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City logs cleanest air day in 10 mths

Delhiites breathed the cleanest air since Sept 11 last year as the city's average AQI dipped to 61 on Thursday, well within the 'satisfactory' range, due to the cleansing action of rain and strong winds. **P 10**

NEET leak: J'khand principal, deputy fired

Hazaribag's Oasis School sacked principal Ehsanul Haque and vice-principal MI Alam Thursday, a week after they were arrested by CBI for their alleged role in NEET paper leak. **P 18**

No recent desilting of Yamuna: Delhi govt

Yamuna has not been desilted in "past few years", though "maintenance work" has been carried out in specific sections that fall in Delhi, the state govt has replied to an RTI query. **P 2**

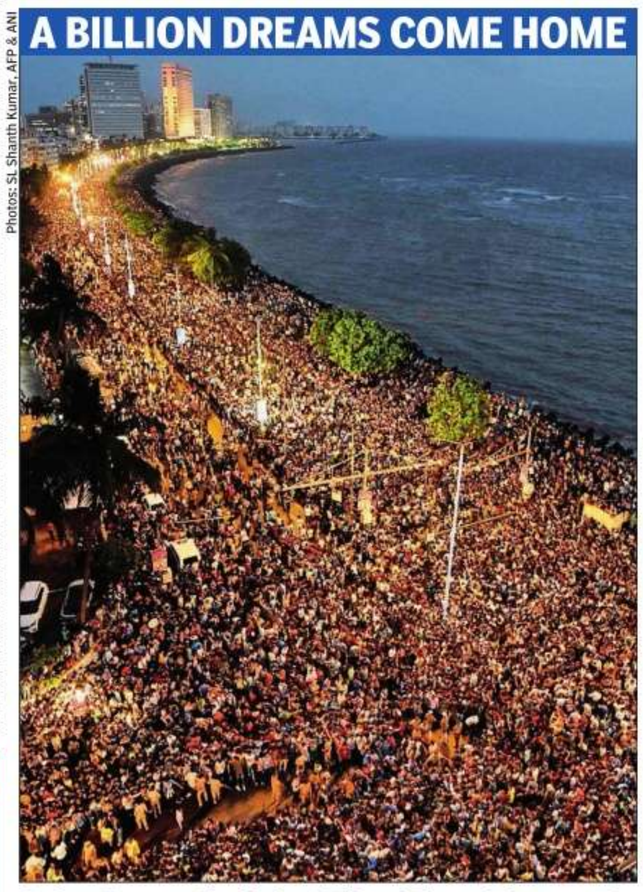
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SEA OF LOVE FOR CHAMPS

A BILLION DREAMS COME HOME

Photos: SL Shanth Kumar, AFP & ANI







It's Crowded At The Top: From Barbados, Storm Arrives In A Cup

The sea looked bluer in Mumbai on Thursday evening. After their delayed departure from Barbados due to a hurricane, Rohit Sharma's T20 World Cup-winning Team India returned home to a different kind of storm with cricket-crazy Mumbaikars filling the entire stretch from Nariman Point to Wankhede Stadium.

The Men in Blue held the coveted trophy in an open bus convoy as thousands danced, waved the tricolour and

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flashed smartphone lights. **The bus covered the five-minute distance in more than one-and-a-half hours** as the players savoured the evening of their lives.

The crowd chanted 'We Love You, Team India', 'Team India Zindabad' 'Mumbaicha Raja, Rohit Sharma', and more, voicing the ecstasy of seeing the T20 World Cup return to India after 17 years.

Earlier, the team landed in New Delhi on a charter flight and met PM Modi for breakfast. "An excellent meeting with our Champions! Hosted the World Cup winning team... had a memorable conversation on their experiences...," Modi tweeted.

At Wankhede, BCCI office-bearers felicitated the team and presented it with a cheque of Rs 125 crore. TNN & AGENCIES

Sonia's nudge puts Hemant back in Jharkhand saddle

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Ranchi: Hemant Soren was back in the saddle Thursday for a third stint as Jharkhand CM after an unannounced 5pm swearing-in bereft of ceremony and purportedly hastened by a prod from Congress's parliamentary chairperson Sonia Gandhi.

The Congress ex-president, whom Hemant called on

▶EDIT: Soren Song

June 30 after getting bail in the Ranchi land scam case two days earlier, is said to have convinced him to take charge quickly "in the interest of clarity within the JMM-led coalition".

Hemant will seek a floor test during a one-day assembly session scheduled for July 8 and expand his cabinet thereafter, JMM said.

ANI



Hemant Soren takes oath as CM

Both Raj Bhavan and the JMM rank and file had been given to understand after stand-in CM Champai Soren's resignation Wednesday that Hemant would prefer to take the oath of office on July 7.

▶Soren's swift moves, P 27

Isolate, expose states that back terror: Modi to SCO

New Delhi: PM Modi's address to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), the security-oriented Eurasian bloc which held its annual summit in Astana on Thurs-

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day, was replete with messages to Pakistan and China as he sought a decisive response against cross-border terror — calling upon all to shun double standards — and backed connectivity linkages that respect territorial integrity, **reports Sachin Parashar.**

Without naming Pakistan, the PM called for action to isolate and expose countries that harbour terrorists. Modi did not participate in the summit, but in remarks delivered through EAM S Jaishankar who filled in for him, sought to allay apprehensions about India's commitment to the group.

▶Members cooperate, P 27

Naidu calls on PM with long list of demands

Andhra CM N Chandrababu Naidu, who heads TDP, the second-largest member of NDA coalition, met PM Modi and senior members of his cabinet on Thursday. Naidu had a long list of demands for the state: from short-term funds to additional capex support for infra,

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money for capital city Amaravati and a new oil refinery, **reports Sidhartha.**

Seeking "financial handholding" from the Centre, Naidu suggested some of the announcements be made in the Union Budget. **P 14**

CM sent file on tree felling to LG: Officials

The confusion over permission granted to DDA to fell trees in the southern ridge, paving the way for construction of an approach road in Maidangarhi continues with sources claiming the proposal was moved by Delhi govt's forest dept and forwarded to LG for his nod by CM Kejriwal, **reports Atul Mathur.**

"Environment and forest minister Gopal Rai approved the proposal on Jan 23 and forwarded it to the CM. CM endorsed the proposal the very next day and sent the file to LG with a note that latter was bound by 'aid and advice'..." said a forest dept official. "LG approved the file." **P 5**





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TEMP ON THURSDAY
31.7° MAXIMUM | 24.8° MINIMUM

FORECAST Light to moderate rain likely. Max and min on Friday would be around 33 and 26°C

SUNSET 7.23 PM (FRI) MOONSET 7.14 PM (FRI)
SUNRISE 5.29 AM (SAT) MOONRISE 5.25 AM (SAT)

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No Yamuna Desilting Done In Recent Years

In Reply To RTI Query, Govt Says Maintenance Work Carried Out In Specific Sections Of River

Piyal Bhattacharjee



IN BAD SHEEP: The accumulation of silt can reduce the flow of water, affecting the river's ecosystem

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New Delhi: In response to an RTI query, Delhi govt responded that the Yamuna has not been dredged in recent years. However, the state govt's reply claimed that 'maintenance work' was carried out on specific sections of the river.

The query of RTI activist Amit Gupta under the Right to Information Act sought details about the year when desilting of the river was carried out within Delhi by the state govt's irrigation & flood control department (IFC) and the expenditure incurred on this. The reply blandly stated, "No desilting has been done in the river Yamuna over the past few years."

The response added, "The portion of River Yamuna from Old Railway Bridge to Kalindi Kunj Bridge comes under the jurisdiction of civil division 3. No desilting has been done, only maintenance work had been carried out in the previous years."

The RTI query had also sought information about the total volume of silt removed from the river in areas in Delhi, to which no reply was given.

The absence of removal of silt from the riverbed in Delhi has raised concerns about the Yamuna's health and its ability to handle exigencies like floods. The accumulation of silt can reduce the flow of water, affecting the river's ecosystem and its capacity to support aquatic life. The floods last year could also have resulted from an obstructed flow of river water.

Gupta said, "The Yamuna is in a bad shape and yet the silt has not been cleared. Garbage, mud and waste can be removed from the river to clean it, but it seems Delhi govt isn't serious about the river's health."

IFC defended itself by saying that it does not carry out any desilting, but undertakes other measures to ensure proper flow of the river. A departmental official said, "Dredging and desilting is a scientific process and takes place after studying and analysing the course of the river. Aggregation and degradation keep on happening in a river. What we did instead was pilot cutting at five locations — downstream of Wazirabad, at Vasudev Ghat, upstream of the Old Railway Bridge and at Geeta Colony bridge and ITO. In pilot cutting, mounds and islands in the river hindering the stream or channel are removed. This increases the carrying capacity of the river."

Some officials pointed out that material left behind by construction agencies last year had acted as hindrance to the river's flow last year, resulting in the flooding. "The bridge construction agencies have been asked to remove all detritus like wood, piles, construction material, C&D waste, etc, from the river's course. After the April direction of Delhi High Court, DDA is monitoring this," said one official.

This too shall not underpass! Best-laid plans to avoid flooding fail to save Delhi

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New Delhi: There were claims by city authorities of being prepared for the rains with a special action plan. Yet, at least four people have drowned in flooded underpasses. The sub-surface passages at Minto Road, Pul Prahladpur, Samaypur Badli, Okhla, Pragati Maidan transit corridor, Sarita Vihar, Azadpur, Dwarka and Delhi-Meerut expressway under the jurisdiction of different agencies were all inundated despite the road-owning agency, Public Works Department, having formulated an action plan to deal with waterlogging at such facilities.

After the heavy early morning rain on June 28 that brought the city to a standstill, PWD officials attributed the failure of the action plan to the 'high intensity' rainfall. Of the three underpasses where the deaths occurred — Samaypur Badli, Okhla and Shalimar Bagh — two were located at identified waterlogging hotspots and were each under the jurisdiction of PWD and Delhi Development Authority.

The monsoon action plan and flood control order were published well before the first showers and the system to handle downpours was in place, at least on paper. The city's 16 underpasses owned by various govt agencies was each equipped with water pumps to remove excess water from the depressed sections.

PWD, which published its flood control order on June 15, has its own standard operating procedure for managing flooded underpasses. Since 2022, PWD has been increasing technological intervention in managing flooding and 11 pump houses have been made fully automatic. The pumps start operating automatically when the rising water level trips the sensors.

According to its SOP, a PWD technical team monitors critical locations 24x7. If the depth of water accumulation in an underpass is observed to be 6-8 inches, the control room is supposed to immediately inform the field unit and check with pump operators if the pumps are working. This year, more than 300 waterlogging hotspots are being monitored, with 40 important sites having live monitoring via CCTV cameras.

The action plan says that during the monsoon period, additional maintenance vans with an adequate number of workers will be deployed 24x7, especially at critical locations. During emergencies, PWD is also required to deploy divers with boats, ropes and put up cautionary signage where water stagnation is deemed to be life-threatening.

While the Municipal Corporation of Delhi did not respond to queries about the flooded underpasses in its jurisdiction, a PWD official claimed, "In some areas, many of our staff and officials could not reach the waterlogged spots to oversee restoration work due to the high intensity of rain. The systems in some cases were overwhelmed."

Two boys, aged around 12, drowned in a waterlogged underpass in Samaypur Badli, in northwest Delhi on Saturday. This location had been identified by traffic police as critical last year, but either the preventive measures were inadequate or not taken at all. While the underpass is listed in PWD's flood control order, senior officials insisted that MCD was responsible for managing the underpass. "The unfortunate death of two people occurred at the Siraspur underpass in Samaypur Badli, which is under the jurisdiction of MCD," said a PWD official.

The Okhla underpass, which falls under the control of DDA and was also highlighted as a hotspot by traffic police, proved fatal for a 60-year-old man who allegedly died by drowning. DDA has denied that any person died because of drowning in an underpass under its jurisdiction. A body, the fourth fatality, was found at the Shalimar Bagh underpass, a location not on the list of hotspots.

According to the norms established in recent years, an inter-departmental committee consisting of officials from all stakeholder agencies meets once just before the monsoon season to approve the flood control orders of PWD and the irrigation & flood control department. Officials claimed to **TOI** that the torrential rains of June 28 occurred before this meeting.

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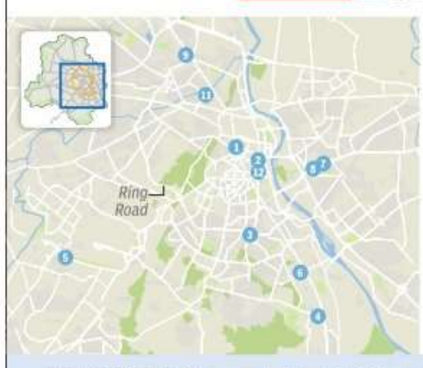
Photos: Tarun Rawat & TOI

11 underpasses that went under last week

1. Minto Bridge
2. Tilak Bridge
3. Moolchand
4. Pul Prahladpur
5. Dwarka
6. Sarita Vihar
7. Mayur Vihar
8. East Vinod Nagar
9. Azadpur
10. Gulabi Bagh
11. Pragati Maidan



TILAK BRIDGE



Preparatory measures taken before monsoon

- Drainage checked
- Road repairs carried out
- Field staff given directions for road patrolling
- Additional pumps arranged
- Maintenance vans for emergency arranged
- Life-saving measures like divers with boats deployed



MINTO BRIDGE



PRAGATI MAIDAN

Current infra at PWD underpasses 151 permanent pumping stations | 696 40HP pumps installed

SOP in case of water stagnation

In case depth of water stagnation in underpass is around 6-8 inches, the control room will inform the field unit

Check the functioning of pumps installed

If water level continues to rise after start of pumps, control room informs traffic police

Will also send an alert to DDMA

DTC is contacted to divert buses from the route

PWD OFFICIAL SAYS

In some areas, many of our staff and officials could not reach the waterlogged spots to oversee restoration work due to the high intensity of rain

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1	LT XLPE AB Cable 1x16+25Sq.mm	CCP-I/1/ 2024-2025	800Km	2,39,96,384.00	4,00,00,000.00	4,80,000.00	11,800.00	10.7.2024 at 11:30 Hrs	18.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs	19.7.2024 at 15:30 Hrs
2	11KV Polymer Disc Insultator (B&S)Type 45KN	CCP-I/2/ 2024-2025	150000 Nos	2,02,48,500.00	4,00,00,000.00	4,05,000.00	11,800.00	18.7.2024 at 11:30 Hrs	23.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs	24.7.2024 at 15:30 Hrs
3	11KV Polymer Pin Insultator with Pin	CCP-I/3/ 2024-2025	200000 Nos	3,29,70,000.00	4,94,55,000.00	6,60,000.00	17,700.00		23.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs	24.7.2024 at 15:45 Hrs
4	33KV Polymer Disc Insultator (B&S)Type 70KN	CCP-I/4/ 2024-2025	20000 Nos	48,61,000.00	1,45,83,000.00	98,000.00	2,360.00		23.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs	24.7.2024 at 16:00 Hrs
5	33KV 10KN Polymer Pin Insultator with Pin	CCP-I/5/ 2024-2025	50000 Nos	2,33,41,500.00	4,00,00,000.00	4,67,000.00	11,800.00		23.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs	24.7.2024 at 16:15 Hrs
6	ACSR Panther Conductor	CCP-I/6/ 2024-2025	200Km	4,35,65,660.00	6,53,49,000.00	8,72,000.00	17,700.00	18.7.2024 at 11:45 Hrs	23.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs	24.7.2024 at 16:30 Hrs
7	LT XLPE AB Cable 3x95+1x70Sq.mm	CCP-I/7/ 2024-2025	800Km	24,38,55,472.00	36,57,84,000.00	48,78,000.00	29,500.00	18.7.2024 at 12:00 Hrs	23.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs	24.7.2024 at 16:45 Hrs
8	11KV XLPE AI Cable 1x630Sq.mm	CCP-I/8/ 2024-2025	30Km	3,10,80,584.10	4,66,21,000.00	6,22,000.00	17,700.00	18.7.2024 at 12:15 Hrs	24.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs	25.7.2024 at 15:30 Hrs
9	11KV XLPE AI Cable 3x240Sq.mm	CCP-I/9/ 2024-2025	40Km	5,60,57,500.00	8,40,87,000.00	11,22,000.00	23,600.00		24.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs	25.7.2024 at 15:45 Hrs
10	Earthing Rod MS 20x2500mm	CCP-I/10/ 2024-2025	100000 Nos.	4,33,13,000.00	6,49,70,000.00	8,67,000.00	17,700.00	18.7.2024 at 12:30 Hrs	24.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs	25.7.2024 at 16:00 Hrs
11	Disc fitting (B&S) Type weasel/Rabbit 45KN	CCP-I/11/ 2024-2025	150000 Nos.	3,70,60,500.00	5,55,91,000.00	7,42,000.00	17,700.00	18.7.2024 at 12:45 Hrs	24.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs	25.7.2024 at 16:15 Hrs
12	Disc fitting (B&S) Type Dog/Raccoon 70KN	CCP-I/12/ 2024-2025	25000 Nos.	92,88,750.00	1,85,78,000.00	1,86,000.00	5,900.00		24.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs	25.7.2024 at 16:30 Hrs
13	Disc fitting (B&S) Type for Panther 90 KN	CCP-I/13/ 2024-2025	5000 Nos	53,48,750.00	1,50,00,000.00	1,07,000.00	5,900.00		24.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs	25.7.2024 at 16:45 Hrs
14	Stay Wire 7/3 15mm 7/10 SWG	CCP-I/14/ 2024-2025	900MT	5,75,83,000.00	8,62,25,000.00	11,50,000.00	23,600.00	18.7.2024 at 13:00 Hrs	25.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs	26.7.2024 at 15:30 Hrs
15	Stay Wire GI 7/4mm (7/8SWG)	CCP-I/15/ 2024-2025	150MT	86,27,625.00	1,72,56,000.00	1,73,000.00	5,900.00		25.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs	26.7.2024 at 15:45 Hrs
16	Earth wire GI 7/16mm (16SWG)	CCP-I/16/ 2024-2025	60MT	44,29,200.00	1,32,88,000.00	89,000.00	2,360.00		25.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs	26.7.2024 at 16:00 Hrs
17	GI Wire 4mm (8SWG)	CCP-I/17/ 2024-2025	150MT	92,80,500.00	1,85,61,000.00	1,86,000.00	5,900.00		25.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs	26.7.2024 at 16:15 Hrs

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CBI books 2 more policemen for bribery

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New Delhi: Continuing its crackdown on the rising corruption within Delhi Police, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has booked two more cops on charges of demanding a bribe from a person to facilitate the release of his brother from Tihar Jail. This is the second instance of CBI's crackdown in 10 days.

The accused policemen are posted with the narcotics cell at North district. The FIR lodged by CBI stated that the complainant was sent to the policemen with a recording device and the cops frisked him to make sure that he was not wired up, but couldn't detect the device.

The FIR also claimed that the accused policemen didn't talk to the complainant and instead typed out the bribe amount on a phone and showed it to him, indicating at the impact of massive CBI raids in the past one year.

The complainant's brother was arrested from this cell in connection with a fake medicine racket. The policemen allegedly demanded Rs 50 lakh, but the man approached CBI, which laid a trap at Signature Bridge.

According to the complaint, the accused had asked for the bribe to provide details of the medicines to the man for preparing fake bills, which could be submitted to the court to ensure his brother's release. The victim was asked to deliver the first instalment by July 4 and the rest after the bills were prepared and submitted to the court. The complainant also sought to "manage" the case and the accused allegedly said it could be settled for Rs 2.5 crore, the FIR stated.

Over a dozen cops have been arrested this year on corruption charges. On June 21, CBI arrested a policeman from Dwarka district. It also apprehended a head constable from Shahdara in June while accepting a bribe. Before that, a policeman was arrested in March for extorting money from bus operators for allowing unhindered operations from Jafrabad metro station and picking up passengers from a non-designated spot. A policeman posted at southeast Delhi's Jamia Nagar police station was also arrested in Feb for demanding bribe to not make arrests in a case.

Don't lose sight of a mile for an inch

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New Delhi: Semaglutide, a medication used for weight management, could elevate the risk of developing a rare but severe eye disorder that may result in vision loss. This was revealed in a recent study conducted by researchers at Harvard University and published in Jama Ophthalmology.

The eye disorder — nonarteritic anterior ischemic optic neuropathy (NAION) — although uncommon, can have severe consequences, including the possibility of permanent blindness, if left untreated.

The potential side effect has been observed in people diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, as well as those who are overweight or obese and use the medication for its intended purpose of promoting weight reduction.

US researchers conducted an analysis of 16,827 patients over a period of six years from 2017 to 2023 and found that those taking the medication for type 2 diabetes had a four-fold higher risk of being diagnosed with the condition compared to patients not using the drug. The risk of the eye condition was found to be even higher among those taking Semaglutide for obesity, with a sevenfold increase in likelihood compared to those not using the medication.

According to reports, the drug is also being examined in a trial called Focus, which concludes in 2027, to assess long-term effects on diabetic retinopathy — an eye condition in type 2 diabetes patients.

Specialists across the city stress the importance of vigilant observation and prompt identification of any adverse effects, particularly for people undergoing treatment. This approach aims to prevent further harm and explore suitable therapeutic alternatives.

According to Dr Saptarshi Bhattacharya, senior consultant of endocrinology at Apollo Hospitals, "while the study raises significant concerns, it's essential to interpret the findings cautiously. The co-occurrence of two events doesn't necessarily imply a causal relationship. Additional studies are required to establish a definitive link. Nevertheless, this research highlights the critical need for close monitoring and follow-up of individuals using weight loss drugs. It's crucial for both doctors and patients to be aware of potential risks and report any visual changes promptly."

Explaining NAION, Dr Sanjiv Gupta, director and senior eye surgeon at i Care Centre, said this is a condition characterised by sudden vision loss due to damage in the optic nerve from insufficient blood flow. It typically affects one eye and is often associated with factors like hypertension, diabetes and other vascular conditions.

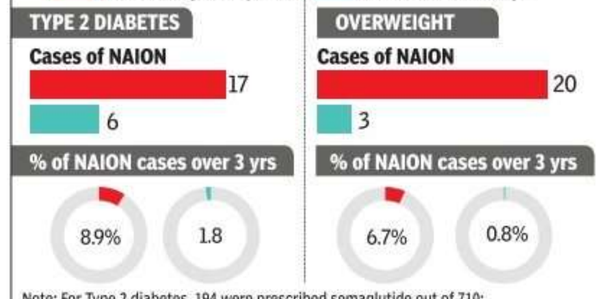
Dr Anita Sethi, principal director and head of ophthalmology at Max Hospital, Panchsheel Park, said that the incidence rate is estimated to be between 3 to 10 cases per 100,000 individuals, with a higher prevalence among those over 50 to 60 years old. NAION is often described as an "eye stroke." Unfortunately, the vision loss associated with NAION is usually permanent, with only a small percentage of affected individuals experiencing some degree of recovery. Therefore, it is crucial for people to undergo regular eye examinations to prevent the occurrence of NAION and protect their vision.

Discussing the potential side effects of Semaglutide, Dr Ashok Kumar Jhingan, a senior director at the Centre for Diabetes, Thyroid, Obesity & Endocrinology, BLK-Max Super Speciality Hospital, mentioned that some people may find these side effects intolerable.

"Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhoea are the most common Semaglutide side effects. But they usually subside after a few weeks of using the medication," the doctor said. While serious side effects are uncommon, they can occur. He emphasised that certain side effects may necessitate immediate medical attention, including pancreatitis and allergic reactions. It is crucial for patients to be aware of these potential risks and to consult with their doctor if they experience any concerning symptoms while taking Semaglutide.

WHAT THE STUDY FOUND

Semaglutide, a medication used for weight management, could elevate the risk of developing a rare but severe eye disorder called nonarteritic anterior ischemic optic neuropathy (NAION)



Note: For Type 2 diabetes, 194 were prescribed semaglutide out of 710; for obesity, 361 prescribed out of 979

How City Cops Are Training To 'Shoot' At Site

With Crime Scene Videography Made Mandatory Under New Laws, Focus On Meticulous Documentation

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New Delhi: "Don't laugh or engage in banter with your colleagues." "Don't talk in a stern voice or be condescending."

These are some of the instructions being informally conveyed to the investigating officers (IOs) who are being trained for crime scene videography, a mandatory requirement under the new laws. With a large number of cops coming from rural backgrounds and having a strong local accent, the cops are also being asked to focus on voice modulation and controlling their dialect to ensure clarity, according to sources.

As reported earlier, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) makes audio-video recording of the crime scene, besides search and seizures, mandatory. The cops not only have to record a video under BNSS, which has replaced CrPC, but also describe the surrounding and events at the crime scene. Earlier, this was done through spot maps and written reports.

A crime scene video can be a goldmine of evidence for investigators, according to senior cops. "Analysing the footage allows them to pinpoint suspects, map out a timeline of events and piece together exactly what happened before the crime," said a senior investigator.

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The videos would also allow an opportunity to provide additional context of the scene that is not available with still images. The footage can help the judiciary and the prosecutors in making a strong case.

Initially, the training division had trained a set of 80-100 cops in videography and geotagging of crime scenes. More followed suit in subsequent batches and many were asked to train colleagues at subsidiary training units established in districts.

GOLDMINE OF EVIDENCE

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What investigators are supposed to shoot
- General overview of crime scene and surrounding area
- Slow, 360-degree pan of entire exterior and surrounding area from a fixed point
- Maintain unaltered record of the scene

Why recording at crime scene is important
- Crime scene video can be a great source of evidence for investigators
- Analysing footage can help pinpoint suspects, map out a timeline of events
- Helps piece together what happened before the crime
- Provides additional context of scene that is not available with still images

How cops are training to shoot videos
- Focus on voice modulation, dialect control for clarity
- Training in soft skills
- Learning to tilt and pan using mobile horizontally
- Practising voice-over describing the spot

Videography a requirement in new laws
- Section 105 of BNSS makes it mandatory to video record the search and seizures
- Section 172 makes mandatory videography of information in cases involving women
- Section 185 (2) makes search by a police officer a must under recording
- Section 176 (3) makes videography mandatory in offences having 7 years or more punishment
- Section 180 makes recording of examination of witness by police a must

The videos would also allow an opportunity to provide additional context of the scene that is not available with still images

The formal training involves tips like beginning the recording of a crime scene with a general overview of the spot and surrounding area. The cops are then expected to continue throughout the scene using a wide angle and close-up views to show the layout of the scene, location of evidence and its relevance within the crime scene. The IOs are being trained to meticulously document crime scenes in their initial state. According to a trainer who requested anonymity, "We emphasise capturing the scene exactly as the officers find it."

"It has been advised that the video documentation should start with a slow, 360-degree pan of the entire exterior and surrounding area from a fixed point. This captures landmarks, lighting conditions, traffic patterns and other relevant environmental factors. The camera movements, pans, tilts and zooms should all be slow, smooth and deliberate. The recording can be paused and restarted as needed, but it is crucial to maintain an unaltered record of the scene," the trainer added.

The new procedure included in the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) has led many IOs to seek tips from their journalist acquaintances to perfect their "pieces-to-camera". In the coming days, the IOs are going to receive training in soft skills and communication techniques to help them do the job efficiently.

"Now, it's exactly like what you and your TV channel colleagues do at a crime spot. We even end our videos like how you end with your name and channel name and say out our name and police station," said an IO on a lighter note.

Waterlogging check: NDMC picks 14 points

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New Delhi: New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has identified 14 more vulnerable waterlogging points and installed CCTV cameras at the locations for monitoring the situation during the monsoon.

NDMC already has an extensive network of CCTV cameras in Lutyens' Delhi, which are regularly monitored through a control and command centre. A survey to identify new spots was conducted by the departments concerned.

According to NDMC vice-chairman Satish Upadhyay, the points include "the back lane on Purana Quila Road, Zakir Hussain Marg, Bharti Nagar gate no. 4, Golf Link, Dayal Singh College, AIIMS and Shanti Path underbridges, BHS Marg, Sarojini Nagar, CP tunnel, CP subway, Nyay Marg, Malcha Marg T-point, Mandir Marg and Raisina Road". Previously, NDMC had six vulnerable points at "Satya Sadan, Lodhi Estate, Africa Avenue underpass, Panchkuian Road, Purana Qila and DLF parking".

The total length of storm water drains in the NDMC areas, which connect to 14 major drains, is 471km. Approximately 70% of the storm water drainage output flows into Kushak Nullah and Sunheripul Nullah before reaching Barapullah Nullah and eventually the Yamuna. The drains situated in the area north of India Gate to Connaught Place directly open into the Yamuna through Municipal Corporation of Delhi's drainage systems.

NDMC has established six control rooms, each with 175 personnel, at Sangli Mess, Khan Market, Netaji Nagar, Malcha Marg, Mandir Marg and CP.

It has also increased the number of fixed pumps from 99 in 2023 to 120 in 2024 and portable pumps from 62 in 2023 to 75 in 2024. "The number of operators has been increased from 27 in 2023 to 48 in 2024. Super sucker machines will be deployed frequently to remove obstructions in drainage at flooding points," Upadhyay said. The arrangements for pumps have been made at all vulnerable points, he added.

Forensics to deepfakes: At expo, insight into how world can fight off challenges

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New Delhi: From abuse of technology and detecting deepfakes to convertible drones for kamikaze operations and advanced cybersecurity apparatus, the International Police Expo and Drone International Expo 2024 at Pragati Maidan has on display contemporary topics related to law and order. Not only are equipment from the UK, US, Israel and Germany on show, but also a plethora of those bearing the 'Make-in-India' stamp. Over 200 national and international drone manufacturers were present.

The event saw over 4,000 police and defence personnel thronging the venue on Thursday to explore the new tech on the block. Several companies have put up stalls displaying cyber security and anti-virus systems too. The police representatives seemed particularly interested in the cyber security stalls, which had the latest crisis management and incident breach response on display. The section on non-lethal weapons showcased the latest rubber projectiles, smoke ammunitions, muzzle blast tear gas shells and sound-and-flash impact fuses besides illuminating projectiles with parachutes. "There are the latest distraction grenades and signalling rockets with parachutes on display as well," said a police officer.

The expo has a show on deepfake detection technology that runs on an advanced AI engine that analyses various digital formats to expose AI-generated forgeries. Pi-Labs, which has developed a multimodal defence against deepfakes that is being actively used by the police forces across India to outsmart AI manipulation, is on display at the event. With increasing cases of cyber fraud, revenge porn and other offences, this tech can help unmask deception and protect citizens. The technology can detect synthetic voice clones besides audio and video manipulation or tampered images.

Surveillance drones, such as the Marak PL 7.0 from Optiemus Unmanned Systems, exhibit how they have been designed and built to carry out seamless tactical mapping. The Marak comes with a lightweight multispectral camera that captures high quality videos and relays live feed up to 20km. Drones at this expo are designed to be tailored for critical applications in agriculture, defence, public safety, emergency response, and mapping, providing comprehensive solutions for complex missions.

Armoured ambulances were also a significant feature of the exhibition. "These may be used in war/conflict-prone areas to ensure personnel do not get hurt during firing while rescue operation is ongoing," a representative explained. Condor, a non-lethal technologies brand, presented multiple grenades, pepper sprays and other gear. Its primary focus is to showcase ammunition meant to be used in situations necessitating restricted use of force and firearms.

After the introduction of the new criminal laws — Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita to replace Indian Penal Code, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (CrPC) and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (Evidence Act) — the emphasis is on forensic investigation. So, police officers took special interest in eSec Forte's special tech with long battery backup for forensic experts, special smart tablets and multiple connectors for various devices in a singular kit. eSec also showcased a 'Faraday bag' that can be used to protect electronic devices during the collection and analysis of digital evidence.

2-DAY EXPO ENDS TODAY

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Over 300 companies from 20 countries showcasing latest innovations
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Surveillance drones | These come with light-weight multispectral camera that captures high-quality videos and relays the live feed up to 20km. It can deliver up to 3kg payload at desired location

Deepfake detection technology | Advanced AI engine analyses various digital formats to expose AI generated forgeries, safeguarding from manipulated media



Armoured ambulance | Ambulances used in war/conflict-prone areas to ensure personnel don't get hurt during firing while rescue operation is ongoing



Mobile forensic technology | Emphasis on forensic teams having access to high tech with long battery back-up, special smart tablets, multiple connectors for various devices and more in a singular kit

Cyber security | Advanced software that helps scan viruses and phishing links, protecting citizens and enforcement forces



DJB work causes road cave-ins at Sangam Vihar

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The internal Devli Band Road in an unauthorised colony in Sangam Vihar caved in at multiple locations on Wednesday while Delhi Jal Board (DJB) was carrying out deep digging work for installing a sewer line.

The restoration work started by Thursday evening.

"DJB is doing a 20-foot-deep sewer line installation in an unauthorised colony in Sangam Vihar. As the work is still on, the restoration will be done soon by DJB," said a govt source.

Officials of the irrigation and flood control (I&FC) department, the road owning agency in this south Delhi area, alleged that DJB had started the work without any authorisation and several reminders were sent to it before the monsoon, the latest in May, to complete the work soon to prevent the deterioration of the road.

DJB did not respond on the matter. The viral videos of the area show large craters on the road, with water in them.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva posted pictures and videos of the deteriorating roads in Sangam Vihar, the largest unauthorised colony area in Delhi, on social media and demanded an explanation from Delhi govt on the construction quality.

He claimed, "In a rush to gain votes, Kejriwal govt hastily constructed the roads, but did not build proper drainage or pay attention to connecting the sewers as promised. Not only have the roads caved in at dozens of spots but the asphalt at the top has also been washed away."

Since the onset of monsoon, the plight of the roads in unauthorised colonies has turned the lives of residents into a nightmare, he alleged.

28-yr-old found murdered at hotel in Mahipalpur

New Delhi: A 28-year-old man was found murdered inside a hotel in southwest Delhi's Mahipalpur on Thursday. Police suspect the involvement of a person with whom he came to the hotel.

The deceased was identified as Rohit, a resident of Punjab. Police said they received information from the hotel staff about the incident at 3 pm. A team from the local police station found the man lying unconscious on the bed. "He was taken to a hospital where he was declared dead. Strangulation is suspected. We are awaiting the postmortem report," an officer said.

A team from the forensics laboratory collected the exhibits and handed them to cops. "Efforts are being made to get clues about the suspect," the officer added. TNN

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Short-circuit sparks blaze in S Delhi building, firefighters rescue woman stuck on balcony

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New Delhi: A major tragedy was averted after a fire broke out in a building in south Delhi's East of Kailash on Thursday morning. Although no casualties were reported as the occupants quickly evacuated the building, a woman who was stuck on a balcony was rescued by firefighters. Officials said a short-circuit in an AC may have led to the blaze.

The building has a doctor's clinic and a salon on the upper ground floor while families stay on the first, second and third floors.

The fire started on the first floor and quickly spread to the others. Police and fire services received a call about the incident around 5.50am and rushed eight fire tenders to the spot. About 50 firefighters began dousing the blaze and launched a search operation to check if any person was trapped.

The entire building was surrounded with intense flames and smoke billowed from it. The blaze triggered panic in the locality, and several people, including morning walkers, assembled near the building to witness the firefighting operations.

During the search operation, a woman was found stuck on the third floor. "All the families evacuated immediately using the stairs, but one woman panicked due to the excessive amount of smoke and went to the balcony to be able to breathe and save herself," said a senior fire officer. The firefighters used a ladder to rescue the woman, who left the spot immediately afterwards.

According to fire officials, the blaze, which was put out in about three hours, started due to a short-circuit in one of the ACs. "With one AC catching fire, there were multiple short-circuits in the wiring. The fire spread from one electrical board to another, igniting all the ACs and eventually engulfing the entire building," said a firefighter.

Officers on the spot noted that there were no fire safety measures in place in any of the residential floors.

"The lack of ventilation in the homes was also a major issue. Every window in these homes was occupied by an AC, which exacerbated the fire," said a firefighter. Police are also investigating the incident and have questioned the occupants and the caretaker, said sources.

Firefighters and experts said regular servicing of ACs and checking of wiring is a must during the summer and rainy season. Electrical systems face increased strain during periods of high heat and power demand, elevating the risk of overheating and electrical fires.

"Inadequate maintenance of ACs, power theft and other electrical equipment also contribute to a heightened risk of fires," said a discom official. Among internal factors that lead to fires are faulty wiring, loose connections, overloaded circuits, damaged electrical cords, plugs, sockets and outlets.

MAJOR TRAGEDY AVERTED

Photo: PTI

WHEN | 5.50am
WHERE | Office + residential Building has a ground floor for parking, 1 upper ground floor where there's a doctor's clinic and a parlour/spa, 3 upper floors are residential



- Fire started on 1st floor and then spread to other levels
- All families evacuated through staircase. One woman panicked because of excessive smoke and went to balcony
- DFS used a ladder to rescue the woman from 3rd floor
- It took 3 hours to put out the fire

Cause of fire
- ACs caught fire after multiple short-circuits
- No fire security system in residential floors
- Lack of ventilation

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CM Sent Tree Felling File To LG: Officials

As SC Frowns Over Illegal Action At Satbari, Officials Pull Out Files And Begin Passing The Buck

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New Delhi: The confusion over permission granted to DDA to fell trees in the southern ridge, paving the way for construction of an approach road in Maidangarhi area continues with sources now claiming that the proposal was moved by Delhi govt's forest department and forwarded to the lieutenant governor for his approval by chief minister Arvind Kejriwal.

Forest department sources claimed that a request was received from DDA on Delhi govt's e-forest portal seeking permission under Delhi Tree Preservation Act to fell 422 trees and transplant some of them. Following a ground inspection by an official of the forest department and cross inspection by deputy conservator of forest (south), a proposal was moved by the environment and forest department, which was approved by the principal secretary and later by the minister concerned.

"Environment and forest minister Gopal Rai approved the proposal on Jan 23 and forwarded it to the CM. The CM endorsed the proposal the very next day and sent the file to the LG with a note that the latter was bound by 'aid and advice' on the subject," said a forest department official.

"The LG approved the file and sent it back to the CM. On Feb 14, a gazette notification was made in this regard and on Feb 15 the tree officer informed DDA of the permission. The Authority started the exercise of cutting trees from Feb 16," the official added.

Of the 422 trees that were to be felled, 142 were to be transplanted. Officials said a patch of forest land at Jaunapur was also identified for compensatory plantation of 4,220 trees while another piece of land near Andheria Morh was identified for transplantation of 142 trees.

The cutting of trees was necessitated for the construction of a 10.5km long approach road from the main Chhatarpur Road to the campus of SAARC University, AIIMS-CAPFIMS (Central Armed Police Forces Institute of Medical Sciences) campus and other establishments at Maidangarhi, Sayurpur and Satbari in south Delhi.

While the purported permission was received under Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, the agencies glossed over the fact that the cutting of such a large number of trees required permission of Supreme Court, which, allegedly, had not been taken. The issue was brought to the notice of Supreme Court by two NGOs, which alleged that at least 1,100 trees were hacked in violation of SC's 1995 order. Notices were then issued to DDA and other stakeholders.

"Prima facie, we find that the action of DDA of felling the trees for constructing the road is in contempt of order passed by this court dated Feb 8 and March 4, 2024. Issue notice to the vice-chairman of Delhi Development Authority calling upon to show cause why an action for committing contempt of order of this court be not taken against him," the SC bench said.

The order came after advocate K Parameshwar, appearing as amicus curiae, informed the court that despite an order of the apex court prohibiting tree felling, DDA had gone ahead with the exercise. The apex court on March 4 had refused permission to DDA to fell 1,051 trees saying that their application was very vague. During the hearing of the case later, the SC said as per DDA's own admission, at least 633 were felled.

Subsequently, the apex court issued a notice of criminal contempt against DDA vice chairman Subhasish Panda for allowing the large-scale felling of trees and also expressed displeasure over a "misleading" affidavit filed by him and presenting "wrong facts" before the court. Amid allegations that LG VK Saxena had visited the area on Feb 3 and given "verbal" orders to fell the trees, the court also sought to know if the LG, who was also the chairman of the Authority, had anything to do with it.

Alleging that the trees were cut "illegally" on the directions of the LG, AAP govt recently formed a three-member fact-finding panel comprising ministers Saurabh Bharadwaj, Atishi and Imran Hussain, to probe the case and fix responsibility. The panel served notices on DDA, forest department officials and Delhi Police to appear before it. While police officials did appear before the panel, DDA and forest department officials did not turn up.

When asked if the proposal to fell 422 trees was indeed moved by the environment and forest department and forwarded to LG by the chief minister, the govt in a statement said that minister Gopal Rai had repeatedly sought factual reports on the matter from his department but these were yet to be provided.

"It is difficult to ascertain what actions these officials have taken regarding the illegal felling of trees since they are neither informing their minister, nor the fact-finding committee," Delhi govt said in a statement.

"If DDA had the permission to cut the trees, it would have informed Supreme Court on the very first date and there wouldn't be any contempt of court charges against it," the statement added.

Meanwhile, addressing a press conference, AAP functionary Jasmine Shah on Thursday questioned BJP's silence on the issue. He said that ever since the issue surfaced, BJP and LG have maintained "silence" over it. There was no immediate reaction from BJP or the LG's office.

Shah said AAP govt planted crores of trees in the past nine years to reduce pollution, closed coal-powered thermal power plants, provided 24-hour electricity to Delhiites and brought the best electric vehicle policy in the country. On the other hand, BJP was cutting trees in cities and on mountains in the name of development.

He pointed out that a fact-finding committee of Delhi govt was sending notices but the officials were not responding. "Because all these officers come under the LG. Therefore, there is definitely pressure from above on them. BJP should tell who is pressuring the officials of the forest department of Delhi govt?" Shah asked.

DELHI GOVT SAYS

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WRANGLE OVER TREES



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Aug 31 | Delhi HC imposes ban on cutting of trees in Delhi

Dec 29, 2023 | DDA applies for permission to transplant/fell 422 trees for construction of 10.2km approach road at Maidangarhi and Satbari on e-forest portal of Delhi govt

Jan 2, 2024 | Officers of south forest division carry out inspection and submit report

Jan 4, 2024 | Tree officer (deputy conservator of forest) cross checks

Jan 8, 2024 | Special secretary (environment and forest) approves the proposal to seek exemption under Section 29 of Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994 and fell/transplant 422 trees

Jan 23 | Environment and forest minister Gopal Rai approves the proposal

Jan 24 | CM Arvind Kejriwal sends the file to LG VK Saxena for approval

Jan 31 | LG VK Saxena gives nod to the proposal

Feb 14 | Govt of NCT of Delhi makes gazette notification exempting nearly 5 hectares of area for construction of road, thereby giving permission to fell 422 trees

Feb 15 | Tree officer and deputy conservator of forest (south) informs DDA about permission of trees

Feb 16 | Cutting of trees begins; a total of 633 trees (as claimed by DDA) cut

May 10 | SC takes cognisance of petitions filed by two NGOs and issues contempt notice to DDA for felling 1,100 trees in Southern Ridge in violation of its 1995 order

July 1 | Delhi HC decides to physically inspect the extent of tree felling after 'conflicting claims'; fixes July 17 as the date

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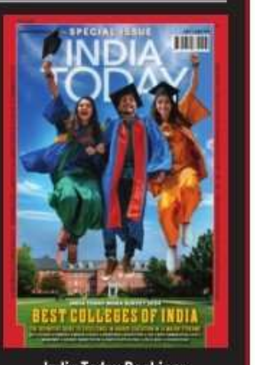
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Delhi zoo implements ayurvedic methods to safeguard animals during rainy season

New Delhi: Delhi zoo authorities are using ayurvedic methods, including neem oil, turmeric and quicklime, to keep the animals healthy and free from bacterial and viral infections during the rainy season, officials said.

"We will use some Indian home remedies like neem oil, which will help protect the animals from common biting insects, including mosquitoes, biting midges and fleas," Delhi zoo Director Sanjeet Kumar told PTI. He emphasised the importance of preparing for rain-related health issues by stocking necessary medicines.

Heavy rains often lead to waterlogging in certain parts of the zoo which create breeding grounds for mosquitoes. To counter this, quicklime (chuna) will be sprinkled in these areas to prevent mosquito proliferation. Additional measures include providing elevated platforms in areas prone to water accumulation, ensuring animals have dry spots to rest. PTI

Atishi orders halt on transfer order for govt school teachers

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Following allegations of corruption in the transfer process, Delhi's education minister Atishi has instructed chief secretary Naresh Kumar to immediately stop the mandatory transfer of 5,000 teachers who have been teaching in Delhi govt schools for over 10 years.

At a press briefing on Thursday, Atishi said, "This order is absolutely wrong and anti-education. It undermines the hard work of teachers who have transformed Delhi's govt schools over the last 10 years".

Atishi had ordered on July 1 that no teacher should be transferred solely because he has spent more than 10 years in a particular school. The minister emphasised the crucial role these teachers play in the lives of their students, particularly those from impoverished backgrounds.

The AAP functionary also raised concerns about "corruption" in the transfer process. "There are worrying reports that bribes have been taken to stop the transfers. This is extremely concerning as corruption within the education department threatens the future of our children," she said.

The minister called for an immediate probe into these allegations and strict action against any officials found guilty of accepting bribes.

She said that Arvind Kejriwal govt was committed to supporting teachers and improving the education system in Delhi. "We respect our teachers and will not allow any compromise with their rights or the education of our children".

Brawl between 2 students of W Delhi school turns ugly

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New Delhi: A brawl between two students of a school in west Delhi's Vikaspuri took an ugly turn on Wednesday when the father of one of them allegedly got involved in it. He allegedly arrived at the school with bouncers and thrashed the other boy to teach him a lesson, police said.

A video of the assault went viral on social media, following which police registered an FIR. According to investigators, the students had a fight in the school three-four days before it.

The video showed that the brawl had become so intense that other parents present outside the school had to intervene and protect the child who was attacked. A woman seen in the video trying to protect the assaulted boy is the mother of the other student, said a source.

According to police, both parties have given contradictory versions of the incident. While the complainant boy alleged that he was attacked by the other student's father in front of a large number of students and parents, the other party claimed that he had come to school to ensure that his son could go home safely. The accused man claimed that he had no option but to protect his son, and that was why he had brought people with him and the situation had escalated.

The complainant has sustained injuries and police are investigating the matter. They are looking into the allegation that a stick or another weapon were used to beat up the child. "We are verifying their testimonies," said an officer. The CCTV footage collected from the area is also being analysed, police said.

Caught on cam: Woman thrashes auto driver

New Delhi: A 42-year-old auto driver was allegedly thrashed by a woman in Paschim Vihar on July 2. Police said the woman, who had arrived on a motorcycle, pulled the driver out of the auto and began thrashing him with a stick. The driver lost consciousness during the assault. A case has been registered in this regard. TNN

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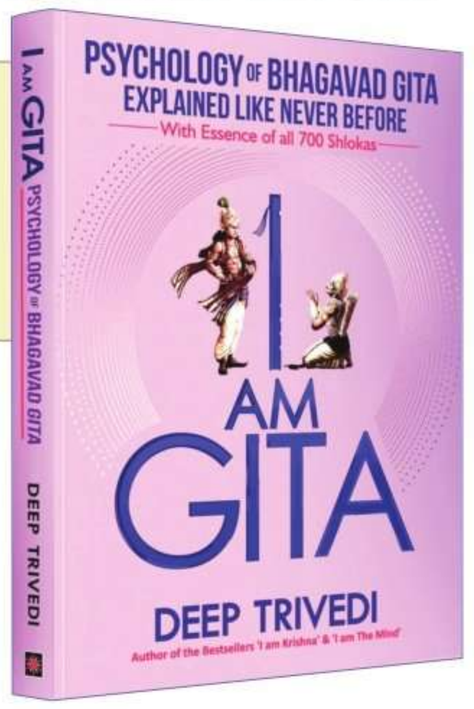
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- Why did Krishna disagree with Arjuna?
- Did Krishna incite Arjuna to fight the war or did he show him the right path?
- Can there be valid reasons for committing violence and waging a war?
- Who is right—Krishna or Arjuna?
- Why did it take Krishna all of 18 chapters to convince Arjuna?

In his incisive and inimitable style, Deep Trivedi poses these thought-provoking questions to readers, taking them on a journey that explores the psychological aspects of Gita, which so far have remained undisclosed.



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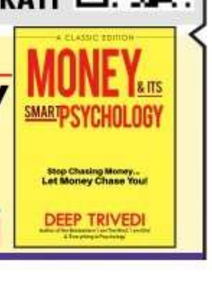
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Dil mango more! In season of few joys, capital laps up king of fruits

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New Delhi: Few enjoy the dreaded Delhi summer but there is one seasonal bounty that people wait for -- the arrival of the mango, often called the king of fruits.

According to an estimate, the daily consumption of mangoes in Delhi-NCR is no less than 2,500 tonnes or 25 lakh kilos. The fruit starts arriving in Delhi from April and by June it takes over the city. From pavements in residential areas to the local fruit markets to lanes running along arterial roads and highways in the city and the fancy grocery stores in shopping malls, the fruit is everywhere.

Its supply, however, starts decreasing from the end of July and mangoes almost disappear from the market by mid-August. For nearly five months, the mango remains on the plate and the minds of people of not just Delhi or north India, but probably the entire country.

Mango recipes, ranging from pickles to desserts, become a staple in every household. The fruit, both raw and ripe, is used in various types of dishes based on sweetness, tanginess, fibre content and juice.

According to fruit wholesalers, the mango season starts in Delhi in late March or early April with supply from southern states of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and parts of Karnataka. Banganapalli, Sindhoora, Badami and Totapuri arrived. Mango wholesaler Vijay Dua said Safeda, which comes from Andhra Pradesh, enjoys the largest market share. "On average, nearly 2,500-3,000 tonnes of mangoes arrive at Azadpur mandi every day. While 75-80% is consumed in Delhi and NCR, Azadpur mandi also caters to Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Jammu and Kashmir and even Gujarat," Dua said.

Jatin Kumar



SO SWEET! The daily consumption of mangoes in Delhi-NCR is no less than 25 lakh kilos

The supply from the southern states caters to the consumption in Delhi in April and May. It is replaced by several popular varieties from Uttar Pradesh from June onwards. Dussehri, Langda, Chausa, Gulab Jamun and Dinga from Lucknow and surrounding areas as well as from the Saharanpur belt enter Delhi-NCR in the second phase. "Though people have different tastes, Dussehri continues to be most popular with more than 80% of the buyers," said SKR Bittu, another mango dealer at Azadpur mandi.

"The supply of mangoes is so huge that we have a problem in stocking the fruit. Due to climate change, we are still getting huge quantities of apples and watermelons. We are short of space while trying to accommodate all the fruits in a limited area," Bittu said.

Due to intense heat and less rainfall, the size of mangoes this year has been smaller, the mango traders said. "But their quality is better. The fruit does not have stains," Dua said. Do they ripen the fruit using calcium carbide, which is injurious to health? "Artificial ripening using calcium carbide has almost stopped in the last few years. People now use small pouches of ethylene, which is an odourless gas, and has zero side effects," Dua said.

Berry good, indeed: Sweet & tangy jamun evokes nostalgia in Lutyens'

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New Delhi: In the heart of the national capital, Gaurav Singh, all of 12 years, wakes up at dawn to fulfil a crucial task for his family. He rushes to the jamun trees near Ashoka Road and India Gate, plucking the fruits that his family will later sell by the roadside under the shade of the same trees. As the city's demographics and the nameplates of the grand Lutyens's bungalows change over time, these oval and ovoid berries and their hawkers remain a constant on Ashoka Road.

The humble indigenous subtropical fruit of jamun, which ripens during the hottest part of summer just before the monsoon, holds cultural significance and is now at its peak in the city. This tangy and sweet seasonal fruit evokes nostalgia for some, while others view it as a rustic fruit ripe for experimentation. For many families who have been selling jamun in Central Delhi for years, it remains their bread and butter.

Gaurav says: "The trees at Ashoka Road, barring a few, do not fruit that well and the berries are generally smaller. They are also very difficult to climb. However, those at India Gate still bear good fruit-size. Since the guards posted there won't let us pass, we go at dawn when the security is not so tight. Later, these are mixed with the ones we get from the wholesale market." He runs across the busy road to deliver the packs to buyers "who come in big cars".

