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THE WORLD

THREE CANDIDATES SAY THEY WERE ATTACKED ON CAMPAIGN TRAIL FRANCE TO TIGHTEN SECURITY AHEAD OF POLL RESULTS

Some 30,000 police will be deployed across France late on Sunday following the runoff of a parliamentary election to ensure there is no trouble, a minister said, as three candidates said they had been attacked on campaign trail. Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin said he will be "very careful" about security Sunday evening. **REUTERS**

CONSERVATIVES acknowledge Labour win, urge voters to not hand them 'supermajority'

ELECTIONS COME AMID increasing anger at govt over failing public services, falling living standards

14-YEAR RULE BY TORIES which saw 5 PMs to end; Labour in centre stage after biggest 2019 failure

Labour heads for big victory as UK polls end

KATE HOLTON
LONDON, JULY 4

BRITONS WERE voting on Thursday in a parliamentary election that is expected to bring Keir Starmer's Labour Party to power, sweeping away Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's Conservatives after 14 often turbulent years.

Opinion polls put Starmer's centre-left party on course for a landslide victory but also suggest many voters simply want change after a period of infighting and turmoil under the Conservatives that led to five prime ministers in eight years.

This means Starmer, a 61-year-old former human rights lawyer, could take office with one of the biggest to-do lists in British history but without a groundswell of support or the financial resources to tackle it.

"Today, Britain can begin a new chapter," Starmer told voters in a statement on Thursday. "We cannot afford five more years under the Conservatives. But change will only happen if you vote Labour."

The country's 40,000 polling stations opened at 0600 GMT.

Sunak, 44, voted early with his wife, Akshata Murty, in the electoral district of Richmond in northern England that he represents in parliament. Starmer cast



(Left) Labour leader Keir Starmer and his wife Victoria Starmer outside a polling station in London; Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and his wife Akshata Murty outside a polling station in North Yorkshire on Thursday. **Reuters**

his ballot around 0830 GMT with his wife in his north London constituency.

Having called the election months earlier than expected, the Conservatives have acknowledged that Labour appears headed for victory and Sunak has in recent weeks switched to warning of the dangers of an unchallenged Labour Party in parliament, urging voters not to hand

the party a "supermajority."

Sunak issued a fresh rallying cry to voters for election day, saying a Labour government would hike taxes, hamper economic recovery and leave Britain more vulnerable at a time of geopolitical tension, charges Labour deny. "They will do lasting damage to our country and our economy - just like they did the last time they were in power," Sunak said on

Thursday. "Don't let that happen."

Voting ends at 10 pm BST (2:30 am IST) when an exit poll will give the first indication of the outcome. Detailed official results are expected in the early hours of Friday. If the opinion polls are correct, Britain will follow other European countries in punishing their governments after a cost of living crisis that stemmed from the COVID-19 pandemic and

Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Labour has held a poll lead of between 15 and 20 points since shortly after Sunak was chosen by his lawmakers in October 2022 to replace Liz Truss who resigned after 44 days, having sparked a bond market meltdown and a collapse in sterling. Starmer, the former chief prosecutor of England and Wales, took over Labour from veteran socialist

Jeremy Corbyn after it suffered its worst defeat for 84 years in 2019, and dragged it back to the centre.

At the same time, the Conservatives in Westminster have imploded, ripped apart by scandal under Boris Johnson and the rancour that followed the vote to leave the European Union, and a failure to deliver on the demands of its broad 2019 voter base.

Sunak's election campaign has

been hit by a string of gaffes. He announced the vote in driving rain, his early departure from a D-Day event in France angered veterans, and allegations of election gambling among aides reignited talk of scandal. The unexpected arrival of Nigel Farage to lead the right-wing Reform UK has also eaten into the Conservatives' vote, while the centrist Liberal Democrats are predicted to fare well in the party's affluent heartlands in south England.

Starmer could also benefit from a Labour recovery in Scotland after the Scottish National Party embarked on its own self-destructive path following a funding scandal. But Starmer may find his fortunes more sorely tested in Downing Street.

His campaign was built around a one-word promise of 'Change', tapping into anger at the state of stretched public services and falling living standards. He will have few levers to pull, with the tax burden set to hit its highest since 1949 and net debt almost equivalent to annual economic output.

Starmer has consistently warned that he will not be able to fix anything quickly, and his party has courted international investors to help address the challenges. Sunak has argued that his 20 months in charge have set the economy on an upward path and Labour should not be allowed to put that in jeopardy. **REUTERS**

EXPLAINED

Labour excites none, upsets none

LABOUR HAS not set pulses racing with its pledges to get the sluggish economy growing, invest in infrastructure and make Britain a "clean energy superpower." But nothing has really gone wrong in its campaign, either. The party has won the support of large chunks of the business community and endorsements from traditionally conservative newspapers. Rupert Murdoch-owned *The Sun* said in an editorial that "by dragging his party back to the center ground of British politics for the first time since Tony Blair was in No. 10 (Downing St.), Sir Keir has won the right to take charge".

BRIEFLY

SLOVAKIA Suspect in PM shooting faces terrorism charge

Bratislava: The man detained over the shooting of Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico will face prosecution on the charge of carrying out a terrorist attack, Slovakia's general prosecutor said on Thursday. Fico is recovering after being shot four times at close range when he greeted supporters at a government meeting in mid-May. A man identified by prosecutors as 71-year-old Juraj C. was detained on the spot after the attack and charged with attempted premeditated murder. **REUTERS**

THE PHILIPPINES Will fight back: Military chief over SCS clash

Manila: Philippine forces will defend themselves with "the same level of force" if they come under assault again from China's coast guard in the disputed South China Sea, where Chinese personnel armed with machetes and spears injured Filipino navy personnel and damaged two of their boats last month, the Philippine military chief said Thursday. Gen. Romeo Brawner Jr. also asked China to pay \$1 million in damages for the two navy boats. **AP**

Harris's party, social media support grows amid Biden replacement talks

KELLEN BROWNING & SIMON J. LEVINE
WASHINGTON, JULY 4

IMAGINE A presidency that could be, unburdened by what has been. That is the future being dreamed about by supporters of Vice President Kamala Harris, drawn from a meme referring to one of Harris' favorite expressions: "What can be, unburdened by what has been."

She has often not been immediately thought of as President Joe Biden's obvious successor, with Democratic stalwarts like Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan and Gavin Newsom of California as appealing choices.

But now, with Biden besieged with questions about his mental acuity after the alarming debate performance against Donald Trump, Harris is seeing a surge of support. It is coming from prominent Democrats signaling they are prepared to close ranks around her, and from a crowd of supporters on social media calling themselves "KHive," as they share posts with her quotations and videos of her dance moves.

Julian Castro, an Obama administration official, said on MSNBC on Tuesday that Biden should drop out and allow Harris to run against Trump. Representative Jim Clyburn of South Carolina, a close and longtime Biden ally, also said Tuesday, "I will support her if he were to step aside."

On Wednesday, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, said that Biden picked Harris as his running mate because "she is, indeed, the future of the party." **NYT**



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Trump calls Biden 'broken-down pile of crap', says Harris is 'pathetic'

ENS & REUTERS
JULY 4

AMID DOUBTS and debates among Democrats over President Joe Biden's candidacy in the November presidential polls, Republican candidate Donald Trump was seen mocking his rival, calling him "that broken-down pile of crap".

A video of the comments, first reported by *The Daily Beast* Wednesday, was later shared by former President Trump on his Truth Social handle.



In the video, shared widely on social media, Trump also says Biden will quit the race and be replaced by Kamala Harris. "He's quitting the race... and that means we have Kamala," he says. "She's so bad... she's so pathetic."

Trump's campaign stood by his words, with co-campaign manager Chris LaCivita saying on social media site X: "Nothing in this video is incorrect."

Trump's Republican allies appear to be laying the groundwork for an all-out attack on Harris should the 81-year-old Biden end his re-election bid.

Biden campaign spokesperson Sarafina Chitika said: "No, Donald. What is bad is taking away women's rights; What is bad is losing an election and encouraging a violent mob to attack the Capitol."

SAFEGUARDING SECURITY BOTTOMLINE: XI

Replace outdated Euro-Atlantic models: Putin, Xi set out plans for Eurasian security



Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin at SCO summit in Astana. **AP**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
JULY 4

RUSSIAN PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping on Thursday attended the summit of a security grouping created by Moscow and Beijing to counter Western alliances.

Putin and Xi joined the leaders of other countries that are members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization at its annual meeting in Kazakhstan's capital of Astana.

The grouping was established in 2001 by China, Russia and the four ex-Soviet Central Asian nations of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to promote regional security and economic cooperation. It was later joined by India, Pakistan and Iran. Russia's western neighbor and ally, Belarus, joined the SCO on Thursday. Observer states and dialogue partners include Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

Addressing the summit,

Putin emphasized the group's focus on ensuring security of its members and said the SCO will form a dedicated center that will coordinate response to various security challenges.

Xi called on the SCO members to show solidarity in the face "the real challenges of intervention and polarization," according to a readout of his speech by the official *Xinhua* news agency. "In the face of the real threat of the Cold War mentality, we have to safeguard the security bottom line," he added.

Besides Putin and Xi, and summit host Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, attending Thursday's meeting are Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif, Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Tajikistan President Emomali Rakhmon, Kyrgyzstan President Sadyr Zhaparov, Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko along with Iran Acting President Mohammad Mokhbar and Indian Foreign Minister Dr S Jaishankar.

Israel to send team to discuss hostage release deal with Hamas



Aftermath of an Israeli strike near a school in Khan Younis on Thursday. **Reuters**

REUTERS
JERUSALEM, JULY 4

ISRAELI PRIME Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told US President Joe Biden Thursday he has decided to send a delegation to resume negotiations on a hostage release deal with Hamas, their administrations said.

In a phone call with Biden, Netanyahu recalled his position that Israel would only end its war in Gaza when all its objectives had been achieved, his office said in a statement. Israel's Channel 12 said the head of Israel's Mossad intelligence agency would lead the Israeli delegation for the talks, though this was not immediately confirmed.

Netanyahu is scheduled later on Thursday to have consultations with his negotiating team, then discuss the hostage release talks with his security cabinet.

"The president welcomed the prime minister's decision to authorize his negotiators to engage with US, Qatari, and Egyptian mediators in an effort to close out the deal," The White House said in a statement.

ANTS PERFORM AMPUTATIONS ONLY ON CERTAIN LEG INJURIES, SUGGESTING THEY ARE METHODOICAL IN THEIR SURGICAL PRACTICES

Scientists discover ants have evolved effective wound treatment: Amputation

ANNIE ROTH
JULY 4

THE LIFE of a Florida carpenter ant can be brutal. These half-inch ants are territorial and have violent bouts with ants from rival colonies in the Southeast.

Combat can leave the ants with leg injuries. But as scientists recently discovered, these ants have evolved an effective wound treatment: amputation.

In the journal *Current Biology*, on Tuesday, researchers report that the ants bite off the injured limbs of their nest mates to prevent infection. Although other ant species are known to tend to

the wounds of their injured, typically by licking them clean, this is the first time that an ant species has been known to use amputation to treat an injury.

The ants in the study performed amputations on only certain leg injuries, suggesting that they are methodical in their surgical practices. Aside from humans, no other animal is known to conduct such amputations. The prevalence of the behavior among Florida carpenter ants raises questions about their intelligence and their ability to feel pain.

In early 2020, Dany Buffat, a graduate student at the University of Würzburg in Germany, was observing a colony of Florida carpen-

ter ants in his lab when he noticed something strange. "One ant was biting off another ant's leg," said Buffat, who is now a biologist at the University of Lausanne in Switzerland and is an author of the study. His adviser at Würzburg didn't believe him at first.

They began tracking the amputees' survival rate. Unexpectedly, the ants with amputated limbs survived 90% of the time. Even more surprising, the amputations appeared consensual. "The ant presents its injured leg and calmly sits there while another ant gnaws it off," Frank said. "As soon as the leg drops off, the ant presents the newly amputated wound and



A still from video provided by Dany Buffat shows a Florida carpenter ant amputating a leg from its nest mate. **NYT**

the other ant finishes the job by cleaning it."

After observing dozens of amputations, the researchers noticed that the ants would perform the procedure only on nest mates with thigh injuries.

To understand why the ants performed amputations only on those with injured thighs, the researchers performed amputations on ants with wounded lower legs. The survival rate of the experimental amputees was only 20%.

"When the wound is further away from the body the amputations don't work, but when it's closer to the body, they do work," Frank said. That was counterintuitive, he said. But an

explanation emerged after Frank and his team performed micro-CT scans on the amputees.

Ants have several muscles throughout their bodies that keep hemolymph, their version of blood, flowing. Florida carpenter ants have many such muscles in the thighs. When they sustain a thigh injury, the flow of hemolymph is reduced, making it more difficult for bacteria to move from the wound into the body. In such cases, if the entire leg is amputated quickly, the chance of infection is very low.

But when a Florida carpenter ant injures its lower legs, bacteria can penetrate its body very quickly. As a result, the time win-

dow for a successful amputation is narrow and the chance of it being successful is slim. The ants, on some level, seem to be aware of this, Frank says.

"It's pretty crazy to think that animals as simple as ants could have evolved such a complex behavior," said Daniel Kronauer, an associate professor at Rockefeller University in New York who studies ants and other highly social organisms but was not involved in the research. "But I wouldn't be surprised if other ant species had similar behavior."

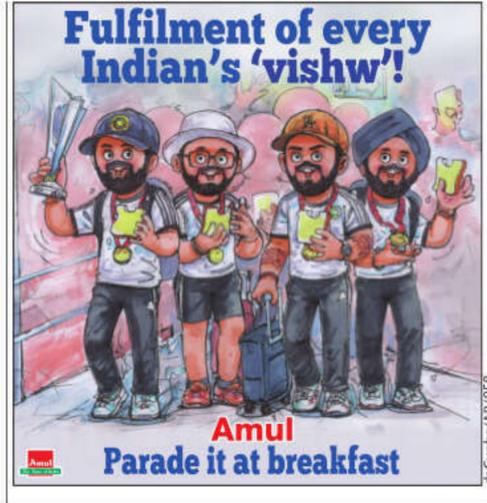
Such amputations benefit the entire colony by saving lives and curbing the spread of pathogens, Kronauer said. **NYT**

THIS TITLE IS FOR THE COUNTRY: CAPTAIN ROHIT SHARMA

A billion-plus welcome



Home after lifting the T20 cricket World Cup, the Indian team heads to the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai for a felicitation ceremony on Thursday. *Deepak Joshi*



PILOT RUN DONE LAST WEEK For integrity of exams, Centre asks states to help in security

States told to appoint one civil, one police observer for each exam centre

RITIKA CHOPRA & MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, JULY 4

THE UNION government has reached out to the states for help in ensuring the integrity of its entrance tests.

Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla held a meeting with all state Chief Secretaries and DGPs last week to seek their assistance in overseeing the conduct of upcoming tests including the All India Ayush Postgraduate Entrance Test (AIAPGET) and the Foreign Medical Graduate Exam (FMGE) on July 6.

The AIAPGET, conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) for the Ayush Ministry, is for admissions to MD/MS programmes in Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy. The

FMGE, conducted biannually by the National Board of Examination (NBE) under the Health Ministry, screens overseas medical graduates seeking to practise medicine in India. Just under one lakh candidates appeared for the two tests last year. Both are computer-based exams.

During the meeting, sources said, Bhalla requested the states to help introduce an additional layer of oversight for the exams by appointing one civil and one police observer for each exam centre in their respective states. An observer is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that the exam is fair and free of any malpractices.

In addition to this, states were also asked to appoint one state-level nodal officer to coordinate with the exam conducting agency. Currently, there is usually one observer appointed to each test

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As Kohli tears up, SKY soaks it in, Team India get a Mumbai Salaam

MIHIR VASAVDA
MUMBAI, JULY 4

WHAT MUST it feel like to be Rohit Sharma tonight? To hear his name reverberating at the Wankhede Stadium in the same rhythm as "Sachin, Sachin!". To receive a standing ovation from his own T20 World Cup-winning teammates.

Or to be Virat Kohli. On the ground where he carried Sachin Tendulkar on his shoulders 13 years ago, the chants of fans were enough for Kohli to tear up. Or even Hardik Pandya. Boored relentlessly in Mumbai Indians' hues of blue just three months ago. Tonight, they couldn't stop singing his name. Pandya smiled and waved back; almost

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi during an interaction with the Indian team, in New Delhi on Thursday. *PTI*

What went on in your mind... How does mud taste? PM posers to team

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, JULY 4

"HOW DID the mud taste, Rohit?" "What was going on in your mind in your final over, Bumrah?" "What were you thinking during that game-turning catch, Surya?"

These were some of the questions that Prime Minister

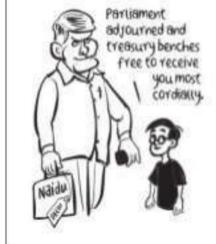
Narendra Modi is learnt to have asked the T20 World Cup-winning India team when he met them at his residence in the Capital on Thursday morning after their return from Barbados.

Seated between captain Rohit Sharma and coach Rahul Dravid, with the rest of the players completing the circle, Modi's meeting with the team lasted

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HATHRAS STAMPEDE: 6 'SEVADARS' HELD, MAIN ACCUSED ON THE RUN **PAGE 8**

Hemant Soren back as CM: 'Jharkhand will not stop, will not bow down'

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, JULY 4

OVER FIVE months after he resigned as Chief Minister, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) executive president Hemant Soren returned to the post on Thursday evening, after Governor CP Radhakrishnan administered the oath of office.

About half-an-hour before being sworn in, Soren released a five-minute video clip on social media platforms addressing the people of Jharkhand. "...I have tried to be the voice of the voice-



Governor CP Radhakrishnan administers the oath of office to Hemant Soren. *PTI*

less — the poor, Adivasis, moolvasis, backwards, labourers, farmers — who have always struggled... When you gave me a

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India & China agree: Situation at LAC not in each other's interest

Both to redouble efforts to resolve issues at earliest

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JULY 4

IN THEIR first meeting after the return of the BJP-led NDA to power, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi agreed Thursday that the "prolongation of the current situation in the border areas is not in the interest of either side".

The military standoff along



Jaishankar with Wang Yi in Astana on Thursday. *ANI*

the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh, which began in May 2020, is now in its fifth year and

has soured relations between the two countries.

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RAVI DUTTA MISHRA
NEW DELHI, JULY 4

AHEAD OF the Union Budget presentation expected later this month, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has backed the industry's demand to remove angel tax that the policy-makers introduced to deter the use of unaccounted money but was viewed by startups as an impediment to much needed capital raising.

DPIIT Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh told the press Thursday that the department has reiterated its recommendation to remove angel tax based on the discussions with the startup ecosystem.

This comes after the Confederation of Indian Industry

EXPLAINED Why industry wants it out

THE INDUSTRY says taxes levied on the difference between issue price of unlisted securities and its fair market value has hurt funding as investors fund startups based on their future potential and it may be incorrect to see it as a sign of money laundering.

(CII) in its Union Budget recommendation last month sought the removal of the tax stating that such a move would "greatly aid capital formation in the country".

"Based on consultations with the startup ecosystem, we have recommended the removal of

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NRI sponsors, live broadcasts and a murder: Punjab's world of pigeon racing

PAGE 1 ANCHOR

DIVYA GOYAL GOPAL
LUDHIANA, JULY 4

LAST MONTH, an argument between two friends over who to invite for a pigeon racing event that they were jointly hosting in Ikolaha village of Punjab's Ludhiana district ended in the death of one. Both Gurdeep Singh, 22, and his friend Kuldeep Singh alias Vicky Aujla, 44, co-owned a flock of over 100 pigeons and would frequently or-

ganise such events in the village. The friends had got into an argument over Kuldeep inviting arrival to the June 23 racing event. The argument ended with Kuldeep and his son Daman, 20, bludgeoning Gurdeep with an iron rod, police said. Gurdeep is survived by his minor brother and their grandmother Mukhtiar Kaur.

Inspector Hardeep Singh, SHO, Sadar Khanna police station, said, "Kuldeep and Daman went to Gurdeep's house after the event. When Gurdeep came out, Daman hit him on the head with an iron rod. Gurdeep died of a head injury at a Chandigarh hospital. Kuldeep is in custody

but Daman is on the run."

The death, over a seemingly innocuous issue, has put the spotlight on the high-stakes world of *kabutarbazi* (pigeon racing). Thought to have been popularised in the Mughal era, when pigeon-keeping was a favourite pastime of the elite, the folk sport of *kabutarbazi* still exists in parts of India and Pakistan.

What sets the Punjab races apart is the race variation — which involves keeping the birds in the sky for as long as possible — and the prestige and money associated with winning.

Manjit Singh Deepi, the former sarpanch of Ikolaha village,



Victim Gurdeep Singh's grandmother Mukhtiar Kaur at Ludhiana's Ikolaha village. *Gurmeet Singh*

says such races were earlier organised by "idle men", which led to unemployed people being referred to as *kabutarbaz*. With time, however, these races have helped shed that stereotype.

Although *kabutarbazi* is not recognised as an official sport, village-level rules are largely followed across rural Punjab. Usually held in May and June, the races are even broadcast on YouTube. In fact, there are over 100 YouTube videos of events organised in Punjab villages in this season alone. Besides awards, dedicated YouTube channels too line up to interview the "champion *kabutarbaz*".

The sport has also started attracting sponsorships from Punjabi NRIs in Canada and the UK. While winners typically get cash prizes upwards of Rs 20,000 and trophies, in case of sponsors, there are other prizes, including tractors, cattle, ACs, refrigerators and two-wheelers. Former sarpanch Deepi says the winner of a race in Ludhiana's Rangian village got a tractor worth Rs 12 lakh.

In case of no sponsors, participants pay an entry fee. "If the entry fee is Rs 2,200 per pigeon, Rs 200 is kept aside for expenses like food, water, etc., and the rest — Rs 2,000 per pigeon — goes to

the winner," says Deepi.

The live broadcast of a race in Ludhiana's Pandori village on June 26 on a YouTube channel, 'Star Kabutarbaaz', shows a group of people — all carrying caged birds — huddled around a table for registration. A scoreboard displays two categories — *kull kabutar* (total pigeons) and *kattay kabutar* (fallen pigeons) — and a ticker the current temperature (44 degrees Celsius). The prizes — a motorcycle for the winner, a refrigerator for the runner-up and trophies for the first three pigeons — are stacked on one side.

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BEVERLY HILLS COP - AXEL F MOVIE: EDDIE MURPHY TURNS UP THE HEAT Eddie Murphy is prone to phoning it in these days, but the one-time megastar mercifully brings his A-game to the long-awaited fourth instalment of the franchise.

EXPRESS AUDIO Flogged for 'falling in love', brain implant for epilepsy, and Soren to return as CM On 3 Things, we talk about a couple being assaulted in Bengal by a TMC functionary, the world's first brain implant to control epileptic seizures, and about Hemant Soren's return as CM

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centre by the exam conducting agency. For instance, for AIAPGET, the NTA would normally assign one observer per centre. However, controversies over the integrity of several centrally conducted entrance tests, including several arrests related to the alleged leak of the NEET-UG paper, has forced the government to review its systems for all entrance tests.

As Kohli tears up, SKY soaks in the 'mahaul', Mumbai greets Hardik

like the two parties putting the chapter behind them. Everything was forgiven and forgotten. Put simply, what would it feel like to be one of the Men in Blue. The world at their feet, lakhs queuing on the streets of Mumbai for them and thousands more packing the stands of Wankhede Stadium...

CORRECTION EXPLAINED, PAGE 16, 4.07.2024

THE EXPLAINER ON 'Elections in the UK' said Theresa May was the first woman Prime Minister of Britain. That is incorrect. Britain's first woman Prime Minister was Margaret Thatcher.

The world of pigeon racing in Punjab

On the organiser's final call, the participants get ready to release the birds. To make it easier to distinguish the birds, they are often smeared with paint. For the next 12-13 hours, owners exhort their birds to stay up in the air, with the help of a rod fitted with a cloth on top, colloquially called chattri (umbrella).

DPIIT backs India Inc call to remove angel tax

angel tax. We had recommended this in the past as well. Ultimately, the integrated view will be taken by the Finance Ministry on angel tax. It is an input from our side. We have done it several times. The written inputs from industry associations, we have passed on to the Finance Ministry, Singh said.

India & China agree: LAC situation not in each other's interest

The Indian statement, following the meeting of Jaishankar and Wang on the sidelines of the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in Kazakhstan capital Astana, said the "Line of Actual Control must be respected and peace and tranquillity in the border areas always enforced."

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HC judge recuses from hearing bail pleas by Sharjeel Imam, others



Sharjeel Imam

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THE DELHI High Court's Justice Amit Sharma Thursday recused himself from hearing a clutch of bail pleas, which are linked to the Delhi Police's "larger conspiracy" case in connection with the 2020 riots.

The clutch of petitions, which also includes activist Sharjeel Imam's plea, was listed before a division bench of Justice Prathiba Singh and Justice Sharma after a change in the roster of judges dealing with the matter.

NEET exam: Impersonation in focus as CBI takes over 7 cases

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, JULY 4

DAYS AFTER taking over the investigation in three states in connection with the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (Undergraduate) (NEET-UG) paper leak case and alleged irregularities in the exam, the CBI took seven different cases registered by the Delhi Police related with impersonation for a "comprehensive investigation".

In a letter to Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora on June 24, additional director, CBI, A Y V Krishna requested for the transfer of the seven cases. "The Education Ministry (has) requested CBI to conduct a comprehensive investigation..." the letter stated.

The ministry has informed the CBI that seven cases have been registered at different police sta-

A source said around 16 persons were arrested in these seven cases, adding raids are still on

tions to investigate irregularities in the exam. The letter was sent to Delhi Police after taking approval from CBI Director Praveen Sood.

"In order to conduct a comprehensive investigation...it is advisable for the CBI to take up all the ongoing cases in the matter from a comprehensive view...We are also writing to all other state governments..." the letter further stated.

A source said around 16 persons were arrested in these seven cases, adding raids are still being conducted to bust the "whole gang". Said the source, "The CBI has registered a fresh case and will take legal custody of the arrested persons in the coming days."

Sharing details of one of the cases registered at Tilak Marg police station, in which four persons, including two MBBS students from a government medical college, were arrested at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Mehta Vidyalaya, a source in the CBI said the probe has revealed that one of the accused, Vijay Gupta, was sending broadcast messages to the phone numbers of the aspirants.

"They claimed guaranteed admission and shared the phone number of one of their associates, Dilshad Ahmad alias Sachin Mathur, who is absconding...They used to mix the photograph of the original student with the dummy student. For this work, another accused, Prabhat Kumar, who used to run a coaching academy, hired a photographer from Patna..." the source said.

A source said the incident came to light after two students were caught with mismatched biometric details.

'WILL HAVE TO TAKE SOME DRASTIC ACTION'

'Courts being used as pawns': HC raps MCD over encroachments

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 4

THE MUNICIPAL Corporation of Delhi (MCD) is "not taking action against its own officials", and the courts are being "used as pawns" - the Delhi High Court on Thursday reprimanded the civic body in a series of tough remarks over illegal construction in the city. "Break the nexus," the High Court told the civic body.

A division bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela told MCD Commissioner Ashwani Kumar, who had joined the proceedings during the hearing of a petition through video conferencing, that one of the reasons for flooding in Delhi is that water outlets get blocked due to unauthorised constructions.

Last week, record rain brought the city to its knees as roads were flooded and water entered homes and offices due to drainage issues.

On Thursday, asking the Commissioner to take strict action against erring officials, the bench orally remarked, "Your officials have no idea. How can illegal construction take place like this? How



Last week, record rain brought the city to its knees as roads were flooded and water entered homes and offices due to drainage issues. Archive

can they turn their backs at it? We are being used as pawns in this process. You will have to take some drastic action...The MCD has not taken action against its own officials. It can't be that without their (officials) involvement that unauthorised construction comes up."

The bench further orally said that "one round once a week" by the officials will help the corporation keep track of the unauthorised construction taking place in the city. "You will have to break this nexus," the bench said to

20-year-old woman's plea seeking directions for stopping and demolishing an alleged illegal and unauthorised construction being carried out on a plot in the Paharganj area.

During the hearing, Kumar was also told by the bench that in certain cases, "motivated petitions" are being filed, which cannot be ignored as the issue of unauthorised constructions is not in dispute. "There are people collecting money through this entire process. Our process is collapsing," the bench said.

In the previous hearing, the MCD's counsel had said that the plea was "motivated".

"This Court is further of the prima facie view that it is being used as a 'strategic tool' by both the petitioner and the officials of MCD for their ulterior purposes," the bench had said in its July 1 order. It had thereafter asked the MCD Commissioner to appear in the matter virtually on Thursday.

Teenager who 'killed 9-yr-old, burnt her body' in Gurgaon housing society sent to correction home

PRAGYNESH
NEW DELHI, JULY 4

ON JULY 1, Gurgaon police received a PCR call at 10.45am informing that a nine-year-old girl was found dead at a housing society in Gurgaon Sector 107. The accused was a 16-year-old boy, a resident of the same society, who used to come to her home to provide tuition classes.

The boy was taken into custody. On Thursday, the juvenile

Justice (J) board sent the teenager to the Juvenile Correction Centre in Faridabad.

"The juvenile offender was produced before the court and has been shifted to the centre from police custody," an official at the Rajendra Park police station confirmed.

According to the police, the girl's mother had gone to the house of a neighbour with her son on the morning of July 1.

When she came back, she found that the gate of her house

was locked from inside. Peeping inside, she spotted the accused. At the same time, she could sense a burning smell coming from inside, said police.

When the woman could finally enter her house with the help of neighbours and fire officials, she found her daughter had been set on fire, police said.

According to the police, investigation revealed that the 16-year-old boy first strangled and killed the girl with a dupatta, placed the cloth on her and set her ablaze.

Police said the boy killed the girl after he was caught stealing jewellery.

An official at the Rajendra Nagar police station said the boy was in debt due to his betting habits and had stolen the jewellery to repay it.

A guard at the housing society said that the family of the juvenile offender, who lived on rent, have left the premises after they were asked to do so by the residents. The victim's family have also gone to their hometown in UP.

Firm stand by judiciary will encourage reporting of child sexual harassment cases: HC

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WHEN JUDICIARY takes a "firm stand" against child sexual harassment, it would encourage reporting of such crimes and reduce the stigma associated with them, the Delhi High Court said recently.

A single-judge bench of Justice Swarna Kanta Sharma, in its July 1 order, stated, "For victims, 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."

Justice Sharma said that this acknowledgment by courts in such cases, where the offences are "proved beyond reasonable doubt", assures the victims that their experiences are accepted as "true" and their "trauma" has been recognized by the criminal

justice system.

"When the judiciary takes a firm stand against child sexual harassment, it encourages victims and their families to report such crimes, reducing the stigma associated with seeking justice and ensuring that cases are handled with the utmost seriousness...victim-shaming and the shaming of the victim's family must not be allowed as it will be a deterrent and road block in the real victims reporting such offences to the authorities," the HC underscored.

The court further said that the judiciary helps set societal norms and expectations concerning protection of children by "consistently condemning voyeuristic acts and emphasising the sanctity of a child's privacy and dignity".

The HC made the observations while dismissing a man's plea against his conviction by a trial court in a sexual harassment and voyeurism case involving a minor girl.

'Doesn't appear to be much scope for Cong, AAP alliance for Haryana, Delhi'



Jairam Ramesh

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 4

THERE DOES not appear to be much scope for an alliance between the Congress and the AAP for the assembly polls in Haryana and Delhi but the INDIA bloc will fight elections together in Maharashtra and Jharkhand, AICC general secretary Jairam Ramesh said on Thursday.

In an interview with PTI, Ramesh said there is no one formula the INDIA bloc will follow for state elections.

Asked whether the INDIA bloc will fight the assembly polls together, Ramesh said the alliance will do so in Jharkhand and Maharashtra. "There is no INDIA 'janbandhan' in Punjab. In Haryana, we had given one seat to the AAP in the Lok Sabha polls but I don't think that INDIA janbandhan will be there for the assembly polls. In Delhi, the AAP itself has said that INDIA janbandhan will not be there for assembly polls," Ramesh said.

The Congress and AAP had fought the Lok Sabha polls together in Delhi.

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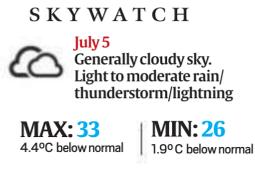
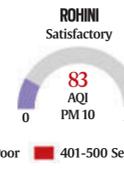
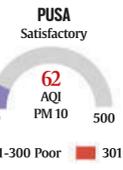
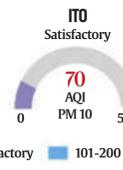
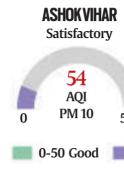
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MASS TRANSFER OF SCHOOL TEACHERS

'Mindless act... withdraw order': Atishi writes to CS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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DELHI EDUCATION Minister Atishi on Thursday directed Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar to immediately withdraw the transfer order of around 5,000 government school teachers that was issued on Tuesday. The midnight mass transfer order came two days after Atishi had asked the Education Department to halt the transfer of government school teachers.

