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AFTER 13 YEARS, A WORLD COUP: 17 yrs after winning the 1st T20 World Cup, 13 yrs after winning their 2nd ODI WC, and after 2 heartbreaking losses in the World Test Championship and ODI WC finals in 2023, India finally ended their title drought, edging out S Africa by 7 runs in a thriller that went down to the last over. Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, the 2 highest rungetters in T20Is, ended their int'l T20 careers. A look at the game, in all its swinging glory:

- India score 15 off the 1st over as Kohli races to 14 off 5 balls, but then tumble to 34/3
- Kohli goes into a shell as India rebuild, eventually gets to 50 off 48 balls – his slowest T20 half-ton ever. Doesn't hit a boundary from the 4th over to the 18th
- Promoted to No. 5, Axar Patel responds with a useful 47 off 31 balls but is brilliantly run out by SA keeper Quinton de Kock
- Shivam Dube contributes 27 off 16 balls even as Kohli accelerates at the death before falling for a 59-ball 76 – 1 more than his aggregate of 75 runs in 7 matches before the final
- India score 42 runs in the last 3 overs to finish

- at 176/7, the highest total in a T20 WC final
- Bumrah and Arshdeep strike to reduce SA to 12/2. Tristan Stubbs and de Kock counter-attack, and Heinrich Klaasen slams 52 off 33 balls. Needing 30 to win off 30 balls with 6 wickets in hand, SA seem set for victory. But Hardik Pandya dismisses Klaasen and India begin to extract victory from the jaws of defeat
- Bumrah (2/18) and Arshdeep (2/21) bowl superbly at the death. Pandya, booed throughout the IPL, has to defend 16 in the final over
- Suryakumar Yadav pulls off an unbelievable catch to dismiss David Miller. Rabada swings lustily but it's a Bridge(town) too far for SA



THIS WORLD IS ENOUGH

“It's the stuff of dreams. One day you feel like you can't get a run and then this happens. God is great....It was my last T20 match for India...Time for the next generation to take the game forward – Kohli”



Fitting Farewell For Coach Dravid

Rahul Dravid, who never won a World Cup in a distinguished career as a player, finally bagged a title in his last outing as Team India coach. He leaves with a superb track record:

	Won	Lost	Tied	Draw/ NR	Success	
Tests	24	14	7	0	3	58.3%
ODIs	53	36	14	0	3	72.0%
T20Is	71	52	16	2#	1	75.7%

India won both tied matches in super overs

SKY IS NOT THE LIMIT

Catches win matches, goes the maxim. This one won the World Cup. With SA needing 16 in 6 balls, Miller hit Hardik for what looked like a sure sixer till Suryakumar Yadav (SKY) ran full tilt, grabbed the ball, lobbed it into the air as he went over the ropes, and then stepped back to complete a catch that became an instant legend. A couple of inches literally made all the difference for India and SA

FULL COVERAGE | P 23 & 25

“CHAMPIONS!” Our team brings the T20 World Cup home in STYLE! We are proud of the Indian Cricket Team. This match was HISTORIC – PM Narendra Modi

5 soldiers in tank swept away in Ladakh floods

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Five Army soldiers drowned when their tank got stuck after a flash flood in Shyok river in the Daulat Beg Oldie (DBO) region of eastern Ladakh, which is near the Line of Actual Control with China, late on Friday night.



A file photo of Indian tanks in Pangong Tso region of Ladakh

The Russian-origin T-72 main-battle tank, which had a crew of one junior commissioned officer (JCO) and four jawans, was 'de-inducting' from a military exercise when the mishap occurred while fording the river near Saser Brangsa due to "a sudden increase in the water level" around midnight. "Rescue teams, including combat engineers in boats, rushed to the location. But the soldiers could not be saved due to the

strong current in the river. All bodies were later recovered," an officer said. The 52 Armoured Regiment soldiers who died were identified as MRK Reddy (JCO), Subhan Khan, Bhumendra Negi, Ekeidaung Teibam & Sadarbania Nagaraju.

► Drill at night, P 18

NEET: CBI arrests scribe in Jharkhand, Bihar 'link'

Abhijit Sen & Kalyan Das | TNN

Hazaribag/Dehradun: A journalist from Jharkhand's Hazaribag and another suspect in Uttarakhnad's Dehradun, believed to be linked to the accused in Bihar, have been arrested by CBI over the NEET leak even as the agency took remand of other accused in Bihar and Gujarat, report Abhijit Sen & Kalyan Das.

Journalist Md Jamaludin, 35, was taken into custody Friday for allegedly helping Ehsanul Haque, principal of Hazaribag's Oasis School and district

coordinator for National Testing Agency Haque and vice-principal Intiaz Alam are in CBI net. Jamaludin, Haque and Alam were taken to Patna, where they were sent to CBI custody for 5 days, sources said.

Jamaludin, a journalist-cum-ad executive with a local paper, allegedly tried to help Haque and Alam, they said.

► Leak suspect held, P 18



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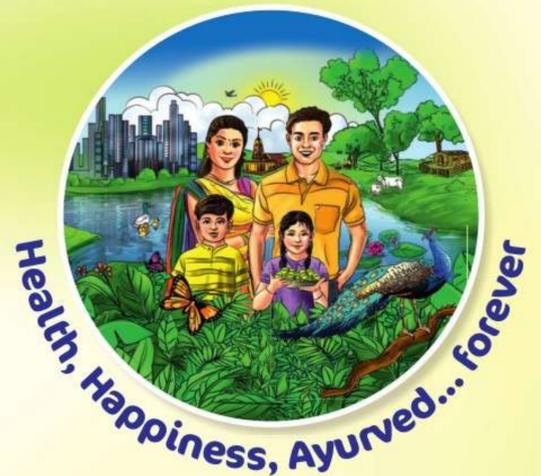


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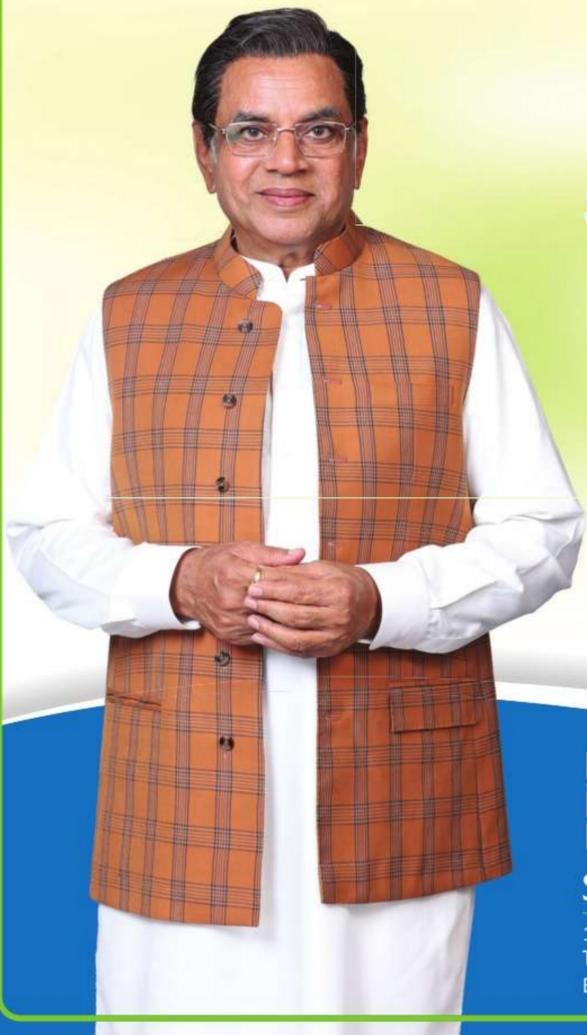


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Shah Holds Meet On Waterlogging, Plan May Take 4 Years

Atul Mathur & Siddhanta Mishra | TNN

New Delhi: Heavy downpour and subsequent waterlogging on Friday has brought focus back on the need to overhaul the city's drainage system. Union home minister Amit Shah held a meeting with senior Delhi officials on Saturday to discuss the issue of waterlogging and find a solution to the nagging problem that returns to haunt the people of the city every time it rains heavily.

While Shah directed the officials to maintain inter-department coordination, complete desilting of drains at the earliest and take temporary measures to solve local problems, officials maintained that the city will have to deal with waterlogging unless the city gets a new drainage system. They, however, agreed that it will take at least 4 years to put in place the new drainage set up that suits the requirement of the ever-growing population in both urban areas as well as the unplanned colonies of Delhi.

Delhi chief secretary Naresh Kumar said the city has been divided in three parts - Najafgarh basin, Barapullah basin and Trans-Yamuna basin - and consultants have already been appointed to prepa-

re the drainage plan for each of them. "We are likely to get the report by March next year and once approved, it will take at least three years for modify the city's drainage system as per the new plan," Kumar said.

There are multiple agencies in Delhi that manage the city's big and small drains while the high court has called for a single agency to look after them. With the current design of the drainage system, which was put in place almost 50 years ago in 1976, Delhi can easily drain only 50mm of rain in a day. However, the city came to its knees whenever it witnessed massive intense rains. On Friday, Delhi saw 228mm of rainfall

and almost the entire city got submerged. In 2023, 153mm of rainfall was recorded on July 9 and 107.3mm on July 10, which led to widespread waterlogging across the city resulting in long traffic jams.

It was in 2009 that the then LG Tejendra Khanna had directed the civic bodies to prepare a master plan for the watershed and drainage system. The project was given to IIT-Delhi in 2012. Almost five years since the report was submitted in 2018, a modern drainage master plan continues to evade the capital.

Retired IAS officer Ramesh Negi, who worked in MCD, Delhi Jal Board and Delhi govt's urban develop-

ment department said the city's faulty drainage system was the making of everyone. "More than half of the city is unplanned. Go to the unauthorised colonies and villages and you will find the drains choked with garbage and construction waste. In posh localities such as Civil Lines, which was flooded after the Yamuna spilled over, Panchsheel, Hauz Khas and all others, drains have been covered to park vehicles," Negi said. "I don't blame the govt agencies. I blame the citizens for this problem," he added.

Former additional director general in central public works department, MCT Pareva, who served in the irrigation and flood control department of Delhi govt twice as chief engineer, said the first spell of rain always leads to waterlogging. "Most drains are covered and difficult to clean. Also, our engineers are not trained to deal with the situation when it rains so much. The disaster management teams should conduct a drill before the monsoon to check if the system is fine," Pareva said.

While he also advocated for a new drainage master plan for Delhi, Pareva said if the 1976 plan is properly implemented, the problem of waterlogging won't occur.



A DAY AFTER THE RAIN: Sludge-filled Aurobindo Marg



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FILTHY WORK DAMAGING & DAMNING!

New Delhi: In an era where technology can be expected to do most work, the capital of India's civic authorities have turned the clock back by getting manual scavengers to remove the muck from drains. Workers in orange safety vests arrived at Vinod Nagar in east Delhi and proceeded to shatter the pavements on the service lane of the Delhi-Meerut expressway. They then descended into the murky depths and began shovelling out the accumulated silt.

Deshraj, Rohit, Gulshan, Vinod, Sumit



Photos: Anindya Chattopadhyay



Delhi-Meerut e-way near Vinod Nagar in east Delhi

and Chand, all residents of Trilokpuri and Jal Vihar, identified as most labourers are by just their first names, have been tasked to clear the stormwater drain by their contractor and will continue their assignment for three months. Sumit proudly proclaimed, "I am reputed for sewage clearing. It's become my calling card."

Deshraj toiled beneath the fractured pavement, stooping uncomfortably in the 2 ft tall drain, scooping out the muck and passing them to his colleagues outside. Vinod expressed his apprehensions, saying, "We can't work in a bent posture in the drain for extended periods. Machine sey pani nikalna chahiye, hum to katori sey pani nikalte hain." For their exertions from 9am to 6pm, the six men receive a daily remuneration of Rs 500 from their contractor, whom Rohit mentioned was hired by the Public Works Department.

Nihal Singh, a resident of West Vinod Nagar, was aghast to see the destruction required for the crucial task of preventing flooding of the drains. "It's truly agonising to witness the ravaged pavements where we frequently come for evening strolls," he sighed.

Following the heaviest downpour in June in 88 years on Friday, the orange-clad men were in a rush on Saturday to finish desilting that particular stretch. And although manual scavenging has been banned in India, the practice continues. Urban local bodies and private contractors employ people to manually clear clogged sewers and drains of mud, waste and plastic bags.

Bodies of 3 labourers retrieved in Vasant Vihar

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New Delhi: After a 24-hour-long operation, teams from Delhi Fire Service (DFS) and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) retrieved the bodies of three labourers who fell into a pit for basement at an under-construction building in south Delhi's Vasant Vihar on Friday.

A senior DFS officer said two bodies were recovered around 9 am on Saturday, and the third one was retrieved 20 minutes later. The pit had been dug up to construct the basement of a building in B block of Vasant Vihar.

The bodies of Santosh Pal (19), Santosh Ram (19), and Daya Ram (45), all natives of Bihar, have been recovered, a police officer said.

Santosh, a resident of Araria village

who studied up till class10, had come to Delhi just a month before the accident to earn a living and send money back home, said Dilkhush, his friend. "At the construction site, he was hired to cut iron bars as a daily wage labourer. He wanted to give a good life to his family, but sadly he died," he added.

The firefighters said that the labourers had set up 3-4 temporary shelters (jhuggis) right on the edge of the pit for basement was dug up. Due to heavy rain, trees, as well as these shelters, fell inside the pit due to the mud underneath sliding because of the rain.

Other labourers present on the site informed TOI that though three bodies have been recovered; they were not the only ones who fell into the pit. A middle-aged man and a woman had also fallen

into the pit, but they grabbed the branch of a tree that fell inside and managed to survive. However, another shelter right above the basement, in which the security guard was living, didn't fall.

The officer said that the major challenge in this rescue operation was to pump out all the water from the dug-up basement to retrieve the bodies. Since the water had filled up to 12 feet, more than 6-8 fire units were used by DFS to pump out the water, and subsequently, MCD also pumped out water. With the help of NDRF, the bodies could be retrieved, he added.

Another challenge was removing the semi-solid mud slush for med due to the debris of the material used by the labourers to build their makeshift shelters, the officer added.

4 boys drown in city, man electrocuted

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In the incident at the Samaypur Badli underpass, bodies of the two boys were fished out at 4:15 pm on Saturday after the police responded to a call at 2:25 pm. "Upon reaching the spot, we found that the underpass near the metro had approximately 2.5-3 feet of water," the officer said.

One of the deceased was identified as a resident of Sirasapur while the other remains unidentified. Proceedings under Section 174 of CrPC have been initiated.

In other incidents, two boys had drowned in a ditch in northeast Delhi's New Usmanpur while a 40-year-old man was electrocuted in Prem Nagar, north-west Delhi, on Friday.

Meanwhile, bodies of three labourers were finally recovered from a pit in Vasant Vihar on Saturday morning, more than 24 hours after they got buried in mud because of a mishap at a construction site.

On Friday, a canopy at the forecourt of Terminal 1 at IGI Airport had collapsed, leaving a cabbie dead and eight injured.



Sarita Vihar Underpass still choked after Friday's heavy rain

Govt seeks permanent solution to waterlogging

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi urban development minister Saurabh Bharadwaj on Saturday visited several rain-affected areas in East Kidwai Nagar and Golf Links and coordinated with various departments to address the issue of waterlogging.

Delhi govt, in a statement, said that despite these areas falling under New Delhi Municipal Council, Bharadwaj called for a permanent solution to fix the waterlogging problem. He also discussed the overflow in Barapullah drain with the officials of various central govt departments.

"Bharadwaj received information from Golf Links that water had entered people's homes due to heavy rain and waterlogging. A team was sent from the chief minister's office

to the spot and the waterlogging was cleared by calling the NDMC staff. Water was removed by 4am," said the statement.

It added that Bharadwaj visited Golf Links and took stock of the situation and found that the problem had been temporarily resolved. "To find a permanent solution, the minister had an extensive discussion with the officers of all departments concerned. He instructed the departments to provide an effective solution so that the problem does not recur," said the govt, adding that Bharadwaj also visited Barapullah drain and discussed cleaning of drain with the staff present there.

Officials said complaints of waterlogging were reported from East Kidwai Nagar also where vehicles were submerged in water in the parking lot and lifts had to be closed.



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LG asks agencies to carry out desilting on war footing

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A day after LG VK Saxena issued instructions to officials to deal with flooding that occurred due to heavy rainfall and backflow from choked drains, he inspected some of the most severely affected drains and areas on Saturday. He directed the agencies concerned to carry out the desilting on a war footing.

LG also asked officials to put in place a comprehensive plan comprising long-term measures to deal with the problems of waterlogging rather than dealing with the issue in a "crisis management mode".

According to Raj Niwas officials, Saxena directed the agencies to make the water drainage system foolproof to avert the recurrence of

such incidents in future. Officials said LG expressed displeasure that none of the major drains were desilted and cleaned in the run-up to the monsoon preparations and this led to heavy waterlogging in several parts of the city. He also noticed encroachment along the drains and asked authorities to remove them immediately. Some of the drains that LG visited included Taimur Nagar, Barapullah drain, ITPO, Tilak Bridge, Kushak Nullah, Golf Links and Bharti Nagar.

Saxena was accompanied by chief secretary Naresh Kumar, who also holds the charge of NDMC chairman, MCD commissioner Ashwani Kumar, PWD principal secretary A Anbarasu and other senior officials. Union minister and East Delhi



LG said a comprehensive plan be drafted

MP Harsh Malhotra and New Delhi MP Bansuri Swaraj also accompanied LG during the visit in their respective areas.

Raj Niwas officials said LG first inspected the Taimur Nagar drain and found it heavily by a huge quan-

ty of silt and garbage deposit that prevented the water from flowing down. He later went to ITPO and Tilak Bridge drains, both owned and maintained by PWD, where he found similar conditions. Clogged drains due to garbage and debris resulted in backflow of water and flooded the entire stretch around ITPO, the LG office said.

Saxena also visited Kushak Nallah opposite Dyal Singh College, Golf Links drain and Bharti Nagar where locals complained

of choked drains and sewer lines. "LG directed NDMC officials to immediately get desilting of drains done and deploy additional pumps as and when required to clear waterlogging in case of heavy rain," said an official. "He also directed of-

officials to deploy additional pumps at the chronic waterlogging sites to prevent waterlogging and flooding. LG warned that any negligence will be viewed seriously and action will be taken against the erring officials," the official added.

Raj Niwas, in a press statement, said LG also expressed displeasure over the garbage dumped in all drains and issued instructions for its removal within four days and submission of photographic and video evidence.

"Since day one of assuming office, LG has accorded topmost priority to monsoon preparedness to ensure people are not inconvenienced due to waterlogging, flooding, overflowing drains and falling of trees," Raj Niwas added.



Tunnel Vision: Drainage Was Overlooked

Transit Corridor Got Filled With Rainwater After Silt In Drain 12A Blocked Flow On Friday

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New Delhi: The age-old adage of haste makes waste encapsulates the quandary of the subterranean Pragati Maidan transit corridor, where expedited construction has resulted in complications that persistently inconvenience commuters. On Friday, the heavy rainfall caused rainwater to accumulate in low-lying areas on the slip road of Mathura Road, along which are located VIP bungalows. The natural outfall is into two drains: the regulator drain No. 12A and a smaller drain near Bhairon Mandir. Both connect with a larger drain managed by Delhi govt's irrigation & flood control department.

The silt in drain No. 12A obstructed the flow of water from Mathura Road, Supreme Court area and Tilak Bridge, resulting in a backflow. The water was dumped into the main tunnel, causing accumulation from both the basement and above. "While the Bhairon Marg drain was working fine, drain No. 12A caused a discharge problem. We have written to the municipal corporation on the lack of silting," claimed a PWD official.

Despite measures taken after last year's floods, such as installing CCTV cameras and constructing roadside drains on Mathura Road, the

TOO MANY AGENCIES AT WORK



Pragati Maidan tunnel after Friday's rain

Pragati Maidan tunnel opened in 2022	Cost ₹777 crore
First flooding reported in 2023	Project is still incomplete
Legal notice sent to contractor in Feb 2024	
Expert committee formed in March	
Report submitted to LG in April	

area still experienced waterlogging. PWD had worked on desilting and redesigning of the stormwater drain on Mathura Road recently. A five-member PWD committee formed in March submitted a report in April about the

area's problems, but govt agencies didn't take any steps to prevent or manage the waterlogging in and or-

und the tunnel before the rainy season began.

The expert report determined that one of the reasons for the waterlogging was the involvement of two different agencies working on different components of the Pragati Maidan complex redevelopment. The tunnel network, connected with Bharat Mandapam managed by ITPO, experiences significant water infiltration from the underground parking ramps and branch tunnels after every spell of rain leading to frequent closure of the tunnel. PWD, responsible for managing the transit network, attributes the problem to the incomplete drainage system within the Bharat Mandapam campus.

Among the suggestion made by the expert committee in its report, dumping of water by civic authorities, mainly NDMC, around the tunnel was a major problem and should be stopped. An NDMC official countered, "This is just a blame game. It is PWD itself which resorts to dumping rainwater inside the tunnel."

The high-level report also highlighted the need for a new drain around the tunnel, in addition to the two existing drains.

A PWD official maintained, "While the tunnel project progressed ahead, the redevelopment of the campus was slow and ITPO misma-

naged proper drainage construction work inside it. There is a drain but it is in parts, so whenever there is rain or leakage of water it seeps through walls, ramps inside the main tunnel. Despite numerous communications sent to ITPO urging them to address the issue on priority, no action has been taken."



A new drain is being constructed around the tunnel, as per the panel's recommendation

The walls of the parking lot at Pragati Maidan have shown signs of severe seepage during the recent rains and the underpasses of the transit network have been temporarily closed for repairs. The tunnel was again closed for traffic on Friday as PWD worked to clear out the accumulated water.

An ITPO official responded to a query with: "ITPO is managing its campus in an utmost professional manner. There is no source of water accumulation on the part of ITPO. The fault in this case does not lie with ITPO. Rather we are at the receiving end."

Bouncer shot six times at market by two on a bike, dies

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Gurgaon: A 24-year-old bouncer with a local club was shot dead in the middle of a crowded market in the city on Friday night by two bike-borne men.

Anuj Dayama, who lived in Kadarapur village, was having juice in his car at Ullawas market when the two assailants — wearing T-shirts of a food delivery app and online grocery store — crashed into the vehicle from behind around 8.45pm, police said. No sooner did he come out to check what had happened, he was fired at. As Anuj started to run to save himself, the two attackers chased him down the road for around 100 metres, firing at him almost a dozen times.

Six bullets hit Anuj. Four bullets pierced his body while two scraped past his arm.

Footage from CCTV cameras installed in the market shows a youth in a black T-shirt — Anuj — running through the market crowd. As two men in red and yellow tees chase him, Anuj crashes into a tin shed and slumps to the ground. The attacker in the yellow T-shirt fires at him first, while his accomplice joins him after a few seconds.

Anuj's father Ranbir Singh lodged a police complaint. He said his son was returning home to Kadarapur village from

HBR Chowk along with his uncle when he was attacked.

"At the market, Anuj was sitting in his car and drinking juice while my brother was buying fruits at a nearby stall. Two youths crashed their bike into Anuj's car from behind. When he came out, they started to fire at him. My son tried to flee, but the assailants caught up with him and

Anuj Dayama was having juice in his car at Ullawas market when the two assailants crashed into the vehicle and shot him

pumped six bullets into him. He was taken to a hospital, where he succumbed to injuries during treatment," Singh said in his complaint.

An FIR was lodged against the unknown attackers under sections 302 (murder), 34 (common intent) and other relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code. A senior police officer said that they were scanning CCTV footage to identify the attackers. The cops are also tracing Anuj's criminal antecedents, cops said.

"We have come across three FIRs against Anuj as well. We are analysing them to find out if the attack on him was the result of some old enmity," an officer said.

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An anti-caste library that seeks to bridge gaps battles rain

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New Delhi: The torrential downpour on Friday hit an event called Pride organised by the Community Library Project in Khirki Extension, Malviya Nagar. The rain damaged the space and the books, the anti-caste library's crown jewels. The rainwater resulted in a claimed loss of Rs 10 lakh for the unique library.

"We were shocked to see the rainwater destroying the books and the furniture," exclaimed Mausam, 24, deputy director of the library. "Luckily, we were closed on Fridays so no members came and we had some hours to clean the space. We were planning a 'Pride' workshop on Saturday, but the rain damage meant we had to cancel it," said a regretful Mausam.

With the rains having damaged some books, members of the initiative are seeking do-



With the rain having damaged books, members of the initiative are seeking donations in the form of books and cash to return to normalcy

nations in the form of books and cash to help them return to normalcy. Those who are willing to help can access the website of the Community Library Project-Khirki Extension.

The library, with its motto of 'Hum Nahi Toh Kaun aur Ab Nahi Toh Ka', reflects the

fervour of the youth who run the programme, driven by a strong anti-caste ethos. It provides free access to over 10,000 books and a variety of educational programmes and creates a vital bridge between the community library and the populace.



Photos: Piyal Bhatnagar

Mausam said, "We are an anti-caste, people's initiative. We believe all people should have access to books and education. Approximately 200 people come here every day. We have three branches, one in South Extension and another in Gurgaon."

The library, she declares, is owned by the community itself. "We only run it," said Mausam. "We come from a leadership development programme in which a member learns librarian skills and leadership skills and then takes charge of the library."

Simpzy, 23, director, added, "Members have to commit to giving four hours a week to the library. There are two ty-

pes of groups in leadership development, one below the age of 18 years and another above it. Everyone chips in and does his or her bit in ensuring the library functions smoothly."

Asked how someone can become a member of the library, trustee and community organiser Sumit, 27, said, "The admission form includes basic details of the applicants, but it is important to adhere to our code of conduct. No fees or documents are needed." Mausam added, "We cater to those who want to learn English, Hindi and basics of reading and writing."

Sumit said, "This is a first-generation library. No one in the benefactor's family has gone to college. There are multiple barriers for many people getting into a college. I got my degree through an open college because there was no one to tell me I could go to a regular college. It is because of this we have a programme called 'College Ka Haq', which encourages members to access information on education. We are running this space because we know our community has been excluded from educa-

tion and healthcare and has been excluded from everything else. So, a place like this library needs to exist if only to make sure that they are welcomed there in a space where they can seek and get equality."

The members of the collective went on to add that they had started an e-library called 'Duniya Sabki' during Covid to enable the flow of

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formation for the community during the lockdown phase. "First, we started on WhatsApp and connected all the members. We used to create videos so that people wouldn't get disconnected from us," said Simpzy. "We also provided information related to Covid to them. From there, we conceptualised and began operating our e-library."

The members of the library are clear. They want free space from govt for similar efforts. "The rent we have to spend on a library can instead be spent on books and other facilities," one of the members declared.

Chaos on at AI: 36 flights cancelled, 40 get delayed

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New Delhi: Flight were impacted for the second day at Delhi Airport after the operations at Terminal-1 were suspended indefinitely on Friday. Over 36 flights were cancelled on Saturday and over 40 were delayed.

IndiGo cancelled 23 flights and SpiceJet two at T-1 on Saturday till 6.30 pm. Six IndiGo flights were cancelled at T-2 and one each of IndiGo and Alliance airlines at T-3 till Saturday evening.

After the operations at Terminal-1 were suspended, all departures and arrivals of IndiGo were shifted to both T-2 and T-3, while operations of SpiceJet were moved to T-2. Only domestic flights of IndiGo and SpiceJet operate from T-1, averaging 200 flights a day including arrivals and departures.

Passengers claimed that they received messages about the delay. Ayushman, who had booked a flight from Kolkata to New Delhi, said, "My flight on Saturday was initially scheduled to arrive at T-1, but I was informed that it will now land at T-2."

The service at Delhi airport was hit after the canopy at the forecourt of Terminal-1 at Indra Gandhi International Airport collapsed around 5 am on Friday, killing one and injuring eight people. Soon after the incident, the departure at T-1 was suspended. While arrivals continued till 10.30 am, it was then shifted to other terminals.

The canopy, spanning from departure gates 1 to 2, collapsed due to heavy rain. Due to this incident, the new T-1 building, which was expected to become operational by next month, may be affected as they both have a common ramp, said airport officials.

Though the newly constructed and expanded T-1 was inaugurated in March, it is yet to become operational. The expanded T-1 can serve 40 million passengers per annum, more than double its previous capacity. The overall area of the expanded T-1 has been tripled from earlier 55,740 sqm to 206,950 sqm.

3 kids who died in Noida wall collapse had come on vacation

Noida: A five-year-old boy injured in the wall collapse in Greater Noida's Surajpur on Friday night is on ventilator support. Four other injured kids are stable, but under observation.

Three children — the youngest of them just 2 years old — died and five were injured after the wall collapsed on them around 7.45 pm in Khodna Kalan village. It was not immediately clear if the wall came crashing down because of rain or if substandard material was used to build it. The wall had been built around a plot where a local resident — Saghir — was constructing a house.

Police said all eight kids who were buried under the rubble were Saghir's grandsons and had come to his house for the summer vacation. The three kids who died were Ahad (4), Alfiza (2) and Adil (8). The injured are identified as Ayesha (16) and Sameer (15), Hussain (5), Sohna (12) and Wasil (11).

Ayesha and Sameer are Saghir's children. Hussain, with critical injuries to the head, is on life support.

Saghir told TOI his son, daughter, and nephew had come to his house along with their families for the summer vacation around 10 days ago. TNN

Take steps to utilise rainwater, DMRC told

New Delhi: National Green Tribunal (NGT) has asked DMRC to complete the work connecting viaduct spans to the central median with outlet pipes to facilitate recharging of groundwater as per the timeline of Aug 31.

TOI had earlier reported in Feb this year that DMRC has identified 961 viaduct spans where outlet water pipes will be connected to the central median and into the ground to facilitate recharging of groundwater. DMRC informed NGT said the budget for the exercise would be Rs 89.5 lakh and it is expected to be completed by Aug 31.

