IISc. But I decided to take a plunge into entrepreneurship after interning with Intel," he says.

NeuroPixel creates AI-generated synthetic personas and AI identities that customers can use in marketing and catalogue imagery. "Doing a physical shoot is expensive. We can bring down the costs by 80% and collapse the go-to-market timelines significantly," Arvind says.

NeuroPixel's core engine is a conditional generation module, which is based on foundational latent diffusion architecture. This module generates the output image by estimating various properties such as depth, light, and pose of the input image, along with the reference background. "We have also made fundamental contributions in other associated auxiliary architectures like segmentation, warping and texture generation that help in minimising the output errors in terms of apparel fitting, structural deformation and texture in generated hands and feet," Amritendu says.

Among their clients are Fabindia, Myntra, Soch, Indian Terrain, Arvind Fashions and Blackberrys. NeuroPixel is funded by Entrepreneur First, ISB D-Labs, Inflection Point Ventures, Dexter Angels, Huddle, Flipkart and others.

-Shilpa Phadnis

AI IN-GROUP LINGO THE POWER OF FINE-TUNING PRE-TRAINED MODELS

Fine-tuning, in the artificial intelligence field, involves taking a pre-trained model that has already been trained on a large dataset for a specific task, such as understanding language or recognising objects in images. Rather than starting the training of a new model from scratch, fine-tuning allows us to adapt this pre-trained model to a new, more specific task or dataset. This adaptation

process involves tweaking the parameters of the pre-trained model to better suit the nuances and characteristics of the new data.

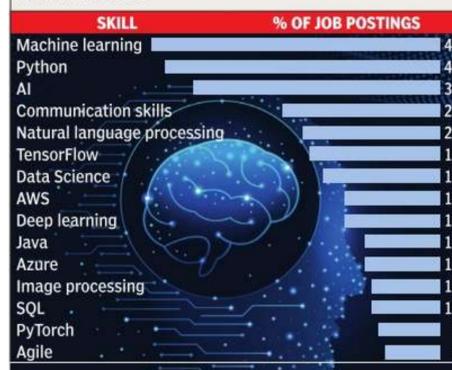
The key advantage of fine-tuning lies in its ability to leverage the knowledge and features already learned by the pre-trained model. This not only saves significant computational resources but also reduces the amount of labeled data

required for training. By building on the foundational understanding gained from the initial training on a large dataset, fine-tuning can lead to quicker convergence during training and improved performance on the new task. This approach is particularly valuable in domains where acquiring large amounts of labeled data is challenging or expensive. Fine-tuning has become a standard

practice in various AI applications, including natural language processing, computer vision, and speech recognition. Researchers and developers commonly use fine-tuning to adapt state-of-the-art models like GPT in NLP or ResNet in computer vision to specific domains or tasks, achieving competitive performance with less effort and time compared to training entirely new models.

MOST WANTED AI SKILLS

Global hiring platform Indeed has just released its findings on the most wanted skills for AI jobs in India. 42% of generative AI jobs in India mention 'machine learning', while 40% ask for Python skills. Other skills that are in demand include natural language processing, TensorFlow, and data science.



* Figures are percentages of generative AI jobs that ask for the particular skills

A thought for today

A woman is as young as her knees

MARY QUANT

Physical, Failed

Can a country get sedentary before it gets rich?
Yes. And it's terrible for health

Physical inactivity is called "the silent killer". Because of how its effects can creep up unnoticed year after year, decade upon decade. Until one day, one is diagnosed with a serious non-communicable disease. But aren't sedentary lifestyles kind of the zeitgeist too? Readers will surely have seen sedentariness increase around them since their own childhood. And yet a pooled analysis of 507 surveys across 163 countries and territories, published in *Lancet* this week, surprises with the scale of its estimate of the malaise. As much as a third of the global population and half of India's adults do not meet WHO recommended levels of physical activity.

Shock treatment | Another surprise is that insufficient physical activity is generally higher among women. South Asia shows the maximum sex difference, of 14 percentage points. In Afghanistan and Pakistan, it is 20 percentage points. Why are we surprised? Because India is an agricultural society and even other kinds of physical labour are a significant income source, we wonder how so many Indians can afford to be sedentary. Because women have so much household responsibility, and many have farm responsibility on top, we wonder how women of non-rich countries can be lagging men in physical activity.

Alien medicine | These disjunctions call for deeper health profiles. They need to be taken seriously because they track with other studies. One shows that India's rural areas are closing in on urban BMIs, another that abdominal obesity is 40% among women compared to 12% in men. Dietary transformations are underway at supersonic speed. Women's liberty and safety are advancing, but at snail's pace in some places, and even reversing in others. Maidans for playing are also in retreat, be it in villages or cities. In other words, we need to begin investigating less physical activity as disprivilege rather than luxury.

Tech therapy | Better documentation has to be the building block for effective diagnosis and treatment. Here, the smartphone whose addiction has cut our sprightliness at the knees, can help pool together stronger national health data, and also help us be healthier. From counting our calories to steps, serving the alert to changes in our gait or menstrual cycle, the phone can redeem itself.

Keep Your Enemy Closer

New Delhi building deterrence against Beijing is welcome. But without political dialogue, chances of miscalculations rise. The two are not mutually exclusive

Vijay Gokhale



Since 2020, dealing with China has been the most debated topic of Indian foreign policy. That the old bilateral framework has irretrievably fractured because China violated a basic principle – non-use of force in resolving disputes – is not in doubt. The debate is about the way forward in building a new relationship based on the current realities.

The new framework will be built in circumstances that are very different from 1990. Then, the economies of India and China were comparable, and their respective military capacities were fairly balanced. Now, China's GDP is more than four times ours, and the two militaries are not evenly matched on paper. Nor is it likely, even by optimistic growth projections, for India to significantly reduce this gap in the next 10 years. And the common challenges are outweighed by geopolitical differences that are unlikely to subside as China expands its global footprint.

Commendable work is being done in building deterrence against adventurism. Aside from the augmentation in men and materiel, the idea of strategic risk is being re-defined. Deployment patterns are being altered to send the clear signal that there is no tolerance for grey-zone warfare tactics by PLA. The breach of trust triggered by the Chinese behaviour in Galwan requires clear and tangible counter-displays of goodwill, and remedial action by China along LAC, before trust can be re-built. But is deterrence in itself an adequate policy response? At the height of the Cold War, the two superpowers never halted political dialogue. Mechanisms were built to prevent nuclear war, and mutual understandings were reached on managing competition and limiting the prospect of accidental conflict. An important lesson from the Cold War was that dialogue and deterrence were not mutually exclusive.

In the past four years, there has been no direct bilateral engagement between

the executive heads of Indian and Chinese govts (aside from fleeting conversations in Bali and Johannesburg), and a single bilateral meeting between the foreign ministers when Wang Yi visited India in March 2022. Nor have the defence ministers or national security advisers of both sides visited each other.

A few 'pull-asides' or 'meetings in the margins' at multilateral conferences may not allow for the sort of discussion that is required when a new framework

than 20 rounds of talks between the two militaries, the status quo still prevails.

Military dialogue has its limitations. Without political dialogue, the military cannot evolve a new framework of border management. Is it not possible that the withholding of sustained political engagement might, perhaps, have run its course?

The value of this policy lay in raising greater awareness among citizens about the reasons for the abnormalities in

Import-substitution, even under the PLI scheme, might not work in practice despite the enabling policy and incentives. Predictable relations with countries in our proximity will help to focus the efforts on economy-building. The chances of unintended mishaps derailing these efforts are likely greater when political dialogue is absent.

Dialogue with China does not imply that deterrence-building must cease. India always has the sovereign right to defend itself upon its soil. Nor does the act of dialogue imply in any manner that a compromise in national security interests is on the cards. Deterrence and dialogue are two sides of the policy coin.

If deterrence is combined with dialogue, a positive outcome is possible. The aftermath of the Sumerong Chu crisis in 1987, in Arunachal Pradesh, established this point when, after eight years of holding our ground without suspending political dialogue, India achieved its goals.

What objectives might a resumption of the political dialogue serve? To begin with, it might allow for an in-depth understanding at a political level of each other's positions. Such dialogue might, hopefully, permit both sides to find some common ground to start building a new framework. It might benefit risk management, not simply in terms of minimising unintended conflict, but also in terms of modernising the 1993 and 1996 agreements in order to make them relevant to contemporary needs.

From our perspective, it might provide political platforms to express our concerns, as well as to find solutions, over unfair Chinese trade practices. Dialogue is also a logical step in building multi-alignment diplomacy.

Only govts can ultimately decide what is the right policy. But a healthy debate on the question is now needed more than ever because public participation in foreign policy is an important requisite for citizens who aspire to make India a global powerhouse.

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for the relationship needs to be built.

It is important to posit the question as to whether the 'break' in the political dialogue since 2020 has addressed Indian concerns over the steady militarisation of LAC by the Chinese. By various accounts, this may not be the case. China appears to have augmented its military capacity, including air-power, along the entire front. It remains obdurate on reeling back its forward posture in two areas in eastern Ladakh. Despite more

India-China ties. It also helped to adjust economic and procurement policies to deleverage sensitive sectors of the Indian economy from complete dependency on Chinese supply chains. But it is not likely that the Indian economy can decouple entirely. In some sectors like electric vehicles there might be greater, not less, coupling.

Some of our star export performers, notably pharmaceuticals, are also dependent upon Chinese supply chains.

Mother Of All Biases

That married women aren't hired in a major manufacturing plant shows how deep discrimination runs

A recent Reuters investigation revealed labour contractors for Apple supplier Foxconn are not hiring married women for an iPhone assembly plant in Tamil Nadu. Reasons informally cited include married women's work burden at home, the fact they get pregnant and need more time off, and that they wear jewellery that interferes with the production line. Obviously, these are not 'reasons' but all the bad old excuses, oppressive norms that trip women at every step. Women's labour force participation is appallingly low in India. Women have dropped out at all levels of education, age and income. Whether in casual work, formal salaried work or self-employment, the gulf persists. Women who face intersecting forms of disadvantage, of poverty, caste or minority status, are the worst off. In white-collar work, women are labelled as less than committed, given less challenging assignments and put on a career plateau. The cost of maternity leave is held against them.

While these are global problems, India is hamstrung by the lack of a clear anti-discrimination framework in employment. So, a social bias endures in barely disguised forms, despite an equal remuneration law that prohibits discriminatory hiring and pay, and several court judgments to that effect. Individuals are less able to litigate or seek remedy. Employers find ways to justify their stance.

