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Amid questions over his candidacy after a shaky debate performance, and facing pressure from Democratic donors, President Joe Biden makes yet another gaffe, calling himself 'America's first black woman to serve with a black prez', P 22

A new-look Indian T20 team led by Shubman Gill, who was a reserve in the T20 WC-winning squad, will hit the refresh button as they begin a 5-match series against Zimbabwe today, P 27

Govt in Pakistan's Punjab province will ban YouTube, WhatsApp, Facebook and TikTok between July 13 and 18, citing need to control 'hate material' during Muharram

Spain through to Euro semifinals as Merino (pic) scores an extra-time goal in 2-1 win over hosts Germany. Meanwhile, Turkey's Demiral to miss Dutch quarters as UEFA bans him for two matches over 'wolf' celebration, P 26



Nihangs attack Sena man with sword in Punjab

Candeep Thapar, a Shiv Sena politician in Punjab, was attacked by three Nihangs outside Ludhiana Civil Hospital Friday. He suffered injuries on his head.

► Gang of 6 hacks chief of BSP in TN to death, P 13

arms and legs after being hit with a sword. His gunman, who was riding pillion on his scooter, was suspended. Sena functionaries termed the attack a conspiracy. **P 16**

17 engs suspended as 10 Bihar bridges collapse in 16 days

Nitish Kumar govt Friday suspended 17 engineers from flood and water discharge divisions as well as rural works department for "gross negligence" on their part after 10 bridges collapsed in the state in past 16 days. The engineers didn't take precautionary steps and also didn't conduct technical inspection of the bridges, govt said. RJD's Tejashwi Yadav called the issue an "administrative failure". **P 13**

Agniveer kills self with service rifle at Agra IAF complex

22-year-old Agniveer from UP's Ballia, Shrikant Kumar Choudhary, killed himself by using his service rifle inside the technical area of the IAF complex at Agra's Tajnagari under Shahganj police station Tuesday night. No suicide note was found, and the reason why he took the extreme step was not known, said cops. IAF launched an inquiry to determine the circumstances leading to his death. **P 13**

NEET leak 'minuscule', no need to scrap it: Govt in SC

NTA, Too, Tells Court Majority Of Examinees Honest

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New Delhi: Three days before Supreme Court's crucial hearing on the NEET-UG controversy, the Centre and National Testing Agency (NTA) have accepted the allegation of irregularities and

► Maha bill to curb paper leaks in govt exams, P 27

paper leak in conducting the examination but told the court that scrapping the test was not needed as only a "minuscule" number of students were involved and the interest of 23 lakh students who took the examination honestly could not be jeopardised.

In separate affidavits in

Centre dismisses reports of fgn med grad exam leak

The Centre has rubbished social media reports claiming leak of questions to beasked in the Foreign Medical Graduate Examination scheduled to be held on Saturday. FMGE is a screening test taken by thousands of Indians who graduate from medical colleges abroad. One must pass this exam to apply for a licence to practise in the country. "This is completely misleading and untrue. FMGE is a computer-based test. The questions are prepared a few hours before the exam... Examinees should beware of such cheats," said a health ministry official. **P 27**

“It would not be rational to scrap the entire examination and the results already declared. In any examination, there are competing rights... whereby the interests of a large number of students who have taken the examination without adopting any alleged unfair means must not also be jeopardised”

—Centre in SC

SC, the Centre and NTA concurred that the impact of irregularities/cheating/impersonation/malpractices and paper leak was limited and confined to few centres in Patna and Godhra and that the students involved in it did not get the benefit they were looking for. NTA said action had been taken against all such students and they had been arrested and their results withheld.

► 'Will hurt lakhs', P 27

NEET-PG to now be conducted Aug 11

NEET-PG for admission to postgraduate medical courses will be conducted in two shifts on Aug 11. The exam was first scheduled to be held on June 23. However, the Centre had, on June 22, suddenly postponed the exam in the wake of allegations of paper leak in NEET-UG. **TNN**

UPPSC puts barcode on answer sheets

To plug loopholes in recruitment exams, UP Public Service Commission has made some major changes, including introducing barcodes instead of series on answer sheets, besides printing different sets of question papers for the same recruitment examination from different printing facilities. **P 27**

In K'taka, freshers lose out as 'repeaters' double

Bengaluru: The number of repeat NEET-UG candidates seeking entry into medical and dental colleges in Karnataka nearly doubled from 28,064 in 2023 to 53,616, reflecting the direction provided by last year's results when those repeating the test outperformed first-time aspirants. Of the 11,000 MBBS and BDS seats at stake in the state in 2023, repeat candidates filled 7,012, reports Sruthy Susan Ullas.

Unlike JEE, there is no bar on the number of attempts an aspirant can make to clear NEET. Data suggests strong competition, with nearly 24 candidates for every medical seat. "Repeaters land more seats

Govt official may be involved, hints CBI

CBI's probe has indicated an organised gang with "influential individuals", including a high-ranking govt official, may be involved along with those held in Hazaribag. The racket could extend to other exams for jobs. **P 27**

because they are dedicating more time exclusively to cracking the entrance test," said H Prasanna, executive director of the Karnataka Examinations Authority.

► 2 from 1997 batch, P 27

ED probing Delhi govt, AAP over DJB contracts

ED has opened a money laundering probe against Delhi govt, AAP ministers and the party brass over alleged cartelisation in award of Rs 1,943-crore tenders for 10 DJB sewage treatment plants. The agency conducted pan-India searches and claimed to have seized unaccounted cash and incriminating documents. Minister Atishi said, "AAP has never done corruption... nor will it ever do." **P 5**

Hiding in Pak, hijacker of 1981 flight dies

Pro-Khalistan terrorist Gajinder Singh, wanted in India and hiding in Pakistan for four decades since he hijacked Delhi-Srinagar Indian Airlines flight IC 423 in 1981, died at 73 in Lahore after suffering a cardiac arrest earlier this week.

Gajinder, who co-founded the radical Sikh outfit Dal Khalsa, had been put on a list of 20 most wanted terrorists in 2002. **P 14**

Naidu plans skill census, moots nat'l survey too

AP CM N Chandrababu Naidu is starting a skill census in the state and will suggest a similar exercise to PM Modi to map skill sets of the population and develop human capital. Skilling and creating jobs are seen as a key focus for the Centre. Naidu said the move is meant to expand PPP into "public, private, people's partnership" to generate better results for citizens. **P 14**

SIT chief on Hathras: Evidence suggests organisers' culpability

'Mukhya Sevadar' Named Accused In FIR Surrenders

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Hathras: Authorities investigating Tuesday's stampede at a 'satsang' in Hathras have recorded 90 statements, including that of the DM and SP as well as UP health department officers, who managed the situation following the tragedy.

Anupam Kulshrestha, ADG (Agra zone) and head of the SIT probing the stampede that claimed 121 lives, told PTI, "Evidence suggests culpability on the part of the event's organisers."

Late Friday night, the lawyer of main accused Devprakash Madhukar claimed



Rahul Gandhi consoles a family member of one of the deceased in Hathras on Friday | **P 20**

that he had surrendered in Delhi and taken into custody by UP police. Madhukar, the 'mukhya sevadar' of the satsang where the stampede occurred, is the only accused named in the FIR. Six other sevadars have been arrested and Kulshrestha said more arrests are likely.

► Conspiracy angle, P 20

Suspend life term only if trial court clearly erred: SC

New Delhi: Distinguishing fixed-period jail terms from life sentences, the SC on Friday said constitutional courts would not suspend a convict's life sentence unless prima facie satisfied that the judgment under appeal was unsustainable, reports Dhananjay Mahapatra.

On a plea for suspension of life sentence awarded in a murder case, a vacation bench of Justice JB Pardiwala and Ujjal Bhuyan said, "There is a fine distinction between sentence for a fixed term and life imprisonment."

IN THE COURTS

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- After 12 years in prison, Odisha woman acquitted of husband's murder | **P 13**
- Madras HC: How can TN govt pay compensation for hooch deaths? | **P 13**
- ED's add'l chargesheet names P Chidambaram's wife Nalini in Saradha scam | **P 17**
- Prima facie, man can't be tried for abetting suicide of wife after another man posted her obscene pics: SC | **P 17**

Tieup over, AAP, Cong set to slug it out in Delhi

Congress is set to launch a full-scale attack on AAP by accusing Kejriwal govt of multiple failures and large-scale corruption symbolised by the alleged liquor scam. With the leadership making it clear that there is "not much scope" for an alliance between the parties for Delhi and Haryana polls, sources in the state unit said they would raise the city's "deterioration and widespread sleaze" in a big way. **P 10**

9 suffocate to death in two C'garh wells

Nine people suffocated to death when they entered two unused wells full of noxious gases in Chhattisgarh's Janjgir-Champa and Korba districts Friday. The victims included a father and two sons in Janjgir-Champa, while four of a family lost their lives in Korba. In both cases, the victims died trying to save lives. Govt announced Rs 9 lakh compensation for each of the deceased. **P 16**

On 'amavasya' eve, 6 MLCs of BRS join Cong

Six BRS MLCs in Telangana apparently had a rushed entry into Congress at midnight Thursday to avoid making a new beginning coinciding with the moonless night of a new lunar cycle. "Amavasya was starting early Friday and so the joinings had to be rushed," a Congress functionary said. The defections ahead of a crucial budget session caught BRS off guard. **P 16**

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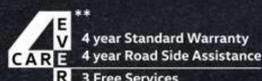
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TEMP ON FRIDAY
33.2° MAXIMUM
26° MINIMUM

FORECAST: Generally cloudy sky with light rain. Max and min on Saturday would be around 33 and 26°C
 SUNSET 7:23 PM (SAT) MOONSET 7:14 PM (SAT)
 SUNRISE 5:29 AM (SUN) MOONRISE 5:25 AM (SUN)



T1 closure hits flight operations, 23,000 passengers affected | 10

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Pollution continues to remain high in Yamuna, finds report | 9



Bitter Harvest: Why Putting Onus Of Tapping Rain On Citizens Has Pitfalls

Community-Driven Initiatives Key As RWH Systems In Even Govt Offices Fail To Take Off

Kushagra Dixit & Siddhant Mishra | TNN

New Delhi: There are two facts about water in Delhi: one, the city is deficient in raw water and two, the rainy season is fairly wet but much of the rainwater goes to waste. Here is one way how the monsoon could be yoked to ease the water problem. Ashok Mandal, a retired civil engineer who spearheaded rainwater harvesting in south Delhi's Anand Lok in 2003, reports that the groundwater has risen from 60ft to around 28ft. "It's best to understand where the water accumulates in an area and how the water flows in an area before installing the RWH system," said Mandal. "We did it at the community level in parks and rainwater runoff sites."

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In Mandal's success statement lies a crucial insight: "at the community level". But Delhi gov't has put the onus of conserving rainwater on households, leaving experts and RWAs with big doubts about whether the efforts of individual residents can boost the efficacy of the RWH initiative. A check of some successful RWH projects show indeed that most of them operate at the community level. Otherwise, even gov't spaces, like Vikas Bhawan and parks near AIIMS, haven't seen much success. In south Delhi's Navjivan Vihar in Malviya Nagar, RWA secretary Ruby Makhija said "We have succeeded with RWH at the community level in our colony for several years. We have nine pits at spots where waterlogging used to occur, four installed

HIGH COST A DAMPENER

1 Delhi has the potential to generate 87,000 MLD of water from 118.4mm rainfall
 City received 228.1mm rainfall in a single day on June 28, the arrival of monsoon in Delhi

2 While its groundwater extraction stands at an alarming 99%, rainwater harvesting has failed to take off
 Average cost of RWH system for areas less than 100 sqm is around ₹30,000; the cost increases with area
 It is mandatory for plots of 100 sqm or above to have a functional RWH system
 All gov't buildings must have RWH structures

3 Govt provides financial assistance to set up RWH systems
 Plot size in sqm (Price in ₹)

100-199	200	300	400	500
₹10,000	₹20,000	₹30,000	₹40,000	₹50,000

Delhi has no data on number of houses, building or parks with RWH systems
 Neither does it have an estimate on water conserved through harvesting

4 Govt has repeatedly extended deadlines for installing RWH systems in individual households. Previous deadlines are...

March 2020	Sept 2022	Sept 2023	March 2024
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Officials hint at another extension

5 Water demand in 2024
 Peak demand 1,290 MGD
 Total supply 990 MGD
 Supply from groundwater 135 MGD



6 Why individual houses find it impractical to install RWH systems
 High cost, lack of incentives, space constraints and yearly maintenance
 All successful examples of RWH systems - Sainik Farm, Navjeevan Vihar and Anand Lok - implemented at community/RWA levels
 Poor motivation, lack of maintenance and success stories of harvesting in gov't buildings also discourages people

by Delhi Jal Board and the rest through CSR funding." According to Sangeeta Takural, president of one of the RWAs of Chittaranjan Park, RWH with reservoirs isn't feasible at the household level. Only with gov't assistance at the community level can such projects be salvaged. "Please don't burden residents with more expenses. We are already paying taxes," remonstrated Takural. "In tightly packed colonies like ours, it's not possible to install RWH systems. However,

if gov't wants to make it mandatory, then it must use official funds at the RWA level. Individual houses are simply not equipped to do so." Gopal Bhatt, an area resident, pointed out that the local park had RWH, but it was expensive to maintain. It cost around Rs 1.5 lakh to create around 15 years ago. "The funds were granted to us by the then CM, Sheila Dikshit. The system got choked and we spent Rs 40,000 to make it functional again. How will individual households find the spa-

ce for collection and storage of rainwater?" Bhatt asked. Bhatt also said, "For private houses, it's an expensive proposition costing up to Rs 2.5 lakh. And what is the point of recharging the water table when residents don't get permission to extract the water?" The importance of space is perhaps emphasised by the RWH implementation in Sainik Farms, where the house areas are bigger than in other parts of the city. Hardeep Singh, president, Western Avenue RWA, Sainik Farms,

informed TOI that there were 135 RWH pits in the colony, of which over 100 were managed at the community level. "But even households recharge the groundwater. And we have to because we don't have piped supply. Our water comes from the community borewell," said Singh. Delhi Jal Board deadline for the installation of systems in private homes lapsed in March. With no fresh extension, it is currently mandatory for all houses to harvest rainwater. While are-

'Delhi losing its moorings': HC slams squatters

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New Delhi: Delhi is suffering from man-made floods as "rank encroachers" make unauthorised constructions, the high court lamented on Friday. "This city is losing its moorings. It cannot be that as a rational person, one occupies even the Yamuna plains. Where will the water move? It needs a place. Today all drains in this city through which water has to move are choked due to unauthorised construction. A common law-abiding citizen is suffering," a bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Geda remarked while hearing a plea against the ongoing demolition of encroachments in Mayur Vihar by Delhi Development Authority (DDA). The court was angry that despite DDA trying to evict encroachers from the river plain where it took possession of the land decades ago to channelise the Yamuna, encroachers refused to pay heed. "Because of encroachments, houses are getting submerged. Those people who have built in authorised areas, who have got all permissions, their houses are getting submerged, thanks to people who have taken law into their hands and have occupied the floodplain," an irked Acting Chief Justice told the counsel for Yamuna Khadar Slum Union, one of a batch of petitioners. While the counsel claimed that the relief sought was for alternative accommodation and not permission to stay on Yamuna Khadar, the court noted that they had secured an interim stay against eviction earlier. "Please don't shed crocodile tears. This land acquisition was for channelisation of river Yamuna. Now law-abiding citizens suffer because their

HIGH COURT SAYS
 Drains are choked because of illegal constructions, forcing water into homes of honest taxpayers

houses are flooded. You are a rank encroacher. Court has already returned a finding. Rank encroachers are coming to court and getting a stay order for six years," it said, refusing to tinker with a single-judge order that cleared the decks for the DDA drive. The bench referred to the satellite imagery conducted by DDA showing the encroachments. "The claim that your clients have been living there since 1970s is bunkum. It is all a figment of imagination, all a tissue of lies. When DUSIB is granting recognition to colonies for rehabilitation, why would it single out your colony?" the court responded to the petitioners' arguments for rehabilitation on an alternative land. The petitioners had sought the high court's intervention, saying they are homeless and were dwelling in the night shelters and jhuggis in the Khadar area, but DDA maintained they were squatting on the Yamuna floodplain. A single judge had noted that the documents filed by the petitioners didn't show the continued existence of the slum and JJ clusters prior to the cutoff dates of 2006. The high court also said a few documents filed by some petitioners didn't show the existence of the slum and JJ clusters to entitle them to the rehabilitation. Only the clusters that have been identified by Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board are entitled to rehabilitation, it added.

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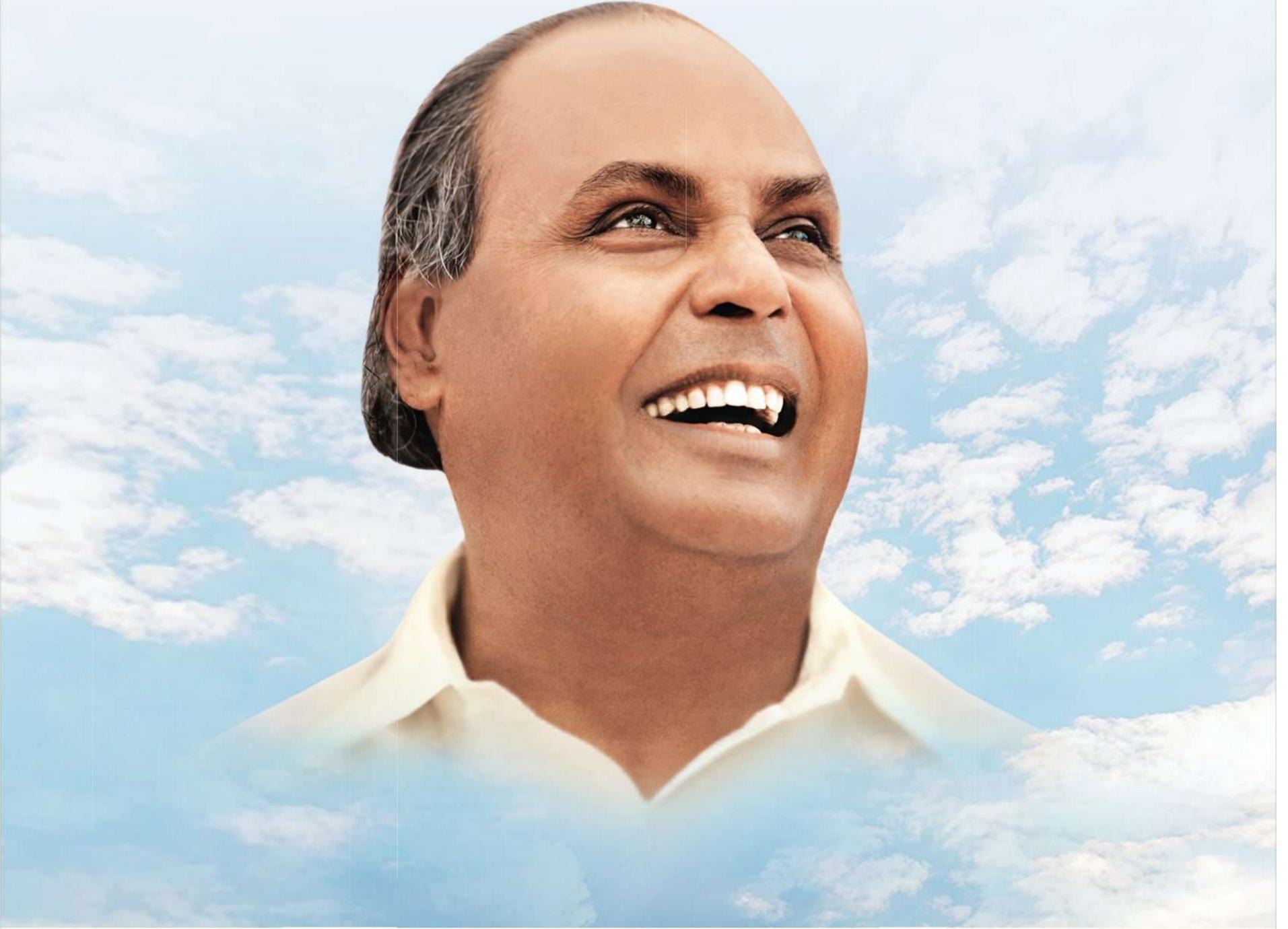
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CPR and AED Use: Improving Survival Rates in Cardiac Arrest Cases



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Cardiac emergencies, particularly sudden cardiac arrest, are life-threatening events that can strike without warning. Understanding the importance of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) is paramount in improving survival rates during cardiac arrest cases.

Understanding Cardiac Emergencies

Cardiac emergencies, including sudden cardiac arrest, occur when the heart's electrical system malfunctions, causing the heart to beat irregularly or stop altogether. Without immediate intervention, it can result in brain damage or death within minutes. It is crucial to recognize the symptoms and take prompt action when a cardiac emergency arises.

What is CPR?

CPR, or Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, is a life-saving technique that combines chest compressions and rescue breaths to maintain blood circulation and oxygen delivery to

vital organs during a cardiac emergency. CPR is a critical intervention that can buy time until professional medical help arrives.

The Role of AEDs

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are portable devices designed to provide an electric shock to the heart in cases of sudden cardiac arrest. These devices are equipped with sensors that analyze the heart's rhythm and determine if a shock is needed to restore a normal heartbeat. AEDs are user-friendly and can be used by trained and untrained individuals alike.

How to Use an AED

Using an AED is a straightforward process:

- Power On:** Turn on the AED to activate the device.
- Follow Voice or Visual Prompts:** Most AEDs provide clear and concise voice or visual instructions. Listen carefully and follow the prompts provided.
- Attach Electrode Pads:** Attach the electrode pads to the victim's bare chest as indicated on the AED.
- Stand Clear:** Ensure that no one is touching the victim and stand clear while the AED analyzes the heart rhythm.
- Deliver Shock:** If the AED determines that a shock is needed, it will prompt you to deliver the shock. Make sure no one is touching the victim before pushing the shock button.
- Resume CPR:** After delivering the shock, immediately resume CPR with chest compressions and rescue breaths, following the AED's instructions.

CPR and AED Training

Training in CPR and AED usage is invaluable for improving survival rates during cardiac emergencies. CPR and AED training programs are widely available and are designed to teach individuals the skills and confidence to respond effectively in emergencies. These courses cover chest compressions, rescue breaths, AED operation, and best practices for providing aid during cardiac arrest cases.

In conclusion, understanding and being prepared to use CPR and AEDs can make a life-saving difference during cardiac emergencies. Recognizing the importance of early intervention, swift action, and proper training is essential for improving survival rates and minimizing the devastating consequences of sudden cardiac arrest. By empowering individuals with the knowledge and skills to perform CPR and use AEDs, we can help create heart-safe environments and save lives.



CPR in Public Spaces: How Cities Should Become Heart-Ready



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Raise Awareness and Education

Raising awareness and educating the public about the importance of CPR is a crucial first step in making cities heart-ready. Municipalities can initiate public awareness campaigns that emphasize the significance of CPR and the role that bystanders

Public spaces serve as hubs of human activity, and in these bustling areas, medical emergencies can happen at any time. To ensure the safety and well-being of their citizens, cities should consider becoming "heart-ready" by implementing measures to increase awareness, education, and physical CPR training.

can play in saving lives. These campaigns can use various platforms, including social media, public service announcements, and community events, to reach a wide audience.

Physical CPR Training Importance and Sources

While public awareness campaigns are vital, the provision of physical CPR training is equally important. Cities should establish accessible and cost-effective CPR training programs. These programs can be offered through local community centers, schools, or partnerships with

healthcare organizations. It is essential to make CPR training widely available to citizens of all ages and backgrounds, as it empowers them with the knowledge and skills needed to respond effectively during a cardiac emergency.

Moreover, cities can collaborate with local healthcare institutions, fire departments, and medical professionals to conduct free or low-cost CPR training sessions. By expanding access to CPR training, cities ensure that a substantial portion of the population is equipped to respond in emergency situations.



CPR Saves Lives: CPR Isn't Just a Technique - It's a Lifeline



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Heart Emergencies' Seriousness

Sudden Cardiac Arrest is the abrupt loss of heart function, constituting a life-threatening emergency. Survival largely depends on the prompt initiation and quality of CPR. Immediate, high-quality CPR is essential to maintain blood flow to organs until advanced care is available, and an automated external defibrillator can be used to reset the heart's electrical rhythm. This critical skill initiates the chain of survival.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is a life-saving technique involving chest compressions and rescue breaths to sustain blood flow and oxygen delivery to vital organs. Caregivers trained in CPR can provide immediate care until professional medical assistance arrives. CPR can be performed in two ways: Traditional CPR and Hands-Only CPR, a simplified form for untrained bystanders.

Check for responsiveness and normal breathing. Open the airway and initiate chest compressions.

In traditional CPR, chest compressions and mouth-to-mouth breathing follow a 30:2 compression-to-breath ratio. Compressions maintain blood circulation, while rescue breaths provide oxygen to circulating blood.

How to Perform Hands-Only CPR:

1. If the victim is unresponsive and not breathing normally, call emergency services and activate the response system. Position the victim on their back on a firm, flat surface.

2. Kneel beside the victim, placing the heel of one hand in the center of the chest, with the other hand on top. Keep your arms straight and position your body directly over the chest.

3. Begin chest compressions by pushing hard and fast, compressing the chest at least 2 inches deep at a rate of 100-120 compressions per minute. Allow the chest to recoil completely between compressions.

4. Continue uninterrupted chest compressions until emergency medical services arrive or the victim regains consciousness and begins breathing normally.

Hands-Only CPR offers several advantages: simplicity, faster action, improved survival chances and reduced risk for the caregiver.

In conclusion, Time is of the essence in a medical crisis. Empowering caregivers with CPR training is a critical step in ensuring the well-being of heart disease patients. It not only saves lives but also prevents brain damage. By recognizing the significance of their role and acquiring the necessary skills, caregivers become an invaluable asset in the journey to manage and support heart disease patients.



Lipid Management In Prevention and Treatment



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Blood fats are known as lipids, and the type of blood fats also known as cholesterol. Cholesterol and other lipids like triglycerides are carried in the blood attached to proteins, forming tiny spheres, or "parcels" known as lipoproteins. So, lipoproteins are lipids plus proteins. There are two main types of lipoprotein present in our body: LDL cholesterol (low-density lipoprotein and HDL cholesterol (high-density lipoprotein).

Cholesterol is a natural component in everyone's blood and supports the normal function of cell membranes, hormone levels, and more. However, having too much is considered hyperlipidemia, hypercholesterolemia, or high blood cholesterol a major risk factor for heart attack, heart disease, and stroke. Here's what happens in your body when you have high cholesterol: The waxy cholesterol builds up in artery walls and contributes to plaque, a hard deposit that narrows and clogs the arteries. When plaque builds up, it becomes harder for the heart to circulate blood and oxygen, which can cause chest pain or shortness of breath with increased exertion (angina). If a blood clot forms at the site of a disrupted plaque in a narrowed artery, it can block blood flow to the brain (a stroke) or the heart (a heart attack). High

levels of some kinds of cholesterol, including low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol or triglycerides, can be harmful to your heart and blood vessels.

Prevention

To keep blood cholesterol numbers in a desirable range, it helps to follow these practices:

Know your numbers. Adults over age 20 should have their cholesterol measured at least every 2-3 years. That gives you and your doctor a chance to intervene early if your numbers start to rise.

Stick to a healthy diet. Saturated fats, Tran's fats, and dietary cholesterol can all raise cholesterol levels. Foods thought to keep cholesterol low include monounsaturated fats (such as nuts and olive oil), polyunsaturated fats (such as fish and canola oil), and water-soluble fiber (such as oats, beans, and lentils). Also, get practical ideas on eating for cardiovascular health.

Exercise and manage your weight. Along with a healthy diet, staying fit and maintaining an average weight for your height lower your cardiovascular risks by minimizing the odds of other contributing health problems like obesity and diabetes. If you're overweight, losing as little as 5 to 10 percent of your weight can significantly lower your risk of cardiovascular disease. Learn to implement a moderate exercise routine that helps your heart move more for heart health in the ABCs.

Treatment

People who have high LDL cholesterol can easily control their condition. The main goal of treatment is to lower or prevent your LDL level from minimizing your risk for heart attack or cardiovascular disease, based on your cholesterol numbers and other risk factors, such as a history of cardiovascular disease.

Lifestyle changes are recommended for anyone with high cholesterol. These include:

Diet upgrades. First on the treatment menu is a heart-healthy diet. Diet includes reducing saturated fat (found in animal products, butter, whole, and 2% dairy products, coconut oil, and palm oil) and Tran's fats (found in fried foods and baked goods). Eat mostly polyunsaturated or monounsaturated fats (fish, avocados, olive oil, nuts, canola and soybean oil). Alcohol can raise triglycerides, so you may be advised to cut back.

Regular exercise. Aim for at least 30 minutes of exercise a day, most days. In addition, the American Heart Association recommends 40 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise three to four times per week.

Weight management. This step is essential for overweight and those with high triglyceride levels or too-big waistlines (above 40 inches for men or 35 inches for women).

Medications. In addition to lifestyle changes, some people have been prescribed drugs designed to lower cholesterol. Pay close attention to your doctor's guidelines about cholesterol drugs.



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A heart attack, medically known as a myocardial infarction, is a serious and potentially life-threatening condition that requires swift and appropriate action. Having an emergency response plan for heart attack patients can mean the difference between life and death.

Understanding Heart Attacks

A heart attack occurs when there is a sudden blockage in one of the coronary arteries, which supply oxygen and nutrients to the heart muscle. This blockage is often the result of a blood clot forming at the site of plaque buildup. As a result, the heart muscle is deprived of oxygen, leading to damage or death of heart tissue. Recognizing the severity of a heart attack and acting promptly is critical for a positive outcome.

Understanding Symptoms

Heart attack symptoms can vary from person to person, but common warning signs include:

- Chest Pain or Discomfort:** This is the most common symptom, typically described as a squeezing, pressure-like sensation in the chest.
- Pain Radiating to Arm, Neck, Jaw, or Back:** The pain may extend to the left arm, neck, jaw, or back.

Emergency Response Plans for Heart Attack Patients

- Shortness of Breath:** Patients may experience difficulty breathing, along with sweating, nausea, or lightheadedness.
- Fatigue:** Unusual and extreme fatigue can also be a symptom.
- Cold Sweats:** Profuse sweating with cold, clammy skin is another warning sign.

The Emergency Response Plan

Creating an emergency response plan for heart attack patients is essential. Here's what it should include:

- Call emergency medical services:** In case of a suspected heart attack, immediately call emergency services for professional medical assistance.
- Administer Aspirin:** If the person is conscious and not allergic, give them aspirin (chewed, not swallowed whole) to help prevent further blood clot formation.
- Keep Calm:** Stay with the person and keep them calm while awaiting medical help.
- CPR:** If person with heart attack goes unconscious or unresponsive with no breathing start giving CPR in form chest compression until reach to hospital

CPR Basics

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is a vital life-saving technique for heart attack patients. If the person becomes unresponsive and stops breathing or their breathing becomes irregular, it's essential to perform CPR:

- Check Responsiveness:** Tap the person and shout loudly to check for responsiveness.
- Call emergency medical services:** If the person is unresponsive, call for emergency assistance.
- Begin Chest Compressions:** Position the heel of one hand on the center of the person's chest, compress to a depth of at least 2 inches, and maintain a rate of 100-120 compressions per minute.
- Rescue Breaths:** If trained in CPR, provide rescue breaths along with chest compressions at a ratio of 30 compressions to 2 breaths.

Conclusion, an emergency response plan for heart attack patients is vital for their well-being. Understanding heart attacks, recognizing symptoms and acting promptly can save lives. Additionally, knowing CPR basics can be invaluable in providing immediate aid until professional medical assistance arrives.



60 Young Masters Of Science From FSL Deployed Across 15 Districts Of Delhi Police These 'new scientists' are key to solving crimes

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New Delhi: Sixty bright minds, all recent master's degree holders in science, are poised to play a vital role in implementing the new criminal laws. They joined the Forensic Science Laboratory in Rohini last year and will ensure that criminal procedures meet the forensic demands of the laws that came into operation on July 1.

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As forensic officers, these youngsters will be the first responders at crime scenes, assisting investigators and collecting evidence to clinch convictions. Aged between 22 and 25, the 60 have already gained valuable experience with four-five crime scene visits each under the new laws. Sharing her experience, a 23-year-old scientific assistant stationed at the New Ashok Nagar police station noted a significant increase in crime scene examina-



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tions. "Thorough photographic documentation is now standard practice," she said, "but videography has become equally essential because electronic evidence is now admissible in court under the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS)." July 1, the first day when the newly codified laws were implemented, saw a surge of

activity, with the forensics team covering around 80 spots. It was the same in the following days, a stark contrast from the earlier routine of three-four spot visits daily.

Another scientific assistant, deployed in the southwest district, echoed the importance of videography. "At the scene, we not only collect samples but also conduct de-



tailed videography of the location and the pieces of evidence collected," he said. "This will undoubtedly help pave the way for more successful convictions."

While he felt that it would take at least a month to get used to the new setup, another scientific assistant, also from the southwest district, underlined how meticulous the new

approach was. "Numerous searches of every nook and cranny has to be carried out to ensure no evidence, not even a single hair or scrap of paper, is left uncovered," he said.