"We pointed out to DMRC that work of taken of down take pipe along with storage depth is comprehensive and integrated, therefore, nothing should be left to any other authority and entire work should be undertaken and discharged by DMRC itself," said NGT, adding, "We permit DMRC to proceed accordingly, and complete work as per above timeline." NGT observed that the system of rainwater harvesting pits for utilization of rainwater along metro lines across the country needs to be undertaken in the same manner by all concerned agencies as there is lot of depletion of groundwater as well as surface water particularly in scarcity. TNN

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Admin), South 24 Parganas
New Administrative Building (6th Floor) 12, Bipalabi Kanai Bhattacharjee Sarani, Alipore, Kolkata-700027

e-TENDER NOTICE
Notice inviting e-Tender by the undersigned for procurement of Microtrainters/Insecticide/Fungicides vide e-NIT No. WB/SOUTH 24 PGS/DDA(ADMN)/NIT-02/2024-25, Dated: 28/06/2024. For details visit the website: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> upto 10:00 hrs. For further details following site may be visited <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- Chandan Paul, Deputy Director of Agriculture (Admin), South 24 Parganas. ICA-110112(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
E-tender is invited by the Commissioner of Police Kolkata for 1) "Construction of 104 e-tenders in Resentment of Forty Thousand (40,000) litres capacity for storage drinking water supplied by K.M.C. within the compound of Narkeldanga Police Housing Estate, Kolkata-700009, during the year 2024-25." 2) "Construction of Child Friendly corner construction toilet attached to Addl. OC's room, repairing & renovation of Addl. OC's room and Addl. OC's rest room and painting of Western side Boundary wall of Muchipara Police Station, Kolkata, during the year 2024-25." The last date of submission of bids is 16/07/2024 upto 15:00 hours. The NIT Documents and other details will be available in the website: [www.wbtdenders.gov.in](https://wbtdenders.gov.in) Sd/- for Commissioner of Police, Kolkata. ICA-110117(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
P.W. (Roads) TENDER NOTICE
EE, Cooch Behar Divn., P.W. (Roads) Dte. invites online e-tender for the work of 1) Emergent potholes and patch repair work at Dhalpal - Natabari road from Ch. 1.50 km to 4.50 km under Cooch Behar Highway Sub-Division-II under Cooch Behar Highway Division, P.W.(Roads) Directorate in the district of South 24 Parganas during the year 2024-25. NIT No. 02(E) of 2024-25, (SI No. 1), Estimated Amount: Rs. 24,42,837.00, Tender ID: 2024_SH_701115_1. 2) Urgent protection of embankment between 0.00 km and 1.00 km of Hazrat Nayaahat Road of Mathabanga Highway Sub-Division under Coochbehar Highway Division in the district of Coochbehar. NIT No. 02(E) of 2024-25, (SI No. 2), Estimated Amount: Rs. 34,01,699.00, Tender ID: 2024_SH_701115_2. Bid submission Start date (online): 01/07/2024 from 9:00 A.M. Bid submission closing date (online): 15/07/2024 upto 06:00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender documents may be downloaded from: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer, Cooch Behar Highway Division, Cooch Behar. ICA-110165(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
NleQ No. PHE/NTK/SE/NleO-01/2024-2025 is invited by the Superintendent Engineer New Town Kolkata W/S Circle, PHE Dte. Details information about the tender will be available in the website - [www.wbtdenders.gov.in](https://wbtdenders.gov.in) as well as in the office notice board ICA-110115(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
Enit-04/2024-2025/EE/DWSO/PHE DTE. Tender Publication Date: 27/06/2024 at 18.30 Hrs. Bid submission date online on-24/07/2024 upto 18.30 PM. For any kind of details are available in website- wbtdenders.gov.in and wbtdenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Durgapur W/S Division, PHE Dte. ICA-110170(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
P.W.D. TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, Nadia Division, invites online e-tender for the work of Sl. 1 "Annual maintenance and repair of Civil works for all Government Residential buildings under the jurisdiction of Krishnagar Sub-Division, P.W.D. during the year 2024-25" Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_700851_1 Sl. 2 "Annual maintenance and repair of Civil works for all Government Non-Residential buildings under the jurisdiction of Krishnagar Sub-Division, P.W.D. during the year 2024-25" Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_700851_2 Sl. 3 "Annual maintenance and repair of Sanitary and Plumbing works of residential bungalow under the jurisdiction of Krishnagar Sub-Division, P.W.D. during the year 2024-25" Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_700851_3 Sl. 4 "Annual maintenance and repair of Sanitary and Plumbing works for all Government Residential buildings under the jurisdiction of Krishnagar Sub-Division, P.W.D. during the year 2024-25" Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_700851_4 Sl. 5 "Annual maintenance and repair of Sanitary and Plumbing works for all Government Non-Residential buildings under the jurisdiction of Krishnagar Sub-Division, P.W.D. during the year 2024-25" Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_700851_5 Sl. 6 "Periodical repair and maintenance of Sanitary and Plumbing works of different Government offices within Collectorate Compound at Krishnagar, Nadia under Nadia Division, P.W.D. during the year 2024-2025" Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_700851_6 Sl. 7 "Periodical repair and maintenance of Sanitary and Plumbing works of different buildings inside and outside of Krishnagar District Correctional Home under Nadia Division, P.W.D. in the District of Nadia during the year 2024-2025" Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_700851_7 Sl. 8 "Annual repairing and maintenance work of different Government Offices within Collectorate compound at Krishnagar, Nadia Division, P.W.D. during the year 2024-2025" Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_700851_8 Sl. 9 "Annual maintenance and repair of Sanitary and Plumbing works of all non-residential buildings under the jurisdiction of Plassey Sub-Division, P.W.D. during the year 2024-2025" Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_700851_9 Bid submission start date (online) 26/06/2024 from 06:30 P.M. Bid submission end date (online) 08/07/2024 upto 11:00 A.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T. and Tender documents may be downloaded from: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer, Nadia Division, P.W.D. ICA-110132(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
HALDIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
City Centre, P.O. Debhog, Haldia Dist. Purba Medinipur, PIN-721657
Toll Free No. 1800-345-3224
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
No. 04/HDA/EC-ELECT/2024-25
Online (E-Tender) tender in a two bid system is hereby invited for "SUPPLY (TECHNICAL) INSTALLATION ANNUAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF 12KVA, 415V, 3PH GREEN DIESEL GENERATOR (SOUND PROOF) FOR TWO YEARS AT HALDIA BHAWAN." Estimated Cost of work: rate to be quoted by the bidder. Documents downloading date: 28/06/24 to 17/07/24 upto 18:00 p.m. Starting date of bid submission: 05/07/2024 at 5.00 p.m. Last date of online bid submission: 12/07/2024 upto 1:30 p.m. Information in details is available in the office and in the website of HDA: www.hda.gov.in Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, HDA. ICA-110135(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
P.W.D. TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, P.W.Dte., Kolkata Executive Division, invites e-tender for the work of "Checking, repairing and maintenance of all sorts of Electrical Installation of B. Co. Road, Kolkata under Assembly House Electrical Sub-Division, P.W.D for 12 months" Vide e-tender no. WBPWD/EE/KED/EE-NIQ-1.0/24-25. Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_701485_1. Bid submission end date is 11.07.2024 upto 12.00 P.M. Details of NIT and Tender documents are available at the website: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- Superintendent Engineer, P.W.D., Northern Electrical Circle Malda ICA-110154(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Admin), Birbhum
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
No. AGR/BIR/DDA(ADMN)/ENIT-01/2024-25
(<https://wbtdenders.gov.in>)
Supply of Plant Protection chemicals & Micro Nutrients under different schemes during the FY. 2024-25 for Birbhum district. Last date of application for submission of online bid is 06.07.24. Details of advertisement are available at the O/D DDA(Admin), Birbhum at www.wbtdenders.gov.in Sd/- Director of Agriculture, West Bengal ICA-110111(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
Tender ID: 2024_PHEd_701728_1 to 8 A/E/MMSD, P.H.E. Dte. Invites NIT (Online) No-6 of 2024-25, Tender ref. no. WBPHE/AE/MMSD-1/NIT-6 of 2024-25, Tender id: 2024_PHEd_701728_1 to 8 for work under M.M.D., P.H.E. Dte. Bid submission end date: 15.07.2024 at 18:00 p.m. Details may be downloaded from <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- AE/MMSD, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-110168(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Gangasagar Bakkhal Development Authority
Gangasagar, Sagor, Pin-743606
No. EG, BDA, 85/2024-25
Dated: 25.06.2024
(E-Auction of Bakkhal picnic ground) published on 25.06.2024. Bid submission start date (online) 26.06.2024 at 09 hrs. Closing date of online bid for e-tender: 16.07.2024 at 15:00 hrs. Detailed information available in the website: www.wbtdenders.gov.in and www.wbtdenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, EG, BDA. ICA-110124(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, Central Mechanical Division, PHE Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No. PHE/COMD/ENIT-02/24-25 and a/c ID: 25/2024_WBPWD_700721_1 for Operation and Guarding of pumping machinery (Manual and Automatic Operation) including all allied electro-mechanical components installed at different W/S Scheme in the district of Purba Bardhaman Division, under CMD, PHE Dte. Details will be available in the Website wbtdenders.gov.in The last date for submission of tender is 18.07.2024 upto 16:30 P.M. Hours. Sd/- The Executive Engineer, Central Mechanical Division, PHE Dte. ICA-110169(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
P.W.D. TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, P.W.Dte., Kolkata Executive Division, invites e-tender for the work of "Repairing and maintenance work over the damaged surface in stretch between Km 3.500 to Km 5.5000 on N.H.- 512 of Balurghat NH Sub Division under N.H. Division No. VII, P.W. (Roads) Directorate in the District of Malda & Dakshin Dinajpur during the year 2024-2025. Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_701580_1. Bid submission closing date 13.07.2024 upto 3.30 pm. Details of NIT and Tender documents may be downloaded from website: <https://www.wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- EE/NH Divn. VII ICA-110159(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
HALDIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
City Centre, P.O. Debhog, Haldia Dist. Purba Medinipur, PIN-721657
Toll Free No. 1800-345-3224
CORRIGENDUM NOTICE
NIT No. 18(R)/HDA/EC/2022-23(3rd call)
In partial modification of the above NIT for the work of "REPAIRING OF ROAD RESURFACING ROAD FROM TALUK PANSKURA BUS ROAD NEAR BHIMTALA STOPPAGE TOWARDS KASAI RIVER UNDER PANSKURA MUNICIPALITY, the last date of online submission of Technical and Financial Bid through www.wbtdenders.gov.in has been extended to 01.07.2024 upto 3.30 P.M. Information in details is available in the office and in the website of HDA: www.hda.gov.in Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, HDA. ICA-110136(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
HALDIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
City Centre, P.O. Debhog, Haldia Dist. Purba Medinipur, PIN-721657
Toll Free No. 1800-345-3224
CORRIGENDUM NOTICE
NIT No. 38(H)/HDA/EC/2023-24(2nd call)
In partial modification of the above NIT for the work: "REPAIRING OF KITCHEN ALONG WITH DINING HALL AND ROOF TREATMENT AT HALDIA BHAWAN," the last date of online submission of Technical and Financial Bid through www.wbtdenders.gov.in has been extended to 01.07.2024 upto 3.30 P.M. Information in details is available in the office and in the website of HDA: www.hda.gov.in Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, HDA. ICA-110138(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
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CORRIGENDUM NOTICE
NIT No. 38(H)/HDA/EC/2023-24(2nd call)
In partial modification of the above NIT for the work: "REPAIRING OF KITCHEN ALONG WITH DINING HALL AND ROOF TREATMENT AT HALDIA BHAWAN," the last date of online submission of Technical and Financial Bid through www.wbtdenders.gov.in has been extended to 01.07.2024 upto 3.30 P.M. Information in details is available in the office and in the website of HDA: www.hda.gov.in Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, HDA. ICA-110138(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
P.W.D. TENDER NOTICE
EE, JCD, PWD, Jalpaiguri, invites e-tender for the work of "Repair and restoration works of the footbridge between Jalpaiguri Treasury Building and Annex Building, Under Jalpaiguri Construction Division, PWD, Jalpaiguri during the year 2024-2025" Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_700721_1. Bid submission closing date (online) 09.07.24 upto 11:00 A.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT & tender documents may be downloaded from <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- EE, JCD, PWD, Jalpaiguri, Govt. of W.B. ICA-110153(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
Executive Engineer, P.W.Dte, Kolkata North Health Division, online E-tender are follow/ follows. NIT No., ID & Last Dt. WBPWD/EE-I/KNH/ENIT 166/24-25/2024_WBPWD_700721_1. 19-07-2024 at 03:00 PM. Detailed information will be obtained from the website <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.Dte. Kolkata North Health Division. ICA-110126(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-QUOTATION
WBPWD/EE/ENIT/01/2024-25
Online e-quotation (Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_701534_1) under (Two) bids system is invited for the work of Supplying of Security Personnel (without Arms) on purely temporary basis for guarding at Miriga Inspection Bungalow, National Highway 24 Parganas, P.W. (Roads) Directorate in the district of Hooghly & South 24 Parganas. Closing date of submission tender (online): 16.07.2024 other details of e-NIT may be seen in the office of any working day during office hours and through website www.wbtdenders.gov.in Sd/- EE/NHD-I/PWR(Dte), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata. ICA-110162(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
P.W.D. TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, Murshidabad Division, Social Sector, P.W.Dte. invites online e-tender for 10 (ten) nos. works 1) Repair and renovation of Laboratories and Laboratories in Science Building at Nawar Bahadur Institution, Lalbag, Murshidabad. Estimated Amount: 28,00,201.00, Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_700592_1 2) Repair & renovation for setting up of X-Ray Unit and C.R. System at Bihar B.P.H.C., Bharatpur-I Block in the District of Murshidabad. Estimated Amount: 10,28,424.00, Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_700592_2 3) Repair Renovation and colour painting of entire building of Aurangabad PhC at Sut-I Block in the district of Murshidabad. Estimated Amount: 24,66,938.00, Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_700592_3 4) Repairing and Renovation of BMOH Office and Indoor Ward of Gokarna BPHC, Kandi Block, Murshidabad. Estimated Amount: 29,11,465.00, Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_700592_4 5) Repairing and Internal Painting of Khargram RH, Khargram Block, Murshidabad. Estimated Amount: Rs. 13,76,603.00, Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_700592_5 6) Renovation work of new building beside canteen and internal repairing works of Civil Engineering Lab at Murshidabad Institute of Technology. Estimated Amount: Rs. 29,11,916.00, Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_700592_6 7) Repairing and Renovation of PhC, Murshidabad. Estimated Amount: Rs. 11,89,583.00, Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_700592_7 8) Repair, Renovation and Extension of patient waiting shed and Toilet blocks at Harinarayan BPHC, Murshidabad. Estimated Amount: Rs. 15,87,411.00, Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_700592_8 9) Repair and Renovation indoor and Outdoor Building at Rajanagar BPHC, Murshidabad. Estimated Amount: Rs. 11,08,614.00, Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_700592_9 10) Repair of Toilet Blocks of Krishnagar RH at Lalga Block, Murshidabad. Estimated Amount: Rs. 21,58,488.00, Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_700592_10 eNIT No. WBPWD/55/EE/MSD/ENIT-02/2024-25. Bid submission closing date (online): 28/06/2024 Bid Submission Closing Date (online): 12/07/2024 Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T. and Tender documents may be downloaded from: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer, Murshidabad Division, Social Sector, P.W.Dte. ICA-110129(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
P.W.D. TENDER NOTICE
Superintendent Engineer, Southern Circle, Social Sector, P.W.Dte. invites online e-tender for the work of "Vertical extension of 3rd to 9th floor over the existing three stories Academic Building in the Campus of State Aided Diamond Harbour Women's University at Diamond Harbour in the district of South 24 Parganas (Balance Work) eNIT No. 04/SSCS/CPWD of 2024-25 Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_700950_1. Bid Submission Start Date (online): 05.07.2024 at 03:00 p.m. Bid submission closing date (online) 03.08.2024 upto 03:00 p.m. Corrigendum if any will be published in the website only. Details of N.I.T. and Tender Documents may be downloaded from: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- SC SS P.W.Dte. ICA-110130(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
NIT No-02/2024-25 of E.E. Mid Divn./SS/P.W. Dte. The e-tender is being invited for (i) Annual maintenance of plants/trees with cleaning of compound premises including drains within the campus of Social Sector, P.W.Dte. (ii) Installation of Solar Panel on the Platform with access Pathway at Govt. ITI Midnapore in the District of Paschim Medinipur, against Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_700804_1 to 2. Last Date of Submission of Tender is 16-07-2024 at 14:00. Other details and Corrigendum if any will be obtained from the website <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer, Midnapore Division, Social Sector, P.W.Dte. ICA-110127(3)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Sagarighi Thermal Power Project
P.O. Monigram, P.S. Sagarighi, Dist. - Murshidabad, Pin - 742237
Notice Inviting e-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDC/ITend-Adv/24-25/STPS/CC-1942 Dated: 28.06.2024
NIT No.: WBPDC/ISGTPP/NIT/E2999/24-25 Dated: 13.06.2024
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> by the General Manager STPP, WBPDC from eligible Agencies/Companies in three (3) Part bid system for "Procurement of Different Types of Additional Steel Materials for Upcoming U4 Overhauling at SGTPP under BM2 Dept". Tender Document Download Start Date: 28.06.2024 at 10:00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 19.07.2024 upto 10:00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. Bidish Biswas, SM(CO), Mobile: 8336904003. E-mail: b.biswas@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> ICA-110121(2)/2024

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CORRIGENDUM NOTICE
NIT No. 8/HDA/EC/2024-25
In partial modification of the above NIT for the work: "CONSTRUCTION OF CAR SHADE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF HDA ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING," the last date of online submission of Technical and Financial Bid through www.wbtdenders.gov.in has been extended to 01.07.2024 upto 3.30 P.M. Information in details is available in the office and in the website of HDA: www.hda.gov.in Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, HDA. ICA-110137(2)/2024

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Heavy Rain Likely In City, Air Quality Dips After heat came deluge, this June is unique

IMD Expects Intense Activity For Four Days

Priyangi Agarwal
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New Delhi: Some parts of the city witnessed light rain on Saturday. An "orange" alert has been sounded for moderate to heavy rain on Sunday and heavy rain on Monday and Tuesday.

After the arrival of monsoon, the city is likely to witness moderate to heavy rain for the next few days, shows forecast of India Meteorological Department.

The maximum temperature on Saturday was 35.6 degrees Celsius, two degrees below normal. It was 3.1 degrees higher than Monday's maximum. The minimum temperature stood at 28 degrees Celsius. The relative humidity oscillated between 61% and 97%.

A day after Safdarjung, which is the city's base station, saw an extremely heavy rainfall of 228.1mm, some parts of Delhi saw light rain on Saturday. From 8.30 am to 5.30 pm on Saturday, Safdarjung and Lodi Road logged 8.9 and 12.6 mm rainfall, respectively.

The city saw a rain deficit till June 27 as Safdarjung had



REJOICING IN RAIN

logged just 6.4 mm rainfall. However, the monsoon, which arrived in Delhi on Friday, brought extremely heavy rainfall of 228.1 mm rainfall in just one day. It was the highest single day rainfall seen since June 1936.

The one-day intense rainfall activity covered up the entire deficit as the city has now recorded an excess rainfall of 253%. The month has received 243.4 mm rainfall till Saturday 5.30 pm. It is also the third highest monthly rain-

fall logged in June since 1901.

IMD has predicted intense rain activity over the next four days. "Moderate to heavy rain or thunderstorm is likely on Sunday. The showers are likely to be accompanied by gusty winds at the speed of 30-40 kmph. However, heavy rain is expected on both Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday may see moderate to heavy showers," said a Met official. The official added that moderate rain or thunderstorms are expected on July 4 and 5.

The maximum temperature is likely to stay around 34 degrees Celsius on Sunday, but it may dip to 30 degrees Celsius on Monday and further to 29 degrees Celsius on Tuesday and Wednesday. However, the minimum temperature is predicted to hover around 25-26 degrees Celsius over the next seven days.

Rain had also cleaned Delhi's air quality as the city saw the lowest air quality index (AQI) at 64 on Friday and 79 on Thursday in the satisfactory category after Sept 2023. However, the air quality deteriorated to "moderate" on Saturday with an AQI of 118.

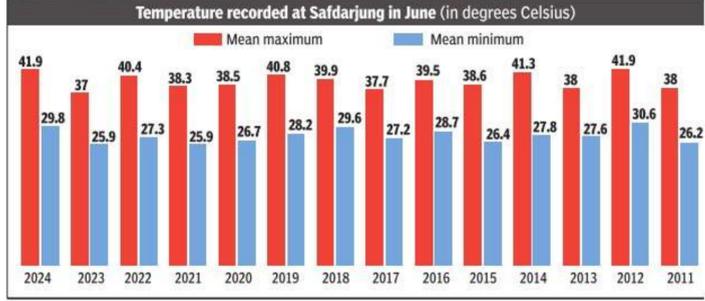
New Delhi: Delhiites witnessed a unique June as they reeled under the intense daytime heat and warm nights with a dry spell for most part of the month. However, belying expectations, the city saw intense rainfall by the month-end. With a mean maximum temperature of 41.9 degrees Celsius, it was the hottest June in at least 14 years, at par with June 2012, when the mean maximum temperature was also 41.9 degrees Celsius.

Apart from daytime temperatures, the nights were warmer as the mean minimum temperature was 29.8 degrees Celsius this June. It was the highest minimum temperature in the past 12 years. Before this, the higher average minimum temperature was recorded in June 2012 at 30.6 degrees Celsius.

There were nine heatwave days this June, the highest number recorded in the month in at least 14 years, according to India Meteorological Department's data from 2011 to 2024. Some parts of Delhi, including Pitampura, Jafarpur, Najafgarh and Narela, recorded a higher number of heatwave days.

From June 1 to June 22, the maximum temperature remained above 40 degrees Celsius for consecutive days. However, the streak of the maxi-

MEAN MAXIMUM HIGHEST IN 14 YEARS



imum temperature surpassing 40 degrees Celsius continued from May 14 to June 22, with Delhiites experiencing scorching heat. Rain accompanied by cold breezes brought down

the maximum temperature to 39.4 degrees Celsius only on June 23. The mercury again crossed 40 degrees Celsius on June 25 when the mercury read 40.4 degrees Celsius.

"The dry and warm westerly winds from Rajasthan and south Haryana, which were witnessing high temperatures, blew into Delhi. No significant rain activity was re-

MET OFFICIAL SAYS

Even the minimum temperature on some days stayed 4.5 degrees higher than normal, causing warmer nights

corded in the first 20 days of the month, and the city saw a prolonged dry spell. It led to an intense heatwave condition," said a Met official. "Even the minimum temperature on some days stayed 4.5 degrees higher than normal, causing warmer nights. Since the difference between maximum and minimum temperatures was in the range of 10-12 degrees on some days, the outdoor temperature of both days and nights were uncomfortable."

The city was staring at a rain deficit till June 27 because Safdarjung, which is the city's base weather station, had logged just 6.4mm of rainfall. However, the arrival of the monsoon winds in Delhi on Friday brought extremely heavy rainfall of 228.1mm in just a single day, the most in a day since June 1936.

June 2024 has now logged 243.4mm of precipitation till 5.30pm on Saturday, making it an excess rainfall of 253% for the month. It is also the third highest monthly rainfall logged in June since 1901.

HORROR ON OUTING

Location
Shakarpur

Time | 11.30pm on Friday



What happened

- > An 11-year-old girl and her 3-year-old brother were kidnapped
- > Their parents briefly left them in a car near a sweet shop
- > Kidnapper stole the car with the children inside
- > When the parents came out of the shop and did not find the car, the father made a phone call to his daughter
- > Kidnapper answered the call, demanded ₹50 lakh for their safe return

How the kids were rescued

- > Police teams from two districts and Railway Protection Force carried out a rescue operation
- > After a three-hour, high-speed chase involving around 20 police vehicles, the kidnapper abandoned the car in Samaypur Badli with the children unharmed
- > The father is a businessman and the family lives in Gurgaon
- > They came on an outing to enjoy Delhi's street food

Siblings kidnapped with car as parents go to buy sweets, rescued after 3 hours

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A nightmare unfolded for a businessman who had come to Delhi with his family from Gurgaon to enjoy some street food. His 11-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son were kidnapped in Shakarpur on Friday. The parents had left them in their vehicle near a sweet shop when the abductor drove the car away and later demanded a hefty ransom of Rs 50 lakh for their safe return. Police were, however, turned the tables on the kidnapper and rescued the children from Samaypur Badli within three hours even if the suspects managed to escape.

Police received information about the kidnapping at 11.40 pm. A team rushed to the scene and met the parents at Heera Sweets on Vikas Marg. A police officer disclosed, "The family was returning to Gurgaon after enjoying street food when

the children requested sweets. The parents were gone only for six or seven minutes. When they came out of the shop they found the car missing. The father received a phone call soon after in which the kidnapper demanded a ransom of Rs 50 lakh for the release of the two children."

The child's father told the media later that the kidnapper insisted on the payment of ransom at any cost. "My daughter was in a panic and told us on the phone not to call the cops," the father said. He stayed on the phone continuously with the kidnapper.

Sagar Singh Kalsi, joint commissioner of police, immediately formed teams under the leadership of inspector Sanjay Gupta. One team accompanied the mother, another the father, while two other teams started pursuing the family car based on technical surveillance. The accused remained in contact with the

father throughout.

After a three-hour, high-speed chase involving around 20 police vehicles covering over 80km, the kidnapper abandoned the car in Samaypur Badli with the children unharmed. Although the suspect managed to escape, the children were safely recovered and reunited with their parents.

"A few valuables, including jewellery and mobile phones, were also found intact in the car because the kidnapper had no time to take anything while being chased by the cops from different directions," Kalsi said, adding that raids were under way to track and apprehend the culprit.

When asked if this was a targeted kidnapping, an officer said that so far it appeared to have been impetuous. Upon finding the car running, the kidnapper had taken the opportunity to drive off with the kids.

AAP, Congress in war of words over desilting

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A war of words broke out between Delhi minister Saurabh Bharadwaj and Congress' state unit chief Devender Yadav on Saturday after the latter alleged corruption in desilting of drains and demanded a probe into it.

In a post of X, Yadav said Congress had formed an alliance with Aam Aadmi Party in Delhi for Lok Sabha elections and not to save Kejriwal on the issue of corruption.

Talking to reporters in a press conference on Friday, Yadav had alleged that massive waterlogging that brought Delhi on its knees and led to huge traffic jams was caused because of corruption in the desilting of drains and de-

manded that responsibility should be fixed on that.

When a television reporter sought Bharadwaj's reaction on Saturday, he said the two parties were part of INDIA bloc at the national level and were fighting together on larger issues such as saving the Constitution and democracy.

Reacting to it, Yadav posted on X, "Congress has formed an alliance to save democracy and the Constitution. We have not formed any alliance to save corruption. The main reason for waterlogging (in Delhi) is corruption. After the press conference by Congress on waterlogging, the statement of minister @Saurabh_MLAgk ji is understandable."

When asked, Bharadwaj refused to comment on it.

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CM's Custodial Interrogation May Be Needed, Says Court

CBI Claims Kejriwal Evasive, Couldn't Explain Hiked Profit Margin

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The court, taking note of the available material, said the investigation had revealed that Vijay Nair, media in-charge of AAP and an accused in the case, was a close associate of the Delhi CM. He was contacting various liquor manufacturers and traders "for demanding undue gratification" in order to incorporate provisions favourable to them in the policy, said the court.

The name of Kejriwal had surfaced as one of the main conspirators in the criminal conspiracy, the court said.

The agency claimed in its application that Kejriwal did not cooperate with the investigation, gave evasive replies and had failed to give a proper and truthful explanation regarding enhancement of the profit margin for wholesalers from 5% to 12% under the policy without any study or justification.

CBI told the court that Kejriwal could not explain why during the peak of the second wave of Covid pandemic in 2021, cabinet approval for the revised policy was obtained in a hurried manner and within a day when the accused persons of the South Group were camping in Delhi



CM Arvind Kejriwal being brought to court by CBI officials on Saturday

holding meetings with Nair.

He also could not give, CBI claimed, the reasons for Nair holding meetings with various stakeholders in the liquor business in Delhi and of his own meetings with Magunta Sreenivasulu Reddy, accused Arjun Pandey and accused Mootha Gautham. Reddy is a Telugu Desam Party MP in Lok Sabha and his son, Raghav Magunta Reddy, is an accused-turned-approver in the case. Pandey and Gautham are other accused.

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Chaudhri, who was appearing for the Delhi CM, opposed the CBI plea, requesting the court to ask the agency to place on record the entire material, including the case diary and evidence collected during investigation to satisfy the court regarding the need for judicial custody. The counsel urged the court to reject the CBI plea for judicial custody in absence of such material and give a direction for releasing Kejriwal.

The investigating officer (IO) has pointed out certain incriminatory material for showing that ill-gotten money was used during the Goa assembly elections for making payments towards air tickets and hotel booking during Kejriwal's visits to Goa from June 2021 to February 2022, the court noted.

Further, the court said, the IO has also placed chats of the CM with certain persons involved in the transfer of ill-gotten money to Goa through hawala channels.

Since Kejriwal gave evasive replies regarding his connection with the said persons, his further custodial interrogation may be required to "unearth the larger conspiracy hatched among the accused persons" in the matter, the court said, noting the contents of the case diary.

AAP protests Kejriwal's arrest by CBI

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Terming Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's arrest by Central Bureau of Investigation in the excise policy case "illegal", Aam Aadmi Party on Saturday staged protests across the country and accused central govt of "misusing" investigating agencies.

AAP said that party workers staged protests at BJP offices in 21 states, including Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Telangana, Maharashtra and Gujarat.

Delhi BJP, however, said the protest was organised to

divert the public attention from the waterlogging.

In a statement, AAP said Delhi emerged as the epicentre of these demonstrations, as hundreds of party workers, led by ministers, MLAs, and municipal councillors, carrying placards and chanting slogans, marched towards BJP office. They were stopped by police barricading much before BJP headquarter. The demonstrators staged a sit-in demanding immediate release of Kejriwal.

Arrested by Enforcement Directorate on March 21 in the excise policy-linked money laundering case, Kejri-

wal was sent to Tihar jail in judicial custody on April 1. He was interrogated by CBI in jail on Tuesday and was placed under arrest on Wednesday after which a Delhi court sent him to CBI custody for three days. On Saturday, the court sent him to judicial custody for 14 days.

AAP national general secretary (organisation) Sandeep Pathak said party workers were detained by police during the protests in different parts of the country.

AAP's Delhi state convener Gopal Rai said a change was brought in Delhi under the leadership of Kejriwal.

"The whole country calls Arvind Kejriwal a working hero. His work is the reason why the BJP harbours a hatred for him. They put Arvind Kejriwal, Satyendar Jain, and Manish Sisodia in jail because they want to destroy the AAP," Rai added.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said AAP has lost the confidence of people in both Delhi and Punjab. "Despite their best efforts, a party with 60 MLAs could barely garner 400 people for the protest," he added.

"Kejriwal is not answering the questions asked by the CBI," added Sachdeva.

4 policemen held for extorting ₹24L from Panipat resident

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Four policemen have been arrested for allegedly extorting Rs 24 lakh from a Panipat resident by threatening to slap hawala money laundering charges on him.

Police sources said these officers had previously been suspended. On May 29, the victim, aiming to send his son abroad for studies, contacted an agent who assured him assistance with a visa. The man was directed to stay at a hotel in Laxmi Nagar. "The trouble began when someone claiming to be an associate of the agent visited me. He recorded the money and left," the complainant said.

Later, the associate returned with four policemen. They escorted the man to a police station and threatened to level false hawala charges against him. Fearing serious consequences, he handed over Rs 24 lakh to them.

A senior officer said inspector Prakash Roy and three other officers from the Laxmi Nagar police station had conducted a raid on a hotel room in Shakarpur during the Model Code of Conduct period during elections without authorisation. This raised suspicions and prompted an inquiry by the ACP.

Following the investigation, the authorities took suo motu cognizance of the matter and registered a case under sections 420 (cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property), 388 (extortion), and 120B (criminal conspiracy) of the IPC.

The victim had written in his complaint that the policemen accused him of having links with Pakistan and being involved in hawala activities. "I maintained that I had no links with Pakistan and was not involved in money laundering. I told them that I was the former sarpanch of my village. Then they began abusing me," the complainant said.

"Upon thorough investigation, the sequence of events was clarified, leading to the arrest of five other suspects. The involvement and responsibility of four cops, including an inspector, two head constables, and a constable, was also established," the officer added.

Consequently, these officers were arrested on June 28.

SUV knocks down toddler in Noida

Noida: A 19-month-old toddler playing with her mother outside her house in Noida sector 63 suffered grievous injuries after being knocked down by an SUV on Friday. The car's driver took the injured kid and her mother to Kailash Hospital. But as a crowd started gathering, he fled. Three police teams have been formed to nab the accused. **TNN**

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Car Driven By 16-Yr-Old Runs Amok In Shahdara, 5 Injured

Minor Apprehended, Bizman Father Likely To Be Booked Too

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Five people sustained injuries after they were hit by a car driven by a 16-year-old boy in the Jagatpuri area of Shahdara on Saturday. Police have apprehended the minor, who is the son of a businessman, and seized the car. They also plan to book his father who owns the vehicle. The injured were rushed to the hospital after the incident. All of them have minor injuries.