Atishi also asked the Chief Secretary to initiate disciplinary proceedings against the errand officers "who wilfully defied" her direction to the Education Department on July 1. She also asked Kumar to immediately put on hold any further compulsory transfer of teachers merely because they have completed 10 years in a particular school.

Atishi termed the transfer order "a mindless act" and said that it was not only a blatant defiance of the direction of the Education Minister but also a complete disregard to the spirit and provision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The Education Department, in a midnight upheaval, issued transfer orders to around 5,000 teachers on its official website on Tuesday. The annual transfer policy mandates the transfer of teachers who have served in the same school for over 10 years.

The transfer order came following a circular issued by the

Grievance panel set up for teachers

New Delhi: After a delegation of the Government Schools Teachers Association (GSTA), led by the General Secretary Ajay Veer Yadav, held a meeting with the Directorate of Education on Thursday, a four-member grievance redressal committee was formed. An order issued by the Education Department stated the grievances of the transferred teachers should be received by July 15. The panel will then submit its recommendations. Within 15 days of the issue of the order, the panel will provide redressal after the transfer guidelines of the DoE.

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Directorate of Education last month regarding the online requests for the transfer of its teaching staff.

"Under clause 16 of this circular, all those teachers who have served for more than 10 years in the same schools were directed to compulsorily apply for transfer, failing which, they will be transferred to any school by the DoE,"

said Atishi, adding that nearly 5,000 teachers who did not apply for any transfer were transferred to other schools by invoking this contentious clause.

Atishi said that the provision of compulsory transfer in case a teacher has served in the same school is a new condition introduced by the Directorate of Education in the transfer policy of teachers this year. "Notwithstanding the fact that such a significant policy decision was taken by the DoE without my concurrence or consultation, even my subsequent direction to withdraw this clause was ignored and defied," she said.

"With a mass transfer of such a magnitude, the entire school system is disrupted. The school from which a particular teacher has been transferred and the school to which she/he has been transferred both will be shaken... as the process of building bond with students, their parents and community will have to be reinitiated," the Minister said. She said that transfers may be required in exceptional circumstances to improve the environment in a school, but this "mindless action" is purely a mechanical administrative device that will demotivate teachers, break down relationships between the teachers and the community and impact the academic performance of schools.

"This mass transfer will serve only one objective of damaging the academic achievement of schools," she said.

SEVERAL GOVT HOSPITALS HIT

Amid shortage of heads, crucial issues linger at government hospitals in Delhi

ANKITA UPADHYAY
NEW DELHI, JULY 4

CRUCIAL ISSUES related to patients, doctors and nurses at several government hospitals in Delhi are said to be lingering. The reason? A shortage of heads of hospitals, including medical superintendents and medical directors, with one senior doctor looking after two or more hospitals.

Medical superintendents (MS) and medical directors (MD) are the heads of the hospitals who take daily supervision rounds, attend to grievances of patient and staff, and inspect stocks of drugs and other essential items. They look after planning the further development of the hospital and making emergency decisions. They also ensure the OPD (outpatient department) registration counters are running smoothly.

Delhi government's biggest hospital Lok Nayak Hospital, and Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital are being looked after by one head - Dr Suresh Kumar. GTB Hospital, the second largest hospital of the Delhi government, and Hedgewar



GB Pant Hospital. Archive

Hospital are headed by Dr Asmita Rathore.

A senior doctor from the Lok Nayak Hospital, on condition of anonymity, said heading a medical institute is a full-time job and if a medical superintendent or a medical director is not able to dedicate his or her time fully to one place, important concerns remain unaddressed and critical tasks remain pending. "For instance, at Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital, there is a vacancy in nursing... but no hiring has been taking place," he added. Resident doctors at the hospital complained two months ago about the street dog menace after at least 25 dog bite cases but

ONE HEAD, MANY RESPONSIBILITIES

Dr Suresh Kumar:
Lok Nayak Hospital and Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital

Dr Vatsala Aggarwal:
Delhi State Cancer Institute, Deep Chand Bandhu Hospital, Attar Sain Jain Hospital

Dr Digbijoy Dutta:
Dr Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hospital, Babu Jagjivan Ram Memorial Hospital

Dr Asmita Rathore:
GTB hospital and Hedgewar Hospital

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Bhagwan Mahavir Hospital, Guru Gobind Singh government hospital

Dr BL Chaudhary,
Medical Director of Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital and Indira Gandhi Hospital

no action was taken. "It is the MS/MD who writes to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) regarding such issues," he said.

During a recent inspection at one of the government hospitals by Delhi Health Minister Saurabh Bhardwaj, as per sources, it was found that some of the OPD counters were shut. "It is the duty of a medical superintendent to ensure OPD registration counters are running without any delay or disruption. If there are no dedicated heads of hospitals, it will lead to challenges," the source added.

An official from the Delhi Health Department also cited non-recruitment of Group-A officers as one of the factors behind the shortage. Medical directors and medical superintendents appointed at Delhi government hospitals are Group-A officers and the hiring is carried out by the central government, the official added.

At Indira Gandhi Hospital, the shortage of essential medicines was raised in June by resident doctors of the hospital. Of 322 essential drugs, 117 were not available and resident doctors were told to prescribe only available drugs.

According to Dr Rajiv Ranjan Prasad, former inspector, the National Medical Commission (NMC), if the administration has not been appointing medical directors at the hospitals attached with medical colleges, it implies lethargy on the part of the system. "One cannot work for two or three hospitals with medical colleges attached to them. Handling one hospital is enough... it is a full-time job," he said. At every hospital, he added, there are more than 20 departments.

When contacted for a response, an official with Delhi government said Saurabh Bhardwaj had a meeting with Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar on April 8 where the issue was discussed. At the meeting, it was highlighted the administrations of 17 hospitals and DGHS (Directorate General of Health Services) were being affected since the proposal of posting officials is pending with the National Capital Civil Service Authority (NCCSA). He also blamed the CS for giving additional charge of six hospitals to doctors who already hold charge of one hospital.

Monthly allowance schemes for women in Maharashtra, MP may be studied: Gahlot

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THE AAM Aadmi Party-government in Delhi may send officials to Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh to study the implementation of the monthly allowance scheme for women, Women and Child Development (WCD) Minister Kailash Gahlot has said. The Minister's remarks on Wednesday came as the Women and Child Development Ministry held its first meeting on the AAP government's flagship scheme - Mahila Samman Rashi - that promises a monthly honorarium of Rs 1,000. The government plans to implement the scheme in October.

At the meeting, Gahlot said, a discussion on eligibility criteria like age limit, and other crucial aspects was held. "A very long discussion took place on Wednesday where everyone gave their suggestions and opinions... The scheme is implemented and already running in other states like Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh... For example, in Maharashtra, women between 24 to 65 years of age get this benefit. In Madhya Pradesh, this benefit is available to women between 21 to 65 years of age. But in Delhi, we are giving this benefit to women above

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18 years of age... So, the officials have been asked to visit and study their scheme, if needed, for preparing the plan and framework for Delhi..." said the Minister.

He said the work has begun and a Cabinet note will be put up soon. "It was also decided in the meeting that women up to a certain income should avail this benefit. For instance, those having an annual income of up to Rs 2.5 lakh or a car in their name may also not be eligible to avail Rs 1,000 under the scheme," said officials. The scheme was among the top announcements in the Delhi Budget this year ahead of

the Lok Sabha polls with an allocation of Rs 2,000 crore. There are more than 67 lakh women voters in Delhi.

Announcing the scheme in March, CM Arvind Kejriwal said that all women above 18, excluding taxpayers, beneficiaries of government pension schemes and government employees, will be eligible for the allowance.

However, senior government officials earlier hinted the poll promise is likely to be stuck with the CM in jail amid the excise policy probe. The implementation of the scheme will require the nod of the Cabinet, which is headed by the Chief Minister.



In a first, HC refers to new criminal law

NEW DELHI: In one of its first orders referring to the new criminal law that came into effect on July 1, the Delhi High Court this week referred to the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, in a trademark infringement case which also involved issues of forgery and fabrication of documents.

KG Marketing India, a manufacturer of electrical appliances, filed a trademark infringement suit against two individuals seeking an injunction against the use of the mark 'SURYA'. An interim order was passed in its favour in January last year. Later, the defendants claimed they are copyright owners of various labels under 'SURYA GOLD' mark and alleged the documents filed by KG Marketing were "fabricated".

ENS

Video recording crime scene, evidence: Queries keep BNS help desks busy

ARNABJIT SUR
THURSDAY, JULY 4

HOW SHOULD I send over a video recording if the internet connection is weak at the scene of the crime? Can I use another person's mobile phone to record evidence if my own develops a glitch?

These are some questions that the Delhi Police's E-Pramaan help desks are having to field from police personnel with the three new laws - BNS, BNSS and BSA - coming into force on July 1.

Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora had asked DCPs in all seven Delhi districts to set up the help desks to assist and respond to queries by personnel on the field.

According to sources, more than 50 calls have been made so far to the help desks. Elaborating on queries raised by the

Investigating Officers (IOs), a senior officer said, "There are glitches in the application at times as it has recently been launched. So, that is a query which is resolved immediately from the back-end. While recording videos, the internet connection is often weak at the said spot. Officers often call the help desks regarding this."

The officer further explained, "There is a provision that allows uploading the video and presenting it within 48 hours to a Magistrate. So, whenever an internet connection is found, the said video pertaining to a search and seizure, or simply a video of the incident, gets uploaded on the E-Pramaan application for the Magistrate to see."

Another officer said that in times of contingencies, when the smart phones of police personnel stop working due to technical issues, they are allowed to shoot

LENDING A HAND

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi met labourers on Thursday at Guru Tegh Bahadur Nagar in Delhi. He also listened to their problems. "These hardworking labourers are the backbone of India's economy. It is our responsibility to make their lives simpler and secure their future," he said in a post on X. PTI

BRIEFLY

Delhi govt takes control of helpline number 181 from DCW

New Delhi: The Women and Child Development department of the Delhi government has taken over the management of the Women Helpline number 181 which was previously handled by the Delhi Commission for Women. The helpline number 181 began receiving calls at the Control Room from 4.58 pm on Wednesday. By 2 pm on Thursday, the helpline had received a total of 1,024 calls. PTI

3 held for robbing man of Rs 10 lakh at gunpoint

New Delhi: Three men have been arrested for allegedly robbing a man of Rs 10 lakh at gunpoint in north Delhi's Patel Nagar, police said on Thursday. All three accused - Tarun Sehgal (28), Monu (26) and Himanshu (25) - are history-sheeters, they said.

According to the police, the mastermind of the gang, Sehgal, was previously involved in a Rs 1.25 crore robbery in Civil Lines. Monu has been implicated in 15 criminal cases, including robbery, burglary, theft and arms act, while Himanshu is also named in a few robbery cases, they said. PTI

Dwarka condo project: DDA asks buyers to pay remaining 25% cost; flats nowhere near completion, claim allottees

UPASIKA SINGHAL
NEW DELHI, JULY 4

THE DELHI Development Authority's (DDA) condo project in Dwarka has run into hot waters with allottees complaining that the houses are nowhere near completion while questioning the quality of construction.

The buyers also said that despite the houses at the Dwarka Golf View Condos being incomplete, they had been asked to pay the remaining 25% of the flat's cost.

The DDA, in a post on its social media handle on July 1, alerted all allottees that the flats were ready to be physically handed over to them. It further stated that the allottees would need to pay the remaining 25% of the amount de-

manded by August 29 in order to receive their possession letters, failing which a 10% interest on the total cost would be levied.

In a letter addressed to DDA's chairman on April 8, and another addressed to both the DDA and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) on June 15, the allottees detailed the "poor construction quality" of the flats.

The complaints included loose wall plaster crumbling when pressed by hands, weak cementing and brick quality, non-curing of cement, steel bars projecting from finished walls, improperly installed electrical conduits, glaring gaps between the wall as well as door and window frames, cracks and seepage on ceilings, loosely anchored railings on verandas, among many others. "We feel a deep sense of be-



A photograph taken by an allottee during a site visit.

trayal, we feel cheated... people have ended up paying almost 50 to 100 per cent premiums on these flats," said an allottee who requested to remain anonymous. The allottees have also filed a complaint with RERA (Real Estate Regulatory Authority), raising these concerns.

"We will look into all complaints filed by the allottees," said RERA chairman Anand Kumar. "If the DDA is found faulty, we will take action according to the (RERA) act," he added.

In response to questions from The Indian Express, DDA said that after concerns were raised regard-

ing completion of the project, efforts were made to finish the work faster. "DDA was committed to deliver the project on time as promised in the scheme brochure and over the last 2 months, 1,100 labourers have been deployed at the site, working overtime in a dedicated manner. Further, for effective monitoring of execution of the work, 10 Assistant Engineers and 10 supervisors were engaged. The project is now complete ensuring good construction quality as per norms with all facilities in place like water, electricity, sewerage, lifts, park, community hall, STP, etc. All statutory clearances like RERA registration, Fire NOC, AAI NOC, lift NOC, etc are also in place," it said. "Keeping in view the completion status and as allottees have been demanding early possession of their flats, DDA has

raised the demand for 25% of the amount by 28.08.2024. The flats are ready for physical possession. After allottees pay the balance amount as demanded, they can apply for possession of the flat. Thereafter, possession letter will be issued after completion of formalities. Thereupon, the flat will be jointly inspected by the engineering staff with the allottee and if any defects are observed, the same shall immediately be rectified to their satisfaction before the flats are physically handed over," said the DDA spokesperson.

"DDA has provided 60 days' time, which is more than sufficient for the payment of the balance amount. Another grace period of 30 days has also been provided in which the amount could be paid with an interest of 10%," added the spokesperson.

'DEMANDED BRIBE OF RS 10 LAKH' Two Delhi cops booked in CBI's first FIR under BNS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 4

THE CBI has registered its first FIR under the newly-enforced Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) against two Delhi Police personnel, posted with the narcotics cell of North district, for allegedly demanding a bribe of Rs 10 lakh to help in the release of a person lodged in Tihar jail. The BNS has replaced the British-era Indian Penal Code (IPC). After the incident, the Delhi Police suspended both the police personnel and also their in charge of the narcotics cell. "Taking zero-tolerance action against corruption, the Delhi Police has decided to initiate dismissal procedure against both the police personnel," an official said.

"The FIR registered on Wednesday evening booked head constables Ravindra Dhaka and Parveen Sainil, both posted in the narcotics cell of the operations unit, Maurice Nagar, under BNA 61 (2) related to alleged criminal conspiracy and provisions of bribery under the Prevention of Corruption Act. It is alleged that the officers were demanding Rs 10 lakh bribe from the complainant to help in the release of his brother lodged in Tihar Jail after the recovery of NRX drugs (which cannot be purchased over the counter without the prescription of a qualified doctor) from him," an official said, citing the FIR.

The complainant told the CBI that medicines had been falsely shown in the possession of his brother Koshinder.

AGRICULTURE

Backbone of the Indian Economy

India's agricultural sector is not merely a source of food production. It is a pivotal element in the nation's economic development, influencing various other sectors through its extensive linkages.



AS THE primary source of livelihood for about 58 per cent of the Indian population, agriculture has been the cornerstone of the Indian economy for centuries while currently employing nearly half of the country's workforce and shaping the nation's socio-economic landscape and cultural ethos. Despite the rapid industrialization and growth of the service sector, agriculture continues to play a pivotal role in sustaining livelihoods, ensuring food security and driving economic growth by contributing significantly to the nation's GDP.

Against the backdrop of the Confederation of Indian Industry expecting the country's agriculture sector to grow at 3.7 per cent in the current fiscal, compared with 1.4 per cent last year, the sector will remain a resilient pillar of the Indian economy, which is poised to become the world's third-largest economy in the next five years. In light of the sector's connection with rural development, employment generation, poverty alleviation, and ensuring social stability alongside food security for a population of over a billion, its socio-economic impact extends far beyond mere economic statistics. That is why in February 2024 during an event in Lucknow, PM Modi reiterated the government's commitment to support farmers in exploring new avenues in agriculture, emphasizing the goal of promoting Indian food products globally, as he stated, "We are assisting and encouraging farmers to take our country's agriculture on a new path."

Evolution of India's flourishing agriculture sector

The evolution of India's agriculture sector is a testament to its resilience and adaptability. According to a map released by the US Geological Survey (USGS), India has 179.8 million hectares of agricultural land, which is the highest in the world, wherein the collaborative efforts of various entities have fostered the continuous growth of India's agriculture sector to shape its promising future. Furthermore, the country's diverse agro-climatic conditions have enabled the cultivation of a wide range of crops, from staple grains to exotic species.

Traditionally, agriculture in India was characterized by subsistence farming, with small and fragmented landholdings and dependence on monsoon rains, wherein the advent of the Green Revolution brought about a paradigm shift ensuring food security for a growing population and reducing dependency on food imports to stabilize the economy.

The Green Revolution of the 1960s, chiefly led by the agricultural scientist M. S. Swaminathan, marked a turning point in Indian agriculture by transforming it into a modern industrial system through technology's adoption. By introducing high-yielding varieties of seeds, chemical fertilizers, pesticides, mechanized farm tools and advanced irrigation

techniques, this movement significantly increased food production, transforming the food-deficient India of the 1940s and 50s into a self-sufficient one.

From its modest beginnings with annual exports of USD 0.6 billion during FY 1987-88, India's agricultural exports have soared to a remarkable figure of USD 26.7 billion in the fiscal year 2022-23, highlighting an exemplary journey of exponential growth underscored by an expanding export basket to over 200 countries.

Technological advancements and innovation

In recent decades, the agricultural sector in India has contin-



ued to evolve by embracing pioneering technologies and practices to meet the challenges of the 21st century and enhance productivity while rendering the sector more efficient,

sustainable, and resilient.

While precision farming, powered by GPS and remote sensing technologies has allowed for real-time monitoring of crop health, soil conditions, and weather patterns, enabling farmers to make informed decisions, optimize resource use, and increase productivity; the adoption of biotechnology has led to the development of genetically modified crops that are resistant to pests, diseases, and environmental stresses. The use of



drones for crop monitoring, spraying, and mapping is another emerging trend that promises to further enhance agricultural productivity.

Additionally, advancements in irrigation techniques, such as the use of drip irrigation systems that deliver water directly to the root of plants through a network of tubes and emitters have enhanced water use efficiency, addressing the critical issue of water scarcity in agriculture in many parts of the country.

Digital technology has also made significant inroads into the agricultural sector. Mobile apps and online platforms provide farmers with access to real-time market information, weather forecasts, and agricultural advice. E-commerce platforms have facilitated direct market access for farmers, eliminating interme-



diaries and ensuring better prices for their produce.

By adopting the ever-increasing number of innovations that not only aid in improving yields but also promote sustainable farming practices, India's agriculture sector has continued to ensure its future readiness.

The pivotal role of the government, NGOs, and private sector

The growth of the agricultural sector in India is a result of concerted efforts by the government, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and the private sector.

The government has played a crucial role in shaping agricultural policies, providing subsidies, and implementing welfare schemes, wherein initiatives like the National Agriculture Market (eNAM) aim to create a unified national market for agricultural commodities, enhancing transparency and efficiency in trade. Furthermore, various government schemes – the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) and the Namo Drone Didi have been launched to provide simplified and affordable crop insurance, supplement financial needs of land holding farmers, and provide drones to the Women Self Help Group (SHGs), respectively. These initiatives, among many others, aim to reduce the risks faced by farmers and ensure sustainable agricultural practices while accelerating growth in the sector.

NGOs have been instrumental in promoting sustainable agriculture, capacity building, and community development. They work at the grassroots level, empowering farmers with knowledge, skills, and resources to adopt innovative practices and improve their livelihoods. NGOs also play a critical role in advocating for farmers' rights and influencing policy changes.

The private sector has increasingly become a key player in India's agricultural landscape, driving innovation and investment. Agribusiness companies are involved in the development of high-quality seeds, fertilizers, and agrochemicals. They also provide extension services, technical support, and market linkages to farmers. The rise of AgriTech startups, numbering nearly 2800 as of December 2023, has brought a fresh wave of innovation, leveraging technology to address various challenges faced by the country's agricultural sector.

Promising future of Indian agriculture

Driven by ongoing technological advancements, policy reforms, and sustainable practices, the future of Indian agriculture holds immense promise ensuring that agriculture continues to remain the backbone of the Indian economy, underpinning the nation's food security, employment, and rural development.



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- Crop Seminars | Field Days | Uttam Pranaam for Sustainable Agriculture Practices
- Namo Drone Didi Scheme (SHG)



उत्तम का योगदान: सम्पूर्ण कृषि समाधान

6 GOVT & POLITICS



DELHI CONFIDENTIAL



WAIT, VACATE

THIS WEEK, Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud laid the foundation stone for three judicial infrastructure projects to expand Delhi's three district courts — Karkardooma, Shastri Park (Shahdara court), and Rohini, Sector-26. There could have been another similar project — Rouse Avenue Court — on the itinerary had it not been caught in political waters. The expansion of the Rouse Avenue Court will be kicked off once the AAP, as per SC directions vacates its office building, which has been allocated for the judiciary, tentatively by August 10.

DIGITAL GLITCH

THE RECORD rainfall in Delhi last week hampered the Central government's digital office system — eOffice — as it faced some technical issues. It is learnt that this held up administrative work in several departments of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for a few hours. eOffice is a product suite by the National Informatics Centre that includes file and knowledge management systems. Most government work is now paperless, including movement of files, making the smooth functioning of the eOffice at all times crucial.

INSIDE EVMs

ELEVEN CANDIDATES in the 2024 Lok Sabha and Assembly elections who have applied for verification of micro-controllers of a certain number of EVMs and VVPATs used in their constituencies — in a first — will soon come to know what exactly will be shown to them when the machines are opened. It is learnt that the Election Commission will release the technical standard operating procedures, likely before July 18, which is the last date for filing election petitions for the Lok Sabha polls. Acting on a SC directive in April, the EC is preparing to carry out the verification of the burnt memories of the machines, requested by the candidates placed second and third, after July 18.

LS election defeat the trigger, BJP rebels put Puducherry govt in crisis

7 MLAs, including 3 of BJP, meet party chief Nadda in Delhi, demand change in govt led by ally AINRC

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, JULY 4

A CRISIS brewing for a while in Puducherry's All India NR Congress (AINRC)-led coalition government, including the BJP, has come to a head.

A delegation of seven legislators, including three BJP MLAs, a nominated BJP legislator, and three Independents, has arrived in New Delhi with demands for immediate changes in the Union territory government.

The delegation met BJP national president J P Nadda Wednesday, reportedly urging a Cabinet reshuffle and raising issues of corruption and misgovernance. The catalyst for the demands is the recent defeat of Puducherry Home Minister A Namasivayam, who was fielded by the BJP, in the Lok Sabha elections. Namasivayam, the nephew of Chief Minister and AINRC leader N Rangasamy, lost to the Congress's V Vaithilingam by over 1.36 lakh votes. The legislators have told the high command that the loss was the result of poor administration and ineffective leadership by the three-year-old UT government led by Rangasamy.

Worried AINRC leaders are



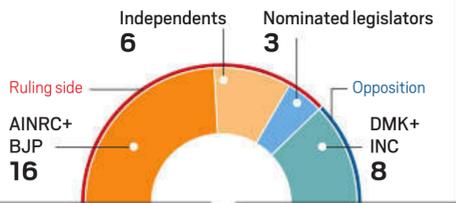
CM and AINRC leader N Rangasamy; and (right) his nephew, Puducherry Home Minister A Namasivayam, who lost in the LS polls

watching the developments closely to see where this leaves them. Should the three BJP MLAs and the Independent MLAs decide to part ways, the government may be in jeopardy, as also the coalition.

Talking to *The Indian Express*, Rangasamy said there was nothing he could do in the situation. "Let them (the BJP) solve it." Asked about BJP MLAs' charges against his government, including poor governance, Rangasamy laughed: "The government is functioning properly, there are no complaints here. Let them find a solution for the problems within their own party." The MLAs who are in Delhi include the BJP's P M L Kalyanasundaram, A John Kumar and Kumar's son Richard, as well

SEAT SHARE IN 30-MEMBER ASSEMBLY

The AINRC (10) and BJP (6) are just above the majority mark. But they are also backed by 6 Independents and 3 nominated MLAs



as Independents M Sivasankaran, P Angalan, and Gollapalli Srinivas Ashok. A BJP MLA told *The Indian Express* that one of their demands was that Namasivayam be removed as minister. They also want the BJP to withdraw from the government and only support it from the outside, to prevent being "tainted" by any association with the AINRC. "We do not want to risk our performance in the 2026 Assembly elections," the MLA said. Namasivayam was not available for comment.

The other issues raised by the seven MLAs include alleged "rampant" corruption in the AINRC-BJP government, and the administra-

tion's "failure" to address key issues in their constituencies. They said local issues such as a proliferation of resto-bars near schools and religious institutions, and bribery in recruitment processes were among the major issues behind the Lok Sabha poll defeat.

In Puducherry's 30-member Assembly, the AINRC has 10 seats and the BJP six, putting them just over the majority mark. However, the coalition is backed by six Independents and three nominated legislators, leaving it comfortable as of now. On the Opposition side, the DMK and Congress have a combined strength of eight MLAs.

Incidentally, the BJP had brought down the previous Congress government just two months ahead of the 2021 Assembly polls by poaching key party leaders, including Namasivayam, its virtual No. 2. Half-a-dozen Congress MLAs had also followed suit. In the subsequent elections, the AINRC-BJP came to power in Puducherry.

However, Namasivayam was n't happy as he had reportedly left the Congress on the promise of being made the CM by the BJP.

A number of BJP leaders in Puducherry blamed the party leadership for "mishandling" the issue. Many pointed fingers at Puducherry BJP chief S Selvaganapathy. "He was brought in by the RSS and has derailed the party equation. Neither does he consult senior local leaders nor does he take informed decisions, leading to the present crisis. Those sitting in Delhi, who do not understand Puducherry politics, are set to fail in this crisis," a senior BJP leader said. V Saminathan, who was the Puducherry BJP chief till September 2023, denied any knowledge of a "crisis". "You should be asking questions to Selvaganapathy," he said. Selvaganapathy was not available for a comment.

Cong writes to Speaker over 'inaccurate' remarks by PM, Thakur in LS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THE CONGRESS Thursday wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, alleging that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP MP Anurag Thakur made "inaccurate" statements in Lok Sabha, and asked him to take action.

The letter by MP Manickam Tagore said that the PM's claim of a "false promise" by the Congress of ₹8,500 per month to women was inaccurate as that promise hinged on the party winning the Lok Sabha polls.

The Congress also said that the PM's statement on its vote share falling in 16 states where it contested alone was incorrect. "Congress vote share increased in Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Karnataka, Telangana etc," it said.

On the PM's statement that there were "no bulletproof jackets" for the Army during the Congress rule, the party said this was "grossly misleading". "There was a shortage of jackets, not that jackets were not there. Even the police had bulletproof jackets..." said the Congress MP.

He also challenged the PM over the claim that the Congress didn't give fighter jets to the Army. "We had Jaguar, Mig 29, SU-30, Mirage 2000," the letter read.

Tagore also pointed out alleged inaccuracies in Thakur's July 1 speech in the Lok Sabha.

The Congress MP said Thakur claimed that the Army was not given arms and fighter jets when the party was in power. "We had Jaguar, Mig 29, SU-30, Mirage 2000... We had nuclear bombs, missiles like Agni, Prithvi, Aakash, Nag, Trishul and later Brahmos," he said.

The Congress pointed to a "factual inaccuracy" in Thakur's claim that "25 crore people were brought out of poverty".

Tagore also said Thakur's claim that the "PM has not taken a single holiday" was incorrect. He asked: "Which category of leave is taken for election campaigns?"

Dhirendra K Ojha is govt's new principal spokesperson

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 4

SENIOR INDIAN Information Service (IIS) officer Dhirendra K Ojha was on Thursday appointed the principal spokesperson of the central government.

Ojha, a 1990-batch officer, will also hold the charge of the principal director general, Press Information Bureau, an official order said. Ojha succeeds Sheyphali B Sharan, who has been appointed the director-general of the Publications Division.

Sharan, also a 1990-batch IIS officer, was given the charge of principal director general, PIB on April 1 this year.

Ojha served as the director general, Central Bureau of Communications (CBC). PIB Director General Y K Baweja succeeds Ojha in the CBC, which looks after the advertising of all central government organisations and acts as an advisory body to the government on media strategy.

SOUTHERN NEIGHBOURS IN CAPITAL WITH LIST OF DEMANDS

Naidu meets Modi, Shah and other Union ministers, says debt-hit Andhra needs aid

NIKHILA HENRY
NEW DELHI, JULY 4

ANDHRA PRADESH Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and several other Union ministers in Delhi on Thursday and sought financial assistance to the state for various projects and a "comprehensive financial support" for the capital city of Amaravati.

Naidu described his discussions with PM Modi on key development issues concerning the state as "constructive". "... I am confident that under his (Modi) leadership, our state will re-emerge as a powerhouse among states," Naidu wrote on X.

During his meetings, Naidu, whose Telugu Desam Party (TDP) with 16 Lok Sabha MPs is a key ally in the BJP-led government at the Centre, apprised them of the "debt crisis" gripping his state and advocated for increased assistance to Andhra.

Naidu also met Union Minister for Commerce and Industries Piyush Goyal, Union Minister for Roads Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Agriculture Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission Arvind Panagariya. The CM sought Centre's support in commissioning Polavaram national irrigation project and "special incentives" for industrial development. Naidu also advocated for "additional allocation" under the scheme for special assistance to

states for capital investment in essential sectors such as roads, bridges, irrigation and drinking water projects. The CM also advocated for support for backward regions of Andhra on the lines of Bundelkhand package. The Special Category Status (SCS) for Andhra, however, does not seem to have figured in the wish list of Naidu, multiple party sources told *The Indian Express*. As states including Odisha and Bihar have also been demanding the SCS, the TDP dispensation thinks it would be best to ask for special financial packages for the state instead of SCS, they said. "During the election campaign, we had promised financial packages for the state, not SCS," a TDP leader said. Naidu is expected to meet Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday.

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PM Narendra Modi with Andhra CM Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday. PTI

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NAIDU'S WISHLIST

WHAT ANDHRA CM ASKED MINISTERS

AMIT SHAH, Home Minister
₹385 cr land cost for establishing Greyhounds (anti-Maoist force) training centre, ₹27.54 cr for operational costs; increase IPS officers from 79 to 117

NITIN GADKARI, Highways Minister
A number of road projects including new expressway connecting Hyderabad and Amaravati

PIYUSH GOYAL, Commerce Minister
Grant for essential external infrastructure including industrial water, power, rail and road connectivity

SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN, Agriculture Minister
Integrated aquapark; central share of pending agriculture assistance under various schemes

MANOHAR LAL KHATTAR, Power Minister
Expedite approval process for power line from Kurnool to Vizag; making Vizag-Kakinada a green hydrogen manufacturing hub.

HARDEEP SINGH PURI, Petroleum Minister
Setting up BPLC refinery

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

TELANGANA CHIEF Minister Revanth Reddy Thursday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi and sought central aid for several development and security projects in his state.

Reddy has sought the allocation of some coal blocks to Singareni Collieries Company Ltd (SCCL) as this is "vital for the power needs of the state", a release issued by Telangana Chief Minister's Office read. The CM has also sought revival of the Information Technology Investment Region to boost IT infrastructure in the state.

Reddy also sought allocation of 2,450 acres of defence land to the state for infrastructure projects, "including elevated corridors on the Hyderabad-Karimnagar and Hyderabad-Nagpur highways (NH-44)". The CM has sought 25 lakh houses for Telangana under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and also sought establishment of an Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Hyderabad.

Reddy, who was accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, also sought the release of ₹1,800 crore under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) for the years 2019-2024.

In his meeting with the Home

All official work to be in Odia, says Majhi as he formally enters CMO

SUJIT BISOI
BHUBANESWAR, JULY 4

RIDING TO power following his party's aggressive campaign centred around Odia Asmita (Odia Pride), Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Thursday announced a slew of measures for the promotion of Odia language, culture and heritage as he officially started work from the chief minister's office (CMO) at the Lok Seva Bhawan, Bhubaneswar.

Majhi, who has been attending office from the state guest house since June 12 the day he took oath as the first BJP chief minister of Odisha, also announced that all official work will be done in Odia language in the state. "All files coming to me need to be drafted in Odia lan-

guage... The Odisha Official Language Act-1954 will be implemented in true spirit and, if needed, amendment will be made in the law to strengthen it," Majhi told reporters after assuming charge.

The previous Naveen Patnaik government had enacted rules in August 2016 to implement the Odisha Official Language Act-1954. The rules were, however, not effectively implemented.

"Emphasis will be given for cultural development, along with the state's physical development. Importance will also be given for promotion and preservation of Odia asmita," the CM said.

Targeting the growing influence of Naveen Patnaik's close confidant and Tamil-born former IAS officer V K Pandian, both in BJD and state administration, the BJP developed a narrative



Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi at the CMO in Bhubaneswar on Thursday. ANI

centred around 'Odia pride' ahead of the polls. This worked well for the saffron party.

Among the steps Majhi announced to preserve and promote Odia language, culture and

heritage include restructuring of three akademis — Odisha Sahitya Akademi, Odisha Sangeet Natak Akademi and Odisha Lalit Kala Akademi — to augment their capacities.

