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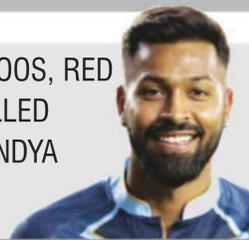


ONE IMPORTANT VISIT, ANOTHER TO FOLLOW

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AFTER IPL BOOS, RED CARPET ROLLED OUT FOR PANDYA

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SENSEX 80,049.67 ▲62.88

NIFTY 24,302.15 ▲15.65

₹ vs \$ 83.54

GOLD 73,090 ▲710

SILVER 93,000 ▲1,500

BRENT CRUDE (IN \$) 84.93 ▼0.21

## WEATHER

Generally cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain/thundershower. Maximum and minimum temperatures likely to be around 30 °C and 26 °C respectively.

**RAINFALL:** 4.6 mm  
**RELATIVE HUMIDITY**  
Max. 98 % Min. 90 %  
**TEMPERATURE**  
Max: 29.7 °C (-2.9) Min: 26.7°C (0.0)  
**SUN RISES** 04:57 hrs  
**MOON RISES** 02:59 hrs  
**SUN SETS** 18:25 hrs  
**MOON SETS** 17:12 hrs  
New Moon on 06 July

## THUMBNAILED



A man makes miniature models of chariots in Kolkata on Thursday. ■BISWAJIT GHOSHAL

**Hemant Soren takes oath as Jharkhand CM:** Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) Executive President Hemant Soren was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Jharkhand at a ceremony at the Ranchi Raj Bhavan on Thursday. The rest of the Cabinet ministers will be sworn in on Sunday. (Page 5)

# Heroes' welcome for T20 World Cup winning squad

After a breakfast meet with PM Modi in Delhi, the team was feted with a parade in Mumbai

TRIDIB BAPARNASH  
NEW DELHI, 4 JULY

It took 17 years for that star count to double in the Indian team's blue jersey after India's valiant seven-run win against South Africa in Saturday's T20 World Cup final in Barbados, and the newly-crowned World Champions proudly flaunted the specially-designed kit with 'CHAMPIONS' written in bold letters during their breakfast meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, shortly after landing in New Delhi at around 6 a.m. IST on Thursday. Hundreds of supporters, holding placards congratulating their favourites and waving the Tricolour, braved the inclement weather to welcome the Rohit Sharma-led outfit that touched down in New Delhi following a marathon trip home from the Caribbean after the squad members, support staff and families were grounded by Hurricane Beryl for several days.



Their special charter flight AIC24WC - Air India Champions 24 World Cup - which left Barbados around 4:50 a.m. local time on Wednesday, arrived in Delhi on Thursday morning after a 16-hour journey.

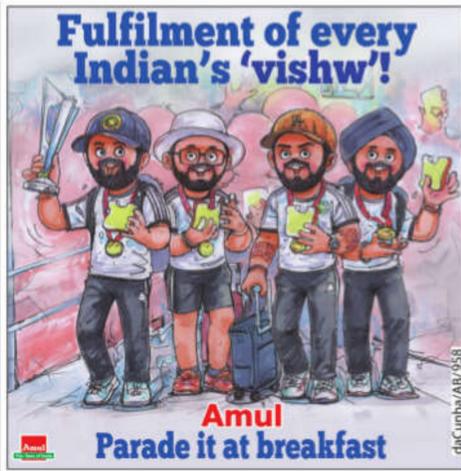
Fans cheered as the players came out of the airport in ones and twos. Rohit Sharma, among the last to emerge, raised the coveted trophy for the fans to catch a glimpse before boarding the bus.

After a short stopover at the ITC Maurya Sheraton, where team members shook a leg with bhanga

dancers and cut a 3-tier cake, they headed to 7 Lok Kalyan Marg, to meet PM Narendra Modi. They spent close to two hours at the PM's official residence interacting with Mr Modi who congratulated them for their victory and later hosted them for breakfast. "An excellent meeting with our Champions! Hosted the World Cup winning team at 7, LKM and had a memorable conversation on their experiences through the tournament," PM Modi posted on social media.

The team then flew to Mumbai, where they participated in an open bus victory parade followed by a felicitation at the iconic Wankhede Stadium. In a repeat of the road show held in the city 17 years ago after Mahendra Singh Dhoni's team beat arch-rivals Pakistan in the final of the inaugural 2007 World T20 in South Africa, Rohit Sharma's world champions were feted with a similar victory parade from Marine Drive to the Wankhede in an open bus. The heavy showers hardly deterred the enthusiasm of the crowd, who had gathered in their thousands on the 1 km

Marine Drive route from Nariman Point to Wankhede Stadium near Churchgate. Flanked by BCCI secretary Jay Shah, president Roger Binny, and other officials, Team India players took turns to hold the trophy and wave the Tricolour. The decibel levels rose as Rohit and Virat raised the World Cup trophy together in the open bus. At the Wankhede, loud cheers erupted from the jam-packed crowd as the players walked into the ground. During the ceremony, Rohit Sharma, who along with Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja bade farewell to the T20 format after the win, said: "Since the time we have come to India it's been wonderful. This trophy means a lot to us (players) but it's for the entire nation. It was a wonderful experience to meet PM Modi with the team. On behalf of the team, fans, I want to thank the entire nation. This is a special team, I am so lucky to lead this team."



# PM calls on SCO to combat terrorism

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, 4 JULY

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday called upon the SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation) countries to accord priority to combating terrorism, cautioning them if left unchecked, the menace can become a major threat to regional and global peace.

And in a veiled reference to China's ambitious Belt & Road Initiative (BRI) which runs through Indian territory in J & K illegally occupied by Pakistan, he also reminded the SCO of its commitment to respecting sovereignty and territorial integrity of every nation while undertaking connectivity and infrastructure projects.

"Priority must naturally be given to combating terrorism, one of the original goals of the SCO. Many of us have had our experiences, often originating beyond our borders," Mr Modi stated in a statement read out by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar at the SCO Summit at Astana in Kazakhstan. Mr S Jaishankar is leading the Indian delegation at the summit, also being attended by the leaders of China, Russia and Pakistan. "Terrorism in any form or manifestation cannot be justified or condoned. International community must iso-

# Modi to visit Russia, Austria from 8 July

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, 4 JULY

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will pay an official visit to Russia and Austria from 8 to 10 July, it was officially announced on Thursday.

The PM will be in Moscow on 8 and 9 July at the invitation of Russian President Vladimir Putin to participate in the 22nd India-Russia Annual Summit. The leaders will review the entire range of multifaceted relations between the two countries and exchange views on contemporary regional and global issues of mutual interest, the Ministry of External Affairs said.

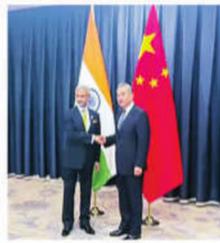
late and expose those countries that harbour terrorists, provide safe havens and condone terrorism. Cross-border terrorism requires a decisive response and terrorism financing and recruitment must be resolutely countered, Mr Modi said. He also stated that the SCO should take proactive steps to prevent the spread of radicalisation among youth.

# EAM meets Chinese FM, calls for restoration of peace in border areas

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, 4 JULY

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi on Thursday agreed that the current situation in border areas is not in the interest of either side and decided to step up meetings of their diplomatic and military officials to take forward their discussions to resolve the remaining issues at the earliest.

At a meeting in Astana, Kazakhstan, on the margins of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit, the two ministers had an in-depth exchange of views on



finding an early resolution of the remaining issues along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh to stabilise and rebuild bilateral relations. This was the first high-level meeting between the two sides after the Narendra Modi government assumed office

in India for the third time. Mr Jaishankar highlighted the need to redouble efforts to achieve complete disengagement from the remaining areas in Eastern Ladakh and restore border peace and tranquillity in order to remove obstacles towards the return of normalcy in bilateral relations.

He reaffirmed the importance of fully abiding by relevant bilateral agreements, protocols, and understandings reached between the two governments in the past. The LAC must be respected and peace and tranquillity in the border areas are always enforced, the MEA quoted the minister as saying.

# Six arrested in UP stampede case

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
HATHRAS, 4 JULY

Uttar Pradesh Police arrested six sevadars associated with the organising committee of the Narayan Sakar Vishwa Hari, which has been held responsible for the stampede that led to multiple deaths and mayhem at the Bhole Baba Sangarh here on Tuesday. A total of 121 people, mostly women and children, lost their lives in the incident.

However, the prime accused in the case, the head of the organising committee, Devprakash Madhukar, is absconding. The state police announced a reward of one lakh rupees on his head.

Addressing a press conference here on Thursday, Inspector General of Police



National Commission for Women chief Rekha Sharma meets a woman who got injured in the Hathras stampede incident. ■ ANI

(IG) Aligarh Shalabh Mathur said among the arrested sevadars, four are male and two female.

He identified three of them as Upendra, Manju, and Mukesh. The sevadars were

arrested for obstructing the police from discharging their duty.

He further said that SOG teams have been deployed in all districts at the zone level to identify and arrest other accused while the evidence recovered from the spot is being included in the investigation.

When asked about police action to be taken on Bhole Baba, he said: "If necessary, Narayan Sakar alias Bhole Baba will be interrogated. His name is not there in the FIR. The responsibility lies with the organiser who is named in the FIR". The IG said: "A case has been registered under Sections 105, 110, 126 (2), 223 and 238 of the Indian Judicial Code. So far, six people have been arrested."

# Poverty headcount ratio falls to 8.5 pc from 21 pc in last 10 years: NCAER

In urban areas, the poverty level has decreased from 13.4 pc to 8.4 pc. The decline in poverty in rural areas has been sharper than in urban areas.

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, 4 JULY

The level of poverty in India is estimated to have decreased to 8.5 per cent of the population in 2023-24 from 21 per cent in 2011-12, according to a new study by economic think tank NCAER.

The study is based on the latest data from the India Human Development Survey (IHDS).

NCAER economists led by Sonalde Desai have estimated a decline in headcount poverty ratios in rural areas over the last 10 years from 24.8 per cent in 2011-12 to 8.6 per cent now.

In urban areas, the poverty level has decreased from 13.4 per cent to 8.4 per cent. The decline in poverty in rural areas has been sharper than in urban areas.

The paper points out that there has been a significant increase in food subsidy

through the public distribution system and other benefits run through multiple schemes launched by the Centre as well as the states which have benefitted the poor.

This sharper decline in poverty in rural areas was also reflected in a recent SBI Research report based on the NSSO Consumer Expenditure Survey.

According to the SBI report, poverty has staged a significant 4.4 per cent decline since 2018-19 and Urban Poverty 1.7 per cent decline post-pandemic, which shows that government initiatives for promoting the welfare of the bottom of the pyramid are having a significant beneficial impact on rural livelihood, the report states.

Along with the sharp decline in poverty in India, there has also been a marked reduction in the rural-urban income divide in the country, the report said.

According to a recent NITI Ayog discussion paper, India has registered a significant decline in multidimensional poverty in India from 29.17 per cent in 2013-14 to 11.28 per cent in 2022-23 which is a reduction of 17.89 percentage points.

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# NGO works for job creation, gets Niti Ayog support

They are working in Bankura, Burdwan, North and South 24-Parganas, Nadia and Birbhum

ASHOK CHATTERJEE  
KOLKATA, 4 JULY

A non-government social welfare organization is trying to bring in some cheer in the districts by providing job opportunities and financial and know-how assistance to educated youth, egging them to be self-reliant.

Tapasil Jati Adibasi Praktan Sainik Krishi Bikash Shilpa Kendra (TJAPSKBS) is empowering backward class people through their various social welfare activities in both rural and urban areas of west Bengal.

They are providing low-cost housing and deep tube wells in Ganga Sagar. They are working in Bankura, Burdwan, North and South 24-Parganas, Nadia and Birbhum.

The TJAPSKBS provided hybrid vegetable seeds for farming, seeds for sunflower plantation, helped with rice and wheat farming and helped economically-weaker children financially and with books for their studies.



In Burdwan they did a survey on the farmers, their land holdings and their crop output. They submitted it to the government, which helped these farmers get loans from the banks.

Ananya Das, assistant treasurer of TJAPSKBS said, "We also provided employment to around 5,000 youth through various means. We trained girls in handicrafts and sewing work. For boys, we are

giving computer training so that they can be self-employed.

Generating employment, introducing integrated farming throughout rural Bengal, establishment of public hygiene systems in various crowded areas including Ganga Sagar, infrastructure development are our main targets."

In recognition of their work, the NGO has got an affiliation from Niti Ayog. They now await the government's

approved url with govt domain. This will help them work in tandem with the government.

One needs approval from seven ministries for the government url. They have got approvals from two ministries and one more is in the pipeline, said a government source.

Niti Ayog's village development officer Rupesh Kumar said the NGO has been working with the central government for some time now and

helping with employment generation.

"These people had provided us with a list of 1,300 people, of which 395 individuals have been given jobs in different capacities, either on a temporary basis or on contract. We are trying to find employment in govt sector. We are also helping them with raising funds and training so that these people can do some manufacturing of their own like making phenyl, soap, toilet cleaners, corner industry status. We help the finished products sell at the govt sector and its different utilities. We are also helping some individuals find jobs who are unable to do business," said Mr Kumar.

The Niti Ayog is also working on a health card. "The NGO is trying to bring in a 12 G quantum resonance magnetic health analyst machine, which helps in early detection of health ailments. Niti Ayog is helping them acquire these machines," added Mr Kumar.

## SPORTING ICON



Sikkim chief minister Prem Singh Tamang meets Tarundeep Rai, a distinguished archer who has received the Padma Shri award, along with his coach Sonam Tshering Bhutia on Thursday. ■ SNS

# NIA files first supplementary chargesheet against three in Bhupatinagar blast case

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, 4 JULY

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday filed the first supplementary chargesheet against three accused in the 2022 Bhupatinagar (West Bengal) blast case, which killed three persons, while charges against three accused who were killed in the blast have been abated.

NIA's chargesheet in the case (RC-16/2023/NIA/DLI) filed before the Special

Court in Calcutta names three deceased, Raj Kumar Manna, Biswajit Gayen and Buddhadeb Manna, and three others, identified as Panchanan Ghorai, Manobrata Jana and Balai Charan Maity. Of the latter three, the first is out on bail and the other two are in judicial custody.

All six chargesheeted accused were found to be actively involved in the criminal conspiracy related to the bomb blast which took place at Village Naruabila Decem-

ber 2, 2022.

The NIA, which had taken over the investigation from the state police on June 4, 2023, has chargesheeted the accused under various sections of Indian Penal Code (IPC) and ES Act.

"The chargesheet filed before NIA Special Court in Calcutta has exposed the criminal conspiracy involving supply of explosives for making bombs to spread terror and violence in the region," said the NIA.

# Hearing on Guv's defamation suit against CM adjourned to 10 July

AGENCIES  
KOLKATA, 4 JULY

Hearing on the defamation suit filed by West Bengal Governor, CV Ananda Bose, against Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was adjourned again, and the court on Thursday fixed July 10 as the next date of hearing.

Incidentally, bypolls for four Assembly constituencies in the state will also be conducted on July 10.

This is the second time that the hearing on the matter has been adjourned.

On Wednesday, when the



matter came up for hearing for the first time at the single Judge Bench of Justice Krishna Rao, the matter was adjourned till Thursday.

Justice Krishna Rao directed that the media houses on whose reports the Governor's

defamation suit against the Chief Minister was based, should also be included as parties in the case.

On Thursday, when the matter again came up for hearing, the counsel for Governor Bose, Dhiraji Trivedi drew the attention of the court that the hearing had not been enlisted as yet in the records of the Calcutta High Court. Thereafter, Justice Rao adjourned the proceedings and fixed June 10 as the next date of hearing.

Besides the Chief Minister, Trinamool Congress leader Kunal Ghosh and the two

newly-elected ruling party legislators Sayantika Banerjee and Reyat Sarkar have also been named in the suit.

Raj Bhavan sources said that Ghosh had been included as a party in view of some of his comments about the Governor made to a particular media house.

Similarly, sources said, the names of the two newly-elected MLAs have been included in view of the comments made by them about the Governor to media persons over their swearing-in function.

The defamation suit has

been filed over some comments made by the Chief Minister recently while expressing displeasure over the confusion regarding the oath-taking ceremony of the two new MLAs.

She had backed their decision of not accepting the Governor's invitation to go to Raj Bhavan for the oath ceremony.

"Why will the two newly-elected MLAs go to the Raj Bhavan? As it is, after what has happened at Raj Bhavan, women are scared to go there. I have received complaints," the Chief Minister had said.

## EXAM IMBROGLIO



Students protest against the National Testing Agency in College Street on Thursday. ■ MOUL MONDAL

# Suwendu mocks BDO's pre-wedding lunch at office

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
BURDWAN, 4 JULY

A pre-wedding lunch arranged for the block development officer within the panchayat samiti office triggered political controversy, especially after Leader of Opposition posted the photographs of the ceremony on his X-handle and also mocked at 'the BDO's political loyalty' citing why the BDO touched the feet of a Trinamul Congress leader?

The BDO, Burdwan-1, Rajnish Yadav is going to get married shortly. The 'over-enthusiastic' office staff and colleagues of the BDO by their whims volunteered arranging a pre-wedding lunch for the BDO at the meeting hall of the panchayat samiti office



adjacent to the BDO's office chamber on Wednesday afternoon.

The chairperson, Burdwan Development Authority, Kakoli Gupta Ta also was invited to take part in the 'function'. She's an elected member of the Burdwan-1 panchayat samiti too. As she arrived at the hall, when Yadav, - the young BDO was almost ready to sit for lunch got up and touched her feet.

Political chatter started after Suwendu Adhikari, the Leader of Opposition attached the same photo-

graphs with a text and commented: "No wonder the line between the ruling party and the administration, which was always blurry, has now completely been erased." Ta, the TMC leader reacted sharply, saying: "Some people don't know what the real Bengali culture is that has taught us to respect the elders. The BDO is my son's age. When I reached there, he was about to sit for lunch and he offered me a pranam. I gave a tip not to the BDO but to someone like my son." Yadav, the BDO also expressed surprise and said: "Whatever happened was not in my office but at a closed door hall where I showed my respect to a motherly personality and not to a political leader."

# B'deshi smuggler injured after BSF jawan opens fire in self-defence

AGENCIES  
KOLKATA, 4 JULY

A suspected Bangladeshi cattle smuggler suffered injuries after attacking a Border Security Force (BSF) jawan along the India-Bangladesh border in West Bengal's Nadia district on Wednesday.

The Bangladeshi national has been arrested and admitted to the hospital for treatment. The BSF has registered strong protest with the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) against attacks by Bangladeshi criminals on Indian border guarding troops.

There have been repeated incidents over the last several days due to which BSF personnel have been forced to open fire with their non-lethal Pump Action Guns (PAGs) and even Insas rifles in self-defence.

"The incident occurred along an unfenced border under the jurisdiction of the Maluapara border outpost, where personnel of the 32nd BSF Battalion are posted. The jawans on duty spotted 3-4 Bangladeshi cattle smugglers trying to make their way into the Indian territory. The group, armed with sharp-edged weapons and bamboo canes,

was taking advantage of the tall jute crop.