Police said that they received information about the incident, which took place near the Geeta Colony police station, around 8 am. A team of local cops apprehended the driver at the spot. Further investigation re-

The 16-year-old boy was returning home with two minor friends after having breakfast in Krishna Nagar. Around 7.40 am, the car collided with a cart vendor near Karkardooma Court. The boy lost control of the vehicle and hit four more people

vealed that the boy was returning home with two minor friends after having breakfast in Krishna Nagar. Around 7.40 am, the car collided with a cart vendor near Karkardooma Court. The boy told the cops that when the vendor shouted at the minor, he panicked and lost control of the vehicle. This led to him hitting a woman sweeper working on the road and, despite attempts to regain control, he struck

three more pedestrians. The boy's father owns a shop in Sadar Bazar. Sources said that the minor had left his studies to assist his father in the business. The boy has been booked under different sections of IPC and the Motor Vehicle Act, including those dealing with "rash driving or riding on a public way" and "causing hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others". The father may be

booked for allowing the minor to drive his car without licence, said an officer.

The incident serves as a grim reminder of the Pune accident case that occurred in May. In that incident, a Porsche car, driven by a minor, collided with a bike in Pune's Kalyani Nagar, resulting in the deaths of two individuals, both of whom were IT professionals.

In March, a 17-year-old boy ploughed his car into shoppers at Mayur Vihar in east Delhi, killing a woman and injuring nine others. Sheetal, the woman who died in the incident, was 22 years old. She was in the market for groceries when she was fatally hit by the car.

'I considered a medical career, but feel unsure after the NEET scam'

To help readers cope with their anxieties in these stressful times, TOI has launched Talk it Out, a series in which expert counsellors answer your mental health queries.

This week's advice is from counselling psychologist Dr Jyoti Kapoor

I am a 17-year-old who just started class 12. I opted for the physics-chemistry-maths-biology combination, with hopes of having numerous opportunities and a clear goal. However, it's been a year, and I still don't know what to pursue. Initially, I considered a medical career, but after the NEET scam this year, I feel apprehensive. Competitive exams, in general, intimidate me. Moreover, I lack distinct interests or hobbies; I simply enjoy reading and lazing around. Lately, I've developed a general aversion to studying or anything academic. Even when I attempt to study, I get easily distracted and struggle to focus. Please advise on what steps I can take and other career opportunities.

— Anonymous

As we approach higher classes, the emphasis is often on opting for a stream that allows for maximum career opportunities, that's the classical approach. But, you may have heard from a number of sources now, your choice of profession should depend upon your interest and personal inclination rather than what the socio-economic sector offers. Because if you choose something you enjoy, you are more likely to learn it better, practice it with enthusiasm and passion and thus succeed in it. If you can't pinpoint what you enjoy, you may go for aptitude tests which are conducted by qualified clinical psychologists to help you in career counselling. To your current response to the stress associated with indecisiveness, I would say it's an obvious avoidant response because you are overwhelmed by the situation. This makes one anxious, unable to focus or enjoy the things one is not sure of



I have been devoid of a happy family ever since my birth and never seen peace, contentment, and love among the three of us till date. There is hardly any communication between my parents, and whenever they do talk, even about a minor thing, it always results in disagreements and fights, which leads to bitterness for a long period of time. Added to this, my neighbours verbally and mentally harass my mother as the entire neighborhood knows that nobody would support her, and my father would instead blame my mother for everything. Even her own family has never supported her. This is causing me a lot of mental stress and unfortunately, I no longer desire to stay in such a negative environment. I am moreover a single child and no one talks to me either here or much at school. I am lonely and sad and even frustrated at times. Please help.

— Anonymous

It's unfortunate that a young person has to deal with an environment that is stressful and feels negative all the time. Our early environment impacts the stress threshold in our nervous system making us wary of any circumstance that can cause harm, be it physical or mental. It's therefore important to either change that environment or learn to manage stress by developing positive perspectives and engaging in activities that inspire positive attitudes. You haven't mentioned your age but I am assuming you are in school and are aware how the environment is impacting you. Even though it's easier said than done for a child to take the necessary action to change their environment, I strongly recommend that your parents are apprised of the situation and seek psychological counselling. Sometimes parents are so overwhelmed with their own issues that they become oblivious to what's happening to their own child and it may help when they are informed what is happening. You need to let them know how you are feeling. If you think you can't talk to your parents directly, please reach out to a school counsellor, family relative, or another adult in your surroundings you can trust to convey your distress and garner your support. At the same time, try to focus on activities that make you feel happier, like sports or theatre. Expressive arts can help you deal with your emotions and understand other people's perspectives. Physical exercise, having a balanced diet and proper sleep pattern helps in better stress coping. I hope you can find a way to communicate with your parents. Sharing this column might help.

— Anonymous

I've been feeling really overwhelmed and anxious lately, especially about my academics and career. Seeing my classmates excel makes me feel like I'm lagging behind. Despite exercising to stay healthy, my mental health is suffering. I often dwell on embarrassing past events, and it's hard to move forward. I also find myself pulling away from social interactions, only really talking to my mother. I often feel demotivated and procrastination is my biggest problem. Please help.

Anxiety is a response to stress and it becomes overwhelming if the stress is not mitigated. Chronic stress thus causes a chronic state of hyperarousal of our nervous system, i.e. you stay in a continuous flight or fight situation thereby not able to relax or focus on the day to day activities and gradually may slip into social withdrawal and persistent state of sadness. So the first step is to identify your stressors. Make a stress diary. Identify people, places or situations that make you uncomfortable. Then ask yourself why it happens. Is the person or situation as important as you are making it out to be or just an automatic pattern of thoughts based on perceived notions or beliefs. And finally, what is the best way to deal with it? Thinking of past events or repeating negative scenarios in the brain only increases the stress chemicals causing you to get stuck in the loop of anxiety and avoiding what may cause anxiety. It's useful to take professional help because it gives you a safe and non-judgmental space to express yourself and develop better coping mechanisms.



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Minor's rape, murder planned, finds probe

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The investigation into the gang-rape and murder of a 10-year-old girl in outer Delhi's Narela has revealed that the suspects had been planning to commit the crime for a long time. Both had previously attempted to entice the girl but were unsuccessful, police said.

On Thursday, they managed to take her to a secluded location to rape and allegedly ended her life when she resisted, a police officer said.

Suspects Rahul (20) and his friend Devdutt (30) were victim's neighbours and she referred to them as elder brothers and would often play with them, the officer said, adding both have a history of liquor addiction, and police are investigating whether they have previously assaulted any other minor.

Police received information about the incident at 12.29am on June 28. The girl's family informed police that she was playing outside her home and later went missing.

Her body was recovered later and Rahul, who worked in a rubber cylinder tube-man-

Police are investigating whether the two suspects have previously assaulted any other minor

king factory, and Devdutt, who works in an umbrella factory in Narela, were arrested, the officer said.

During interrogation, both the suspects told cops that they had been planning the crime for a long time and had also tried previously but were not able to find the right opportunity. "On Thursday, they saw the girl playing and, on the pretext of some food, they took her and committed the crime," the officer said.

The families of Rahul and the victim had known each other for several years. "The girl used to call him 'bhaiya' and would play with him. Rahul often came to her house. Devdutt was also known to the girl and her family as he lived in the other lane in the area. He was a liquor addict, and his wife left him a year ago because of his behaviour," police added.

Govt readies fifth home for sr citizens

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi gov't's new home for senior citizens in northwest Delhi's Paschim Vihar is ready and awaiting inauguration. Officials said this would be the fifth such facility in the capital for the old and infirm.

The social welfare department currently operates four old age homes in Bindapur, Wazirpur, Tahirpur and Kanti Nagar, while eight others, including the one in Paschim Vihar, are at various stages of planning and construction.

A senior official of the social welfare department said the five-storey geriatric care building is complete and can be opened anytime for the city's elderly who need shelter. The new residential home for senior citizens will be able to accommodate 96 persons.

"The building was completed early this year. We just need to give some final touches, which can be done 10-15 days before the inauguration. The no objection certificate from the fire department will have to be taken before the opening of the centre," said an official. Destitute men and women

aged 60 years and above, who are bona fide residents of Delhi and do not have anyone to support or maintain them, are eligible to stay in old age homes provided they do not suffer from any infectious or communicable disease.

Free accommodation, food, clothes, bedding, TV-radio, books, an entertainment centre with frequent religious and spiritual programmes, and facilities for health check-ups and physiotherapy are regularly provided to residents. Officials said round tables are also set up for the elderly so that they can "interact with each other, sit together and talk about their joys and sorrows".

"Though nobody would want to see people living in old age homes, the gov't's job is to build such facilities and provide all amenities for their comfortable stay. We will make cutting-edge facilities available free of cost to senior citizens in old age homes," the official said.

Another old age home in Sarita Vihar is likely to be ready in 2025. There are plans to build more such homes in Vasant Kunj, Janakpuri, Rohini, Geeta Colony and Chhatarpur.



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Atishi attends defamation case: Delhi minister Atishi on Saturday virtually appeared in a defamation complaint filed by BJP's Praveen Shankar Kapoor.

Metropolitan magistrate Tanya Barniyal listed the matter for hearing on July 23. The court had refused to issue summons to CM Arvind Kejriwal in the case. ANI

3-Minister Panel To Probe Tree Cutting

Formed For Felling On Southern Ridge

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi cabinet, in a meeting on Saturday, unanimously decided to constitute a three-minister fact-finding committee to investigate the orders behind the illegal felling of 1100 trees in Southern Ridge. The committee comprises Saurabh Bharadwaj, Atishi, and Imran Hussain.

Environment minister Gopal Rai said, "A shocking incident has come to light from Chhatrapur, Satbari in Delhi that in Feb, the DDA violated all the rules and cut 1,100 trees without permission from any agency or govt. The hearing of this case is going on in the Supreme Court. The court is repeatedly asking the vice chairperson of DDA on whose orders 1,100 trees were cut illegally in the capital Delhi."

"The Apex court is asking whether this order was given by the LG because the communication of some DDA engineers shows that the LG had visited the forest reserve area of Chhatrapur and these trees were cut on his verbal orders. The Supreme Court wants to know the truth behind this. The court has asked the vice chairman of DDA to file his reply by the next hearing. In the hearing of June 26, the Supreme Court had asked the forest department to file its status report," Rai said at a press conference.

Rai chaired a meeting with senior officials of the forest department on June 26 at Delhi Secretariat. "The officer informed me that they had sent two notices to DDA on March 5 and 22 regarding the illegal cutting of trees

The committee will find out the truth of such a large number of trees felled in Delhi. After this, govt will put it before the Supreme Court, Rai said. This can prevent any kind of illegal action in the city's green area, he added

in two different areas of Delhi, but no response came. Considering the seriousness of this matter, I instructed them to submit a written report of all the incidents that happened from Feb till now by 11 am on June 27. But when the report did not reach us by 11 am, then our office contacted the officials of the forest department. They said that you first give us instructions in writing, and after that, we will submit all the reports," said Rai.

He added that he gave written instructions to the forest department along with the minutes of the meeting to send him a report of by 11 am on June 28, but he did not receive the report. Rai said the senior officer of the forest department said he is on leave and hence, the next notice was sent on June 28.

"The fact-finding committee will find out the truth of such a large number of trees felled in Delhi. After this, we will put it before the Supreme Court. This can prevent any kind of illegal action in the green area of Delhi," added Rai.

After 2 shootouts with cops, man dies in 'accidental firing'

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Rehan, who police said was injured when his own pistol fired accidentally during the scuffle, was admitted to GTB Hospital in Delhi where he died

hit Vijay's shoulder," said the DCP. Police said the exchange of fire continued for around five minutes after which the cops caught Rehan. "When the team tried to take the pistol from his hand, it fired accidentally and a bullet hit his thigh," Yadav said, adding Rehan was declared dead around 9.30pm. Mannu managed to escape.

An FIR was filed against Rehan and Mannu under section 307 (attempt to murder) of IPC and relevant sections of the Arms Act at Loni police station. Earlier this month, Shabnam (70), the oldest member of Rehan's family, was arrested for selling narcotics. Imran Pehalwan (41), Rehan's father, was arrested in 2017 in an Arms Act case. In 2019, he was accused in a murder case.

Mannu was wanted in Noida, Delhi, Baghat and Ghaziabad in 10 cases of robbery, theft, attempt to murder and extortion. Rehan, police sources said, was booked in four cases of extortion, attempt to murder and Arms Act. This Feb, he had allegedly tried to extort a local businessman.

an encounter in 2014 by Delhi Police. DCP (rural) Vivek Yadav said, "Around 2.30pm, a Delhi Police went to Dabar Talab to catch the accused. They were accompanied by two constables from Ankur Vihar police station. Mannu was arrested but just as they were taking him away, Rehan fired a few rounds. The Delhi cops also fired but Mannu escaped. Later, the Delhi team left. The constables informed Loni police station about the incident through wireless."

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Appeal for Identification



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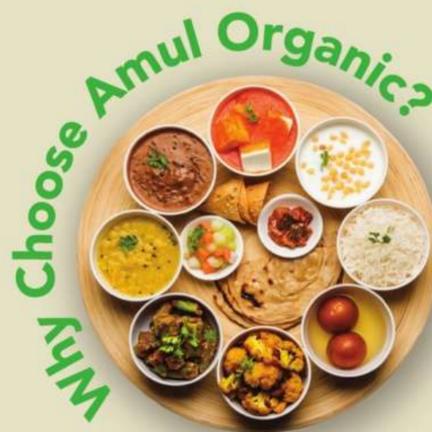
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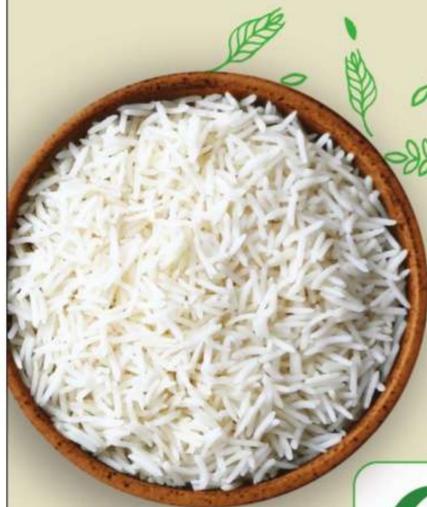
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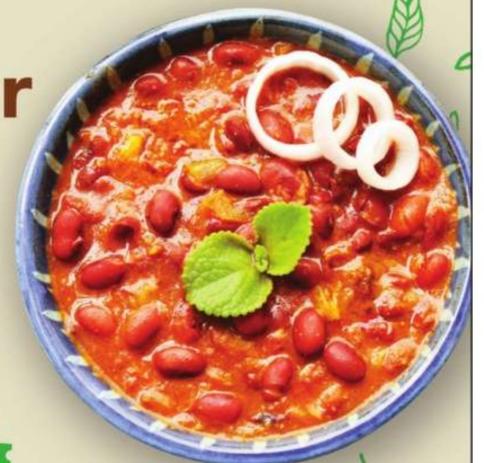


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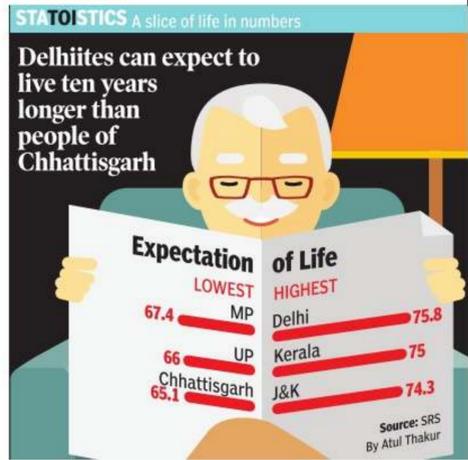
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Graft FIR against passport officials

CBI has registered 12 FIRs against passport officials posted at Passport Seva Kendra in Mumbai's Malad and Lower Parel, and touts for engaging in corruption to issue passports based on forged documents. CBI said the touts would bribe passport officials to issue passports by avoiding mandatory document verification with the help of forged documents. In some instances, they issued passports despite pending criminal cases against applicants, thus 'compromising national security of our country'. CBI searched 33 premises and seized evidence related to passport documents. The agency is examining role of senior passport officials. **TNN**

Jawan gets jail for pilgrim death

A Jawan of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) was sentenced to two years of imprisonment Friday by the court of a judicial magistrate in Joshimath, Chamoli district for reckless driving resulting in the death of a pilgrim during Char Dham yatra on Nov 10, 2021. The incident occurred near Mana Tiraha in Badrinath town when 29-year-old Sandhya, a native of Haryana, was on a pilgrimage with her husband and 5-year-old son. While crossing the road to her hotel, she was struck by a speeding four-wheeler driven by the intoxicated Jawan, identified as Deepak Parki, a resident of Pithoragarh. Despite efforts to save her, the woman died upon reaching the hospital. **TNN**



CPM received crime proceeds in Kerala bank scam, says ED

'Party Collected Money From Beneficiaries Of Benami Loans'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kochi: Kerala's governing CPM is in possession of proceeds of crime in the Karuvannur bank fraud and it has been invested in immovable properties and credited to five accounts of the party in Karuvannur Service Co-operative Bank Ltd, Enforcement Directorate claimed on Saturday. CPM received funds from beneficiaries as donations through the bank's governing body, the central agency said in a statement.



Loan amounts were disbursed in cash to prevent money trail, ED said

ED sources said the agency was carrying out PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act) investigation in the case by considering the party as a respondent. Official sources said the party may be named as an accused in the next supplementary chargesheet to be filed in this case. If so, it will be the second political party to be arraigned as accused in a money-laundering investigation after Aam Aadmi Party. AAP was recently named by the ED in the Delhi excise policy case.

ED confirmed in the statement that it has provisionally attached assets worth Rs 29.29 crore of various individuals and entities, including CPM's Thrissur district secretary, as part of the investigation. The attached assets include 18 immovable properties valued at Rs 28.65 crore, consisting of land and buildings in Kerala belonging to beneficiaries of the scam, the agency said. This includes an

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immovable property valued at Rs 10 lakh registered in the name of the CPM district secretary for its party office. The

attached assets also include balances of Rs 63.62 lakh in eight bank accounts of CPM committees in Thrissur.

ED claimed in the statement that benami and illegal loans were sanctioned by the co-operative at the behest of the CPM Thrissur district committee. In return, the party district committee collected money from the beneficiaries.

The statement added that bogus loans were sanctioned by Karuvannur bank on the same property multiple times without the knowledge of society members. Benami loans were sanctioned to non-members against inflated property valuations in the names of other members and such loan funds were siphoned off and laundered by the beneficiaries, the ED claimed. The loan amounts were disbursed in cash to prevent a trail of the money, the statement said.

The total proceeds of crime attached so far in this case by the ED is Rs 117.78 crore. The chargesheet was filed by the agency in May 2023.

At key meet, JD(U) reiterates spl status demand for Bihar

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New Delhi: Janata Dal (United) chief and Bihar CM Nitish Kumar Saturday appointed his confidante, Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Jha, a BJP-friendly face as his number-two (working president), while reiterating his demand for special status or a special package for Bihar, an issue on which there have been differences between Centre & the state in the past.

Cong takes 'state cabinet' dig at JD(U)

Highlighting that JD(U) — a critical ally in NDA govt at the Centre — has just passed a resolution reiterating demand for special category status in central assistance to Bihar, Congress sought to know if CM Nitish Kumar will summon the courage to have the state cabinet also pass such a resolution.



Congress' Jairam Ramesh shared video snippets on X drawing from speeches of PM Modi where he is seen assuring the people of Bihar & Andhra Pradesh of addressing and delivering on their demands and concerns. **TNN**

"Time has come when state should get special status or a special package so that the script of a developed Bihar could be written," the party said in the resolution.

The decision was taken at a meeting of JD(U)'s national executive where the party reiterated its demand for special category status for Bihar, while adding that Centre could consider an alternative in a special package, its functionary Neeraj Kumar said.

JD(U) also demanded stringent action against culprits in paper leak cases and called for a strong law to rule out such incidents in future.

The decision to appoint Jha as working president is significant since he is known to have a good equation with BJP as he started his political innings with the saffron party before switching to JD(U). He also played a crucial role

in reviving BJP-JD(U) alliance, which defied the challenge of INDIA bloc in Bihar.

Following his appointment, Jha said PM Modi has always paid attention to Bihar and expressed hope that the party's demand for special category status or a package for the state would be met.

Jha's elevation was welcomed by BJP. "We welcome Nitish Kumar's decision to appoint Sanjay Jha working president of JD(U). It's a move to promote NDA's stability as Jha has worked for better JD(U)-BJP ties since 2005," said BJP LS MP Vivek Thakur.

Oppn may field SP's Faizabad MP for dy Speaker contest

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kolkata: Trinamool Congress, Samajwadi Party and Congress are exploring the option of projecting SP's Faizabad MP Awadhesh Prasad as INDIA bloc's deputy Speaker candidate. Prasad (78) is a Dalit who won the unreserved seat that covers Ayodhya. This comes amid reports that Congress was keen to have K Suresh — an eight-time MP from Kerala — as opposition bloc's deputy speaker pick.

DIA bloc will contest for the deputy Speaker's post. In the remaining three days of this session... even later... we will collectively demand the post. A consensus is being worked out on possible nominees.

Article 93 of the Constitution says the Lok Sabha "shall choose two of its members as Speaker and deputy Speaker". The 17th LS was the first since Independence which didn't have a deputy Speaker. Asked about the situation in which NDA didn't accept the opposition's proposal of a deputy speaker election, the TMCMP added: "The 17th Lok Sabha and the 18th Lok Sabha are very different. There's an NDA govt now, not a BJP govt. We will continue to aggressively push for the election in this session and all following sessions."

While conferring with Rahul and Akhilesh, Abhishek suggested that choosing INDIA bloc's deputy Speaker pick should "send out a strong message", said sources. He focused on symbolism since numbers don't stack up for INDIA bloc if there is a contest. A Trinamool MP said: "IN-

Indira put us in jail, but never abused: Lalu

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Patna: RJD chief and former Bihar CM Lalu Prasad Yadav Saturday recalled what they went through during the dark days of Emergency and said that PM Indira Gandhi put many functionaries behind bars, but never abused them.

In a post on X, Lalu shared an article "The Sangh Silence in 1975" written by him and journalist Nalin Verma. In the article, they attacked BJP-led govt and said that although 1975 is a stain on country's democracy, let's not forget who doesn't respect the opposition in 2024.

"I was in jail under MISA for 15 months. My colleagues and I did not know many of BJP ministers speaking about Emergency today," he posted on X. "Indira put many of us behind bars, but she never abused us. Neither she nor her ministers called us 'anti-national' or 'unpatriotic'." **TNN**

MVA doesn't need CM face in Maha polls: Pawar

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kolhapur: NCP (SCP) chief Sharad Pawar Saturday countered ally and Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut's claim about the necessity for a CM face in the Maharashtra assembly elections later this year, reports Abhijeet Patil.

Speaking in Kolhapur, Pawar said that instead of any individual, the alliance — Maha Vikas Aghadi — itself is a "consensual face" and collective leadership would be the approach to the polls.

Recently, Raut had said that a chief ministerial face was necessary for the as-

sembly elections. However, Pawar pointed out that in the recent LS elections, MVA was ahead in 155 of the 288 assembly segments. This, the NCP (SCP) chief said, reveals the trend and proves that MVA is in a good position to win assembly polls.

"We won 30 seats and one MP extended support to us. This shows the trend among people. LS election results have put (the governing) Mahayuti in shock. That is why the (state) interim budget presented is full of flowery promises," added Pawar. **TNN**

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Sr. Superintendent of Police District Kishtwar.

Eyeing ₹1.1cr insurance money, woman 'dies' twice

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: In an insurance fraud involving Rs 1.1 crore in claims of which close to Rs 70 lakh was already received, a 45-year-old woman from Bhayander, Kanchan Pai, also known as Pavitra, allegedly faked her death twice in two years, reports Sandhya Nair.

Her husband and son collectively claimed Rs 1.1 crore from five private sector insurance companies between 2021 and 2023. They had received nearly Rs 70 lakh in death claims and were awaiting the remaining amount when the fraud was exposed. All three are absconding. The scam involved obtaining death certificates and cremation receipts with the help of a medical practitioner, identified as Dr Ashutosh Yadav, 50, who is also absconding. Investigations revealed that Kanchan alias Pavitra had taken insurance policies from a total of five private companies using two separate Aadhaar card and PAN card.

Setty gets FSIB nod as next chairman of SBI

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Financial Services Institution Bureau (FSIB) has recommended Challa Sreenivasulu Setty, MD, State Bank of India, as the next chairman of the bank. The board conducted interviews to select a successor for the incumbent Dinesh Khara, whose extended term ends in August 2024.

According to a statement from FSIB, the board interviewed three candidates on June 29 for the position of chairman at SBI. "Keeping in view their performance in the interviews, their overall experience, and the existing parameters, the board recommends CS Setty for the position of chairman," the statement said. The other two candidates are understood to be Ashwini Kumar Tewari and Vinay Tonse. Setty (born September 1965) currently oversees the international banking, global markets, and technology divisions at SBI. He started his career with the bank in 1988 as a probationary officer. Setty holds a BSc degree in agriculture and is a certified associate of Indian Institute of Bankers.

Ravi Agrawal to be new CDBT chief

Govt Saturday appointed Ravi Agrawal as the new chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). He replaces Nitin Gupta whose extension ends on June 30. An official statement said Agrawal's tenure will start from July 1 and he would be in office till the date of his superannuation on Sept 30 this year.

After that he would be re-appointed on a contract basis up to June 30 next year on terms and conditions applicable to re-employed central govt officers, as per the statement from the secretariat of Appointments Committee of Cabinet. Agrawal is a 1988 IRS officer and was appointed as member of CBDT, which oversees direct tax issues. He was member admin in CBDT and had also served as DG investigation in Delhi. **TNN**

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Court orders fresh probe into Cadila rape case

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ahmedabad: A local court ordered Saturday further investigation into the rape allegations levelled by a 27-year-old Bulgarian woman against Cadila Pharmaceuticals CMD Rajiv Modi and sought a report in two months. Acting on a protest petition filed by the former flight attendant, additional chief judicial magistrate did not accept the Solap police clean chit given to Modi and a Cadila employee named Johnson Mathew at this stage. Instead of accepting the summary report, the court ordered the investigator to probe further under CrPc Section 173(8) — (further investigation can be done in respect of an offence wherein a police report or chargesheet has been forwarded to a magistrate). As per complainant's advocate Rajesh Mishra, the court observed that impor-

Lynched to death. Charged with dacoity 10 days later

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Agra: Ten days after a mob allegedly lynched Mohammad Farid, 35, in Aligarh, an FIR was filed against him, his brother and five others Saturday. The FIR was registered under IPC sections 395 (dacoity) and 354 (assault or criminal force to woman), reports Deepak Lavania. In her complaint, the wife of textile trader Mukesh Chand Mittal, alleged that Farid, his brother Zaki and their aides carried out a dacoity at her house. She claimed that Farid threatened her at gunpoint, snatched her gold chain, and took Rs 2.5 lakh cash and jewellery from her. DSP Rakesh Sisodia said, "On basis of the complaint, an FIR was filed against seven persons, including Farid, who died purportedly after being beaten by a mob, and two unknown persons. The matter is being investigated."

Group, and vice-president and head of syndicates at SBI's New York branch

Initially, as MD, he led the retail and digital banking verticals before taking on his current responsibilities. His term as MD was extended by two years in Jan 2023. FSIB is an autonomous body in India responsible for recommending appointments and evaluating the performance of top management in public sector banks, insurance companies, and financial institutions.

Serve people with same devotion as shown for God, PM tells babus

'Ensure Good Policies Aren't Entangled In Web Of Legal Provisions'

Dipak Dash & Sidhartha | TNN

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi on Saturday instructed top civil servants to be completely focused on meeting the needs and aspirations of citizens, saying that they should be served with the same devotion that is shown for God, while advocating a flexible approach to ensure that good policies don't get entangled in a web of legal provisions and make them stillborn.



It was PM Modi's first meeting with secretaries after returning to office

TOI has learnt that PM told officers "niyam ki jaal mein niti ki baal mrityu mat karayiye", echoing the lament over numerous instances of well-intentioned policies turning out to be stillborn after they were sucked into complex webs of rules and regulations.

During his first meeting with secretaries after returning to office, Modi described the top officials as "assets" and said that it was due to their efforts that policies and schemes had been implemented, helping his govt win a third term. He also spoke about policy-based governance and the need to do away with adhocism while putting focus on Ease of Living of common citizens.

Sources said Modi told of officers that India being an aspirational society, govt agencies need to look at fulfilling the aspirations as an "opportunity" and not as a burden. He said the imprint of India becoming the third largest economy in the next few years must be seen in every sphere, be it physical and social infrastructure or public oriented governance.

The PM said there has to be greater focus on faster and effective addressing of public grievances and that all should treat service to common citizens as service to God, said an official. The focus was clearly on a citizen-centric approach with Modi underlining that people should get precedence in governance.

The PM is also learnt to have urged officers to look into methods of giving incentives to govt entities for capacity development since progress on that score remains patchy despite this being talked about for years. Modi also directed the top officials to go ahead with govt's 100-day agenda for inauguration of projects, roll out of schemes and taking policy decisions.

In the meeting, which lasted for nearly three hours at the PM's residence, over a dozen secretaries spoke giving their suggestions.

340 officers were prematurely retired between 2014 and 2020, govt informed RS in Feb 2021

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In an office memorandum dated June 27, DoPT asked the departments concerned to furnish a report in this regard "by 15th day of each month starting from July 2024".

FR 56j/1 empowers the appropriate authority to retire any govt servant, if it is in public interest, by giving him a three-month notice in writing or three months' pay and allowances in lieu of such notice. The broad criteria followed in recommending premature retirement is that the govt servant should be of doubtful integrity and ineffective and not fit or competent to continue in the post held.

As per information shared by junior minister for personnel Jitendra Singh with Rajya Sabha in Feb 2021, a total 340 officers were prematurely retired between 2014 and 2020. For Group A and B employees, premature retirement under Rule FR 56j may be handed after the employee turns 50 years

if he has joined service before 35 years of age, and 55 years in other cases. For Group C employees, the premature retirement in public interest can be done after they complete 30 years of service. Rule 48(1)(b) too allows an employee to retire after completing 30 years of service, in public interest.

The guidelines for evaluating cases fit for premature retirement were issued by DoPT in 2020. These lay down the time schedule for the exercise of review of performance of govt servants by the concerned departments.

"The objective is to strengthen the administrative machinery by developing responsible and efficient administration at all levels and to achieve efficiency, economy and speed in disposal of govt functions," DoPT said.

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ALLIANCE INVITED for 24yrs old, 6'3", UP Brahmin - Vats Gotra, Fair, Bsc from UK, MBA from Mumbai, Parents Doctor and a High Affluent Business Family.

Looking for bride - Fair, Tall, Well Educated, Well Cultured. Email Bio Data with Photo to bharatshine19@gmail.com or Call: 9004036965

PB Brahmin Handsome, 42/62", N-married, MS - MBA, US Canadian Citizen. US wkg Pkg 340K Seeks Prof. Qlfd B'fud girl. Caste no bar. India June to mid July. Contact: 9582981898 Em: vshakti982@gmail.com

30/6'4" BBA/LLB IP Univ. Delhi, LLM Queen Mary Univ. London. Father Retd. Superintendent Physician Health Dept. (UP). Brother & Sister in law Doctors. Well reputed Lucknow. UP based family seeks a well educated. Class 1 officer. 983950147.