According to these assistants, the most significant change for them is Section 176 (3) of BNSS, which mandates forensic officials to visit cases punishable by at least se-

ven years of imprisonment. Recognising the importance of supporting these experts, FSL has taken a new initiative named Kanon Jagrakta Pakhwada, or Law Awareness Fortnight, during which a team led by FSL director Deepa Verma will visit all 15 police districts in Delhi to assess the work, create awareness about the new laws and address any doubts the forensic personnel might have.

"This is crucial for continuous improvement," explained Sanjeev Kumar Gupta, division head (crime scene), FSL. "Our field experts share their experiences of their work and this ensures every one is on the same page."

Dr Rajnish Kumar Singh, assistant PRO, FSL, felt that the new laws would enable fast and efficient criminal justice because they are more contemporary and attuned with the fast technological changes. "This is a transition phase and we may face a few challenges at the scene of crime but it is effectively being addressed," claimed Kumar.

Rain likely to elude much of capital for next few days: Met

Rajesh Mehta



There are no colour-coded alerts from Saturday to July 11, says IMD

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New Delhi: Some parts of the national capital received very light rain on Friday and overcast skies and strong winds made the day pleasant. However, rain intensity is likely to reduce from Saturday for the next few days, as there are chances of isolated light rain.

The maximum temperature was 33.2 degrees Celsius, three degrees above normal. It was 1.5 degrees Celsius higher than Thursday's maximum. According to India Meteorological Department (IMD), Safdarjung, which is the city's base station, logged 0.6mm of rainfall from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm on Friday. Meanwhile, Lodhi Road and Ridge received 0.6mm and 2.7mm rain, respectively, during the same duration.

IMD said there are chances of light rain with similar

overcast conditions likely over the next few days. "Delhi saw light showers. However, the monsoon trough is expected to shift away from Delhi and intense rain activity is unlikely for the next few days," said an IMD official.

The minimum temperature was 27.1 degrees Celsius, one degree below normal. The relative humidity oscillated between 73% and 91%.

However, there are no colour-coded alerts from Saturday to July 11, but the city may witness light rain or thunders-torm or lightning during the period. The maximum temperature is likely to hover around 33 to 34 degrees Celsius in the next few days. The minimum temperature is likely to stay around 26-27 degrees Celsius.

The IMD's data shows that Safdarjung has received 9.8 mm of rainfall so far in July. It is a rain deficit of 58% till now.

Molestation case: 2 threaten woman, held

New Delhi: Two men in Najafgarh have been arrested for threatening a woman and her family in an attempt to withdraw the molestation case filed against one of them.

The police said that on June 30, a complaint was registered at the Najafgarh police station, where the complainant alleged that she was molested by a man in 2018. The same case is under trial in the Dwarka court.

On the same day, in the evening hours, the suspect arrived outside her house in a black car along with another person. He started to shout at the complainant, who was on the balcony of the first floor of her house. He told her mother-in-law, who was on the ground floor at the time, "You know exactly who I am. Tell your son to withdraw the case against me; if you don't, I will kill you." Then, he left.

A team was formed to track the case, and they nabbed one of the accused from Nanak Heri near the Gurgaon Border. The

DJB Contracts: ED Launches 'Money Laundering' Probe

Alleges 'Cartelisation' By Companies To Bag STP Work

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New Delhi: Opening another money laundering probe against Delhi govt and AAP ministers and the party's leadership, the Enforcement Directorate on Wednesday conducted searches at several locations in the national capital, Ahmedabad, Mumbai and Hyderabad in connection with alleged corruption in the award of Rs 1,943 crore worth of works for 10 sewage treatment plants of Delhi Jal Board (DJB).

The agency seized unaccounted cash of Rs 41 lakh, various incriminating documents and digital evidence. Further investigation is under progress.

The anti-money laundering agency is probing alle-

ged cartelisation in the award of tenders and suspected bribery to public servants, including ministers and bureaucrats. According to the case file, three joint venture companies participated in the four sewage treatment plants tenders "mutually" to ensure that each one bagged at least one job.

"Thereafter, all the three JVs sub-contracted the work related to the four tenders to Euroteck Environment Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad. The verification of the tender documents shows that the initial cost of four tenders was about Rs 1,546 crore, which was revised upwards to Rs 1,943 crore without following due process/project reports," the Enforcement Directorate has said.

AAP and its leadership is

already facing two corruption and money laundering probes: one in the excise policy scam and another in the DJB irregularities case.

The ED's money laundering probe is based on a case registered by Delhi's Anti-corruption Bureau against public servants alleging scam in the Delhi Jal Board in the name of augmentation and upgradation of 10 STPs at Pappankalan, Nilothi, Najafgarh, Keshopur, Coronation Pillar, Narela, Rohini and Kondli. The four tenders were awarded in Oct 2022, around the time ED began probing the liquor policy scam.

All the three JV companies that were awarded the contract by DJB submitted the same experience certificate issued by a Taiwan project. DJB

accepted them without any verifications, the ED has said.

According to the Anti-corruption Bureau's FIR, the tendering conditions were made restrictive including adoption of IFAS technology to ensure that a select few entities could participate in the four tenders. The cost estimates initially prepared was Rs 1,546 crore but was revised during the tender process to Rs 1,943 crore, it alleged.

The Enforcement Directorate says it is probing the allegations that the contracts caused substantive loss to the exchequer. "The costs adopted by DJB for upgradation and augmentation were same though the cost of upgrading is lesser than the cost for augmentation," the agency said.

Raids carried out at behest of BJP: Atishi

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New Delhi: Senior AAP functionary Atishi said ED raids over the alleged DJB contract scam were being conducted at the behest of BJP. She alleged that ED worked on orders of BJP and claimed that several politicians who joined the saffron party were given a clean chit by the agency.

Atishi claimed that several inquiries were being conducted against AAP govt but the agencies had so far found nothing. "They investigated the alleged liquor scam for two years, construction of classrooms and mohalla clinics, but did not find anything. AAP has never done corruption of even a rupee, nor will it ever do. They can carry out as much probe as they want against us," Atishi said.

Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor, however, said people were amazed to see Atishi defending corruption in Delhi Jal Board.

2 decades in making, wait on for new Yamuna bridge

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New Delhi: The construction of a new bridge on the Yamuna, which has been underway for over two decades alongside the existing Loha Pul, will not be completed even during this monsoon.

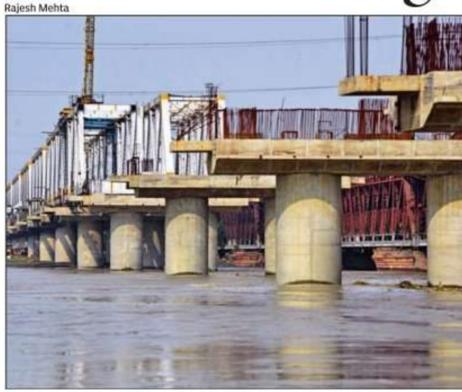
Numerous trains used to get delayed during the 2023 flood when the Yamuna's water level rose considerably, leading to diversions. Officials said the old bridge was inspected regularly and surveillance had been increased during the rainy season.

According to a senior official of Northern Railway, the work will be over by Oct. "We were facing some problems in fixing the girder as the alignment was not getting adjusted," he clarified, adding that the work is in its final stages.

Last year, the railways had mentioned that the construction was delayed due to the suspension of work during the flood, implying that if the water level rises again, it could lead to further delays.

Delhi experiences its monsoon season from July to Sept, during which it receives the majority of its annual rainfall. Following last year's flood, the railway authorities had hoped to complete the project before this year's monsoon.

The existing old Yamuna bridge, also known as Loha Pul, on the Delhi-Shahdara section was constructed in 1867. The bridge has outlived



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its life and the plan to construct a new bridge was approved in 1997-98, but the work finally started only in 2003. The existing bridge is a two-deck structure on which road traffic passes through the lower deck while trains take the upper one. There is a speed restriction for trains, which is 30km/hour during the normal situation and 20km/hour during the flood.

Once the new bridge is ready, the speed restriction will be lifted, and the rail traffic will be shifted to the roughly 1km-long structure while the road traffic will continue on the old bridge, said an official.

The work to build the new bridge was initially delayed as it was close to Salimgarh Fort, a protected monument, and as

a result, its alignment on that side had to be changed. To execute the project, a piece of land was required to be acquired on the fort's premises, but in 2007, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) withdrew its permission to the railways, stating that dismantling a portion of the fort wall would cause irreversible damage to the protected monument.

In 2011, following the advice of ASI, the railways completed a cultural impact assessment study by engaging Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage and decided to change the alignment to avoid the fort premises. In 2012, ASI granted the railways a fresh permission to carry out the work with the revised alignment.

Bid to destroy edu system by pressuring officers: Rai

New Delhi: Slamming BJP for the transfer orders issued to 5,000 teachers of Delhi govt schools, Delhi minister Gopal Rai on Friday said the party was trying to destroy the education system developed by the Kejriwal govt by pressuring officers.

Rai, who is also Aam Aadmi Party's Delhi unit convener, said the "Kam Roko Abhiyan" (stop work campaign) of BJP to create hurdles in AAP govt's work has been going on for years and has now reached an extreme stage.

The education system of Delhi, known not just in the country but all over the world, is getting paralysed, he said at a press conference on Friday.

"Its biggest example is the mass transfer of teachers of Delhi govt schools overnight. The education department officers have issued an order that the teachers posted in a school for over 10 years should be transferred," he said.

Rai said the teachers of govt schools are the backbone of Delhi's education system that saw a turn around after AAP came to power, he added. A circular was issued by the DoE on June 11, titled, "Online requests for transfer of teaching staff of the Directorate of Education", wherein, vide clause 16, it was directed that all teachers who have served for more than 10 years in the same school shall compulsorily apply for transfer, failing which they will be transferred to any school by the DoE. PTI

MCD completes desilting of 14 bigger drains

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New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has announced the successful completion of desilting 14 major drains under its jurisdiction, after achieving the target for desilting 713 drains that are more than 4 feet deep.

The irrigation and flood control department is set to take over 22 drains, of which 14 belong to MCD and were supposed to be desilted by the civic body this year.

Officials said that although desilting has been completed once in 14 drains, emphasis is being placed on removing silt in a second round to minimise the risk of waterlogging during heavy rainfall. This announcement comes two days

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after MCD claimed to have achieved an average of 103.37% of the desilting target set for drains above 4 feet, removing 80,690.4 metric tonnes of silt.

The 14 major drains include Vijay Ghat drain, ISBT Drain, Kailash Nagar Drain (on the eastern bank of Yamuna), Shastri Park Drain (on the eastern bank of Yamuna), Drain No. 14, Tehkhand Drain, Sen Nursing Home Drain (Drain No. 12), Delhi Gate Drain and Abul Fazal Drain.

An official said: "We have deployed extensive machinery, such as super sucker machines, suction-cum-jetting machines and additional manpower and are doing regular inspections. Attention is being given to Drain no. 12, 12A, 14, Delhi Gate drain, Taimoor Nagar drain, where extensive cleaning in the second phase is under way."

On Saturday, a group of officials from different departments is expected to inspect Drain No. 14.

The official further said: "We have deployed extra portable pumps at vulnerable spots."

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38-yr-old held for abducting 2 kids from sweet shop

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New Delhi: A week after two children were kidnapped near a sweet shop in east Delhi's Shakarpur, a 38-year-old alleged abductor has been arrested. The suspect, identified as Prateek Shrivastava, is a resident of Mandawali who works as an AC mechanic, police said.

The incident occurred on June 28, when a couple, along with their kids – a boy and a girl – had come to east Delhi to have street food. The couple had gone to a shop to buy some sweets, leaving the

children inside the car, which was switched on. Seizing the opportunity, the suspect drove away with the children inside. "When they were returning, the children expressed their desire for sweets, so the couple stopped near a shop and went inside. Upon returning, they found that their car, along with the kids, was missing. The father, a businessman, made a phone call to his daughter which was answered by the kidnapper, who demanded a ransom of Rs 50 lakh for their safe release," a police officer said.

"The father immediately informed

cops, and teams from two districts started the chase," the officer said. After a chase of around 100 kilometres, Prateek abandoned the car in Samaypur Badli and fled. Subsequently, the children were rescued and reunited with their parents.

Some valuables, including jewellery and mobile phones, were recovered. However, Rs 5,700 was found missing from the 3-year-old son's bag. "Additionally, a bag belonging to the accused, containing a meat chopper and a hammer, was found in the car," the officer said.

Joint CP Sagar Singh Kalsi formed multiple teams under SHO Sanjay Gupta, and they nabbed Prateek from his home.

During interrogation, the suspect revealed that he had devised a plan to kidnap children and demand a significant ransom from their parents. The kidnapper was well-versed with the topography of Delhi, as he had worked as a cab driver and food delivery agent earlier, the police officer added.

Why Key Statutory Bodies, Govt Depts Are Headless

NCCSA Unable To Convene Meetings In Absence Of CM

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AN OFFICIAL SAYS

Some departments of Delhi govt don't have full-time principal secretaries... Some IAS and Danics officers have been waiting to be posted but cannot unless the NCCSA meets and decides

New Delhi: Several statutory bodies and various Delhi govt departments and related agencies are running without regular heads and members for the last few months due to the non-convening of meetings of the National Capital Civil Services Authority (NCCSA).

Formed last year by central govt to recommend the transfer and posting of Group A officials in the offices under the control of Delhi govt officials or agencies related to it, the three-member NCCSA has not met since Sept 20 last year. The panel, which also recommends disciplinary action against Group A officers posted in Delhi govt, is chaired by chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, who is currently in jail.

Sources said critical decisions on the transfer of officials and disciplinary proceedings were decided by sending the file to the chairman and two other members – the chief secretary and member secretary – but most other decisions are stuck and are affecting governance. No immediate reaction was available from AAP govt. Public Grievance Commission, Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights and Delhi Commission for Women are among the prominent statutory bodies that do not have chairpersons. Sources said

there are several higher education institutions which don't have chairpersons and members in the governing body. "Of 13 big state hospitals, only four have full-time medical superintendents or directors," said an official, requesting anonymity.

Similarly, govt departments such as home and revenue don't have full-time principal secretaries. "The link officers, who clear only routine files if the department head is on leave, are forced to head these departments. Since they can't take major decisions, several files

are pending. At least three IAS officers have been waiting to be posted, but cannot unless the NCCSA meets," the official said, adding that home and land are only to departments where IAS officers can be posted without NCCSA meetings.

Delhi govt does not have a full-time secretary and commissioner in the excise department and the education director. As per the Govt of NCT of Delhi Act, 2023, the meeting of the NCCSA can only be called by the member secretary after the approval of the chairperson (Delhi CM). While the chairperson of the panel presides over the meetings, all matters are decided by majority. The recommendations are approved by the LG.

The NCCSA was supposed to meet on Dec 8. This was postponed.

BJP claims CM signed file authorising felling of trees in Chhatarpur; AAP hits back

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New Delhi: Delhi BJP on Friday alleged that documents related to the felling of trees in Chhatarpur were signed by Arvind Kejriwal on Jan 24 which shows the chief minister's approval. Delhi BJP president Vinendra Sachdeva produced "documents related to the tree felling" to support his claim, and alleged that this shows Kejriwal not only approved of the tree felling but also made a remark binding lieutenant governor with his advice as CM and that of the cabinet in this regard. "Thus, leaving no space for LG Saxena to deny approval," said Sachdeva.

Sachdeva said that for the last two weeks, Delhi ministers Saurabh Bharadwaj, Gopal Rai, and other functionaries of AAP had been constantly raising the matter through press conferences that DDA allowed tree felling under LG's pressure. "The document shows that chief minister Kejriwal and environment minister Gopal Rai always knew about the matter of tree felling". Gopal Rai signed the file on Jan 23, while Kejriwal signed on Jan 24, he alleged.

In response, AAP said, "If the BJP had this permission, why are they facing everyday humiliation in the Supreme Court? BJP should submit this permission before the SC and get cleared of contempt. The Supreme Court is asking about 1100 trees, but the BJP is showing some document of 424 trees; these are totally different matters".

"If the BJP's DDA had permission to cut these trees, why didn't they show this permission in the Supreme Court? LG's name is being referred to every time in the Supreme Court; why is LG not submitting this so-called permission before the Supreme Court?" said AAP in a statement.

"If officers are absconding from giving reports to the elected govt and working with the BJP, this means these trees have been cut in connivance with the BJP and its officers."

It is clear that the DDA and forest officials knew that permission to cut these trees could be obtained only from Supreme Court, and DDA did not have valid permission, which is why these trees were cut secretly, added AAP.

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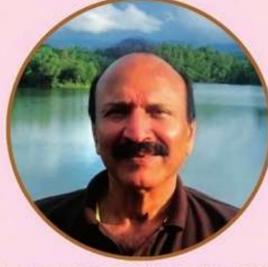


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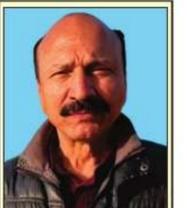


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Col Vinod Kumar Sharma left us for his heavenly abode on 04 July 2024.

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He is survived by his father Shri RP Sharma and daughter Jahnvi.

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Old Enough To Write CV? Get Cholesterol Tested Too

Cardiologist Society Recommends First Lipid Profile At 18 Years; Non-Fasting Readings To Be New Norm

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New Delhi: For the first time, the Cardiologist Society of India (CSI) has recommended that the first lipid profile of a person should be done at the age of 18 years, and "non-fasting measurements should be the new norm for measuring lipids."

The recommendations form part of CSI's latest guidelines tailored for managing dyslipidemia in the Indian population.

Dyslipidemia, characterised by high total cholesterol, elevated LDL-cholesterol (bad cholesterol), high triglycerides, and low HDL-cholesterol (good cholesterol), is a critical risk factor for cardiovascular diseases such as heart attacks, strokes and peripheral artery disease.

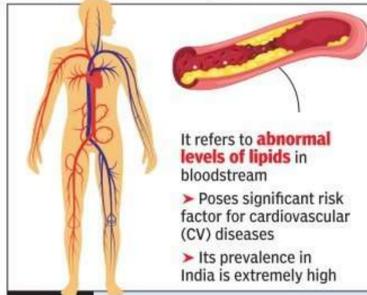
The prevalence of dyslipidemia in India is alarmingly high, with significant inter-state variations and particularly elevated rates in urban areas. Prevalence of dyslipidemia, a silent killer, in India is 81%,

higher than hypertension (35%) and diabetes (11.5%), according to ICMR-INDIAB-17 study which was published in The Lancet in June 2023.

Dr JPS Sawhney, chairman of the department of cardiology at Sir Gangaram Hospital, stated that till now the European Society of Cardiology 2019 guidelines were adhered to worldwide. However, he pointed out that India has certain unique characteristics that are not found in other countries, such as the prevalence of lipid and low HDL levels. These distinctive features necessitate a tailored approach to managing cardiovascular health in the Indian population.

In India, half of all heart attacks occur in people under the age of 50. The likelihood of experiencing a cardiac event is heightened by various factors, including the use of tobacco products. Additionally, the presence of central obesity contributes to an increased risk. Dr Sawhney further no-

DYSLIPIDEMIA, A SILENT KILLER



It refers to **abnormal levels of lipids** in bloodstream

- > Poses significant risk factor for cardiovascular (CV) diseases
- > Its prevalence in India is extremely high

What you should do

- > Non-fasting lipid measurement is recommended
- > Elevated LDL-C (bad cholesterol) is the main target
- > First lipid profile should be done at the age of 18

Stay alert

- > General population and low-risk individuals should maintain LDL-C levels below 100 mg/dL and non-HDL-C levels below 130 mg/dL
- > High-risk individuals, such as those with diabetes or hypertension, should aim for LDL-C below 70 mg/dL and non-HDL below 100 mg/dL

How to correct course

- Modify lifestyle, reduce sugar and carbohydrate intake
- Quit tobacco, smoking
- Exercise regularly, take to yoga
- Evaluate lipoprotein(a) levels at least once, as elevated levels (>50 mg/dL) are associated with cardiovascular disease

ted that sedentary lifestyle and poor dietary habits exacerbate the problem.

The guidelines have been slightly modified compared to the European Society recommendations, taking into account the unique characteristics

of the Indian community, said members of CSI.

"Aggressive targets are suggested for very high-risk patients, including those with a history of heart attacks, angina, stroke or chronic kidney disease," Dr Sawhney said. "These

patients should aim for LDL-C levels below 55 mg/dL or non-HDL levels below 85 mg/dL."

Speaking about the severity of dyslipidemia, Dr Pratap Chandra Rath, the president of Cardiologist Society of India (CSI), said: "Dyslipidemia

is a silent killer, often symptomless unlike hypertension and diabetes. He stressed the importance of proactive management and early detection.

He said the guidelines recommend non-fasting lipid measurements for risk estimation and treatment, shifting from traditional fasting measurements.

Dr Durjati Prasad Sinha, honorary general secretary at CSI, highlighted, said: "Non-fasting lipid measurements make testing more convenient and accessible, encouraging more people to get tested and treated. The guidelines recommend the first lipid profile at the age of 18, or earlier with a positive family history of premature heart disease or familial hypercholesterolemia. The general population and low-risk individuals should maintain LDL-C levels below 100 mg/dL and non-HDL-C levels below 130 mg/dL. High-risk individuals should aim for LDL-C below 70 mg/dL and non-HDL below 100 mg/dL."

Lifestyle modifications are

emphasised as the cornerstone of dyslipidemia management. Reducing sugar and carbohydrate intake is recommended, as these contribute more to blockages compared to modest fat consumption. Regular exercise which offers cardioprotective benefits and are culturally relevant, and quitting alcohol and tobacco, are also recommended.

"High LDL-C and non-HDL-C can be controlled with a combination of statins and oral non-statin drugs. If goals are not achieved, injectable lipid-lowering drugs like PCSK9 inhibitors or Inclisiran are recommended," said Dr S. Ramakrishnan, professor of cardiology at AIIMS, New Delhi, and co-author of the Lipid Guidelines.

"Genetic causes such as familial hypercholesterolemia, are more common in India than in other parts of the world," said Dr Ashwani Mehta, senior consultant cardiologist at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and co-author of the Lipid Guidelines.

LG: Must ensure transparency in Dilli Gramodaya Abhiyan projects

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena recently reviewed the projects under the Delhi Development Authority's 'Dilli Gramodaya Abhiyan' and issued strict orders to ensure transparency during their execution.

"In addition to uploading the details of the projects on the designated portal meant for monitoring the projects, along with before and after images of the locations, LG instructed that the particulars of each project be displayed at the respective sites including name of funding agency and details of district magistrate to be connected for redressal of residents' grievances," an official said.

The official added that the portal will also carry the details of tender documents and work orders issued, which will be accessible for viewing by everyone.

The Abhiyan, with a budget of over Rs 960 crore, aims to augment civic infrastructure in Delhi's villages. The projects include construction of roads, boundary walls, tree plantation, drainage systems, parks, chaupals, community centres, and cremation grounds.

"These projects are being undertaken in consultation with the residents of the villages as per their requirements. And projects worth Rs 503 crore are already under implementation. The district magistrates have been entrusted with the responsibility of monitoring them," the official said.

The civic body is implementing majority of these works on behalf of DDA. In March, DDA approved 349 projects for MCD, focusing on improving roads, drainage systems, and streetlights in various villages, with a budget of Rs 407 crore.

"Majority of these projects are situated in villages located within Najafgarh, Narela, south, and west Delhi zones," the official added.

Hips don't lie: Elderly patients with anaemia must watch out

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New Delhi: Elderly patients with hip fractures face a higher risk of mortality if they have anaemia or abnormal sodium levels before undergoing surgery.

This was revealed in a study by All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and recently published in PubMed.

According to the study, anaemia was the most common detectable laboratory irregularity among patients over 50 years admitted with hip fractures at the AIIMS trauma centre, followed by abnormal sodium levels.

"Pre-existing conditions such as low red blood cell count and imbalanced electrolytes can significantly impact the survival outcomes of senior people who suffer from hip fractures and require surgical intervention," the researchers said.

Dr Vijay Sharma, a professor in the orthopaedic surgery department at the AIIMS Trauma Centre, shared the findings of the study on hip fracture patients. "We found that 1 in 10 patients died within three months of hip fractures.

Anaemia was seen in three out of four patients and hyponatremia (a condition where sodium levels in blood are lower than normal) in one among three patients. Patients suffer-

ring from anaemia or hyponatremia faced a nearly four-fold increased mortality risk compared to those without these conditions," he said.

The study highlights the

significant impact of these medical conditions on the mortality rate of hip fracture patients, even when factors such as age and other health issues were accounted for.

The research included 283 hip fracture patients. Among the study population, 152 (54%) were female. The research conducted revealed that a significant majority of patients, specifically 92%, exhibited a minimum of one irregularity in their standard laboratory tests. Furthermore, it was found that 69% of patients in the study had at least one coexisting medical condition. Among the laboratory abnormalities identified, anaemia was found to be the most prevalent (70.3%). Concurrently, the most frequently diagnosed comorbidity among the patients was hypertension (45.9%).

The authors of the study are Dr Jaiben George and doctors from the department of orthopaedic surgery, JPNA trauma centre — Dr Kamran Farooque, Dr Vijay Sharma, Dr Vivek Trikha and Dr Samarth Mittal.

"Indian elderly patients sustaining hip fractures were about five times more likely to die than younger patients," the researchers said. Surprisingly, the mortality rate associated with hip fractures surpassed that of several other se-

A PROFESSOR SAYS

We found that 1 in 10 patients died within three months of hip fractures. Anaemia was seen in three out of four patients and hyponatremia in one among three patients

rious health conditions. The death rate among hip fracture patients was found to be higher than the mortality rates of people diagnosed with myocardial infarction, breast cancer or cervical cancer.

The study tracked 97.2% of patients for 90 days after treatment. During this period, 9.8% patients passed away. The mortality rate during hospitalization was 2.5%. Additionally, seven patients underwent a second surgery. The mortality rate was higher among patients who had a re-operation at 14.3%, compared to 9.7% for those who did not require additional surgery.

Researchers concluded that about nine out of every ten patients had abnormal test results, with anaemia and abnormal sodium levels being the most common. The most crucial pre-operative tests affecting mortality were haemoglobin, sodium, urea and creatinine levels. Therefore, any irregularities in these tests should be thoroughly addressed.

ABNORMAL SODIUM LEVELS A THREAT

- > Elderly patients with hip fractures face a higher risk of mortality if they have anaemia or abnormal sodium levels before undergoing surgery
- > Anaemia was the most common detectable laboratory irregularity among elderly patients admitted with hip fractures at AIIMS Trauma Centre
- > This was followed by abnormal sodium levels
- > Pre-existing conditions, such as low red blood cell count and imbalanced electrolytes, can significantly impact the survival outcomes of senior individuals



Findings of the study		Total patients included in study 283 (152 of them women)
Fracture type	Prevalence of abnormal investigation	
Intertrochanteric fractures 182 (64%)	Anaemia 199 (70.3%)	
Neck of femur 77 (27%)	Severe anaemia 22 (7.8%)	
Subtrochanteric fractures 24 (9%)	Deranged sodium 103 (36.4%)	
Prevalence of comorbidities		
Hypertension 130 (45.9%)	Chronic lung disease 32 (11.3%)	
Uncomplicated diabetes 56 (19.8%)		
19% patients died during the follow-up of 1 year	3.2% In-hospital mortality rate	4 patients died before surgery
		5 patients died during post-operative period

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At Rain's Mercy: No Good News On Yamuna Front

None Of 16 Drains Flowing Into River Meets Water Quality Standards

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New Delhi: The Yamuna continues to be highly polluted with no significant change in water quality, according to the latest report of the Delhi Pollution Control Committee. None of the 16 drains that flow into the river have met water quality standards with respect to biochemical oxy-

gen demand (BOD). On Friday, DPCC uploaded reports on the water quality of the Yamuna and its drains after a four-month hiatus. Among the eight locations from which samples were collected on June 25, the river was cleanest at Palla, where the Yamuna enters Delhi. The last monitoring station at Asgarpur (just beyond the confluence of Shah-

dara and Tughlakabad drains) was the most polluted. Dissolved oxygen (DO), which is the amount of oxygen present in the river and the acceptable standard is 5mg/l or above, met the standard at Palla and Wazirabad but was nil at the ISBT bridge, Nizamuddin bridge, Okhla barrage, Agra Canal at Okhla barrage and Asgarpur. Low DO level affects the survival

of aquatic life in the river. Similarly, a higher BOD indicates more oxygen is required for the oxygen-demanding species to feed on and, thus, signifies lower water quality. The prescribed BOD norm for the Yamuna is 3mg/l or less, but this was met only at Palla at 2mg/l. It was 28 times higher than the standard at Asgarpur at 85mg/l, 17 times higher at Okhla Barrage (50mg/l) and 16 times higher at ITO bridge (47mg/l).

The drains that flow into the Yamuna are also polluted with BOD levels surpassing the standard in 16 drains. Eleven drains had no water. Even faecal coliform levels, which signal the presence of sewage in water, were much higher at all eight stations than the prescribed standard.

River activist Bhim Singh Rawat, associate coordinator of the South Asia Network on Dams, Rivers, and People, said, "An analysis of the water quality status of the Yamuna compared with last year shows that the river has become a monsoonal, rain-fed river. When the upper catchment of the river receives rain and gets flow, the water quality shows improvement. When there is no rain, the Yamuna remains heavily polluted. There is no control, treatment or pollution abatement in the river."

Another activist, Diwan Singh, said, "The levels of pollutants increase after the Yamuna enters Delhi. The river has also been absolutely deprived of its freshwater flow, worsening its condition. It continues to be a sewage canal." He added that the river seemed to have no rights since the city was prioritised rather than the river at every step.

RIVER CLEANEST AT THE POINT IT ENTERS DELHI: REPORT

Locations	Water quality status of major drains	
	BOD (mg/l)	DO (Mg/l)
Water quality criteria (C class)	3 mg/l or less	5 mg/l or more
Palla	2	8.6
Wazirabad	7	7.2
ISBT bridge	47	NIL
ITO bridge	30	2.8
Nizamuddin bridge	40	NIL
Okhla	50	NIL
Agra canal at Okhla Barrage	44	NIL
Yamuna at Asgarpur (after confluence of Shahdara and Tughlaqabad drains)	85	NIL

Note | Dissolved oxygen (DO) is the amount of oxygen present in water. If dissolved oxygen in water drops below the standard mark, it can be harmful for aquatic life; biochemical oxygen demand (BOD). Higher BOD indicates more oxygen is required, which is less for oxygen-demanding species to feed on and signifies lower water quality



- > Yamuna continues to be highly polluted, shows DPCC reports
- > DO levels was found to be nil at five places
- > The water quality of drains shows that they are yet to meet prescribed standards
- > DPCC uploaded the water quality reports of Yamuna and drains after four months

2 months after, man held for murder in north Delhi

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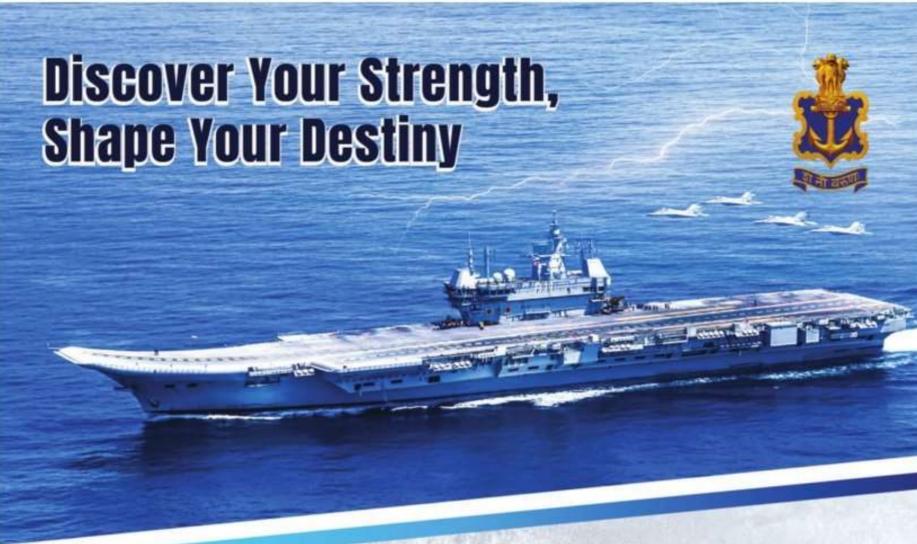
New Delhi: Two months after the fatal stabbing of a man in north Delhi's Sarai Rohilla, police have arrested one of the key accused from JJ Colony in Sawda. Crime Branch had registered a case in connection with the murder.

The accused, Ajay Kumar, along with eight others, killed Ravi Yadav who was a key witness in a murder case of 2020 in which Kumar was a key conspirator. Kumar and his accomplices allegedly murdered Yadav with a sharp weapon and the body had around 100 wounds. The eight other accused in the murder case, including two juveniles, were nabbed earlier, but Kumar had been on the run

since May 8, police said. Yadav's wife told the cops that her husband was the complainant and eyewitness in a murder case in Anand Parbat. "One Kishan was arrested in this case and he was released on bail recently. Kishan and his accomplices were roaming around, trying to kill her husband," police said.