"Functioning of the Odissi Research Centre will be streamlined to improve its efficiency while quality research on 'Odia asmita' will be encouraged. The library movement will be strengthened in the state to cultivate reading habits among people," said Majhi.

The CM also announced the formation of a language commission and reconstitution of the Odia Bhasa Pratishthan for growth of the language. Odia is one of the six classical languages in India with a history of 2,500 years.

To commemorate the state's rich legacy, Majhi announced that steps will be taken for the

expeditious establishment of Paika Academy and Paika Memorial at Barunei near Khurda.

The Paikas were peasant militias of the Gajapati rulers of Odisha. The Paikas led by Buxi Jagabandhu had revolted against the British exploitation of peasants in March 1817 at Khurda, in what is known as 'Paika Bidroha' (Paika rebellion).

The previous Naveen Patnaik government had asked the Centre to declare 'Paika Bidroha' as the first war of Independence, arguing that it took place 40 years before the Sepoy Mutiny of 1857. The proposal was denied by the Centre.

Majhi bowed down before entering the Lok Seva Bhawan that houses the CMO while priests chanted hymns as he entered his office.

50k villages in 310 dists: Govt prepares plan for climate-resilient farming

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, JULY 4

THE UNION government plans to unveil a framework to promote climate-resilient agriculture in 50,000 villages located in climatically-vulnerable districts, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

The initiative is part of a national programme on climate-resilient agriculture, which the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare plans to launch as part of a 100-day agenda. A proposal to this effect will likely to be approved by the Union Cabinet soon, said a source.

The ministry plans to promote climate-resilient crop varieties in these 50,000 villages, the source said, adding that the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has developed more than 2,000 such varieties for improving food production. These include both abiotic stress-tolerant varieties and biotic stress-tolerant varieties.

While the fingerprint is still being hammered out, it is learnt that the framework may include measures such as promoting crops that are less water intensive, conserving water sources in the respective areas and monitoring fertiliser inputs.

The source said that officials will select 50,000 villages from 310 districts that have already been identified as climatically-

CLIMATE PLAN

■ 50,000 VILLAGES to be selected after climate vulnerability mapping

■ 310 DISTRICTS in 27 states identified as vulnerable to climate change; most of them (48) in Uttar Pradesh

■ 2,000 VARIETIES of climate resilient crop varieties developed

■ FIVE-YEAR timeline for the initiative, likely to get Union Cabinet's approval soon

vulnerable. These 310 districts are spread across 27 states, with Uttar Pradesh accounting for the most districts (48), followed by Rajasthan (27).

"The focus will be on these 310 districts," the source said. As per the source, the initiative will run for five years and most of its funding will come through convergence with existing schemes.

The Agriculture Ministry also plans to launch a voluntary carbon market project for sustainable agriculture practices.

Development of Class 6 books in final phase, will be available soon: Education Ministry

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 4

UNION EDUCATION Minister Dharmendra Pradhan reviewed the development of school textbooks in accordance with the New Curriculum Framework (NCF) at a meeting here Thursday.

The meeting came in the backdrop of a delay in coming up with Class 6 textbooks that were supposed to be taught from April and are yet to hit the market.

The National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) had earlier announced that new textbooks for Classes 3

and 6 will be introduced from the 2024-25 academic session.

"For the academic year 2024-25, new and engaging textbooks will be introduced in Classes 3 and 6. The textbook development work is in the final phase and nine textbooks for Grades 3 and 6 are already available. The remaining eight will be available very soon," a senior Ministry of Education official said.

The NCERT had an initial aim of releasing the new textbooks based on the NCF 2023 only for Classes 3 and 6 this year. While the textbooks for Class 3 are available in the market, those for Class 6 have been delayed.

Impasse ends as Bengal Governor allows Deputy Speaker to give oath to 2 MLAs

ENS & PTI KOLKATA, JULY 4

IN A sign to an end of a month-long impasse over the swearing-in of two TMC MLAs, West Bengal Governor C V Ananda Bose on Thursday authorised Deputy Speaker to administer the oath to the newly elected legislators on Friday.

The climbdown from the Raj Bhavan came hours after Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Biman Banerjee, summoned a special session Friday, saying the functioning of the House was not solely dependent on the Governor.

"The Special Session will begin at 2 pm tomorrow (Friday). If someone thinks that we are helpless, then he or she is wrong... There are rules, regulations, and constitutional norms. All of us have to abide by them," the Speaker said.

The Speaker had earlier written to President Droupadi Murmu and sought her intervention to break the deadlock. Meanwhile, the MLAs continued with their dharna on the Assembly premises for the sixth day.

HC to hear Governor's defamation suit against CM Mamata on July 10

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, JULY 4

THE CALCUTTA High Court on Thursday said it would hear the defamation suit filed by Governor CV Ananda Bose against Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on July 10.

A day after the single judge bench of Justice Krishna Rao had adjourned the hearing, Bose's

counsel on Thursday mentioned the matter for an early hearing. Justice Rao said it would hear the petition again on July 10. Noting that the suit was filed on the basis of news reports, Justice Rao pointed out to Bose's counsel that publications referred to in the suit have not been made party to it.

Amritpal, Engineer Rashid to take oath as LS members today

New Delhi, Chandigarh: Jailed radical Sikh preacher Amritpal Singh and Kashmiri leader Sheikh Abdul Rashid are set to take oath as Lok Sabha members on Friday, subject to some conditions in their parole orders.

While Rashid, popularly known as Engineer Rashid, is in Delhi's Tihar jail in a terror funding case registered under the

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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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE DELHI ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (NET METERING FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY) (FIRST AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2024

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 181 read with Section 61 (h) and Section 86 (1) (e) of the Electricity Act 2003 (Act 36 of 2003), Regulation 16 of Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) (Net Metering for Renewable Energy), Regulations 2014 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, DERC has prepared the Draft DERC (Net Metering for Renewable Energy) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2024.

2) The said Draft Regulations are available on the website of the Commission http://derc.gov.in 3) The Stakeholders are requested to forward their Suggestions/ Comments on the said Draft Regulations to the Commission, latest by 5:00 PM on 19/07/2024.

Dated: 02.07.2024 Rajesh Dang, Secretary DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0113/24-25

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In order to upgrade the infrastructure, Northern Railway will undertake Pre-Non-Interlocking and Non-Interlocking work in connection with Roza yard remodeling work on Shahjahanpur Jn. - Lucknow & Roza - Sitapur City Jn. double line section over Moradabad Division.

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JEE aspirant ends life in Kota

Jaipur: A 16-year-old engineering aspirant allegedly died by hanging himself from the ceiling fan inside his PG room in Kota, police said on Thursday.

This is the 13th case of suspected suicide by a coaching student in Kota since January.

The student, Sandeep Kumar, hailed from Nalanda in Bihar and had been preparing for JEE since 2023. Around 6 am on Thursday, another student went to his room and found the door locked. After he got no response from inside, he peeped through the window and saw Kumar hanging from the ceiling fan.

He immediately rushed to the caretaker who then informed the police.

Mahavir Nagar police station Circle Inspector (CI) Mahendra Maru said that the student took the extreme step on Wednesday night. No suicide note was recovered from the room, he said. ENS

Rajasthan: Month after BJP setback in LS polls, Kirodi Lal resigns as minister

HAMZAKHAN JAIPUR, JULY 4

MONTHS AFTER announcing that he would quit as a minister if the BJP loses the Dausa Lok Sabha seat, Rajasthan Cabinet Minister Kirodi Lal Meena on Thursday said that he has submitted his resignation.

"I could not make my party win, it left a bitter taste... *mann bigad gaya, mann tut gaya* (It broke me). I had announced that if I can't ensure a win in LS seats, I will resign as a minister," Meena said Thursday. One of his aides said that Meena had submitted his resignation to Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma around June 20. However, the resignation is yet to be accepted.

As the news of his resignation spread, BJP state president C P Joshi met Meena and spoke



Meena left for Delhi after a call from BJP chief JP Nadda. File

to him for about half an hour on Thursday. Later in the evening, party president JP Nadda called him to Delhi, following which Meena left for the national capital. Meena said his resignation was also the reason why he did not attend the CM's cabinet meeting held recently as he had "no moral right".

Although senior to the Chief Minister and the two Deputy CMs in both age and party, Meena, a former Rajya Sabha MP, two-term LS MP and six-time MLA, was made a cabinet minister in the Bhajan Lal Sharma government. In the official hierarchy, he is next only to the CM and the two deputy CMs.

On speculation whether he had taken this step out of dissatisfaction with the party or the government, Meena said, "There

is no reason for me to be angry... I had also met the CM and very respectfully, he told me that 'no, your resignation will not be accepted'. But I told the CM that since I had spoken amidst the people and announced that I will resign if we don't win this seat (Dausa), I had to resign. It is natural that I cannot stay in a government bungalow, government car or office."

In the Dausa Lok Sabha seat, Congress's Murari Lal Meena had defeated BJP's Kanhaiya Lal Meena with a margin of over 2.3 lakh votes. While campaigning for Kanhaiya Lal during LS polls, Meena had said, on at least two occasions, that if Kanhaiya Lal doesn't win from Dausa then he will resign as a minister.

Reacting to Meena's resignation, Congress state president Govind Singh Dotasra said, "If he stays put on his decision and does not withdraw his resignation then we salute him that he is keeping his word. All that false propaganda he spread against us, denigrated us, that is a different thing."

Hathras stampede: 6 'sevadars' held, main accused on the run

DHEERAJ MISHRA HATHRAS, JULY 4

THE UTTAR Pradesh Police on Thursday said six persons, including two women, have been arrested in connection with the stampede at the religious gathering in Hathras on Tuesday in which 121 people were killed.

All those arrested have been identified as "sevadars" (volunteers) of the local preacher, Suraj Pal, also known as Narayan Sakar Vishwa Hari or 'Bhole Baba', who addressed the satsang. The preacher, however, has not been named in the FIR.

The FIR names 'mukhya sevadar' Devprakash Madhukar, who is absconding. Police have announced a reward of Rs 1 lakh for information leading to his arrest. Asked if Suraj Pal would face action, Aligarh Division Inspector General of Police Shalabh Mathur said: "I am saying if he is guilty or not. I am saying the investigation is underway and if we get evidence, we will proceed accordingly." Asked why the preacher was not named as the main accused, he said: "Permission was not sought on his name".

"We are getting his criminal history. He took voluntary retirement as head constable in 2000. He was posted in Agra. We are aware of an FIR against him in Shahganj police station in Agra, after which he was acquitted. Apart from this, if there is any other FIR, the information is being gathered," he said.

The six who have been arrested have been identified as Ram Ladaite Yadav from Mainpuri, Upendra Singh Yadav from Firozabad, and Manju Devi



People outside the ashram of preacher Surajpal alias 'Bhole Baba' in Kasganj on Thursday. PTI

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'Bhole Baba' stayed at house of paper leak accused in Dausa: Cops

Jaipur: Religious preacher Suraj Pal, also known as 'Bhole Baba', used to stay at Harshvardhan Meena's place in Dausa whenever he visited Rajasthan, said ADGP (SOG) V K Singh.

Meena, the main accused in Rajasthan 2020 Junior Engineer Exam (JEN) recruitment exam paper leak case, was arrested in February, 2024.

"In January we raided Meena's house in Dausa in con-

nection with the paper leak case. But before we could reach the house, a man who was staying there ran away," said Singh. He said when some SOG officials saw pictures of the Hathras stampede, they recognised that man to be as 'Bhole Baba'.

"Bhole Baba" used to organise satsangs at Meena's house. Posters and banners of Baba are still pasted in front of the house, he said.

Investigations revealed that the volunteers would stop police personnel deployed at the venue from taking photos and videos of the event and would misbehave with them, he said. "The police is also investigating whether there was any criminal conspiracy," he said.

The FIR has been registered under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Sections 105 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder), 110 (attempt to commit culpable homicide), 126(2) (wrongful restraint), 223 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant), 238 (causing disappearance of evidence).

"Baba in his satsang would say to help others, but when the stampede happened, he ran away. He could have saved so many lives," said Sandeep, the younger brother of Manmohan. Sandeep is also a sergeant in the IAF. Sandeep said that both his parents were followers of the preacher, but his mother did not go to the satsang this time.

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When people were dying, Baba fled: Family of Subedar who died in stampede

NEETIKA JHA & DHEERAJ MISHRA HATHRAS, JULY 4

JULY 2 WAS ending as a routine day for 40-year-old Manmohan Kumar at his Indian Air Force (IAF) office in Delhi's Tughlakabad until he called up his wife around 6:30pm. His wife informed Kumar that her father-in-law Ram Naresh, who had gone to Hathras for a satsang, was not answering the calls. Manmohan also called up his father many times, but to no avail. Minutes later, his brother Sandip called to give the most painful news of his life — "Come home soon... our father is dead".

A retired Subedar of the Indian Army, 66-year-old Ram Naresh of Malgawa Mandir village in UP's Auraiya district was one of the two men who were killed in the Hathras stampede. While the family is in grief, Kumar angrily questions why there is no action against the 'Baba' yet. "My father sat next to the stage. When the crowd started to disperse, someone pushed him... People then walked over him. Satya Prakash, a man from our village who accompanied my father informed my brother about his death," said Manmohan. He said his father had attended the satsang of Narayan Sakar Vishwa Hari aka 'Bhole Baba' for the first time about four years ago at their village. "It was not a big function, it was organised in a mango farm. He seemed very happy about the satsang that day," Manmohan recalls.

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PRESS NOTICE INVITING
e-TENDER NO: 11/EE/MCD/PWD(R&B)/2024-25,
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On behalf of the 'Governor of Tripura' The Executive Engineer, Medical College Division, PWD(R&B), Agartala, West Tripura invites Item rate e-tender from the eligible bidders up to 3.00 PM on 31-07-2024 for the following works:-

DNIEt NO:- CE (Buildings)/PWD/ACE/Project Unit/DNIEt/16/2024-25

For details visit website <https://tripuratenders.gov.in> and contact at 9436452719 (M) // 7005353321 (M). Any subsequent corrigendum will be available in the website only.

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Letter No. 1360 Dt. 03/07/2024

The Chief Construction Engineer, Dhenkanal (R&B) Circle, Dhenkanal on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Rate bids in double cover system to be received in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for construction of Building works as detailed below:

- Name of the work : Building works
- No of works : 05 (Five) Nos
- Estimated Cost : Rs.3.18 crore to Rs.6.66 (as given in column No. 03 of table)
- Cost of tender paper : Rs 10,000.00
- Class of contractor : 'A' Class & 'Special' Class (as given in column No. 07 of table)
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- Date and time of availability of bid Document in the website : From Dt.11.07.2024 to 5.00P.M. of Dt.25.07.2024
- Date of opening of bid : Dt.26.07.2024 at 11.30 A.M.

The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only further details can be seen from the e- Procurement Portal: www.tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

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The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 18.07.2024 upto 5:00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on dated 19.07.2024 at 11:00 AM.

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Sl. No.	Job No.	Name of Work	Tender Amt. (In Lacs)
1.	02/DGM(E&M) /S.M./E/M-III 2024-25	M/o Authority Building (AMC of different type of Ac's installed in different offices in main Administrative office Sector-6 and Indra Kala Kendra), Noida	57.06
2.	02/DGM(E&M) /S.M./E/M-III 2024-25	Annual Maintenance of Street light in Sector-14, 15, 15A, 16, 16A, 17, 17A, 18, 99, 100, 107 & related main roads, MP-2 road No.2 upto film city flyover, DSC road, Noida	78.23
3.	04/DGM(E&M) /S.M./E/M-III 2024-25	Providing and Fixing of Triangular Water Fountain on Sashi Chowk Round about, Noida	55.17
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PUBLIC NOTICE
GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE FOR INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLOTMENT OF WHOLESALE LICENSE OF IMFL (L-1) AND COUNTRY LIQUOR (L-13) FOR THE YEAR 2024-25 IN FIFTEEN DISTRICTS OF THE STATE.

The applications are hereby invited for grant of wholesale license of IMFL in the form of L-1 and Wholesale license of Country Liquor in form of L-13 for Fifteen excise districts in the State. The Wholesale license of IMFL (L-1) and Country Liquor (L-13) shall be granted to the applicant amongst the retail outlet allottees/licensees of Indian Made Foreign Liquor (L-2) and Country Liquor (L-14A) respectively. The L-1 and L-13 licenses shall be granted on the basis of quota contribution of Indian Made foreign Liquor (L-2) and Country Liquor (L-14A) (of the policy year 2024-25), amongst the applicant allottees/licensees of retail zones within an Excise district. The quota contribution for the purpose of grant of L-1 & L-13 licenses shall be calculated on the basis of retail liquor zones allotted as on 08.07.2024 for receiving such applications for grant of L-1/L-13. The L-1/L-13 license(s) shall be granted only to those eligible applicants who apply for the License(s) within the date fixed/extended by the Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Haryana. The Excise Policy provides that the Excise and Taxation Commissioner may invite applications for such number of L-1/L-13 licenses as he may deem fit. The Excise and Taxation Commissioner may also conduct the process of allotment in multiple rounds of inviting applications. Next round of allotment of L-1 and L-13 Licenses will be initiated after the completion of fourth round.

The number of wholesale licenses of IMFL (L-1) and Country Liquor (L-13) in the district for which the applications are being invited in fourth round shall be as under:-

Sr. No.	Districts	Number of L-1 (s) to be granted	Number of L-13 (s) to be granted
1	Ambala	1	1
2	Bhiwani	1	1
3	Faridabad	1	0
4	Fatehabad	0	1
5	Gurgaon (East)	2	0
6	Hisar	1	0
7	Jagadhari	1	1
8	Jind	2	2
9	Kaithal	1	1
10	Karnal	2	0
11	Narnaul	1	0
12	Panchkula	1	1
13	Panipat	1	2
14	Rewari	2	2
15	Rohtak	2	1
TOTAL		19	13

The licenses for wholesale outlets of IMFL (L-1) and Country Liquor (L-13) shall be granted in accordance with the provisions of Haryana Excise Act, 1914, rules framed thereunder and as per the Excise Policy for the year 2024-25. The Excise Policy for the year 2024-25 is available on the official website of the department www.haryanatax.gov.in.

The application may be submitted in the office of the DETC (Excise) concerned on or before 08.07.2024. The application shall be forwarded by the DETC (Excise) alongwith his recommendation to the Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Haryana, immediately.

The quota contribution shall be taken up to 08.07.2024. The licenses for wholesale outlets of IMFL (L-1) and Country Liquor (L-13) shall be granted subject to the provisions of Haryana Excise Act, 1914, rules framed thereunder and as per the Excise Policy for the year 2024-25.

Excise and Taxation Commissioner
 Haryana, Panchkula.

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NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
E-Tendering
Tender Notice No. 40/2024
 Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.) N.E. Railways, Izatnagar For and behalf of President of India invites "Open" e-tender through Online (E-Tendering) for the following work:
Description of works: Carrying out Zone works for period ending 30.06.2025 on Zone no. 24. PBE (Ex.) to SZP (INC.). Approx. Value (₹): ₹90,05,095.01; E.M.D Money (₹): ₹1,80,100/-; Cost of Tender forms: Nil; Completion time/period from the date of issue of acceptance letter: 30.06.2025; 1. Online e-tender can be submitted up to 15.00 hrs. of dated 25.07.2024. 2. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in
 Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.) CPROW-144 Izatnagar
 DO NOT SMOKE BIDI/CIGARETTE IN TRAINS

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
E-TENDER Notice No. EL-50-DNR-13-2024-25
 The Divisional Railway Manager, E. C. Railway, Danapur for and on behalf of the President of India is inviting online (E-Tendering) Open from the reputed contractors working in State/Central Govt. having valid Electrical contractor license for the required voltage level issued by State/Central Govt. licensing board for the following work fulfilling the Eligibility Criteria and terms conditions mentioned in tender document.
Tender No. : EL-50-DNR-OPEN-13-2024-25. 1. Name of work with its location: Provision of rooftop solar plant of 260 kWp capacity at different location of Patliputra Rail Parisar, Digha. 2. Approx cost of the work (NIT value) : ₹13542099.09. 3. Earnest money to be deposited : ₹217700.00. 4. Date & time for online submission and closing of all above tenders : On 26.07.2024 up to 12:00 Hrs. 5. Website particulars, notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where all the above tender form can be seen : CRIS website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> Office of the Sr. DEE (G/DNR, D.R.M. Building, 1st Floor, East Central Railway, Danapur.
Note: All corrigendum will be uploaded on website before 15 days if required.
 Divnl. Railway Manager (Elect/G) East Central Railway, Danapur
PR/00641/DNR/EGENT/24-25/40

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SAMBALPUR
 Tel-0663-2548268, E-mail id-serwicirclesbp@yahoo.com

e-Procurement No.2539/ Dated: 03.07.2024

Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur on behalf of Odisha State Rural Roads Agency invites Percentage (%) bids through e-Procurement from eligible class of experienced bidders for construction of roads and CD works including maintenance for 5 years of rural roads under PRADHAN MANTRI-JANJATI ADIVASI NYAYA MAHA ABHYAN (PM-JANMAN) BATCH-II for the year 2023-24.

Sl. No.	Name of work.	Construction of road and CD works including five-year maintenance under PM-JANMAN, Batch-II for the year 2023-24.
2	Class of Contractor.	As mentioned in Annexure
3	No of packages.	03 Nos of Package
4	Estimated cost	Approximately varies from Rs.208.94 lakhs to Rs.673.81 lakhs (Information in DTCN will be Final)
5	Bid submission fee.	Rs. 10,000/- (Non-Refundable) per set of package
6	Mode of submission of tender.	Only through online in website. www.pmgstenders.gov.in .

Summary of key dates are provided below:

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender online for bidding	Last date and time for seeking clarification	Last date and time of submission of Original documents	Date & Time of opening of tender
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural, Works Circle, Sambalpur	PMGSY-Online RWCSHP 01/2024-25	10.07.2024 From 11.00 P. M.	24.07.2024 Up to 05.00 P. M.	22.07.2024 Up to 5.00 P. M.	25.07.2024 At 11.00 A. M.

*Special conditions 1- EPP registration is mandatory before draw of agreement. 2- Rate quoted by the contractor sh be excluding GST 3 MD. Bid submission fee and original affidavits should be submitted at the O/o Chief Construction Engineer Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur Or Ovo Executive Engineer/Supervising Engineer of Concern Rural Works Division. Details can be seen from the e-procurement portal www.pmgstenders.gov.in Subsequent modification/corrigendum/Addendum if required shall be appeared in the website only.

Sd/-
 Construction Engineer
 Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur

OIPR- 25091/11/0001/2425

Name of Project: Tripura Rural Economic Growth and Service Delivery Project (TRESP)
RFB Reference No.: IN-PWD(B)- 403648-CW-RFB-2 Date: 04-07-2024
PNIeT NO: 09/PNIeT/EE/PWD/SBM/DIV/2024-25 Dated-02-07-2024.

The Executive Engineer, Sabroom Division PWD (R & B), Sabroom, South Tripura invites on behalf of the 'Governor of Tripura', invites online percentage rate e-tender in two bid system from the eligible Central & State public sector undertaking / enterprise and eligible Contractors/Firms/ Private Ltd. Firm/Agencies of Appropriate Class registered with PWD/TTAADC/MES/CPWD/Railway/Govt Organization of other State & Central up to 3.00 P.M. on 08-08-2024 for the following work :-

SL NO	RFB No.	NAME OF THE WORK	BID SECURITY (Rs.)	TIME FOR COMPLETION	LAST DATE AND TIME FOR DOCUMENT DOWNLOADING AND BIDDING	TIME AND DATE OF OPENING BID	DOCUMENT DOWNLOADING AND BIDDING AT APPLICATION	CLASS OF BIDDER
1	RFB No. IN-PWD (B)-403653-CW-RFB-2	Infrastructure Development of Chatakchhari English Medium H.S. School under Rupaichari Block, South District, Tripura under World Bank Aided Project namely, TRESP (2nd Call).	Rs. 25,20,000/- (Rupees twenty-five lakh twenty thousand only)	730 days	Up to 3:00 P.M. on 08-08-2024.	At 3:30 P.M. on 08-08-2024.	https://tripuratenders.gov.in	Appropriate Class

For more details kindly visit: <https://tripuratenders.gov.in>. Bid(s) shall be opened through online in e-procurement portal by respective bid openers on behalf of the Executive Engineer, Sabroom Division, PWD (R&B), Sabroom, South Tripura and the same shall be accessible by intending bidder through website <https://tripuratenders.gov.in>. However, intending bidders and other bidder may like to be present at the bid opening for any enquiry. Please contact by e-mail to eePWDsbm2015@gmail.com.

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tripura.
 Sd/-
Executive Engineer
 Sabroom Division, PWD(R&B)
 Sabroom, South Tripura

ICA/C/692/24

Justice Sheel Nagu appointed Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana HC

AJOY SINHA KARPURAM
NEW DELHI, JULY 4

THE CENTRE on Thursday notified the appointment of Justice Sheel Nagu as the Chief Justice of the Punjab & Haryana High Court.

Justice Nagu was serving as the Acting Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court after Chief Justice Ravi Malimath demitted the office on May 24, 2024.

Now, Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva has been appointed as the new Acting Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court.

According to the official notification: "The President is pleased to appoint Shri Justice Sheel Nagu, Judge of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh, to be the Chief Justice of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana with effect from the date he assumes charge of his office."

Justice Nagu's name was recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium — comprising Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Justices Sanjiv Khanna and BR Gavai — on December 28, 2023 after the retirement of Chief Justice Ravi Shankar Jha. Chief Justice Jha retired on October 13, 2023.

This is the second appointment in two days that the Centre has cleared after the recommendation remained pending for over six months, following the appointment of Justice BR Sarangi as Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court on July 3.

Kerala: FMGE exam paper for 'sale' on social media, FIR filed

Thiruvananthapuram: The city police on Thursday registered a case against various groups after an announcement was made on social media that the Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE) question paper and answer key were for sale.

An official communication from the state police media centre said the examination was to be held on July 6 and the groups had announced on Telegram app that both question paper and answers were for sale. A case was registered under the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, which was notified by the Centre last month to curb unfair practices in public examinations.

This is the first case registered in Kerala under this Act. The cyber police have launched a patrolling of social media platforms to detect frauds of similar nature, said the police. After completing MBBS studies abroad, those who wish to practice in India are required to pass the FMGE conducted by the National Board of Examinations.

Catch Imtiaz Ali and Taapsee Pannu live on **INDIANEXPRESS.COM** today at 6 pm.

Year after deadline, Megha Engineering unit sends less than 10% EV bus order

PRATIP ACHARYA
MUMBAI, JULY 4

THE BRIHANMUMBAI Electric Supply and Transport Undertaking, an autonomous body under the city's civic corporation, has received only 185 electric buses till date of the total 2,100 that were to be supplied before August 2023 by EveyTrans Private Ltd, a subsidiary of Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Limited (MEIL).

Data provided by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, Central Pollution Control Board and BEST in response to an RTI application by *The Indian Express* revealed that BMC transferred ₹493 crore to BEST Undertaking towards purchase of electric vehicles. Of this, BEST had spent only ₹205.8 crore towards advance payment to EveyTrans Private Ltd.

Asked about the delay, BEST General Manager Anil Diggikar said, "The supplier has cited certain issues relating to spare parts that have impacted the manufacturing of buses and thereby a delay in their supply. We sent them a notice last year and have followed it up with further notices."

An EveyTrans spokesperson said, "The main problem is acquiring parts for manufacturing the battery. In our EV buses, the battery is laid down in the chassis and 60% of the manufacturing cost goes behind it. Owing to

the Indo-China tensions we couldn't get necessary raw material from China, which has contributed to delay in production."

MEIL, promoted by Pamireddy Pichi Reddy and PV Krishna Reddy was the second largest purchaser of electoral bonds, having bought bonds regularly in multiple windows between April 2019 and October 2023. Of its total electoral bond purchases of ₹966 crore, the maximum—₹584 crore—went to the BJP. EveyTrans, the MEIL subsidiary, was issued work order by BEST in May 2022.

Information put out in public domain by Election Commission showed that MEIL had donated ₹122 crore to BJP through electoral bonds during the calendar year 2022. BEST officials said since the buses are coming in a phased manner, the payments are staggered.

"The operator (Evey) has also deposited a bank guarantee with us, which could be forfeited if there is any serious violation," the official said. The Fifteenth Finance Commission had sanctioned ₹620 crore to BMC towards air quality management over three years.

Of this, ₹493 crore, or almost 80 per cent, was allocated to BEST Undertaking for procurement of electric vehicles. The entire fleet of 2,100 buses was to be delivered by August 2023.

The RTI data shows that while 20 buses were delivered in 2022, 72 buses were delivered in

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2023, 93 were delivered this year till July 4, by EveyTrans. Senior officials at BEST confirmed that the balance amount of ₹287.2 crore remains unutilised.

BEST Undertaking officials said at least three notices have been sent to EveyTrans since September 2023, with the latest sent in April this year. They said the agency has been instructed to supply the buses at the earliest. BEST had issued the work order for acquiring 2,100 electric buses on wet-lease model from EveyTrans Pvt Ltd in May 2022.

Under this model, the supplier provides manpower for operation and maintenance, along with the fleet of vehicles.

According to the BEST's tender clause, 25 per cent of the buses were to be delivered within six months of issue of Letter of Acceptance (LoA) of the contract, the next tranche of 25 per cent within 12 months from issuing LoA and remaining 50 per cent within 18 months from the date of issuing LoA to the supplier. The clause also had a provision for penalty if delivery was delayed. It could levy ₹2,000 per bus per day of delay up to the date of supply of buses, accord-

ing to the tender. BEST also holds the right to terminate the contract if EveyTrans fails to supply the buses/ bus services before August 2023.

"If the Successful Bidder fails to cure the default within the Cure Period ... or where no Cure Period is specified, then within a Cure Period of 120 days, the Successful Bidder shall be deemed to be in default of this Agreement," the contract clause reads. As part of the 2022 work order, EveyTrans was supposed to maintain and operate these buses for 156 months (13 years) after acquiring them from its sister firm Olectra, another subsidiary of MEIL.

"EveyTrans is supposed to operate each bus at a tariff of ₹46 per kilometre, which is the cheapest rate that we have got after putting out the bids. We are not too keen on scrapping the contract right now, because if we do so, then we will have to re-float the tender and that may lead to an increase in the tariff of wet-lease..." said an official.

"There is a provision of imposing a penalty for delayed delivery. However, this could be levied only after the entire consignment of 2,100 buses is received by us," the official said.

On the release of ₹205 crore to EveyTrans, the BEST official said this amount has been paid as a token to EveyTrans for supplying the buses as per the guidelines laid by the Ministry of

Heavy Industries of government of India, while the balance amount remains unutilised as of now with BEST.

"The rules state that 20 per cent manufacturing cost should be paid to the agency in advance after the work order is issued. Following this, 40 per cent of the cost would be paid after receiving the consignment of buses, while the remaining 40 per cent would be supplied to the fleet operator after six months of the successful commercial operation of buses," said an official.

"Since the buses are coming in a phased manner, the payments are staggered. The operator (Evey) has also deposited a bank guarantee with us, which could be forfeited if they start stretching the schedule of delivery by a larger extent," the official added. The official said that while they have received 185 buses till now, 30 more are expected to arrive over the next few weeks."

The EveyTrans spokesperson also said, "Till January this year, we had only one production facility, and from February onwards, one more facility has been added. As a result, now production has started to pick up. Besides BEST, we are also supplying buses to MSRTC, Nagpur City, Hyderabad, Surat, Dehradun among other cities. Hence, there is a huge demand and supply gap that has been created over time with us."

Health Ministry to MHA, MEA: Inform foreigners about organ transplant law

ANONNA DUTT
NEW DELHI, JULY 4

THE UNION Health Ministry has written to the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Home Affairs to make the foreign nationals coming to the country for organ transplants aware of the key legalities of the Indian law governing such operations.

"India has emerged as one of the leading destinations for foreign nationals to get their organs transplanted owing to the world-class health facilities in the country and its highly skilled medical professionals.... In order to sensitise foreign nationals who visit India the ministry of health and family welfare has prepared scroll messages and creatives, with a proposition of wide dissemination," the letters written last month to the home and foreign secretaries states.

The letters urge the home secretary to display the messages on websites and portals of the Bureau of Immigration and the foreign secretary to display it at conspicuous places at the airports as well as on the websites of Ministry of External Affairs and the Embassies and Missions of India abroad.

The development comes in the backdrop of two instances where provisions of the

Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act were violated — in Rajasthan where fake NoCs were issued to Bangladeshi nationals and in Delhi where poor Myanmar nationals were allegedly paid to donate kidneys.

According to officials in the know of the matter: "We realised that foreign nationals were coming to India... And, many were not informed about the laws in India. It is important to widely disseminate the information so that everyone is aware..."

The official added: "... we want to ensure that these transplants are legal." The information scroll states key points, including the fact that those opting for an organ transplant should come to India on a medical visa. All donors should be over the age of 18 years, no Indian living donor is permitted to give organs to foreigners unless they are a near-relative, the scroll states.

The scroll also states that foreign patients may register to receive organs from a deceased donor—organs of someone unrelated donated after that person's death — but they will be considered only when there is no Indian patient available to take the organ.

"Commercial dealing in human organs or tissues is prohibited and is a punishable offence in India," states the scroll.