SM for DM, Brahmin, 35, 5'10" Damsel. Multi talented. Non smoker. No alcoholic. Never married from reputed Neurologists family. Doctors preferred. Cont: 966964560, 9131069378

SUITABLE match for Fair H'some Bengali Kulin Brah 30yrs, 5'10", NRI affluent 30 yrs, on HIB in USA; Studied BE (BITS-Pilani) & MS (USA) from Fair, beautiful, well-educated Bengali Brahmin Girl studying/working in USA or willing to settle in USA. WhatsApp: 8202340660; Email: weddingmyns@gmail.com

SMG for Brahmin 34/56.5" B Tech/MBA wkg in Cent govt, perm Delhi posting, income 19 L reqd wkg girl M 9818963036, 868894428. CAST NO BAR

GARHWALI Brahmin 33 5'10" Kashyap Gotra, M.Sc. D.M.A. B.Ed., Chairman-own reputed school. College, Rishikesh. Cont: 6396795383

H'SOME boy, 33, 5'11", IIT KGP CS B.Tech + M.Tech. Successful entrepreneur with 5+ year exp. CEO Indian Tech Co.M: 9131267139 / 9999873300

MUMBAI based Saraswat Brahmin boy 1990 Symbiosis 18L Need Working Punjabi/Brahmin girl MBA/B.Tech/MCA/CA/B.Pharma Contact: 9899697064

POST Grad in US, Data Scientist on HIB, Tyagi Brahmin boy, modern religious teetotaler, NRI affluent family. Looking for mild mannered working girl from cultured family. PTNEW72@gmail.com / WA +91 9673990223

B.TECH NIT 31 yrs 5'9" working SBI Manager scale 3, 21 LPA Seeks Beautiful B.Tech working Girl. Mob: 8765305120

WANTED B'fud Jain/Agrwal Engr/Dr girl for Jain h'm US bsd 29/5'11", S/w Engr in microsoft. Father jai pur bsd Former Sr. IAS + 950596759

PQM4 well settled US citizen fair & smart boy Sept. 85/5'7", issueless divorcee, Singhal Gotra, Caste No Bar. Contact: 7986709039

GARG boy, 27/5'10" B.Tech BITS Pilani MBA IIM B'lore wkg with Microsoft (Hyd.) / 36 LPA Wkg, T'lr seeks prof. Qlfd, wkg, fmy values girl. Clear Faridabad bsd fmy. w wapp 9310022694.

SAXENA boy, Mar 98/5'9" B.Tech IIST, Scientist SC in ISRO B'lore, 17 LPA. Father PGM S'fud Delhi, Req PQM Slim Tall B'fud status fmy 9654212728

AM - Finance (CA) boy Dec 96/5'10" Wkg at Delhi 12 LPA. Father financial firm owner & educationist mother living in Noida. Seek Qual girl. Contact on 9711401550, 9311355550

ALLIANCE INVITED FOR KAYASTHA HANDSOME DIVORCEE boy 35 YRS. B.TECH WORKING WITH MNC IN NCR. PACKAGE 16 LPA. FATHER RETD. GOVT. SERVANT. MOB: 9810357399, 9810709558

SRIVASTAVA Boy, Delhi/NCR bsd Jan 90/5'8" B.Tech/MBA, Self Emp Investment Pro. Upper Middle Class Fmly from Kanpur. Seeks a W'kg Girl Caste no bar Call/WApp: 915178289, 9339645353

SM4 Mxena Boy V.Fair, 1985/6'2", IIT Delhi Wkg NCR 25LPA, seeks Working Girl. Mob : 9650578877, Em : pnsaxena71@gmail.com

SRIVASTAVA 42/6' Gaztd Govt Class-I Officer smart Divorcee seeks qlfd homely bride Financial status & caste no bar : 9415196964

UP bsd boy Nov 92/5'8" CFA level 2 MBA L.S.B. Hyd wkg M'bal 30+Lacs seeks b'fud, H.Edu only Govt wkg upper caste N.mnglik girls 9454038788

LONDON bsd Kayastha 29/5'8"/M.Fin/AVP in Bank/1 Lac+ Gbp h'some boy. Lko fmy, seek b'fud, cultured & prof qlfd girl. Caste no bar + 9415104743

SM4 boy 57/29yrs, B.Tech IIT DELHI, Own start up & GGN bsd.Fmly of Doc, Engr, prof. CA, Arch, Doc, Engr, B'fud girl upp.castebar W/call 9654132300

LOOKING for our son 95 born, 5'11" working as Software engineer earning 30lpa. Call at 8960713236, 8931952529

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MATCH for Sherwood edu 35yr Software Engr, 5'10" REPUTED Uttarakhnd family managing business Seeking homely Rajput girl. bhaisora@hotmail.com / 9884254038

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34/5'10" Brahmin B.Tech IIT MBA IIM Sr Manager in reputed MNC 65 Lap Father Industrialist, Caste No Bar 9893202325, 8890369292

BRIDE for a 1992 born 6 feet tall, fair, well built software engineer in an MNC, Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin boy. Teetotaler, non smoker, belongs to an academically inclined family. email vr.matr1.1947@gmail.com / whatsapp 7489778004

SM4 Punjabi Brahmin UM boy Dec 83/5'4" Musician settled in Mumbai-caste no bar/simple early marriage. Send profile- Wapp/ Mob 9811682892

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SYED H'some 27/6ft. Healthy, BBA, LLBHD, LLM (Singapore) Corporate Lawyer from South Del status fmy. Seeks Edu, PQ B'fud girl. 964317287, 9310995077

INVITING alliance for a 34year old, 6.2 ft Sunni Muslim doctor, only son of a established doctor family in Kolkata and working as Radiologist/ Assistant Professor in Cambridge International Moscow. Looking for a suitable and convent educated girl, fair complexion and around 5.ft. contact 9830241660/ 8334993944.

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SM4 Valmiki/Mazhabi, 29/5'8" B.Tech, (IIT), MS, Wkg boy, 45 LPA, IIT Educated Family, Caste No Bar. 9872591384, 931639242

MATCH for I.L.T. I.L.M., MS Columbia University (U.S.) educated, handsome Hindu Arora boy, 45 yrs, 5'11", issueless. Working Bombay in Leading investment Firm. Simple marriage. 93846-12472, 94171-37858

PUNJABI Brahmin H'some Canadian citizen 1982/5'7" works Healthcare technology company. Divorcee (no children) W'ap/call 9711399343

SM4 Pk Kh/Arora. MBA. 96 born/ 6'1" income about 10 lacs PA. handsome, issueless div. Whatsapp 9811396059.

PATEL Boy / 31 yrs /5'10"/ Mechanical Engineer / Australian Citizen/ Seeking allied from fmy-oriented educated girl. shubhmatri@yahoo.com

AGARWAL, Architect, 16.10.1989, 5'9", B.Arch., M.Arch., co-author 18 books. Associate Prof. in architecture college. Own house. Ph: 9213102764. Caste no bar.

REARRIAGE Male 48/171cm, Agarwal, UAK based, CA, employee Seeking allied from fmy-oriented educated girl. shubhmatri@yahoo.com

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PQM4 NRI boy (+1/347) 656-9863) 29yr/5'8" MS Comp Sci NYU Wkg top MNC USA. From fmy-oriented educated w'ap; ph: 8422570960(Parents)

Govt panel to finalise new base year for GDP

To Also Advise On New Data Sources

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The ministry of statistics and programme implementation (MOSPI) ministry has notified the setting up of a 26-member panel to oversee the revision of the base year for national accounts.

The panel headed by Biswanta Ghosh, former professor of Institute of Economic Growth, has been tasked to review the existing databases and advise on inclusion of new data sources for improving the estimates of national accounts. "To advise on the methodology for compilation and presentation of National Accounts Statistics for purposes of economic analysis and policy including methodology for seasonal adjustment of quarterly national accounts and on promotion of research in the field of National Accounts Statistics," a gazette notification said while detailing the terms of reference of the panel.

The panel will also advise on the base year for national accounts and its alignment with other related products like wholesale price index, producer price index, consumer price index, the index of industrial production among others. The base year now used is

Panagariya: Must continue data-driven policy-making to climb growth ladder

India should continue its data driven policy making in order to move along its development trajectory, Arvind Panagariya, chairman of the 16th Finance Commission said on Saturday.

"The challenge of the current times is to produce authentic, robust and accurate statistics to cope with the huge demand for information that is now almost universally accessible through digital and other channels," said Panagariya in his address at the 18th Statistics Day, which is held to mark the birth anniversary of Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis who led the foundation for statistics and economic planning in the country.

"The need of the hour is to ensure the availability of accurate data so that these can be appropriately fed into the decision making processes through the aid of modern technology," said Panagariya, who was earlier the vice chairman of gov't think tank NITI Aayog.

Panagariya also urged MOSPI to create a portal, which will serve as a "home" for the data of the finance commission. "Somebody needs to take the lead in creating a home for this data on a permanent basis so that the work of the commission will get much smoothed out for at least in the future," said the 16th FC chairman. TNN

2011-12 and an advisory committee had recommended 2020-21 as the new base year.

It has also asked to advise on implementation of latest UN standards, adoption of new classifications recommended by the UN Statistics Division in development of sequence of accounts for various institutional sectors.

The tenure of this committee will be five years or till the completion of next base year revision of national accounts, whichever is later. For operational feasibility, the committee may constitute sub-committees on different aspects with maximum tenure of two years, according to the notification.

The other prominent members of the panel include G C Manna, former director-general CSO, Chetan Ghate, director of Institute of Economic Growth, Partha Ray, Director NIBM, Pune, Subrata Guha, professor Centre of Economic Studies and Planning Jawaharlal Nehru University, Mausumi Das, Professor Delhi School of Economics, Shalabh, professor of Statistics & Dean of Academic Affairs Department of Mathematic & Statistics Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, Ranjan Kumar Sahoo, professor, Department of Statistics Central University of Haryana, CEO, GSTN, DG's of Mospi and NSS and others.

World Bank OKs \$1.5bn financing for green H2 projects in India

New Delhi: The World Bank's Board has approved \$1.5 billion loans to help India accelerate the development of low-carbon energy. The operation will seek to promote the development of a vibrant market for green hydrogen, continue to scale up renewable energy, and stimulate finance for low-carbon energy investments, according to the multilateral agency.

The programme will support reforms to boost the production of green hydrogen and electrolyzers. It also supports reforms to boost renewable energy penetration, for instance, by incentivising battery energy storage solutions and amending the Indian Electricity Grid Code to improve renewable energy integration into the grid. The financing includes a \$1.46 billion loan from International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and a \$31.5 million credit from International Development Association (IDA).

"The World Bank is pleased to continue supporting India's low-carbon development strategy which will help achieve the country's net-zero target while creating clean energy jobs in the private sector," said Auguste Tano Kouame, World Bank Country Director for India.

The reforms are expected to result in the production of at least 450,000 metric tonne of green hydrogen and 1,500 MW of electrolyzers per year from FY25/26 onwards. It will also help to increase renewable energy capacity and support reductions in emissions by 50 million tonne per year. TNN

BJP set to contest Haryana polls on its own, declares Shah

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Undeterred by the loss of five seats during Lok Sabha polls in Haryana, senior BJP leader and home minister Amit Shah on Saturday announced that the party will contest the forthcoming assembly polls in the state solo and exhorted party workers to gear up for a two-thirds majority.

"We have lost a few seats in Haryana by small margins but our vote share has

gone up by 5% from 2014. This time too, we will not ally with anyone and will contest on our own and win. This time, we must win Haryana with a two-third majority," Shah said, in his first public rally after Lok Sabha polls, as he addressed BJP workers at Panchkula.

The decision to go alone is significant after Congress halved BJP's tally from the state. Just before LS polls, Dushyant Chautala-led Janayak Janta Party (JJP), which was an ally of BJP in the state, severed ties and contested the polls on its

own. Shah made it clear that the party does not intend to make concessions to woo the former ally back.

Shah sought to play down BJP's less-than-expected performance in LS polls, focusing instead on Narendra Modi's feat in being the first PM in 60 years to score a third consecutive victory "How can this be possible without the blessings of the people of India?" the home minister said.

He said that Congress is trying to make their defeat in the Lok Sabha election look like a victory through false propaganda.

"BJP got 5% more votes in the last election than in the previous election. On the other hand, BJP alone has won more seats than the total number of seats won by all INDI Alliance parties," the home minister asserted.

He dubbed Congress as a party of dynasts and referred to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi as "Tara" and former CM B S Hooda's son Deepender Singh Hooda as "Sitara". "Tara and Sitara cannot have their sway in Haryana. Sonia Ji's Tara and Hooda Saheb's Sitara won't shine in Haryana anymore."

Sensing strong resistance from Congress after the loss of five seats in Lok Sabha polls in the state, the BJP brass has taken measures to improve the party prospects in the state polls, appointing party's key strategist Dharma Pradhan as poll in-charge and former Tripura CM Biplab Deb as his deputy.



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Judiciary must be free from political bias, says Didi in presence of CJI

Debashis.Konar@timesgroup.com

Kolkata: West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee Saturday made a strong pitch for the judiciary to be free from "political bias", while speaking at the inauguration of a two-day conference organised by National Judicial Academy in Kolkata.

Addressing the gathering that comprised CJI D Y Chandrachud, senior Supreme Court judges including justices B R Gavai, Dipankar Datta and Rajesh Bindal, and Calcutta high court chief justice TS Sivagnanam, among others, Mamata said: "It is not my intention to humiliate anyone. But it is my kind submission, a humble submission... please see to it that there are no political biases in the judiciary. The judiciary must be absolutely pure, honest and sacred, and let people revere it like a temple."

The CJI appeared to concur, as he said judges should refrain from allowing their personal ideologies to influence their judgments. Mamata's remarks come at a time when her gov't's relationship with the judiciary has been fraught with tension, with the CM even criticising some of the HC rulings in the recent past.

In a post on her X handle later, she said: "Judiciary stands as a guardian of our constitutional rights, a beacon of justice, and a cornerstone of our democratic framework. In these times, more than ever, we must strive to uphold the purity and honesty of our judicial processes, free from any political bias. People place immense faith in the judiciary,



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looking to it as a source of fairness and truth. It is this trust that we must honour and protect."

Chandrachud, on his part, emphasised that judgments should be based on constitutional morality, not a judge's idea of morality. Reminding the judges that they were "servants" of the constitution, not its "masters", he said the values judges had to espouse were values the Constitution had enshrined for them, whether they liked it or not — "that is, a society based on human dignity, fraternity, equality, liberty, respect for all, tolerance for all and inclusion of all".

The CJI, however, expressed reservations at the use of the term "temple of justice" for courts. "Because 'temples' postulate that judges are in the role of deities. I would rather recast the role of judges as servers of the people. Then you bring that compassion and empathy — judging people but not being judgmental about people."

Comic cancels show after MLA threat over joke

Hyderabad: A stand-up show by comic Daniel Fernandes at a restaurant in Hyderabad's Jubilee Hills was cancelled on Saturday after BJP MLA T Raja Singh threatened to disrupt it allegedly over the artist's objectionable remarks on Jain community.

Raja released a video threatening to beat up Fernandes if he went ahead with the show. Police reached the restaurant only to find that the event was cancelled.

Fernandes had recently joked about members of the Jain community dressing up as Muslims to save goats from being slaughtered on Bakrid. TNN

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Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the following posts on contractual basis (contract up to 31-03-2025, likely to be continued further on annual basis) in U.P. State AIDS Control Society, Lucknow. The application on prescribed format should reach in the office of the Project Director at above mentioned address in time upto 15th July, 2024 during working hours till 06:00 pm.

1. State Prevention Officer	01 post (Contractual)
2. Cluster Prevention Officer	08 post (Contractual)

For details like qualification, experience, age limit and application form kindly visit society's website: www.upsacs.up.gov.in

PROJECT DIRECTOR

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Ref.No.SPAV/Estt./Rect./Teaching Dt: 26.06.2024

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FACULTY RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION
School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada invites applications from Indian Nationals for the following Faculty Positions on Direct Recruitment Basis:

Sl. No.	Department	Name of the Posts	Total No. of Posts	Pay level (7th CPC)	Reservation						
					GEN	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	Others	
1	Planning	i. Professor	1	14	-	-	-	01	-	-	
		Total	1								
2	Architecture	ii. Associate Professor	1	13A1	-	-	-	-	01	-	
		Total	3								

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NIT No. 15/CIVIL/MPB/2024 TENDER NOTICE Dated: 20/06/2024

Online tenders for Annual Supply of Civil Items at Madhya Pradesh Bhawan, Plot No. 29 C-D, Jesus & Mary Marg, Chanakypuri, New Delhi and Madhyanchal, 12 IHC Pocket, Institutional Area, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi are invited with two bid system (Technical bid & Financial bid) through e-Tendering website www.mptenders.gov.in or www.mpbhawan.gov.in in the prescribed proforma from interested parties/ Registered Firms/ Registered Companies/ Reputed Organizations/ Agencies

S. No.	Description	Date
1.	Last date and time of submission	15.07.2024 upto 3.00 p.m.
2.	Date and Time of Opening of Technical Bid	16.07.2024 at 3.00 p.m.
3.	Pre-bid meeting	05.07.2024 at 03:00 pm
4.	Date and Time of Opening of Financial Bid of qualified bidder	23.07.2024 at 03:00 p.m.
5.	Probable cost of work	₹ 5,00,000/-
6.	EMD	₹ 15,000/-
7.	Cost of Tender Document	₹ 5,00/-

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RECRUITMENT OF DRIVER & TECHNICIAN-I
Advertisement No. 04 /2024

Applications are invited from the citizens of India for filling up 02 posts of Driver and 17 posts of Technician-I at CSIR-CDRI, a constituent Institute of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research. The details of the post are given below:

Designation	No. of Posts & reservation status	Pay Level/Pay Matrix & Total Emoluments (Rs.)	*Upper Age limit	Start date of Registration
Driver (Non-Technical) (Isolated post)	Total Post 02 (01 UR & 01 SC)	Pay Level-2, Cell-1 (Pay Scale-19900-63200) Total 35,475/- (Approx.)	Age Limit: 27 Years (not exceeding as on 09.08.2024)	Friday, 05 th July, 2024 from 10:00 AM
Technician (I)	Total Posts 17 (01-EWS, 03-SC, 05 OBC & 08 Unreserved)	Pay Level-2, Cell-1 (Pay Scale-19900-63200) Total 35,475/- (Approx.)	Age Limit: 28 Years (not exceeding as on 16.08.2024)	Monday, 15 th July, 2024 from 10:00 AM

Note: For detailed advertisement and filling up online application form please visit our website <https://www.cdri.res.in> and 'Driver Recruitment-2024 link and Technician-I Recruitment-2024 link.

Sr. Controller of Administration

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
e-mail ee-roh-hp@nic.in

e-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer HPPWD Rohru Distt Shimla H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites item rate, bids, in electronic tendering system, in 2 cover system for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/firms registered with H.P. PWD Department.

Sr. No. - 1 Name of Work :- C/o Govt I.T.I building at Chirgaon in tehsil Chirgon Distt Shimla H.P (SH- C/o Building Portion with WS & SI rain Harvesting tank, site development etc) Estimated Cost (Rs.) :- 65646345/- Starting date for downloading Bid :- 01.07.2024 Earnest money :- 1312927/- Deadline for submission bid :- 08.07.2024

The Bidders are advised to note other details for tenders and letter No. PWD(B) A(3) 1/2020 dated 12.01.2023 issued by secretary (PW) to the Govt. of himachal Pradesh Public Works Department from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in, and any corrigendum will be uploaded on the website only.

Executive Engineer HPPWD Division Rohru Distt Shimla HP
HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK
Adv. No. 0472/29.06.2024

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY G24
CORRIGENDUM

"Tender closing date of Tender notice no. CNB2024202510, dated 24.06.2024, invited by Chief Engineer/Construction (North), North Central Railway, Prayagraj on behalf of the President of India, may be read as 26.07.2024 instead of 22.07.2024" 1100/24 FA

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING OPEN TENDER
TENDER Notice No. 25/TRD/DNR/OT/24-25

The Divisional Railway Manager, E.C. Railway Danapur invites sealed tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works. Tender No.: TRD/DNR/OT/25/24-25 (1) Name of work with its location: Outsourcing of PSI maintenance activities for electrified sections over DNR Division for Two (02) years. (2) Approx cost of the work (NET value) : Rs. 4,46,62,169.08 (3) Earnest money to be deposited : Rs. 3,74,300/- (4) Date & Time for selling, submission and opening of Tender : The tender have to be submitted online on www.ireps.gov.in upto 12.00 hrs. on the date of opening i.e. 19.07.2024 and will be opened on the same day at 12.30 hrs. (5) Website particulars, notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.: Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria & tender documents can be seen from the CRIS website: <http://www.ireps.gov.in> & full details of notice can be seen on notice board of Sr. DEE (TRD)/E.C. Railway/Danapur. All corrigendum will be uploaded on website if required.

Divinl. Railway Manager, Danapur PR/0601/DNR/ETRD/T/24-25/36

SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA, Stressed Assets Management Branch-II, E-Auction Sale Notice
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"APPENDIX- IV-A" [See proviso to rule 8 (6)] Sale notice for sale of Immovable Property

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is" & "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on below mentioned dates, for recovery of amount as mentioned below, due to the Secured Creditor from Borrowers, Guarantors and Mortgagors mentioned below. The reserve price and the earnest money to be deposited is mentioned below.

Name of Borrower (B) / Guarantor (G) with address/es	Address of Security charged covered under Auction	Reserve Price(RP) EMD Amount 10% of The Reserve Price Bid Increment Amount	The secured debt for recovery of which the property is to be sold	Date / Time of on-site Inspection of Property with name of Authorized Officer	Date and Time For Submission of Bid Application Form, KYC Documents, PAN Card, Proof of EMD etc. and EMD through MSTC Wallet	Date & Time of E-Auction with auto extensions of 10 minutes each
M/s Ram Meher Infra Developers Pvt Ltd, Through its Director, Ravi Singhal, 28/257, Sultanganj, Agra-282002	Commercial Building at Khasra No. 174,177-180, situated at Mauza Basai Mustakil, Agra (UP) - 282006 measuring 3514.50sq meters adjacent to Jaypee Palace Hotel on Fatehabad Road, Agra (U.P.) 282006 owned by M/S Ram Meher Infra Developers Pvt. Ltd. (Physical Possession with Bank)	₹ 18,00,00,000/-	Rs. 18,35,85,874/- as on 11.07.2023, plus further interest at contractual rate and all other misc. expenses, charges, costs etc.	12-07-2024 12:00 Noon to 04.00 PM	before closing of e-auction	16-07-2024 From 11.00 A.M to 04.00 P.M with unlimited extensions of 10 Minutes each.
M/s Ram Meher Infra Developers Pvt Ltd, Through its Director, Shishir Singh, 28/257, Sultanganj, Agra-282002	Commercial Building at Khasra No. 174,177-180, situated at Mauza Basai Mustakil, Agra (UP) - 282006 measuring 3514.50sq meters adjacent to Jaypee Palace Hotel on Fatehabad Road, Agra (U.P.) 282006 owned by M/S Ram Meher Infra Developers Pvt. Ltd. (Physical Possession with Bank)	₹ 1,80,00,000/-	Rs. 18,35,85,874/- as on 11.07.2023, plus further interest at contractual rate and all other misc. expenses, charges, costs etc.	12-07-2024 12:00 Noon to 04.00 PM	before closing of e-auction	16-07-2024 From 11.00 A.M to 04.00 P.M with unlimited extensions of 10 Minutes each.
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M/s Ram Meher Infra Developers Pvt Ltd, (Guarantor, Mortgagor and Partner M/s Bohle Baba Agro Foods LLP) 26/257, Sultanganj, Agra-282002	Commercial Building at Khasra No. 174,177-180, situated at Mauza Basai Mustakil, Agra (UP) - 282006 measuring 3514.50sq meters adjacent to Jaypee Palace Hotel on Fatehabad Road, Agra (U.P.) 282006 owned by M/S Ram Meher Infra Developers Pvt. Ltd. (Physical Possession with Bank)	₹ 10,00,000/-	Rs. 18,35,85,874/- as on 11.07.2023, plus further interest at contractual rate and all other misc. expenses, charges, costs etc.	12-07-2024 12:00 Noon to 04.00 PM	before closing of e-auction	16-07-2024 From 11.00 A.M to 04.00 P.M with unlimited extensions of 10 Minutes each.
M/s Bohle Baba Agro Foods LLP, (Borrower) F-844, Near Adarsh Nagar Mod, Kamla Nagar, Agra-282005	Commercial Building at Khasra No. 174,177-180, situated at Mauza Basai Mustakil, Agra (UP) - 282006 measuring 3514.50sq meters adjacent to Jaypee Palace Hotel on Fatehabad Road, Agra (U.P.) 282006 owned by M/S Ram Meher Infra Developers Pvt. Ltd. (Physical Possession with Bank)	₹ 10,00,000/-	Rs. 18,35,85,874/- as on 11.07.2023, plus further interest at contractual rate and all other misc. expenses, charges, costs etc.	12-07-2024 12:00 Noon to 04.00 PM	before closing of e-auction	16-07-2024 From 11.00 A.M to 04.00 P.M with unlimited extensions of 10 Minutes each.
Yash Aggarwal, (Guarantor and Partner M/s Bohle Baba Agro Foods LLP), Add. -F-844, Kamla Nagar, Dayal Bagh, Agra-282005	Commercial Building at Khasra No. 174,177-180, situated at Mauza Basai Mustakil, Agra (UP) - 282006 measuring 3514.50sq meters adjacent to Jaypee Palace Hotel on Fatehabad Road, Agra (U.P.) 282006 owned by M/S Ram Meher Infra Developers Pvt. Ltd. (Physical Possession with Bank)	₹ 10,00,000/-	Rs. 18,35,85,874/- as on 11.07.2023, plus further interest at contractual rate and all other misc. expenses, charges, costs etc.	12-07-2024 12:00 Noon to 04.00 PM	before closing of e-auction	16-07-2024 From 11.00 A.M to 04.00 P.M with unlimited extensions of 10 Minutes each.
Smt. Santosh Singhal, Guarantor, House No. 125B, Nehru Nagar, Agra-282002	Commercial Building at Khasra No. 174,177-180, situated at Mauza Basai Mustakil, Agra (UP) - 282006 measuring 3514.50sq meters adjacent to Jaypee Palace Hotel on Fatehabad Road, Agra (U.P.) 282006 owned by M/S Ram Meher Infra Developers Pvt. Ltd. (Physical Possession with Bank)	₹ 10,00,000/-	Rs. 18,35,85,874/- as on 11.07.2023, plus further interest at contractual rate and all other misc. expenses, charges, costs etc.	12-07-2024 12:00 Noon to 04.00 PM	before closing of e-auction	16-07-2024 From 11.00 A.M to 04.00 P.M with unlimited extensions of 10 Minutes each.

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PQM for fair QfId, Christian Girl 1988/54" Issueless Divorcee working in Delhi both Married & Unmarried cast Contact: 8052519251

SM in India or US for pb Arora girl MBA working in US Nov 89 Gurgaon base family contact 9910709922

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VERY fair, B. ful, Rastogi girl, April 96/56" Veg. MDS Student Seeks Doctor Clinical Br. Alliance Delhi NCR Call/W App: 9711411317.

MEDICO match for upper middle class Kayasth Mathur girl doing PG in Ophthalmology, 1997 Born, 5'4", Fair complexion, Nuclear Doctor family Contact: 9416004376, umb2302@gmail.com

RAJPUT girl 29, 5'-2", Dental Surgeon MDS final year, good family, looking for edu., cultured, Hindu Groom, 1969/2004deepsah@gmail.com

DOCTOR, Engr. Mr. Gatt Prof. For Nvr married, slim 55", Sept. 1980, Soni girl, MBBS, HCMS-1, govt. job-15 LPA. BHP #999602026

MEDICO groom PG clinical subject for a medico saxena fair girl 53" / 14.10.1989 DNB ophthalmology wkg as SR in govt hospital # 9827116322

PQM prof. doctor, for Delhi bsd NM Veg fair Mittal girl, 31/56", Pursuing DM(Oncology) TMH Mumbai, MD Paediatrics (LHMC), Contact: 9810738421

M4 Medico, Civil Services Aggarwal Slim, Fair Girl 54", 06-08-90, MD Anesthesia Consultant in Reputed private Hospital Delhi N: 9416279974

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SM4, slim, b'ful, Sikh rangarharia Dr girl, 96 born, 5.7ht, MBBS, pursuing MD Radiology, contact 9410469885, 9837852897

MEDICO match for Sarawat Brahmin postgraduate (ENT) doctor girl 53" Dec 94. Contact : 9414136836.

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SM4 Sunni muslim B'ful, fair, tall girl 27 MBA Working MNC at Gurgaon seeking Well educated reputed fmly in Indore MO 9826991123

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MBA Pharma Hindu Delhi based working Girl, 32Years/ 57" Seeks well settled match. Call/W App: 9990016119, 9268759953

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UGC's push for pen-paper NET, CUET-UG now under scanner

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Investigations into the alleged Central Selection Board of Constable (CSBC) and National Eligibility cum Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG) 2024 paper leak cases revealed security breaches during transportation of question papers. This has led to scrutiny of NTA, which was established to conduct "high-quality" exams digitally with minimal human interference and in collaboration with a credible technology partner.

An NTA source stated, "UGC insisted on making CUET-UG hybrid or pen-paper in 2023 itself. However, NTA disagreed and conducted the exam in CBT mode. The first edition faced a lot of criticism due to technical glitches, and in 2023, it was conducted over a month. However, like JEE (Main), the exam's integrity was not questioned and there were no technical glitches. With change of leadership in NTA last year, UGC once again wanted the exam to be conducted in hybrid mode, with papers for a large number of candidates delivered in pen-paper mode."

Despite criticism over delays, glitches, and centres lacking basic amenities, NTA has been "performing adequately with computer-based JEE (Main) and UGC-NET since 2018," according to a senior MoE official. Official added, "It is intriguing that UGC reportedly wanted UGC-NET to be in pen-paper mode, and this decision by the commission also needs to be questioned."

Principal's arrest stuns Hazaribag

Haque Had Turned Oasis Into One Of Dist's Most Prestigious Schools

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Hazaribag: Arrest of principal of Hazaribag's Oasis School, Ehsanul Haque, by CBI in NEET-UG paper leak case has left those who have known him since his days of struggle in shock and disbelief. Many of them find it hard to accept that the soft-spoken teacher, who built the reputation of Oasis as the city's premier school from scratch, could be involved in the paper leak.

Haque, 42, once ran a coaching institute called "Seed" on Pugmil Road in the city. In 2013, he was roped in to head the Oasis School, located on Mandal Road in Hazaribag district, at its inception by its owner and chairman, Shabbir Ahmad.

He faced significant challenges, right from taking the school to new heights to securing a CBSE affiliation, but succeeded in both, making Oasis one of Hazaribag's most sought-after schools, thanks to its top-notch infrastructure and faculty.

The school, which started with 100-odd students in 2013, now has over 4,000 students and over 40 teachers, and runs from a modern building with state-of-the-art facilities for academics and sports. The school got CBSE affiliations for classes X and XII in 2020.

Sources said a total of 118 students appeared in class X board exams in 2012-2022, and the school had a 100% pass percentage, with 38 stu-

dents securing marks above 85%. In 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, too, all students who appeared for class X and XII board examinations passed.

The academic success of the school also established Haque, who holds PhD and BEd degrees, among the noted academicians in Hazaribag. After being appointed as CBSE coordinator, he became a prominent figure of the city and was often invited to various programmes organised by different schools, said one of his acquaintances. Haque, his friends revealed, comes from a humble background. His father, a former employee of Central Coalfields Limited, passed away recently. A bachelor, he takes care of his two younger brothers and their families, and a married sister. "He always remained busy from morning to evening, with most of his time spent at the school," one of his friends said.

The staff at Oasis School and his neighbours in the Hasmia colony are still in shock over his arrest on Friday. None in the school or the locality wished to speak anything on record on Saturday.

"It's beyond my expectation as to why he did what he did. It's a tough time for his family," said one of the locals, who did not wish to be identified. Another person said, "When the almighty gave him everything, right from the chair of a big school to the CBSE coordinator, what was the use of indulging in wrong activities?"