TOI



A CONSTANT AMID CHANGING LANDSCAPE: For many selling jamun in Central Delhi for years, it remains their bread and butter

Commuters often stop by these Central Delhi roads to purchase the purple eye candies. The sellers select the berries of their choice and smear them with black salt before handing them over to customers. Gaurav's mother, Phoolo Devi, does not support her son climbing trees to pluck the fruits and would prefer him to attend school instead.

"We have been trying to send him and his younger brother to school, but they keep refusing. They insist that they would stay and help with earnings. We live by the road on the footpath, but don't want these kids to continue living like this," she says, describing how the darkest purple berries are the sweetest, while those with light edges are tangy and have a longer aftertaste.

Devi notes that people have their own preferences when it comes to jamun. Some customers are indifferent, while others meticulously handpick each berry. The selling continues from morning until evening. Another hawker, Rajkumar, says that they procure jamun from the mandi, but children also gather some from the trees near India Gate. The berries are mixed and sold by weight, with 250gm priced at Rs 50. High-quality, sorted jamuns that are the most purple cost Rs 300 per box.

Until 2006, New Delhi Municipal Council auctioned the roughly 500 trees around India Gate and the current site of Central Vista for fruit plucking. Later, the responsibility was handed over to Central Public Works Department. Some trees were compromised during the ambitious Central Vista project and, last year, the auction reportedly had no takers.

Planted around 1920, the remaining trees still attract birds like parakeets and Indian grey hornbills. As summer progresses, the jamun turns purple, enticing humans as well. This fruit, known by various names such as java plum, black plum and Indian blackberry, is believed to be underrated and underexploited despite its numerous qualities. One of its names, "jambul," also serves as an ancient geographical marker, referring to the region as Jambudweep, where jamun trees are found and recited before most auspicious Hindu rituals.

According to Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture, the fruit's pharmacological properties, including hypoglycemic, diuretic, analgesic, anti-inflammatory, antiplaque, antimicrobial, antidiarrheal, antioxidant, gastro-protective and astringent effects, have been proven in animal systems. Ayurveda praises jamun for its role in diabetes management.

Faiyaz Khudsar, a senior biodiversity scientist, says: "To those who understand Delhi, jamun trees have a site-specific identity that resonates with India Gate and the surrounding areas. It's indigenous, linked with monsoon, and packs great nutritious value, offering to make up for the necessary nutrition at a time when there are few fruits in the market. Yet, it largely remains under-utilised."

The jamun, an evergreen canopy tree, will continue to work for Delhi, providing the city with much-needed green cover, shelter for birds and working on its fruiting process that takes 12 months to mature. For people like Phoolo, Rajkumar and Gaurav, a humble life will continue to return with this humble fruit next summer.

Three held in connection with ₹10-lakh heist in north Delhi

New Delhi: Three members of a gang have been arrested for their alleged involvement in a heist in north Delhi. The suspects, Tarun Sehgal (28), Himanshu (25) and Monu (26), have a criminal record, police said.

Police started investigating the heist after receiving a complaint from the victim, Praveen, on June 20. "He told us that he works as a cash agent and had collected Rs 10 lakh from Lahori Gate on the day of incident. He was on his way to deliver the cash near Patel Nagar when two armed men on a bike held him at gunpoint and snatched his bag containing the money," said Manoj Meena, DCP (north).

Technical surveillance and informers' network was used to nab the suspects, captured on a CCTV camera. "We managed to recover Rs 7.7 lakh from them. We found the pistol they used to scare the victim. The bike used by them was a stolen one," the DCP added.

During interrogation, police found that Sehgal, the kingpin, and his associates knew about the places where large cash transactions originated. TNN

L&DO drags feet on converting leasehold properties to freehold

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New Delhi: Even as leaseholders of prime properties on land owned by the Land and Development Office (L&DO) in Delhi eagerly await the housing ministry to allow converting them into freehold, the agency is dragging its feet on lifting the "informal" pause on this exercise for two years as it is yet to finalise the standard operating procedure (SOP) for this.

Even Delhi High Court has taken cognisance of the delay and has sought appearance of the land and development officer to explain the factual position in one case where the petitioner has dragged the agency to court for failing to convert a property into freehold despite complying with all requirements.

Queries sent to the housing and urban affairs ministry went unanswered, though sources said there was a probability that the ministry would take a call on the issue soon.

TOI has learnt that L&DO has been receiving numerous requests for converting leasehold properties to freehold. It has put the exercise on hold for more than two years, though there has been no formal order. In some cases, people have even moved court, including Delhi HC.

In fact, L&DO has informed the HC in one case that properties "could not be converted from leasehold to freehold as the SOP is under process and, as such, since 2022 no property was allowed to be converted". In an order, the HC said on May 9, "It is a serious matter where the L&DO under the name of SOP is depriving petitioners from their legitimate claim for conversion. Accordlngly, the L&DO is directed to appear in person on next date of hearing (July 19) to explain the factual position."

In another case, the HC has directed L&DO to convert leasehold property of a petitioner to freehold within six weeks.

L&DO had allotted most of these land and properties to individuals and entities in the 1950s at a very nominal rate and the conversion charge for these properties from leasehold to freehold is in the range of 6-10% of the land value depending on the size. "The prevailing market rate of these properties is very high and hence there is more demand from leaseholders to get them freehold so that they can sell them off. There is a high probability that middlemen involved in these sale-purchase transactions get the most out of this. Govt may consider how to go for better discovery of price to protect its interest and also carry out conversion of land deeds," a former L&DO official said.

While some real estate experts involved in sale-purchase transactions of such properties suggested that govt can refer to the prevailing circle rate to calculate the conversion charge, govt sources said that would also be very less considering that Delhi's circle rate has not been revised since 2014.

Another former L&DO official said the prevailing market rate is much more than the circle rate. "But since there is a policy to enable people to freehold their properties, govt must come out with a revised norm, if it finds the current norm is skewed," he added.

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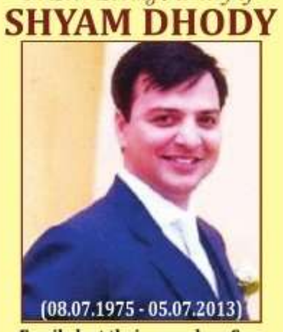
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Lenders turn down JAL's offer of ₹500cr settlement

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Noida: Lenders have rejected the one-time settlement offered by Jaiprakash Associates Ltd in the insolvency case filed against it.

After the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) ordered the initiation of bankruptcy proceedings against the company last month on a petition filed by lenders led by ICICI Bank in 2018, its suspended board of directors challenged the order in NCLAT, the appellate tribunal.

During a hearing on June 10, NCLAT asked JAL to increase the amount it was to pay upfront in its original settlement offer. Subsequently, JAL revised its OTS by increasing the amount from Rs 200 crore to Rs 500 crore.

The company offered to pay an additional Rs 150 crore within 12 weeks as a part of the revised OTS and assured lenders that proceeds from the sale of its cement business would go towards settling the debt.

On Wednesday, the counsel for ICICI Bank confirmed it has not accepted JAL's revised OTS and sought a week to file its reply. The appellate tribunal will hear the case on July 26.

In the first settlement offer proposed to creditors before the NCLT on May 29, JAL assured an upfront payment of Rs 200 crore with another Rs 16,000 crore to be paid within 18 weeks after the OTS was accepted. NCLT's Allahabad bench dismissed the settlement offer and ordered the initiation of the corporate insolvency resolution process against JAL on June 3. Bhuvan Madan was appointed as the Interim Resolution Professional following the suspension of JAL's board of directors.

Sunil Kumar Sharma, representing JAL's suspended board of directors, submitted an appeal against the order at NCLAT. At the June 10 hearing, JAL reiterated its willingness to make the full payment within 18 weeks, if the OTS was accepted by the creditors.

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It gives me great pleasure to address you at my first Annual General Meeting as Chairman and Managing Director of the Larsen & Toubro Group. We are at an interesting stage in the development of the Country and the Company alike, and intend to make optimum use of the unfolding opportunities to grow in a sustainable manner.

India today stands tall as an oasis of opportunity amidst global turmoil and supply chain disruptions. The Government's continuous efforts to strengthen the domestic economy through increased capital spending, policy shifts towards improving the ease of doing business, and the creation of a world-class digital infrastructure and payments platform have all contributed to an annual GDP growth rate of at least 7% for the last three years, and over 8% in the year under review. The pursuit of '*Aatmanirbharta*' (self-reliance) through innovative schemes like the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, the Start-Up India scheme, and the National Infrastructure Pipeline, has set a strong foundation to realise a *Viksit Bharat*.

During the year under review, the Company has benefitted from these positive policy interventions, as evidenced from its stellar financial performance.

Address by
Mr. S. N. Subrahmanyan
Chairman & Managing Director

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A Portfolio of Excellence

The Company's journey has been one of resilience, innovation, and unwavering commitment to excellence. The diverse business portfolio comprises:

1. EPC Projects (Construction & Energy):
The Company's expertise in executing large-scale EPC projects is unparalleled. Its indelible stamp of excellence graces iconic bridges, hydrocarbon facilities, large solar fields, and infrastructure across India and beyond. Notable recent achievements include the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL), Mumbai Coastal Road Phase 1 and Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir in Ayodhya. Internationally, the Company delivered the 1.8 GWp Sudair Solar PV plant in Saudi Arabia, a gas compression facility in Algeria, and contributed to blue hydrogen infrastructure in The Netherlands, among various other projects.

2. Hi-Tech Manufacturing (Heavy Engineering and Precision Engineering & Systems):
The Company's Heavy Engineering division remains a global leader, supplying bespoke industrial equipment. It is at the forefront of adopting Industry 4.0 techniques, ensuring efficiency and quality. The Precision Engineering & Systems business focuses on indigenous design and has proudly contributed to India's lunar programme through Chandrayaan-3.

3. Services (IT, Engineering, Digital and Financial):
The Company's listed arms continue to play pivotal roles, creating shareholder value:

- **LTIMindtree:** India's 6th largest IT player and 5th largest by market capitalisation, bridging physical and digital realms.
- **L&T Technology Services (LTTS):** India's leading Engineering and Technology Services company, providing cutting-edge ER&D solutions globally.
- **L&T Finance (LTF):** Promotes financial inclusion by empowering millions with diverse financial products in the retail sector.

The Company's digital ventures, including L&T-SuFin (an integrated B2B marketplace), L&T Cloudfiniti (end-to-end data center and cloud services), L&T Semiconductor Technologies (focussed on fabless chip design) and L&T EduTech (bridging industry-academia skill gaps), showcase the Company's foresight and adaptability in the realm of modern business.



21.8 km Mumbai Trans Harbour Link – India's longest sea bridge

4. Other Businesses:

- **L&T Realty:** Crafts integrated spaces, residential complexes, and commercial hubs. Over 50 million sq.ft. of properties are currently under development. Accolades such as 'Best Realty Brand 2024', among others, affirm its commitment to quality and timely completion.
- **Construction and Mining Machinery:** The Company's in-house Product Development Centre drives cost-effective solutions, with over 40,000 active machines in the market.
- **Others:** A global leader in tyre curing machinery and a valves business operating across 61 countries are sheer testament to the product reliability.

New Milestones in Growth

This year, the Company crossed a historic milestone: annual Group Order Inflow surpassed ₹ 3 lakh crore, registering an impressive 31% growth year-on-year. This was achieved on the back of major international order wins in Hydrocarbon and Infrastructure businesses. A large, growing, and diversified Order Book of ₹ 4,75,809 crore as on March 31, 2024, with a growth of 20% over the previous year, provides clear revenue visibility in the medium term. Revenues clocked in at ₹ 2,21,113 crore, while Profit After Tax reached ₹ 13,059 crore, registering 21% and 25% growth respectively.

The Company continues to focus on shareholder value creation by divesting non-core assets, capturing cost efficiencies, and leveraging technology for productivity gains. A strategically diversified business portfolio, geographical diversification, a healthy balance sheet, and a strong order book are definite markers for long-term value creation.

In line with its strategy to grow the core and exit from concessions, the Company successfully divested its 51% stake in L&T Infrastructure Development Projects Limited and monetised a commercial property in the Hyderabad Metro. Improved operations, capital restructuring, support from the State Government and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) monetisation are expected to make the Metro asset value accretive over a period of time.

In FY 2023-24, the Company outperformed the Nifty 50 growth index, achieving a stupendous growth of 77% compared to the index's 29%.



Oil Production Deck Module in Saudi waters

Group Performance Overview for FY 2023-24

REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS	₹ 2,21,113 cr (up 21%)
EBITDA	₹ 23,494 cr (up 13%)
PROFIT AFTER TAX	₹ 13,059 cr (up 25%)
ORDER INFLOW	₹ 3,02,812 cr (up 31%)
ORDER BOOK	₹ 4,75,809 cr (up 20%)

Tech-tonic Shifts

The Company embarked on a journey to leverage technology for sustainable progress well ahead of its global peers. The proactive investment in digital technology and Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) to automate manufacturing processes paid off during the pandemic. As India's leading infrastructure player, the Company was among the first to realise the importance of digitalisation, beginning its digital acceleration journey as early as 2016.



Remote diagnosis and support

Today, the Company leverages a vast array of technologies across its various verticals, including AI, ML, VR/AR, Cloud, Big Data & Analytics, Drones, GPS, RFID & QR Codes, LiDAR, BIM, IoT, and 3D printing. Adoption of frontier technologies like advanced sensors, embedded software and robotics is in progress. The Company has digitally connected over 15,000 assets across its global projects and manufacturing bases to a central IoT platform. All these initiatives enable the Company to make project execution faster, safer, cleaner, economical and more sustainable.

Tech-celerating Sustainable Progress

Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) has emerged as a game-changer, and the Company is leveraging its power to enhance its processes across the project life cycle - from tendering to contract management to design, execution, and operation & maintenance. To fuel this innovation, the Company has launched a collaborative platform connecting aspiring data scientists with domain experts and technology champions to develop cutting-edge, future-proof solutions.

Going Green

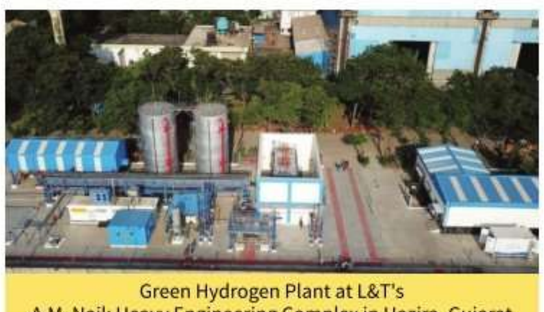
Aligned with its sustainability vision 'For A Better World', the Company has developed strong capability in executing projects for its customers in Clean Energy, Clean Mobility, Water & Sanitation, Green Infra, and other areas. Such projects help in lowering carbon emissions, improving water availability, recycling & reuse of water, scaling up energy efficiency, reducing air pollution, and enhancing resource conservation.

Green Buildings – The Company constructs green buildings which are LEED/IGBC/GRIHA-certified. In FY 2023-24, the Company created 14.8 million sq.ft. of Green Buildings infrastructure.

Clean Mobility – The Company completed the electrification of more than 3,400 track km of mass transit systems in FY 2023-24.

Clean Energy – The Company is involved in building Clean Energy projects, including renewable energy plants, primarily solar and hydro, as well as nuclear power plants. In FY 2023-24, the Company commissioned 2.2 GWp of solar capacity, 6.2 GW of nuclear power and 3.5 GW of hydel power, with additional capacity under construction at the moment.

During the year under review, the Company constituted a Green Energy Council with globally renowned energy sector experts to provide expertise and strategic guidance on technology trends in green energy.



Green Hydrogen Plant at L&T's A.M. Naik Heavy Engineering Complex in Hazira, Gujarat

Growing Globally

In today's VUCA (Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity and Ambiguity) world, the key to mitigating geopolitical risk is through geographical diversification. The Company's policy of wider geographical dispersal aids broad-basing the portfolio, yielding positive results, and de-risking exposure to a particular region. At the Group level, apart from the 62% domestic share in the total order book, the Middle East accounts for 35%, while the rest of the world accounts for the balance 3%.



OxO Reactor for BASF Guangdong Integrated Project, China

Giving Back

The Company believes in fostering inclusive growth and building long-term relationships with all its stakeholders. Its CSR initiatives across health, education, skill development and water & sanitation have benefitted more than 1.6 million people. The Company has planted 4 million saplings globally and helped build resilience in rural communities through its Integrated Community Development Programme (ICDP).



Health Camp being conducted as part of L&T's CSR activities

Governance & Ethics

The Company is committed to the highest ethical standards in all business dealings, fostering transparency and accountability throughout the organisation. A robust governance framework ensures compliance with regulations and global best practices including adherence to international standards of Human Rights and Fair Business Practices.

Creating Safer Workplaces

Safety remains a paramount concern for the leadership team, reflected in the Company's 'Mission Zero Harm' principle and the 'L.I.F.E.' (Live Injury-Free Everyday) framework. Enhanced supervision, more frequent safety briefings, extensive training (with AR/VR technology) and the use of robotics for hazardous operations are some of the initiatives that have further bolstered our safety performance.

People Power

The Company's success is attributable to the dedication, adaptability and accomplishments of every member of Team L&T. People policies revolve around onboarding the right talent, providing a conducive work environment, nurturing talent, offering opportunities for learning and self-development, empowering collaboration and innovation, recognising and rewarding achievements, and such. These policies have enabled the Company to be rated as a Great Place to Work (GPTW) for the second consecutive year.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

The Company's transformation into a tech-driven conglomerate has improved its Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) quotient. Exclusive career-assisting schemes for females and women-friendly facilities in offices are moving the Company towards achieving the Lakshya target of women constituting 10% of the workforce by FY 2025-26.



Celebrating Women Power at L&T

In Conclusion

Today, the Company stands tall in the midst of challenges, armed with strategic foresight, technological prowess, and an unyielding commitment to excellence. The future is bright, with the promise of sustained growth, innovation and value creation for all stakeholders.

I would like to thank our employees, our customers, supply chain partners and the Government for their contributions, directly and indirectly, to our growth. I also thank my fellow Board members for their invaluable support in guiding the Company through volatile times when there are multiple variables at play. My special thanks to you – my dear shareholders – for the trust you have reposed in us. You remain an invaluable pillar of strength, and I look forward to your continued support in our journey towards achieving higher levels of excellence.

For over eight decades, L&T has served as a cornerstone of India's infrastructure and industrial development, continuously pushing boundaries to ensure that the Nation remains at the forefront of global progress.

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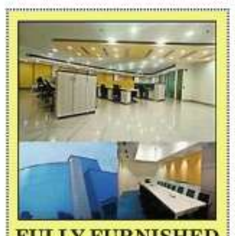
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Gahlot: Study schemes for women in MP, Maharashtra

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New Delhi: Women and child development minister Kailash Gahlot has asked officials to study schemes implemented in Madhya Pradesh and proposed in Maharashtra for providing a monthly honorarium to women as it has started finalising the criteria for Delhi govt's Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana.

Sources said the minister held a meeting with department officials on Wednesday to discuss the scheme, under which Delhi govt proposes to give Rs 1,000 monthly to all women aged above 18 from FY 2024-25.

Under Ladli Behna Yojana, a scheme launched by MP govt on Jan 28, 2023, a woman is entitled to Rs 1,250 per month, with riders, including that they should not be taxpayers and their families' annual income is below Rs 2.5 lakh.

In Maharashtra, registrations for the Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana are on. Under the scheme, married, divorced and destitute women aged between 21 and 65 are entitled to get Rs 1,500 per month.

Officials said at the meeting, the minister advised officials to visit the two states to study how the scheme is being implemented. The officials intend to head to MP and Maharashtra in the coming days, a source said.

The officials were also told to examine the criteria that has to be fixed for the beneficiaries of the scheme. "There were various suggestions given during the meeting. For instance, it was suggested that the income criteria should be fixed at Rs 2.5 lakh per annum. It was also proposed that women who have vehicles registered in their name or are employed be kept out of the scheme's ambit," the official said.

AAP govt plans to introduce the scheme before the 2025 assembly elections, hoping the move will earn the party support among women voters. Delhi govt had announced the scheme in its budget for 2024-25. Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal had then called it the "world's biggest programme" for women's empowerment. An allocation of Rs 2,000 crore for the scheme was made for FY 2024-25.

Musical Fountain, Dazzling Lights... A Plan To Make Naini Lake Sparkle

MCD Launches Project To Give A Makeover To Waterbody, Its Surroundings

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New Delhi: The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has launched a project to revitalise the surroundings of Naini Lake in Model Town. It will select an agency to carry out civil work, channel treated water to the lake from a nearby Delhi Jal Board sewage treatment plant, install decorative lighting, build toilet blocks and seating areas, and activate a musical fountain at the scenic waterbody. The project, estimated to cost Rs 10.7 crore and funded under the AMRUT scheme, is likely to be finished in 12 months.

An MCD official said on Thursday, "The agency selected will also be tasked with desilting the lakebed. After that, arrangements will be made to bring treated water from DJB's Coronation Pillar sewage treatment plant in Mukherjee Nagar to the lake. At present, the lake is being filled with water drawn up by a borewell. Provisions will also be made to supply the treated water from the lake for irrigating the 17-18 parks in neighbouring areas."

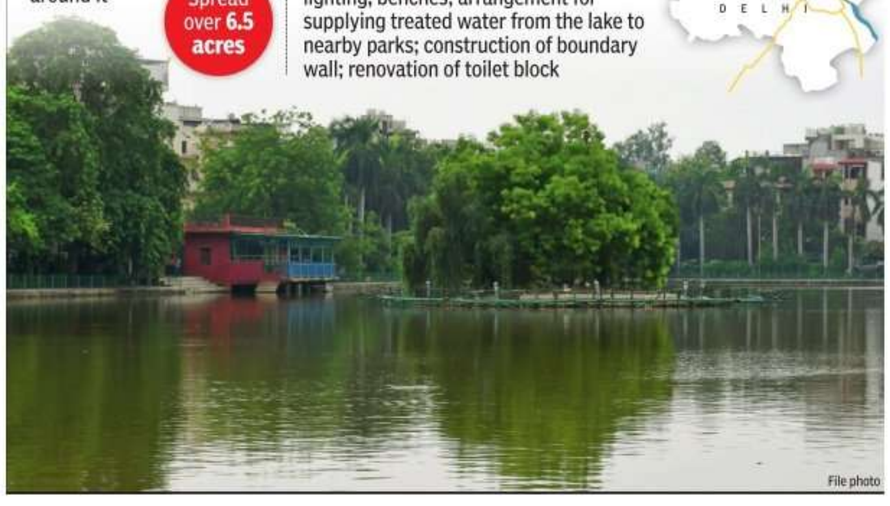
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The official disclosed that the project involved upgrading the musical fountain, installing two floating fountains at Naini Lake and making provisions for improved aeration of the lake water. "During rainy seasons, water from the roads accumulate in the park around Naini Lake because it is a low lying area. To address this problem, we have decided to construct a cemented drain along the boundary wall of the park. We will also renovate the toilet block and provide benches for people to sit."

Officials had claimed earlier that there were plans to enhance the greenery and beautify the lake by planting 7,000 new plant species.

Currently, Delhi Tourism provides boating facilities for visitors to Naini Lake and many people come here for recreation. The restoration of the lake is part of the initiative to rejuvenate and restore waterbodies under the jurisdiction of MCD and DJB as part of the centrally-funded AMRUT 2 scheme.

This is, however, not MCD's maiden attempt at restoring the lake. In 2023, the civic body had invited tenders after receiving anticipatory approval of the mayor. An official said, "The first tender was withdrawn in mid-Oct. The second attempt was made in Feb this year, but only a single bid was received. It took us three months to reinitiate the tendering process due to the model code of conduct in force for the Lok Sabha elections. If the response is not found satisfying in this, the third attempt, we will immediately go for the next attempt so the revamp work can positively start this year."

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New Delhi: The Public Works Department (PWD) has decided to postpone two ambitious projects, North-South and East-West corridors, till the finance department provides an in-principle approval for necessary funds.

Officials said the projects, which aimed to solve the traffic congestion problem in the city, would require a substantial investment of Rs 10,600 crore from the public exchequer. PWD will only proceed with the projects once the availability of funds is assured, otherwise they will be abandoned, officials added.

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The North-South corridor, which would start from Zakhira and end on Urban Extension Road-2 on the west side of IGI Airport, was first proposed in 2016. According to initial plans, the corridor has two tunnels and an elevated corridor. Over the past few years, PWD has been securing approvals and no-objection certificates (NOC) from various departments involved with the project. However, the NOCs from the forest department and a few others are still pending. This project is likely to cost Rs 6,500 crore.

The other mega project, East-West corridor, has also been pending for several years. This corridor is proposed between Anand Vihar and Tikri border, and the layout plan between Anand Vihar and Zakhira, spanning approximately 19km, has been submitted to the apex planning body UTTIPEC for consideration and approval.

The corridor, passing through New Patparganj Road, Noida Link Road, Ring Road, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg and others, also involves both tunnel and elevated portions. The cost of this project is estimated at Rs 4,100 crore.

In both projects, NOCs from some agencies like Delhi Metro and the forest department are still pending. "To make further studies and plans for these projects involving such high costs would require an in-principle approval from the finance department. We do not want a situation where the projects start and then get stuck due to financial problems, which we are experiencing in some projects," said a PWD official.

The department is also exploring another option of executing these projects in phases so that the goal to reduce traffic congestion is achieved and they also don't get stalled in between due to lack of funds, said officials. "All stakeholders shall be called on a common platform and asked to issue NOCs within certain timelines," added an official.

In the past, some projects like a new Delhi Secretariat building at ITO and the installation of 500 LED screens across the city were dropped due to the funds issue.

Cops: 'Killer' teen assaulted girl

Gurgaon: A boy held for the murder of his nine-year-old neighbour over a theft bid at a housing society in Sector 107 on July 1 had sexually assaulted the girl before strangling her with a scarf and setting the body on fire in her house.

Charges under the POCSO Act were added to the case — the first to be registered under the newly implemented BNS in the city on charges of murder and theft — after the boy made new submissions before Juvenile Justice Board counsellors on the last day of his police remand on Thursday.

"While there was no confirmation of a penetrative assault by the teen, he claimed to have touched the minor inappropriately," investigating officer said. TNN

HC refers to new law in forged papers case

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New Delhi: In a recent order, Delhi High Court has referred to the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS), the newly introduced criminal law that kicked in from July 1.

The case relates to trademark infringement with allegations of forgery and fabrication of documents. The court cited the new law while examining of the alleged offence of fabrication by the owner of a private company which will continued to be heard under Section 340 of the CrPC.

"In these proceedings, since the application was pending when the new statutes Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and BNSS, 2023 were enacted, the matter would continue under the erstwhile Code itself," noted Justice Prathiba M Singh.

The court was hearing a suit filed by a manufacturer of electrical appliances against two persons seeking an injunction against the use of a particular mark.

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CINEMA OF THE WEEK

Kill (Action/Thriller) ★★★
Cast: Lakshya, Raghav Juyal, Abhishek Chauhan, Tanya Maniktala, Ashish Vidyarthi, Harsh Chhaya
Direction: Nikhil Nagesh Bhat
Duration: 1 hour 55 minutes
Language: Hindi (A)



NSG commando Amrit Rathod (Lakshya) and his girlfriend Tulika's (Tanya Maniktala) train journey to Delhi takes a dangerous turn when a bunch of dacoits led by Fani (Raghav Juyal), hijack the train. At least 40 bandits attack the passengers to loot them. A brutal death compels Amrit to go on a killing spree.

With no assistance whatsoever, can the love-struck *fauji*, single-handedly save the day?

In terms of relentless graphic violence, *Kill* seems like a *John Wick* admirer and spiritual successor of Sandeep Reddy Vanga's *Animal*, (thankfully) minus the blatant misogyny. What it perhaps required to borrow from *Animal* was its outstanding background music by Harshavardhan Rameshwar. Though similar in terms of vengeance driving the plot, *Kill* displays some form of moral compass.

After witnessing Amrit's unhinged rage, a psychotic Fani tells the army man, '*Tum rakshak nahi raakshas ho*'. Beyond this one sentence, you wish the writing and characterisation displayed some depth, compelling you to question morality, principles or humanity. The storytelling focuses on brutal combat scenes alone for almost two hours, which are intense, even engaging but a tad tiring and repetitive beyond a point.

The film breaks new ground in terms of its treatment. Be it *Train to Busan* or *Bullet Train*, a train journey turning into a nightmare theme has been explored by South Korean and American films before. It's refreshing to see Hindi cinema attempting this genre and putting in a sincere effort. Set entirely in a confined space (coaches of a moving train), the narrative maintains if not heightens the intensity of gruesome fights. You can barely take a breather, which works. Action unfolds at lightning pace, but gets monotonous beyond a point as the story and characters lack emotional heft. Action films like *Ghajini* were able to project its trauma on you. In *Kill*, you are shocked and horrified but not moved by the extreme gore, bloodshed and heartache you witness. The action is well-choreographed and not for the faint-hearted.

From a mild-mannered soldier to a murderous maniac. From an NSG commando to an unhinged assassin, who doesn't know where to stop, Lakshya requires to be ruthless yet humane and he nails it. The actor makes an effective screen debut in an out an out-action thriller. However, it is Raghav Juyal, who shines the most in his eccentric character. This is by far his toughest role as an actor, and he manages to make an impression.

Director Nikhil Nagesh Bhat goes all out in a bid to do justice to the genre. There's not a single dull moment even when things get repetitive. The director uses violence as a language and glorification of violence is evident, but action thrillers thrive on that so that's not the issue. A gore fest for action lovers, you might even find beauty in the bloodshed if that's your thing. Despite witnessing blood spattering, swinging hammers breaking open people's heads and more, the scene that shocks you the most is a romantic one. Amrit proposes to Tulika in a train toilet!

Kill had the perfect setting to cash in on claustrophobic horror. It makes you squirm with all the violence (as intended), but never reaches a crescendo where fear grips you. That would have been its true victory.

— **Renuka Vyavahare**

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Despicable Me 4 (Animation, Comedy) ★★★
Cast: Steve Carell, Will Ferrell, Pierre Coffin, Kristen Wiig, Sofía Vergara, Joey King, Madison Skyy Polan
Direction: Chris Renaud, Patrick Delage
Duration: 1 hour 34 minutes
Language: English (U)



Former supervillain turned secret agent Gru(Steve Carell), still sees himself as a misfit but is no longer cranky and cynical. He is a softie, who loves his newborn baby boy. All's well until Gru gets his archnemesis aka 'insect man' Maxime Le Mal (Will Ferrell) arrested. This reignites their longstanding rivalry, forcing Gru and his family to go into hiding.

Gru and his family, including the adorable but misfiring loyal minions, move to a safe house in a new neighbourhood, feigning new identities and battling new sets of challenges. The bunch must fight the hostility of their snooty neighbours and befriend the person who can blow their cover. If this isn't enough, they must also fight Maxime and revisit Gru's old school to steal a honey badger.

Little Agnes and her big eyes ensure the cuteness factor is intact in the franchise and giving her company is Gru's tiny toddler, new addition to the family. An unconventional looking man with a tough exterior and soft heart has always been the USP of the *Despicable* franchise. It has always had a rather silly but heartwarming premise. The minions and their (self-coined banana) language lends its own share of fun and comedy.

The fourth instalment retains all those elements, but the script feels overstuffed and half-baked with multiple tracks not quite reaching their full potential. As a result, the film feels incomplete and conveniently rushed. It doesn't come together. Be it the Gru-Maxime rivalry bit or family relocation crisis, it doesn't come to fruition to achieve the desired impact. It all feels a bit scattered and a half-hearted attempt to keep the franchise going.

Does it have its enjoyable moments? Yes. But these moments never come together to turn into one story that embodies that heartwarming quality. Then there's also the 'Avengers gone wrong' track where minions are turned into mega minions, but they do more damage than good. Not many scenes stay with you unlike the previous films barring one. Lucy being chased down by a disgruntled woman has Terminator's title music playing in the background, making it the funniest chase sequence of the movie.

Despicable 4 is serviceably sweet and enjoyable but not the best in the series.

— **Renuka Vyavahare**

RATING SCALE TRASH ★ | BELOW AVERAGE ★★ | AVERAGE ★★½ | ABOVE AVERAGE ★★★ | GOOD ★★★½ | VERY GOOD ★★★★ | OUTSTANDING ★★★★½ | MASTERPIECE ★★★★★

Light Showers Today May Keep Relief Going

Drizzle Also Likely From July 6-10, Says Met

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IMD has issued a 'yellow' alert for light to moderate rain on Friday

New Delhi: Parts of the city received very light rain on Thursday. Light to moderate showers are likely to drench the capital on Friday too. However, light rain has been predicted from July 6 to 10.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Safdarjung, the city's base station, and Lodhi Road logged 0.6 mm of rainfall, respectively, from 8.30am to 5.30pm. Ayanagar and Palam received 2.1 and 0.2 mm of rainfall during the same duration.

The maximum temperature dipped to 31.7 degrees Celsius, six degrees below normal. It was 2.4 degrees lower than Wednesday's maximum. The minimum temperature dropped from 29 degrees Celsius on Wednesday to 24.8 degrees Celsius, three degrees below normal, on Thursday. Though the mercury decreased, the humidity increased in the past 24 hours. The relative humidity oscillated between 77% and 100%.

An IMD official said, "The monsoon trough is currently north of Delhi and the same conditions are expected on Friday. However, the monsoon trough may move further north, and rain intensity may reduce from Saturday onwards."

IMD has issued a 'yellow' alert for light to moderate rain or thunderstorm or lightning on Friday. However, there are no colour-coded alerts from Saturday to July 10, but the city may witness light rain or thunderstorm or lightning during the period.

The IMD's data shows that Safdarjung has received 9.2 mm of rainfall so far in July. It is a rain deficit of 47% till now.

The Met department has predicted that the maximum temperature may rise to 33 degrees Celsius on Friday. It may touch 35 degrees Celsius by Monday. The minimum temperature, meanwhile, may reach 26 degrees Celsius on Friday and it may increase to 28 degrees Celsius by July 10.

As light to moderate showers are likely on Friday, IMD said the rain may cause minor traffic disruption on roads and disruption of electricity. Partial damage to vulnerable structures may happen due to strong winds, it added.

Delhi breathes easier as air gets better due to strong winds, rain

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New Delhi: Delhiites breathed the cleanest air since Sept 11 last year, as the air quality index (AQI) dipped to 61 in the 'satisfactory' category on Thursday. A lower AQI than this was seen on Sept 11 when it was 53. Rain, along with strong winds, cleaned the air.

Dipankar Saha, former head of CPCB's air laboratory, said, "Rain is the cause for the low AQI. However, it doesn't mean that the air pollutants have disappeared. It is a common phenomenon that rain washes everything away; that's the beauty of the sub-tropical region. However, when there will be no rain, the pollution will bounce back." He added, "To reduce the emissions, everyone has to work throughout the year."

Anumita Roychowdhury, executive director of research and advocacy at the Centre for Science and Environment, said, "This is very typical of the monsoon season. Consistent and prolonged rain has a washout effect that cleans up the air. In seasonal comparison, monsoon months are usually the cleanest."

The Central Pollution Control Board's data shows that Sept 2023 had witnessed nine 'satisfactory' days and one 'good' day when the AQI touched 45 on Sept 10.

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

The first 'satisfactory' day of the year was recorded on June 27 with an AQI of 79. No 'good' air day has been seen in 2024 till now.

According to the Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi, the air quality is likely to remain 'satisfactory' until July 7 and then for subsequent six days, it may stay in the 'satisfactory' to 'moderate' category.

Five Haryana cities among India's most polluted in June, Gurgaon not one of them

Gurgaon: Haryana accounted for over half of India's top 10 most polluted cities in June for at least ten days of the month, and Gurgaon wasn't one of them — underscoring just how air pollution has festered in areas surrounding the capital though they don't get as much attention as Delhi-NCR. According to a report by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air , Rohtak, which shares a border with Delhi, was the most polluted among 251 Indian cities included in the study. Rohtak's average concentration of particulate matter 2.5 for June was 116µg/m³, more than twice the level considered safe in India (60µg/m³). The city's daily PM2.5 levels exceeded this safety standard every day of the month as well. TNN

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In limbo for 3 mths, doorstep delivery may get fresh push

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New Delhi: Delhi govt is planning to revive doorstep delivery services, its flagship initiative that allowed residents to apply for various documents from their homes but has remained inactive for nearly three months.

"There is no issue with the scheme. It already has cabinet extension. The reason it is facing hiccups is that further extension could not have been given to agencies that served helplines," minister **Kailash Gahlot** said on Thursday. The helplines acted as first respondent when people had to register their requests, he added.



"I have directed (officials) to put up a proposal to start the helpline from other agencies as it was very beneficial for people, especially the elderly and working population," Gahlot said.

Delhi govt received over 1.4 lakh calls last year under the doorstep delivery scheme to book mobile sahayaks, with a convertibility of 57% — over 80,000 cases were transferred to the department and the remaining discarded due to no response from the applicants.

The scheme, launched in Sept 2018 to access 30 services without having to visit govt offices, was aimed at eliminating the need for citizens to stand in long queues and undergo bureaucratic hassles by bringing essential services directly to their doorstep. Forty services were added to the project in March 2019 and another 30 in Sept that year.

Officials said while giving an extension in Nov 2023, the department made it clear that the project in its current form will either remain operational until it is replaced with a new and revised scheme, or last until March 31.

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

Among the facilities available were issuance of income, caste and domicile certificates; sewer, water, and electricity connections; ration card; driver's licence; drug licence; and bus passes from 14 govt departments, including revenue, transport, Delhi Jal Board, social welfare, and food and supplies, among others.

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

Excise policy case: Court reserves order on chargesheet

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Thursday reserved its order on taking cognizance of the supplementary chargesheet filed against Vinod Chauhan and Ashish Mathur in the money laundering case related to the alleged Delhi excise policy scam.

The court of special judge Kaveri Baweja is likely to pronounce the order on cognizance on July 9. The court is also likely to decide on the cognisance of the seventh supplementary chargesheet filed against Arvind Kejriwal and Aam Aadmi Party in the case on the same date.

The court reserved the order after hearing submissions by special public prosecutor NK Matta, who was appearing for ED.

According to ED, Chauhan, an accused, was the man allegedly handling the proceeds of crime connected with hawala operators. The ED has claimed he was "very much a close associate" of Kejriwal. Chauhan was responsible for the transfer of Rs 25.5 crore (of Rs 45 crore which were used in the Goa assembly elections) from Delhi to Goa, the agency has said. The ED has also said that Rs 1.06 crore was recovered from him.

The agency submitted before the court that Chauhan was involved in sending money to Chanpreet Singh through hawala dealers. Chanpreet was AAPs fund manager for the Goa elections, ED has claimed. The agency submitted that it had traced the money trail, which was used to fund AAP's Goa campaign.

Earlier, ED in its reply had submitted to court that Chauhan's proximity to Kejriwal was also apparent from the fact that he was managing postings for officials in Delhi Jal Board through the chief minister.

Ashish Mathur, named with Chauhan in the eighth supplementary chargesheet, allegedly took the money on behalf of Chauhan and gave it to hawala couriers who then took it to co-accused Chanpreet.

The ED said that South Group's Abhishek Boinpally allegedly gave another accused, Ashok Kaushik, two bags of cash, which went to Chauhan.

Mosquito breeding found on DDA, DJB premises: MCD

New Delhi: The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has identified several mosquito breeding spots, including the premises of the DDA office, Delhi Jal Board pumping station, police stations and metro parking sites, civic body officials said on Thursday.

Around 37,000 cases of breeding were recorded in the last six months, they said.

The MCD has issued around 40,000 challans and legal notices to concerned officials and owners of the properties where the breeding was found for violating the Malaria and other Vector Borne Diseases Bye-Laws 1975 Act.

The MCD found the mosquito-genic conditions in places like fridge trays, containers, rooftop tanks, and construction sites during its annual inspection exercise. According to a senior civic body official, the mosquito breeding was found at two DDA offices in Dwarka Sector 8 and Manglapuri, DJB pumping station in Yamuna Vihar, the Delhi police station in Bhajanpura, and a metro station parking in Ranjeet Nagar. PTI

Victim Shaming Should Not Be Permitted: HC

Rejects Plea Against Conviction In Sexual Harassment Of A Minor

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Dismissing a plea by a man challenging his conviction in a sexual harassment case involving a minor, Delhi High Court has observed that "victim shaming" must not be allowed as it will deter reporting of such crimes.

The single-judge bench of Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma, upholding the trial court verdict sentencing the man to three years' simple imprisonment, said for the survivors, "judicial pronouncements that recognise and articulate the profound impact of voyeurism on them and their families put a healing balm on the wounds of suffering from such harassment and assault. This is equally crucial for their psychological healing".

The acknowledgement not only assures the survivors that their experiences have been accepted to be true and the trauma undergone by them has been recognised by the criminal justice system, but also recognises the gravity of the violation they have endured, he added in his order dated July 1.

The case dates back to 2018 when a 17-year-old minor girl alleged that Pintu Das, a 22-year-old domestic helper employed in her house, had shot videos of her secretly on his mobile phone through a window while she was changing clothes in her room. The girl was getting ready to visit her school to get her admit card for class 12 board exams. After catching Das watching the videos on his phone, she informed her parents.

The court said the case unfolds the story of a minor child who suffered voyeurism, sexual harassment and outraging of her modesty within the four walls of her home at the hands of helping staff employed by her father, which was dangerous.

"Strict legal actions against perpetrators act as a deterrent, discouraging potential offenders by demonstrating that the legal system is proactive and uncompromising in dealing with such crimes," it said.

Rejecting the contention of the defence counsel that the girl's father "planted" the videos in the man's phone to avoid paying his salary, the court said such an argument was "meritless" and "insensitive". Further, accepting this argument would amount to encouraging not only victim shaming, but also her family, which cannot be allowed by any court of law, the judge said.

"This court shudders to think of the eventuality in case the videos were shared by the appellant or were misused by him in any other manner, as to how it would have impacted the child and her family," the court said.

'Courts being used as pawns in illegal construction matters'

New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Thursday castigated the MCD commissioner over illegal and unauthorised constructions in the national capital and said that courts were being used as "pawns" in the process.

It said one of the reasons for flooding in Delhi was that water outlets are blocked due to unauthorised constructions, and asked the civic body chief to take stern action against erring officers.

The bench said it had noticed that some lawyers were also blackmailing and extracting money in unauthorised construction matters and the court process was being misused.

"We are being used as a pawn in the entire thing. We want to break this nexus, it is a big nexus. The system is collapsing. You do something and take drastic action against your officers," the bench told the MCD chief.

A bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela apprised the MCD Commissioner Ashwani Kumar, who joined the proceedings virtually in pursuance of the court's direction, about filing of motivated petitions which cannot be ignored as the fact of illegal and unauthorised constructions is not in dispute.

"Courts are being used as a strategic tool by both the petitioner and the officials of MCD for their ulterior purposes and for extracting money. Professional persons are filing a number of petitions on unauthorised constructions. We are stuck in a strange situation. If we take action, they tend to extort money from the property owner. If we don't take action, then the unauthorised construction remains," the bench said.

During the hearing, the MCD counsel contended that the petition was motivated. PTI

ACB to check pvt hosps, nursing homes

New Delhi: The Delhi Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) will inspect 120 private hospitals and nursing homes, beginning Friday, for discrepancies as part of a drive following a fire at a neonatal hospital in Vivek Vihar that killed seven infants in May.

In the first phase of the drive in June, ACB had inspected 62 private medical facilities and found that four were allegedly running illegally and 40 others with several discrepancies. For the second phase, officials said, ACB has identified 120 big and small private medical facilities in south, west and north Delhi. PTI

13 hurt in bus-tractor crash: Thirteen people were injured after a double-decker bus heading from Morena to Delhi ploughed into a tractor-trolley on the Yamuna Expressway on Thursday morning. TNN

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Additionally, eligible members receive one-month complimentary medications as part of their subscription. This alleviates financial stress and promotes better therapy adherence for patients. Humrahi also offers complimentary blood sugar tests to monitor glucose levels facilitating early detection and effective diabetes management by retarding the progression of complications. Regular testing helps individuals understand their blood sugar trends enabling timely intervention and better health outcomes.

Humrahi's lifestyle management tips further support healthy living. Through personalized counselling sessions, blogs, recipes, podcasts and videos, the platform promotes balanced diet, exercise, stress management and overall well-being guiding individuals towards a healthier lifestyle.

Language accessibility is another significant advantage of Humrahi. The program offers services in twelve regional languages ensuring registered members receive support and information tailored to their linguistic preferences. This commitment to accessibility makes Humrahi a valuable resource for diverse communities across India.

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Rajeev Sibal, President, India Region Formulations



WCD dept takes over 181 helpline, handles over 1,000 calls in a day

New Delhi: The women and child development department of Delhi govt has taken over the management of the women helpline number 181, previously handled by Delhi Commission for Women. The helpline staff began receiving calls from 4:58 pm on July 3. By 2 pm on Thursday, they had received 1,024 calls.

Minister Kailash Gahlot said, "The helpline has resumed its operation, now under the ambit of WCD, as a robust support system for women. We aim to ensure that every call is handled with utmost care and that women in distress receive timely and effective help. Delhi govt is committed to addressing issues of violence, abuse, and other concerns faced by women, reinforcing our dedication to their safety and well-being." TNN

Rental bikes, cabs, feeder buses at all RRTS stations

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Passengers will have the facility to rent two-wheelers or bicycles and use feeder buses, cabs and auto-rickshaws for last-mile connectivity at all RRTS stations from Delhi to Meerut.

The National Capital Region Transport Corporation, which is executing the RRTS project, has sought expressions of interest on a large scale for feeder services for all 25 stations of the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor.

At present, Namo Bharat trains are running on the 34-km section from Sahibabad to Modi Nagar North, covering eight stations. Electric buses of Ghaziabad City Transport Services Limited have been made available at all these operational stations for last-mile connectivity. Additionally, the Rapido taxi service is available. "Passengers using the Rapido bike taxi are being given a 10% discount for travelling on Namo Bharat trains. At present, this discount facility is available only at Ghaziabad and Sahibabad RRTS stations, and soon, this facility will be extended to passengers at other stations," said the official.

Service providers for CNG/electric-based shuttle-bus service, pre-paid powered taxi services, app cab service, prepaid/metered autorickshaw service, sharing service, e-rickshaw service, two-wheeler bike taxi service for point-to-point mobility from stations, rental cycle service from stations, rental car service from stations, etc. are being sought, the official stated further.

"Passengers will be able to avail the facility of rental two-wheelers and rental bicycles by paying on an hourly basis, and after the work gets over, they can park their vehicle or bicycle back at the vehicle or cycle point built in the stations and travel further by Namo Bharat trains. These efforts of NCRTC will create a better and friendlier transport system, which will not only reduce pollution but will also reduce road accidents," said another official.