"Seeing them, one of the BSF jawans rushed forward and challenged the miscreants, upon which four more Bangladeshis emerged from the jute field and attacked him. He fired two rounds at a safe direction in an attempt to scare away the attackers, but it had no effect.

"One of the criminals slashed at him with a sharp-edged weapon. Fortunately, the blow landed on the upper handguard of the jawan's rifle. Finally, upon realising that he was outnumbered, the jawan fired one more shot at the smugglers. This forced them to flee through the tall jute crops, taking advantage of the darkness," said A.K. Arya, DIG and spokesperson, BSF, South Bengal Frontier.

The area was searched at around 4 a.m. during which a sharp-edged weapon and an injured Bangladeshi national were found more than 200 metres inside the Indian territory.

The man, identified as Md Ajmul Hossain, was rushed to the Krishnaganj Hospital in a BSF ambulance. Hossain is a resident of Thakurpur village in Chuadanga district of Bangladesh.

# Old shirt brand back in city

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
KOLKATA, 4 JULY

Bombay Shirt Company has come back to the city and opened its stores on Shakespeare Sarani.

This is the Company's 22nd store in the country.

Chippy (Aditya) Mehta, COO of Bombay Shirt Company said, "We are thrilled to return to Kolkata, a city that has always been close to our hearts. Our new store is a testament to our commitment to providing our customers with an exceptional shopping experience." The store has been set up at 3C, Jasmine Towers on Shakespeare Sarani.

Bombay Shirt Company started its journey in 2012 as India's first ever online custom made shirt brand and is well known for its diverse products. There are custom-made and readymade shirts catering to different categories of customers. There are tailor-made blazers, dress pants, jeans among others. The customers can choose the fabric and then fit it from their in-house tailors. The stylists at the store help the customers to pick up the fabric that is best suited for the customers.

Akshay Narvekar founder and CEO said even though the company didn't have a store in Kolkata, the royal customer base had remained intact. The customers were eager to know when the company was coming back to the city.

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# TENDER

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# Rights body calls for crisis management, action on Teesta disaster

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
SILIGURI, 4 JULY

The Gorkha Gaurav Sansthan, a Kalimpong-based group, associated with the Save Teesta movement, has sent correspondence to multiple government officials, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah.

These letters address the Teesta disaster and its impact on the public, highlighting issues such as basic needs, public grievances, and crisis management.

The recipients of these letters also include West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee and Governor Dr CV Ananda Bose, as well as min-

isters for roads and highways, housing and urban affairs, power and jal shakti.

The chairman of Brahmaputra Board and home and hill affairs secretary of West Bengal are also among the recipients.

Solutions for these problems are proposed in the letters.

"In the upcoming days, we will be dispatching the second and third stages of communication to the appropriate ministries and departments," chief coordinator of Save Teesta Movement, Narendra Kumar Tamang said, adding, "We are confident that the victims of the Teesta disaster and those living along national highway 10 will



receive fair treatment. Furthermore, we assure that measures for restoration, protection, conservation and management of both NH-10 and Teesta river will



implemented." Today, people of Teesta Bazaar marked a significant shut down in honour of those who lost their lives in the flash flood on the Teesta river on

October 4, 2023. Meanwhile, the condition of national highway 10 remains unchanged due to erosion and landslides occurring on the right bank of the Teesta. As a result, all traffic has been halted for the past three days. While repairs have begun, it is unclear when normal traffic flow will resume on NH-10, which connects Kalimpong and Sikkim to Siliguri and back.

According to official sources, road conditions in Kalimpong district as on 4 July are as follows: National highway 10 is currently closed from Seti Jhora to Chitray due to ongoing hill cutting at Selfi Point (19th Mile). The route from Ravi Jhora

to Teesta Bazar is closed due to repair work and water-logging. The road from Kalimpong to Siliguri via Panbu is open. The route from Rangpo to Lava via Mansong is open. The road from Kalimpong to Siliguri via Lava is open. National Highway 717A is temporarily closed due to landslides.

The minister for road and bridges, Nar Bahadur Dahal, from the Sikkim government conducted a visit to the vulnerable areas of NH-10 at Melli Bazaar, which is situated on the banks of Teesta.

He also met with officials in a high-level meeting to discuss repairing the damaged portions of the road by a set deadline of 15 July.

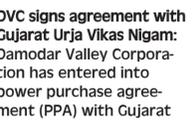
THUMBNAILS



SFI demonstration in front of Calcutta University during students' strike in Kolkata on Thursday. ■ BISWAJIT GHOSHAL



Inspection by Divisional Railway Manager: Mr Sanjeev Kumar, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM)/Howrah, conducted a comprehensive inspection tour of Sainthia, Kurwa, and Rampurhat stations within the Howrah Division yesterday. The purpose of this visit was to review ongoing developments and provide strategic guidance for upcoming projects. ■ SNS



DVC signs agreement with Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam: Damodar Valley Corporation has entered into power purchase agreement (PPA) with Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL) to supply 600 MW from its upcoming Raghunathpur Phase II project in West Bengal. This agreement was signed at GUVNL's Corporate Office at Vadodara on 4 July. From DVC, Arup Sarkar, member (finance) and Sanjiv Shrivastav, ED (commercial) were present and from GUVNL, Jai Prakash Shivhare (IAS) managing director, K P Jangid, director (finance), and Sanjay Mathur, GM (commerce). This agreement reaffirms DVC's commitment to meet the growing power demand of the nation. As per the agreement, DVC will deliver power to GUVNL from its upcoming supercritical thermal project. The deal supports GUVNL's efforts to secure a stable power supply amid rising future energy needs and DVC standing firmly behind it. ■ SNS

# Speaker calls special session of Assembly

Speaker may also administer two new MLAs their oath during session

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
KOLKATA, 4 JULY

Speaker Biman Bandyopadhyay has called a special session to discuss extensions of different standing committees. The session will be held at 2 pm on Friday. A meeting of the Business Affairs (BA) committee will also be held at noon.

It's learnt that the Speaker may also administer the two new MLAs their oath during the session.

One month has elapsed since the results of bypolls in two Assembly constituencies, Baranagar in the city and Bhagbangola of Murshidabad district respectively were announced on 4 June but the swearing-in of the two newly-elected Trinamul Congress MLAs Sanyantika Banerjee and Rayat Hossain Sarkar is yet to be held.

The ongoing tussle between Raj Bhavan and state Legislative Assembly has



Speaker Biman Bandyopadhyay.

meant that the two legislators are yet to get busy with the proceedings in the House. Governor CV Ananda Bose had invited the two legislators to come to the Raj Bhavan on 26 June to administer the oath there.

But both Ms Banerjee and Mr Hossain Sarkar were not willing to go to the Governor House, instead requesting Mr Bose to administer them the oath in the Assembly.

Both the parties, Mr Bose and two legislators have stuck to their earlier stand till Thurs-

day leading to a stalemate in connection with their swearing-in programme.

Both the two MLAs have been staging dharna on the Assembly premises for more than past one week requesting the Governor to come to the Legislative House for the ceremony.

"We have called for a special session at 2 pm on Friday to discuss issues related to extensions of different standing committees in the Assembly," Mr Bandyopadhyay told reporters today.

"They (two new MLAs) won't attend the session because their oath taking has not yet happened. I won't say anything about them today. Will let you know tomorrow," he added, when asked about Ms Banerjee and Mr Sarkar.

It's learnt that the Assembly secretariat may also move the High Court against Raj Bhavan if Mr Bose does not take any positive move in connection with adminis-

tering them the oath by this week.

Mr Bandyopadhyay has already spoken to the Advocate General Kishore Dutta in this regard.

Mr Bose, who is in Delhi, still sticks to his decision to administer the oath at Raj Bhavan making the issue uncertain.

Mr Bandyopadhyay has already spoken to the vice-president Jagdeep Dhankhar and discussed with him about the oath-taking issue of the two MLAs.

It's learnt that Mr Dhankhar has given the Speaker some way-outs in connection with the crisis.

Aggrieved with the ongoing tussle between Raj Bhavan and the Assembly on the issue of oath taking, chief minister Mamata Banerjee had said, "What is this? They can't take oath as MLAs. It's either the Speaker or deputy Speaker who administer them the oath. Why is he (Governor) preventing them?"

# CM meets prominent citizens



Chief minister Mamata Banerjee arrives at Soujanya in Alipore for a meeting. ■ SNS

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
KOLKATA, 4 JULY

Chief minister Mamata Banerjee today met with prominent personalities, who supported her to continue her struggle for justice and the state government's fight against the deprivation to the state by the Centre.

In a message to her visitors, the chief minister said,

"The Centre has tried to create hurdles for the state but could not stop us from continuing our struggle against the Centre's step-motherly treatment. We will continue to raise our voice against the Centre and you too continue the same as you have done so far."

Going further, Miss Banerjee is also supposed to have praised the group, saying,

"You have done a fine job during the election and we expect you to be in the forefront in near future too. I am grateful to you for rallying behind us solidly during the election."

About 45 prominent personalities today called on the chief minister. Some of them were Joy Goswami, Abul Bashar, Nachiketa and Kabir Suman among others.

# Dreaded inter-state criminal sent to 14 days CID custody

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
ASANSOL, 4 JULY

The Asansol Court has sent the dreaded gangster from Bihar to 14 days CID custody on Wednesday after he was produced before the court. He will be next produced before the court on 17 July.

Subodh Singh was taken to Bhawani Bhawan in Kolkata in the evening for further investigations amidst tight security with a convoy of seven vehicles, comprising armed cops of CID.

He was wanted in a number of cases in West Bengal, including murder cases, dacoity, loot, kidnapping etc.

He has already been in the news for threatening the investigating officer of CID in Asansol Court a few days ago with dire consequences.



The investigating officer of CID has already lodged an FIR at Asansol South police station. CID has brought Subodh Singh from Beur Jail in Bihar to Asansol Court in transit remand for investigation on several cases in Asansol. Denying charges to media

persons at Asansol Court yesterday, Subodh Singh has claimed that he has not threatened any cops of CID and instead has alleged that the state investigating agency has threatened him with an encounter if he does not follow their instructions.

It has been alleged that despite being lodged in Beur Jail in Bihar, Singh allegedly used to operate inter-state criminal gangs in the neighbouring states.

Security has also been beefed up in Asansol Special Correctional Home and Asansol Court on Wednesday during the production of this high profile criminal and he was brought in a prison van. Asansol Durgapur Police Commissionerate (ADPC) officials had cordoned off the court area.

ARTIST AT WORK



Artists painting the wheels of a rath at ISKCON headquarters in Kolkata on Thursday. ■ MOUL MONDAL

# Chopra assault case: Two more arrested

AGENCIES  
KOLKATA, 4 JULY

The West Bengal Police, on Thursday, arrested two more persons in the case of assault on a woman in a Kangaroo Court at Chopra in North Dinajpur district, a video of which has gone viral.

With this, the total number of arrests so far has risen to four. State police sources identified the two persons as Abdul Rauf and Taherul Islam. Both are co-accused in the assault case. They were spotted in the same video escorting the prime accused, a local Trinamul Congress leader Tejumula.k.a. JCB. JCB was seen mercilessly beating the woman in the video. On Sunday evening, just hours after the video went viral, JCB was arrested and on the next day was remanded to five days of police custody.

On Wednesday, the police arrested another accused,

Budha Mohammad. The Chopra incident was even mentioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his speech in Parliament who criticized the INDIA bloc allies for remaining silent in the matter. A member of the National Commission for Women (NCW) also came to Chopra and interacted with the victim woman.

Governor C.V. Ananda Bose too launched a scathing attack on the state administration for failing to thwart such an incident. The Trinamul Congress has censured the party legislator from Chopra, Hamidul Rahman for his initial comments where he tried to downplay the incident after the video went viral.

The party leadership has also directed all the panchayat heads and local club authorities in Chopra to keep a strict vigil on similar Kangaroo Courts.

# Coal scam case: 5 persons, including 2 ECL ex-GMs, get bail

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
ASANSOL, 4 JULY

The Asansol Special CBI Court has released all the five arrested persons in the coal scam on bail, including the two former general managers of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL).

Though three of the accused Anoop Majee, Joydeb Mondal and Narayan Kharka were present in the court, two other accused are still at large and the CBI could not frame charges against them. The Special CBI Court has directed the central agency to frame the charges as soon as possible.

The next hearing of the case is on 9 August.

CBI has recently arrested five persons, Amit Kumar Dhar (former GM of ECL), Naresh Kumar Saha, former GM of ECL, Ashwini Kumar Yadav, Simanta Thakur and

Though three of the accused Anoop Majee, Joydeb Mondal and Narayan Kharka were present in the court, two other accused are still at large and the CBI could not frame charges against them. The Special CBI Court has directed the central agency to frame the charges as soon as possible

Vidyasagar Das.

All of them have been in judicial custody since their arrest by CBI.

The Special CBI Court has granted them bail. All these five accused have been named in the second supplementary chargesheet filed by the CBI.

Only one accused, Gurupada Majhi, who has been

arrested by the ED is lodged in Tihar Jail in New Delhi. One accused, an ECL security official, has died during the CBI raid in his house.

Advocates Somnath Chatteraj and Sekhar Kundu, who appeared on behalf of the accused said that CBI has named 50 persons in the chargesheet so far. Out of which, two persons are still absconding.

There are 396 witnesses in the coal scam case. The CBI has filed the FIR in the high profile coal scam case in November 2020, barely few months before the Assembly polls in the state.

Tarakeswar Roy and Mohammed Shakil, two other persons named in the supplementary chargesheet filed by CBI are still absconding. All the 50 accused will have to be handed over 25,000 pages of documents filed by CBI at the court.

# ₹ 1,000 crore worth business at city wholesale meet

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
KOLKATA, 4 JULY

The 56th buyers and sellers meet organized by West Bengal Garment Manufacturers and Dealers Association has done around Rs 1000 crore worth of business at the wholesale deals.

The three-day meet held at the Biswa Bangla (Milan Mela) grounds ended yesterday.

The meet registered more than 2,500 visitors from the country and abroad.

The three-day meet was inaugurated by Chandrima Bhattacharya, state finance minister and Sujit Bose, state fire and emergency services minister.

Hari Kishan Rathi, president of West Bengal Garment Manufacturers and Dealers Association said the industry currently employs more than 55 lakh people in direct or indirect capacities.

The meet registered more than 2,500 visitors from the country and abroad

Over 950 domestic and international brands took part in the meet.

He thanked the state government for its support of the readymade clothes and textile industries in order to advance the apparel sector and marketing.

The state government has set up a garment park and has assured every assistance to the garment manufacturers.

The West Bengal Garment Manufacturers and Traders Association was set up in 1962 and is a leading organization representing the readymade garment industry and trade in eastern India. The Association provides specialized services in the field of development of the readymade garments industry.

# Cameras in online app cabs

NISHAT NIZAMI  
KOLKATA, 4 JULY

After facing incidents of misbehaviour by passengers, some of them even leading to police cases, a section of private online app cab operators have decided to fix cameras in their vehicles.

Yesterday, an online app cab operator in north Kolkata had to face the wrath of a woman passenger when the driver refused to take a different route than what the app showed. The woman commuter insisted on going to a location beyond the destination of the app and is even alleged to have threatened the driver.

The matter worsened when the woman commuter went away without paying the amount and even complained to the local police at Narkel-



danga, slapping charges of misbehaviour with the woman.

This, according to operators working under the Left-affiliated organization, was one of the several incidents that is said to have hounded the app cab drivers over the years. A similar incident took place in south Kolkata's Jadavpur last week. According to the mem-

bers of Kolkata Ola Uber App Cab Operators and Drivers Union (CITU), the incident became uglier and took a more intense shape with the women commuters. Drivers alleged that in many cases, the arguments are started by women passengers with unjustified demands and end in false claims, leading to police complaints.

"Considering several incidents, we have decided to install cameras inside the vehicles," said secretary of the organization, Mohammad Manu. "To begin with, the cameras would be installed in around 6000 cabs and later it would be extended to the other fleet as well. The process of installing the camera has started today and would continue in phases. This would help us maintain the records of the drivers and the commuters. The camera feeds would serve as crucial evidence in such situations," added the secretary.

Asked who would maintain the data of the cameras, he informed, "For now, the organization would maintain the records. We are ready to hand it over to the police or the state transport department if they ask for it."

# Mahesh Jagannath deity idol awaits UNESCO tag

HEMANT JACOB  
HOOGHLY, 4 JULY

As per the historic evidence, the trio idols of Sri Jagannath, Balaram and Subhadra at Mahesh Jagannath temple are considered to be 628 years old.

The Puri Jagannath temple and the trio deities within the temple are quite primitive but as per traditional rituals, after every 12 years, Nabakalebara is performed when the trio idols of the deities are replaced by a new one.

At Mahesh Jagannath temple, Nabakalebara Utsav is not performed.

The deity idols are not replaced. Instead, the idols are given a fresh coat of herbal colours.

The secretary of Mahesh Jagannath temple trust and sebaite Piyal Adhikari said UNESCO has certified Ben-

gal's Durga Puja and has enlisted it in the historic world heritage.

The idols of the deities at Mahesh Jagannath temple are 628 years old, carved out of Neem plank.

Till day, no changes have been made, except providing a new coat of herbal colours. The trio carry with it the virtue of being the oldest deity idols present in the temple of India. It is our wish to seek the certification from UNESCO on the historic importance of the deity idols.

A meeting was held with the district magistrate with the papers and documents submitted stating the historic background of the trio idols.

The DM has also shown keen interest in the matter and has assured to forward the documents to the concerned offices and departments.

The secretary of the Mahesh Jagannath temple

trust and sebaite, Piyal, said as per the historic religious documents we come to know that Brahmananda Brahmachari, a renowned saint, meditated in the dense forests of Mahesh.

Brahmananda on his visit to Puri Jagannath temple was humiliated and driven out of the temple by the then pandas. He returned to Mahesh and wished that he could serve lord Jagannath at Mahesh.

Lord Jagannath appeared in his dreams and pacified the saint and said to him, "A neem wooden plank will come floating in the Bhagirathi river. You must carry it to the banks and with much reverence carve out the tree idols. The divine words came true.