Prime accused among 9 held in Gauhati univ marksheet scam

Guwahati: Nine people, including the prime accused, have been arrested so far in an alleged marksheet scam in Gauhati University, police said on Saturday. Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma had on Thursday revealed the alleged scam at a press briefing in Barpeta, reports Mukut Das.

The arrests were made from Guwahati, Barpeta and Dhubri. The latest one was made on Friday. Six to seven cases have

come to light in Barpeta and the prime accused, who is in charge of the firm responsible for computerised marksheet system, was arrested.

The scam came to light when authorities at Ganesh Lal Chaudhary College in Barpeta Road detected forged marks of Azizul Haque, a sixth-semester undergraduate student, prompting a detailed probe that led to arrest of eight individuals from across Assam.

CAUGHT IN THE NEET NET

A nationwide investigation into the NEET exam fraud has led to numerous arrests, uncovering a vast network of people — including junior engineers, teachers, school administrators, students, and political functionaries — suspected of involvement in leaking question papers, providing answer keys, and arranging dummy candidates

BIHAR, JHARKHAND

May 5/6 (Patna) | 13 arrested, including four aspirants and three parents. Key figures: Sikandar Yadavendu (junior engineer), his driver Bittu, Amit Anand, Nitish Kumar, Mukesh, and Roshan Kumar. Charges: Providing question solvers, handling aspirants, transporting to safe houses

June 21 (Deoghar, Jharkhand)

| Six arrested — Paramjit Singh alias Bittu, Baldev Kumar alias Chintu, Prashant Kumar alias Kaju, Ajit Kumar, Rajiv Kumar alias Karu, Pinku Kumar. Charges: Leaking question papers, providing solvers, coordinating leaks

June 27 (Patna)

| Manish Anand and Ashutosh Kumar arrested by CBI. Charges: Sheltering aspirants to memorize answer keys

June 28 (Hazaribagh, Jharkhand)

| Principal Ehsanul Haque, vice principal Imtiaz Alam, and journalist Jamaluddin arrested. Charges: Leaking question paper

RAJASTHAN

May 5 | 22-year-old female student and Bhagwan Singh arrested for appearing as dummy candidates. Hukma Ram Godara (AIIMS Jodhpur) allegedly appeared as dummy candidate in Bihar; currently on the run

May 8 | Student mediator and six students from Jhalawar Govt Medical College arrested by Delhi police



Economic Offences Unit personnel with an arrested accused in Patna on June 23, 2024

June 13 | 21-year-old student from Jhalawar Govt Medical College arrested in Mumbai for liaising with the female dummy candidate

UTTARAKHAND

June 25 (Dehradun) | Gurgaon resident Gangadhar Gunde, originally from Marathwada, arrested while on the way to Mussoorie. Charges: Helping leak question papers in Bihar

GUJARAT

May 10 | Parshuram Roy, a Vadodra-based overseas education consultant, arrested. Charges: Coordinating with other accused in medical exam leaks

May 12 | Tushar Bhatt, a teacher at Jalaram School in Godhra who lived in Vadodra, and Godhra-based

Jadhav (40), a teacher in Madha of Solapur, arrested. Charges: Identifying students, collecting hall ticket photos, collecting money, and passing info to an absconding ITI instructor

MAHARASHTRA

June 23/25 (Latur and Solapur) | Headmaster Jaleel Khan Pathan (34) in Latur district and Santosh

Arif Vahora, a suspended BJP functionary, arrested. Charges: Receiving money (Rs 7 lakh or more) for students, coordinating with other accused. Roy gave a list of students to Bhatt on WhatsApp

GUJARAT

May 19 | Vibhor Anand Singh, a Bihar native living in Vadodra, arrested. Charges: Referring students to Roy

GUJARAT

May 20 | Parshottam Sharma, principal of Jay Jalaram School in Godhra, arrested. Charges: Ensuring school selection as exam centre; conspiring with Bhatt

New NEET-PG schedule 'in one or two days', says Pradhan

New Delhi: National Board of Examinations (NBE) will announce the new schedule for NEET-PG "in one or two days", Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan said on Saturday. Last week, NEET-PG was among the several exams that were cancelled as a pre-emptive measure against alleged irregularities in competitive tests.

Pradhan told this to reporters in Panchkula during Haryana BJP's extended state executive meeting. His comment follows the announcement of revised dates

for three cancelled exams by NTA. UGC-NET, which was cancelled a day after being conducted on June 18 due to "compromised exam integrity", will now take place from Aug 21 to Sep 4.

Pradhan mentioned that the UGC-NET question paper was leaked on the darknet and circulated via the Telegram app, and the matter is under CBI investigation. UGC-NET determines eligibility for the junior research fellowship (JRF) award, assistant professorships and PhD admissions. **TNN**

U'khand NEET leak suspect held on way to Mussoorie

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The principal had blamed a local SBI branch, where the papers were stored, and a private courier company. Jamaludin's family sources said he was friends with Haque for several years. Jamaludin had organised a news conference recently for Haque to clear his stance on the leak, they said.

In Uttarakhand, the suspect arrested was identified as Gangadhar Gunde, aged around 60. A resident of Gurgaon, Gunde was intercepted Saturday on way to Mussoorie by Dehradun police, who assisted CBI in the action.

"Gunde was, perhaps, in touch with the (NEET leak) accused in Bihar. We cannot divulge more details as the case is being handled by CBI's Delhi unit. Our role was only to secure his arrest and hand him over to our Delhi unit," a CBI officer in Dehradun said.

In Gujarat's Godhra, four people arrested and jailed in a NEET attempt-to-copy case were remanded in four-day CBI custody on Saturday.

Later, the agency took their custody from Godhra jail for questioning. The four are Purshottam Sharma, principal of Jai Jalaram School; Tushar Bhatt, a teacher in the same school, Arif Vahora, a suspended BJP functionary who referred students to Bhatt; and Vibhor Anand Singh of Bihar who roped in candidates from other states.

Vahora had allegedly paid Rs 7 lakh in cash to Bhatt and the money was recovered from the latter's car on May 5 when the copying bid was foiled by the district collector on a tip-off.

The remand order cited CBI's claims that some NEET students chose Jay Jalaram School as their test centre and Gujarat as their language despite being from other states. The modus operandi was to ask students to leave out questions they did not know blank so that they could be filled in later. In his remand order, the sessions judge called it "an exceptional case which prima facie has a deep-rooted conspiracy". (With inputs from Patna and Ahmedabad)

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'Will be happy to include suggestions given at TOI Dialogues for policy rejig'

UP deputy CM Brajesh Pathak praised the TOI Dialogues initiative for fostering healthy exchanges of ideas, saying "TOI brings along irrefutable credibility". He delivered his keynote address at TOI Dialogues in Lucknow on June 25, marking the start of a series of pan-India conclaves. "We will be happy to include suggestions gathered at this event for a policy rejig," he said.

The series — held in Gorakhpur on June 21, Lucknow on June 25, and Varanasi on June 27 — featured a diverse range of participants, including MP Ravi Kishan, policy-maker Awanish Awasthi, sports-persons Mohammad Kaif, Sardar Singh, and Yogeshwar Dutt, Bollywood stars Randeep Hooda, Vikrant Massey, Jimmy Sheirgill, Raksha Dugal, Shweta Tripathi, Faisal Malik, Amit Sial, and Rahul Mitra, historians Vikram Sampath, Abhijit Chavda, and Anuj Dhar, and cultural icons Malini Awasthi and Yatindra Mishra.

In Varanasi, the session titled "Intersection of History and Modern Politics" resonated with the city's timeless charm. Senior journalist Yahwant Deshmukh highlighted the unique political under-

standing of Varanasi's natives, who accommodate diverse ideologies but maintain unwavering reverence for Baba Vishwanath. Historian Vikram Sampath remarked on the city's spirit and the people's faith in rebuilding it after each invasion.

Awanish Awasthi described Varanasi as a pivotal element of UP's growth story, attributing the state's turnaround to CM Yogi Adityanath's efforts to enhance law and order. Actor Massey praised Yogi gov't for its support to the film industry and the ancient city's turnaround. "This is the reason why Varanasi is getting more tourists than Goa," said Massey. Actor Sheirgill, speaking in Gorakhpur, expressed amazement at the city's transformation since his family left in 1985.

Gorakhpur MP Ravi Kishan echoed these sentiments, highlighting the city's shift. "Gorakhpur was once known as Chicago of the East because of mafia raj. That all changed after CM Yogi Adityanath came to office in 2017," he said. In Lucknow, ex-cricketer Kaif and actor Hooda shared their personal connections to UP. Kaif, reminiscing about his childhood in Prayagraj, hailed UP as a hub of talent. Hooda reflected on the state's impact on art and culture and its improved image as film-friendly.

Soldiers swept away during river-crossing drill at night

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The night exercise, which included river crossing drill, was taking place amid continuing military confrontation with China in eastern Ladakh, which is into its fifth year now. Border Roads Organisation, incidentally, is in the final stages of completing a new alternate 130-km road from Sasoma in Nubra Valley through Saser Brangsa to DBO outpost.

DBO, which includes an advance landing ground at an altitude of 16,614-ft, overlooks the Karakoram Pass and is just a few kilometres from LAC and China-occupied Aksai Chin region beyond. Expressing sadness at "loss of lives of five soldiers in the unfortu-

nate accident", defence minister Rajnath Singh said, "We will never forget the exemplary service of our gallant soldiers. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families." India has forward deployed over 50,000 troops, along with around 100 tanks and 330 BMP infantry combat vehicles as well as scores of artillery guns and surface-to-air missile systems, to match Chinese deployments since multiple incursions by People's Liberation Army into eastern Ladakh in April-May 2020. China has till now refused to undertake troop disengagement at the two remaining major face-off sites in Depsang Plains and CNN track junction at Demchok as a precondition for overall de-escalation and de-induction.

We often hear of 'history' as war and peace, celebrating heroic deeds and assigning not-so-heroic motivations to others. Those histories are occasionally inspiring — and often disturbing for history is power, holding the ability to unfurl action in the present. It is time, wise reader, to engage with real history — the chronicles of Earth — which comes from rock-hard sources (literally, given the geological layers scientists mine). Today, climate history is essential knowledge. The United Nations estimates between 1980 to 1999, 4,212 natural disasters occurred worldwide, claiming 1.19 million lives and costing US\$ 1.63 trillion. Between 2000 to 2019, this rose to 7,348 disasters, affecting 4.2 billion and costing US\$ 2.97 trillion.

Climate history explains the difference. The field is a many-layered one. It encompasses Earth's physical history, from the emergence of its biosphere to the proliferation of its biodiversity. It records diverse elements — carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, etc. — which, in stability, ensure life. It also tracks how humanity is making this balance wobble. Climate-related events, doubling between 1999 to 2019, stem from anthropogenic imbalances — between 1850 to 2022, humans emitted several billion tonnes of 'greenhouse gases', a planet-heating bouquet of carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide, by burning fossil fuels, destroying forests and polluting ecosystems. Many of us can't easily see the link between human actions and environmental repercussions. Here, climate history shines a (renewable) light. By illuminating how Earth works, how it breathes and exhales, how its oceans and forests dance with currents and clouds, how its wetlands and peatlands store water and carbon and its species evolve, climate history warns us to stop rushing in where the cosmos fears a heavy tread.

It also encourages. As Times Evoke's global experts emphasise, climate history helps us prepare for today's challenges. With extreme weather, the world needs new paradigms of building, growing and being. Climate history offers panaceas of resilience. Also, it is part of your own extraordinary tale — you live on the universe's only known home to life. You arrived here, a mix of stardust and personality, after 14 billion years. You hold journeys and prophecies in your hands — don't overlook that in the maze of everyday thrills, bills and prattle. Join Times Evoke in exploring climate history — and your life.

'Climate history warns us to limit warming to 2°C – humans may not be able to adapt beyond that'

Dagomar Degroot is associate professor of history at Georgetown University. Speaking to **Srijana Mitra Das** at Times Evoke, he discusses archives of climate collapse — and resilience:

What is the core of your research?

I'm an environmental historian. I work on identifying how climate changed in the past, often by collaborating with scientists and scholars from related disciplines, and figure out how such climate change influenced diverse populations. Some collapsed while others managed to survive, even thrive. My work explores this and sees if these findings can inform climate policy now.



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What sources are used in such history?

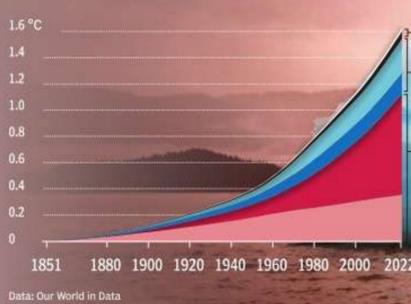
For identifying past climatic changes, I work with scientists in part. They use 'the archives of nature', aspects of the natural world that record the influence of earlier climatic variations. The rings of trees are an example — these correspond to how much a tree has grown. Bits of these rings could be thicker or thinner, depending on weather. You can use their width to figure out how the weather changed over a tree's lifetime. Ice cores also accumulate gradually as layers, akin to tree rings. There's some melting at the poles in summer, causing these layers. By measuring different isotopes in the layers, you gain a sense of the temperature of the whole planet because heavier isotopes tend to evaporate more when Earth is warmer and then precipitate into ice sheets.

Researchers like me also use 'the archives of society'. These can be direct reports of weather. Educated people would often keep weather diaries while officers on ships would record changes in wind direction and velocity. Many texts describe



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activities profoundly influenced by the weather — the date of harvests, sowing times, when cherry blossoms would reach full bloom or how battles were conducted, all these indicated weather. Archaeological remains show us material cultures while oral histories, through word of mouth, mirror the state of climates. You can combine all these different sources and synthesise them to see how the planet changed — and people responded.

When did it become clear humans were impacting climatic processes?

Humans have been altering the atmosphere for thousands of years, changing landscapes, wiping out megafauna and developing agriculture. Potentially bigger changes came with the 15th century genocide in the western hemisphere when European colonisers began killing millions of indigenous people, perhaps so many that previous agricultural and forest management regimes were no longer viable on a scale which could allow the regrowth of tropical forests that pull carbon dioxide (CO₂) out of the atmosphere.

Large-scale pollution of the atmosphere came with industrialisation and the use of fossil fuels like coal, oil and natural gas releasing vast amounts of CO₂, methane and other greenhouse gases — the weight of all the greenhouse gases pumped into the atmosphere over the last 150 years is estimated to be about 2 trillion tonnes. That outweighs the

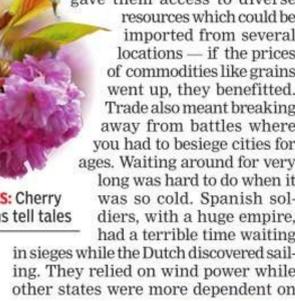
weight of all organisms on Earth plus everything we have built. In the mid-1890s, Svante Arrhenius, a Swedish chemist, wrote about how industrialisation was releasing warming gases into the atmosphere which would cause a 'benign' heating of Earth. By the 1930s, Guy Callendar, an English engineer, figured out Earth was already warming due to CO₂. The emergence of a climate consensus between a vast majority of scientists and experts, on the links between a warming world and human emissions, came in the 1970s-1980s.

Why do you posit the Dutch flourished under climate change?

Some of my work focuses on the Dutch but they were not an exception. I've been working with scholars all over the world to identify such resilience globally. Humans endured climatic changes even before industrialisation. Our species evolved in the Pleistocene epoch. This was distinguished by spectacular climate changes, a vast transition between glacial conditions, when Earth was about 7°C colder than now, and inter-glacial conditions when it was as warm as now. There was a huge oscillation with short-term instability but humans adapted.

Then, the Holocene enabled agriculture 11,700 years ago. The global climate became relatively stable but even here, there were profound regional changes, the most important being the drying-up of the Sahara, a grassland at the Holocene's start, becoming

the world's largest desert very rapidly. Another example was the Little Ice Age, a period of dramatic cooling from the 13th to the 19th century. This was globally modest but locally powerful. In this cooling climate, the Dutch built up a trade empire with networks that gave them access to diverse resources which could be imported from several locations — if the prices of commodities like grains went up, they benefitted. Trade also meant breaking away from battles where you had to besiege cities for ages. Waiting around for very long was hard to do when it was so cold. Spanish soldiers, with a huge empire, had a terrible time waiting in sieges while the Dutch discovered sailing. They relied on wind power while other states were more dependent on



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SEEING THE SIGNS

An awareness of climate existed in India before modern climatological science. In the 2nd century BCE, **Chanakya**, Chandragupta Maurya's eminent minister, wrote the **Arthashastra**, which recognised how rain worked — and impacted stability. He centralised water management and curbed profligacy, pricing water through labour or crops, taxing the wealthy more. He also gave tax breaks to communities managing water tanks — a worthy idea today

18th century palaeontologist **Georges Cuvier** linked **organismal biology** to Earth's epochs. Organising species into 'branches' as vertebrata, articata (arthropods), mollusca (soft invertebrates) and radiata (aquatic animals), and studying the mammoth-like **mastodon**. Cuvier proved extinction — animals vanishing forever due to climatic instability

Paul Crutzen discovered certain substances damaged Earth's ozone layer — 1987's **Montreal Protocol**, to phase these out, is due to him. In 2000, the Nobel Laureate outlined how human-induced changes had started a new climatic epoch on Earth — the **Anthropocene**

Research: IMD, BBC Science Focus Magazine, NASA

farming, made harder by the Little Ice Age. But wind currents didn't change then, which powered the Dutch.

Can climate history empower people today?

The world is currently headed for warming of about 3°C by the end of this century. This is extremely dangerous. Many collapses, from the Mayans to the Vikings, occurred when the climate wasn't changing as much. Resilience might not be readily available because there are eight billion humans on the planet now. We must limit warming to 2°C because there is a possibility we can't adapt beyond that. We've recently seen tragic losses of life due to heatwaves in India. Societies which survived climate change were very proactive — climate history can tell a hopeful story but only if we learn its lessons.

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THEY'VE GOT STORIES TO TELL...

It's not just humans — other species have also seen Earth changing. **Horses evolved 55 million years ago** when the dog-sized Hyaenotherium roamed forests covering North America. Initially, horses were **small-sized forest browsers**. But **changing climates and new grasslands** saw species evolve 20 million years ago. While the Caspian horse emerged in 3000 BCE, an intriguing breed is the **Akhal-Teke** — the 'golden horse' — which originated in Turkmenistan 3,000 years ago, famed for its shimmering coat

Crabs are tough survivors of Earth's climatic swings — the **horseshoe crab**, with its spiny tail, split from its arachnid kin **480 million years ago**. As ice gave way to marsh, **crabs developed legs to walk over land and shields against predators** — they survived continents separating and dinosaurs perishing and **250 million years ago**, diverse species started developing legs for paddling, digging under sediments and **even climbing trees**



The ostrich evolved 23 million years ago as rainfall reduced and dry savannas emerged across Africa. While being flightless, ostriches have long legs and powerful feet — they cover five metres in one stride and **run at 70 kms per hour, despite being 8 feet tall and 159 kgs.** Armed with a 10-cm-sharp claw, the **peaceful-looking ostrich can also kick — to kill** — as many savanna predators, from lions to hyenas, discovered over aeons

Research: Smithsonian Magazine, National Geographic, American Museum of Natural History

'We must draw from India's climate history. This respected topography, hydrology and nature as capital'

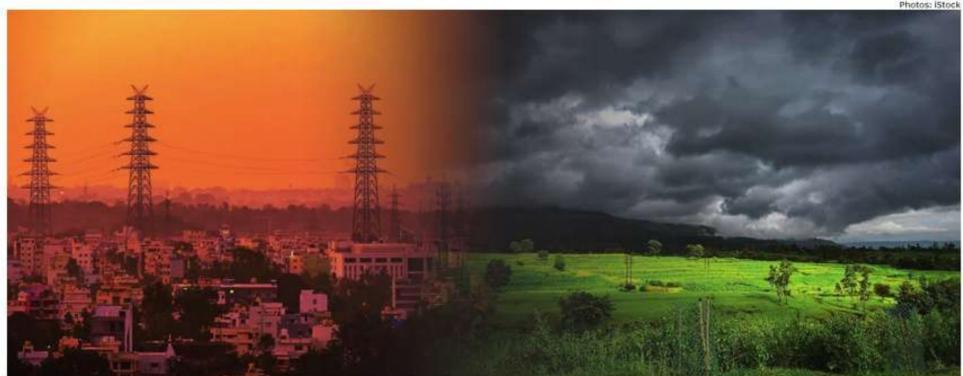
Mahesh Rangarajan is professor of history and environmental studies at Ashoka University. Speaking to Times Evoke, he discusses India's rich climatic history — and the insights it offers in times of increasing weather turbulence:

Several parts of India have swung from extraordinary heatwaves to extreme rainfall in a matter of days — just one day ago, Delhi, which was reeling under severe heat, experienced the maximum daily rainfall seen in June in 88 years. This huge volume of water fell over a few hours, flooding the capital, leaving its roads waterlogged and traffic submerged. India has seen weather swings before — but today, the rate of stochasticity or unpredictable, sudden changes has increased. Some of this is due to global warming and the atmospheric concentrations of heating emissions. But some comes from self-inflicted wounds, which also reflect a lack of awareness of India's rich climate history.

India has a tropical system and a monsoon regime, with a clearly defined wet and dry period. Today, the dry period is growing exceptionally parched and extremely hot, testing the ability of vertebrates to survive. The flipside is very wet periods of intense rain in short durations. Such tumult, impacting people's lives, well-being and resources, reemphasises the importance of climate history. Any subject of the past is seen through the lens of the present. In the 20th century, after World Wars I and II in particular, many fields of study emerged researching how to create conditions for international peace and prevent nuclear war. Today, studies look at how to achieve peace — with nature. Climate history explores how human civilisations over



UNCERTAIN HARVESTS: Rain-dependent Indian agriculture faces climate change



IN A FEW HOURS, JUST LIKE THAT: Several regions of India recently endured a blistering heatwave which claimed lives and challenged infrastructure — in a matter of days though, many parts were experiencing intense rains and flooding which broke historical records

time understood the nature of the biosphere — the thin skin of blue-green in which all life exists.

Humanity has relied on climatic stability for thousands of years, including in the recent Holocene, characterised by regular atmospheric, weather and moisture conditions. Such stability enabled the thriving of societies. Many of these conditions are changing now. Societies across Asia and Africa experience the monsoon — earlier, this weather phenomenon had specific dates by when it would wax and wane, its waters enriching Earth accordingly. The stability of these dates shaped much of Indian civilisation — consider how rain-regulated our agricultural cycles are and how the availability of water helped create cities, which could depend on a flourishing countryside. As several of these conditions are transformed, we can expect turbulence in what remains a largely agrarian country. Already, the times of sowing and ripening for crops like wheat are changing, influenced by altering winters and transformed rain. India has multiple agro-climatic zones which grow diverse crops — agriculturalists everywhere will face climate challenges now.

Yet, unless we draw from our climatic history, we will be locked into cycles of

harsh heat and intense rain, with their accompanying impacts. Heatwaves in cities will intensify unless we retain old urban planning styles, liberally planting shade-giving trees — from neem to peepul, tamarind to jamuns, whose sour purple fruit were eagerly picked by children in the monsoon and loved by birds and small animals too — instead of concretising and deforesting. We also need more intelligent construction — once, we had low-slung buildings with high ceilings and cross-ventilation which made summer bearable. Today, we live and work in towers of metal and glass which intensify heat and need air-conditioning to cool. As we increase air-conditioning units, we create urban heat islands pumping out more emissions — these deepen heatwaves. Older forms of construction were far more sensitive to our ecotype.

Interestingly, climate history spotlights wetlands as a buffer between heatwave and rain. It is noteworthy that Delhi's recent rain and flooding were preceded by a period of harsh water scarcity. To prevent this, we need to preserve wetlands from being taken over for construction because these are crucial for absorbing rain and renewing aquifers. The book 'Shades of Blue', by Harini Nagendra and

Seema Mundoli, analyses issues of water across diverse Indian cities, each of which have their own ecological stories — yet, one common factor binds these locations, from Guwahati to Mumbai and Delhi. They have all been draining their wetlands, causing drought vulnerability in summer and floods in the rains. The flooding in Delhi impacted areas urbanised in the last few years where earlier, rivulets flowed or old stream beds existed. In many places, housing and infrastructure have been built on low-lying areas while channels leading to the Yamuna have been blocked. We need to bring back a sense of respect for topography and local hydrology in what we build — and leave alone.

History is learning of the past to be enlightened for the present. There were long periods of climatic instability in the past too — interestingly, India in the 17th century and Tokugawa Japan coped better than many societies in Europe. One reason was India's elites valued nature. Before the arrival of the British, Indian rulers often gave people interest-free loans to build check dams or wells. The Vijayanagara empire, as Kathleen Morrison's research shows, provided for long dry periods. There could even be a decade when the monsoon fell short but populations adapted. They used crops which needed less water — today's push for millets is apt — and learnt

how to conserve water in lakes and tanks. While many of these rulers could be exploitative or hierarchical, they saw nature as capital. Their perspective was different from contemporary times when we imagine 'capital' as the number of tall buildings, miles of highways and colours of expensive vehicles around us. These are all legitimate aspirations but seeing nature as capital meant investing in resources which would protect us from nature's turbulence, perhaps the most dangerous existential threat. Our climatic history shows a good deal of cooperation thus between rulers, elites and common citizens. We should take a leaf out of these lessons. As both its heatwaves and floods show, Delhi must protect its floodplain — if the Yamuna can flood naturally, water will sink through sand and aquifer and provide protection from extreme weather impacts.

We also need more discussion of climate issues in our political discourse but these should be framed differently. Voters vote for day-to-day welfare issues — if a political party posited it would recharge the water in aquifers, so farmers don't have to drill hundreds of feet for a drop, that would bring cultivators to it. If a party promised to cover large parts of a city with greenery where the young could play and the elderly relax, both these groups would support it. If a party promised to protect India's beautiful birds and animals, those who enjoy biophilia or a love of nature would form a constituency for it. These issues should be presented in positive ways, bridging the gaps between India's ecological realities and solutions — some of which lie in our own climatic past.



PEACE FOR YOU & ME: Preserving wetlands is a boon for humans and other species

READERS WRITE

Dear Times Evoke, As an MSc Microbiology student, I find TE perpetually fascinating. The piece on elephants (15th June) was particularly enlightening; learning that they communicate using each other's names was both astonishing and endearing. Thank you, TE, for always presenting such fresh and enlightening stories.

— **Shipra Gautam**, Lucknow

I'm in school and I love Times Evoke! I was so delighted to read about elephants. It was the first time I got to know that humans are not the only intelligent beings on Earth, elephants are too! Elephants give each other names — just like we humans do! Thank you so much for such wonderful information, TE.

— **Priyanshu Roy**, Siliguri

I was amazed to learn elephants use unique vocalisations to 'name' each other. This incredible discovery by George Wittemyer, unravelled through machine learning, showcases their remarkable intelligence. I'm very grateful to TE for deepening our understanding of nature.

— **Soumyadeep Dutta**, Kolkata

Thanks, TE, for informing us how elephants have languages. This fascinating article looked exquisite and I agree with George Wittemyer that animal intelligence is highly underrated by humans. This article made me realise how there's so much more to know in life!

— **Vijayalakshmi Thiyyagarajan**, Mumbai

Thank you for your superb articles, TE! I was awestruck reading about elephant vocalisations! I eagerly await such wonderful TE articles.

— **Ayaan Abbas**, Barabanki

It was simply amazing to read about elephants' naming patterns. With decades of research, George Wittemyer and his team have achieved a great scientific breakthrough. Kudos to them and TE for such wonderful work!

— **Saurabh Thakur**, Mysuru

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Online bids are invited to procure up to 2000 MW power from 15th July 2024 to 28th February 2025 on short term basis from various Generators/ State Utilities/ CPPs/ Distribution Licensees/ SEBs/ Trading Licensees as per specification under TN-26/RUVITL/FY 2024-25. May visit website www.specification.commerce.com/ www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/ruxks/#/home/dphome for further details.
RUVITL/PR-74 (2024)
Raj.Samwad/C/24/1430 **Superintending Engineer**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a Male namedly **SALMAN, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown**, was found dead on 15.06.2024 at 5:00 PM from the area Near Factory No. G-204, Tea Stall (Khoka) Sector-5, DSIIDC Bawana, Delhi in this regard **DD No.: 66A, Dated 15.06.2024**, has been lodged at Police Station Narela Industrial Area, Delhi-110040.

Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:
Sex: Male, Age: About 35 years, Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5'7", Face: Round, Wearing: Maharon Colour Shirt & Blue Pant. The dead body of deceased preserved from 15.06.2024 in BJRM Hospital, Jahangirpuri, Delhi Mortuary for identification.
If any one having any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be informed undersigned.

SHO
P.S. Narela Industrial Area,
Delhi-110040
DP/8387/ON/2024

Government of Maharashtra
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION HINGOLI
E-TENDER NOTICE NO 08 YEAR 2024-2025
E-Tenders for SIX (06) works in B-1/B-2 SBD form is invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Hingoli Phone No 02456 220612 from the registered contractors in appropriate class of Public Works Department of Govt of Maharashtra for the improvement roads yearly maintenance of roads /repairs of building /construction of new buildings/Bridge works in Dist Hingoli.
The details can be viewed and downloaded from following website www.mahapwd.gov.in/ / <https://mahatenders.gov.in/>
Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Public Works Division, Hingoli
DGIPR/2024-2025/514

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 02/2024 Date: 28.06.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE
Dy. CSTE / GS / North Central Railway, Agra acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites "Open Tender" through Online only (E-Tendering) for the following work:
E-Tender No.: AGRA-ST-GS-2024-03 | Approx. Cost of work: Rs. 7,15,24,067.65
Name of work: S&T works in connection with the Splitting of 41 km long block section (Fatehabad-Bah) by converting BHADRAULI 'D' class station into 'B' class station.
Tender closing date: -23.07.2024. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway Website www.ireps.gov.in. Bidders will be able to submit their original / revised bids through web portal www.ireps.gov.in up to 15:00 hrs on above mentioned date. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. 1133/24 (ADM)
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OFFICE OF THE RANCHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, RANCHI (Transport Cell)
Near Kutcheri Chowk Ranchi 834001 Ph. No. - (0651-2212674/2210495)

Letter No: 304/Trans Date : 28-06-2024
CORRIGENDUM
Please refer to NIT No.270/Trans Dated:-07-06-2024 (P.R. No. - 325554) Request for Proposal for Selection of Fare Collection Agency and Service Provider for Implementation of Automatic Fare Collection System for city Bus service for RMC (5th Call) the following amendment has been made.