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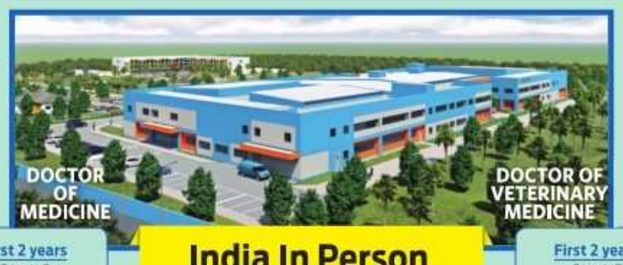


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ICA-T10545(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
EE, PWD., Darjeeling Division invites online e-tender for the work of : **1.** Repair of toilet, kitchen and external painting works of Sardeswari Govt. Girls High School Darjeeling, under PWD., Darjeeling Division during 2023-2024. Estimated Amount Rs. 10,44,830=00. Tender ID No. 2024_WBPWD_701471_1. e-NIT No. 01 of 2024-2025. Bid submission start date (online) 05/07/2024 from 11.00 A.M. Bid submission closing date (online) 22/07/2024 upto 5.30 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender Documents may be downloaded from website. https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- EE, PWD., Darjeeling Division, GOVT. OF W.B.
ICA-T10529(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Office of the Chief Medical officer of Health Murshidabad
Notice Inviting e-Tender
Tender ID-2024_HFW_703851_1, Tender Portal- www.wbtenders.gov.in E-Tender No- HFW-45025(12)/199/ 2024/6374 Dated 28.06.2024
CMOH & Member Secretary, DH&FWS, Murshidabad invites online tender for supply of free spectacles. Last date of submission of online bid is 25.07.2024 upto 5.00 P.M. For Detail, Please visit the website www.wbtenders.gov.in, www.wbhealth.gov.in and www.murshidabad.nic.in Sd/- Secretary, DH&FW Samity and CMOH, Murshidabad.
ICA-T10510(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Assistant Engineer, Kolkata North Sub Division-I, P.W.D. invites online e-tender for the work. NIeT No:WBPWD/AE/KNSD-I/NIeT-05/24-25 SL- 01 "Renovation of existing Scrap yard for waste poly pouches or poly film at the Central Dairy Campus, 64/99 Belgachia Road, Kolkata- 700037 under Kolkata North Division during the year 2024-2025." Estimated Amount Rs. : 4,11,037.00 TenderID: 2024_WBPWD_705794_1. Bid Submission upload start date: 09.07.2024 from 11.00 Hours Bid Submission upload end date : 16.07.2024 upto 15.30 Hours The details of NIeT and Tender document may be downloaded from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-AE/KNSD-1/PWD/GOVT OF WB
ICA-T10553(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PW(R)D TENDER NOTICE
E.E., M.H.D.-II, Public Works (Roads) Directorate, invites online e-NIT. eNIT No. 2 (Sl. No. 1 to 6) of 2024-2025. Tender Id : 2024_SH_705560_1, 2024_SH_705560_2, 2024_SH_705560_3, 2024_SH_705560_4, 2024_SH_705560_5, 2024_SH_705560_6. Bid Submission start date (online) : 18.07.2024. Bid Submission of closing date (online) 22.07.2024. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details on NIT and Tender documents may be downloaded from : https://www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-E.E., M.H.D.-II.
ICA-T10554(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NIT No. WBIW/EE-I/DCD/e-NIT-08/2024-25
Sealed tender is invited by the Executive Engineer-I, Damodar Canal Division, Court Compound, Purba Bardhaman on behalf of The Governor of West Bengal from the eligible & resourceful contractors having sufficient credential & financial capacity for the execution of work of similar nature. Details of NIT may be downloaded from www.wbiwd.gov.in on & from 05.07.2024 at 09:00 Hrs. Bid submission end date. Last date & time of submission of bid electronically, is 12/07/2024 at 12:00 Hrs. (Sl-1 & 2) & on 19/07/2024 at 12.00 Hrs. (Sl-3 to Sl-10). Tender Id:- 2024_IWD_705127_1 & 2024_IWD_705127_10. Sd/- Executive Engineer-I, Damodar Canal Division, Court Compound, Purba Bardhaman.
ICA-T10456(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Abridged of e-Tender Notice
No(s). WBFOR/DFOKGP/e- NIT 18 to 20/WBFBCCCR/2024-25
Divisional Forest Officer, Kharagpur Division invites e-Tender from eligible Agencies / Firms / Companies / Contractors having sufficient credential in similar type of works in c/w supply of 750cc & 1000cc root trainer and modification of root trainer stand at Hijli Range under Kharagpur Division. For further details, please contact the Office of the undersigned, Phone No-03222-277269. Also visit the website: www.westbengalforest.gov.in www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Manish Kumar Yadav, WBFS, Head, Kharagpur DMU & Divisional Forest Officer, Kharagpur Division
ICA-T10449(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
NIT No.-WBSDB/EE/CED-I/NIT-01(e)/2024-25
e-Tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer, Civil Engineering Division No-I, Sundarban Development Board from the reliable bonafide resourceful contractors for Construction of concrete Road in Sundarban Region (South 24 Parganas, West Bengal). Details may be seen from the Notice Board of the office of the EE/CED-I/SDB on working days during office hours or in website: https://wbtenders.gov.in/ https://etender.wb.nic.in Date of Publishing-05/07/2024, Bid submission start Dt.- 05/07/2024 at 16.00 hrs., Bid submission end Dt.-19/07/2024 upto 16.00 hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Civil Engineering. Division No.-I, Sundarban Development Board.
ICA-T10452(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
THE DURGAPUR PROJECTS LIMITED
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)
NIT No. (1) WBDPL/PP/T/12012(11)/2/ 2024/AHP/74, dated. 29.06.2024. Tender ID: 2024_DPL_703201_1 for Annual Maintenance Contract for Dry Bottom Ash Handling System of U#7 (300MW) and U#8 (250MW), DPPS and Economizer hopper ash handling system of U#7, DPPS for a period of 2(two) year with a provision of extension for another one year. Bid submission end date: 12.07.2024. Bid Opening date: 15.07.2024. **(2) WBDPL/DPPS/PUR/ NIT(E)-013JM/86/2023-24,** Tender ID: 2024_DPL_698693_1 for Procurement of spare parts for 132KV and 220 KV switchyard outdoor high voltage disconnector at U#7, DPPS. **(3) WBDPL/ DPPS/PUR/NIT(E)-015 BP/236/2023-24,** Tender ID : 2024_DPL_698862_1 for Procurement of bearings (spares for LT motor) for EMOPH, DPPS. **(4) WBDPL/ DPPS/PUR/NIT(E)-014 DJ/238/2023-24,** Tender ID : 2024_DPL_698823_1 for Procurement of spare Auma make actuator. Sl. Nos. **2 to 4,** Bid submission end date: 13.07.2024 and Bid Opening date: 19.07.2024 respectively. Cancellation **NIT No. (5) WBDPL/DPPS/ PUR/NIT(E)-115 JM/86/2023-24,** Tender ID: 2024_DPL_650475_1 is treated as cancelled. Visit: https://wbtenders.gov.in / www.dpl.net.in
ICA-T10461(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
NIeT No. WBPWD/EE/KCHD/NIeQ-03/2024-2025. Name of Work (1) Day to day operation of pump motor set & controlling valves in water supply lines as well as in the headers as & when required on 24x7 hours basis at NRS Medical College & Hospital (2) Dr. R. Ahmed Dental College & Hospital during the year 2024-25. TENDER ID : 2024_WBPWD_704956_1_2. Earnest Money Amount : (1) 42,000/- (2) 42,000/- Bid submission start date : 04.07.2024 at 12.00Hrs. Bid Submission end date : 23.07.2024 upto 14.00Hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWDte. Kolkata Central Health Division.
ICA-T10528(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
eNIT No.: 13/City(M) of 2024-25 of The E.E.-I, City Dvn., P.W.D. for work in Debating Hall at West Bengal Legislative Assembly are invited from bonafied contractors having credential for similar urgent nature of works. Bid submission closing date (online) will be on 20.07.2024 at 14.00 hrs. Tender ID: 2024_PWD_705388_1. Other details may be seen from the web site: http://etender.wb.nic.in & http://wbpwd.in Sd/-Executive Engineer-I, City Division, P.W.D
ICA-T10552(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender is invited by The Executive Engineer , Mechanical Electrical Division Berhampore PHE Dte vide Ref. No. WBPHED/EE/MEDB/NIeQ-02 OF 2024-25 and Tender ID: 2024_PHED_704181_1 to 54 for Operation & Guarding in different PWSS .Last date for Submission of Technical and Financial Bid (online): 20-07-2024 upto 4.00 P.M. Dated of Opening technical proposal (online): 22-07-2024 after 6.00 P.M. NB: All others of the above NIeQ will remain unchanged. All details can be seen from the websitehttp://wbtenders.gov.in& www.wbphed.gov.in
ICA-T10555(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
The Executive Engineer-I, Kolkata South Health Electrical Division, PWDte. invites eNIQ for "SITC of Fire Detection and Alarm System at Nursing Training School (both Old and New Building) and Nursing Superintendent Office within the campus of IPGME&R - SSKM Hospital, Kolkata" vide Tender ID - 2024_WBPWD_705246_1. Last date of submissions – 16.07.2024 upto 12.00 Noon. All documents can be seen / obtained from the websites https://wbtenders.gov.in / https://wbpwd.gov.in/home.html and office Notice Board. Sd/- Executive Engineer-I, Kolkata South Health Electrical Division, PWDte.
ICA-T10543(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer/Alipurduar Highway Division, P.W.(Roads) Directorate invites online e-tender for the work of Emergent Protection work at Ch. 11.630km. Bridge approach (upstream side) of Hasimara-Jaigaon Road under Alipurduar Highway Division in the district of Alipurduar during the year 2024-25. N.I.(e)T. No.- 02 of 2024-25/EE/APD HW DIVN. Bid submission start date (Online) : 08.07.2024 from 10.15a.m. Bid submission closing date (Online) : 23.07.2024 upto 05.00p.m. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.(e)T. and Tender documents may be downloaded from : http://etender.gov.in Sd/- S.K. Mehta Executive Engineer, Alipurduar Highway Division P.W. (Roads) Dte.
ICA-T10544(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Abridged of e-Tender Notice
No(s). WBFOR/DFOKGP/e-NIT 02 to 12/SP/QGS/2024-25
Divisional Forest Officer, Kharagpur Division invites e-Tender from eligible Agencies / Firms / Companies / Contractors having sufficient credential in similar type of works for Creation of QGS Plantation at different Range jurisdictions under Kharagpur Division. For further details, please contact the Office of the undersigned, Phone No-03222-277269. Also visit the website: www.westbengalforest.gov.in/ www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Manish Kumar Yadav, WBFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Kharagpur Division
ICA-T10448(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
North Bengal Development Department
1st Corrigendum of Advertisement
S.E., NBDD, issues 1st Corrigendum of e-Tender Vide NIeT No. 02 (Sl. No. 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18), NIeT No. 03 (SL. No. 01, 02), NIeT No. 04 of 2024-25 and NIeT No.05 (SL. No. 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10) of 2024-25 of the S.E, NBDD. Details of works be seen in the above mentioned NIeT in the website:- www.wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbnorthbengaldev.gov.in Sd/- Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Development Department
ICA-T10450(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
DEBEN MAHATA GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, HATUARA, PURULIA
Abridged Notice Inviting e-Tender
1st re e-tender (3rd call) is invited for procurement of C-Arm with Flat Panel Detector for department of Orthopedics at Office of the Principal. Last date of online bid submission is 26.07.2024. Please visit https://wbtenders.gov.in, www.wbhealth.gov.in, www.dmgmch.edu.in for viewing the complete notice. Sd/- Principal, Deben Mahata Govt. Medical College & Hospital.
ICA-T10462(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, HOWRAH
e-TENDER NOTICE
Ref: NIT No. CMOH/DHFWS/HOW/1388 Dated: 28/06/2024
Re-E-Tender(2nd Call) is hereby invited **for supply of food for different Health Programmes at office of the CMOH, Howrah.** (Last date of application: 20/07/2024). Tender Starting Date: 05/07/2024). Visit at www.wbtenders.gov.in & http://www.wbhealth.gov.in, www.healthyhowrah.org.in Sd/- CMOH, Howrah.
ICA-T10451(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WEST BENGAL GREEN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.
CIN: U40108WB2007SGC121189
(A Govt. of West Bengal Company)
Bikalpa Shakti Bhavan, Plot-J-1/10 EP, GP Block, Salt Lake Electronics Complex, Sector-V, Kolkata- 700 091
Ph: 033-2357-6361,
Email: wbgedcl@rediffmail.com/ wbgedcl2007@gmail.com
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
NIeT No. WBGEDCL/NIeT-01/2024-25
WBGEDCL invites e-tender for "Design & Engineering, Manufacture/ Procurement, Testing, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Organic waste-based Biogas Plant (Horizontal Single Tank based) of capacity of 250 kgs per day including 5(five) years comprehensive maintenance on turnkey basis." Detailed NIT may be seen & downloaded from WBGEDCL website: www.wbgedcl.in Detailed NIeT may be seen & downloaded from WBGEDCL website www.wbgedcl.in Interested bidders may obtain bidding documents by registering themselves to the e-tendering portal https://wbtenders.gov.in and thereby downloading the bidding documents from 05.07.2024 and the offer shall be submitted online up to 4.00 P.M. on 01.08.2024. Sd/- Chief Engineer.
ICA-T10460(3)/2024

e-Tender Notice
Hooghly Zilla R.M.C. invites e-Tender vide N.I.T. No.02/HZRMC/2024-2025 Date: 04.07.2024. Last date of submission of Bid-24.07.2024 up to 1 P.M. The details of the e-Tenders are available on the website **https://www.wbtenders.gov.in**
Sd/-
Secretary
Hooghly Zilla R.M.C

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Online tender is invited by the undersigned for the work: "Proposed new Integrated Science and Technology campus of University of Calcutta at Rajarhat, Kolkata - Construction of G+7 storied Building (Tower 4) with the provision of G+15 storied foundation, Substation Building compound development (Partially and Construction of G+3 storied New Building (Tower 3) with the provision of G+7 storied foundation----SITC of 5 nos 15 passenger Lift." Tender No: PWD/SE/KEC/NIT06/24-25, ID No. 2024_WBPWD_705309_1. Document Download Closing 02.08.2024 upto 12 noon. Website: etender.wb.nic.in For details contact at the office of the undersigned. Corrigendum if any will be published only on the said website. Sd/- S. Bhaduri, Superintending Engineer, PWD, Kolkata Elec. Circle.
ICA-T10541(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
WBPWD/SEKHEC/KNHED/eNIT06/24-25
e-Tender being invited by the SEKHEC, PWD KIT Annex Building, 5th Floor, Kolkata-73 from the eligible contractors for Preventive & corrective maintenance & round the clock operation of 33/6 KV GIS Sub-Station including 6/0.415KV Sub stations installed at Medical College Hospital, Kolkata, under MCH Electrical Sub-Division, P.W.Dte. (For the period of Three years). Tender ID:- 2024_WBPWD_705155_1. Last date of submission:- 29.07.2024, 01:00 P.M. may be seen at https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Kolkata Health Electrical Circle, PWD.
ICA-T10539(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD QUOTATION NOTICE
Day to day operation of pump motor set & controlling valves to ensure the day after day water supply for better patient care service at Khidirpore Maternity Home under IPGME&R during the year 2024-25 & 2025-26. Earnest Money: Rs. 13,527.00. e-NIQ No. WBPWD/KSHD/EE/NIQ-09 OF 2024-2025, Tender ID:- 2024_WBPWD_705344_1. Bid Submission Start date (online): 09/07/2024 at 02:00 P.M. Bid Submission Closing date (online): 16/07/2024 upto 02:00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIQ & quotation documents may be downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer-I, PWD, Kolkata South Health Division.
ICA-T10542(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Superintending Engineer, Western Electrical Circle, P.W.D. invites online e-Tender for the work of Construction of Police Morgue at Prafulla Chandra Sen Government Medical College and Hospital, Arambagh in the district of Hooghly. (Electrical Work) --- SITC of LIFT. eNIQ No.- WBPWD/SEWEC/HED/NIQ-30/2024-25, Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_705273_1. Bid submission start date (online): **05.07.2024 from 03:00 P.M.** Bid submission closing dat e(online): **16.07.2024 upto 3.00 P.M.** Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.Q. and Tender documents may be downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- S.K.Biswas Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., Western Electrical Circle.
ICA-T10533(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Abridged of e-Tender Notice
No(s). WBFOR/DFOKGP/e- NIT 13 to 17/SP/Sal/2024-25
Divisional Forest Officer, Kharagpur Division invites e-Tender from eligible Agencies / Firms / Companies / Contractors having sufficient credential in similar type of works for Creation of Sal Plantation at different Range jurisdictions under Kharagpur Division. For further details, please contact the Office of the undersigned, Phone No-03222-277269. Also visit the website: www.westbengalforest.gov.in/ www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Manish Kumar Yadav, WBFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Kharagpur Division
ICA-T10447(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
General Manager, District Industries Centre, Kolkata under the Department of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Textiles, Govt. of West Bengal invites bids for supply of Machines at the CFC of the SHOE-MAKING ARTISANS of JANBAZAR LEATHER ARTISANS INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED, UDAYAN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, 3 No. PAGLADANGA ROAD, KOLKATA-700015 to standardize their shoe making procedure vide Tender reference No. 131/DIC/KOL/24-25 & Tender Id : 2024_MSME_700379_1 for which Bid submission end date is 22.07.2024 upto 04.00p.m. Intended bidders are requested to visit the website : www.wbtenders.gov.in for details. Sd/- General Manager, District Industries Centre, Kolkata.
ICA-T10454(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal, Quotation -Tender is invited by the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Purba Medinipur District, PIN-721636 for the work Hand instruments of High Definition Laparoscopic Surgery system, for Panskura under Purba Medinipur, from resourceful, eligible agency having experience in similar nature of works. Technical & Financial Bid Submission Closing Date: **12.07.2024** at 5:00 PM For details, please visit the website www.purbamedinipur.gov.in www.wbtenders.gov.in or www.wbhealth.gov.in or the Office of the Undersigned. **Sd/- CMOH & Secretary, DH & FWS, Purba Medinipur**
ICA-T10458(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Cooperation Department
RFP for Consultancy for 'Comprehensive Transformation & Rejuvenation of Cooperative Sector of West Bengal'
The Cooperation Department, Government of West Bengal, invites proposals from reputed and qualified consulting firms for the "Comprehensive Transformation and Rejuvenation of Cooperative Sector of West Bengal". Details and submission procedures are available on e-Tender Portal: [https://wbtenders.gov.in/] **[Tender ID 2024_SCMFL_706118_1]**
Last date for subnmission of bid: 29-07-2024 upto 11.00 AM.
Sd/- Additional Chief Secretary
ICA-T10518(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting electronic bids for procurement of a Laser Machine for Department of Dermatology at School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata as per details indicated in below:
Equipment Name: Laser Machine (01). **Bid Ref. No.** WBMSCL/NIT-398/2024; Dated- 02.07.2024. **Last date of submission of online bid:** 31.07.2024 upto 03:00 P.M. Interested Bidders may download the tender document and submit their bids online at the website: www.wbtenders.gov.in The tender document may also be downloaded from the websites www.wbhealth.gov.in and www.wbmsc.gov.in Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL & Joint Secretary, H&FW Dept.
ICA-T10463(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer (P.W.D), Jalpaiguri Division, Jalpaiguri invites online tender for the work "Construction of roof truss with colored tin shed at the office of the Assistant Engineer PWD Jalpaiguri Sub Division under the Jalpaiguri Division PWD during the year 2024-25". Estimated Amount Put to Tender : Rs. 9,74,824.00 [Tender Id : 2024_PWD_705125_1] NIeT No 03 of 2024-2025 (1st call) of JPGD. Tender Ref No: Ref No: WBPWD/EE/JPGD/ NIeT_03/2024. Bid submission closing date (online) : 12.07.2024 upto 12.00hrs. Bid Opening date (online) : 15.07.2024 at 12.30Hrs. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIeT documents may be downloaded from : http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- EE, JALPAIGURI DIVISION, PWD.
ICA-T10525(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Online Tender is being invited by E.E., Birbhum Electrical Division, PWD, for - **i)** "Repairing and renovation of EI works Pharmacy at Bolpur BPHC, Birbhum." Tender No: BIRED/85/e-NIQ (1st call) of 2024-25, Tender ID:- 2024_WBPWD_704777_1, **ii)** Relocate the overhead electrical line from the front of DRS building at Bolpur SDH, Birbhum. Tender No: BIRED/87/e-NIQ (1st call) of 2024-25, Tender ID:- 2024_WBPWD_705110_1. Bid submission closing Date- 12.07.2024 upto 01.00 p.m. For more information Visit https://wbtender.gov.in Sd/- S.K. Mallick, Executive Engineer, PWD, Birbhum Electrical Division.
ICA-T10531(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, P.W.D, North 24 Prgs Electrical Division invite online e-Tender for the work of :- 1)" Electrical Repair and Renovation work of Kalinagar Central Hostel for SC girls Vill- Kalinagar, Mouza- Kalinagar, JL No- 28, PS- Nazat, Block - Sandeshkhali-I." 2) "Electrical Repair and Renovation work of taki Central Hostel for SC Boys,Taki,Ward no-6, P.O- Taki, P.SHasnabad, North 24-Parganas." NIT No: 1) WBPWD/EE/N24/EL/eNIT-135/24-25. 2) WBPWD/EE/N24/EL/eNIT-136/24-25. Tender id:1) 2024_WBPWD_705579_1. 2) 2024_WBPWD_705593_1. Pre Bid Meeting Date: 08/07/2024 at 12.00 Hrs. Bid Submission start date (Online): 09.07.2024. Bid Submission Closing date (Online): 19.07.2024. Corrigendum if any will be published website only. Details of NIT & tender documents may be downloaded from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D NORTH 24 PARGANAS ELECTRICAL DIVISION.
ICA-T10549(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Superintending Engineer, Western Electrical Circle, P.W.D . invites online e-Tender for the work of Construction of Police Morgue at Prafulla Chandra Sen Government Medical College and Hospital, Arambagh in the district of Hooghly. (Electrical Works)..... - SITC of Air Conditioning and SITC of Mortuary Cooler with Electrification works. eNIQ No.- WBPWD/SEWEC /HED /NIQ-29 /2024-25 Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_705022_1 Bid submission start date (online): 12.07.2024 from 03:00 P.M Bid submission closing date(online) 29.07.2024 upto 3.00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.Q. and Tender documents may be downloaded from : http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- S.K.Biswas Superintending Engineer, P.W.D. Wester Electrical Circle
ICA-T10524(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
E-tender is invited by the Commissioner of Police Kolkata for 1) "Annual e-tender for Supply and Installation of PA & Sound system, Arrangement of Special Decorative Lighting, Projection & Camera Set Up on hire basis i/c/w various programme of Kolkata Police." The last date for submission of the e-tenders is **23/07/2024 up to 15.00 hours.** The NIT Document and other details will be available in the website: www.wbtenders.gov.in.
Sd/- for Commissioner of Police, Kolkata.
ICA-T10512(3)/2024

WBEIDC
Webel Bhavan , Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700 091.
Notice Inviting e-Tender No. WEBEL/EOT /W /24-25/000005
Dated: 02 - 07 - 2024
For "Shifting of WML from Taratala Industrial Estate to Salt lake ECS Building"
Due date of Submission : 7 days from publication.
Interested parties may go through website https://wbtenders.gov.in and https://www.webel.in
For details or contact
033 - 2339 2297 / 2339 2364.
ICA-T10464(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WRI&DD. e-NIT
Executive Engineer (A-M) Midnapore (A-M) Division invites e-tender for Fabrication Works of Twin Hull Barge at Hatibari Major RLI under under Midnapore (A-M) Division under Core Sector 24-25 vide Tender reference no-WBWRDD/EE(AM)MID/eNIT-09 /2024-25. **Tender ID :-2024_WRDD_705777_1 Last date of dropping : 19.07.2024 (2.00 pm)** Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for details.
Sd/- Executive Engineer (A-M) Midnapore (A-M) Division
ICA-T10509(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
The Superintendent of Kalna Subsidiary Correctional Home, WB for and on behalf of the Governor of WB, invites Re-tender for supply of dietary articles at Kalna Subsidiary Correctional Home for the period from the date of acceptance to 30.09.2024. Tender Inviting Notice No. 02/RT-24/KALNASCH dated 12.06.2024. Date of documents download starts: 05.07.2024 at 14:00 hrs. Last date of submission of tender: 19.07.2024 at 14:00 hrs. Full particulars may be had from the website: www.wbtenders.gov.in "The ADG & IG of Correctional Services, West Bengal reserves the rights to cancel any or all the tenders without showing any reason." Sd/- Kalna Subsidiary Correctional Home, W.B.
ICA-T10455(3)/2024

Man kills self: A 30-year-old man allegedly shot himself dead in Rohini on Thursday. A suicide note was recovered. The deceased, Sunil Thakur, was a resident of Bareilly in UP. PTI

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Online applications are invited by the DH & FW Samiti, D/Dinajpur for different posts of NHM & NACO. For details, please visit: **www.wbhealth.gov.in, www.ddinajpur.nic.in.**
Sd/-
CMOH & Member Secretary DH & FW Samiti, D/Dinajpur
Memo No.: 55/(2)Inf/ADVT/Dakshin Dinajpur Date : 04.07.2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
On-line Tender is being invited by E.E, Birbhum Electrical Division, PWD, for – Supply and installation of Lights and allied El works at Circuit House, Suri, Birbhum." Tender No: BIRED/86/e-NIQ (1st call) of 2024-25 Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_704926_1, Bid submission closing Date- 12.07.2024 up to 01.00pm, For more information Visit https://wbtender.gov.in. Sd/- S.K Mallick Executive Engineer, PWD Birbhum Electrical Division
ICA-T10522(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, P.W.Dte., Kolkata Electrical Division,. invites e-tender for the work of " Dismantling of old existing AC machines and SITC of 2Nos New Ductable type AC Machines in P.B Dalit Sahitya Academy at Hemanta Bhawan, 5th Floor, under Writers' Buildings Electrical Sub Division, P.W.D." Vide e-tender no. WBPWD/EEKED/eNIQ-12Q/24-25. Tender id: 2024_WBPWD_705628_1. Bid submission end date is 16.07.2024 upto 12.00 P.M. Details of Tender documents incl. Corrigendum, if any will be available at website: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.Dte Kolkata Electrical Division.
ICA-T10546(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
No.3076 - P&RD/O/ESTT./5M-08/20204 Dated: 27.06.2024
Notice Inviting Tender
P&RD Deptt. invites E-Tender for providing out-sourced manpower of different categories in P&RD Department. Bid submission start date 04.07.2024 at 10.00 AM instead of 02.07.2024 at 5.00 PM and end date 19.07.2024 at 5.30 PM. Details are available at https://wbtenders.gov.in and department website at https://prd.wb.gov.in
ICA-T10472(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT No.- 01 of 2024-25 (2024_WBPWD_705077_1)
E.E., NH Division-V, P.W.(Roads) Directorate invites online tender for "Repairing of Nowaikhal Old Bridge at Chainage 18.50 Kmp of NH-12 under NH Division-V In the District of N-24 pargana during the year 2024-25." Bid submission start date: 03.07.2024 at 14:00 hrs. Bid submission closing date: 16.07.2024 at 14:00 hrs. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender documents may be downloaded from: https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- EE/NHD-V/PW(R)Dte.
ICA-T10532(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
WBPWD/SEKHEC/KSHED/eNIT05/24-25
e-Tender being invited by the SEKHEC, PWD KIT Annex Building, 5th Floor, Kolkata-73 from the eligible contractors for Day to day operation of bed-cum-passenger & passenger lifts of different buildings, under the jurisdiction of SSKM(H) Electrical Sub-Division, PWDte., within the premises of IPGME&R-SSKM Hospital, Kolkata and its Annexes (For the period of one year) Tender ID:- 2024_WBPWD_705146_1 Last date of submission: - 29-07-2024 01:00 PM may be seen at https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Kolkata Health Electrical Circle, PWD
ICA-T10527(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Short Notice Inviting Tender
No. WBIW/EE/APD/S NIT-04(e)/2024-25
Short e-tender is invited by The Executive Engineer, Alipurduar Irrigation Division, College Halt, Alipurduar on behalf of Governor of W.B. for the work mentioned in the NIT under through online tendering process from the eligible & resourceful Contractors having sufficient credential & financial capacity for execution of work of similar nature. Details of NIT & Tender document will be available from www.wbiwd.gov.in or https://wbtenders.gov.in on & from 05.07.2024 after 18.30 hrs. Bid submission end date 08.07.2024 upto 15.00 hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Alipurduar Irrigation Division, Irrigation and Waterways Directorate.
ICA-T10508(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
No. WBIW/EE/TCD-I/e-NIT-01/2024-25
Name of Works : Urgent Repairing and Maintenance and Preparing top Surface of Inspection Path at Ch-20.575 km to 21.270 km Over the right bank of MMC under Teesta Canal Sub-Division No-III, Haptiagachh in P.S. & Block- Chopra, Dist.- Uttar Dinajpur. Amount put to Tender Rs. 6,79,788/- Bid submission end date: 16.07.2024 & Time upto 11.00 Hrs. For further details of N.I.T. please visit e-tendering direct website http://wbtenders.gov.in and departmental website www.wbiwd.gov.in and also in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Teesta Canal Division No-I, Teesta Pally, Islampur, Uttar Dinajpur. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Teesta Canal Division No-I, Islampur
ICA-T10471(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
The Executive Engineer Salt Lake Construction Division invites e-tender vide Tender ID No. 2024_UDD_702710_1 vide NIT No. WBUDMAD/SLP/NIeT-02/2024-25 of EE, SLC Division dated: 28.06.2024. Estimated Amount of work is Rs. 9,89,005.00. Bid submission start date (online): 04.07.2024 from 11.00 hrs. Bid submission closing date (online): 11.07.2024 upto 14.00 hrs. Details of N.I.T. and Tender Documents may be downloaded from https://wbtenders.gov.in https://wburbanservices.gov.in and office Notice Board. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Salt Lake Construction Division
ICA-T10466(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
HALDIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
City Centre, P.O. Debhog, Haldia Dist. Purba Medinipur, PIN-721657
Toll Free No. 1800-345-3224
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
No. 9/HDA/EC/2024-25
Online (E-Tender) tender in a two bid system is hereby invited for **"CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE NEAR THE HOUSE OF BAHAR SAHEB AT CHILLAGRAM (J.L. NO. – 245, DAG NO. 231/246) UNDER NANDIGRAM-I BLOCK." Estimated Cost of work: Rs. 21,40,235/-** (including GST and Labour Welfare Cess). **Document downloading date:** 06.07.2024 to 19.07.2024 up to 3:30 p.m. **Starting date of bid submission:** 12.07.2024 at 10.00 a.m. **Last date of online bid submission**: 19.07.2024 up to 4:00 p.m. Information in details is available in the office and in the website of HDA : www.hda.gov.in E-Tender can be submitted through: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- **Chief Executive Officer, HDA.**
ICA-T10467(3)/2024

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With Limited Access To Site, Allottees In Doubt

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The allottees have expressed concerns regarding the limited access to the site, with some alleging that various works, such as installing tiles in balconies and fitting fixtures

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Santaldih Thermal Power Station
P.O. Santaldih Thermal Plant, Dist. - Purulia, Pin - 723146

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/STPS/CC-1961 **Date: 28.06.2024**

NIT No.: WBPDCL/STPS/NIT/E3615/24-25

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, STPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"Biennial Maintenance Contract for Pest Control and Rodent Control Activities at STPS Plant Premises". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 05.07.2024 at 03:00 PM. **Bid Submission End Date:** 29.07.2024 at 03:00 PM. **Contact Person:** Mr. K. Kr. Dutta, Senior Manager (CC), STPS. **Telephone No.:** 8336903918. **E-mail:** kdutta@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**

ICA-T10483(2)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Santaldih Thermal Power Station
P.O. Santaldih Thermal Plant, Dist. - Purulia, Pin - 723146

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/STPS/CC-1965 **Date: 28.06.2024**

NIT No.: WBPDCL/STPS/NIT/E3571/24-25

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, STPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"Procurement of SAIL/TATA/JINDAL/RINL make Structural Steel for CHP under CHP(MM), STPS". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 28.06.2024 at 15:00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 11.07.2024 at 14:00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. D. Biswas, Senior Manager (Purchase), STPS, **Mobile No.:** 8336904045. **E-mail:** dbiswas@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**

ICA-T10490(2)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Kolaghat Thermal Power Station
P.O. Mecheda, Dist. Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721137

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/KTPS/CC-1952 **Date : 28.06.2024**

NIT No.: WBPDCL/KTPS/NIT/E3014/24-25

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"Repair & strengthening of concrete pavement of Road E640.00 in-front of Coal yard for Dozer movement from Workshop to Coal yard site (210 meter x 7 meter) at KTPS". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 05.07.2024 at 11.00 AM. **Bid Submission End Date :** 22.07.2024 at 15.30 PM. **Contact person:** Mr. Subhasis Das. **Telephone no.:** 8336904051. **E-mail:** cc_ktps@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**

ICA-T10477(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

EE, Kalimpong Division, PWD invites online eNIT for the Below mentioned work:- "Repair of potholes and depressions in between 0.00 to 1.00 kmp of Riyang Road under Kalimpong Sub-Division – I of Kalimpong Division, P W D.", (Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_703176_1) Short eNIT No 02e of 2024-25 Bid submission start date (online): 29.06.2024. from 11:30 AM Bid submission Closing date (online): 06.07.2024. up to 12:30 PM Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T and Tender document may be downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- EE, PWD Kalimpong Division

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

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Executive Engineer (A-M) Berhampore- I (A-M) Division invites e-tender for Supply of different materials for maintenance of different RLI Schemes under Berhampore (A-M) Sub-Division and Lalgola (A-M) Sub-Division under Berhampore-I (AM) Division. e-NIT no: EE(AM)/BER- I(AM)/MATERIALS/eNIT-02/2024-25 Tender Id-2024_WRDD_705798_1 to 2 Last dropping date is 13.07.2024 up to 11.00 AM. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for details.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-M)
Berhampore I (A-M) Division

ICA-T10513(3)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Santaldih Thermal Power Station
P.O. Santaldih Thermal Plant, Dist. - Purulia, Pin - 723146

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/STPS/CC-1959 **Date: 28.06.2024**

NIT No.: WBPDCL/STPS/NIT/E3613/24-25

E- Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, STPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"Hiring of two (02) Hydraulic Tyre Mounted Crane of capacity 14 Ton or more with long boom and one (01) trailer of capacity 15 Ton or more with Engine (not Tractor) along with Operator for upcoming Overhauling of Unit#6 under CHPO Dept., STPS, WBPDCL". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 01.07.2024 from 11:00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 24.07.2024 within 16:00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. K. K. Dutta. **Mobile :** 8336903918 **E-mail:** cc_stps@wbpdcl.co.in/kdutta@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**

ICA-T10482(2)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Bakreswar Thermal Power Project
P.O. BkTPP, Dist. - Birbhum, Pin - 731104

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/BkTPP/CC-1946 **Date: 28.06.2024**

NIT No.: WBPDCL/BKTPP/NIT/E3154/24-25

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by General Manager - BkTPP, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"Annual Civil Maintenance job at BkTPP Township". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 04.07.2024 at 09:00 AM. **Bid Submission End Date:** 18.07.2024 at 04:00 PM. **Contact Person:** Mr. Indranil Chakroborty, Sr. Manager - CC, BkTPP, WBPDCL. **Mobile:** 8373055604. **E-mail:** cc_bktps@wbpdcl.co.in/cc.bktpp@gmail.com For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**

ICA-T10495(2)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Santaldih Thermal Power Station
P.O. Santaldih Thermal Plant, Dist. - Purulia, Pin - 723146

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/STPS/CC-1966 **Date: 28.06.2024**

NIT No.: WBPDCL/STPS/NIT/E3569/24-25

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, STPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"Procurement of spares of FAE Tower of Unit #6 for running Maintenance under AHP (M/M) Dept., STPS". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 28.06.2024 at 15:00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 08.07.2024 at 14:00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. D. Biswas, Senior Manager (Purchase), STPS. **Mobile No.:** 8336904045. **E-mail:** dbiswas@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**

ICA-T10491(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

HALDIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
City Centre, P.O. Debhog, Haldia
Dist. Purba Medinipur, PIN-721657
Toll Free No. 1800-345-3224
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
No. 11/HDA/EC/2024-25

Online (E-Tender) tender in a two bid system is hereby invited for **"CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE ROAD FROM CHANDI JANA'S HOUSE TO UTTAM BERA'S HOUSE AT CHAKSIMULIA GRAM PANCHAYET, MOUZA PANDABBASAN AND CHAKDURGABASAN UNDER NANDAKUMAR PANCHAYET SAMITY." Estimated Cost of work: Rs. 1,70,20,188/-** (including GST and Labour Welfare Cess). **Document downloading date:** 06.07.2024 to 26.07.2024 up to 3:30 p.m. **Starting date of bid submission:** 18.07.2024 at 10.00 a.m. **Last date of online bid submission:** 26.07.2024 up to 4:00 p.m. Information in details is available in the office and in the website of HDA : www.hda.gov.in E-Tender can be submitted through: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- **Chief Executive Officer, HDA.**

ICA-T10468(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

HALDIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
City Centre, P.O. Debhog, Haldia
Dist. Purba Medinipur, PIN-721657
Toll Free No. 1800-345-3224
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
No. 12/HDA/EC/2024-25

Online (E-Tender) tender in a two bid system is hereby invited for **"NECESSARY REPAIRING/ RETROFITTING ARRANGEMENTS/ STRENGTHENING OF GATEWAY OF HALDIA AT BRAJALALCHAK." Estimated Cost of work: Rs. 42,80,164/-** (including GST and Labour Welfare Cess). **Document downloading date:** 06.07.2024 to 19.07.2024 up to 3:30 p.m. **Starting date of bid submission:** 12.07.2024 at 10.00 a.m. **Last date of online bid submission:** 19.07.2024 up to 4:00 p.m. Information in details is available in the office and in the website of HDA : www.hda.gov.in E-Tender can be submitted through: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- **Chief Executive Officer, HDA.**

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

HALDIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
City Centre, P.O. Debhog, Haldia
Dist. Purba Medinipur, PIN-721657
Toll Free No. 1800-345-3224
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
No. 03/HDA/EC-ELECT/2024-25

Online (E-Tender) tender in a two bid system is hereby invited for **"CONVERSION OF CONVENTIONAL LIGHTS TO LED FLOOD LIGHTS FOR 40M HIGH MAST FLOOD LIGHTING SYSTEM AT NANDAKUMAR ROTARY UNDER NANDAKUMAR BLOCK." Estimated Cost of work: Rs. 6,15,998/-. Document downloading date:** 29/6/24 to 12/7/24 up to 1:30 p.m. **Starting date of bid submission:** 04/07/2024 at 2.00 p.m. **Last date of online bid submission:** 12/07/2024 up to 2:30 p.m. Information in details is available in the office and in the website of HDA : www.hda.gov.in E-Tender can be submitted through: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- **Chief Executive Officer, HDA.**

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE INVITING e-QUOTATION

WBPWD/EE/S24PGSD/ NIeQ 22/2024-2025 Sealed Quotation is invited by the E.E. South 24 Parganas Division, P.W.Dte. for "Supply, fitting & fixing furniture after Construction of Inspection Banglow at Canning inside P.W.D. Office Complex under South 24 Pgs Division, PWD in the district of South 24 Parganas during the year 2024- 2025. (Phase-I)" Details of the NIQ will be available in the Office Notice Board as well as in the Departmental Websites: http://wbtenders.gov.in & http://wbpwd.gov.in. Last Date of Bid Submission (Online) 18-07-2024 Upto 1:30 PM. Tender Id No. 2024_WBPWD_704986_1 Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, South 24 Parganas Division.

ICA-T10519(3)/2024

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata - 700 091
CIN: U40109WB2007SGC113473, www.wbsedcl.in

WBSEDCL invites e-Tenders as follows:

1) NIT No.: CE/DTD/PTR/OLTC/2024-25/02 of the Chief Engineer, Distribution Testing Department, WBSEDCL. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 30,00,000/- for the work of *'Rate contract for repairing, rewinding of damaged/defective coils of Power Transformer without OLTC up to 6.3 MVA'*

2) NIT No.: RM/24-PGN(S)/PROC/2024-25/810, **Dt.:** 28.06.2024 of the Regional Manager, South 24 Parganas Region, WBSEDCL. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 15,71,674.49 for the work of *'Supply, delivery, fixing & installation of furniture and utensil items to various schools near Bansdroni area under CSR Scheme of WBSEDCL.'*

Extension of Time

Ref. NIT No.: DM/BDN/Local Item/24-25/01/401, **Dtd.:** 10.06.2024 of the Divisional Manager, Burdwan North Division, WBSEDCL. **Bid Submission End Date** is hereby extended up to **15.07.2024 (14:00 hrs.).**

ICA-T10516(1)/2024

For details, visit **https://wbtenders.gov.in** & **www.wbsedcl.in**

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700091
CIN: U40109WB2007SGC113473, www.wbsedcl.in

WBSEDCL invites e-Tender as follows:

NIT No.: ZMK/e-Tender/2024-25/21, **Dt.:** 02.07.2024 of the Zonal Manager, Kolkata Zone, WBSEDCL. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 18,00,96,539/- for the work of *'Shifting of existing 33 kV, 11 kV and LT network of WBSEDCL with supply of materials along Kona Expressway from 0.145 km to 7.337 km of NH-117 for construction of six lane elevated Kona Expressway under Howrah Division-I, WBSEDCL.'*

ICA-T10558(3)/2024

For details, visit **https://wbtenders.gov.in** & **www.wbsedcl.in**

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
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Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata - 700 091
CIN: U40109WB2007SGC113473, www.wbsedcl.in

WBSEDCL invites e-Tender as follows:

NIT No.: **CE/DTD/Testing_Instruments/2024-25/03** of the **Chief Engineer, Distribution Testing Department**, WBSEDCL. Estimated Cost: **₹ 1.78 Crore** for the work of 'Manufacture, testing, supply and delivery of **05 nos. CT Analyser**'.

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For details, visit **https://wbtenders.gov.in** & **www.wbsedcl.in**

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
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Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Santaldih Thermal Power Station
P.O. Santaldih Thermal Plant, Dist. - Purulia, Pin - 723146

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/STPS/CC-1964 **Date: 28.06.2024**

NIT No.: WBPDCL/STPS/NIT/E3575/24-25

E- Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, STPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"Sprinkling of Water over the roads inside & outside of Plant Premises of STPS for 02 years". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 01.07.2024 at 15.00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 24.07.2024 at 15.00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. K. Kr. Dutta, Dy. General Manager (Contract Cell). **Contact No.:** 8336903918. **E-mail:** kdutta@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**

ICA-T10486(3)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
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Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Santaldih Thermal Power Station
P.O. Santaldih Thermal Plant, Dist. - Purulia, Pin - 723146

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/STPS/CC-1963 **Date: 28.06.2024**

NIT No.: WBPDCL/STPS/NIT/E3563/24-25

E- Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, STPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"Supply, Fitting & Fixing of 44 nos. PVC Overhead Water Tanks (Sintex made-Three layer) at different type of Quarters within STPS (T)". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 01.07.2024 at 15.00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 09.07.2024 at 15.00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. K. Kr. Dutta, Dy. General Manager (Contract Cell). **Contact No.:** 8336903918. **E-mail:** kdutta@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**

ICA-T10485(3)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Santaldih Thermal Power Station
P.O. Santaldih Thermal Plant, Dist. - Purulia, Pin - 723146

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/STPS/CC-1968 **Date: 28.06.2024**

NIT No.: WBPDCL/STPS/NIT/E3583/24-25

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, STPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"Procurement of spares for Bowl Mill XRP-883 for regular & Overhauling maintenance under BMD, STPS". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 28.06.2024 at 15:00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 11.07.2023 at 14:00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. D . Biswas, Sr. Mgr. (Purchase), STPS. **Mobile No.:** 8336904045. **E-mail:** dbiswas@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Tender Notice of I & CA Deptt

Memo No. of NIT 2477-ICA(N) dt. 04/07/2024 and Tender ID 2024_ICAD_706544_1, Memo No. of NIT 2478-ICA(N) dt 04/07/2024 and Tender ID 2024_ICAD_706564_1, Memo No. of NIT 2479-ICA(N) dt 04/07/2024 and Tender ID 2024_ICAD_706616_1, Memo No. of NIT 2480-ICA(N) dt 04/07/2024 and Tender ID 2024_ICAD_706629_1 and Memo No. of NIT 2481-ICA(N) dt 04/07/2024 and Tender ID 2024_ICAD_706600_1. e-Tenders are hereby invited from intending bidders for the various works related to **"Baishe Shraban 2024".** Bid submission closing date: 19/07/2024 at 12:30 pm. Other details may be available from the website: https://wbtenders.gov.in. Sd/- Director of Culture, Information & Cultural Affairs Deptt., Govt. of West Bengal

ICA-T10557(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE
WBPWD/EE/HCD/NIT e-03 of 2024-2025

1. Patch Repair and Maintenance Works and allied Works on Linking Roads of Kotulpur Arambagh Road chainage 36.00 Kmp to 54.00 Kmp in respect of road safety ground under Hooghly Construction Sub-Division-I, PWD, Arambagh under Hooghly Construction Division, P.W.D during the year of 2024-2025. Estimated Amount: Rs. 1819470.00. Tender ID: 2024_PWD_705245_1. **2.** Emergent repairing of both side shouldering of Goghat to Pundahit Road from ch. 8.20 kmp to ch. 12.53 kmp under Hooghly Construction Sub-Division-I, PWD under Hooghly Construction Division, PWD during the year 2024-2025. Estimated Amount: Rs. 1172356.00. Tender ID: 2024_PWD_705245_2. **3.** Emergent Pre monsoon Potholes repairing work at Tarakeswar Temple Road in different stretches from 0.00 Kmp to 1.60 Kmp under Hooghly Construction Sub-Division-III, P.W.D. Arambagh under Hooghly Construction Division, P.W.D. During the year 2024-2025. Estimated Amount: Rs. 299082.00. Tender ID: 2024_PWD_705245_3. Tender Reference No. WBPWD/EE/HCD/NIT e-03 of 2024-2025. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT(s) and Tender documents may be downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- J.Sikdar, Executive Engineer, PWD, Hooghly Construction Division, Chawkbazar, Hooghly.

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE

E - tenders of following works have been invited by the ADF, Marine, Diamond Harbour, South 24 Parganas under the Directorate of Fisheries, WB:

Sl No	District	Tender Reference No. / NIT No.	Bid Submission Start and End Date	Name of the Work / Scheme
1.	Marine, Dimond Harbour, South 24 Pgs.	WBDOF/ADF(M)/DH/e-NIT_01/24-25	05.07.2024 & 20.07.2024	Construction of Concrete Road from Nachim Molla house to Hamon Laskar house at Baishata G.P. under Joynagar -II Block, Dist. - South 24 pgas. Construction of Concrete Road from Swapan Mondal house to Sudhir Mondal house at Maijith Bailounthaur G.P. under Kultali Block, Dist. - South 24 pgas. Construction of Concrete Road from Baburam Shikdar house to Haran Laskar house at Desibari Debipur G.P. under Kultali Block, Dist. - South 24 pgas. Construction of Concrete Road from concrete road to Jalaidhar Mondal house at Jalaberia I G.P. under Kultali Block, Dist. - South 24 pgas. Construction of Concrete Road from Abdulla Mondal house to Kotiak Mondal house at Kuntalkhali Godabar G.P. under Kultali Block, Dist. - South 24 pgas. Construction of Concrete Road from Howramari pitch road to Alamgir Biswas house at Sarengabad G.P. under Canning -II Block, Dist. - South 24 pgas. Construction of Concrete Road from Howramari Laskar Para Yajuddin Laskar house to Kutubuddin Laskar house at Sarengabad G.P. under Canning -II Block, Dist. - South 24 pgas. Construction of Concrete Road from Jibantala Khalek Laskar house to Sahajan Laskar at Sarengabad G.P. under Canning -II Block, Dist. - South 24 pgas. Construction of Concrete Road from Malampota Ajijul Laskar house to Ayup Laskar house at Sarengabad G.P. under Canning -II Block, Dist. - South 24 pgas. Construction of Concrete Road from Miyarghieri Salim Piyada house to Marul Piyada house at Sarengabad G.P. under Canning -II Block, Dist. - South 24 pgas. Construction of Concrete Road from Digh Community Toilet to Digh South West Corner at Kashighi G.P. under Mathurapurli Block, Dist. - South 24 pgas. Construction of Concrete Road from Jobrali Dhankol to Dhormotola at Paruka G.P. under Diamond Harbour I Block, Dist. - South 24 pgas. Construction of Concrete Road from Uttar Kuleshwar Mondal Para Sundri Shop to H/O Manik Mondal at Deanak G.P.under Diamond Harbour I Block, Dist. - South 24 pgas. Construction of Concrete Road from Nowpa H/O Noni Hati to Maya Banerjee Pole at Mashat G.P. under Diamond Harbour - I Block, Dist. - South 24 pgas. Construction of Concrete Road from Basuldanga Morui Bera H/O Amanur Molla to H/O Julfikar at Basuldanga G.P. under Diamond Harbour - I Block, Dist. - South 24 pgas. Construction of Concrete Road from Gov Kata Tallkarkhana to H/O Prosen Bhandari at Paruka G.P. under Diamond Harbour -I Block, Dist. - South 24 pgas. Construction of Concrete Road from the H/O Badchadeb Sardar to the H/O Mithun Sardar at Gorokha at Bhaskara Haridas G.P. under Diamond Harbour - II Block, Dist. - South 24 pgas. Construction of Concrete Road from the H/O Priyotosh Biswas to the H/O Dipak Bera at Sundarika village at Kalabalahat G.P. under Diamond Harbour - II Block, Dist. - South 24 pgas. Construction of Concrete Road from the H/O Alimuddin Molla to Samsuddin Molla house at Bangnagar-I G.P. under Falta Block, Dist. - South 24 pgas. Construction of Concrete Road from H/O Sambhu Mondal to H/O Jhantubarick Haribasar Prangan at Kashipur Alampur G.P. under Budge Budge-II Block, Dist.- South 24 pgas. Construction of Concrete Road from H/O Madhu Manna to H/O Dilip Gayen at North Bawali G.P. under Budge Budge -II Block, Dist. - South 24 pgas Construction of Concrete Road from the H/O Nirmal Mondal to the H/O Krishnapada Makhal at South Bawali G.P. under Budge Budge -II Block, Dist.- South 24 pgas. Construction of Concrete Road from the H/O Sk. Sajahan to the H/O Aftabuddin at South Bawali G.P. under Budge Budge-II Block, Dist - South 24 pgas.
		WBDOF/ADF(M)/DH/e-NIT_02[2nd Call]/23-24	05.07.2024 & 20.07.2024	Construction of Cement Concrete Road from Sankar Das house to Basanta Maity Land via Sudhir Sutradhar house to Sujata Das Shop & Rakhal Majhi Shop to Jagatish Das house via Kartik Bhunia house to Ripon Pathar house & Ganesh Bhunia house to Sudhangsu Debnath house at hanpur South under Swami Vivekananda G.P. under Kakdwip Block.
		WBDOF/ADF(M)/DH/e-NIT_03[3rd Call]/23-24		Construction of Fish Drying Yard at Sagar Khal Tapoban Mutsajibi Marine Khuti Samabay Samity Ltd. under Sagar Development Block, South 24 Parganas

Other details may also be seen at https://wbtenders.gov.in. Sd/- Director of Fisheries, WB

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Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Bandel Thermal Power Station
P.O. Tribeni, Dist. - Hooghly, Pin - 712503

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/BTPS/CC-1956 **Date: 28.06.2024**

NIT No.: WBPDCL/BTPS/NIT/E2411/24-25

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, BTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 (two) Part bid system for **"Biennial service contract for Maintenance of Telephone, Paging and LAN system of BTPS under ITC Dept". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 03.07.2024 at 10.00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 24.07.2024 at 15.00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. Sujit Saha, DGM (Contracts). **Phone:** 033-2684 2312. **E-mail:** contract.btps@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**

ICA-T10479(2)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Kolaghat Thermal Power Station
P.O. Mecheda, Dist. Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721137

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/KTPS/CC-1949 **Date : 28.06.2024**

NIT No.: WBPDCL/KTPS/NIT/E3009/22-23

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS,WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 part bid system for **"Supply of LED Luminaries under CAPEX F.Y. 2020-21 at Kolaghat Thermal Power Station". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 01.07.2024 at 10:30 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 01.08.2024 at 15:00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. S. Das, DGM & HOD, Purchase, KTPS. **Mobile:** 8336904051. **E-mail:** sdas01@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit:**https://wbtenders.gov.in**

ICA-T10489(3)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Bakreswar Thermal Power Project
P.O. BkTPP, Dist. - Birbhum, Pin - 731104

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/BkTPP/CC-1947 **Date: 28.06.2024**

NIT No.: WBPDCL/BKTPP/NIT/E3157/24-25

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by General Manager - BkTPP, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for for **"Comprehensive cleaning with tree trimming, with necessary area grading including construction of Peripheral Security Road along the inside Peripheral Boundary Wall of BkTPP Township". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 04.07.2024 at 09:00 AM. **Bid Submission End Date:** 18.07.2024 at 04:00 PM. **Contact Person:** Mr. Indranil Chakroborty, Sr. Manager - CC, BkTPP, WBPDCL. **Mobile:** 8373055604. **E-mail:** cc_bktps@wbpdcl.co.in/cc.bktpp@gmail.com For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**

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Santaldih Thermal Power Station
P.O. Santaldih Thermal Plant, Dist. - Purulia, Pin - 723146

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/STPS/CC-1958 **Date: 28.06.2024**

NIT No.: WBPDCL/STPS/NIT/E3602/24-25

E- Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, STPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"Construction of Drain Slabs of ESP area, Mill Areas of Both Unit 5 & 6 and surrounding areas at STPS". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 05.07.2024 at 15.00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 29.07.2024 at 15.00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. K. Kr. Dutta, DGM (Contract Cell). **Contact no.:** 8336903918. **E-mail:** kdutta@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**

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Bandel Thermal Power Station
P.O. Tribeni, Dist. - Hooghly, Pin - 712503

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/BTPS/CC-1957 **Date: 28.06.2024**

NIT No.: WBPDCL/BTPS/NIT/E2410/24-25

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, BTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 (two) Part bid system for **"Renovation of CE Type buildings including Toilets block renovation of CE type Buildings at BTPS Township". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 01.07.2024 at 18.00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 25.07.2024 at 15.00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr.Sujit Saha, Dy.G.M (Engg),BTPS, Contracts. **Phone**: 033-2684/2312/2341. **E-mail:** contract.btps@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**

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The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Kolaghat Thermal Power Station
P.O. Mecheda, Dist. Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721137

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/KTPS/CC-1948 **Date : 28.06.2024**

NIT No.: WBPDCL/KTPS/NIT/E3003/24-25

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 part bid system for **"Supply and Delivery of MS and Chequered Plates Required for Unit # 5 Overhauling for Kolaghat Thermal Power Station". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 28.06.2024 at 02:00 PM. **Bid Submission End Date:** 20.07.2024 at 03:00 PM. **Contact Person:** Subhasis Das, DGM (Purchase), KTPS. **Mobile:** 8336904051. **E-mail:** sdas01@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**

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The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
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Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Kolaghat Thermal Power Station
P.O. Mecheda, Dist. Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721137

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/KTPS/CC-1951 **Date : 28.06.2024**

NIT No.: WBPDCL/KTPS/NIT/E3015/24-25

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"Renovation of inside of canteen building : dining area and food distribution counter at KTPS". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 05.07.2024 at 11.00 AM. **Bid Submission End Date :** 22.07.2024 at 15.30 PM. **Contact person:** Mr. Subhasis Das. **Telephone no.:** 8336904051. **E-mail:** cc_ktps@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**

ICA-T10476(3)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Santaldih Thermal Power Station
P.O. Santaldih Thermal Plant, Dist. - Purulia, Pin - 723146

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/STPS/CC-1960 **Date: 28.06.2024**

NIT No.: WBPDCL/STPS/NIT/E3610/24-25

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, STPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"Service Contract for Painting at different area including Pipe Line of CLF Bridge, Bottom Ash area, Vacuum Pump House area Equipments, BAOTP, Vacuum Drain Sump, Air Receiver of Unit#6, OH under AHP (M/M), S.T.P.S." Tender Document Download Start Date:** 02.07.2024 from 11:00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 18.07.2024 within 16:00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. K. K. Dutta. **Mobile :** 8336903918. **E-mail:** cc_stps@wbpdcl.co.in /kdutta@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**

ICA-T10504(2)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Bakreswar Thermal Power Project
P.O. BkTPP, Dist. - Birbhum, Pin - 731104

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/BkTPP/CC-1945 **Date: 28.06.2024**

NIT No.: WBPDCL/BKTPP/NIT/E3156/24-25

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by General Manager - BkTPP, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for for **"Repairing of Road at various places of BkTPP Township". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 04.07.2024 at 09:00 AM. **Bid Submission End

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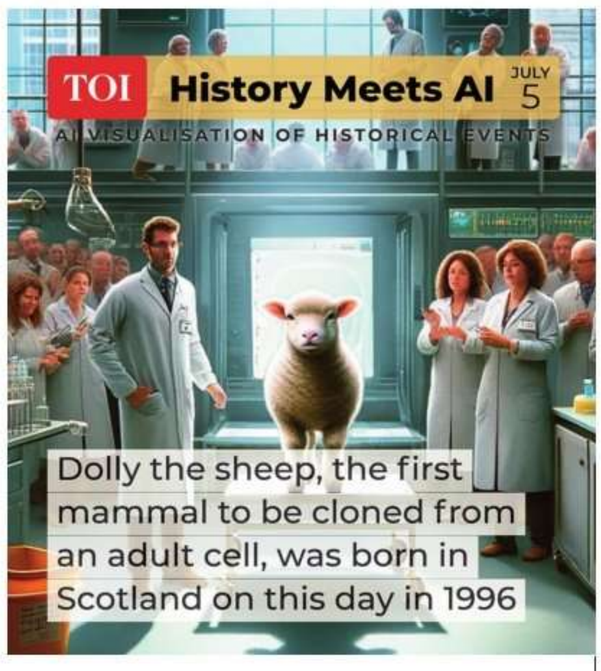
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WILL RETURN LAND ALLOTTED TO WIFE IF SHE'S PAID ₹62CR: SIDDA ON BJP'S NEPOTISM CHARGE

NO CM FACE FOR HARYANA POLLS, HINTS EX-CM HOODA, SAYS CONG HIGH COMMAND TO DECIDE





It's payback time, TDP chief tells Centre with his wish list

Asks For Short-Term Funds, Addl Capex Support, Refinery...