(R) Crowd at Mahesh during the 2023 Rath Yatra. ■ DEBROOP BANERJEE



MORE TENDER ADS ON PAGE 2 & PAGE 9

**EASTERN RAILWAY**  
E-tender is invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer(G), Eastern Railway, Asansol Division, Station Road, Asansol, Pin-713301 from reputed bidders having valid Electric contractor Licence and capable to complete the following work financially- **Tender Notice No. EL-25-24; Dated: 03.07.2024; Name of the Work with its location:** (A)Asansol Division - Renovation/modelling of existing old and damaged Mandir barrack/ASN into 100 bedded (50 bed on each floor) G+1 RPF Mandir Barrack at Asansol. (B) Asansol Division - Construction of new 15 bedded RPF Ladies Barrack at Durgapur with Toilet, Dining, Kitchen, Mess etc. (C) Asansol Division - Construction of new 10 bedded Ladies Barrack at Jasidih with Toilet, Dining, Kitchen etc.; **Tender Value: ₹38,83,754.04; Cost of Tender Commissioning:** Nil; **Earnest Money:** ₹77,300.00; **Date & Time of Closing & Opening:** 25.07.2024 at 11:00 Hours; **Completion Period for the Work:** 12 Months; Complete details can be seen in the Railways website [ireps.gov.in](http://ireps.gov.in) **ASN-104/2024-25**  
Tender Notice is also available at websites: [www.er.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.er.indianrailways.gov.in) / [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
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**OFFICE OF THE UTTAR LAKSHMIPUR GRAM PANCHAYAT KALIACHAK-II DE. BLOCK MALDA**  
NIT-01 (e) / ULPURGP / 2024, Memo No. 164 / ULPURGP / 2024, Dated: 04-07-2024 & NIT No. 02(e) / ULPURGP / 2024, Memo No. 165 / ULPURGP / 2024, Date: 04-07-2024. Sealed e-tenders are hereby invited from resourceful, bona fide agencies / Govt. Organization or Govt. Undertaking Organization having experience of similar type of compact work and sufficient credentials of any Central / State Govt. Compact work. Fund: 15th FC TIED & UNTIED respectively. For details contact the above-mentioned office address.  
Sd/- Pradhan  
Uttar Lakshampur G.P.

**EASTERN RAILWAY**  
No. O-AC-T-106-24-25 (Open) Dated: 01.07.2024. E-Tenders (Open) are invited by Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Asansol Division, Station Road, Asansol, Pin-713301 for the following works: **Sl. No. 1. Case No. O-AC-T-106-24-25; Name of the Work:** Open tender for improvement of station building, circulating area with other ancillary works at Dumka under AEN/JSM: **Value of Tender:** ₹1,51,81,636.93; **Bid Security:** ₹2,25,900; **Completion Period for the Work:** 12 Months; **Date & Time of Closing:** 29.07.2024 at 12.00 hrs. Complete details can be seen in the Railways website [ireps.gov.in](http://ireps.gov.in) **ASN-107/2024-25**  
Tender Notice is also available at websites: [www.er.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.er.indianrailways.gov.in) / [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
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**NADIA ZILLA PARISHAD**  
Krishnagar, Nadia  
E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned from the bona fide contractors for 'Construction of roads at different pin pointed sites within different blocks in Nadia District'. The details of the NITs are as follows:  

NIT No.	Serial No.	Last date of application	Total Estimated Cost (Approx.)
04 / NZP of 2024-25	Sl-01 to 06	22-07-2024	Rs. 92.224 lakh
05 / NZP of 2024-25	Sl-01 to 09	15-07-2024	Rs. 87.436 lakh

  
Please see website: [www.wbprd.gov.in](http://www.wbprd.gov.in) or contact to this office.  
Sd/- District Engineer  
Nadia Zilla Parishad

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
**TENDER NOTICE** Date: 26.06.2024  
Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Const.), North Central Railway, Agra for and behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on line only (E-Tendering) for the following works.  
**Tender No.:** AGC-EL-C-T-01-2024-25 **Approx. Cost of the work:** Rs. 20,55,11,408.56/-  
**Name of work with its location:** Supply, erection, testing and commissioning of 25 KV, 50Hz, SPSSPTSS and Electrification of SPSS/PTSS buildings in Kallares Sheopur Kallan section in connection with GC work of GML-SOE project of JHS Division in N.C. Railway.  
**Completion Period:** 18 Months from the date of issue of acceptance letter including monsoon period. **Bid Security:** 11,77,600/- **Tender closing date & time:** 18.07.2024 upto 15:00 hrs. **Validity of offer:** 90 days from the date of tender opening. Tenderers can only submit their offer through web portal [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) up to 15:00 hrs on 18.07.2024. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) **1157/24(ADM)**  
North central railways [www.nccr.indianrailways.gov.in](https://www.nccr.indianrailways.gov.in) @northcentralrailway @CPRONCR

**WESTERN RAILWAY**  
MATERIAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT  
VARIOUS MATERIALS SUPPLY  
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/30/2024 Date 01.07.2024  

S.N.	Short Description of Item	Quantity	T.O.D.
422	MANUAL METAL ARC WELDING ELECTRODE, DIA: 4MM CLASS M5	14602 KG	22.07.2024
423	POLYSTER STAPLE FIBRE PILLOWS SIZE: 57X30X10CM	51982 Nos	23.07.2024
424	CONDENSER COIL ASSEMBLY	45 Set	23.07.2024
425	ALUMINIUM SHEET OF SIZE 1220 MM X 2440 MM X 2 MM	10082 KG	24.07.2024
426	SUPPLY, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMISSIONING OF SMPS BASED IPS	43 Set	24.07.2024
427	WIDE JAW ADAPTER	6743 Nos	27.07.2024
428	SET OF ITEMS PANTOGRAPH WITH SUPPORT INSULATOR	40 Set	29.07.2024
429	AIR LESS CENTRIFUGAL SHOT BLASTING PLANT FOR COIL SPRING	1 Nos	29.07.2024
430	ELECTRIC OVERHEAD TRAVELLING CRANES (EOT) OF CAPACITY 45T / 6T	4 Nos	29.07.2024
431	OVERHAULING KIT FOR BRAKE CYLINDER	490 Set	29.07.2024
432	BALL JOINT ROLL LINK	13290 Nos	29.07.2024
433	DRUG ELUTING CORONARY STENT SYSTEM	225 Nos	29.07.2024
434	PRE-STRESSED MONO BLOCK CONCRETE SLEEPER FOR BROAD GAUGE (1673 MM)	80 Set	29.07.2024

  
Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) and [www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in) **0301**  
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**Metro Railway, Kolkata**  
Tender Notice is invited by Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/M/Blue Line, Metro Railway, Kolkata for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work: **Name of Work:** Supply, installation, testing and commissioning for fire related work at TSMH. **Advertised Value:** ₹ 16,28,585.44. **Date and Time of closing:** 15.00 hrs. (IST) of 31.07.2024. **Notice Board Address:** Office of the Principal Chief Electrical Engineer, Metro Railway, 33/1, J. L. Nehru Road, Kolkata-700071. **Website particulars:** <https://www.ireps.gov.in>  
**Tender No.:** ELM\_111\_FIRETSMH\_DT9-2-24  
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**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
**E-Tender Notice**  
Divisional Railway Manager (Works) North Central Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work.  
**E-Tender No.:** JHS-ENGG-C-2024-136 **Approx Cost:** 220972841.15  
**Description of work:** Providing and erecting "W" metal cattle barrier along the track to prevent CRO in BINA-VGLJ section under Sr.DEN/Central/JHS's jurisdiction.  
**Earnest Money:** 1254900.00, **Date of closing Tender:** 24/07/2024 at 15:00 hrs., **Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter:** 05 Months. - Tender online can be submitted up to 15:00 hrs on 24.07.2024. - For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) **1162/24(K)**  
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**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
**E-Procurement Tender Notice No.-E.T.D./C.N.B./2024-25/12** Date: 01.07.2024  
**E-Procurement Tender Notice**  
On behalf of the President of India. The Senior Materials Manager, E.T.D./Kanpur invites the following e-procurement tender.  

SN	Tender no.	Qty	Tender Opening date	EMD
1	57245160	01 Nos	19.07.24	NIL

  
**Description:** DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF PORTABLE INDUCTION HEATING EQUIPMENT (CAPACITY 40 KW) AS PER SPECIFICATION NO. ATTACHED.  

SN	Tender no.	Qty	Tender Opening date	EMD
2	57245161	01 Nos	22.07.24	NIL

  
**Description:** Supply, installation and commissioning of VVVF Drive panel for auxiliary AC Motors run test of WAG-9/WAP-7 loco as per specification attached.  
**Note:** (1) The complete information of above E-Procurement Tender are available on IREPS website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> (2) Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tender for this purpose vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Class III digital signature certificate issued by CCA and IT act-2000. (3) Rules entered into Financial rate page is duly signed digital signature shall only be considered rates and any other financial entity in any other form/ letter head if attached by vendor shall be original straight way ignore and shall not be considered. **1163/24 (D)**  
North central railways [www.nccr.indianrailways.gov.in](https://www.nccr.indianrailways.gov.in) @northcentralrailway @CPRONCR

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE**  
T. Notice No.: 230-Elect/TRD/PRY/JE-Tender Notice/2024/531 Date: 03.07.2024  
Sr. Div. Electrical Engineer/TRD/ N.C. Rly/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following E-Tender, the details of the tenders is as under:-  
**T. No.:** 230-TRD- WC-922-2024  
**Description of work:** Replacement of Circuit Breaker, CT, PT, CVT and other associated works on condition basis for reliability of power supply of 220/132kV Grid Sub Station (GSS) in Prayagraj Division.  
**Advertised value:** Rs. 68292505.97 **Bid Security:** Rs. 491500.00  
**Completion Period:** 12 Months **Bidding system:** Single Packet  
**Tender Closing date & Time:** 29.07.2024 & 14:00 Hrs  
**Tender opening date & Time:** 29.07.2024 & 15:00 Hrs  
**Allocation:** Capital **UIDW No.:** 060236231001  
**Note:** (1) The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders shall be available on Website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) 21 days prior to the date of opening of the tender. (2) Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate. (3) In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS will be approached. **1169/24 (P)**  
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**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BALASORE**  
By e-Mail / e-Despatch: E-mail ID: [serw\\_balasure@yahoo.in](mailto:serw_balasure@yahoo.in) Ph. No.: 06782 / 260318 Balia, Balasore  
**Repair and Maintenance of Rural Roads under PMGSY & Other Scheme**  
e-Procurement Notice  
**Bid Identification No. Online-CCE-BLS-NCB-03 of 2023/24**  
The Chief Construction Engineer, R. W. Circle, Balasore on behalf of Odisha State Rural Road Agency invites percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system for Repair / Maintenance of the Rural roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Districts of Balasore / Bhadrak for 05 (five) number of packages with Estimated Cost totalling to Rs. 3.77 Cr including maintenance for five year from the eligible contractors registered with State PWD / CPWD / MES / Railways. The registered bidder of outside Odisha, can also participate in this process, but shall have to subsequently undergo registration with the appropriate authority of the State Govt. preferably within a month of the deadline for bid submission, but prior to signing of the contract.  
Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: 09-07-2024.  
Availability of bid documents and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in <http://www.pmgstenders.gov.in> The bidder would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidders are required to submit (a) original Demand Draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security in approved form and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause: 4.4B (a) (ii) of ITB with C.C.E., R.W. Circle, Balasore, on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.  
Last date / time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 29-02-2024 up to 5-00 p.m.  
For further details please login to <http://www.pmgstenders.gov.in>  
Chief Engineer  
R.W. Circle, Balasore  
OIPR-25105/11/0003/2425

**Govt. of Bihar**  
**BIHAR WATER SECURITY AND IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT PROJECT (BWSIMP)**  
THE GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR  
**GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE**  
Country: India  
Project: Bihar Water Security and Irrigation Management Project (BWSIMP)  
Project ID No.: P505190  
The Government of Bihar has applied for a loan of an amount of US\$ 386.31 million equivalent from the World Bank for the Bihar Water Security and Irrigation Management Project (BWSIMP) and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services to be procured under this project. The project will include the following components:  
**Component 1: Climate Resilient Irrigation Management (CRIM):** The present component mainly focuses on the viability of irrigation especially with reference to canal systems in accordance with the climate in Bihar. Canal irrigation modernization will develop strategies to deliver appropriate service levels to water users from head to tail, considering their needs and demands.  
**Component 2: Flood and Drought Risk Reduction (FDRR):** This component aims to enhance the efficiency and responsiveness of flood and drought management, crucial for the well-being of people, land and infrastructures in vulnerable areas. Land reclamation for productive use in waterlogged areas, community-based solar pumping systems for micro-irrigation will also be considered in suitable areas whereas drought-proofing will involve efficient water use, contingency planning and possible risk transfer mechanisms.  
**Component 3: Stakeholder Partnership and Capacity Building (SPCB):** This component represents the development of strong functional linkages among state government departments of water sector and create a platform from the community to the national government in order to plan and implement Joint Action Plans (JAPs).  
**Component 4: Project Management (PM):** The effective implementation and monitoring will lie in this component. Project Management Unit (PMU) will monitor project activities, operations, financial consultations, procure equipment and handle operational costs.  
The Goods, Works, Consulting and Non-consulting services to be procured under the project are being worked out but are likely to include the following:  
**Goods:** Technical equipment; emergency response equipment for flood risk and irrigation management; electronic viz. IT and Non-IT devices, software etc.  
**Works:** Rehabilitation, renovation and modernization of water-related infrastructure; Erosion Control and Watershed Management, etc.  
**Consulting Services:** Climate change risk assessment, preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of selected climate resilient canal irrigation systems, develop DPRs for flood mitigation interventions and implement measures such as flood control infrastructure and early warning systems, evaluate outcomes and facilitate adaptive management based on real-time data and feedback, review existing laws and regulations related to water management, identify gaps or conflicts and propose legal reforms to strengthen governance frameworks and ensure compliance with international standards and agreements, pre-feasibility and DPR preparation, Project Management and Technical Consultants (PMTc) for implementation support and monitoring, development and maintenance of project web portal and MIS system, Baseline, Midline & Endline surveys, etc.  
**Non-Consulting Services:** Development of training modules, developing and strengthening of government agencies, Water User Associations (WUAs) and other relevant institutions involved in water management, printing and publications, etc.  
Procurement of contracts financed by the World Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, Fifth Edition, September 2023 and is open to all eligible firms and individuals as defined in the Procurement Regulations. After project negotiations, the World Bank shall arrange the publication on its external website, the agreed initial procurement plan and all subsequent updates once it has provided a no objection.  
Specific procurement notices for contracts subject to open international competitive procurement will be announced, as they become available, in UN Development Business online, on the World Bank's external website and Water Resources Department, GoB website <https://wr.indianrailways.gov.in> or <https://fmiscwrdbihar.gov.in/>.  
Interested eligible firms and individuals who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services for the above mentioned project or those requiring additional information, should contact the Borrower at the address below:  
**Project Director-cum-Chief Engineer, Planning and Monitoring, Sinchai Bhawan, Patna, Water Resources Department, Govt. of Bihar, Tele fax: +(91)612-2217649, Telephone: +(91)612-2215345, E-mail: [cepmcwrdbihar@gmail.com](mailto:cepmcwrdbihar@gmail.com)**

**EASTERN RAILWAY**  
E-Tender No.: MC/ENHM-HWH/30R/24-26/BDC Cleaning. Bid No.: Gem/2024/B/5113868, Dated: 02.07.2024. Bids are invited by Sr. Divisional Environment & House Keeping Manager, Eastern Railway, DRM Building, Near Railway Station, Howrah-711001 for the following works: **Bid details (Item Category):** Cleaning, Sanitation and Disinfection Service - Outcome Based Public Transport Places; General Cleaning (Sweeping, Mopping, dusting); Outdoor, Cleaning, Sanitation and Disinfection Service - Outcome Based - Public Transport Places; Scrubbing; Outdoor, Cleaning, Sanitation and Disinfection Service - Outcome Based - Public Transport Places; Washing of all platforms Portico Booking office PRS 1st Class Waiting Hall corridor All offices of stn stairs RRI Bldg cum office and Crew Lobby daily; Outdoor, Cleaning, Sanitation and Disinfection Service - Outcome Based - Public Transport Places; Dry Sweeping and wet cleaning of Urinals and laboratory apart from Pay and Use Toilet exists at the station Special cleaning to be done on every Monday with stall., Cleaning, Sanitation and Disinfection Service - Outcome Based - Public Transport Places; Rag Picking work over the track area towards BWN and of PF 5, 7 pole no 3924 to 3931A and towards HWH end of PF 5, 7 pole no 394A to 3930A of approx 7 nos of track. Cleaning, Sanitation and Disinfection Service - Outcome Based - Public Transport Places; Cleaning and removal of garbage of all covered drains within the platform area underground sewerage drain at BDC station and disposal of the garbage to nominated., Cleaning, Sanitation and Disinfection Service - Outcome Based - Public Transport Places; Washing of all water booths including pillar bases and wall claddings etc in station area booking office up to six feet height with normal reagent eg soap soda., Cleaning, Sanitation and Disinfection Service - Outcome Based - Healthcare; Scrubbing; Indoor, Cleaning, Sanitation and Disinfection Service - Outcome Based - Public Transport Places; Cleaning of all dustbins of station premises and after cleaning all dustbins should be provided with fresh bicolored plastic bags Blue Green disposal of the garbage, Collection & Disposal Waste Management Service - Supply of fully equipped suitable vehicle with driver/cleaner laborers including fuel etc for loading and removing of 18m3 approx garbage per day from vats station colony areas and dispose off in segrega., **Type of Bid:** Two Packet Bid. **Estimated Bid Value:** ₹ 1,26,22,723.18; **Bid End Date/Time:** 16.07.2024 at 18:00:00. **Bid Opening Date/Time:** 16.07.2024 at 18:30:00. **Bid Offer Validity (From End Date):** 90 (Days). **Office Name:** Howrah Division. **Contract Period:** 2 Year(s). **Minimum Average Annual Turnover of the Bidder (For 3 Years):** 63 Lakh(s). **Years of Past Experience Required for same/similar service:** 3 Year(s). **Past Experience of Similar Service required:** Yes. **MSE Exemption for Years of Experience and Turnover:** No. **Document required from seller:** Experience Criteria, Bidder Turnover, Certificate (Requested in ATC), Additional Doc 1 (Requested in ATC), Additional Doc 2 (Requested in ATC), Additional Doc 3 (Requested in ATC), Additional Doc 4 (Requested in ATC). "In case any bidder is seeking exemption from Experience/Turnover Criteria, the supporting documents to prove his eligibility for exemption must be uploaded for evaluation by the buyer. **Time allowed for Technical Clarifications during technical evaluation:** 2 Days. **Financial Document Indicating Price Breakup required:** Yes. **EMD Details:** Advisory Bank: State Bank of India. **EMD Amount:** ₹ 2,13,114. **ePBG Details:** Advisory Bank: State Bank of India. **ePBG Percentage (%)**: 5.00. **Duration of ePBG required (Months):** 26. **HWH-148/2024-25**  
Tender Notice is also available at websites: [www.er.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.er.indianrailways.gov.in) / [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
Follow us at: [@EasternRailway](https://www.facebook.com/EasternRailway) [@easternrailwayheadquarter](https://www.instagram.com/easternrailwayheadquarter)