It's telling that many employers welcome married men, and begrudge married women. Women are indeed burdened with childcare, eldercare and household duties, because of oppressive social norms. And when they seek paid jobs, they are done in by the same norms. The deeper tragedy is that this domestic labour dumped on women undergirds the family, and effectively subsidises male workers and their employers. Both businesses and the state owe women for this unpaid work. In the Foxconn case, the tacit rule against married women simply writes off a whole category: not even asking if a person is willing to put in the time or take off their jewellery. It says something about our society and the state that we allow any employer to get away with such sweeping discrimination.



The Law Of Not-So-Small Things

UN human rights body wants cases dropped against Arundhati Roy for her speech 14 years ago. The very sanction to prosecute raises legal questions about belated prosecutions and right to freedom of speech

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Yesterday, author-activist Arundhati Roy was awarded the prestigious Pen Pinter prize for her "unflinching and unswerving" writing. Alongside the award was UN's call to New Delhi to drop cases against Roy, and also review India's anti-terror law UAPA.

The backstory | In 2010, a complaint was filed by activist Sushil Pandit, basis which Delhi Police registered a case against author-activist Arundhati Roy and Sheikh Showkat Hussain, former professor at Central University of Kashmir.

Both were booked for their speeches at a conference 'Azadi, The Only Way' in Delhi's LTG Auditorium on October 21, 2010. FIR was registered under IPC sections 153A (promoting enmity between different groups), 153B (making imputations/assertions prejudicial to national integration) and 505 (statements 'conducting' to public mischief) and under UAPA section 13. Roy was accused of stating that Kashmir was never an integral part of India and advocating its secession.

Delhi LG VK Saxena granted sanction to prosecute for the IPC offences in October 2023. Sanction to proceed on the UAPA offence was granted recently.

Time limits | The first question is whether LG's order may be rendered defective on account of delay. His sanction to proceed on IPC offences was granted under CrPC section 196. This prescribes no time limit for passing an order to either grant or deny sanction to prosecute.

However, since each IPC offence is punishable by imprisonment of up to three years, prosecution would be barred by 'limitation' – because CrPC sections 468 and 469 cumulatively state no court will take cognisance of an offence beyond a period of three years from date of offence or date of registration of FIR. Offences under UAPA section 13 are punishable by imprisonment of up to 7 years, so no limitation applies.

Missing steps | But there exists another strict time limit that LG seems to have given the go-by: UAPA section 45(2) provides for an independent authority to review evidence against the accused. This authority is to submit a report to the state or Centre. Only after considering this, can govt decide on granting or denying sanction to prosecute.

Section 45(2) additionally envisages time limits within which the independent authority is to submit its report, and for govt's decision. These are prescribed under UAPA Rules, 2008, which provide 7 days each to the independent authority and to govt. Despite these strict timelines, LG granted sanction to prosecute 14 years after the case was filed.

Precedent set | Kerala HC in *Roopesh vs State of Kerala & Others* held that timelines stipulated under UAPA section 45(2), read with the Rules, are mandatory in nature. Non-compliance would render the order invalid. UAPA carries serious consequences for the accused, thus it must be interpreted strictly and literally.

Govt cannot be permitted to sit over a request for sanction indefinitely. Kerala challenged HC's judgment in the *Roopesh* case before SC, which observed that the question of law would remain open and permitted state to withdraw its petition.

Thus, this question regarding validity of a belated order granting sanction to prosecute is yet to be conclusively decided. That said, allowing sanction for prosecution 10 or 20 years after registration of FIR is a mockery of the criminal justice system.

No call to arms | The case also tests the extent to which free speech may be accorded protection. A YouTube clip of Roy's 2010 speech shows her stating Kashmir isn't an integral part of India, but she did

not expressly advocate secession. Nor was there any call to take up arms against the state.

Does a person's opinion, however unpalatable, regarding independence or freedom for a particular region, by itself, without incitement to violence, amount to an offence under UAPA?

UAPA's definition of "unlawful activities" is wide and includes any speech that questions India's sovereignty and territorial integrity or causes disaffection against India. But it can be argued that UAPA ought to be interpreted on its object and purpose, which is to combat terrorism and terror organisations. It isn't intended to be applied to penalise speech. Indeed, applying UAPA in Roy's case is akin to using a hammer to swat a fly.

Disaffection no ground | The anti-terror law ought to be interpreted in consonance with right to freedom of speech and expression under Article 19(1)(a). This right may only be restricted for grounds specified under Article 19(2) – notably, disaffection against India isn't ground for restricting free speech under the Constitution.

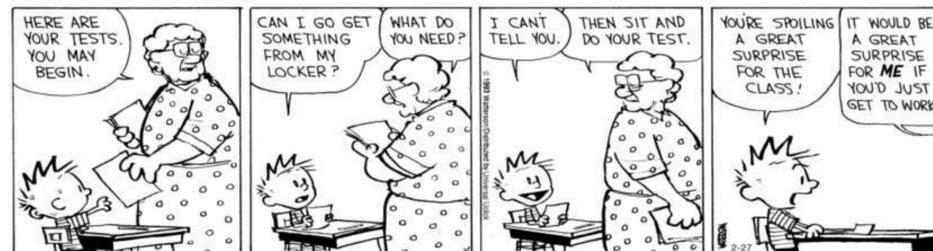
Law on sedition under IPC section 124A, worded similarly, was interpreted by SC in *Kedar Nath vs State of Bihar* to mean that only speech that tends to incite violence would fall within its ambit.

Recently, SC even stayed operation of section 124A after noticing its rampant misuse by law enforcement to curb dissent.

UAPA deserves to be similarly read down. The appropriate way to deal with Roy's ideas is to critique them openly, rather than using the strong arm of law. The writer is advocate, Supreme Court



Calvin & Hobbes



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All this twaddle, the existence of God, atheism, determinism, liberation, societies, death, etc. are pieces of a chess game called language, and they are amusing only if one does not preoccupy oneself with 'winning or losing this game of chess'.

Marcel Duchamp

Holy terrors

The feisty womenfolk of Kutch Mandvi continue to tick off deities who are seen to be not doing their job

Jug Suraiya



It was a scene of high drama. In a forest, a woman desperately calling out for help was being abducted.

While the spectators, which included me, could hear her cries of distress, her husband seemed oblivious.

A witness to the affray could contain herself no longer and called out in a loud and piercing voice, Arre, what's the matter with you? Can't you hear your wife? Go at once to save her!

The urgent injunction was taken on by others: What are you doing, you silly fellow! Hurry and go! Other women joined the chorus of alarm until, as though hearing these irate exhortations if not his wife's cries for succour, the husband rushed to the rescue, only to find the kidnapping already accomplished.

Amidst muttered disapproval of a husband who couldn't save his wife, the audience would settle down to watch the agelessly retold story of Ram, Sita, and Ravana enacted on the tiny screen of the only cinema hall in Kutch Mandvi.

In those far-off days of my childhood, Mandvi was an overgrown village where my grandmother lived, and to which the rest of the family would make an annual visit.

There wasn't an excess of entertainment in Mandvi. There was the temple, a meeting point as much for the exchange of community intelligence – who was marrying whom, which venerable patriarch had passed on – as for devotion.

The cinema hall, where the projectionist routinely got the reels mixed up, showed mainly mythological movies. The audience was composed mostly of women and children, the men disavouring such frivolous diversions.

The scoldings that the on-screen divinities often received were occasioned not by irreverence or disrespect, but by the deep and intimate love one has for a close family member who can provoke admonition in equal measure to adoration.

I recall those high-spirited women of Mandvi and wonder if their successors, equally feisty, bestowed electoral strictures on once-venerated icons who'd been seen to be less than on the ball in tackling the task at hand.

Finding Hope When Chips Are Down

Sant Rajinder Singh

Hopelessness arises when life does not go our way. We feel everything is working against us, and life will never be better again. The mind drives us into a negative downward spiral with every new thought. During such times, it is easy to leave activities or routines that could be helpful to us. Instead, we adopt unhealthy habits to cope and fill the void. When faced with various life challenges, we succumb to the difficulty and inevitably get waylaid from our path. We tend to worry and live in fear about what the future holds for us. That worry only wastes our time and energy. It does not solve anything.

The key is not to be affected by what is happening around us. We must remember the importance of focusing on the

positive as we face life's challenges. Especially during these times of despair, we must work extra hard to keep the habits that will benefit us. Contrary to how we may feel, this is when we need to do the work to tap into our inner strength. We should develop the habit and skills to dig deep into the spiritual lesson hidden within each experience. We must find comfort and solace in tracing our way back to our normal state. How can we find comfort in times of hopelessness?

When we learn to control our thoughts, still the mind, and focus our attention on God through meditation, we can experience the light of God, which has the power to illuminate and transform our lives. We are then

bathed in joy and bliss that eclipse any pain we may experience in the outer world. As we have a direct experience of God in meditation, our faith in God is strengthened. We recognise God's presence in our lives and realise that God always supports us. Anchored in God's abiding love, we can walk through life without fear or worry.

Our most precious capital in this world is the time we have been given. Yet, we are surrounded by distractions, attractions, and enticement – thieves who compete for our time and deplete our precious capital. If we want to succeed in our goal, we must learn to develop filters that keep all distractions at bay to continue undeterred toward our spiritual goals.

It happens when, through regular meditation, we strengthen our connection with God, the all-knowing source of all happiness, joy, inner wisdom, love, calm, and bliss. The Creator knows our past, present, and future. When we connect with this divine Power through meditation, we partake of all the love and happiness already within us. This serves as a lifeline that pulls us out of a difficult situation. The key to navigating away from a state of hopelessness is to defocus our attention from our current state. We must redirect our attention to the infinite reservoir of joy and hope. When we experience God's love in meditation, we are reassured that we are loved and protected. We simply have to tap into this love, and we can do that when we take the time to sit in silence and reach out to God.



THE SPEAKING TREE

T20 WORLD CUP

"JAKE CAN LOCK IT IN. LIKE ME, HE'LL HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY 50-OVER CRICKET. THAT'S ONE THING THAT I LEARN'T FROM T20. I GOT DROPPED AFTER SEVEN GAMES BECAUSE I DIDN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND HOW TO PLAY THE GAME OF ONE-DAY CRICKET."

—David Warner | ON JAKE FRASER-MCGURK



THE DREAM STAYS ALIVE FOR INDIA

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Georgetown: The dream is within touching distance. The years of wait that grew longer and longer — and then went deep into the night on Thursday — is now a step away from being over. A lot has been told about India getting a few undue advantages here and there, but Rohit Sharma's boys showed the world on Thursday that they probably didn't need any of those. They are simply miles ahead of the pack.