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UP To shell out 50% of funds for host MotoGP Bharat for three years

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Noida: UP govt will be in the driver's seat in organising MotoGP Bharat from next year, contributing more than 50% of the funds needed for the premier bike racing event to be held at Buddh International Circuit off the Yamuna Expressway in Greater Noida.

Of Rs 150 crore needed for the event — scheduled for March next year — the state govt will pay Rs 80 crore. The payment will be made through Invest UP — the govt-backed agency to promote investments in the state. Of this amount, the Noida, Greater Noida and Yamuna Expressway authorities will pay Rs 12.5 crore each.

The govt hopes to raise the re-

maining funds through sponsorships from a list of 200-odd companies that have invested in the state. Additional funds, if required, will be sourced from govt budget, officials said.

An escrow account, the officials said, will be opened to manage the funds.

For Invest UP it's a significant jump in contribution — it paid only Rs 18.5 crore for the race held in Sept last year. This change in share of funds is part of several tweaks in the new agreement that UP govt signed on Thursday with Dorna Sports, which has the global commercial rights for MotoGP.

The agreement — which now allows UP to hold MotoGP Bharat for three years — can be extended up to five years.

Apart from contributing the lion's share of funds, Invest UP has also secured advertising rights at other MotoGP venues. The govt agency, officials said, is planning to promote UP as a tourism destination at racing events in USA, Spain, Japan, the Netherlands, and Australia. The govt would also hold business conclaves on the sidelines in these countries.

Allies At Centre, Cong & AAP Ready To Slag it Out in Delhi

Congress To Target AAP On Its Govt's 'Failure On Multiple Fronts'

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New Delhi: Congress is getting ready to launch a full-scale attack on Aam Aadmi Party by accusing the Kejriwal govt of "multiple failures" and "large-scale corruption" symbolised by the alleged liquor scam.

With the leadership making it clear that there is "not much scope" for the two parties to form an alliance for the Delhi and Haryana polls, sources in the state unit said they would raise the city's "deterioration and widespread sleaze" in a big way.

In an interview with news agency PTI on Thursday, Congress general secretary in-charge of communications Jairam Ramesh said there was no one formula the INDIA bloc would follow for state elections. The group will fight together in states where Congress and other alliance partners agreed to such an understanding, he said. Asked specifically whether there would be an alliance in Delhi and Haryana, Ramesh said, "There does not appear to be much scope (for alliance)."

Sources in the Delhi unit did not say their attack on Kejriwal marked a shift of stand. "We were the first to raise the liquor scam and other corruption ca-



Ramesh said there didn't appear to be much scope for alliance with AAP in Delhi and Haryana

Congress president Devender Yadav reiterated that the aptry had entered into an alliance at the national level to save the Constitution. "We have not made any alliance over corruption," Yadav told TOI on Friday to drive home the point that Congress in Delhi would take up all issues where it sees corruption. In fact, in June 2022, then Delhi Congress president Anil Chaudhary had filed a complaint alleging a fraud in the liquor policy. This issue is likely to be a flashpoint between AAP and Congress in the Capital.

Even though there is no alliance for assembly polls, both Congress and AAP are still part of the INDIA bloc nationally where they have been protesting against the misuse of central agencies against opposition leaders, including the arrest of Kejriwal and the former deputy CM Manish Sisodia. Some Congress leaders, however, defended their stance by saying they were protesting the timing and intent behind the arrest and the misuse of agencies and not the case itself.

Polls in Haryana are scheduled for later this year. Haryana PCC chief Uday Bhan told TOI he saw the polls in the state to be a contest between BJP and Congress and they were ready for the fight.

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After last year's fall, MCD mopup from property tax higher by ₹252cr till June

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AN OFFICIAL SAYS
To increase the collection, we had conducted more than 800 camps, enabling thousands of taxpayers to pay their taxes successfully. Property owners were given the option to pay using various methods

New Delhi: After being criticised for low property tax recovery in the last financial year, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has shown improvement in its collection this year.

Till June 30, MCD has collected Rs 1,400 crore in advance tax, surpassing Rs 1,148 crore mopped up during the same period last year. The number of taxpayers has also increased from 7,24,319 to 8,79,521 for the period between April and June.

To improve efficiency, MCD has geotagged 3.9 lakh properties, out of the total 13.3 lakhs assigned the unique property identification code (UPIC) till June end. Although geo-tagging was initially mandatory for those seeking the benefits of advance tax payment, the condition has since been removed. MCD, however, continues to encourage property owners to geo-tag their properties.

"To increase the collection, we had

conducted more than 800 camps, enabling thousands of taxpayers to pay their taxes successfully. Property owners were given the option to pay using various methods, such as UPI, wallets, demand drafts or through an online payment gateway," said an official.

MCD has also sent advance tentative bills for this year to 8.7 lakh taxpayers who had paid their dues last year. "People who paid taxes using a UPIC number last year were sent an SMS with a link to a receipt, which is reflect-

ing the tentative amount due for this year," the official added.

In the 2023-24 financial year, MCD had faced a setback in the property tax collection with a decrease of 11.5% from the previous fiscal year. The total amount collected in 2023-24 was Rs 2,137 crore, which was Rs 280 crore less than the Rs 2,417 crore collection of 2022-23. The number of taxpayers also declined from 13.3 lakh in 2022-23 to 12.6 lakh in 2023-24.

Officials attributed the higher collection in 2022-23 to the Samridhi scheme, which had generated an additional Rs 400 crore in tax revenues. However, the scheme was not repeated.

Under Section 114 of Delhi Municipal Corporation (DMC) Act 2003 (amended), all buildings and vacant land within the jurisdiction of MCD are obligated to pay property tax. Rule 22 of DMC (property taxes) bye-laws 2004 stipulates that the property tax becomes due on the first day of April every financial year.

Excise policy: HC seeks CBI stand on Kejriwal's bail plea

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Friday sought the stand of Central Bureau of Investigation on chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's bail petition in a case registered by the agency in connection with the alleged excise policy scam. Justice Neena Bansal Krishna issued notice to CBI on the plea and listed it for further hearing on July 17.

Senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, representing Kejriwal, argued that the AAP functionary was not a flight risk or a terrorist yet CBI arrested him after he got bail in the Enforcement Directorate's "money laundering" case. He said that Kejriwal had deep roots in society and pressed for interim relief. It is not a case under PMLA which has a higher bar, he added.

However, advocate DP Singh, appearing for the probe agency, objected to Kejriwal directly approaching the high court without first seeking bail from the trial court. Even as the court took note of the objection, it said "the contention shall be considered at the time of arguments."

Justice Krishna pointed out that in several cases "the Supreme Court or the high courts have said that please go back on propriety. They also

say don't clog the higher courts when alternate remedy is available. There should be a reason why this (court) is better. We also have the benefit of going through the trial court's decision."

Senior advocate Vikram Chaudhari, also representing Kejriwal, stated that while remanding him in custody, the trial court had already examined the aspect of his illegal arrest so there was no point of sending the plea back to trial court as it would be a futile exercise.

The CBI's counsel stated that chargesheet had already been filed in the case and the trial court was aware of the material to decide the bail plea.

Kejriwal was arrested by CBI on June 26 from Tihar Jail, where he is still lodged in judicial custody in an alleged money laundering case filed by ED. He has already challenged his arrest in the CBI case and the plea is pending before the high court. The court had issued notice and asked CBI to file its reply while listing it for arguments on July 17.

The AAP's national convenor, who was arrested by ED on March 21, was granted bail by the trial court in the "money laundering" case on June 20. However, the trial court's order was stayed by the high court.

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SE, Presidency Circle, PWD invites online EOI for the work of "Operation and Maintenance of Public Toilets at different sites in West Bengal as per attached list (30 nos.) for 10 (Ten) years (2nd call). Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_706031_1. Bid Submission Start date (online): 04.07.2024 from 2.00 PM. Bid Submission Closing date (online): 30/07/2024 upto 2.00 PM. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T. and Tender documents may be downloaded from: <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Presidency Circle, P.W.D., Govt. of West Bengal. ICA-110659(3)/2024

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CORRIGENDUM No. 01 of e-NIT No. WBIW/SE/GCDC/NIT-02(e)/2024-2025 (2nd Call), SI. No. 01
As per clause: 15.5(vi) of e-NIT No. WBIW/SE/GCDC/NIT-02(e)/2024-2025 (2nd Call), SI. No. 01 the following changes have been made. This is for wide circulation. A) Clause 25: Schedule of important dates of this e-Tender. 5) Document download & Bid submission end date: 15.07.2024 upto 13:00 Hrs. All necessary details may be had Govt. website [www.wbtdenders.gov.in](http://wbtdenders.gov.in) or <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Greater Calcutta Drainage Circle, I&W Dte. ICA-110567(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Administration), Uttar Dinajpur e-Tender Notice
Procurement rate contract for inputs as per requirement of the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Administration), Uttar Dinajpur, items are to be supplied to different blocks (O/o the Assistant Directors of Agriculture, blocks) of Uttar Dinajpur District. Tender Reference Nos.: (1) AGR/UD/NIET-01/2024-25/Pesticides, dated 20/06/2024. (ii) AGR/UD/NIET-02/2024-25/Micro nutrients, dated 20/06/2024. (iii) AGR/UD/NIET-03/2024-25/Pesticide, dated 20/06/2024. (iv) AGR/UD/NIET-04/2024-25/Micro nutrients, dated 20/06/2024. (v) AGR/UD/NIET-05/2024-25/Pesticide, dated 20/06/2024. (vi) AGR/UD/NIET-06/2024-25/Micro nutrients, dated 20/06/2024. (vii) AGR/UD/NIET-07/2024-25/Pesticide, dated 20/06/2024. (viii) AGR/UD/NIET-08/2024-25/Micro nutrients, dated 20/06/2024. (ix) AGR/UD/NIET-09/2024-25/Pesticide, dated 20/06/2024. (x) AGR/UD/NIET-10/2024-25/Micro nutrients, dated 20/06/2024. (xi) AGR/UD/NIET-11/2024-25/Pesticide, dated 20/06/2024. (xii) AGR/UD/NIET-12/2024-25/Micro nutrients, dated 20/06/2024. 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Govt warns auto dealers over delayed registrations

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Several car and two-wheeler dealers in the national capital are allegedly delaying the issuance of registration certificates (RCs) by three to four weeks, prompting transport minister Kailash Gahlot to direct the department to take stringent action against them. The dealers are supposed to issue RCs on the date of purchase.

Delhi govt started the practice of issuing RCs through dealers in 2021 to ensure hassle-free vehicle registration. Earlier, the department itself used to issue the certificates through Speed Post. Sources said the delay was due to the mismanagement by dealers, including non-payment of taxes in some cases. Delhi has 263 dealers authorised to print RCs.

Gahlot, in a written communication to transport commissioner Prashant Goyal, said, "I have always supported the registration of all vehicles at the level of the dealer as a means to reduce delays as well as harassment of the purchasers." But, he added, "instances have been reported where the dealers have made delays of several days and the purchaser has been kept in the dark by saying that the transport department issues it."

District transport offices have been directed to collect a fortnightly report from each dealer under their jurisdiction regarding the dates of delivery and issuance of RCs, but no such report has been submitted, he added.

The minister pointed out that the facility was launched to ensure the delivery of the printed RC copy to the buyer along with the vehicle and the department must ensure that the dealers comply with this basic objective. The transport commissioner said the officials had been asked to find the reason behind the delay.

Delhi govt initiated the printing of RCs through self-registration by dealers in March 2021, and by Sept, all self-registration dealers in the city were empowered to print RCs. The hand-to-hand RC facility at dealers' points was launched to eliminate long waits and the need for the buyers to visit regional transport offices.

At The Crack Of Dawn, Many Left Staring At A Dark Future

Razing Of Jhuggis Near Sarai Kale Khan As Per NGT Orders: DDA

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New Delhi: The shanty dwellings of daily wage earners at Behlolpur Khadar near Sarai Kale Khan were demolished by Delhi Development Authority on Friday, with the agency's official saying that this was to comply with the orders of the National Green Tribunal on removing encroachments near the Yamuna.

Around 6am on Friday, Ali, 51, woke up to bulldozers lining up outside his jhuggi. By 7am, his jhuggi, his home for over two decades, had been razed to the ground. Without a house, Ali now wonders about the future of his two children.

Less than 50 metres away, Rupesha Devi, who earns a living as a domestic worker, sat on the rubble of what was her house. She had been busy till salvaging whatever remained of her belongings and dusting them off. A native of UP, who has lived here



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for more than 20 years, Devi lost her husband in an accident a few years ago and now single-handedly takes care of her two daughters and a son with the Rs 7,000 she earns every month working in several houses.

Devi's eldest daughter, Sarthi, 17, has just completed her Class XII board exams and obtained 74%. "Since I

was good in my studies, my mother did not want me to do odd jobs and had asked me to apply for college," the teenager said. "But how can I think of going to college when my family doesn't even have a roof over their heads? I will search for employment and help my siblings to at least finish their Class XII."

The residents claimed not

to have got prior notice of the demolition. They claimed that on Thursday, police verbally told them they would come on Friday noon to carry out the demolition. "But they were here before 6am. They didn't give us a decent time to extract our belongings before razing them down," said an irate Heema. "Does the govt have no responsibility towards the poor people and their children who do odd jobs required by the people? Where are we supposed to go now?"

According to DDA officials, the demolition drive was undertaken "as per the order of NGT and the commitment of DDA to ensure that the Yamuna banks were free from all encroachments".

But describing the exercise as the govt's hypocrisy, another resident said hotly, "NGT only goes against the poor people. There are other govt offices here in the same area. If they can exist here, then why can't our jhuggis?"

2k workers to attend BJP meeting tomorrow

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Delhi BJP will discuss its strategy for the 2025 Delhi assembly polls at a meeting of its extended executive committee to be held at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium on Sunday. The meeting is likely to be attended by over 2,000 people, including members of the Delhi BJP, and functionaries from the district and ward levels.

A senior BJP functionary said that the focus of the meeting would be on preparations for the assembly elections due in 2025. "Other issues related to AAP govt's functioning and how BJP plans to expose it will also be discussed," he added.

BJP has not won an assembly poll in Delhi in more than two decades. AAP has won the election twice in a row in 2015 and 2020 with a thumping majority. BJP, however, has swept the Lok Sabha polls for three consecutive terms.

Buoyed by the recent victory in all seven Lok Sabha constituencies in Delhi, BJP functionaries said that the party would put on a good show in the assembly polls also this time. BJP has eight legislators in the 70-member Delhi assembly and AAP 61. Raaj Kumar Anand, the MLA from Patel Nagar, was disqualified after he quit AAP and fought Lok Sabha elections on a BSP ticket.

Senior BJP functionary and Union minister Piyush Goyal is likely to address the meeting wherein several political resolutions will be passed, said a party functionary. "At the meeting, BJP will also thank the people of Delhi and its functionaries and workers for the party's landslide victory in the Lok Sabha polls," he added.

He said the number of participants of the meeting was high because it was an extended executive committee gathering. The executive committee of the Delhi BJP comprises over 300 members, including present and past party functionaries, and elected representatives.

SC panel rejects expansion of armed forces medical institute into Ridge

Priyangi Agarwal@timesofindia.com

New Delhi: The Supreme Court-appointed Central Empowered Committee (CEC) has rejected a proposal from Central Armed Police Forces Institute of Medical Sciences (CAPFIMS) in Maidangarhi to extend its campus into a 17.8-acre area falling under the morphological Ridge.

The Ridge Management Board had approved the proposal last Aug and asked CEC for further consideration. It is mandatory for any agency planning to conduct construction or development in Delhi's Ridge areas to seek approval. After a project is cleared by the board, the final nod is given by CEC and the Supreme Court.

The construction was first proposed in 2016 on 51.4 acres near Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary. However, following a site visit, CEC, in Jan 2017, directed that the proposal be executed only on 33.7 acres, while 17.8 acres with Ridge or ridge-like features would be excluded. However, the institute again demanded to

use it after seven years, which was rejected by CEC in a June 25 report.

"CAPFIMS was granted a 'no objection certificate' by CEC and it was recommended by the standing committee of National Board of Wildlife in 2017 on the basic premise that 17.75 acres of land under the ridge or ridge-like features would be kept aside and the construction would be completed on the remaining 33.65 acres of land," the report stated.

It added, "During the mutual discussions, the representatives of CAPFIMS mentioned that they did ask for extra land from DDA (Delhi Development Authority), but DDA has not given any positive reply so far. Hence, the forest land appealed to them as an easy option and to mould it to their own advantage, caring the least for the life-supporting, oxygen-giving vegetation that they promised to develop for their own good."

CEC said "CAPFIMS may do well by pursuing its case of additional land require-

ments with DDA, which understandably is not able to fruitfully utilise the buildings already constructed by it in the adjoining areas and also going slow on the removal of encroachments in the neighbourhood".

The committee also observed that while the cement and concrete works had largely been completed, the work of greening the 17.8 acres in the constructive possession of CAPFIMS had not even begun, as per the earlier directions. "CEC also recommends that CAPFIMS undertake an additional target of planting one lakh indigenous fruit trees in and around CAPFIMS through active participation of its own manpower and in close consultation with the forest department."

Another matter is being heard in the Supreme Court for the felling of trees without permission for the construction of two approach roads from the main Chhatrapur roads to a few establishments, including CAPFIMS.



The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Sagarighi Thermal Power Project
P.O. Monigram, P.S. Sagarighi, Dist. - Murshidabad, Pin - 742237

Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDDL/Tend-Adv/24-25/SgTPP/CC-1954 Date: 03.07.2024
NIT No.: WBPDDL/SGTTP/NIT/E2970/24-25

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> by the General Manager, SgTTP, WBPDDL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 3 (three) Part bid system 'Procurement of Water Line Valves for AHP#Stage-II during Overhauling of Unit#4 in 2024-25 & Procurement of Gate Valve, Non Return Valve & Ball Valve for Stage -I & II Water Package Area, WBPDDL'. Tender Document Download Start Date: 08.07.2024 at 03.00 PM. Bid Submission End Date: 23.07.2024 at 03.00 PM. Contact Person: Mr. Arun Mandal, Dy. General Manager & HOD (Purchase Dept.), Phone: 8336903813. E-mail: amondal@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> ICA-110599(2)/2024

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

Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDDL/Tend-Adv/24-25/KTPS/CC-1954 Date: 28.06.2024
NIT No.: WBPDDL/KTPS/NIT/E2989/24-25

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDDL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for "Installation & Commissioning of 02 nos. 400 NB MS ERW pipes from P2 pump discharge header to CT basin of Unit-5&6". Tender Document Download Start Date: 08.07.2024 at 11.00 AM. Bid Submission End Date: 26.07.2024 at 14.30 PM. Contact person: Mr. Subhasis Das. Telephone no.: 8336904051. E-mail: cc_ktps@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> ICA-110598(3)/2024

भारतीय दूरसंचार संस्थान
Indian Institute of Mass Communication
(A Deemed to be University)
Aruna Asaf Ali Marg, JNU New Campus, New Delhi 110 067
(Adv. No.01/2024)

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The last date to submit Online applications : 05.08.2024
CBC 22103/11/0003/2425

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West Bengal State Health & Family Welfare Samiti
Swasthya Bhawan, Wing-'B', 3rd Floor
GN-29, Sector-V, Bidhannagar Kolkata - 700 091

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West Bengal State Health & Family Welfare Samiti will engage personnel on contract basis for the position of **Data Manager (DPMU / CPMU)** under national Urban Health Mission, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal.

Details of the position:

Sl. No.	NAME OF THE POSITION	NUMBER OF VACANCIES	PLACE OF POSTING
1	Data Manager (DPMU)/ (CPMU)	2 (ST-1, SC-1)	Asansol Municipal Corporation and District Programme management Unit, North 24 Parganas

Eligible candidates should apply online in the prescribed format as given in the Department's website for the mentioned position.

Visit www.wbhealth.gov.in at the link "Recruitment" for details. Starting date of online application is 8th July, 2024 and the last date of completing the online application is 22nd July, 2024.

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ICA-N294(2)/2024



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E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM-6

The last date of submission of the E-Tender for "Supply, Erection, Testing and commissioning of 125 MVAR Reactor along with its associated bay and related work at 400 KV Substation Kashipur against Tender Specification No. PTCUL/E-Tender/C&P-II/SS-14/2023-24 is hereby extended upto 18.07.2024 15:30 Hrs. For more details please visit e-tender website www.uttarakhandpcul.org (tender id no. 2024_PTCU4_71331_1) and for e-tender corrigendum notice our website www.ptcul.org. All other terms and conditions shall remain same.

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Ro.No.: 1162/HQP/PTCUL. Date: 04.07.2024 **Superintending Engineer (C&P-II)**

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E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM-5

The last date of submission of the E-Tender for "Construction of 400 KV GIS Switching Substation Pipalkoti" against Tender Specification No. PTCUL/E-Tender/C&P-II/SS-12/2023-24 is hereby extended upto 18.07.2024 15:30 Hrs. For more details please visit the e-tender website www.uttarakhandpcul.org (tender id no. 2024_PTCU4_71770_1) and for e-tender corrigendum notice our website www.ptcul.org. All other terms and conditions shall remain same.

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Ro.No.1163/HQP/PTCUL. Dated 04.07.2024 **Superintending Engineer (C&P-II)**

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E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM-5

The last date of submission of the E-Tender for "Construction of 400 KV D/C (Twin Mode) Vishnugad-Pipalkoti HEP to 400KV Switching Substation Pipalkoti transmission line" against Tender Specification No. PTCUL/E-Tender/C&P-II/IT-13/2023-24 is hereby extended upto 18.07.2024 15:30 Hrs. For more details please visit e-tender website www.uttarakhandpcul.org (tender id no. 2024_PTCU4_71771_1) and for e-tender corrigendum notice our website www.ptcul.org. All other terms and conditions shall remain same.

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Letter No.: 1164/HQP/PTCUL **Superintending Engineer (C&P-II)**
Dated : 04-07-2024 **"Save Electricity in the Interest of Nation."**

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E-TENDER NOTICE

Chandrapur Super Thermal Power Station MAHAGENCO, invites bid offers from reputed and experienced Companies to Participate in the Competitive bidding Process to following O&M Tenders.

S.N.	Tender No (RFx No)/Description/Estimated Cost in Rs.
1	3000049757 / Modification and Restoration of APH outlet ducts in U-3 during AOH at CSTPS, Chandrapur /Rs.62631600/-

Above floated tender published in MAHAGENCO online Portal. For the detailed Tender document, interested bidders should visit SRM Website <https://procurement.mahagenco.in> (For Sr. No. 01). For any query contact No.8554991818.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (O&M)
CSTPS, Chandrapur

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tendering Notice No. 2024-Jul-01 Dated: 03.07.2024

E-Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering), North Central Railway Agra for and on behalf of the President of India invites "Open Tender" through on Line only (E-Tendering) for the following works. The details of the tender are as under:

SN:	Tender No.:	Approx Cost Rs.:
1	2024-Jul-01-01	1805010.00
2	2024-Jul-01-02	38022447.59
3	2024-Jul-01-03	25194316.55
4	2024-Jul-01-05	29464599.78

For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website "www.ireps.gov.in" Tenders can only be submitted through web portal "www.ireps.gov.in" up to 15.00 hrs. on 24.07.2024

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ENGINEERING WING

Office of the Chief Engineer, Arogya Southa, 3rd floor, Leprosy Hospital Premises, 1st Cross, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560 023, Telephone No.080-29557023
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No.HFWD/EWC/TA-IAE-5/TND/Traditional/II/2024-25/272 Date: 04.07.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Chief Engineer, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru invites tender from eligible Class-I contractors registered in KPWD in two tender document system in KPP Portal for the following work.

Description of works: Package work of Upgradation of Heritage Government ITI College buildings at (1) Hosur Road, Bengaluru (Boys), (2) NR Mohalla, Mysuru, (3) Vijayapura, (4) Kalaburgi (Boys), (5) Raichur & (6) Ballari. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 7327.00 lakhs**. EMD: **Rs 74.00 lakhs**. Stipulated period for Completion (including monsoon): **18 Months**.

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for receipt of tenders: **06.08.2024 upto 16.00 hrs.** (2) Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): **07.08.2024 at 16.30 hrs.** The tender details can be downloaded from the KPP platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> and EMD and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the KPP platform to participate in this tender.

NOTE: (1) All the rights are reserved by the undersigned for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids / individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. (2) Henceforth, any changes in the schedule / contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated on KPP portal only.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru.

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH CHANDIGARH
CORRIDGENDUM

Ref: Global Tender Enquiry Notice No. P/HEP/23-24/G/06
Following changes are made:-

Sr. No.	Equipment/Item Name	Original Bid/Revision Date	Revised Bid/Revision Date	Original Bid/Opening Date	Revised Bid/Opening Date	Deptt. Name
10.	Fully Automated IHC Stainer	06.07.2024	06.08.2024	08.07.2024	07.08.2024	Histopathology

All other details shall remain the same. Professor In-Charge (EP)

Office of Chief Medical and Health Officer, Alwar
S.No./NUHM/Act./2024/27 Dated 28/06/2024

Notice Inviting E-Bid

Bids for Human Resources for Janta Clinic and NHM (For Cmo office Sweeper, Office Assistant, Computer Operter) of Procurement are invited from interested bidders up to dated 18/7/2024 Other particulars of the bid may be visited on procurement portal (<http://sppp.rajabsthan.gov.in>) of the state website. NIB-MHS2425A0755 UBN - MHS2425SLRC01050

Sd/-
Chief Medical and Health Officer Alwar

SBI Premises & Estate Department,
Local Head Office, 16, College Lane,
Chennai-600006 Tel : 044 28306401 / 8403

NOTICE FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS (PMC)

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Chennai
Date: 06.07.2024 Assistant General Manager (P&E)

NICDC Haryana Multi Modal Logistic Hub Project Limited
1st floor, Aeren IT Solution Pvt. Limited, Plot No. 14,
IT Park Chandigarh. Email: ravisingh.dmic@gmail.com,
Phone No.: 7567073678

NOTICE INVITING BIDDERS

Tender Reference Number: NICDC/HMMLHPL/Haryana/NC/2024/01
Dated: 04-07-2024

Bid For "Construction of Integrated Modal Logistic Hub (IMLH) Yard at Nangal Choudhary including Platforms and Station & Ancillary Buildings on Engineering, Procurement and Construction Mode"

Last Date & Time of submission: 21-08-2024 before 17:00 hour (IST)

For further details please visit website:
etenders.hry.nic.in/nicgep/app. The Amendments/Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted on the etenders Haryana website.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

No.: JHS-ELG-W-T-19-2024-25 Date: 02.07.2024

E-Tender Notice

For and on behalf of President of India, the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (Gen) North Central Railway, Jhansi invites open tenders through online (E-Tendering) for the following work:-

Description of work: JHANSI ELG: Supply and installation of on grid SPV plant capacity of 2MWp in Jhansi division.

Tender Value : ₹11,45,74,000/- only **Bid Security :** ₹7,22,900/- only

Completion period: 06 months, **Closing date of tender :** 25.07.2024 (upto 15:00 Hrs.). Tender will be submitted the tender online up to 25.07.2024 (upto 15:00 Hrs.). Complete details & for submission of tenders can be seen in Indian Railway website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. 1167/24(DG)

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U.P. POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

E-Tender Notice

E-Tender No. SD-985 online E-Bids are invited for "Supply of 580 Nos. Non-SAS (Conventional Type) 220kV & 132kV Control & Relay Panels at different 220kV & 132kV Substations of UPPTCL". E-tender has been uploaded on 04.07.2024 on www.etender.up.nic.in. Estimated Cost of work: **Rs. 26.98 Crore (With GST)** only. Completion Period: **03 months** (From the date of allotment), E.M.D. Cost : **Rs 27.00 Lacs** only. Last date of E-tender submission : **05.08.2024 at 15:30 Hrs.** Total Quantum of Work, Tender Specification and Other Terms & Conditions are as per Tender Document available on the E-tender Portal. **Undersigned reserves the right to cancel the E-Bids without assigning any reason.** Corrigendum, Addendum, Extension if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time.

Superintending Engineer, ESDC-I, UPPTCL
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No. 215-ESDC-I (G.S.)/Tender Notice Dated: 04.07.2024

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

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused **Rajesh S/o Madan Lal R/o H. No. 11, Block-01 MCD Nand Nagri Near Gagan Cinema Delhi.** Has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 838/2016 dated 22/06/2016 U/S 323/354/451/509 IPC, PS Nand Nagri and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person **Rajesh** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Rajesh**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the **Rajesh FIR No. 838/2016 dated 22/06/2016 U/S 323/354/451/509 IPC, PS Nand Nagri** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **06.08.2024**.

By order
Ms. Nidhi Bala LD, MM
(Mahila Court-03) Room No. 08 Shadara
KARKARDOOMA COURTS, DELHI

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NIT Number : SS/1500/2024-25/01

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Sr. No.	Type of Stockist	Location of Godown	Revenue District	State	Area of Operation (Territory)
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3	SSIP	Noida/ Ghaziabad/ Meerut/ Agra/ Dehradun/Hindwar	Uttarakhand & 31 district of western UP	Uttar Pradesh-II	Uttarakhand & 31 district of western UP

Contact Person:
1) Sh. Mohit Sachdeva-Manager, (L-RS) Noida Lubes Sales Area, Tel No.: 9953551962, Email: sachdevam1@indianoil.in
2) Sh. Eshan Sharma-Manager, (L-RS) Agra Lubes Sales Area, Tel No.: 8368407187, Email: yashse@indianoil.in
3) Sh. Kapil Dwivedi-Assst. Mgr (L-TS), Noida Tech. Lube Sales Area, Tel No.: 8368688702, E-Mail: dwivedik@indianoil.in

Application document published on 06.07.2024 and download starts on 07.07.2024 till 30.07.2024 Last date of physical application form submission: 31.07.2024 (15:00 hrs.).

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

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Gopal, S/o: Girand, R/o: Jhuggi Men Puri, Chauraha Road, PS - Shikohabad, Distt. - Shikohabad, U.P.** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 57/2019, U/s 379/411 IPC, P.S.: **Kotwali, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Gopal** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Gopal** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Gopal** accused of case FIR No. 57/2019, U/s 379/411 IPC, P.S.: **Kotwali, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **07.08.2024**.

By Order
Ms. Sayesha Chadha
Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No. 272, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 (2) (II) CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Namely: Sushil Kumar, S/o: Munni Lal, R/o: Jhuggi F-247, J.J Colony, Inderpuri, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a case vide FIR No.630/2022, U/s 25/54/59 Arms Act registered at PS Rajouri Garden, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued stating that the said **Sushil Kumar** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused **Sushil Kumar** is absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Sushil Kumar** is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **16.08.2024**.

By Order
Shahank Nandan Bhatt
Ld. MM-04, Room No.356,
DP/8675/WD/2024 3rd Floor, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

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

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Namely Vaishali Singh, D/o: Atul Pal Singh, R/o: DE 144, Tagore Garden, New Delhi,** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 675/2020, U/s 420 IPC, Dated: 23.09.2020, registered at P.S.: **Tilak Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Vaishali Singh** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Vaishali Singh** has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Vaishali Singh** accused of FIR No. 675/2020, U/s 420 IPC, Dated: 23.09.2020, registered at P.S.: **Tilak Nagar, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **12.08.2024**.