Sl. No.	Amendments Made by RMC
1	Last date of bid submission : 08-07-2024 05:00 PM
2	Opening date of technical bid : 09-07-2024, 05:00 PM

For details please visit jarkhandtenders.gov.in. Other terms and condition will remain same as per the RFP.
Sd/-
Administrator,
Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Ranchi.
PR.NO.328142 Ranchi Municipal Corporation(24-25)-D

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
See Section U/S 82 & 83 Cr.P.C.
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Anas S/o Kasim R/o C-55/23, Gali No. 7, New Kashmiri Building Chauhan Banger, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 78/2021 U/s 336/109/506/34 IPC & 25/27 Arms Act, P.S. Jafraabad, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Anas** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Anas** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Anas** of case FIR No. 78/2021 U/s 336/109/506/34 IPC & 25/27 Arms Act, P.S. Jafraabad, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint/case on or before 03.08.2024.
By Order
Ms. Ayushi Saxena
Metropolitan Magistrate-05
Room No. 07, Shahdara District
DP/8272/NE/2024(Court Matter) Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) (1) Maha Devi W/o Bheem Singh (2) Ram Prakash Sharma S/o Bheem Singh (3) Vishnu Pachori S/o Bheem Singh (4) Aman @ Aman S/o Ram Prakash Sharma R/o Village Mehodra, Tehsil Inglish, Distt. Aligarh, U.P. has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 498A/406/34 IPC, PS Aman Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) (1) Maha Devi (2) Ram Prakash Sharma (3) Vishnu Pachori (4) Aman @ Aman can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) (1) Maha Devi (2) Ram Prakash Sharma (3) Vishnu Pachori (4) Aman @ Aman has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) (1) Maha Devi (2) Ram Prakash Sharma (3) Vishnu Pachori (4) Aman @ Aman of case FIR No. 498A/406/34 IPC, PS Aman Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated 29.07.2024
By Order
Preeti Rajoriya
Mahila Courts-02, Room No. 18
Rohini District Courts, Delhi
DP/8326/RD/2024 (Court Matter)

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE
The following e-Tenders can be accessed under the link www.ireps.gov.in. Offers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link www.ireps.gov.in → login → E-Tender Stores/Supply. Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or IREPS related information if any. Dy. CMM/HQ/CLW/Chittaranjan, 0341-252594 or SMM/CON/HQ, 0341-253561. Office Address: Office of the PCMM / CLW/Chittaranjan.
[A] No. COS/CRJ/PUB/E-Tender/19/0162, Date: 24/06/2024. Sl. No.: Tender No.: Brief Description of Item: Quantity: Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees); Tender Closing Date & Time (IST) are as follow: [1]: 75244132; Stainless Steel Pressed Section for WAG-9 HC Loco, as per Specn. No. CLW/MS/3/038 Alt-11 (each set consisting of 16 items as per set details attached) [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; 396.00 Set; ₹ 1,28,780.00; 16/07/2024 at 11:00 AM. [2]: 75244115; Safety Sling Arrangement for Hanger lever for WAG-9HC as per Spec./Drg. No.-1209-01.416-066. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; 900.00 Set; ₹ 0.00; 31/07/2024 at 11:00 AM.
[C] No. COS/CRJ/PUB/E-Tender/19/0162, Date: 25/06/2024. Sl. No.: [1]. Tender No.: 91241011. Brief Description of Item: Rotor Shaft [Finish Machined], Drg. No. 1TWD.096.009 Alt-1 and 2TJE.096.015 ALT-4, SKEL.5032 ALT.0, SKEL.5043 Alt.0. Specn.No.: 4TMS.096.071 Rev-1, Alt.-1, STR No.: CLW/TM/0394/Rotor Shaft [Finish Machined] Rev-2. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]. Quantity: 951.00 Numbers. Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees): ₹ 17,63,490.00. Tender Closing Date & Time (IST): 05/08/2024 at 11:00 AM. [PR/492] PCMM/CLW/Chittaranjan Like us on: www.facebook.com/clwrailways

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 (2) (ii) CrPC
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused persons **Namedly: Mehrunisa, W/o: Kamrudin, R/o : H.No.749, Gali No-14, L-Block, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi** Permanent Address: Village Tivah, Fatehabad, Agra, UP, and **Namedly: Rukhsar, W/o: Ameen, R/o. 749, Gali No-14, L-Block, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi** Permanent Address: Village Tivah, Fatehabad, Agra, UP have committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in a case vide FIR No.87/2024 Dt.19.01.2024, U/s 304B/201/498A/34 IPC registered at PS Tigr, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued stating that the said **Mehrunisa and Rukhsar** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused **Mehrunisa and Rukhsar** are absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Mehrunisa and Rukhsar** are required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 02.08.2024.
By Order
Sankalp Kapoor,
MM-04, New Delhi, Room No.211,
Saket Courts, New Delhi.
DP/8305/SD/2024

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E-Tender Notice
1. Tender No: 08/SE-V/BTPS/CHD-I/2024-25 online e-Bids are invited for the "Work of One yearly schedule of WDM-2 Locomotive No. 2609 of Coal Handling Plant, BTPS, Obra". E-tender has been uploaded on 19.06.2024 on <http://etender.up.nic.in> Estimated cost of work approximately Rs. 25,56,465.00 only, Time Period: 03 Month, E.M.D. 52,000.00, Tender Cost 1180.00. Last date of submission 10.07.2024 up to 17.00 Hrs., SE-V, BTPS
2. Tender No: OBR/6000005702/BMD-I/OH11/3x200MW/2024 online e-Bids are invited for the "Work of On-Line setting & floating of high pressure safety valves of unit no. 11 of 3x200MW, BTPS, Obra". E-tender has been uploaded on 18.06.2024 on <http://etender.up.nic.in> Estimated cost of work approximately Rs. 0.874 Lakhs only, Time period: 30 days (OH11 Period), E.M.D. 1,700.00, Tender Cost 590.00. Last date of submission 10.07.2024 up to 12.00 Hrs., SE-II, 3x200MW
3. Tender No: N-OBR/IB/MMC-II/PD/11/6000005205_00 online e-Bids are invited for the "Supply of Miscellaneous items for BTPS Obra". E-tender has been uploaded on 22.06.2024 on <http://etender.up.nic.in> Estimated cost of material is approximately Rs. 3,25,000.00 only, E.M.D. 6,000.00, Tender Cost 236.00. Last date of submission 10.07.2024 up to 18.00 Hrs., SE, MMC-II
4. Tender No: OBR/6000005753/TO-12/PD-I/24-25 online e-Bids are invited for the "Supply of Suction Hose Dia 75mm, Length-3.5m for BTPS, Obra". E-tender has been uploaded on 22.06.2024 on <http://etender.up.nic.in> Estimated cost of work approximately Rs. 90,000.00 only, E.M.D. 1,500.00, Tender Cost 590.00. Last date of submission 16.07.2024 up to 16.00 Hrs., SE, MMC-II
5. Tender No: N-OBR/6000005471_00 online e-Bids are invited for the "Overhauling of 6.6KV Unit Switchgear of Unit No. 11, BTPS, Obra". E-tender has been uploaded on 22.06.2024 on <http://etender.up.nic.in> Estimated cost of work approximately Rs. 2.20 Lacs only, Time period: 30 days, E.M.D. 4,400.00, Tender Cost 590.00. Last date of submission 08.07.2024 up to 18.00 Hrs., SE-IV, BTPS, Obra
6. Tender No: N-OBR/6000005536_00 online e-Bids are invited for the "Overhauling of 0.4KV Unit Service Switchgear, Boiler MCC & Miscellaneous Switchgear of Unit No. 11, BTPS, Obra". E-tender has been uploaded on 22.06.2024 on <http://etender.up.nic.in> Estimated cost of work approximately Rs. 2.39 Lacs only, Time period: 30 days, E.M.D. 4,700.00, Tender Cost 590.00. Last date of submission 08.07.2024 up to 18.00 Hrs., SE-IV, BTPS, Obra
7. Tender No: OBR/6000005790/TO-13/PD-I/24-25 online e-Bids are invited for the "Procurement of Digital Indicators for BTPS, Obra". E-tender has been uploaded on 26.06.2024 on <http://etender.up.nic.in> Estimated cost of work approximately Rs. 7,01,000.00 only, E.M.D. 14,000.00, Tender Cost 590.00. Last date of submission 20.07.2024 up to 16.00 Hrs., SE, MMC-II
8. Tender No: OBR/6000005791/TO-14/PD-I/24-25 online e-Bids are invited for the "Procurement of Different type of C&I Spares for BTPS, Obra". E-tender has been uploaded on 26.06.2024 on <http://etender.up.nic.in> Estimated cost of work approximately Rs. 7,89,000.00 only, E.M.D. 15,500.00, Tender Cost 1180.00. Last date of submission 20.07.2024 up to 16.00 Hrs., SE, MMC-II
9. Tender No: OBR/6000005792/TO-15/PD-I/24-25 online e-Bids are invited for the "Procurement of Sodium Silicate (Liquid Glass) and Asbestos Powder for BTPS, Obra". E-tender has been uploaded on 26.06.2024 on <http://etender.up.nic.in> Estimated cost of work approximately Rs. 4,65,000.00 only, E.M.D. 9,000.00, Tender Cost 590.00. Last date of submission 20.07.2024 up to 16.00 Hrs., SE, MMC-II
10. Tender No: T-08/OMC-IV/EMD-I/6000004212 online e-Bids are invited for the "Preventive and Breakdown maintenance of Power Transformers and Generator auxiliaries installed in 5x200MW, BTPS, Obra". E-tender has been uploaded on 27.06.2024 on <http://etender.up.nic.in> Estimated cost of work approximately Rs. 82,83,017.00 only, Time period: 730 Days, E.M.D. 1,35,000.00, Tender Cost 2360.00. Last date of submission 19.07.2024 up to 11.00 Hrs., SE-IV, 5x200MW
Total Quality of work, tender specification and other terms & condition is as per tender document available on the e-tender portal. Concerned superintending engineer has right to cancel any or all e-Bids without assigning any reason. Corrigendum, addendum, Extension if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
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By Order
Preeti Rajoriya
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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
Ref. No. IRCON/BD/IND-BUD (Pkg 1A)/EOI/2024 dt. 28.06.2024
Expression of Interest (EOI) invited for: Association as JV partner from Experienced Agencies in connection with New BG Railway Line between Manglyagaron - Kheri (INCL) Stations in Indore-Bundi Section of Ratam & Bhopal Divisions of Western Railway & West Central Railway respectively in Madhya Pradesh State, India - Package 1A.
Tender ID: 2024_IRCON_199748_1dt. 28.06.2024
For further details and updates, please visit tender section on IRCON's website www.ircon.gov.in & www.tenders.gov.in. Amendments/Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted on the website only.
General Manager / Business Development

प्रधानाचार्य स्वशासी राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय औरिया
चिकित्सा शिक्षको हेतु विज्ञप्ति
स्वशासी राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय औरिया के विभिन्न संकायों में नियमित चिकित्सा शिक्षकों के रिक्त पदों पर नियुक्ति हेतु पत्रांक संख्या-AURAIYA/ADVT/2024-25/409 दिनांक-14.06.2024 द्वारा विज्ञप्ति प्रकाशित की गयी थी, प्रकाशित विज्ञप्ति की अन्तिम तिथि 30.06.2024 से बढ़ाकर दिनांक-08.07.2024 तक विस्तारित की जाती है। विस्तृत सूचना एवं रिक्त पदों का विवरण स्वशासी राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय औरिया की वेबसाइट- www.asmcs.in से डाउनलोड कर सकते हैं।

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



The general public is hereby informed that an unidentified person about 90 years of age whose name: **Rajinder**, residence, and family is unknown was admitted in DDU hospital, Hari Nagar, then he was referred to Rajan Babu TB Hospital, Delhi where he was Declared Dead, on 16/06/2024. In this regard, an information has been registered vide DD No: 52A, dated: 18/06/2024 at PS Hari Nagar, Delhi. Dead Body has been preserved at DDU Hospital Mortuary. 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 UIDB is as under:
Sex: Male, Age: 90 Years, Height: 5'8", Complexion: Dark, Face: Long, Built : Thin, Hair: Black & White, Beard: White, Wearing: Black colour pants. If any one has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/Hari Nagar, Delhi.
E-mail : ctc@cbl.gov.in
Ph. : 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639
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PS, Hari Nagar, Delhi.
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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.: 4220242025 Date : 27-06-2024

E-Tender Notice
Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-Tenders on prescribed form for the following works up to 13:30 hrs. on 27.07.2024. The details of the tenders are as under:
Tender No. : 106 | Approx Cost of Work (Rs.) : 69880128.68 | Bid security (Rs.) : 499400.00
Name of Work : SKB-FBD : Balance work for elimination of Level Crossing by RUB at L.C. No. 70 in the section of ADEN/FZD.
Completion Period : 06 months. Date of Opening of tender : 22.07.2024. Similar work for Eligibility Criteria : Any civil Engineering Work. Note -1. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders is available on website www.ireps.gov.in up to 13:30 hrs. on the due date of tender opening i.e. 22.07.2024. The tender shall be opened at or after 15:00 hrs on due date of opening. 2. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against Tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. 3. Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightaway ignored and shall not be considered. 4. Tender No. 106 is having advertised value more than 50 Lakhs, therefore, Annexure-V & V(A) (Document Verification Certificate) is required. The supplier/contractor of goods and/or services would be subject to GST Act and Rules as applicable from time to time. 5. Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. 6. This tender notice has also been uploaded on www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. 7. Bid Security can be deposited Online through internet Banking or Payment Gateway or Bank Guarantee Bond as detailed in para 12 of tender document. 8. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. 9. Tender online can be submitted up to 13:30 hrs. on 22.07.2024. 10. Along with other instructions given to Tenderers, Tenderers are required to pay special attention on Para 12.0 of Tender Document for Bid Security Deposit. 11. E-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers. 12. For tender no. 106 : The tenderer has to submit necessary document in compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-I) of IRGCC-2022 (Works matter) Mandatorily, otherwise their offer will be considered as incomplete Offer and accordingly shall not be considered. 1131/24 (D)
North central railways @ www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @ northcentralrailway @ CPRONCR

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the public at large that our client is in process to buy the free hold land with all the constructions etc. thereon as mentioned in the schedule described hereunder, free from all encumbrances from its owner Mr. Suresh Nanda. That the above owner had represented to our client that he is lawful and absolute owner of the scheduled property and has lost/misplaced some of the original previous documents related to the same i.e.
i) Four original sale deed dated 25.01.1989 regd. as doc. no. 787; doc. no. 823; doc. no. 824 and doc. no. 828 executed by Mr. Vishwa Bandhu Aggarwal in favour of Mr. Charles D'Souza son of Shri Elias D'Souza, fl Mr. Denzil D'Souza son of Shri Charles D'Souza and Mrs. Cynthia D'Souza wife of Shri William D'Souza duly registered at the office of the concerned Sub Registrar in regard to land admeasuring 15 Bighas and 8 Biswas, Mustati No. 34 Killa No. 10 (4-8), 11min (0-15), 12min (0-15), 13min (0-18), 8(2-11), 9(4-8), Mustati No. 33 Killa No. 6/3 (1-13), situated in village Samalka, Tehsil Mehrauli, New Delhi
ii) One original General Power of Attorney dated executed by Mr. Charles D'Souza son of Shri Elias Dsouza, Mr. Denzil D'Souza son of Shri Charles D'Souza and Mrs. Cynthia D'Souza wife of Shri William D'Souza in favour of Mr. William D'Souza son of Charles D'Souza for part of the above said referred land.
The owner had lodged the necessary Information Report (In respect of Article / Document Lost in Delhi) bearing Lost Report No.(s) 1822901/2024; 1822906/2024; 1822913/2024; 1822917/2024 and 1822929/2024 all dated 17.06.2024 at Police Station Crime Branch, Delhi.
If anyone finds the above said documents, these shall not be used/misused and to be returned back to the undersigned or contact to the undersigned with all the original documents.
If any person, parties, banks, financial institution, government authorities etc. have any claims, objections, rights, interest etc. on the above lost documents or by virtue of or on the basis of above lost/misplaced documents are required to put forth his/her/their/its claim with the undersigned within 10 days of publication of this notice with all necessary supporting documents and proofs, failing which any transaction/transfer with respect to the scheduled property shall be done without reference to such claim and all claims, if any, and all such claims and demands shall be treated as knowingly abandoned, surrendered, relinquished, released, completely waived and not enforceable/binding on our client and/or an impediment to the title of the owner and the same shall be treated as have clear and marketable title without any further reference. Claims without documentary proofs and/or objections directly published in newspaper shall not be considered as valid. For the avoidance of doubt, receipt of any claims by the undersigned, will not be deemed and/or presumed to mean acceptance of such claims by our client.

SCHEDULE
ALL THAT PROPERTY bearing no. 4, Casurina Avenue, Westend Green, South West Delhi comprising of land admeasuring 26 Bigha, 13 Biswas, bearing mustati no. 34, killa no. 10(4-8), 11min(0-15), 12min(0-15), 13min(0-18), 8(2-11), 9(4-8), mustati no. 33, killa no. 6/3(1-13), 15(4-16), 6/2min (2-15), 16min (3-14), along with built up Farm House thereon, situated in the Revenue Estate of Village Samalkha, Tehsil Vasant Vihar, New Delhi, India-110037.
Avinash Singh (Advocate);
Mob : 9821055662
Chamber No. 248 & 249,
Patiala House Court, New Delhi-110001

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. DRM-C-AGRA-OUTSOURCING24 Date:- 27.06.2024
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, North Central Railway, Agra Division for and on behalf of President of India invites open tenders in sealed envelopes under Two-Packet System (Packet "A" Technical Offer and Packet "B" Financial offer) from reputed professional contractors for award of contract of the following work for a period of 36 Month (03 Years) under mentioned date and time.
Name of work: Work of conducting Enquiry, Central Enquiry, Rail Madad, EDR feeding, Feeding of Data of Train & Coach indicator board and Announcement etc. in Agra Division through Outsourcing.
Duration of work: 36 Months/03 Years. Approx. value of work: Rs. 10,32,95,459/-
Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 6,66,500/- Cost of Tender form: Rs. 11,800/- Validity of offer: 60 days. E-Tender closing date & time: 19.07.2024 upto 12.00 Hours. E-Tender opening date & time: 19.07.2024 upto 12.30 Hours. For Full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway Website www.ireps.gov.in. Tender can be submitted only online on web portal www.ireps.gov.in. 2. Earnest money and tender document cost shall only be submitted on web portal www.ireps.gov.in by net banking. 1138/24(K)
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JAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Indira Circle, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur-302004
No.: JDA/EST/ACT/2024-25/D-453 Date : 27.06.2024
NOTICE INVITING E-BID
NIB No.: DC(Admn.)-02/2024-25
Online Bids are invited for Providing Urban Planners, Architects, Traffic and Transport Planners, Traffic and Transport Eng., Landscape Architects, Conservation Architects, G.I.S. Specialist & Auto Cad Operator Services on Contract up-to 6:00 PM of 18.07.2024 Estimated Cost of Bid is Rs. 850.00 Lacs. The last date for Applying Bid and making online payment on JDA Portal is up-to 06:00 PM of 18.07.2024. Details may be seen in the Bidding Document at office or the State Public Procurement Portal website www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and www.jda.rajasthan.gov.in
UBN No.: JDA2425SLOB00092
To participate in the bid, bidder has to be :-
1. Registered on JDA website www.jda.rajasthan.gov.in, For participating in the bid, the bidder has to apply for the bid and pay the Bid Security Fee, Bidding Document Fee, RIL Processing Fee deposit, online only.
2. Registered on e-Procurement Portal of Government of Rajasthan www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in for online e-Bid submission.
Raj. Samwad/C/2024-25/1426 **Deputy Commissioner (Admn.)**

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No. HFV/KSMSCL/EQPT/MH/TND/NST/06/2024-25 Date: 28/06/2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION
1. Tender Notification No: HFV/KSMSCL/EQPT/MH/TND/NST/06/2024-25 (IND-0124) Date: 28/06/2024.
2. Tender Notification No: HFV/KSMSCL/EQPT/QI/TND/NQAS-EQPTS/07/2024-25 (IND-0125) Date: 28/06/2024.
Nationwide Tender is invited through e-Tendering system under KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tenders:
1. Tender for Supply of NST Equipments under Maternal health programme.
2. Tender for Supply of NQAS Equipments under Quality Improvement programme.
The tenderers who have registered under e-Procurement department may participate through e-tendering system. Details regarding EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> from 28/06/2024. The eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under e-procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office.
Sd/- General Manager (Admin & Procurement) KSMSCL, Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/651/Zen/2024-25

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No : KSMSCL/DRUGS/RETND/PRGM/CH/ZINC SULPHATE/09/2024-25 Date: 28/06/2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION
Ref: 1. Tender Notification No: 1. HFV/KSMSCL/EQPT/RETND/PRGM/CH/ZINC SULPHATE/09/2024-25, Date: 28.06.2024 (IND-0126)
2. HFV/KSMSCL/EQPT/RETND/PRGM/CH/ZINC SULPHATE/10/ 2024-25 , Date: 28.06.2024 (IND-0127)
3. HFV/KSMSCL/EQPT/RETND/PRGM/CH/ZINC SULPHATE/11/ 2024-25 , Date: 28.06.2024 (IND-0128)
4. HFV/KSMSCL/EQPT/RETND/PRGM/CH/ZINC SULPHATE/12/ 2024-25, Date: 28.06.2024 (IND-0129)
Nationwide Tender is invited through e-Tendering system under KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tender:
1. Retender for the supply of Zinc Sulphate Tablets under Child Health Programme of NHM for the year 2024-25. (IND-0126).
2. Retender for the supply of Zinc Sulphate Tablets under Child Health Programme of NHM for the year 2024-25. (IND-0127).
3. Retender for the supply of Zinc Sulphate Tablets under Child Health Programme of NHM for the year 2024-25. (IND-0128).
4. Retender for the supply of Zinc Sulphate Tablets under Child Health Programme of NHM for the year 2024-25. (IND-0129).
Details regarding EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> from 28.06.2024. The eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under e-procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office.
Sd/- Managing Director, KSMSCL, Bengaluru.
DIPR/CP/AAPL/R060/24-25

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER IN CHIEF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, NAVA RAIPUR, ATAL NAGAR (CENTRAL TENDER CELL)
E-Procurement Tender Notice
Main Portal: [https://ep](https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in)

No NEET answer, but time to make merit matter again

THE UNDERAGE OPTIMIST



CHETAN BHAGAT

It's fair to say that NEET, the national-level medical entrance exam, has become a mess. Allegations of paper leaks, mismanagement of centres, unfair marking schemes, mathematically improbable result patterns abound. This is not only stressful to the millions who took the exam, but to those planning to take it in the coming years.

Even with no irregularity, Indian entrance exams are already intensely stressful. Long after one has stopped being a student, the recurrent nightmare is usually to do with an exam. NEET is extremely competitive. Some 23 lakh students took NEET-UG this year, aiming to get one of the approximately 50,000 seats in government medical colleges. This makes it a rejection rate of 97.8%. There are some more seats for private medical colleges, but they are a) not as prestigious and b) are expensive to study in, sometimes costing crores (compared to a few lakhs for government ones). Even including private colleges, total medical seats cap out at a little over 1,00,000.

The big fight is, however, for government seats, or to obtain one of the top 50,000 ranks. Imagine the value of obtaining this top rank in NEET. Ignore all morals, merit, hard work. Let's just go into pure greedy, shameless, crony-capitalist mode. What if you could auction and sell those top ranks? How much do you think they would sell for? You save in crores given the lower fee at government colleges. There's higher prestige. You avoid the stress and hard work of preparation and save the coaching fee as well. Perhaps these top ranks could be sold off, in a greedy pure capitalist world, for Rs 3 crore each. So, for the top 50,000 ranks, we are talking about a potential Rs 1,50,000-crore revenue opportunity annually, if we were ready to sell our souls. This is why there is a massive incentive for things to go wrong. It's the same story with other entrance exams — the money to be made in rigging them is massive. In a nation that has rarely prioritised merit and ethics, is it really surprising that a mini industry has come up to make money off these tests?

When did we care about fairness, integrity and merit anyway? It isn't how our politics works which is almost always about identity — some mix of religion, caste, regionalism and nationalism. So why care now? Why bother with silly things like merit? Why not sell everything? If we can have crony capitalism, where certain corporates who pay up have an advantage, why not let rich families buy seats for their kids? But it bothers us, doesn't it? It makes us sick actu-



TESTING TIME: Exams like NEET give young people an opportunity to jump class so leaks feel like a betrayal

ally. Mass-level cheating in our few, extremely difficult but supposedly honest exams shakes us to the core. It isn't just about students. It is about all of us, who suddenly feel nothing is sacrosanct, nobody can be trusted and, finally, it is only power and money that talks. Exams like NEET, JEE, UPSC are the only outlets in our country for young people to jump class. For someone to get a better life of dignity for themselves and their parents. They are extremely hard, but at least carry hope in a country with few avenues to rise.

Hopefully, this NEET fiasco wakes us up. It makes us realise that values such as integrity, honesty, merit, and respect for hard work are values that need to be guarded. Humans are flawed. If there is massive opportunity to rig and cheat, some people in the system will do so. But we as citizens must stay vigilant. Students are the victims here but here's a bit of feedback for them. They may not like to hear this, but over the last few years, the average Indian student has disconnected from politics. Lost in their Insta reels, YouTube videos, memes, OTT series and video games, they say, 'Who cares, politics doesn't affect me. Let boring oldies do it.' No, you must care. For if you don't, you will suffer the most. How did NEET finally attract national attention? When enough students finally kicked up a fuss. Stay engaged in your democracy. Don't check out. Don't think voting every five years and ignoring national issues otherwise is enough. Your regular vigilance is needed to keep everyone accountable.

For this specific NEET situation, all problems lead to National Testing Agency (NTA) which conducts these high-stakes exams without good systems in place. With lakhs of crores in malpractice possible, we deserve a more foolproof organisation. For exams like NEET, centres must be reputable and secure. If enough good centres are not available, exams can be phase-wise, like elections. For this, multiple question papers can be set of equal difficulty and scores normalised. Only a tight circle should be aware of which exact paper will be used on exam day. Conducting an exam with integrity is possible but it depends on those conducting it. Leaking papers is essentially selling of seats. It is selling Indian merit, honesty and hard work. It is selling India's soul. We can't let that happen. ■

In these polarised times, we need to be aware of what we share as humans

British-Turkish writer **Elif Shafak**, who became an international sensation with 'Forty Rules of Love', has just written her 19th book, a novel that connects ancient Mesopotamia, Victorian England and present-day Turkey through a single drop of water. Shafak, who listens to heavy metal when she writes, spoke to Namita Devidayal about literature, ecofeminism, and being gentle and radical at the same time

■ Your new book, 'There are Rivers in the Sky' melds history and geography. What motivates you to take that route repeatedly?

As a writer, I'm not only interested in stories, but also silences — people who have been silenced throughout history. Most stories told to us, especially in Turkey, are from the point of view of a man in a position of power. But the stories of women, of minorities, of men who do not have power, for instance, have been forgotten. I've always been interested in the untold stories, the silences, the taboos, the gaps. Literature has the power to re-humanise the people who have been dehumanised, to make the unheard heard. That said, this book was very difficult for me to write because all the worlds are built around a single tiny drop of water.

■ Why water?

Even at this age (52), I really don't know where the stories come from. All I know is I am interested in nature. We have turned ourselves into consumers and the more you consume, the more value you have. I think we need to question that. We need to understand that we are only a small part of a very delicate ecosystem in which trees have a voice, water has presence. I am also interested in ecofeminism. When we talk about the climate crisis, we are actually talking about a freshwater crisis, and this especially impacts

women all around the world, for they carry water to their communities and often have to walk long distances, increasing the possibility of gender violence. So, everything is connected. This is my love poem to water.

■ Tell us about how your childhood in Turkey shaped you as a writer.

I was born in France but shortly afterwards, my parents got separated and my mother brought me to Ankara in Turkey. So, two things are very crucial to me: First, the sense of displacement and the idea of homeland. The second is the solidarity and sisterhood between my mother and my grandmother. Even though they are very different, they supported each other tremendously. My grandmother was barely educated but she wholeheartedly believed in women's independence. So, when my mum returned as a young divorcee with no career, no money, no diploma, it was my grandmother who encouraged her to go back to university so that she could have choices, and she took care of me. At a very vulnerable moment in our life, my grandmother's support changed our destiny. I'm a big believer in women supporting women.

■ Do you consider yourself spiritual or religious or secular? Can one be all three things at the same time?

I'm not religious at all, especially when it comes to organised religion. I think spirituality

is an individual quest and everyone's journey is different, like fingerprints. Secularism is crucial — where religion does not try to dominate and shape public life, especially for women.

■ You said somewhere that you don't like certainties — that you can learn equally from faith and doubt, from being simultaneously gentle and radical. Could you please elaborate on this non-binary approach?

I think it's one of the most important questions of our time precisely because of how deeply and bitterly polarised we have become. For storytellers, there is no such thing as us versus them. There are only human beings. There is no 'other'. So, we have to question these dualities that are constantly being imposed on us. We have to find a new narrative that is aware of what we share as human beings. To me, words like diversity and multiculturalism are precious — not only the diversity outside, but also the pluralism within my own soul. I sincerely believe that in life, we don't learn so much from sameness but from differences. I don't want to be surrounded by people who think like me, dress like me, talk like me, because that is a very self-centred existence. If what you're telling me makes sense, I'm willing to revise my opinions, to leave the door a little open. What we have lost in the age of internet is real intellectual exchange. Coming back to the question of certainties, the absolute certainty of dogma really frightens me. It is a beautiful thing to be able to say, 'I don't know'. I like the humility of people who say, 'I'm on a journey, I'm learning, I'm a student of life.'

■ What's your advice to a young writer?

While giving talks at schools, I found that six- and seven-year-olds have so much courage and chutzpah. When you ask if there are any artists or poets in the room, many hands go up. At that age, girls are so confident, sometimes more than boys. But in middle and upper school, it's amazing how much things change. Girls don't want to speak up. No one wants to be an artist or writer. We have basically told these kids — don't stand out, blend in. So, little by little, we chip away their confidence and creativity. All I can tell the young writer is: Don't let that happen to you. Go back to that inner garden you had as a child and rebuild it.



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Rahul versus Modi: LS session reveals two different approaches to politics

RIGHT & WRONG



SWAPAN DASGUPTA

There was an eerie predictability about the disruptions and manufactured controversies that greeted the brief, inaugural session of the Lok Sabha last week. Inspired by what it perceived was its great success in denying the ruling BJP an outright majority on its own, opposition can now be expected to reduce Parliament to a boisterous slugfest. The underlying belief is that agitational politics both inside and outside Parliament will expose the Narendra Modi government's fragility and make governance difficult. Since BJP had crafted its election plank on the promise of providing a smooth route to its Viksit Bharat destination, opposition now believes it is positioned to throw a spanner in the works, at least at frequent inter-

vals over the next five years.

On his part, Prime Minister Modi has entered his third term with a business-as-usual approach. The selection of senior ministers suggests that continuity will be the hallmark of the government. The restiveness apparent in different layers of BJP, not to mention the wider Sangh Parivar, at the reduction of the government's majority and the big losses in UP, Maharashtra and West Bengal, has not found expression in the functioning of the government. Whether this insouciance is strategy or merely an interim decoy pending a more considered assessment of the outcome is not known. However, govt strategists need to consider the mismatch between the unbridled optimism of stock markets and a mood of tentativeness among people over the future.

No doubt some of the question marks have arisen out of the episodic anger over the NEET turmoil. There are suggestions that the Agniveer issue is also on a slow burning fuse. There will

be other such hiccups that the govt will have to confront in the future. What matters is whether its sincerity of purpose is accepted by the public.

However, BJP's loss of seats has also been accompanied by a media-inspired resurrection of tensions involving the RSS, a facet of public life that had been eased out of the political imagination after Modi's 2014 victory. Political speculation along such lines tends invariably to be salacious and these, in turn, gnaw away at the moral integrity of a govt. The Modi govt has so far made its mark on the strength of its achievements in governance and on the development front. People's perception has been shaped by its energy and record of delivery. Modi hasn't been distracted by the political shenanigans that prime ministers from P V Narasimha Rao to Manmohan Singh had to expend their energies on. It is in his own interest to ensure that the fears of 'coalition adharma' turn out to be false scares.

India, it would seem, has unexpectedly been

confronted by two different approaches to politics. Quite unwittingly, Rahul Gandhi detected the conflicting impulses in his first speech as Leader of Opposition. In welcoming the Speaker, he said: "Speaker sir, the question is not how efficiently the House is run, the question is how much of India's voice is allowed to be heard in this House. Speaker sir, so the idea that you can run the House efficiently by silencing the voice of the Opposition is a non-democratic idea."