It was this same England, one and half years ago in Adelaide, who thrashed India by 10 wickets with almost the same number of runs to chase down. This time they fell way short, as India braved the conditions to pull off a 68-run victory that will leave them mentally on top ahead of their final against South Africa in Barbados on Saturday. India scored 171-5 after being asked to bat first when the conditions were infinitely more difficult. The total was way over par on a pitch that had a lot in it for the bowlers. In reply, England folded for 103 in a mere 16.4 overs, with Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel and Jasprit Bumrah all causing major damage.

Bumrah and Axar broke the back of England within the Powerplay, getting the dangerous Jos Buttler and Phil Salt out, and the rest was just one way traffic. England didn't have anything in their lineup which could make a match of this chase against the all-round brilliance of this Indian bowling attack. The locals had stayed away from the game, the West Indies defeat and the decision to have a day game on a week-day were good enough to make them go about their lives instead of spending a day at the cricket ground. But there were a few thousand Indian fans who flew in from different parts of the world and they enjoyed every moment of this joy-ride which seemed like a marathon, courtesy, the rain.

The first innings took a record four hours to be bowled amidst the numerous stoppages and that halted India's momentum significantly on a pitch that was as it is difficult to bat on. And when Virat Kohli failed again, getting bowled trying to hit a cross-batted shot, one felt that things might just get tough. But then, there was Rohit Sharma.

The skipper knows this will probably be his last chance to win a limited-overs ICC trophy — both as a captain and as a player. There's been an element of determination in every step that he has taken so far, and it wasn't any different on Thursday. Rohit showed during the course of his 57 off 39 balls his incredible ability to alter his style, and yet be effective. He knew that the game that he played in St. Lucia against Australia wasn't

HITMAN SHOW: Rohit Sharma negotiated the vagaries of a tricky pitch to score a stylish half-century in the semifinal at Guyana



50 Rohit Sharma has become the second batter to hit 50 sixes or more in 43 innings in T20 World Cup — the first being Chris Gayle - 63 in 31 innings.

possible on this pitch, so he didn't try to throw his hands at every ball. Here he played the waiting game and the odd loose ball was dealt with.

In Suryakumar Yadav, he got the absolute perfect man who could help him steady the ship through choppy waters without compromising on the speed of the boat. The two ran furiously and played the odd innovative shot against the likes of leggie Aadil Rashid (1-25), who used the conditions very well to keep the duo in check. It was Rashid's perseverance that helped him get the wicket of Rohit, when he tried to despatch his googly out of the park.

For the innings to get a final surge of momentum, it was necessary for Surya to carry on. But the best batsman in T20 cricket too was done in by the slowness of the track and Jofra Archer's change of pace, giving a catch at the deep.

But by then India had enough in the bag.



Axar Patel's wickets of Jos Buttler, Moeen Ali and Jonny Bairstow crippled England during their chase of India's 171-7 in Guyana in the second semifinal

SCOREBOARD

India: Rohit Sharma b Rashid 57, Virat Kohli b Topley 9, Rishabh Pant c Bairstow b Curran 4, Suryakumar Yadav c Jordan b Archer 47, Hardik Pandya c Curran b Jordan 23, Ravindra Jadeja not out 17, Shivam Dube c Buttler b Jordan 0, Axar Patel c Salt b Jordan 10, Arshdeep Singh not out 1.

Extras (lb 2, w 1) 3.
Total (for seven wickets, 20 overs) 171.

Fall of wickets: 1-19, 2-40, 3-113, 4-124, 5-146, 6-146, 7-170.

Bowling: Reece Topley 3-0-25-1, Jofra Archer 4-0-33-1, Sam Curran 2-0-25-1, Adil Rashid 4-0-25-1, Chris Jordan 3-0-37-3, Liam Livingstone 4-0-24-0.

England: Phil Salt b Bumrah 5, Jos Buttler c Pant b Axar 23, Moeen Ali st Pant b Axar 8, Jonny Bairstow b Axar 0, Harry Brook b Kuldeep 25, Sam Curran lbw Kuldeep 2, Liam Livingstone run out (Kuldeep/Axar) 11, Chris Jordan lbw Kuldeep 1, Jofra Archer lbw Bumrah 21, Adil Rashid run out (Suryakumar Yadav) 2, Reece Topley not out 3. **Extras:** 2 (2lb).

Total (allout, 16.4 overs) 103.

Fall-of-wickets: 1-26, 2-34, 3-35, 4-46, 5-49, 6-68, 7-72, 8-86, 9-88, 10-103.

Bowling: Arshdeep Singh 2-0-17-0, Jasprit Bumrah 2-4-0-12-2, Axar Patel 4-0-23-3, Kuldeep Yadav 4-0-19-3, Ravindra Jadeja 3-0-16-0, Hardik Pandya 1-0-14-0.

Result: India won by 68 runs.

Player-of-the-match: Axar Patel.

Final: India vs South Africa, Bridgetown Barbados, Saturday 8 pm.

Scheduling of T20 WC under scanner

Vaughan Says Event 'Set Up For India', Pleads For ICC To Be Fairer

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Georgetown: The wait kept getting longer. The world's eyes were on the weather radar and as the clouds seemed to keep moving away, the smiles were back on the faces of the fans who have been trooping into Guyana from across the United States and other parts of the world. The toss got delayed, the super-soppers were on, but nothing mattered more than the hot sun that was burning in full glory after morning showers.

But as the teams got on to the field and started to prepare themselves for a long day, quite a few questions about how the tournament has been scheduled surfaced.

To start with, there is no reserve day between games in the knock-out stage, which is beyond belief for anybody who is associated with cricket in this part of the world. To compensate for that, the rule of the tournament was amended at the 11th hour, with two days to go for the match, allowing four hours of extra time.

Pakistan, who had been knocked out in Lauderdale because their game could not be started despite a hot sun blazing through the day, are justified to ask a few questions after rules got amended before the semis.

While that's one issue, the fact that India knew way before the World Cup started that their

semifinal would be played in Guyana has also come up for discussion. India captain Rohit Sharma tried to shut it down saying that "it's the same for all teams" and that "England have enough experience of playing in these conditions", the theory that India got a bit of unfair advantage cannot be disputed.

Former England captain Michael Vaughan didn't mince his words when he said that the T20 World Cup is "purely set up for India" and ICC should have been a bit more "fairer" to other countries because this is not a bilateral event. "Well, it's their tournament isn't it? Literally it's that. You know that. They get to play whenever they want, they know where their semifinal is, they play every single game in the morning so people can watch them at night, obviously in India on tv," Vaughan said during a podcast with Australian great Adam Gilchrist on the YouTube channel *Club Prairie Fire*.

The Ashes-winning captain feels it is purely the financial might of Indian cricket that has led to such a situation. "I get that money is a big play, and I get that in bilateral series but when you get to a World Cup, the ICC should be a little bit fairer to everybody. There can't be sympathy or any kind of sway towards one team and this tournament is purely set up for India," Vaughan said.

Not a pitch you want to have a WC semifinal on: Trott

Tarouba (Trinidad): Afghanistan coach Jonathan Trott has lambasted the pitch that was used for the semifinal against South Africa here, asserting that it was unfit for a contest of such magnitude. The pitch, which offered lateral seam movement and inconsistent bounce, was a nightmare for batters as Afghanistan were bowled out for 56, the lowest score in a T20 World Cup semifinal at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy stadium here. Even though South Africa chased down the target in 8.5 overs, their batters too struggled.

"I don't want to get myself into trouble and I don't want to come across as bitter or it being a case of sour grapes but that's not the pitch that you want to have a match, a semifinal of a World Cup on, plain and simple," Trott said. The former England batter said the pitch took batting completely out of the game. "It should be a fair contest. I'm not saying it should be flat completely with no spin and no seam movement, I'm



saying you shouldn't have batsmen worrying about going forward," he explained. "They should be confident in foot movement and be able to hit through the line or use their skills. T20 is about attacking and about scoring runs and taking wickets, not looking to survive."

Throughout the tournament, the venue offered swing and seam to pacers and turn to the spinners. Tarouba hosted five World Cup games and only once did a team batting first cross the 100-run mark. It was done by the West Indies with a total of 149/6 against New Zealand which was successfully defended by the co-hosts. **PTI**

248 Runs at an average of 41.33, including three fifties, in seven innings scored by Rohit Sharma — the highest by an Indian captain in a T20 World Cup edition. Only Babar Azam 303 runs in 2021-22 has scored more runs.

10.71 Average of Virat Kohli while totalling 75 runs in seven innings — the lowest by any opening batter with six innings or more in a T20 World Cup competition.

Ruthless SA exorcise SF ghosts with Afghanistan demolition

Trinidad: A clinical South Africa skittled Afghanistan for 56 on their way to a comprehensive nine-wicket victory in the first T20 World Cup semifinal in Trinidad on Wednesday, sending the Proteas into their first-ever final. It was a first victory in eight short-format World Cup semifinals going back to 1992 for South Africa.

The perennial underachievers looked anything but as they ripped through the Afghan batting in less than 12 overs at Brian Lara Stadium to restrict their shellshocked opponents to their lowest-ever score in T20s. South Africa's batting has stut-

tered at times during the tournament and Fazalhaq Farooqi bowled Quinton de Kock early, but Reeza Hendricks and skipper Aiden Markram got the Proteas to their target without further losses inside nine overs.

Afghanistan won the toss and chose to bat. Rahmanullah Gurbaz, the highest run-scorer in the tournament, and Ibrahim Zadran had been the mainstay of the Afghan batting with three century opening partnerships on their fairytale run to the last four.

Left-arm quick Marco Jansen (3/16) removed Gurbaz for a duck with just four runs

on the board in the opening over; however, and returned in the third over to bowl Gulbadin Naib for nine. There was no respite from the other end as pace-man Kagiso Rabada (2/14) found a nice line and length to bowl Zadran and Mohammad Nabi for a couple of runs apiece in the fourth over. The third quick Anrich Nortje (2/7) chipped in with a couple of wickets and left-arm wrist spinner Tabraiz Shamsi (3/6) mopped up the tail. **PTI**

Brief scores: South Africa 60 for 1 (Hendricks 29*, Farooqi 1-11) beat Afghanistan 56 (Shamsi 3-6, Jansen 3-16) by nine wickets.



PACE LIKE FIRE: Kagiso Rabada bowled a fiery spell to unsettle the Afghan batters on a challenging surface in the first semifinal at the Brian Lara Stadium in Tarouba on Wednesday

67 Number of balls remaining when SA won by 9 wickets, their biggest-ever win in terms of balls to spare in a T20I, bettering the 51 balls remaining in the 10-wicket win over Pakistan at the Wanderers in Johannesburg on Feb 2, 2007.