By Order
Sh. Devanshu Sajjan
Metropolitan Magistrate -07
DP/8618/WD/2024 Room No. 289, 2nd Floor, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

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- Strengthening of earthing at various tower locations of 132KV Almora-Chandak-Pithoragarh S/C line and 132KV Rankhet-Bageshwar S/C line under O&M Division, PTCUL, Almora against E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/03/2024-25, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_73181_1).
- Modification/strengthening of existing pale fencing and fixing of razor wire, over existing and new security fencing at 132KV S/S, Rankhet under O&M Division, PTCUL, Almora against E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/04/2024-25, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_73183_1).
- Maintenance of control room building, annex and store room building and other miscellaneous work at 132KV S/S, Jaspur under 220KV O&M Division, PTCUL, Mahukheraganj against E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/05/2024-25, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_73188_1).
- Providing, fixing and installation of electric fencing at 120KV S/S, Mahukheraganj under 220KV O&M Division, PTCUL, Mahukheraganj against E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/06/2024-25, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_73191_1).
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No. COS/CR/PUB/E-Tender/19/0162 Date: 02/07/2024. The following E-Tenders can be accessed under the link www.ireps.gov.in. Offers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link www.ireps.gov.in - login -> E-Tender Stores/Supply. Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or IREPS related information if any. Dy.CMM/ HO/CLW/Chittaranjan, 0341-2525594 or SMM/CON/HQ, 0341-2536361. Office Address: Office of the PCMM/CLW/Chittaranjan. Sr. No. Tender No.: Brief Description of Item, Quantity, Estimated Money Deposit (Rupees), Tender Closing Date & Time (IST) are as follows: (1): 91240394; Rotor Shaft (Rough Machined), Drg. No: 3TWD.096.073 ALT-8, Specn. No: 4TMS.096.051 REV-2, STR No: CLW/TM/STR/10100 Armature Shaft/Rotor Shaft (Rough Machined) Rev-1. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; 1634.00 Nos.; ₹1726505.00; 25/07/2024 at 11:00 AM. [2]: 91240950; ZR. CU Punching Type Resistance Ring. Mechanically Interlocked To End Plate For Scheme-II Rotor. Drg. No: SKEL 4742 AL-1, Specn. No: RDSO/2008/EL/SPC/0064/REV.3, STR No. CLW/TM/1730 REV-1. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; 1415.00 Nos.; ₹2000000.00; 26/07/2024 at 11:00 AM. [3]: 81240126; Polyimide Foil (KAPTON) P1 F01, Size: 0.125 x 510 MM. [In Roll Continuous Roll of 50 MTRS]. Specification: No. 4TMS.096.092 Rev-1, STR NO. CLW/TM/176 [REV-1]. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; 21340.40 Metre; ₹5656590.00; 29/07/2024 at 11:00 AM. [4]: 81240114; Micra Glass Fabric Tape Size: 0.125 x 15 MM. [In Roll of 30 M]. Specification: No. 4TMS.096.098, STR No. CLW/TM/0171 [Rev.1] (Sheff Life 12 Months) [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; 7500460.00 Metre; ₹937560.00; 02/08/2024 at 11:00 AM. [5]: 81240095; High Tensile Non Asbestos Fabric Mat, Size : 0.762X914 MM. Wide, ClWS Specification No.4TMS.096.027 Rev-2, STR No. CLW/TM/STR.095 Rev-1. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; 471.00 Metre; ₹0.00; 26/07/2024 at 11:00 AM. [6]: 81240129; Stator Slot Wedge, CLW DRG No. 4TWD.096.050 ALT-3, Specification No. 4TMS.096.103, STR No. CLW/TM/STR/12060 Rev-1. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; 384339.00 Nos.; ₹16270.00; 31/07/2024 at 11:00 AM. [7]: 81240178; (i) Auto Adhesive Tape [KAPTON] SIZE: 0.07 x 9.5 MM. [In Roll of 33 MTR.]. Specification: No. 4TMS.096.097 Alt-1, STR NO. CLW/TM/173 [Rev.2] (Sheff Life 12 Months) [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; (ii) Auto Adhesive Tape [KAPTON], Size : 0.07 x 9.5 MM. [IN ROLL OF 33 MTR.], SPECIFICATION NO. 4TMS.096.097 Alt-1, STR NO. CLW/TM/173 [Rev.2] (Sheff Life 12 Months) [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; (iii) Auto Adhesive Tape [KAPTON], Size : 0.07 x 9.5 MM. [AS Per Set Details Attached] [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; 899.00 Set; ₹309830.00; 02/09/2024 at 11:00 AM. [9]: 75245055; Procurement of Gangway bridge assembly as per drg.no. GHA. 001 & GBA.001.05 and Specn No. CLW/MS/3/077 Alt. 5, For WAG-9 Twin locomotive. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; 100.00 Set; ₹117410.00; 22/07/2024 at 11:00 AM. [10]: 75244190; High Tensile Transition CB coupler (Top operated) with Top Lifting hook, Top Lifting Assembly & Link for Top Operation in fitted condition but without High Capacity Drive Gear, Striker Block 7 Suspension Hook (For TR screw coupling) as per RDSO Drg.No. SK-DL-4809/ALN/LL or Latest Item No. 1 to 8, 12 to 14, 35 to 40, 42, Except Item No.-9 to 11, 15 to 34, 41, 43 to 45 For WAG-9HC Locomotive. As per Category No. R/9/01/59. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; 757.00 Set; ₹2000000.00; 08/08/2024 at 11:00 AM. [11]: 75244083; Stainless Steel Inverse Assy, CLWS Specn. No. CLWS/MS/3/097 ALT-2, Consisting of 02 (two) items. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; 1052.00 Set; ₹1154460.00; 01/08/2024 at 11:00 AM. PRR/504 PCMM/CLW/CRJ

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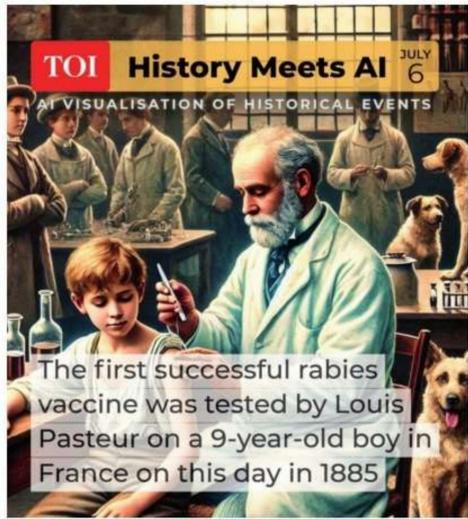
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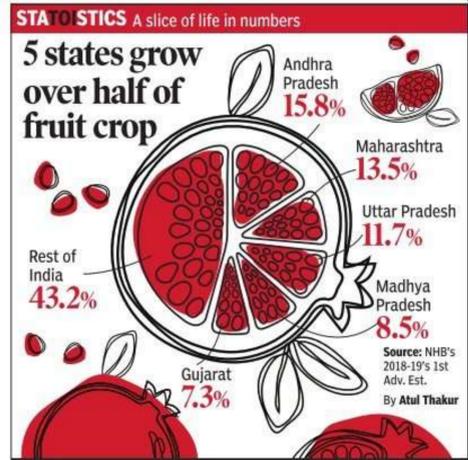
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A VISUALISATION OF HISTORICAL EVENTS

The first successful rabies vaccine was tested by Louis Pasteur on a 9-year-old boy in France on this day in 1885

Fake school in Gujarat shops busted
A team of education department officials Friday busted a bogus English medium school operating without affiliation to any board for the past seven years from some four shops in Pipaliya village, 19kms from Rajkot, Gujarat. The school was running classes from 1 to 10 and had hired as teachers some former pupils who had studied only up to classes 9 or 10.

Vimal Gadhvi, in-charge taluka primary education officer, said he had received a complaint from panchayat president that two students of Gauri English Medium School were not issued school leaving certificates. "On checking our records, we found that no school by this name existed. We inspected the premises on Friday and found that it was operating without any recognition," Gadhvi said. He has filed a police complaint. Students of this school will be given admission in govt or private schools in the area by Monday under the Right to Education Act, he added.

Katyayani Tiwari, owner of the school, insisted that the process of authorisation and recognition was in progress, which is why classes were being run from makeshift infrastructure. **TNN**



STATISTICS A slice of life in numbers
5 states grow over half of fruit crop

Source: NHB's 2018-19's 1st Adv. Est. By Atul Thakur

10 bridges down in 16 days, Bihar suspends 17 engineers

Left Red-Faced, Govt Accuses Officials Of Gross Negligence

Manoj Chaurasia & Abhay Singh

Patna: Bihar govt on Friday suspended 17 engineers following a string of bridge collapses across the state in the past fortnight. These incidents, that took place in Siwan, Saran, Madhubani, Araria, East Champaran, and Kishanganj, have left the governing NDA red faced.

"We have suspended 17 engineers from flood and water discharge divisions as well as the rural works department for gross negligence on their part," a statement issued by the state govt read.

A bridge over the Gandaki river collapsed in Saran on Thursday, making it the 10th such incident in Bihar in 16 days. However, govt has claimed that only nine bridges have collapsed.

As many as 11 engineers were suspended for lapses related to collapses in Saran and



Students of a government school in Patna attend class while holding umbrellas as rainwater seeped through walls and the ceiling on Friday

Siwan districts. "Inquiry by water resources department flying squads found that the engineers had not taken precautionary measures and didn't conduct technical inspection of the bridges. Gross negligence was also found on the part of contractors," govt said. Additional suspensions

included four engineers from the rural works department for negligence following an inquiry by a team led by a chief engineer level officer. Two more engineers linked to a collapse in East Champaran district's Ghodasaban block were also suspended. As govt cracked down on

errant officials, opposition leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav described the bridge collapses as "administrative failure". "Double engines in Bihar are involved in a game where one engine is engaged in corruption and the other in crime," Tejashwi on X said.

Meanwhile, state public health and engineering department minister Niraj Kumar Singh said govt has cancelled tenders worth Rs 3,600 crore related to piped drinking water supply system that were initiated during the previous Grand Alliance regime.

"These tenders are being revised to incorporate new features aimed at enhancing efficiency and coverage," the minister told mediapersons.

"I would not say that there were any irregularities. The department reviewed the existing tenders and decided to revise them to include new features," Singh said.

Lawyer: Porsche teen has submitted 300-word essay on road safety to JJB

Asseem Shaikh @timesofindia.com

Pune: The 17-year-old Porsche Taycan driver who mowed down two software engineers in Pune on May 19 has submitted a 300-word essay on road safety, fulfilling one of his bail conditions stipulated by the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB).

"The child in conflict with law submitted the essay before JJB on July 3," one of the teenager's lawyers, who did not want to be named, told TOI. The lawyer, however, refused to reveal the contents of the essay written in English, saying the proceedings before the juvenile board's principal magistrate could not be made public.



The essay was part of the bail conditions laid down by JJB

Monali Kale did not answer the phone calls made by TOI.

As per another bail condition, the teenager turned up at the Regional Transport Office (RTO) to study and practise traffic rules, after his detention in an observation home was set aside by Bombay high court on June 25, the lawyer said. "But, authorities informed him that no official communication had been received from JJB in this regard. Hence, we filed a plea before the juvenile board stating that the teenager was not given any training. The board has directed RTO to file a written submission."

An RTO official, however, dismissed this claim and said the teenager had never visited their office.

Gang of 6 hacks Tamil Nadu BSP chief to death

Selvaraj.A@timesofindia.com

Chennai: Tamil Nadu BSP president Armstrong (47) was hacked to death by a six-member gang near his house in a crowded locality at Sembiam near Chennai's Perambur on Friday. Following the murder, the entire area was brought under a security blanket to prevent revenge attacks or riots.

The crime took place around 7pm. Armstrong, an advocate by profession, was chatting with his friends and supporters when the gang arrived on three bikes. The assailants, wielding machetes and sickles, chased away Armstrong's friends before attacking him. He was taken to hospital where he was declared dead.

HC questions TN's ₹10L compensation for hooch deaths

Sureshkumar.K @timesofindia.com

Chennai: Madras HC on Friday questioned the Tamil Nadu govt's decision to award Rs 10 lakh each as ex gratia to families of people who died after consuming illicit liquor in Kallakurichi.

"Why should the family be encouraged? You are paying Rs 10 lakh. That is encouragement," the first bench of acting Chief Justice R Mahadevan and Justice Mohammed Shaffiq observed.

If a person dies in an accident, compensation can be provided. "But not in this kind (illicit liquor) of cases," the judges said. The HC said the amount of Rs 10 lakh is too much and suggested that the govt reconsider its decision.

The court made these observations on a public interest writ petition filed by one Mohamed Ghouse claiming that the deceased have consumed illicit liquor which is per se illegal and, therefore, compensation cannot be provided for committing an illegal act. "Consuming illicit liquor is an illegal act. The state need not feel pity on those who have



'Why should the family be encouraged?' HC asked, adding that the amount of Rs 10 lakh was too much. It suggested that govt reconsider its decision

consumed illicit liquor and succumbed," the petitioner said. Such solatium should be provided only to victims of accident and not to those who commit an illegal act for their pleasure, the petitioner said, adding that those who consumed illicit liquor must not be treated as victims.

The govt is not justified in awarding such exorbitant compensation to victims of illicit liquor while only a meagre amount is being awarded to victims of other accidents, he said. "Those who consumed illicit liquor are not freedom fighters or social activists who have lost their lives for the cause of the general public or for the sake of society," he said.

Agniveer, 22, shoots himself with service rifle at Agra IAF complex

Choudhary's death. Choudhary was cremated in his native village Narayanpur on Thursday with a ceremonial guard of honour.

SHO of Shahganj police station, Amit Kumar Maan, on Friday told TOI that family members of the deceased did not file a police complaint. Investigation is on.

Choudhary had joined IAF in Dec 2022, and was posted in Agra six months ago. He had come home on June 3 and joined duty 10 days later. **TNN**

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New Delhi July 06, 2024 Regional Director

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While oppn demands caste census, BJP ally Naidu opts for skill census

Move Aimed At Developing Human Capital

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New Delhi: Andhra Pradesh chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu is starting a skill census in the state and will suggest a similar exercise to PM Narendra Modi to map the skill sets available with the population and develop human capital.

Unlike INDIA bloc states that have been pushing for a caste census, Naidu said the move is meant to expand the PPP into "public, private, people's partnership" to generate better results for citizens. Skilling and creating jobs are seen as a key focus for the Modi govt with some measures expected in the Union Budget.

After a series of meetings in the capital, the TDP chief, a key ally of the BJP-led coalition at the Centre, said that development of Andhra Pradesh was his top priority after the Jagan Mohan Reddy govt left the state in severe financial stress. Naidu intends to highlight the strain and the absence of development, which has seen disruption of the Polavaram irrigation pro-



Chandrababu Naidu with Nirmala Sitharaman in Delhi on Friday

ject and his plans to build Amravati as the new state capital, through a series of five white papers.

Naidu said he will let people decide what is to be done. He is also looking to use his earlier experience to put Andhra back on the development path and rope in investors, both domestic and foreign. Apart from Union ministers, the Andhra CM also met several industry leaders and acknowledged that there were concerns over the political climate in case there was a

change of guard in the state. "They are concerned about the devil. We are assuring them that we will control it," Naidu said. He also insisted that his party is not demanding any seats or a common agenda as BJP and the alliance partners have released their own manifestos.

"We did not ask for any ministerial post from the Centre, not even during Vajpayee's time. Whatever was offered, we accepted," he said and recalled accepting Lok Sabha Speaker's post during the Vajpayee era "only to" maintain good relations with the alliance.

"The party's priority is rebuilding Andhra Pradesh, which has suffered irreparable loss in the last five years. Our aim is to rebuild the state in the next five years. The people of Andhra Pradesh have given mandate to NDA. We will work together," he added.

On quotas for minorities, an issue that Modi flagged as a concern during the general elections, Naidu said his party had used economic backwardness, not other considerations, for giving reservation.

Andhra govt estimates ₹11k cr deficit this year

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New Delhi: Andhra Pradesh govt's demand for financial assistance from the Centre, including loan restructuring, is meant to tide over a projected deficit of Rs 11,000 crore this year, with the state expecting to have a meagre surplus to deploy for development from next year.

The Chandrababu Naidu govt has prepared a blueprint that seeks to revisit almost two dozen direct benefit transfer schemes started by the Jagannathan Reddy administration and initiate a series of steps to bolster revenue, start capital works and provide assistance to the needy, sources familiar with the discussions with the Centre told TOI.

Naidu held a series of meetings, including with finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, defence minister Rajnath Singh and health minister J P Nadda on Friday. "The treasury needs revenue

augmentation and release of funds for capital works. The previous govt stopped critical payments and there is an enormous loan burden. It will take five-six months for us to get it in shape and restart the cycle," said a source, adding that Andhra will pursue central schemes and some of the focus areas of TDP govt.

The Naidu administration is projecting that a series of measures will help generate up to Rs 37,000 crore by the fifth year of its tenure which can be deployed for the state's development. The TDP govt wants to use the cluster near Visakhapatnam, which is close to Odisha, and the area around Karnataka to create industrial hubs with the proposed port in Duggirajupatnam being a crucial element of the plan. Central assistance for the port was promised at the time of bifurcation of Andhra and Telangana a decade ago, but there has not been any progress.

Wanted terrorist hiding in Pak dies of 'cardiac arrest'

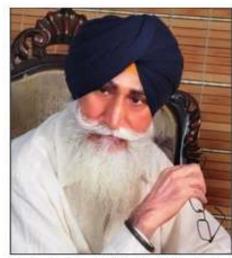
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New Delhi/Jalandhar: Pro-Khalistan terrorist Gajinder Singh, wanted in India and hiding in Pakistan for four decades since he hijacked a Delhi-Srinagar Indian Airlines flight in 1981, died at 73 in Lahore after reportedly suffering a cardiac arrest earlier this week.

Gajinder, who co-founded the radical Sikh outfit Dal Khalsa and was an anti-India campaigner till his last days, had been put on a list of 20 most-wanted terrorists in 2002.

He was cremated Thursday close to a gurdwara in the Pakistani city that harboured him, with his daughter Birkamjit Kaur lighting the pyre, Dal Khalsa functionary Kanwarpal Singh said.

On Sept 29, 1981, Gajinder and four terrorists hijacked flight IC 423 with 111 passengers and six crew members on board. The hijackers forced the pilots to land the plane in Lahore, from where they negotiated with former external affairs minister K Natwar Singh, who was then India's ambassador to Pakistan, for the release of Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale and several pro-Khalistan terrorists.



Gajinder Singh (73) had hijacked a Delhi-Srinagar flight in 1981

Gajinder's gang also demanded \$5,00,000, threatening to behead the pilots. The hijackers wrapped fruit in newspapers and claimed those were grenades with which they would blow up the aircraft.

The hijack drama ended when Pakistani commandos entered the aircraft after diplomatic pressure from India. Although the then Pakistan govt claimed to have incarcerated the hijackers for years, pictures surfaced in 1986 showing them free. Satnam Singh and Tejinderpal Singh, the two who returned to India, were arrested, tried and acquitted.

Gajinder travelled to Germany in 1996 but was barred from entering the country due

to objections from India. He returned to Pakistan and stayed low for several years. While India kept seeking his deportation, Pakistan denied his presence in its territory.

In 2016, Dal Khalsa merged with another radical outfit named Panch Pardhani, while retaining its name to push the secessionist Khalistan agenda. Gajinder's whereabouts remained unknown until Sept 2022, when a picture of him on social media revealed his location in Pakistan. He had posted the picture of him standing in front of Gurdwara Panja Sahib at Hasan Abdal in Pakistan's Punjab province.

At a function in Hoshiarpur on the 41st anniversary of the hijacking, Dal Khalsa appealed to Pakistan to consider granting Gajinder political asylum.

On April 14 this year, 11 years after Indian death-row convict Sarabjit Singh was killed in Pakistan jail, his arrested murderer, ISI henchman and LeT founder Hafiz Saeed's associate Amir Sarfaraz, was shot by bike-borne gunmen in Lahore's Islampura locality. Without naming India, Pakistani authorities ordered an investigation into his killing as a "targeted attack".

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BRS MLCs hurriedly join Cong to beat Amavasya

Switch Takes KCR's Outfit By Surprise

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Hyderabad: To the list of reasons why politicians sometimes jump ship in a hurry has been added Amavasya, or "no moon day" in Sanskrit. In Telangana, six MLCs apparently had a rushed entry into Congress at midnight Thursday to avoid making a new beginning coinciding with the moonless night of a new lunar cycle.

A senior Congress functionary who was privy to the plan to get the MLCs on board said they had been in contact with the party brass over the past few weeks. The switch ahead of a crucial budget session caught BRS off guard.

"Amavasya was starting early Friday and so the joinings had to be rushed. Even when former assembly speaker Pocharam Srinivas Reddy



The MLCs rushed to CM Revanth Reddy's residence the moment they came to know of his flight from Delhi taking off

switched sides, it took everyone by surprise. These things are kept confidential until they happen," the Congress functionary told TOI.

Most of the six MLCs were with Congress before they switched allegiance to BRS. Some more MLCs of BRS could join the governing party soon, sources said.

Basavaraj Saraiiah, one of the six MLCs to have crossed

over, said it was like a homecoming. "Congress is my original home. It is a national party and we want to be part of it again and work for the development of all."

Congress's strength in the 40-member legislative council goes up to 12. The MLCs — Dande Vittal, Bhanu Prasad Rao, B Dayanand, MS Prabhakar Rao, Egge Mallesham and Saraiiah — had assembled at a Hyderabad hotel on Thursday evening and were to go to chief minister A Revanth Reddy's residence to join the party.

The plan changed after Revanth got stuck in Delhi, where he had meetings with PM Narendra Modi and home minister Amit Shah.

The MLCs waited in the hotel and rushed to the CM's residence the moment they came to know of his flight from Delhi taking off. Minutes after his return a little before midnight, the MLCs were formally welcomed into the party by AICC's Telangana in-charge Deepa Dasmunsi, Revanth and revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy.

9 suffocate to death in C'garh gas-filled wells in twin tragedy

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Raipur: Nine persons suffocated to death in two tragedies when they entered gas-filled wells in Chhattisgarh's Janjgir-Champa and Korba districts to save each other. As many as five people — including a father and two sons — died in Janjgir-Champa district while four members of a family, including a minor girl, lost their lives in Korba district. Govt announced Rs 9 lakh compensation per victim.

In Janjgir-Champa's Kikirda village, 160km from Raipur, the well wasn't in use and had been covered up for years, leading to the accumulation of toxic gases that had turned it into a death chamber, officials said. The well was sealed with a wooden board that a recent thunderstorm had tossed aside. While trying to cover it up again, farmer Ramchandra Jayaswal (60) saw a small wooden slab inside the well and decided to remove it. He climbed into the 40ft-deep well and became the first casualty.

Desi def production hit record ₹1.3L crore in 2023-24: Rajnath

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: India recorded the highest-ever annual domestic defence production in 2023-24, reaching Rs 1.3 lakh crore in terms of value, which represents a 16.7% growth over the previous fiscal, defence minister Rajnath Singh said on Friday.

Stating that the 'Make in India' programme is crossing new milestones, year after year, under PM Modi, Singh said gov't has an "unwavering resolve" to develop the country as a leading global defence manufacturing hub.

Of the total value of production in 2023-24, 79% was contributed by defence PSUs and other PSUs manufacturing defence items, while around 21% by the private sector. "The data shows that in terms of absolute value, both defence PSUs/PSUs and the private sector have recorded a steady growth in defence production," the ministry said.

"The feat has been achieved due to the policy reforms and initiatives as well as the ease of doing business



Govt has an 'unwavering resolve' to develop India as a leading defence manufacturing hub, Rajnath said

brought in the last 10 years, with focus on attaining self-reliance. The indigenisation efforts have been pursued aggressively," it added.

Moreover, increasing arms exports have also contributed to the overall growth in defence production. India's defence exports touched a high of Rs 21,083 crore in 2023-24, reflecting a growth of 32.5% over the last fiscal when the figure was Rs 15,920 crore. "In the last five years (since 2019-20), the value of defence production has been increasing steadily, and grown by over 60%," it said.

Army gets first 35,000 'Made in India' AK-203s

New Delhi: The first 35,000 Kalashnikov AK-203 assault rifles assembled in India have finally been delivered to the Army by the Indo-Russia Rifles Private Ltd joint venture, ahead of the Modi-Putin summit next week.

"Around 10,000 of the 35,000 AK-203 rifles have already been inducted into Army battalions after the requisite tests," an officer said.

The manufacture of over six lakh AK-203 rifles, which have an effective range of 300-metre, will be spread over 10 years at the joint venture's Korwa factory in Amethi district of UP. The 7.62x39 mm caliber rifles are supposed to cater to the overall needs of the over 11-lakh strong Army as well as the IAF and Navy.

The AK-203 project was announced in 2018 but production at the Korwa factory finally began last year. TNN

Nihangs attack, injure Sena neta in Punjab, guard suspended

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Ludhiana: A Shiv Sena politician in Punjab, Sandeep Thapar (58), was waylaid and attacked by three Nihangs outside Ludhiana Civil Hospital on Friday morning, leaving him grievously injured.

Thapar's police gunman, ASI Sukhwant Singh, who was riding pillion on his scooter when he was attacked, remained a mute spectator and was suspended with immediate effect.

Calling the attack a conspiracy, Shiv Sena functionaries and Thapar's wife Rita said he had earlier approached Ludhiana police over death threats.

The attack took place around 11.30 pm, when Thapar was leaving the office of an NGO at the civil hospital, and was captured on CCTVs installed near the spot.

Punjab Congress president and Ludhiana MP Amarinder Singh Raja Warring said there was an atmosphere of fear in the city due to complete lawlessness.

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After 12 yrs in jail for hubby's killing, woman acquitted

Lalmohan Patnaik | TNN

Cuttack: The Orissa HC has acquitted a woman who spent over 12 years in prison as part of life imprisonment for her husband's murder, saying the trial court judgment was a "miscarriage of justice".

According to the prosecution, Sunita Mundari had poured kerosene on husband Mangal and set him on fire at Jhirpani village in Sundargarh on Nov 28, 2011. A Rourkela sessions court sentenced her on Dec 20, 2014. Sunita, now 64, filed an HC appeal the same year. In its order on Thursday, an HC bench of Justices SK Sahoo and Chittaranjan Dash held that there was "no clinching evidence against the appellant (Sunita)".

The bench observed the circumstances on record do not form a complete chain to conclude with certainty that the woman committed the crime. "The findings of the trial court are not justified, the circumstances in favour of the appellant have been ignored and, thereby, it has resulted in miscarriage of justice," the bench added.

Setting aside Sunita's conviction by the trial court under Section 302 of IPC (murder), the HC ordered her release. The bench observed that the trial court had jumped to conclusion that Sunita had committed the murder despite lack of direct evidence.

"In a case based on circumstantial evidence, there is always a danger that conjecture or suspicion may take the place of legal proof," the bench said.

SC clears man of abetting wife's death, grants bail

Delhi: A newly married woman commits suicide after a person circulates her obscene photographs on social media, can the husband who had sent her triple talaq (divorce) notice after the incident be denied bail for failure to protect her from ignominy, thereby forcing her to end her life? A Supreme Court vacation bench comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and Ujjal Bhuyan said prima facie the husband could not be said to have abetted the suicide, reports **Dhananjay Mahapatra**. Since police have filed chargesheet after completing probe, the bench granted anticipatory bail to the husband.

Interestingly, neither SC nor HC took note of the illegality on part of the husband to send triple talaq notice to the wife, even though a Constitution bench had on Aug 17, 2017 declared this process of divorce as unconstitutional and illegal.

Two years later, Parliament enacted Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019 declaring that instant divorce granted by pronouncement of talaq three times is void and illegal.

Allahabad HC had refused anticipatory bail to the husband, Imran, who was made an accused in the police case along with one Mahfooz who had circulated the woman's obscene photographs on social media intending to blackmail her to keep physical relationship with him.

'The Spanish empire used notions from animal breeding for human beings — this suffused racism'

Mackenzie Cooley is associate professor of history at Hamilton College. Speaking to Srijana Mitra Das at Times Evoke, she explains hierarchies about animals — and humans:

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What is the core of your research?

I specialise in the history of science and ideas. I look at where these intersect and bloom in the early modern period, often in unexpected ways. Much of my work focuses on the era spanning 1300 to 1800. I specialise in the 16th century — that's right at the end of Leonardo da Vinci's life, the beginning of the American engagement for Europeans, the Columbian voyages and the rise of big natural history publications.



Can you tell us the story of bezoar then — and why this remains important now?

Bezoar was a mineral growth that developed in the digestive tract of animals. It was used as a panacea, an antidote to everything in that era. It developed in certain ruminants, like goats, especially those from Persia and what Europeans then thought of as the Indies, but also in llamas and alpacas.

The hunt for bezoar led to one of the most astonishing animal executions ever as Europeans wanted to extract new stones from llamas and alpacas in South America. Bezoar is a very cautionary tale — it was one of the biggest medical commodities of the time, extremely valued, a perfect gift for a king, but it was also ineffective and not understood to be so until



'IMPERFECT': Empires vs natives



SUDDENLY HUNTED: Peruvians nurtured llamas (L) and alpacas (R) with care — to Spanish imperialists though, both seemed alike and thousands were mercilessly slaughtered for bezoar, a 'cure' later found to be ineffective

the 19th century. Its history should give us pause because sometimes, the biggest medical markets are built on dubious foundations.

Its extraordinary how many animals were slaughtered for bezoar. Spanish colonialists killed thousands of llamas and alpacas in Peru just to grab these stones inside — which, in any case, only appeared in a small percentage of animals. This led to some of the most significant population bottlenecks seen in New World

camelids because the Spanish did not appreciate how different llamas and alpacas were from one another — they lumped them all together as the 'sheep' of the Indies. They were not remotely sensitive to how these individual populations had been nurtured by the Incas and other residents of the Peruvian world.

How was the Spanish empire shaped by ideas of 'perfect animals'?

When we think about the past, we must reckon with how entirely those were animal worlds — the Renaissance was built on animal power, labour and animals as signs of nobility. The Spanish were very interested in tapping into Italy's cultural expertise then. They turned to Italian fashions to create the best world for themselves. That perforce included horses as this was a society where the term for 'nobility' was tied — as knight, caballero and chivalier — to horsemanship. Many grand houses, including the Gonzaga of Mantua in Italy, bred carefully honed horses

and gained prestige by marketing them. The 'perfect' animal was thought to be best suited to its place in what was conceptualised as 'the great chain of being', a very widespread European idea of a highly precise hierarchy.

Breeders would carefully measure if their animals then achieved the goals set within this framework — did they run the fastest, learn dressage quickly, etc.

These breeders had the ear of monarchs who were making decisions for Europe and subsequently, empires — they were very keen to understand how the tools of animal breeding could be used to improve human populations. So, over the course of the Spanish empire, we start to see a language once used for describing domesticated animals, of 'raza' or race, extended to human beings. This is a key transition — some of the zoological terms used in the Spanish world, like 'mestizo' or a mix, were now used for people.

As European colonialism expanded, these ideas of race, initially used for animal breeding and meant to indicate short-term characteristics, were increasingly used for humans. It started signifying fixed characteristics and differences between people — that suffused racism.

Did these ideas influence colonialism?

Absolutely. That vision, of the 'perfection' of animal breeding, requires an awareness of fixed hierarchies — the 'perfect' horse is so because, to a Renaissance mind, it achieved everything a horse should. This formed a hierarchy about what different types of beings could and should do — and they could then be perfected within their categories.

Thus, the Spanish empire grew more hierarchical. While animal breeding was meant to be a path for improvement, it actually narrowed down the potentiality of nature, devaluing things like nurture or education — a human simply could not escape these fixed categories.

Did commodification, growing over this time, also impact such views?

Colonialism and commodification came together. Over the course of the Spanish empire, there was a transformation of an interest in landscapes and nature to its counterpart — a list of commodities which could be traded across time and space. Mercantile economies trading sugar and wheat were therefore a radical reduction of biodiversity. Colonial science first took stock of the wonder of the natural world — and then winnowed it down to a commodity, alienated from its origins, reduced from its grand state to something stunted.



'PERFECT': The Lusitano breed was prized

ED files chargesheet against PC's wife in Saradha case

Kolkata: ED on Friday submitted its third supplementary chargesheet in Saradha chit fund case in West Bengal, naming Nalini Chidambaram there.

Nalini is wife of Congress Rajya Sabha member and ex-Union minister, P Chidambaram. However, the special court has not accepted the chargesheet as yet, raising some technical questions regarding the inclusion of Nalini's name.

The court observed that cognisance in the matter would be established only after the central agency furnishes more substantiating documents on this count to it.

Sources said ED counsel, on Friday afternoon submit-

ted a 1,100-page compiled document at the special court of PMLA in Kolkata, which included the main chargesheet of 65 pages.

Sources said the central agency has claimed that Nalini received Rs 1.5 crore from Saradha Group's founder chairman Sudipta Sen. ED further claimed, that although Nalini has said that she received the money as legal consultancy fee as a tax consultant, she could not furnish any supporting documents for that.

Court observed that it will take cognisance in the matter only if the central agency submits more substantiating proof to the satisfaction of the court. IANS

Courts can exercise discretion if punishment awarded is for a fixed term: SC

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New Delhi: A higher court has room to exercise its discretion while dealing with appeals to suspend sentences when the punishment awarded is of a fixed term, SC said on Friday.

"If the punishment awarded is for a fixed number of years, appellate courts may exercise their discretion liberally to suspend the sentences pending adjudication of the con-

vict's appeal, unless the prosecution points out exceptional circumstances to dissuade the court from suspending it," SC said.

Recording the general principle of law that presumption of innocence of an accused gets obliterated upon his or her conviction by a trial court, the bench said, "When it is a case of life sentence, the only test to be applied is whether there is anything palpable or apparent on the face of the record

based on which the appellate court would form a prima facie opinion that the conviction is unsustainable or the convict has a good chance of succeeding in his appeal."

However, SC said in such cases, the appellate court is not to re-appreciate evidence. The court's order recording these observations came in a case from Gujarat. Justices Pardiwala and Bhuyan said as HC has prima facie found the trial court to have cor-

rectly appreciated the evidence, there is little room for SC to interfere.

At this point, senior advocate Rauf Rahim argued that the man had no prior criminal antecedents and that his sentence is required to be suspended as he has to take care of his widowed daughter-in-law who has three minor children. Taking a humanitarian approach, SC issued notice to Gujarat govt on the convict's plea for suspension of sentence.

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For detailed advertisement and applying for the post, please visit BIS Website <https://www.bis.gov.in>

DDG (North)
Email: nro@bis.gov.in

READERS WRITE

Dear Times Evoke,

I have graduated school and am going to pursue my BTEch in climate change. TE's stunning-looking page on climate history (30th June) affected me deeply, making me understand how communities should learn about all these methods. The interview with Dagomar Degroot was incredible and Mahesh Rangarajan expertly outlined climatic changes in India, due to global warming and self-sabotage. Such knowledgeable articles encourage me to think that one day, I too can contribute to conserving Earth's climate. Thank you, TE, for helping people realise our real capital is nature.