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PTI

The Naidu-Modi meeting was 'very positive', AP govt sources said

New Delhi: Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu, who heads TDP, the second largest member of NDA, came calling to the Capital Thursday with a long wish list — from short-term funds to additional capex support for infrastructure, money for the capital city of Amaravati and a new oil refinery — suggesting that some of the announcements be made in the Union Budget.

Sources in AP govt described the meeting between PM Modi and Naidu as "very positive" but refrained from stating whether there was any demand for a package. "The CM highlighted how Andhra is grappling with the repercussions of the unfair and unjust bifurcation of 2014. Additionally, the miserable governance of the previous administration marked by malice, corruption and misgovernance has dealt a more deleterious blow to the state than the bifurcation," the sources said.

During his meet with the PM, Naidu sought Centre's "financial handholding" to tide over the crisis and focus on investments in specific projects and backward regions. He argued that there was "no other way to face such a challenge".

The list of items for which Naidu has sought the Centre's "cooperation" runs into several pages — covering short-term assistance as well as an additional allocation under the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment, meant to build core infrastructure.

Besides, project-specific support to build the govt complex and trunk infrastructure in Amaravati, chosen by Naidu to be the capital, the Polavaram irrigation project and development of Duggirajupatnam port also figure in the list.

Naidu also met home minister Amit Shah, road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari, commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal, oil minister Hardeep Puri, power minister Manohar Lal, agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and 16th Finance Commission chairman Arvind Panagariya and had specific demands from each of them.

For instance, when he met Puri, he demanded that state-run BPCL set up an oil refinery in the state, and suggested that an announcement by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman would "augur well" for increasing the refinery capacity in the country. During his meeting with Shah, Naidu flagged division of assets with Telangana as an issue, along with bifurcation of several institutions and a resolution of financial issues between APGENCO, the power generation company, and Telangana power discoms.

Similarly, Naidu suggested to Manohar Lal that Vizag Kakinada should be promoted as a green hydrogen hub and sought Gadkari's help for road projects. In his meeting with Goyal, he sought grants for building infrastructure in four industrial nodes.

Redouble pullback efforts, EAM tells China counterpart

LAC Must Be Respected, Beijing Told

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ANI

Jaishankar met Wang on the margins of the SCO summit in Astana on Thursday

New Delhi: Foreign minister S Jaishankar in a meeting with his counterpart Wang Yi called for redoubling military and diplomatic efforts to achieve complete disengagement in the remaining areas of eastern Ladakh, as India and China agreed that prolongation of the current situation in the border areas is not in the interest of either side.

Jaishankar told Wang that respecting LAC and restoring border peace and tranquillity is essential for removing obstacles to normalising the Sino-Indian bilateral relationship, which PM Narendra Modi recently described as important for the entire region and the world.

Jaishankar met Wang on the margins of the SCO summit in Astana on Thursday.

In line with China's position that progress in bilateral ties is not stymied by the border issue, Wang sought "positive thinking" in the form of efforts on the one hand to manage the situation in the border areas and, on the other, to "actively resume" normal exchanges on the other. This never sat well with India's position that there can't be normalcy till the time disengagement is fully completed in eastern Ladakh.

India and China have achieved disengagement at four points in the western sector, since the ongoing standoff erupted in May 2020, but the same has remained elusive in Depsang and Demchok areas even after 21 rounds of military and 15 rounds of diplomatic talks.

During the "in-depth" exchange of views for early resolution and rebuilding of ties, Jaishankar reaffirmed the importance of fully abiding by relevant bilateral agreements, protocols and understandings reached between the two govts in the past. India and China agreed to step up meetings to address the remaining issues. Another round of diplomatic talks is expected soon, the Indian side said in its readout.

Jaishankar reiterated India's position that mutual respect, mutual sensitivity and mutual interest — the three mutuals — will guide bilateral ties.

Before Modi opted out, the SCO summit was seen as the first opportunity for both sides to consider a meeting between him and President Xi Jinping, who have not had a formal bilateral meeting since 2019. The leaders are expected to come face to face only in Oct at the Brics summit in Russia. Jaishankar also told Wang that India will support China's upcoming presidency of SCO.

After an 18-month hiatus, longest since restoration of ambassadorial relations in 1976, China appointed a new ambassador to India, Xu Feihong, in May this year. . According to a Chinese readout, Jaishankar told Wang that India follows an independent foreign policy, the concept of multilateralism, and will safeguard the common interests of developing countries.

Man bites back snake, reptile dies

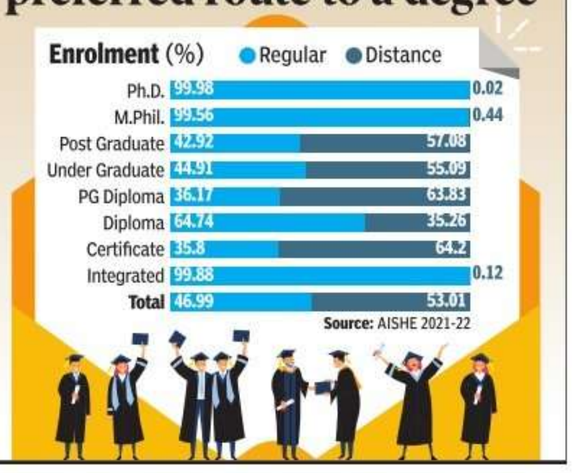
A railway employee in Bihar's Nawada who found himself in a life-and-death struggle with a snake bit back the reptile in a fightback that left it dead, driven apparently by a belief steeped in local folklore that doing so would reverse the venom's effect, reports **SB Sinha.** The unusual turn of events unfolded Tuesday when Santosh Lohar and his colleagues were settling down for sleep after laying tracks in the forested patch.

Man gyps co, has a lavish wedding

A 32-year-old who allegedly cheated his Mumbai-based company of Rs 10.6 crore used the funds for a lavish wedding and honeymoon, and much more, including paying back betting debts, a chargesheet filed by the police states, reports **Ahmed Ali.** Raj Mukesh Ganatra had taken 42 loans between 2014 and 2022, of which he repaid 31 using the looted funds. He also invested Rs 15 lakh in shares andMFs.

STATOISTICS A slice of life in numbers

Correspondence courses preferred route to a degree



HC: Reasons for SC collegium rejecting picks can't be disclosed

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New Delhi: The reasons for the SC collegium rejecting recommendations for HC judgeship cannot be made public, Delhi HC has ruled, underlining that such disclosure will be detrimental to candidates and "stifle" the appointment process.

A bench of acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela, while dismissing a plea seeking a direction to the SC collegium to publish the reasons for rejecting certain names recommended by HC collegiums, said the law regarding appointment of judges to SC and high courts is well settled, and the top court has repeatedly drawn a distinction between eligibility and suitability of a candidate.

"...the appointment of a judge to HC or SC is an integrated, consultative and non-adversarial process which cannot be challenged in a court of law except on the ground of want of consultation with the named constitutional functionaries or lack of any condition of eligibility in the case of an appointment, or of a transfer being made without the recommendation of the CJI," the bench said in a recent ruling.

"Further, publication of reasons for rejection will be detrimental to the interests and standing of people whose names have been recommended by high courts, as (SC) collegium deliberates and decides on the basis of information which is private to the individual being considered. Such information, if made public, will have the effect of stifling the appointment process," it further said.

The petitioner had sought directions to the SC collegium to provide the "qualification" considered for appointment as an HC judge.

Govt announces Modi's trips to Russia, Austria

New Delhi: Govt officially announced PM Modi's visit to Russia and also Austria Thursday, saying he will be in Moscow on July 8 & 9 for the 22nd India-Russia annual summit in what will be his first visit to the country in five years. Modi and President Vladimir Putin will review the entire range of multifaceted relations between the two countries, a release said.

Modi will, thereafter, travel to Austria for what will be the first visit by an Indian PM to Austria in 41 years. Modi will call on Austrian President Alexander Van der Bellen and hold talks with Chancellor Karl Nehammer. TNN

CORPORATE BUZZ

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Minister congratulates NCC expedition team

Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth flagged in triumphant expedition team of NCC girl and boy cadets to Mt Kang Yatse-II (Ladakh) at a ceremony held in New Delhi on July 3, 2024. As the chief guest at the event, he praised the cadets for their outstanding accomplishment despite facing multiple odds. Such expeditions foster leadership, resilience, and teamwork in the cadets. He exhorted the cadets to take a leaf out of the prime minister's address to NCC rally in



2022 where he exclaimed that NCC training helped him fulfil his national responsibility. The NCC expedition team comprising 27 girl and boy cadets, five officers and 17 permanent instructors staff successfully completed the expedition to Mt. Kang Yatse-II (6250 m) on June 21, 2024. The cadets managed adverse effects of high altitude through rigorous training, acclimatization and medical support.

Directorate of Prohibition pledges against drug abuse

On the occasion of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the Directorate of Prohibition, Department of Social Welfare GNCT, Delhi, organised a mass awareness programme. It featured different IE



activities throughout the city at Delhi Secretariat IP Estate. The event witnessed more than 1500 participants. Ravi Dhaiya, Olympics silver medallist, graced the occasion as the guest of honour. Secretary Social Welfare, Vinod P Kavle, presided over the function as the chief guest. The 'run' was co-organised by Sunita Godara, Asian Games gold medallist. A pledge against 'drug abuse' was administered. Trophies/mementos were awarded to best performers. All participating NGOs working towards this cause were felicitated. The programme was enlightened by Zumba-dance performance, skaters, puppet show, musical play, longman walk, and beating of drums.

BIS conducts awareness programme for jewellers

'Jewellers Awareness Programme' was organised by the Bureau of Indian Standards, Faridabad, at Aravali Golf Club, NIT, Faridabad, for all the goldsmiths and jewellers of the region. The programme was presided over by Scientist-E and branch head, Vibha Rani. The directors of both the assaying and hallmarking centres of Faridabad district were also present at the event. As the keynote speaker, Joint Director Sharad Kumar, and Assistant Director Arnab Samui addressed the jewellers. The audience was informed about the schemes, run by BIS. Further, the speakers elaborated on the unique hallmarking HUID to



be applied on gold jewellery. Keynote speaker Samui urged the jewellers to download BIS Care App to verify HUID of gold jewellery. At the end, the branch head thanked everyone for coming to the programme and addressed the concerns of the jewellers.

BPCL partners with IOA as principal sponsor

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) announced its partnership with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) on June 30, 2024. BPCL is the official principal sponsor for IOA for four years (2024-2028). G. Krishnakumar, C&MD BPCL, stated, "We are extremely happy to be partnering with Indian Olympic Association. It gives us immense pride to be associated with the celebrated champions of the country." IOA President PT Usha said, "We thank BPCL for partnering with the Indian Olympic Association, as a principal partner for a four-year journey



starting from Paris Olympics '24. This partnership signifies our shared commitment to nurturing sports talent and cultivating role models for India." Sukhmal Jain, Director (Marketing), added, "The sense of nationality that the Olympics fosters is what turns the games into a worldwide phenomenon."

Promotion-cum-pipping ceremony held by CISF

Under the directions of DG CISF, an unprecedented welfarist initiative has been taken. 5601 constables have been promoted in a single day to the rank of Head Constables. On July 1, 2024, a promotion-cum-pipping



ceremony was organised at CISF headquarters, New Delhi. Nina Singh, DG CISF, put ranks to the effected constables. Praveer Ranjan, ADG (APS), Kundan Krishnan, ADG (North), P. S. Ranpise, ADG (HQrs) and other senior officers of CISF graced the occasion. A few effected constables were invited from Delhi-NCR units and IGI Airport for putting their rank on promotion. DG CISF and other senior officers of CISF put ranks to these constables. Singh congratulated all the promoted personnel and their family members. She advised the newly promoted personnel to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to excel in their new assignments.

APPOINTMENTS

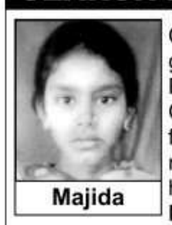


HM Gupta takes over as C&MD of IRCON: Hari Mohan Gupta has taken over as Chairman & Managing Director of IRCON Interna-tional Limited on July 1, 2024. Gupta graduated in civil engineering from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee. He is an officer of Indian Railway Service of Engineers (IRSE), 1989 batch, and has over 33 years of rich and varied experience in infrastructure works. Before joining IRCON, he held the position of Director (Infrastructure) of DFCCIL for almost four years. He worked as Executive Director (Works) in Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, New Delhi, from April 2019 to October 2020. Before joining the ministry office, he worked for seven years on deputation on a challenging project as Chief Project Manager of Rewari-Dadri section of Western DFCCIL.



Suman Kumar appointed Director (Commercial), NBCC: Dr Suman Kumar took over as Director (Commercial) of NBCC (India) Limited on July 2, 2024. He joined NBCC in 2016. Kumar brings over three decades of extensive experie-nce in civil engineering and project management. His expertise and dedication have been instrumental in advancing critical infrastructure projects across various sectors. As Executive Director, he was entrusted with the execution of NBCC's two major projects, wherein he contributed successfully. He has an impressive track record of successfully completing numerous construction projects. Notable among them are IIM Ranchi, construction of three government engineering colleges in Jharkhand, the CCL Headquarters and Convention Centre in Ranchi, and coal transportation road project for CCL.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Majida

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Majida** D/o Abaisahi R/o Kilkari Rainbow Home Chabi Ganj Kashmeri Gate, Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped from her home since 10.01.2017. In this regard, a **FIR No. 9/2017 dtd 10.01.2017** has been registered at **P.S.: Kashmeri Gate, North Delhi.** The description of the missing girl as under.

Age: 15 years now 22 years, **Height:** 4' **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built**: Normal, **Wearing:** Yellow colour kurta and Red colour salwar and black colour slippers in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. Any person is having information or clue about this missing girl may kindly inform to the following.

Ph. No. 011-24368638, 24368641
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in **S.H.O**
Fax No. 011-24368639 **PS: Kashmeri Gate, North Delhi**
DP/7145/N/2024 **Ph No. 011-23962210, 8750870123**

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Vasim Khan** S/o Sanaulla Khan R/o Village Nadrala, Teh. Aliganj, Etah, (UP) has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence FIR No. 01113/2017 u/s 379/411 IPC at P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Vasim Khan** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Vasim Khan** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in the case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Vasim Khan** accused of FIR No. 01113/2017 u/s 379/411 IPC at P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on **14.08.2024.**

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

DP/8652/WD/2024

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Durga **D/o** Vijay Kumar **R/o** H.No.B-373, Avantika, Sec-1, Rohini, Delhi **Aged**-13 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 25.06.2024 at 6 PM from her residence vide **FIR No.250/24 u/s 363 IPC Dated 26.06.2024** registered at Police Station Vijay Vihar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-



Durga

Complexion: Fair, **Height:** 4', **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Clothing:** Blue coloured jeans and Brown coloured T-shirt.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Vijay Vihar, Delhi at E-mail : **cic@cbi.gov.in** or website : **http://cbi.nic.in**

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Mob.: 8750870329

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Jaipal @ Jeetu, S/o:** Sh. Prabhu Dayal, **R/o:** W-7/164 Jhuggi, Pili Kothi, Hari Nagar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 244/2021, U/s 454/380/411 IPC, P.S.: Maya Puri, New Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Jaipal @ Jeetu** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Jaipal @ Jeetu** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Jaipal @ Jeetu** accused of case **FIR No. 244/2021, U/s 454/380/411 IPC, P.S.: Maya Puri, New Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **06.08.2024.**

By Order
Sh. P. Bhargav Rao
Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No. 292, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/8625/WD/2024
(Court Matter)

नगर निगम ग्रेटर जयपुर

पण्डित दीनदयाल उपाध्याय भवन, लालकोठी, जयपुर

क्रमांक :– जसअ/2024–25/42 दिनांक: 03.07.2024

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CGEWHO intends to appoint a Facilities Management Service Agency for KVGNRWA (Adhoc) at Kendriya Vihar, Plot no 7, Sector P4, Builders area, Greater Noida, Gautam Buddh Nagar.

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The firms have to submit their offer strictly through e-tendering website of CGEWHO, i.e **www.tenderwizard.com/CGEWHO** within **21 days i.e. 26.07.2024** of publication of the advertisement. **No Off line submission will be accepted.** A non-refundable application fee of Rs.10,000/- + GST @ 18% by way of demand draft in favour of CEO, CGEWHO should be forwarded to this office at the address mentioned above.

CGEWHO reserve all the rights to cancel the tender process without assigning any reason what so ever.

Chief Executive Officer
CGEWHO

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Gaurav Garg Prop. M/s Saanvi Agriculture C-630, New Fruit Market, Azadpur Mandi, Delhi-110033** has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **CC No. 2748/19 U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Mahendra Park, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Gaurav Garg** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Gaurav Garg** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Gaurav Garg** of case **CC No. 2748/19 U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Mahendra Park, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **09.08.2024.**

By Order
Ms. Niharika Kumar Sharma
Addl. Chieff Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No. 117, First Floor,
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/8642/NW/2024(Court Matter)

भा०कृ०अनु०प०–राष्ट्रीय पादप जैव प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान
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Lal Bahadur Shastri Building, Pusa Campus, New Delhi - 110012

WALK-IN/ONLINE INTERVIEW

Eligible candidates may appear in Walk-in/Online Interview starting at **11:00am on 25/07/2024** for temporary positions of **SRF/YP-II/Project Associate-I** in various projects. The details regarding number of positions, eligibility, emoluments, application form, venue etc. can be downloaded from the website (**www.nipb.icar.gov.in**).

(Assistant Administrative Officer)

CAD-453

ODISHA SPACE APPLICATIONS CENTRE (ORSAC)
Dept of Science & Technology, Govt. of Odisha
Plot No.45/48, Jayadev Vihar, Near Gopabandhu Academy of Administration
Unit-16, Bhubaneswar-751 023

TENDER NOTICE No. 07/2024

Odisha Space Applications Centre (ORSAC) invites sealed Tender to undertake Drone Survey for River Sand replenishment study and resource estimation through ORSAC Empanelled UAV/Drone Survey Agencies/ other Survey Agencies for execution of work.

For details, please visit Website **https://odisha.gov.in/** and ORSAC website **https://orsac.odisha.gov.in/** or ORSAC office.

Scientist 'E'
OIPR-28007/11/0001/24-25

ANDHRA PRADESH POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED
VIDYUT SOUDHA:: VIJAYAWADA

Tender Notice No. 610001633

APGENCO invites Competitive Bids (in Two Parts) for Carrying out Operation & Maintenance of the Complete Ash Handling System of Unit-8(800MW), Stage-V, Dr. NTTPS including supply of required Consumables and T&P for Mechanical/ Electrical/C&I, Preventive, Emergency & Breakdown and Housekeeping works for a period of ONE YEAR (12 Months) from the date of commencement of work through APGENCO e-Procurement. **Schedule available Date& time:** From 19.00Hrs on 03.07.2024 onwards. **Bid Submission closing date & time :** At 15.00 Hrs on 11.07.2024.

For further details visit website, viz. **www.apgenco.gov.in** or **https://etender.apgenco.gov.in/irj/portal**

DIPR No.3063PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22 Dt.04/07/2024

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** **1162/24(K)**

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UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PWD (R&B) SOUTH CIRCLE JAMMU

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. SESJ/04 of 2024-25 dated 29-06-2024.

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Union Territory of J&K e-tenders are invited on **percentage rate basis** from approved and eligible Contractors registered with **Union Territory of J&K/CPWD/BRO/Railways/MES and other State/ Central Government.** for the work mentioned below :-

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for complete -on	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	**Construction of Workshop Cum Lecture Hall Block (Phase-II) at GCET Campus, Jammu.**	PWD (R&B) Division Project Div-II Jammu	491.22	6000	982440/- (2% of the Advertised Cost)	18 Months	(1200 Hrs) on or after 23-07-2024	"A" Class

Position of AAA = Accorded
Position of Tech. sanction = Accorded

The Bidding documents Consist of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website **http://jktenders.gov.in** as per below schedule :-

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	**29.06.2024**
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	**From 01.07.2024 to 22.07.2024, 1800 Hrs**
3.	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	**18.07.2024 at 1400 hours in the Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) South Circle, Jammu**
4.	Bid submission **start Date**	**01.07.2024 From 1800 Hrs**
5.	Bid Submission **End Date**	**22.07.2024 up to 1800 Hrs**
6.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids **(Online)**	**23.07.2024 at 1400 hours in the office of the Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) South Circle, Jammu**
7.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids **(Online)**	**To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.**

1. **Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of challan through Treasury indicating the name of work and e-NIT No. favoring Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) South Circle, Jammu by crediting to 0059-PWD (Revenue) issued after issuance of e-NIT No. & Date uploading a copy of treasury challan/receipt issued after the advertisement of e-NIT. The date on challan should be between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date.**

No:-SESJ/Adm./1910-18
Dated :- 29-06-2024

Sd/-
(Er. Ashwnani Kumar)
Superintending Engineer
PWD (R&B) South Circle Jammu.

DIP No:DIP/J-2294/24/03.07.2024

रजिस्ट्री सं० डी० एल०–33004/99 REGD. NO. D. L.-33004/99

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सं. **2202]** नई दिल्ली, शुक्रवार, जून 14, 2024/ज्येष्ठ 24, 1946
No. **2202]** NEW DELHI, FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024/JYAISHTHA 24, 1946

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 14th June 2024

S.O. 2320(E).— In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building maintenance and operation of NH-94 in the stretch of land from Km. 132.300 to Km. 142.000 (Land slide treatment from Km 129.090 to Km 129.210 and Km 133.750 to Km 133.850) in the district of Uttarkashi in the state of Uttarakhand, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, CALA, Uttarkashi in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling NH-94 in the stretch of land from Km. 132.300 to Km. 142.000 (Land slide treatment from Km 129.090 to Km 129.210 and Km 133.750 to Km 133.850) in the district of Uttarkashi in the state of Uttarakhand

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District: UTTARKASHI
https://egazette.gov.in
Publication Date:14 June 2024
https://egazette.gov.in
https://bhoomirashi.gov.in

File Number: NH-34(Old NH-94)/AP/UK/BRO/2022-23/631
ABHAY JAIN, Dy. Secy

Note : The physical copy of this notification is also available at the office of CALA/PIU/PMU/RO/ED and Landowners may also see the notification there.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

E-TENDER NOTICE

SMM/EMU/GZB acting for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. 46245075-01-07-2023. The details are as under:

Name of the Work	Supply of Electrical Intervehicular Coupler Spares for AT-BT MEMU (ICF Rakes) & 8 Car Conversion to 12 Car Formation.		
Approx. Cost of work	₹99,23,800/-	**Quantity**	01 Set
Last Date & Time of submission and opening of tender bid of tender			31.07.2024 at 11:00 Hrs.
Date & Time of opening of Tender document			31.07.2024 at 11:00 Hrs.
Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen			**www.ireps.gov.in**

Note: (i) The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement System (IREPS) site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in.**
(ii) Please refer to the tender document for all terms and conditions
(iii) No manual offers are acceptable.

NIT No.: 46245075 Dated : 01.07.2024 **2030/2024**

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Unique Identification Authority of India
4th Floor, Bangla Sahib Road, Behind Kali Mandir
Gole Market, New Delhi - 110001

AADHAAR

Vacancy circular for filling up the posts of Consultant (Civil) and Consultant (Electrical) on contract basis at Unique Identification Authority of India, Head office, New Delhi.

Unique Identification Authority of India, invites applications from eligible retired officers for appointment of one post each of Consultant (Civil) and Consultant (Electrical) for a period of one year on contract basis at its Head Office, New Delhi.

The application may be furnished in the prescribed pro forma and forwarded to Director (HR), Unique Identification Authority of India, 4th Floor, Bangla Sahib Marg, Behind Kali Mandir, Gole Market, New Delhi – 110 001. The last date for receipt of applications complete in all respect is **15.7.2024.**

Application received after the last date or otherwise found incomplete shall not be considered. Further details may be obtained from the website **www.uidai.gov.in.**

Director (HR)

Now Aadhaar Enrollment & Updation Facilities can also be availed at Aadhaar Seva Kendra (ASK). To locate one near you, visit UIDAI.GOV.IN or Call 1947

CBC 54103/11/0022/2425

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES RISHIKESH-249203

ADMISSION NOTICE

All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Rishikesh invites applications for Entrance Examinations leading to admission in M.Sc. Course at AIIMS, Rishikesh for August 2024 Session.

Important: For detailed information etc. please visit institute website (www.aiimsrishikesh.edu.in: Examination– Entrance Exam and Result) regularly as all subsequent Corrigendum/Addendum/Updates will only be uploaded on website.

Executive Director
AIIMS Rishikesh

MAULANA AZAD NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

(An Institute of National Importance under Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)
BHOPAL-462003 (M.P.) INDIA

No.AB/Estt./Tem.Fac./2024/611 **Date :04/07/2024**

Walk-in-Interview for Appointment of Temporary Faculty

Walk-in-Interview for appointment of Temporary Faculty is to be held in the Departments/Centre as given below:

(1) Architecture and Planning
(2) Biological Science and Engineering
(3) Civil Engineering
(4) Chemistry
(5) Computer Science and Engineering
(6) Electrical Engineering
(7) Mathematics, Bioinformatics and Computer Applications
(8) Physics
(9) Centre of Excellence in Product Design and Smart Manufacturing

Candidates who have already served in the Institute for more than five semesters in their entire career, their candidature shall not be considered. Interested candidates may submit application and resume on plain paper along with photocopies of certificates & testimonials in the Office of the concerned Head of Department/Centre on or before the date & time of Interview.

Detailed advertisement for qualification, remuneration, date of interview etc. may be referred on Institute website www.manit.ac.in.

Registrar

Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board

Headquarter, 4-Institutional Area, Jhalana Doongari, Jaipur-302004
E-Mail: member-secretary@rpcb.nic.in,
Phone: 0141-2711263, 2716802, RSPCB Helpline No.- 0141-2716877

Inviting e-tender for procurement of "Laboratory Consumables (Chemicals, Glass wares & Plastic Wares)"

Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board invites e-tender for procurement of **"Laboratory Consumables (Chemicals, Glass wares & Plastic Wares)"**
Further Details are available at RSPCB website and SPP Portal:
https://environment.rajasthan.gov.in/content/environment/en/rajasthan-state-pollution-control-board/information.html,https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in/sppp/
NIB Code: PCB2425A0018
UBN: PCB2425GLRC00018
Raj.Samwad/C/24/1708

Member Secretary

RASHTRIYA RAKSHA UNIVERSITY

An Institution of National Importance
Pioneering National Security and Police University of India
Lavad-Dehgam, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, INDIA-382305
Phone No. 079-68126800

Advertisement for the Recruitment of Teaching and Non-Teaching Positions at Raksha Shakti School, Gandhinagar

Raksha Shakti School (a residential school) at Rashtriya Raksha University Invites applications from eligible candidates for the contractual positions of Teaching and Non Teaching Staff. For more details kindly visit the University website: **https://rru.ac.in/career The last date of application is 14/07/2024**

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Registrar

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AYURVEDA

Deemed To be University
Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India
Jorawar Singh Gate, Amer Road, Jaipur-302002

Admission Notice
M.Sc. (Interdisciplinary) Program

Applications are invited for admission for 2 year M.Sc. Courses (Interdisciplinary) in the following Departments.

1. **Ayurvedic Diet and Nutrition**
2. **Ayurveda Manuscriptology**
3. **Ayur-Yoga Preventive Cardiology**
4. **Marmalogy and Sports Medicine**
5. **Ayurveda Cosmetology**
6. **Vrikshayurveda**

Application Form can be filled and submitted only online mode from our website www.nia.nic. in from 08/07/2024. Last date to submit the application is 07/08/2024.

Prof. Anita Sharma
Registrar

भारतीय सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, सोनीपत
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SONEPAT, HARYANA (INSTITUTE OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE BY AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT)

Advt.No.: IIITSNP/EOI/Hostel/2024/01 **Date: 04.07.2024**

Expression of Interest for providing Hostel with Mess Facilities on Rent

IIIT Sonepat requires residential accommodation/Hostel with Mess facilities having capacity of 200 to 250 students located near transit campus of IIIT Sonepat at SBIT, Meerut Road, Pallri (near DPS) Sonepat or within 15-20 KM radius.

The Hostel with Mess facilities is required initially for one year and may be extended further up to three years based on need & performance of the facilities.

Expression of Interest (EOI) for detailed information can be downloaded from the Institute website **www.iiitsonepat.ac.in** OR can be obtained from the office of the Director, IIIT Sonepat, I-Tech, Techno Park, IITD, Rajiv Gandhi Education City, Rai, Sonepat – 131029, in person on any working day. EOI completed in all respects should reach to the address mentioned above by 04:30 p.m. on 21.07.2024.

Director
IIIT Sonepat

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking)
Victoria Cross Vijeta Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun-248001
Corporate I. D. No. U40109UR2001SGC025867, E-mail ID:- cgmupcl@yahoo.com
Website: www.upcl.org, Telephone No. - 0135-2768895, Fax No. - 0135-2768867

Recruitment Notice

UPCL is on look out for eminent persons for appointment of Judicial Member, Technical Member and Consumer Member in the various Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum constituted under section 42(5) of the Electricity Act.,2003. Interested eligible candidates should visit our website i.e. **www.upcl.org** for the detailed advertisement including eligibility criteria and other terms and conditions. The last date for submitting the application is 20.07.2024.

No.: 307/EE(CM)/UPCL/A-2,Dated: 03.07.2024

SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION". Use LED Bulbs, Save Electricity (Toll-Free No. 1912) "Pay Electricity Bill Online 24x7 from www.upcl.org" (For information on Electricity Theft, informer may report to Toll Free No. 18001804185 / Fax No 0135-2760911)

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

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

E-Tender Enq. No. 538/P-3/EMPW-12665 dated 02.07.24

Dy. Chief Engineer/Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_123212_1 for Operation, Breakdown/Preventive Mtc. and Overhauling of Wet Ash Handling Equipments of 4x210 MW units at GGSSTP Rupnagar. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from dated 03.07.24/05:00PM onwards.

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

RTP-58/24, DPR/Pb.:76155/12/3063/2023/35302

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CASH & ACCOUNTS-II

NOTICE to nationalized banks for investment of an amount of **Rs. 11,41,68,287/- (Rupees Eleven Crore Forty One Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Seven only)** IN FIXED DEPOSIT.

All the Nationalized Banks are informed that the above mentioned amount is to be invested in Fixed Deposit for a period of **SIX MONTHS**. Interested Nationalized Banks are requested to quote in sealed cover, the highest rate of interest valid till **10.07.2024**, for this deposit in accordance with the prescribed format and hand over personally to the undersigned upto **5.00 p.m.** on **08.07.2024**. No offer will be accepted after **5.00 p.m.**

For more details, prescribed format and instructions, log on to **www.supremecourtofindia.nic.in**

Place : New Delhi
Date : 02.07.2024

(TAPAN KISHORE SHARMA)
Drawing & Disbursing Officer,
Supreme Court of India

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

No. DRM/C/AGRA/PARKING/E-AUCITON/2022 Date: 03.07.2024

E-Auction Notice

On Behalf of the President of India, **The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager- North Central Railway-Agra** invites E-Auction as per categories given as under:-

Category: Parking	**Auction Catalogue No.:** PARKING-2024-03
Asset Details: Achnera Railway Station - Cycle, Scooter, Motor Cycle & Car Parking for location Circulating Area.	
E-Auction Start Date and Time: Date:- **19.07.2024** Time: **11.00**	
E-Auction End Date and Time: Date:- **19.07.2024** Time: **11.30**	
Asset Details: Rundhi Railway Station, Circulating Area- Cycle, Scooter, Motor Cycle & Car Parking.	
E-Auction Start Date and Time: Date:- **19.07.2024** Time: **11.00**	
E-Auction End Date and Time: Date:- **19.07.2024** Time: **11.40**	

Note:- Prospective bidders are requested to visit e-Auction Leasing Module on IREPS website (www.ireps.gov.in). The Lot-wise details are available therein under the above mentioned Catalogue Number. **1164/24 FA**

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

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KARNATAKA STATE MEDICAL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED

No.1, Dr. Siddaiah Puranik Road, KHB Colony, Magadi Road, Bangalore - 560079
Phone: +91-80-29619801, Email: md.ksmscl@gmail.com

No. HFW/KSMSCL/EQPT/NTEP/H-RAY/TND/58/2023-24(IND-0083 Call-2) **Dated : 03.07.2024**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

1. Tender Notification No: HFW/KSMSCL/EQPT/NTEP/H-RAY/TND/58/2023-24 (IND-0083 Call-2) Date: 03/07/2024.

Nationwide Tender is invited through e-Tendering system under KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tenders:

1. Tender for Supply of Handheld X-ray under NTEP programme.

The tenderers who have registered under e-Procurement department may participate through e-tendering system.

Details regarding EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **03/07/2024**. The eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under e-procurement platform for above mentioned tender. Further information if any may be obtained from this office.

Sd/- General Manager
DIPR/CP/759/Zen/2024-25 **(Admin & Procurement) KSMSCL, Bengaluru**

MODERN COACH FACTORY, RAEBARELI

E-Tender notice

E-Tender Notice no.- ELECT-PS-20569 **Date: 29.06.2024**

On behalf of the President of India Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/PS, Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli is inviting open e-tender, based on single packet system from capable & experienced tenderers through Indian Railways portal **www.ireps.gov.in** for the under mentioned work on prescribed tender format. **Details:- Name of Work:** Supply, installation, erection, testing, commissioning and looping of 132kV overhead line incomer-1 to line incomer-2., **Place of work:** Modern Coach Factory Lalganj, Distt. Raebareli, **Approx. cost:** ₹ 21,68,452.37, (Twenty One Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Two Rupees and Thirty Seven paisa only), **Earnest money:** ₹ 43,400.00, (Forty Three thousand Four hundred Rupees only), **Period of completion:** 04 (Four months), **Date & Time of closing of tender:** 23.07.2024 at 15:30 hrs., **Term & Condition:** Other details, terms & condition are available in tender documents on **www.ireps.gov.in**. **Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/PS**

Tender No.- FLT-Operator-24-25-149

Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/M&P, Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli, for and on behalf of President of India, invites **ONLINE** open tender based on two packet system from reputed firms through Indian Railways portal **www.ireps.gov.in** for Tender notice no. **FLT-Operator-24-25-149, Closing Date 23.07.2024** on prescribed format for the under mentioned work:- **Description of Work:** Hiring of 48 nos. fork lift operators as per scope of work for 02 years, **Approx. Value (in ₹):** ₹ 3,14,97,488.00, (Three Crore Fourteen Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Eight Rupees Only), **Earnest money:** ₹ 3,07,500.00, **Cost of Tender document:** ₹ 10,000.00, **Completion period from the date of commencement of service:** 02 Years (24 Months). **Note: ● Date and Time of closing of tender- 23.07.2024 at 15:30 hrs. ●** Detailed Tender Notice Eligibility criteria, Terms & conditions are available in tender document at Indian Railways portal: **www.ireps.gov.in**.

Assistant Mechanical Engineer/Plant

Tender No.- ASB-Exhaust-24-25-148

Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/M&P, Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli, for and on behalf of President of India, invites **ONLINE** open tender based on single packet system from reputed firms through Indian Railways portal **www.ireps.gov.in** for Tender notice no. **ASB-Exhaust-24-25-148, Closing Date 24.07.2024** on prescribed format for the under mentioned work:- **Description of Work:** Modification of airless shot blasting area in Bogie shop, **Approx. Value (in ₹):** ₹ 18,27,820.00, (Eighteen Lakh twenty seven Thousand Eight Hundred twenty Only), **Earnest Money:** ₹ 36,600.00, **Cost of Tender document:** ₹ 00.00, **Completion period from the date of commencement of works:** 120 Days (04 Months). **Note: ● Date and Time of closing of tender- 24.07.2024 at 15:30 hrs. ●** Detailed Tender Notice, Eligibility criteria, Terms & conditions are available in tender document at Indian Railways portal: **www.ireps.gov.in**. **Assistant Mechanical Engineer/Plant**

E-Advertised Tender Notice No. 24/ET/2024-25 Dated: 29.06.2024

SN	Tender No.	Short Description	Qty	Due Date
01	12241145	Failure Indication cum Brake Application (FIBA)	2443 Nos	08.08.2024
02	12241045	Roll link	6427 Nos	01.08.2024
03	03241337	EDMP Rubber Packing for Floor L = 2000 MM.	41718 Nos	06.08.2024
04	06241030A	Supply and Application of Paints for Exterior Painting.	988 Set	29.07.2024
05	15245129	Compression Plate Above 11	11 Nos	30.07.2024
06	15245131	Cutting Oil	9840 LTR	26.07.2024
07	12241149	Spring POT.	5435 Nos	19.08.2024
08	12241035	Traction Center.	3916 Nos	26.08.2024

Corrigendum

01	17/ET/2024-25 Dated: 01.06.2024	Tender No. 11241070	Due date may be read as 12.07.2024 Instead of 05.07.2024	**Existing Value**	**Modified Value**
				240 Nos	556 Nos

Website Address: www.ireps.gov.in & www.mcf.indianrailways.gov.in

Dy. Chief Material Manager/Shell

Serving Customers With a Smile

Central Bureau of Communication
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
Government of India

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Central Bureau of Communication

invites applications for fresh Empanelment of Multi-service Operators (MSOs) with CBC for publicity of Central Government advertisements.

For more details, please visit https://cbcindia.gov.in/cbc/public/uploads/website_advisory/1719912246-1318-advisoryFile.pdf

CBC 22204/11/0002/2425

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. JHS-N-W-39-24 Date : 02.07.2024

E-TENDERING NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Jhansi, DRM's office, Jhansi, for and on behalf of President of India invite open Tender through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following works.

E-Tender No. : JHS-N-W-39-24 **Description of Work** : Strengthening of data logger network at stations and IBHs/LCs gates over Jhansi division.

Approx Cost : Rs. 20785488.12, **Earnest Money** : Rs. 253900/-, **Cost of Tender Form** : Nil, **Opening of Tender** : 25.07.2024 Time 15.00, **Completion period from issue of letter of acceptance** : 09 Months.

• Tender on line can be submitted upto **15.00 hrs on 25.07.2024** • For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways Website **www.ireps.gov.in.**
(NORTH CENTRAL RLY / JHANSI DIVISION-S AND T) **1166/24(AN)**

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

After Hyderabad, C'garh cops bust another Mahadev app racket in Pune: Just three days after busting a Mahadev App module in Hyderabad, Chhattisgarh Police have shut down another in Pune with the arrest of five persons, reports **Rashmi Drolia.** Phones seized during the raid have details of transactions of crores of rupees, said police.

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(A Govt. of Maharashtra Undertaking)

MAHARASHTRA SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
"Krupanidhi", 9 Walchand Hirachand Marg, Ballard Estate, Mumbai - 400001. Tel : 022-22620624

E-RFP

MSSIDC invites E-RFP for **"Selection of Agency for Establishment of Business Facilitation Centers (BFCs) for providing handholding support to MSMEs in Maharashtra".** The RFP document & schedule of activities is available on the Government e-Marketplace website i.e., **https://gem.gov.in** from **05.07.2024** at **11:00 am** onwards. The last date for submission of e-RFP is **22.07.2024 up to 5.00 PM**. The reference for said RFP is **GEM/2024/B/5121592**. Any amendments/ corrigendum, if required, shall be published on GeM website only, and no intimation about the same will be given individually or through a newspaper to the bidder. MSSIDC Ltd. reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Date : 05.07.2024, Place : Mumbai **Authorized signatory**

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Date : 05.07.2024, Place : Mumbai **Authorized signatory**

2 minor students in police custody for raping 5-yr-old: Police on Thursday took into custody 2 students, aged 12 and 13, of a private school in Nawada district for allegedly raping a 5-year-old UKG student of the same school. Accused, who study in classes V and VI, were sent to a remand home, reports **Kshitiz.**

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

E-TENDER NOTICE

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

Sr. No.	Job Number	Name of Work	Amount (Lac)
1	09/SPE/PE (PH-II)/ET/ 2023-24	Proposal for Empanelment of Agencies for Carrying Out Dog Sterilization and Immunization of Stray Dogs in Noida	Rs. 116.10

The above tender can be uploaded Form **dated 05.07.2024 to 11.07.2024 upto 5:00 PM.** Pre-qualification shall be opened/ downloaded on **dated 12.07.2024 at 11:00 AM.**

Office: Public Health Sector-94, Noida **Dy GM/Sr. PE** (Public Health), Noida

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Prayagraj Nagar Nigam

1, Sarojini Naidu Marg,
Prayagraj-211001
Uttar Pradesh

E-TENDER NOTICE

Nit No/ 227 ENV/2024 **Date: 04.07.2024**

This is to inform to all prospective bidders having the required qualification mentioned in the RFP document that Municipal Corporation Prayagraj invites request for proposal for Door To Door Waste Collection and transportation of Municipal Solid Waste Services and other Services in 22 Wards of the City of Prayagraj.

1	Tender Document Fee	Non-refunding fee of INR 10,000 (through RTGS only)
2	EMD/Bid Security	Refundable amount of INR 4,00,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Only) (through RTGS/NEFT/FDR valid till 180 days from the date of submission of bid).
3	Method of selection	QCBS (30 Technical : 70 Financial)
4	Account details for EMD/ Bid Security & Tender Fee	**For Bid Processing Fee and EMD** Name of Bank: UCO BANK Account No-06940110006498 IFSC code- UCBA0000694 Branch Address- Nagar Nigam Office Campus, Prayagraj
5	Date/Time of Publication of Tender document on e-Procurement portal	05.07.2024, 14:00 hrs onwards
6.	Pre-bid conference	15.07.2024
7.	Last Date & Time for Submission of Tender online.	27.07.2024 up to 15:00 hrs
8.	Date & Time of Bid Opening (Technical Bid)	27.07.2024, 16:00 hrs onwards
9	Time-period of contract	3 years + 2 years extendable as per mutual consent of both parties
10	Contact Details for the queries (if any)	Environment Engineer, Prayagraj Municipal Corporation email ID: env.prayagraj@gmail.com Mobile No. +91-8303701016

For more details, please visit the website at http://www.etender.up.nic.in.

Environment Engineer
Prayagraj Nagar Nigam

Government of Maharashtra, Water Resources Department, Instrumentation Research Division, Nashik, Notice for Budgetary offer No. 02 of 2024-25

Name of Work - Supply, erection, testing & commissioning of the Dam Safety Instruments for the proposed Cement Concrete & Earthen Dams in Maharashtra.

Instrumentation Research Division, Nashik, Water Resources Department, Government of Maharashtra invites **online budgetary offers** from the OEMs/ Suppliers/ Distributors/ Agencies/ Dealers for supply, erection, testing & commissioning of the Dam Safety Instruments for the proposed Cement Concrete & Earthen Dams in Maharashtra.

For the detailed B. O. Notice, interested agencies are requested to visit **http://mahahp.gov.in**

Last date for submission of the Budgetary offers is **Dt. 12/07/2024.**

Sd/-
Research Officer,
Instrumentation Research Division,
State D. S. O., Nasik

DGIPR/2024-2025/613

Verdict on Afzal plea against conviction reserved: Allahabad high court on Thursday reserved its judgment on an appeal filed by Ghazipur MP, Afzal Ansari, challenging his conviction under Gangsters Act and a four-year sentence awarded to him in a case by an MP-MLA court of Ghazipur on April 29, 2023, reports **Rajesh Kumar Pandey.** Along with this, the court is hearing two other appeals.

Driver assaulted after bus kills stray cattle: A bus driver was assaulted by locals in Ghati area of Jammu's Kathua district, after the vehicle hit and killed a stray calf and a bull, reports **Sanjay Khajuria.** The incident occurred when the bus driver, employed with a factory in the Ghati industrial area and on night duty, was returning to Kathua after dropping the workers. The severely injured driver is admitted to Govt Medical College & Hospital in Kathua. A case was registered.

WESTERN RAILWAY - RAJKOT DIVISION

PROVISION OF FOB WORKS

E-Tender Notification No. 03 of 2024-25 Date: 28-06-2024 **E-Tender Notification No. 03/2025/ GSU/RJT (1) Name of Work:** Provision of 12m wide FOB works in connection with Amrit Bharat Station Scheme at Rajkot and Jamnagar Station of Rajkot Division. **Approximate NIT Cost:** ₹ 28,65,25,889.26/- **Date & Time of Closing of Tender:** 29-07-2024 at 15:00 hrs. **Office Address:** Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti Unit, Rajkot, Junction Road, Opp. Kothi Compound, Rajkot, Gujarat-360001. **Website :** www.ireps.gov.in RJT-050

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CENTRE FOR RAILWAY INFORMATION SYSTEMS
Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021

Tender No.: 01245205

Subject: The work consists of Requirement Analysis, preparing FRS & SRS, Design, Development, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of web based IR-4DBrIM Application, validation of developed IR-4DBrIM Application & its Integration with existing web Applications. The detailed scope of work as well as phases of work with delivery timelines are given Annexure-A. **Date of Closing:** 25.07.2024 (Thursday) at 15:30 hrs.
Tender Documents can be downloaded from Website **www.ireps.gov.in.** For future modification/extensions pl. see **www.ireps.gov.in.**

South Bihar Power Distribution Co. Ltd, Patna Bihar

Govt. of Bihar

Registered Office: Vidyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna-21
A Govt. of Bihar undertaking
CIN No. U40109BR2012SGC018890
(Department of Stores & Purchase)

Short Tender Notice

NIT No. 53/PR/SBPDCL/2024
(Through e-procurement mode only - www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

South Bihar Power Distribution Co. Ltd. (SBPDCL), a Government of Bihar Undertaking, invites online tender for procurement of EHV Grade Transformer Oil from Public Sector Units, Government of India only which manufactures EHV Grade Transformer Oil for SBPDCL in Two-tier (Techno-Commercial & Price) online bid as detailed below:-

Name of material	Quantity, in KL	Cost of tender Documents including GST@18%, Rs	Estimated Cost including GST@18%(Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit, Rs.
EHV Grade Transformer Oil	1250	23,600/-	15,50,00,000/-	25,50,000/-

The Time line for the above tender is as follows:

Last Date of Online Submission of bid along with Tender Cost & processing fees:	18.07.2024, up to 18:00 Hrs
Last Date of submission of EMD and hard copy of receipt of BSEDCL processing fee &tender cost	18.07.2024, up to 15:00 Hrs
Date of opening of Techno-Commercial bid(Part-I)	19.07.2024, after 17:00 Hrs
Date of Pre Bid Meeting:	15.07.2024, at 11:00 Hrs; Venue: SBPDCL, Vidyut Bhawan, Patna

For further details please visit : **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar** **Electrical Superintending Engineer (Purchase)**
PR- 003222 (B & C) 2024-25

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

DIRECTORATE OF MINES AND GEOLOGY, HARYANA, PLOT NO. 9, DHL SQUARE, 2ND FLOOR, I.T. PARK, SECTOR-22, PANCHKULA

PUBLIC NOTICE
E-AUCTION PROGRAMME

No.DMG/HY/e-Auction/Panchkula/2015/3319 **Dated : 04.07.2024**

This is for the information of General Public that e-Auction for grant of 06 mining units/mineral rights for excavation of minor mineral 'Boulder Gravel Sand and only Sand from District Panchkula will be (held on 05.08.2024 as per schedule given below:

Sr. No.	Titles	From	To
1	**Registration and Creation of user ID and uploading of documents**	05.07.2024 10:00 AM	02.08.2024 Upto 05:00 PM
2	**Deposition of EMD**	05.07.2024 10:00 AM	02.08.2024 Upto 05:00 PM
3	**E-service fee**	05.07.2024	02.08.2024 Upto 05:00 PM
4	**Bidding**	05.08.2024 10:00 AM	Till the conclusion of Auction

Note : The manual for prospective bidders shall be available on e-Auction portal.

2. Details of 06 minor mineral units are as under :-

Sr. No.	Name of Mining Unit	Total mineral concession area (In Acre)	Reserve price (Rs. In Crore)	Period (in year)	Name of Mineral
1	Basawal-Khera	39.55	6.90	09	BGS
2	Mandlai	25.26	4.30	07	BGS
3	Gobindpur	86.90	14.18	10	BGS
4	Narainpur-Rampur	90.98	14.48	07	BGS
5	Raipur rani-Manaktabra	41.83	6.50	09	BGS
6	Badona Khurd-Kheri	57.61	9.14	09	Sand

3. The period of contract shall commence w.e.f. the "date of grant of Environmental Clearance by the competent authority and the Consent to Operate (CTO) by the State Pollution Control Board, whichever is later, or on expiry of the period of 12 months from the date of issuance of LoI, whichever is earlier.

4. The mining contractor shall got prepare a Mining Plan along with the Mine Closure Plan (Progressive & Final) from the Recognized Qualified Person as per Chapter 10 of the "The State Rules, 2012" for mining area granted on contract and shall get the same approved by an officer authorized by the Director, Mines & Geology, in this behalf. He shall also be liable to prepare "Replenishment Study Report" from Qualified Person.

Further, he/they will also be liable to submit drone survey reports along with images before start of mining operation and every year, will also submit quarterly report i.e. January 15th, April 15th, June 15th, August 15th & November 15th that includes pre-monsoon drone survey report of the month of June and a post monsoon drone survey report conducted in the last week of September alongwith images so taken from drone from DRIISHYA0.

5. The contractor/LoI Holder shall obtain prior Environmental Clearance for the Mining block (s)/ area from Competent Authority as required under notification dated 14/09/2006 issued by the MOE&F, GoI or as amended from time to time and also other required approvals for mining including Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate before commencement of actual mining operation.

6. After the acceptance of highest bid by the State Government and on issuance of Letter of Intent, the LoI holder shall execute an agreement in Form MC-I (including security as per approved Government/collector rate) appended to the 'Haryana Minor Mineral Concession, Stocking, Transportation of Minerals and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rules, 2012' within a period of 90 days of the order of grant of LoI;

7. For all other detailed terms and conditions of e-Auction, the intending bidders can download the Auction Notice/documents from the website of the department minesharyana.gov.in or from the Haryana Government Website www.haryana.gov.in. The Auction notice can also be obtained from the office of the Mining Officer, Mines and Geology Department, Panchkula or from the office of the Director General, Mines and Geology, Haryana, 2nd Floor, DHL Square, Plot No. 9, Sector-22, IT Park, Panchkula on any working day.

Director General,
Mines and Geology, Haryana

Issued through:DPR,Haryana/Advt. No. 27487/04.07.2024

North Eastern Railway

CORRIGENDUM

Website - www.ner.indianrailways.gov.in
Dated : 03.07.2024

Under noted amendment is hereby made against tender notice No. 5 dated 31.05.2024 (item No. 3)

Item No. : 1, **Existing Entry** : Wheel Set Earthing equipment for LHB Coaches as per RCF Specification No. EDTS101, Rev. C with Amendment-1 & Corrigendum-6, Annexure-1. **Amended as :** Wheel Set Earthing equipment for LHB Coaches as per RCF Specification No. EDTS101, Rev. C with **Amendment-3** & **Corrigendum-8,** Annexure-1. All other terms and condition will be remain unchanged.

Note: Above information may be seen on N.E. Railway website **www.ner.indianrailways.gov.in** & Govt. of India's website **www.tenders.gov.in.**

CPRO/S-38 Principal Chief Material Manager,

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CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

Corrigendum

No. PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/ Corrigendum/24/14. Dated: 02.07.2024. The following Corrigendum of E-Tender/s is for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective/ likely suppliers are requested to look up the website **www.ireps.gov.in** for detailed instructions. These are E-Tenders only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. **Sl. No. : [01]. Tender Notice no.: Sl. No. 146** of PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/ 24/30 Dated: 15/05/2024. **Tender No.: 14242692A. Tender Opening Date:** Tender Opening Date is to be read as **"05/08/2024"** instead of existing entry.