BABY ON BOARD

As floods inundate large parts of Assam, a 25-year-old woman in Morigaon gives birth on a boat on Brahmaputra river Wednesday, with health workers holding up a tarpaulin to shelter her from rain. The woman was being taken to a health centre but went into labour early. The flood situation in Assam has been worsening, with 16.50 lakh affected in 29 districts. AP

RSS wing recommends open-book exams on IIT pattern to NEET panel

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, JULY 4

IN THE backdrop of the alleged NEET paper leak, the RSS education wing Vidya Bharati has suggested that the government should explore the idea of open-book exams and prepare question banks apart from restructuring central competitive tests on the lines of IIT exams.

These suggestions among others have been sent to the K Radhakrishnan-led committee set up by government to review the functioning of the National Testing Agency (NTA).

"The way exams are conducted needs to change. The exams must focus on testing the intelligence quotient, aptitude and attitude of the examinee. Once this happens, there will be no question of leakage. When you have to write from memory, then all these problems start," said D Ramkrushan Rao, Akhil Bharatiya Adhyaksh of Vidya Bharati.

Batting for the IIT pattern of exams, Rao said: "When you test the IQ... IITs conduct exams... it is a foolproof system because the method of testing is different. NTA is conducting so many exams. Once the testing system changes things will become better."

A senior office bearer of the organisation said these suggestions, apart from those of building question banks and exploring the idea of open book exams, have been sent to the Radhakrishnan committee.

The Education Ministry on June 22, had announced an expert committee under Radhakrishnan to look into exam reforms and review the NTA's functioning after irregularities were reported in the conduct of NEET-UG and UGC-NET.

Rao also said: "The NEET paper leak is unfortunate. I must not comment on it, but it is a matter of great concern. That such incidents do not push merit behind, we will do whatever it takes through our schools."

Bihar sees 10th bridge collapse in two weeks

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, JULY 4

YET ANOTHER bridge fell in Bihar's Saran on Thursday, taking the total count of such collapses in the last fortnight to 10. This has prompted Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to order inspection of all the under-construction and old bridges in the state within two weeks.

A bridge connecting Saraiya and Satua panchayats and built over Gandaki river fell. Saran DM Aman Samir told reporters: "The bridge was built with local authorities' funds around 15 years ago. Though the exact reason for the bridge collapse is not known, desilting work had been done recently." At least 10 bridges have collapsed in Kishanganj, Araria, East Champaran, Madhubani, Siwan and Saran since June 18.

CM Nitish Kumar held a meeting to assess the collapses and directed rural works, road construction and building construction departments to submit an inspection report of all under-construction and old bridges.

Will amend criminal laws: Karnataka minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, JULY 4

DAYS AFTER the Karnataka government opposed the implementation of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA), Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H K Patil said the state would make 23-25 amend-

ments to these laws before they are implemented in the state. The three criminal laws came into effect from July 1.

Speaking to reported here on Thursday, Patil said that the changes will be along the lines of the feedback sent by Karnataka to the Centre in response to these laws last year. Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah in October last year,

suggesting 23 changes in the BNS, BNSS and BSA Bills.

The recommendations were based on the suggestions of an expert committee formed by the state government to look into the three Bills.

Among the changes mulled by the state government included amendments to provisions under the BNS and other laws that criminalised hunger strikes. "The BSA allows police

custody for 90 days, which is a violation of human rights," the minister had said on Tuesday.

Speaking about the Cabinet meeting held on Thursday, the minister said the Cabinet approved the ₹2,000-crore Mahatma Gandhi Nagara Vikasa Yojana stage-2. The cabinet also cleared a Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation proposal to procure 840 diesel buses at a cost of ₹363.82 crore.

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CPI takes another swipe at CPM in Kerala, warns its student wing becoming 'liability'

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IN THE aftermath of the Lok Sabha poll debacle for the Left Democratic Front (LDF) in Kerala, the churning continues. On Thursday, the CPI came out strongly against the young wing of senior partner CPI(M), the Students' Federation of India (SFI), over incidents of violence at college campuses.

the last seven days that the CPI, which drew a blank in the recent Lok Sabha elections, the second time in a row, has pointed fingers at the CPI(M), saying the latter requires to mend its ways to reverse the electoral setback.

CPI state secretary Binoy Viswam said that unless the SFI did so, it would become a "liability" for the Left. "The SFI is following a barbaric culture, which does not go with the style of functioning of a student outfit," he told the media in Alappuzha Thursday.

The CPI's latest condemnation of the CPI(M) followed the alleged manhandling of the principal of Gurudev College, Kozhikode, by SFI workers after he questioned the presence of outsiders at the outfit's helpdesk for new students.

Later, the SFI took out a march to the college, in which one of the speakers said: "If required, we'll make a hearth on the principal's chest." DYFI Kozhikode district leader B P Prabeesh was allegedly heard threatening: "If the SFI decides (to attack), the scoundrel

(the principal, Sunil Bhaskar) would have to be helped out of campus by others." In another incident on Kerala University campus in Thiruvananthapuram, an activist of Congress's student wing, the Kerala Students' Union, was allegedly attacked by a group of SFI activists. Addressing state Assembly Thursday, CM Pinarayi Vijayan of the CPI(M) claimed the claims of "gunda raj" prevailing on state campuses an attempt by some to "cover up" the state government's "achievements in higher education".



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Constitution at the centre



UPENDRA BAXI

It is an inspiration for political classes, the people and judiciary. It's up to all to ensure there is no over reach

DATA UNINTERRUPTED

Government should publish detailed GST figures on a regular basis, to ensure transparency, more informed policy

ON JULY 1, the Ministry of Finance marked seven years of the shift to the Goods and Services Tax regime. About the same time, the government reportedly decided to discontinue the practice of publishing detailed GST data on a regular basis. This is an unwelcome departure from the past. The monthly GST data, which contains information on gross tax collections, revenue from levy of the compensation cess as well as the state-wise tax collected, serves several purposes. As data on many other economic indicators tends to be released with a considerable lag, the GST data works as a timely barometer to gauge the state of the economy. For instance, the quarterly GDP data comes with a delay of two months — data for the first quarter of the ongoing year (April-June) will only be released at the end of August. Similarly, data on industrial production is also published with a lag — data for April was published on June 12. The GST data also provides an indication of whether the government (it includes both Centre and state collections) is on track to meet its budgeted revenue projections, and as a consequence its fiscal deficit target. This has implications for its market borrowings.

This is not the first time there has been controversy around the release of official data. For instance, the 2017-18 consumption expenditure survey was not released by the government due to "quality issues". There was a sharp debate over the employment and unemployment survey of 2017-18. However, over the years, the government has taken steps to address the concerns raised over the growing gaps in data, and strengthened the statistical system. The employment surveys have been carried out and released at regular intervals. The fact sheet on the latest round of the household consumption expenditure survey was put in the public domain before the general elections. And recently, the government has released a fact sheet on the two rounds of the annual survey of unincorporated sector enterprises that provides information on how the informal sector has fared during 2021-22 and 2022-23.

The government should strive to maintain data transparency, it should resume the practice of releasing granular GST data at regular intervals. Alongside, it must move quickly for conduct of the much delayed census. While in the initial years of the decade, the delay on account of the pandemic was understandable, three years later, it is difficult to justify the continued stalling. This is more so since several official surveys have been carried out and released during this period. Considering that data, whether on household consumption expenditure, employment or tax, provides an understanding of various facets of the economy, the absence of data has critical implications for policy.

HOME AND WORLD

Limiting itself to literature that is 'made in India' closes some windows. NCERT's textbook review needs more creativity

THERE IS A Robert Frost poem that students of a particular vintage would be familiar with: "I shall be telling this with a sigh/ Somewhere ages and ages hence:/ Two roads diverged in a wood, and I — / I took the one less travelled by,/ And that has made all the difference." One of the joys of literature is to lead the reader to the unexpected thrills of this unfamiliar road: A writer one has never heard of; a world view that shocks; a piece of writing so achingly beautiful that one does not want it to end. It leads one to a world beyond the familiar and the comfortable, turning readers into seekers. In its newly revamped English textbook for Class VI, *Poorvi*, developed in line with the New Education Policy 2020's call for a curriculum "rooted in the Indian and local context and ethos", the NCERT has sought to locate this universe in India's diversity. The poems, essays and stories it now features are by some of India's best-known writers, including S I Farooqi, Sudha Murty and others. It offers students a glimpse of the heterogeneity that exists in the country. But in leaving out international writers largely, it does young people a disservice — it robs them of a window to a wider world.

Periodic revisions of textbooks are essential. There is pragmatism in introducing children to the multitudes contained in India, cutting across boundaries of region and language, custom and religion. There is, too, in the idea of decolonisation that can serve as an introduction to the wide arc of literature that exists outside of the traditional canon. The study of any discipline requires context and a colonial trajectory is anything but representative. But such revisions must not lose sight of the goal: To expose students to a vibrant curriculum that encourages curiosity, enhances critical thinking and acts as a springboard to the lives and experiences of those both culturally and geographically like and unlike themselves. For that, merely "made in India" literature is not enough.

One of the comforts of literature — unlike social science, for instance — is that it deals not merely with the specificities of events but with the universality of emotions. The world can be a strange unfamiliar place but human nature is the same everywhere, governed by love and hate, greed and goodness, hope and despair. It is this delicate balance between home and the world, between what lies within and what meets the eye that should determine what goes into the curriculum and in what proportion. The NCERT would do well to keep that in mind for future revisions.

SPEEDY DOES IT

Rubik's Cube is an apt metaphor for much that has been lost and gained since its invention in 1974

THE FIRST TIME Ernő Rubik "solved" what would go on to become his Magic Cube, the world was a very different place. In 1974, Rubik — an architect and teacher — put together 20 smaller cubes to create a larger one, with eight corners and 12 edges. It was months before the inventor could ensure that six sides of it were uniform in colour — the goal of the puzzle. Fifty years later, the world record to solve a Rubik's Cube is 3.3 seconds. And that's not all that's changed.

When Rubik invented his cube, Hungary — his home country — was behind the Iron Curtain. There was no internet then, no "influencers", to make a puzzle go viral. When it was finally picked up for the capitalist world, it was hugely popular. Over the last five decades, millions have tried and failed, and tried again to solve it. The achievement of finally figuring out the colours, though, required time, patience and long attention spans. No wonder, then, that Rubik's Cube has been hacked now, its mystery and romance gone. Just put in "how to solve a Rubik's Cube in under 10 minutes" in the search engine or Large Language Model of your choice, and voila! Almost everyone can do in minutes now what once took most people hours, if not days.

Now competitive and automated, the Rubik's Cube is perhaps an apt metaphor of all that has been lost and gained since 1974. Things are faster, and that sometimes means better. But with speed, people also lose something they need — the ability to sit, think and take something magical, a cube made of different coloured cubes, for example, and find out how it works. Now, a machine with more computing power than the smartest human can do it in seconds. Still, for those who want it, there's always a quiet moment to try to match Rubik's pace in solving his invention. The joy, after all, isn't in only finding the solution.

IT WOULD APPEAR that all political parties and their leaders have developed a new image of, and affinity for, the Constitution of India. This was evident in the recent session of Parliament, which was preceded by a hard-fought and hard-won election for the 18th Lok Sabha. The oath-taking of many included the additional utterance of "Jai Samvidhan" — the chant also reverberated in many public gatherings — although the oath itself is a pledge to uphold the Constitution and the sovereignty and integrity of India.

Article 99 prescribes that every member of either House of Parliament should take an oath or affirmation according to the Third Schedule that she "shall bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as established by law". That phrase is itself puzzling because the Constitution determines the validity of laws passed by Parliament, not the other way around. And, despite some early hesitations, it has now been accepted by all that a constitutional amendment is also such a law, whose validity is subject to constitutional judicial review.

The cynic and the realist may maintain that the newly found affection and reverence for the Constitution is, at best, a novel way of heightening the democratic legitimisation for competitive political performance. They may argue that it has little bearing on adherence to constitutional duties (Part IV-A) or the Directive Principles of State Policy (Part IV), or even the rights of liberty and equality of all (Part III).

The extraordinary fact, however, remains that the voters have deftly developed the idea of constitutionalism as a shield and sword for their own larger freedom against the political futures they apprehend. Not being a political scientist or a psephologist is a disability, but I have always viewed election results in terms of the changing relationship between the "oathed" and "un-oathed" citizens. The paradoxes of democracy lie in how, and why, the oathed citizens continue to constitute the constitutional elites and how the "people", in whose name all political power is exercised, remain "masses" of the "weaker sections of society".

The other oath in the Third Schedule provides an important part of the answer. The

Surely, the Prime Minister was right to stress in the Rajya Sabha that the Constitution is not a miscellany of dry provisions and that we should also look at its underlying spirit. That is precisely what 'Kesavananda Bharati' and its normative progeny decided. The defence of the Constitution needs to now be made more specific: No matter how the Constitution may be amended in the future, with an all-party consensus, its Basic Structure and foundational principles should never be allowed to be eclipsed.

oath of office for Justices of the Supreme Court and the High Courts of India includes the following: "I will duly and faithfully and to the best of my ability, knowledge and judgement perform the duties of my office without fear or favour, affection or ill-will and that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws."

The first thing to note is the phrase "perform". The law as performance, a public demonstration, has yet to be fully studied in India. The second provides a succinct working definition of independence of the judiciary, as security from threats emanating from within (incumbent and superannuated justices, litigants and lawyers), and outside (from the state and the economy).

Does it constitute a "judicial overreach" when justices act in light of their oath? Note also that they are the only class of constitutional *karamcharis* who are not to act on their belief and opinions but on their "knowledge and judgement". Knowledge here refers not to the folklore of law but to the institutional memory of the foundational values of courtcraft and justicing. And "judgement" connotes fidelity to the core principles of traditions of interpretation, in which most precedents function as steadying points of law. However, it allows reasoned justifications to depart from the precedents of manifest injustice.

Knowledge and judgement of the core principles of law provide the wherewithal for constitutional reverence and renaissance, as was memorably propounded on July 4, 2018 by the 45th Chief Justice of India, Dipak Misra (with Justices A K Sikri and A M Khanwilkar): "The constitutional functionalities are expected to cultivate the understanding of constitutional renaissance by realisation of their constitutional responsibility and sincere acceptance of the summons to be obedient to the constitutional conscience with a sense of reawakening to the vision of the great living document so as to enable true blossoming of the constitutional ideals."

The judicial oath is thus a standing invitation to innovate judicial interpretation of the rule of law and to renovate the practices of good governance in accordance with reasoned judgment about judicial duties and remedial action. The repair, reform, and renaissance — inherent to judicial duties — is

thus placed at the service of judicial oath prescribed by the Constitution itself. The judicial oath is fully at work in and since the *Kesavananda Bharati* decision — the end of whose Golden Jubilee (on April 23, 2024) was proudly celebrated by many law schools and the grateful people of India. Rather than judicial overreach, the problem troubling us is that of constitutional underreach.

The *Kesavananda Bharati* decision and its progeny prescribed that, first, constitutional powers are plenary powers, supreme within their decisional domains, and second, that all powers are simultaneously limited and accountable. There are no sovereign powers, but only supreme constitutional powers provided within constitutional limits — including judicial power and the process of constitutional judicial review. And, contrary to political propaganda, most amendments since *Kesavananda Bharati* have been sustained — only a minuscule number have been held contrary to the Basic Structure doctrine. Further, the Basic Structure comprises two aspects: First, forensic freedoms (free space of argumentation in an open court — the independence of the Bar), and second, the independence of the judiciary. To take these away is to abolish altogether the idea of the Constitution and that of responsible sovereignty; in short, the very idea of legitimate authority.

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THE HATHRAS QUESTIONS

UP government must find the answers with transparency and urgency

THE HORRIFIC STAMPEDE in Hathras on July 2 was avoidable. The failures need to be examined in depth. But even preliminary reports indicated that the district administration has a lot of explaining to do for the tragedy, which claimed 121 lives, mostly of women and children.

It all began with an innocuous application seeking permission from the district authorities. Approximately 80,000 devotees were expected to attend a *samagam* (a congregation of devotees). The officials approved this as a routine procedure. It seems that they did not take into account how crowds in such assemblies are known to swell beyond the sanctioned numbers. But more than three times the number of sanctioned devotees of Bhole Baba gathered at the site of the event. The Baba is a former constable of UP police, Suraj Pal Singh. He was accused of multiple cases of misdemeanour in his official position. He was placed under suspension, but on bail, he opted for voluntary retirement and reinvented himself as a godman. He worked on a business model, which it is alleged, mobilised people vulnerable to misinformation. The Baba's supporters spread the message that his photographs have curative qualities.

White-clothed volunteers, the *sivam sevaks*, organise the Baba's *satsangs*. They also take pains to ensure that photography and the use of mobiles are kept to a minimum. At the site of the Hathras incident, too, the

volunteers reportedly bullied people to not use their mobile phones to photograph the event. Bhole Baba is also known not to be keen on social media. But he has a fairly large following in parts of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Delhi and Madhya Pradesh.

The police presence at the event was minimal. Normally, for such events, police deployment is chargeable from the party that demands arrangements. After all, they earn from their followers. It remains to be seen if this practice was followed in Hathras.

A crowd of 2,50,000 does not descend from the heavens. It would take about seven to eight hours for such a huge number of people to filter in. More so when the venue is next to a national highway. It's very likely that the news of the traffic jams caused by the influx of devotees would have been relayed to the city and district control room. A contingency plan was imperative but it is obvious there was none. CCTV's should have been in place and the site should have had proper exit and entry points per the district's internal security scheme.

Duty cards should have been issued, and duties assigned. Was there any backup plan? Of course, the investigation ordered by the government will reveal answers to these questions. We hope that responsibility is fixed and those found wanting will be taken to task. There seems to have been a delay in giving medical aid to the injured. Any such

negligence must also be probed.

The post-mortems indicated that most deaths were caused by broken rib cage, crushing, asphyxia and/or haemorrhage. A First Information Report has been lodged against the *sevdar* volunteers. However, the Baba has not yet been named in the FIR. A Special Investigation Team (SIT) has been constituted to investigate this sensitive case. Its functioning should be transparent and the investigating team must give utmost urgency to submitting a report.

Can a godman like Bhole Baba be prosecuted under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954? That is for the law enforcement agencies to determine. Anyhow, the ill-gotten wealth of these babas belongs to the nation. Notably, Section 14(1) of the Uttar Pradesh Gangsters And Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Act, 1986 gives the law the authority to attach all such properties after due scrutiny.

More importantly, there are elaborate instructions on crowd management in gatherings such as the one in Hathras. There are also scholarly studies on earlier tragedies and there is always a best way of doing everything. Unfortunately, the worst possible way of implementing the rule book was obvious in this case.

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JULY 5, 1984, FORTY YEARS AGO

RESIGNATIONS IN J&K

PRO FAROOQ LEGISLATORS of Jammu and Kashmir plan to resign en masse from the state assembly. P L Handoo, former law and revenue minister said that the move would force Governor Jagmohan to order fresh elections in the state. Party sources place the number of MLAs loyal to Farooq Abdullah at 38, including the speaker of the 75-member assembly.

PM CRITICISED

THE JANATA PARTY president, Chandra Shekhar, said that the Prime Minister, Indira

Gandhi, was trying to "share power with the Army." He remarked that the Prime Minister had not learnt any lesson after returning to power after the Emergency. He stated that Indira Gandhi had deeper designs than her actions revealed. There was no doubt that she was turning into a true fascist.

MILITANTS' LINKS

SEVERAL MILITANT ORGANISATIONS with foreign links were operating from the Golden Temple complex before the Army action. Their objective was to create an independent "Khalistan" by spreading communal strife through violent means. The White Paper, pro-

posed to be issued by the Government due to the Army action in Punjab, contains a graphic account of the activities of these organisations and their foreign connections.

MUMBAI DONS HELD

UNDERWORLD DONS AND 14 other anti-social elements were detained by the Mumbai police under the National Security Act for being allegedly involved in inciting communal riots. Haji Mastan Mirza and Karim Khan Sher Khan alias Karim Lala were arrested. Investigations had led to the office of the All India Mill Secretariat at Dongri, a "social service" organisation founded by Haji Mastan.

DIS/AGREE
THE BEST OF BOTH SIDES

A fortnightly column, which offers not this-versus-that, but the best of both sides, to inform the debate



CR Sasikumar

The sports ministry is considering the possibility of pitching yoga for inclusion in Olympics 2036. But can a mind-body-spirit practice also be a competitive sport?

Don't diminish yoga

Genuine yoga does not have space for competition and competition has no space for yoga



TARA DAS

CONSIDER THE INSTRUCTION on yoga as you would Hindustani music. There is a structure of notes under which your discipline is framed. These are the eight limbs of yoga, the *ashtanga*. Within that framework of what is sought to be achieved — exiting the cyclic entrapment of the mind from birth to death — gurus, commentators, texts and students have had the freedom to elaborate stylistically.

Among the 196 sutras of Patanjali's *Yoga Sutra*, only four refer to *asana*, (2.29, listed among the eight limbs along with self-restraint, discipline, breath control, sense withdrawal, concentration, meditation and absorption; 2.46, how the *asana* should be held "Sthirasukhamasanam", "steady and comfortable should be the posture"; 2.47, perfect the posture through meditation; and 2.48, which avers that perfection brings freedom from duality.) While this is often seen as an indication that *asana* is not intrinsic to yoga, that is incorrect. The practice itself is drawn from ancient texts such as the *Hatha Yoga Pradipika* (15 *asanas*), *Gheranda Samhita* (32), *Hatha Ratnavali* (84), *Tirumantiram* (126), *Yoga Yajnavalkya* (8), *Vasistha Samhita* (10), *Ahribudhny Samhita* (10), *Trishikhibrahmana Upanishad* (16), *Rudrayamala Uttara Tantra* (54) and so on. Ved Vyasa's commentary suggests the *asanas* for *sutra* 2.46 were drawn from these clearly pre-existing sources. Suffice to say, between schools and practitioners, a definition of what is defined as yoga is dynamic.

The *Yogatattva Upanishad* says, "asanani ca tavanti yavanto jivajatayah" — "there are as many *asanas* as there are living beings". The *Rudrayamala Uttara Tantra* puts it at 100 crore: "shatalaksha sahasrani asanani mahithale". Eighty-four are said to be precious to Lord Siva, the *Adi Yogi*. You can spend, as *yogis* say, a lifetime practising and still not claim expertise. Given everything that yoga can be, there is a need to define what yoga is not. And yoga is not an Olympic sport, any more than the stilling of mental factors, cessation of *chitta*, can be one.

To reduce yoga to posture, *asana*, alone discounts the other seven limbs. Further, there are other paths of yoga. You may be a *karmayogi*, a *janayogi*, or a *bhaktiyogi*, using action, wisdom or devotion. There

are *yogas* in the schools of *tantra*. To elevate *asana*, which falls under *rajayoga*, the harnessing of the *rajas tattva* (the bodily drive to subdue oneself) without contextual learning is a limited understanding of the practice.

Yoga is a higher calling to balance, not necessarily on your head. A lifelong *yogi* may find themselves limited in mobility as they age. Knees inflame more easily, the back takes a beating, "bouncebackability" of muscle and ligament is slower. This does not make them any less of a *yogi*. Yoga does not move one against the natural process of the body but positions one within it. Each resistance of the body is teaching the *yogi* something about their spiritual, cognitive, emotional or physical boundaries and capacity. Each day a *yogi* comes to their mat anew, in the present moment, responding to body and mind as they are. So, how would one measure "failure" or "success"? By medal tally?

To define yoga by callisthenics alone is what has led to a proliferation of yoga schools and exorbitant Teacher Training Certifications. People now claim to be certified in "kundalini" yoga after a one-month boot camp of 500 hours. Worse, Western science evangelists put such modular yoga under a lab observation protocol and declare it unsafe. It is not a Western conspiracy against yoga. Practised without its philosophical framework, yoga, as any form of *sadhana*, or progressive meditative practice, can create impacts ranging from physical disability to nervous breakdown. Self-appointed experts have proven to be sexual predators. This is because the claim of self-mastery promises safety, self-control and self-awareness. Those who cannot certify these should not stand for yoga on any podium. The race to be seen as proficient by physical fitness alone harms the essence of yoga.

The practice of yoga carries a tangible body, mind, spirit impact. Just as ingested alcohol slows the mind, from breath to consumption of all kinds, food, speech, thought, sexual conduct, cravings constitute the resultant *asana*. Mastering an *asana* comes by understanding this chain of causality and how to reduce its impact. If yoga is not transformative, it is not yoga. The Olympics can test physical stamina and speed at best, but to a genuine practitioner, the compliance of the body is just a barometer to the mind. Genuine yoga does not have space for competition and competition has no space for yoga.

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Yoga, on sporting merit

India has no reason to be shy while pitching for yoga in the Olympics and Asian Games



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BEFORE IT BECAME an Olympic sport, flag football was mostly restricted to gym classes across the US. It made for a perfect workout — an intense cardiovascular exercise, building balance and strength, and teaching teamwork. Nine months ago, this little-known sport with, to quote *The New York Times*, "recreational, amateur, intramural-type reputation" made it to the 2028 Los Angeles Games.

Xiangqi, also called Elephant chess, is a "sport" largely played in Chinatowns across the world. Last year, it was a part of the Asian Games — only the second time this obscure sport made it this far. Unsurprisingly, both times Xiangqi featured in the Asiad, the host country was China. And there are no prizes for guessing that the country that swept the gold medal, too, was China.

These two examples are for those who outrightly trash the idea of yoga's inclusion in the Olympics and Asian Games.

If the reason for belittling the proposal stems from the fear that it is being used as a propaganda tool by the BJP government, it is important to note that yoga goes beyond any ideology and has remained India's soft power tool regardless of which party has been in power.

The argument in favour of its inclusion must purely be made on yoga's sporting merit. For the sake of brevity, let's look at three key questions surrounding the debate.

First, can it be called a sport? The Oxford Dictionary defines sport as "an activity involving physical exertion and skill, esp. (particularly in modern use) one regulated by set rules or customs in which an individual or team competes against another or others." Yoga meets this definition; so that box is ticked.

We then move to the next argument: By making it competitive, are we going against the basic ethos of what is essentially meant to be a spiritual exercise? This remains a philosophical argument. However, it's tough to see how yoga will be devalued merely by making it competitive.

Few global practices are as all-encompassing, inclusive and far-reaching as yoga. According to Statista, "yoga remains a more commonly practised sport among women in all countries". In 2023, 33.6 million peo-

ple in the US practised yoga. To put it in perspective, the total number of people who played flag football, the newest Olympic sport, was estimated at 20 million across 100 countries. Even T20 cricket, which has made it to the LA Olympics, is played in far fewer countries compared to yoga.

Yoga can take a leaf out of flag football's book as it embarks on its Olympic journey. It took the American sport 20 years to reach the Olympics and during this period, its administrators codified it, held international championships and spread the competitive version in different parts of the world.

These are the steps yoga must follow as well. It has featured as a competitive sport in the Khelo India Youth Games and was modelled largely on gymnastics.

The competition was divided into three types of events — artistic yoga, rhythmic yoga and traditional yoga.

Artistic yoga was very similar to artistic gymnastics, where athletes had to perform different postures for three minutes while synchronising their performance to music. Athletes had to include 10 *asanas* in their routine from a predetermined list. The routines varied on the difficulty scale and included leg balance, hand balance, back bend, forward bend and body twisting. Points were scored based on the level of difficulty.

In rhythmic yoga, athletes had to perform in pairs or groups of five and were required to execute *asanas* in sync with each other — like synchronised swimmers — while maintaining each posture for five to seven seconds. The smoother the transition between two postures, the higher the score an athlete earned.

Athletes in traditional yoga had to hold postures for 15 or 30 seconds, depending on the *asana*. The scoring emphasis was on balance and stability. Like gymnastics, yoga has the potential to be a thrilling sport where athletes with elastic bodies can potentially perform wonders.

And lastly, do the global competition rules allow a sport like yoga to be a part of major Games? For the Olympics, the International Olympic Committee gives a host nation the right to include one or more sports that are popular in the region. At the Asian Games, it has been a tradition to include events that are popular and important to the continent's identity.

Like other host nations, the USA and China played by these rules and pushed for the addition of the sports culturally significant to them. So, India has no reason to be shy while pitching for yoga in the Olympics and Asian Games.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The founders intended the supreme court to be part of the solution to the tyranny of European kings. Mr Trump, and the court's conservative justices, have made it part of the problem." — THE GUARDIAN

Awadhesh Prasad, MP

SP's first-time MP from Faizabad, and Opposition's Deputy Speaker candidate, needs no introduction



ZERO HOUR

BY DEREK O'BRIEN

THERE'S A KIND of mystic magic when you find an unlikely hero. How many of us would have predicted, before the start of the T20 World Cup, that Axar Patel would be competing for headline space with the big boys: Virat Kohli, Jasprit Bumrah, Rohit Sharma? Far from the Caribbean beaches, in Lutyens' Delhi, another unlikely hero has emerged: Awadhesh Prasad.

Even just a fortnight ago, most would ask — Awadhesh who?

In the very short, just concluded inaugural session of the 18th Lok Sabha, Awadhesh Prasad was my (unlikely) hero. My first glimpse of him was from the special visitors gallery in the Lok Sabha. I was seated there as the 127 newly-elected MPs from the last three states (in alphabetical order — Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal) took their oath, one Member of Parliament at a time.

The ceremony is predictable. The Protem Speaker announces the name of the new MP. Rise in your seat. Walk up to the lectern. Read the oath. Enthusiastically add a slogan (later, slogan gets deleted from the records, because the rules don't permit it), complete oath. Shake hands or exchange a *namaskar* with the Presiding Officer. Sign register. Done. Next.

It's around 4 pm on a drowsy afternoon in Lok Sabha on the second and final day of the taking of oaths. From my perch in the gallery, I do a quick head count. There aren't more than 150 MPs in the House. And yet, when the Protem Speaker announces, "Awadhesh Prasad, Faizabad", there is a lusty cheer from the full contingent of Samajwadi Party and Trinamool Congress MPs present.

The first-time MP stands up. Nice and easy. Unhurried. Adjusts his red cap, which members of the SP usually wear. Waves to fellow MPs. Acknowledges his leader seated next to him. Holds up his copy of the Constitution of India. Soaks in the moment and then struts up to take his oath. Struts? Yes. Here's the man who won a significant victory in Ayodhya,

which is a part of the Faizabad parliamentary constituency.

Cut to the Lok Sabha visitors gallery. Seated next to me is my colleague and SP's Rajya Sabha Parliamentary party leader, Professor Ram Gopal Yadav. He enthusiastically conducts a quick, private tutorial for me. It goes somewhat like this.

Awadhesh Prasad, SP, won Faizabad. So he actually defeated the BJP by 54,000 votes in Ayodhya. This is big. He is from the Dalit community. His win is even more special as this is a non-reserved constituency. He is 78 years old and a nine-time MLA. He studied Law at Lucknow University and entered politics soon after. He contested his first Assembly election from Sohawal in Ayodhya district in 1974. He is bilingual.

In the next 24 hours, a certain Banerjee political duo start working the phones. As always, laser focussed, they had earlier suggested the four criteria in the search for a Deputy Speaker candidate for the INDIA bloc: a) An out of the box name for powerful messaging; b) A seasoned politician; c) Our choice should rattle the BJP and d) Choose from one of the parties with 20+ MPs.

Text messages, conversations and effective coordination were fully on. Power play. All on board. Awadhesh Prasad will be the candidate for Deputy Speaker.

Article 93 mandates that the Lok Sabha "shall" and "as soon as may be" elect a Deputy Speaker, underlining both the necessity and urgency of this action. For the first time in the history of Independent India, the Constitutional position of the Deputy Speaker was left vacant for five years (2019-2024) in the 17th Lok Sabha. The 16th Lok Sabha's Deputy Speaker was elected on the 71st day. For the 13th, 14th and 15th Lok Sabhas, the Deputy Speaker was elected on the eighth day.

During the Budget session, the INDIA bloc will certainly up the ante on the issue of installing a Deputy Speaker. Expect the NDA to be on the backfoot and delay that election. In cricketing terms, INDIA timed the ball sweetly on the opening days of Parliament. Visible teamwork. Egos were tucked away in the back pockets of flannels. More unlikely heroes will be found.

Team India. Thank you for showing us how it's done.

P.S. It must be said, the new captain of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha has got off to a good start.

The writer is MP and leader, All India Trinamool Congress Parliamentary Party (Rajya Sabha)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO GATHER SAFELY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'After the stampede' (IE, July 4). The Hathras tragedy is a classic study in the mismanagement of large crowds. The officials should ensure that the organisers have the wherewithal to handle large gatherings. The local authorities and organisers should also conduct a drill ahead of such events. The political executive, the bureaucracy and organisers of any public event should be conscious that the loss of a life is a tragedy. This tragedy highlights the need for a culture that prioritises safety. Such tragedies can be prevented with proper planning, coordination, and communication.

Dattatray S Giri, Thane

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'After the stampede' (IE, July 4). The tragedy in Hathras is not one of a kind in India: Generally huge numbers of people gather to get blessings from a self-styled godman. The gathering outnumbers the capacity on ground. No provision is made by the organisers and the administration to prevent or control panic. Such things recur because the organisers escape strict punishment. What is required is that the administration, while giving permission specify clear conditions for adherence and that if they violate any of them, they will be liable.