**EASTERN RAILWAY**  
Tender Notice No. 222-S/1W-1 Date: 03.07.2024. Following e-Tenders are invited online by Sr. Divisional Engineer, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, DRM Building, Kalster Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 for the following works:-  
**Sl. NO. 1; Tender No.: TN-110-24-25; Name of the Work:** Provision of RPF barrack at Sonarpur (30) beds and Barulpur (30) beds; **Tender Value:** ₹2,65,20,199.29; **EMD:** ₹ 2,82,800.00; **Completion Period for the Work:** 12 (Twelve) Months; **Sl. NO. 2; Tender No. TN-111-24-25; Name of the Work:** Provision of RPF barrack at Barasat (30) beds; **Tender Value:** ₹1,32,44,283.81; **EMD:** ₹ 2,16,200.00; **Completion Period for the Work:** 09 (Nine) Months; **Date and Time of Closing of Tender:** 26.07.2024 at 15:00 hrs. for Sl. No. 1 & 2 each; **Tender Documents and details at [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)** The bidding is to be submitted through the e-tendering on above website. Manual offers will be summarily rejected. As per Indian Railway Standard General Conditions of Contract 2022 cost of e-Tender Form is Nil. **Date and Time of Opening of Tender is 26.07.2024 at 15:30 hrs.**  
**SDAH-113/2024-25**  
Kolkata  
Tender Notice is also available at websites: [www.er.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.er.indianrailways.gov.in) / [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
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**GOVT. OF JHARKHAND**  
**WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**  
Office of the Executive Engineer, Advance Planning Division, Ranchi.  
Email: [ee.adv.plan.div.ranchi@gmail.com](mailto:ee.adv.plan.div.ranchi@gmail.com)  
**Expression of Interest (EOI) - 3<sup>rd</sup> Call PR-309062**  
Inviting Expression of interest (EOI) for Provision of catering service in State Data Cum Training Center, Dhurwa, Ranchi (Main Building & Hostel Building) under Executive Engineer, Advance Planning Division, Water Resources Department, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.  
EOI Reference No.: 01/2024-25 Dated: 04.07.2024  

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Provision of catering service in State Data Cum Training Center, Dhurwa, Ranchi (Main Building & Hostel Building) under Executive Engineer, Advance Planning Division, Water Resources Department, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
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2.	Cost of Tender document (Rs)	10,000.00/- (Ten thousand only)
3.	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs)	1,00,000.00/- (One lakhs only)
4.	Tender Category	Services
5.	Mode of Submission of Tender	<a href="http://jhandtenders.gov.in">http://jhandtenders.gov.in</a>
6.	Pre-Bid meeting	Date: 11.07.2024, Time: 13:00 hrs
7.	Date of publication of tender on website	Date: 08.07.2024, Time: 10:00 hrs
8.	Start date/time for Submission of tender on Website	Date: 16.07.2024, Time: 16:00 hrs
9.	Last date/time for Submission of tender on Website	Date: 23.07.2024, Time: 17:00 hrs
10.	Technical Bid Opening Date	Date: 26.07.2024, Time: 13:00 hrs
11.	Submission of Tender Fee and EMD	(Payment should only be submitted in online mode through e-Procurement portal (WRD Jharkhand vide letter no. 907/Date: 04/10/2023)
12.	Officer inviting Bids	Office of the Executive engineer, Advance planning Division, Ranchi
13.	Contact No. of procurement officer	8986790833/ 919203853/ 7209896807
14.	Office received hard copy and Bid Security	Address:- 1.EE, Advance planning division, Ranchi. 2.SE Office, Advance planning circle, Ranchi. 3.CE Office, Advance planning Ranchi

  
**NOTE:** - 1. Only e-Tenders will be accepted.  
2. Further details can be seen on website: <http://jhandtenders.gov.in>  
Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
Advance Planning Division, WRD Ranchi.  
PR 328667 (Water Resource) 24-25 (D)

**Urban Development and Housing Department**  
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Email: [urbansec-bih@nic.in](mailto:urbansec-bih@nic.in),  
Website: <https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban>  
**Notice Inviting Request for Proposals for Selection of Chartered Accountant Firms for Statutory Audit of 261 ULBs of Bihar for the FY. 2022-23, 2023-24 & 2024-25.**  
**File No: 06/ संके. 0 - 26/2024 4362**  
1. Urban Development & Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar, invites proposals from eligible Chartered Accountant's Firm for Statutory Audit of all 261 Urban Local Bodies of Bihar for the FY. 2022-23, 2023-24 & 2024-25.  
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SN	PARTICULARS	DETAILS
1	Website for submission of proposal	<a href="http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in/">www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in/</a>
2	Mode of Submission	Online submission through eproc2 portal ( <a href="http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in/">www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> ) and at the same time submission of Hard copies (EMD & Tender fee payment proof and original copy of affidavit, Black listing, Power of Attorney as per RFP document) at UD & HD office
3	Last date and time for Submission of Technical & Financial proposal on <a href="http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in">www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a>	29-07-2024 up to 07:00 PM
4	Date and time of Pre bid meeting	12-07-2024 by 11:30AM
5	Last date and time for Submission of Hard Copies (EMD, Tender fee payment proof and original copy of affidavit, Power of Attorney & Black listing as per RFP document.)	31-07-2024 up to 03:00 PM UrbanDevelopmentand HousingDepartment, Govt. of Bihar, 1st Floor, Vikas Bhawan, New Secretariat, Patna-800015
6	Date and time of opening of Technical Bids	31-07-2024 at 03:30 PM
7	Date and time of opening of Financial Proposal	Will be intimated later to successful bidders
8	Method of Selection	Least Cost Selection (LCS) Method

  
For further details please visit: [www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar)  
**Joint Secretary**  
Urban Development and Housing Department  
PR. No. 003282 (URBAN) 2024-25  
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2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि - 06.07.2024  
3. निविदा प्राप्त की तिथि एवं समय - दिनांक 06.07.2024 से दिनांक 18.07.2024 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक  
4. निविदा खोलने का स्थान - कार्यालय अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, साहेबगंज।  
5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय - 19.07.2024 अपराह्न 2:00 बजे  
6. निविदा अंतिम करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता - कार्यालय अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, साहेबगंज।  
7. निविदा प्रकट का दूरभाष सं. - 9431347401 (संबन्धित कार्यालय अभियंता का दूरभाष नम्बर)  
8. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट-बढ़ सकती है तदनुसार अ

# Hemant Soren back at helm as 13th Jharkhand CM

Soren issued a video message and pledged to give a fresh push to the stalled developmental projects

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, 4 JULY

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) executive president Hemant Soren took oath as the 13th Chief Minister of Jharkhand at the Raj Bhavan on Thursday. He was administered the oath of office and secrecy by Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan. After taking the oath, Mr Soren issued a video message and pledged to give a fresh push to the stalled developmental projects. Describing his imprisonment as a well-planned conspiracy, the Chief Minister said that those who plotted against him were unable to digest the fact that a person from the tribal community rose to such a stature and became the Chief Minister. "On January 31, I was put behind bars on flimsy grounds and fake complaints. For five months, fabricated charges were levelled at me to keep me incarcerated. But, we maintained our faith in the judiciary. There may be some delay but no darkness in God's way of giving justice," Mr Soren said while thanking his supporters and people of the state for their unwavering support. He also said that some development programmes might have got delayed and stuck due to his incarceration but all that will be set in motion, very soon.



Our government will work hard to extend the benefits of government schemes to the poor and marginalised, impoverished and deprived class," he said in the video message. Hemant Soren was released from jail last week after the Jharkhand High Court granted him bail in a money laundering case linked to an alleged land scam.

He had resigned as the CM before his arrest on 31 January by the Enforcement Directorate. Hemant Soren's swearing-in as the 13th Chief Minister of Jharkhand was attended by his father and JMM supreme Shibu Soren, mother Rupri Soren, wife Kalpana Soren and other senior members of the JMM-led alliance.

Champai Soren, the veteran JMM leader who quit the CM post to pave way for Hemant Soren's swearing-in, also congratulated him on the formation of a new government. Notably, Champai Soren was reported to be initially reluctant about stepping down from the CM's chair and had to be persuaded to vacate the chair for Hemant Soren. He eventually relented when assured of some plum position in the government or key organisational role in the party. On Wednesday, Champai Soren submitted his resignation to the Governor at the Raj Bhavan, nearly five months after taking oath, following which Hemant Soren handed over a Letter of Support to the Governor, staking claim to form the new government. This is the third time that Hemant Soren is taking oath as the Chief Minister. He had previously served in the post from 2013 to 2014 and from 2019 till his resignation in January this year.

# PM Modi criticises opposition over Chhattisgarh liquor scam allegation in Rajya Sabha

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI/RAIPUR, 4 JULY

The Chhattisgarh liquor scam controversy took centre stage in the Rajya Sabha as Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the issue amidst opposition accusations. PM Modi responded to the allegations by pointing to the involvement of the former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister in the scam and criticised the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) inconsistent stance on investigative agencies. During his reply to the Motion of Thanks on the President's address on Wednesday, PM Modi noted that AAP had previously demanded the involvement of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to imprison the former Chief Minister. "At that time, they loved the ED," he remarked. "But now, the same people are tarnishing the image of these agencies." PM Modi's one hour and 50-minute speech covered a



range of topics, including NEET, the Constitution of Manipur, Congress, West Bengal, employment, corruption, CBI-ED, federalism, the Emergency, Jammu and Kashmir, Indira Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, and issues concerning Dalits. On corruption, PM Modi criticised Congress leaders for taking photographs with convicted individuals and causing an uproar when corrupt individuals were jailed. He countered accusations against central investigative agencies by emphasising that the

government does not misuse these entities. PM Modi also pointed out contradictions in political alliances, saying, "AAP opposes in corruption, commits a liquor scam, and even gets involved in children's schemes. Congress complains and takes the AAP to court. When action is taken, Modi is blamed. Now, AAP and Congress have become allies. Fighting corruption is not just an election agenda for me, it is my mission." A year ago, the Aam Aadmi Party had cornered Congress over the Chhattisgarh liquor scam. AAP's former state president Komal Hupendi alleged a scam exceeding Rs 9,000 crore, far beyond the initial estimate of Rs 2,000 crore. The party's joint secretary, Abhishek Jain, had filed a complaint with the Mahasamund collector on July 2, 2020, detailing how duplicate liquor with counterfeit government hallmarks was sold illegally in government liquor stores without permits or proper scanning.

# Nursing scam continues to rock MP Assembly

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
BHOPAL, 4 JULY

The massive private nursing college scam of Madhya Pradesh continued to rock the ongoing monsoon session of the State Assembly, with the opposition Congress on Thursday demanding a debate on its breach of privilege motion against State Minister Vishwas Sarang.

After the Question Hour, Leader of Opposition Umang Singh demanded a debate on the motion. Other Congress MLAs also joined him. Speaker Narendra Singh Tomar said he would decide on the Congress' demand after examining their application. The Congress legislators were alleging that state Sports, Youth Welfare and Co-operative Minister Vishwas Sarang,

who was the former Medical Education Minister, gave incorrect information to the House in his reply on the nursing scam issue. The Congress has charged that Sarang's false reply amounts to a breach of privilege. From the onset of the session on 3 July, the Congress has been targeting Sarang over the issue and demanding his resignation.

# Andhra, Telangana Chief Ministers meet PM Modi

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD, 4 JULY

Ahead of their meeting in Hyderabad on 6 July, the chief ministers of both Telugu states, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, albeit separately in New Delhi today. Andhra Pradesh chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu and his Telangana counterpart A Revanth Reddy are all set to hold their first meeting on Saturday to resolve the pending issues of the bifurcation act. Both chief ministers also met the Union home minister Amit Shah separately since most of the issues related to bifurcation come under the

Union ministry of home affairs. The BRS however, insinuated a conspiracy was brewing citing the meetings between Reddy and central ministers as well as the Prime Minister prior to his meeting with Naidu. Telangana chief minister A Revanth Reddy also met the Prime Minister Narendra Modi

today along with his deputy chief minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and presented a long list of critical issues including allocation of coal blocks in Singareni to the Singareni Collieries instead of auctioning. He also wanted allocation of 2450 acres of defence land for infrastructure projects such as roads and elevated corridors.

This was Reddy's first meeting with the Prime Minister after the latter assumed office for the third time. The chief minister also met Union minister Amit Shah and urged him to allocate funds for police force, particularly to set up special camps in areas facing threats from Left Wing Extremists.

# MP govt not to legalise illegal colonies

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
BHOPAL, 4 JULY

The BJP government in Madhya Pradesh announced on Thursday that illegal colonies in the state will not be legalised and a tough law would be brought to put a check on the mushrooming of such irregular constructions. Replying to a question during the Question Hour in the State Assembly, MP Urban Administration Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya said that illegal colonies were a big problem. He informed the House that state Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav has issued instructions for framing a tough law to deal with the problem of illegal colonies. The Minister said that the



government would come up with a bill to this effect. He said that illegal colonies would not be legalised, but basic amenities would be made available in such dwellings. Vijayvargiya, who is also the MP Legislative Affairs

Minister, was replying to the questions raised separately by two BJP MLAs Hardeep Singh Dang and Rajendra Pandey over the mushrooming of illegal colonies and the plight of the people living there. In August 2023, former MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan had initiated the 'Su-Raj' scheme, with the aim of legalising unauthorised colonies across Madhya Pradesh. Pointing out that housing is a fundamental right, Chouhan had said that 8,013 unauthorised colonies in urban areas had been identified for legalisation across the state and this drive would benefit more than 80 lakh people of MP.

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# Rajnath, Australian minister discuss closer collaboration in Indo-Pacific

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held a telephonic conversation with Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Richard Marles on Thursday and discussed closer collaboration between the two countries in the Indo-Pacific. Through a post on X, Mr Singh stated that a range of issues pertaining to bilateral defence cooperation were reviewed. "We place great value on India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership," he said. The two ministers noted the transformative progress in defence cooperation under the comprehensive strategic partnership, and appreciated the momentum achieved in the ties since the last India-Australia 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue, which they attended in November 2023. Australia considers India as a top-tier security partner in their National Defence Strategy document which was released in 2024. Mr Marles congratulated Mr Singh for taking charge as the defence minister for



a second consecutive term, and appreciated the functioning of the Indian democratic system wherein people voted in large numbers. He also congratulated Mr Singh on "Team India" becoming the T20 world champions. Meanwhile, Union Minister Jitendra Singh unveiled the results of the 15th round of the Australia-India Strategic Research Fund (AISRF). The successful projects that have been awarded funding under the prestigious program were announced through a press note.

The Australia-India Strategic Research Fund (AISRF) is a bilateral program that supports collaborative research projects between Australia and India. It aims to strengthen the scientific relationship between the two countries and address common challenges through joint research efforts. This year, the AISRF has awarded funding to five projects across various disciplines, including artificial intelligence and machine learning, biotechnology, urban mining and electronic waste recycling, ultralow-cost solar and clean hydrogen technologies. These projects were selected through a rigorous evaluation process, ensuring they meet the highest standards of scientific excellence and have the potential for significant impact. The selected projects reflect the diverse and cutting-edge research being conducted by Australian and Indian scientists. These initiatives are expected to yield valuable insights and solutions that will benefit both countries and the wider global community.

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## New eldercare hubs needed to better serve rural residents

Three elderly women from rural areas now living in Beijing with their children were chatting in a corner of our community square recently after finishing their routine square dancing one evening. "My salary is 600 yuan (\$82.56) per month," I overheard one of the women as saying, "So high!", the other two exclaimed. From their conversation, I came to know that the second woman's salary was 400 yuan a month and the third's a paltry 180 yuan. The "salary" the women were talking about, in fact, is the pension they get from the rural social endowment insurance fund since 2009.

Before 2009, rural residents were not eligible for social insurance and, in old age, they were largely dependent on their children. Elderly couples in rural areas who didn't have any children were shifted to old people's homes near their towns or counties where they were taken care of.

To deal with the population aging problem in rural areas and to help farmers lead a better life, an endowment insurance was established 15 years ago. The social insurance program is open to all rural residents and the pension amount it offers is much lower than urban pension funds.

Under the present mechanism, a person should deposit about 2,000-6,000 yuan per year for 15 years to be eligible to receive a pension of a few

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hundred yuan a month after retirement at the age of 60. One can choose to pay in bulk. But since the insurance program is operated on a provincial/municipal basis, the insurance premium and the pension amount one gets can differ greatly depending on the development level of the province/municipality and the percentage of rural residents in the local population.

The average pension is about 1,400 yuan per month in Shanghai, 887 yuan in Beijing, 190 yuan in Guangdong province and 128 yuan in Sichuan province. Rural residents, especially those who have retired, are happy with the insurance program. The pension amount, though humble, is enough to pay for food in rural areas, especially since elderly people can raise chickens and grow vegetables in their courtyards. They can earn some money also from the fruits that grow on the trees. And if rural residents are too old to till their land and harvest the crops, they can lease out their plots and orchards to other farmers to earn some money.

Despite being beneficial, however, the rural insurance program can't solve all the problems, problems such as how to deal with the rising number of elderly residents in rural areas who need financial support as well as eldercare. Statistics from the seventh national census in 2020 show that people aged above 60 made up 23.81 percent of the total rural population, 7.99 percentage points more than in urban areas. Many youths migrate from rural to urban areas in search of better-paying jobs and to lead a better life, leaving their elderly parents and/or grandparents in villages. Governments at different levels have been taking measures to ensure such elderly people receive proper care. The Ministry of Civil Affairs, together with 20 other ministries and institutions, published the "Guidelines for Speeding up the Development of Elderly Care for Rural Residents".

According to the guidelines, by the end of next year, all the 1,299 counties in the country are expected to have at least one support/service center for helpless rural residents. There are about 16,000 such centers with a total of 1.68 million beds in China. More such facilities are being built across China to provide proper eldercare to all those who need it.

# The fires of hell

Some people are more vulnerable than others to the effects of climate change on health. In fact, climate-sensitive health risks are disproportionately felt by the most vulnerable and disadvantaged, including women, unborn babies, children, ethnic minorities, poor communities, migrants or displaced persons, older populations, and those with pre-existing medical conditions



We are witnessing impacts of climate changes in a variety of ways. Almost every day, in one or other part of the globe, more frequent and intensifying weather and climate events are observed, including storms, extreme heat, floods, droughts and wildfires. This year, as summer continues in the Northern Hemisphere, we are facing the relentless and devastating power of extreme heat waves.

Our country is literally burning. Delhi touched a record temperature of close to 500 C. There were reports of forest fires, of buildings going up in flames, of electrical equipment burning. Surprisingly, even leaves are being burnt to a crisp. In fact, the heat wave is a national emergency. Above all, it remains a fact that the extraordinary Indian summer could be a warning message to the world.

In Saudi Arabia, the extreme heat wave turned the sacred Haj pilgrimage into a perilous journey. In the US over 80 million people are under heat alert. The Balkans and the Mediterranean regions are also reeling under blistering effects of heat waves. What is a matter of serious concern is that the World Meteorological Organisation has predicted that future years will likely surpass current temperature records. The world is on the boil and all this will only get worse, not just in India but across the world.

Global warming has put humans in a situation which could metaphorically be compared with the boiling frog syndrome. A frog is put in a vessel of water and the vessel is slowly heated. As the temperature of the water rises, the frog is able to adjust its body temperature accordingly. Thus, the frog keeps on adjusting with increase in temperature. But just when the water is about to reach boiling point, the frog is not able to adjust anymore. At that point, the frog tries to jump out of the vessel, but in vain because the frog has lost all its strength in adjusting with the rising water temperature. Eventually, the frog is boiled alive. The tale is often told as a metaphor for the inability or unwillingness of people to react or to be aware of the sinister threats that arise gradually rather than suddenly.