56 Afghanistan have recorded their lowest total in T20Is, lower than the 72 vs Bangladesh in Mirpur on March 16, 2014. This is also the lowest by any team against South Africa in T20Is. Afghanistan's score is the lowest all-out total in the knockouts of the T20 WC.

Stats: Rajesh Kumar

'Finger spinners can still play a major role in white-ball cricket'

Roger Harper, Former WI Off-Spinner, Tells TOI Why It Is Important For Offies To Adapt To Different Situations

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What do you think about the Indian spin-attack, and more specifically Kuldeep Yadav?

I think they have come here with the idea that they will have to play against a lot of right-handers. So they have taken three left-arm spinners in the playing XI. But they have been able to make an impact. As for Kuldeep, he is a left-arm wrist-spinner and there is a little bit of mystery about him. Batsmen find it difficult to read him. The fact that he is a left-arter helps him create more challenges and he can be a wicket-taker at times.

You were a top finger-spinner yourself. Do you think the role of finger spinners is diminishing in white-ball cricket?

The role of the finger-spinner is often to come in the middle of the innings, stop the runs and take wickets. Wrist-spinners provide more difficulty because they can probably be a little harder to read. But finger-spinners have bowled well in this World Cup, with Roston Chase of the West



“Years ago the focus was about occupying the crease and accumulating runs. Some of the highly-skilled players could not score that fast. These days the urgency is there to keep the scoreboard ticking.”

—Roger Harper

Indies being one of them. The finger-spinner still has a significant role to play provided he knows how to adapt to different situations and bowl accordingly.

Who according to you is the best white-ball spinner at the moment?

Probably Rashid Khan. He has proven time and time again that he has the ability to take wickets. Batsmen sometimes get a hold of him, but he is difficult to hit and he takes wickets. So,

he has to be up there.

You played at a time when the West Indies pace quartet ruled the roost. How does it feel now to see spinners opening the attack for West Indies?

Firstly, I keep emotion out of it and see how conditions are and what can be done accordingly. In this World Cup, spinners are proving very successful at the top of the order, somebody like Aiden Markram, who is a part-timer, bowls four overs at the top of the innings. It is about conditions, situations, and I am happy that spinners are playing a very big role. And don't forget this is not Test cricket. I don't think West Indies open too often with spin in Tests, unless they are playing on absolute turners.

Who according to you was the best-ever player of spin?

I always felt Sunil Gavaskar looked very broad but Javed Miandad was brilliant too. He had the ability to nudge the ball and find the single. Javed Miandad too was really challenging to bowl to.

What do you think of the modern-day trend of dishing out big turners in Tests, where it spins from ball one? Is the art of playing spin taking a beating?

Back in our day too, there were pitches where the ball turned pretty early. What is more important is that the bounce has to be consistent so that it is a fair challenge between bat and ball. Now the approach has changed. Years ago the focus was about occupying the crease and accumulating runs. Some of the highly-skilled players could not score that fast. These days the urgency is to keep the scoreboard ticking, but having said that, some of the shots the England players played in India during the Tests a couple of months ago were horrendous. The mental attitude about playing spin has changed.

How do you compare the two great modern-day offies Nathan Lyon and R Ashwin? Both have more than 500 Test wickets...

I wouldn't want to say who is the better bowler. They are different and I admire both of them. Lyon is more the orthodox off-spinner who will plug away and bowl consistently, get turn and bounce and vary his pace. Ashwin spins the ball as well and gets turn and his carrom ball adds mystery and intrigue. Both have the ability to bowl long spells and can get on top of a team and run through the batting lineups.

How do you see the role of spinners in the T20 World Cup till now?

Some of the pitches have turned a bit and the spinners have been able to make an impact. Some of the boundaries have been slightly bigger as well and the batsmen have not been able to dominate all the time, which I think has been a welcome relief.

Bharat Army donates 250 SF tickets to local schools

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Mumbai: In a noble gesture, Bharat Army, a prominent global group of Indian cricket supporters, decided to donate upto 250 tickets of the India versus England T20 World Cup semifinal at Georgetown, Guyana on Thursday to the local schools in the Georgetown community, so the group's members were not be able to make it to the venue for the big match due to "logistical reasons".

"Due to a number of

logistical challenges, mainly shortage of flights and hotels, we were left with a number of disappointed fans who were not able to attend the India versus England T20 World Cup semifinal in Guyana. As a result, we as the Bharat Army decided to donate almost 250 tickets for today's match to the local schools in the Georgetown community, so the tickets could be at least utilised for the big game and the local children were able to experience the World Cup," Rakesh Patel, the founder of the Bharat Army, told TOI on Thursday.



CHRIS SILVERWOOD

quality time together," Silverwood, who played six Tests and seven ODIs for England as a pacer, said in his statement.

"It has been a real honour for me to be part of Sri Lanka Cricket and I will be taking away many fond memories," added Silverwood.

During Silverwood's tenure, Lanka won the T20 Asia Cup in 2022 and also reached the final of the 50-over Asia Cup last year, in which they lost to India.

The SLC has already started the process of finding a new head coach. **AGENCIES**

THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO SHOULD APOLOGIZE TO US. THEY THROW THIS GARBAGE (FIXING BARBS) TO US, NOT JUST THE TEAM BUT TO OUR FANS. WE SHOWED WE HAVE CHARACTER."

— EDWARD IORDANESCU | ROMANIA COACH

GEORGIA ON MY MIND

Underdogs' Fairytale Continues... As Faltering Stars And Cheeky Upstarts Prepare For Battle In Last 16

Gelsenkirchen: Euro 2024's last 16 match-ups were confirmed on Wednesday night after Georgia snatched a spot in the knockout stage for the first time in their history.

Italy head into Saturday's clash with Switzerland in Berlin still a work in progress after scraping into second place seconds before the end of their final Group B game with Croatia. The defending champions will be wary of the Swiss, showed in their 1-1 draw with Germany that they are perfectly capable of giving the big boys a bloody nose.

Revitalised under Julian Nagelsmann, Germany have been alongside Spain the best team of the group stage and will rightly be considered favourites against Denmark, who laboured to second place in the dismal Group C behind England.

Denmark coach Kasper Hjulmand said that his team always "step up" when facing the big nations but Germany will also have the backing of Dortmund's famous Westfalenstadion on Saturday as they seek a record-breaking fourth Euros title.

England have had a soft landing against Slovakia on Sunday after topping Group C despite putting in three hugely disappointing displays against middling opposition.

Coach Gareth Southgate was pelted with plastic cups by frustrated fans after Tuesday's goalless draw with Slovenia and performances will have to pick up if his team are to live up to their billing as one of the pre-tournament favourites.

Luis de la Fuente's side have been

74 Georgia's current FIFA world ranking is 74. They are ranked 68 places below Portugal (No. 6). In August 2015, they were ranked 154.

the most impressive team of the tournament so far after breezing through the supposedly tough Group B with a perfect nine points and a statement win over the Italians.

With almost their entire first XI, including star wingers Lamine Yamal and Nico Williams, rested in Monday's 1-0 win over Albania, anything other than straightforward passage into the quarters for Spain would be a massive shock in Cologne on Sunday. However Georgia are this tournament's fairytale and showed by beating Portugal on Wednesday they can spring an upset.

Possibly the most intriguing tie of the round sees two big teams yet to hit form face off in Duesseldorf on Monday. France were unimpressive in qualifying in second place from Group D. Kylian Mbappe is the only player in Didier Deschamps' side to score a goal and that strike came from the penalty spot in a 1-1 draw with already-eliminated Poland. Belgium meanwhile have played well in bursts but were barracked by fans in Stuttgart on Wednesday after a safety-first approach against Ukraine saw them edge into the last 16 from Group E. AFP



“IF THERE IS EVEN ONE PERCENT CHANCE, YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN IF YOU BELIEVE. THIS IS THE BEST DAY IN MY LIFE.” —Kvaratskhelia

1 Georgia are through to the last 16 of Euro 2024 after the 2-0 win over Portugal, a historic triumph in the former Soviet Republic's first appearance at a major international tournament. They are the first European nation to qualify from the group stage in their first major tournament since Iceland at Euro 2016.

1 Cristiano Ronaldo has failed to score in the group stage of a major international tournament for the first time in his career. Prior to this tournament, Ronaldo had scored in all of the 10 group stages he'd played at.

94 Timed at 94 seconds, Kvaratskhelia's strike is the fifth fastest goal in Euro history. Georgia have now scored in 11 of their last 12 matches, including all three group matches at Euro 2024.

ROUND OF 16

SWITZERLAND v ITALY
GERMANY v DENMARK
ENGLAND v SLOVAKIA
SPAIN v GEORGIA
FRANCE v BELGIUM
PORTUGAL v SLOVENIA
ROMANIA v NETHERLANDS
AUSTRIA v TURKIYE

GOLDEN BOOT RACE

3 Georges Mikautadze (GEO)
2 Niclas Füllkrug, Jamal Musiala (both GER), Cody Gakpo (NED), Razvan Marin (ROM), Ivan Schranz (SVK)

Coach Sagnol, the French connection



When you're the small team, you know you have nothing to lose. It's difficult when you're France, England, Spain, or Portugal. The only responsibility we had was to make the Georgian nation proud of their players. And I think we've done it the best way." —Willy Sagnol, GEORGIA COACH

Tbilisi/Hamburg: Eighteen years ago, an intelligent 29-year-old French defender called Willy Sagnol helped shackles Cristiano Ronaldo in a World Cup semi-final victory for Les Bleus over Portugal. On Wednesday, Sagnol relived the battle with Ronaldo's Portugal, this time as coach of Georgia in their first major international tournament, and won again. The Portuguese wizard was frustrated at every turn, kicking a water-bottle when substituted, as the now 47-year-old Sagnol masterminded Georgia's greatest sporting triumph since 1991 independence from the Soviet Union. "It's still a bit difficult to realise what we have done," said a stunned-looking Sagnol, who took over Georgia at

a low ebb in early 2021 when they had failed to qualify for the previous Euros and the Covid pandemic was raging. "When we go back to our homes and holidays, I think we are going to realise at this time exactly what we have done," he added. Before home and holidays, however, is the small matter of Sunday's last-16 clash with Spain. Whatever the result, though, Sagnol and his men are heroes for Georgia's 3.7 million people, tens of thousands of whom have come to Germany in a noisy red-and-white army. Qualification for the Euros in March had already sparked one of the biggest parties in Georgia's history. But that was more than matched by the delirious scenes in capital Tbilisi and elsewhere as Georgians celebrated the win over Portugal into the early hours of Thursday. Sagnol, who used to play for Bayern Munich, has moulded Georgia with a distinctive playing style perhaps reflecting

his own roots as a defender and a recognition that his players do not have the pedigree of most others. They are the lowest-ranked team at the tournament, 68 places below Portugal. Georgia focus first on being very hard to break down, sitting deep and defending en masse. But then they break fast, using the speed of Khvicha Kvaratskhelia and aggression of Georges Mikautadze, both of whom scored against Portugal. Sagnol's leadership is just the latest French connection. Many Georgian dissidents fled to France after the 1921 Soviet invasion ended a brief independence. President Salome Zourabichvili is a French-born descendant of those emigres who initially came back to Georgia as an ambassador for Paris. Striker Mikautadze - whose first name is split the French Georges not the Georgian Giorgi - was born in Lyon and plays for Metz. REUTERS

RONALDO AVOIDS BEING HIT BY FAN WHO JUMPED FROM THE CROWD

Duesseldorf: Cristiano Ronaldo narrowly avoided being hit by a fan who jumped from the crowd to get close to the soccer star when Portugal played Georgia at the European Championship on Wednesday. A video widely circulated on social media shows someone leaping over the top of the players' tunnel at the Veltins Arena in Gelsenkirchen as Ronaldo headed to the locker room. A safety steward rushed to shield the former Real Madrid and Manchester United star and other security staff raced toward the fan, who fell away out of sight. A bemused-looking Ronaldo stopped, but appeared to be unharmed.