While willfully overstating and mocking the disciplinarian compulsions of a Speaker, he astutely identified a unique facet of the Modi govt: its use of efficiency as the yardstick of good governance and politics. From directing govt employees to attend office punctually, using technology to stop the proverbial transmission losses of government funds, to holding periodic audits of ministerial and departmental performance, Modi's political priorities are implicitly non-discursive. He seems to loathe yesterday's meandering pravachans.

This is in marked contrast to the political imagination of the INDIA combination that (at least for the moment) wants elaborate parliamentary deliberations to set the tone of politics. There is a view of liberalism that celebrates decision-making which flows from the laboured aggregation of conflicting philosophies — a confederal system where even the views of CPI (ML-Liberation) and AIMIM are given disproportionate weightage. This approach is at best akin to taking the scenic route or, more likely, travelling by the mail train that stops at every station. What matters is the journey, never the destination.

Maybe there are countries where non-urgency and plebiscitary democracy are ideals. But does it suit the imperatives of an India where the real challenge is to bring all parts of a vast and diverse country into the 21st century, without losing our sense of who we are? It is shaping up to be a battle between the cacophony of liberal democracy and the choral chants of national democracy. ■

Buy British, huh? Mahatma Gandhi is having the last laugh

BY INVITATION



SANDIP ROY

In 1921, Gandhi took a pledge to boycott foreign goods by burning 1,50,000 pieces of English cloth in Bombay. The swadeshi movement had started earlier after the Partition of Bengal in 1905 with calls to boycott Manchester cloth and Liverpool salt. But now it truly captured the imagination of the Indian public. Gandhi called it the soul of the dream of swaraj.

Almost 100 years later, a British prime minister of Indian origin has given the call for swadeshi in London in the hope that he too will capture the imagination of his public as Britain heads into an election next week. In a tweet Rishi Sunak exhorted his fellow countrymen to "Buy British", saying, "We shouldn't be reliant on foreign food."

An X user's post saying, "Babe wake up the Brits are starting a Swadeshi movement," promptly went viral. Gandhi, the man Britain's great hero Winston Churchill described as a "seditious half-naked fakir", would have been amused that a British PM seems to be wanting to take a page out of his playbook.

Sunak's aim was to appeal to national pride and promote self-reliance. His opponents pointed fingers at the role his own party has played in the decline of British agriculture as well as the impact of Brexit on food supply. A London School of Economics study said British households paid 7 billion pounds since Brexit to cover the cost of trade barriers on food imports from the European Union. Controversial trade deals with Australia and New Zealand have flooded British markets with cheap beef from Down Under. But, for Indians, this was a juicy moment to give the Brits a history lesson.

When Indians launched the swadeshi movement in 1905, thousands were arrested and sent to jail. Colleges whose students had been part of the movement found their grants and scholarships cancelled. Sunak's clarion call, instead of igniting a similar fervour, has set off a meme fest and social media hilarity.

One X user said it was a great idea, but could Sunak direct them to the nearest British tea garden. Also, the 'Buy British' slogan rings a little hollow in a country where curry-houses are as

ubiquitous as pubs and chicken tikka masala is the unofficial national dish.

But there was a more sobering message as well. Britain once boasted that the sun never set on the British Empire. Even after Independence many Indians remained fascinated by London and knew more about British history than their own. But now, it has truly been cut to size. The emperor has no clothes (and no spices of its own either).

While the Indian leaders' call for swadeshi actually made an impact, Sunak's plea just had people rolling on the floor in laughter as some asked for a "squeeze of British lemon" and a "drizzle of British olive oil" and "those British spices." In the comedy series 'Goodness Gracious Me', the characters once go out for 'an English' which meant ordering 12 bread

rolls and the "blandest thing on the menu." "Goodness Gracious Me" was a spoof on English culture by British-Asian comedians but now Sunak himself has become the joke. He is pretty much the "blandest thing on the menu."

It was actually also an unwitting reminder of how a very small country had colonised so much of the world and cornered so much of its resources for its own gain for so long. The mention of "British spices" is particularly pointed because it was in the name of spices that European colonisers ravaged many parts of the world. That is why Amitav Ghosh used nutmeg as a way to recount a larger story about colonialism and capitalism all leading us towards climate change through the exploitation of the planet's resources in his book 'The Nutmeg's Curse: Parables for a Planet in Crisis'. Now, as Sunak tells his countrymen to buy British, it reminds us that the British went out to colonise so many parts of the globe precisely because there wasn't that much to buy at home. The raw materials of places like India finally gave Britain its chicken tikka masala, and there's no going back to mashed peas and boiled potatoes.

In fact, if they had just bought British in the first place, the history of the world would be very, very different. In that light, Sunak's plea sounds more plaintive than passionately patriotic. He has made it with a rather stoic disregard of the intertwined histories of both the country he leads and the country his ancestors came from. Social media is chortling that this is Gandhi's revenge, but Sunak remains straight-faced and impassive. Revenge might be a dish best served cold but post-colonial comeuppance, it seems, must come with a stiff upper lip. ■

INBOX

Roadmap to dealing with heat waves

Apropos of the interview 'How will cities...' (ATM, June 23), the ongoing heat wave conditions in the country reflect the effects of global climate change. To be more effective, heat action plans must be tailored to each region, keeping in mind differences in meteorological and socioeconomic conditions. They should also focus on long-term nature-based mitigation measures. Additional funds should be pledged for this.

—Kamal Laddha, Bengaluru

I read Dileep Mavalankar's interview 'How will cities...' (ATM, June 23) with interest. It is indeed undoubtedly true that most of the state governments do not properly report deaths due to heat waves. As a forensic surgeon, there have been instances where I have had to perform autopsies on 10-12 bodies in a single day during the month of May, all of which were heat stroke deaths, yet the vital statistics rarely reflect this. As the interviewer rightly said, a national health action plan is need of the hour.

—Dr K R Reddy, Visakhapatnam

AI-generated exams?

Apropos of 'NET is far...' (ATM, June 23), the cancellation of exam fails to mitigate the issue in the long run. With the advent of new tech and AI, competitive exams shouldn't be conducted on pre-set question papers which are prone to leaks. Instead, we can have instant AI-generated papers based on the prescribed syllabus.

—Amit Tiwari, Amethi

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Atmanirbhar with a twist: India's different from Korea, Latin nations

SWAMINOMICS



SWAMINATHAN S ANKLESARIA AIYAR

Last week, this column described how the govt's atmanirbhar policy was evolving into an Indian version of the Korean chaebol, where industrial conglomerates are backed by their govt with support and subsidies to become world-class national champions. Similar policies mark other East Asian countries.

Will India emulate East Asia? Or will it go the way of Latin America, which also aimed to create national champions with high tariffs, quasi-monopolies, cheap credit, and ended with disasters in country after country? The chaebol bribed politicians. But Latin American corruption was enormously higher, with crony capitalism ruining economies. Despite historical advantages, the region failed to move from middle-income to high-income status. Argentina, among the richest countries in the 19th century, went bust seven times and regressed.

East Asian countries were always export-oriented and, hence, globally competitive. By contrast, Latin Americans aimed at self-sufficiency. The resulting lack of competitiveness doomed them.

Will India succeed in its version of chaebolisation? Or will it go the Latino crony way, as liberals like Raghuram Rajan fear? Consider three major fears...

● One is incomplete chaebolisation. Korea kept out big multinationals. But atmanirbhar has mixed aims. It seeks national champions but also wants to attract the biggest multinationals. It boasts of success in attracting Apple to make and export billions worth of iPhones, and Micron (with subsidies of 70% of cost) for semiconductor assembly and testing. This has been denounced as an unwarranted gift to foreigners. By contrast, Korea never allowed foreign investment in production, reserving favours for chaebol. Samsung and Hyundai rose by first buying foreign technology and, later, investing massively in R&D to become technological leaders.

India's atmanirbhar is far from pure chaebolisation. It is a jumbled mix of attracting FDI and backing India's Big Three — Tata, Ambani and Adani — to become national champions to take on the world.

Atmanirbhar includes high tariffs (hopefully temporary) to keep out imports, subsidies through production-linked incentives (PLIs), and rules favouring national champions. Govt has raised import duties on many low-tech items, protecting small producers of items like kites, candles, clocks, and textiles. But it wants multinationals like Amazon and Walmart too, even while changing e-commerce rules to benefit homegrown companies like Reliance. So, unlike Korea, India seeks both MNCs and national champions.

● The second fear is that Indian businessmen will become mainly uncompetitive palm-greasers buying favours from corrupt govts. Some Indian economists say India is going the Latino way of crony capitalism, with companies



NOT JUST LOOKING INWARD: Unlike Korea, India wants both multinationals and national champions

like Ambani and Adani making money in non-competitive sectors like infrastructure. Much of this criticism reflects caste bias against Marwaris and other Vaishyas. Ambani runs one of the biggest oil refineries in the world, and has made petroleum products India's biggest export. His refining margins are higher than those of Singapore's famed refineries. These are not crony feats. Reliance Jio has given India one of the cheapest telecom networks in the world.

Adani is mostly in infrastructure. He started with Mundra port. It had to be competitive to attract cargo away from major ports like Mumbai and nearby Kandla. Today, Mundra is India's biggest port with the biggest attached Special Economic Zone.

A decade ago, Adani audaciously decided to invest \$16 billion in a new Carmichael coal mine project in Australia. No crony would make such a huge bet in a foreign country. He had to battle environmentalists and tribal groups for years. Besides, rival miners said Carmichael would need an export price of at least \$110/ton to succeed, which was unlikely as the world gradually stopped using coal. Adani fought critics for years, finally got all the permits, and commenced production. The price of Australian coal today is \$140/tonne, so Adani calculated rightly and his critics did not.

Tata is an established global player. It is now the biggest private sector employer in Britain, running TCS, Tata Steel Europe (formerly Corus) and Jaguar Land Rover.

● The third fear of critics is that Indian companies will fail for want of R&D. India spends only 0.6% of GDP on R&D against China's 2.4% and Korea's 4.8%. Most Indian R&D is by the govt, not corporations. This must change radically if India is to chaebolise. However, top Indian companies are aiming to do just that. Ambani and Adani plan massive R&D in renewables. They aim to reduce the price of green hydrogen from \$3/kg to just \$1/kg, which is cutting-edge stuff. Jaguar's R&D will help Tata become world class in e-cars. Bajaj's India's fourth biggest group, has converted most of its Pune factory into an R&D centre.

Success is by no means assured. But India is well-placed to charge uphill. Let us be optimists. ■

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India prise Cup out of SA's hands

Virat Kohli, Pacers Star In Nerve-Shattering, Soul-Redeeming 7-Run Win As Proteas Choke Again With Finish Line In Sight

TIMES IN THE CARIBBEAN

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Bridgetown (Barbados): There was a new sunrise for Indian cricket on the banks of the North Atlantic Ocean on Saturday. All the agony of losing at the final hurdle is a thing of the past. The balm for years of hurt — that reached its crescendo on Nov 19 last in Ahmedabad when India lost to Australia in the final of the 50-over World Cup — has been provided by a group of bravehearts who refused to give up.

In lifting the T20 World Cup after 17 long years, India gave Virat Kohli the ultimate T20 farewell as he announced his retirement from the format while accepting the Man of the Match award.

There can be a million moments that you'll keep talking about all your lives, but the one that will never be forgotten is Suryakumar Yadav's outstanding catch off the first ball of the 20th over. South Africa needed 16 runs off the last over and Hardik Pandya was the desperate choice. A yorker gone wrong had been hit in the air and it seemed to be going for six, but only until Suryakumar completed a catch that will be remembered as the

most memorable, after the one taken by Sreesanth to send Misbah-ul Haq home off the last ball of the 2007 final.

It was a battle of nerves after that and Hardik, who has gone through so many upheavals in his life recently, kept landing every ball on the spot. As Keshav Maharaj's last shot went nowhere, Hardik just sat down on the pitch with tears in his eyes. He had redeemed himself and so had Team India.

It wasn't just the last over. Hardik had the ball in his hand when Heinrich Klaasen and Miller were going great guns. All South Africa needed were 26 off 25 balls. Jasprit Bumrah's over had been negotiated, the flags were being folded, the journalists were switching their laptops off. Hardik bowled one slightly wide and Klaasen, who probably believed the World Cup was theirs by then, tried a punch that got a nick and went to the wicketkeeper. And that's where the infamous South African choke started setting in.

A team that had played with remarkable positivity until then started thinking about losing the game. Once such emotions start creeping in, there's a man in the Indian lineup who can simply hammer you. In came Bumrah for the 18th over and Marco Jansen's stumps were shattered.



ROHIT'S BRAVEHEARTS: Indian players celebrate the fall of Kagiso Rabada's wicket in Bridgetown

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South Africa managed virtually nothing from those six balls and that turned the game. South Africa stuttered and stumbled, as they always do.

And now let's talk about a man who might not have played this game if the world had had its way. Captain Rohit Sharma had said before the

final that Kohli was saving his best for the final. And how the 'King' kept his word!

Things had gone wrong for India after they were reduced to 45-3 in the first Powerplay. Kohli (76 off 59 balls), after the first three boundaries that he hit in the first over, struggled to force the pace in the middle. But he didn't throw his wicket away and held one end up as Axar Patel (47 off 31 balls) played an innings of quality.

At a time when left-arm

spinner Maharaj was looking to get on top, Axar took on the slog sweep and attacked the longer boundary, clearing it with ease. Axar and Kohli ran well between the wickets and the partnership of 72 was central to India reaching a score of respectability. Axar was looking for quite a few more, but a moment's lapse of concentration allowed Quinton de Kock to take an aim at the stumps and break the stumps at the far end.

176/7

India recorded the highest total in the final of the T20 World Cup, bettering Australia's 173/2 vs NZ in Dubai on Nov 14, 2021. India's previous highest in the T20 WC final was 157/5 vs Pak in Johannesburg on Sept 24, 2007.

1 Virat Kohli has become the first Indian batter to post two fifties in the final of T20 World Cups — 77 vs Sri Lanka in Mirpur on April 6, 2014 and 76 vs SA in Bridgetown on June 29, 2024. Gautam Gambhir is the only other Indian to score a fifty in the final — 75 vs Pak on Sept 24, 2007.

17 Arshdeep Singh, with 17 wickets at 12.64 in 8 matches, and Fazalhaq Farooqi, with 17 at 6.31 in as many matches jointly hold the record for most wickets in a T20 WC.

72 Runs put on by Kohli and Axar Patel for the 4th wicket, India's highest partnership in the final of the T20 WC, going past the 63 for the 3rd wicket between Gambhir and Yuvraj vs Pakistan on Sept 24, 2007.

—Stats: Rajesh Kumar

SCOREBOARD

India: R Sharma c Klaasen b Maharaj 9, V Kohli c Rabada b Jansen 76, R Pant c de Kock b Maharaj 0, S Yadav c Klaasen b Rabada 3, A Patel run out 47, S Dube c Miller b Nortje 27, H Pandya 5 not out, R Jadeja c Maharaj b Nortje 2; **Extras:** (nb1, w6) 7; **Total: (20 ovrs; RR: 8.80): 176/7; FoW:** 1-23, 2-23, 3-34, 4-106, 5-163, 6-174, 7-176; **Bowling:** Jansen 4-0-49-1, Maharaj 3-0-23-2, Rabada 4-0-36-1, Markram 2-0-16-0, Nortje 4-0-26-2, Shamsi 3-0-26-0.

South Africa: R Hendricks b Bumrah 4, Q de Kock c Kuldeep b Arshdeep 39, A Markram c Pant b Arshdeep 4, T Stubbs b Axar 31, H Klaasen c Pant b Pandya 52, D Miller c Kuldeep b Pandya 21, M Jansen b Bumrah 2, K Maharaj not out 2, K Rabada c Kuldeep b Pandya 4, A Nortje not out 1; **Extras:** (b1, lb4, nb1, w3): 9; **Total (20 ov; RR: 8.45): 169/8; FoW:** 1-7, 2-12, 3-70, 4-106, 5-151, 6-156, 7-161, 8-168; **Bowling:** Arshdeep 4-0-20-2, Bumrah 4-0-18-2, Axar 4-0-49-1, Kuldeep 4-0-45-0, Pandya 3-0-20-3, Jadeja 1-0-12-0

Result: India won by 7 runs

Player of the Match: Virat Kohli
Player of the Tournament: Jasprit Bumrah

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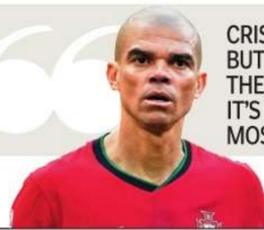
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CIAO ITALY! HELLO SWISS!

Murat's Men Stun Defending Champions To Enter Quarterfinals With An Impressive Display

Berlin: Switzerland dumped reigning champions Italy out of Euro 2024 with a stunning 2-0 victory on Saturday to reach the quarter-finals for the second time in their history.

Murat Yakin's supremely well-drilled side outplayed the flat two-time winners in the last 16 clash in Berlin and will face England or Slovakia in the next round.

Ruben Vargas teed up Remo Freuler for Switzerland's 37th minute opener before curling home superbly himself right at the start of the second half to deservedly double their lead. A new-look Italy, short on star power and without many of the key figures that led them to Euro 2020 glory, offered little in response to Switzerland's energetic display.

Former Arsenal midfielder Granit Xhaka, arriving at the Euros after a stunning season with German champions Bayer Leverkusen, pulled the string.

Italy coach Luciano Spalletti dropped Jorginho after his worrying group stage performances, bringing in Nicolò Fagioli in defensive midfield among a hefty six changes which failed to bring the Azzurri to life. The 23-year-old started a major tournament match for the first time, having missed most of the season with Juventus after a seven-month ban for gambling on football matches.

Spalletti said his team had no alternative but to improve in the knock-out rounds. However it was Switzerland who grew in confi-

ROUND OF 16

SWITZERLAND 2
Freuler 37, Vargas 46
ITALY 0



HEADING FOR THE TOP CORNER: Ruben Vargas curls in a stunning effort for Switzerland's second

"We were compact and we created chances. We made a really good game and we scored at the right moment."
—Brael Embolo | SWITZERLAND STRIKER

dence and pulled off their best display yet, making a bright start at the Olympiastadion in a sweltering Berlin, where a far more impressive Italy won the 2006 World Cup.

Former goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon has been regaling the squad with stories from that triumph but it did not inspire a convincing performance – apart from his modern day counterpart, Gianluigi Donnarumma.

The Paris Saint-Germain goalkeeper could not stop Freuler from firing Switzerland ahead after 37 minutes when the midfielder controlled Vargas' low cross and drilled home at the near post. Augsburg midfielder Vargas, who started in place of the suspended Silvan Widmer but on the left of the attack, broke into the area and arced a superb curling shot over Donnarumma in the 46th minute. AFP

33 Switzerland kept the ball for well over a minute in the build-up to the first goal, stringing together 33 passes before Remo Freuler, who plays for Serie A side Bologna, applied the finishing touch.

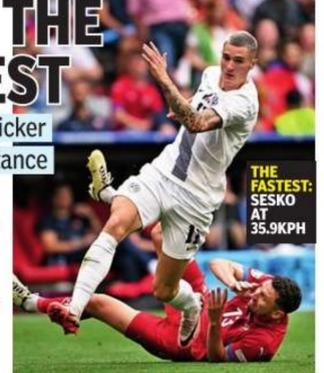
PASSING THE SPEED TEST

Players Are Getting Quicker And Putting In The Distance

Players are getting quicker, with Slovenia's Benjamin Sesko clocking a top speed of 35.9 kph (22.3 mph), fastest among the 45 players who, according to the UEFA numbers, eclipsed the 33.8 kph reached by both Hungary's Loic Nego and Italian Leonardo Spinazzola in Euro 2020.

And they are putting in the distance. Five players in Germany have beaten the 36 km (22.4 miles) covered by Russia's Aleksandr Golovin in the group stage of Euro 2020, with Albania's Ylber Ramadani running 37.5 km at an average 12.3 km per match.

Slovenia defender Erik Janza scored the most powerful goal of Euro 2024 in the group stage at 128.76 kph (80 mph), while Danish midfielder Morten Hjulmand's 28-metre (30.6-yard) strike was the longest. The built-in technology of the tournament's ball also showed that Hungary's Kevin Csoboth hit the goal with the most spins in his last-gasp strike against Scotland with a total of 16 rotations.



THE FASTEST: SESKO AT 35.9KPH



SECOND BEST: ROMANIA'S VALENTIN MIHAILA AT 35.8KPH



HARDEST WORKER: ALBANIA'S RAMADANI COVERED 37.5KM IN 3 GAMES



STAR RUN: FRANCE'S MBAPPE CAME IN JOINT 10TH AT 35KPH

Tricks and treat: Spain's perfect record to be tested by Georgia

Velbert: Willy Sagnol ranked just qualifying for Euro 2024 with Georgia as one of the finest achievements in his impressive football career, but the Frenchman topped that by leading the tournament's rank outsiders into the knockout stages where they face Spain on Sunday.

The country of 3.7 million people in the Caucasus sits 74th in the FIFA rankings and had never been to a major tournament since gaining independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. "I thought we reached our maximum by qualifying in March," Sagnol admitted after Georgia beat Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal 2-0 to reach the last 16.

Georgia got to the Euros in a rather roundabout way, finishing fourth in their qualifying group behind Spain, Scotland and Norway. However, their impressive performances in the Nations League gave them another crack at making it via the play-offs, in which they beat Luxembourg and then defeated Greece on penalties.

Georgia's success on the pitch, where they are led by Napoli's old-school winger Khvicha Kvaratskhelia, comes at a time of political turmoil in the country.

On Friday, there was a much more laid-back atmosphere as Sagnol gathered his players together in the sunshine on their training pitch in Velbert, where the stadium looks down over the Ruhr valley towards the city of Essen.

Just after taking charge, Sagnol's Georgia played Spain at home in a 2022 World Cup qualifier. They went ahead, but Spain came back to win 2-1 thanks to a stoppage-time goal. Spain beat them 4-0 at home in that campaign, and won both meetings in qualifying for this tournament, including a 7-1 victory in Tbilisi. That shows the size of the task awaiting Georgia in Cologne. AFP



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Spain beat Georgia twice in qualifying. A 7-1 rout saw Lamine Yamal set a record for youngest ever goalscorer in a Euros qualifier, two months after his 16th birthday since then. Georgia have shown improvement, their low block and quick counterattacks are similar to those of Albania, who caused Spain problems in the group stage



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—Khvicha Kvaratskhelia | Georgia striker

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SPAIN: W W W W W
GEORGIA: W D L W D (most recent first)

ENGLAND SEEK SPARK, SLOVAKIA SEE OPPORTUNITY

Mainoo May Start, Shaw Set To Return As Southgate's Men Face Fierce Criticism

Gelsenkirchen: Gareth Southgate's gamble of naming long-injured Luke Shaw to his squad for Euro 2024 could soon pay off with the left back expected to make an imminent return in what would be his first game in more than four months.

England face Slovakia in the Round of 16 on Sunday in Gelsenkirchen and while the 29-year-old is not expected to start, he could provide a boost off the bench to a squad that has been without a left-footer in his position. "It's a calculated risk," Southgate told reporters when his squad was announced earlier this month. "I think you can take one gamble and that's a gamble, we've got enough evidence to believe it can pay off."

Southgate is also reportedly considering starting teenager Kobbie Mainoo in midfield. Defence has been the most positive part of England's performance in Germany, with them conceding one goal in the group stage. While boasting some of the world's best attackers, England mustered only two goals in three games and were 20th in goal attempts.

Newcastle's Kieran Trippier is right-footed and so tends to turn inside, while Shaw is an attacking defender who loves to

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make overlapping runs down the left flank much like the team's right back Kyle Walker. England's two goals by Jude Bellingham and Harry Kane were assisted by Bukayo Saka and Walker on the right.

Shaw was solid in England's 2020 European Championship run, scoring an early goal in the team's loss to Italy in a penalty shootout in the final.

Bitter revisit
England also scored only two goals in the group stage of the last Euros before progressing to a first major tournament final in 55 years. However, it is the shades of Euro 2016 that will send shivers down the spines of England fans heading to Gelsenkirchen. Eight years ago Roy Hodgson's side also stumbled their way through the group phase with five points only to be handed a seemingly kind draw against Iceland. Iceland pulled off a shock 2-1 win.

Under coach Francesco Calzona, Slovakia have produced one of the shocks of the tournament by beating Belgium 1-0 in their opening game. AFP



KOBBIE MAINOO



JURAJ KUCKA
The Slovakia midfielder has two assists so far. He has 100 per cent crossing accuracy in 3 matches. He is 8th in key player stats rankings, covering a distance of 34.02km. Kucka will make a record-extending 11 appearances for Slovakia at Euros

"We remember where we started. When our coach first took the job, we were playing friendly matches in front of 2,000 people in the stadium. And now, after two years of hard work, we're among the best 16 teams in Europe. So, it's really wonderful, and we're happy about it."
—Milan Skriniar | SLOVAKIA CAPTAIN

0-0 England's one failure to defeat Slovakia was at Euro 2016 in their only previous major tournament meeting, a goalless draw in Saint-Etienne, in which the Three Lions had their most shots (29) in a European Championship match on record (since 1980).

England
2 Goals (0.67 avg. per match) | 336.09km Distance covered (111.67 avg. per match)

Slovakia
3 Goals (1 avg. per match) | 342.36km Distance covered (113.67 avg. per match)

30 The average age of the Slovakia starting XI (30 years, 218 days) in the group stage was the oldest in the competition. They've handed 809 minutes to players aged 35 or older, with only Italy at Euro 2016 giving more at a single Euro (870).

"Everything that's happened is now pretty irrelevant. We have things that we can build on, but also, each individual game can take wild directions at times."
—Gareth Southgate | ENGLAND MANAGER

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ENGLAND: D D W L W
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VINICIUS STEPS UP FOR BRAZIL, FINALLY

Atlanta: Vinicius Jr unleashed his inner beast in a little over 45 minutes of pure Brazilian football mayhem to guide the five-time World Cup champions to their first 2024 Copa America win against Paraguay on Friday.

The 23-year-old electric winger scored twice and delivered a much-needed statement performance that Brazilian fans have long been waiting for. The Real Madrid rising star may be one of the best players in the world but until now that fiery spark has not been seen in his na-

tional team performances. Even in Brazil's Copa America opener this year - a goalless draw against Costa Rica - Vinicius ended up being substituted halfway through the second half after not managing a single scoring attempt. After that, Brazil manager Dorival Jr changed tack and that decision paid back in a major way.

Instead of being deployed as more of an orthodox winger wide on the left against Costa Rica, Dorival gave Vinicius the freedom to roam across the front line on Friday against Para-



"I played a game that is compatible to the level of the player I am. I always say that I never play for myself, I play for the team, for Brazil. Always try my best, but it's not always possible."
—Vinicius

guay and fans were shown why he is a strong contender to win the Ballon d'Or after guiding Real to a LaLiga-Champions League double. After their disappointing opener, Brazil were initially struggling against another defensive opponent and almost lost their composure when Lucas Paqueta badly missed a penalty halfway through the first half.

But instead, they were rescued by Vinicius, who took charge and was all over the field, striking twice and creating another chance that allowed Savinho to score, helping Brazil to go to the break with a comfortable 3-0 lead. That was more than enough for a Brazil who were playing under huge pressure. REUTERS

COLOMBIA BEAT COSTA RICA TO BOOK LAST-8 SPOT

Glendale: Colombia cruised to a 3-0 win over Costa Rica in Group D on Friday and booked their spot in the Copa America quarters thanks to strikes from Luis Diaz, Davinson Sanchez and Jhon Cordoba.

Colombia started the match well and took the lead in the 31st minute through Liverpool winger Diaz, who confidently converted from the penalty spot after Costa Rica goalkeeper

Patrick Sequeira bundled over Cordoba in the box. As Costa Rica pressed for an equaliser they left themselves open on the break and Colombia made them pay, with Sanchez outmuscling defender Juan Pablo Vargas to head Jhon Arias' corner past Sequeira from close range in the 59th minute.

After scoring, Sanchez held up the jersey of team mate Jhon Lucumi, who missed the match due to an injury. Cordoba rounded out the scoring three minutes later after timing his run perfectly to stay outside and latch onto James Rodriguez's long ball. REUTERS

'King Kohli' saves his best for last

Got The Job Done When Mattered, Says Batter; Announces Retirement From Format

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Bridgetown (Barbados): Virat was smiling one moment and crying the next. It was a moment that was meant for 'King Kohli' and he deserved every bit of it. As India's greatest T20 cricketer announced his international retirement from the format, he had a Man-of-the-Match award in his hand. And he had just fashioned a World Cup victory for India.

Nothing had gone wrong for Virat in this World Cup. If the twitterati had its way, he wouldn't have been playing the final, but there was a team management that believed Kohli would come good. "He is saving his best for the final," captain Rohit Sharma said after India won their semifinal without much of a hassle.

Even on Saturday, the

world ranted as Kohli was fighting it out in the middle. After hitting three beautiful boundaries in the first over, India had lost three quick wickets and Virat was suddenly left to pull off a rescue act. Yes, he wasn't connecting, but the old pro knew how to deal with those moments.

Many of those who remember Kohli from his days in the 2016 World Cup — when he took Australia apart in Mohali to fashion one of India's greatest-ever run chases — believed he would play in the same vein every day, year after year. On Saturday at the Kensington Oval, the homeground of Sir Garry Sobers, Kohli showed the world that taking a few blows on the chin and battling it out is also a rare quality.

"One day you feel you can't get a run, then things happen. I got the job done for the team



THE MASTER AT WORK: Kohli in full flow on Saturday

on the day it mattered. It was now or never for me, I wanted to make the most of it. I wanted to lift the cup, wanted to respect the situation rather than force it," Kohli said. The champion batter said about his T20I retire-

ment that "this was an open secret". In fact, he might not have played the T20 World Cup had India won the ODI World Cup last year. But it was the hurt of that defeat that kept Virat pushing for it. He had a magnificent IPL

and put all speculation about his inclusion in the squad to rest.

The team management opened a slot for him — that of the opener — to make his game relevant for the format. Kohli was there for the insurance he provided at the top of the order, which wasn't happening till the final. But he was not ready to let go. Some of his batting in the nets of Barbados against Jasprit Bumrah, India's greatest white-ball match-winner, was beyond brilliant as he prepared himself for the moment.

And once he got it done, the 'King' announced that was time for the younger lot to take over. "It's time for the next generation to take over, some amazing players will take the team forward and keep the flag waving high." They will surely do, but Virat will never be forgotten.

THE WORLD IS ENOUGH



MIRACLE OF BRIDGETOWN: Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma (clockwise from top) pose with the Tricolour after India's come-from-behind win in the final; Jasprit Bumrah, one of the chief architects of the win, celebrates with Axar Patel and Ravindra Jadeja; South Africa's Keshav Maharaj (from left), Heinrich Klaasen and David Miller are inconsolable after the narrow defeat; Arshdeep Singh, who became the joint-highest wicket-taker in the tournament, exults after dismissing Aiden Markram

Luus, Kapp keep South Africa alive

...After India Pile Up Record Total

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Chennai: Gritty half-centuries from Sune Luus (65, 164b; 6x4, 1x6) and Marizanne Kapp (69*, 125b; 8x4) sparked a South African resurgence as they crawled their way to 236-4 after India declared their record-shattering innings

ONE-OFF TEST

at 603-6 on Day Two of the one-off Test. They stitched a near-century stand to stay alive in the contest.

The visitors remained unfazed about India's gigantic total and went about their business calmly. Proteas openers Laura Wolvaardt (20) and Anneke Bosch (39) were undeterred by the scorching heat in their seven overs at the MA Chidambaram Stadium as they began their innings in smooth fashion. Both got off the mark with a four and went on to hit the pacers for bounda-

ries occasionally.