Global temperature has not increased suddenly. It has changed gradually. Our situation is a bit like the proverbial frog. The syndrome teaches us that unlike the frog, had we taken appropriate decisions vis-à-vis timely actions we could have escaped the fate faced by the frog. We are quite aware of the fact of gradual rises in global temperature, dire consequences of global warm-

ing and have also heard prophecies of experts. But we have ignored these, as Cassandra's prophecies were ignored that led to the fall of Troy. In his address at the UN Climate Change Conference UK 2021, then British Prime Minister Boris Johnson aptly said: "Humanity was caught napping by coronavirus. But for climate change, nobody can say we have not been warned. And nobody can say we are not now capable of making the preparations." Notwithstanding our awareness, global warming continues relentlessly. We have to accept that heat is here to stay and will only get worse. Hence we need to understand how much heat humans can tolerate. Scientists believe that this range is 400 C to 500 C. But it depends on how temperature - acclimatized our bodies are; on whether the heat is dry or wet - accompanied by high levels of moisture (H<sub>2</sub>O vapour) in the air, which makes it more unbearable, and, of course, on the condition we live in. Weather and climate hazards affect our health both directly and indirectly, increasing the risk of death, non-communicable diseases, the emergence and spread of infectious diseases, and health emergencies.

Since the 19th century, human activities have increased greenhouse gases - predominantly carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide - in the Earth's atmosphere and have resulted in global warming (greenhouse effects). Fundamentally, climate shocks and growing stresses such as changing temperature and precipitation patterns, droughts, floods, and rising sea levels degrade the environmental and social determinants of physical and mental health. All aspects of health are affected by climate change, from clean air, water and soil to food systems and livelihood. WHO data shows around 2 billion people lack safe drinking water and 600 million suffer from food-borne illness annually. Climate stressors heighten water and food-borne disease risks. In 2020, around 700 million faced hunger, predominantly in Africa and Asia.

Floods not only have direct effects but also increase the risk of microbiological water pollution. Global warming affects water heating and transmission of water-borne pathogens. The high sea surface temperature and sea level rising may cause waterborne infections and toxin-related illness such as cholera

and shellfish poisoning. Higher temperature may also facilitate the introduction of new pathogens, vectors, or hosts (food chain). Without preventive measures, deaths from vector-borne diseases, currently over 7 lakh annually, may rise.

The transmission of infectious diseases through vectors is very complex, particularly when humans or livestock are not the only reservoir. But it is abundantly clear that the key elements in the epidemiology of vector-borne diseases include the ecology and the behaviour of the host, the ecology and behaviour of the carrier, and the level of immunity of the population. Pathogens transmitted by vectors are particularly sensitive to climate change because they spend a good part of their life cycle in a cold blooded host invertebrate

whose temperature is similar to the environment. So, a warmer climate facilitates favourable conditions for the survival and completion of the life cycle of the vector, going as far as to speed it up as in the case of mosquitoes. It has been observed that in warmer areas the percentage of maturation of insects from larval form to adult form increases and the time required for maturation also decreases.

Mosquitoes are now found worldwide, except in regions permanently covered by ice. There are about 3,500 species of mosquitoes, almost three quarters of which are present in tropical and sub-tropical wetlands. Mosquitoes typical of temperate regions have had to develop strategies to survive the winter, as well as pathogens that can be transmitted. In tropical regions, similarly, adaptation was needed to survive at the time of prolonged drought.

However, in both cases, these adaptive mechanisms have also affected the reasonability of transmission. Globally, in 2022, there were an estimated 249 million malaria cases and 608,000 deaths in 85 countries. The African Region carries a disproportionately high share of the global malaria burden. Zika virus is primarily transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito from the Aedes genus, mainly Aedes aegypti, in tropical and subtropical regions. Recently, this virus has emerged as a 'public health emergency of international concern', according to WHO. Ticks are responsible for the transmission of both viruses and bacteria. Rising tem-



JAYDEV JANA  
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## Strategic Patience

The US Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell's current stance on interest rates reflects a prudent approach to economic policy. As inflation shows signs of easing, the Fed is exercising caution before making any hasty decisions on rate cuts. This measured approach is vital for maintaining economic stability and ensuring that the gains made in recent years are not prematurely undone. Mr Powell's remarks at Portugal underscore the complexity of the Fed's mandate to balance inflation and employment. While data for May indicated no increase in the Fed's preferred measure of inflation, and a reduction in the 12-month rate to 2.6 per cent, it remains above the 2 per cent target. This cautious optimism is tempered by the understanding that these figures need to be consistent and indicative of underlying trends before any policy shifts can be confidently made. The strength of the US economy affords the Fed the luxury of time. This is crucial in a period marked by both global and domestic uncertainties. Mr Powell's assertion that the economy's robustness allows for a careful approach to rate cuts highlights a strategic patience. The central bank is well aware of the risks of moving too quickly, which could jeopardise the economic expansion and potentially trigger a recession. One of the more nuanced aspects of Mr Powell's statement is the acknowledgment of the "two-sided risks" in the current economic environment. On one hand, there is the risk of inflation not being fully under control, and on the other, the risk of increasing unemployment if policy remains too tight for too long. This delicate balance is at the heart of the current deliberations. The Fed's cautious stance is also a response to the intricate dynamics of the labour market. While some measures suggest the job market is strong, the potential for trade-offs between further inflation control and rising unemployment cannot be ignored. Mr Powell's comments suggest that the Fed is acutely aware of these dynamics and is striving to avoid the pitfalls of premature policy adjustments that could harm employment levels.

Investors and policymakers alike are keenly watching the upcoming employment and inflation reports. These will play a crucial role in shaping the Fed's decisions in the coming months. The anticipation of a rate cut in September is a reflection of the market's sensitivity to the Fed's signals. However, Mr Powell's emphasis on patience indicates that the Fed is not driven by market expectations but by a thorough analysis of economic indicators. The timing of the first rate cut, whenever it may be, will send a significant signal to the market. It is not merely about easing borrowing costs but about starting a cycle that will bring rates to a level conducive to sustained economic growth. The Fed's aim is to reach a neutral stance where monetary policy neither stimulates nor restricts economic activity excessively.



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schemes for 'drawing crowds' with those for 'managing crowds'.

The tragedies of the kind in Hathras and poverty are connected. It is observable that poor people go to spiritual centres and prayer meetings in the hope of getting some relief from suffering and some comfort in the face of the harsh realities of life.

Self-styled godmen often take advantage of their poverty and gullibility and build a large following. Deified as god men with 'supernatural powers', they hold a sway over their followers.

In the Hathras incident, the devotees were said to have been trampled in the frenzied rush to get a glimpse of Bhole Baba, greet him and collect some soil from

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## CHANGE STIFLED

SIR, In the aftermath of India winning the T20 World Cup title we have been absolutely delirious with joy. Our woes about our scam-ridden education system, flagged by NEET and NET debates seem to be receding, as we glow over our victory in sports. This elation percolates down to the students in schools and colleges. This reminds me of a passage that I read in the novella *The English Teacher* written by the celebrated author R K Narayan. The speaker is a disgruntled teacher who decries the educational system that passes the buck by stating that lack of funds has led to the malfunctioning of schools. "Multiply your expenses, and look to the Government for support, and sell your soul to the Government for the grant. This is the history of our educational movement. And another thing. What a fuss they have learnt to make of sports! As if colleges and schools were gymnasia, the main business of which is to turn out sturdy idiots. When I think of all the pampering and sentimentality of sports and games!" ... "The main business of an educational institution is to shape the mind and character and of course games have their value. Why worship sports, and the eleven stalwart idiots who bring in a shield or a cup? It is all a curse, copying, copying, copying. We could as well have been born monkeys to justify our powers of imitation." RK Narayan wrote *The English Teacher* in 1945. In the 21st century, change is being stifled by continuity, it seems.

Yours, etc., Sanjukta Dasgupta, Kolkata, 2 July.

around his feet.

The tragedy exposed the woefully inadequate health infrastructure in Uttar Pradesh; the injured people who were taken to hospitals in mini-lorries instead

of ambulances did not receive timely medical aid or treatment for want of (or at least a dearth of) doctors and nurses. Ensuring the safety of people at all places and at all times is a primary

responsibility of the government and it should spare no effort to fulfil it.

Yours, etc., G.David Milton, Maruthancode, Tamil Nadu, 3 July.

OCCASIONAL NOTE

On Friday morning seismographs in various parts of the world recorded what is stated to be a very violent earthquake. Faenza reported that "the quivering of the apparatus carried off the quills from the instrument."

NEWS ITEMS

BRITISH PLEDGE TO SUDAN

REGRET regarding the attitude of the Egyptian Government and Parliament over the question of the Sudan was expressed by Mr. MacDonald in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. MacDonald continued that in view of what had happened it was necessary for him to make it clear to all concerned that he did not believe that the House of Commons would accept any arrangement which would break our pledges to the Sudan.

FRONTIER MURDERS

DARING OUTRAGES AT KOHAT

The Pioneer Frontier correspondent wires: - A report has been received of the murder on June 21, of Mohamed Akram Khan, naib a teahdior of Kohat district, while travelling on a tonga on the Kohat-Banun Road.

On June 29 a tum-tum driver was shot dead in Kohat cantonment near the railway station by an unknown assistant.

AN OLD HARROVIAN

MR. J. A. APCAR'S MUNIFICENT BENEFACTIONS

THE May number of the Harrovian makes a graceful acknowledgment of the munificent gift of £10,000 bequeathed to Harrow by Mr. J. A. Aparcar who died in October last.

INDIAN COLLIERIES

SPECIAL RULES & SUPPLY OF EXPLOSIVES

AT a meeting of the Colliery Managers' Association in India held in the Jharia Club on Monday last, the following resolutions were unanimously passed: -

"This meeting heartily endorses the arrangement arrived at between the Mines Department and the Council whereby the Special Rules of the Mines Act will be more rigidly enforced and that all colliery managers should submit bona fide cases without delay."

Driven to the past by a frightening future

BASAB DASGUPTA

I am thankful that I have witnessed some of the most significant advances in technology in my lifetime; moon landing, the internet, smartphone and DNA analysis just to name a few.

Even without AI, I often feel overwhelmed by recent advances in technology and wonder if we, especially the older folks, are going backwards in terms of our convenience and expenditure with all the new innovations.

I will give several examples from my daily life to make the point. My first gripe is about the invasion of "apps". Every business wants their app installed on our cell phone.

Cars are becoming incredibly advanced in using technology. While some recent features related to safety are great, other features only cause anxiety and expense even though the intentions might have been good.



cy by reducing weight. It is unnerving for me to go on a long-distance trip without a spare tire. Cars have stopped providing DVD players with the radio.

All companies are going away from providing instruction manuals, printed on paper. Now it is all on their website or accessible on cellphone using a QR code.

Speaking of companies improving their bottom line, all customer services of all companies have now been automated, which does not help the customers at all if the problem

requires a detailed explanation. If the customer insists on talking to a person, he/she will end up talking to either a ChatGPT robot or someone from a country like the Philippines or Guatemala who can barely speak English.

Controls for electronic devices and home appliances are getting increasingly more complex. There are so many options it is easy to get confused while pushing the buttons to perform a specific function.

My other gripe is about the font size of instructions. As the sizes of all devices get smaller and smaller, so do the letters in any instructions, often requiring a reading glass.

The idea of running cars and appliances without human involvement scares me. If the point is that a robot with all the relevant sensors can perform in the same way as a human

being, I get it. What worries me are unexpected events, components not working properly because of age or fatigue and lack of instantaneous communications.

I miss those days when I could look at my photo albums by myself or with others and reminisce about past events. Now, I am overloaded with hundreds if not thousands of photos on my cell phone.

The same thing happens when I want to watch a movie. It is not just the "pay per view"; now I am bombarded with "streaming services" from Netflix, Hulu, Amazon etc.

I suspect that the reason for all these advances is the burning desire of the young engineers to use their innovative minds with encouragement and incentives from their employers to help the customers.

Inconvenience and added expenditure are one thing but all high-tech companies now seem to be engaged in spying on us and monitoring our activities. Their goal is to learn our tastes and spending habits so that they can market their products to us better.

room that you are planning to buy an item XYZ. Next day, ads will pop up on the screen telling you where you can buy XYZ.

How do the companies do it? We have allowed, perhaps without realizing, several devices which can pick up our private conversations: Alexa and cell phone just to name two.

One of my friends summarized it best by saying that "If necessity is the mother of invention, making a buck is the father of invention".

Advances in technology are causing me inconvenience, unnecessary expenses and anxiety. As a result, I am living how I used to live thirty or forty years ago by avoiding most new features.

(The writer, a physicist who worked in industry and academia, is a Bengali settled in America.)

One important visit, another to follow

SMRUTI S PATTANAİK

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was the first guest on a bilateral visit India received from the neighbourhood after the National Democratic Alliance government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi took over power in New Delhi.

The bilateral relationship has been on the upswing since 2007 when the military-backed caretaker regime was in power. The relationship strengthened and bolstered further during the Hasina regime.

Bilateral relations have flourished, given the political will of the two countries. Both have forged development partnerships, and Indian-funded projects are monitored by the foreign ministers of the two countries.

(HICDPs) amounting to \$50 million, which are basically grant projects.

Trade has increased exponentially, touching around \$14 billion from \$2 billion in 2007 prior to Hasina coming to power. India has extended duty-free access to several items that help Bangladesh's garment industry.

There has been criticism that the trade is in India's favour and that India needs to import more from Bangladesh. Notably, Bangladesh's trade with India was a mere \$80 million a few years back; now, it has touched nearly \$2 billion as it emerges as the largest trading partner in South Asia.

Operationalising Chittagong and Mongla Ports in 2023 would help Northeast India, Nepal and Bhutan export their products.

China Power has completed the Teesta survey. Prime Minister Hasina has said that Bangladesh's interest as well as its financial feasibility will be

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The Ganges water treaty will expire in 2026. Both countries have set up a joint technical committee to examine the renewal of this treaty. Meanwhile, in a letter to Prime Minister Modi, the West Bengal Chief Minister has raised the state's concerns regarding water sharing with Bangladesh.

River water sharing has been a major issue. India has not been able to sign the Teesta treaty due to West Bengal's opposition. Bangladesh has raised this issue several times. During this visit, India has proposed to conserve and manage the Teesta River inside Bangladesh with Indian assistance within a mutually agreed-upon timeframe.

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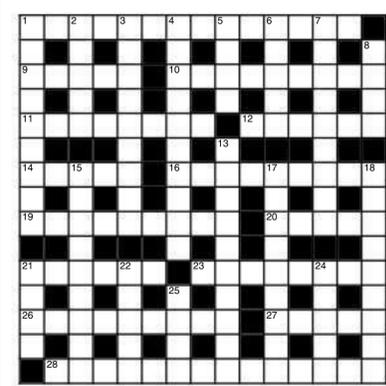
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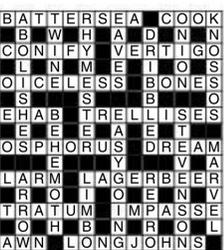
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



ACROSS

- 1 Exact revenge and look after number one? (3,4,3,4)
9 To desert, returning cards (5)
10 The colour of blood? (5,4)
11 Activity for those preferring it over IT? (8)
12 Draw saw (6)
14 Donald's expression of impatience about yellowish hue (5)
16 One spinning act of cowardice, perhaps, as high-class (5-6)
19 See Rolling Stones outside Suffolk town (3,4,2)

- 20 Good to harness energy of member of younger generation (5)
21 She, perhaps, finds absence at the core of hollow man (6)
23 Cut seed corn for threshing (8)
26 Fatigue of auditor having more than one drink around start of session (9)
27 Excuse of boxer swinging this way and that? (5)
28 25 maybe designate party line (10,4)
Down
1 Answer clue, but not this one? Explain (3,6)

- 2 Beat automated programme set up with input from CV-scanners (4,6)
3 Bow tie grabbed by Labour supporter? Infamy! (9)
4 Double check to determine who should be put in the picture (6-4)
5 Means of top-down influence (4)
6 Listening device left in - note something sticking out (5)
7 Top and bottom marks separately gained by university fellow (9)
8 Passed something in joint? (4)

- 13 Main issue when hunting is permitted (4,6)
15 Weekend warriors in a stew over controversial issue (3,6)
17 Longer across than down lights on crossword allow puzzle enthusiast to start (9)
18 Traditional philosopher embracing online mobile platform (9)
21 Fall out of party dress (4)
22 Body suits taken up by female (5)
24 Indian side seen in Andorra and Italy (5)
25 Something swelling lower down plughole? (4)

NOTE: Figures in parentheses denote the number of letters in the words required. (By arrangement with The Independent, London)

THUMBNAILS

**Zomato relaunches 'Intercity Legends' service with minimum order value of Rs 5K:** Online food delivery platform Zomato has relunched its 'Intercity Legends' service with a minimum order value of Rs 5,000. The service, which allowed users to order food from popular restaurants in other cities, was paused in April and has been relunched with a fresh look within the app. It is now called "Legends" and allows users to customise their orders with dishes from various restaurants across cities in the same transaction. All orders placed before 7 p.m. will be delivered the next day.

**India sees highest-ever office space transactions with 33 pc growth in Jan-June period:** India's office market clocked the highest-ever transaction volume in the January-June period this year at 34.7 million square feet across the top eight cities, a report showed on Thursday. The transactions recorded a growth of 33 per cent (year-on-year) in H1 2024, from 26.1 million square feet in H1 2023, according to the report by Knight Frank India 2024 with both residential and commercial office transactions noting record highs," Balraj added.

**Finance Ministry declares 7.1 pc interest rate for Central govt staff PF schemes:** The Finance Ministry has announced a 7.1 per cent interest rate for the Central government employees' General Provident Fund (GPF) and other similar provident fund schemes for the July-September quarter. The Finance Ministry in a circular dated July 3, said: "It is announced for general information that during the year 2024-25, accumulations at the credit of subscribers to the General Provident Fund and other similar funds shall carry interest at the rate of 7.1 per cent with effect from 1st July 2024 to 30th September 2024."

**Electric 2-wheelers see growth in last 2 months, Ola Electric loses market share:** The electric vehicle (EV) penetration improved in the Indian two-wheeler (2W) sector over the last two months after incentives almost halved in April, a report said on Thursday, adding that Ola Electric lost market share while TVS Motor Co Ltd (TVSL) gained.

# Sensex closes above 80,000, Nifty tops 24,300

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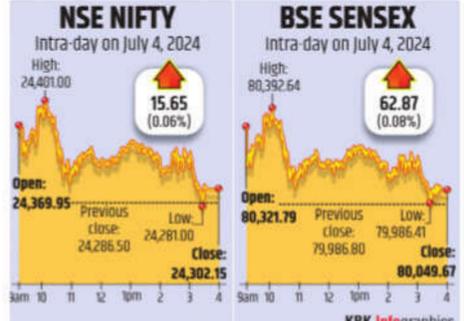
For the first time, Sensex achieved a historic milestone by closing above the 80,000 mark while the Nifty 50 also ended above the 24,300 mark.