REMEMBER THE NAME IANIS: HAGI JUNIOR IS MAKING HIS OWN NAME

Frankfurt: Ianis Hagi has long had to live with comparisons to his father, one of Romania's greatest ever players Gheorghe Hagi, but at the Euros here, he has the chance to make a name for himself. The 25-year-old attacking midfielder was influential in earning Romania passage to the last 16. Romania now face Netherlands, providing the potential for a run similar to the one engineered by his father, whose brilliance led Romania to the 1994 World Cup quarterfinals, where they were edged out by Sweden. Thirty years ago Gheorghe was coached by Anghel Iordanescu, and Ianis is working under tactician Edward Iordanescu, the son of Anghel. "We had the objective of taking people onto the streets, to be proud of this generation, our team," Ianis Hagi said.

EURO 2024: THE STORY SO FAR

THE GOAL GRAPH: A total of 81 goals have been scored (2.25 goals per match) @ 40 minutes per goal. Euro 2024 had seen 94 goals in the group stage. In Euro 2016, however, only 69 goals were scored in the league stage.

TOP SCORER: OWN GOAL! The leading scorer at the end of group stage is 'own goal' - 7. Euro 2024 saw 8 own goals in the group stage. It made up 26 percent of the 27 inadvertently netted in the competition's history.

HOME TRUTHS Germany scored the most (8) goals in the group stage followed by Austria (6).

GOALS FROM AFAR Only 14 goals have been scored from outside the box. The number was higher (19) in 2020.

FERGIE TIME 10 goals were scored in added-on time so far.

As it hits the knockout stage, after 36 games in 13 days across 10 German cities, it's time to look back at what went by. **Winger Lamine Yamal made history by becoming the youngest player in Euro history against Croatia**, while forward Alvaro Morata is now the joint-third top scorer overall in the tournament after notching his seventh goal in the same game.

STARS YET TO CATCH FIRE Cristiano Ronaldo, in his sixth Euro, is yet to find the net after three matches. Arguably world's best player **Kylian Mbappe** is off the mark too from open play. France's Antoine Griezmann and England's Phil Foden have also fired blanks.

GOODBYE LUKA Veteran **Luka Modric** became the oldest ever scorer at a Euro, aged 38 years 289 days, when he scored just after missing a penalty against Italy. The generational midfielder ultimately did not make it through to the knockout phase, with Croatia eventually eliminated.

GOAL-SHY FAVOURITES France, touted as favourites, have not scored a goal in open play in their last four matches, including their last warm-up friendly at home to Canada.

MONEY MATTERS The founder of Georgia's ruling party, former Prime Minister Bidzina Ivanishvili, a billionaire, pledged to donate 30 million lari (\$10.7 million) to the national team after they upset Portugal to escape the group.

A SLICE OF HISTORY When Julian Nagelsmann's side scripted a clinical 2-0 win over Hungary, it turned out to be Germany's first competitive victory over Hungary since the 1954 World Cup final. In those days, the Mighty Magyars had some of the best players in Europe led by the great Ferenc Puskas.

CLUB CLASS Most number of players from Pep Guardiola's stable made the Euro this time. Among 14 who made it to Germany, 12 have progressed to the knockouts. Croatia's Josko Gvardiol and Mateo Kovacic head home after late heartbreak.

LAST BUT NOT THE LEAST With 15 matches still to play before one of the 16 remaining sides is crowned champions in Berlin on July 14, fans are still waiting for the tournament's star names to join the party.

Crescent Stars over the moon after proving critics wrong

Hamburg: Turkiye coach Vincenzo Montella said his team showed that criticism of their Euro 2024 performances was unfair by defeating the Czech Republic 2-1 on Wednesday to reach the last 16. Montella's side earned a tense victory over the 10-man Czechs to reach the knockout phase of a major tournament for the first time since a run to the Euro 2008 semi-finals. Turkiye, who have been roared on by vociferous support in Germany, had struggled in a 3-0 loss to Portugal last time out to put their hopes of qualifying from Group F in peril. "We are always focused and hard-working, we deserve this qualification," said Italian Montella. "We have suffered some criticism that was not deserved, and we overcame that. I'm used to pressure, I don't mind it, but I don't like when pressure is put on my players."



TURKIYE'S HAKAN CALHANOGLU WILL MISS THE AUSTRIA MATCH

18 When the push came to shove, Czechs and Turks made the ref work overtime. There were a total of 18 cards shown in or after the game, a new record for a Euro match.

"Hakan's a very complete player. He managed to score an extraordinary goal. There are few players in the world that can take a shot like he does." —Montella

a man advantage for more than 70 minutes after Antonin Barak was sent off. Hakan Calhanoglu gave them the lead before Tomas Soucek gave the Czech Republic hope of snatching the win they needed to knock Turkey out. But Cenk Tosun finally finished off the match with an injury-time winner on the counter-attack. "We played well, we did not exploit one more man enough," Montella said. "When we took the lead, we conceded a goal... We've suffered pressure in the last few days and the team is very young." AFP

Paraguay loom as Brazil yet to find cutting edge

Las Vegas: Brazil face Paraguay in their Copa America Group D match in Las Vegas on Saturday (IST) after a disappointing goalless draw against Costa Rica in their opener left the five-times World Cup winners questioning how to sharpen their cutting edge. A wasteful Brazil side dominated possession but were clueless on how to beat an ultra-defensive Costa Rica playing with a back five. Just three of their 19 shots were on target. Paraguay, who lost 2-1 to Colombia in their first game, are expected to use a similar defensive game plan to Costa Rica. That will pose another challenge for Brazil's 62-year-old manager Dorival Jr who will have to find answers on how his side can break deadlocks and be more precise in front of goal. Attacking midfielder Lucas Paqueta, one of Brazil's most active players against Costa Rica with five shots that missed the target and one that hit the post, believes their problem is more mental than tactical.

He thinks Brazil need patience. There was a general impression that Dorival was ready to hand rising star Vinicius Jr a key role after the winger's brilliant season with Real Madrid. But the 23-year-old was a shadow of the electric winger who helped Real win a Champions League/LaLiga double and he was taken off after 70 minutes against Costa Rica

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Venezuela into quarters after Mexico defeat; Jamaica out Los Angeles: Venezuela booked their place in the quarterfinals of the Copa America on Wednesday with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Mexico that ensured Jamaica's elimination from the tournament. Mexico-based veteran striker Salomon Rondón stroked in the only goal from the penalty spot to seal all three points for Venezuela, who are top of Group B with six points from two games. Mexico, meanwhile, can still qualify for the knockout rounds with a victory over Ecuador in their final group game on Sunday. Mexico's Orbelin Pineda missed an 87th-minute spot kick that would have made it 1-1, his effort parried away by Venezuela goalkeeper Rafael Romo. Venezuela's win confirmed Jamaica's exit from the tournament following their 3-1 loss to Ecuador in Las Vegas earlier on Wednesday. Ecuador held off a spirited second-half rally by the Reggae Boyz to claim three points at the Allegiant Stadium. The South Americans looked to be cruising to victory after taking a 2-0 lead following a Kasey Palmer own goal and a penalty from Chelsea-bound teenager Kendry Paéz. However, Jamaica pulled a goal back from veteran striker Michael Antonio and then had strong claims for a penalty rejected 15 minutes before full-time.



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GALLERY

Three Indians in semifinals of Asian jr squash

Islamabad: India's Shiven Agarwal, Aadya Budhia and Gowshika M moved into the semifinals of their respective age groups at the 31st Asian Junior Individual Squash Championships here on Thursday. Agarwal beat local challenger Abdul Ahad Butt 11-4, 11-7, 11-5 in the boys' U-15 quarterfinals, while Aadya and Gowshika put it past Mahnoor Ali (Pakistan) 11-4, 11-8, 6-11, 11-6 and Makaela Lin Cassidy (Hong Kong) 11-8, 11-9, 11-8 in the girls' U-13 section.

Gukesh wins game in Bucharest: Indian GM D Gukesh started off on a positive note, beating Deac Bogdan-Daniel of Romania in the first round of the Superbet Classic chess tournament. In another game, R Praggnanandhaa tried hard but had to settle for a draw against Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan.