YG Chouksey, Pune

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'After the stampede' (IE, July 4). It is necessary to investigate all the causes behind this terrible tragedy. The authorities and people at large need to introspect. Why do the masses flock to various godmen and women? Is it because the majority of the people can't get or afford any systemic and official recourse to deal with their problems? Do they rush to these congregations, as an alternative,

to get rid of their problems through some "divine intervention" in the absence of state welfare? Is it because we, as a society failed to develop rigorous scientific temper? What is politics' role in nurturing these religious cult figures? If we are reluctant to ask more of such honest questions and find their truthful, we will continue to suffer more heartbreaking tragedies.

Manish Mishra, Bhopal

RAHUL IN THE HOUSE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A switch in the House' (IE, July 4). Rahul Gandhi's debut speech as the Leader of Opposition in the 18th Lok Sabha was impressive. It is undeniable, and the sensible would agree that Hinduism was never a militant organisation but has been given a violent dimension with increasing vigilantism targeting minorities, unchecked by the BJP government at the Centre and in the states. He took a leaf out of Modi's strategy of personal attacks. PM Modi's jibe at the Congress' lack of strength in numbers notwithstanding, Rahul has made a mark.

SS Paul, Nadia

TESTING RIGHT

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Answer is a question bank' (IE, July 4). The article argues that students should be provided with question banks. This is like a person going for an interview knowing what questions would be asked. Knowing all the questions would make their preparation easier and it would produce hundreds of toppers. Rather, the mode of conducting these tests should shift to the CBT format, i.e., Computer Based Testing. This will decrease the risk of any possible scam in examinations and will provide a fair chance to the students.

Bhavik Kansal, Sangrur

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 Jammarg Station at 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, GSB Shakti Unit, Rajkot, Junction Road, Opp. Kothi Compound, Rajkot, Gujarat-360001. Website: www.rps.gov.in

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 (RR) 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 (5) 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 can be viewed online at E-Tender Portal www.rps.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.

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HARYANA GOVERNMENT HERITAGE AND TOURISM DEPARTMENT Notification The 03.07.2024 No.12/259-Solah Rabi-2024/pa/2321-27-Whereas the Governor of Haryana is of the opinion that archaeological sites and remains and ancient and historical monuments specified in column 1 of the Schedule given below requires protection under the Haryana Ancient and Historical Monuments and Remains Act, 1964 (Punjab Act 20 of 1964); Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Haryana Ancient and Historical Monuments and Remains Act, 1964 (Punjab Act 20 of 1964), the Governor of Haryana hereby proposes to declare the ancient and historical monuments specified in column 1 of the Schedule given below, to be protected archaeological sites and remains specified in columns 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the said Schedule to be protected area.

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What keeps JEE's integrity intact, compared to NEET



AMITABH SINHA

ON JUNE 22, the Centre constituted a high-level committee to look at ways to reform the examination process of the National Testing Agency (NTA). The development came after malpractices were reported in the conduct of the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test- Undergraduate (NEET). One of the models said to be under consideration by the high level committee is the one used by the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) to conduct their Joint Entrance Examination (JEE).

JEE, conducted in two stages, has had its share of troubles in the past. In 2021, manipulation at an exam centre in Haryana led to a CBI inquiry. However, the integrity of the process has never been under doubt. JEE has also had some success in limiting the coaching industry from gaming the exam. The first stage of IIT-JEE, called JEE (Mains) is now conducted by the NTA, with some involvement of the IITs. The second stage, JEE (Advanced), is handled entirely by the IITs. **Computer-based test** The key difference between NEET and JEE is that the latter is now a computer-based exam. Both stages are held at designated computer centres, run by a unit of Tata Consultancy Services. It helps that a far lesser number of students appear for JEE than NEET. In recent years, about ten lakh students have taken JEE (Mains), about two lakh of whom qualified to take JEE (Advanced). In contrast, about 23-24 lakh students have

taken NEET in recent years. TCS test centres can together accommodate about two lakh students at a time. Therefore, JEE (Advanced) can be conducted in one session. JEE (Mains), however, is held over multiple sessions — each session has a different question paper with a comparable difficulty level. Other companies also have similar infrastructure in different cities to conduct online tests, but they have smaller capacities. Except for 2022, JEE has been conducted only at TCS test centres since the online examinations started in 2017. An online test removes several vulnerabilities from the examination process like the possibility of question paper leak during transport and distribution to the centres. It also reduces the involvement of outside agencies such as a printing press or a transport company. The ongoing probe into the irregularities in NEET has highlighted these vulnerabilities.

But online tests introduce new risks like that of technology-based irregularities, and digital impersonation. In the 2021 manipulation case, one entire centre in Sonipat was duplicated online, and remote access to the computers at the actual centre was given to 'solvers'. Subsequently, TCS test centres were banned, and other centres were used for the 2022 JEE. The centres began to be used again in 2023, only after TCS enhanced their security and plugged loopholes. **Supervision of IITs** In 1997, a bigger embarrassment happened for the IITs when question papers of all three subjects — physics, chemistry, and mathematics — were leaked a few hours before the entrance test. The examination, which used to be of the pen-and-paper type back then, had to be cancelled and rescheduled. Since then, JEE has undergone several changes, including the introduction of a

two-stage process a few years later, for other reasons. For JEE (Mains) now, the IITs are involved mainly in the question-setting phase. The other processes are taken care of by the NTA. But for JEE (Advanced), the IITs control the entire examination process, which begins almost a year in advance with the nomination of a JEE chairman and vice-chairman at each of the institutes. The seven older IITs have a more active role to play with each one of them taking turns to become the main organiser. The IITs prepare question papers in complete secrecy. Two groups work in two different cities to prepare two different sets of questions for each of the three subjects. Each group has one faculty member of each of the seven older IITs. These groups are made afresh every year, and none of the other faculty members at the IITs are aware of who has been nominated to prepare the question papers for the year. The two sets of question papers are

handed over to the JEE chairman, who alone decides which of the two sets will be used for the examinations. The test centres get access to the question papers a couple of hours before the scheduled start of the test. The IITs deputee two to three of its faculty members at each of the test centres for supervision. Earlier, when JEE used to be a pen and paper examination, the IIT staff themselves would carry the question papers to each of the test centres. The primary reason why JEE's sanctity remains intact is the active involvement of the IITs in the exam. "IITs and its faculty members have a lot of stakes in this system. In a way, it is not just about the reputation of the institute, but also our livelihoods. If admissions are not done properly, then our own careers are over. So, there is a very strong sense of ownership," a faculty member, who has been involved with the process in the past, said.

EXPLAINED EDUCATION

EXPLAINED ECONOMICS

THIS WORD MEANS
SCO
The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation has been projected as an alternative to West-led groupings

RISHIKA SINGH
NEW DELHI, JULY 4
ON THURSDAY, the last day of the two-day Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Astana, Kazakhstan, Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi. Later, while delivering remarks on behalf of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jaishankar said, "The SCO occupies a prominent place in our foreign policy." He also extended his wishes to Belarus, which has become the grouping's latest member.

Global Times said in 2023, "For Iran, it is an important step in breaking the US diplomatic blockade". But despite declarations of a "limitless friendship" between China and Russia of late, there is a sense of competition between them over influence here. The Central Asian republics have traditionally been viewed as part of Russia's backyard, but of late, China has also sought to leverage the oil and gas-rich nations by investing in infrastructure projects under its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The inclusion of India and Pakistan in 2017 also reflected this jostling. While Russia supported India's entry as a longstanding strategic partner, China backed its ally Pakistan to prevent the balance of powers from tilting in Russia's favour. SCO's recent expansion also comes amid the United States' deteriorating ties with Russia and China after the 2022 Russia-Ukraine War and trade tensions with China.

HARISH DAMODARAN
WITH MANY states enacting stringent anti-slaughter laws, Indian dairy farmers have been facing challenges in disposing of unproductive cattle — the ones that do not give enough milk or happen to be male. Now, they have been hit by a new "surplus" problem — of skimmed milk powder (SMP). Cooperative and private dairies are holding an estimated 3-3.25 lakh tonnes (lt) of SMP stocks at the start of the production year that runs from July to June.

Too much milk powder

As stocks of skimmed milk powder pile up ahead of the 'flush' season and the important Maharashtra elections, dairies are seeking solutions — from subsidy on exports to a government-financed buffer



Cows at a breeding centre in Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh, GUJ

What is the SCO?
SCO comes from the earlier "Shanghai Five" grouping, formed in 1996, comprising China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. With the dissolution of the USSR in 1991, there were concerns about extremist religious groups and ethnic tensions flaring up in the region. The organisation was thus created primarily for cooperation on security matters. Building on this, SCO was established in Shanghai on June 15, 2001, as an international organisation. Before Belarus joined, it had nine members: India, Iran, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.

What is its relevance for India?
On one level, SCO membership allows India a forum to cooperate with Central Asian countries, which have not had particularly close relations with India since their formation in 1991. But there are clear roadblocks, with the current state of India's relations with fellow members China and Pakistan. The New Delhi Declaration, issued at the end of the 2023 summit, saw India refuse to sign off on a paragraph supporting the BRI. India's opposition comes from its constituent China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which is proposed to pass through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. India sees it as a violation of its territorial integrity and sovereignty.

What is SMP?
Being perishable, milk cannot be stocked. Only its solids — fat and solids-not-fat (SNF) — are storable. On average, cow milk contains 3.5% fat and 8.5% SNF, with the same at 6.5% and 9% for buffalo milk. During the "flush" season, when cattle and buffaloes produce more, dairies convert surplus milk into butter and ghee from cream (fat), and SMP from SNF. During the "lean" season, when animals produce less, SMP is recombined with water into liquid to meet demand. The flush season in the South and Maharashtra, states with predominantly cow populations, extends from July till December. In the North and Gujarat, where buffaloes outnumber cows, it extends from September to March. From every 100 litres (103 kg) of cow milk, a dairy can make about 8.75 kg of SMP, and 3.6 kg of ghee.



Why is the SCO significant?
SCO is one of the few international organisations which deal with security issues. It primarily has Asian members, and Russia and China have stressed it as an alternative to a "Western" order. Commenting on Iran's inclusion in the SCO last year, Chinese state media outlet

Is there a better solution?
Ganesan Palaniappan, a dairy ingredients trader in Chennai, believes exporting SMP, whether commercially or as commodity assistance to neighbouring countries, is the only way to get rid of the surplus. But the drop in global prices — SMP rates at the New Zealand-based Global Dairy Trade fortnightly online auction platform are ruling at \$2,586 per tonne, down from the recent high of \$4,599 in April 2022 — makes commercial exports unviable. Moreover, since a high of 1.3 lt in 2013-14, India's SMP shipments have seen a decline, standing at 4,800 tonnes in 2023-24 (see chart and table). "The Centre should give a subsidy on SMP exports, which will boost domestic prices and enable our dairies to pay more to farmers," Palaniappan said. R S Sodhi, president of the Indian Dairy Association, suggested that the Centre create a 50,000-100,000 tonne buffer stock of SMP: "If farmers don't get remunerative prices, they will not feed their animals properly, and you will have milk inflation next year. A buffer stock [the government buying powder from dairies and also paying for its storage] will support prices for producers now, and protect consumers from future inflation". Over the medium term, the dairy industry would have to develop a market for SMP. The reasons are two-fold. First, there is growing demand for milk fat in India. But for every 1 kg of fat, dairies also end up making over 2.4 kg of SMP. Second, an increasing share of India's milk comes from cows, which yield more milk, and start calving earlier than buffaloes. But 1 kg of fat from buffalo milk results in production of less than 1.4 kg of SMP. As an increasing share of India's milk comes from cows, the challenge of finding a market for surplus SMP may also grow.

Why is the SMP surplus a problem?
The problem arises when dairies procure excess milk — beyond the normal surplus during the flush — and the SMP and butter/ghee produced do not have takers. Dairies in India produce 5.5-6 lt of SMP annually. Of this, roughly 4 lt is used for recombining during the lean season. The balance 1.5-2 lt gets consumed by makers of ice cream, biscuits, chocolate, sweetmeats, baby formula, and other food and industrial products. 2023-24 was a year of abundant and continuous milk supplies with hardly any lean period. This was in contrast to 2022-23, which saw unprecedented shortages. In February-March 2023, Maharashtra dairies realised record prices of Rs 430-435 per kg for yellow

(cow) butter, and Rs 315-320 for SMP. They also paid farmers Rs 37-38 a litre for cow milk with 3.5% fat and 8.5% SNF. This encouraged them to ramp up production, through better feeding and induction of new animals. The resultant augmented milk availability, including in the peak lean summer months of April-June, meant that hardly 2.5 lt SMP was used for reconstitution purposes. Thus, instead of the normal July-opening stocks of 1.5-1.75 lt, dairies are now saddled with 3-3.25 lt of SMP. With the new flush season taking off, the problem of surplus may worsen. **What has been the impact of this surplus?** Cow SMP realisations for dairies have

crashed to Rs 200-210 per kg, and to Rs 335-340 for yellow butter. The latter corresponds to a ghee (almost 100% fat) price of Rs 408-415 per kg. The surplus problem is less in milk fat, as its annual production by dairies is only 3-3.5 lt. Unlike SMP, fat also has a good market in India, especially during the festival months (August to November) when consumption of *mithais* (sweetmeats) goes up. The base ingredients — ghee, *khoa*, *chenna* and *paneer* — in most *mithais* come from high-fat milk. There is, thus, a higher chance of fat prices recovering. At current per-kg realisations, the gross revenue for a dairy producing 8.75 kg of SMP and 3.6 kg of fat from 100 litres of cow milk would

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Private Papers of public figures like Nehru, and the rules governing them

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THE PRIME Ministers' Museum & Library (PMML) recently decided that it will not permit future donors of Private Papers of eminent personalities to impose indefinite conditions on the declassification of such material. In 2008, Congress leader Sonia Gandhi reclaimed boxes of papers from Jawaharlal Nehru's Private Collection that the family had donated to the museum earlier, and also barred access to several sets of these papers. **What are Nehru's papers at the PMML?** The Jawaharlal Nehru Papers were the first set of Private Papers obtained by PMML, which was set up originally as the Nehru Memorial Museum & Library (NMMML) in the memory of India's first Prime Minister.

The Private Papers of Nehru, spanning both the pre-Independence and post-Independence periods, were transferred to PMML in several batches starting in 1971. The transfer was facilitated by the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund (JNMF) on behalf of Nehru's legal heir, Indira Gandhi, who apparently remained the owner of these documents until her assassination in October 1984. Subsequently, a substantial collection of Nehru's Papers from the post-1946 period was handed over to PMML by Sonia Gandhi. **Are Private Papers the same as personal papers?** The individual collections have come from families, institutions, universities, and other private donors. The papers are invaluable for an accurate appraisal of the lives and times of these personalities and essential for an understanding of India's modern

history and landmark moments. This lies at the heart of repeated efforts to make them available to scholars and researchers. The custodians of the archives say there are essential differences between papers and correspondence that can be deemed personal, as opposed to Private Collections, even if they pertain to the same person. For instance, the correspondence of a President or a Prime Minister with other eminent personalities of the time, or with institutions, can be part of that person's Private Collection by virtue of these papers being owned by the person's family or other private individuals. However, correspondence and documents held in a personal capacity are excluded from this set. Official Records constitute another set of papers — these are held by various government departments and ministries and could comprise letters, records, file notings, etc. on the workings of central and state governments.

Among its recent acquisitions are papers of former Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Shanta Kumar, which include letters written by him to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the abrogation of Article 370 and Indo-Pak relations, according to the PMML. **What conditions do donors impose?** When donors hand over Private Collections in their ownership to archives and museums, they sometimes reach an understanding with the recipient institution, imposing conditions for their declassification and public access. Many who donated Private Collections to PMML set unspecified embargo conditions on public access to these papers. As a result, they cannot be made public, and researchers cannot access them. Therefore, the museum — which functions under the Ministry of Culture — has decided that it will, under normal circumstances, permit only a five-year embargo from the date of receipt of new papers. In

rare cases, this can go up to 10 years at most. PMML has also decided to open up several sets of private papers lying in its custody for decades, pertaining to the first Speaker of Lok Sabha G D Mavalankar, and around 2.80 lakh pages related to Nehru that Sonia Gandhi did not claim in 2008. **Which other organisations acquire Private Papers?** The other such organisation, the National Archives of India — also under the Culture Ministry — says it acquires only the papers which the donors agree to declassify. It is the norm to put all records in the public domain, except in very rare cases, where the concerns may be pressing and pertain to security or sensitivity. These papers have been acquired mainly through donations and gifts from individuals and institutions. The National Archives has papers pertaining to Mahatma Gandhi, Dr Rajendra Prasad and Dadabhai Naoroji, among others.

THE PMML in New Delhi. Abhinav Saha

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PERSONAL

It is for general information that I, Zaid Khan S/o Jahangeer Ahmed R/o H No 1202, Multani Mohalla, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi-110031, declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as Jahangir Ahmed in my 10th Certificate...

It for general information that I, Bainsi Jindal, d/o-Ram Avtar Jindal Ex, W/o-Gagandeep alias Gagandeep Singh, R/o B-80, Gali No.8, East-Azad-Nagar, Delhi-110051, declare that I got divorce from my husband vide court decree HMA No.248/2019 dated-15/04/2019, have changed the name of my minor-daughter Deepanshi age-14years and she shall hereafter be known as Deepanshi Jindal.

I, hitherto known as SUPENDER CHANDER BADHAI, S/O-MANI MOHAN BARAI, R/o-Matikunda, Phulbari, Dinajpur, Islampur, West Bengal-73202, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SUPEN BARAI.

I, ZEEZHAN S/O MOHD HANIF, R/O-A-53, STREET-NO-15, MANDAWLI FAZALPUR, EAST DELHI-110092, have changed my name to ZEEZHAN WARSII, for all, future purposes.

I, Veronica Joseph, D/O Victor Joseph Massey, Resident Khadra No.827/1, B2-G Dreamland-Apartment, Baba Colony, Burari, Delhi-110084, have changed my name to Veronica.

I, VIJENDER KUMAR PANDEY S/O RAJ DEV PANDEY R/O-C-430 DIVYA, JYOTI APARTMENT SECTOR-19, ROHINI DELHI-110089, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VIJENDRA KUMAR PANDEY.

I, Umesh Kumar Singh S/o Sh. Pahwari Singh, R/o-WZ-184, Third-Floor, Gali-No.4, Virender Nagar, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058, have changed my daughter's name Dimpri Singh to Amrya Singh, for all purposes.

I, Usha Rani Sharma, W/O-Shri Krishan Kumar Sharma, R/O-3229/234, Chander Nagar, Tri Nagar, Delhi-110035, have changed my name to Usha Sharma.

I, Triombak Muduli, S/o D.D. Muduli, R/o- Flat No.20A, Sector-2, DDA-Pocket-2, Dwarka, South-Delhi, Delhi-110075, inform that Triombak & Triombak Muduli, both names are same person.

I, Tajinder Singh, S/O Satnam Singh, R/o-5/45, Moti Nagar, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Tajinder Vedi.

I, TANUJA KUMARI W/O, RAJEEV KUMAR R/O, F-182, AGAR NAGAR, PREM NAGAR, KIRARI, DELHI-110086, Have changed my name to TANUJA DEVI for all purposes.

I, Sumitra Devi@ Sunita, W/o-Mahender Singh, VPO.Nuna Majra, Tehsil Bahadurgarh Distt-Jhajjar-124507 (Haryana), is also known as Sumitra Devi both name are of one-person the same-person.

I, Sovit S/O Mahavir R/O H.No.35, Sector-73, Sharfabad, Noida (U.P) have changed my name to Shobhit Singh for all future purposes.

I, Siddharth Nelson, S/o-Mannohan Sharma, R/O-House-B-20, Satyendra Colony, Laxmi Nagar, Sodala Jaipur-302006 Rajasthan, have changed my name from Sagar Sharma, to Siddharth Nelson, for all purposes.

I, SWEETY W/O KULDEEP SINGH, residing-C169 NAVEEN PLACE BENGALI COLONY NEAR NAYRA PRTR NAJAFGARH, DELHI-110043, have changed my name to SWEETY SINGH, permanently

I, SHAHANA REHMAN ASLAM W/O MOHAMMAD ASLAM R/? 856 SHESH MAHAL BAHADURGARH ROAD SADR BAZAR DELHI 110006, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHAHANA ASLAM FOR ALL PURPOSES.

I, SHAHANA D/O MD. RAMJAN R/O B-1/245, New Ashok Nagar Delhi-110096, have changed my name SHABANA to SHABANA BANO for all future purpose.

I, Riiazuddin S/o Mohd. Salimuddin, R/o-H.No.9/5772, Gali, No.5, Subhash Mohalla, Dharampura, Gandhi Nagar, East Delhi-110031, have changed my name to Riiazuddin, for all purposes.

I, Sahida Khatun D/o Sk Sahadat Hossain R/o Payasa, Dhaniakhali, Hooghly, West Bengal-712302, have changed my name to Sahida Begam

I, RAMOUTAR GUPTA, S/O PHOOL CHAND GUPTA, residing-2830 STREET-NO.5, SAGATRA SHAN ROAD PAHARGANJ DELHI-110055, have changed my name to RAM AVTAR GUPTA permanently.

I, RAM KISHAN, S/O BABU LAL SHARMA, R/O RZF-772/20, Street No-12, F-Block, Raj Nagar-2, Dist South-West, Delhi-110077, have changed my name to RAM KISHAN SHARMA, for all future purposes.

I, RAGHUBIR SINGH, S/O LATE BHAGAT SINGH, R/O C-157 7th-Floor, EST-COLONY, BASAI DARAPUR, RAMESH-NAGAR WEST-DELHI, DELHI-110015, have changed my name to RAGHUBIR SINGH RAWAT for all future purposes.

I, Pramod Kumar, S/O Amrit Singh, P.O. Mohamdabad Tehsil Tunda Vanna District Firozabad, U.P. 283204, working as CATG, ASST. in Govt. Of India, Northern Railway Catering, Parliament, House New-Delhi, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Parmod Kumar in my Service-Records, Govt. Of India, Northern Railway, Catering, Parliament House, New Delhi. The actual name of mine is Pramod Kumar, which may be amended accordingly.

I, Phyllis Ruth Samson, W/o Amit Sangal, R/O-Flat-No.003, Tower-14A, Orchid-Petals, Near-Sapphire Mill, Sector-49, South City-II, Gurgaon, Haryana-122009, have changed my name to Ruth Samson Sangal.

I, Pawan Kumar Garg, S/o-Roshan Lal Add-House no.653/1, Delhi-Road, ward, no.8, Tehsil-Charhki Dabri Haryana-127306, changed my name to Pawan Kumar.

I, Parveen Arora W/O Mahesh Kumar R/O G-205, Sector -44, Noida (U.P.) have changed my name to Parveen for all future purposes.

I, Nitesh Mahalwal, S/o Late Mr. Atter Singh, S/o House, No.95, Village-Madangiri, South Delhi, New Delhi-110062, have changed my minor daughter's name from Amaria Mahalwal aged-3-years to Ashravya Mahalwal, for all future purposes.

I, Naveen Kumar, S/o Bodh Raj Sammi, R/O F-120, 08, Jain Mandir, West Jawahar Park, Laxmi-Nagar, East Delhi, Delhi-110092, have changed the name of my minor son Saksham aged-13-years and he shall hereafter be known as Saksham Sammi.

I, Muskan D/o Md Tajuddin, R/O C-140 Block-C, Friends Enclave Mundka, Delhi-110041, have changed my name to Muskan Shaikh.

I, Molik Goel, S/O Mahesh Kumar Addrs-110-a, Anand nagar, near metro station, Inner Lok-110035, changed my name to Molik Goel.

I, Mohamed Ayub Qureshi, S/O-Noor Mohammad Qureshi, R/O-B-446, Sector-5, Dakshin Puri, Dr Ambedkar-Nagar, Delhi-110062, have changed my name to Mohd Ayub Qureshi, for all, future purposes

I, Mehboob Hasan Siddiqui, S/O-Bona, R/O Post chhitwar Shahab pura Ratan singh kirat pur, Binjor, Uttar Pradesh 246731, have changed my name to Mahboob.

I, Mansi Mittal, W/o Kapil Mittal R/O-76, 2nd-Floor Pocket-1, Rohini Sector-22, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Kajal Mittal.

I, Mahesh Goel S/o Bhajan Kumar Addrs-110-a, Anand nagar, near metro station, Inner Lok-110035, changed my name to Mahesh Kumar.

I, Mahesh Arora S/O Dharam Pal Arora R/O G-205, Sector-44, Noida, have Changed my name To Mahesh Kumar for all future purposes.

I, MANJU KHATRI W/O PRAWIN KUMAR KHATRI, R/O-HNO.323, PUNJABI MOHALLA VILLAGE BALKNER-BANK WALLI-GALLI, NARELA, DELHI-110040, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MANJU DEVI.

I, MADHU BINDAL W/O RAJENDER PRASAD BINDAL R/O HNO.210 A/2, MUMIKRA VILLAGE J.N.U.S.O, DELHI-110067, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MUKESH BINDAL.

I, M/D ABID S/O ABDUL RABBANI, R/O HOUSE-17, GROUND-FLOOR, AD-BLOCK, SHALIMAR, BAGH, DELHI-110088, have changed my name to MD ABID.

I, Kiran Victor Massey, W/O Victor Joseph Massey, Resident Khadra, No.827/1, B2-G Dreamland-Apartment, Baba-Colony, Burari, Delhi-110084, have changed my name to Kiran Victor. 040736757-4

I, Gajndri Devi (present name and Mother's date of birth as per service records) M X/H No.3192261H Rank E/AVO Name Upender kumar Presently Residing House No.-11/385, Kalyanpur, Tehsil Preethi Vihar, District East Delhi, Delhi-110091, inform that in the service record of my son, my name has been mistakenly recorded as Gajndri Devi and date of birth as 01-07-1954. My real name Gajndri and date of birth 01-01-1948 are correct in all my documents which will be considered in all future work.

I, Riiazuddin S/o Mohd. Salimuddin, R/o-H.No.9/5772, Gali, No.5, Subhash Mohalla, Dharampura, Gandhi Nagar, East Delhi-110031, have changed my name to Riiazuddin, for all purposes.

I, Sahida Khatun D/o Sk Sahadat Hossain R/o Payasa, Dhaniakhali, Hooghly, West Bengal-712302, have changed my name to Sahida Begam

I, Kaushal Jain W/o Sh. Vinod Jain R/o D-1, Kiran Garden, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, declare that name mentioned wrong in my passport no. X9203535 as Kaushalya Jain. My correct name is Kaushal Jain for all future purposes.

I, Kartikeyan Malhotra S/o Sh. Jai Shankar Malhotra, R/o Flat No. A-703, Rudra Apartment, Plot No.12, Sector-6, Dwarka, South West Delhi, New Delhi-110075 have changed my name to Kritika Malhotra for all purposes.

I, KM BHARTI GUPTA, C/O-Sachin Kumar Singhal, 152 First-Floor, Ahinsa-Khand-2, Ashiana Greens, Indirapuram, Ghaziaba d, Uttar-Pradesh-201014, have changed my name to BHARTI SINGHAL, for all, future purpose.

I, JITENDRA KUMAR, JITENDRA BHASIN S/O RAJ KUMAR BHASIN, R/O-B-3, MAHATMA GANDHI ROAD, BLOCK-B, ADARSH NAGAR, DELHI-110033, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO JITENDRA KUMAR BHASIN.

I, Hitherto Known as Muzzmil S/O Mohammad Ali R/O RZD-111, Pratap-Garden, Uttam-Nagar, New Delhi-110059, Have Changed My Name and Shall Hereafter be Known as Muzammil Ali.

I, Hasinuddin S/O-Mahboob, R/O-B, block jama masjid, Near Seelampur Delhi, 110053, have changed my name to Haseenuddin.

I, Geeta W/o Dinesh Chand, R/O-B-423, Gokal-Puri, North East Delhi-110094, inform that in my son Shivam's all documents my name is wrongly written as Geeta Devi instead of Geeta Which is true. Geeta Devi and Geeta both are same and one person.

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I, ANIL S/O RAM PHAL GUPTA, R/O HNO.21, KHNO.33/19, DHARAM COLONY, NANGLOI, DELHI 110041. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANIL GUPTA.

I, AMRIT PAL KAUR THAPAR, W/O TARVINDER SINGH THAPAR, R/O VB-110, 3RD-FLOOR, GALI, NO.4, VIRENDER NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110058, changed my name to AMRIT PAL KAUR, for all future purposes.

I, ABDUL RAFFIQUE, S/o ABDUL KARIM R/O HN.F-99 STREET NO.4, CHAND BAGH, MAIN ROAD-25, FUTA, KARAWALNAGAR, DELHI-110094, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ABDUL RAFIQ.

I, AASHIMA DUGGAL W/O RAJAT DUGGAL R/O-NO-5, C-1 LANE, SAINIK FARMS, N, DELHI-110062, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AASHIMA DUGGAL TO ASHIMA DUGGAL FOR ALL PURPOSES.

I, Vir Bahudur Basnet S/O Ram Bahadur, R/O Flat No 205 Pocket E1 Group 7 Sector-11, Rohini, North West Delhi, Delhi-110085, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Vir Bahadur.

I, Shivam Aggarwal S/O Rajender Prasad Aggarwal, R/O B-204 Mohan Garden Uttam Nagar West Delhi-110059, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Shivaam Aggarwal.

I, Shaheen d/o Shakeel Khan r/o RZ-33A, Gali-3, Part-2, Chankaya Place, Delhi-110059 have changed my name to ZOYA.

I, Sanjay Upadhyaya S/o Satyanarayan Sharma R/O H NO 171B UGF R/S Gali no-54R 1st 60 South Road Molarband Extn, Soota East Delhi-110044 have changed my name to Sanjay Upadhyay.

I, SUMAN BHADRYA, Spouse of No.14662363A (NK) MANOJ SINGH, R/O. Village& P.O.-Garhwar, Tehsil-Bah, Distt-Agra, Uttar Pradesh-283114, have changed my name from SUMAN BHADRYA (DOB-10.03.1984) to SUMAN BHADORIYA (NOB-01.01.1984), vide affidavit in, DN-DL12666874916316W dated 04/07/2024 before Notary Advocate Rajkumar, Regd.No-6536, New Delhi.

I, SONIA BAJAJ alias SONIA BHOLA D/O B.BHOLA W/O BHARAT BHUSHAN BAJAJ R/O HOUSE NO-655 FIRST FLOOR, POCKET NO-3 DWARKA SECTOR-19, AKSHARDHAM APARTMENT, DWAKA, DELHI-110075 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SONIA BAJAJ FOR ALL PURPOSES

I, SHEFALI GANDHI D/O RAJAN GANDHI R/O E-16/341, SECTOR-8, ROHINI, RAJAPUR KALA, DELHI-110085 have declare that SHEFALI GANDHI and SHIFALI GANDHI is both name of one and the same person. That I am also known as SHEFALI GANDHI.

I, V K Tyagi s/o Shrinivas Tyagi r/o BL-115, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 have assumed my complete name VINOD KUMAR TYAGI.

I, Ravleen Kaur D/o Khushivindra Singh R/O J-824, Gaur Grandeur Apartment, Sec-119, Noida, UP, have changed my name from Ravleen Kalra to Ravleen Kaur for all future purposes.

I, Panara Lakhuben W/o Thakor Rajeshbhai Tabhbhai R/O Bhalgamda, Surendra Nagar, Gujarat-363330 have changed my name from Panara Lakhuben to Thakor Lakhuben Rajeshbhai for all future purposes.

I, Neha Singh W/o Abhishek Singh Rawat R/O CM-01, 804, Supertech Capetown Near Joggers Park, Sector-74, Noida, P.O. I.a Surajpur Dist Gautam Buddha Nagar U.P.-201306 have changed my name after marriage to Neha Rawat for all future purposes 0070911058-1

I, Naveen S/O Surendra Prakash, R/O E-261, DLF Capital Greens, 15 Shivaji, Marg, Karam Pura, West Delhi, Delhi-110015, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Naveen Gupta.

I, Mohd, Shaz S/O Mohammad Asif R/O, B-387, Second-Floor, Front-Side, Ashok-Road, New Friends-Colony, Zakir-Nagar, Okhla, New Delhi-110025, have changed my name to Mohammad Shaz Asif.

I, Mohd Shakeel Khan S/o Kamarosma r/o RZ-33A, Gali-3, Part-2, Chankaya Place, Delhi-110059 have changed my name to SHAKEEL KHAN.

I, Meenu Goel, W/o Mahesh Kumar Addrs-110-a, Anand nagar, near metro station, Inner Lok-110035, changed my name to Meenakshi

I, Manikant Jha S/O Gangadhara Jha R/O C-447, Shaheed Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad Have changed my name to Pooni Kant Jha for all future purposes

I, Ashok Tuli S/O KASTURI LAL TULI, R/O-H.NO-2/41 SEC-5, RAJENDRA-NAGAR, SAHIBABAD, GHAZIABA D, U.P.-201005, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ASHOK KUMAR TULI

I, Mohd, Shaz S/O Mohammad Asif R/O, B-387, Second-Floor, Front-Side, Ashok-Road, New Friends-Colony, Zakir-Nagar, Okhla, New Delhi-110025, have changed my name to Mohammad Shaz Asif.