PR5/501 **PCMM/CLW/HWH**

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NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

On Line Bid based open E- Tenders are invited by Sr. D.M.E/C&W/Co./ LJN/N.E. Railway/Lucknow for and on behalf of the President of India for the following works.

Tender Notice No. & Description of works: Tender Notice No-10-2024-CW, "Improvements to Existing En- route Carriage Watering System by provision of Quick Watering System at Gonda Railway Station/ LJN division of NE Railway." **Approx. Value (In Rs.):** ₹ 2,89,76,038.83, **E.M.D. Money (In Rs.):** ₹ 294,900.00, Contract period – 12 Months,
E-Tender can be uploaded by tenderer, up to 15:00 Hrs. on 29.07.2024 and will be opened after 15:00 Hrs on 29.07.2024. Detailed information, minimum eligibility criteria, Terms and conditions regarding this e-tender are available at website **www.ireps.gov.in.** Tenderer should check any correction/corrigendum related to this e-tender notice on web site before uploading their offer.

Sr.DME/C&W/Co.
CPRO/Mech-42 /Lucknow

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WESTERN RAILWAY - RAJKOT DIVISION

SIGNALING WORK

E-Tender Notice No. SnT_W_RJT_EPC_24_1 DT-27-06-2024 **(1) Tender No. SnT_W_RJT_EPC_24_1 (2) Name of Work:** Provision of EI & MSDAC based Automatic signaling along with provision of EI & other signaling systems at 25 stations and Auto huts in Viramgam-Rajkot (182 route km) section of Rajkot Division and Viramgam (RRI) station of Ahmedabad Division of Western Railway. **(3) Estimated Cost of the Work:** ₹ 250,45,83,404.00 (Rs. Two hundred fifty crore Forty five Lakh Eighty three Thousand Four Hundred and four Only) **(4) Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹ 1,25,23,000.00 (Rs. One crore Twenty five Lakh Twenty three Thousand Only) **(5) Cost of Tender Document:** 00.00 **(6) Completion Period:** 730 (Seven hundred Thirty) days. **(7) Validity of offer:** 180 Days **(8) Type of e-tender:** Open e-tender **(9) Time & Date for closure for submission of e-Tender Documents:** 15:00 Hrs. on 09-08-2024 **(10) Time & Date for opening of e-Bid:** 15:30 Hrs. on 09-08-2024. • The tender cab be viewed online at E-Tender Portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and offer must be submitted on same E-Tender Portal. • Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received will be ignored. RJT-049

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SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE FOR CONDUCTING FINAL LOCATION SURVEY OF NEW RAILWAY LINES IN NAGPUR DIVISION

(Single Packet System)

Tender Notice No.: CEC-NGP-24-25 -03 Dated: 25.06.2024
Name of Work: Conducting Final location survey with Hybrid Modern Survey Technology using DGPS integrated RTK/PPK UAS DRONE (NPNT Compliant from DGCA) based photogrammetric and Lidar System, Conducting Soil Investigation, Preparation, Submission of various detailed Drawings and Preparation of Estimate and DPR of 4th line between Gondia-Nagpur (134.00Km) section and left out sections of 4th Line between Bilaspur-Gondia of South East Central Railway.
Tender Value: ₹ 2,53,73,881.00
EMD: ₹ 2,76,900.00
Cost of Tender Document: NIL
Completion Period of Work: 08 (Eight) months from the date of acceptance letter.
Date & Time of Tender Closing: Up to **15.00** Hrs. on **26.07.2024.**
Date & Time of Tender Opening: 15.30 Hrs. On **26.07.2024.**
For further details related to tender document, eligibility criteria and the complete details for the above work, please contact the office of the Chief Project Manager (West), Officer/ Construction / S.E.C. Railway/Nagpur, Pin:440001 or Dy. Chief Engineer (Con-II)/S.E.C.R., Nagpur or refer on our **website:www.ireps.gov.in**

Dy. Chief Engineer/Con-II/ South East Central Railway, Nagpur

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स्वच्छ भारत अभियान
एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर

कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबन्धक, यूनिट-18 कन्स्ट्रक्शन एण्ड डिजाइन सर्विसेज, उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नगरीय)
मकान सं० जैड 1/17, आशियाना फेज-2 कृष्णा आर्थोपेडिक सेन्टर के सामने वाली गली में, कॉठ रोड, मुरादाबाद-244001
E-mail: pm18mbd@gmail.com

पत्रांक : 2046 / एम-18 / 593
दिनांक : 03.07.2024

ई-निविदा सूचना

उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नगरीय) की ओर से अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा **Tourism development work of Kanva Rishi Ashram at Village Ravali District Bijnor (U.P.)** अनु० लागत रू० **132.10** लाख हेतु **दिनांक 12.07.2024 को अपरान्ह 15:00 बजे तक** ई-निविदाएं आमन्त्रित की जाती हैं। उक्त कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा प्रपत्र **दिनांक 04.07.2024 से दिनांक 12.07.2024 के मध्य** उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की e-procurement वेबसाइट **https://etender.up.nic.in** से डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं तथा ई-निविदा **दिनांक 12.07.2024 को अपराह्न 16:30 बजे** कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबन्धक, यूनिट-18, सी०एण्ड डी०एस०, उ०प्र० जल निगम (नगरीय), मुरादाबाद में खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य **रू० 10,000+GST (18%) अतिरिक्त** देय होगा। निविदा की किसी भी शर्तों को परिवर्तित करने तथा निविदा को बिना कोई कारण बताये अस्वीकृत करने का अधिकार विभाग के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा। निविदा से संबंधित विस्तृत विवरण विभाग की वेबसाइट **www.cdsupjn.org** एवं प्रोक्योरमेन्ट पोर्टल **https://etender.up.nic.in** पर उपलब्ध है। समस्त शुद्धि पत्र (Corrigendum) **https://etender.up.nic.in** पर ही अपलोड किये जायेंगे, **इनका पृथक से कोई प्रकाशन नहीं किया जायेगा।** निविदादाताओं को सलाह दी जाती है कि वे उक्त वेबसाईट का समय-समय पर अवलोकन करते रहें।

Directorate of Archaeology, Archives and Museums

Banganga Road, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
Website - www.archaeology.mp.gov.in,
Email:- mparchacology@gmail.com

क्रमांक 1146/अनु./2024 भोपाल, दिनांक 03/07/2024

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Request for Proposal for Selection of Agency for Domestic & International Public Relation,Marketing Support Services

Directorate of Archaeology. Archives and Museums. Bhopal (DAAM). Government of Madhya Pradesh intends to **Request for Proposal for Selection of Agency for Domestic & International Public Relation. Marketing Support Services Therefore,** application/proposal to invites from reputed Firms in the Directorate of Archaeology. Archives and Museums. Bhopal. Interested parties may download document from date 09/07/2024 e-tender website http://mptenders.gov in and submit their applications with requisite documents on the above e-tender portal before 09/08/2024 the submitted Application shall be opened on 12/08/2024 at DAAM office, All subsequent notifications, changes and amendments will be posted only on the website http://mptenders.gov in

Sd/-
Joint Director
Directorate of Archaeology,Archives and Museums, Bhopal

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Govt. of Bihar

Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd.
(A Government of Bihar Undertaking)
Beltron Bhawan, Shastri Nagar, Patna-800 023
Telephone No. 0612-2281857, Fax No. 0612-2281857

e-Tender Notice

NIT No.:- BSEDC/3319/2024

Tenders are invited from interested bidders for **"Request for Proposal (RFP) for Engagement of Project Management Unit for implementation and operation, monitoring of Crime & Criminal Tracking Network & System (CCTNS), Bihar Police."**

The details of the tender document will be available on the website: https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in. Last date & time for submission of Tender (Only through online mode) is on 24/07/2024 till 5 P.M.

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

PR. No. 003283 (B & C) 2024-25

नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार। **Managing Director**

नगर निगम, प्रयागराज।

Corrigendum-I

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि वॉकी टॉकी उपलब कराये जाने हेतु प्रथम चरण में 85 अदद Walkie-Talkie hand held device with display & keypad with Video Calling & Video Monitoring के क्रय हेतु कार्यालय पत्रांक डी-3087/ज0सर्म्प0अधि0/2024, दिनांक-26.06.2024 के द्वारा दैनिक समाचार पत्र ''दैनिक जागरण, हिन्दुस्तान तथा टाइम्स ऑफइण्डिया'' में दिनांक-27.06.2024 को प्रकाशित निविदा सूचना में अपरिहार्य कारणों निम्नानुसार संशोधन किया जाता है:-

निविदा अपलोड करने की तिथि	04.07.2024	अपरान्ह 4.00 बजे से
निविदा अपलोड करने की अन्तिम तिथि	19.07.2024	अपरान्ह 2.00 बजे तक
निविदा खोलने की तिथि	19.07.2024	सायंकाल 4.00 बजे तक

क्र. सं.	कार्य/वाहन का विवरण	निविदा फार्म का मूल्य	धरोहर की धनराशि
1.	वॉकी-टॉकी उपलब्ध कराये जाने हेतु प्रथम चरण में 85 अदद Walkie-talkie hand held device with display & keypad with Video Calling & Video Monitoring का क्रय।	5,000.00 + 18% प्रतिशत जीएसटी	रू0 72,000.00

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Smart City

Bareilly Smart City Limited (BSCL) Bareilly (Uttar Pradesh, India)

Ref No: BSCL/2024-25/4393 **Date: 04.07.2024**

Bareilly Smart City Limited, Bareilly invites e-tender for the following projects:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)	Tender Fee with GST@18% (Rs.)	Work completion Period	Bid Start Date
01.	"Selection of Agency for Operation of 16 Outdoor Variable Messaging Display for 3 years on Rental basis under Bareilly Smart City Limited"	2,00,000.00	11,800	3 Years	05.07.2024 11:00 AM
02.	"Request for proposal for selection of Agency for Operation and Maintenance of Skywalk at Patel Chowk and installation of Kiosks in Bareilly for 15 years under Bareilly Smart City Limited on yearly license basis".	3,00,000.00	11,800	15 Years	05.07.2024 11:00 AM
03.	RFP For Licensing of Commercial Complex Spaces (New Building) at Old Tanga Stand, Bareilly for a period of 30 Years on Yearly License Basis.	8,00,000.00	11,800	30 Years	05.07.2024 11:00 AM
04.	" For Selection of Private Sector Partner (PSP) for Operation, Maintenance and Comprehensive Management of Bareilly Urban Haat Cum Handicraft Center Complex located near Gandhi Udhyan At Bareilly for a period of 30 years".	12,80,000.00	29,500	30 Years	05.07.2024 11:00 AM

1. Detailed NIT and Bid Document shall be available on: **https://etender.up.nic.in** and **http://www.bareillysmartcity.in**

2. Tender call notice in two Bid systems (Part-1: General & Technical Bid and Part-II: Financial Bid/ Price Bid / BOQ) from intending bidders fulfilling the eligibility criteria mentioned in this Notice and other qualifying requirements mentioned in this RFP.

3. Amendment to NIT if any would be published on website only.

4. In case of any queries on this RFP, intending bidders may contact THE SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER, BAREILLY SMART CITY LIMITED, Bareilly (Tel. No.:- 0581- 25510074, 7055519602) or send an email to: ceo.bscl01@gmail.com

Chief Executive Officer,
Bareilly Smart City Limited, Bareilly.

Why stampede horror can't shake their faith in 'Baba'

Carefully Built Image Endows Him With 'Supernatural Powers'

Anjali Singh | TNN



PTI

The premises of the 'ashram' of Surajpal alias 'Bhole Baba' in UP's Kasganj

Noida: Himanshu (18) believes he would not be studying in a university were it not for 'Bhole Baba's' blessings. For Seema, a 33-year-old lawyer from Hathras, Surajpal Singh is 'not human', but a 'messenger of God'. When medicines and doctors failed, 'holy water' from one of Narayan Hari Saakar's satsangs healed Neha — so the homemaker from Surajpur believes.

The July 2 stampede in one of Surajpal Singh aka 'Bhole Baba's' religious gatherings in Hathras killed 121 people, but that hasn't shaken the faith of his followers — many of whom travelled from faraway cities to attend the event.

The cult of 'Bhole Baba' has been built carefully — through a projection of supernatural powers in him, like healing people's illnesses and reviving the dead, and a simultaneous appeal to inherent humanitarian values, preaching against caste divides and discrimination.

His ominous words — "aaj pralay aaegi" (there will be an apocalypse today) — minutes before the stampede broke out are being seen as a testament to his soothsaying abilities rather than an indictment of lapses in crowd management.

Undergoing treatment for injuries suffered during the melee, Kamlesh Singh of Bulandshahr is wonderstruck at his "intuitiveness".

"Just before leaving the stage, he held the mic again and said 'ab mai jaa raha hoon, aaj pralay aaegi' (I am leaving now, apocalypse will follow). Imagine his intuitiveness — he knew exactly what would happen. And, there was no chaos until he left the venue," said Kamlesh, a follower for 15 years.

A dust storm had started after the satsang. It could well have been a reference to that.

Himanshu was all of six when his parents took him to listen to one of Singh's sermons. And since then, he has believed in "just one god".

"We don't have photos of any other gods and goddesses at home. We have replaced them with posters of Bhole Baba. For us, there's just one god," he told **TOI**.

Diwali or Holi, no festival at Himanshu's home is complete without 'Bhole Baba'. "He is our parmatma. We celebrate Holi, Diwali and all other festivals with him. Today, I am pursuing a BSc in agriculture from a prestigious university — all because of him. If Baba ji is with us, we will overcome all challenges. I don't know why everybody is blaming him for the accident. Holy places like Kedarnath and Vaishno Devi have seen accidents as well," he said.

Lawyer Seema, who escaped unhurt at the Hathras satsang, has been following 'baba' for the past nine years. "My elder sister introduced me to him before she passed away. I started attending his satsangs because my elder sister would do so. For us, baba ji is not a normal human being. He is a messenger of God," she said.

Neha, a homemaker, believes the entire episode is an attempt to malign 'baba'. "He is a public figure. My family and I will always believe in him, come what may. Like people bring Ganga water and sprinkle it around their homes, we bring holy water from his religious events. It has helped my family whenever we have been ill. I don't believe in anything else, I don't pray to any other god," she said.

Avdhesh Maheshwari, who calls himself a sevak, said followers transcend states, communities and sections in the society. "They are everywhere — from UP to southern India, from rich to poor," he told **TOI**. "Most of Bhole Baba's followers are from the lower middle class. Why? That's because you don't need to spend any money on his events. He doesn't accept donations. Like his followers, baba leads a simple life too," he said.

Indore ashram gets notice over kids' death

Three days since Indore administration and police came to know of the deaths of six children at Shri Yugpurush Dham ashram, there is no FIR, and no action has been taken against anybody. Amid clamour for legal action against the ashram, the administration sent a showcause notice to the ashram on Thursday, asking for a reply in three days on why an FIR should not be filed against them. TNN

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Advertisement for the Recruitment of Principal at Raksha Shakti School, Gandhinagar

Raksha Shakti School (a residential school) at Rashtriya Raksha University invites applications from eligible candidates for the contractual position of Principal. For more details kindly visit the University website: **https://rru.ac.in/career** **The last date of application is 14/07/2024**

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MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF DELHI

OFFICE OF THE DY. COMMISSIONER
REMUNERATIVE PROJECT CELL
(25TH Floor), Civic Centre, New Delhi-110002

E-TENDER FOR ALLOTMENT OF OFFICE SPACE/SHOPS ON MONTHLY LICENSE FEES BASIS FOR A PERIOD OF 10 (TEN) YEARS AT KRISHNA NAGAR MULTI LEVEL CAR PARKING, NEW DELHI

PRESS NOTICE E-TENDER

E-Bids are invited on behalf of Commissioner, MCD from eligible bidders for allotment of vacant shops/office spaces of MCD at Krishana Nagar Multi Level Car Parking on monthly license fees basis in two bid system (Technical and Financial) for a period of 10 years and extendable further as per RFP/NIT vide Tender NIT No. 812 dt. 02.07.2024, The Schedule of bids are as follows:-**1. Bid Download Start Date:-** 03.07.2024 at 09.00 AM onwards, **2. Pre-bid Meeting :-** 09.07.2024 at 3.00 PM Conference Hall at 20th Floor, Civic Centre, **3. Bid submission start date:-** 03.07.2024 from 09.00 AM onwards, **4. Last date of Submission of E-Tender:-** 23.07.2024 upto 03.00 PM, **5. Opening date of Technical Bids:-** 24.07.2024 from 03.00 PM onwards, at R.P. Cell/MCD Dept. 25th Floor, Civic Centre. (For details visit MCDs website: **www.mcdonline.nic.in** and **www.etenders.gov.in**. Contact number-011-23227514).

Sd/-
Assistant Commissioner
R.P.Cell/MCD

R.O. No.12/DPI/MCD/2024-25

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Centre for Post Graduate Studies
Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar-751003
Walk in Interview for Engagement of Guest Faculties in the Department of Agri-Business Management

CORRIGENDUM

This is in reference to the advertisement made on 27.06.2024 towards "Walk-in-Interview for engagement of Guest Faculties" in Department of Agri-Business Management, CPGS, OUAT, Bhubaneswar; the date of Walk-in-Interview is rescheduled to **11.07.2024 at 10.00 A.M.** All other terms and conditions of the said advertisement stated above remain unchanged.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sub: Inviting suggestions/comments/objections on Draft Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Supply Code and Performance Standards) (Sixth Amendment) Regulations, 2024.

The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission in exercise of power conferred by Section 57 read with Section 181 (2) (za) of the Electricity Act, 2003 and all other powers enabling in this behalf, has prepared the Draft Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Supply Code and Performance Standards) (Sixth Amendment) Regulations, 2024.

The said Draft Regulations are available on the website of the Commission i.e **www.derc.gov.in**

General Public and the Stakeholders are requested to forward their suggestions/comments/objections on the Draft DERC (Supply Code and Performance Standards) (Sixth Amendment) Regulations, 2024 to the **Commission latest by 05:00 P.M. on 05.08.2024** to the Secretary, DERC either by post or through email to **secyderc@nic.in**

Dated: 02.07.2024

Rajesh Dangi, Secretary
DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0115/24-25

6 arrested for stampede, cops put ₹1L bounty on main suspect

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Hathras: Six people were arrested on Thursday in connection with the stampede during a sermon by self-proclaimed godman Surajpal Singh, also known as Bhole Baba which resulted in 121 deaths on Tuesday. The arrests occurred after the police announced a Rs 1 lakh bounty on the main suspect, the 'mukhya sevadar (chief volunteer)', who was the main organiser of the event. Bhole Baba has not been named in the FIR.

The arrested individuals are Ram Ladete, 50, from Mainpuri; Upendra Singh Yadav, 62, from Firozabad; and Megh Singh, 61, Manju Yadav, 30, Mukesh Kumar, 38, and Manju Devi, 40, all from Hathras. IG of Police (Aligarh Range), Shalabh Mathur, said the investigation is in its preliminary stages and more arrests will follow based on emerging facts. He confirmed that Bhole Baba has not been questioned yet.

Mathur added, "All six worked as 'sevadars' at the congregation. We have announced a 1 lakh bounty and issued a non-bailable warrant against Devprakash Madhukar, the main organiser in whose name the event permission was taken. The organisers did not allow the police to intervene, as they handled arrangements themselves. These volunteers managed crowd control, donations, and other logistics."

Mathur added that no one would be given a clean chit and all aspects, including police negligence and administrative lapses, would be probed by a judicial panel formed by the UP govt. He also said that a conspiracy angle was being explored.

Regarding Bhole Baba, Mathur stated that the probe is ongoing, and anyone found involved will be interrogated, and appropriate action will be taken. For now, Bhole Baba has not been named in the FIR because permission for the satsang was not sought in his name, he added.

Health centre with just 1 doc & 3 nurses got swamped with injured

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Forensic officials collect the personal belongings of Hathras victims

Agra: It was like a normal day at Sikandararau community health centre (CHC) in Hathras district until Tuesday afternoon, but suddenly everything changed, with bodies and injured people arriving in tempos, e-rickshaws, loaders, buses and a few ambulances. First the ward, then the veranda and then the entire field outside the hospital was filled with injured people and corpses.

There were three nurses, a ward boy, a pharmacist and a doctor on duty to treat so many people. To add to the misery, there were just 3 oxygen cylinders. In such a situation, let alone treatment, the doctor could not even check who was alive and who was dead. It was a scary scene, and a nurse fainted on seeing so many corpses.

Dr Manoj Katara said, "I have never seen so many corpses or such a scene. On Tuesday afternoon, 3 nurses, a ward boy, a pharmacist, a sweeper and I were on duty."

At 2:40 pm, a man arrived with 3 children covered in mud. No family member was with them. "When the police station was informed, the station in-charge said 'a big incident has happened. Be alert. I am also at the spot'," said a hospital staff member.

Outside Sikandararau CHC, corpses were scattered all around, with grieving relatives near them. No sheets were there to cover the corpses. "There were no oxygen cylinders and no one was there who could administer drips. We dragged people and brought them here, they were still breathing. We kept waiting for the doctor. Most of the injured died for want of timely treatment," said Veerpal Yadav, who lost his aunt.

"All the stretchers in the hospital and benches were used to lay down the injured. When there was no space left, the injured and the dead were laid on the ground. Videos that have surfaced show people giving CPR to their loved ones. Some were seen running around in a state of shock, as there was no one to help," said Sahil Bharti, a local resident.

A tragedy & 4 calls later, phone went dead, Baba went missing

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Hathras: A recreation of the sequence of events after the stampede by cops based on call record details has revealed that Surajpal Singh, alias Bhole Baba, left the satsang venue in his convoy around 1.40pm as the stampede broke out on Tuesday. It is now widely believed that the stampede happened when several people rushed to collect soil, referred to as 'Charan Raj', which had been walked upon by Bhole Baba in the belief that it will bring them good luck.

According to call records accessed by police, Bhole Baba received a call from his main organiser, Dev Prakash Madhukar, at 2.48pm, likely informing him of the tragedy. Madhukar has been named in the FIR, and is currently absconding.

After the call, Bhole Baba's phone location was traced to his Mainpuri ashram between 3pm and 4.35pm the same day. During this time, he made several calls to his associates. The first call, lasting 3 minutes, was with Mahesh Chandra, believed to be close to the organising committee. The second call, lasting only 40 seconds, was with a man named Sanju Yadav. The third call, lasting nearly 11 minutes and 30 seconds, was with Dev Prakash's wife Ranjana. Police sources said that the godman's mobile phone was switched off after 4.35pm, and its location remains untraceable.

Meanwhile, on Thursday, cops visited the baba's Mainpuri ashram. When questioned about the purpose of the visit, additional superintendent of police, Mainpuri, Rahul Mithas, said, "We are not here for a probe. We are here to check security." He added that the godman was not present in the ashram.

Mason numb with grief after losing mother, wife and teenaged daughter

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'I had her hand in mine. Then the crowd pushed us... found her lifeless body later'

Shreepal Singh, 52, from Arniya village in Bulandshahr, attended the satsang with his two daughters on Tuesday to seek Surajpal Singh, alias Bhole Baba's, blessings, but a nightmare unfolded in his already dark life, reports **Rahul Singh**. Shreepal said, "I was holding my daughter's hand and trying to cross the highway when the crowd pushed us and a bike hit me. I lost my grip and later found her dead under a pile of 12 lifeless bodies. Her last word was an agonised 'papa'." Shreepal has been partially blind ever since he met with an accident while working at a chemical factory in Delhi in 2007. He is jobless, doesn't have a house, and every day is a struggle for the family.

Hathras: It was a tragedy of immense proportions for Vinod Kumar, a mason from Sokhna village in Hathras, who lost his daughter, wife, and mother — all in one stroke — in the stampede that occurred during Surajpal Singh alias Bhole Baba's satsang in Hathras on Tuesday.

Kumar, who is numb with grief, told **TOI**: "I was out for work when I got a call from my family members saying that my mother, wife and daughter had gone to attend a satsang, about which I was unaware, where a stampede had broken out. I hired a taxi and rushed to the venue with my three sons, all teenagers. There, we were told that the victims had been taken to hospital, but no one told us which one."

"We went from hospital to hospital, looking at the faces of dead people, searching for our loved ones but couldn't find them. Some bodies were sent to Hathras hospital. We went there, and at midnight, we finally found the bodies of my wife, Raj Kumari (42), and daughter, Bhumi (16). They were kept on ice slabs among several other dead women and children lying unattended," recalled Kumar.

However, Kumar was yet to find his mother, Jaimanti Devi (65). He sat near his wife and daughter's bodies, staring at them and crying his eyes out before his elder son reminded him to continue the search for their grandmother.

Jaimanti was the main devotee of Bhole Baba and had persuaded the family to worship him. "Had they not gone to the satsang, they would be alive," Kumar said.

Eventually, Jaimanti's remains were found at the mortuary in Agra. Three bodies, zipped in black body bags, were brought to the village in a sombre atmosphere.

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NOTIFICATION NO. HRAQ/CONT-EX-B/24-148 DATED 05/07/2024

Oil India Limited intends to engage 01 (one) Consultant (LPG Recovery Plant) on contract for LPG Department, OIL, Duliajan. Please read the detailed advertisement carefully which is available in the website of Oil India Limited i.e., **www.oil-india.com** under **careers menu> current openings section**. The applications for engagement of Consultant (LPG Recovery Plant) on contract for LPG Department, OIL, Duliajan will be received online. Interested candidates shall apply only through e-mail to **con_app@oilindia.in** on or before **04-08-2024**.

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ENGAGEMENT ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS
(NOTIFICATION NO. HRAQ/CONT-EX-B/24-149 DATED 05/07/2024)

Oil India Limited intends to engage Contractual Chemist-Fields at Field Headquarters, OIL, Duliajan. All details viz. date of Walk-in-Interview, reporting time, venue, eligibility criteria etc., for Walk-in-Interview of Contractual Chemist-Fields at Field Headquarters, OIL, Duliajan are included in the detailed advertisement number HRAQ/CONT-EX-B/24-151 dated 05/07/2024. Please read the said detailed advertisement carefully which is available in the website of Oil India Limited i.e. **www.oil-india.com** under **careers menu > current openings section**.

PIPAVAV RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED

Applications are invited for the post of Senior Vice President in Pipavav Railway Corporation Limited (PRCL), the first flagship joint venture company of the Ministry of Railways and Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited

i.	Name of the Post	: Senior Vice President
ii.	Number of vacancies	: One
iii.	Category classification	: Open to all categories (General, SC/ST/OBC/PH/EWS etc.)
iv.	Particulars of pay	: IDA Pay Scale Rs. 1,20,000 - 2,80,000/-; DA, HRA, other allowances and annual increment as per IDA 2017 pay scale
v.	Essential qualification	: Post Graduation from a recognized University & Professional Qualifications with hands on experience in rail transportation, finance, commercial (with particular emphasis on railway traffic costing, O&M expenditure calculations, railway revenue apportionment, IRFA, etc.). Detailed knowledge and experience (of at least 3 years) of multimodal logistics and container transportation (costing, pricing etc.) is also essential. Experience of working in an SPV or handling SPV related issues would be preferred.
vi.	Experience required, if any	: 20 years of Railway Service, of which at least 10years in SAG and last posting in Railways should have been in HAG.
vii.	Age limit	: Not more than 63 years as on 01-08-2024
viii.	Last day of receipt of applications	: 15th July, 2024
ix.	Website link for	: www.pipavavrailway.com

Only shortlisted candidates would be called for interview and Management decision shall be final in this regard.

Applications either through post/courier in sealed envelopes along with detailed bio-data (with passport size photograph, age, qualifications, experience) may reach, on or before 1800 hrs. of 15.07.2024 clearly indicating (APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT) on the envelope at the following address: -

The Company Secretary
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No.F.NITA.4/(109-Accounts)/IIITA/Temporary Faculty/2022-23/602 Date: 28.06.2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONTRACTUAL FACULTY ON TEMPORARY BASIS

Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Agartala is an Institution of National Importance under Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. IIIT Agartala invites applications from eligible candidates for appointment as Contractual Faculty purely on Temporary basis on Consolidated remuneration. The details are available on the website of IIIT Agartala **https://www.iiitagartala.ac.in/**.

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Advertisement No. IGGL/R01/2024

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Manager (HSE)	E-3	01	06	40
Manager (O&M)	E-3	04	06	40
Manager (Project)	E-3	02	06	40
Manager (BIS)	E-3	01	06	40
Sr. Engineer (O&M)	E-2	04	04	35
Sr. Engineer (Project)	E-2	02	04	35
Engineer (Telecom)	E-1	01	02	32
Officer (Legal)	E-1	01	02	32
Officer (F&A)	E-1	01	02	32
Officer (HR)	E-1	01	02	32
Officer (C&P)	E-1	01	02	32
Assistant Company Secretary	E-1	01	02	32

For online application, eligibility criteria, application fee and other details, please refer the detail advertisement in the **Career Section** of IGGL website: **https://iggl.co.in/careers/**

- Age and post qualification experience will be calculated as on **01-06-2024**.
- Commencement of online registration: **05-07-2024 at 18:00 hrs.**
- Last Date for online registration: **14-07-2024 at 23:59 hrs.**

Sd/- **Chief Human Resource Officer**

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Engagement of Management Trainees in NFL-2024

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The last date of submission of Online Application has been extended upto 17/07/2024. Detailed advertisement & online application portal is available on NFL website: www.nationalfertilizers.com → Careers → Recruitment in NFL → Engagement of Management Trainees in NFL-2024. Any corrigendum/addendum /errata/update for this recruitment shall be published only on the NFL's website.

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Surrogate moms also entitled to maternity leave, says HC

'Adoptive Moms Get Leave, Will Be Improper If Surrogate Moms Don't'

Lalmohan Patnaik | TNN

Cuttack: Orissa high court recently directed the state govt to grant 180 days maternity leave to an Orissa Finance Service (OFS) officer who became a mother through surrogacy. Maternity leave should not be dependent on how a person becomes a mother, court said.

The single judge bench of Justice S K Panigrahi ruled, "Maternity leave should be granted to employees who become mothers through surrogacy to ensure treatment and support for all new mothers, irrespective of how they become parents."

The ruling came on June 25 while the court was considering the petition of OFS officer Supriya Jena, who had filed a petition in 2020. Odisha govt had denied her the leave as she became a mother through surrogacy.

Justice Panigrahi said if the govt could provide maternity leave to an adoptive mother, it would be improper to refuse it to a surrogate mother. "Additionally, the initial period after the birth of a child is crucial for the mother's involvement in caregiving and nurturing, which is pivotal for the child's development. Accordingly, the right to life under Article 21 of the Constitution includes the right to motherhood and also, the right of every child to full development," he said.

Justice Panigrahi further said: "It is directed to the concerned department of the state to incorporate this aspect in the relevant provisions of the rules to treat a child born out of surrogacy in the similar manner as a child born out of the natural process and provide the commissioning mother with all the benefits provided thereto."

The court pointed out that providing maternity leave to surrogate mothers ensures they have the necessary time to create a stable and loving environment for their children.

"Additionally, international conventions to which India is a signatory, such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, mandate equal treatment and non-discrimination in matters related to employment and maternity," Justice Panigrahi added.

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Maternity leave should be granted to employees irrespective of how they become parents, Orissa HC judge SK Panigrahi said

TIMES VIEW: The court is right. Surrogacy or adoption doesn't reduce the time or involvement of a mother in bringing up a child. The state rules need to be synced at the earliest towards that end.

HC: Repeated tragedies, graft case smearing Gujarat's image

Ahmedabad: While hearing a suo motu PIL on the Rajkot fire tragedy, the Gujarat high court on Thursday expressed concern over image of the state in the aftermath of repeated accidents at public places and reports of massive unaccounted wealth amassed by an accused officer.

A massive fire at TRP Game Zone in Rajkot in May had killed 27 people. When state govt informed the court about action initiated against officials including Rajkot town planning officer MD Sagathiya, the bench of Chief Justice Sunita Agarwal and Justice Pranav Trivedi remarked on news of unaccounted wealth that Sagathiya has allegedly amassed.

"This person has been benefited, reports say. Everybody knows how it is done. This state (Gujarat) has a lot of potential. They cannot put this state in this situation for the sake of, and benefit of, a few officers. It is serious if these incidents happen one after the other," the court said.

On the issue of fire at TRP Game Zone, the HC questioned govt why demolition order for the gaming zone was not executed for nearly a year after Rajkot MC issued the notice in June 2023, and another fire incident that took place in Sept last year.

The HC inquired about the report of SIT and directed the govt to place the report before it along with action taken report by July 25.

The HC has posted further hearing on July 25. TNN

STAYING AFLOAT

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Villagers carry cattle to safety in Assam's flood-hit Kamrup district on Thursday. Over 21 lakh people across 29 districts have been affected by the floods and six deaths reported since Wednesday evening. Rising floodwaters from the upper Assam region have now inundated lower Assam districts and towns like Goalpara and Dhubri. On Thursday, CM Himanta Biswa Sarma began a two-day tour to inspect the worst-affected parts of upper Assam as Brahmaputra flowed over the danger mark at several places

Oasis school sacks principal, deputy held over NEET 'leak'

Vishvendu Jaipuriar & Abhijit Sen | TNN

Hazaribag: Oasis School's managing committee, led by its chairman Shabbir Ahmad, removed principal Ehsanul Haque and vice-principal Mohmamad Imtiyaz Alam from their positions on Thursday, a week after they were arrested by CBI for their alleged role in the NEET-UG paper leak case.

Arvind Kumar has been appointed the new principal of the school. The school issued the notification on Wednesday.

Haque and Alam were arrested by CBI last week after digital evidence suggested they had tampered with the question paper of the NEET-UG exam. They are currently in Beur jail, Patna, being interrogated by CBI.

Ahmad confirmed the decision, saying both individuals were removed from their posts in light of the ongoing CBI inquiry.

CBI had detained Haque and Alam on June 25 and officially arrested them on June 29. However, lack of immediate school management action against them drew criticism from many. Critics argued that the school should have promptly dismissed them.

Local residents mentioned that Haque had been associated with the school since its inception and was instrumental in securing affiliation for both Classes X and XII in 2020. They acknowledged that Haque was the face of the school, with many still unaware of Ahmad's role. Haque was credited with enhancing the school's facilities and establishing it as among the best in the region. "Haque is himself responsible for this sacking. He played with the future of lakhs of students," said a school source.

The genesis of the school and its mercurial rise in a short span of time is also being scrutinised by the CBI. The sprawling school building is constructed on plot number 134, which is khasmahal (land under govt ownership) land. The building was erected on a 1.75-acre plot previously owned by Arindam Sen, son of Umapada Sen, who allegedly gave them the land. CBI is also probing whether proper permissions were obtained from the khasmahal authority for the construction of such a large building. CBI is also looking into the matter.

Over 50 NEET-UG candidates move SC for direction against any bid to cancel test

Over 50 successful Gujarat-based NEET-UG candidates, including several who have been ranked first, have moved the Supreme Court seeking a direction to restrain the Centre and the National Testing Agency (NTA) from cancelling the controversy-ridden exam. They have sought a direction from the top court to the Union education ministry to probe, identify and take strict action against students and others who indulged in unfair practices like paper leak and impersonation in the NEET-UG exam conducted on May 5 this year.

Fresh plea by 56 students was filed days before a SC bench headed by CJI DY Chandrachud is scheduled to hear 26 petitions seeking reliefs like re-test & probe into the conduct of the exam plagued by allegations of malpractices. Allegations of irregularities, including paper leaks, have led to protests in several cities and sparring between rival political parties.

The pleas seeking cancellation of the exam, re-test and high-level probe are listed for hearing on July 8 in the SC. PTI

MP HC grants ASI 10 more days to submit Bhojshala report

Indore: The Indore bench of Madhya Pradesh high court on Thursday granted an extension of 10 days to Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to submit the complete report on the survey of Bhojshala / Kamal Maula mosque complex in Dhar district.

A division bench comprising Justice Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari and Justice Duppala Venkata Ramana directed ASI to submit the report by July 15.

ASI had told the court that the survey had been completed in keeping with HC's March 11 directions. However, it will take time to analyse and interpret the Ground-Penetrating Radar (GPR) & Geographical Information Systems (GIS) data, it said, and asked for three weeks' time.

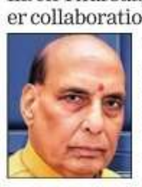
The court felt that considering the quantum of work involved, 10 days may be granted to ASI to submit the complete report. "Let the same be submitted positively on or before July 15, 2024, after supplying a copy to the counsel for petitioners as well as all respondents," HC directed, and listed the matter for July 22.

On March 11, the court had ordered a 'multi-disciplinary scientific survey' of Bhojshala temple-cum-Kamal Maula Mosque to ascertain its "true character, nature and form of the disputed site". TNN

Rajnath talks to Aus minister for boosting ties in Indo-Pacific

Times News Network

New Delhi: India and Australia on Thursday discussed closer collaboration in the Indo-Pacific region, as part of their expanding strategic ties, during a telephonic talk between defence minister **Rajnath Singh** and his counterpart Richard Marles.



A range of issues pertaining to bilateral defence cooperation were reviewed, including the need for greater cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, in the backdrop of China's expansionist muscle-flexing in the region. "We place great value on the India-Australia comprehensive strategic partnership," Singh said.

The two ministers noted the "transformative progress" in defence cooperation and the momentum achieved in the ties since the last bilateral two-plus-two ministerial dialogue in Nov 2023. Australia has described India as a top-tier security partner in its National Defence Strategy document released earlier this year.

During the dialogue, India and Australia decided to strengthen their overall defence-strategic ties, including cooperation in information exchange, maritime domain awareness and niche areas like AI, cyber, anti-submarine and anti-drone warfare. Marles had then stressed that China was "the biggest security anxiety" for both India and his country, while also being their largest trading partner.

SC pulls up MP HC for 'casual approach', says man be released

Bhopal: The Supreme Court has taken exception to the "casual approach" of MP high court in turning down a 70-year-old ailing man's petition for suspension of sentence, and has ordered his release, subject to conditions the trial court may impose, reports **Ashutosh Shukla**.

Stating that "stereotype orders are passed by the high courts without any application of mind", a vacation bench of SC, comprising justices J B Pardiwala and Ujjal Bhuyan, observed: "This litigation could have been easily avoided had HC applied the correct principles of law governing suspension of sentence of fixed terms of imprisonment."

The petitioner, Bherulal of Mandsaur district, was sentenced to four years' imprisonment by a trial court for fraud and criminal conspiracy.

The SC bench noted that the petitioner was an ailing 70-year-old with 90% visual impairment. "The law is well settled that if the sentence imposed by the trial court is for a fixed term, then the appellate court should consider the plea for suspension of sentence liberally, unless there are any exceptional circumstances emerging from the record of the case to decline such relief. There is nothing observed by HC in its order as to why the plea for suspension of sentence deserved to be declined," the bench said.

The judges further said the high court should have realised that the petitioner had already undergone two years of the four-year jail sentence. "He is virtually blind. There is nothing on record to indicate that his release on bail pending appeal would thwart the course of justice," the SC observed, setting aside the high court order.

Maha set to clear Rel Infra arm's ₹1,700cr Metro debt

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Mumbai: The Eknath Shinde govt may have shelved its plans to acquire Metro 1, but the state cabinet has directed MMRDA's executive committee to consider clearing, by way of a one-time settlement, the Rs 1,700 crore debt owed by Mumbai Metro One Pvt Ltd (MMOPL) to its lenders.

Metro 1, the oldest in Mumbai which currently serves 4.6 lakh passengers daily, is the only corridor executed through a public-private partnership. It is run by a special purpose vehicle, the Reliance Infrastructure-promoted MMOPL. MMRDA has a 26% stake in the SPV, while Anil Ambani's R-Infra holds 74%.

There are six lenders in all: State Bank of India, IDBI Bank, Canara Bank, Indian Bank, Bank of Maharashtra, and IIFCL (UK).

In March 2024, MMOPL signed a debt settlement agreement with the lenders, committing to pay Rs 1,700 crore as one-time settlement of its entire debt. As part of the agreement, MMRDA and MMOPL made upfront payment of Rs 171 crore to the lenders.

On March 11, the state cabinet had cleared purchase of R-Infra's 74% stake in Metro-1 for Rs 4,000 crore by MMRDA. The buyout would have allowed MMOPL to exit the project. However, MMRDA said it could not finance the acquisition and requested state funding, which was denied, leading the state cabinet to reverse its purchase decision recently.

Now, at a June 26 cabinet meeting, sources said, it was decided to ask MMRDA's executive committee "to discuss the issue of the one-time settlement." MMRDA was directed to take immediate action for implementation of the cabinet move, sources added.

The MMRDA commissioner will soon convene a meeting with all six lenders of MMOPL to deliberate on the matter. Between April 2023 and June 2024, MMOPL has regularly paid interest to the lenders amounting to over Rs 225 crore.



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MMOPL was facing insolvency proceedings in the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT). IDBI Bank initiated insolvency proceedings in Oct 2023 over dues of Rs 133.37 crore, while SBI followed in Aug 2023 due to defaults amounting to Rs 416 crore. NCLT disposed of the insolvency cases after MMRDA paid Rs 170 crore, which is 10% of the one-time settlement amount.

When contacted, an MMOPL spokesperson declined to comment. MMRDA officials were also unavailable for comment.

Officials clarified that Metro Line 1, constructed at a cost of Rs 2,356 crore, was not making operational losses, but the financially troubled Anil Ambani group wanted to exit the project.

The concession agreement between MMRDA and MMOPL was signed in 2007, and the corridor became operational in 2014.

MMOPL was also engaged in arbitration against MMRDA over cost escalation during construction of Metro Line 1. While MMOPL claims it cost Rs 4,026 crore to build Metro Line 1, MMRDA maintains the cost is Rs 2,356 crore as per the original contract.

TOI LINE OF NO CONTROL — Sandeep Adhwaryu

NEW CRIMINAL LAWS COME INTO EFFECT



Another bridge in Bihar collapses, 10th in a fortnight

Abay Singh | TNN

Patna: A 15-year-old bridge across Gandaki river in Baniapur block of Saran district collapsed on Thursday, making it the 10th bridge to collapse in north Bihar in the last fortnight. The first to crumble was in Sikti block of Araria district, bordering Nepal, on June 18.

RWD minister Ashok Chaudhary suspended three engineers in the earlier Araria bridge collapse, and an order has also been issued for filing of an FIR against the contractor concerned as bridge collapse prima facie was found to be result of compromises at various levels of construction.

Saran saw a second bridge give way in the last 24 hours. "A bridge built in the colonial period had collapsed on Wednesday, and the second one, built 15-years-ago by the district administration, suffered the same fate on Thursday," Saran DM Aman Samir said.

While Samir said no one died or was injured in both bridge collapses or the previous eight bridge collapses, structural engineers and experts said the series of incidents exposes deep-rooted corruption in construction of bridges in Bihar.

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A collapsed bridge in Siwan district of Bihar. Experts said the series of incidents bares deep-rooted corruption in construction of bridges

Former road construction department chief engineer J K Dutt said, "Basic causes are tinkering with bridge design, use of substandard material, like low-value cement, unspecified sand, concrete, & steel rods thinner than the approved diameter and thickness."

A survey of all old bridges was ordered so that they can be reconstructed, and those two to three years old can be repaired.

Trekker dies in Rudranath, body retrieved after 12-hr op

Dehradun: Omender Singh, 48, a trekker from Meerut in Uttar Pradesh, fell to his death while descending the Rudranath trek in Rudraprayag district on Wednesday. Singh, accompanied by his brother-in-law, slipped and fell into a 200m-deep gorge, reports **Gaurav Talwar**.

The Rudranath trek is considered one of the toughest treks among the Panch Kedar due to its steep and challenging paths. It typically takes about 3-4 days to complete the 20-km trek. Upon receiving the information about Singh's death, a state disaster response force (SDRF) team from Gauchar launched a search operation despite adverse weather conditions.

"The body was recovered from a gorge in the jungle after a gruelling 12-hour search. The team had to trek 9km through rain-soaked and slippery terrain at night," said sub-inspector Manmohan Singh, who led the 11-member rescue team, adding, "The body was stuck at a precarious point with an 800m-1 km-deep gorge below and it was pitch dark. The rain made the task even more difficult as the narrow path was highly susceptible to mudslides."

He added that a temporary stretcher using wooden logs and ropes was built to carry the body to the nearest road.

JEE aspirant ends life, 13th student suicide in Kota this year

Kota: A 16-year-old engineering aspirant from Nalanda in Bihar died by suicide in Kota on Thursday, becoming the 13th coaching student to take the extreme step in the city this year.

Sandeep Kumar Kurmi, who had been preparing for JEE at a coaching institute in the city for the last two years, was found dead in his room at a PG accommodation in Mahaveer Nagar area by a classmate at around 7am.

The PG caretaker informed police, who reached the spot and sent the body for autopsy. No suicide note was found in Sandeep's room.

Police said Sandeep's brother Sanjeet was also preparing for NEET in a coaching institute in Kota and lived in a separate PG accommodation in Dadabari area. The brothers reportedly lost their parents four years ago, leaving their uncle as their guardian.

Following the postmortem examination, the body was handed over to Sanjeet, said Mahaveer Nagar police station SHO, Mahendra Maru.

Cops found that the PG facility where Sandeep lived did not have an anti-suicide device attached to the ceiling fan, which has been made mandatory by the district administration in all hostels and PGs in Kota. TNN

'Distributed exams' can curb paper leaks: Univ body chief

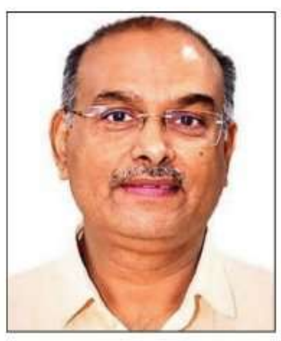
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New Delhi: Advocating for "distributed exams", the new president of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), Vinay Pathak, has emphasised that "over-centralisation" of any test can lead to significant adverse issues and a single exam should not determine the future of a student.

In light of the NEET-UG controversies and paper leaks, and the decision to revert to the pen-and-paper mode for UGC-NET and CUET-UG, Pathak, also the vice-chancellor of Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University (formerly Kanpur University), in an exclusive interaction with **TOI**, discussed the future of exams.

He advocated for technology-driven adaptive testing, similar to the GRE and TOEFL, as a "progressive solution". He also stressed that in addition to entrance tests, university admissions should incorporate multiple evaluation methods, including Board exam scores, group discussions, and personal interviews.

While the govt considers adopting a JEE-style online test format for entrance exams conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA), Pathak highlighted the drawbacks of centralisation. "Over-centralising exams, where a single test determines a student's future, is fraught with risks. In engineering, for instance, moving from single-threaded to distributed systems improved reliability because if one part fails, others can still function. Similarly, decentralised exams could localise the impact of any single point of failure, like a paper leak," he said.



Limiting students to a single exam can lead to undue stress and even mental health issues, new AIU chief Vinay Pathak said

Pathak highlighted adaptive testing as a promising solution, explaining that it adjusts to the test-taker's ability level in real time. "Technologies like AI can create personalised tests that are both secure and fair. Tests like the GRE and TOEFL have successfully implemented adaptive testing, minimising the chances of leaks and ensuring a more accurate assessment of student abilities," he said.

Limiting students to a single exam can be detrimental, leading to undue stress and even mental health issues, Pathak pointed out. "That's why you're seeing lots of depression during medical entrance tests and many suicides. While multiple exams have their own pressures, they also release pressure differently," he added.

Multiple chances allows students to perform to their potential across, mitigating the impact of a bad day. "Exams like JEE-Mains, which now allow multiple attempts, provide a useful model," he said.

Pathak stressed that admissions based on a single entrance test score are not ideal. Instead, he suggested that "a comprehensive evaluation system should combine various metrics, including standardised test scores, academic performance, recommendations, and personal interviews. This approach, used by top universities globally, offers a more rounded assessment of a student's capabilities." He pointed out that entrance exams currently test whether students know what the examiner knows, not what the students know.

Regarding the recent issues of paper leaks and irregularities in major exams, Pathak emphasised the importance of maintaining the integrity of the exam process. "Public trust in the system can be bolstered by transparency and consistent performance from testing agencies. As seen with exams like JEE Advanced and UPSC, when the process is perceived as fair, it garners respect and confidence from students and society alike," he said.

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Deputy Director Of Health Services (Transport) Pune, Department of Public Health Department of Govt Of Maharashtra, invites items wise 2 different Tender from Eligible Bidders to participates in the compitative bidding process to purchase new **ICE Lined Refrigerator (ILR)-1708 nos and Deep Freezer- 1380 nos** for the health institutes in public health department Of Govt. of Maharashtra.

For the detailed tender documents interested bidders should visit http://mahatenders.gov.in.

Tender submission would be online from 05/07/2024, 14:00 hrs and the deadline to submit the praposal is 29/07/2024, 14:00 hrs.

Place :- Pune
Date :- 05/07/2024

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(Jayant G Mulay)
Deputy Director, Health Services
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At:- Ambapua
Po:- Engineering School
Near Income Tax office,
Berhampur-760011

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR

(E-Mail:- serwbpr2004@yahoo.com, Tel/Fax:- 0680-2404287)

E-Mail / E-despatch

NOTICE

FOR PM-JANMAN UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH "e"-Procurement

Bid identification No. Online Tender/03-2024-25/PMGSY/BPR

The Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Berhampur on behalf of Odisha State Rural Road Agency invites the percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of Roads / Bridges under **PRADHAN MANTRI- JANJATI ADIVASI NYAYA MAHA ABHIYAN (PM-JANMAN Batch-II/2023-24)** under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the districts of **Ganjam, Gajapati & Kandhamal for 11 (Eleven)** number of packages with estimated cost totalling to **Rs 30.53 Cr (Approximate)** including their maintenance for five years 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. Dtd. **09.07.2024**

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in.** The bidder would be required to register in the web-site 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 declaration and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (a) (ii) of ITB with **Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Berhampur // Superintending Engineer of the Concerned divisions 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: 24.07.2024 upto 5.30 P.M

For further details and corrigendum (if any) please log on to www.pmgsytenders.gov.in.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
R.W.Circle, Berhampur

OIPR-25071/11/0005/24-25

Office of the Principal,
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Letter No: DSLPMC/PBH/विज्ञप्ति/2024/1134 Dated: 02/07/2024

Advertisement: Applications are invited on the prescribed format for the regular posts of Professors, Associate Professors, and Assistant Professors, Dr Sonelal Patel Autonomous State Medical College Society, Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh. Last date for submission of application form is 01/08/2024 up to 5:00 pm by registered/speed post. The tentative numbers of the post are given below:

S.No.	Name of specialization	Professor		Associate Professor		Assistant Professor	
		No.of Posts	Category	No.of Posts	Category	No.of Posts	Category
1	Orthopaedics	01	OBC	01	SC	01	ST
2	Community Medicine	--	–	–	--	01	UR
				01	SC	--	--
	R.H.T.C. (Medical Officer-Health cum Lecturer / Assistant Professor)	--	–	–	–	01	OBC
	U.H.T.C. (Medical Officer-Health cum Lecturer / Assistant Professor)	--	–	–	–	01	EWS
	Statistician cum-Assistant Professor	--	–	–	–	01	SC
3	General Medicine	01	OBC	01	UR	02	UR
				01	OBC	01	SC
				01	UR	01	OBC
4	Tuberculosis and Respiratory/Pulmonary Medicine	--	–	01	SC	--	--
5	Dermatology,Venereology, and Leprosy	--	–	01	UR	--	--
6	Paediatrics	01	OBC	01	OBC	01	OBC
7	Pathology	01	EWS	–	--	--	--
				01	OBC	01	OBC
8	Pharmacology	01	SC	01	SC	01	UR
						01	OBC
9	Physiology	01	SC	–	–	01	EWS
						01	OBC
10	Forensic Medicine	01	UR	01	UR	01	SC
11	Microbiology	01	OBC	–	–	01	SC
						--	--
12	Psychiatry	--	–	01	UR	--	--
13	Ophthalmology	01	UR	01	SC	01	SC
14	Obstetrics and Gynaecology	01	SC	01	UR	--	--
15	Emergency Medicine	01	UR	01	OBC	--	--
16	Anaesthesiology	01	OBC	01	UR	01	UR
				01	SC	01	UR
17	Oto-Rhino-Laryngology	01	UR	01	UR	--	--
18	General Surgery	01	UR	01	UR	01	SC
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				01	OBC	01	EWS
19	Biochemistry	--	–	01	OBC	01	UR
20	Radio-diagnosis	01	SC	01	OBC	01	SC
						01	UR
21	Dentistry			01	OBC		
	TOTAL	15		24		25	

● Those candidates who has already applied against advt no- ASMC/PBH/विज्ञप्ति/2023/2568 dated on 28.11.2023 need not apply it again.