— Aarvika Singh, Ahmedabad

Thank you, TE, for breathing life into our history of water! Mahesh Rangarajan dug up such a rich wealth of historical techniques from India's past. Even beyond the Vijayanagara empire, the remarkable vertical water supply via wells in Mohenjodaro-Harappa exemplifies creative means which we'd do well learning from now. We hope Mahesh Rangarajan's excellent solutions inspire immediate attention.

— Shaiba Fernandes-Muralidhar, Bengaluru

As an environmentalist and forester, I highly appreciate Dagomar Degroot's insights. Human activities are driving global warming, as evidenced by climate models. Human influence has even altered precipitation and humidity patterns globally, contributing to extreme weather. There is an urgent need for policies to mitigate such impacts.

— Dr RBS Rawat, IFS-Retd., Dehradun

I'm a science enthusiast and was fascinated reading TE about climate history across the globe. I was also intrigued to learn about the adaptations made by crabs and ostriches through climatic extremes! I'm very grateful to Times Evoke for deepening my knowledge.

— Maira Shadab, Noida

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कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता
दक्षिणार्चल विद्युत वितरण निगम लिपे
विद्युत माध्यमिक कार्य मण्डल लाल डिग्री,
अलीपुराहिन। CIN: U31200UP2003SGC027460
अनुपकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना ई-निविदा संख्या
एच ई-निविदा का संक्षिप्त विवरण निम्नवत है:- (1) निविदा विधिकार्य-03/2024-25
अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण, अलीपुराहिन के
प्रयोग में नूतन डीजल प्लान्ट का मरम्मत करके विद्युत
वर्क 2024-25 हेतु विद्युत पर उपलब्ध कराने का
कार्य। ई-निविदा से सम्बन्धित समस्त जानकारी
03090 शासन को ई-पुस्तकमार्फत पोर्टल
www.etenders.up.nic.in एवं www.dvvn.org पर उपलब्ध है।
को वेबसाइट www.dvvn.org पर उपलब्ध है।
(अजय कुमार) अधीक्षण अभियन्ता राहुल
सिंह विजली बखारें चक्रांक: 195/वि.म.का.म./
अली./विद्युत निदिर्क: 05.07.2024

Dakshinanchal Vidyut Vitran
Nigam Limited, Agra
Public Hearing Notice
Dakshinanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam
Limited, Agra has submitted True-Up
Petition for FY 2022-23, Annual
Performance Review Petition for FY
2023-24 and Aggregate Revenue
Requirement/Tariff Petition for FY 2024-
25 before Hon'ble Uttar Pradesh
Electricity Regulatory Commission
(UPERC). In this regard, Hon'ble
Commission will hold Public Hearing on
18.07.2024 (Thursday) at 11:00 AM to
be held at Venue: Rao Krishna Pat Singh
Auditorium R.B.S. College, Puspaha
Vihar Colony, Khandhari, Agra, Uttar
Pradesh-282002. All stakeholders and
Public at large are requested to partici-
pate in aforementioned Public Hearing.
Public notice issued by Hon'ble
Commission and other details are available
at Commission's website
www.uperc.org and DVVNL website
www.dvnl.org. (Arit Ahmad) Chief
Engineer (Commercial) DVVNL, Agra.
"Save Electricity in the Interest of
Nation" चक्रांक: 164/राहुल/विद्युत वितरण/वि.
सुशील/का.मि.-32/कार्यालय/दिनिर्क-05.07.2024

Purvanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited, Viduyt Nagar, P.O.-BLW Varanasi-221 004. E-Very Short Term Tender Notice E-Very Short term tender are invited for the following material. The tenderer will be accepted up to at 15:00 hrs. Please visit website www.etender.up.nic.in for details/download and for any other corrections/amendments/modifications/extensions till the date of submission of bids. **Sl.No., Tender Specification No., Name of Material, Quantity, Earnest Money (Rs.), Tender Fee (Rs.), Last date & Time for online submission of tender document, Date & Time for online opening of tender Part-1.** (1) EAV-05/2024-25, Supply of various insulating item Bakelite Tube, Fiber Glass Sleeves & Oil Seal for repairing of Transformer. Qty. Available on website, 9,500.00, 1,000.00 + GST @ 18%, 15.07.2024 15.00 Hrs., 16.07.2024 15.00 Hrs. (2) EAV-06/2024-25, Supply of various insulating item Gasket Set & Weaving Tape for repairing of Transformer. Qty. Available on website, 28,500.00, 3,000.00 + GST @ 18%, 15.07.2024 15.00 Hrs., 16.07.2024 15.00 Hrs. **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (MM-I) "Save Electricity in the interest of Nation"** चक्रांक: 3038/राहुल/विद्युत वितरण/वि.सुशील/का.मि.-32/कार्यालय/दिनिर्क: 04.07.2024

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Track Machine Unit / Royapuram / Chennai-13
E-Tender Notice No. TMC-RPM-04 of 2024 Dated: 02.07.2024

Deputy Chief Engineer / Track Machines / Royapuram Chennai for and on behalf of the President of India invites ONLINE tenders for the following works as per tender notice and Complete details are given in our e-tender portal www.ireps.gov.in.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Name of the work
1	TMC-RPM-04-2024-01	Installation and Commissioning of smart ALC (Automatic process control Computer) to 6 DUOMAT machines of Southern Railway.

Appx. value of the work (₹ in Crores)	Amount of EMD (in ₹)	Completion period of work.
5.64 Crores	4,32,100	18 Months

SI. No. 01 - Tender closing date and time : 29.07.2024 at 15.00 Hrs.
Note : It is the responsibility of the tenderer to check any Corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in website, the same shall be taken into account while submitting Tender.

Deputy Chief Engineer, Track Machine/Royapuram

भारतीय अन्तर्देशीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण INLAND WATERWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

(Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Govt. of India)
R0, Gulzarbagh, Gaighat, Patna-800007, Tel. 0612-2311028
Website: <http://iwaai.nic.in>, E-mail: iwaai@rediffmail.com, dir@iwaai.gov.in

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender no.: IWAIP/N/Dredging/Nayaghat-Guptarghat/River Ghagra/2024-25
Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWA), Gaighat, Gulzarbagh invites online bids/tenders from reputed and experienced contractors for Development of navigational Channel by quantity based dredging between Nayaghat - Guptarghat stretch of National Waterway no-40 (River Ghagra) for FY-2024-25 & FY-2025-26.

Sl. No.	Date for start downloading and submission of the tender documents	04.07.2024
2.	Last Date & time for submission of Online Bids/tender	18.07.2024 at 1500 hrs.
3.	Date & time for online opening of Tender	19.07.2024 at 1530 hrs.

The tender document can be downloaded at : <http://iwaai.nic.in> and <http://eprocure.gov.in> but online submission will be through <http://eprocure.gov.in>

Sd/-
Chief Engineer

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi for & on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender for the undermentioned work:

1	Name of Work with its location : Design, supply, erection, testing & Commissioning of 25 KV AC OHE in connection with Electrification of existing washing line no. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 at Delhi Sarai Rohilla Station.
2	Approx. Cost of work : Rs. 1,19,43,820.64/-
3	Earnest Money Deposit : Rs. 2,09,700/-
4	E-Tender Bid Online Submission Period : 16.07.2024 (00.00 Hrs.) to 30.07.2024 (15.00 Hrs.)
5	E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time : 30.07.2024 (15.00 hrs.)
6	Fund Allocation : Capital (20427103)
7	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen : www.ireps.gov.in

No.: 14A-TRD-NDLS-2024-25 Date: 05.07.2024 2053/2024
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Public Works Department

Sector-19, North Block, Naya Raipur (C.G.)

E-Procurement Tender Notice

E-mail : tenders-pwd.cg@gov.in

NIT No.037/TC/EInC/ PWD-2024-25 Dated- 28.06.2024

The Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh invites percentage rate bids on electronic tendering system under RCPLWE RRP-III in the district of Kanker & Narayanpur for construction of 05 Bridges with estimated cost amounting Rs 1488.33 Lacs including their maintenance for five years from the contractors registered with unified registration system (e-registration) in Chhattisgarh. Non registered bidders may submit bid; however the successful bidder must get registered in appropriate class under "Unified Registration System (e-Registration) of Chhattisgarh before signing the agreement.

The bid document shall be available to bidders online free of cost and should be submitted online e-procurement system of government of Chhattisgarh in <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>. Bids form will be available on the website from 02.07.2024 and may be submitted up to 17:00 Hrs. on 15.07.2024

For participating in bidding process, bidders are required to register in the above web-site with nominal fee of Rs 500/- to be paid online to service provider. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from authorized certifying authorities.

The bidders are required to submit (a) original bid security in approved form and (b) original affidavit duly verified and notarized as per clause 4.4 B (a) (ii) and 4.4 B (c) to Chief Engineer, Tender Cell, First Floor, Nirman Bhawan, PWD, North Block, Sector-19, Naya Raipur Atal Nagar (C.G.) 492-002 as per provisions of bid document through Speed/Registered post, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.

Detailed schedule of important dates may be seen on notice board of offices and also available on website of Public Works Department <http://pwd.cg.nic.in>

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
(Central Tender Cell)
Office of Engineer-In-Chief
P.W.D. Nava Raipur Atal Nagar (C.G.)
G-242500848/9

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority

Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, (U.P.)
Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.in

E-TENDER NOTICE

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

Sr. No.	Job Number/Work Name	Amount (Rs. in Lacs)
1.	07/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2024-25, M/o Park (C/o rain water harvesting structure in soft area of different Park of Sector in Horticulture Division-I) Noida, (Total Harvesting Structure-43 Nos)	163.74
2.	08/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2024-25, M/o Park (C/o rain water harvesting structure in soft area of different Park of Sector in Horticulture Division-I) Noida, (Total Harvesting Structure-33 Nos)	125.66
3.	10/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2024-25, M/o Park (R/o Footpath in front of E-1, Trifla Park, Tikona Park (near Parasnath Gardenia), Near C-122, C-134A & C-120A and R/o Katcha Footpath in Trifla Park, Trapezoidal Park (near Millennium Apartment) in Sector-61) Noida	100.70
4.	12/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2024-25, M/o Park (C/o rain water harvesting structure in soft area of different Park of Sector-29, 30, 31, 32, 33 34, 35, 36, 37, 39 & Sector-41 in Horticulture Division-II) Noida, (Total Harvesting Structure-41 Nos)	156.48
5.	30/D(H)/DD(H)-III/2024-25, M/o Green belt (C/o rain water harvesting structure in soft area in Left Hand Side of Expressway Green Belt from 10.00 km to 20.00 km) Noida, (Total Harvesting Structure-32 Nos)	122.24
6.	31/D(H)/DD(H)-III/2024-25, M/o Green belt (C/o rain water harvesting structure in soft area in Left Hand Side of Expressway Green Belt from 0.00 km to 10.00 km) Noida, (Total Harvesting Structure-28 Nos)	106.96
7.	32/D(H)/DD(H)-III/2024-25, D/o Park (Providing Boring for water Supply in Golf Course Sector-151A), Noida	125.07

Which can be uploaded by date 22.07.2024 up to 5:00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 23.07.2024 at 11:00 AM.

Office: Director, Horticulture Sector-39, Noida Director (Hort.) Noida

CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

Guj ATS arrests Afghan national 'linked' to drugs syndicate with 460g of heroin worth ₹2.5cr

The Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) has arrested an Afghan national, allegedly part of an international drug syndicate involved in smuggling heroin, an official said on Friday. A team of the ATS apprehended Mohammad Yasin Miya Sahib (27) with 460 gm of heroin worth Rs 2.5 crore, the official said. **TNN**

नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग

Tender Cancellation Notice

Ref:- IPRD_PR_004312/22-23

निविदा Ref no:- IPRD_PR_004312/22-23 Dated :- 22.06.2022 एवं RFP No. 08/नॉर्वि० मा०न्ला०-11/2021-3078 दिनांक-22.06.2022 जिससे "Request for proposal for Selection of Consultancy Firms for Preparation of GIS Based Master Plan of 6 Planning Areas of Bihar- Group-I (अररिया, फारबिसगंज एवं खगड़िया)" का विज्ञापन प्रकाशित किया गया था, जिसे अपरिहार्य कारणों से रद्द किया जाता है।

विस्तृत जानकारी state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar से प्राप्त की जा सकती है। विशेष कार्य पदाधिकारी नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग PR-003491 (Urban) 2024-25 नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार।

बिहार तकनीकी सेवा आयोग

19, हार्डिंग रोड, पटना-800001

आवश्यक सूचना

PR.NO.-002204 (NINI) 2023-24

विज्ञापन सं०-07/2023 से 36/2023 (व्यवसाय अनुदेशक के विभिन्न पदों)

श्रम संसाधन विभाग, बिहार पटना, अन्तर्गत निदेशालय, नियोजन एवं प्रशिक्षण (प्रशिक्षण पक्ष), बिहार, पटना के अधीनस्थ विभिन्न औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्थानों में व्यवसाय अनुदेशक के रिक्त पदों पर ITI योग्यताधारी अभ्यर्थियों की नियुक्ति हेतु प्रकाशित विज्ञापन सं०-07/2023 से 36/2023 के अन्तर्गत योग्य (Qualified) पाये गये अभ्यर्थियों से आयोग के पत्रांक-1366, दिनांक-20.06.2024 के आलोक में प्राप्त आपत्तियों के निष्पादनोपरित विज्ञापनवार दिनांक-12.07.2024 से दो पालियों में दस्तावेज सत्यापन का कार्य बिहार तकनीकी सेवा आयोग, 19, हार्डिंग रोड, पटना में संभावित है।

उक्त से संबंधित आवश्यक दिशा-निर्देश/Call Letter आदि आयोग के Website- www.btsb.bihar.gov.in पर विज्ञापनवार प्रकाशित किया जायेगा। अभ्यर्थियों को निदेश है कि आयोग के Website का सतत अनुश्रवण करते रहेंगे।

उक्त सूचना state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर भी देखी जा सकती है। प्रमारी सचिव बिहार तकनीकी सेवा आयोग, पटना

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

CAD-464

ODISHA POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of Odisha undertaking)
AT-IB THERMAL POWER STATION, PO : BANAHARPALI, DIST : JHARSUGUDA, ODISHA-768234
Phone no: (Land Line No. 06645-289232/221/355/356/245)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

OPGC invites sealed bids from bona fide and financially sound Registered Agencies / Firms / Companies for execution of the following Works & Supplies for its Thermal Power Plant at Banharपाली.

Works Tenders: NIT No. ITPS/CG-22/2024-25/02, Date: 06/07/2024

SL	DESCRIPTION	BID SALE DATE
1	AMC for Miscellaneous Works at Ash Pond, Tilla, ITPS for 02 years	07.07.24 to 22.07.24
2	Fabrication and Erection of Platforms at TP-18 at CHP-2	07.07.24 to 22.07.24
3	Overhauling of Ducts (Flue Gas, Secondary & Primary Air) Gates & Damper of Unit # II	09.07.24 to 23.07.24
4	Development of Concrete Flooring of MB1 and MB2 at CHP2 of ITPS	10.07.24 to 26.07.24
5	Renovation of C-type Quarters at ITPS Colony (03 nos.)	09.07.24 to 25.07.24
6	Construction of Foundation for Bottom Ash Slurry Pump House Shed, Overflow Drain & Sump	08.07.24 to 22.07.24
7	Conveyor guarding at CHP-2 (Phase-1)	10.07.24 to 24.07.24
8	Application of paints with cost of paints	10.07.24 to 24.07.24
9	Painting of U#1 & 2 Structures (FD, PA, ID, MILLS & ESP up to Chimney Inlet)	10.07.24 to 24.07.24
10	Construction of MCC and control building for Fly Ash augmentation System for Unit #3&4	10.07.24 to 24.07.24
11	Demolition of 22 Nos of unsafe and dilapidated F-Type Building Blocks	12.07.24 to 29.07.24
12	Landscaping and grass turfing over the ground in front of Sports Complex	12.07.24 to 30.07.24
13	Hiring 15 nos. of Semi-skilled and 3 nos. of High-skilled manpower for BTG Porta cabin, Project gate, Learning Centre, Library & Service Building	12.07.24 to 30.07.24

Supply Tenders :

1	FRP Doors	ITPS/PUR/24-25/17	06.07.24 to 27.07.24
2	Structural Steel Materials	ITPS/PUR/24-25/18	06.07.24 to 27.07.24
3	Coal Mill Spares (HP1103)	ITPS/PUR/24-25/19	06.07.24 to 27.07.24
4	Hot Air Box	ITPS/PUR/24-25/20	06.07.24 to 17.07.24
5	Boiler Valves	ITPS/PUR/24-25/21	06.07.24 to 27.07.24
6	Idler Frames	ITPS/PUR/24-25/22	06.07.24 to 27.07.24
7	Rotor Assembly for PA Fan	ITPS/PUR/24-25/23	06.07.24 to 27.07.24
8	LT & HT Motors for CHP	ITPS/PUR/24-25/24	12.07.24 to 02.08.24
9	Ball Valves & Gate Valves	ITPS/PUR/24-25/25	12.07.24 to 02.08.24
10	Steel Items for maintenance work	ITPS/PUR/24-25/26	12.07.24 to 02.08.24
11	MS ERW Pipe	ITPS/PUR/24-25/27	16.07.24 to 01.08.24

The detailed NITS along with Terms and Conditions are available for download at OPGC website at www.opgc.co.in. Addenda/Corrigenda/ Extensions, if any, will be notified on the OPGC website only and will not be published in any other media. Interested companies or entities may visit OPGC website for the tender timeline and other details.

Sd/-
GM-CONTRACTS
OIPR-04067/11/0002/24-25

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / BND (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HSAMB ROHTAK	RDG. ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION AND STREET LIGHTS IN PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE AT VILLAGE DESUJODHA DISTRICT SISA - 3 WORKS	04.07.2024 12.07.2024	78.59 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9812100311 vnelectrolat2023.hsamb@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in RO 27539

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / BND (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	ESTIMATE FOR RECARPETTING OF INTERNAL ROADS IN SECTOR 39, WARD NO. 26, MCG	01.07.2024 11.07.2024	2.47 CRORES	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	991454004 ed3@mcg.gov.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in RO 27520

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / BND (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HSAMB JIND	SPECIAL REPAIR OF LINK VARIOUS LINK ROADS IN SAFIDON CONSTITUENCY GROUP NO- 1 AND 3, ROAD ID- 3152,3159,3153,3184,7721,3149 (UNDER WORK PLAN 2024-25)	CLOSING DATE 10.07.2024	226.88 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01681252003 ejg127.hsamb@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in RO 27518

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, Trainset Depot, Shakurbasti for and on behalf of President of India, invites GeM portal (<https://gem.gov.in>) for the under noted work:

Tender No.	GEM/2024/BI/5116351
Name of the Work	Provision for mechanized cleaning and OBHS services of Vande Bharat Rakes at Trainset Depot, Shakurbasti for a period of 4 years.
Approximate Cost	₹37,58,77,881.80 (including GST)
Earnest Money	₹20,29,390/- (Note: It should be in the form of net banking or gateway only. FDR not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Board letter no. 2015/CR-ICT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016)
Completion Period of work	4 years
Date & Time for opening of Tender	23.07.2024 at 18:30 hrs.
Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen	Above tender is available on GeM portal i.e. https://gem.gov.in on 02.07.2024
No.: 25.8.856.DSL.SSB Dated : 04.07.2024	2041/2024

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Signal Stores Depot, Podanur

TENDER NOTICE FOR THE SUPPLY OF STORES NO. E-03/2024

Firms are requested to Login to <http://ireps.gov.in> login->E.Tender-goods & services (new) and quote against the following tenders. Manual Quotations will not be entertained for these tenders. Closing time for the tender is 14.30 hrs.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description of Stores	Qty.	Due Date
1	61245202A	DC MOTOR IP67 TYPE 400V AC IMMUNITY	350 NOS.	25/07/2024
2	61245224A	DC MOTOR IP67 TYPE 160V AC IMMUNITY	700 NOS.	25/07/2024

Please note that only online quotations submitted through IREPS portal will be accepted and the offers are to be digitally signed.

Deputy Chief Materials Manager,
Signal Stores Depot, Podanur - 641 023

TELANGANA INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE CORPORATION LIMITED

(Govt. of Telangana Undertaking)

Regd. Office: Parishrama Bhavan", 6th Floor, 5-9-58/B, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad, PIN-500004, Ph: 040-23237625/26, Email: vcmd_iic@telangana.gov.in

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

For Selection of Advisor cum Merchant Banking Firms
Tender Notice No. TGILIC/02/RM/2024

Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited (TGILIC), the nodal agency of Government of Telangana for development of Industrial Infrastructure in the State, invites proposals from reputed Merchant Banking Firms with experience in raising funds through debt markets and handling the issuance of Bonds. Interested and eligible bidders are advised to peruse the RFP and submit proposals.

The RFP can be downloaded from www.tgic.telangana.gov.in from 05.07.2024. Due date for submission of proposals: 12.07.2024, 15.00 Hrs (IST). Further updates on this tender will be available in this website only.

Sd/-
For Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Ltd

NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer/C, Northern Railway, DRM Office, Delhi Division, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055, for and on behalf of the President of India invites sealed open electronic-tenders for under noted work:-

S. No.	Name of work	Approximate cost of work	Earnest money to be deposited	Completion period	Date of opening
1.	Supply, installation and commissioning of electronic type track-based rail lubricator as per RDSO technical specification No. IRS-48 in the jurisdiction of various SSE/P.Way in DLI Division for 5 years.	Rs. 30416700.60	Rs. 3,02,100/-	60 Months.	30.07.2024

The e-tender is to be submitted through railway website <https://ireps.gov.in>. The tenders can be submitted on website up to 15:00 hrs. on 30.07.2024 and shall be opened there after. NO: 128-W/SR-DEM-C/NIT-4-2024-25-WC Date:- 05.07.2024 2048/2024

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GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MINIMATA BANGO DAM DIVISION NO. 03 MACHADOLI DISTT. KORBA (C.G.)

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>

Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 22-07-2024 at 17:30 Hour

System Tender No.	NIT No.	Name of Work	Probable Amount of Contract	Tender Call
155694	04/SAC/2024-25 Dtd. 04-07-2024	REPLACEMENT OF IRRIGATION SLUICES (EMERGENCY ADM SERVICE GATES) INCLUDING SYSTEM AND GANTRY CRANE OF MINIMATA (HASDEO) BANGO DAM.	426.82	Second Call
155725	05/SAC/2024-25 Dtd. 04-07-2024	MODERNISATION OF EQUIPMENTSGATES FOR OPERATION OF RADIAL AND FIXING OF WATER DISCHARGE METER IN MINIMATA BANGO DAM.	291.90	Fifth Call

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 11-07-2024 at 17:31 Hours.(IST) onwards.

NOTE :- All eligible/intrested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process. Other terms and condition of this tender visit WRD website <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> under Live Tender available.

2. It is mandatory for the tenderer to use the certificate issued for Pre Bid Qualification (Valid upto 30.09.2024) in the year 2023 in this tender.

Other terms and condition of this tender visit WRD website <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> under Live Tender available

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MINIMATA BANGO DAM DIVISION NO.03 MACHADOLI (C.G.)
G-242500875/8

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer (Train Set), Northern Railway, Charbagh Workshop, Lucknow invites following e-tender from reputed firms for works as given below.

Tender No.: W-CB-TM-OH-2024-01

Name of Work: Overhauling of Traction Motor of 1400 HP BHEL (4303) Make and 1400 HP (C1005) CGL Make of DEMU/MEMU, Qty: 48 Nos. BHEL Make & 24 Nos. CGL Make.

Estimated Cost of Work: ₹ 4,79,60,769.03/-

Earnest Money: ₹ 3,89,800/- only (accepted through net banking or payment gateway only)

Cast of Tender Form: Nil

Period of Contract: One Year

Date & Time for Submission of Tender: from 15.07.2024 to 29.07.2024 upto 15:00 Hrs.

Date & Time for Opening of Tender: after 15:15 Hrs. on 29.07.2024

- The tender form may be submitted on the website www.ireps.gov.in from 15.07.2024 to 29.07.2024 (up to 15:00 Hrs.).
- Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, any such manual offer received shall be ignored.
- Contractors are allowed to make payment against this tender towards tender document cost and Earnest Money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipt, FDR etc. are not allowed.
- The tender will be opened on specified date and time as above. In case the above date is a holiday the tender opening would be conducted at the same times on the next working day.
- No post tender correspondence for submission of additional documents shall be entertained after opening the technical and commercial offers. Even Suo-Moto post letters of tender shall be treated as NULL & Void.

Tender Notice No: NR/RSW/July/TM OH/2024/01 Date: 05.07.2024 2046/2024

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Eye on kharif output, govt expects stable onion, potato prices

New Delhi: Pinning its hope on the estimate of nearly 27% increase in area under onion cultivation and 12% rise in sowing of potato in this kharif season due to favourable monsoon, govt is hopeful prices will remain under control, reports Dipak Dash.

The area under kharif tomato is also higher than last year and crop conditions in Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh and Kolar in Karnataka are good and picking of tomatoes have started, which will arrive in the market in a few days. "Tomato prices will moderate in the next 7-10 days," said a consumer affairs department official.

Officials said prices of onion have plateaued in the past one week and it will moderate since the quantity of Rabi onion released in the market by farmers is increasing due to higher mandi prices and onset of monsoon rains. Official data show that the average wholesale price of onion was Rs 3,397 per quintal on July 1 and on Friday, it was Rs 3,474. "The number of trucks transporting onion from Nasik to Delhi was in double digit on Friday. The increased supply will bring down price in the next few days," a senior official said.

In an official statement, the department said that in collaboration with state govts, the agriculture ministry aims to achieve a sowing target of 3.6 lakh hectares for kharif onions this year compared to 2.8 lakh hectares in last season. Karnataka, the leading state in kharif onion production, has sown 30% of its targeted 1.5 lakh hectares. Sowing is also progressing well in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh.

Karnataka has informed govt to achieve onion cultivation on 1.7 lakh hectares since climatic conditions are favourable. Bihar and Odisha have also agreed to sow onion on 1,250 hectares.

Rahul cites Agniveer dad to fire fresh salvo on compensation

New Delhi: Amid claims and counter-claims, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi reiterated his assertion that deceased Agniveer Ajay Kumar's family has not received any compensation till date though it has been six months since he died.

With Kumar's father saying that he has only received insurance with a private bank, Rahul included it in a video to say, "There is a difference between compensation and insurance. He has not got ex-gratia, salary arrears yet. Whatever govt may claim,

Teen drowns in river, locals blame illegal mining

Haridwar: A 15-year-old boy drowned in a pit formed by unchecked and illegal mining activities in a seasonal river in Haridwar's Navdwar Nagar, reports MS Nawaz. The body of Priyanshu Chauhan was found on Friday. Locals blamed illegal mining for Priyanshu's death.

UP SLDC Limited
(A Govt. of U.P. Undertaking)
Vibhuti Khand - II, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow - 226010
PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing has been scheduled by Hon'ble Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission on U P SLDC Limited's petition for True-Up of FY 2022-23, Annual Performance Review of FY 2023-24 and ARR petition of FY 2024-25 on 10 July, 2024 (Wednesday) from 03:00 PM in Auditorium (3rd Floor) of Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission, Vidyalay Niyamak Bhawan, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010. All the respected consumers are cordially invited in the public hearing. **Superintending Engineer (Estt. & HR)** "राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचाये" RO-2260 dt. 05.07.2024

भारतीय अन्तर्देशीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण
INLAND WATERWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
(Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Govt. of India)
P.O. Subharbagh, Gurgaon, Haryana-800007, Tel. 0612-2311026
Website: <http://iwa.nic.in>, E-mail: iwa@iwa.gov.in, dir@iwa.gov.in

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender no.: IWA/PTN/17(106)/Office Shifting/VNS/2024-25

Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWA), Gurgaon, Haryana invites online bids/tenders from reputed and experienced contractors for work for dismantling of existing office setup, shifting and setting up at New premises of IWA Varanasi Sub office.

1. Date for start downloading and submission of the tender documents	04.07.2024
2. Last Date & time for submission of Online Bids/tender	11.07.2024 at 16:00 hrs.
3. Date & time for online opening of Tender	12.07.2024 at 16:30 hrs.

The tender document can be downloaded at: <http://iwa.nic.in> and <http://eprocure.gov.in> and online submission will be through <http://eprocure.gov.in>

INDIAN RAILWAY CATERING AND TOURISM CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of India Enterprise - Mini Ratna)
CIN : L74999DL1999GO101707

IRCTC invites:-

1. Open E-Tender GeM bid No. GEM/2024/B/5111050 Dt. 01.07.24 for Supply of BOPP Labels 1000 ml at Rail Near Plant, Maneri, Jabalpur (MP) for a period of Two (02) Years. Last Date of Submission: 15.07.2024 upto 15:00 hrs.

2. Open E-Tender GeM bid No. GEM/2024/B/5110537 Dt. 01.07.24 for Supply of Alakaa 27 mm HDPE Caps at Rail Near Plant, Maneri, Jabalpur (MP) for a period of Two (02) Years Last Date of Submission: 15.07.2024 upto 15:00 hrs.

3. Open E-Tender GeM bid No. GEM/2024/B/5105375 Dt. 28.06.24 for Supply of PET Preforms 1000 ml at Rail Near Plant, Maneri, Jabalpur (MP) for a period of Two (02) Years. Last Date of Submission: 15.07.2024 upto 15:00 hrs.

4. Open E-Tender GeM bid No. GEM/2024/B/5112718 Dt. 01.07.24 for Supply of BOPP Labels 500 ml at Rail Near Plant, Maneri, Jabalpur (MP) for a period of Two (02) Years. Last Date of Submission: 15.07.2024 upto 15:00 hrs.

5. Open E-Tender GeM bid No. GEM/2024/B/5104972 Dt. 28.06.24 for Supply of PET Preforms 500 ml at Rail Near Plant, Maneri, Jabalpur (MP) for a period of Two (02) Years. Last Date of Submission: 15.07.2024 upto 15:00 hrs.

6. Open E-Tender GeM bid No. GEM/2024/B/5112066 Dt. 02.07.24 for Supply of Shrink Film at Rail Near Plant, Maneri, Jabalpur (MP) for a period of Two (02) Years. Last Date of Submission: 15.07.2024 upto 15:00 hrs.

For details visit: www.irctc.com and www.gem.gov.in Document downloading and participation can only be done on GeM portal.

In case of any corrigendum/addendum issued on the above advertisement, it will be published only on www.irctc.com and www.gem.gov.in

Office Address: IRCTC 11th Floor, Statesman House, B-14B, Barakhamba Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110 001, Tel.: 011-23311263-64, Fax: 011-23311259

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER & PROJECT DIRECTOR
STATE PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT
WEST BENGAL MAJOR IRRIGATION AND FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROJECT
JALASAMPAD BHAWAN, 9TH FLOOR, SALT LAKE CITY, KOLKATA - 700 091
EMAIL : ce.pd.wbmfmp@gmail.com / T : 033-23581315
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement
Procurement Notice for India - P162679

West Bengal Major Irrigation & Flood Management Project - IN-IWD-430222-CW-RFB (Funded by World Bank, AIB & Government of West Bengal)

2nd Corrigendum / Addendum Notice

Name of Work : "Distributed PLC based SCADA Canal Gate Automation Project under West Bengal Major Irrigation & Flood Management Project; Package No. IRR-15 - comprising of two lots"; RFB No: WB/MFMP/PD/NCB/24/5/IRR15. Tender ID: 2024 IWD_689681_1. Tender ID: 2024 IWD_689681_2. For detailed 2nd Corrigendum / Addendum to above work, Please visit the website: <https://wbtfenders.gov.in>

Sd/- Chief Engineer and Project Director,
SPMU, WB/MFMP, Government of West Bengal

Sd/- Addl. Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B), Hills, Assam, Haflong

Janasanyog/CF/562/24/06 July 2024

SHO P.S. New Usmanpur, Delhi

DP/8663/NE/2024 Ph.: 9971730867, 8750870722

आईआरएल (इंडिया) लिमिटेड (IREL) Limited
(A Government of India Undertaking)
CIN : U1910NH1999GO101707 Website : www.irel.co.in
ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015 & ISO 45001:2018 Company

सं. नि. 24-25/7 निविदा सं. 02/2024-25 (Ref. No. 24-25/7) TENDER NOTICE Date: 26.06.2024

IREL/India Limited, Chennai invites Bid for the following items / job descriptions:

Sl. No. / Event No. / Job / Item Description

Excavation, collection, heaping, loading and transportation of mineral sand from Kalangabhog area of Chaura village to HSP mineral sand yard on zero moisture basis for 90,000 T and mechanical, loading, transportation and leveling of taling sand from HSP MP Talis yard IREL Chaura to the excavated pits of Kalangabhog area of Chaura village on zero moisture basis for 90,000 T

Excavation, heaping, stacking, loading and transportation of mineral sand from Kuthura/Neendakara area to HSP yard at Chaura plant on zero moisture basis for 1,00,000 T and mechanical, loading, transportation and leveling of taling sand from HSP MP Talis yard to excavated pits at Kuthura/Neendakara mining sites on zero moisture basis for 70,000 T

Excavation, collection, heaping, loading and transportation of mineral sand from Edathuruthi area of Chaura village to HSP mineral sand yard on zero moisture basis for 90,000 T and mechanical, loading, transportation and leveling of taling sand from HSP MP Talis yard IREL Chaura to the excavated pits of Edathuruthi area of Chaura village on zero moisture basis for 70,000 T

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Bidder may download tender document from <http://irel.co.in> or www.irel.co.in website. Any corrigendum / reference to above tenders shall be hosted in above website only.