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I, Manas Kumar Das, NK No-3012952P, S/O- Rohit Das, Resident of VIII-Chamitara, District-Jhargram-721516, West Bengal. In my service records name and D o B of my father has been wrongly mentioned as Rohit Kumar Das (D o B-01-08-1967) instead of Rohit Das (D o B-01-01-1966) as in Aadhaar Card. It needs corrections. Objections be filled to concerned authorities.

I, JEEWAN BALA W/O No.2784805Y RAKESH EXHAV THORU RAM R/O RZF-771/17-D, FIRST FLOOR, GALI NO-12, RAJ NAGAR PART-2 PALAM COLONY, NEW DELHI-110077 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO JEWAN BALA WIDE AFFIDAVIT DATE 4.7.24 BEFORE DELHI

I, Imamudeen S/o Hasmat Ali R/o H.No.159, Hayat Nagar Khora Colony, Khora, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201309, have changed my name from Imamudeen to Imamuddin Saifi. Henceforth I would be known by the name of Imamuddin Saifi for all future purposes.

I, Syed Salahuddin S/o Manzoor Uddin R/O 465, Gali Matia Mahal, Jama Masjid, Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Salah Uddin

I, Rameshwar Dass/Rameshwar Garg, S/O-Hari Ram Garg, R/O-House No.75, Pocket-1, Sector-21, Rohini, Sultanpuri, C-Block, Delhi-110086 have-changed my-name to Rameshwar Dass Garg for all purposes.

I, Rajesh Bhatia S/O Late Om Prakash Bhatia R/O RZ-398-C/21, Tughlakabad Extn., New Delhi-110019 have changed my name to Rajesh Om Bhatia for all purposes.

I, Natasha Bhatt, W/O Dhruv Pant, R/O-House-no-52-C DDA, Flats Vijay Mandal Enclave Hauz khas, New Delhi-110016, have Changed my name to Natasha Pant, Permanently.

I, Mukesh Pathak S/O Ganesh Prasad Pathak R/O Ward-26/48/42, Behind Center Jel, P.T.S. Police Colony Rewa, Huzur, Rewa, Madhya Pradesh-486001, have changed my name to Mukesh Kumar Pathak

I, Megha Biharilal Chhapparid D/o Biharilal Chhapparid and W/o Prateek Gardodia R/O Agriculture Centre, P.O. Naugachia, PS- Naugachia, District- Bhagalpur, Bihar-853204, I, have changed my name to Megha Gardodia

I, Khamlesh Devi, W/O Late Jai Dev Tyagi R/O WZ-112 Basai Darapur, Ramesh Nagar H.O, West Delhi-110015, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Kamlesh Tyagi

VIJAY KUMAR son of Sh. Ram Mehar Sharma R/O H.No.219, Gali No.3, Shalimar Village, North West Delhi-110088 That my exact and true name is VIJAY KUMAR as mentioned in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 7731 3936 5510. VIJAY KUMAR, VIJAY KUMAR SHARMA and VIJAY SHARMA are one person name I declare that in future I will use my name VIJAY KUMAR for all purposes

I, Janki Prasad Deepak, S/O-Shri Mataru Lal, R/O-D-6/284/1, Sector-6, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to J. P. Deepak. E.NO-31598 AGM (Elec).

I, Sanjana Shyamsundar alias Sanjana Shyam Sundar D/O Shyam Sundar Gopalkrishnan R/O C4C-55 Carlton Estate, DLF Phase 5, Gurgaon, Haryana, 122002, have changed my name to SANJANA SHYAMSUNDAR.

I, Siddharth S/O Shamsheer Dahiya R/O E-254, Phase-2, New Palam Vihar P/O Palam Vihar, Choma(62), Gurgaon Haryana - 122017, have changed my name to Siddharth Dahiya.

I, Hitherto Known as Gazala, D/o-Mohammad Ali, R/O-RZD-111, Pratap-Garden, Uttam-Nagar, New Delhi-110059, Have Changed My Name and Shall Hereafter be Known as Gazala Ali.

I, GOPAL BABU BISWAS S/o Niranjan Biswas, R/O E-10, S.F, Kasturba Niketan, Lajpat Nagar-2, New Delhi-110024 have changed my name to GOPAL BISWAS for all purposes.

I, Shilpy Bhutani W/O Ram Kwatra R/O B-201 B-Block Jhilmil Delhi-110095 Have Changed My Name To Riya Kwatra Permanently

I, Mohd, Shaz S

स्थानिक अभियंता का कार्यालय
भवन निर्माण विभाग, बिहार भवन, नई दिल्ली
अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं०:01 / 2024-25

बिहार भवन एवं बिहार निवास चाणक्यपुरी नई दिल्ली हेतु निम्नलिखित कार्यों के लिए बिहार राज्य अंतर्गत भवन प्रमंडल में कार्यरत चतुर्थ श्रेणी में निम्नलिखित संवेदक बिहार लोक निर्माण विभाग F2 एकरारनामा में होने वाले कार्यों के लिए मोहर बंद निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

- विज्ञापनदाता का नाम एवं पता :- स्थानिक अभियंता, भवन प्रमंडल, नई दिल्ली।
- परिमाण विपत्र के दिनांक की तिथि :- 11.07.2024 (अपराह्न 1:00 बजे तक)
- निविदा प्राप्त करने की तिथि एवं समय:- 12.07.2024 (अपराह्न 3:00 बजे तक)
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- 12.07.2024 (अपराह्न 3:30 बजे तक)
- परिमाण विपत्र बिज्ञापन का स्थान : (1) स्थानिक अभियंता कार्यालय बिहार निवास चाणक्यपुरी, नई दिल्ली। (2) उप स्थानिक अभियंता कार्यालय बिहार सदन, द्वारका नई दिल्ली। (3) अधीक्षण अभियंता कार्यालय दक्षिण बिहार अंचल, भवन निर्माण विभाग, बिहार पटना
- निविदा प्राप्ति का स्थान :- स्थानिक अभियंता कार्यालय बिहार निवास चाणक्यपुरी, नई दिल्ली।
- कार्य का विवरण:-

Sl No.	Name Of Work	Amount	Cost of B.O.Q	Time of Completion
01	Renovation of Pathway of Bihar Niwas, New Delhi for the year 2024-25	8,95,020.00	1250	10 Days

विस्तृत जानकारी state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar से प्राप्त की जा सकती है।
स्थानिक अभियंता
भवन प्रमंडल, नई दिल्ली
नशी से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार।

Notice Inviting Tender for Request for Empanelment to conduct Drone Survey to estimate legacy waste at dumpsite in ULBs of Bihar
Urban Development and Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar
1st Floor, Vikas Bhawan, New Secretariat, Patna - 800 015
(Tel: 0612-2215580, Fax: 0612-2217059)
Email: urbansec-bih@nic.in, udhd.bih@gmail.com, website: urban.bih.nic.in

RFE No- 13 / नॉनविस्वॉनिंग / SBM-38 / 2024/1957

- Urban Development & Housing Department, Government of Bihar invites tender for request for empanelment to estimate legacy waste dumpsites.
- Interested Agencies/Firms may download the complete Request for Empanelment (RFE) Document, from website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in.

SN	PARTICULARS	DETAILS
1.	LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF COMPLETE RFE DOCUMENT	Till 24-07-2024 up to 03:00 PM ON WEBSITE WWW.EPROC2.BIHAR.GOV.IN
2.	DATE OF PRE-BID MEETING	10-07-2024 at 12:30 PM
3.	SUBMISSION OF HARD COPIES (EMD and Tender Fee) AND ORIGINAL AFFIDAVITS AT UD&HD, GoB	26-07-2024 at 03:00 PM Urban Development & Housing Department, 1st floor, Vikas Bhawan, Patna-800015
4.	DATE AND TIME OF OPENING OF TECHNICAL BIDS	26-07-2024 at 03:30 PM ON WEBSITE WWW.EPROC2.BIHAR.GOV.IN
5.	DATE AND TIME OF OPENING OF FINANCIAL PROPOSAL	TO BE INTIMATED LATER TO SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS

Other details can be seen in the RFE document on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in/ www.urban.bih.nic.in (Rajesh Kumar Tiwari) Deputy Secretary UD & HD, GoB

For further details please visit : www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar
PR- 003224 (Urban) 2024-25
नशी से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार।

Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Board
Department of Tourism and Civil Aviation
Government of Himachal Pradesh

PS7133-001-Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism Development Project in Himachal Pradesh
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Date: 05.07.2024
OCB Invitation for Bids No. : SITDP-HP_W14/2023-24
Contract Package No. : SITDP-HP_W14
Deadline for Submission of Bid : 08.08.2024 at 17:00 Hrs.

The Government of India as the "Borrower" has applied for financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism Development Project in Himachal Pradesh. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the Contract named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of the ADB.

1. The Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Board (HPTDB), under Department of Tourism and Civil Aviation, Government of Himachal Pradesh ("the Employer"), invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the "Development of Ice Skating Rink cum Roller Skating Rink at Sakoh, Dharamshala(H.P.) (SH- Civil, WS & SI, EL, Fire Fighting, Fire Alarm system and Surveillance System etc.)".

2. The details of Contract Package are as follows:-

S.No.	Name of Work	Bid Security	Period of completion
1.	Development of Ice Skating Rink cum Roller Skating Rink at Sakoh, Dharamshala (H.P.) (SH- Civil, WS & SI, EL, Fire Fighting, Fire Alarm system and Surveillance System etc.)	INR 3.78 million	24 Months

To be qualified under this package, the Bidder should meet the following requirements:

Qualifying Criteria	Minimum Value (INR)
1. Minimum Average Annual Construction Turnover(AACT) for the last Five(5) Financial Years [FYs, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23]	Equal to or more than INR 378.00 million
2. Must demonstrate availability of Financial Resources (less its financial obligations for current contract commitments), meets or exceeds the total requirement for the subject contract, as detailed below:	
Sole Bidder	
i) For JV: One Partner must meet or exceed its required share of 40%	INR 47.00million
ii) For JV: Each Partner must meet or exceed its required share of 25%	INR 19.00 million
iii) The combined financial resources of the Joint Venture must	INR 12.00million
3. Contracts of Similar Size and Nature:	INR 47.00 million

1. Participation as a contractor, Joint Venture partner, or Subcontractor, in at least one contract that has been satisfactorily and substantially completed* within the last 7 years and that is similar to the proposed works, where the value of the Bidder's participation exceeds INR 302.00 million.

2. Participation as a contractor, Joint Venture partner, or Subcontractor, in at least two contracts that has been satisfactorily and substantially completed* within the last 7 years and that is similar to the proposed works, where the value of the Bidder's participation exceeds INR 189.00million

Further details are indicated in the Section 3 - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria of the Bidding Document.

- Open Competitive Bidding (OCB) will be conducted in accordance with ADB's "Single-Stage, Two-Envelope" bidding procedure and is open to all Bidders from eligible countries of ADB.
- To obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents, bidders should contact:
The Project Director
Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism Development Project in Himachal Pradesh
Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Board (HPTDB)
Department of Tourism and Civil Aviation
First Floor, U.S. Club
Shimla - 171 001, HP, India
Tel: +91-177-2659962, 2659926, Fax: +91-177-2659925
Email: projectdirector.adbhp@gmail.com, Website: www.himachaltourism.gov.in.
- For bid submission:**
Participating bidders should be registered in e-procurement portal www.hptenders.gov.in.
Cost of Bid document in form of Demand Draft (DD) in favor of Project Director, Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism Development Project in Himachal Pradesh, payable at Shimla.
Interested and eligible bidders may submit their complete proposal as prescribed in the Bid Document along with the receipt of requisite Bid Security Amount and non-refundable Bid Document Cost.
Bids received without the payment of Bid Document Cost and/or Bid Security Amount shall be summarily rejected.
The Employer will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or submission of Bids.
Bids must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before the date and time specified in the Bidding Document. Late bids will not be admitted by the e-procurement system. The Employer will not be responsible for any delay in submission of bid due to any reason.

S. No.	Event	Date/ Time
1	Online Publication	05.07.2024 at 18:00 Hrs
2	Start Date of downloading of Bid document	08.07.2024at 18:00 Hrs
3	Pre-bid Meeting (online/off line)	15.07.2024 at 15:00 Hrs
4	Date & time for start of online submission of Bids	03.08.2024at 18:00 Hrs
5	Deadline for online submission of Bids	08.08.2024at 17:00 Hrs
6	Deadline for Physical submission of the following original documents a) Bid Security (in form of bank guarantee only)	08.08.2024at 17:00 Hrs
b)	Submission of cost of Bid document (in form of Demand Draft)	08.08.2024at 17:00 Hrs
7	Date of opening of Technical bid	08.08.2024 at 17:00 Hrs
8	Date of opening of Price bid	(Will be later intimated to all technically responsive bidders)

6. Any addendum, clarification to the bidder's queries and corrigendum etc. will be published on the e-proc web site www.hptenders.gov.in and will not be published in Newspapers. If any date specified herein is a holiday, then the next working day will be considered for the activity and the time will remain the same.

7. Right to revise or amend this notice and / or the Bid Document, fully or partially, prior to the last date notified for submission of Bids or on any subsequent date is reserved by the Employer.

8. Pre-Bid meeting with the Bidders will be held at Office of the Project Director (address given below) at 15:00 Hrs. on 15.07.2024. Bidders interested in participating in the bids are advised to attend the same through online or physically. Bidders are encouraged to visit the site, at their own cost, before the Pre-Bid meeting / submission of Bid.

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The Project Director
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Urban Development and Housing Department
1st Floor, Vikas Bhawan, New Secretariat, Patna-800015
(Tel:0612-2215580,2215385; Fax:2217059,2231566;
Email:urbansec-bih@nic.in,
Website:<https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban>

Notice Inviting Request for Proposals for Selection of Chartered Accountant Firms for Statutory Audit of 261 ULBs of Bihar for the FY. 2022-23, 2023-24 & 2024-25.

File No:-06/ अके० - 26/2024 4362

- Urban Development & Housing Department, Gov. of Bihar, invites proposals from eligible Chartered Accountant's Firm for Statutory Audit of all 261 Urban Local Bodies of Bihar for the FY. 2022-23, 2023-24 & 2024-25.
- Interested Consultancy Firms may download the complete Request for Proposal (RFP) Document, from website: <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in> or <https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban>.

SN	PARTICULARS	DETAILS
1	Website for submission of proposal	www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in/
2	Mode of Submission	Online submission through eproc2 portal (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) and at the same time submission of Hard copies (EMD & Tender fee payment proof and original copy of affidavit, Black listing, Power of Attorney as per RFP document) at UD & HD office
3	Last date and time for Submission of Technical & Financial proposal on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in	29-07-2024 up to 07:00 PM
4	Date and time of Pre bid meeting	12-07-2024 by 11:30AM
5	Last date and time for Submission of Hard Copies (EMD, Tender fee payment proof and original copy of affidavit, Power of Attorney & Black listing as per RFP document.)	31-07-2024 up to 03:00 PM UrbanDevelopmentand HousingDepartment, Govt.ofBihar, 1stFloor, VikasBhawan, NewSecretariat, Patna-800015
6	Date and time of opening of Technical Bids	31-07-2024 at 03:30 PM
7	Date and time of opening of Financial Proposal	Will be intimated later to successful bidders
8	Method of Selection	Least Cost Selection (LCS) Method

For further details please visit : www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar
Joint Secretary
Urban Development and Housing Department
PR. No. 003282 (URBAN) 2024-25
नशी की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

झारखण्ड सरकार
सूचना एवं जनसम्पर्क निदेशालय
इच्छा की अभिव्यक्ति
(Expression of Interest)

सूचना एवं जनसम्पर्क निदेशालय, झारखण्ड, राँची द्वारा भारत के प्रमुख ट्रेनों के अन्दर एवं बाहर झारखण्ड सरकार की योजनाओं एवं उपलब्धियों का प्रचार-प्रसार करने हेतु इच्छुक एजेंसियों से ऑनलाइन आवेदन (Jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर) आमंत्रित किया जाता है। रेल के माध्यम से प्रचार-प्रसार हेतु इच्छुक एजेंसी सूचीबद्धता के लिए विहित प्रपत्र में आवेदन दिनांक 10.07.2024 के अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक समाप्त कर सकते हैं। निर्धारित तिथि एवं समय के पश्चात् आवेदन किसी भी स्थिति में स्वीकार्य नहीं होगा। सभी प्राप्त आवेदन दिनांक 11.07.2024 के अपराह्न 05:00 बजे खोला जायेगा।
इच्छा की अभिव्यक्ति के नियम एवं शर्तें सूचना एवं जनसम्पर्क निदेशालय, झारखण्ड, राँची के वेबसाइट prdjharkhand.in तथा Jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।
(राजीव लोचन बरशी)
निदेशक
सूचना एवं जनसम्पर्क निदेशालय,
झारखण्ड, राँची।
PR 328709 (IPRD) 24-25 (D)

Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Board
Department of Tourism and Civil Aviation
Government of Himachal Pradesh

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Date: 05.07.2024
OCB Invitation for Bids No. : SITDP-HP_W04
Contract Package No. : SITDP-HP_W04
Deadline for Submission of Bid : 08.08.2024 at 17:00 Hrs.

1. The Government of India as the "Borrower" has applied for financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism Development Project in Himachal Pradesh. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the Contract named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of the ADB.

2. The Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Board (HPTDB), under Department of Tourism and Civil Aviation, Government of Himachal Pradesh ("the Employer"), invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the "Development of ICESkating Rink at SHIMLA (HP). (SH- Civil, WS & SI, EL, Fire Fighting, Fire Alarm system and Surveillance System & Refrigeration work etc.)".

3. The details of Contract Package are as follows:-

S.No.	Name of Work	Bid Security	Period of completion
1.	Development of ICESkating cum Roller Skating Rink at SHIMLA (HP). (SH- Civil, WS & SI, EL, Fire Fighting, Fire Alarm system and Surveillance System & Refrigeration work etc.)	INR 3.32 million	24 Months

To be qualified under this package, the Bidder should meet the following requirements:

Qualifying Criteria	Minimum Value (INR)
1. Minimum Average Annual Construction Turnover(AACT) for the last Five(5) Financial Years [FYs, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23]	Equal to or more than INR 332.00million
2. Must demonstrate availability of Financial Resources (less its financial obligations for current contract commitments), meets or exceeds the total requirement for the subject contract, as detailed below:	
Sole Bidder	
i) For JV: One Partner must meet or exceed its required share of 40%	INR 42.00million
ii) For JV: Each Partner must meet or exceed its required share of 25%	INR 17.00 million
iii) The combined financial resources of the Joint Venture must	INR 11.00million
3. Contracts of Similar Size and Nature:	INR 42.00 million

1. Participation as a contractor, Joint Venture partner, or Subcontractor, in at least one contract that has been satisfactorily and substantially completed* within the last 7 years and that is similar to the proposed works, where the value of the Bidder's participation exceeds INR 266.00million

2. Participation as a contractor, Joint Venture partner, or Subcontractor, in at least two contracts that has been satisfactorily and substantially completed* within the last 7 years and that is similar to the proposed works, where the value of the Bidder's participation exceeds INR 166.00million

Further details are indicated in the Section 3 - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria of the Bidding Document.

- Open Competitive Bidding (OCB) will be conducted in accordance with ADB's "Single-Stage, Two-Envelope" bidding procedure and is open to all Bidders from eligible countries of ADB.
- To obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents, bidders should contact:
The Project Director
Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism Development Project in Himachal Pradesh
Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Board (HPTDB)
Department of Tourism and Civil Aviation
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Email: projectdirector.adbhp@gmail.com, Website: www.himachaltourism.gov.in.
- For bid submission:**
Participating bidders should be registered in e-procurement portal www.hptenders.gov.in.
Cost of Bid document in form of Demand Draft (DD) in favor of Project Director, Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism Development Project in Himachal Pradesh, payable at Shimla.
Interested and eligible bidders may submit their complete proposal as prescribed in the Bid Document along with the receipt of requisite Bid Security Amount and non-refundable Bid Document Cost.
Bids received without the payment of Bid Document Cost and/or Bid Security Amount shall be summarily rejected.
The Employer will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or submission of Bids.
Bids must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before the date and time specified in the Bidding Document. Late bids will not be admitted by the e-procurement system. The Employer will not be responsible for any delay in submission of bid due to any reason.

S. No.	Event	Date/ Time
1	Online Publication	05.07.2024 at 18:00 Hrs
2	Start Date of downloading of Bid document	08.07.2024at 18:00 Hrs
3	Pre-bid Meeting (online/off line)	15.07.2024 at 15:00 Hrs
4	Date & time for start of online submission of Bids	03.08.2024at 18:00 Hrs
5	Deadline for online submission of Bids	08.08.2024at 17:00 Hrs
6	Deadline for Physical submission of the following original documents a) Bid Security (in form of bank guarantee only)	08.08.2024at 17:00 Hrs
b)	Submission of cost of Bid document (in form of Demand Draft)	08.08.2024at 17:00 Hrs
7	Date of opening of Technical bid	08.08.2024 at 17:00 Hrs
8	Date of opening of Price bid	(Will be later intimated to all technically responsive bidders)

7. Any addendum, clarification to the bidder's queries and corrigendum etc. will be published on the e-proc web site www.hptenders.gov.in and will not be published in Newspapers. If any date specified herein is a holiday, then the next working day will be considered for the activity and the time will remain the same.

8. Right to revise or amend this notice and / or the Bid Document, fully or partially, prior to the last date notified for submission of Bids or on any subsequent date is reserved by the Employer.

9. Pre-Bid meeting with the Bidders will be held at Office of the Project Director (address given below) at 15:00 Hrs. on 15.07.2024. Bidders interested in participating in the bids are advised to attend the same through online or physically. Bidders are encouraged to visit the site, at their own cost, before the Pre-Bid meeting / submission of Bid.

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NT No-01/2024-25

RFP FOR SELECTION OF CONSULTING FIRM FOR SETTING UP OF PROJECT MONITORING UNIT
(Through eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

Bihar State Housing Board (BSHB) is a statutory authority regulated by Bihar State Housing Board act 1982 under the aegis of Urban Development and Housing Department, Government of Bihar. BSHB is mandated with the development of various housing schemes & related infrastructural facilities in the State.
Bihar State Housing Board (BSHB) invites Online bid for the selection of CONSULTING FIRM FOR SETTING UP OF PROJECT MONITORING UNIT(PMU)

Sr.	INFORMATION	DETAILS
1	Name of the Assignment	Selection of Consulting firm for setting up of PROJECT MONITORING UNIT at BIHAR STATE HOUSING BOARD, 6- Sardar Patel Marg Patna-800015, BIHAR
2	Availability of RFP	Downloadable from Eproc2 Official Website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in from 10/07/2024 (10:00 AM)
2	Bid EMD (Refundable)	2,00,000/- (Two Lakh Only) INR (Inclusive of Tax). Refer to RFP Clause - 6 Tax will be calculated as per applicable Tax Laws
3	RFP Document Fees (Non - Refundable)	Rs 10,000/- (Ten Thousand Only) INR Refer to RFP Clause - 5
4	Date of Issue of Notice Inviting Bid	From date of Publication
5	e-Bid Due Date / last date of submission of e-Bid (the "Bid Submission Date)	10/07/2024 To 08/08/2024 at 3:00 PM
6	Period of submission of necessary original bid documents at BSHB HQ	10/07/2024 To 08/08/2024 (3:30 PM)
7	Pre-Bid Meeting and Place & Time of Pre-bid meeting	17/07/2024 (11:00 AM) Conference Hall, Head Quarter, Bihar State Housing Board, 6, Sardar Patel Marg, Patna - 800015
8	Technical Bid Opening Date	09/08/2024 (4:00 PM)
9	Financial Bid Opening Date	Will be communicated Later
10	Date of Presentation	Will be communicated Later

Corrigendum/Addendum, if any, will be published on the website of the Board www.bshb.bihar.gov.in and Eproc2 official website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in. For further details please visit www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

Secretary
Bihar State Housing Board
Patna
PR. No. 003240 (B&C) 2024-25
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242513 001731	Procurement of APH Tube for Boiler #4	10.07.2024

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a male namely Nishant Yadav, S/o Narendar Yadav, R/o: H.No. 32, B-Block, East Krishan Vihar, Najafgarh, New Delhi has been missing since 26.06.2024 at 03:00 PM from his house. In this regard DD No. 96A, Dated 28.06.2024 has been lodged at Police Station Chhawla, New Delhi. The description of missing male is as under:
Name: Nishant Yadav, **Age:** 31 Years, **Height:** 5'1", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Fatty, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Blue Colour T-Shirt, Mehandi Colour Pant and Sleepers in feet.
If anyone has any information about this missing male please inform P.S. Chhawla, New Delhi.
Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, **E-mail:** cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, **Fax:** 011-24368639
SHO
Police Station Chhawla, New Delhi
DP/8583/DW/2024 **Ph: 8750871631, 8800641693**

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Arjit Goyal, S/o Sh. Pawan Goyal, R/o: H.No. A-3/150, Ilrd Floor, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi also at H.No. A-8/40, Sector-17, Rohini, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 505/2020, U/S 323/341/506/34 IPC, P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Arjit Goyal cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Arjit Goyal has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said Arjit Goyal accused of FIR No. 505/2020, U/S 323/341/506/34 IPC, P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 20.08.2024.

By Order
Sh. Navdeep Gupta
Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West)
Room No. 109, Rohini Court, Delhi
DP/8503/RD/2024

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male Namely Unknown S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown Age: about 60 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Fair, Wearing: White coloured Full Sleeve Vest and black coloured Lower, was found dead on 26.06.24 at 3:49 PM from Faridabad Bus Stand Stairs, ISBT Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this regard a DD No.69A Dated 26.06.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi.
If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.
SHO
P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23967889, 23968730
DP/8444/N/2024 **Mob.:** 8750870123

PLAYING TODAY

(Quarterfinals): Germany vs Spain: 9:30 pm;
France vs Portugal: 12:30 am (Saturday)

Speaking from the heart

At the Wankhede, it was not just emotions that flowed



"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..."

RAHUL DRAVID
INDIA COACH



"I am thinking of signing a petition to declare Jasprit Bumrah as a national treasure. Will you sign it?"

GAURAV KAPOOR
MASTER OF CEREMONIES

"I will sign it right now ... Jasprit Bumrah is a once-in-a-generation bowler. We are lucky that he plays for us."

VIRAT KOHLI

"The huge turnout of fans to welcome us shows they were as desperate for this T20 World Cup title as we were."

ROHIT SHARMA
INDIA CAPTAIN

"I couldn't connect with emotions of seniors who cried that night (after 2011 World Cup triumph) but now I do."

VIRAT KOHLI



"What I saw today, I have never seen anything like this."

JASPRIT BUMRAH

"Unless you're part of a winning team, you'll never truly grasp the sheer exhilaration and meaning behind this victory."

SURESH RAINA



SHARMA JI KA CHAMPION BETA

Rohit Sharma with his father Gurunath and mother Poomima at the Wankhede Stadium. Devendra Pandey

PRIVATE MOMENT

Rohit's mother skips doctor visit to attend son's special day

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, JULY 4

IT WAS an emotional moment when Rohit Sharma walked up to the president's box at the Wankhede Stadium to meet his parents, with his mother having skipped an appointment with the doctor to be present at the special moment. Being surrounded by hordes of selfie-hunters, Sharma had to request them for some privacy as he was meeting his parents after a long time.

For his mother Poomima, it was a moment not to be missed. The family had waited for this day and she revealed how she skipped a visit to the doctor to come and see her son.

"I have never thought I would see this day. Before going to the World Cup, he had come to meet us and said that he wanted to quit T20s after this. I just said try to win. I was not feeling well today and had a doctor's appointment, but I still came as I wanted to see this day," Poomima told *The Indian Express*.

"I can't express my happiness. Look at the cheering. I have never experienced this kind of atmosphere. The amount of love he is getting is because of his hard work and dedication. I'm the happiest mother today."

As Sharma took a lap of honour around Wankhede Stadium, the president's box was filled with nostalgia. Former MCA secretary PV

Shetty had called every resident of the Sportsline Society where Rohit grew up in his formative years.

"We came here as sir (PV Shetty) said we all should go. He took all of us. I was young when I saw Rohit winning the 2007 (ICC World T20) title but this one is special. The huge cheer he got shows how much Mumbai loves him," his brother Vishal said.

It has been a long time since the bus ride Sharma had after returning from the 2007 edition in South Africa, but for Sportsline residents, it is the same Rohit Sharma.

"The best part about him is that he hasn't changed. The way he met everyone today and took pictures was just like the old days. He is the same old Rohit and not Rohit Sharma, the India captain," Shetty said.

Poomima was elated as many people got to know her identity, and a few asked for selfies with her: "What more can I ask now! This day won't come again in life. As he was taking the lap of honour, it was an emotional moment as he has been playing for a day like this," she added.

The long flight from Barbados and the hectic schedule since they landed in India early Thursday morning had left the players fatigued, but the energy and passion of the crowd left Sharma much impressed as chants of "Mumbaicha Raja? Rohit Sharma" (Who's the King of Mumbai? Rohit Sharma) reverberated around Maximum City.

City that never sleeps stops for champions

Lakhs were at Marine Drive and Wankhede Stadium to welcome the victorious team, Amit Kamath & Anil Dias capture the mood

Cricket tragics

2:35 PM Though the bus parade was scheduled at 4pm, this family of four from Kharghar was already camped outside Trident Hotel at 2pm. The mother was forced to get her three kids for the parade as her 10-year-old son Abhinav, an avid cricket fan, forced them to make the trip to Marine Drive. "He just loves cricket. He watches all the games and didn't miss even a single India match at this World Cup. He didn't sleep the entire last night in the excitement of coming here," the mother, Bhagyashree, says. What about school? "I bunked school. I have exams next week but I won't get to see the Indian team with the World Cup trophy every time," he said. The youngest in their family was 5-year-old Aaradhya, who came only to see "Virat and Rohit".

Replica trophy, a hit

3:30 PM There was a huge commotion around a group of five boys and everyone wanted to have their photo clicked. The reason? They came to Marine Drive with a trophy, which was a replica of the ODI World Cup. They obliged everyone — young and old — who wanted a pic with the trophy. The funny part was that it wasn't even a replica. It was a trophy they won playing a tennis-ball tournament in Charkop, Kandivli. Nobody seemed to mind, and the boys had their afternoon of fame.

Sold a dummy

6:30 PM On the street between the Trident hotel and the sea, shoes are flying in the air. Not just shoes, someone's flung an umbrella. Some others from the crowd respond by throwing water bottles in the air at the other end of the street. The Indian team's parade should have almost ended by now, according to the initial plan of the BCCI, but the victory parade has not even started. So this is how the restive crowd



(Left) The open-top bus on way to picking up the Indian team from Nariman Point; Indian cricketers let their hair down at the Wankhede Stadium. PTI/Ganesh Shirsekar

has decided to amuse itself. There are people who have plonked themselves on the road, deciding to conserve their legs. They've realised it's going to be a long evening. But it's worth it. Even when there is an intense downpour from the skies, this crowd is holding its ground. At some point, there is an open-rooftop bus that appears, splitting the sea of people. Everyone is on their feet now. But there are no cricketers on the bus, just a couple of cameramen.

A flag-waving

7:50 PM Like a slowly spreading Mexican wave, the crowd is starting to get excited outside the Air India building. Simply by word of mouth, people are starting to hear that the bus with the Indian cricketers on the roof has finally set off for the Wankhede Stadium and is heading their way.

Fans are perched on the promenade, some have climbed on the barricades, and others with more daredevilry in their blood have climbed on top of signals. One youngster has found a way to stand out of the crowd of lakhs of people by standing on the shoulders of a friend of his, who himself is being hoisted on the shoulders of a couple of their friends. The youngster on the top has taken to waving the flag quite vigorously, making this triple-decked human pyramid appear wobbly.

Lesson from train commuters

8:35 PM The crowd gets its payoff for the hours of wait. The bus snakes its way through Marine Drive navigating past the sea of fans, who have now chosen to walk alongside the team bus on the promenade. Things get slightly hairy as the bus' journey is halted at the signal in



front of the Air India building. Things start to get slightly uncomfortable as the fans who were at the Trident are trying to forge their way ahead towards the Wankhede Stadium wanting more of their team. But the fans who were already on the route ahead are standing their ground not wanting to cede an inch. In this jostling between an unstoppable force and an immovable object, those in the middle are getting uncomfortably squeezed. People are starting to stand on each other's toes.

There is a convoy of policemen on one side preventing overzealous fans from attempting to climb on the players' bus while there is the open sea on the other side. Possibly, in any other city, things could have gotten out of hand. Here in Mumbai, where everyday commute in local trains demands that people sacrifice concepts like personal space, people are still more measured in their

response. Just then, someone starts to shout that they have a toddler with them. And just like that, the thousands of people crammed into each other make space for the wailing toddler to be handed over to a stranger who is standing up on the promenade.

Footwear

8:40 PM While lakhs came to witness the bus parade, more than a hundred people would have had to go home barefoot or maybe with just one shoe.