Index of Broad Specialties in which Persons with non-Medical Qualifications may be appointed as Faculty (Assistant Professor and beyond)

S.N.	Name of the Specialty	Academic Qualification
1	Anatomy	MSc (Medical Anatomy) with PhD Medical Anatomy
2	Biochemisty	MSc (Medical Biochemistry) with PhD in Medical Biochemistry
3	Physiology	MSc (Medical Physiology) with PhD in Medical Physiology
4	Statistics	M.Sc. (Statistics) with Ph.D. (Statistics)

Note-* All qualifications subjected to latest NMC notification. 1. Age: The candidate must have a minimum age of 26 years & a maximum of 65 years on the first day of July,2024 in that calendar year for the above mention posts. 2. Pay-Scale: i) Professor-Academic Level 14, Initial Pay Rs. 1,44,200.00/-. ii) Associate Professor:Academic Level 13A, Initial Pay Rs. 1,31,400.00/- iii) Assistant Professor: Academic Level 11, Initial Pay Rs. 68,900.00/-. (The Pay/Allowance of the Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor in State Medical Colleges by the State Government will be permissible). 3. Application Fee: A demand draft of Rs.500/- (Rs.Five Hundred only) payable in favour of "Principal, Dr Sonelal Patel, Autonomous State Medical College, Pratapgarh U.P." is mandatory as an application fee. 4. No TA/DA for attending the interview is payable. 5. Number of posts may increase or decrease. 6. Interested candidates are invited to send their application in prescribed format along with certificates latest by 05:00 P.M. on **01.08.2024** to the office of **"Dr. Sonelal Patel Autonomous State Medical College, Pratapgarh U.P.-230001"** only by registered/speed post.7.Application received after the due date, time, and incomplete in any form will not be considered. **NOTE:** 1. Candidates applying under any of the reserved category posts, viz. SC/ST/OBC will be considered subject to Caste Certificate issued by the appropriate/competent authority on the prescribed format. 2. As per EWS guidelines posts are not carried forward/or considered as backlog vacancy in cae unfilled hence other category candidates may be allowed provisionally to apply for posts subjected to the condition that they will be considered for the post as an UR Candidate only if EWS category seat is otherwise not filled.

Principal, DSLP, Autonomous State Medical College, Pratapgarh

Govt. of Bihar

Bihar Swasthya Suraksha Samiti
State Health Agency

2nd Floor, 3rd Block, Secretariat Extension Building, Old Secretariat, Patna-800015
Website:- https://biswass.bihar.gov.in/
E-mail:- abnhpmbihar@yahoo.com Telephone:- 0612-2233504

NOTICE INVITING TENDER OF SELECTION OF AGENCY FOR PROVIDING HUMAN RESOURCE UNDER BIHAR SWASTHYA SURAKSHA SAMITI (BSSS)

Bihar Swasthya Suraksha Samiti (BSSS), intends to select the agency through e-tender to provide human resources. The Tender Schedules are as follows.

Tender Schedule

Particulars	Details
Tender Reference No.	01/BSSS/Human Resource/2024-25
Start Date and time for downloading of bid document	4/7/2024, 05:00 PM on the e-procurement portal http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/
Date of pre-bid Meeting	11/7/2024 at 11 AM to 01 PM Venue: Conference Hall of Bihar Swastyhya Suraksha Samiti, Secretariat Extension Building, Block-3, 2nd Floor, Old Secretariat, Patna-800015
Last date and time of submission of online bids	**25/7/2024 up to** 05:00 PM, on the e-Procurement Portal (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/)
Date, Time and Place of opening of Technical Bid	**26/7/2024** at 11AM, on the e-Procurement Portal https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/ Bihar Swastyhya Suraksha Samiti, Secretariat Extension Building, Block-3, 2nd Floor, Old Secretariat, Patna -800015
Date and time of opening of Financial Bids	Will be communicated at appropriate time on the e-Procurement Portal https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/

1. BSSS reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender or change the terms and condition of NIT or amendments to NIT or cancel the NIT without assigning any reasons at any stage and time.
2. For further enquiry and information, please visit website https://biswass.bihar.gov.in/ or contact to the following officers during office hours 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM – Director Administration, BSSS (Mobile No. 9264471405) or Procurement manager, BSSS (Mobile No. 9264471413). All further notifications/ Corrigendum/ Addendum, if any shall be posted on e-Procurement Portal (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in) or https://biswass.bihar.gov.in/ and shall be binding upon all bidders.

For further details please visit website **state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**

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Administrative Officer
Bihar Swasthya Suraksha Samiti

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Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI)

(Set up under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Govt. of India)
B-500, Tower – B, 5th Floor, World Trade Center, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi – 110029
Telephone: 011-49431800 | Website: janaushadhi.gov.in

e-TENDER FOR DRUG DISPOSAL OF EXPIRED MEDICINES AND MEDICAL DEVICES

e-Tender for the collection, Transport, Treatment and Disposal of Expired Drugs/Medicines, Surgicals & Consumables and Medical Devices for **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)** are invited by **PMBI**. Last date and time for submission of online bids against e-Tender no. **PMBI/TENDER/DRUG DISPOSAL/002/2024** dated **04/07/2024** for drug disposal of expired Medicines and Medical Devices is **25/07/2024** up to **17:00 Hours**.

For detailed eligibility criteria, and terms & conditions of the tender, please visit the website **https://eprocure.gov.in & https://janaushadhi.gov.in.**

CEO, PMBI

Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited

(CIN: U85310UP2018SGC102425) (A Government of U.P. Undertaking)
Address: SUDA Bhawan, 7/23, Sector-7, Gomati Nagar Extension, Lucknow

Advertisement No:- UPMSCL/04/HR/2024-25/369 Dated: 01/07/2024
Advertisement No:- UPMSCL/04/HR/2024-25/376 Dated: 02/07/2024

Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited invites application for the following positions on Deputation/ Contractual:

Sr. No.	Designation	Maximum Age Limit (in year)	Vacancy	Cast Category	Mode of Recruitment	Honoraria in INR (Monthly)	Essential Qualification	Post Qualification experience
01	Consultant (Drug Procurement)	50 (Retired government/ P.S.U official with up to age of 62 years may also apply)	01	GEN-1	Deputation/ Contractual	(1,18,500 - 2,00,000) Pay Matrix -13 (in case of Deputation)	Applicants must have M.Pharma / M.B.B.S. with post graduate degree or diploma in Medicine form a recognized university/Institution	Applicant must have (I)- Minimum 12 years of post Qualification experience of which at least 5 years in procurement of drug for public or Government agencies. (II)- Min. 3 years of supervisory experience
02	Pharmacist (Drug Procurement)	45	02	GEN-2	Deputation/ Contractual	(47,600-50,000) Pay Matrix-8 (in case of Deputation)	Applicants must have B.Pharma degree from a recognized university / institution	Applicant must have 1 year overall work experience of which atleast six months must be in drug procurement / drug logistics or drug supply chain
03	Bio Medical Engineer (Quality control)	45	01	GEN-1	Deputation/ Contractual	(47,600-50,000) Pay Matrix-8 (in case of Deputation)	Applicant must have full time bio medical engineer degree from UGC recognized Indian University	Applicant must have minimum 3 years work experience in the field of Bio Medical Engineering

* Interested Candidates must send their application form in the prescribed format along with self attested relevant document by speed post/registered AD from Indian Postal Department by mentioning on the envelop "Application for the (Post Name)" to GM (AHL), SUDA Bhawan 7/23 sector -7 Gomti nagar extention, Lucknow PIN: 226010. Applications sent by any other mode shall not be entertained. Submission of Application Starts from July 03, 2024. * The Last Date of Submission of Application is August 02, 2024 at 05:00 PM.* Regular government (Department/Corporations/Institutions) employees with suitable experience on seniority (matrix level) are encouraged to apply on deputation. * Vacancies shall be subject to the State reservation policy of Uttar Pradesh. * Age relaxation for candidate applying on Deputation shall be in accordance to Govt. of UP Service Norms. * Please note July 01, 2024 shall be taken as a reference date for computing age, qualification, experience etc. Application not received on prescribed format will be rejected. Application format may be download from the website:- **www.upmsc.in**

For vacancy notification and other related detailed information please visit www.upmsc.in

Department of Medical Health & Family Welfare, Uttar Pradesh

F.No.U.12012/15/2024-NE

Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
(North East Section)

Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated the 05th June, 2024

VACANCY CIRCULAR

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for filing up 1 (one) post of **Financial Adviser** in the **Pay Level -13 in the pay Matrix** in North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health & Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS), Shillong on deputation basis, an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health & Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS) is a premier medical institution set up by the Government of India on lines of AIIMS, Delhi and PGIMER, Chandigarh.

For details relating to eligibility criteria and to download the format of application etc. kindly visit the Institute website **www.neigrihms.nic.in**

Sd/-
(Anuradha Ramakrishnan)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.
Tel: 011-23061640.
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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Invites application for the post of Director & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in Odisha Coal and Power Limited (OCPL)

A. Company & Job Profile :

Odisha Coal and Power Ltd (OCPL) is a State PSU functioning under the administrative control of Energy Department, Government of Odisha, with Corporate Office at Bhubaneswar. OCPL is currently operating two Coal Mines namely Manoharpur and Dip-Side Manoharpur Coal blocks in Hemgir Tehsil of Dist. Sundergarh, with a Peak Rated Capacity of 16 Million Te per annum and supplying Coal to its end use plants at OPGC through Merry Go Round System. The Coal Mines of OCPL are 5-Star rated Mines by Ministry of Coal, Govt. of India.

Energy Department, Govt. of Odisha/OCPL invites applications for the post of Director & Chief Executive Officer in E-13 grade (Board level) in OCPL on full time fixed term basis.

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Qualification	Job profile
1	**Director & Chief Executive Officer (CEO), OCPL**	Engineering graduate/ Chartered Accountant/ Cost Accountant/Post Graduate/Graduate with MBA/ PGDIM from a leading institute.	Director and CEO, OCPL is a Board Level position reporting to the Chairman, Board of Directors, OCPL and is accountable to the Board for overall management and control of the company. The position is based at Corporate Office of OCPL at Bhubaneswar.

B. Selection, Tenure and CTC :

Selection will be made based on merit in interview, level of expertise and experience in operation of large Opencast Coal Mines. Experience at various levels including regulation and commercial shall be preferred. Candidates with experience at the level of Director in Board/ Executive Director/ equivalent position in a reputed Coal Mining Company with at least 5 Million Te per annum production capacity shall be preferred.

I. Minimum age will be 45 years and maximum age will be 60 years for both external and internal candidates as on 03.07.2024.

II. This position is on full time contract basis for a period of 05 (five) years or up to the age of superannuation i.e. 63 years whichever is earlier. The pay will be as per Market based Salary (MBS) Structure in E-13 grade of OCPL with CTC in the range of Rs. 47.5 to Rs.85.5 Lac per annum.

C. Application :

Interested and eligible candidates may send their applications and C.V by Registered post/ Speed post/ e-mail giving details of their experience in Operation & Maintenance, regulatory & commercial affairs, and leadership positions to Energy Department within 30 (thirty) days. For the detailed advertisement, candidates may visit the website of Energy Department **https://energy.odisha.gov.in//** For other queries you may contact on the following address :

Sd/-
Lipsa Das
Additional Secretary to Govt.,
Energy Department, Govt. of Odisha
Email:energy@nic.in

TIMES GLOBAL

WHERE WORDS FAIL, MUSIC SPEAKS — HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

THE TIMES OF INDIA, NEW DELHI | FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2024



SEAN 'DIDDY' COMBS ACCUSED BY EX-PORN STAR OF GROOMING AND COERCING HER INTO SEX WORK; 8TH ASSAULT CASE AGAINST RAPPER



JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE'S MUGSHOT AFTER DWI ARREST TURNS INTO A 'LIMITED EDITION ART PIECE' AT A NY GALLERY, PRICED AT $520 EACH

Sunak vs Starmer: Who will get keys to No. 10?

On Voting Day, Labour Chief Says 'Today, Britain Can Begin A New Chapter'; PM Urges Stopping 'Tax-Raiser's Supermajority'

Getty Images

Bloomberg

PM Rishi Sunak and wife Akshata walked hand-in-hand to their polling booth in his constituency of Richmond & Northallerton in Yorkshire and a little later, Keir Starmer and wife Victoria voted at Camden, sporting Labour red

London: The future of Rishi Sunak — the first British PM of Indian origin who is facing anti-incumbency sentiments after 14 years of Conservative govt — hangs in the balance as millions of voters cast their ballots in a historic general election on Thursday.

Sunak (44) and the man who wants his job, Labour's leader Keir Starmer (61), were among the early voters from an estimated 46 million registered voters as around 40,000 polling booths opened across the country at 7am (local time).

Sunak and his wife Akshata Murty walked hand-in-hand to their polling booth in his constituency of Richmond and Northallerton in Yorkshire, northern England. A little later, Starmer and wife Victoria were at their polling station in Camden, north London, sporting Labour red "Today, Britain can begin a new chapter," Starmer told voters. "We cannot afford five more years under Conservatives."

Sunak, meanwhile, took to social media to drive home his message: "Polls are open. It's time to stop the Labour supermajority that would mean higher taxes for the rest of your life." The first national ballot since Boris Johnson won the Tories a decisive victory in 2019 follows Sunak's surprise call to hold an election six months earlier than required. His gamble looks set to backfire spectacularly, with polls throughout the six-week campaign — and for the last two years — pointing to a heavy defeat for his Conservative g party.

Voting closes at 10pm local time or 2.30am IST. Broadcasters then announce exit polls, which typically provide an accurate picture of how the main parties have performed. Results from the UK's 650 constituencies trickle in overnight, with the winning party expected to hit 326 seats — the threshold for a parliamentary majority — as dawn breaks Friday.

Polls suggest voters will punish the Tories after 14 years of often chaotic rule and could oust a string of govt ministers, with talk that even Sunak's seat might not be safe. That would make him the first sitting prime minister not to retain his seat in a general election.

If opinion polls are to be believed, the incumbent Tories are in line to win anywhere between 53 and 150 seats, with Labour projected to win a landslide. YouGov, Focaldata and More in Common all projected Labour would secure at least 430 seats, topping the 418 under Tony Blair in 1997. And if the predictions come true, Starmer will take over as PM, the first Labour politician after Gordon Brown to enter 10 Downing Street since 2010. However, he played down the prospect of a landslide win for fear of a low voter turnout impacting the final outcome.

Other contenders like the Lib Dems were tipped to scoop dozens of seats — up from their current tally of 15 — while Nigel Farage's anti-immigrant Reform UK party was set to win a handful. YouGov and More in Common both forecast the Brexit figurehead would finally become an MP at the eighth time of asking.

Pollsters have forecast a low turnout, which was 67% in the 2019 polls. It's the first general election at which you must bring photo ID to vote in person — and the first July election since 1945. The Elections Act introduced by Johnson in 2022 was enforced, ironically, earlier this year when the ex-PM tried to vote without ID in a local election in South Oxfordshire. He was turned away, but returned later with his ID. PTI & AFP

A warning to US? Russian lawmaker says missile could be deployed in Cuba

Moscow: A Russian lawmaker said Thursday that the Russian deployment of missiles on Cuba was one option being looked at in response to what he cast as a US escalation over Ukraine and an accelerating arms race among major nuclear powers. Prez Putin said last week that Russia should resume production of intermediate and shorter range nuclear-capable missiles and then consider where to deploy them after the US brought similar missiles to Europe and Asia.

Sergei Mironov, the leader of the "Just Russia - Patriots - For Truth" party in the lower house of the Russian parliament, said that Washington had embarked on an arms race that could lead to "devastating consequences" for the US. "The possible use of a base in Cuba, which was recently visited by Russian ships carrying hypersonic weapons abroad, is just one of many options," Mironov said in a statement. "Nowadays, the Cuban Missile Crisis could happen anywhere, taking into account the modern capabilities of the Russian army, air force and navy." Mironov's party is staunchly pro-Putin.

The 1962 stand-off between the Soviet Union and the US over Moscow's stationing of nuclear weapons in Cuba is widely considered the moment when the Cold War superpowers came closest to intentional nuclear war. "It is worth recalling that the cause of the crisis in the 1960s was the deployment of US missiles in Turkiye," Mironov said. "Now the US is again hatching plans to deploy weapons near the borders of Russia, supply long-range weapons to Kyiv regime, and plan and direct attacks on Russian territory." REUTERS

Liberal pundits, pollsters make case for Kamala Harris to replace Biden

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: Pragmatic pundits, pollsters, and people of Democratic persuasion are starting to line up behind vice-prez Kamala Harris as the putative party nominee for the White House even as Prez Biden is tenaciously hanging on to his bid for a second term.

A decision on whether Biden will renounce his candidacy or continue his campaign is just hours or days away. He is expected to make a call on whether he will continue or withdraw from the race after a weekend interview and public events that could show if he is still fit for the job — or not.

Reasons being advanced to promote Harris to replace Biden as the Democratic nominee range from the practical and pragmatic to the logical and logistical. She has already been vetted and is on the Biden-Harris ticket which has all but sewn up the nomination. This means that she could easily inherit the campaign infrastructure and finances.

Political strategists say picking anyone other than Harris "represents a legal, political and financial minefield" because it would "raise questions about the status of the delegates whom Biden and Harris have won — and the nearly quarter-billion dollars in their campaign coffers, money that cannot easily or perhaps even legally be handed to someone else". Anyone aiming to replace Biden would have to have a campaign up and running — and line up new finances — within weeks if not days, both considered almost impossible.

Although Harris' performance as vice-president has not impressed many, she does have national name recognition. Other prominent Democrats spoken as potential nominees, including California governor Gavin Newsom, Michigan governor Gretchen Whitmer, and Illinois governor J.B. Pritzker, are popular in their home state but lack national appeal. Party flacks do not seriously consider outliers such as Michelle Obama in the mix.

Democrat insiders also cite optics, arguing that as the first black and Asian-American woman to be elected to vice-presidency, denying Harris the top nomination in favour of a white male candidate could alienate minorities whose support is crucial to win the White House. Polls show that Harris performs much better against Trump than any other potential Democratic nominee, although a poll cited by Daily Mail — which had a lead story headlined "President Kamala? Why Democrat insiders fear it's now INEVITABLE that Harris will replace Biden" — showed her losing to Trump by 11 points. Some of the governors being urged to run have already indicated they are not jumping into the fray at this late stage.

On the downside, pundits point out that Harris fared disastrously in the 2020 race, dropping out of the presidential contest after a campaign meltdown. Kamala sceptics also warn that inasmuch as she might win minority votes, her candidacy could alienate white suburban voters in swing states. Harris herself has been circumspect so far about keeping the Oval Office in her sights as she continues. In an interview, she said: "Look, Joe Biden is our nominee. We beat Trump once, and we're going to beat him again. Period."

Reuters/File photo



COMPETITORS NOW? US Prez Joe Biden with veep Kamala Harris

Trump, his allies shift focus on vilifying V-P

Donald Trump, his campaign and some of his allies have launched a pre-emptive political strike on V-P Kamala Harris, moving swiftly to try to discredit her amid talk among some of her fellow Democrats that she might replace Prez Biden atop the party's 2024 presidential ticket. Trump disparaged Harris in a video recorded at one of his golf courses, saying Harris was "so bad, she's so pathetic" before using an expletive to describe her. The National Republican Congressional Committee, which oversees House Republican races, called her Biden's "enabler in chief". MAGA Inc, a fundraising super PAC supporting Trump, called her the "invasion czar". In March 2021 Biden said Harris would lead efforts with Mexico and Central American nations to address illegal immigration. Republicans have seized on that to accuse her of failing to stem the flow of millions of migrants crossing illegally into the US. "Kamala Harris is incompetent. She's proven to be the weakest, worst vice president in history," said Karoline Leavitt, a spokesperson for the Trump campaign. REUTERS

Trump claims drove Biden out of race; prez says 'screwed up' but still running

Washington: Republican Donald Trump falsely claimed to have driven Democratic Prez Joe Biden out of the White House race in a video published by the Daily Beast. Trump was filmed at one of his golf courses seeking plaudits for his debate against Biden, whose stumbling performance sparked calls from his fellow Democrats for him to step aside. "He's quitting the race ... I got him out," Trump says in the footage, published Wednesday.

Biden, 81, told his campaign Wednesday that he was still running. In a radio interview, Biden said he "screwed up" during the debate, his most direct public acknowledgment of his poor performance. "I made a mistake. But I learned from my father when you get knocked down, just get back up. We're going to win this election." REUTERS & NYT

France braces for violence, boosts security for run-off

3 Candidates Claim Being Attacked

Paris: Some 30,000 police will be deployed across France late on Sunday following the high-stakes runoff of a parliamentary election to ensure there is no trouble, a minister said, as three candidates said they had been victims of attacks on the campaign trail.

Sunday's second round will determine whether Marine Le Pen's far-right National Rally (RN) secures a parliamentary majority for the first time and forms the next govt in France.

The campaign has been marred by political tensions but also growing violence.

Interior minister Gerald Darmanin said he would be "very careful" about security on Sunday, when the election's results will be announced.

Some 5,000 of the 30,000 police deployed that evening will be located in Paris and its surroundings, and they will "ensure that the radical right and radical left do not take advantage of the situation to cause mayhem", he told France 2 TV.

Darmanin said four people had been arrested over an attack that occurred on Wednesday evening on govt spokeswoman Prisca Thevenot and her team, when they were out putting up campaign posters. While Thevenot herself was not harmed, her deputy and a party activist were injured by an unidentified group of about 10 youths who were defacing campaign posters, Thevenot told Le Parisien newspaper.

An RN candidate in Savoie, Marie Dauchy, also said she had been attacked by a shopkeeper at a market on Wednesday.

Separately, the 77-year old deputy mayor of a small town near Grenoble, in southeastern France, was punched in the face on Thursday morning when putting up a poster for Olivier Veran, a former spokesman for Prez Emmanuel Macron. Veran denounced a "completely unprecedented context of violence in this campaign". REUTERS

Mbappe says 'urgent' need to vote after 'catastrophic' results



France football captain Kylian Mbappe said Thursday it was "really urgent" to vote in the second round of legislative elections after the far-right National Rally emerged as the biggest party in the first round. "I think more than ever we need to go out and vote. We can't leave our country in the hands of these people," Mbappe said at a press conference in Hamburg. "It is really urgent. We have seen the results, they are catastrophic. I hope it changes and that everyone goes out and votes, and votes for the right people." Mbappe did not cite the RN during his presser, but he did take a humorous approach to the subject. When the reporter tried to make himself visible to Mbappe by pointing out that he was on the far left of the room, the player replied: "Fortunately you are not on the other side". AFP

Pakistan to invite India to SCO council meet in Oct

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

Islamabad: Pakistan foreign ministry's spokesperson said on Thursday that her country will host the meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's council of heads of govt in Oct and invite all members, including India, to attend the gathering in person in Islamabad. "The year 2024 is an important milestone for Pakistan-SCO relations, as Pakistan holds the rotating chairmanship of the SCO council of heads of govt, which is the second highest decision-making forum of SCO," foreign office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said. Pakistan became an SCO member in June 2017, after holding observer status from 2005 to 2017.

Baloch said the Oct conference would be preceded by a ministerial meeting and several rounds of high-level official talks among SCO member states, focusing on financial, economic, social, cultural and humanitarian cooperation. "The conference would be held as per the SCO procedures and in-person attendance of heads of govt. So, in our capacity as the chair, we will be extending invitations to all heads of govt of SCO member states," she said.

Terrorist killed, several injured in Gilgit-Baltistan

Pakistan's security forces have killed a high-profile militant commander involved in multiple terrorist attacks in the disputed northern region of Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) in a shootout on Thursday, according to top govt functionaries, reports **Omer Farooq Khan**. Speaking to reporters, GB home minister Shams Lone said it was part of an intelligence-based operation. "Terrorist commander Shah Faisal was killed during an intelligence-based security operation in the Darel valley of GB's Diamer district, while his accomplice, Zahidullah, was injured," Lone said. He did not disclose the name of the outfit with which the slain commander was associated but stated he was the mastermind of the terrorist attack in Chilas region last Dec when militants shot up a bus on the Karakoram Highway, killing nine people and injuring 21.

Indian economist gets honorary fellowship by LSE

Naomi Canton

London: Indian policymaker and economist N K Singh was awarded an honorary fellowship by the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) at a ceremony in London on Wednesday night.



N K Singh

Singh (83) joins Sir Karl Popper, Amartya Sen and queen Elizabeth and others who have been recognised with this award.

Singh said: "It is a humbling moment for me considering the stature of many of my predecessors. The LSE has been a centre of academic and intellectual excellence since the year of its inception in 1895. The India-LSE relationship has been intensive and inquisitive. Both have benefitted from the exchange of ideas. In many ways, it has been integral to our contemporary history. After all, Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar, popularly regarded as the father of the Indian Constitution, was also an alumnus of LSE."

US SC cut federal agencies' wings. Ruling a 'mixed bag' for diaspora

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The US Supreme Court in its recent decision has overturned a 40-year-old tenant that courts should give substantial deference to federal agency decisions. Overturning of the earlier judgement, which came to be known as the 'Chevron Deference' doctrine', has wide reaching implications in the realm of immigration laws, and is a mixed bag for the Indian diaspora.

According to immigration attorneys, it could boost the chances of success for US employers who hire immigrant employees (such as those on H-1B visa) while challenging unfavourable decisions taken by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) – such as on visa extensions on grounds that the occupation is not 'specialised'. However, it could also mean that work authorisation available to H-4 visa holders (spouses of H-1B who are on track for a green card), could be subject to a fresh bout of litigation.

In late June, while deciding the case of Loper Bright Enterprises, Chief Justice John Roberts held that courts must exercise their independent judgement in deciding whether an agency has acted within its statutory authority. Rajiv S. Khanna, managing attorney at Immigration.com told **TOI**: "The Loper Bright decision cuts both ways, helpful and harmful. Because of this order, courts can now review both the beneficial and pernicious decisions made by USCIS and department of homeland security (DHS) based on their interpretation of various factors. Agency interpretations are not presumptively entitled to judicial deference."

It is a mixed bag. It could, in some cases, give US employers who hire H-1B workers or L-1 workers (on an intra-company transfer) to have a better chance in fighting their case. Cyrus D. Mehta, New York based immigration attorney, told **TOI**, "Without Chevron, federal courts will no longer pay deference to a govt agency's interpretation of a provision in the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). Hence, employers may be able to find a court willing to give a more favourable interpretation of a statute granting H-1B or L visa classification to a noncitizen worker."

Save Jobs USA, an advocacy group of tech workers, which has been challenging the H-4 employment authorisation documentation (EAD) rule, has an appeal pending in the DC Circuit Court of Appeals. They are contesting that because of the Loper Bright decision the court should quash the H-4 EAD programme because the US Congress has not delegated the power to create it. So far, courts have held that the DHS does have the authority to issue work authorisation to lawfully admitted individuals. Khanna points out that the earlier court decision, which upheld the EAD rule, did not rely on the overturned legal doctrine. But renewed litigation means anxious times ahead for nearly a lakh Indian families where the H-4 spouse holds a work authorisation.

All work, no play? Greece opts for 6-day workweek

Athens: As the rest of the world zigs toward a four-day workweek, Greece is opting to zag. On Monday, a law came into effect that allows some companies to enforce a six-day workweek, a shift that is intended to prop up the country's aging workforce, compensate strapped workers and hold firm to the Greek way of life.

The law applies to private sector workers in certain industrial and manufacturing sectors, or to those who work in a business that operates continuous shifts 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with some exceptions. And it would be allowed only "in exceptional circumstances," like an unexpectedly increased workload.

Greece stands in sharp contrast to much of the world. Four-day workweek trials have been carried out in Britain, Iceland and New Zealand.

Greece is dealing with a shortage of skilled labour. The extra day, said Niki Kerameus, the Conservative labour minister, will allow employers to address "urgent operational demands" that cannot be met with the current supply of workers, and will also put more money in the pockets of employees. According to the law, workers get an extra 40% on their sixth day. The govt stressed that the law "does not affect in any way the established five-day working week"

But labour unions are furious. Nearly 1 in 5 Greek adults are at risk of poverty, according to private sector workers' union, and its general-secretarty Nikos Fotopoulos said, "Considering this, which worker would say no to employers who you've allowed to treat workers like their slaves?" NYT

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Greece already has the longest average workweek in the EU. People spent an average of 39.8 hrs at their jobs, compared with the bloc's average of 36.1 hrs

AROUND THE WORLD

One of Germany's poorest cities has taken Taylor Swift's name, temporarily

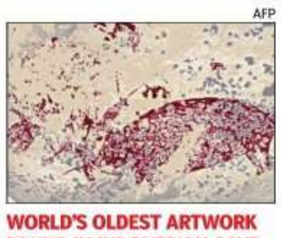


The Swifties are about to take over the German city formerly known as Gelsenkirchen, where Taylor Swift is set to give three Eras Tour concerts. In honour of the singer, the city has renamed itself "Swiftkirchen" — at least temporarily — to welcome the tens of thousands of fans who are expected to come for her shows on July 17, 18 and 19. A yellow city sign with the new name — which translates roughly to "Swift's Church" — was unveiled Tuesday by fan Aleshanee Westhoff, who suggested the name to the city's mayor and started a petition a few weeks ago. One of the poorest cities in Germany, Gelsenkirchen is a former coal mining town that's never recovered from the decline of its main industry. Expected to generate huge revenue for the city, Swift's concerts are sold out and will take place at a stadium, which has space for up to 70,000 Swifties.

Bird flu cuts short McD's breakfast hours in Aus

McDonald's fast-food outlets in Australia have cut breakfast service hours as bird flu outbreaks around the country hit egg supplies. "We are carefully managing (the) supply of eggs due to the current industry challenges," McDonald's Australia said this week. As a result, breakfast orders will stop at 10.30 am instead of midday, it said. H7 avian influenza has emerged at nearly a dozen poultry farms across Victoria, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

AFP



WORLD'S OLDEST ARTWORK FOUND IN INDONESIAN CAVE

It may not look like much — just a flaking image of three people around a big red pig. But the humble cave painting discovered in Indonesia is the oldest known narrative artwork ever made by human hands, dating back more than 51,000 years, new research said on Wednesday. 'This is the oldest evidence of storytelling,' Maxime Aubert, an archaeologist at Australia's Griffith University, told AFP. Aubert was part of the team that identified the previous record holder in 2019, a hunting scene found in a nearby Indonesian cave then estimated to be nearly 44,000 years old

Canine nuptials on rise in China while it struggles to make humans marry

Shanghai: It was a dream wedding, complete with picturesque outdoor setting, white lace gown and a delectable cake. The perfect day for golden retrievers — Bree and Bond — to tie the knot in front of their closest human and canine friends.

Pet weddings are on the rise in China, where govt policies have had little success in encouraging more humans to wed in this fast-aging society where the population is declining and marriage and birth rates remain low. The popularity of pets and an increasing willingness to splurge on them are driving the trend. Spending on furry companions in 2023 rose 3.2% to 279.3 billion yuan ($38.41 billion) from a year earlier. "People have weddings. Why can't dogs have weddings?" Bree's owner Rye Ling said after escorting his female pet down the aisle.

As of 2023, there were more than 116 million cats and dogs in urban China, as per figures by a research firm. This means, roughly one in eight Chinese people own a cat or a dog, with a majority of owners under 40.

Ling and his girlfriend Gigi Chen, who said they're in no rush to get married themselves, planned the canine ceremony for months, arranging professional photos, designing booklets and ordering a 800-yuan cake with toppers that resemble Bree and Bond. REUTERS

Reuters





PUPPY LOVE: Golden retrievers Bree & Bond and their owners with mock marriage certificates

Govt. of Bihar

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Ref. No. 3328/2024

e-Tender Notice

e- Tenders are invited by **Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd.** for **"Selection of System Integrator (SI) for Design, Development, implementation and maintenance of Bihar Blockchain Service Infrastructure (BBSI)".**The details of the tender will be available on the website: **www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in.**
This information is available on **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar also**

General Manager
(Project)

PR. No. 003289 (B & C) 2024-25

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DIRECTORATE OF ECONOMICS & STATISTICS, ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR

CORRIGENDUM -2 No.3678, dtd. 04.07.2024

The detailed **Corrigendum-2** of Request for Proposal (RFP) issued vide file No.DES-WB-OSCRGPP-0005-2023/dt.23.05.2024 on Hiring of Project Management Consultancy for Strengthening of State Statistical System in Odisha under Odisha State Capability and Resilient Growth Policy Programme are available in the official website of DE&S, **http://www.desorissa.nic.in/** and Planning and Convergence Department, **https://pc.odisha.gov.in/**. Besides, the last date of submission of the proposals has been extended up to **12.07.2024 by 5.00 PM.**

Sd/-
DIRECTOR
OIPR-21002/11/0006/24-25

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE WORKS DEPARTMENT

E-mail: ceworldbankprojects@gmail.com

Bid Identification No. CE-(Bridges) - 01 / 2024-25

1. The Chief Engineer (Bridges), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for construction of Road & Bridge work as detailed below:
2. Nature of work : Bridge work
3. No. of work : 01 no.
4. Tender cost : Rs.10,000.00 (on-line)
5. Class of Contractor : A/ Special Class Contractor
6. Available of bid document in the website : From 10.00 AM of 10.07.2024 to 5.00 PM of 25.07.2024
7. Date of opening of Bid : Dt.26.07.2024 at 11.30 AM
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: **https://tenderodisha.gov.in.** Any addendum /corrigendum/ cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer, Bridges, Odisha, Bhubaneswar
OIPR-34174/11/0009/24-25

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, finance consultancies, 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://wrd.bihar.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:

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1st CORRIGENDUM

"e- Procurement Notice No- 08/OCCL/2024-25 (on-line)

1. The availability of tender on-line start date is hereby extended to 20.07.2024 instead of 06.07.2024.
2. The date of opening of the tender (on-line) is hereby postponed to 05.08.2024 instead of 22.07.2024.

All other terms and conditions remain unaltered.

Sd/- **MANAGING DIRECTOR**
OIPR-34120/11/0018/24-25

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No : 2848 / Date: 03.07.2024
File No: ORMAS-SD-MISC-0007-2023

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

"Hiring of services of Technical Support Agency (TSA) for providing techno-managerial supports in project management of Skill Development Program of ORMAS, Odisha"

Odisha Rural Development & Marketing Society (ORMAS) under the administrative control of Panchayati Raj & DW Department, Govt. of Odisha invites proposal from eligible bidders to carry out **"Hiring of services of Technical Support Agency (TSA) for providing techno-managerial supports in project management of Skill Development Program of ORMAS, Odisha"**. Bidders fulfilling the prescribed eligibility criteria of the RFP can access and download the complete RFP Document and other details from **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
The bid calendar under the end to end process are:

Sl. No.	List of Key Events	Critical Dates
1	Date of publish of RFP	05/07/2024
2	Last Date & time for Submission of Bid	26/07/ 2024 (03:00 P.M.)
3	Date of Opening of Technical Bid	26/07/2024 (04:00 P.M.)
4	Date of Technical Presentation	Tentatively in the 1st week of Aug, 2024, the exact date will be intimated later on
5	Date of Opening of Financial Bid	Tentatively in the 3rd week of Aug, 2024, the exact date will be intimated later on

The bidder must submit through e-tender process latest by **26th July 2024 by 03:00 pm** clearly mentioning **"REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - "Hiring of services of Technical Support Agency (TSA) for providing techno-managerial supports in project management of Skill Development Program of ORMAS, Odisha"**. The proposals received after the last date and time will be rejected without assigning any reason. The authority reserves the right to reject or accept any proposal without assigning any reason thereof. Similarly the authority also reserves its right to withdraw / cancel this request for proposal at any stage without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
Director-cum-Chief Executive Officer, ORMAS
OIPR-19004/11/0001/24-25

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Directorate of Public Health, Odisha
State TB Cell (NTEP)

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Email: stoor@rntcp.org, Phone/Fax: 0674-2390395

Advt. No. 460/TB Cell **Date: 03.07.2024**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR SELECTION OF PATIENT PROVIDER SUPPORT AGENCY (PPSA) UNDER NATIONAL TB ELIMINATION PROGRAMME (NTEP), ODISHA

Sealed Proposals are invited from the eligible bidders for selection of PPSA in respect of the following bid reference:

Bid Reference No	Bid Document Cost (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)
DPH (O)/PPSA 2.0/ 2024/460/TB	1,500/-	1,00,000/- for each District

The eligible bidders may participate by submitting their proposals in the specified RFP format along with the bid document cost and EMD(s) required for the proposed district(s). The RFP document containing the information relating to the bidding process including EMD, Eligibility Criteria, Scope of work, General terms & conditions of Contracts and Formats for Submission of Proposal may be downloaded from the official website: **https://www.nhmodisha.gov.in/ https://www.dphodisha.nic.in.**

The pre-bid meeting & bid submission / opening schedules are as mentioned below :

Date & Time of Pre-bid Meeting	Last date & time of Submission of Bid	Date & time of Opening of Technical Bid
Dt.10.07.2024, 11:30 AM	Dt.03.08.2024, 2.00 PM	Dt.03.08.2024, 4.00 PM

The details regarding the venue of pre-bid meeting and the address for bid submission/ opening are mentioned in the RFP document. Any amendments as decided in above RFP pre-bid meeting shall only be notified in the aforesaid website. The sealed envelope should be clearly labelled with **"Proposal for Patient Provider Support Agency (PPSA) under NTEP, District Name (s)_____" and Bid/RFP Ref. No._____** and should reach the office of the undersigned **by registered post / speed post / courier,** on or before the stipulated date & time of bid submission as mentioned above.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
Director Public Health, Odisha
OIPR-10036/11/0001/24-25

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir
JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT (P.H.E)
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Fresh e-NIT No:- 08/PHE/SPR of 07/2024 Dated: 02-07-2024

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Sopore invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/Companies/Joint Ventures/ Consortiums between bidder/firm and Financier of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for the work mentioned hereunder under NABARD". The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd consisting of Financial Bid on percentage rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

S. No.	Particulars of the work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Tender fees in Rs.	Bid Validity	Earnest Money (EMD)	Time of Completion of work (days)	Class of contract
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	Providing laying and fitting of pipes, Balance work of Intake channel/sump cum pump House, construction/testing and commissioning of 0.30 MGD RSFP with allied works viz Filter House, clarifloculator, Flush Mixer, Back wash tank, wash water disposal chamber, clear water sump cum pump house stage 2nd for WSS Shalpora Tujjar under Languishing/ JKIDFC (UT Capex)	327.96	Rs. 4000/=	180 Days	2% of Adv. Cost	180 days	AAY
2	Providing, laying and fitting of pipes, construction/Testing/ commissioning of 0.20 MGD RSFP with allied works viz Filter House, clarifloculator, Flush Mixer, Back wash tank, clear water sump and wash water disposal sump for WSS Darbal Amberpora under Languishing/ JKIDFC (UT Capex)	255.55	Rs. 4000/=	180 Days	2% of Adv. Cost	180 days	AAY
3	Providing, laying and fitting of pipes, Construction of Pre settling tank (PST), Clear water sump cum pump House Stage 2nd, Construction, Testing and commissioning of 45000 gallons RCC Over Head Tank for WSS Food Park Colony (under Languishing/JKIDFC (UT Capex)	182.47	Rs. 3000/=	180 Days	2% of Adv. Cost	150 days	AAY
4	Providing laying and fitting of pipe distribution, design/ construction / testing/ commissioning of 1.00 lac gallons capacity RCC OHT, construction of pump house stage 2nd, construction of chain link fencing around structures, construction of Sump cum Pump House Stage Ist for WSS Banyari Sharki under languishing/JKIDFC (UT Capex)	408.59	Rs. 4000/=	180 Days	2% of Adv. Cost	150 days	AAY
5	Providing laying and fitting of pipe distribution network, design / construction /testing/commissioning of 0.75 lac gallons capacity RCC OHT, construction of chain link fencing around structures including land development around plant premises and construction of clear water sump cum pump house stage 2nd including balance work of sum cum pump house stage Ist by providing and fixing of CGI sheet roofing over steel truss and construction of bath room for WSS Shukur Din Shahgund under languishing/JKIDFC (UT Capex)	254.28	Rs. 4000/=	180 Days	2% of Adv. Cost	150 days	AAY

Position of funds : Demanded
Status of AAA : Accorded
Status of TS : Accorded

Critical Dates:

i	Publish Date	02-07-2024
ii	Document Download/sale start Date	02-07-2024
iii	Bid submission start date	02-07-2024
iv	Bid submission end date	20-07-2024
v	Date and time of Bid opening	22-07-2024

1. Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website **www.jktenders.gov.in**
2. The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal **www.jktenders.gov.in**.The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading the month etender portal.
3. The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Distt Bla/Bpr HQ Sopore
4. Bids must be accompanied by EMD @ 2% of Adv. Cost pledged to Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Distt Bla/Bpr HQ Sopore

a. The cost of tender document As per table given in page No. 02 should be in form of DD/TR/e challan in favour of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division Sopore which shall have to be uploaded on the tender portal i,e www.jktenders.gov.in.

5. The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of DD/TR/e-challan/ Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as successful after opening of financial cover.
6. The bid shall remain valid for a period of **180 days** from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder withdraws his bid before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money if deposited shall stand forfeited and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.
7. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website **www.jktenders.gov.in**.

Queries by email if any should be made at **phesopore@gmail.com**

No: JS/PHE/SPR/2272-83
Dated: 02-07-2024
DIP No:DIPK-2294/24/03/07/2024

Sd/
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti PHE Division Sopore.

झारखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, सर्कुलर रोड, राँची–834001

प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

महिला, बाल विकास एवं सामाजिक सुरक्षा विभाग, झारखण्ड अन्तर्गत "बाल विकास परियोजना पदाधिकारी" प्रारंभिक परीक्षा (विज्ञापन संख्या–21/2023) के संबंध में आवश्यक सूचना।

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2. उक्त के आलोक में निर्धारित तिथि तक अभ्यर्थियों से प्राप्त आपत्ति/सुझाव पर आयोग द्वारा विषय–विशेषज्ञों के समीक्षोपरान्त सामान्य अध्ययन (प्रथम-पत्र) एवं सामान्य अध्ययन (द्वितीय-पत्र) का संशोधित मॉडल उत्तर आयोग के वेबसाईट **www.jpsc.gov.in** पर उपलब्ध है।

3. यह प्रेस विज्ञप्ति आयोग के वेबसाईट **www.jpsc.gov.in** पर भी उपलब्ध है।

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ग्राम धनौरी, सैक्टर-18

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3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, RECORD DATE FOR FINAL DIVIDEND, TDS ON DIVIDEND INCOME AND E- VOTING INFORMATION

Members may note that the 3rd Annual General Meeting ("AGM"/"Meeting") of Life Insurance Corporation of India ("the Corporation") will be convened at 11:30 a.m. (IST) on Thursday, August 22, 2024 through Video conference ("VC")/ Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") facility provided by National Securities Depository Limited ("NSDL") to transact the business as set out in the Notice to be issued for convening the AGM in compliance with the provisions of the Life Insurance Corporation Act, 1956 ("LIC Act, 1956" or "LIC Act") and rules and regulations made thereunder, Companies Act, 2013 (to the extent applicable), circular No. 9/2023 dated September 25, 2023, read with circulars dated April 08, 2020, April 13, 2020, May 05, 2020, January 13, 2021, December 08, 2021 and December 28, 2022 (collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars") or any other relevant Circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India ("MCA") and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015 ("Listing Regulations"). Further, Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") also vide its Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/ CFD-PoD-2/P/CIR/2023/167 dated October 7, 2023 ("SEBI Circular") has provided relaxation to listed entities from sending hard copy of annual report to the Members.

The Corporation is pleased to provide remote e-Voting facility before and during the AGM to all its Members to cast their votes on all resolutions set out in the Notice of the AGM and has engaged NSDL as the authorized agency to provide the e-voting facility. Detailed procedure for such remote e-Voting and the schedule will be provided in the Notice.

Members can attend and participate in the AGM through the VC/OAVM facility ONLY. The detailed instructions with respect to such participation will be provided in the Notice convening the Meeting. Members attending the Meeting through VC/OAVM shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under LIC Act, 1956 read with rules and regulations made thereunder.

The e-copy of the Annual Report of the Corporation for the Financial Year 2023-24 along with the Notice of the AGM, Financial Statements and other Statutory Reports will be sent to those members whose email address is registered with the Corporation / Registrar & Transfer Agent ("Registrar" or "RTA") / Depository Participants ("DPs"). The copy of the same will also be available on the website of the Corporation at **www.licindia.in** and on the website of NSDL at **www.evoting.nsdl.com**. Additionally, Notice of the AGM will also be available on the website of the Stock Exchanges on which the securities of the Corporation are listed, i.e., at **www.bseindia.com** and **www.nseindia.com**.

Members whose email addresses are not registered are requested to get their email addresses registered with their respective DPs on or before 05:00 p.m. (IST) on Friday, July 19, 2024 for the purpose of receiving the credentials for remote e-Voting along with the Notice of the 3rd AGM and Annual Report 2023-24 electronically. In case of any query, members may send email to **investors@licindia.com** or **einward.ris@kfintech.com** mentioning their DP ID and Client ID.

Record date for the purpose of Final Dividend and registration of E-mail address and Bank details:

Members may note that the Board of Directors of the Corporation in its meeting held on May 27, 2024, has recommended a final dividend of ₹6/- per equity share of face value of ₹10/- each for the Financial Year 2023-24, subject to declaration of the same by the members of the Corporation at the 3rd Annual General Meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday, August 22, 2024.

The dividend, recommended by the Board of Directors if declared at the 3rd Annual General Meeting, will be paid to those members holding equity shares of the Corporation, either in electronic or in physical form as on the **record date i.e., Friday, July 19, 2024**. The final dividend would be paid to the eligible members within a period of 30 days from the date of declaration of dividend, i.e., on or before September 20, 2024, through various online and other permissible modes of payment to those members who have updated their bank account details with their Depository Participants.

Members who have not updated their bank account details are requested to update their Bank Mandate with the respective DPs on or before 05:00 p.m. (IST), Friday, July 19, 2024 to receive dividend directly into their bank account through any permissible mode.

In case of non-availability of the bank details of any Member, the Corporation shall pay the dividend to such Members through any other permissible mode.

Members holding shares in physical form are requested to take note that SEBI vide circular dated November 3, 2021 (subsequently amended by circulars dated December 14, 2021, March 16, 2023 and November 17, 2023) has mandated that the security holders, holding securities in physical form, whose folio(s) does not have PAN, Choice of Nomination, Contact Details, Mobile Number, Bank Account Details, Specimen Signature updated, shall be eligible for any payment including dividend, interest or redemption in respect of such folios, only upon their furnishing all the aforesaid details in entirety to Registrar and Transfer Agent and payment shall be made only through electronic mode with effect from April 01, 2024.

TDS on Dividend Income

Dividend income is taxable in the hands of the Members and the Corporation is required to deduct tax at source ("TDS") from dividend paid to the Members at rates prescribed under the Income Tax Act, 1961 (the "IT Act"), as amended from time to time. To enable compliance with the TDS requirements, Members are requested to complete and /or update their Residential Status, PAN and Category as per the IT Act with their DPs. The aforesaid documents, as applicable, are required to be emailed to the Corporation (**investors@licindia.com**) / Registrar and Transfer Agent (**einward.ris@kfintech.com**) or upload on the link **https://ris.kfintech.com/form15** on or before Friday, July 19, 2024. The notice for the same was given to the Members on July 04, 2024 whose email address were registered with the Corporation / Registrar / DPs. No communication on the tax determination / deduction shall be entertained beyond 5:00 p.m. (IST) on Friday, July 19, 2024.

Members will also be able to see the credit of TDS in Form 26AS, which can be downloaded from their e-filling account at **https://www.incometax.gov.in/iec/foportal** .

For Life Insurance Corporation of India

Place: Mumbai
Date: 04.07.2024

(Anshul Kumar Singh)
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

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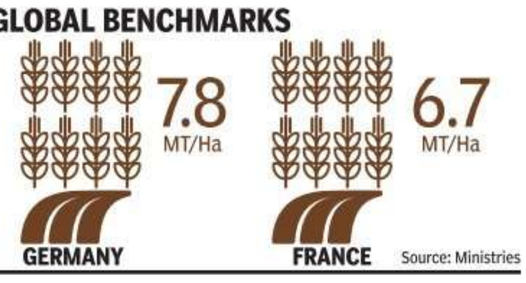
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Targeting 38% Rise In Yield Of WHEAT (MT/Ha)

As India aims to be a developed nation by 2047, where will the country be placed in terms of wheat productivity compared to global benchmarks



GLOBAL BENCHMARKS



Source: Ministries

Govt to streamline visa process for Chinese experts

New Delhi: Govt is working to streamline the visa process for experts from China and other countries for non-PLI beneficiaries in key sectors, a senior govt official said on Thursday. Govt has already streamlined the visa process for professionals and experts for industries getting the benefits under the PLI scheme.
Replying to queries about what kind of easing of visa process is being considered, DPIIT Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh said govt is working on the matter. AGENCIES



Sensex, Nifty close at fresh lifetime highs

Mumbai: The sensex and Nifty ticked higher to close at fresh all-time high levels on Thursday, following buying in market heavyweights ICICI Bank, Infosys and TCS amid a largely positive trend in global equities. AGENCIES

Zomato halts delivery service 'Xtreme'

Bengaluru: Zomato has shuttered its hyperlocal delivery service, Xtreme. The standalone app has been removed from the Play Store. Zomato had launched the service last year alongside Ola's launch of Parcel, another hyperlocal delivery service. TNN

VC fund DeVC to get new general partner

Bengaluru: VC fund DeVC, anchored by Z47 (formerly known as Matrix Partners India), is in talks to onboard Mohit Sadaani as a new general partner, sources told **TOI**. TNN

FMCG to grow at 7-9% in FY25: Crisil

New Delhi: The FMCG sector is expected to see a revenue growth of 7% to 9% this fiscal, helped by higher sales volume and a revival of rural markets, Crisil Ratings said in a report. AGENCIES

RBI cancels licence of Varanasi co-op bank

Mumbai: RBI has cancelled the licence of Banaras Merchantile Co-operative Bank, Varanasi in the wake of its worsening financial position. AGENCIES

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$1 billion
is the annual sales of Thums Up in India, more than Coca-Cola, which is world's leading carbonated drink brand

Source: The Economic Times

'Good guys need to win, tell us about mischief makers in mkt'

Sebi Chief Puri Buch Asks D-St Players To Report Frauds

TNN & Agencies

Mumbai: Sebi chief Madhabi Puri Buch on Thursday nudged market players to report mischief makers to enable the regulator to act against them, as the watchdog put in place an institutional mechanism for stock brokers in a bid to check frauds and market abuse.

Addressing portfolio managers, Buch said the markets regulator wants to stamp out any irregularity at the earliest to prevent any systemic concerns.

"I urge the association to bring forth to the regulator any instances of mischief in the market that are going on, so that the regulator can take early action and not wait until it explodes in the system and then we have to come back with a heavy hand," she said.

Recalling her own experience as an industry participant, Buch said it is "frustrating" for the law-abiding participant when he or she discovers an industry peer gaining using bad practices.

"Good guys need to win. You guys need to tell us about what mischief is going on so that we can stop it early on. It's in your own self-interest to come and tell the regulator what some of the bad practices are in the market."

The Sebi chief said that mischief results in erosion of trust and a strong regulatory response.

The circular on "measures to instil confidence in the market" issued Thursday evening has provided for implementation of the new rules for brokers in three phases starting Jan. Given that there are existing governance and client behaviour surveillance governance structures, qualified stock brokers have to comply with the requirements from next month itself.