Rahane joins English county Leicestershire: Ajinkya Rahane has signed with English county side Leicestershire for the second half of the ongoing season, the club announced on Thursday. He will be featuring in the team's final five games of the County Championship and the One Day Cup. AGENCIES

Booster shines: Booster Shot, Rasputin, Big Red, Duke of Tuscany and Maigira shone well during the try-outs at Bangalore. Outer-sand: 600m: Booster Shot (Antony Raj) - 44secs: shone well. Rasputin (Antony) - 45secs: on the bit. Big Red (Antony) - 45secs: fully in hands. Duke of Tuscany (Rb) and Maigira (Deepak) - 44secs: both moved neck and neck. TNN

ACTION TODAY

CRICKET: India Women vs South Africa, only Test, 9.30 am (Jiocinema)

MIRABAI SETS MARKER FOR PARIS OLYMPICS



MIRABAI CHANU

Chanu Looking To Lift 90kg In Snatch, Around 120kg In Clean & Jerk

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New Delhi: Injury-hit Mirabai Chanu is all set to push the weight envelope at the Paris Olympics next month. Admitting that she has reached "85 per cent" of her performance after recovering from hip tendonitis that she suffered during her fourth-place finish at the Hangzhou Asian Games, the Tokyo Olympics silver medalist has set herself a target of lifting a record 90kg in snatch and somewhere closer to 120kg in clean and jerk in Paris to become the first Indian weightlifter to win two Summer Games medals. "The injury is fine now. I have recovered from that but I am going slow in my training. I am lifting 80-85 per cent in repetitions and not going for 100 per cent till the Olympics. My best in snatch is 88kg and 119kg in clean

and jerk. In Paris, I'll target 90kg-plus in snatch and also somewhere closer to my best in clean & jerk. Right now, I am going gradually and lifting 70-80kgs in snatch and 100-110kgs in clean & jerk. I will try to give my best performance in Paris but can't predict the colour of the medal," said Mirabai, who will be competing in her preferred women's 49kg class. In weightlifting, India will have sole representation in Mirabai with no other lifters qualifying for the Games. The 30-year-old Manipuri weightlifter insisted that her success at the Games will depend on how well she manages to keep herself injury free. By her own admission, Paris will pose an arduous challenge as the "competition is going to be very tough".

"I learnt a lot after the injury... how to keep myself safe because injuries can happen anytime. We need to follow the instructions of the coaches, adopt the right technique, rest and exercise properly and how to build your muscles. I have started to understand my body and you can't push it beyond a certain limit. Injuries can happen anytime. It was a difficult phase and there were self-doubts. I am happy to make a comeback," said Mirabai, who returned to competition after a six-month long injury layoff following her participation at the Phuket World Cup in April where she lifted a total of 184kgs (81kg in snatch and 103kg in clean & jerk). To have success in Paris, Mirabai will have to target a total lift of 200kg-

Money spent on Mirabai post Tokyo Olympics: Rs 2.7 crore
No. of foreign exposure trips: 9
No. of camps sanctioned: 9
No. of days in camps: 1005 (930 days in India)

plus to stand a chance to win her second Olympics medal. "Pressure will be there. The competition is going to be very tough. I'll try to give my best," added the former world champion.

Emma saves match point, in quarters

Eastbourne: Emma Raducanu saved a match point before beating second-seeded Jessica Pegula 4-6, 7-6 (6), 7-5 to reach the quarterfinals of the grass-court Eastbourne International. The 2021 US Open champion was 6-5 down in the second-set tiebreaker before coming back to record her first win against a top-10 opponent. Pegula is ranked No. 5. The 21-year-old British player won when Pegula's forehand from the back of the court went wide. A relieved Raducanu dropped her racket and placed her head in her hands before waving to the home crowd.

women's tennis when it hosts the women's tour finals in Nov. The Women's Tennis Association announced in April that Riyadh would host the next three editions of the tour finals featuring the top eight singles players and doubles teams.

Muguruza named tournament director of WTA Finals: Former Wimbledon and French Open champion Garbine Muguruza has been named the WTA Finals' tournament director, making her the first ex-player to take the helm of the season-ender which will be held in Riyadh from this year. Muguruza will work with the WTA, the Saudi Tennis Federation and ministry of sport on strategic planning and delivery, as well as helping grow the profile of tennis in the Middle East. AGENCIES

EX-REAL MADRID CAPTAIN NACHO JOINS SAUDI CLUB AL-QADSIH

Donaueschingen: Former Real Madrid captain Nacho Fernandez has signed for Saudi Arabian team Al Qadsih, penning the two-year contract while at the European Championship with Spain.



NACHO

Newly promoted Al Qadsih announced Nacho had joined as a free agent on Thursday — three days before Spain's round of 16 match against surprise package Georgia — after the deal was signed in Düsseldorf. Nacho was in Madrid for more than two decades after joining the club's youth academy in 2001. Madrid announced on Tuesday that the 34-year-old was leaving. AP

Max to stick with Red Bull in 2025

Spielberg: Three-time defending Formula One champion Max Verstappen dispelled any lingering doubts about his immediate future by saying he will remain at Red Bull next season.



VERSTAPPEN

Verstappen spoke Thursday at a press conference before the Austrian Grand Prix and after being asked a third time if he would publicly commit to Red Bull finally replied "OK, yes." "I mean, we're already also working on next year's car," the Dutch driver said. "I think when you're very focused on that, that means that you're also driving for the team." Verstappen has a contract with Red Bull through 2028, but Lewis Hamilton's vacant seat at Mercedes come 2025 has spawned speculation about the Ger-

man team attempting to lure Verstappen away. Mercedes boss Toto Wolff said earlier this year that he'd "love" to have Verstappen as a driver. "Of course, people are talking, but it's most important just that we have a very competitive car for the future," Verstappen said. "And for sure, I said this already with the team, we are working and focusing also on next year to try and be competitive again." AP

Haryana's Kiran books Paris berth

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Panchkula: Haryana's Kiran Pahal booked her berth for the Paris Olympics after achieving the Games qualification mark in the women's 400m race, clocking an impressive 50.92 seconds on the opening day of the 63rd National Inter-State Senior Athletics meet here on Thursday.



KIRAN

The qualification mark for Paris was 50.95s in the event. With her performance, Kiran has emerged as the second fastest Indian female 400m runner of all time. Hima Das holds the national record of 50.79s which she had achieved in 2018. Kiran is the first Indian female quarter miler to have qualified for the Olympics after a gap of eight years since Nirmal Sheoran (Haryana) featured at the 2016 Rio Games. Kiran clocked this time in the semifinal. The final sched-

uled for Friday at the Tau Devlil stadium will be an exciting affair as she plans to race faster than her semis time. "I will do better in the medal round," she said. She had clocked 52.33s in her preliminary round. Subha V of Tamil Nadu topped the first semis with a time of 53.08s while Deepanshi of Haryana won the third semis with a time of 52.12s. In another event, Asian Games medalist Gulveer Singh of Uttar Pradesh clocked 13:34.67s in her preliminary round. 5,000m to improve his meet record of 13:43.23s set last year in Bhubaneswar. The men's 400m final will also be a mouth-watering contest as all top 400m runners advanced to the medal round. Muhammed Anas of Kerala was the fastest in the semis with a time of 45.76s.

RESULTS
Men: 5000m: Gulveer Singh (Uttar Pradesh) 13:34.67s (MR), Sunil Dawar (Madhya Pradesh) 14:02.75s, Gagan Singh (Haryana) 14:05.66s
Women: 5,000m: Ankita (Uttarakhand) 16:10.37s, Seema (Himachal Pradesh) 16:12.27s, Sanjivani Jadhav (Maharashtra) 16:32.35s; Hammer throw: Manju Bala (Rajasthan) 63.66m, Harshita Sherawat (Delhi) 62.20m, Tanya Chaudhary (Uttar Pradesh) 61.57m.

Thompson-Herah to miss Paris Olympics

Mexico City: Double Olympic sprint champion Elaine Thompson-Herah has withdrawn from the Jamaican trials due to an Achilles injury and will not defend her 100m and 200m titles at the Paris Games in August. The Jamaican, who will celebrate her 32nd birthday on Friday, is one of the greatest sprinters of all time and was the first woman

to win a back-to-back Olympic sprint double when she retained both titles in Tokyo three years ago. Thompson-Herah last competed in the 200m in April 2023 and sustained the injury during the 100m at the New York Grand Prix earlier this month as she finished in 11.48 seconds. "It's never fun sharing news like this but at the New York Grand Prix, I felt something in the race and still insisting to push, couple steps to the line I realise something is really wrong," she wrote in an Instagram post. AGENCIES

TIMES NATION

Prez address hints reduced tally may not inhibit BJP

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Foreign diplomats leave after witnessing the Prez's address on Thursday

Curiosity about the Budget has been heightened by the estimate in political quarters that government might come up with measures which may help alleviate the grudges behind BJP's lower-than-expected seats tally. In any case, despite being in a good fiscal spot, govt had held off on coming out with schemes for specific sections in the interim budget. It is expected to make good for the restraint in the coming Budget, besides having reachouts to sections like women. Murmu's address was marked by confidence and an effort to amplify the message that BJP's reduced numbers will not be a deterrent in its pursuit of bold measures. The Prez cited the favourable environment for India and underlined the need for lawmakers to fulfil their responsibilities so that the country can harness its potential. She listed out the achievements of the Modi

govt during its first two terms — from an average 8% GDP growth during the last three years to India emerging as the fifth largest economy and record profits by State Bank of India — despite challenges posed by Covid and geopolitical tension in Ukraine and West Asia. "With the reforms that have taken place in the last 10 years and the new confidence that has been infused in the country, we have gained a new momentum to make India a developed nation. We all need to always remember that making India a developed nation is the aspiration and resolve of every citizen of the country. All of us are responsible for ensuring that no obstacles come in the way of achieving this resolution," the Prez said at a time when BJP, while leading a coalition govt after 10 years, will need numbers in Parliament to ensure passage of key bills. Govt has lined up several legislations, from amendments to the Constitution for

one nation-one election to strengthening the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code and decriminalising several laws. Murmu also reflected govt's grouse over what it considers baseless propaganda by the opposition, especially Congress, that the Modi govt has undermined the public sector and that GST, dubbed "Gabbar Singh Tax" by the party, was an extortionist device. "Many such reforms have taken place in the last 10 years which are greatly benefiting the nation today. Even when these reforms were being taken up, they were opposed and attempts were made to spread negativity. But all these reforms have stood the test of time," she said while listing out the clean-up of banks, revitalising Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd and GST. She also argued for healthy competition between states to attract investment and said the Centre would seek to push ahead with their development.