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Nifty 50 opened at 24,369.95 against its previous close of 24,286.50 and also clocked a gain of about half a per cent to make a fresh peak of 24,401 closing 16 points, or 0.06pc, up at 24,302.15.

BSE Midcap and Smallcap indices hit fresh record highs and closed with gains as the BSE Midcap and Smallcap



indices ended 0.60% higher each. The overall market capitalisation of the firms listed on the BSE rose to a record level of nearly Rs 447.36 lakh crore.

On Nifty 50, the gainers were Tata Motors (2.75pc), HCL Tech (2.63pc) and ICICI Bank (2.53pc) while the shares of HDFC Bank (2.30pc), Bajaj Finance (2.06pc) and Adani Enterprises (1.47pc) closed as the top losers.

Among the sectors, Bank

Nifty at 0.03% closed almost flat. The Private Bank index and PSU Bank index inched up by 0.07pc and 0.16pc.

Nifty Pharma up by 1.39pc, Healthcare by 1.28pc, IT by 1.10pc and Auto up by 0.73pc stood at the top gainers.

HDFC Bank shares dropped over 2pc to Rs 1,727 per share making it the top Nifty loser.

Shares of Bandhan Bank surged 2pc to Rs 214 per share after it exhibited strong

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growth in advances and deposits in the April-June quarter.

Shares of Cello World surged nearly 7pc to hit an all-time high of Rs 1,025 after the company launched a qualified institutional placement to raise Rs 730 crore. As per the recent data, Indian indices have risen nearly 10pc in dollar terms in this current calendar year.

Compared to India, UK's FTSE 100 is up 5.77pc in CY24, while France's CAC 40 dipped by 1.1pc. Germany's DAX gained 7.2pc. In Asia, Japan's Nikkei and Topix each saw gains of 6.2pc, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng moved up 5.8pc. China's Shanghai Composite has fallen 2.5pc with South Korea's Kospi also registering a fall of 1pc.

# Surge in production led to 10.2 pc growth of coal among core industries: Ministry

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The coal sector has demonstrated highest growth of 10.2% (provisional), for the month of May 2024 as per the Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) released by Ministry of Commerce & Industries.

Reacting on the growth numbers, the Ministry of Coal said the driving force behind this remarkable growth can be attributed to a significant surge in coal production during May 2024, with output reaching an impressive 83.91 million tonnes, marking a remarkable increase of 10.15% compared to the same period in the previous year.

This surge in production underscores the sector's capacity to meet growing demand of energy and manufacturing industries, it said.

Notably, the index of coal industry has reached 184.7 points during May, 2024 as compared to 167.6 points during the same period of last year and its cumulative index has increased by 8.9% during April to May, 2024-25 over corresponding period of the previous year.

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rienced a notable 6.3% increase in May 2024, compared to the same period of previous year, underscoring the coal sector's substantial contribution to overall industrial expansion.

The coal industry has consistently outperformed its counterparts, demonstrating higher growth than the overall growth of eight core industries in last two financial years.

ICI measures the combined and individual production performance of eight core industries, viz. cement, coal, crude oil, electricity, fertilizers, natural gas, refin-

ery products, and steel.

As per the recent data released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, the combined Index of Eight Core Industries increased by 6.3% (provisional) in May, 2024 as compared to the Index in May, 2023.

The production of Electricity, Coal, Steel, Natural Gas and Refinery Products recorded positive growth in May 2024.

Cumulative growth rate of ICI during April to May, 2024-25 was 6.5% (provisional) as compared to the corresponding period of last year, the ministry said.

# Bitcoin drops over 4 pc to two-month low at \$57,711

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Bitcoin dropped to a two-month low on Thursday falling over 4pc to \$57,711.

The fall is amid the uncertainty over the US presidential elections and reports of bitcoin supply from a defunct Tokyo-based crypto exchange.

Notably, this is Bitcoin's lowest level since May 2, and has lost more than 6pc this week.

It dropped below the 200-day simple moving average (SMA), a good indicator of long-term price trends in both traditional and crypto markets.

BTC rose past the 200-day SMA in October, when the average value was \$28,000.

"BTC crashed to a new three-month low of under \$58k USD before a mini recovery back to just under \$60k USD. While the local low of BTC stands at \$6.7k USD, anything lower would take us to a 5 month low in BTC prices. If not recovered again, \$60k USD may now become a resistance," said CoinSwitch

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# Concession for women entrepreneurs, MSMEs in petroleum & explosives ventures: Goyal

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The Central government has announced an 80% concession for women entrepreneurs and 50% for MSMEs in fees for licences granted by the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO).

Announcing the decision, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal said the directions are given to PESO to formulate guidelines in consultation with the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) for creating a template of safety measures allowing retail outlets of petrol pumps to function in cases where there is habitation within 30-50 metres.

He said the QR code for cylinders is incorporated in the draft Gas Cylinders Rules (GCR) and final notification will be out soon.

The minister directed the formation of a committee to study if a licence for explosives, transport, and manufacturing can be given for ten years; a committee will examine



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the issue regarding increasing the validity of licence to 10 years as all licences except for explosives are given for ten years.

To further streamline processes, he called for efforts to be made to involve Third Party Inspection Agencies (TPIAs) in more areas.

He said online permission modules would be developed by PESO for a few areas that are yet offline. The minister directed that the process for filling up vacancies in PESO must be expedited.

During the deliberations, Piyush Goyal emphasised the simplification of processes and approvals in PESO and directed to the adoption of the best global practices for the regulation of petroleum and explosives.

PESO officers were asked to strictly adhere to the timelines for clearing applications. It was also decided to issue FAQs for different approvals and licences. The Minister directed that NOC by District Authorities should be issued through Licensing System for District Authority (LSDA) online system.

In response to the suggestions given and issues raised by the industry during the consultation, the Minister directed MoPNG and the concerned industry associations to form committees to carve out details of suggestions made by them.

These committees were tasked to study and recommend best practices and standards. He suggested these industry committees review and propose amendments to regulatory rules and frameworks to expedite and streamline processes.

He also directed the DPIIT to form a committee consisting of industry representatives, PESO officers, DPIIT officers, CPCB, MoPNG, and Oil companies to work in a time-bound manner on suggested reforms.

# Railways fast tracks production of 10,000 non-AC coaches

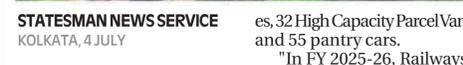
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To ease the life of common passengers, the Indian railways has planned for the production of about 10,000 Non-AC coaches for next two years.

According to officials, during financial year 2024-25 and 2025-26, around 10,000 coaches are being finalized with a record number of over 5300 general coaches.

According to a Press communique issued by the national carrier, in the FY 2024-25, the Indian Railways plan to manufacture 2605 general coaches including Amrit Bharat General coaches, 1470 Non AC Sleeper including Amrit Bharat Sleeper coaches, 323 SLR coaches including Amrit Bharat SLR Coach-

es, 32 High Capacity Parcel Van and 55 pantry cars. "In FY 2025-26, Railways plan to manufacture 2710 general coaches including Amrit Bharat General coaches, 1910 Non AC Sleeper including Amrit Bharat Sleeper coaches, 514 SLR Coaches including Amrit Bharat SLR coaches, 200 High Capacity Parcel Van and 110 Pantry cars. The demand for rail service is dynamic and decreases/increases depending upon seasonal variations, growth of passenger traffic, etc. The requirement of the coaches is based on these factors and gets included in the annual Coach Production Programme. The production of coaches normally commensurate with the requirement," read the Press communique.



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**SUBJECT- POWER OF ATTORNEY NOTIFICATION**  
It is being informed that One Manjul Malik, son of Ensan Malik, has been appointed Attorney by Legal Heirs of Abdul Samad Malik, Hasan Malik, Ruma Begum, Nilima Begum, Rina Begum Malik, Mina Begum Malik, Jotsna Malik owner of the RS Plot No - 2019 corresponding to LR Plot No. - 2165 under LR khatian - 455/4 Total Area - 5.00 Decimal in Mallickbagan Mouza vide registered Power of Attorney Being Number 05304074 dated 26/07/2023 registered at office the ADRS, Ranihat, Panchla, Howrah. Now My Client Dablia Vincon Private Limited bought the said property vide deed no 050301580 dated 14/03/2024 registered at the ADRS, Ranihat, Panchla, Howrah which is under mutation before the office of BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah. If anyone has any kind of objection kindly contact BL & LRO, Panchla.

Thanking You  
Mahesh Lal Sharma  
Advocate

### CHANGE OF NAME

**I, SANGHAMITRA** Roy, D/o, Shyamla Prasad Basu, resident of Gaighata Thanar More, North 24 Parganas, solely affirmed and declared before the Ld. A.C.J.M. (1st Class), Bongaon vide Affidavit Sl. No. 4544 Dt. 02-07-2024 that Sanghamitra Roy and Sanghamitra Basu both are same and identical person.

**I, NIKHIL** Chandra Biswas, father of Army No. 14673270L, Rank-NK, Name: Dipu Biswas, resident of Vill. + P.O.: Bhipmur, Tehsil- Krishnagar, District: Nadia (WB) have changed my name from Nikhil Chandra Biswas to Nikhil Biswas vide affidavit dated 21-06-2024 before Executive Magistrate, Nadia.

**I, ANIRUDHA** Sen and Aniruddha Sen is one and same identical person by virtue of an affidavit signed by 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore Court dated: 25-06-2024.

**I, KARTICK** Chandra Khanra, son of Satish Chandra Khanra declare that my name has been wrongly recorded as Kartick Khanra, instead of my actual name Kartick Chandra Khanra. Kartick Chandra Khanra and Kartick Khanra is one and identical person vide affidavit declared before the Notary Public Kolkata dated: 04-07-2024.

**I, BHOBATOSH** Tikadar, S/o. Kalipada Tikadar, residing at 52 Gobindapur Road, P.O.: Lake Gardens, P.S.: Lake Police Station, Kolkata-700045, also known as Bhabatarn and Bhabatarnan

### CHANGE OF NAME

**I, TUKUN** Mutsuddy Barua, D.O.B.-09/06/1975, D/o Barun Bikash Barua, Wo Paramjit Mutsuddy residing at "Pooja Ashiyana", F4C Block-A, 4/1 Vivekananda Sarani, P.O.-Italgacha, P.S.-Dum Dum, Dist. -North 24 Parganas, Kolkata -700079 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Tukun Barua as declared before the Notary Public Barrackpore court ( 24 Pgs(N) /W.B.) vide affidavit No. 35, Dated 28 June 2024. Tukun Mutsuddy Barua and Tukun Barua both are same and identical person.

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**e-NIT No. 001 / 2nd Call / GUNV / 2023-2024, Dated: 03-07-24 and Tender ID: 2024\_DSE\_706068\_1** Memo No.: 06 / NB / 2024-25. We invite a tender for the construction of cycle shade at School. Last date of (online) bid submission on 19-07-2024 at 1-00 p.m. For details please visit: https://wbtders.gov.in

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### COURT NOTICE

**IN THE CITY CIVIL COURT AT CALCUTTA Before the Ld. Judge 10th Bench Money Suit No. 53 of 2020**  
Sri Rajen Kumar Jaiswal (57 years), son of Late Hari Ram Shaw (Jaiswal), 21B, Shankar Ghosh Lane, Police Station: Amherst Street, Kolkata-700006; ... Plaintiff  
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To  
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WHEREAS the plaintiff herein has filed the above money suit against the defendant abovenamed for Recovery of money dues along with interest thereon, suit valued Rs. 79,72,000 on 28-01-2020 before the Learned Judge 10th Bench, City Civil Court at Calcutta which is pending before the said Ld. Court.  
Now it is notified that 13-08-2024 has been fixed for appearance of the defendant. So you being the defendant abovenamed may appear in person or through authorized agent before the said Ld. Court on the said date at 10-30 a.m. and to file written statement against the said suit for considering the same or by taking other according to the provisions of law in default the said suit will be heard and disposed off ex parte in according with law.  
By Order  
Kallu Prasad Gond  
Chief Administrative Officer  
City Civil Court, Calcutta  
Date: 05-07-2024

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My Client Anjan Sengupta of 4/3k/307, Ho-Chi-Min Sarani, satellite Township, Saranya, Kol-61 as Constituted Attorney of Sunil Sengupta has lost and/or misplaced the original copy of the above mentioned deed and subsequently lodged a G.D. vide No. 687 dated 12/06/2024 in Saranya police Station. If the said Deed is in the custody of any person or institution or authority or any claim or demand over the said property please inform the undersigned (Mob: 8777092966) within 10 days from the date hereof, otherwise my Client shall deal the said property with its Certified Copy.  
Bimal Ch. Lahiri, M.A., LL.B Advocate  
Alipore Judges Court Kolkata- 700 027 Enrolment No. -WB/298/82

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### NAME CORRECTION IN PPO

**DEBDAS BANDYOPADHYAY**, S/o. Late Amarnath Bandyopadhyay, resident of Flat No. A/2, Parnasree Pally, Kolkata-700060 has corrected his name, as mentioned in his Pension Payment Order (PPO) from DEB DAS BANDYOPADHYAY to DEBDAS BANDYOPADHYAY, vide Affidavit, Sl. No. 1990 dated 26-02-24, before Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Bishnupur (Bankura). Henceforth I shall be known as DEBDAS BANDYOPADHYAY, for each and every purpose, instead of DEB DAS BANDYOPADHYAY. It is further stated that DEBDAS BANDYOPADHYAY and DEB DAS BANDYOPADHYAY is same, one and identical person.

### TENDERS

**I, SUFIA BIBI** w/o Abdul Razak Mondal, Residing at Paschim Nischintapur, P.O: Boral, P.S: Naren drapur, Dist: South 24 pgs, Kolkata: 700 154. Shall henceforth be known as Suфия Mondal as declared before the notary public Alipore Court, District vide affidavit no P107, Date- 27.03. 2024. Suфия Bibi and Suфия Mondal both are same and identical person.

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KOLKATA, FRIDAY 05 JULY 2024

# UK Election: Labour hopeful, Conservatives morose

ASSOCIATED PRESS LONDON, 4 JULY

British voters are picking a new government Thursday in a parliamentary election that is widely expected to bring the Labour Party to power against a gloomy backdrop of economic malaise, mounting distrust in institutions and a fraying social fabric. A jaded electorate is delivering its verdict on Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's Conservative Party, which has been in power since 2010. Polls opened at 40,000 polling stations in a vast variety of locales including church halls, a laundromat and a crematorium. Hundreds of communities are locked in tight contests in which traditional party loyalties come second to more immediate concerns about the economy,



crumbling infrastructure and the National Health Service. In Henley-on-Thames, about 40 miles (65 kilometers) west of London, voters like Patricia Mulcahy, who is retired, sensed the nation was looking for something different. The community, which normally votes Conservative, may change its stripes this time.

"The younger generation are far more interested in change," Mulcahy said. "So, I think whatever happens in Henley, in the country, there will be a big shift. But whoever gets in, they've got a heck of a job ahead of them. It's not going to be easy." Sunak made the short journey from his home to vote at Kirby Sigston Village Hall in his Richmond constituency.

He arrived with his wife, Akshata Murty, and walked hand-in-hand into the village hall, which is surrounded by rolling fields. The centre-left Labour Party led by Keir Starmer had a steady and significant lead in opinion polls for months, but its leaders have warned against taking the election result for granted, worried their supporters will stay home. "Change. Today, you can vote for it," he wrote Thursday on the X social media platform. A couple of hours after posting that message, Starmer walked hand-in-hand with his wife, Victoria, into a polling place in the Kentish Town section of London to cast his vote. He left through a back door out of sight of a crowd of residents and journalists who had gathered.

# Hezbollah fires more than 200 rockets into Israel

ASSOCIATED PRESS BEIRUT, 4 JULY

The Lebanese Hezbollah group said it launched over 200 rockets on Thursday at several military bases in Israel in retaliation for a strike that killed one of its senior commanders. The attack by the Iran-backed militant group was one of the largest in the month-long conflict along the Lebanon-Israel border, with tensions escalating in recent weeks. The Israeli military said "numerous projectiles and suspicious aerial targets" had entered its territory from Lebanon, many of which it said were intercepted. There were no immediate reports of casualties. It said about 200 "projectiles" were launched toward the occupied Syrian Golan Heights and over 20 drones into Israeli territory, but that it had intercepted some of them.



Israel after Hezbollah's attack struck various towns in southern Lebanon. The Israeli military said it struck Hezbollah's "military structures" in the southern border towns of Ramleh and Houla. Lebanon's state-run National News Agency reported an Israeli drone strike of Houla killed at least one person. Israeli jets also broke the sound barrier over the Lebanese capital and other areas in the country. Israel on Wednesday

acknowledged that it had killed Mohammad Naameh Nasser, who headed one of Hezbollah's three regional divisions in southern Lebanon, a day earlier. Hours after the killing, Hezbollah launched scores of Katyusha rockets and Falqah rockets with heavy warheads into northern Israel and the occupied Syrian Golan Heights. It launched more rockets on Thursday and said it had also sent exploding drones into several bases. Nasser was of great importance to Hezbollah, which said he took part in battles in conflicts in Syria and Iraq from 2011 until 2016 and fought in the group's last war with Israel in 2006. Two other senior Hezbollah commanders have also been killed.

## TENDER

**ABRIDGED NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER NO. -**  
i) 03/SECY/MZMRC/2024-24 ii) 04/SECY/MZMRC/2024-25 iii) 05/SECY/MZMRC/2024-25 iv) 06/SECY/MZMRC/2024-2025  
Dated: 03-07-2024  
On behalf of Secretary MZMRC invites e-tender (online). Tender ID No.-(i) 2024\_DMM\_706142.1 to 4 (ii) 2024\_DMM\_706226.1 (iii) 2024\_DMM\_706195.1 to 6. Last date of tender download and submission: 19-07-2024 up to 5-00 p.m. and iv) 2024\_DMM\_706215.1 Last date of tender download and submission: 12-07-2024 up to 5-00 p.m.  
Details information download / upload will be available from website: <http://www.wbtenders.gov.in> & [www.maldanica.in](http://www.maldanica.in)  
Sd/- Secretary  
Maldia Zilla RMC, Maldia  
Memo No. 6353/DICOMLD, dt.: 04-07-24

**e-Tender Notice**  
e-Tenders are invited by the Pradhan Swarupganj Gram Panchayat, Under Nabadwip Pan. Samity, Nadia. NIT No: 04/15th FC/2024-25/SWARUPGANJ to NIT No: 14/15th FC/2024-25/SWARUPGANJ. For more details please visit: <https://wbtenders.gov.in>  
Sd/- Pradhan  
Swarupganj Gram Panchayat, Swarupganj, Nadia.