डॉ. प्रमोद, चर्चा / Sd/- Head, Chennai

CBC 48139/12/0007/2425

SHO P.S. New Usmanpur, Delhi

DP/8663/NE/2024 Ph.: 9971730867, 8750870722

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely Ladi, D/o Shambhu Prasad Yadav, R/o: Village Ramnagar, Post Prajuwar, PS Ared, Distt. Madhubani, Bihar has been missing since 03.07.2024 from PF No. 13, New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 50A, Dated 04.07.2024 has been lodged at Police Station New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi. The description of missing girl is as under:

Name: Ladi, **Age:** 20 Years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** White Colour Top, Black Colour Jeans and White Color Sandal in Feet.

If anyone has any information about this missing girl please inform P.S. New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi.

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, **E-mail:** cic@cbi.gov.in

Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, **Fax:** 011-24368639

SHO Police Station New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi

DP/8695/Rly/2024 Ph: 9717129741

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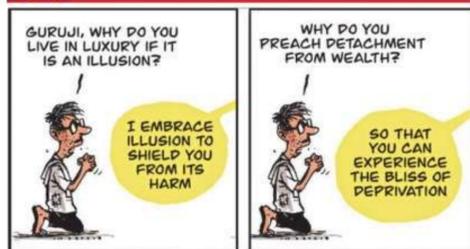
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REPLACEMENT OF ROUTE RELAY INTERLOCKING WITH ELECTRONIC INTERLOCKING

E-Tender No. SNT-25-LMG-2024-25; Dated: 03-07-2024. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work:

Name of work & its location: Replacement of Route Relay Interlocking (ABB make) with Electronic Interlocking at Badarpur Junction Station to amalgamate the existing works and provision of MSDAC in addition to Conventional Track Circuit at Badarpur Junction station of Lumding Division. **Tender Value:** ₹ 12,94,59,712.16; **Bid Security:** ₹ 77,39,00.00; E-tender will be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 29-07-2024 and opened at 15:30 hrs. on 29-07-2024. For details visit: www.treps.gov.in

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Cancer cure costs drive couple to 'suicide pact'

Nagpur: Recurrent and steep medical costs of treating his blood cancer-afflicted wife forced a 40-year-old freelance painter into an alleged suicide pact that also included ending their 11-year-old daughter's life, but she survived, police said, reports **Soumitra Bose**.

Bodies of the couple, who were natives of Kerala, were found in their rented house early on Thursday. The duo had been spurned by their families after a love marriage and had shifted to Nagpur three months ago for cancer treatment.

The two mixed insecticide in a mango drink, adding sugar to suppress the pungent odour. Before this, they had lured their daughter with poison-laced chicken rice. Police found empty glasses with traces of sugar at the bottom along with a sachet of mango drink. No suicide note was found.

Sources said the daughter had tried to eat the chicken rice but puked before falling asleep. She, who is recuperating at Nagpur's govt-run hospital, rushed to their neighbours after she found her parents motionless. The neighbours alerted the cops.

The man was unable to earn as a painter after coming to Nagpur, where he had to spend most of his time beside his ailing wife. An injection, costing Rs 1,700, was required every week for her from a superspeciality hospital, or she would bleed from the ear and nose. The couple had been borrowing for treatment from acquaintances, and even from an e-rickshaw driver who often took them to hospital.

They are learnt to have deleted most contact numbers of their family and friends from their phones. A bank passbook and an Aadhaar card had helped police get the address of the couple in Kerala and alert their families.

Senior Nagpur inspector Babu Dhare and assistant inspector Shashikant Tayade had to rope in a translator to communicate with the Malayalam-speaking relatives, who are learnt to be reaching Nagpur soon. The couple's bodies have been sent for autopsy. A case of accidental death was filed on Friday.

Why TN's hooch widows are ready to battle bootleggers

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Karunapuram — a thickly populated residential pocket in Tamil Nadu's Kallakurichi town — is now a village of hooch widows. More than 40 women from this area lost their husbands to plastic pouches of methanol-laced liquor ten days ago.

It's not just grief that is writ large on their faces but also anger that their repeated pleas to officials to stop people from brewing and selling spurious liquor fell on deaf ears. Some of them are ready to dismantle the hooch dens themselves if the authorities fail to do so.

"We are fed up. There must be an end to this. We don't want the kids to end up like their fathers," a young widow told TOI. "This time, we won't be waiting around for govt to act. If we come across anyone selling illicit arrack in the locality, we will bash them up and destroy their units. After this tragedy, we have the support of people."

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K Manikandan, a 33-year-old load man at Karunapuram vegetable market, was among those who died. His second wife, M Radha (36), is two months pregnant and inconsolable. "What will I say when my child asks about the father? I don't have the strength to tell my child that he died of consuming spurious liquor, and that I failed to make him kick the habit," she says. Radha's elder daughter is in Class VI.

Manikandan also has two children from his first wife M Savithri (33). "He used to consume arrack right before and after he picked up heavy loads. For years, this was his habit and that of other men in the locality. Finally, the arrack took their lives," Savithri said.

Alcohol has often been a hot-button political issue in Tamil Nadu as its sale is controlled by the government. Since locally brewed moonshine is much cheaper than



MOONSHINE MAYHEM: M Radha, who is two months pregnant, is one of over 40 women who lost their spouses to spurious liquor

that available in state-controlled shops, the poor gravitate towards this illicit brew. Most of those who died in the tragedy were daily-wage workers.

One of them was S Madan, a 45-year-old painter and sole breadwinner of his family of five — wife Ilayarani (37), two daughters aged 19 and 20, and a 15-year-old son.

The free availability of illicit arrack in the locality is no secret. "It has been ruining families for the past two decades. The officials concerned are least bothered about this illegal business as they get good financial returns from it," says a political activist living in Karunapuram on condition of anonymity.

A widow who did not wish to be identified says it's not easy to speak up. "The bootleggers have the support of all the influential people — whether it's politicians or govt officials, including those in excise, prohibition and police departments. Not just that, many people in the locality support the brewing and sale of illicit arrack, and even threaten us whenever we identify the culprits and complain," she says.

Though the scale of this tragedy shocked everyone, alcohol-related problems aren't isolated to this town. A recent report released by a social organisation called 'Kalangarai', based in Nagapattinam, found that out of the 495 widows studied in Tamil Nadu, nearly half (188) had lost their husbands to alcohol addiction and its related complications.

VHP activists allege conversion, raid house in Raj

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Alwar: A case of alleged religious conversion surfaced in the Mathura Gate police station area in Rajasthan's Bharatpur on Friday. Police investigations were on and no case had been registered till Friday night.

On Friday afternoon, a group of over 50 VHP activists entered the house of one Ravindra Kumar, accusing

him of orchestrating religious conversions. The activists claimed that they found individuals engaged in prayer under the auspices of a foundation run by a church.

The activists allegedly assaulted Ravindra and his wife. The woman's clothes were found to be torn and one individual sustained head injury.

Police arrested 25 people who were later released on

baill by ADM (City), Bharatpur; Shweta Yadav.

Ravindra Kumar, his wife and another person, Phool Singh, are currently being questioned for charges of being the mastermind of the alleged conversion attempt.

Ravindra and Phool maintained that they were conducting a prayer meeting when they were attacked and have requested the police to register a case against the assailants.

Partner's past won't be private in U'khand

UCC Database To Store Marriage/Live-In Info

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Dehradun: Couples planning to marry or enter a live-in relationship in Uttarakhand will be able to access information about their partners' pasts under new provisions of Uniform Civil Code (UCC), to be implemented in the state by the end of this year. The move aims to "prevent individuals from misleading others into relationships," officials said.

Ex-chief secretary Shastrughan Singh, who heads the nine-member panel preparing UCC rules, said, "Information provided by an individual at the time of registering either his/her live-in relationship or marriage will be stored in our database, allowing us to refer to the facts in future. Couples will also need to inform the authorities about termination of a marriage or live-in status."

Singh said "The information will be provided in accordance with the law, and only shared with both partners when they are physically present and submit a written request."

UCC will compulsorily re-



A file photo of Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami with chief secretary Radha Raturi after a panel presented a draft UCC. Information will be shared with both partners when they are physically present and file a written request, said the head of the panel preparing UCC rules

quire couples to register for marriage or a live-in relationship. An online registration app is being developed to facilitate this process to "help them save time and money." A decision on whether couples must submit their Aadhaar details or provide biometric will be made soon.

In case of a breakup or divorce, couples must fill out and submit a termination form to maintain accurate relationship status records. If a live-in couple is between 18 and 21, their parents will

also be informed of their relationship status.

Authorities are confident that UCC provisions will be implemented in Uttarakhand by the end of the year. UCC includes seven schedules and 392 sections, addressing marriage, divorce, inheritance, and live-in relationships. It aims to end practices like polygamy, polyandry, halala, iddat, and talaq while ensuring property rights for children and protecting the rights of unborn children.

Whistleblower official shifted after Sidda wife's land row

Bengaluru/Mysuru: Karnataka's Congress govt stirred a hornet's nest Friday by moving out Mysuru deputy commissioner (DC) KV Rajendra, the whistleblower on alleged irregularities in allotment of alternative plots by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) under a 50:50 scheme. CM Siddaramaiah is in the eye of a storm over 14 site allotments under this scheme to his wife Parvathi.

Senior IAS officer Lakshminanth Reddy G has replaced Rajendra, with the latter taking charge as the new director of tourism in Bengaluru. Though the Siddaramaiah-led govt issued transfer orders to 21 senior IAS officers on Friday, shunting Rajendra out of Mysuru has raised eyebrows.

Rajendra had written to MUDA and govt multiple times seeking cancellation of such allotments. He had cited violation of rules. However, both the urban development department and MUDA authorities continued with the allotments.

Senior BJP leader R Ashoka on Friday alleged that urban development minister Byrathi Suresh recently took files on allotments to CM and his wife out of MUDA's office and brought them to Bengaluru to hush up the case. **TNN**

WB speaker swears in 2 TMC MLAs, gov alleges 'Constitutional breach'

Kolkata: Bengal assembly speaker Biman Banerjee on Friday administered oath of office to newly elected MLAs Sayantika Banerjee and Reyat Hossain Sarkar, prompting governor C V Ananda Bose to complain to Prez Droupadi Murmu alleging "constitutional impropriety". Speaker Banerjee, however, said he had "adhered to rules", reports **Debashis Konar**.

On Thursday, Bose had authorised deputy speaker Asish Banerjee to swear in two MLAs under Article 188 of the Constitution.

On Friday, before the assembly convened for a special session, the business advisory committee decided that the speaker should administer oath to the MLAs. When the session began at 2pm, speaker Banerjee said his office had received an email at 9.22pm on Thursday from the governor's officer, in which Bose had appointed the deputy speaker to administer the oath.

The deputy speaker, however, refused to do so. "The speaker is present in the House. In his presence, I cannot be blind to norms (and administer oath). This will be disrespectful and demeaning to the chair," he said, urging the speaker to administer the oath, who did it immediately.

State parliamentary affairs minister Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay said rule 5 of chapter II of Rules and Procedure of Conduct of Business in the assembly stated that an "MLA who has not taken oath in pursuance of Article 188 may do so at the commencement of a sitting of the House, or at any other time of the sitting of the House, as the Speaker may direct". No law had been violated, Chattopadhyay asserted.

The governor, however, differed. Citing Article 188, which says MLAs should take their oath either from the governor or any person appointed by the governor, Bose alleged: "This constitutional transgression has been done in spite of the governor appointing deputy speaker as the person before whom the two newly elected MLAs shall take oath."

Raj to review records of candidates who got govt jobs in past 5 yrs

Jaipur: The widespread paper leaks and cheating scandals that have plagued recruitment examinations in Rajasthan, and the massive public resentment over it, seems to have spurred some effort towards a clean-up. The state govt has undertaken a comprehensive review of the records of over one lakh employees appointed in the past five years to identify those who got govt jobs through unfair means, and initiate action against them.

The move comes even as criminal investigations into the irregularities are on. Additional director general of Rajasthan Police's special operations group (SOG), V K Singh, said directives were issued a few weeks ago, mandating each department to verify the credentials of employees who had joined govt services in the past five years.

Singh emphasised that while SOG was at the forefront of probing the irregularities, the sheer number of employees necessitated the involvement of all govt departments in the process. "SOG alone cannot verify all employees. So the verification task has been assigned to the respective departments," Singh said.

Sources said SOG suspected large-scale cheating, including use of dummy candidates, across nearly all recruitment exams held over the past five years.

Concerns intensified after SOG recently dismantled a racket involving private universities issuing backdated degrees and offering courses without proper authorisation. A senior police officer revealed the investigation extended beyond paper leaks, uncovering instances of applicants forging documents to meet eligibility criteria for exams. "Physical Training Instructor (PTI) is one of the exams where discrepancies have emerged, with candidates using forged degrees," an official said. The official told TOI that departments had been instructed to cross-check employees' photos, application forms and signatures. **TNN**

Rural Works Department
EOI cum RFP CORRIGENDUM
Corrigendum No.: RWD/MMGSY/HQ-2024

Govt. of Bihar
Ref no.-BRRDA (HQ)MMGSY-436/2023-

With reference to Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) cum Request for Proposal (RFP)(Retender) for Appointment of Consultant (Chartered Accountant Firm) for Financial Management and Consultancy Services for RWD, Government of Bihar, which was issued vide letter no. BRRDA (HQ) MMGSY-436/2023-713, dated: 12.06.2024 and published through advertisement PR No. 001864 (RWD) 2024-25, the published EOI cum RFP stands cancelled due to some unavoidable circumstances.

(Bhagwat Ram)
Engineer-In-Chief-cum-Additional Commissioner-cum-Special Secretary
RWD, Bihar, Patna

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Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for Preparation of GIS Based Master Plan of 03 Planning Areas of Bihar (through e-tendering)
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1. Principal Secretary UD & HD, Government of Bihar, invites Proposals from eligible consultancy firms for "Preparation of GIS Based Master Plan of 03 Planning Areas of Bihar" in the following group:

Group-I	Araria Forbesganj Khagaria
1. Interested Agency/Firm/Company may download the complete Request Proposal (RFP) Document, from website: https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/ or https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban	

S.N.	PARTICULARS	DETAILS
1	Website for submission of proposal	https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/ www.urban.bih.nic.in
2	Mode of Submission	Online submission through eproc2 portal (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/) and at the same time submission of Hard copies at UD & HD office
3	Last date and time for Submission of Technical & Financial proposal on	26/07/2024 by 4:00 PM
4	Last date and time for Submission of Hard Copies (along with Technical Bid with payment proof and original copy of affidavit) for RFP document, Notarized Power of Attorney, EMD and affidavits will submit in hard copy (Only Technical proposal to be submitted No financial Proposal)	29/07/2024 by 4:00 PM Address: Officer on Special Duty Urban Development & Housing Department, VikasBhawan, New Secretariat, Patna - 800001, Bihar, INDIA. (Tel: 0612 - 2215580, Fax: 2217059>Email: urbansec-bih@nic.in, tcpobihar@gmail.com)
5	Date and time of opening of Technical Bids	29/07/2024, 5:00 PM
6	Date and time of opening of Financial Proposal	Will be intimated later to successful bidders
7	Pre-proposal Queries/Suggestions and request for VC link shall be submitted by prospective bidders	11/07/2024 by 12.30 PM
8	Date of Pre-Bid meeting (through VC)	12/07/2024 at 11:30 AM
9	Method of Selection	Least Cost Basis Selection (LCBS)

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THE SPEAKING TREE

In Rath Yatra, the Supreme and the crowd are inseparable. When He moves, the crowd also advances; when He halts, the crowd halts, writes **GS TRIPATHI**

Celebrating Divine Completeness And Infinite Devotion

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happy in this yatra since they are going to their birthplace. Since the deities are happy, the devotees are also happy. This happiness is divine. Hence, people visit Puri to experience this happiness.

In the past, Rath Yatra celebrations were confined mostly to Odisha and a few other parts of India. Now, they are celebrated worldwide. Celebrations incorporate local customs, retaining the essence of the yatra. Just as God is one and the paths to him are different, the yatra is one but conducted in different ways and colours. It implies diversity in the paths of devotion.

God and the crowd constitute a system. When the Divine moves, the crowd also moves; when He halts, the crowd halts. Thus, in Rath Yatra, the Supreme and the crowd are inseparable. The trust between the god and the crowd is mutual. They are bound by love, and since love is indestructible, it is eternal.

The Gita says that the entire universe is localised in that many-splendoured God, witnessed by Arjun. God is perceived to be subtler than a quantum particle and larger than the universe. Thus, the Divine is both finite and infinite, complete and incomplete. ■

The writer is adjunct professor, Physics, Berhampur University. Rath Yatra begins on July 7

FESTIVE SPIRIT

Absolute completeness is beyond anyone's perception. We perceive it only in parts. The boundaries of completeness are at infinity, in whichever way one thinks. An event is characterised by dimensions spanning infinite space and time. In social terms, it is about geography and history: where and when? In science, it is about coordinates.

Jagannath is the Lord of the Universe. Whether or not the universe is finite has given rise to numerous speculations and assumptions. Einstein, based on his theory of general relativity, presented a mathematical model of the universe in which the total volume of space was finite yet had no boundary or edge.

The Bhagwad Gita talks about the cosmic form of the Lord, bereft of a beginning and an end, both in space and time. Arjun was convinced of the greatness of the Lord even before beholding the cosmic form. Arjun said that he believed what Krishna said. But he wanted to experience and experiment beyond belief. Therefore, he wished to see what he began to believe. It prompted Krishna to man-



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RISHI SUNAK

One of the most remarkable things about Britain is just how unremarkable it is that two generations after my grandparents came here with little, I could become prime minister and that **I could watch my two young daughters light Diwali candles on the steps in Downing Street**

Rishi Raj Ends, UK Now In Starmer's Keir

After Sensational Win, New PM Vows To Keep 'Country Before Party'

London: For someone often derided as dull, Keir Starmer has delivered a sensational election result. Starmer led Britain's Labour Party to a landslide election victory, and on Friday became the country's 58th PM — the first from the center-left party to win a UK national election since Tony Blair, who won three in a row starting in 1997.

It's the latest reinvention for a man who went from human rights attorney to hard-nosed prosecutor and from young radical to middle-aged pragmatist. Like Blair, who refashioned the party as "New Labour" in the 1990s, 61-year-old Starmer led Labour to a landslide win over Rishi Sunak's Conservatives after dragging the party towards the political middle ground. He won by promising voters "change", but also calm,



A STAR-MER IS BORN: UK's new PM Keir Starmer with wife Victoria at Downing Street; the couple at a victory rally



vowing to give Britain "sunlight of hope" after 14 years of turmoil under the Conservatives. A former chief prosecutor for England and Wales, Starmer

has often been caricatured by Conservative opponents as a "lefty London lawyer". He was knighted for his role leading the Crown Prosecution Service,

and opponents like to use his title, Sir Keir Starmer, to paint him as elite. While most PMs are awarded knighthoods or other royal honours after their

time in office, Starmer is the first knight of the realm to become the country's leader since Sir Alec Douglas-Home in 1963.

Starmer prefers to stress his humble roots and down-to-earth tastes. He loves soccer and enjoys nothing more than watching Arsenal over a beer in his local pub. He and his wife Victoria, who works in occupational health, have two teenage children they strive to keep out of the public eye. Born in 1963, Starmer is the son of a toolmaker and a nurse who named him after Keir Hardie, the Labour Party's first leader. One of four children, he was raised in a cash-strapped household in a small town outside London. Starmer's mother suffered from a chronic illness, Still's disease, that left her in pain, and Starmer has said that visiting her

in the hospital helped form his strong support for the state-funded National Health Service.

He was the first member of his family to go to college, studying law at Leeds University and Oxford. As a lawyer, he took civil liberties cases, including that of the "McLibel Two", green activists sued by McDonald's for handing out leaflets saying it sold unhealthy food. The cases often put him at odds with Conservative and Labour govts, so his switch to become chief prosecutor in 2008 surprised some. But during five years in the job he gained a reputation as a tough and hard-working director of public prosecution.

Starmer entered politics relatively late, in his 50s, and was elected to parliament in 2015. He often disagreed with the party chief at the time, staunch

socialist Jeremy Corbyn, at one point quitting the party's top team over disagreements. After Corbyn led Labour to election defeats in 2017 and 2019 — the latter the party's worst result since 1935 — Labour picked Starmer to lead. His leadership has coincided with a turbulent period that saw Britain suffer through the Covid pandemic, leave the EU, absorb the economic shock of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and endure economic turmoil from Liz Truss' turbulent 49-day term as PM.

Starmer imposed discipline on a party with a reputation for internal division, ditched some of Corbyn's socialist policies and apologised for antisemitism that an internal probe found had been allowed to spread under Corbyn. His mantra is now "country before party". AP

OTHER TOP NEWS

Now, Biden calls self 'first black woman to serve with a black prez'

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: US Prez Joe Biden is entering a make-or-break weekend with his political future and legacy hanging on an interview and two public rallies through which he will try and disprove the growing belief nationwide that he is too old for a second stint in the White House.

Biden is sitting down for an interview with ABC News' George Stephanopoulos in course of campaign events

in Wisconsin on Friday night. The platform is expected to be fair but tough on the president, with direct questions about his age and mental acuity. Any flubs at the events could close the door on the prez's bid for a second term, with many Democratic operatives critical of his insistence on staying in the race already leaning against it.

Events on Thursday in the run-up to the interview were not encouraging for the Biden camp. The 81-year old prez (he will be 82 on Nov 20) misspoke badly in a radio interview where he struggled to find words, at one point saying he was proud to have been "the first black woman to serve with a black president". He evidently mixed up his time as Obama's vice-president and Kamala Harris' vice-presidency under him.

At a separate Fourth of July White House event, Biden began talking about his predecessor not honouring military veterans, referring to Trump as "one of our colleagues, the former president" before lamely veering off with, "probably shouldn't say, at any rate" and moving on to other matters.

He also continued to undercut his own case by telling Democratic governors at a White House meeting that he needs to sleep more and not work after 8 pm, which raised eyebrows in the current situation. Even a joke to the governors — "I'm fine — I don't know about my brain, though" — caused some supporters to grind their teeth.

There is growing fear in the party that he can't take on the role and should quit the race. There are reports in the mainstream media about fat-cat donors holding their money from the Biden campaign to redirect it to a potential replacement, with vice-president Kamala Harris at the top of the list.

BIG LOSSES

Tory 'bloodbath': 12 ministers lose seats

Twelve senior Conservative ministers lost their seats at the election, surpassing the previous record of seven in 1997 when Tony Blair brought Labour

to office in a landslide election victory. Those included defence minister **Grant Shapps**,

education minister Gillian Keegan, culture minister Lucy Frazer, science minister Michelle Donelan and justice minister Alex Chalk. Penny Mordaunt, leader of the lower house of parliament and touted as a possible future Conservative Party chief, lost too with the results being dubbed as a "bloodbath" for the Tories. She shot to international attention as a sword carrier at King Charles III's coronation last May. REUTERS

49-day PM Liz Truss loses voters' trust

Liz Truss, the 49-day PM, lost her Norfolk South West constituency in eastern England to Labour by 630 votes. Five years ago, she won a majority of more

than 26,000. Her chaotic premiership in 2022 sent mortgage rates soaring, the pound tumbling and required an intervention by the central bank to calm markets. She said the reason the Conservatives lost was because "we haven't delivered sufficiently on the policies people want". She laid the blame on the inheritance the party got in 2010, but not herself. NYT

intervention by the central bank to calm markets. She said the reason the Conservatives lost was because "we haven't delivered sufficiently on the policies people want". She laid the blame on the inheritance the party got in 2010, but not herself. NYT

Scottish Nat'l Party's worst show since '10

The pro-separatist Scottish National Party was virtually obliterated at the UK general election on Friday, suffering a devastating blow to its withering independence movement. Labour party overturned more than a decade of SNP domination by storming to a majority of Scotland's 57 seats. SNP had targeted winning 29 seats for reopening negotiations with the UK govt for another independence referendum, but it returned only nine MPs, with one result still to declare. That was down from the 48 it won in 2019. The SNP recorded its worst result since 2010, when it got only six seats. AFP

UK Elects Most Diverse Parliament

242 Women MPs, 22 More Than In 2019 & Largest No. Of Ethnic Minority Lawmakers — 66 Out Of The 87 Elected

London: Britain's new PM Keir Starmer will oversee a parliament more ethnically diverse and more female than ever.

Black, Asian and ethnic minority lawmakers will represent around 13% of the House of Commons, up from 10% in 2019, when Britain last held a parliamentary election. It will be the largest-ever share of ethnic minority members of the lower house, according to an analysis by British Future, a think tank.

In the 44 years since outgoing PM Rishi Sunak was born, minority representation in Britain's parliament increased from zero to nearly one in seven lawmakers, British Future said. But the share still does not fully reflect the diversity of the population and electorate. Around 18% of people in England and Wales come from a Black, Asian, mixed or ethnic minority background, according to official data.

The incoming parliament will include a record 242 female lawmakers, 22 more than after the last election in 2019. When Labour's Diane Abbott,

Rachel Reeves is UK's first female fin min

PM Keir Starmer began appointing his ministerial team, naming Rachel Reeves as the country's first female finance minister and Angela Rayner as deputy PM. Starmer appointed David Lammy as the new foreign

minister and John Healey the defence minister, while Yvette Cooper becomes interior minister, known as home secretary, overseeing domestic security and policing. REUTERS

Britain's first Black female lawmaker, entered parliament in 1987 there were just 41 women in the House of Commons. Abbott, who was re-elected to the seat in northeast London which she has held for 37 years, will become the 'mother of the house' — an honorary title given to the longest-serving female minister.

While final results have yet to be announced, Labour triumphed in parliamentary ele-

Indian-origin lawmaker Lisa Nandy culture secy

British Indian MP Lisa Nandy, who was re-elected with a thumping majority from Wigan in north-west England, was appointed the new secretary of state for culture, media and sport. Nandy, 44, was among the final three con-

testants in the Labour Party's leadership contest in 2020. She is the daughter of Calcutta-born academic Dipak Nandy, who is well-known for his work in field of race relations in Britain. PTI

ction, winning around 412 seats, representing a majority of 174. Britain's new governing party will have by far the largest number of ethnic minority MPs — 66 out of 87 elected.

The Conservative Party has a stronger record for diversity when it comes to ministerial-level representation. Sunak was the country's first British-Indian leader and all three female PMs were Conservatives. REUTERS

After 'Rexit', Sunak to quit as Tory chief too

Naomi Canton

London: In his address outside No. 10, Rishi Sunak on Friday informed the nation that he is not only resigning as the prime minister, but will also eventually be stepping down as Conservative Party's chief.

"I will step down as party leader, not immediately, but once formal arrangements for selecting my successor are in place. It is important that the Conservative party rebuilds and takes up its crucial role in opposition professionally and effectively," he said.

He defended his policies, though, saying he had viewed stabilising the economy as his most important task as PM. "Inflation is back to target, mortgage rates are falling and growth has returned. I am proud of those achievements," he said. Sunak won his seat, Richmond and Northallerton, comfortably with 23,059 votes, a 12,185 majority, although it

was less than he got in 2019.

After a party leadership contest takes place, he is expected to stay on as an opposition MP. A spokesperson said: "He has said many times he will stay on as MP." Priti Patel and Suella Braverman are among those likely to enter the leadership race.

Sunak made a dignified speech, wishing Starmer and his family well. "His successes will be all our successes. He is a decent public-spirited man who I respect." He thanked the civil service, his staff and his wife and daughters for the sacrifices they have made so that he could serve his country. As he said this Murty smiled and looked like she was going to cry.

He recounted how "two generations after his grandparents arrived with little" he could become PM and "watch his two daughters light Diwali candles on the steps of Downing Street. "We must hold true to that idea of who we are."

Ex-chief Corbyn beats Labour as independent

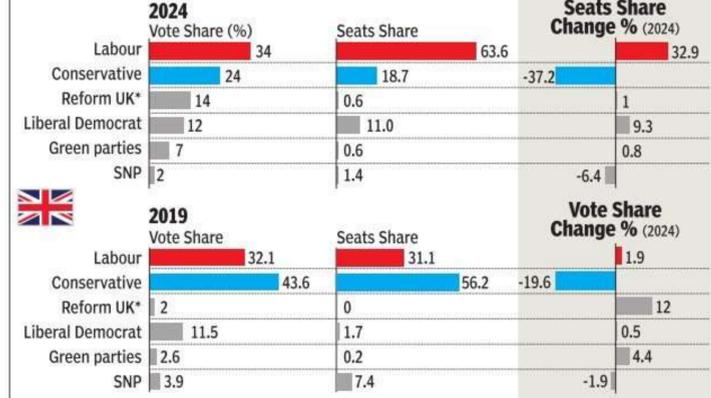
Veteran left-winger Jeremy Corbyn won his seat, beating the candidate of the Labour Party he used to lead and promising to be a thorn in the side of Keir Starmer's incoming govt with an acrimonious falling out with his successor.

He quit as Labour chief in 2019 after the party suffered its worst poll defeat since 1935, and Starmer threw him out of the party less than a year later, accusing him of undermining efforts to tackle anti-Semitism.

In a bitterly contested vote in Corbyn's north London constituency of Islington North, which he has represented since 1983, he hung on to the seat, defeating Labour's Indian-origin candidate Praful Nargund by 24,120 votes to 16,873.

An ardent pro-Palestinian activist, Corbyn said the people were "looking for a govt that on the world stage will search for peace, not war." REUTERS

LABOUR PAIN ENDS AFTER 14 YEARS



*2019 data for Brexit Party; changes between 2019 (based on 2019 constituency boundaries) and 2024 (most recent boundaries); Seat share for 2024 calculated for 648 seats

How UK compares with Indian states...

POPULATION
UK's population of 67.6 million (mid-2022) according to the Census, is roughly equivalent to Karnataka's (66.8m in 2021 according to Census projections)

LAND AREA
UK's 243,610 sq km land area is a little more than Uttar Pradesh's (just under 241,000 sq km)

HOUSE SEATS
K'taka elects 28 MPs to India's Lok Sabha, UP elects 80. UK's House of Commons has 650 lawmakers

Largest single-party majorities won in UK general elections since 1918

Year	Party	Prime Minister	Majority
1924	Conservative	Stanley Baldwin	210
1997	Labour	Tony Blair	178
2001	Labour	Tony Blair	166
1945	Labour	Clement Attlee	147
1983	Conservative	Margaret Thatcher	144

Source: House of Commons Library Research briefing, 2023
Note: The majority a government enjoys is defined as the number of seats won by the party/parties in government minus the seats won by all others excluding the Speaker

Liberal Democrats wins 71 seats, highest tally since 1923

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1st job of PM: Write nuclear 'last resort letters'

On his first day in office, PM Keir Starmer will get briefings from senior civil servants about key issues facing the govt and receive congratulatory phone calls from world leaders. One of the most sobering moments of any PM's first day on the job is the realisation that he now has the ultimate authority over whether to launch Britain's nuclear missiles. In the UK, this is underscored when the country's top civil servant informs the new PM that he has to write "last resort letters" to the captains of Britain's four nuclear-armed submarines telling them what to do in the event of a nuclear attack. The letters are placed on board each of the submarines inside safes that are to be opened only if their captains are certain Britain has been attacked. AP

nd," he said and promised to create wealth in every community, get National Health Service back on its feet, and secure the borders. His first foreign visit will be to Washington on Tuesday for the Nato Summit.

The polls also saw big wins for Liberal Democrats, Reform UK and Independents. Liberal Democrats picked up 71 seats, including those once held by ex-

PMs David Cameron, Theresa May and Boris Johnson. It was their highest tally since 1923

Reform UK, a new party set up by pro-Brexit and anti-immigration Nigel Farage, won four seats and came second to Labour in many seats. It was widely blamed for causing Tories to lose as many seats as they did by splitting the Conservative vote. The Green party won four seats. Five Independents also won. They were endorsed by a collective called Muslim Vote, which is campaigning for Gaza ceasefire in Gaza. George Galloway's Workers Party failed to secure a single seat and he lost his own seat of Rochdale.

TURNOUT LOWEST SINCE 2001

Voter turnout was 60%, lowest since 2001 (59.4%). Only other time it has been lower in over 100 years was in 1918 when turnout was 57.2%. Turnout in 2019 was at 67.3%, the second-highest since 1997

CHANGE OF GUARD IN MINUTES

Keir Starmer entered Buckingham Palace just 14 min after Rishi Sunak departed. In 2016, the car of incoming PM Theresa May was at the palace just 32 sec after her predecessor, David Cameron, had left

'L' PRANK

During Sunak's speech in his constituency Richmond and Northallerton, YouTube prankster Niko Omilana walked behind him holding a piece of paper with the letter 'L' on it



HOW GAZA DENTED LABOUR WIN



Labour suffered significant setbacks in areas with large Muslim populations amid discontent over its position on the war in Gaza. The party saw its vote fall on average by 10 points in seats where more than 10% of the population identify as Muslim. Starmer has been criticised for being slow to back a ceasefire in Gaza

DRESS DEBATE

Akshata Murty's dress during Sunak's speech outside No.10 was a hot topic on social media. The blue-red-white dress had arrows pointing down on top section.