To separate the duo, India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur, who had closely observed the passage of play in the morning session, was tempted to bring in the ever-reliable Sneha Rana (3-61) on the spin-friendly surface. Right after the lunch break, Sneha hit the nail on the head by giving India their first breakthrough.

The right-arm off-break bowler looked determined to get rid of South Africa captain Wolvaardt. In the eighth over, she first lost a review when a sharply turning delivery appeared to be on the path of Wolvaardt's stumps. Three deliveries later, she finally got her prized wicket as the ball kept low and did not turn as much as it did in the previous deliveries, trapping Wolvaardt LBW. Speaking after the match, Sneha, who was the pick of the bowlers, said: "Laura's wicket was the most satisfactory one. I'm happy that I finally got it."

After losing Wolvaardt, Bosch and Luus kept India at bay in a well-curated stand of 63 runs off 137 balls.

Emotions, tears flow as Indian players savour the triumph

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

It was a time for the tears and emotions to flow freely. India beat South Africa in a humdinger of a final in Bridgetown to clinch the T20 World Cup. Obviously, the stars found it difficult to articulate their thoughts. But Jasprit Bumrah, who was named Player of the Tournament, was his usual calm self.

"Usually, I'm the one who tries to keep my emotions in check and get the job done but today I don't have many words. I don't usually cry after a game but the emotions are taking over. We were in trouble but we're really over the moon to win from that stage. My family is here, we came close last time and we got the job done, there's no better feeling than to get your team through in a game like this."

at time, don't think too far ahead. Emotions can take over, it was taking over but you have to keep it in check but now that the game is over, it can come out."

Player of the Match Virat Kohli finally showed his class in the final with a superb 76. "This was my last T20 World Cup, this is exactly what we wanted to achieve. One day you feel like you can't get a run and this happens, God is great. Just the occasion, now or never kind of situation. This was my last T20 game playing for India and we wanted to lift that cup."

The master batsman revealed that he would have announced his retirement from T20 Internationals even if India had lost. "It's time for the next generation to take the T20 game forward. It's been a long wait for us, waiting to win an ICC tournament. You look at someone like Rohit, he's played 9 T20 World Cups and this is my sixth. He deserves it. It's been difficult to hold emotions back and I think it's going to sink in later."

It's an amazing day and I'm thankful."

Axar Patel, who chipped in throughout the tournament with all-round contributions, said, "It means everything for me. The last few years I've been getting injured, not getting that performance. I wanted to do something for India and I'm feeling proud. I tried to keep it simple. Just thought of it as another match. That worked for me."

Meanwhile, Hardik Pandya, who found his form in the tournament and helped India immensely, was seen crying his heart out after the triumph. "It means a lot. I'm very emotional, we've been working very hard and something was not clicking. But today we got what the whole nation wanted."

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

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Pragg lets Gukesh off the hook on a day of draws

Bucharest: R Pragganandhaa missed out on becoming a joint leader at the the Superbet Classic chess tournament after settling for a draw against compatriot D Gukesh in the third round here. After losing to Gukesh in the last Candidates tournament in April earlier this year, Pragganandhaa had a great opportunity to equalise the score this year but could not find a winning continuation after Gukesh spoiled a drawn endgame.

Malvika shocks Kristy to enter semis: Malvika Bansod stunned Scotland's Kristy Gilmour in a thrilling three-game match to advance to the women's singles semifinals of the US Open Super 300 badminton tournament. The 22-year-old from Nagpur, ranked 49th, registered a 10-21 21-15 21-10 win over Kristy, a 2014 Commonwealth Games silver medalist. In men's singles, Priyanshu Rajawat produced a good show but couldn't get past fourth seed Lei Lan Xi of China, losing 21-15 11-21 18-21 in a quarterfinal match. Second seed Treasa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand lost 17-21 21-17 19-21 to Japanese sixth seed Rui Hirokami and Yuna Kato to also end their campaign in the last eight round.

Tabilo first Chilean man to win grasscourt title in Open era: Alejandro Tabilo became the first Chilean man to win a grasscourt title in the Open era at the Mallorca Championships on Saturday. Tabilo, seeded fourth, defeated the unseeded Sebastian Ofner of Austria 6-3, 6-4 in the final.

Kasatkina, Fritz win Eastbourne titles: Daria Kasatkina and Taylor Fritz won the women's and men's singles titles respectively at the Eastbourne International on Saturday as they both enjoyed morale-boosting grasscourt triumphs just days out from the start of Wimbledon. Kasatkina's 6-3, 6-4 victory over Leylah Fernandez gave the Russian her first grasscourt title. AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

AUTO: F1, Austrian GP, Race 6.30 pm (Fancode); **BADMINTON:** US Open, Finals, 10.30 pm (Jio); **CRICKET:** India Wom vs SA Wom, only Test, Day 3, 9.30 am (Jio); **FOOTBALL:** Euro 2024, Eng vs Slovakia, 9.30 pm; Spain vs Georgia, 12.30 am Monday (Sony)

Sizzling run by Thompson

Year-Leading Mark Of 9.77 Seconds Set To Win 100m Sprint In Olympic Trials

Kingston: Kishane Thompson registered a sizzling world-leading mark of 9.77 seconds to win the men's 100 metres at the Jamaican Olympic trials on Friday, becoming the joint ninth fastest man in history.

Two-time World Championships finalist Oblique Seville was second in 9.82, while World Indoor 60m bronze medallist Ackee Blake finished third in 9.92.

Thompson, who is in only his second season as a professional, had not raced at all this season before the Jamaican championship and told Reuters he believes he can go faster. "My coach instructed me just to run the first 60 metres, nothing more, after



PUTTING ON A SHOW: Kishane Thompson in action

that, shut it down," he said. "If I came second or third, I would've made the team. The goal wasn't to prove anything, just run the 70 or 60 metres and see where I was."

Thompson, now the fourth fastest Jamaican - behind Usain Bolt, Yohan Blake and Asafa Powell - said he had much to improve on making his Olympic debut in Paris. "It's kind of new to me, but

I'm getting it slowly," he said.

Fraser-Pryce, Jackson earn 100m spots for Paris

Shericka Jackson recovered from a poor start to win the women's 100m in 10.84, clawing her way from the back of the field after 30 metres to power past Tia Clayton (10.90) and twice Olympic champion Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce (10.94).

Both Jackson and Fraser-Pryce earned their place at the Paris Olympics.

Jackson, the back-to-back world champion in the 200m, said winning was more important than running a faster time. "Coach and I sat down and talked about how we wanted the approach for the season, and I think we did pretty good, having only ran one 100m prior to the national trials," Jackson told Reuters.

"It's a work in progress and I will now turn my attention to retaining my 200m title over the next two days."

Malik James-King won the 400m hurdles in 47.42, moving up to number five in the world this season as he crossed the finish 0.62 seconds ahead of national record holder Roshawn Clarke, while Jaheel Hyde was third in 48.35. James-King said he never panicked, even as he left it until hurdle number nine to catch Clarke. REUTERS

Djokovic 'pain free' ahead of Wimbledon

Novak Djokovic proclaimed himself "pain free" after defeating Daniil Medvedev in an exhibition match on Friday ahead of Wimbledon.

Former world number one Djokovic, the seven-time Wimbledon champion, needed surgery earlier this month following a serious knee injury at the French Open.

But on Friday the 37-year-old took his place in the draw for Wimbledon, which starts on Monday, with Djokovic, seeded two, taking on 123rd-ranked Vit Kopriv of the Czech Republic at the grasscourt Grand Slam.

Djokovic's movement was not completely smooth in a 6-3, 6-4 win over Medvedev during an exhibition event at London's Hurlingham Club, with the Serbian's right knee strapped up. But he struck the ball crisply and served well. "I can tell you that I enjoyed myself really, really much today," said Djokovic afterwards. "I can tell you that pain-free tennis is the best tennis. I was pain-free

and I'm really glad. It was a great test obviously against one of the best players in the world. I've played a couple of practice sets but I really wanted to test myself. The test was very successful so I'm obviously really glad. It's been an intense three week after surgery, spending a lot of hours rehabbing."

Djokovic, whose tally of 24 singles titles at Grand Slam tournaments is the most won by any man in tennis history, added: "I kind of always wanted to give myself a chance to be in London. I think my surgeon is here. He's the MVP (most valuable player) for sure the last three weeks. I'm trying to take it day by day and see how far it goes."

Djokovic was forced to pull out ahead of his quarterfinal at the French Open against Casper Ruud after tearing the medial meniscus in his right knee. He has since been looking to learn from fellow tennis players and athletes who have suffered similar injuries. AGENCIES

Verstappen holds off McLaren challenge

Spielberg, Austria: Formula 1 leader Max Verstappen held off an early attack by Lando Norris before pulling away from the two McLarens to comfortably secure his third sprint race victory of the year Saturday at the Austrian Grand Prix.

Verstappen finished 4.616 seconds ahead of McLaren's Oscar Piastri to make it three wins out of three in sprint races this season, with Norris another 0.732 seconds back in third. The dominant Verstappen has also won seven of the 10 grand prix races this season as he aims for a seemingly inevitable fourth straight F1 title, but he was put under serious pressure early on in this one.

"We had to work for it," Verstappen said.

Norris started second behind Verstappen and stayed glued to the Red Bull for the first few laps, using his DRS to attack the championships leader. Norris even managed to overtake Verstappen briefly on lap five after a daring move on the straight leading into a sharp turn, but the Dutch driver responded by



IN FORM: Max Verstappen

quickly retaking the lead at the next corner.

Norris ended up being overtaken by his teammate as well during that sequence, but Piastri could not seriously challenge Verstappen after that and the Red Bull driver gradually extended his lead over the 23-lap race.

Verstappen said the key was to get out of the range of the McLarens' DRS system, which allows the chasing driver to reduce the drag by opening up the rear wing of his car to get a burst of speed.

"It was a good first lap but once the DRS opens it is very hard to get out of it," Verstappen said. AGENCIES

Avinash Sable bags 3000m steeplechase gold

Panchkula (Haryana): Paris Olympics-bound star athlete Avinash Sable ran in the "training mode" but his modest timing was still good enough to win gold in the men's 3000m steeplechase on the third and penultimate day of the National Interstate Championships here on Saturday. The 29-year-old Sa-

ble, who holds the national record of 8:11.20 in his pet event and was representing Maharashtra, clocked a slow 8 minute 31.75 seconds to win the race under humid conditions at the Tau Devi Lal Stadium.

"The Athletics Federation of India has made it mandatory for all the athletes to take part in the National In-

ter-State, so I ran the race as a practice, just like in training (in the USA). I was not thinking of timing, hence I was taking it easy, there was no pressure at all," Sable said later.

"In a way, it was good to be able to run in a domestic competition after a long time," said the Asian Games gold medalist, who last ran a 3000m stee-

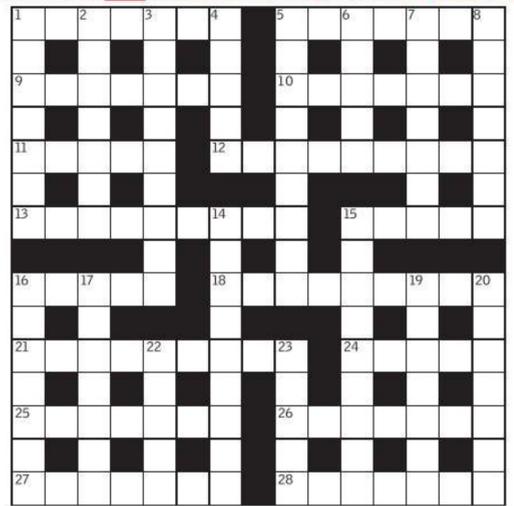
plechase race in a domestic event in March 2022. Sable, who has been training in the USA, has run just one 3000m steeplechase race this year - on June 8 at Portland Track Festival - and he said it was a strategy chalked out by him and his coach.

Sable has already qualified for the Olympics. PTI

THE TOI CROSSWORD

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CRYPTIC CLUES

Across

- 1 Tells of twinges after exercise (7)
- 5 He had an uncle and sisters on the stage (7)
- 9 Husband shows reticence (7)
- 10 A rising little place noted for its industry (3,4)
- 11 Her sister is a superior person (5)
- 12 Australian haven providing unrestricted cover in the sound (9)
- 13 Has a note to mail first - must be quick (9)
- 15 Many poems need deciphering (5)
- 16 Ease off the downward pressure? (3,2)
- 18 Called without once becoming stuck-up (9)
- 21 No striking example of the horologist's craft (9)
- 24 Tracks of birds (5)
- 25 Ends an academic period in Italian capital (7)
- 26 An early caller (7)
- 27 Gulpers out to go the whole hog (7)
- 28 Train to be articulate (7)

Down

- 1 Vegetable described in a newspaper cutting? (7)
- 2 Promises certain to be kept by a fool (7)
- 3 One of those animal crackers? (9)
- 4 Novel supporter in the flesh perhaps (5)
- 5 Changed circumstances may put a different complexion on it (9)
- 6 He's paid to say nothing (5)
- 7 Given a lift from this ode (7)
- 8 Depressed areas (7)
- 14 About four hide being reticent (9)
- 15 It's not alphabetical; that's obvious of course (5,4)
- 16 TS Eliot play shows understatement (7)
- 17 Some were carried away in it and lost their heads (7)
- 19 A plant from the list (7)
- 20 Abandons wastelands (7)
- 22 Coming before the deputy head perhaps (5)
- 23 Strange oriental lake (5)

QUICK CLUES

Across

- 1 Supplement to will (7) 5 Larva of toad (7) 9 Definite military task (7) 10 Medicine for cough (7) 11 Scene of conflict (5) 12 Highly controversial issue (3,6)
- 13 Completely (2,3,4) 15 A dominant theme (5)
- 16 Disparage (5) 18 Diocese (9) 21 Regain consciousness (4,5) 24 Structure supporting power cables (5) 25 Green gem (7) 26 Type of escort warship (7) 27 Perfumed (7) 28 Place of seclusion (7)

Down

- 1 An agreement (7) 2 Family origin (7) 3 Sharp practice (9) 4 Execute by mob action (5) 5 Report maliciously (4,5) 6 Australian wild dog (5) 7 Person rejected by society (7) 8 Slacken (4,3) 14 Infinite (9) 15 Matter open to debate (4,5) 16 Author of The Old Curiosity Shop (7) 17 Vie (7) 19 Set free (7) 20 Satisfied (7) 22 Cook before a fire (5) 23 Postpone (5)

SOLUTIONS TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD

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Tvesa, Vani tied 4th in Swiss Open

Rotkreuz (Switzerland): India's Tvesa Malik joined Vani Kapoor in the top-four of the Swiss Ladies Open with a fine round of 3-under 68 after a similar first round here.

Vani Kapoor, who had a share of the lead after the first day with 5-under under 66, managed a 1 under 70 in the second round. Both Vani and Tvesa were 6-under and two behind Fatima Fernandez Cano of Spain (68-66) at 8-under. For India, the third player assured of making the cut was Ridhima Dilawari (72-69).

Two players were tied for second at 7-un-

der - Sara Kjelker (66) and Kristyna Napoleva (68). Tvesa and Vani were tied fourth alongside Emily Penttila (66) and Luna Sobron Gomes (66) at 6-under 136 for 36 holes.

Dilawari, who had four birdies in her first six holes finished with 69 following three bogeys in her last five holes. She also birdied the 17th. At 1-under for two days she is tied 35.

Amandeep Drall (72-73) was hanging by a slender thread just outside the projected cut line of 2-over with a few players yet to finish their second round. PTI

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Why France will vote twice in polls it didn't see coming

Trounced By The Right Wing In EU Polls, French Prez Macron Thrust Snap Elections On The Country That's Hosting Next Month's Olympics. It's Anybody's Match As Voting Begins Today

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

In elections to the European Parliament on June 9, the far-right National Rally party secured double the vote share of Emmanuel Macron's Renaissance party, which narrowly escaped coming third by staying just ahead of the left. Macron immediately called for elections within 20 days to the French National Assembly, or parliament, taking colleagues and the opposition by surprise.

His party did not have a majority in the outgoing parliament, which meant he had to constantly look for support from others to push through laws, or use constitutional provisions to controversially enact them, like his pension reforms, which have faced wide opposition among the French public. Parliamentary elections were last held in 2022 but failed to return a clear winner with Macron appointing a govt led by his own party.

The assembly was not required to go to polls till 2027, but Macron would've been chafing at the constant hassle of cobbling together support and the attendant threat of facing a no-confidence vote.

TOI Explains

Why Vote Twice?

French people will vote once today and, in most constituencies, again on July 7 to send representatives to the 577-member parliament. The majority mark is 289 with Macron's party holding 250 seats in the now-dissolved assembly. National Rally had 88 seats but is expected to vastly improve its tally and emerge as the single-largest party even if it falls short of majority. Much of the outcome will depend on the turnout and political dynamics between like-minded parties.

In constituencies where at least 25% of voters cast their ballot on Sunday, the candidate who corners more than half the votes is declared the outright winner. Failing that, every candidate who bags more than 12.5% of the votes will be on the ticket for the July 7 runoff, where the winner is the one who secures the majority of votes.

This system provides scope for 'tactical voting', that is, voters whose candidate doesn't make it to the runoff may choose to vote for another party (usually to keep out the far-right). Parties also withdraw candidates for the



ALL OR NOTHING: Marine Le Pen and far-right National Rally chief Jordan Bardella are expected to lead their party to a historic win while Macron and French PM Gabriel Attal will be hoping that the snap poll gamble pays off and they secure a majority in parliament

runoff to improve the chances of an ally. This time, the main worry for Macron and his centrist Ensemble alliance will be the broad left New Popular Front coalition, part of which is the well-known radical left figure of Jean-Luc Melenchon of the France Unbowed party. Experts say that the left coalition may eat into Renaissance party's votes, leaving Macron faced with the prospect of running only the fourth 'cohabitation' — implying a president and PM belonging to two different parties — in French govt and the first in the last 20 years.

Roles Of Prez And PM

France has a presidential system of govt, but the PM wields considerable powers. As president, Macron leads foreign policy, European affairs and defence. He is also the commander-in-chief of the army. The PM, on the other hand, is in charge of running the country, formulating domestic legislative policy and introducing bills and getting them cleared by parliament.

As with any democratic set-up, having the same party,

or like-minded leaders, in both offices makes governance easier. However, in the present circumstances, experts say it's unlikely that Macron and a PM from either the far right or left will see eye to eye and bridge their significant differences over everything from French support for Ukraine in the war against Russia to the Palestine issue amid the conflict between Israel and Hamas.

Who's Likely To Form Govt?

Opinion polls put Macron's party at third behind National Rally and New Popular Front. But Jordan Bardella, leader of the National Rally — the outfit associated most closely with Marine Le Pen and her father Jean-Marie Le Pen — has said his party won't form the govt unless it wins a majority. The 28-year-old Bardella stands a chance to break the record of becoming France's youngest PM if he takes over from Gabriel Attal, who was 34 when Macron named him PM in January this year.

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the assembly. If National Rally wins and refuses to form the govt, experts say a 'technocratic' dispensation comprising members unaffiliated to any party could be put in place to run the day-to-day affairs till the next elections.

High Stakes

Macron's gambit would be to confront the French public with the choice of having an extreme far-right govt or voting for liberals and moderates to run the republic. French football star Kylian Mbappe recently said that "the extremes are at the gates of power", inviting a strong reaction from Bardella, leader of the National Rally — the outfit associated most closely with Marine Le Pen and her father Jean-Marie Le Pen — has said his party won't form the govt unless it wins a majority.

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For France, these elections kick off a quest to decide whether the country will make a hard right ahead of the next presidential polls, when Macron is automatically disallowed from running, or if the centrist and liberal parties maintain their hold on power in the world's seventh largest economy, which is also a nuclear-armed UN Security Council member and a major pillar of the EU edifice.



A left alliance that includes prominent far-left leader Jean-Luc Melenchon is tipped to gain at the expense of Macron's Ensemble combine



Footballer Kylian Mbappe recently warned about radical parties winning power, inviting a strong reaction from far-right leader Bardella

Here's what it would take Democrats to replace Joe Biden as party nominee

Forcing Him Out To Be A Huge Task

Democrats have ways to replace Joe Biden at the top of their presidential ticket after a harrowing debate against Republican Donald Trump — but doing so without their standard-bearer's acquiescence would be a daunting task. Party members once united behind Biden are now scouring candidate resumes and researching rules for a contingency plan to present voters with a different nominee after a universally planned performance Thursday cemented worries about the President's ability to serve a second term.

"The easiest one is, Biden takes himself out of the race," said Elaine Kamarck, a Democratic National Committee member and author of a book about the presidential nomination process. "Then yes, there's rules and procedures and the party would replace him." While pushing Biden off the ticket is possible, the lack of an obvious candidate to replace him makes such a gambit unlikely, Kamarck said.

The debate saw months of Democratic anxiety over Biden, already the oldest US president in history at 81, and his prospects for defeating Trump, boil over.

The president Friday acknowledged the limitations of his debate showing but dismissed calls to exit the race.

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If Biden doesn't step aside, forcing him out would be a Herculean undertaking for Democrats. Any rival would first have to collect 600 delegate signatures on a petition to place his or her name in nomination at the Democratic convention — with no more than 50 signatures from any one state. That's about 13% of the delegates. But with Biden controlling 99% of the pledged delegates, that would require challengers convincing Biden loyalists to flip their support.

"The odds are not insurmountable, but they're very high for any scenario that involves a delegate revolt," said Josh Putnam of FHQ Strategies, a non-partisan consulting firm specializing in delegate selection rules.

The Biden campaign has vetted his delegates for their loyalty, but they do have room to change their minds. Unlike Republican delegates, who are often legally bound to cast their vote for a particular candidate, Democratic rules say only that pledged delegates "shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them."

A move to change the ticket — whether Biden agrees to go willingly or is pushed out — would bring a convention free-for-all not seen for decades.

In an "open" or "brokered" convention, no candidate comes into the roll-call vote with

enough delegates to be guaranteed the nomination. Voting could last any number of rounds until a candidate wins.

Such a convention would also put so-called "super-delegates" in the spotlight. Those delegates — leaders and elected officials who get to the convention by virtue of their position — have been stripped of some powers in recent years as the party worried their influence in the process was undermining. But if a nomination goes into a second ballot, those automatic delegates, who number more than 700, could sway the convention.

Another wild card is that the party is free to change its rules at any time before the nomination, potentially lowering or raising the bar for a Biden challenger.

The most obvious heir apparent is vice-president Kamala Harris — but Democrats don't have to pick Biden's running mate. Some of the most discussed alternatives include Governors Gavin Newsom of California, JB Pritzker of Illinois and Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan, all of whom say they still support Biden.

The nomination vote was scheduled for Aug 21, but the DNC has raised the possibility of a virtual roll call before Aug 7 to accommodate early ballot deadlines. If Biden steps aside after the convention, the decision on how to replace him would be up to the 400 plus members of the DNC — the chairman would consult with Democratic congressional leaders and governors and make a recommendation. BLOOMBERG

No place for Hinduphobia in UK, says Labour leader

Naomi Canton

London: Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer, who is widely expected to become the next British prime minister, visited the Shree Swaminarayan Mandir in Kingsbury on Friday where he said "there is absolutely no place for Hinduphobia in Britain" and that Labour would "build a new strategic partnership with India".

He began his speech with "Jai Swaminarayan" and praised British Hindus for not having forgotten their roots, for their "rich Hindu heritage and deep commitment to Britain's future". "If we're elected next week we will strive to govern in the spirit of seva to serve you and a world in need," he said. "Strengthened by Hindu values, you're not only contributing massively to our economy, you're bringing innovation and expertise that keeps us competitive on the global market."

He said Labour had a record number of Hindu candidates in the general election.



Labour Party leader Sir Keir Starmer during a visit to the Shree Swaminarayan Mandir in Kingsbury, London, Friday

If selected, they will "stand with the entire Labour party — firmly behind the Hindu community, representing your concerns, listening to your voice, working with you, on issues at home as well as on the global stage," he said.

Starmer was received by an Indian pipe band in Scottish regalia. He performed "anjali mudra" and then inside the mandir he performed puja which included

"abhisheka", interacted with local schoolchildren and was given "prasad".

Dr Neeraj Patil, chairman of Hindus for Labour, said: "He is going to address anti-Hindu hatred, which is most welcome. He is sending a strong positive signal to 1.7 million British Hindus that the prospective Labour govt will include Hindus in the growth and prosperity of this country."

Orban takes helm of EU presidency

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban's frequent attacks against Brussels and his warm relations with Russia have left the country increasingly isolated as it takes over the bloc's rotating presidency on Monday. The longest-serving leader in the European Union, Orban has recently ramped up his rhetoric against what he calls the "technocratic elite of Brussels", warning "we will rack our brains to hurt them".

"It's unbelievable. It's like the defendant in a trial has suddenly taken over the prosecution," said his biographer, and journalist, Paul Lendvai.

While he warned not to "overestimate the importance" of Hungary's six-month presidency, he predicted that Orban would continue to block key issues as he did with EU aid for Ukraine while "loosening restrictions" on rule of law issues on which he has been censured by Brussels in order to unlock blocked EU funds.

Orban openly supports former American president Donald Trump. AFP

Pak CJ slams 'unlawful' killing of women over adultery charges

Islamabad: Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Qazi Faez Isa said on Saturday women in the country were killed in the name of honour without fulfilling the Islamic condition of producing four witnesses in cases of adultery.

Speaking at a conference here on 'Access to Justice for All', the Chief Justice said that the constitution mandates women's representation across all sectors.

He lamented a disregard for social history within the Muslim community and condemned the misuse of honour killings in the name of dignity. He said according to Islamic teachings, "the condition of four witnesses is necessary (to prove the act of adultery)."

He also said that accusing a woman of adultery is called a 'Qazf' and is punishable in Islam and under laws in Pakistan. "Accusing or desecrating a woman is punishable by 80 lashes in the Quran," he said, adding he had not heard anyone punished for wrongly accusing a woman of adultery. PTI

Pak seeks US arms to fight terrorism

Washington: Pakistan's ambassador has urged the US to provide small arms and modern equipment to his country to ensure the success of Operation Azm-i-Istehkam. Islamabad's newly-approved counter-terrorism initiative. Ambassador Masood Khan made the request while addressing US policymakers at a Washington think tank last week. PTI

AI race: US states try to make sure workers aren't left behind

Hartford (US): With many jobs expected to eventually rely on generative artificial intelligence, US states are trying to help workers beef up tech skills before they become outdated and get outfoxed by machines.

Connecticut is working to create what proponents believe will be the country's first Citizens AI Academy, a free online repository of curated classes that users can take to learn basic skills or obtain a certificate needed for employment. "This is a rapidly evolving area," said state Democratic Senator James Maroney. "So we need to all learn what are the best sources for staying current. How can we update our skills? Who can be trusted sources?"

Determining what skills are necessary in an AI world can be a challenge for state legislators given the fast-moving nature of the technology and differing opinions about what approach is best. Gregory LaBlanc, professor of finance, strategy and law at the Haas School of Business at Berkeley Law School in California, says "we need to figure out what is AI not good at and then teach those things to workers".

This year, at least four states — Connecticut, California, Mississippi and Maryland — proposed legislation that attempted to deal with AI in the classroom somehow. They ranged from Connecticut's planned AI Academy, which was originally included

in a wide-ranging AI regulation bill that failed but the concept is still being developed by state education officials, to proposed working groups that examine how AI can be incorporated safely in public schools. Such a bill died in the Mississippi legislature while the others remain in flux. One bill in California would require a state working group to consider incorporating AI literacy skills into math, science, history and social science curriculums.

While Connecticut's planned AI Academy is expected to offer certificates to people who complete certain skills, Maroney said the academy will also include basics, from digital literacy to how to pose questions to a chatbot. AP

Turbulence in WaPo as daily loses dollars

The prestigious Washington Post is in crisis, with pressure on from owner Jeff Bezos to change its money-losing ways. The Post's managing editor abruptly resigned; a chosen successor withdrew under fire, and a boss has been targeted in the newspaper's columns.



ALL EYES: For many observers, the outcome of the crisis lies in the hands of billionaire Bezos, who bought the Post for \$250 million in 2013. So far, Bezos has backed his CEO

Murdoch family's conservative media group about 12 years ago, in a scandal of illegal phone tapping by the tabloid *The News of the World*. On Friday, Lewis was at the centre of an investigation by his own journalists. According to the *Washington Post*, he gave the go-ahead in 2011 for the destruction of thousands of emails, fuelling suspicions that he was destroying evidence, which he denies.

As the US presidential election approaches, the affair is poisoning the atmosphere at a long-vaunted newspaper that is "not doing well economically," says Northeastern University journalism professor Dan Kennedy.

The *Post* was among trusted news outlets that benefited from the upheaval that

Russian attacks on Ukraine kill at least 12

Kyiv: Russian attacks across eastern Ukraine killed at least 11 people on Saturday, while rescuers in the city of Dnipro dug through rubble after a Russian strike ripped through a nine-story residential building, leaving one dead, officials said.

The attacks came as Russia continues to stretch out Ukrainian forces in several areas along the 1,000-kilometre front. Moscow has stepped up airstrikes in a bid to drain Ukraine's resources, often targeting energy facilities and other vital infrastructure.

TASS news agency reported citing Kursk governor that

Priests freed in prisoner exchange

Ukraine and Russia said Saturday that priests were among the dozens of captured soldiers and civilians they had exchanged earlier this week. Two Ukrainian Greek Catholic priests taken captive in Moscow-held Berdiansk were handed back to Ukraine after the mediation of Vatican. AFP

a Ukrainian drone has killed five people in Russia's border Kursk region. AFP, REUTERS

Iran to hold runoff election

Dubai: Iran will hold a runoff presidential election on July 5 pitting little-known reformist Masoud Pezeshkian against hard-line former nuclear negotiator, Saeed Jalili, after results Saturday showed the lowest-ever poll turnout in the Islamic Republic's history. More than 60% of voters cast no ballot in the race. Of the 24.5 million votes cast in Friday's election, Pezeshkian got 10.4 million while Jalili received 9.4 million.

Iranian law requires that a winner gets more than 50% of all votes cast. If not, the race's top two candidates advance to a runoff a week later. Jalili, once described by CIA director Bill Burns as "stupefyingly opaque" in negotiations, would have won outright had the three hard-liners not split vote. AP

AROUND THE WORLD



THE K FACTOR: K-Pop band Seventeen performs on the Pyramid Stage on the third day of the Glastonbury festival at Worthy Farm in the village of Pilton in Somerset, southwest England, on Friday

Man killed after 'crossbow attack' on Israel embassy

An attacker who fired a crossbow at a police officer guarding the Israeli embassy in Belgrade was shot dead on Saturday in what President Aleksandar Vucic called a terrorist attack against Serbia. No embassy staff were wounded in the attack, the Israeli foreign ministry said, and the policeman was in a stable condition in hospital following surgery to remove an arrow from his neck. Vucic said. Vucic named the attacker as Salahudin Zujovic, a man from central Serbia who had converted to Islam from Serbian Orthodox Christianity, and said he had worked with an accomplice who is at large.

belong to the country and no organization or individual are allowed to claim them, the State Council said in a statement on its website. The state will take charge of protective mining of the resource, it said. The new rules take effect on Oct 1.

Aus says arrogant Meta should pay for news

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese called social media companies arrogant and irresponsible, as the government's battle to have Meta Platforms continue to pay local media organizations for content escalated. Meta's regional policy director Mia Garlick told a parliamentary committee Friday that "all options were on the table," when asked whether the company would ban news on its platforms.

5 missiles land near ship in the Red Sea

A ship sailing through the Red Sea came under repeated missile fire Friday in an attack launched by Yemen's Houthis rebels, authorities said, the latest targeting the maritime route.

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