**PETTY REPAIRING OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION OVER RANGIYA DIVISION**  
**E-Tender Notice No. RNY-EL-T-02-2024-25.** E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Name of work:** At Rangliya Division:- Petty repairing of electrical installation over Rangliya division for a period of two years. **Tender Value:** ₹2,38,01,865.52/-. **Earnest Money:** ₹2,69,000/-. **Date & Time of closing of tender:** 13.00 hrs. of 31-07-2024. For details please visit [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in).  
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E-tenders are invited for:  
1) Printing & Supply of IEC at CMOH Office, Kalimpong (Tender ID: 2024\_HFW\_706119\_1) (Last Date: 19-07-2024) within 2-00 P.M.  
For details visit: [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in)  
The CMOH Office, Kalimpong  
E-mail: [cmohkalimpong1@gmail.com](mailto:cmohkalimpong1@gmail.com)  
Sd/- CMOH & Member Secretary  
DH & FW Samiti  
Kalimpong

**e-TENDER NOTICE**  
Lataguri Gram Panchayat Under Kranti Development Block Lataguri, Jalpaiguri  
e-Tender have been invited by the undersigned for different works vide NIT No. WB / 36 / EO / MAL / PS / 2024-25 (2nd call) dated 28-06-2024. Last date of online bid submission: 10-07-2024 up to 18-55 hrs. For further details you may visit: <https://wbtenders.gov.in>  
Sd/- Executive Officer  
Mal Panchayat Samity  
Jalpaiguri

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**Notice Inviting E-tender**  
E.E., on behalf of P.M.Z.P., invites tenders vide Tender Ref. No. PMD / N-31 / 2024-25 to PMD / N-39 / 2024-25 & 41, 42, 43, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50 / 24-25. Submission end date is 12-07-2024 up to 16-00 hrs. and PMD / N-40 / 2024-25, 44, 46, 51, 52, 55 / 24-25. Submission end date is 19-07-2024 up to 16-00 hrs. PMD / N-56 / 2024-25 to PMD / N-57 / 2024-25. Submission end date is 18-07-2024 up to 16-00 hrs. For details visit website: [www.wbprdnic.in](http://www.wbprdnic.in) & [www.maldanica.in](http://www.maldanica.in) For other details may visit office of the undersigned during office hours.  
Sd/- Executive Engineer  
Paschim Medinipur Zilla Parishad  
Memo No. 70203 / Advt. / ICA / Paschim Medinipur Dated: 04-07-2024

**NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE**  
No. SNT-JU-05-2024-25, Dt: 02.07.2024  
Open E-tender is invited by DRM (S&T), Jodhpur for and on behalf of the President of India for S&T work. Details as below:  
(1) **Name of work:** Comprehensive Annual maintenance contract for the Electronic Interlocking (EI) System Kyosan make at 09 stations (KQW, REN, JAC, DNA, GCH, BSRL, BOW, MKN, KANC in MTD (Ex-FL (Ex) section) for THREE years AND 09 stations (MGT, MKHR, RDRA, AQG, POK, OCH, SBLT, JCH, JSM in PLC(Ex)-JSM Section), 04 stations (RT, KAI, BOM, RKZ in LN(Ex)-MD (Ex) Section) for TWO years over Jodhpur Division of NW Railway. (2) **Estimated cost of the work:** ₹ 723,08,964/- (RO) (3) **Address of the NIT issuing office:** Sr. DSTE/AJ NWR, DRM Office Harish Joshi Marg Jodhpur.  
(4) **Bid security to be deposited:** ₹ 5116000/- (5) **Last Date & time of submission of E-tender and opening of tender:** 25/07/2024 Upto 11:30 Hrs through E-tendering online submission on IREPS. Tender will be opened at 11:00 Hrs. (6) **Website particulars, where complete details of tender can be seen and participated:** [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
**Note:** This is an E-Tender, so tenderer can participate through e-tendering process only on mentioned website.  
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**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SOIL INVESTIGATION DIVISION, ADVANCE PLANNING, ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT, RANCHI**  
NrupanBhawan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room No. 401, 56-Set, Doranda, Ranchi-834002  
**e-Procurement (Very Short Tender Notice)**  
Letter of Invitation (L.O.I No.-10/2024-25)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Call  
**e-Tender Ref No.-RCD/SID/AP/RAN/10/2024-25 Dated: 02.07.2024**  
Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Reconstruction/ Widening & Strengthening of Road from Pakha More to Dantar including Replacement of Culverts and Bridges, Proposal for Construction of new Culverts, Bridges, ROBs, RUB's, Complete Land Acquisition Proposal including Ownership details all complete as per latest guidelines, Resettlement and Rehabilitation Proposal, Forest Diversion Proposal and Proposal of Utility Shifting in details etc. as required by the Department (If any) under Road Division Chitra in the State of Jharkhand. (Tentative length 09k.m.) \*Empanelled consultant with RCD under category-1 vide letter No. 3663(S) WE Dated 22.08.2022 are allowed to Bid.  
1 Name Of Work  
2 Tentative Length 60 Days  
3 Period of Completion of Work 09 k.m.  
4 Cost of Tender documents Rs 5,000/- (Five Thousand) only Non refundable Fee. Tender fee will be received through online mode only. The quotations have to be deposited a fixed amount of Rs 15,000 as Earnest Money. As per the Departmental Letter no-4652(S) dated 06.10.2023, cost of tender document and Earnest Purothen Deposit be received in online mode only through e-procurement (<http://jarkhandtenders.gov.in>) by internet banking/NEFT/RTGS facility as per Standard Operating Sissim Procedure (SOP) issued by Information Technology & e-Governance Department, Government of Jharkhand vide letter no-120 dated 03.10.2023.  
5 Mode of Bid Submission e-tendering(<http://jarkhandtenders.gov.in>)  
6 Date/Time of Publication of Tender on Website 06.07.2024, 10:30 AM  
7 Last Date/Time of Bid Submission 13.07.2024 12:00PM  
8 Last Date/Time of Submission of Tender Fee & EMD 13.07.2024 12:00PM  
9 Date and Time of Bid opening 15.07.2024 12:30 PM  
10 Bid validity 120 days  
11 Bid Submission Address Chief Engineer (Communication), Road Construction Department, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Engineer Hostel No.-2, Dharua, Ranchi-834004  
12 Designation and Contact No. of Tender inviting Officer Executive Engineer, Soil Investigation Division, Advance Planning/RCD, Ranchi Mob-9905660677.  
13 PR No.- 327039 Road (2024-25), D  
**Note:- Only e-Tender shall be accepted.**  
Sd/- (Ravi Shankar Pravaakar)  
Executive Engineer, Soil Investigation Division, Advance Planning, Road Construction Department, Ranchi.  
PR.No.328591 Road(24-25)-D

**MORE TENDER ADS ON PAGE 4**

**कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, हजारीबाग**  
पत्रांक:- 725 श्रद्धि पत्र हजारीबाग/दिनांक:- 01/07/2024  
एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 631 दिनांक 13.06.2024 के द्वारा निर्मात ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या DMF/MID/HAZARIBAG/F2-05/2024-25 पी0आरन0- 326353 Minor Irrigation (24-25) D द्वारा प्रकाशित निविदा अपरिहार्य कारण वर आंशिक रूप से निम्नवत् संशोधित किया जाता है।  
1) वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय - 15.07.2024 at 03:00 PM  
2) ऑन लाईन ई-निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय - 24.07.2024 at 05:00 PM  
3) ऑन लाईन निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रघन की राशि जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय - 24.07.2024 at 05:00 PM  
4) ई-निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय - 26.07.2024 at 03:00 PM  
अन्य कंडिकारण एवं शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेगी।  
कार्यपालक अभियंता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, हजारीबाग  
PR 328455 Minor Irrigation(24-25).D

**कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, कोडरमा**  
E-Mail Id - [cerdskoderma@gmail.com](mailto:cerdskoderma@gmail.com)  
अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना  
ई- निविदा सूचना संख्या - RDD/SD/KODERMA/01/RE/2024-25  
1. कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी:  

युप सं०	कार्य का नाम	प्राककलित राशि	अग्रघन की राशि	परिमाण शिपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
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2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि - 05.07.2024.  
3. ई-निविदा प्रारंभ की तिथि एवं समय - दिनांक 06.07.2024 से दिनांक 13.07.2024 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक।  
4. ई-निविदा खोलने का स्थान :- कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, कोडरमा।  
5. ई-निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- 15.07.2024 अपराह्न 02:00 बजे।  
6. ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, कोडरमा।  
7. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का मोबाईल नं० - 79033003903 (संबन्धित कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय कोडरमा का दूरभाष नम्बर)  
8. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट-बढ़ सकती है तदनुसार अग्रघन की राशि देय होगी।  
9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रघन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।  
10. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रघन की राशि का ई-भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रघन की राशि वापस होगी। अग्र खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही आपकी होगी।  
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कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, कोडरमा।  
PR 328476 Rural Work Department(24-25)D

**पंजाब नैशनल बैंक** Punjab National Bank (Govt. Of India Undertaking)  
Head Office: Plot No 4, Sector -10 Dwarka, New Delhi -110075  
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**E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES LAST DATE & TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS (Hard Copy & ONLINE) :-**

Property at Lot (mentioned below)	LAST DATE OF BID SUBMISSION Online	Time Up to

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 provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.  
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.  
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Lot No.	Name of the Branch Name of the Account	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged / Owner's Name	A) Dt. of Demand Notice B) Outstanding Amount C) Possession Date	A) Reserve Price (Rs. in lacs)	Date/ Time of E-Auction
				B) EMD C) Bid Increase Amount	
1.	KOLKATA - R. N. MUKHERJEE ROAD (Now MCB Lyons Range) M/s RAMCHAND AND SONS Prop: Mr. Ramesh Kumar Punjabi Guarantor : Mr. Rajive Punjabi	Flat at 5th floor, Flat No. 5E and covered Parking No. 25 in "Ashirwad" situated at Premises No. 8/1, Sarat Bose Road, Kolkata 700020, P. S. - Ballygunge, Dist. South 24 Parganas, Mouza-Borjee in Dighi Panchannagram, Holding No. 386, Sub-Division J, Grand Division VI, Ward No. 69, KMC. Owned by Ramesh Punjabi. (UNDER PHYSICAL POSSESSION)	A) 04.07.2022 B) ₹3,61,80,472.05 along with interest thereon, all other expenses and other applicable charges. C) 20.10.2022	(A) ₹161.46 Lacs (B) ₹16.15 Lacs (C) ₹0.10 Lac	23.07.2024 FROM 11.30 AM TO 3.30 PM WITH 10 MINS EXTENSION (Authorized Officer Contact No. 9339009115)
2.	KOLKATA - R. N. MUKHERJEE ROAD (Now MCB Lyons Range) M/s RAMCHAND AND SONS Prop: Mr. Ramesh Kumar Punjabi Guarantor : Mr. Rajive Punjabi	EQM of commercial space at 2 Ezra Street, Kolkata 700001 (Premises No. 2, 3 & 4, now Maharana Pratap Sarani), P. S. - Hare Street, Kolkata, comprised in Block No. - V, Holding No. 160, Ward No. 45 under Kolkata Municipal Corporation along with construction thereon. Schedule of the property : The Property consisting total covered area of 1425 square feet together with the piece and parcel of land & building containing an area of 1 Cottah 15 Chittack 30 sq. ft. situated & lying at Premises No. 2, 3 & 4 Ezra Street (now known as Maharana Pratap Sarani) and comprised in Block-V, Holding No. 160 in the North Division of the town of Kolkata, P. S. - Hare Street under Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Ward No. 45, Kolkata-700001. Owned by - Ramesh Punjabi. (UNDER SYMBOLIC POSSESSION)	A) 04.07.2022 B) ₹3,61,80,472.05 along with interest thereon, all other expenses and other applicable charges. C) 20.10.2022	(A) ₹675.07 Lacs (B) ₹67.51 Lacs (C) ₹0.10 Lac	23.07.2024 FROM 11.30 AM TO 3.30 PM WITH 10 MINS EXTENSION (Authorized Officer Contact No. 9339009115)

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE**  
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6. The intending participants of e-auction may download free of cost, copies of the Sale Notice, Terms & Conditions of e-auction, Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction related to this e-Auction from e BRFY -IBAPI portal (<https://www.ibapi.in>).  
7. The intending Bidders/Purchasers are requested to register on portal (<https://www.mstcauction.com>) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they will upload the requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet. Only after having sufficient EMD in his Wallet, the interest bidder will be able to bid on the date of e-auction.  
8. Bidder's Global Wallet should have sufficient balance (>=EMD amount) at the time of bidding.  
9. During the e-auction bidders will be allowed to offer higher bid in inter-se bidding over and above the last bid quoted and the minimum increase in the bid amount must be of ₹10,000.00 to the last higher bid of the bidders Ten minutes time will be allowed to bidders to quote successive higher bid and if no higher bid is offered by any bidder after the expiry of ten minutes to the last highest bid, the e-auction shall be closed.  
10. It is the responsibility of intending Bidder(s) to properly read the Sale Notice, Terms & conditions of e-auction, Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction and follow them strictly. In case of any difficulty or need of assistance before or during e-Auction process may contact authorized representative of our e-Auction Service Provider (<https://www.mstcecommerce.com>). Details of which are available on the e-Auction portal.  
11. After finalization of e-Auction by the Authorized Officer, only successful bidder will be informed by our above referred service provider through SMS/ email. (On mobile no/ email address given by them/ registered with the service provider).  
12. The secured asset will not be sold below the reserve price. As per rules, the Bidding shall start from one notch higher than the Reserve Price.  
13. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% (twenty-five percent) of the bid amount, less EMD amount deposited, on the same day or not later than the next working day and the remaining amount shall be paid, within 15 days from the date of Confirmation of Sale by the Bank, in the form of Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank drawn in favor of "The Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank, A/c (Name of the A/C) Payable at KOLKATA. In case of failure to deposit the amount as above within the stipulated time, the amount deposited by successful bidder will be forfeited to the Bank and Authorized Officer shall have the liberty to conduct a fresh auction/ sale of the property & the defaulting bidder shall not have any claim over the forfeited amount and the property.  
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17. The sale certificate shall be issued in the favor of successful bidder on deposit of full bid amount as per the provisions of the act.  
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The Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu-led Congress government is just telling lie after lie. It has made a record of lying to the people of Himachal Pradesh.

HIMACHAL PRADESH LEADER OF OPPOSITION JAIRAM THAKUR TAKING A SWIPE AT THE RULING CONGRESS

# Stampede: Bodies identified, handed over to families

A total of 121 people, mostly women, died after the stampede at self-styled godman Baba Bhole's satsang (religious congregation) in Hathras

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE HATHRAS, 4 JULY

Hathras District Magistrate Ashish Kumar has said that the bodies of all victims of the Hathras stampede have been identified and handed over to their families.

A total of 121 people, mostly women, died after the stampede at self-styled godman Baba Bhole's 'satsang' (religious congregation) in Hathras on Tuesday.

The district magistrate said on Thursday, "There were three bodies which were unidentified till Wednesday. Two of them were identified late Wednesday night."

Meanwhile, one body has been identified by the family over a video call in Aligarh hospital and they are on their way to the facility, he added.

According to officials, the

crowd at the congregation exceeded 2.5 lakh, while the permitted limit was 80,000 people.

Meanwhile, the self-styled godman Baba Bhole .a.k.a. Suraj Pal aka Narayan Sakar Vishwa Hari remains elusive to the police who have been raiding his ashrams at several locations in Madhya Pradesh too. His manager Dev Prakash Mathur also remains untraceable.

Meanwhile, a retired police officer, Tejveer Singh, who was then the Station House Officer of Shahganj, Agra, recalled the arrest of the preacher in March 2000.

"Suraj Pal, along with 200-250 people, arrived at the cremation ground where the body of a 16-year-old girl had been brought by her family. Suraj Pal and the others stopped the family from performing the last rites, and tried to convince them that



he could resurrect her," he said.

According to police station records, the girl, Sneha Lata, was the daughter of a local resident. The case was lodged on March 18, 2000.

Singh said the accused forcibly took the body from the family. Meanwhile, the police were informed.

"When we reached the spot, Suraj Pal and his sup-

porters argued with us. He claimed that he could resurrect the girl.

His supporters then started pelting stones at the police team. Additional police personnel were called in, and the situation was brought under control. We arrested Suraj Pal and the others involved," said Singh, who retired as Deputy Superintendent of Police in 2019.

## Hathras no conspiracy but attempt to suppress it is, says Akhilesh Yadav

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, 4 JULY

Slamming the state government for passing off the Hathras stampede as a conspiracy, Akhilesh Yadav warned the Yogi Adityanath dispensation that it can't run away from its accountability for the tragic incident.

In a statement on Thursday, the Samajwadi Party president said, "Hathras was not a conspiracy but trying to suppress it is."

Expressing deep concern over the fact that a large number of poor women and children lost their lives in the stampede at a religious



programme, he said, "While the programme is not first of its kind, the tragedy is. Such programmes keep taking place in the state. It is the responsibility of the administration to prevent such mishaps."

He pointed out that even the organisers had no clue about such a large number

of people coming to attend their programme. The administration should admit its responsibility and take steps to ensure that such incidents do not recur in future.

"Blame game in the aftermath of such a catastrophe won't serve any purpose. But the way the BJP is making pictures viral on social media shows that it has learnt no lessons from the past. It is their old habit... This is why they have lost the Lok Sabha elections and will lose in future too," Akhilesh Yadav said referring to the viral photographs of him with Bhole Baba, the godman who had held the satsang programme.

## Rahul Gandhi to visit Hathras

NEW DELHI, 4 JULY

Congress on Thursday announced that party leader and Leader of Opposition (LoP) in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi will visit Hathras district in Uttar Pradesh to interact with the victims of the 'Bhole Baba Satsang' tragedy that claimed more than 121 lives and left several injured. "It was an unfortunate incident. The Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, is planning to visit Hathras.

He will go there and interact with the people who are affected," Gen Secy KC Venugopal said. However, he did not specify when the Congress leader would visit.

## Assam floods leave 46 dead, affect over 1.6 million people

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE GUWAHATI, 4 JULY

The flood situation in Assam remains critical as the surging waters of the Brahmaputra and its tributaries continue to inundate new areas, leaving nearly 46 dead and affecting more than 1.6 lakh people.

According to the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) flood bulletin, 16,25,089 people across 2,800 villages in 27 districts are affected by the deluge.

Two more people drowned in Sonitpur district, while one person each died in Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Golaghat, Biswanath, Morigaon, and Darrang districts,



bringing the total death toll to 46 this year.

Additionally, three people have been reported missing in Sivasagar, Golaghat, and Sonitpur, according to reports.

The second wave of floods has impacted 29 districts, with Dhubri being the worst-hit and Upper Assam severe-

ly affected, as per reports.

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal visited the flood-affected areas in his constituency, Dibrugarh. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma conducted an on-ground assessment of the flood management efforts on Thursday, as per reports.

## PM's 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' an innovative campaign to combat global warming: Yogi

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, 4 JULY

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath voiced strong support for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to plant 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' across the country aimed at combating challenges posed by global warming.