Even Rishi Sunak's wife's dress says you're going down !! @beckychanceux

Nice to see Mrs Sunak wear an American flag style dress to help her guy hand his resignation to the King. Getting ready to hop on the private jet for the new life in the US as planned @hewitson10

LARRY TO GET PALS?

Larry the cat is set to welcome the 6th PM at 10, Downing Street. Starmer recently told the BBC that his family has a cat, Jojo, and that they also have a hamster. Larry made his first appearance at No. 10 in 2011 after being adopted from a shelter. He was recruited under PM David Cameron to get rid of mice & was given title of 'Chief Mouser'



Farage elected MP on 8th attempt

London: Brexit figurehead Nigel Farage claimed to have kicked-started a "revolt against the establishment", as his hard-right party made significant gains in the UK election results on Friday. Reform UK, a re-brand of the Brexit Party that Farage founded in 2018, had won five seats after around four-fifths of the UK's 650 constituencies had declared their results. They include Clacton, eastern England, where Farage prevailed in his eighth attempt to become an MP, beating the Conservative incumbent by a wide margin.

Meanwhile, his party appeared on course to win an unre-

cedented vote share for a party on Britain's far-right fringes.

"This is just the first step of something that is going to stun all of you," Farage said from the podium of Clacton's polling station, shortly after his win was announced. A far-right party has never won more than a single seat in a UK general election. AFP

Trump congratulates Farage: US ex-president Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform: "Congratulations to Nigel Farage on his big WIN of a Parliament Success. Nigel is a man who truly loves his Country!" Farage is an ally of Trump. AFP

Sensex Surges For 5th Week In Row, Longest Streak This Year

The sensex hit the record 80,000 mark on Wednesday and chalked up its fifth straight week of gains, its longest such streak this year. However, a lackluster session on Friday is being seen as an initial sign of investors' exhaustion



Sensex Gainers



Losers



46.3cr

Average daily UPI transactions touched a new high in June

Source: Refinitiv, ETIG, Reuters

Ola exits Google Maps, moves to its in-house Ola Maps

Bengaluru: Ola founder and CEO Bhavish Aggarwal announced on Friday that the ride-hailing platform has discontinued its app's integration with Google Maps and replaced it with in-house Ola Maps. The move, according to Aggarwal, has enabled the company to save Rs 100 crore annually, he said in a post on X. "After exiting Azure last month, we have now fully moved away from Google Maps. Previously, we spent Rs 100 crore a year on this... we have reduced that cost to zero," he stated. **TNN**



Rating agencies get new Sebi guidelines

New Delhi: Sebi has issued new guidelines to streamline operations and enhance the ease of doing business for credit rating agencies. The modifications will be applicable from Aug 1, 2024, Sebi said in a circular. **AGENCIES**

Review GST for clean fuel vehicles: Bajaj

Pune: Bajaj Auto MD Rajiv Bajaj on Friday suggested that govt review GST rates on vehicles powered by clean fuels. He also voiced concerns about the use of "unsustainable subsidies" to promote EVs. **AGENCIES**

DVC to invest ₹20k cr in solar projects by '30

Kolkata: Damodar Valley Corporation on Friday announced that it has planned to invest Rs 20,000 crore by 2030 to install nearly 4,000 MW of solar capacity, a top official said. **AGENCIES**

RBI imposes ₹1.3cr penalty on PNB

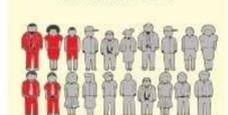
Mumbai: RBI on Friday said it has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1.3 crore on Punjab National Bank for non-compliance with certain KYC-related directions and "loans and advances". **AGENCIES**

Biocon Biologics may raise up to ₹4,500 cr

Biocon Biologics is considering raising Rs 4,000 crore to 4,500 crore from India's local-currency bond market in a few months, according to people familiar with the matter. **BLOOMBERG**

figure it out

23% of country's labour force works in small and medium companies, second highest after farm sector



Source: Niti Aayog

Small biz see sharp surge in online orders, UPI usage

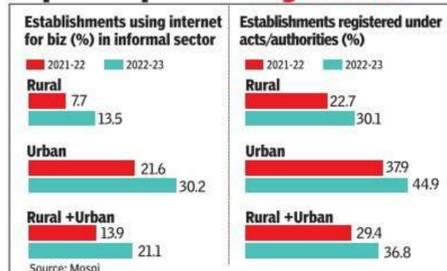
Women Run Nearly 54% Of Proprietary Mfg Units: Survey

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The use of internet for carrying out a business activity such as taking orders online or using UPI for placing orders has increased to 13.5% from 7.7% in rural and to 30.2% from 21.6% in urban sector during 2022-23, with an overall increase of 7.2 percentage points, results of a survey undertaken by the statistics office showed on Friday, highlighting the rapid adoption of digital technology in the informal sector.

The survey also showed that 25.6% of the total workers, during 2022-23, were female. This includes the significant presence of women workers accounting for 31% of the total workforce in units that function without any hired worker on a regular basis. About 54% of the proprietary establishments in manufacturing sector were run by women entrepreneurs, highlighting the presence of women in the informal sector.

Rapid Adoption Of Digital Tech



The second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic had severely hit the informal sector, reducing the number of units and workers but the segment recovered gradually after July quarter of 2021, the early results of the survey had shown last month.

The total number of establishments in the unincorporated sector increased from nearly 6 crore in 2021-22 to 6.5

crore in 2022-23, an increase of about 5.9%. Among the broad sectors under coverage, the number of units in the other services segment had a major share in 2022-23 (37.9%), followed by trade (34.7%) & manufacturing (27.4%).

More than 40% of the establishments in this sector are engaged in retail trade (around 30%), followed by manufacturing of apparel (around 11%) in 2022-23.

Among the major states, highest number of establishments (rural and urban combined) have been reported in Uttar Pradesh, followed by West Bengal and Maharashtra in 2021-22 as well as in 2022-23, the survey results showed.

Fixed assets owned by an unincorporated non-agricultural establishment, on average, rose from Rs 2,81,013 in 2021-22 to Rs 3,18,144 in 2022-23, indicating improved capital investment in the sector. Outstanding loan per establishment has increased from Rs 37,408 in 2021-22 to Rs 50,138 in 2022-23, signalling an improvement in the availability of loan in this sector.

The key results of the Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE) for 2021-22 and 2022-23 in the form of a factsheet were released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on June 14 and now the detailed results have been unveiled.

New selling point for CEOs: Strategy & ops

In Challenging Biz Landscape, Traditional Qualifications May Not Be Enough: Study

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New Delhi: With rapid technological advancements, global economic shifts and changing consumer behaviour, the status quo is continuously being challenged. C-suite executives are evolving and adapting their qualifications to align with ever-changing business landscape and to keep pace with an increasingly brittle, anxious, non-linear, incomprehensible environment.

So, traditional qualifications like sales and marketing expertise may no longer be sufficient. Leaders now need a broader and more diverse set of skills, including strategy, to succeed in a fast-changing world. A survey conducted across sectors by global search firm Executive Access, commissioned by TOI mirrors the trend.

The study of over 300 new CEO hires in 2023-24 says the percentage of C-suite leaders from sales and marketing stream is 45%. A drastic drop by nearly half the number that it used to be. Over a decade back, CEOs were predominantly from the sales and marketing background, with about 80% belonging to that stream. And, streams like strategy and operations are fast catching up. The survey shows around 20% of CEOs come from strategy, a new trend and reflects how times have changed (see graphic).

A lesser percentage of CEOs come from the function of sales and marketing, which was not the case earlier. The survey also found a higher number of CEOs are now from strategy and operations. Strategy has become very important as complexity and uncertainty of any business has increased significantly. Also, shelf life of any product or idea has come down significantly.

Businesses are looking to survive and grow as businesses are becoming extinct much faster today, with more companies ceasing to exist than ever before. Therefore, it has become imperative for companies to look at both survival and growth, which a strategist can do well," Executive Access India MD Ronesh Puri said.

The shift over the last decade is due to increased business complexities, industry experts say. "In a world where winning was all about outwitting the competition through better sales and marketing and better revenue generation, CEOs were largely chosen from the sales and marketing function. One could witness that typically in FMCG companies. But, there has been a shift in the last decade or two. Now, CEOs have to deal with investors, regulatory bodies, banks, environmental frameworks, global economic situations and so on. Second, technology, logistics, supply chain have become major drivers of success. In more uncertain and unstructured environments, strategy specialists are well-suited. Moreover, many of the strategy specialists come with a great IIT-IIM background and a stint in a global consulting firm. This pedigree and experi-

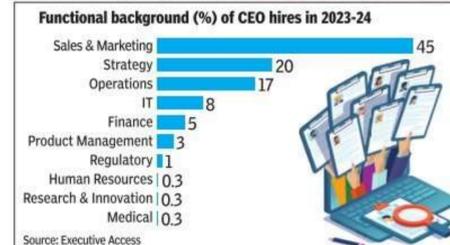
ences of working through diverse industries make them a good choice for CEOs," said Harsh Goenka, chairman, RPG Enterprises.

"A strategist is chosen to navigate mega changes, such as those caused by AI," former HCL CEO Vineet Nayyar said. "The current trend indi-

cates that most industries and companies are focusing on transformation to stay relevant. More and more companies are seeking leaders with strategic outlook, who can redraft strategies and guide them back to a growth trajectory," he added.

Adoption of AI is accelerating across various industries. It is becoming an increasingly essential tool for businesses to stay competitive in today's digital age. Further, there is a growing realisation that effective CEOs are those, who have the ability to look at multiplicity of variables. "More importantly, he/she should be able to make holistic and effective decisions. This is no longer a monopoly of any particular line of function — sales/marketing or manufacturing. Effective CEOs need to be far more well-rounded, strategic, agile, futuristic, and forward-looking... Those coming from the strategy domain are seen to have an edge, Prem Singh, president — group HR, JK Organisation & president, National HRD Network, said.

Share Of CEOs With Sales CV Declines



Source: Executive Access

HDFC stock falls nearly 5%, drags sensex down

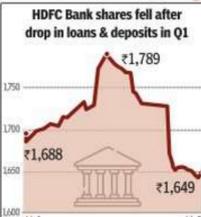
TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: HDFC Bank shares fell 4.6% on Friday, dragging the sensex below the 80,000 mark despite relatively strong sentiment in the equities market. The country's largest private lender came under pressure after it reported a decline in both loans and current & savings account deposits in the first quarter.

The sensex closed 53 points down at 79,996 largely because of HDFC Bank. Nifty, which represents a broader range of stocks, continued to gain and closed 22 points higher at 24,324, with most of the gains coming in the last 30 minutes of the trade.

According to brokers, if HDFC Bank's shares had not fallen, the sensex would have been up by over 500 points. Despite HDFC Bank being a drag, the sensex had its best week in over six months as well as the fifth

Bank's Shares Swing



According to brokers, if HDFC Bank's shares had not fallen, the sensex would have been up by over 500 points consecutive week of gains.

Among the 30 sensex stocks, 17 posted gains. SBI shares gained the most at 2.5%, while Reliance Industries, which gained 2.3%, hit a new lifetime high at Rs 3,197. Shares of Raymond jumped 10% on Friday after the textile major said it will demerge its real estate business.

"The broader market outperformed the benchmarks, with Nifty mid-cap and small-cap indices gaining more than 0.5% each. Technically Nifty managed to defend the 24,200 support level on a closing basis, indicating strength. As long as the index holds this support, it may attempt to test the levels of 24,500-24,600," said Hrishikesh Yedve of Asit C Mehta Investment.

In Friday's session, HDFC Bank erased the gains it had made earlier in the week after reporting its June-end shareholding numbers. The increased headroom for foreign investors had raised expectations that the stock's weightage in the Morgan Stanley Emerging Markets index would rise, attracting more passive foreign funds. Traders now await commentary from the management, which is expected during its quarterly results later this month.

'Central banks need free hand to beat inflation'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Federal Reserve Bank of New York president John Williams said on Friday that the US is far from reaching the "goldilocks" inflation target of 2%, but is dedicated to achieving it. He also emphasised that central banks are most effective in managing inflation when they have an independent mandate to do so.

"Inflation is now around 2.5%, so we have seen significant progress in bringing it down. But we still have way to go to reach our 2% target on a sustained basis," Williams said. He was delivering the 4th Suresh Tendulkar memorial lecture at RBI in Mumbai



John Williams | PRESIDENT, FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

on Friday. "We are committed to getting the job done," he added. In his speech, Williams said history has taught us that central banks can be more successful in delivering sustainably low inflation when they are accountable and independent.

Later, responding to a question on the impact of the impending US election on Fed's decision making, Williams said, "We have the independence to make tough decisions that may not be popular in the short run and we do it in the best way we can. That, from my perspective, carries over to every single meeting, every single decision we make," he said. Williams said that productivity gains due to AI and a surge in investments to fund shift towards green energy could push up the neutral interest rate.

J&J's patent application for kids' TB drug rejected

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New Delhi: In good news for children suffering with TB, more affordable versions of a life-saving TB drug will be soon available in the country.

The Indian Patent Office on Friday rejected US major Johnson & Johnson's patent application for a paediatric version of bedaquiline, a key treatment for drug-resistant tuberculosis recommended by the World Health Organisation. The application was rejected for being "obvious" or "lack of inventive step".

The decision will pave the way for generic versions of the TB drug for kids in India, where affordability and availability are a huge challenge for patients. The order

came after a patent challenge by civil society groups and TB survivors (Delhi Network of Positive People and Ganesh Acharya) in 2020, which J&J did not contest, legal sources told TOI.

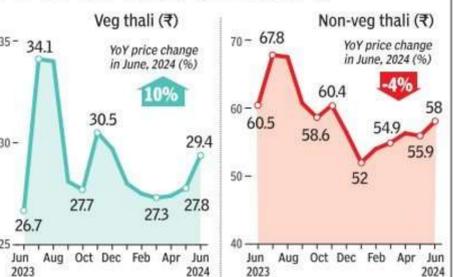
"In analysing the inventive step the present invention is obvious to the person skilled in the art to arrive at the present invention. Therefore this ground of opposition is allowed. On applying the above case laws to the present invention, there is no synergistic effect. Therefore this ground of opposition is allowed," said the order by B Ahilan, Joint Controller of Patents & Designs.

Meanwhile, in March last year, the Indian Patent Office had rejected J&J's attempt to extend its monopoly on life-saving TB drug

bedaquiline, for adults. A patent challenge initiated in 2019 in India by two TB survivors, Nandita Venkatesan and Phumeza Tisile (a South African TB advocate) prevented J&J to patent bedaquiline, which would have extended their monopoly over the drug for an additional four years (beyond July 2023).

There were concerns over evergreening—a practice that extends patent life through patenting of obvious forms, improvements and modifications of life-saving medicines—which have led to several such pre-grant oppositions, say public health experts. Indian patent law, particularly the provision of Section 3(d), is pivotal in this context by explicitly preventing the practice of evergreening.

VEG THALI PRICES SURGE 10% IN JUNE: SURVEY



What's leading to rise in prices of Veg Thali?



Why the prices of some food items are going up?

- Lower onion, rice arrivals due to drop in acreage
- Decline in potato crop yield due to unseasonal rainfall in March
- Virus infestation in tomato summer crop due to high temperatures in key growing regions of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh
- Dry spell in key kharif months impacted production of pulses
- Low base of last fiscal year

Note: A veg thali comprises roti, vegetables (onion, tomato, and potato), rice, dal, curd, and salad. A non-veg thali has the same elements as the veg thali, except for dal, which is replaced by chicken (broiler); broiler prices for June 2024 are estimated figures; Weightage of ingredients does not vary basis volatility in commodity prices
Source: Crisil

Retail sales of cars down 7% amid heat

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Passenger vehicle retail sales dropped 7% in June (y-o-y) as severe heatwave conditions and a heavy base, saw showroom visits come down by 15%. According to dealers' industry body FADA, overall passenger vehicle registrations stood at 2.8 lakh units last month, as compared to 3 lakh units in June 2023.

"Despite improved product availability and substantial discounts aimed at stimulating demand, market sentiment remains subdued due to extreme heat," FADA president Manish Raj Singhania said. Dealer feedback highlights challenges such as low customer inquiries and postponed purchase decisions.

Singhania also highlighted that inventory levels of passenger vehicles have reached an all-time high, ranging from 62 to 67 days. Two-wheeler registrations rose 5% year-on-year to 13.8 units in June. Commercial vehicle sales dropped 5% to 72,747 units last month, from 76,364 units in June 2023.

PE funds line up to take a bite of Belgian Waffle

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Mumbai: A lot is cooking in the food and beverages space. The Belgian Waffle is on the block with several large private equity buyout funds making a beeline to bid for the speciality chain, sources aware of the discussions told TOI.

Deal talks seem to be in advanced stages of negotiations and are likely to close next month. "The company is professionally run and private equity invested, with the founder promoter involved only at a board level. The business has scaled and has been making very healthy profits. There could also

GROWING APPETITE FOR FOOD COS

- Large private equity buyout funds are looking to bid for the speciality waffle chain
- The Mumbai-based firm competes with players like Theobroma and Mad Over Donuts in a growing local F&B market
- The company's revenue from operations stood at close to ₹150 crore in fiscal 2023 while it made a net profit of ₹21 crore
- The Belgian Waffle runs more than 500 stores across close to 200 cities. It claims to sell more than 47,500 waffles per day



owned and operated by Bloom-bay Enterprises, competes with players like Theobroma and other western dessert players such as Baskin Robbins and Mad Over Donuts in a growing local F&B market. The deal talks come amid booming in-

vestor appetite for the F&B space in India. Theobroma, which is in the market for a potential sale of majority stake in the firm, for instance, has reportedly garnered interest from PE firms like Carlyle Group. Promoters own majority

stake in The Belgian Waffle—close to about 70% as of August 2023, data sourced from market research firm Tracxn showed. Mid-market PE fund Marathon Edge founded by former Bain Capital executive Nikhil Raghavan is the largest investor in the company with about 22% stake. The company's revenue from operations stood at close to Rs 150 crore on a standalone basis in FY23 while it made net profits of Rs 21.3 crore during the period, according to the firm's RoC filings sourced from data platform Toller. PE buyout funds typically take a controlling stake in businesses and exit at higher multiples.

After Eiffel tower, UPI goes live at Galeries Lafayette

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: UPI, which has made its name by being available for even the humblest transactions at a handcart, will now be accepted at the 19th-century Galeries Lafayette in Paris, a symbol of French retail and Parisian fashion.

In Jan this year, NPCI enabled UPI for online bookings of the Eiffel Tower. Subsequently, in Feb, NPCI International hosted a meeting for potential merchants.

The acceptance by the French retailer has been facilitated through a partnership between NPCI International Payments and Lyra—a French leader in securing e-commerce and proximity payments. The Paris Olympics, starting on July 26, are expected to draw a large number of Indian visitors.

Speaking on the integration with UPI, Nicolas Houze, CEO of Galeries Lafayette, said, "We are delighted to be the first department store

in Europe to offer the UPI payment solution. By introducing UPI, we facilitate seamless and secure transactions for our Indian guests and strengthen cultural and economic ties between France and India. As the number of visitors from India is growing, we are proud to offer this innovative payment option." NPCI's partnership comes a year before Galeries Lafayette opens its first store in India in Mumbai, followed by another one in Delhi.



A thought for today

We're going to let a geopolitical moment end our friendship? That makes me really nervous, because then we're going to have a lot of friendships ending

SHADI HAMID

Beyond Rishi & Race

How identity politics works across democracies

Two years ago, when Rishi Sunak's party elected him Britain's first Asian-origin PM, the buzz was whether the country had entered a post-race era. Today, when voters have crashed Conservatives to a historic low, is it on account of Rishi being brown? Across the pond, is Democrats' reluctance to bump Kamala up the presidential ticket also racially rooted? We ask similar questions of voting blocs in different democracies – how Blacks or Dalits or white suburban women or banlieues are tilting. The questions are legit, reflecting how identity politics has deepened everywhere. But the answers are complicated, because one brand of politics, say leftwing or rightwing, can host different kinds of identities.



Rishi is brown, but also rich, richer than his king. Keir Starmer is white, but was the first from his working-class family to go to uni, and he uses NHS. Class is as important a political identity marker as race or religion. Also, Conservatives' thumping has been on the cards since the Boris-Liz mess that made Rishi PM. But Kamala's identity is more of a millstone. She hasn't managed to make all her hyphenation cohere electorally, not to mention that US has never elected a woman prez. Over in France, identity politics has been shaped by the project of universalism disappointing both left and right. Neither is Marine Le Pen's chosen deputy quite cut to stereotype. He has Italian immigrant roots and grew up in a low-income, multi-ethnic Paris suburb.

Commensally, we know the good of identity politics lies in its balance, when it helps the fight for representation and rights, not when it vitiate into hatred or violence. Plus, identity is a matrix. Wearing one aspect on the sleeve is a strategic choice rather than the whole truth. Beyond the need to see both those elected or electing through multiple prisms, this means recognising that human society is built on different group affinities. The wonder of democracy is how it keeps all these negotiating with each other.

More Style, Less State

Why does India have so few fun parades?

The sea of cheering cricket fans along Marine Drive, Mumbai tells us something about us: why are pure fun parades so few and far between in this country?

In modern colours | The Republic Day parade is not as compelling as govts think it is. The reason is that it is a state-sponsored event. As are many other public shows. Then there are marches and processions taken out by netas and yatras to espouse causes and register protest which, while important, can be grim and boring.



What we need more of are parades that celebrate modern life and culture, filling our streets with colourful costumes, music, dance and pageantry. Think of Mardi Gras in New Orleans, or Samba parades in Rio's Carnival. Closer to our borders, the Chinese New Year parades are a spectacle to watch and envy. Ditto for Esala Perahera, or the tooth festival, in Sri Lanka.

Women also invited | The annual carnival in Goa could well be the thing the rest of India emulates. By drawing people across communities, such parades would reinforce our secular culture. They would also foster a stronger sense of community. Religious festivals, of course, already bring a lot of enjoyment to our streets. Guddi Padwa, the spring-time festival, is a good example of this. The sight of women revelling on Mumbai's roads, some even on motorbikes, is as heartening as it can get in a patriarchal society like ours. If there is a caveat at all, it is that we must make public spaces safe enough for women to join the party without reservations.

The Cold Truth About Your Cold Fridge

We gain in shelf life & supply, we lose in taste & conservation

Between farm and table, our food lives in refrigerators. **Frostbite: How Refrigeration Changed Our Food, Our Planet, and Ourselves** by Nicola Twilley is an investigation of this cold chain. It spans warehouses, trucks, shipping containers, display containers and domestic fridges. Mechanical cooling was only commercialised in late 1800s, and domesticated in 1920s. The artificial cryosphere, the vast synthetic winter we've built to preserve our food, has obvious benefits, and dangerous costs. Mechanical cooling is one of the leading culprits of global warming.

Palaeolithic snowpits and ancient icehouses show that we have always known the use of cold storage, but ice us from real facts of food production. Refrigeration takes enormous amounts of energy, has environmental costs as well as social and economic ones, edging out small farmers and diverse foods. Countries with developed cold chains waste the most food. The carbon footprint of livestock is huge, and refrigeration lets meat-eaters ignore the consequences of their consumption.

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For all the solid advantages of access and affordability, our food system is frostbitten: injured by exposure to the cold, the book argues. We need to keep all the old methods of preservation, instead of relying on the fridge as a one-size-fits-all fix.

We could use a modular approach for different foods, which respire differently – as modern 'smart' fridges try to do. Developing countries could reimagine the infrastructure of the cold chain, reducing the unwanted effects of scale and concentration, allowing farmers more independence with community cooling hubs.

In short, if we all start eating like America, we need a far bigger planet.

Who'll Fix Not-So-Great Britain?

Starmer's big majority won't help him run a country with soaring public debt and stretched gov't finances. He's supposed to be a technocrat. But, remember, so was Sunak

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In the end, it was sunshine and showers in Britain, the morning after it acted on the advice of one of its leading tabloids and changed its "manager". Despite Euro 2024, the reference was not to football and Rishi Sunak, the Conservative Party's last PM in its latest 14-year spell in govt, smoothly moved off the field. In concert, Keir Starmer, who is only the seventh Labour leader to become Britain's PM in the party's 125 years, swiftly assumed charge of Team GB.

As rain poured down, Britain was back in play, but it's not yet clear if it will be outlier or late starter in a Western political landscape that's increasingly marked by the embrace of populist rightwing Christian nationalism.

With this election, Britain has given its support – as well as a stonking majority – to a centre-left moderate technocratic govt. This comes at a time that countries across Europe and potentially US as well, are moving away from the political centre-ground and towards hard-right ethno-nationalism.

But the British govt's new chief executive is a former human rights lawyer. And by some accounts, this is the first time in 23 years that three of Britain's constituent countries – England, Scotland and Wales – have the same largest party, which suggests a more united nation than in years.

In the prosaic, tortured language so characteristic of Starmer then, this is a moment to "re-light the fire" and to feel the benediction offered by the "sunlight of hope".

But is it really? The election has shown that Britain's political climate is immensely volatile and could swing any which way. In 2019, Sunak's former boss Boris Johnson won an 80-seat majority in a giddy moment that suggested the Conservatives would hold power well into the 2030s on a fairly

insular programme that pulled up the drawbridge against Europe. But now, it's Starmer who is said to have won the chance for Labour to govern for at least a decade.

That said, Starmer's Labour takes charge of Britain with just 34% of the national vote, the lowest-ever winning share and only 10 points higher than the Conservatives, who haemorrhaged support to the anti-immigrant Reform Party.

Reform is led by Donald Trump's favourite Brit, arch-Brexiteer Nigel Farage. It could well be the embryonic English equivalent of France's far-right National Rally. The latter is currently surging to power in national elections. In a post on his Truth Social platform, Trump congratulated Farage for his "big WIN" in the parliamentary constituency he contested on July 4. But Reform's real victory could be deeper and more lasting.

Even so, despite the strong gusts of political heavy weather from across the English Channel and the Atlantic (as well as its actual weather), Britain's post-election choreography worked perfectly and the symbolism proved pitch perfect.

Sunak noted the long arc of history that yoked his destiny via his Indian immigrant grandparents to modern Britain. He said that "one of the most remarkable things" about Britain is "how unremarkable" it was he became PM within just two generations of his grandparents arriving in the country.

It was quite remarkable too he added that no one thought it extraordinary for his little daughters to light Diwali lamps on the steps of Downing Street.

It was a gracious, if pointed reference to Sunak's dizzying rise in frontline British politics, the first ethnic Indian and practising Hindu to become PM and the first to have an Indian-born-and-bred wife.

It says something that the Sunak family was propelled to national public attention less than a decade after the former investment banker was fielded in a safe Conservative Party constituency in Yorkshire. And

it's quite remarkable that most of the debate about Sunak has revolved around the quality of his political charisma rather than the colour of his skin.

For instance, there were few snide remarks when he met Heeramandi star Manisha Koirala at Downing Street during the election campaign to mark 100 years of the UK-Nepal friendship treaty.

However, in an indication of the difficulty of navigating this particular course, Sunak has made clear he will stand down as party leader as soon as possible, even as analysts predict a more decisive exit from British politics as a whole.

Interestingly, many see Sunak as almost a younger version of Starmer, who will take on his job as chief "manager" and coach of a small island with a historically big backstory but an increasingly dolorous record on productivity, investment opportunities and political stability.

Both men came to the job of politics as an afterthought. Both are sometimes described as monarchs. Both are technocrats who prescribe sober-minded guardianship of the treasury, something that's boring but essential in a country with impossibly stretched public finances and with govt debt soaring to its highest level since the 1960s.

Like Sunak, there is little to suggest that Starmer has much interest in the traditional British preoccupation with re-establishing Britain's "place in the world" because the country's concerns are so overwhelmingly domestic in this moment, its favourite pastime is navel-gazing.

But insularity is an illusion in a globalised world where climate change, supply chains and viruses respect no passports and brook no borders.



What Businesses Can Learn From RD Burman's Music

The great composer, who would have been 85 on June 27, and whose tunes are as popular as ever, showed how innovation and experimentation can build an enduring brand

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Taylor Swift (34) has over 110mn monthly listeners on Spotify. Arjitt Singh (37) has over 37mn. Rahul Dev (RD) Burman, who died in 1994 aged 54, has an impressive base of 9mn monthly listeners on Spotify – a platform born almost three decades after his death.

What draws such large numbers to RD, primarily a composer and not a singer like the other two superstars? Most of these 9mn listeners weren't even born when RD died. To them, and countless others outside Spotify, RD, or Pancham, or Boss, is way beyond a musical maestro. He's a friend whose melodies have become their lives' soundtrack through times good and bad.

RD would have turned 85 on June 27 – instructively, Brand RD is going strong and offers lessons in business management.

Like any strong brand, Brand RD is built on the core offering – his music. Like any strong brand, the value lies in aspects that embellished the music. His experimentation with new sounds that surprised listeners and critics, created the brand aura.

Chutzpah central | RD embraced new tech, recording techniques, and orchestrations, to alchemise the humdrum into sonic gold, creating genre-defying masterpieces. He crafted the grungy riffs of *Mehbooba Mehbooba* by literally blowing into beer bottles. The infectious accompaniment for opening bars of *Chura Liya* was the sound of spoons meeting teacups. From scraping sandpaper for a train's chug in *Hoga Tumse Pyara Kaun* to the Latino guiro's rhythmic callback on *Mere Saamne Wali Khidki Mein*, no sound was too outré for his canvas. Nor was any place. He even turned his assistant's back into a rhythm instrument for *Raat Gayi Baat Gayi* (*Darling Darling*).

In the era of Schumpeterian changes, businesses need to emulate Burman's innovative mindset and encourage continual experimentation and calculated risks to push creative and tech boundaries. Such daring is indispensable for any organisation seeking to stay ahead of the hypercompetition curve.

Team culture | One key factor contributing to Brand RD was his ability to assemble a team of highly talented and dedicated musicians. Burman had a keen eye – or ear – for spotting and nurturing talent, making his discoveries legends in their own right. Ranjit Gazmer, scouted from Darjeeling, was transformed by RD into a percussion expert beyond core drumming. Doyen of Indian jazz Louiz Banks was spotted playing the piano in a Kolkata restaurant by a cigarette chugging man in thick glasses, listening intently with a smile. That was RD, who asked Banks to join his team despite the latter's initial hesitancy. Banks turned up in Mumbai and was asked to compose and play the opening piano solo of *Suhaani Chandni Raatein* (*Mukti*). Banks never left Mumbai.

RD also fostered collaboration, letting team members leave unique imprints on his compositions. This culture of trust and creative freedom enabled him to extricate people's artistic best. Case in point – when Gazmer first met RD, he played the composer a little piece of his own. Days later, during a song recording for the iconic *Hare Rama Hare Krishna*, Gazmer was amazed to find RD had incorporated that piece into the song *Kancha re*. RD nicknamed him 'Kancha', a moniker that stuck.

Business leaders know a successful team requires identifying and nurturing talent and creating an environment that fosters collaboration and innovation. Encouraging professional development, open commu-

nication, and autonomy, companies can unlock a workforce's potential.

Genuine gem | Brand RD was built on authenticity. He redefined norms in a unique fusion of Indian classical and Western rhythm. Brand gurus talk about brand authenticity – staying true to core values and ethos. His non-conformist authenticity ensured his brand's longevity.

He was all brand equity, stylised voice to trademark cap, synonymous with innovation. In today's competitive market, where personal branding is paramount, RD teaches us the importance of cultivating a distinct identity that resonates with audiences.

Adept at adapting | His ability to evolve with time underscores a crucial lesson. That he was ahead of his time was evident when the famed trio of Gulzar-RD-Asha Bhosle came out with *Dil Padosi Hai*, a private album, in 1987. It didn't sell well then, but now music aficionados have rediscovered this string of pearls.

From vinyl to streaming, his compositions seamlessly transitioned between eras. Businesses must similarly adapt to changing landscapes, without losing sight of core values.

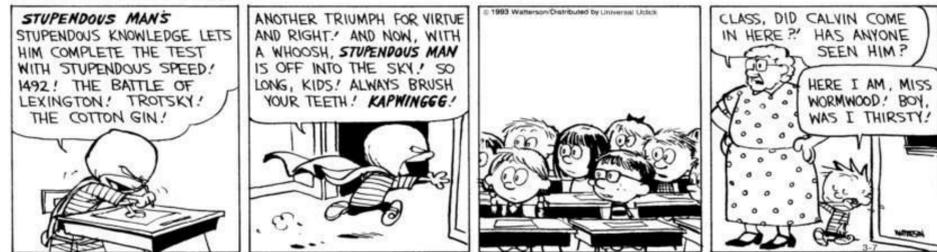
Legacy lines | A brand's staying power depends on creating a legacy that transcends fads and geography. RD's music's universal appeal transcends both, captivating audiences across ages and beyond borders. He understood the power of music across cultures and got Jose Flores, the Latin rock artist, to collaborate on an album called *Pantera*.