CBI NEET probe team in Hazaribag collects CCTV footage, seizes a laptop and 2 mobiles

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The CBI team in Hazaribag collected CCTV footage and confiscated a laptop and two mobile phones belonging to the detained principal of Oasis School, Ehsanul Haque. Sheaves of documents and 15 pen drives were seized from the campus. Forensic experts scanned an SBI bank branch in Hazaribag whose strongroom was used to keep NEET-UG question papers. The arrests in Patna came four days after CBI took over the case from the Economic Offences Unit (EOU) of Bihar, which had unearthed a trail that led to Jharkhand and UP, among other states. The duo, Manish Prakash and Ashutosh Kumar, told interrogators that they were tasked with destroying the leaked question papers

after the examinees left with their handlers on the morning of the test. Two others arrested by EOU — Baldev Kumar, alias Chintu, and Mukesh Kumar — were remanded in CBI custody after being brought from Beur Jail for interrogation by the agency. Chintu is a relative of Sanjiv Mukhiya, the alleged mastermind of the paper leak. CBI has also sought custody of four men arrested in Gujarat's Godhra — Purshotam Sharma, Arif Vahora, Vibhor Anand and Tushar Bhatt — after a NEET-UG paper leak was reported there. Sharma is the principal of Jay Jalaram School in Godhra, where the alleged exam malpractice occurred. Bhatt is a teacher in the same school. Bihar suspect Ashutosh and his family are tenants in a building at Khemnichak in Patna that was used as a safe

house. The building's owner, Prabhat Ranjan alias Prabhat Mukhiya, is a resident of Daniawan in Patna district, officials said. On May 4, Manish escorted 20-25 students to the building, where they received leaked question papers and answer keys for which their parents had reportedly paid Rs 30-40 lakh each. Prabhat, Manish and Ashutosh are from neighbouring village. Prabhat's wife served two terms as mukhiya of Bankipur Machhariyan panchayat, while he was a panchayat samiti member and block head. Ashutosh lives on the first floor of the building, which also houses a playschool, with his wife, children and parents. An elderly woman and her daughter used to live on the ground floor, which they vacated on May 1, sources said.

Prabhat said he had no idea about what his tenant was involved in. "I received information about the paper leak from a neighbour on May 6. He told me that police had raided my house and that the NEET-UG paper was leaked from there. I called Ashutosh immediately. He claimed to be travelling to Jamshedpur," he told TOI. "I knew Ashutosh as a property dealer, while Manish worked as an insurance agent." When Ranjan visited Patna on May 7 and met both, they ostensibly admitted to "making a mistake". "I will cooperate with the investigation. In my opinion, Ashutosh is 100% guilty. He should have called me, but he didn't. CBI came to me on June 25 for an inquiry and later called me to their Patna office on June 26," Ranjan said. (With inputs from Mumbai & Vadodara)

A village where Duryodhan's a benign deity, is called 'grandpa'

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At the Peruviruthy Malanada temple, the daily offering of toddy to Duryodhan, who's not represented by an idol in the temple but by a polished mace, the Kaurav prince's weapon of choice. In Mahabharat, he's the man who hoots with delight as he orders Draupadi disrobed, the prince who plotted to steal the kingdom that rightfully belonged to the good guys — Pandavs. But in this village, he's a benign, protective deity. Villagers call him 'appoopa' (grandpa). That sharp departure from Mahabharat's narrative treatment of Duryodhan, the fact that there's no idol and the votive offering of toddy are simi-

The thandaper (land deed) number and survey details show the temple land is owned by Duryodhan. Ever since taxes were introduced in Kerala, this land tax has been paid in his name, a local administrator said

lar to other non-Vedic practices in many southern temples. Villagers have a more interesting take on the toddy offering — a tippale keeps the deity in a mild and cheerful mood, they say. As for those taxes Duryodhan pays diligently, it will be wise to first point out that the tax is not on the temple's income — all temples are tax free in India. The levy is on the 15 acres of temple land at the Poruvazhy village surrounding the temple. "When the pattayam was issued for the temple, the land was registered in the deity's name. The thandaper (land deed) number and survey details show the land is owned by Duryodhan. Ever since taxes were introduced in Kerala, this land tax has been paid in Duryodhan's name," a local administrator said. Of the 15 acres of temple land, eight acres are paddy fields, the rest is forested land, said temple committee secretary Rajaneesh R. When in Puruvazhy, don't diss Duryodhan.

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Israel readies troops on Lebanon border

Def Min Says Can Take Lebanon Back To Stone Age, But Working To Reach Deal

Israel's PM and prez toured northern Israel's border and met with military commanders there Wednesday, amid escalating tensions with Hezbollah forces in Lebanon and mounting concerns from world leaders that a wider war could break out. PM Benjamin Netanyahu posted a video online during his visit of him saying Israeli forces were "determined and committed to the mission of achieving victory, and no less."

The tours by Israeli officials along the border with Lebanon came as Israel's defence minister, Yoav Gallant, concluded four days of meetings in Washington with senior Biden administration officials, who repeatedly stressed the need for a diplomatic solution to tensions with Hezbollah. The Iran-backed militia has been targeting Israel since the Oct. 7 Hamas-led attack set off a war with Hamas in the Gaza Strip. Tensions have flared in recent weeks.

"Hezbollah's provocations



A damaged Israeli military position targeted by Hezbollah fighters is seen on the top of Mount Hermon in the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights

threaten to drag the Israeli and Lebanese people into a war that they do not want," Lloyd Austin, the US secretary of defence, said in a meeting with Gallant on Tuesday. Austin added that "such a war would be a catastrophe for Lebanon, and it would be devastating for innocent Israeli and Lebanese civilians."

Gallant, in that same meeting, said Israel was working to

"achieve an agreement." But he added that Israel was "determined to establish security" in the north and change "the reality on the ground." "We must also discuss readiness for every possible scenario," he said, adding that his country could "take Lebanon back to the Stone Age, but we don't want to do it."

Israeli news media reported Wednesday that more troops

were being sent to the northern border region. On Sunday, Netanyahu said in a TV interview that the war in Gaza was entering a new, less intense phase, allowing the military to turn more attention to Lebanon.

On Wednesday, Herzl Halevi, the Israeli military's chief of staff, also visited the northern border with Lebanon and held a "situational assessment" with local commanders. Israeli troops in the north are training for what the military described as "extreme scenarios". The Israeli military said Wednesday its fighter jets struck a Hezbollah military structure and targeted several other sites in southern Lebanon.

Last week, Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah said the Lebanese militia did not want a wider conflict but was prepared for war. "We have prepared ourselves for the most difficult days. If war is imposed, the resistance will fight without constraints, rules or limits." NYT & AFP

Israel military tells Palestinians to go south as it storms Gaza City locality

Israel stormed a neighbourhood in Gaza City on Thursday, ordering Palestinians to move south as the tanks rolled in and bombing the southern city of Rafah in what it says are the final stages of an operation against Hamas militants there.

Residents of the Shejaia neighbourhood in Gaza City said they were taken by surprise by the sound of tanks approaching and firing in the early afternoon, with drones also attacking after overnight bombing of the city, which Israel had combed early in the war.

Later on Thursday, the Palestinian Civil Emergency Service said that the Israeli military strikes had killed at least seven people in Shejaia so far. More casualties are feared to be under the rubble, it said. REUTERS

China expels 2 ex-def ministers from CPC over graft allegations

Insiders Allege Widespread Purge Of Officers For 'Conspiring' With Outside Forces Or Simply Being Insufficiently Loyal To Xi

Beijing: China has expelled two former defence ministers from the governing Communist Party over accusations of corruption that are likely to lead to sentences of life in prison. The defence ministry on Thursday said Li Shangfu had abused his authority to enrich himself by taking bribes in exchange for granting favours in violation of military and party discipline. Li's predecessor, Wei Fenghe, was also accused on similar charges.

Such charges have been levelled in the past against many military leaders under Prez Xi Jinping, who also heads the armed forces as chairman of the Central Military Commission and has made a crackdown on corruption a hallmark of his rule since taking power more than a decade ago.

Li is being investigated for corruption and bribery, the official Xinhua news agency reported Thursday. He was removed from office in Oct 2023 after disappearing from public view for almost two months.

Wei was placed under investigation in Sept and was suspected of "seriously violating political and organisational discipline by helping others gain improper benefits in per-



Wei Fenghe was placed under investigation in Sept and was suspected of 'violating discipline by helping others gain improper benefits for money and valuables'



Li Shangfu Li is being investigated for corruption and bribery. He was removed from office in Oct 2023 after disappearing from public view for almost two months

sonnel arrangements," Xinhua reported. He was found to have accepted a "huge amount of money and valuables in return, constituting the suspected crime of taking bribes," Xinhua said, adding that he had "lost his faith and loyalty and contaminated the political environment of the military," bringing enormous damage to the Party's cause, the development of national defence and the armed forces, as well as the image of senior officials.

Both face prosecution under the justice system run by the People's Liberation Army, the military wing of the Communist Party.

Insiders have alleged a widespread purge of officers suspected of conspiring with outside forces or simply be-

ing insufficiently loyal to Xi. In its statement, the ministry gave no details of the allegations against Li, other than saying that his alleged crimes were "exceptionally pernicious" and that they posed "an enormous danger".

Li spent most of his career as a specialist in the missile and procurement branches, and was under travel and financial sanctions from the US over the purchase of Russian military hardware at the time he dropped from view last Sept. That roughly coincided with the sudden disappearance of then-foreign minister Qin Gang and several leading officers in the rocket corps amid unproven allegations of misconduct. Li was replaced in Dec by Admiral Dong Jun. AP

Bolivia coup bid fails after short-lived military assault on presidential palace

Top Gen Held, Claims He Staged Takeover On Prez's Order To Help Raise His Popularity



Bolivia's now-dismissed army chief Gen Juan Jose Zuniga (C) is arrested in La Paz; military police block entry to Plaza Murillo where gov't palace located



Military police block entry to Plaza Murillo where gov't palace located

Top general and allied members of the military tried to storm the presidential palace in Bolivia Wednesday, before quickly retreating in an apparently failed attempt at a coup. Hours later, the general was taken into custody on live TV. Video on Bolivian TV showed security forces in riot gear occupying the main square in the administrative capital, La Paz, a camouflaged military vehicle ramming a palace door and soldiers trying to make their way into the building. Then, just as quickly as they had appeared, the general, Juan Jose Zuniga disappeared, and his supporters in the armed forces pulled back and were replaced by police officers supporting the country's

democratically elected president, Luis Arce. Arce ventured onto the plaza after calling on Bolivians "to organise and mobilise against the coup and in favour of democracy." "Long live the Bolivian people!" he shouted in a televised address. "Long live democracy!"

In all, the attempted afternoon incursion into the palace lasted just three hours. As time wore on, it became clear that Zuniga's plan had little support. Just before his arrest, Zuniga claimed, without providing evidence, that Arce had asked him to stage the coup attempt. "The prez told me," Zuniga said as TV cameras rolled, "the situation is really messed up, this week is going to be critical — so it's necessary to prepare

something that will raise my popularity." Moments later, the police whisked the general away in a truck. Afterward, a key minister in Arce's govt, Eduardo del Castillo, responded to the accusation by saying that Zuniga had "lost all credibility." Del Castillo added that nine people had suffered firearm injuries amid the chaos.