During an interaction with the media at his official residence here, where he planted a red sandalwood plant as part of the campaign on Thursday, Adityanath expressed his gratitude to the prime minister on behalf of the state's residents, as per reports.

He also congratulated Modi for initiating a meaningful campaign that seeks to involve every citizen in environmental conservation efforts.

On the occasion, CM Yogi appealed to everyone in the state to be part of the 'Vriksharopan Mahabhiyan' and plant a tree in his/her mother's name on July 20.

He informed that the state government has also prepared 54 crore plants in the state's nurseries for this purpose. These include various environmental beneficial plants like Peepal, Pakar, Neem, Desi Mango, Jamun, Guava, Shisham, and Teak.

## BSF and BGB pledge cooperation to tackle trans-border issues

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE SHILLONG, 4 JULY

The Border Security Force (BSF) of India and the Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) have committed to a collaborative effort to address trans-border issues, including illegal smuggling along the Indo-Bangladesh border. The commitment was made during a four-day inspectors general meeting held in Shillong, which concluded on Thursday.

Both sides agreed to maintain peace and tranquillity along the international border, emphasizing a joint fight against insurgent activities and various trans-border crimes. The BSF delegation was led by IG Tripura Frontier Patel Piyush Purusottam Das,



while Md Shazedur Rahman, Additional Director General and Region Commander, Chattoagram, headed the 13-member Bangladesh delegation. The meeting culminated in the signing of the Joint Record of Discussion (JRD).

Highlighting the dedication of both forces to strengthening their cordial relations, Das stated that they would develop

workable solutions to various bilateral issues together. "The primary objectives of this conference are to strengthen existing mechanisms for border management, discuss issues of mutual concern, and address them at various levels, exploring new avenues for collaboration," Das said.

Das also emphasized the importance of fostering goodwill and mutual understanding through cultural and sports exchanges between the BSF and BGB, which he believes will build camaraderie and enhance mutual respect and trust between the forces.

In recent years, the BSF and BGB have solidified their bond of friendship, developing new dimensions of mutual trust and cooperation.

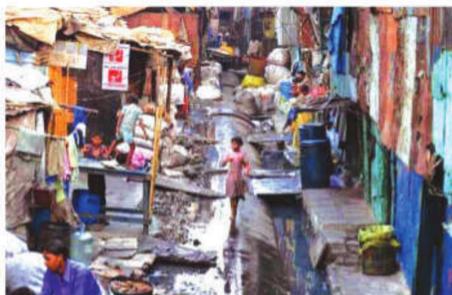
## CM orders replacement of slums with multi-storey buildings in UP

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, 4 JULY

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath directed the Urban Development Department to plan efforts for the rehabilitation of slum dwellers in the state.

The chief minister asked the department to identify one slum in each municipal corporation and prepare a plan for the development of a multi-story residential complex nearby with basic facilities like schools, markets, parks, etc.

Yogi Adityanath directed officials to ensure that the market developed here is allotted to the families of the slum. "The responsibility for managing the parks built



should also be entrusted to them. This will lead to the rehabilitation of slums in a phased manner across the state, significantly improving the living standards of the people here," he added.

The chief minister gave

these directions while reviewing the progress of various projects in a meeting with the Urban Development Department here on Thursday.

Acknowledging that parking of vehicles in cities is becoming a challenge, he

said, "The government, administration, and the public need to work together to find a solution to the problem. It must be ensured that vehicles are parked only at designated parking spots, not roadside. If necessary, penal action should be taken against the erring drivers," he said, adding that no bikes, cars, or taxis should be parked roadside anywhere.

Stating that multi-level parking lots are proving very useful, he called for the inclusion of commercial spaces in the multi-level parking. He asked the officials to plan for new parking spaces only after studying local requirements and evolving 'Parking Space Rules' for better parking

facilities in the future.

The CM said encroachment on drains is the primary cause of waterlogging. Wherever there is encroachment on drains, find a solution by communicating with the public. While taking action, ensure that the concerned family does not face unnecessary inconvenience in entering or exiting the house.

"Improperly placed advertising hoardings in urban areas not only spoil the city's beauty but also become a cause of accidents every day. It needs to be organized. It should be ensured that no hoardings are placed on top of any building in any urban area. LED displays should be installed in place of the currently prevalent hoardings.

This technology-based system will be convenient for advertising agencies, advertisers, local administration, and the public. No type of advertising hoarding should be allowed anywhere except in designated areas," the CM made it clear.

He said, "With the spirit of ease of living, 'Smart City Mission' has a big role in providing a better environment with 'smart options' for a quality life with basic facilities to all citizens. Efforts are underway to upgrade 17 cities in the state to Smart Cities. Each project must be completed on time and meet quality standards, ensuring physical verification of project quality as well."

## Two Meghalaya coal miners die of poisonous gas in Assam

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE GUWAHATI, 4 JULY

In a tragic incident, two coal miners from Meghalaya succumbed to poisonous gas near an illegal coal mine in Tinsukia district, Upper Assam.

The miners were found unconscious in Lidu Pahar of the Tinsukia district.

Despite the efforts of locals to rush them to the Margherita First Referral Unit (FRU) immediately for medical attention, they were pronounced dead upon arrival.

Their bodies have since been transferred to the Margherita police station. This unfortunate event underscores the persistent

dangers associated with illegal coal mining in the region.

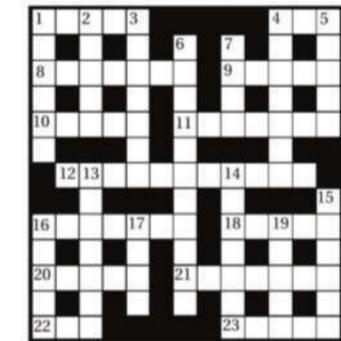
A few weeks ago, on June 21, a seven-member delegation from the Assam assembly conducted an inspection of illegal coal trade and rat-hole mining activities in Tinsukia, highlighting the ongoing issues.

Another devastating incident on May 25 involved a landslide and cave-in at a mining site between Bargolai and Namdang in the Patkai hills, near the Assam-Arunachal Pradesh border.

This disaster claimed the lives of two Khasi labourers from Meghalaya's Ri-Bhoi district: John Nongrum from Jath village and Phiniellin Umbah from Korhadem village.

### LEISURE

#### 10 MINUTE CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Sound of vibratory motion (5)
  - Mongrel (3)
  - Alkin (7)
  - Stretchy fabric (5)
  - Figure of speech (5)
  - Faithfulness (7)
  - Conceited (13)
  - Dawn (7)
  - Change (5)
  - Crop up (5)
  - Insect (7)
  - Neckwear item (3)
  - Body cavity (5)
- DOWN**
- Moderate heat (6)
  - Ice house (5)
  - Sanctuary (7)
  - Part of the ear (7)
  - Prepared (5)
  - Teenage years (11)
  - Stratagem (4)
  - Sincere (7)
  - Sloping letters (7)
  - Free of charge (6)
  - Slope (5)
  - Accepted (4)
  - Concept (5)
  - Reverberate (8)

- SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**
- ACROSS**
- 12 Loft
  - 14 Trailblazer
  - 18 Lamb
  - 19 Preamble
  - 22 Cello
  - 23 Trident
  - 24 Tureen
  - 25 Beaker
- DOWN**
- 13 Paradise
  - 15 Rambler
  - 16 Elicit
  - 17 Mentor
  - 20 Bleak
  - 21 Cove

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#### BEETLE BAILEY/Mort Walker



#### RED EYE/Bill Yates & Mel Casson



#### DADDY DAZE/John Kovalicki



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Happy Calculators 24400160  
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People's Relief Committee 2280-4943/9444
- 24 hrs Medical Oxygen Delivery**  
BOC India Ltd. 9831277777
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Ashok Laboratory 24720333  
Central Blood Bank 23510619
- Life Care 2284-6940**  
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- Howrah 2666-8111; Behala 2497-6285**
- Civic Services**  
Kolkata Municipal Corporation: 2286-1000  
Water: 2543-1602
- Calcutta Telephones**  
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SMS 575756; Complaint and registration
- Police Toll Free No. 1073**  
Transport Deptt. No. 6451-6718
- CESC Fault Reporting**  
1912 and 4403-1912
- Trains**  
Howrah Station Old Complex 1331/1332 (Auto Telephone Numbers), 1310, 2638-7412/3542/2581 (manual).  
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L E F T U R Rank 3 = 11  
B R A N D Rank 4 = 71  
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**SUDOKU** Concepts Sudoku By Dave Green

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**Difficulty Level** ★★★★★

1294

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that no row, no column and no 3x3 box contains the same number. The difficulty level increases through the week.



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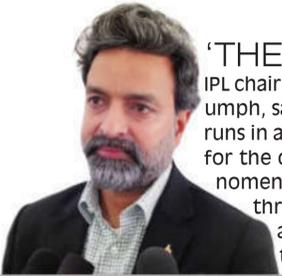
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'THE WAY INDIA PLAYED WAS PHENOMENAL'

IPL chairman Arun Dhimal on Thursday lavished praise on Team India for their T20 World Cup triumph, saying the Men in Blue "worked hard for this win". India defeated South Africa by seven runs in a nail-biting thriller in the men's T20 World Cup final last week, ending their 17-year wait for the country's second T20 world title. "The way India played in the T20 World Cup was phenomenal. They worked really hard for it. Even, we had good run in the ODI World Cup as well throughout, unfortunately we lost one game. But now team is World Champion and we are all so proud of them," Arun Dhimal told IANS. Moreover, the Rohit Sharma-led side ended their 11-year drought of a major title, since winning the 2013 Champions trophy.

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After boos in IPL, Wankhede crowd rolls out red carpet for Hardik Pandya

Massive crowds gathered at the Wankhede Stadium to greet the victorious T20 World Cup-winning team led by Rohit Sharma

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, 4 JULY

Two months ago, Hardik Pandya was subjected to boos at the Wankhede Stadium after the star all-rounder replaced Rohit Sharma as the captain of five-time champions Mumbai Indians ahead of the 2024 IPL season. Hardik had become the centre of criticism following Mumbai Indians' decision to appoint him the captain of the franchise, and bore the ire of the fans after the team endured a disappointing outing throughout the season. However, on Thursday chants of Hardik-Hardik echoed across the iconic Wankhede, celebrating the star all-rounder's heroics in the final over of the T20 World Cup final against South Africa



on Saturday. Massive crowds gathered at the Wankhede Stadium to greet the victorious T20 World



Cup-winning team led by Rohit Sharma. The heavy rain in the city hardly deterred the crowd that waited with

finished with 144 runs at a batting strike-rate of over 150 and also took 11 wickets. The 30-year-old handed telling blows to South Africa in the nail-biting final by dismissing half-centurion Heinrich Klaasen and David Miller in his 3/20 effort. He saved his best for the title clash in Barbados, when his decisive blow - the wicket of Klaasen - with South Africa on top of the game swung the contest. The Baroda all-rounder went on to bowl the tense final over and defended 16 runs to help India win the T20 World Cup title, and end a 11-year title drought. Pandya's impressive showing in the recently-concluded ICC men's T20 World Cup has made him the first Indian player to become No.1 in the ICC men's T20I allrounder rankings.

Euro 2024 Round of 16: Plenty of emotion with Italy's despair and Bellingham's goal



AGENCIES  
BERLIN, 4 JULY

The round of 16 at Euro 2024 saw joy and despair as a spectacular overhead kick kept England in the competition, defending champion Italy was eliminated and fans danced in the rain. AP photographers captured the drama on and off the field of play. Italy was hoping to become only the second team to successfully defend the men's European Championship title, but was eliminated 2-0 by Switzerland, leaving players and fans dejected. Belgium and Austria too saw their campaigns end earlier than they'd hoped. Host nation Germany had more to celebrate after reaching the quarterfinals with a win over Denmark,

but only after a thunderstorm had delayed the game. Some Danish fans partied in a torrent of water pouring off the stadium roof. Dutch forward Donyell Malen and Turkish defender Merih Demiral both celebrated scoring two goals each to send their teams into the quarterfinals, but the most spectacular goal yet was England's. Jude Bellingham hit an acrobatic overhead kick to send his team's contest with Slovakia to extra time with seconds remaining. Bellingham then joined the celebrations when Harry Kane scored the winning goal in extra time to send England through to the next round. The quarterfinals are played Friday and Saturday, with host nation Germany taking on Spain in Stuttgart on Friday.

Bopanna-Ebden advance to second round after win over Dutch pair



AGENCIES  
LONDON, 4 JULY

India ace tennis player Rohan Bopanna and his Australian partner Matthew Ebden advanced into the second round of the Wimbledon men's doubles event after a stunning win over Dutch pair Robin Haase and Sander Arends. The Australian Open champions outclassed their Dutch opponents 7-5, 6-4 win in an hour and 11 minutes, despite rain interruptions. The second-seeded pair showed great athleticism on the court to keep their opponents at bay in the opening encounter of the grass court major. Bopanna and Eden will

take on the German pair of Hendrik Jebens and Constantin Frantzen in the second round on Thursday. However, Sumit Nagal's campaign ended at a low after losing his first-round match of the men's doubles with his Serbian partner Dusan Lajovic on Wednesday. The duo were defeated by Spain's Pedro Martinez and Jaume Munar by 6-2, 6-2. Earlier, Nagal faced a first-round exit in the men's singles in his maiden main draw appearance at Wimbledon. Meanwhile, N Sriram Balaji and Yuki Bhambri will play first-round men's doubles match against fourth seed Serbian-Salvadoran pair of Mate Pavic and Marcelo Arevalo later in the day.

Ahead of T20I series against India, Zimbabwe appoint Charl Langeveldt as bowling coach



AGENCIES  
HARARE, 4 JULY

Ahead of the five-match T20I series against India, Zimbabwe have appointed former South Africa fast-bowler Charl Langeveldt as their new bowling coach. Zimbabwe had earlier appointed Justin Sammons as head coach and Dion Ebrahim as the batting coach. Langeveldt has been part of the South Africa coaching team in two stints and also serves as the bowling coach of the Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise Punjab Kings. Zimbabwe Cricket (ZC) said in a statement that the appointments were in line with the recommendations made by the Mhishi Committee of Inquiry that was established to probe the team's failure to qualify for the recently concluded ICC Men's T20 World Cup, which led to the resignation of Dave Houghton as head coach. "All the appointments were made in consultation with Sammons, who also opted to retain Stuart Mtsikenyeri, although he now assumes the role of Fielding Coach, while Amato Machikicho will continue serving as the team's Physiotherapist," it further said. Sammons had been with the South Africa men's team as their batting consultant from 2021 to 2023. Ebrahim played for Zimbabwe in 29 Tests and 82 ODIs from 2001 to 2005 and recently worked with the New Zealand senior men's team. South African duo Ravish Gobind and Curtly Diesel have come on board as Strategic Performance Coach and Strength and Conditioning Coach respectively, with ZC saying it is yet to finalise the appointment of the Team Manager.

NADA suspends 400m runner Deepanshi over failed dope test



AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, 4 JULY

India's top woman 400m runner Deepanshi has been suspended by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) after testing positive for anabolic steroids during the recent National Inter-State Athletics Championships, held at Panchkula, Haryana. Deepanshi had secured a silver medal in the event, clocking an impressive 52.01 seconds in the women's 400m final.

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The special Air India chartered flight, ferrying the T20 World Cup-winning Indian team from Bridgetown to New Delhi scripted a record for becoming one of the world's most tracked flights on Flight radar for more than 15 hours. For the uninitiated, the flight's call sign 'AIC24WC' AIC stands for Air India Chartered, and the 24WC signifies India's historic T20 World Cup 2024 triumph. India's seven-run victory against South Africa in Saturday's nail-biting final helped the team end a 11-year title drought and got the side their second ICC T20 World Cup title. The flight-tracking portal took to X (formerly known as Twitter) and wrote, "Our most tracked flight right now - T20 World Cup champions India on their way home." The post carried a satellite image of the flight route. The Indian cricket team

was stranded in Barbados after winning the final due to Hurricane Beryl, which caused severe destruction across the Caribbean. It took off from Barbados around 4:50 am local time on Wednesday and arrived in Delhi at 6 am (IST) on Thursday after a 16-hour non-stop journey. In another post on 'X', the flight-tracking portal wrote, "After being our most tracked flight for much of the last 15 hours, India's World Cup champion cricket team is less than an hour from landing in Delhi." The special charter flight left Barbados around 4:50 am local time on Wednesday and arrived in Delhi at 6 am (IST) on Thursday after a 16-hour non-stop journey. The special flight organised by BCCI secretary Jay Shah, one of the several board officials to eventually take off from the Bridgetown airport, also carried members of the media contingent from the tournament.

Euro 2024: Portugal and France meet in quarterfinals as Ronaldo and Mbappé go head to head



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Portugal and France meet in the European Championship quarterfinals on Friday and the match features a head to head between two of soccer's biggest stars: Cristiano Ronaldo and Kylian Mbappé. The winner will play either Spain or host nation Germany in the semifinals. Kickoff is at 9 p.m. local (1900 GMT) in Hamburg. Here's what to know about the match: It's a match between two of the pre-tournament favorites but neither have been convincing. Portugal hasn't scored a goal in its last two matches — a 2-0 loss to Georgia and a 0-0 with Slovenia before winning a penalty shootout — while no France player has scored from open play at Euro 2024. The French have had two

own-goals and a penalty from Mbappé. Ronaldo burst into tears after having a penalty saved in extra time against Slovenia. Appearing in his record sixth European Championship, he has yet to score — if he does, the 39-year-old striker would be the oldest ever scorer at the tournament. Mbappé will again be wearing a protective mask after sustaining a broken nose in France's group opener against Austria. France coach Didier Deschamps said after the last-16 win over Belgium that Mbappé might need to wear the mask for "months." The match will be played exactly 18 years after the nations' meeting in the 2006 World Cup semifinals, when Zinedine Zidane scored the winner from the penalty spot.



Ronaldo played the full match and the player of the match was Lilian Thuram, whose son, Marcus, is likely to feature for France in Hamburg. France midfielder Adrien Rabiot is suspended after collecting two yellow cards. The likelihood is that Antoine Griezmann will drop back into central midfield to cover for Rabiot, with Ousmane Dembele potentially coming into the forward line. Portugal has no reported injury concerns, with all 26 players in the squad training on Wednesday. No players are suspended, either. Mbappé is one of four France players who will miss the semifinals if they pick up another booking, should the team advance. It is the same with Ronaldo and five other Portugal players.

France has only conceded one goal at Euro 2024. That was the retaken penalty by Poland striker Robert Lewandowski, whose first effort was saved by Mike Maignan before the France goalkeeper was adjudged to have come off his line too early. The 25-year-old Mbappé has 48 goals for France. He has a long way to go to catch Ronaldo, who has a men's record 130 international goals. This is the teams' third straight meeting at a European Championship. In the tournament in 2021, they drew 2-2 in the group stage — Ronaldo scored two penalties — and Portugal won 1-0 in the final in 2016. Ronaldo, who will make a record 212th appearance for Portugal, has had 20 shots without scoring at Euro 2024.

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