While the bus moved on from Air India building to the Wankhede Stadium, hundreds of slippers and shoes were strewn around the road. Some were thrown in the air for fun as people waited for the parade while quite a few were lost or broken due to the insane crowding outside the building. As the bus moved forward, a huge wave of people followed.

AGAINST THE ODDS

Fan No.1 Maithili, bound to a wheelchair, but with boundless love for cricket

ANIL DIAS
MUMBAI, JULY 4

WITH CRICKET stadia in India being largely inaccessible to wheelchair-bound people, 27-year-old Maithili Gaikwad knew that the one time she could fulfill her dream of seeing Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, and the other Indian cricket stars up close would be during the T20 World Cup bus parade at Marine Drive on Thursday.

Maithili suffers from Spina Bifida, a condition where the spinal cord does not develop properly in the womb. She does not have any sensation from waist down and had to depend on her colleagues — she's an HR at Tata Power — to bring her to the Marine Drive promenade.

With the roads being cordoned off because of the parade, Maithili and her colleagues just couldn't arrange transport to get to Marine Drive. She remained undeterred though. Having faced countless obstacles all through her life, her colleagues weren't going to let transport be the deterrent. They pushed her wheelchair through the 3km odd journey and though it took a good 40 minutes, they made it and found a good spot just opposite Trident Hotel.

Having reached the spot at 3.45 pm, she waited anxiously, her colleagues alongside her, for four hours just to catch a glimpse of the Men in Blue.

"It was worth the wait. To see Rohit, Virat, and Jasprit Bumrah with that trophy was surreal. I thought that the crowd would block my view, but nobody pushed me and I could fulfill my dream," Maithili told *The Indian Express*.

Despite being born with the condition, Maithili has always been inclined towards sports. She has tried to watch the Indian team play at a stadium but says it's almost impossible for wheelchair-bound people.

"There are no stadia that are wheelchair accessible. Once they did invite me for a women's game but I couldn't see anything because of the barricades," she said.

Her dream of seeing the Indian stars may have been fulfilled, but Maithili says she won't rest till she sees her ultimate dream of seeing the country become more wheelchair friendly.

"Even for this parade, there were no arrangements for wheelchair-bound people and honestly, we have stopped expecting it. But it shouldn't be this way," she said.

Maithili says that while she's fortunate to have family that is extremely supportive, it's



Maithili Gaikwad, 27, has Spina Bifida, a condition where the spinal cord does not develop properly in the womb. She was at Marine Drive on Thursday. Express Photo

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taken time to find a clique of friends that she can count on.

"From the time I was young, it was difficult to maintain friendships because I can't really go out with people. In that way, I get left behind. But now I'm part of a group of people with similar disabilities so we understand each other's problems well," says Maithili, who also reveals she had to travel for 7km in an electric wheelchair to go to college every day "come rain come sunshine".

"I wanted to study and wasn't going to let anything stop me. School was the most difficult as people couldn't accept me in a normal school. They said I belonged in a Special School. Thankfully I didn't pay heed to them and now I've even completed my MBA in HR," she says with a smile.

Through all her difficulties, it's sports that has kept her spirit up.

"I live in a wonderful colony in Chembur where we have access to different kinds of sports. I go swimming every day as it's also therapeutic for me. I play badminton every other day. In fact, I've played para-badminton at the state level too. The dream is Paralympics and while I'm doing my best, I don't think I'm at that level yet," she says.

She's tried her hand at cricket too, though she says it's difficult for her to pursue it professionally.

Her one dream of seeing the cricketing superstars in person may have been fulfilled on a rainy Thursday evening at Marine Drive, but Maithili says she has plenty of unfulfilled dreams. "My ultimate goal is to teach in rural areas of India. There's this Teach for India program that I want to join. Though I'm in a wheelchair, I feel I have plenty to give."

Kroos's Germany vs Rodri's Spain

Central midfielders are the 'playmakers' for their teams and locking them is key to success for either side

SANDIP G
JULY 4

RODRI IS often the busiest man on the pitch; yet he has the calmest pair of eyes. He is always dispensing instructions, exhorting his men to keep the shape and order, urging them to keep calm and ride the storm, sniffing out a potentially dangerous move, filling up the space left behind by those deputised to attack or spotting an unspotted path to attack. But his eyes remain quiet, serenely scanning the field, processing the next move, and the next, comprehending the thrust of the narrative and seizing it before the adversaries do.

His manager Pep Guardiola appraised him as the best midfielder in the world. "He's able to do everything. The tempo he has, his character when the situation is going wrong, to step forward, go backwards, the ability to play short and long," the master tactician detailed. He scores important goals too, often stoppage-time winners and equalisers, a Champions League final winner, often long-range screamers. But most of all, he gives midfield control, the territory where big games are often won and lost.

Against Georgia, a game Spain trailed and seemed to panic in the first quarter, he demonstrated the traits that make him the fulcrum of Guardiola's City empire. In the game, he touched the ball 129 times, more than anyone else on the pitch, threaded 117 passes with an accuracy rate of 93 percent, won all six duels, made three crucial tackles, and hit the important equaliser, his only shot on target. "A complete performance, but I was more impressed with his calmness as a leader, how he weathered the storm and helped gather our team," observed coach Luis de la Fuente. In the last Premier League season, he made the most passes and touches of any player, with an accuracy rate of 93 percent. With him gliding at the heart of the midfield, City have lost just two of their last 89 games.

The key to unlocking an unbeaten Spain, thus, is to lock Rodri, which few teams, club and country have succeeded in the last two years. Germany, in the quarterfinals, would be aware of the threat, and look towards their own midfield commander, Toni Kroos, for inspiration.

Positionally, they are different. Rodri is a



Toni Kroos (L) and Rodri have been the fulcrums in midfield for their teams. Reuters

hybrid holding midfielder, a defender converted to a defensive midfielder; Kroos was a playmaker retrained to an orthodox box-to-box operator, though both are not strictly position-bound. Rodri ventures forth with the ball, Kroos sometimes drops deeper.

The quest, though, is the same. To boss the midfield, and let others around them sparkle. The youngsters would turn up the thrill warts—Jamal Musiala and Lamine Yamal searing past defenders, Florian Wirtz and Nico Williams flicking in the afterburners—fill the highlight reels, steal the thunder and limelight, but the stability and vision of Rodri and Kroos let the flashier players flash brighter. They could maraud on the wings,

unencumbered by the fear of losing the ball and inviting a quick counterattack owing to the invisible labour of their midfield enforcers.

With Rodri you could sense the danger coming, though unstoppable. With Kroos you don't. Despite the strapping build, the prominent features and the clean-cut hair of the archetypal German soldier, he lurks invisibly on the field, before exploding in the snap of your fingers and creating the right pass into the right space for the right player. He is clean in his positioning, is inventive without being audacious, breaks up play without looking frantic. He wastes no touch or pass, the timing, movement and shapeshifting so meas-

ured that he transforms midfield control into a kind of physical art form.

The respect is mutual. Kroos would wax eloquent on Rodri: "He's one of the most decisive players for Spain and City. He never gets nervous, always remains calm, and in the last two years, he has scored crucial goals. He's a top player." Rodri reciprocates: "He's not the same profile as me, but he dictates the tempo for his team, moves the game, and everything goes through his feet." Swap these lines and it remains equally relevant. Like Rodri, he could cut the pattern and score long-rangers too.

Like the Spaniard, Kroos has dictated the mood of Germany too. When he shifts through his creative gears, Germany is a thrilling force to watch. The wingers spreading the canvas wide, the nifty forwards striding upfield, rotating their position, an electric marriage of pace and skills. When he endures rare off-days, so would Germany. This Euro, Kroos has made the most successful passes (416 of 435), commanded a completion rate of 95.75 percent and has conjured the second most chances in the tournament. He is, as the former Argentina midfielder Juan Roman Riquelme noted, "the closest thing football has to Roger Federer." "He can go out, play, and go home again without even needing to bathe: he doesn't sweat, doesn't get dirty, doesn't need to throw himself down."

But the contributions of Kroos and Rodri are often unquantifiable. There is no stat that could measure control of space or dictating the tempo of a game. There have been games when they had zero goals, assists or tackles to show, yet they have conducted the game.

They rarely soar the heart-rate, barely drive the masses to the stadium, hardly considered for player of the season or Ballon d'ors. But they win matches, they let others flutter around them, they make the others work. Kroos has already announced this would be his farewell tournament—he has already retired from club football. He was in a sporting mood when a reporter the other day asked whether the quarterfinal against Spain would be his last game. "I don't expect this will be my final match and I assume we'll all be seeing each other again," he said, grinning.

But only one of Kroos and Rodri would have the last laugh on Friday night, after an intense and fascinating tussle for midfield superiority.

Mbappe relishing encounter with 'one of a kind' Ronaldo

REUTERS
HAMBURG, JULY 4

KYLIAN MBAPPE is relishing another encounter with boyhood hero Cristiano Ronaldo, whose posters he used to stick on his bedroom wall, when France take on Portugal in the European Championship quarter-final on Friday.

Mbappe was only 10 when he met the Portuguese great for the first time, cheekily asking for his boots after sneaking into the press area at the conclusion of the 2009 Champions League clash between Olympique de Marseille and Real Madrid, and he still regards the 39-year-old as an idol.

"It's an honour to play against him, everyone knows the admiration I have for the player. We are in contact. He asks me about what's going on in my life and he gives me tips and it's an honour for me, especially when you think about what he's done for the footballing world," Mbappe told a press conference.

"He's one of a kind... there will never be another Cristiano Ronaldo. He has shaped football. He inspires and has inspired generations. He has scored goals, he's won cups, his CV speaks for itself. So total respect for him but I hope that tomorrow he will be not as happy because I hope that it'll be us going to the semi-finals."

Mbappe predicted a tight tussle, saying "small details" will be decisive in the clash at the Volksparkstadion.

"The Euros are always a tight race, it's always a very difficult competition for us. Now you've only got huge teams left competing, and you need to be on top of every little detail, be it upfront or defending," he said.

"During our training sessions, there were improvements, we were working on our finishing and our intensity. We worked as best we could with the time that we had. But we're ready and raring to go for tomorrow."

France have had four days to recuperate since Monday's narrow 1-0 win over Belgium, which has also been more time for Mbappe to get used to the face mask he has had to wear since breaking his nose in their opening game of the tournament.

He described it as horrible previously but on Thursday had dampened his disdain.

"If the truth be told, I'm lucky because without the mask, I wouldn't be here, I wouldn't be playing. I should be thanking the mask. I told you how I felt and that's not go-



After breaking his nose in the first match, Kylian Mbappe has been playing with a protective mask. Reuters

ing to change tomorrow, or right up until the end of the competition," he said.

'Catastrophic' political situation

AP adds: France soccer captain Kylian Mbappe warned on Thursday his country is in a "catastrophic" political situation as it lurches closer to a first far-right government since World War II. The National Rally gained strong results — around 33% of the vote nationwide — on Sunday in the first round of a rushed election, leaving Marine Le Pen's party poised to potentially gain power.

The second round of the legislative elections are on Sunday and Mbappe, one of the most high-profile people in France, was asked if he had a message to the nation. "I think now, more than ever, you need to get (out to vote)," said Mbappe, who was speaking in Hamburg, Germany, the day before France plays Portugal there in the European Championship quarterfinals. "It is an urgent juncture. We cannot let our country fall into the hands of these people. It is pressing — we saw the results, it is catastrophic."

Mbappe made a similar call earlier at Euro 2024, when he said "the extremes are knocking on the door of power." "Now, there was a sense of urgency in his sentiments." "We really hope this is going to change," he said of the election results, "that everyone is going to rally together to go and vote, and vote for the right party."

BRIEFLY

Neeraj to lead Oly athletics squad

New Delhi: Defending champion Neeraj Chopra will headline a 28-member Indian athletics contingent at the Paris Olympics starting July 26. The squad comprises 17 men and 11 women athletes with some of the other prominent names being Asian Games champions Avinash Sable, Tejinderpal Singh Toor along with sprint hurdler Jyothi Yarraji, to name a few. The 4x400m men's relay team, featuring Muhammed Anas, Muhammed Ajmal, Amoj Jacob and Rajesh Ramesh, which had created quite a stir by leaving behind the USA team in one of the heats at the last World Championships, will also be followed with keen interest. PTI

Man Utd extend Ten Hag till 2026

Manchester: Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag has signed a contract extension through to 2026, the Premier League club said Thursday. The Dutchman has won back-to-back trophies in his first two years at Old Trafford, but faced uncertainty over his position after leading it to its worst league finish in 34 years last season. After a performance review, United decided to stick with Ten Hag and he has now agreed on a new deal, which is a one-year extension on his previous contract, which was due to expire at the end of the upcoming season. "Looking back at the past two years, we can reflect with pride on two trophies and many examples of progression from where we were when I joined," Ten Hag said. AP

Chinese swimmers' doping tests on trial

Geneva: The international swimming federation says its executive director has been ordered to testify as a witness in a U.S. criminal investigation into the case of 23 Chinese swimmers who tested positive for a banned substance in 2021 yet were allowed to continue competing. The news comes just three weeks before the Paris Olympics where 11 of the Chinese swimmers who tested positive for the banned heart medication three years ago are set to compete. Three of the swimmers won gold medals at the Tokyo Olympics that opened in July 2021, just weeks after the World Anti-Doping Agency declined to challenge Chinese authorities' explanation of food contamination at a hotel to justify not suspending them. AP

Djokovic survives, Swiatek cruises into R3

REUTERS
LONDON, JULY 4

EVEN THOUGH Novak Djokovic was nursing a dodgy right knee, toppling him at Wimbledon was never going to be easy for a Briton ranked 277th and so it proved to be as the Serb huffed and puffed into the third round with a 6-3 6-4 5-7 7-5 win over Jacob Fearnley.

The wildcard, who was ranked outside the world's top 500 just a month ago before shooting up almost 250 spots after winning a second tier Challenger event in Nottingham, will take away many memorable moments from his Centre Court debut.

He is unlikely to forget the ground-shaking, ear-splitting roar Djokovic let out after the Serb broke him for a 3-2 lead in the third set.

Fearnley will also cherish the memory of being applauded by one of the sport's all-time greats when he produced a screaming crosscourt winner that flew past Djokovic to earn him a break point in the next game.

No doubt he will remember the thrill of breaking the 24-times Grand Slam champion for the first time, when the Serb dumped a backhand into the net, and the rapturous standing ovation that followed.

Fearnley will also mentally keep replaying the high-risk, high-reward strategy he employed in the final game of the third set, which ended with Djokovic hacking a forehand wide to surrender his serve and the set - to the delight of the hollering crowd.

He had Djokovic on the ropes again after a double fault from the seven-times Wimbledon champion handed Fearnley two break points at 3-2 up in the fourth set.

Once the 37-year-old dodged that danger, it was clear that Djokovic's unheralded opponent had got under his skin as he agitatedly held up his right forefinger to his lips in an attempt to shush the crowd.

Unsurprisingly, the noisy partisan fans packed into the 15,000-capacity arena turned a deaf ear to that request as the decibel levels kept ratcheting up with every Fearnley winner.

But for all the heroics from the journeyman Scot, who until this week had never won a main tour match or even competed at a Grand Slam, he was simply not enough to tame a player who was chasing a record-extending 372nd match win in a Grand Slam arena.

A forehand winner sealed Djokovic his passage into round three and ensured he kept up his 100% winning record at the majors against British players not named Andy Murray.



Novak Djokovic, nursing a knee injury, advanced to the third round after four tight sets against Jacob Fearnley. Reuters

"Huge congrats to Jacob for an amazing match. He put in a great effort and played very good tennis," said the second seed, who played with his right knee strapped after undergoing surgery on a torn meniscus just a month ago.

"This match potentially deserved to get into a fifth the way we both played, the way he played particularly in the fourth, but I'm very glad it didn't."

21-match winning streak

Iga Swiatek underlined her status as the world's top player with an efficient 6-4 6-3 victory over Croatian Petra Martic at Wimbledon on Thursday, her 21st match win in a row.

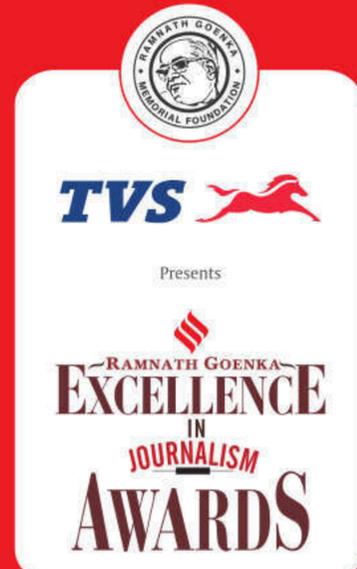
The 23-year-old Pole triumphed at the Madrid and Rome Opens as well as taking the Roland Garros title, before switching to the Wimbledon grass and reaching the third round.

Swiatek, who has won five Grand Slams but has never progressed beyond the quarter-finals here, looked comfortable on the Centre Court grass, though she was tested at times by Martic's hefty serve and groundstrokes.

Martic, 10 years Swiatek's senior and ranked 85th in the world, fell and needed treatment after the seventh game of the first set but resumed apparently unimpeded.

Swiatek clinched the first set on her first break point with an attacking forehand that Martic could only dump into the net.

She broke Martic's serve in the eighth game of the second set, earned match point with a big forehand winner and finished the contest with a serve that Martic netted.



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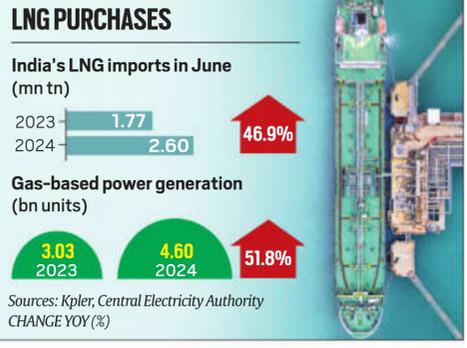


AMID SURGE IN ELECTRICITY DEMAND DUE TO THE SEVERE HEATWAVE

India's LNG imports at 44-month high in June as gas-based power output jumps

SUKALP SHARMA
NEW DELHI, JULY 4

INDIA'S LIQUEFIED natural gas (LNG) imports touched a near four-year high in June as gas-based power plants operated at notably higher run rates than their usually subdued capacity utilisation levels amid a surge in electricity demand due to the severe heatwave. Reasonable prices and ample availability of LNG, or super-chilled gas, in the international spot market and the government's thrust on raising power production to meet high summer demand evidently led to higher-than-usual electricity generation by gas-based units, thereby pushing LNG purchases higher.



of last year. In June 2023, LNG volumes delivered to India stood at 1.77 mt.

For the April-June quarter (Q1)—the peak summer quarter in most parts of India—power generation by gas-based plants jumped 62.5 per cent year-on-year to 13.49 billion units. The overall plant load factor (PLF)—capacity utilisation of power generation units—for gas-based plants in Q1 this year was almost 25 per cent, up from 15.3 per cent in the year-ago quarter. PLF for gas-based power plants in June this

gas-based units is available—imported LNG accounted for nearly 56 per cent of the total natural gas consumed by power plants.

As domestic natural gas production is able to meet just around half of India's total gas consumption, the cheaper local gas is allocated as per a priority list in which city gas distribution and fertiliser sectors have a higher priority than the power sector. As imported LNG is usually costlier than domestic gas, gas-based power plants have been operating at very low capacity use levels mainly due to unfavourable economics.

In anticipation of a severe summer, the Power Ministry had invoked the Section 11 of the Electricity Act, 2003, on April 12, issuing a set of instructions to the power generation companies to ensure that electricity demand is met. As part of the instructions, idling gas-based power plants were asked to operate from May till the end of June. At almost 25 gigawatts, India's gas-based power generation capacity accounts for 5.6 per cent of the country's overall installed generation capacity, as per Power Ministry data.

In May, S&P Global Commodity Insights had said that

IN NON-PLI SECTORS

Govt to streamline visa process for Chinese technicians, others

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 4

THE UNION government is working on a framework to process visa applications for the entry of Chinese and other foreign technicians needed in non-Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme sectors to boost production, a senior government official said on Thursday.

DPIIT Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh at a press briefing said that a framework for entry of technicians in PLI sectors already exists and that the government is looking at extending it to other non-PLI beneficiaries which are operating in those same strategic sectors.

"We felt if one is getting a subsidy and a visa clearance, the other is not... at least he should also get a streamlined process.

COST ADVANTAGE

■ The demand for Chinese professionals comes as they offer cost advantages over technicians from other countries

The final decision has not been taken but we are moving in that direction and we are hopeful that it will be done," the Secretary said.

The Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of External Affairs will take the final call, Singh said.

The *Indian Express* had last month reported that the delay in visa approval is hurting the manufacturing industry including the leather sector which is increasingly shifting to sports footwear.

Having imported and in-

stalled Chinese machinery, the domestic industry is unable to operationalise plants due to visa hurdles. The issue first cropped up after the Galwan clash in 2020. Since then, alternate ways such as sending Indian professionals to China have not quite worked out as Chinese authorities tend to promptly grant visas to importers but delay applications sent by Indian manufacturers and government officials.

The demand for Chinese professionals comes as they offer cost advantages over technicians from other countries such as Taiwan, Vietnam and other western nations. Exporters said that dependence on Chinese professionals arise due to heavy dependence on China for crucial parts in most electrical and electronic segments.

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CJI bats for additional SAT benches

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JULY 4

CHIEF JUSTICE of India (CJI) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud on Thursday said that more Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) are required in view of "rapid growth" in market and "increased volume of financial transactions", adding that vacancies in SAT be filled up without any delay. The CJI was speaking during inauguration of new SAT premises in Mumbai.

He said that SAT is like "a referee, ensuring that in the 'dog-eat-dog' world of finance, all stakeholders play by the rules". "The appeals filed before the SAT have increased manifold. In such a scenario, the vacancies in the SAT must be filled at the earliest to allow the tribunal to work effectively and at full capacity. In fact, the Securities Exchange Board of India (Sebi) Act also allows for the setting up of benches of the SAT. It may be worth giving greater thought to the proposals of equipping the tribunal with additional benches and improved infrastructure to manage its escalating caseload," he added.

TO ACHIEVE DEVELOPED NATION STATUS

India needs to sustain growth trajectory for next two decades, says NK Singh

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 4

INDIA NEEDS to sustain its current growth trajectory for the next two decades as it hopes to achieve developed nation status, NK Singh, Chairperson of the 15th Finance Commission and former Member of Parliament in the Rajya Sabha, said Wednesday. Singh was conferred an Honorary Fellowship by the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) at a ceremony in London.

In his acceptance speech titled "The India Era", Singh highlighted the country's growth trajectory as it hopes to achieve developed nation status by 2047. "This is the third term of Prime Minister Modi, he and all members of the Council of Ministers are deeply committed to a developed India by 2047... for the next two decades, India needs to sustain this kind of growth trajectory. The Indian growth story also demonstrates that democracy and development are not inimical to each other," he said. "From time immemorial, India has been a mine of precious ideas; ushering in the India age is



15th Finance Commission Chairperson NK Singh has been conferred an Honorary Fellowship by the London School of Economics and Political Science.

predicated in this deep belief, in our quest, in our anxiety, in our earnestness, in our restlessness to achieve what is ordained for us," Singh said. Singh is the Co-Convenor of the High Level Expert Group for the reforms of Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) formed by the G20 and the President of the New Delhi-based Institute of Economic Growth. On the 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 excellence since its inception in 1895. Its connection with India has been an in-

clusive, inquisitive and integral relationship." Previous Indian recipients of the award include Dr BR Ambedkar, former Chairperson of Tata Group Ratan Tata, Nobel laureate Amartya Sen, and former President of India KR Narayanan. The Honorary Fellowship was awarded at a ceremony in central London by LSE President and Vice-Chancellor Larry Kramer on July 3. Singh has been at the forefront of policy-making in India, from his involvement in India's economic reforms of 1991, as Secretary to Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, and as Secretary in various departments in the Ministry of Finance. In response to an invi-

ted to the ceremony, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said, "NK Singh's profound expertise in fiscal policy, coupled with his unwavering commitment to fiscal prudence, transparency, and co-operative federalism, epitomises his enduring legacy... Throughout his decades of public service, (he) has exemplified leadership in key positions, including the Chairmanship of the 15th Finance Commission and the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Review Committee."

"As a Member of Parliament, he (NK Singh) made notable contributions including the Committee's dealing with public accounts, foreign affairs and human resource development. In the diplomatic domain, he is well-known for his efforts at forging a closer relationship between India and Japan... (and was) deeply involved in India's G20 Presidency, serving as the Co-Convenor of the Independent Expert Group for the Reforms of Multilateral Development Banks," Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar said in response to an invitation to the ceremony.

BRIEFLY

Sensex closes above 80K mark for first time

Mumbai: Equity market indices continued their upward trajectories on Thursday, with the Sensex and Nifty ending at fresh record highs, tracking global cues and buying in banking and IT stocks. The 30-share BSE Sensex marginally rose 62.87 points, or 0.08 per cent, to close at 80,049.67. The index ended above 80,000 level for the first time. The broader Nifty 50 ended at 24,302.15, up 15.65 points, or 0.06 per cent.

New model of producer price index to capture input costs better on the anvil

RAVIDUTTAMISHRA
NEW DELHI, JULY 4

THE DEPARTMENT of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh on Friday said that the department has finalised a new model of the producer price index (PPI) to efficiently capture input prices in the economy and has shared it with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Singh, during a press briefing, said that the government is working towards changing the base

PLANNING TO MOVE FROM WPI TO PPI

■ The government is also planning on moving from WPI to PPI in line with most G20 economies

year of the wholesale price index (WPI) from 2011-12 and is also mulling on moving from the WPI to PPI going ahead in line with most G20 economies. Consultations regarding the same have been

undertaken with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, he said.

"It has to go through a process, including National Statistical Commission but we are on the job... The model from our side is final and we have shown it to the IMF," Singh said. Commenting on requests to change the base year of the WPI, he said this is also one of the issues that the government is considering.

The DPIIT in 2021 had issued a draft technical report of a working group, which had suggested revising the base year of WPI.

"Government, including MoSPI, looks at other statistical indicators, including the CPI (consumer price index) and various other indicators. I suspect you can expect some sort of an update of the base year eventually, but whether there will be one particular base year or different... because our studies show that other countries have multiple base years for different types of indices," Singh said.

Singh said that there will be a transitional phase where both the indices will be there, but call on it is yet to be taken.

Report about mischief makers in markets: Buch

Mumbai: Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch on Thursday exhorted market participants to report about the mischief makers in capital markets. She made it clear that such reporting of those indulging in wrongful conduct is in the "self-interest" of the market participant. The regulator's interest is to act as soon as possible on any wrong conduct before it blows into a systemic issue, she said.

China-built EVs hit with up to 37.6% EU tariff

REUTERS
BRUSSELS, JULY 4

THE EUROPEAN Union will impose tariffs of up to 37.6 per cent from Friday on imports of electric vehicles made in China, EU officials said, ratcheting up tensions with Beijing in Brussels' largest trade case yet. There is a four-month window during which the tariffs are provisional and intensive talks are expected to continue between the two sides as Beijing threatens wide-ranging retaliation. The European Commission's provisional duties of between 17.4



BYD electric vehicles being loaded for export.

per cent and 37.6 per cent without backdating are designed to prevent what its president Ursula von der Leyen has said is a threatened flood of cheap EVs built with state subsidies. The rates, laid out in a 208-page document published on Thursday, are almost the same as those announced by the Commission on June 12.

Beijing said then it would take "all necessary measures" to safeguard China's interests. These could include retaliatory tariffs on exports to China of products such as cognac or pork. EU trade chief Valdis Dombrovskis said there is no basis for China to retaliate. China's commerce ministry said on Thursday both sides have so far held several rounds of technical talks over tariffs on the issue.

BYD faces duties of 17.4 per cent, Geely 19.9 per cent and SAIC 37.6 per cent, the EU said on Thursday. These are on top of the EU's standard 10 per cent duty on car imports.

SOUMYARENDRABARIK
NEW DELHI, JULY 4

BEFORE IT could really fly, the yellow bird was dead. Government officials gave it initial flight, and while it did gain some early traction in 2021, Koo—India's answer to X (formerly Twitter)—has shut down, highlighting the existential challenges a company has to overcome in building a successful social networking platform.

For a country that prides itself for being, in many ways, the software capital of the world, a successful global social networking platform has somehow eluded India forever. Koo had first hoped it could change that, but it faced some fundamental issues.

The lobby game

It takes a lot of capital to build a social media platform in a world which is already dominated by such offerings by deep-pocketed big tech platforms from the US. Hiring the right talent, maintaining online systems, and putting together a team of content moderators are some of the obvious cost centres for a social networking platform. Then there are costs of following regulations in various jurisdictions, which again requires a team of lawyers, and policy professionals who could work with various lobby groups to influence regulations. For a small company, that is often a cost they simply can not afford in the building stage, and it is fair to believe that VCs wouldn't want to bankroll these operations either.

Those who closely follow tech regulations in India would vouch for the intricate web of lobbying that goes behind the scenes to ensure that companies and governments agree to trade-offs that they are both okay with. India is no different. So called industry bodies, which more often than not are nothing more than big-tech mouthpieces, require consistent engagement from companies,



apart from membership money. If one can't afford that, it is likely that their viewpoint may never reach the government. Beyond the big lobby groups, a number of boutique consultancy firms have also mushroomed in India—that world works by publishing reports which further a narrative which is sympathetic to big tech companies, because more often than not they are the ones funding such research work. If they haven't funded it, it is likely that a consultancy firm wants to get their attention, and funding by aligning the research work they put out.

It is easy to get lost in this world, which is largely dominated by the likes of Meta and Google who splurge millions of dollars in lobbying. This is a big factor of having adequate money. In their announcement about Koo shutting down, the app's co-founders alluded to the issue of this capital problem. "We were just months away from beating Twitter in India in 2022 and could have doubled down on that short term goal with capital behind us," they said.

A conservative mosh pit

It is also ostensibly argued that making a social media platform is not much of a tech challenge anymore, as it might have been a decade ago. There are enough platforms to take inspiration from—as Koo liberally did from Twitter. The real challenge is to offer users an alternative that may fulfil a need which isn't already being met by another, more thriving

platform. For Koo, it thought that its focus on local language content could be that differentiator. "We saw a big gap between the languages the world speaks and the fact that most social products, especially X/Twitter in India are English dominant. In a world where 80 per cent of the population speaks a language other than English, this is a strong need," the co-founders said.

But, that was not sustainable. Social media is a game of scale. They're not just competing with other apps, but also with essential bodily needs like sleep. They will only work if users actively choose to log in, and engage with—and outrage over—content that is served to them. In fact, for a large portion of X users, it became a point that because Koo was promoted by those from the ruling party, they would never use it—in that sense, the government endorsement may have actually backfired.

The endorsement itself was a half-baked attempt. At no point did any government official ever commit to Koo exclusively. Take Truth Social as an example—even as it becomes a mosh pit of questionable conservative commentators, its main pull is that it is the major gateway into the mind of former US President Donald Trump, who no longer posts on platforms like X or Facebook. For those who follow him religiously and buy into the ideology that comes with that, Truth Social is a must have app.

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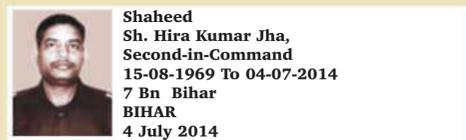
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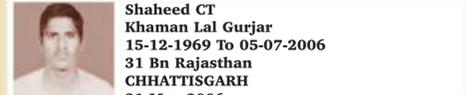
Shaheed Sh. Hira Kumar Jha, Second-in-Command 15-08-1969 To 04-07-2014 7 Bn Bihar BIHAR 4 July 2014

On 4th July 2014, troops of 7th Battalion of CRPF launched an operation against Maoists in the village of Lakhari, PS-Khaira, District Jamui. The operation was commanded by Sh. Hira Kumar Jha, Second-in-Command. The troops cordoned off the village before first light and began the search. As the troops started searching the village, the Maoists hiding inside the huts moved out, using civilians as shields, and opened indiscriminate fire at the troops. The troops retaliated in a controlled manner, avoiding collateral damage. Sh. Hira Kumar Jha, Second-in-Command, who was leading the attack, noticed a Maoist wielding an AK-47 who was trying to flee the area under human shield. He immediately took along two constables and chased the Maoist. After closing in on the Maoist, he launched an assault and injured him. Unfortunately, in the endeavor, he also sustained injuries and sacrificed his life for the nation. Three dreaded Maoists were apprehended in the operation. For his act of gallantry and bravery, Shaheed Sh. Hira Kumar Jha, Second in Command was posthumously awarded the "Shaurya Chakra".



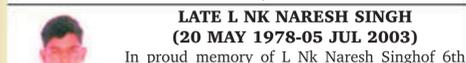
Shaheed Shri VK Khullar, Shaheed L/Naik Mohd Asghar Ishaq, Shaheed Constable Amar Singh, Shaheed Constable/Tailor Sultan Singh

TRIPURA 5 July 2014 The 13th Battalion of CRPF was deployed in Tripura. On 5th July 1984, Assistant Commandant Shri VK. Khullar, along with the SDPO, left Amarpur with an escort for Ompi in two jeeps. Both jeeps came under a planned ambush. While the first jeep kept moving, the driver of Shri VK. Khullar's jeep was hit by bullets, causing the jeep to fall into a ditch. Despite being fatally injured, Shri VK. Khullar got out of the jeep and fired back from just 5 yards away from the enemy's LMG position. He was hit again but continued firing until he made the supreme sacrifice. For his gallant action and indomitable courage, he was posthumously awarded the President's Police Medal for Gallantry. Three other CRPF bravehearts also sacrificed their lives fighting the enemy. The nation will forever remain indebted to them and their families.