In addition to obligations for stock brokers and their employees, the circular mandates the implementation of systems for the surveillance of trading activities and internal controls, introduction of a whistleblower policy and escalation and reporting mechanisms.

The standards will be formulated by the broker's Industry Standards Forum, in consultation with Sebi.

The regulator also directed stock exchanges to amend their bye-laws, and ensure that brokers notify the obligation/ requirement on the stock brokers to follow the standards adopted by the ISF, and issue a joint notice which indicates the date of applicability of the circular to various stock brokers based on the criteria.

NEW NORMS FOR BROKERS

- Sebi has put in place a **mechanism for stock brokers** in a bid to check frauds and market abuse
- According to a circular, the **new rules** for brokers will come into effect in phases starting Aug 1
- In addition to obligations for stock brokers and their staff, it mandates implementation of systems for the **surveillance of trading activities** and internal controls, and introduction of **whistleblower policy**, among others


Sebi chief **Madhabi Puri Buch** said that mischief results in erosion of trust and a strong regulatory response

Surging mkts: CJI advises Sebi, SAT to be cautious

Mumbai: Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud on Thursday advised markets regulator Sebi and the Securities Appellate Tribunal to exercise caution amid a significant surge in equity markets and pitched for more tribunal benches to ensure that the "backbone is stable".

Inaugurating the new SAT premises here, CJI Chandrachud pitched for authorities to consider opening up new benches of the SAT given the higher workload because of the higher quantum of transactions and newer regulations.

Referring to newspaper articles calling the crossing of 80,000-point-milestone by the BSE as an ecstatic moment, where India is entering a "stratospheric domain", the CJI pointed out that such events emphasise the need for regulatory authorities to ensure that everyone holds their "balance and nerves" amid the wins.

"The more you see the surge in the stock market, the greater the role, I believe, for Sebi and SAT, as institutions which will exercise caution, celebrate the successes but at the same time, ensure that the backbone is stable," the CJI said.

He added that Sebi and appellate fora like SAT assume "immense national importance" in fostering a stable and predictable investment environment, and explained how this can benefit in economic growth for the country.The role of SAT in the "dog eat dog" world of finance is that of a referee by ensuring that everybody plays by the rules, he said. AGENCIES


"When investors feel assured that their investments are protected by law and that there are effective mechanisms for dispute resolution, they are more likely to invest in the country's markets. This influx of investment can lead to better economic outcomes such as increased capital formation, job creation and overall economic growth
—D Y Chandrachud | CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA

Prove lack of funds or face audit: NCLT to Byju's

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: The National Company Law Tribunal on Thursday told Byju's that it can get its finances audited, if required, to assess whether the company lacks funds to pay salaries to its employees.

While hearing a plea filed by a group of the firm's employees who are seeking their unpaid dues, the court said that Byju's is still an operational company and must be generating some revenues to be able to pay salaries. The court said that the startup must either prove its inability to pay or be prepared to face an audit. The remarks were part of the arguments and no final order has been passed on the matter yet. Byju's declined to comment.

Several of Byju's employees have still not been paid their full salaries for the months of Feb and March. In an earlier letter to employees, founder and CEO Byju Raveendran had said that the move by a few investors to disable the company from using the funds raised through the rights issue had delayed disbursement of salaries.

In April, Byju's also initiated fresh layoffs, cutting at least 500 jobs and gave up most of its office spaces. The NCLT, in an interim order in late Feb, ordered the company to keep all the funds raised as part of its $200 million rights issue in a separate escrow account and also restrained it from withdrawing the funds until the disposal of the mismanagement and oppression suit filed by a section of investors against the company's management. Byju's investors Prosus, Peak XV Partners, Sofina and General Atlantic have been opposing the rights issue since the outset and are also understood to have challenged the Karnataka high court's recent move to set aside the NCLT stay on its second rights issue.

Unpaid dues: ₹2.3cr notice from ex-staff

Bengaluru: About 62 employees of Byju's on Thursday issued a demand notice of over Rs 2.3 crore to the edtech startup.

The notice was issued on account of unpaid salaries and dues the company owes these employees since Jan, an employee told **TOI** on condition of anonymity. **TOI** has reviewed the notice that has been issued by Bengaluru-based Canvas Legal. The latest development follows a series of controversies that Byju's has run into amid a drastic drop in valuation, leadership exodus, multiple legal battles against investors & vendors and layoffs over the last two years.

TOI's queries on the matter did not elicit a response till the time of going to press. — **Supriya Roy**

HDFC Bank's loan book, Casa deposits shrink in Q1

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: HDFC Bank's loan book shrunk nearly 1% in April-June 2024 as compared to the previous quarter. While overall deposits remained flat, current & savings accounts (Casa) deposits declined 5% in the June quarter from Jan-March 2024.

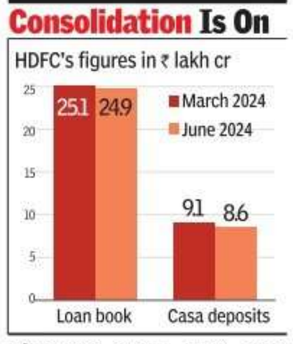
The country's largest private bank attributed the decline in Casa deposits to seasonal factors. Casa deposits entail relatively lower interest rates, and higher amount of low-cost deposits mean better margins for banks.

Industry numbers for the comparable period aren't available, but RBI's credit & deposit data up to June 14 indicates that industry deposits increased by 2.1% and advances grew 1.7% over March 2024. The figures suggest that HDFC Bank is in a post-merger consolidation phase.

As of June 30, HDFC Bank's total loans stood at about Rs 24.9 lakh crore, reflecting a growth of about 52.6% over a year. If the merger with parent company HDFC (July 2023) is kept aside, the loan growth is 14.9% over the same period. Total loans as of March 31, 2024 stood at Rs 25.1 lakh crore.

During the June quarter, retail loans increased by about Rs 18,600 crore, commercial and rural banking loans by around Rs 7,200 crore, while corporate and other wholesale loans decreased by Rs 26,600 crore compared to March 31, 2024.

Consolidation Is On



Car cos steer clear of new EV policy

Ministry Lining Up Another Round Of Discussions With Auto Makers As Response Remains Muted

Pankaj Doval & Sidhartha | TNN

New Delhi: Govt's electric vehicle policy, allowing duty concessions for companies that invest in domestic manufacturing, has so far seen a muted response, with just one European car maker showing interest, and that too with a rider.

Interestingly, Tesla — which was the key target for creation of the policy — has stayed away, at least for now as it revisits its India plans in view of global challenges.

Vietnamese carmaker Vinfast may be looking at abandoning its investment linking it to the new EV policy, while looking at a straight local manufacturing route to launch its cars. The company, which along with Tesla, was seen as the most optimistic on the new EV policy that promises subsidised import duty on cars, now feels that it will be better off by just making them here.

"The company is of the view that it will be better and easier to make cars at its upcoming factory in Tamil Nadu, rather than get into complicated scenario of applying and then qualifying for benefits under EV policy for just a few thousand cars," a source said.

The ministry of heavy industries (MHI), which deals with the automobile industry on the matter, has held one round of consultations with carmakers, but has so far failed to get many takers.

The ministry is lining up another round of discussions before finalising the norms to open the application window. "In any case, we are also planning to issue detailed guidelines regarding the policy, the investment clause, and other modalities that will clearly define the details of how one becomes eligible for benefits under the scheme," a source told **TOI**.

There has been heavy reluctance on the part of the auto industry to commit investments under the new electric vehicles scheme, which was announced in March and seeks investments of at least $500 million from the companies, while promising a highly subsidised import duty of 15% for around 8,000 cars annually.

Some of the German companies have been looking at the policy, and this includes the Volkswagen group that has luxury brands such as Audi, Porsche, and Lamborghini under its fold, apart from flagship Volkswagen.

Tesla, which had been in talks with the ministry of commerce and industry, has so far not indicated any movement, although its representatives have also met with officials. Tesla founder Elon Musk, who was to be in India earlier this year, backed out at the last minute, amid indications that he wants all the issues around his companies to be resolved. At the same time, Tesla itself has been facing challenges related to demand and sales at home and in China.

While officials are still hopeful of achieving "some headway" in talks with the most the high-profile EV maker, the current situation does not suggest that India will be rolling out the proposed lower-cost Tesla car from a plant any time soon, the sources said.

NOT FULLY CHARGED

- No clarity on Tesla's India plans
- Vinfast may delink investment from EV policy
- VW group is analysing policy
- Another European car major has sent positive signals, but also flagged concerns

Xiaomi to show its SU7 EV, no launch date yet

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New Delhi: Is Chinese electronics giant Xiaomi eyeing India for electric cars, following the tracks of compatriots BYD and MG Motor (unit of SAIC)? The company — which is betting $10 billion for a foray into autos globally — has quietly got its newly-unveiled electric car (SU7) to India and will be displaying it in Bengaluru to its partners, employees and general public.

While some say this could be a precursor to Xiaomi trying to test waters in the Indian car market, others say it may be "too early" for the company to look at India as one of the early markets for the vehicle, whose deliveries began in China in March.

When contacted, the company said it has "no plans" to launch the car immediately, even though it continues to "evaluate market opportunities". "While we continuously monitor market opportunities, our focus remains on our core product lines for India," a company spokesperson said.

However, the company is excited about the car, which witnessed a flying start in China. The model SU7 (Speed Ultra) is a pet project of Xiaomi CEO Lei Jun and carries a price under $30,000 (around Rs 25 lakh) for the base model, which is nearly $4,000 (Rs 3.3 lakh) cheaper than the base model of Tesla's Model 3 in China.

The SU7 will come in two versions — one with a driving range of up to 668 km with a single charge and another with a range of up to 800 km.

The display car was imported to India a few weeks back, and company executives are excited to showcase it at Bangalore as Xiaomi celebrates a decade of its business in the country. "The idea is to showcase the strength of Xiaomi as a brand and show its diversified product portfolio, beyond smartphones which currently is its biggest consumer product," a source told **TOI**. "The car will be on display and the company plans to showcase a number of household appliances and even announce its entry into newer categories," the source added.


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Raymond board OKs demerger of realty biz

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Mumbai: To unlock the growth potential of the real estate business and to attract a fresh set of investors, Raymond plans to consolidate the realty business under a single entity.

Towards this, its board has approved the separation of the real estate business from Raymond. The business will be housed under a new entity, Raymond Realty, which will seek automatic listing on the stock exchanges, and a Raymond shareholder will receive one share of the new entity for every one share held in the former.

Once the reorganisation is complete, promoters will own 49% in the listed Raymond Realty, while the public will own the remaining 51%. The realty business contributed 24% or Rs 1,593 crore to the total turnover of Raymond in FY24.

The segregation will enable the management to explore potential growth opportunities as well as unlock value in the realty business, said Raymond, which started as a fabric maker in 1925. It will also allow investors to allocate their portfolio into separate entities focused on the distinct businesses, the textile major said. The realty business has 100 acres of land in Thane, located in the outskirts of Mumbai, of which about 40 acres is currently under development.

Red Sea crisis: Air freight from India doubles

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New Delhi: The Red Sea crisis has seen air freight from India has more than doubled in the last few months, putting the country on track to meeting its target of 10 million tonnes (MT) by 2030-31. The country saw its peak air freight at over 3.5 MT in 2017-18 and post-Covid saw number climb back to 3.5 MT. Air Cargo Forum of India (ACFI) president Yashpal Sharma said sorting out two issues — cutting down time for trans-shipment carriage and allowing double dipping (going to more than one city in India) by foreign freighter aircraft — will be key to meeting the target in the next five years.

"Less than 2% of freight globally moves by air. Following the Red Sea crisis, even a half per cent shift will mean a huge jump for carriage by air. We have a huge opportunity in India and need to overcome the twin challenges as trans-shipment currently takes 2-2.5 days which needs to be sped up," Sharma said at the ACFI Annual Conclave 2024 here on Thursday.

India is a unique market with international imports, international exports and domestic cargo having an almost equal share in the country's air freight movement. Less than 15% air cargo is carried by freighter aircraft and the balance in belly of passenger aircraft.

"Before Covid, India had six freighter aircraft. This number rose to 28 during Covid (that saw airlines use passenger planes also purely for cargo). Post Covid, the number fell to eight and is now at 18," Piyush Srivastava, senior economic advisor in the aviation ministry, said. "During Covid, people got used to sending cargo by air. Govt allowed conversion of passenger to freighter (P2F). Many steps have been taken to boost air freight. E-commerce and express delivery are bound to grow. But given the challenges from (carriage by) rail and road, the processes and turnaround time for air freight must be eased," Srivastava said.

Clearly there is a lot of room for improvement. Surendra Kumar, joint secretary (logistics and trade) DPIIT, said 70 airports have cargo facilities. "They are not being optimally utilised due to reasons like inadequacy of aggregation among various modes of transport. Integrated development of the sector and reduction of logistics costs is being done. India is soon going to be the third largest economy and a major hub for global supply chain. Projects worth Rs 13.5 lakh crore under PM Gati Shakti will soon be a reality and the sector will get a major impetus," Kumar said.

After Covid, the push for air cargo has come with the Red Sea crisis.

BUILDING NEW CARGO TERMINALS

- Airports in India have air cargo handling capacity of around **6.5 million tonnes (MT)**
- The country is building new cargo terminals with integrated, multimodal, and dedicated facilities
- It is expanding existing terminals to meet target of 10 MT by 2030
- Air freight market is set to grow to $16.4 billion by 2027, with a compounded annual growth rate of 5.7%, says Air Cargo Forum of India

Brands go hyperlocal to engage with consumer

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New Delhi: Localism, a global trend in consumer preferences, is now being adopted by advertising, with Indian companies increasingly tailoring messages to resonate with hyperlocal tastes and community identities. While pan-India narratives still have their place, there's a growing demand among consumers for stories that are deeply rooted in their own cultural milieu.

Brands are now refreshingly taking on the challenge and opportunity of engaging with the 'local' consumer, according to latest insights from Kantar's Creative Effective Study 2024, which studied over 1,400 advertisements here across categories, markets, and media formats.

Soumya Mohanty, MD & chief client officer — South Asia, insights division, Kantar, told **TOI**: Hyper localisation of consumer preferences reflects in content, with brands being forced to adapt to establish a deeper connect. Investing in original creatives, by going native on multiple dimensions-insights, creative idea and treatment, and execution ensures maximising of reward for the brand."

For instance, Maggi Noodles' positioning in South India was typically anchored around mother's love, apart from the core proposition of convenience. In recent times, it was observed that the family dynamics were changing in the South, and parents were no longer the benevolent disciplinarian but increasingly becoming friends with their children. The new communication of Maggi in South reflects the evolved dynamics by bringing in the father in a family fun situation, she pointed out.

Rather than adopting a one-size-fits-all approach, companies are focusing on understanding the unique preferences, traditions, and values of specific regions or communities within India. By doing so, they can establish more meaningful connections and build trust with their target audiences.



IS AI RESHAPING THE WORLD?

We are only constrained by our imagination

In my lifetime, the only other instance I can think of technology being so broadly applicable across human segments has been the internet and we know how it changed our world. GenAI has those attributes and potential in terms of its reach, relevance and ability to be leveraged. This is going to be a tectonic shift in how we live our lives in the coming years. From our everyday lives of personalised content for entertainment, buying recommendations in online or instore retail, daily productivity for task completion through a digital assistant, we are only scratching the surface. The more exciting possibilities could be our AI avatar representing us independently in a digital setting like a virtual interview, providing suggestions to respond to conversations in our brain through embedded neural transmitters. For companies it will open completely new ways to engage with their consumers through bots or other interfaces to develop a more intimate connect and create specific value. We are only constrained by our own imagination, on what an AI-enabled future can be.

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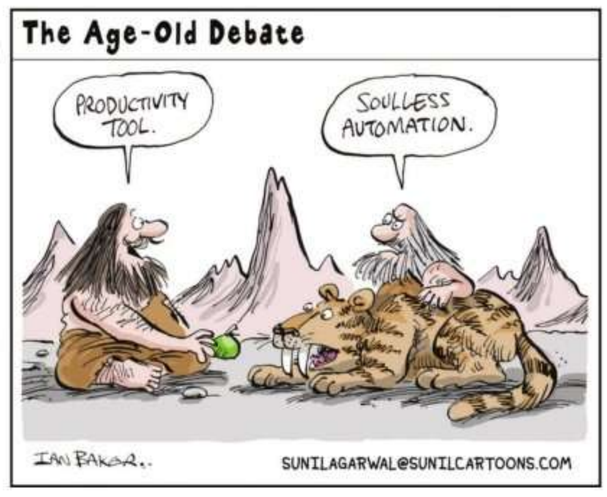
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Evolutionary AI is a powerful answer to complex problems

The tech is able to navigate conflicting objectives and come up with novel strategies

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Last week on our webinar, we had three experts – Risto Miikkulainen, Babak Hodjat, and Amir Banifatemi — in the field of what's called evolutionary AI who painted a vivid picture of the innovative technology and its potential to reshape decision-making across industries.

Miikkulainen, VP of AI research at Cognizant and professor of computer science at the University of Texas at Austin, and a pioneer in the field of evolutionary AI, explains that evolutionary AI takes its cues from biology, much like neural networks. However, unlike most machine learning techniques that rely on supervised learning with clearly defined targets, evolutionary AI thrives in scenarios with weaker feedback. It can navigate complex problem spaces without predetermined answers.

While traditional AI might excel at recognising patterns – like identifying a dog in an image – Miikkulainen says stopping at just prediction is akin to "leaving money on the table". Instead, evolutionary AI goes a step further: it doesn't just predict, it suggests actions. By simulating a population of potential solutions and allowing them to "evolve" towards better outcomes, evolutionary AI can uncover novel strategies that even human experts might overlook.

As Hodjat, CTO of AI at Cognizant, puts it, evolutionary AI is more aligned with the way we go about making decisions. In the real world, decisions often involve balancing multiple, sometimes conflicting objectives. Evolutionary AI excels here, says Hodjat, offering a range of strategies that balance various outcomes, allowing decision-makers to choose the most suitable approach.

"Look at the pandemic, you want to reduce the number of cases, but at the same time you don't want to have a major economic impact on people's livelihoods. Evolutionary AI is very good at coming up with strategies that give us a balance of multiple outcomes and lets us then choose which balance of outcomes is more interesting to us."

Hodjat describes a two-step process: first, using AI to create "predictors" that forecast outcomes based on different decisions. Then, evolutionary algorithms search the vast space of possible strategies to find optimal solutions. This approach, he argues, mirrors human decision-making processes, allowing for scenario testing and collaborative refinement between AI and human experts.

Banifatemi, technology and innovation strategist for AI Commons, a nonprofit that seeks to bring the benefits of AI to everyone, highlights evolutionary AI's creative potential. Unlike traditional AI that derives solutions from existing knowledge, evolutionary algorithms, he says, can create entirely new solutions. This creativity, coupled with the ability to optimise for multiple objectives simultaneously, makes evolutionary AI a powerful tool for tackling complex, multifaceted problems.

Banifatemi also points out a crucial advantage: transparency. While many AI models operate as "black boxes," the solutions generated by evolutionary AI are often more explainable. This transparency is vital in fields where understanding the reasoning behind a decision is as important as the decision itself.

Real-world use cases

Miikkulainen describes an agricultural experiment where evolutionary AI discovered that basil thrives under 24-hour light – a counterintuitive finding that challenged biologists' assumptions.

The experiment involved planting about 300 basil plants and providing them with different amounts of light, water, nutrients, temperature, etc. "Most of them were recipes that the biologists came up with – the usual suspects. But we also had some exploratory examples. And so, we now had 300 points about how the plant grows under different conditions. And then we built a predictive model. We could then come up with crazy recipes and ask the model what would happen in different scenarios. It so happened that we had initially set up a limitation of six hours of darkness. But then we said, let's open it up to try other solutions. And to the biologists' big surprise, the model found basil thrives when lights were on 24 hours. This is the kind of solution that will be difficult for humans to discover because they have all kinds of assumptions and evolutionary AI does not," Miikkulainen says.

Banifatemi says evolutionary AI is also showing a lot of promise in pharmaceutical research, particularly for rare diseases where traditional approaches fall short. "For rare diseases, from a pharmaceutical perspective, a number of drug candidates need to be identified. And while the cost of drug research is huge, the market is not that large. With evolutionary AI you can find a cluster of potential molecules for a given set of constraints: like for toxicity, or for a particular genetic background. This accelerates drug research," he says.

The story of evolutionary AI is still unfolding. As researchers and companies like Cognizant continue to invest in and develop this technology, more innovative applications will emerge – and some could come from Cognizant's India offices. "Cognizant has a very strong presence in India and we have colleagues in India that are well versed in using evolutionary AI," says Hodjat.

IT HELPS CHOOSE FROM BALANCE OF MULTIPLE OUTCOMES

"Evolutionary AI has been around for a long time, from the 70s. It is biologically-motivated machine learning. There are other areas like that, including neural networks, which is what generative models are based on, as well as swarm optimisation, and colony optimisation. If you look at biology, you notice it's doing pretty well with certain problems, and so you try to abstract that and build computational models to emulate that. That's the motivation for evolutionary AI.



Risto Miikkulainen | VP OF AI RESEARCH, COGNIZANT, AND PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

"Evolutionary AI has some advantages over traditional decision-making technologies because evolutionary AI algorithms can create entirely new solutions not derived from existing knowledge. If you don't borrow from existing knowledge, you're going to discover strategies that humans may not have thought about before. So, you can basically discover solution spaces, but at the same time they can be explainable and transparent.



Amir Banifatemi | TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION STRATEGIST, AI COMMONS

"If you're going for more sales, you also want to control your costs and improve your revenue. And these outcomes are often not aligned. During the pandemic, we wanted to reduce the number of cases, but at the same time we didn't want to have a major economic impact on people's livelihoods. Evolutionary AI is very good at coming up with strategies that give us a balance of multiple outcomes and then lets us choose which balance of outcomes is more interesting to us.



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A basic guide to writing code using Claude 3.5

"One primary challenge with using Claude 3.5 Sonnet for coding projects is the model's complexity and the need for precise prompt engineering to generate accurate and relevant responses. Vague or ambiguous prompts can lead to inconsistent outputs, making it crucial to define tasks clearly and break down complex queries into simpler steps. Another challenge is managing API rate limits and associated costs. Efficiently batching requests and optimising queries can prevent unexpected expenses.



Vijay Navaluri | CO-FOUNDER & CHIEF CUSTOMER OFFICER, SUPERVITY

While writing your prompts for a coding project, focus on providing clear context to the AI. For instance, you can say "Act as a senior software engineer with 5 years of coding with deep domain experience in eCommerce". You can make Gen AI even more effective in assisting you, by sharing a sample problem and the optimum output for the sample problem. The AI will learn, and then use an approach that provides you with a comparable solution to the problems you ask it to solve.



Keerthi Vaddi | DIRECTOR, ENCORA

For complex tasks, break down the prompt request into step-by-step instructions. For example, "Create html webpage to input login details with 2 text boxes and submit button". When prompts involve multiple components such as context, instructions, examples, and XML tags, structured prompt templates help in reuse. They also help parse prompts more accurately, leading to higher-quality outputs. After receiving a response, review it critically and adjust follow-up questions or prompts, basically leverage feedback loops to help improve the model's performance over time.



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Understanding the capabilities and limitations of Claude 3.5 Sonnet is crucial. Overly complex prompts or unrealistic expectations may lead to suboptimal results. Start with simple prompts and iterate based on initial outputs. Then refine your prompts based on the model's responses to gradually improve accuracy. Also try and leverage specific features of the model, such as its ability to handle technical language or generate detailed explanations, tailored to coding projects.



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We asked software developers how they would use an AI assistant like Claude 3.5 Sonnet for a coding project. A frequently cited starting tip is to break down a complex problem into smaller, manageable parts. Software development, especially at the enterprise level, is a complex orchestra of parts that need to come together, so whatever your coding task is for the day, you can always get help from an AI assistant, as long as you have a specific task in mind.

How to start

Shauvik Mazumdar, senior director of front-end engineering at Ascendion, says he has been amazed by Claude 3.5 Sonnet's capabilities in generating websites, apps, and even games. "With the recent addition of 'artifacts,' it allows us to view and interact with the results in real time too."

He says if Artifacts is not enabled, you should do that by going to the left sidebar, clicking on your name, and navigating to `Feature Preview', where you have the enabling feature.

The next step, Shauvik says, is to get back to the chat window and type a prompt to get your project started.

If you've been tasked with creating a login page for a business, you could create a prompt like this:

Design a login page (plain html). The login form needs to have a username and password as the first step. It also needs a `forgot password' feature. Further on successful login, it should show Multi-factor authentication. Use Material stylesheet and do basic validation. To test the system, you can use user name and default password like admin, admin and OTP as 1111. On successful login a message should be shown.

"Claude will generate the code and an HTML version of the login page side-by-side. You can quickly test the output and instruct Claude to refine it. For plain HTML and vanilla JavaScript, Claude typically provides a demo. It can also generate Angular or React code, though not a live demo as of now," says Shauvik.

Once you have your code, test it, starting with small, isolated tests, before integrating it into larger systems, says Arun Prakash Agrawal, professor & head of the department of computer science & applications at Sharda School of Engineering and Technology in Greater Noida.

Maintaining a comprehensive documentation of the code and decisions made during the project, Arun says, will aid in debugging and future maintenance.

AI TOOLS

Master prompts

Mastering the art of writing prompts might be the most crucial skill to gain to make your coding journey more productive. This is the method by which a developer communicates with AI systems, and so being clear and concise is crucial.

"Developers need to be specific, and provide proper context to a problem statement. Breaking down tasks, giving examples of similar codes, and asking for code comments will help the prompt responses to be more aligned with the desired outcome. A basic prompt can be refined through proper feedback," says Deepak Visweswaraiah, VP of platform engineering, and site MD at Pegasystems, India.

Vijay Navaluri, co-founder at Supervity, says structuring interactions as multi-turn conversations is also beneficial for complex tasks, as it allows the model to build on previous responses and maintain context.

Four AI jobs that will play pivotal roles

Sukanya Mandal

AI has become a crucial part of our present truth, remodelling industries and redefining the employment landscape. As AI continues to strengthen at an exponential scale, it is critical for experts to stay informed about the emerging job roles that will form the future of work. Here we look at four AI process titles which look set to play pivotal roles in the coming years.

IGNITE YOUR CAREER

1 | AI ethicist

With the increasing integration of AI into various aspects of our lives, the need for responsible and ethical AI improvement has increased even more. AI ethicists are the guardians of this obligation, making sure that AI technologies are designed, developed, and deployed in a manner that upholds moral ideas and considers the societal impact.

Responsibilities | Examine AI systems for bias, broaden ethical frameworks, advise businesses on responsible AI practices, and engage in public conversations on AI ethics.

Skills | A strong knowledge of ethical principles, understanding of AI technology, communication and critical thinking capabilities, and a background in philosophy, regulation, or social sciences are beneficial.



2 | AI trainer or AI engineer

AI algorithms, much like humans, require continuous training for better inferencing. AI engineers are the ones responsible for continuously training the AI models with relevant data and instructions for continuous upgrades.

Responsibilities | Prepare and label datasets, develop training parameters, continuously monitor, and evaluate model performance, and further fine tune algorithms to enhance model accuracies.

Skills | Expertise in machine learning and deep learning techniques, data analysis, programming knowledge (Python, R), and familiarity with AI tools and technologies are desired skill sets.

3 | AI interaction designer

With AI-powered applications and devices becoming more prevalent, the necessity of seamless and intuitive human-computer interaction has increased. AI interaction designers bridge the distance between AI technology and their user interaction, creating user-friendly interfaces and experiences.

Responsibilities | Design conversational interfaces for chatbots and digital assistants, develop consumer-focused frontend for AI products, and perform A/B testing to understand user needs and preferences.

Skills | Expertise in user interface (UI) and user experience (UX) design principles, knowledge of human-computer interaction, understanding of AI capabilities and limitations, and effective communication and collaboration skills are crucial for this role.

4 | AI safety engineer

Ensuring the safety and security of AI systems is of utmost significance. AI safety engineers are required to ensure that.

Responsibilities | Perform risk assessments of AI systems, develop safety protocols and mitigation techniques, put in place security features to defend AI systems from cyber threats, and stay up to date on the latest research on AI safety.

Skills | A strong understanding of cybersecurity ideas, knowledge of AI algorithms and architectures, experience with cybersecurity testing and vulnerability assessment, along with problem solving and analytical skill sets are essential.

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INTELLIGENT BOT FOR VIRTUAL SALES AGENTS



Anshul Srivastava, Kumar Saurav and their Vodex team

➤ Anshul Srivastava and Kumar Saurav's Vodex leverages GenAI to create virtual sales agents. These **agents engage in natural, human-like conversations, allowing users to automate the entire sales process.** It potentially eliminates the need for traditional call centres.

Kumar and Anshul have since 2016 been creating chatbots and voice bots. They developed Vodex in 2020 to make AI-powered, human-like outbound calls. With GenAI today, there's **98% speech recognition accuracy.** Vodex also integrates with the client's CRM and offers WhatsApp messaging.

"Vodex's technology is not just about mimicking human speech but also **understanding and responding contextually to ensure every interaction feels authentic,**" say Kumar and Anshul. Sales teams can use it for lead qualification, lead generation, appointment scheduling, appointment confirmation, and much more.

Anshul and Kumar have been friends from college. **Anshul, a former Mindtree employee**, brings expertise in AI and digital assistants from his previous ventures, including AxleWeb Technologies. **Kumar, with over 13 years of experience in IT, IoT, and robotics**, previously co-founded and served as CEO of Prescient Automation, a company that provides services in NLP, semantic search, and computer vision.

Vodex secured $320,000 in pre-seed funding from 100X.VC, which helped them achieve $1 million in annual recurring revenue. **In April, the company raised an additional $2 million** in a seed round led by Unicorn India & Pentathlon Ventures.

The two are now exploring new use cases across various industries.

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AI IN-GROUP LINGO

COMPUTER CAN SEE BETTER THANKS TO **GEN AI**

Computer vision has undergone a remarkable transformation thanks to the advent of generative AI, particularly with the rise of generative adversarial networks (GANs) and diffusion models. These advancements have significantly enhanced the capabilities and applications of computer vision systems.

GenAI has revolutionised image synthesis, enabling the creation of highly realistic and diverse images from textual descriptions or abstract concepts. This has greatly improved training data generation, allowing researchers to create large, varied datasets to train robust computer vision models, especially for rare or difficult-to-capture scenarios.

The ability of generative models to learn and represent complex visual distributions has led to improvements in image understanding and feature extraction. These models can now capture subtle nuances and contextual information in images, enhancing object detection, segmentation, and scene understanding tasks.

GenAI has also advanced image-to-image translation, enabling sophisticated transformations like style transfer, super-resolution, and image inpainting. These capabilities have found applications in fields ranging from art and design to medical imaging and satellite imagery analysis.

In facial recognition and analysis, generative models have improved the handling of variations in pose, lighting, and occlusions. They can generate realistic face images under different conditions, aiding in the development of more robust facial recognition systems.

Moreover, GenAI has enhanced anomaly detection in computer vision by learning normal patterns and identifying deviations, crucial for applications in quality control and security surveillance.



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Youth is wasted on the young

–GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

Soren Song

Jharkhand's swift CM change shows how crucial polls there & in Maha & Haryana are

Hemant Soren is back as Jharkhand CM. His swift taking back of the post from Champai Soren, who held the fort for 5 months, is as good an announcement as any of the Sep-Oct assembly elections in Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Haryana. Opposition BJP has been quick to accuse Hemant of shortchanging Champai – a well-regarded JMM veteran and Soren family loyalist. Campaign narratives are forming, with twists and much rattle in the tale.

Plenty fight | Each of the three states in the first round of assembly elections after LS polls is a unique battlefield. On test will be INDIA's unity and perseverance against BJP, which has everything to prove, its third term a coalition govt. One sampled the acrimony in Parliament. On test will be the saffron party in Haryana especially, its LS tally halved to 5 MPs. On test will be the mettle of two Senas and two NCPs in Maharashtra.



Maha muddle | Shiv Sena's haul of 56 MLAs in 2019 assembly polls is now a fractured war chest between UBT and Shinde. If, in 2019, NCP had 54 MLAs, in 2024 Sharad Pawar is toying with estranged nephew Ajit Pawar, who must find his feet after an LS knockout – his wife losing to Supriya Sule was almost a referendum on who voters believe "owns" NCP. Add to that the jarring Jarange beat which makes frenemies of deputy CM and CM – Ajit Pawar's politics compels him to fight Shinde's 'make Marathas OBC' plank.

The Sena-BJP split after 2019 assembly elections triggered a constitutional storm that cracked open political skies. In LS elections, MVA won 30 seats (Congress 13, UBT 9, Sharad Pawar 8) of the state's 48. Congress, as state's single largest party, helms MVA and is seemingly on a strong wicket. But Shinde has proved to be no walkover, and BJP is 105-MLAs strong.

Haryana hustle | The only straight battle between BJP and Congress is anything but. In 2019's assembly elections, BJP won 40, Congress 31, and state party JJP 10 – in alliance with BJP. JJP's no longer a BJP ally. BJP's switching CMs hasn't worked to its advantage here – Saini heads a govt just short of majority.

Local or hyperlocal? | LS polls were fought on local issues – as much strategy as compulsion for the state constituents in INDIA. It's to be seen how party campaigns will differentiate from their LS campaign. BJP's defending in two states, and in Jharkhand, it is battle-ready to take on JMM-Congress. It's elections again.

It's The Mind

Biden's age isn't the issue, his mental acuity is. Even older heads of govt have done fine

Biden's recent presidential debate debacle has sharpened the focus on his age. At 81, Biden is not only the oldest American president, he is also the 9th oldest national head in the world. Many in his own party are calling for him to drop out of the race. But is age really the barometer of a politician's abilities? Or is administrative acumen driven by other qualities?

Let's not get physical | Putin has been photographed hunting and biking. Macron, earlier this year, was photographed boxing. While Chinese leaders are known to give extraordinarily long speeches. All to supposedly project their physical prowess and vitality. But despite the youngest current heads of state or govt being in their 30s, their median age is actually around 62. In fact, in most countries PMs or presidents are significantly older than their population's median age. Only countries to beat that trend are Montenegro, Ireland and Italy.



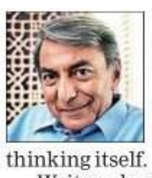
Old but sharp | It's hardly surprising, therefore, that septuagenarian and octogenarian netas hang around. And with strides in healthcare and nutrition increasing both global life expectancy and healthy life expectancy – the latter is slated to grow from 64.8 years in 2022 to 67.4 years in 2050 – older politicians shouldn't be raising eyebrows as long as they are on the ball. What ultimately matters is mental acuity to successfully navigate the complexities of state affairs. Malaysia's Mahathir Mohamad is still active and the last time he was PM, between 2018 and 2020, he was 94 and sharp as a tack.

Ageism much | Besides, democracies naturally punish netas for not performing. It's voters who elect older politicians. And if they fail, age becomes a convenient target. That's barely concealed ageism. Look at governance outcomes, not how many push-ups a country's head can do.

The spoon test

Leaked question papers and other forms of cheating prove our education system is a total failure

Jug Suraiya



We addressed him as Sir or Mr Peterson, but among us schoolboys he was always Gup, as in gup-shup, because he could talk not only the hind legs off a donkey, but the front ones as well.

And we, the Class 10 schoolboys of La Martiniere, Calcutta, were the two-legged donkeys Gup was trying to teach the intricacies of not just English, but the very process of thinking itself.

Write a description of a spoon, and what it's used for, for a person who's never seen or used one. And I don't want you to use the word 'thing' even once. 'Thing' is the sound of a tin plate hitting the floor, and I don't want to hear it, he'd say in his voice of soft authority.

So, trying not to sound like tin plates, we put our thoughts to spoons. What *did* you call a spoon? An instrument? An implement?

I recalled Gup and his spoon, and his aversion to the word 'thing', which compelled us to think more clearly and precisely, when I read about a recent case of NEET question papers being leaked in Bihar for between ₹30L and ₹32L each.

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Even as the matter is being investigated, what needs to be examined is the entire edifice of today's educational system that prioritises the getting of higher and higher marks through a regurgitation of crammed or copied notes without regard to the application of mind and thought to the subject in question.

Our classrooms and examination halls, from primary to university level, promote copycattism, the replication of mugged-up rote matter, at the expense of that long and difficult, but immensely rewarding, journey of exploration and discovery that is called learning.

This might, at least partly, explain the high unemployment rate among so many multiple graduates and postgraduates. Perhaps they were never made to face their equivalent of the spoon test.

And had they failed it, it would have been a failure not on their part but on the part of today's method of teaching. Or the lack of it.

Why Bhole Babas Flourish

Hathras puts godmen back in focus. You can dismiss them as charlatans. But recognise that they connect with those who feel most vulnerable in society. You can't regulate this

Devdutt Pattanaik



Bhole Baba is absconding, after over a hundred people died in a stampede at his Hathras congregation. One response to this tragedy is to ask if this baba is 'real' or 'fake'. But this is a false binary. All gurus or babas work on our emotions, not logic. Only, some abuse their power and collapse, some get institutionalised over generations as gods and prophets.

And they do not flourish in India alone. In America, they are called the Charismatics who tell you how the Holy Spirit works miracles in human lives. Blind will see. Lame will walk. Poor will be prosperous. They are so powerful that they now fund politicians, who ensure their voice shapes legislation, and they receive tax benefits and protection from law. They have convinced Americans that Jesus wants them to carry guns, hate homosexuals, and deny women reproductive rights.

In the Islamic world, holy preachers have convinced young Muslims that the whole world is against them, and they have to 'self-ghetto' themselves, with costumes that make them look like desert bedouins in the middle of London, Paris, New York. They must not think for themselves. They must simply surrender to the faith. Then, they will not have to catch up with the world. The world will stop, turn around, and follow them.

All religions begin as cults. All saints and prophets were considered charlatans by their contemporaries. Institutions come later, with whitewashed hagiographies, legitimised by state power. It all begins with the insistence that there is more to life than what is explained by science and rationality. There is a world that eludes the smartest of minds – a world of vibrations, energies, auras, dimensions. A mystical dimension of spirits and ghosts. An occult space of angels and demons.

When the world around you is collapsing, when all efforts fail, when nothing is working out, when nothing makes rational sense, you desperately seek that special someone who can navigate the mysterious field of irrationality. That is the space occupied by holy men and women. For followers, they are the real saints (sants, as politicians call them). For outsiders, they are all charlatans.

Intellectuals who write on holy men expect them to be intellectuals and rationally sound. But that appeals only to a tiny English-speaking demographic. What people seek from gurus is emotional comfort. Holy men make you feel you are special, that you are part of a sacred community, a divine tribe. They tell you life has a secret that only they can reveal. So what if you are not rich, so what if you are not smart, so what if you belong to the wrong side of tracks, so what if fortune eludes you – you have a chance to have it all, provided you attach yourself to the correct transmitter. The guru.

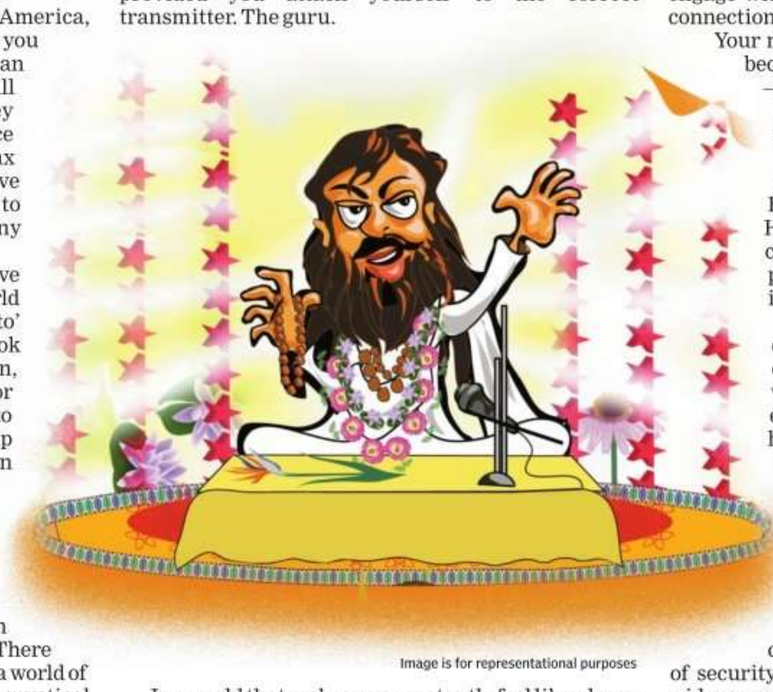


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In a world that makes you constantly feel like a loser, the holy man makes you feel like a winner. He makes you feel confident, in control and safe. He gives you a spiritual high that is highly addictive. You go back again and again – to sing and dance in that spiritual playground. That space demands nothing of you – you just have to be there, observe, listen, engage, and somehow life seems better.

You feel so happy that you are willing to do whatever the guru tells you to do – clean his toilet, make his bed, wash his clothes. You feel privileged when he looks at you, beckons you to sit next to him. It is so different from school, from home, from office where no one sees you, understands you, or cares for you. The holy man makes you feel you matter. He carries the burden of your misery – and you are eternally grateful to him. Willing to do anything he asks you to. Anything. That is when stories of exploitation and abuse emerge, but you are too invested so you resist all attempts to shake up your comfort zone.

Holy men are the 'living' gods of their times – not ideas, not icons, not memories, but people who you can engage with, talk to, your life coach with a mystical connection, far superior to parents, teachers, mentors.

Your most rational of friends will insist that life became better after the guru came into a dream – problems were solved, children got married, court cases resolved, jobs materialised. All by the grace of the living holy man.

The holy man does not speak to your rational mind. He speaks to your insecurity. He connects with your most vulnerable self. He does it intuitively. He is able to instil confidence effortlessly. We can explain this phenomenon using psychology, but it is impossible to regulate it.

Holy men need festivals, events and ceremonies to amplify their reach. They organise gatherings and concerts, filled with music, dance, chanting, breath control exercises, sound and light shows, which may have religious packaging like a Shiva-ratri festival of an English speaking mystic, or the Bhagavat-saptah of a Hindi speaking Vaishnava.

Those who attend these events are swept away into a trance by the excited congregation. If you are vulnerable, you succumb. You cannot live without it. Unlike a drug high that brings you crashing down, this high sustains a feeling of security and warmth. You feel connected, part of a wider secret society.

In most cases, the holy man is himself bewildered by the power he wields over people's minds and hearts. Willy-nilly, he is a shepherd with a flock. The flock contributes wealth. The flock brings fame and attention and power, which brings more followers, a virtue cycle. This attracts politicians who come hoping he will contribute to their vote bank. And bless them with his mysterious brand of magic. In a moment of vulnerability, even the most cynical succumb. For it is not about the head. It is about the heart.

Extra Cash Can't Help Andhra Or Bihar

Naidu's in Delhi asking for more funds. Nitish wants special status for Bihar, meaning more funds. But both states lack the institutional capacity to utilise even money that's available

Govind Bhattacharjee



TDP supremo Chandrababu Naidu met Modi in Delhi yesterday, seeking enhanced assistance for Andhra Pradesh. Last week, Nitish Kumar's JDU passed a resolution demanding special category status for Bihar.

With the two NDA allies vital to Modi govt's continuance, special status/assistance is being spoken of as the only way forward for Bihar and Andhra Pradesh. But is it? Fact is the states lack the institutional capacity to even spend the money they have. In Bihar's case, there is the additional problem of misgovernance. With 10 bridges collapsing in the last two weeks, lack of funds certainly can't be blamed for the state's bottom ranking in India's development charts.

The 'special category' debate has had a past. In 2015, with demanding states drawing a blank, then FM Arun Jaitley said, "After the 14th finance commission recommendations, the era of special category status to states has ended." In keeping with that, govt has been loath to even use the term 'special category'. It simply refers to the "eight Northeast and three Himalayan states" (J&K, now a UT, besides Himachal and Uttarakhand) that receive such funds.

These states, located along India's international borders, had inherited a legacy of neglect and economic backwardness, lack of infra and shortage of capital and resources. Special status gave them access to liberal financing by Centre through Plan assistance. Of total Plan funds, 30% was earmarked for these states under the Gadgil formula.

No questions asked | Some of these states could use the resources to their advantage and prospered. Others lacked the capacity to use up funds productively. They additionally suffered from protracted insurgency that impeded development.

But funding continued, unconditionally. There were no expectations of accountability or performance from these states. What did change gradually was the scale of funding, owing to proliferation of centrally sponsored schemes (CSS) and direct off-budget transfers.

Post-2014 changes | Post-2014, CSS were restructured and off-budget transfers abolished. Planning Commission itself was disbanded in 2014. The Planning era ended in 2017 and Gadgil formula became history.

Restricted to CSS only, these states now got 90% as grants and 10% as loans from Centre. Income tax holidays and excise duty concessions were granted to companies that set up new industrial units there, besides certain subsidies. However, in absence of market and infra, these incentives proved inadequate to attract industry or generate employment.

Funds not the answer | If the status is now given to Bihar and Andhra, they will receive some additional central grants and loans. But these won't solve their problems.

The two states have different problems. Andhra was made to sacrifice two of its most prosperous districts and major revenue earners, Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy, to Telangana in 2014. With revenue of only about ₹12k cr and expenditure over ₹60k cr, it inherited a huge liability of ₹90k cr.

To placate it, Congress govt promised the state special category status. But it was ejected from office. Many other promises were made to it, and most remain unfulfilled. Andhra today faces serious resource crunch and a huge debt burden. As for Bihar, its problems arise from governance issues and lack of industry and infra.



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Money talks, but only if you know how to spend it

Missing capacity | Both states also suffer from serious lack of institutional capacity to spend funds. As CAG's appropriation accounts show, Bihar is unable to spend a significant part of its budgetary allocations. In FY2023, as much as ₹51,722 cr of revenue expenditure (22% of revenue budget) and ₹14,786 cr of capex (24% of capital budget) remained unspent and had to be surrendered. Unspent funds during fiscals 2020, 2021 and 2022 were ₹78,122cr, ₹75,926cr and ₹70,083cr, respectively.

Total unspent fund of ₹66,508cr (FY2023) is much more than total benefits Bihar would get from special category status. When departments are unable to utilise resources at their disposal, it also means a heavier tax or debt burden on people than actually required.

Bihar's problems stem from lack of institutional capacity, infra, market, entrepreneurial skills, and proper industrial climate. These issues are not addressable in the short term.

Unused moneys | Andhra's story is not much different – in FY2023, it failed to spend as much as ₹92,567cr, or 21% of its budget allocations, covering sectors like medical and health (₹6,576cr unspent in revenue and capex), urban development (₹4,655cr), social welfare (₹5,254cr), welfare of backward classes (₹16,360cr), and irrigation (₹9,034cr).

If these states focused on strengthening capacity for utilisation of funds already available, they wouldn't need special category status. And till that happens, even additional funds would simply remain unutilised.

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Calvin & Hobbes



Sacred*space*



We can make our minds so like still water that beings gather about us that they may see...their own images, and so live for a moment with a clearer, perhaps even with a fiercer life because of our quiet.

WB Yeats

Celebrate The Divine In The Solitude Of The Self

Satish K Kapoor

Maun, silence is the dialect of true worship. It is the language of infinity, of Ashabda Brahmn, the soundless word that is audible to those who can transcend ordinary consciousness. Krishn says in the Bhagwad Gita: "maunam chaiva'smi guhyanam" – Of secrets, I am also silence.

Maun sadhana or spiritual practice of silence is to celebrate the Divine in the solitude of the self. Silence deepens self-understanding by shutting the sensory gates steering it from outside. The silent Buddha or Mahavir contributed more to ushering peace in the world than the speaking Socrates or Sophocles.

The first step in mauna sadhana is vak mauna, silence of speech. Human energy is often wasted in useless talk. The tongue sometimes does more harm than the bullet. Conscious self-restraint saves one from speaking unpleasant truths. Sensible people speak when absolutely necessary, measuring every word in the process. However, the silence of 'sewn-up lips', whether forced or voluntary, cannot be called silence.

The next step is chitta mauna or silence of the mind. It has threefold ramifications – buddhi mauna, silence of intellect, ahamkara mauna, silence of the ego, and iccha mauna, silence of desire. This is followed by indriya mauna, silence of the senses, made possible by withdrawing each sense from its distracting object.

THE SPEAKING TREE

Silence is stabilised by observing the flow of thoughts, as they arise, swell, dilute or subside, and then taking a quantum jump into the pure void of higher consciousness. Whispers from the divine are heard when the mind is genuinely quiet and composed.

To achieve inner peace, mauna sadhana should be made a daily habit. It can be practised any time, for at least half an hour or more. During vacations or at weekends, the time of mauna can be increased so that the 'energy of speech' is transmuted into spiritual energy. The purpose of observing Mauni Amavasya, occurring every month on the last day of the dark fortnight, is to do self-introspection by remaining silent.

Those who undertake mauna vrat or vow of silence, for months or years – as do mauni babas – adhere strictly to their spiritual tradition. Although it is not possible for an ordinary human being to observe kashtha mauna, to remain silent like a log of wood, one can at least train one's mind in samyaka vak – right speech, as advocated by the Buddha. It implies 'avoidance of lying words, idle words, abusive words and double tongues'.

During maun sadhana, one should not eat or drink, brood over the past or the future, communicate by gestures or writing, watch television, use electronic gadgets, or do some such thing which distracts attention. Those who have no time for practising maun should restrain speech while taking a morning or evening walk with friends, waiting for bus or train, during travel, or when at home or in office. Instead of always looking for company, one should occasionally stay alone, and feel the ecstasy of inner silence.

Silence, an aspect of mental austerity, sustains one in difficult situations by connecting one with one's core self. By putting the mind in silent mode, one can augment relationship with God, the source of ultimate silence. Laghu Yog Vashisht, a 10th century work of Kashmiri origin, equates it with living liberation.

TIMES SPORT

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"This crowd tells us that the desperation we had to win was similar to the desperation which the fans had. The win has brought smiles on faces of crores of people. This is a special team and this trophy belongs to the nation."
—Rohit Sharma | INDIA CAPTAIN



"I couldn't quite connect with the emotions of seniors who cried that night (after 2011 World Cup triumph) but now I do. This is the first time in 15 years that I have seen Rohit show so much emotion."
—Virat Kohli | INDIA BATTING GREAT

"I hope we (Rohit and I) have carried the burden and no better to bring the trophy back here at the Wankhede. Halfway through the final against South Africa in Barbados, I knew it was time and let the next generation take over."
—Virat Kohli | ON HIS T20I RETIREMENT



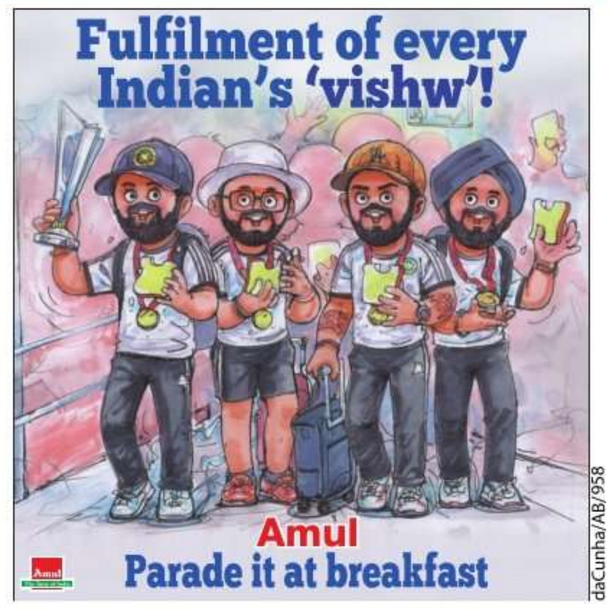
"This ground is really special. Came here as a kid and what I saw today I have never seen something like this. Seeing my son, I was emotional and I didn't have words. Told my wife that I wanted to see my son (see me playing)."
—Jasprit Bumrah | PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT

INDVINCIBLES ARE HOME

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PEOPLE'S CHAMPS: The Mumbai crowd came out in big numbers to salute the Indian team on Thursday



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Never seen Rohit so emotional in 15 years like he was after the final: Kohli

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Mumbai: This was a victory party India's 2024 T20 World Cup winning team won't forget in their lifetime. For a Wankhede Stadium which has staged India's World Cup-winning celebrations in 2007 and 2011, the 2024 edition was truly special.