The office of Bolivia's attorney general said it had opened an investigation, adding that it would seek "the maximum punishment" for those responsible. Local news outlets previously reported that Zuniga was dismissed from his position this week, which some believed to be related to remarks he made about ex-prez Evo Morales, a mentor of Arce.

The coup bid came at a tense moment for Bolivia, a landlocked nation of 12 million people in South America. Bolivia's economy is struggling, and Arce has been accused of moves his critics call undemocratic, including the detention of opposition figure Luis Fernando Camacho and ex-prez Jeanine Anez ahead of 2025 elections.

Bolivia, a deeply polarised country, has had 190 coups throughout its 200 years of history. And much of the discontent among members of the military, analysts say, stems from the feeling that they end up defending the established order, only to be punished politically, or with jail time, for standing by that order once a new govt takes over. NYT

Brazil top court decriminalises pot possession for personal use

Brasilia: Brazil's Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that purchasing and possessing up to 40 grams of marijuana for personal use will no longer be a crime, though police can still seize the drug. Marijuana continues to be illegal in Brazil and its use in public places will still be prohibited. But a person caught using marijuana and possessing up to 40 grams — roughly enough for 80 joints — will not receive a criminal record and will just appear before a judge to hear a warning on the drug's dangers, it ruled. Police will, however, be able to arrest a person caught selling marijuana even if it is less than 40 grams, when there are clear signs of intent to sell it, the justices decided.

The verdict makes the nation of 203 million the largest to take such a measure and the latest sign of a growing global acceptance of the drug. More than 20 countries have now decriminalised or legalised recreational use of marijuana, most in Europe and the Americas.

The SC said its guidelines on private use of marijuana will stand until Congress passes legislation. Conservatives in Brazil's Congress are pushing a bill that would modify the constitution to criminalise any possession of marijuana. If lawmakers pass such a legislation, it would take precedence over the ruling but still can be challenged on constitutional grounds. AGENCIES

Elon Musk's SpaceX gets \$843m to help discard ISS around 2030

Sat debris force ISS astronauts to take cover

Washington: NASA awarded SpaceX \$843m to build a vehicle capable of pushing the International Space Station into Earth's atmosphere for its planned destruction around 2030, it said on Wednesday, a task originally meant for Russia's thrusters.

Under its new NASA contract, SpaceX will build what the space agency called the US Deorbit Vehicle to deorbit the ISS and avoid risks to populated areas, with NASA taking ownership of the craft and handling the deorbiting operation.

The football field-sized research lab, led primarily by the US and Russia, has been continuously staffed with govt astronauts during its some 24 years of operation, but its aging components have led NASA and its foreign partners to set 2030 as a planned retirement date.

The first segment of the ISS was launched in 1998. Weighing 430,000kg, ISS is by far the largest single structure ever built in space. Based on past observations of how other

satellites and spaceships. The US, Japan, Canada and the countries under the European Space Agency have committed to the space station partnership through 2030, while Russia has agreed to remain a partner through 2028, the date through which the Russian space agency Roscosmos believes its hardware can last. Russian thrusters maintain ISS's orbital altitude and US solar arrays keep its power running.

For after 2030, NASA has been funding early development of privately built space stations in low-Earth orbit to maintain US presence in the cosmic region, with Airbus and Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin involved in those efforts. AGENCIES

defunct Russian satellite has broken up into more than 100 pieces of debris in orbit, forcing astronauts on the ISS to take shelter for about an hour and adding to the mass of space junk already in orbit, US space agencies said. There were no immediate details on what caused the break-up of the RESURS-P1 Russian Earth observation satellite, which was declared dead in 2022. Russia space agency Roscosmos, which operated the satellite, is yet to comment. REUTERS

US SC blocks opioid settlement that gave immunity to Purdue co's Sackler family

Washington: The US Supreme Court on Thursday blocked OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma's bankruptcy settlement that would have shielded its wealthy Sackler family owners from lawsuits over their role in the nation's deadly opioid epidemic. The 5-4 decision reversed a lower court's ruling that had upheld the plan to give Purdue's owners immunity in exchange for paying up to \$6 billion to settle thousands of lawsuits accusing the firm of unlawful misleading marketing of OxyContin, a powerful pain medication introduced in 1996.



The deal had required the Sacklers to pay up to \$6 billion to settle thousands of lawsuits accusing the company of unlawful misleading marketing of OxyContin, a powerful pain medication introduced in 1996

The ruling represented a victory for Prez Biden's administration, which had challenged the settlement as an abuse of bankruptcy protections meant for debtors in financial distress, not people like the Sacklers who have not filed for bankruptcy. Conservative Justice Neil Gorsuch wrote

the ruling, which was joined by fellow conservative Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Amy Coney Barrett, as well as liberal Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson. "The Sacklers haven't filed for bankruptcy and have not placed virtually all their assets on the table for distribution to creditors, yet they seek what essentially amounts to a discharge," he wrote. Justice Brett Kavanaugh

wrote a dissenting opinion that was joined by fellow conservative Chief Justice John Roberts, and liberal Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan. "The decision is wrong on the law and devastating for more than 100,000 opioid victims and their families," he said.

Purdue filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 2019 to address its debts, nearly all of which stemmed from thousands of lawsuits alleging that OxyContin helped kickstart an opioid epidemic that has caused more than half a million US overdose deaths over two decades. At issue in the case was whether US bankruptcy law lets Purdue's restructuring include legal protections for members of the Sackler family, who have not filed for personal bankruptcy. The decision has broader implications for other bankruptcy settlements involving claims of mass injury. REUTERS & NYT

Illegal-marriage case: Imran, wife's jail terms upheld

Islamabad: A district and sessions court in Islamabad rejected Thursday jailed former PM Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi's appeal seeking suspension of their sentences in a case involving violation of Islamic law governing marriage, reports Omer Farooq Khan. On Feb 3, a trial court ruled that Imran's marriage to Bushra Bibi — his third wife — was solemnised without adhering to the stipulated iddat period. The couple was sentenced to seven years in jail. The petition was filed by Bushra Bibi's ex-husband, Khawar Fareed Maneka, alleging that his estranged wife did not wait three months, as required under Islamic law after divorce or a spouse's death, before marrying again. In response to the verdict, PTI functionaries protested outside Adiala jail, where a court had been set up for Imran's trial.

Le Pen threatens to challenge Macron's control on military

With just three days to go until France's landmark legislative election, far-right politician Marine Le Pen on Thursday raised the question of who would be in charge of the military if her party takes over the govt after the two-round balloting.

The early elections are plunging France into uncharted territory, and political scientists are scrambling to interpret how exactly Prez Macron and a PM who is hostile to most of his policies will share power if Le Pen's National Rally wins majority in the National Assembly. Macron has three years to serve out his term as prez.

Le Pen has repeatedly said that Jordan Bardella, her protégée, will lead France's next govt if their party wins. She suggested in an interview that Bardella, 28, will also take over at least

some decisions on France's defence and its armed forces. "Serving as a commander-in-chief of the armed forces is an honorary title for the president since it's the PM who actually pulls the strings," she said.

France's constitution states that "the President of the Republic is the head of the armed forces". However, the constitution also states that "the PM is responsible for national defence." Constitutional experts say the exact role of PM in foreign policy and defence appears to be subject to interpretation. Historian Jean Garrigues said "the president is the head of armed forces, (but) it's the PM who has the armed forces at his disposal". In practice, he said this means that "if the prez decided to send troops on the ground to Ukraine, the PM would be able to block this decision." AP



AROUND THE WORLD



PROTESTS IN KENYA CALL FOR PREZ TO QUIT: Kenyan police fired teargas at dozens of protesters in Nairobi and blocked off roads to the presidential palace on Thursday as crowds took to the streets nationwide, even after the president bowed to pressure to withdraw a tax hike bill. Crowds called for Prez William Ruto to step down

At \$1.9m, cover art of 'Philosopher's Stone' most valuable 'Harry Potter' item sold



Its illustrator was paid \$650 in 1997

New York this week. The year before the novel came out in 1997, its publisher, Bloomsbury, hired a 23-year-old from England who had just graduated from art school to design the book jacket, the auction house said. The artist, Thomas Taylor, would go on to establish the world's conception of Harry Potter, with his iconic round glasses and lightning bolt scar.

Maldives climate min held for 'performing black magic' on Muizzu, say reports

Police in the Maldives have arrested a state environment minister, officers said Thursday, with media in the country reporting she was accused of performing "black magic" on the president. Fatimath Shammaz Ali Saleem was arrested Sunday along with two others in Male, police said. She is in custody for a week pending investigations, officers added, without giving details. "There have been reports that Shammaz was arrested for performing black magic on President Mohamed Muizzu," said the Sun, a local media outlet.

Washington DC of today too hot for Lincoln: Wax statue melts, turns into a meme

What do you call a wax replica of a former president during an oppressive heatwave? A punchline waiting to happen. Originally installed at an elementary school in Washington, D.C., in Feb, the 6-foot wax version of the Lincoln Memorial was intended as a commentary on American monument culture.

Instead, it became a meme. As temperatures in the region neared triple digits over the weekend, the replica's head mostly melted off, turning the towering president into a droopy mess. People sharing the

photos online could relate. To them, Abraham Lincoln looked as if he were reacting to an annoying work email or sinking into a couch after a long day. Jokes and innuendo abounded about why he was leaning back.

The work's sculptor, Sandy Williams IV, said the online conversation highlighted something special about public art: It is open to interpretation, even when that interpretation is unexpected. The sculpture was not supposed to melt in the summer heat. Wicks are embedded into the wax, and viewers are invited



DROOPY MESS: (L) Abraham Lincoln's wax statue in friendly weather, and (R) the sculpture after a sweltering weekend in the Washington region. On Saturday, Baltimore's 101°F (38.3°C) broke 1988 record of 100°F (37.7°C)

to light one for a few minutes and collectively melt Lincoln over time. Williams said they used paraffin wax graded to withstand up to 140°F. Temperatures in the region did not reach those heights, but they did set records. On Saturday, Baltimore's high of 101°F broke the record of 100 set in 1988.

Because Williams has worked with wax for years, they would often joke that their pieces would eventually need to focus on the environment instead of history. "I didn't expect that point to be this past weekend," Williams said. The work's official title, "40 ACRES: Camp Barker", refers to a Civil War-era "contraband camp" that was in practice a Union refugee camp for formerly enslaved people. (Garrison Elementary School, where the replica was installed, was once the original site for Camp Barker.) But Williams could not be too upset if the memes enabled more people to see it. "My hope is with this viral viewing of the work, any segment of the population seeing it will have a moment to spend more time with it and get to know these deeper histories the work is trying to engage," he said. NYT