Shaheed CT Khaman Lal Gurjar 15-12-1969 To 05-07-2006 31 Bn Rajasthan CHHATTISGARH 21 May 2006

On 21st May 2006, Maoists blasted a culvert on Ganesh Bahar Nala under PS Baringhara, District Dantewada, and blocked National Highway 16 by cutting trees and placing IEDs. Troops of 31 Battalion of CRPF rushed to the spot. Upon arrival, they tactically searched the area and found a 1.5 kg IED, which was defused. During the continued search, Shaheed Constable Khaman Lal Gurjar stepped on a landmine, which exploded, severely injuring him and others. He was evacuated to a hospital and later referred to Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi, where he succumbed to his injuries on 5th July 2006, making the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.



LATE L NK NAREESH SINGH (20 May 1978-05 July 2003)

In proud memory of L NK Nareesh Singh 6th Battalion The Dogra Regiment, who made the supreme sacrifice while serving the Nation at Nowshera(J&K) on 05 July 2003. To the loved ones we have lost. You are forever in our hearts and minds. Your service and sacrifice to our country will always be remembered. "BRAVES DIE, BUT ONLY ONCE" Remembered by Commanding Officer and All Ranks 6 DOGRA.

Superintending Engineer PH Circle Kozhikode

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No. Re-tender SEP/HC/KKD/07 to 10/2024-25, SEP/HC/KKD/11&12/2024-25... Jalevan Mission - Kozhikode District-1. WSS to Karassery - Providing FHTCs to various highly elevated location in Thiruvambady Pt 2. CWSS to Kavilpampa 11.00 LL GLSR cum Sump, Construction of 4.00 LL GLSR. Supplying and laying 300 mm Dia CWPM, 450mm Dia CWGM, & pumps etc. JWSS to Thiruvallur Construction of 13 Lakh Litres GLSR. Supplying and Laying CWGM and CWPM. Construction of Booster Pump House, Supply and Erection of Pumps etc. WSS to Thiruvallur - Construction of 28 LL OHSR. Construction of MS Pipe Line Bridge At Kannada (CWGM). Supply laying of CWGM, CWPM. Construction of online booster station and road reformation 5. WSS to Thiruvallur-Construction of 22 MLD WTP. Supplying and laying RWPM. Supply and erection of pump sets and transformers and Construction of pipeline bridge-Manikoth Paddy Field (RWPM). Renovation of well. Fabrication supply erection and commissioning of circular gantry girder and Renovation of generator room at Gulikapuzha 5. WSS to Thiruvallur-Construction of 22 MLD WTP. Supplying and laying RWPM. Supply and erection of pump sets and transformers and Construction of pipe line bridge-Manikoth Paddy Field (RWPM). Renovation of well. Fabrication supply erection and commissioning of circular gantry girder and Renovation of generator room at Gulikapuzha 6. CWSS to Kavilpampa -Supplying & Laying 250mm DI 90 Clear Water Gravity main from Chekkoramala 4.00LL sump to 12. 50LL OHSR & Construction of 12.50LL OHSR EMD: Rs. 500000, 500000, 500000, 500000, 200000. Tender Fee: Rs. 16540+(2978)GST, 16540+(2978)GST, 11025+(1985)GST, 16540+(2978)GST, 16540+(2978)GST, 11025+(1985)GST. Last Date for submitting Tender : 20-07-2024 04:00pm. Phone : 0495-2371046. Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

KWA-JB-GL-6-162-2024-25

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY ई-ऑक्शन आमंत्रित करने की सूचना

न. Comm/E-auction/2024/100, दिनांक: 02.07.2024 उक्त के सन्दर्भ में विभिन्न गाइडों के परस्पर आरंभ की गई सूची पर पाकिंग स्टैंड/ विधान (आउट ऑफ होम) के टेके हेतु ई-ऑक्शन आमंत्रित की गई है। केंद्रों में IREPS वेबसाइट पर प्रकाशित किए जा चुके हैं।

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U.PRAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD. HARDUAGANJ THERMAL POWER STATION KASIMPUR (ALIGARH)

E-TENDER NOTICE

Superintending Engineer,ECMC, Kasimpur.

1. Short Term E-Tender No. 07/ECMC/ECMD-I/HTPS/2024-25. Online e-bids were invited for the works of "Civil Maintenance and Repair works of Tower Type-V (05 Storey, Total 10 Nos. residences), Tower Type-V-Block A and B and Tower Type-III-Block A and B (40 Nos. of residences in each Tower of 10 Storey) at Harduaganj Thermal Power Station, Aligarh, UTTAR PRADESH". E-Tender will be uploaded on 04.07.2024 on http://etender.up.nic.in.

Note- Total quantity of work, tender specification and other terms & condition is as per tender documents available on the e-portal. Corrigendum, Addendum, Extension if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time. Part-I shall contain Tender Cost/Earnest money and other necessary documents as per pre-qualifying conditions and Part-II will contain price bid as per bill of quantity. Tender specification may be downloaded from the website (http://etender.up.nic.in) and other specification details can be seen on Nigam website HYPERLINK "http://www.uprvnl.org" www.uprvnl.org. The contractors have to submit the hard copy before the schedule date/time in the concern office in sealed envelope containing details of the tender mentioned on the envelope. Tenders are advised to send their hard copy directly to the concerned tendering authority of the Circles/Division. Who reserve the right to unaccept/cancel any or all the tenders without assigning any reason there of.

Superintending Engineer (H.Q.)

पत्रक 30/अधीक(विपु)/विधान/कैम्प-1(27)/24 दिनांक: 03/07/2024

"Save Electricity for Nation"

दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि०. ऊर्जा भवन, 220के०वी उपसंस्थान, बाई पास रोड, सिकन्दरा, आगरा-282007. DAKSHINANCHAL VIDYUT VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED (UNDERTAKING OF U.P. GOVERNMENT) (CIN: U31200UP2003SGC027460) अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, सरायकेला

अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या - RDD/SD/SKELLA/02/2024-25

Table with 6 columns: क्र. सं., कार्य का नाम, प्रांककित राशि, अग्रिम की राशि, परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य, कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि. Lists various maintenance and construction work items.

वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि - 12.07.2024

ई-निविदा प्रारंभ की तिथि एवं समय - दिनांक 12.07.2024 से दिनांक 23.07.2024 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक।

ई-निविदा खोलने का स्थान - कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, सरायकेला।

ई-निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय - 24.07.2024 अपराह्न 2:00 बजे

ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, सरायकेला।

ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं- 9431183187 (संबंधित कार्यपालक अभियंता का दूरभाष नम्बर)

परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट-बढ़ सकती है तदनुसार अग्रिम की राशि देय होगी।

निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रिम की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।

निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रिम की राशि का ई-युगानाल विस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रिम की राशि वापस होगी। अगर खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही आवृत्त होगी।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिये वेबसाइट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in एवं कार्यालय की सूचना पत्र पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, सरायकेला

PR 328700 Rural Development (24-25)_D

राजस्थान सरकार. कार्यालय पदेन सदस्य सचिव, राजस्थान मेडिकेयर रिलीफ सोसायटी एवम् चिकित्सा अधीक्षक, महात्मा गाँधी चिकित्सालय, भीलवाड़ा. निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना. दिनांक-28.06.2024

GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND, ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT BHAWAN, DHURWA, RANCHI-834004

Advertisement L. No.-1262 dt.-03/07/2024

NOTICE

Application is invited for the post of Chairperson of Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission (JSERC), Ranchi, as per details given below:-

1. No. of vacancies - 01 Chairperson

2. Qualification for appointment of Chairperson of State Commission:-

a. The Chairperson shall be person of ability, integrity and standing who have adequate knowledge of and have shown capacity in dealing with problems relating to engineering finance, commerce, economics, law management or administration.

b. The Chairperson of State Commission shall not hold any other office.

c. Person having any financial or other interest which is likely to affect prejudicially his functions as the Chairperson not eligible.

d. The Chairperson of the State Commission shall not be eligible for re-appointment in the same capacity as the Chairperson in that Commission in which he had earlier held office as such.

e. No Chairperson shall hold office as such after he has attained the age of sixty-five years.

3. The chairperson shall be the Chief Executive of the State Commission.

4. The salary, allowances and other terms and conditions of service of the Chairperson shall be such as may be prescribed by the Government.

5. If the applicant is working in some organization/company etc then the Candidate will have to furnish following information through their employer/organization in which they are serving along with NOC together with the following documents/information latest by 02/08/2024

(a) Up-to-date and complete A.C.R.

(b) Vigilance Clearance certificate.

(c) (i) Whether any penalty has been imposed on the applicant in the past.

(ii) If so give details.

(iii) Indicate if any penalty is in operation against the applicant as on date.

6. The Candidate can apply through speed post or courier services, so that it is received by the undersigned on or before 02/08/2024

7. The crucial date for determination of eligibility of applicants for the post of Chairperson will be 30/08/2024

8. The interested, eligible candidates should send their applications along with self-attested copies of relevant documents in prescribed application format which is also available on website www.jharkhand.gov.in (Jharkhand Government Portal, in Advertisements Section) so as to reach Joint Secretary (Energy) on the address mentioned below on or before stipulated time as mentioned above. Application received after the due date will not be considered.

9. The application should be covered in a sealed envelope written with 'For the post of Chairperson JSERC'.

Address :- Department of Energy, Government of Jharkhand, Near MDI Building, Project Bhawan Campus, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004, Phone No.-0651-2446647.

Sd/- Deputy Secretary

PR 328659 (Energy) 24-25 (D)

Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Board

Department of Tourism and Civil Aviation

Government of Himachal Pradesh

P57133-001-Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism Development Project in Himachal Pradesh

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Date : 05.07.2024

OCB Invitation for Bids No. : SITDP-JP_W09/2023-24/

Contract Package No. : SITDP-JP_W09

Deadline for Submission of Bid : 08.08.2024 at 17:00 Hrs.

The Government of India as the "Borrower" has applied for financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism Development Project in Himachal Pradesh. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the Contract named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of the ADB.

The Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Board (HPTDB), under Department of Tourism and Civil Aviation, Government of Himachal Pradesh ("the Employer"), invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the "Wellness Centre at Manali, District Kullu, Himachal Pradesh".

1. The details of Contract Package are as follow:-

Table with 4 columns: S. No., Name of Work, Bid Security, Period of completion. Lists work items and their details.

To be qualified under this package, the Bidder should meet the following requirements

Table with 2 columns: Qualifying Criteria, Minimum Value (INR). Lists qualification criteria and minimum values.

1. Minimum Average Annual Construction Turnover(AACT) for the last Five (5) Financial Years (FYs, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23) Equal to or more than INR 440.00 million

2. Must demonstrate availability of Financial Resources (less its financial obligations for current contract commitments), meets or exceeds the total requirement for the subject contract, as detailed below.

3. Sole Bidder INR 55.00million

(i) For JV: One Partner must meet or exceed its required share of 40% INR 22.00million

(ii) For JV: Each Partner must meet or exceed its required share of 25% INR 14.00 million

(iii) The combined financial resources of the Joint Venture must INR55.00 million

4. Contracts of Similar Size and Nature:

1. Participation as a contractor, Joint Venture partner, or Subcontractor, in at least one contract that has been satisfactorily and substantially completed within the last 7 years and that is similar to the proposed works, where the value of the Bidder's participation exceeds INR 352.00 million.

2. Participation as a contractor, Joint Venture partner, or Subcontractor, in at least two contract that has been satisfactorily and substantially completed within the last 7 years and that is similar to the proposed works, where the value of the Bidder's participation exceeds INR 220.00 million.

Further details are indicated in the Section 3 - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria of the Bidding Document.

2. Open Competitive Bidding (OCB) will be conducted in accordance with ADB's "Single-Stage, Two-Envelope" bidding procedure and is open to all Bidders from eligible countries of ADB.

3. To obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents, bidders should contact:

The Project Director Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism Development Project in Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Board (HPTDB)

Department of Tourism and Civil Aviation

First Floor, U.S. Club Shimla - 171 001, HP, India

Tel: +91-177-2659962, 2659926, Fax: +91-177-2659925

Email: projectdirector.adbhp@gmail.com, Website: www.himachaltourism.gov.in

4. For bid submission:

● Participating bidders should be registered in e-procurement portal www.hptenders.gov.in.

● Cost of Bid document in form of Demand Draft (DD) in favor of Project Director, Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism Development Project in Himachal Pradesh, payable at Shimla

● Interested and eligible bidders may submit their complete proposal as prescribed in the Bid Document along with the receipt of requisite Bid Security Amount and non-refundable Bid Document Cost.

● Bids received without the payment of Bid Document Cost and/or Bid Security Amount shall be summarily rejected.

● The Employer will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or submission of Bids.

● Bids must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before the date and time specified in the Bidding Document. Late bids will not be admitted by the e-procurement system. The Employer will not be responsible for any delay in submission of bid due to any reason.

Key dates

Table with 3 columns: S. No., Event, Date/ Time. Lists key dates for the bidding process.

5. Any addendum, clarification to the bidder's queries and corrigendum etc. will be published on the e-proc web site www.hptenders.gov.in and will not be published in Newspapers. If any date specified herein is a holiday, then the next working day will be considered for the activity and the time will remain the same.

6. Right to revise or amend this notice and / or the Bid Document, fully or partially, prior to the last date notified for submission of Bids or on any subsequent date is reserved by the Employer.

7. Pre-Bid meeting with the Bidders will be held at Office of the Project Director (address given below) at 15:00 Hrs. on 15.07.2024. Bidders interested in participating in the bids are advised to attend the same through online or physically. Bidders are encouraged to visit the site, at their own cost, before the Pre-Bid meeting / submission of Bid.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Date : 05.07.2024

OCB Invitation for Bids No. : SITDP-JP_W12/2023-24/

Contract Package No. : SITDP-JP_W12

Deadline for Submission of Bid : 08.08.2024 at 17:00 Hrs.

1. The Government of India as the "Borrower" has applied for financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism Development Project in Himachal Pradesh. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the Contract named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of the ADB.

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The Project Director Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism Development Project in Himach

Canara Bank (A Govt. of India Undertaking) E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE. Branch Office:- Karnal ARM Branch (DP- 6290), E-mail: cb6290@canarabank.com. SALE NOTICE OF MOVABLE & IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 UNDER RULES 6(2), 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.

Table with 6 columns: Sr. No., Branch Name/Address, Brief Description of Property, Total Liabilities, Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit, and Details of A/c No. (IFSC CODE, Possession notice). Contains 5 entries for various properties in Karnal and Gurgaon.

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS: A) Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website https://canarabank.auctiontiger.net. B) The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer, on for Sr. No. 1 & 2 (15.07.2024) for Sr. No. 3 & 4 (30.07.2024) for Sr. No. 5 (05.08.2024).

STATUTORY 15/30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002. Date :- 03.07.2024 Place :- Karnal Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, NAVA RAIPUR. Plot - 7, Sector - 24, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur - 493661 (C. G.), India. Ph.D. Admissions (Full Time & Part Time) Autumn-2024. Applications are invited for Autumn Semester-2024 admission into Ph.D. program at IIIT-Nava Raipur.

Government of Rajasthan. Office of the Chairman, NEET PG Admission/Counseling Board-2024 SMS Medical College, Jaipur. State Dental P.G. Seats (MDS) Allotments-2024. The registration for PG Dental course (MDS) in Rajasthan shall commence on-line from 05.07.2024.

Table with 2 columns: Application form (Registration) and other details. Includes dates for registration (05.07.2024), last date for depositing application fee (10.07.2024), and document verification (11.07.2024 to 12.07.2024).

SALE ON "AS-IS-WHERE-IS" BASIS OF DAMAGED GOODS. BELONGING TO C.L. GUPTA OVERSEAS LLP. Affected factory at Plot No-A-1 Sez, Moradabad -244001. Period of inspection of damaged items: 04.07.2024 to 15.07.2024 from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm.

राष्ट्रीय परोपेक्षिकी संस्थान अगर्ता NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, AGARTALA. OFFICE OF THE ACADEMIC & EXAMINATION. No. NITA_5/60(Acad)/CCMN/2024-25 Dated: 04/07/2024. ADMISSION NOTIFICATION (Admission in M.Sc. Programme 2024-25).

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY KANKE, RANCHI-834006, JHARKHAND. NOTICE. Director, Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi invites the applications for the following posts on tenure basis upto three years.

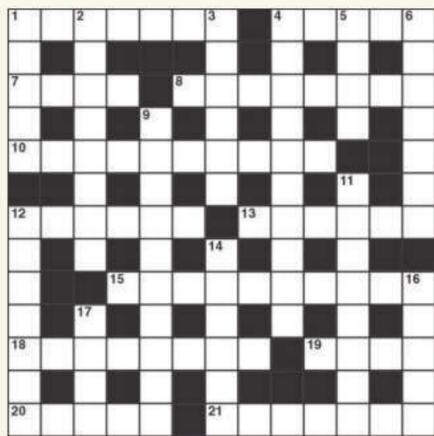
Ministry of Culture Government of India. Prime Ministers Museum and Library Cordially invites you to a Public Lecture on The Mughal Engagement with a Sanskrit Text: Dara Shikoh and Yogavasistha by Dr. Mohsin Ali.

PUBLIC NOTICE. This is to inform you that, M/s Utility Estates Private Limited, at village - Shahpur Bamheta, Mehrauli, Tehsil & District - Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, has been granted EC with identification No. EC24B3812UP5892626N dated 26/06/2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT. NOTICE FOR INVITING e-TENDERS FROM GENERAL PUBLIC FOR ALLOTMENT OF REMAINING RETAIL LIQUOR ZONES IN TWENTY-ONE (21) DISTRICTS IN THE STATE OF HARYANA FOR THE EXCISE POLICY YEAR 2024-25.

PUBLIC NOTICE. This is to inform you that, M/s Agarwal Associates (Promoters) Ltd, at village-Shahpur, Bamheta, Pargana-Dasna, Tehsil & District-Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, has been granted EC with identification No. EC24B3812UP5485066N dated 20/06/2024.

CROSSWORD 5408



- ACROSS**
- Institutions that train large groups of swimmers (7)
 - Raised we hear and risen we hope (5)
 - Boy about five sees another (4)
 - Jane broke a horse in for a period after Elizabeth (8)
 - Nocturnal phantom could be deadly in the open (10)
 - Kingdoms about to receive charity (6)
 - A cheering word (6)
 - Table inlaid with nacre design for a holy place (10)
 - Organic defence for the soul? (8)
 - Is such a championship never close? (4)
 - The south side is hot and humid (5)
 - They may well ruin a sea trip (7)
- DOWN**
- Single issue of new coins (5)
 - Bowler for example had to agree to differ (8)
 - Was upset over the bandage (6)
 - It has a strong scent (10)
 - Still on equal terms but quits (4)
 - Power line lasting for generations (7)
 - Its owner will have impressions of many countries (5,5)
 - Coke and cannabis for a crank (8)
 - Arranged several displays (7)
 - Supported by arms or threatened by them? (4,2)
 - Birds in the wilderness (5)
 - Small yet troublesome inflammation (4)

Solutions Crossword 5407 Across: 1 Miniaturist, 9 Oratory, 10 Banjo, 11 Trek, 12 Builders, 14 Opener, 16 Versed, 18 Exporter, 19 Tsar, 22 Scrum, 23 Airport, 24 Go into space Down: 2 Rate, 3 Idol, 4 Try-out, 5 Rebelled, 6 Singers, 7 Controversy, 8 Considerate, 13 Ferryman, 15 Esparto, 17 Legato, 20 Stoic, 21 Grip

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLLED WORDS

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

One is never more on trial than in the moment of excessive _____
- Lew Wallace (4...7)

DTEOR **BINDNU**

PROTO **DIIRFG**

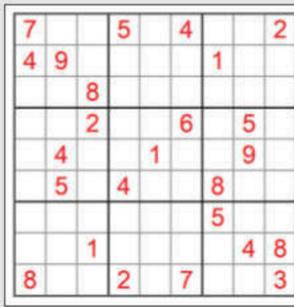
SOLUTION: DTEOR, TROOP; UNBIND, FRIEND
Answer: One is never more on trial than in the moment of excessive good fortune.

Difficulty Level 4s

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

SUDOKU 5612

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



SOLUTION SUDOKU 5611



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

- ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**
It's time for a spot of shopping. It's actually an important moment to choose between financial security and a venture which could be a risk. But don't be hasty, for there might still be further details waiting to come to light.
- LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**
Face up to those hard questions, like what you're working for, what's it all worth, and are you being paid enough? If the answer to the last is 'no', do something about it! There are many ways to increase your income and cut your spending.
- TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**
A partner has as much will-power as you, if not more. So, if you should feel inclined to enter into a trial of strength you will have to realise that, however well you have done so far, you could risk everything you have gained. A few simple safeguards should do the trick.
- SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**
You may well imagine that you were completely right about the past and are utterly correct about the future. Confidence is one thing, a complete lack of self-doubt is another, and it could be useful now to question your emotional priorities. You don't want to blunder into a brick-wall.
- GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**
Don't expect to be let off the hook today, or tomorrow. Put rumours and suspicions to one side, concentrating on the here and now, and what you can do to improve the world for everyone. You can only gain if people see you putting others first.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)**
About the only thing you can do is be as philanthropic and charitable as you can - and provide a valuable back-up for other people. Put unstinting effort into improving the quality of life for partners, and you'll avoid certain pitfalls arising out of your past actions.
- CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**
Children and younger relations demand extra time, but you may have difficulty keeping all the emotional balls in the air at the same moment, especially if friends also require your support and sustenance. You might have to make some difficult choices - and soon.
- CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**
Children or younger relations should take pride of place in family matters. For your own benefit you should take a leaf out of their book and resolve to be still more youthful and young at heart in the future. After all, you're as young as you feel - in theory.
- LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**
You've got some bright financial ideas, so with the right advice you could do very well. Partners are essential to the fulfilment of your plans. Plus, don't take risks with your emotional security or throw away goodwill just when you need it most.
- AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**
A professional contest is about to begin. Even for those of you not at work, a long-term ambition is now coming to a turning-point, and you will have to decide whether to opt out or re-double your efforts. A community project will soon pay dividends.
- VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**
You may now be tempted to join in the fray, but before you dabble in partners' disputes and arguments between colleagues, be warned that you may have to take some flak of your own. However, if others are honest, they'll admit to benefiting from your breadth of vision.
- PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**
What is difficult for other people could be decidedly favourable for you. However, if you should think it is possible to cash in on anyone else's misfortune, there's a chance that you could end up sharing it. Stick to what suits you best - sincerity and integrity.

NATIONAL DOCTOR'S DAY—CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA
On National Doctors' Day, Anil Agnihotri, DGM, Central Bank of India visited Lady Harding Medical College in New Delhi & met Dr Sarita Beri, Dir. of Institute, Rajeshwar Lal, Dy Dir. (Admin), Dr Anupam Parkash (CMO) & many other doctors. Additionally, many other branch heads of the Central Bank of India visited their nearby hospitals & clinics & met with doctors and their staff to inform them about various banking products & their benefits.

INDUCTION—SAIL
SAIL announced its recent induction as a member of The Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT) at the 'Engaging India at Almedalen' held in Sweden's Visby. LeadIT was launched by the governments of Sweden & India at the UN Climate Action Summit in September 2019 and is supported by the World Economic Forum.

EVENT—SECI
Intersolar Europe, the world's leading exhibition for the solar industry, is part of The Smarter E Europe, the continent's largest energy industry platform. It focuses on photovoltaics, solar thermal technologies, & solar power plants. From 19-21 June 2024, the Solar Energy Corporation of India participated in this prestigious event in Germany's Munich.

INDUCTION CEREMONY—CISF
CISF took over the security of the NTPC-Coal Mining Project in Jharkhand's Hazaribagh. The induction ceremony was graced by Faiz Taiyab, Head of Project, Coal Mining Project Barwadih, Dr. DP Parihar, DIG CISF, CCL HQs Ranchi, Rajneesh Rastogi, CGM, HR CMHQ, Sandeep Kumar S, Sr Comdt, Mruthyunjaya Swamy D, DC. Other officers & personnel of CISF & NTPC-CMP Hazaribagh were present during the occasion.

CONVENTION—IREDA
PK Das, CMD IREDA, addressed the 61st National Cost & Management Accountants' Convention in Gujarat. He highlighted its pivotal role in supporting Renewable Energy growth in India, backed by substantial industry expertise & a dedicated focus on Corporate Governance, including the publication of FY24 Annual Audited Financial Results within 19 days - the fastest in India's Banking & Financial Services sector & holding of AGM within 84 days.

MOU—PNB
To strengthen further its support to the armed forces, PNB enhanced the insurance coverage & other benefits for all serving personnel of the Indian Army under its flagship scheme - PNB Rakshak Plus. The addendum to the existing MoU was signed by PNB CGM, Sunil Agrawal, & the Indian Army's Major General V K Purohit, AVSM, YSM, SM, (ADG PS).

INT'L YOGA DAY—EDCIL
EdCIL celebrated Int'l Day of Yoga - 24 recently at its Noida Corporate Office, wherein M. Kumar, CMD, along with sr officers & employees participated enthusiastically. Dr. Puja Dewan, the guest of the day & R. Khadka, a Yoga trainer, conducted a workshop & explained various useful Yoga Aasanas, power yoga, yoga therapy & Pranayam to overcome health issues & how to remain fit.

PVVNL Managing Director Mrs. Isha Duhan (IAS), regularly reviewing with the officials of Airport Authority, the implementing agencies for line construction, Transmission and Distribution Corporation in the presence of Praveen Kumar Singh, Executive Engineer, Electrical Distribution Section-I-Saharanpur, Rajveer Singh, Executive Engineer, Electrical Testing Section-Saharanpur and Tushar Dixit from Airport Authority of India. To provide uninterrupted power supply to Sarsawa Airport, an 11kV independent feeder about 8 km long was constructed from Sarsawa 33/11kV power house, so that quality uninterrupted power supply can be provided to the civil terminal of Sarsawa Airport located in Saharanpur district.

CORPORATE BRIEFS

INT'L YOGA DAY—KVIC
The International Yoga Day celebration brought special happiness to lakhs of Khadi artisans in rural areas of India. On the occasion, the Khadi & Village Industries Commission, M/o Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (KVIC), Gol, sold 1,09,022 yoga mats & 63,700 yoga dresses worth Rs 8,67,87,380 to various govt. departments through 55 Khadi institutions across the country. Releasing the figures in Delhi recently, KVIC Chairman Manoj Kumar said that the brand power of PM Modi has made the Indian heritage of yoga as well as Khadi popular. He further said that this time on Yoga Day, PM Modi performed yoga in Srinagar & Union Home & Cooperation Minister Amit Shah practiced yoga in Ahmedabad wearing Khadi yoga clothes, which is a matter of pride for the Khadi artisans.

MEETING—IREDA
Pradip Kumar Das, CMD, IREDA, met with the CM of Odisha, Mohan Charan Majhi & Deputy CM, Kanak Varadhan Singh Deo in Bhubaneswar. The meetings focused on IREDA's pivotal role in renewable energy financing & its commitment to sustainable development. During the discussion, PK Das emphasized IREDA's significant contributions to renewable energy project financing across the country. He elaborated on the company's initiatives aimed at promoting clean energy & explained how IREDA can further support Odisha in tapping its renewable energy potential through financing. The state's green energy goals were a key focus of the conversation, particularly the opportunities in areas such as Hydro, Floating Solar, Solar component manufacturing, Green Hydrogen and Green Ammonia, etc.

FINANCIAL RESULTS—CWC
The Board of Directors of CWC has approved Ind AS compliant financial results of the Corporation for FY 2023-24. The Corporation achieved its highest-ever operating turnover of Rs 2172.67 cr (increase by 12.06% as compared to previous yr) with total income of Rs 2303.81 cr (increase by 8.81% as compared to previous yr). The Corporation achieved Profit Before Tax of Rs 590.36 cr reflecting 32.13% growth as compared to previous yr. Profit After Tax was Rs 459.69 cr (increase by 34.29% as compared to previous yr). The net worth of the Corporation stood at Rs 3342.11 cr (increase by 9.38%) as compared to previous yr.

EVENT—WAPCOS
WAPCOS celebrated its 55th Annual Day recently, wherein the Company's New Logo, Corporate Coffee Table Booklet & Film were released by CR Paati, the Minister of Jal Shakti, in the presence of Dr. Raj Bhushan Choudhary, MoS for Jal Shakti; Debashree Mukherjee, Secy., DoWR, RD, GR; RK Agrawal, CMD, WAPCOS & Senior Officers from the Ministry of Jal Shakti and WAPCOS.

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY—HUDCO
HUDCO celebrated the 10th Int'l Yoga Day pan India at its Regional Offices & Corporate Office. The main function held in New Delhi was an enriching session led by experts from Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga. This session explained some of the important yoga asanas, which could be practiced by all for healthy living. Delegates & employees also enjoyed a forest walk on this day. Speaking on this occasion, M. Nagaraj, Dir., Corporate Planning, impressed on the usefulness of yoga for balancing mind, body & soul. Sanjay Kulshrestha, CMD, HUDCO, emphasized the importance of yoga & encouraged all to wholeheartedly integrate it into their daily routine.

DISHA PUBLICATION proudly welcomed UPSC-CSE 2023 Toppers-Animesh Pradhan - AIR 2, PK Sidharth Ram Kumar-AIR 4, Aishwaryam Prajapati - AIR 10 & Kunal Rastogi - AIR 15. The toppers helped shed light on the preparation strategy & hardships they faced in the exam. Disha is humbled to be part of their journey as a guiding force & help others learn from their experiences through insightful interviews. To help millions of aspirants in the country, Disha marches with a knowledgeable pool of talent to become the country's leaders by assisting them to fulfill their dreams. The aspirants must go through the interviews to get the best out of them.

APPOINTMENTS

IRCON Hari Mohan Gupta has taken over as CMD of IRCON on 01.07.2024. HM Gupta graduated in Civil Engineering from IIT (Roorkee). He is an officer of Indian Railway Service of Engineers, 1989 batch and has over 33 yrs of rich & varied experience in infrastructure works. Before joining IRCON, he was holding the position of Director (Infrastructure) of DFCCIL for almost 4 years and during this tenure 1404 Route Kms (3173 Track Kms) double line electrified with automatic signaling tracks of WDFC has been Commissioned. He worked as Executive Director (Works) in M/o Railways, Railway Board.

NBCC Dr. Suman Kumar took over as Dir. (Commercial) of NBCC on 02.07.2024. Dr. Kumar, who joined NBCC in 2016 brings over three decades of extensive experience in Civil Engineering & Project Management to his new role. His expertise & dedication have been instrumental in advancing critical infrastructure projects across various sectors, reinforcing his reputation as a visionary leader in the field of engineering & construction. As ED, Dr. Kumar was entrusted with the execution of NBCC's two major projects viz. the stalled Amrapali projects in National Capital Region & the World Trade Centre, New Delhi.

GroupM announced the elevation of Ashwin Padmanabhan as COO for South Asia. He will oversee a streamlined structure that brings together GroupM's extensive & diversified key practices. This includes Influencer Marketing, Content, OOH offering & Nexus. Investments, Trading, Partnerships, Motion & Entertainment will continue to be part of his portfolio. Ashwin's strategic vision will play a pivotal role in seamlessly integrating GroupM's diversified services, to develop & deliver a best-in-class solution that unlocks value for clients & GroupM. Prasanth Kumar, CEO - GroupM South Asia said, "Ashwin's deep understanding of client requirements & industry ecosystems & his proven track record ensures a seamless alliance across respective domains."

GAIL plans to invest in start-up companies operating in identified areas through its start-up initiative, Pankh. GAIL has opened a fresh round, the 9th round, for the solicitation of investment proposals from start-ups operating in the focus areas. Details of these focus areas are available on GAIL's website under the 216; GAIL Pankh Section. Start-ups that are interested in equity investment from GAIL can apply through the link GAIL Pankh on the GAIL website.

NBCC has recently received a work order related to the construction of a new training centre and renovation of existing buildings of REC Institute of Power Management Training at Hyderabad. This is the first such assignment secured by NBCC by participating in the tender through the GeM portal as a seller. NBCC has secured this tender on the Quality Cost Based System (QCBS) method by receiving the highest marks after competing with other bidders through GeM.

NLCIL has achieved 22.12% growth in Lignite production during Q1 of FY 24-25 i.e. 61.72 LT produced when compared to Q1 of FY 23-24 i.e. 50.54 LT. The Company has raised its Coal production to 28.46 LT which is 35.27% growth during Q1 of FY 24-25 when compared to Q1 of FY 23-24 i.e. 21.04 LT. The Company has raised its Lignite & Coal production to 90.18 LT which is 25.98% growth during Q1 of FY 24-25 when compared to Q1 of FY 2023-24 i.e. 71.58 LT.