There was a sea of people on Thursday on the one kilometre stretch on the Marine Drive between the Nariman Point and the Wankhede Stadium to witness the historic moment when India's T20 World Champions enjoyed an open top bus parade.

Once Team India trooped into the Wankhede, with the players breaking into a jig to continue the celebrations, there was a sea of emotions, as the first skipper Rohit Sharma, outgoing head coach Rahul Dravid, star bat Virat Kohli, and then Jasprit Bumrah left the approximately 30,000-strong fans, waiting patiently since 4pm and having endured a sharp shower, teary-eyed with their words.

'Home boy,' skipper Rohit Sharma, addressing the fans, said: "On behalf of my team and the BCCI, I would like to thank the fans. Ever since we have reached India, we have seen how much it means to them. For the last 11 years, they have wanted the trophy back in India. As much desperation we had to win the trophy, the fans had it a bit more. This team is special, and I am lucky to have the chance to captain this unit."

India batting great Dravid said, "This is a fantastic note to sign off on. I am going to miss all this love. What we have been seeing today and what I have heard since the win shows how India makes cricket brilliant."

Opening-up about the sight of him hugging Rohit moments after India crossed the line Kohli said that he had never seen Rohit so emotional. "This is the first time in 15 years that I have seen Rohit show so much emotion. When we were climbing those steps (at Kensington Oval) he was crying and I was crying, When I was walking up the steps, we both were crying. For me, that's a very special memory from that day," he said.



DANCE LIKE NO ONE'S WATCHING: Indian players do the bhangra at the Wankhede

Just after the tournament was over, Rohit, Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja announced their T20I retirements. "I hope we (Rohit and I) have carried the burden and no better to bring it (trophy) back here (Wankhede). Halfway through the game (final), I knew it was time and let the next generation take over," Kohli said.Kohli revealed that as a young member of the 2011 World Cup-winning team, he "couldn't connect with the emotions of the senior players at that time."

"When we won the World Cup back in 2011, I could not connect with the emotions of the senior players. I could not understand why they were crying. For me, it felt like, 'yeah, we have won the World Cup and that was a fact'. I was 22, but now, it's a different feeling," he said.

Years of slog to win a T20 World Cup, though, taught him the value of a title. "Now being at this position, (I understand what it means). Not just me, Rohit has played for so long, and we both have been trying hard for this for so long. When I was the captain, he was a senior player; now he is the captain, I am a senior player, and our only aim was to win India a World Cup," Kohli said.

Heralded by Kohli as the one man who played a massive role in India's World Cup victory, pacer Jasprit Bumrah, who took 15 wickets in eight matches, revealed that he broke down with emotions after he saw his son Angad crying after India's victory. "This ground is really special in my life. As an under-19 kid, I came here to play cricket and what I saw today, I will never forget that. The confidence that we have to take the game by the neck and pull us out of trouble is special. Our aim is to take Indian cricket forward."

One of the most emotional moments of India's victory celebration was triggered by India's star allrounder Hardik Pandya, who, just before boarding the team's victory parade bus, posted on 'X': "See you soon, Wankhede," with a smile emoji.

A few months back in the IPL, when he was captaining Mumbai Indians, the Wankhede crowd had constantly booed Pandya, after he replaced Rohit Sharma as the captain for this season. However, on Thursday, the packed Wankhede cheered him on.



ALWAYS HAS GOOD HANDS: Suryakumar Yadav, the man who pouched David Miller, is greeted by policemen after the Indian team touched down in New Delhi in the wee hours of Thursday



GIVE ME SOME SUNSHINE: The Mumbai crowd that had given Hardik Pandya so much grief during the IPL showered its love on the allrounder for his stellar role in India's campaign



IN LETTER AND SPIRIT: Rohit Sharma's 'garden' comment which broke the internet has still not been forgotten by the crowd

Marine Drive: Sea it to believe it!

After Guts, The Glory: When The Mumbai Faithful Thronged The Promenade

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Mumbai: The sea looked more blue that usual on the reclaimed-land side on Thursday evening. After their delayed departure from Barbados due to an imminent hurricane, Rohit Sharma's T20 World Cup-winning Team India returned home to a different kind of storm with cricket-crazy Mumbaikars filling the entire stretch from Nariman Point to Wankhede stadium and making the open-top bus carrying India's cricket heroes happily, gently and proudly cut through the ever-surging crowd of admirers, each eager for a glimpse of the champions.

Hours before the team even landed in Mumbai from Delhi at around 5 pm, after having met PM Modi in the morning after landing in the national capital, tens of thousands of cricket fans had flooded the route from the NCPA gates, winding their way towards the gates and stands of Wankhede which had been thrown open by the cricket authorities for a late-evening felicitation.

Some climbed trees, some tore through barricades, and everyone clicked away furiously on their cell phones as the team finally made its grand appearance atop a blue bus. Captain Rohit Sharma, flanked by Virat Kohli, Hardik Pandya, Surya Kumar Yadav, and other teammates, held the trophy high, waving to the delirious masses. The air was electric with chants of "Mumbaicha Raja, Rohit Sharma" and "Boom Boom Bumrah." As the parade inched forward, the frenzy left behind a scattering of shoes in its wake, evidence of the near-stampede excitement of the moment.

After the bus reached Wankhede, the team did a lap of the ground amid resounding applause from fans in the stands, with Rohit dedicating the T20 WC title "to the entire nation."

So jubilant were the crowds from late afternoon that nothing mattered to them except the excitement and anticipation of the team's parade though they found themselves, for quite some time, at the mercy of nature's whims. First, the sun baked them to a crisp. Then the skies opened up. Yet everyone stood patiently for over three hours and soaked it all in as part of the celebration, with intermittent roars of "India! India!" at full pelt.

A gang of 20 friends, all clad in their own version of a Team India jersey, made the long journey from the western suburbs of Kandivli to the city's southernmost tip. As the train doors opened, they poured out onto the platform, waving the tricolour, blaring vuvuzelas and taking turns to chant the names of each one of their cricketing heroes.

Among them was Rajendra Damle, 20, who tried to capture the emotion of the moment. "It's hard to explain the feeling. It's just pure joy," he said, his eyes sparkling. "They've won, but it feels like we've won. We're a part of this and want to celebrate with them." Beside him, Kreena Vagh, 18, nodded enthusiastically. "It's also our chance to show them how much we respect and adore them," she added. Together, they joined the throngs along Marine Drive, ready to celebrate their heroes' victory as if it were their own.

High schoolers Aditya, Agastya, Sanchay, and Jainit made the trek from Goregaon to join the crowd. "Surya Kumar Yadav's catch was one of the best moments in the final," they chorused, still buzzing with the thrill of the win. "This victory has been healing for us after the Nov 2019 ODI World Cup final loss against Australia. We had to cheer for our men in blue." Agastya could barely contain his enthusiasm. "Excited to see Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, we'll be trailing them from NCPA to Wankhede. Rain or sun doesn't matter. We're ready to take a bullet for our men in blue."

Wankhede erupts in joy as team lands

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Mumbai: "Mumbai never disappoints". Those words of Rohit Sharma aptly summed up the reception Mumbaikars dished out to his T20 World Cup winning squad — at the Marine Drive and then at the Wankhede Stadium on Thursday. Seven months ago, the man from Mumbai was distraught as he left the field, teary eyed, after India lost in the final of the ODI World Cup at Ahmedabad. Since lifting the trophy in Bridgetown last Saturday, the smile hasn't left his face. It continued Thursday as well, as he led the celebrations and soaked in the jubilant atmosphere in his hometown, on his home turf.

One would have thought the team would be tired after a long flight from Barbados to Delhi for a meeting with PM Narendra Modi and then to Mumbai but as Rohit said that "he wants to enjoy every minute, every second of it" and the rest of the pack followed.

He enjoyed to the fullest as he led the team onto the field to a vociferous reception from those present in the stadium, who had waited patiently since 4pm. He was the first one to break into a jig to a *dhol tasha* group giving their all in the MCA Pavilion. Virat Kohli then dragged him closer to them and then the entire team followed. The Wankhede isn't the biggest stadium in the country but the electric atmosphere it produces is unmatched. It was no different on Thursday as well.

The cheers were loudest for Rohit's captaincy, Kohli's tenacity, Bumrah's accuracy, Surya's that catch and Pandya's all-round performance. Yes Pandya? You heard it right. What a turnaround it has been for the Mumbai Indians' skipper who not long ago, during the 2024 IPL, was booed every time he stepped onto the same field. His performance in the World Cup had finally helped him win the fans over. Speeches done, handing of Rs125cr cheque followed, the team went on a victory lap.

In 2007, the open bus parade from the airport took almost six hours to reach Wankhede and brought Western part of the city to a standstill. Then skipper MS Dhoni had said that "he didn't realise how big the win was until he came out of the airport".

PM Modi hosts champs, enjoys memorable conversation

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New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday rolled out the red carpet for the T20 World Cup-winning Indian cricketers, who returned home to a grand reception. Despite the monsoon showers and heavy security deployment, fans turned out in huge numbers at the IGI airport to greet the champions.

"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," the Prime Minister said on his social media handles, sharing photos and videos while interacting with the champions.

The Prime Minister was flanked by Rohit and outgoing head coach Rahul Dravid in the group picture. Several players later shared photos with the PM. Pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah shared a photograph of his wife and son with the PM. Spinner Kuldeep Yadav also shared images of his interaction and looked emotional as he was hugged by Modi. Pacer Arshdeep Singh and his parents were all smiles posing with Modi.

"What a great honour, meeting our honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji. Thank you sir for inviting us to the Prime Minister's residence," star batter Virat Kohli, who was adjudged player of the final for his 59-ball 76, posted on Instagram.

Pics: PTI



BREAKFAST WITH CHAMPIONS: The Indian team with PM Narendra Modi at his residence in New Delhi

The Prime Minister's Office shared a minute-long video in which the players were seen engaging in a chat, sitting in a circle around Modi.

For the interaction, players wore customised jerseys with the word 'CHAMPIONS' inscribed in bold letters on the front. It also featured two stars, denoting the two T20 World Cup titles, above the Team India crest on the top left corner.

BCCI president Roger Binny and secretary Jay Shah also presented the Prime Minister with a customised Team India jersey with 'NAMO' and '1' inscribed on it.

The Prime Minister, in a series of posts on social media, had hailed the Indian veterans including captain Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja, who have announced their retirement from the T20 international cricket.



ONE FOR THE PM: BCCI president Roger Binny and secretary Jay Shah presented PM Modi with a jersey with NAMO and No. 1 inscribed on it

The Rohit Sharma-led squad arrived in Delhi early morning after being stranded in Bridgetown, Barbados for four days due to a category 4 hurricane. After their meeting with the PM, they flew to Mumbai for an open top bus parade at the Marine Drive promenade, followed by a felicitation ceremony at the Wankhede stadium which was attended by thousands of enthusiasts.

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"THE PLAYERS HAVE GOT TO TAKE SOME OF THE BLAME. THERE IS ONLY SO MUCH THE MANAGER CAN DO. HE SETS YOU UP IN A SYSTEM AND TELLS YOU HOW TO PRESS. IF IT IS NOT GOING LIKE THAT, YOU HAVE TO WORK IT OUT."

— **PHIL FODEN** | ENGLAND MIDFIELDER

A FINAL BEFORE TIME

Spain Pack Faces Tough Challenge Against Germany

Aasen: Spain have looked in imperious form in their four straight wins so far at Euro 2024, giving their eagerly anticipated quarter-final match-up with hosts Germany on Friday the air of a "final before the final". The squad has opted for a ferociously attacking approach over a year under the guidance of manager Luis de la Fuente.

This transformation may have surprised many fans, but players like midfielder Mikel Merino have seen it coming for almost a decade, as have many of his teammates. "We've known each other for a long time. It is probably the tightest group I have been in and I think this is our main strength - the brotherhood and team spirit," Merino said on Wednesday. "Nobody here is selfish. We all want the team to succeed."

When Merino describes the bond in Spain's changing room he is not exaggerating: over half of their squad in Germany have previously worked with De la Fuente in their national academy system.

Spain have been playing with relentless high pressure combined with lightning one-touch moves and precise passing, giving the impression of a squad where each player has an almost instinctive feel for the positioning of his teammates.

On Friday, Merino will play for and against familiar faces. He played two consecutive Under-21 Euro finals against Germany under De la Fuente, losing in 2017 but bouncing back two years later to win 2-1 against a team including Jonathan Tah, Benjamin Henrichs and Waldemar Anton, all of whom are in the Germany squad he faces in Stuttgart on Friday.

Germany veteran and 2014 World Cup winner Toni Kroos said Wednesday "the goal is to win the tournament". The midfielder has excelled in what will be his final tournament before retiring from football completely. The clash between two most impressive teams — and the only sides to have won three Euros titles — would be a marquee matchup for the final in Berlin. AGENCIES

SPAIN VS GERMANY
9.30pm Live on Sony Sports network

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"AGAINST HUNGARY WE HAD DIFFICULT MOMENTS, AGAINST SWITZERLAND WE WERE BEHIND. WITH DENMARK THINGS DID NOT GO SMOOTHLY. SOMETHING LIKE THAT HELPS YOU GET THROUGH TOUGH PHASES, STAY CALM AND BELIEVE IN YOURSELF. WE ARE NOW WINNING GAMES OR AT LEAST NOT LOSING GAMES THAT WE WERE CLEARLY LOSING IN THE PAST." —**Toni Kroos** | Germany



SPAIN VS GERMANY
Stuttgart Arena

HEAD TO HEAD (26 games)

SPAIN WON 8 | DRAWS 9 | GERMANY WON 9

FORM GUIDE

SPAIN	W	W	W	W	W
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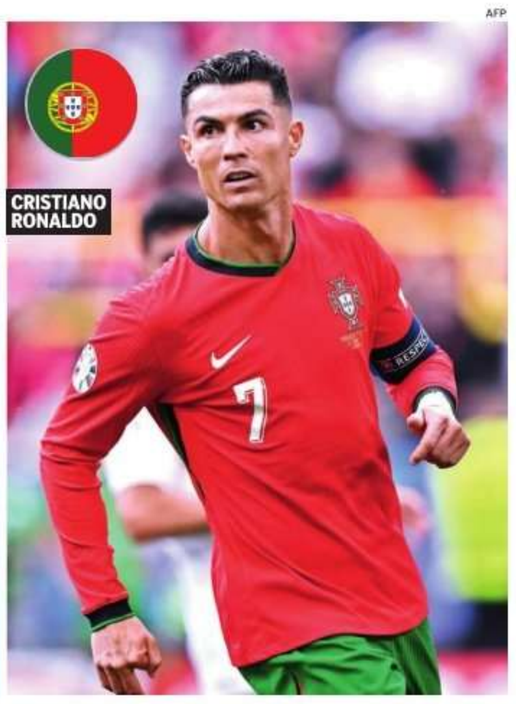
10-9 Germany (10) and Spain (9) are the top two scorers at Euro 2024 and the two leading sides when it comes to passing accuracy with Germany at 92.2% and Spain on 91%.

84 Spain have had most goal attempts this Euro.

1-1 Three of the last four encounters have finished in a 1-1 draw with the exception being a 6-0 thrashing of Germany by Spain in a Nations League match in Nov 2020. Their most recent meeting was in the 2022 World Cup.

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GALACTICOS IN BOTH CORNERS

Mbappe And Ronaldo Go Head To Head In Clash Of Generations

Hamburg: Cristiano Ronaldo vs Kylian Mbappe. A clash of football icons. A clash of generations.

They'll go head to head when Portugal play France in the Euro 2024 quarterfinals on Friday, and this heavyweight meeting might have got just that little bit bigger.

"It is, without doubt, my last European Championship," the 39-year-old Ronaldo said after his tearful performance in Portugal's penalty-shootout victory over Slovenia in the last 16.

Still, there's now a definitive spectre of finality to Ronaldo's long, headline-grabbing Euros adventure that could be brought to an end by Mbappe, the heir apparent to Ronaldo and Lionel Messi.

Mbappe grew up with pictures of Ronaldo on his bedroom wall.

And only a few months ago, Ronaldo reacted to Mbappe clinching a highly anticipated move to Madrid by writing on Instagram: "Excited to see you light up the Bernabeu." That Mbappe can now end Ronaldo's European Championship career adds an intriguing subplot to a match that will be watched around the world.

"Let's go, let's go to war," Ronaldo said of the match against France, whom he considers as the top contenders at Euro 2024 along with Spain. "It's not about leaving the world of football. What else is there for me to do or win?"

Ronaldo heads into Friday's game having failed to score in eight straight matches at major tournaments — Portugal's last four at the 2022 World Cup and their four games at Euro 2024.

Things haven't been straightforward for Mbappe, either, at Euro 2024. He sustained a broken nose in France's group opener against Austria and has since been wearing a vision-limiting protective facemask during games. Mbappe has scored one penalty goal against Poland – it's the only goal scored by a France player at these Euros. "He will have to get used to it," France coach Didier Deschamps said of Mbappe and his mask.

Few would have predicted the top scorer at the last World Cup (Mbappe) and the record scorer in men's international football (Ronaldo) to have just one goal between them heading into the quarterfinals. But no one will be surprised if they come alive in Hamburg, with the pressure on and the occasion so big. Mbappe, remember, scored a hat trick in the World Cup final and has been logging Ronaldo-esque scoring numbers in the first part of his career. As their countries' respective captains, they'll shake hands and embrace before kickoff. You can bet they'll do the same after the match. AP

PORTUGAL VS FRANCE
12.30am Live on Sony Sports network

Mbappe

1 Goal* (On target: 6 times; *Pen)	269min (3 games)	15 (Attempts on goal)	1 (Assist)	91% (Passing accuracy)

Ronaldo

0 Goal (On target: 8 times)	366min (4 games)	20 (Attempts on goal)	1 (Assist)	86% (Passing accuracy)

2017-18 Champions League last 16: They met when Real Madrid easily beat Mbappe's PSG 5-2 on aggregate - on Ronaldo's way to a 4th and final Champions League trophy in Spain.

At 25: Ronaldo's Portugal were dumped out in the last 16 at the 2010 World Cup by eventual winners Spain — and he would have to wait another 6 years to get his hands on an international trophy. Ronaldo had already won 3 EPL trophies, a Champions League and the first of his five Ballons D'Or.

PORTUGAL VS FRANCE
Volksparkstadion

HEAD TO HEAD (28 games)

PORTUGAL WON 6 | DRAWS 3 | FRANCE WON 19

FORM GUIDE

PORTUGAL	D	L	W	W	W
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FAMILY MATTERS

The tournament in Germany has seen quite a number of sons emulating their illustrious fathers, who themselves shone for their national teams...



Lillian & Marcus Thuram

Lillian Thuram is a former French defender who won the 1998 World Cup and also the 2000 Euro. He scored 2 goals in the 1998 semifinal against Croatia. Marcus Thuram, who is leading the line with France captain Kylian Mbappe, is still a work in progress. "I'm proud to wear the Thuram name on my back," said Marcus.

Sergio & Francisco Conceicao

Francisco Conceicao has already shown glimpses of his lineage when he scored a last-minute goal against Czech Republic and helped Portugal win the game. Old-timers watching the youngster were reminded of a similar looking right winger who was part of Portugal's Golden Generation. Sergio Conceicao, Francisco's father, even has a Euro hat-trick against his name - vs Germany in the 2000 edition.

Danny & Daley Blind



In true Dutch and Ajax tradition, Daley Blind is a true disciple of Total Football just as his father Danny was. A long-serving Ajax faithful, Danny was the defensive anchor in a terrific Dutch and Ajaz generation of the late 1990s and early 2000s. Son Daley is an equally unflappable presence in the heart of the Dutch midfield.

Enrico & Federico Chiesa

Enrico Chiesa was a former striker in the 1990s for a team that was always more famous for its defenders. Enrico made his presence felt at Euro 96 with his runs with Pierluigi Casiraghi before fizzling out. With Federico spearheading Italy's title charge at the last Euro, you could say the son has already surpassed his dad's legacy. This time, an unimaginative Italy gave way to Switzerland in the Round of 16.

Peter & Kasper Schmeichel

For Kasper Schmeichel, Denmark captain, it was his thrid Euro. A top keeper, Kasper is yet to reach the heights that his father Peter did with Denmark in 1992 when they won the Euro.

Gheorghe & Ianis Hagi

Ianis Hagi, the Romanian midfielder, is the son of the great Gheorghe Hagi. The Maradona of the Carpathians as Hagi Sr is called is inarguably Romania's greatest. Ianis has shown similar flashes of intelligence and skill that made his father so famous, though even he knows he has huge, huge boots to fill.

-- Ishayu Mazumdar

Euro battles of the past

Spain and Germany, the two most successful European Championship nations, and among the most impressive sides at Euro 2024, come face to face in the quarterfinals on Friday. This will only be their fourth meeting at the finals.

FRANCE, 1984
West Germany were defending champs and drawn in a group with Spain, Portugal and Romania. They met in the last game, with the Germans top on 3 points (2 were awarded for a win), Spain and Portugal had 2 each. In the first half, Spain's Lobo Carrasco's poor penalty was saved by Harald Schumacher, but Antonio Maceda's 90th-min header put Spain through.

GERMANY, 1988
West Germany had their revenge four years later on home soil, however, when the sides were drawn in a group with Italy and Denmark and again they met in the final game with the Germans top of the standings. Spain needed victory, but in Munich they were no match for the hosts and Franz Beckenbauer's side secured a comfortable 2-0 win thanks to a Rudi Voeller brace. The Germans lost to the Netherlands in the semis.

AUSTRIA & SWITZERLAND, 2008
Spain and Germany clashed in the final for the first time. **Fernando Torres scored the only goal** as Spain clinched their second title, their first major tournament win in over 40 years starting a period of Spanish dominance. They became the first team to retain the Euro four years later and won their first World Cup trophy in 2010, beating Germany in the semis along the way. REUTERS



Contrasting emotions for Dutch-born Turk players

Hamburg: Dutch-born Ferdi Kadioglu is excited at the prospect of going up against the country of his birth when the Netherlands meet Turkiye in the quarter-finals in Berlin on Saturday, but Orkun Kokcu will miss the experience.

Kadioglu was born in Arnhem and his father is from Turkiye, but he played for the Dutch at junior level, even after leaving the Netherlands to play club football in Turkey aged 18. Now 24, he was the stand-out player for the Turks in their 2-1 win over Austria in the last 16. "For me it will now be a very special match against the Netherlands. The Netherlands must certainly be afraid of us," Kadioglu added.

Three years ago he was still playing for the Dutch at U-21 level but switched his allegiance when the path to the senior team looked blocked. "I thought about it carefully," he said. "Both countries are dear to me."

Kadioglu still struggles to speak Turkish and his interviews are given in English.

Missing out on Saturday, due to suspension is Haarlem-born Kokcu, the other Dutch-born player in the Turkish squad, who was a fan favourite at Feyenoord and captained them to the title last year under Arne Slot. The Turk community in the Netherlands is estimated to be 500,000-strong. REUTERS

Last 8: Plenty of intrigue, even if Messi, Vinicius can't participate

Lionel Messi's leg injury was the only major obstacle that fell into Argentina's path while it rolled through group play and into the Copa America quarterfinals. Bigger challenges await the defending champions, and they're hoping Messi will be there to lead the way in perhaps his final international tournament. The 15-time Copa America champion Albiceleste are still the undeniable favorites in the Americas' biggest soccer tournament when quarterfinal play gets underway, but the other 15-time Copa champs — Uruguay — top the list of challengers capable of taking them down. With the host Americans and Mexico eliminated in group play, the spotlight shifts firmly to the South American powerhouses determined to raise the trophy.

QUARTERS ITINERARY (IST)
- Argentina vs Ecuador (Friday 6.30 am)
- Venezuela vs Canada (Saturday 6.30 am)
- Brazil vs Uruguay (Sunday 6.30 am)
- Colombia vs Panama (Sunday 3.30 am)

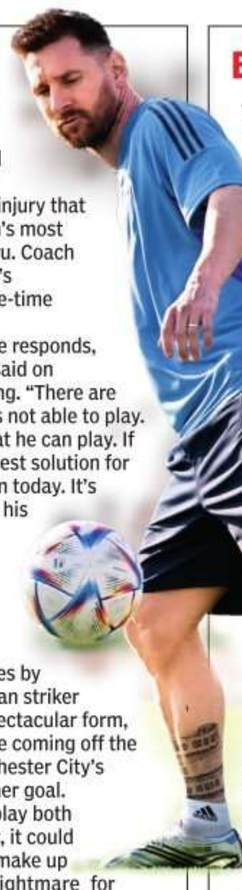
ARGENTINA VS ECUADOR

In Houston, it's unclear whether Lionel Messi will play in the opening quarterfinal due to a leg injury that sidelined him in the team's most recent match against Peru. Coach Lionel Scaloni said Messi's availability will be a game-time decision.

"Depending on how he responds, we will decide," Scaloni said on Wednesday before training. "There are ramifications when Leo is not able to play. We'll try to make sure that he can play. If not, we'll try to find the best solution for the team. I will talk to him today. It's only fair that he can take his time and be able to train as much as he can."

Argentina have been sturdy even without a goal from Messi in the tournament, winning all three group stage matches by a combined 5-0. Inter Milan striker Lautaro Martinez is in spectacular form, scoring four goals despite coming off the bench twice, while Manchester City's Julian Alvarez got the other goal.

If Scaloni decides to play both centre forwards together, it could be more than enough to make up for Messi — and a nightmare for underdog Ecuador, who earned their unexpected quarterfinal spot by holding Mexico scoreless last weekend.



BRAZIL VS URUGUAY

The Sin City will host easily the most tantalizing matchup of the round, featuring a faltering powerhouse against a team known for perennially punching above its weight. No quarterfinal team looked as shaky as Brazil, who stumbled into the next round with a thoroughly unimpressive display. Colombia and Costa Rica both held the Seleçao to draws, and fan discontent is roiling. Even worse, Real Madrid star Vinicius Junior is suspended for the quarterfinal after accumulating two yellow cards. CONMEBOL said the referee and VAR made a mistake in not awarding Brazil a penalty during Tuesday's group-stage 1-1 draw against Colombia when defender Daniel Munoz tripped Vinicius inside the box. Only he and the VAR didn't see a penalty, which for sure was there," the Brazilian boss Dorival Junior said after the game. Yet Brazil are still laden with individual talent that's barely touched the field in this tournament, so it's far too early to write off Brazil. Uruguay look just as good under brilliant coach Marcelo Bielsa, winning all three league games.

La Celeste probably would be the tournament favourites if not for Argentina's similarly strong form — but Brazil have the pure talent to end those dreams in a hurry.

VENEZUELA VS CANADA

In Arlington, Texas, it is a matchup of pleasant surprises. Venezuela have enjoyed an outstanding tournament so far, winning their three group matches by a combined 6-1 with offensive leadership from Salomon Rondon and Eduard Bello. Canada got out of Copa group stage for the first time despite scoring just one goal in three games before losing Inter Milan's Tajon Buchanan to a broken leg in training on Tuesday. Reaching the semifinals would be a massive achievement for either of these teams.

COLOMBIA VS PANAMA

In Glendale, Arizona, the quarters move west for a pair of games held in air-conditioned stadiums amid a continent-wide heat wave. Colombia are now unbeaten in 26 consecutive matches after holding Brazil to a draw to win their group. Led by veteran star James Rodriguez, Los Cafeteros will be favoured to



eliminate Panama, who knocked off the hosts USA to advance from the group. AP

GALLERY

400m runner Deepanshi fails dope test

New Delhi: NADA has suspended India's top woman 400m runner Deepanshi for flunking her dope test during the recent National Inter-State Championships, where she won a silver medal. The 21-year-old Deepanshi had clocked a personal best time of 52.01 seconds to finish second behind Kiran Pahal (50.92) in the women's 400m final in Panchkula on Friday.

Gukesh holds Caruana; Pragg draws with Nepomniachtchi: World Championship challenger Grandmaster D Gukesh played out a draw with tournament leader and top seed Fabiano Caruana of United States in the seventh round of the Superbet classic chess tournament here. On another all-draws day, R Praggnanandhaa signed peace with Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia leaving the lead positions intact.

Cavendish betters Merckx mark: Mark Cavendish says he will not stop hunting for more Tour de France stage wins after finally breaking the record he shared with Belgian great Eddy Merckx on Wednesday. The 39-year-old sprint king blew away his rivals in the fifth stage of this year's race.

Duke excels in B'luru: Duke of Tuscany, Big Red, Rasputin and Stellantis excelled during the try-outs at Bangalore on Thursday. Outer-sand: 600m: Duke of Tuscany (P Trevor) and Lifes Journey (Rb) - 43secs: former routed the latter by 6L. Big Red (Akshay Kumar) - 43secs: excelled. TNN/AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

BADMINTON: Canada Open, QFs, 9.30 pm (Jiocinema); **CRICKET:** India Women vs South Africa, 1st T20I, 7 pm (Jiocinema); **TENNIS:** Wimbledon, 3.30 pm (Star Sports)

FILS ADVANCES AS HURKACZ SLIPS

One Dive Too Many Costs Pole Dear; Djokovic Struggles Past Fearnley

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London: As if one reckless dive wasn't bad enough, given that it forced Hubert Hurkacz to take a medical timeout and return with a knee sleeve on his right leg, the seventh-seeded Pole was airborne and horizontal again on the very next point. Not surprisingly, Hurkacz was forced to retire (at match-point down) against the young Frenchman Arthur Fils in the Wimbledon second round.

It was a bizarre end to what looked like a promising encounter with the 20-year-old Fils taking a two-sets-to-love lead. Fils then advanced 7-6 (7-2), 6-4, 2-6, 6-6 (9-8) and will face Russian Roman Safiullin in the third round on Saturday.

Hurkacz, who was serving to level set scores in the 10th game of the fourth set, saved a breakpoint, but couldn't serve it out. A forehand error of a bad bounce then pushed the set along to tie-break, slippery ground in challenging conditions where the sun was out, but the westerly was stiff.

Hurkacz, who fell to the ground clutching his right knee when trying to stand up after the dive, received help from Fils, who crossed over and stretched out his hand to the Pole. He helped his opponent get back on his feet before the trainer arrived and commenced treatment.

Fils, from Bondoule, a commune in northern France, made light of his action. "It's completely normal for me," he said. "I saw a friend. He was in pain, and he couldn't move. I didn't care about the score. I was just hoping that the guy is well, and he can still walk and everything. He told me that he felt something in his knee. I forgot the score at this point."

Even though Fils took the first two sets and eventually the match, it was Hurkacz who won more points (148 to 140). The Frenchman, ranked 34, struck on the big points to become the youngest player to beat a top-10 men's player at Wimbledon in 10 years since Nick Kyrgios took down Rafael Nadal in 2014.

The 20-year-old is in the third round of a major for the first time. "When I got on the court, I was trying my best to at least try to win one set, and to get him in one tie-break. I was feeling great. I was playing quite okay. I won the first set. Then I broke early in the second one, won the second set. Then you think, like, "Okay, I can win this match."

Meanwhile, seven-time champion Novak Djokovic was far from his best on the day, but still found a way of coming through. The second seed overcame a free-hitting display from British wild card Jacob Fearnley to earn a 6-3, 6-4, 5-7, 7-5 win.

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A KNOTTY AFFAIR: Novak Djokovic returns to Jacob Fearnley on Thursday

IMPORTANT RESULTS (DAY 4, ROUND 2)

Men: Denis Shapovalov (CAN) bt Daniel Altmaier (GER) 7-6 (7/3), 6-3, 1-6, 6-7 (3/7), 6-4; Grigor Dimitrov (BUL x10) bt Shang Juncheng (CHN) 5-7, 6-7 (4/7), 6-4, 6-2, 6-4; Gael Monfils (FRA) bt Stan Wawrinka (SUI) 7-6 (7/5), 6-4, 7-6 (7/3); Arthur Fils (FRA) bt Hubert Hurkacz (POL x7) 7-6 (7/2), 6-4, 2-6, 6-6 - retired; Alex De Minaur (AUS x9) bt Jaume Munar (ESP) 6-2, 6-2, 7-5; Novak Djokovic (SRB x2) bt Jacob Fearnley (GBR) 6-3, 6-4, 5-7, 7-5

Women: Yulia Putintseva (KAZ) bt Katerina Siniakova (CZE x27) 6-0, 4-6, 6-2; Jelena Ostapenko (LAT x13) bt Daria Snigur (UKR) 6-3, 6-0; Beatriz Haddad Maia (BRA x20) bt María Camila Osorio (COL) 3-0 - retired; Ons Jabeur (TUN x10) bt Robin Montgomery (USA) 6-1, 7-5; Wang Xinyu (CHN) bt Jessica Pegula (USA x5) 6-4, 6-7 (7/9), 6-1; Madison Keys (USA x12) bt Wang Yafan (CHN) 6-2, 6-2.

YUKI-OLIVETTI PAIR ADVANCES

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London: Yuki Bhambri and Frenchman Albano Olivetti impressed in their straight-set men's doubles win over the Kazakh duo of Alexander Bublik and Alexander Shevchenko in the Wimbledon first round.

The Indo-French combine came through 6-4, 6-4 in 58 minutes.

Bhambri and Olivetti had a strong serving day, winning 88 percent of points on first serves. In the second set, they didn't face breakpoints.

The Indo-French pair will play eighth-seeded Germans, Tim Puetz and Kevin Krawietz, in the second round.

In another first-round match, Sriram Balaji and Britain's Luke Johnson bowed out to the fourth-seeded Croatian-Salvadorian pair of Mate Pavic and Marcelo Arevalo 4-6, 5-7 in 75 minutes.

Bopanna in line for another 'oldest' record

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London: There were no surprises for India when the International Tennis Federation announced the final player field for Paris 2024 at Wimbledon on Thursday. Sumit Nagal (men's singles) and the combination of Rohan Bopanna and Sriram Balaji (men's doubles) made the cut for the quadrennial Games to be played on clay at Roland Garros, starting July 27.



BOPANNA

It will be 44-year-old Rohan Bopanna's third Olympic Games, after injury restricted his bid to play in Tokyo.

The Indian will be the oldest tennis player at Paris 2024 and the oldest male tennis player since the sport returned to the Olympics at 1988 Seoul Games. Bopanna is older than Daniel Nestor (43 years 345 days) at Rio 2016. He is also older than Leander Paes (43 years 58 days) at Rio 2016, making him the oldest Indian in the Olympic tennis field. Martina Navratilova, the only player older than Bopanna (since 1988), played the women's doubles at Athens 2004, aged 47 years 309 days.

Sinner, Djokovic headline men's field

The men's and women's singles entries are headed by Jannik Sinner (Italy), Novak Djokovic (Serbia), Carlos Alcaraz (Spain), Iga Swiatek (Poland), Coco Gauff (USA) and Elena Rybakina (Kazakhstan). Returning to defend his Olympic title is Alexander Zverev (Germany).

AFI names 28-member team for Paris

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Reigning Olympic and world champion Neeraj Chopra will spearhead the country's challenge in track and field as the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) on Thursday named a 28-member strong contingent for the upcoming Paris Olympics. The squad has 17 men and 11 women athletes with some of the other prominent names being Kishore Kumar Jena, Avinash Sable, Tajinderpal Singh Toor, Parul Chaudhary and Jyothi Yarraji among others. The track and field competition will be held at Stade de France stadium between Aug 1 and Aug 11.

Squad: Men: Avinash Sable (3,000m steeplechase); Neeraj Chopra, Kishore Kumar Jena (javelin throw); Tajinderpal Singh Toor (shot put); Praveen Chithravel, Abdulla Aboobacker (triple jump); Akshdeep Singh, Vikash Singh, Paramjeet Singh Bisht (20km race walk); Muhammed Anas, Muhammed Ajmal, Amoj Jacob, Santhosh Tamilarasan, Rajesh Ramesh (4x400m relay); Mijo Chacko Kurian (4x400m relay); Suraj Panwar (race walk mixed marathon); Sarvesh Anil Kushare (high jump).

Women: Kiran Pahal (400m); Parul Chaudhary (3,000m steeplechase and 5,000m); Jyothi Yarraji (100m hurdles); Annu Rani (javelin throw); Abha Khatua (shot put); Jyothika Sri Dandi, Subha Venkatesan, Vithya Ramraj, Poovamma MR (4x400m relay); Prachi (4x400m); Priyanka Goswami (20km race walk/race walk mixed marathon).

Babar seeks help from Australian power-hitting coach

Lahore: Pakistan skipper Babar Azam has sought the help of Shannon Young, the renowned Australian power-hitting coach, to reinvent his T20 skills after an underwhelming campaign in the just-concluded World Cup. Babar made 120 runs from four matches at a strike-rate of 101. Babar met Young, who coached Glenn Maxwell and Jake Fraser-McGurk, and discussed the skills required to execute power shots. PTI

Bodhana picked up chess during lockdown

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One of her new teammates, Jovanka Houska (44), said: "I can tell you one thing — I've had a lot of players say to me they're terrified of playing her. A 9-year-old that's close to 2200 — that's scary."

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

Last year, Sivanandan became England's first world youth chess champion in 25 years when she won the triple crown with titles in classical, rapid and blitz competitions in the girls' under-8 category. She followed up by winning the woman's award in the European Women's Blitz Championship in Croatia.

"I'm so pleased to be picked for England, it's a great honour and I'm looking forward to being part of the team," she said.

She picked the game up during lockdown, aged five, when a friend of her father's was clearing out his garage. One of the items he was throwing away was a chess set which Tamil Nadu-born Sivanandan brought home, intending to give it to charity. She peered inside the bag and was curious about the chess pieces such as the king and the knight. She started watching YouTube videos of chess and playing online against strangers.

TOI



Bodhana Sivanandan

Velayutham thinks his daughter was drawn to the royal associations of chess. "She likes the royal stories and family. I think that's why she thought this looks interesting," he told the Daily Telegraph.

Now she aspires to become a grandmaster, the highest title in international chess, as well as women's world champion. She currently holds the title of Woman FIDE Master. Malcom Pein, a selector for the England team, said: "At nine years of age, she must surely be the youngest to be selected to represent England in any international sporting competition."

He said the chess craze in the UK has been triggered by Netflix's 'The Queen's Gambit', which has created millions of new players and a golden generation of emerging talent, that also includes Bengaluru-born English chess player Shreyas Royal (15), the world's top under-10 player Ethan Pang (9) and Supratit Banerjee (9), the world No. 7 in the under-10 category.

Together with Sivanandan, they will all be at the ChessFest, a free chess festival, in Trafalgar Square on Sunday, taking on chess enthusiasts across the country. It is organised by the charity 'Chess in Schools and Communities'.

Oath stand-off: WB guv 'allows' dy speaker to swear in 2 MLAs

Kolkata: Bengal governor C V Ananda Bose put out a six-page Q&A on his social media handle Thursday, seeking to explain the implications of the stand-off over newly elected Trinamool MLAs Sayantika Banerjee and Reyat Hossain Sarkar refusing to take the oath of office at Raj Bhavan and his decision to "authorise" deputy speaker Ashish Banerjee to swear in the duo, reports **Debashis Konar**.

Bose's post showed up on his X handle within hours of speaker Biman Banerjee announcing a special assembly session Friday. He said "the assembly is not helpless in the hands of the governor".Bose said he took the decision on July 2 in New Delhi after considering the requests made by the two MLAs, both of whom contested the recent bypolls.

The Speaker said he hadn't received any formal communication from Raj Bhavan.

Rlys to add 10k non-AC coaches in 2 yrs, doubling production

New Delhi: Indian Railways on Thursday approved the programme to double manufacturing of non-AC train coaches to around 10,000 in the next two years amid reports of long waiting list of tickets and criticism of crowding in unreserved and sleeper coaches of long-distance trains, reports **Dipak Dash**. Over 50% of these will be bogies with general seating facility and more than one-third will be sleeper coaches.

In the past two financial years, around 4,900 such non-AC coaches were manufactured. Currently, railways has around 55,000 non-AC coaches and with the new production, there will be an 18% growth by March 2026, enabling the national transporter to cater to the growing demand.

India: SCO's value will depend on how members cooperate

Connectivity Projects Must Be Respectful Of Sovereignty: Modi

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PM Modi, in his address to the SCO through EAM Jaishankar, said in a world moving inexorably towards real multipolarity, SCO will only become more important and that it occupies a prominent place in India's foreign policy. However, he added its true value would depend on how well the member-states cooperate amongst themselves.

Without naming Pakistan, the PM called for action to isolate and expose 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. We should also take proactive steps to prevent the spread of radicalisation of our youth," he said, adding that if left unaddressed, cross-border terrorism can become a major threat to regional and global peace.

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Chinese Prez Xi Jinping. India remains the only SCO member-state to not endorse China's BRI

Significantly, while strongly condemning terrorism, SCO's joint statement called upon the international community to seek consensus on the adoption within the UN of a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT) as an "important contribution to the existing base of universal international counter-terrorism instruments". CCIT was first proposed by India to UNGA in 1996 but it couldn't be adopted because of differences over the definition of terrorism.

Addressing the participating leaders, including Chinese President Xi Jinping and Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif, Modi said terrorism ranks foremost for many member-states as it continues to be used by nations as a tool of destabilisation. Reminding the organisation that combating terrorism was one of its original goals, Modi said that the SCO must never waver from its commitment. "We cannot have double standards in this regard," he said, in remarks aimed at China, which has blocked UN ban on Pakistan based operatives of proscribed terror groups.

In another message to China and Pakistan, he reiterated India's position that connectivity and infrastructure projects must not undermine sovereignty and territorial integrity. India remains the only SCO member-state to not endorse China's BRI because its "flagship" project CPEC passes through Gilgit-Baltistan in POK. India was also the only member-state to not endorse the SCO Economic Development Strategy 2030 announced last year.

Modi said connectivity linkages must be respectful of sovereignty and territorial integrity of states and be built on the foundation of non-discriminatory trade and transit rights to neighbours. Pakistan continues to deny India land access to Afghanistan and Central Asia. He mentioned the progress made on the Chabahar port recently in the form of a long-term agreement between India and Iran, saying it not only holds great value for land-locked Central Asian states but also de-risks commerce between India and Eurasia. The PM said that SCO is a principle-based organisation, whose consensus drives approach of member states.

ED's plans likely behind Soren's swift moves

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The apparent change in plan was conveyed to governor C P Radhakrishnan's secretariat Thursday morning and made public barely two hours before the swearing-in.

JMM said 5pm was an "auspicious mahurat" for Hemant's return. Since it was too late to send out invitations, the event at Raj Bhavan's Durbar Hall took place before an audience of barely 100 people, including the three-time CM's predecessor.

"He (Hemant) had been asked to intimate a date and time for the swearing-in. On Thursday morning, we received a letter saying the new CM would like to take oath at 5 pm, and it was arranged accordingly," a Raj Bhavan official said.

ANI



Hemant meets his father Shibu Soren before taking oath as Jharkhand CM on Thursday

ED's plan to move SC against Jharkhand HC's acceptance of Hemant's bail plea may have been a factor in Hemant advancing the swearing-in. When they spoke last week, Sonia apparently told Hemant that the only way to prevent "dual power centres" was for him to take back the chief ministership.

Hemant first became CM in July 2013, retaining the post till Dec 2014. His second stint started on Dec 29, 2019, but was cut short hours before his arrest on Jan 31 this year. Champai, whom he picked as his successor, took over on Feb 2.

Hemant's father and JMM patriarch Shibu Soren, his newly elected MLA wife Kalpana Murmu Soren, Jharkhand Congress president Rajesh Thakur, former ministers of Champai's cabinet, and MLAs of INDIA bloc attended the swearing-in.

Hemant and his wife visited Sidho-Kanhu Park in Morabadi later to pay tributes to tribal revolutionaries Sidho and Kanhu Murmu.

"They (NDA) tried to stop our march by hatching a conspiracy and development projects stalled for a few months. Now that I am back, all my decisions will be for Adivasis, Moolvasis and people from every strata of the society," Hemant said.

Champai congratulated Hemant on becoming CM through a post on X.

While JMM is likely to retain most ministers from Champai's cabinet, Latehar MLA Baidyanath Ram could be among the new faces, sources said. "Congress, too, is likely to induct new faces. The ministers will be picked with the high command's approval," a Congress functionary said.

Baba created pvt army that secured him, enhanced clout

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Popular as Bhole Baba in parts of UP, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, the godman's life took a significant turn when he joined UP Police as constable. For over 18 years, he served in various districts of UP, with a stint in the intelligence unit. That period offered him profound insights into societal workings and human psychology — knowledge that would later prove instrumental in his avatar as Bhole Baba.

Zaffar Ali, the husband of Bahadur Nagar village pradhan Najis Khanam, said, "Bhole Baba has no children, and his wife is known as Matashree. His younger brother Ram Prasad died some years ago. The other sibling, Rakesh, continues to till the fields." Ali added that Bhole Baba built an ashram on a 30-bigha land in the Kasganj village, attracting people from various districts and states who sought his blessings. Five years ago, though, the preacher suddenly left the village. He suspected a conspiracy was brewing against him.

A Hathras-based businessman, who has for long been donating to Bhole Baba's satsangs, said, "He isn't very imposing or anything. He stands at about 5 feet 7 inches. Yes, he maintains high standards of hygiene and doesn't allow people to touch him. Educated till Class 12, he speaks chaste English, is an avid reader, and has a fondness for cars and perfumes. Baba takes great care of his diet and exercises regularly. Through his connections, Baba helped me in my business of asafoetida."

In 2000, when Bhole Baba took voluntary retirement as head constable with Uttar Pradesh Police, it immediately saw him encounter the other end of law. That March in Agra, he and a few others were charged with something startling: the claim to possess powers that could resurrect a dead teenage girl. It caused a commotion at the cremation ground. Police later closed the case due to lack of evidence.

Slowly, there was remodelling of his persona at multiple levels. He kept his hair long and swathed himself in long robes, looking more like the traditional spiritual leader that he aspired to be. He chose a fascinating fusion of the old and the modern, often juxtaposing a white suit and tie with pajama. Bhole Baba kept his wife by his side, a quiet yet potent presence that many said provided to his followers a sense of familial warmth and rootedness.

As his worshippers grew, so did his whims. Bhole Baba cultivated a private army of fiercely loyal followers ready to defend him at great cost to themselves. The Narayani Sena, the Garud Yodha, and the Hari Vahak guarded him round the clock. The Garud Yodha, also referred to as "black commandos" by the locals, wore black, the Hari Vahak brown with unique caps, and those in the Narayani Sena were clad in pink.

MAKING OF A CULT

This army not only provided Bhole Baba with security but also helped him establish and maintain a mighty influence over his "community", particularly among the Dalits, a significant portion of his disciples.

Ram Sanai, a 65-year-old who was present at the ill-fated satsang on Tuesday, said that a large part of Bhole Baba's appeal came from his admonitions against excessive alcohol consumption and advice for women facing domestic violence. His wider message was one of humanity — a poster announcing the satsang, for instance, talked about "unity in diversity", eradication of discrimination and, of course, the need to believe in the power of Narayan Sarkar, another nomenclature that he bestowed upon himself.

Rakesh Babu from Aligarh, who was also in Hathras for Bhole Baba's event, said, "He gives confidence to us. He talks of equality and empowerment. He advocates education. He even got my daughter admitted to a private school. He condemns caste-based discrimination and teaches universal brotherhood. Baba helped us during the Covid-19 pandemic when we didn't have food to eat."

Something else had also happened during that time which Babu doesn't reveal. In May 2021, during the deadly second wave, Bhole Baba organised a meeting in Farrukhabad. Defying the district administration's permission for only 50 people, more than 50,000 attended, resulting in an FIR against the organisers.

Bhole Baba's past was not untouched by controversy. He has allegedly been involved in several crimes, from fraud to land grabbing and sexual assault. However, he has managed to evade charges, thanks to what many say is his "political influence".

In Kanpur, Ghatampur ACP Ranjit Kumar said police are investigating allegations that his organisation, 'Sakar Vishwa Hari Charitable Trust', has encroached on seven bighas of land in Karsui village. "We are probing the matter to gather more details," he said.

Bhole Baba's political power, many say, was "seeded" in 2007 when Mayawati-led BSP assumed office in UP. He had close connections with several senior politicians across party lines and was often seen sharing the stage with them during public events. His followers formed a significant vote bank, the ashrams in various parts of UP a testament to his power. It was in one of these ashrams on a 60-bigha plot in Bichwa Mainpuri that the man solemnised the wedding of an IAS officer two years ago.

At his Kasganj ashram, there is a handpump he has installed which is believed to sprout 'amrit' and cleanse one's soul. But it is Bhole Baba's once-immaculate white clothes that now seem a little stained — with blood. His posters and banners, once a beacon of hope and guidance, are now smeared with black ink.

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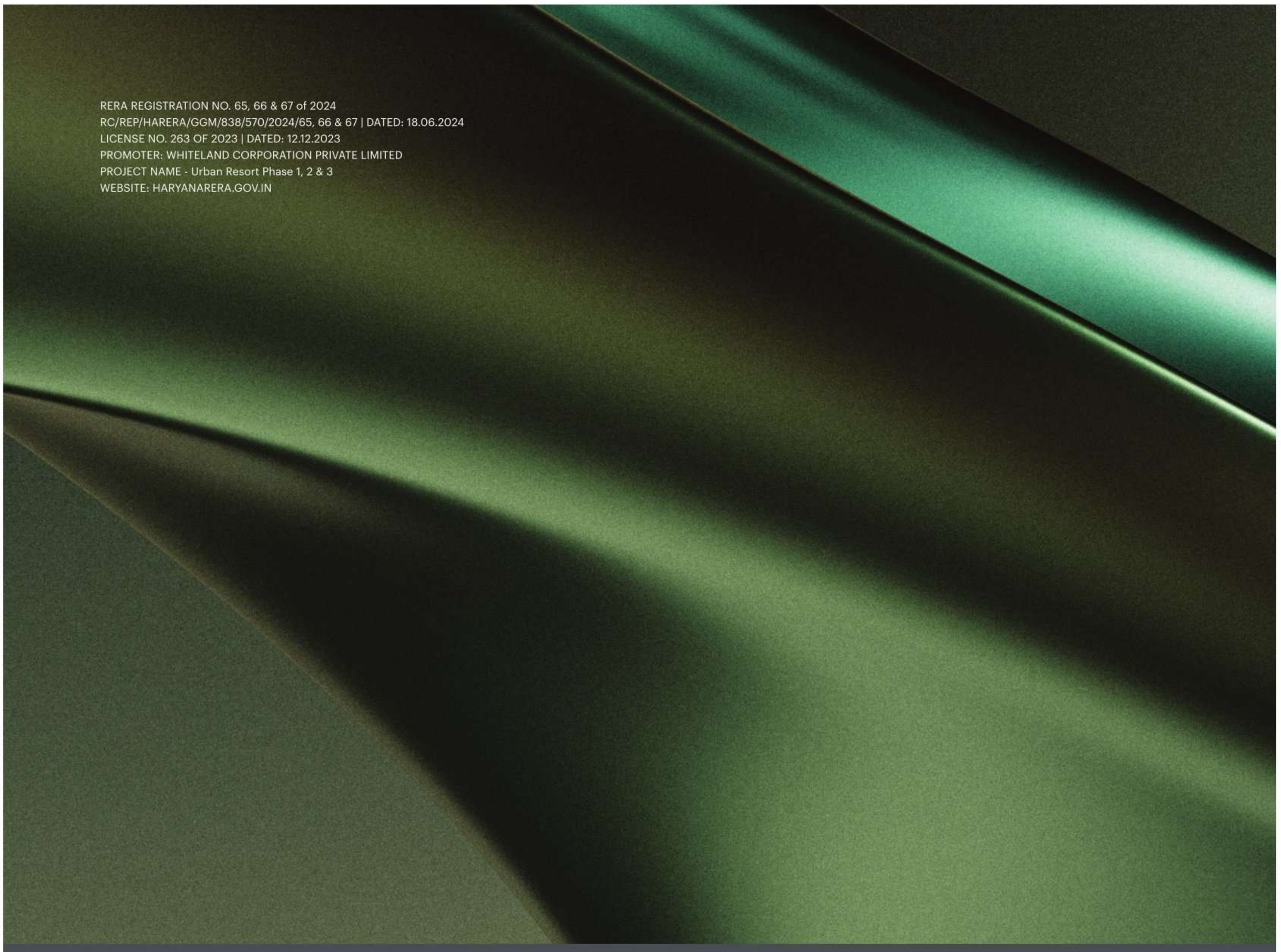
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