RD's genius lay in a culmination of authenticity, innovation, and ability to inspire and lead – principles that create iconic brands. It's a tune businesses would be wise to sing.

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In the annals of recent memory, the spectacle of our beloved 'boys in blue' shedding tears has captured the collective heart of our nation. These tears, emanating from sheer joy and happiness, have been a poignant experience for every Indian. Witnessing our icons openly display their emotions – be it through jubilant Bhangra, ecstatic jumping, affectionate kissing, triumphant shouting, or heartfelt crying – has been profoundly moving. It is a testament to the breaking of the antiquated taboo that men should not cry.

Tears, the divine endowment from God, are the purest expression of human emotion. Traditionally, the realm of tears was seen as exclusively feminine, a biased belief that men must always remain stoic. However, this archaic perception is rapidly being dismantled. Men, too, are

blessed with emotions and the ability to express them. When a believer is struck by a calamity, the tears that flow are a soulful turning towards the Divine, irrespective of gender. Humanity often awaits grand, mystical signs, but those with a lively consciousness find profound meaning in the quotidian happenings around them. Their hearts beat in tandem with the roll of thunder and the flash of lightning, and as raindrops fall, tears stream down their faces.

God holds in high regard the individual who uncovers truth through personal intellectual effort, who perceives the Divine in the unseen realms, who champions absolute truth, whose soul is immersed in God's love, and whose eyes weep with reverence. The shedding of tears lightens the burden on one's heart, and in the intimate whispers shared with the Divine, one feels a profound

sense of fulfilment. In contemporary society, men coexist and interact within a complex web of social relationships. Trust and mutual confidence are paramount in maintaining this intricate social fabric. Agreements and decisions between individuals often require solemn oaths, invoking God's name to underscore their gravity.

The breach of such agreements disrupts social harmony and hinders constructive progress. There are two ways to solemnise an agreement in God's name: one is through the formal utterance of an oath, and the other involves an implicit reference to the Divine. Breaking an agreement sanctified by God's name is particularly egregious, revealing a troubling hypocrisy – using God's name to gain trust while disregarding divine principles for personal gain.

Sacredspace

If you're put on a pedestal, you're supposed to behave yourself like a pedestal type of person. Pedestals actually have a limited circumference. Not much room to move around.

Margaret Atwood

Why Do We Tell Men Not To Cry



Empathy and a well-wishing mentality can infuse any discourse with a transformative power. Let us strive to bring this empathy and understanding to our societal discourse, where everyone's emotions are respected and valued. Let us strive to instill in our young men the invaluable lesson of expressing their emotions rather than stifling their feelings of joy, happiness, sadness, or sorrow. The act of expression, far from diminishing their masculinity, lightens the soul and alleviates the burdens of mental stress. There is no rationale for one to carry the heavy load of unspoken emotions. Rather, true strength lies in the courage to reveal one's inner emotional landscape. It's time we challenge the societal norms that dictate men should be stoic and unemotional and instead empower them to express their feelings openly. This change will benefit the individual and contribute to a more empathetic society.



DIKSHA DAGAR RISES TO TIED 4TH IN LONDON EVENT, TVESA MAKES CUT; PRANAVI RETIRES



TADEJ POGACAR KEEPS OVERALL TOUR DE FRANCE LEAD, REMCO EVENEPOEL WINS TIME-TRIAL

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Pak to host B'desh, Eng and Windies

Karachi: Pakistan on Friday announced Test matches against Bangladesh, England and the West Indies -- as well as a one-day tri-series -- in a jam-packed schedule lasting until February next year. Bangladesh will first visit Pakistan in August for two Tests, followed by three Tests against England in October and then two against the West Indies in January.

Xaily shines: Xaily, Super Marvella, Corinthian and Yukan shone well during the try-outs at Bangalore on Friday. Outer-sand: 600m: Xaily (J Chinoy) - 44secs: shone well. Super Marvella (Rb) - 45secs: fully in hands. Corinthian (J Chinoy) - 45 secs: moved nicely. AFP/TNN

ACTION TODAY

AUTO: F1, British GP, Qualifying, 7.30 pm (Fan-code); **BADMINTON:** Canada Open, QFs, 9.30 pm (Jiocinema); **CRICKET:** India vs Zimbabwe, 1st T20I, 4 pm (Sony Sports); **FOOTBALL:** Euro 24, QFs, England vs Switzerland, 9.30 pm; Netherlands vs Turkey, 12.30 am Sunday (Sony Sports); **TENNIS:** Wimbledon, 3.30 pm (Star)

Alcaraz flaunts tricks in tricky game

Spaniard Rallies Past Battling Tiafoe; Paolini Has Andreescu's Number

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London: Carlos Alcaraz can do it all on a tennis court — delicate touch, thunderous winners; he can sprint and stretch, lend spin to a shot like an artist adds colour to a canvas or change direction with such ease that it would put rogue motorists to shade.

If the 21-year-old's play wasn't gorgeous and scrumptious, it would be obnoxious.

Alcaraz, Wimbledon's defending champion, showcased his range on Centre Court on a dank, dismal Friday, making up for the sun with his own sparkle. The world No. 3 rallied to beat the 29th-ranked American Frances Tiafoe 5-7, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (6-2), 6-2 to move into the fourth round.

Alcaraz, who lives dangerously, scoring 16 aces and 55 winners, fittingly finished with a stellar drop shot of a single-hand-



FINDING A WAY: Carlos Alcaraz in action on Friday

ed backhand that left Tiafoe stranded behind the baseline after almost four hours in the middle.

"Obviously, it's a big challenge playing Frances," Alcaraz said.

"As I said many times, he's a really talented player. Tough to face. He showed it once again that he deserves to be at the top. He de-

serves to fight for big things. It was difficult for me to adapt my game and find solutions and try to put him in trouble. Happy to do it at the end of the match."

The fourth set tie-break was where the match turned for Alcaraz, who had won his previous encounter against Tiafoe, also in five sets

in the semifinals of the 2022 US Open. The Spaniard shot to a 4-0 lead, but on the sixth point of the tie-break, Tiafoe slipped on the baseline, coming down on his knee and struggling to get back on his feet.

Alcaraz had one eye on his opponent, even asking if he needed help when he crossed over at the change of ends. Suffice to say that Tiafoe wasn't the same again. "In the tie-break, I always tell myself to go for it," Alcaraz said. "If I lose, then I lose going for my shots."

Playing under the roof on another rain-hit at Wimbledon, Alcaraz changed gears in the fifth set, ripping a forehand winner in the third game to break the 26-year-old's serve at 15-40.

Tiafoe, who was playing with a knee brace, retired at Queen's due to a right hip injury during his first-round match. He had earlier talked about the slump in form. He was ranked in the top-10 in June last year; this year he was just about seeded. Even though

In the women's draw, seventh seed Jasmine Paolini defeated

IMPORTANT RESULTS (DAY 5, ROUND 3)

Men: Tommy Paul (12) def. Alexander Bublik (23), 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; Grigor Dimitrov (10) def. Gael Monfils 6-3, 6-4, 6-3; Carlos Alcaraz bt Frances Tiafoe 5-7, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (7/2), 6-2

Women: Jasmine Paolini (7) def. Bianca Andreescu 7-6 (4), 6-1. Emma Navarro (19) def. Diana Shnaider 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; Lulu Sun def. Zhu Lin 7-6 (4), 7-6 (6); Madison Keys (12) def. Marta Kostyuk (18) 6-4, 6-3; Paula Badosa def. Daria Kasatkina (14) 7-6 (6), 4-6, 6-4.

Bianca Andreescu in the third round of a second straight major, winning 7-6 (4), 6-1 to make the second week of Wimbledon for the first time.

Paolini had triumphed at the same stage of Roland Garros, Andreescu's first tournament back after a nine-month injury layoff.

Give your 100%, PM tells athletes bound for Paris

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday engaged in a delightful exchange with Olympic gold medalist javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, reminding him of a cherished delicacy from his home state Haryana — the 'choorma' — prepared by his mother, as he hosted a gathering of India's top athletes who will be competing at the upcoming Paris Olympic Games.

"Mera choorma abhi tak aaya nahi (I haven't received my choorma yet)," PM Modi jokingly told the gold medalist, who is a favourite to retain his dominance in Paris. The champion thrower, responded, "Is baar Haryana wala choorma khilayenge sir, pichli baar Delhi ka cheeni wala wala khaya tha" (This time I will treat you with choorma from Haryana; last time we had the sugary one from Delhi)."

After their humorous banter, Prime Minister Modi wholeheartedly wished Neeraj and the entire Indian contingent the very best for the Paris Olympics. His words of encouragement, urging them to stay fit and injury-free, resonated with the athletes' determination and resilience.

"Don't get lost in the magnitude of the Olympics because that can break your focus. We need to have faith in our talent, and the focus should be on it, and it will produce results," Modi said in his address. "Whether you get medals or not, there is no issue, just give your 100 per cent."

Modi also emphasised on the need to give the body ample rest, saying, "In the world of sports, practice and consistency are important, but the same level of importance should also be given to sleep. Good sleep is very important for sports or any other field."

During interaction, Chopra shared his fitness concerns, PV Sindhu talked about the significance of self-belief and Nikhat Zareen shared her excitement about being a first-time Olympian.

I want to play forever, says tearful Murray

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London: Time stood still for a moment at this south-west London suburb. The air was rich with applause and appreciation that echoed across the sporting landscape.

The light had faded, and darkness was dropping down like a veil on Church Road. It was not quite the end, but we were almost there.

Andy Murray and his brother Jamie were beaten 6-7 (6-8), 4-6 by

the Australian duo Rinky Hijikata and John Peers in the first round of the men's doubles in what is the 37-year-old's farewell Wimbledon.

The two-time champion is recovering from back surgery that forced him out of the singles draw, but he still has mixed-doubles, where he'll partner compatriot Emma Raducanu.

The former No.1 will play the Olympics at Roland Garros later this month in a final act of 'the

spirit is willing, but the body is breaking' performance. "Obviously I want to play forever, but I can't," an emotional Murray told Centre Court and a drunk-on-love Murray Mound. "I love this sport..."

The All-England Club persuaded Sue Barker out of retirement to interview Murray on the occasion. A montage also featuring his greatest rivals — Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic — reminded Murray of his legend.

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— TURKIYE'S SPORTS MINISTER OSMAN ASKIN KAK SAID ON MERIH DEMIRAL'S BAN

GRAN MERINO!

Substitute's Last-Gasp Goal Sends Spain To Semis After Dramatic Extra-Time Win Over Germany; Olmo Stars With Opening Goal, Assist

Stuttgart: Substitute Mikel Merino's header off a Dani Olmo cross in the 119th minute put Spain in the semifinals and the hosts Germany out of Euro 2024 here on Friday.

It was a fitting end to a tie that for most parts lived up to its top billing — touted as a final before the final — with both teams stretched to the extreme after sparring with each other in the warm afternoon sun.

Just when it seemed headed for the penalty shootout, Merino rose over a faltering Antonio Rudiger in the German box and headed past Manuel Neuer in goal.

Earlier, Florian Wirtz's last-gasp equalizer sent the tie to extra-time after both teams were tied 1-1 in their quarter-final. Spain were on the verge of eliminating the hosts of a major tournament for the first time in 10 attempts after substitute Olmo's strike early in the second half.

Olmo came on for a tearful Pedri in the eighth minute — the fastest replacement in Euro history — after the Spain youngster suffered from a couple of hefty challenges.

In a late onslaught, Nico Fullkrug hit the post before the leveller from Wirtz.

Several players from both sides were booked and will be suspended for Tuesday's semifinal against Portugal or France. Spain's veteran defender Dani Carvajal, who had had a good game keeping Germany's advance at bay, was sent off late in extra time for a second yellow card for a foul on Jamal Musiala in the dying moments of the match. Carvajal will be suspended for Tuesday's semifinal.

The result ended the career of Germany's Toni Kroos.

Spain's youngsters were frustrated by an aggressive and physical approach by Germany, and it was goalless at the break.

Kroos was lucky not to be booked for a mistimed challenge that upended Spain midfielder Pedri. Another hefty challenge moments later



SPAIN	2
Olmo 51, Merino 119	
GERMANY	1
Wirtz 89	

HERO OF OUR TIMES: Mikel Merino (C) heads the winner in Stuttgart on Friday

"It was the game we expected. Because we were facing one of the world's best teams. This could have been a final, and it sure played out that way. This was a game between elite teams, a constant back and forth and we showed we have a great team." — Merino

"It wasn't cagey, was it? Some teams would sit at half-time of extra-time but both teams went for it. Love it. The winning goal was about getting the ball wide and bodies in the box. Just like the old days" — Roy Keane, EXPERT

21 Florian Wirtz is the youngest player to score for Germany in the European Championship knockout stages.

1 Germany's defeat was their first in the Euro quarter-final ties, having previously won all four of their last-eight ties.

4 This was only the fourth match in Euros history to see three different players score as a substitute — after Russia v Czech Republic in 1996 and Italy v Austria and Croatia v Spain both in 2020 (well 2021).

saw Pedri leave the field injured and in tears as he was replaced by Olmo. It didn't deter the Germans' physical approach and Antonio Rudiger was booked for bringing down Olmo just outside the area. From the resulting free kick, Lamine Yamal almost became the youngest ever goal-scorer at the tournament, but the

16-year-old's effort flashed past the right post. Germany's best chance came in the 21st and the crowd was up on its feet as Joshua Kimmich strode down the right flank before floating in a cross, but Kai Havertz's header went straight to goalkeeper Unai Simon. Germany defender David Raum was also booked.

UEFA bans Turkiye's Demiral for two games

Gesture Discrimination: But Bellingham Escapes With A Fine



Hamburg: UEFA handed a two-match ban to Turkish soccer player Merih Demiral for a politically-charged "wolf" celebration and fined England's Jude Bellingham 30,000 euros (\$32,469) for a crotch-grabbing gesture at Euro 2024.

Centre back Demiral will now miss Turkey's quarterfinal against the Netherlands, though midfielder Bellingham can play for England against Switzerland, both on Saturday. He also got a one-match ban but suspended depending on good behaviour. Demiral, 26, mimicked the shape of a wolf's head with his fingers after his second goal in Turkey's win over Austria in the last 16. The gesture is linked to Turkey's far-right "Grey Wolves" group and was condemned as racist by Germany.

UEFA said he was being punished "for failing to comply with the general principles of conduct, for violating the basic rules of decent conduct, for using sports events for manifestations of a non-sporting nature and for bringing the sport of football into disrepute."

In Bellingham's case, after scoring a stunning bicycle kick to keep England in the game, he kissed his hand and lowered it to his groin at the final whistle in a 2-1 win over Slovakia that took his team to the quarterfinals. His fine and suspended one-match ban were "for violating the basic rules of decent conduct," UEFA said in its statement. "Said suspension is not immediately enforced and is subject to a probationary period of one year, starting from the date of the present decision," it added.

In the latest of a slew of sanctions against participating countries for fan misbehaviour, UEFA

also fined the English Football Association 10,000 Euros for crowd disturbances and 1,000 Euros for lighting of fireworks during the Slovakia game.

There was no immediate reaction from England's FA.

Bellingham said his gesture was not aimed at Slovakia, as some interpreted it, but for a laugh with friends. "An inside joke gesture towards some close friends who were at the game. Nothing but respect for how that Slovakia team played tonight," he said hours after the game.

Amid the furore over Demiral's gesture, Turkey's President Tayyip Erdogan was planning to attend his nation's game in Berlin on Saturday, Turkish media have reported.

"Does anybody ask why the German national jersey has an eagle, or the French jersey a rooster? Merih (Demiral) showed his excitement with that gesture," Erdogan was quoted as telling reporters on Thursday on a flight from Kazakhstan. The "Grey Wolves", whose symbol Demiral evoked, is an ultra-nationalist youth branch of Turkey's Nationalist Movement Party (MHP), an ally of Erdogan's ruling AK Party. Established in the 1960s, the "Grey Wolves" were involved in political violence between leftists and nationalists that killed some 5,000 people around the time of a 1980 coup. REUTERS



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WARMING UP: Switzerland's players attend a training session in Stuttgart

Spunky Switzerland stand before England

Dusseldorf: Saved by a dramatic late fightback to beat Slovakia, Gareth Southgate will take charge of England's Euro 2024 quarterfinal against Switzerland under pressure to tear up his tactical plan.

The Three Lions have stumbled their way through to the last eight.

Yet history could still beckon for Southgate's men in Germany.

England are the highest ranked side left on the "soft" side of the draw with Turkey or the Netherlands waiting in the semifinals should they manage to defeat the Swiss in Dusseldorf.

Switzerland promise to be a step up from anything England have faced at the tournament so far. Failure to change tack is likely to see Southgate bow out as

England boss invite a tidal wave of criticism for failing to make the most of the talent at his disposal. Southgate has so far stuck to his guns with 10 of the same 11 starting all four matches.

There will be one enforced change to face the Swiss as defender Marc Guehi is suspended. But it is further forward that Southgate faces bigger challenges to correct England's imbalance.

Any questions over Jude Bellingham's role as a number 10 appear to have been wiped away by his stunning overhead kick deep into stoppage time against Slovakia to keep England alive.

Switzerland forward Steven Zuber said, "I really hope that we don't set limits for ourselves. I hope this mentality of thinking

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that certain boundaries cannot be crossed has disappeared," Zuber said. "It is not possible to regularly beat important teams, although the so-called favourites may run into difficulties," he said.



ARDA GULER

CODY GAKPO

NETHERLANDS VS TURKIYE
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IT'S TIME FOR GAKPO, GULER

Berlin: Cody Gakpo and Arda Guler endured frustrating seasons but both have established themselves as their teams' vital players as the Netherlands face Turkey in a Euro 2024 quarterfinal clash on Saturday in Berlin.

Netherlands won the competition for the first and only time in 1988, with Ronald Koeman, Ruud Gullit, Frank Rijkaard and Marco van Basten among a talented squad. The current roster is less illustrious but Liverpool left winger Gakpo, 25, is successfully staking his claim to be their leading light, with three goals this summer.

Overshadowed by Mohamed Salah at Anfield, where he has played inconsistently, Gakpo has burst into life in Germany as a

constant threat coming in off the left. Half of the forward's 12 goals for his country have come at major tournaments, with three at the World Cup two years ago.

With another he will match compatriots and former stars Ruud van Nistelrooy and Arjen Robben on seven.

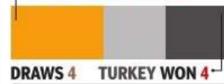
At the other end, Real Madrid attacker Guler is Turkey's main weapon. After months of injury problems, Guler burst into life in the final weeks of the season.

With the Spanish title won, Carlo Ancelotti let Guler loose and he blossomed at the perfect time to take the creative controls for Turkey this summer. The 19-year-old scored a stunning effort against Georgia in Turkey's thrill-

NETHERLANDS VS TURKEY

Olympiastadion

HEAD TO HEAD (14 games)



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ing opening win and created both of his team's goals against Austria in the 2-1 last 16 win with set pieces. "He put in a great performance," said Turkey coach Vincenzo Montella. AGENCIES

Berlin's Turks stoked for quarterfinal 'home game'

Berlin: Members of Berlin's large Turkish community have vowed to paint the town red when their team comes to the German capital to play the Netherlands on Saturday.

"The atmosphere will be like a home game for us," said Muhammet Ali Sevilimis, 36, who runs a phone repair shop in Berlin's Kreuzberg district. There will be "mainly Turks in the stadium", predicted Sevilimis, who himself forked out 500 euros (\$540) for a ticket after Turkey's victory over Austria to reach the quarter-finals.

"For us Turks, it doesn't really matter whether it's 100 euros more or less. The main thing is that we're in the stadium celebrating on the day," he said.

Sevilimis will be joined in Berlin's Olympiastadion by Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The Turkish leader has announced his attendance amid a spiralling diplomatic row over an alleged ultra-nationalist hand sign made by Turkish defender Merih Demiral during his team's win over Austria. UEFA on Friday banned the player for two games over the hand gesture which it said flouted the "rules of decent conduct", prompting fury from Ankara which blasted the decision as "unfair and biased".

Turkey had already been riled by Berlin's condemnation of the hand gesture, with the Turkish foreign ministry calling it "xenophobia". AFP

Dibu does it again!

Goalkeeper's Shootout Heroics Takes Argentina To Semis After Messi Miss

Houston: With two spectacular saves in a penalty shootout and a hip-shaking dance to celebrate, Argentina's Emi Martinez was at his flamboyant best against Ecuador in the Copa America.

The showman goalie's performance saved his captain Lionel Messi's blushes after he had clipped his penalty onto the crossbar, taking favourites Argentina into the semifinals despite a shaky performance against far lower-ranked opponents. It also extended the 31-year-old's penalty record with Argentina to an astonishing 50%. Of 24 penalties faced for the national side, Martinez has saved nine with three off target.

"Dibu's an animal. What he's doing is crazy," said grateful teammate Rodrigo De Paul, using his nickname from a cartoon character.

In Houston on Thursday night, Martinez was unable to reprise the more controversial mind games he has used in the past: trash talking with penalty-tak-

"I told the boys I wasn't ready to go home. They weren't either. We are champions of the world and of (South) America, this team deserved to go on. I got a bit carried away by the crowd. We didn't give the game that people wanted to see, but in the end we won." — Emi Martinez

ers as they walk up, moving the ball away, arguing with the referee.

After such antics at the World Cup helped Argentina to shootout wins over the Netherlands and France, the International Football Association Board (IFAB) changed its rules to say goalkeepers must not "unfairly distract" opponents.

Some dubbed it the "anti-Dibu" law. However, Ecuador's record goalscorer Enner Valencia was sufficiently unnerved by just the presence of Martinez



UNREACHABLE: Emiliano Martinez saves a penalty from Ecuador's Alan Minda

to hit his penalty against the post in normal time. When the game ended 1-1 and went to spot kicks, Martinez's charisma was on full show: pumping up fans before diving first to his left then to his right in two magnificent saves from Ecuador's Angel Mena and Alan Minda.

Cue the wobbly dance, famous from the Qatar World Cup. "I knew that 'Dibu' would come good,

he loves those moments, he rises to them," said a relieved Messi.

"He had faith in himself. Even before the game he was joking that if it went to penalties, we should relax."

Martinez's latest heroics mean he has won all four penalty shootouts with Argentina at major tournaments, the most famous being against France to lift the 2022 World Cup.

MARTINEZ THE WALL

● His most famous performance of all, of course, was in the Qatar World Cup final against France when not only did he save from Kingsley Coman but his mind games put added pressure on Aurelien Tchouameni who missed his kick as Argentina won the shootout 4-2.

● Against the Netherlands in the Qatar World Cup quarters, he saved two Dutch spot-kicks.

● Against Colombia, in the Copa semifinal in Brazil in 2021, he saved the shots taken by Davinson Sanchez, Yerry Mina and Edwin Cardona in the shootout.

"In penalty-kick situations, Martinez has one of the most aggressive and disruptive approaches that you will ever see," wrote a fellow goalkeeper Matt Pyzdrowski that year.

"His ultimate aim is to put as much pressure on the taker as possible and create a moment of hesitation or doubt during their run-up. And as we've seen time and again in recent years, it works."

Martinez's larger-than-life personality has made him an idol to Argentines and fans of his Premier League club Aston Villa. But his unsportsmanlike penalty an-

THE SHOOTOUT

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Xhaka <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Minda <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mac Allister <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yeboah <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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tics prior to the rule change angered some, as did his mockery of France's losing captain Kylian Mbappe in 2022 and a notorious phallic gesture with the Golden Glove in front of his Qatari hosts.

Against Ecuador, however, Rodriguez showed a gentlemanly side, consoling counterpart Alexander Dominguez after Ecuador were knocked out.

Hoarse from the emotion, Martinez said there was no magic formula to his penalty record, with old-fashioned hard work the platform. "I throw myself 500 times a day in training. I always stay in good form," he said. REUTERS

'Intensity in fielding played a major role in India's success'

Team Believed They Could Do Magic In Any Situation, Says Fielding Coach Dilip

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Hyderabad: Like the iconic image of MS Dhoni hitting a six to clinch ODI World Cup for India in 2011, Suryakumar Yadav's catch on the long-off boundary to dismiss David Miller off Hardik Pandya that turned the T20 World Cup final in India's favour will be etched in the minds of Indian fans forever.

Fielding coach TK Dilip from Hyderabad was the man behind India's electrifying efforts on the field. The intensity in fielding played a major role in India's success at the mega event, he said. Speaking to TOI on Friday on his return from Barbados, Dilip was overwhelmed by the reception Team India was accorded on arrival home.

"The atmosphere was fantastic in Mumbai. It was unreal. The way people turned up, thanks to the Mumbai crowd who were there yesterday. I could see why cricket is such a popular sport here," he said of the parade in Mumbai on Thursday.

That fielding played an integral part in the triumph delighted the coach. "Winning the World Cup through a catch and fielding being part of such a big occasion is the best feeling as a fielding coach. Overall, our fielding was excellent and taking such catches in high-pressure situations shows the work we put in behind the scenes. We have been clinical. Playing in different grounds like in New York, Florida in the US, I wouldn't say was difficult, but it was challenging. We were always adapting to conditions," he explained.



I wouldn't say favourite but Surya's catch in the final was very important in the context of the game. Axar's catch of (Mitchell) Marsh against Australia changed the momentum. Even Matthew Wade's catch at short third by Kuldeep (Yadav), Axar Patel's one-handed and even (Mohammed) Siraj's catch at the boundary, all these little moments played a crucial role. It is unfair to pick one as every catch had its own significance in that particular game.

—TK Dilip

Winning the World Cup is the most memorable moment of his life. "I cannot put it in words. But I want to say is that this is one of the best feelings of my life. Coming so close to winning the ODI World Cup was painful and we are glad that we could cross that hurdle in a T20 World Cup. At one point, there was only a 3% chance of winning. But our 11 on the field and the rest of us believed even when the equation was 30 runs from 30 balls. Everybody believed that we could do magic even in that situation. That is the main reason we ended on the positive side of the result."

When asked to pick his favourite catch, he said, "I wouldn't say favourite but Surya's catch in the final was very important in the context of the game.

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The fielding medal ceremony after every match, a brainchild of Dilip, which was introduced during the ODI World Cup last year, is the most anticipated post-match ceremony. Talking about the reason for introducing the fielding medal, he said, "What made me come up with the idea was that it's usually batters or bowlers who get the man of the match award. Very rarely do we see a fielder getting a man of the match award. Fielding is as important as batting and bowling. If you look at the bigger picture of the game, 80% of the time we are fielding. So, I thought it was time to reward that as well. Credit goes to the players because they have taken it with such pleasure. It is something which has also helped them push their boundaries. I am happy that it helped create that environment we were looking for."

Dilip succeeded another Hyderabad, R Sridhar, as India's fielding coach and his contract ended along with that of coach Rahul Dravid and the support staff. Asked about his experience with the Indian team, the 44-year-old said: "In my last 2-1/2 years with the team, Virat Kohli, Jadhava and others were still doing what they were doing all these years. Yes, they got better every day. That attitude also rubs on to youngsters."

What next after the World Cup high? "I am savouring the World Cup victory. I want to live in this moment now. As and when something comes along, I will make that decision."

New-look team, fresh start

India Begin T20 Journey Without Virat And Rohit Against Zimbabwe

Harare: A new-look Indian T20 team would embark on a journey of self-discovery without their constant talismans, Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, hoping to unearth their mainstays for the future in a five-match series against Zimbabwe starting here on Saturday.

Even as the euphoria of T20 World Cup triumph sweeps through the length and breadth of India, Shubman Gill, who was a reserve in that squad, will hit a refresh button along with a bunch of IPL performers.

All the fresh faces are expected to make their international debut during the series scheduled to be played entirely in the Zimbabwean capital.

Two young men, who are lined for debut could be Punjab's Abhishek Sharma, who had a stupendous IPL for Sunrisers Hyderabad and the young lad from Assam Rryan Parag, who has given ample demonstration of his capabilities as a competent T20 batter. Both of them tick all the boxes for this format.

While over the past few years, Rohit and Kohli have skipped a lot of bilateral series, especially in the shortest format, their international retirement from the format is bound to be felt more strongly.

The skills and quality that the two modern greats brought to the table will be hard to replicate but as it is the order of nature, the old guard has to



Abhishek Sharma may make his India debut today

make way for the new one.

Zimbabwe certainly aren't the most formidable opposition but in T20 format, the gulf between sides is comparatively lesser than the other two traditional forms of the game.

Shivam Dube, Sanju Samson, and Yashasvi Jaiswal will be available from the third match onwards and some of the young men would only get a couple of games to prove their mettle.

While skipper Shubman Gill is expected to open, one needs to see whether Abhishek gets his maiden India cap or Rituraj Gaikwad ends up being the chosen one.

In case Abhishek opens, Gaikwad could come in at No. 3 or swap positions with the Punjab southpaw. Parag's chances of a debut are brighter compared to Abhishek as he can bat at No. 4 in the first match, a slot he made his own for the Royals.

Rinku Singh, the designated finisher of the Indian T20 team for years to come, is expected to arrive at No. 5 in this new look line-up while one among Jitesh Sharma or Dhruv Jurel will bat at No. 6 while donning the big gloves. PTI

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"I think we're very fortunate to have a player like Sikandar Raza leading the side. He brings great experience. We want him to lead from the front."

Justin Sammons,
ZIMBABWE COACH

New-Gen India stars hail T20 WC triumph: India's triumph in the T20 World Cup found its resonance in Gen-Next stars such as Shubman Gill and Rryan Parag who termed it as an "inspiration" while vowing to bring more glory to the nation

"This must have been very special for all of them, and special for me. They have been working very hard for this. So, it's a feather in the cap," Gill told BCCI TV. Parag called the victory an inspiration to all budding players. PTI

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Brits' attacking show floors India in first T20I

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Chennai: Opener Tazmin Brits' stellar 56-ball 81 (10x4; 3x6) and a fine bowling show set up South Africa's 12-run win over India in the opening T20 contest here on Friday. The victory at the MA Chidambaram Stadium was South Africa's first in their tour, having lost the ODI series (0-3) and the one-off Test.

Asked to bat, the Proteas put up a competitive 189/4, which at one point looked gettable by the formidable Indian

line-up, but the home side lost steam after a promising start. India's problems began earlier with their sloppy fielding and wayward bowling. It was compounded by their inability to find the gaps in the middle-overs, which left them to score 65 off the last five overs. Chasing 190, India made a brisk start with Shafali Verma (18) and Smriti Mandhana (46, 30b; 7x4 2x6) adding 56 runs off 32 balls for the opening wicket.

South Africa's Ayabonga Khaka broke the stand, dismissing Shafali, who offered



Brits plays a shot during her knock

an outside edge to wicketkeeper Sinalo Jafta. When Smriti and D Hemalatha (14) looked to accelerate, Jafta once again came to the fore and

pocketed Smriti's catch off Chloe Tryon. Later, skipper Harmanpreet Kaur (35) and Jemimah Rodrigues (53n.o, 30b; 7x4, 1x6) tried to pull India out of the deep hole but fell short. The penultimate over bowled by Khaka saw two fours and a six being hit, leaving the hosts with 21 runs to get in the final over. Nonkululeko Mlaba, after conceding a boundary, kept it tight to deny the Indians.

Earlier, Brits and Laura Wolvaardt (33, 22b; 3x4, 2x6) flattened the Indian attack with exquisite stroke play.

Wolvaardt, was handed a lifetime on 22, when substitute fielder Shreyanka Patil grassed a sitter. But Wolvaardt managed only 10 more runs before Radha Yadav disturbed her leg stump. Marizanne Kapp (57 off 33b; 8x4, 1x6) then took over, punishing Radha with back-to-back boundaries to begin her innings.

Brief scores: South Africa 189-4 in 20 overs (Tazmin Brits 81, Marizanne Kapp 57, Pooja Vastrakar 2-23). India 177-4 in 20 overs (Smriti Mandhana 46, Jemimah Rodrigues 53). SA won by 12 runs.

Sitwala clinches Asian billiards crown

Bengaluru: Dhruv Sitwala came up with the goods when it mattered to annex the Asian billiards crown with a workmanlike 5-2 win over Pankaj Advani in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on Friday. On the adjacent table, Anupama Ramachandran won her maiden Asian women's snooker title with a gritty 3-1 win over Panchaya Channo of Thailand.

Rajawat, Treesa-Gayatri pair enter quarters of Canada Open: Rising Indian shuttler Priyanshu Rajawat continued his fine form and advanced to the men's singles

quarterfinal of the Canada Open with a straight-game win over Japan's Takuma Obayashi in Calgary, Rajawat,

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world no. 39, defeated 33rd ranked Obayashi 21-19 in 38 minutes. Besides Rajawat, the third-seeded Indian women's doubles duo of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand also progressed to the quarters.

Pragg holds Caruana, Gukesh draws with Giri: Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa played out a draw with Fabiano Caruana of the

United States, while world championship challenger D Gukesh also split points with Dutchman Anish Giri in the eighth and penultimate round of the Superbet Classic chess tournament in Bucharest.

Diksha rises to tied 4th in Aramco Series London, Tvesa makes cut: Diksha Dagar shot a bogey-free 5-under 68, best round of the second day, to rise 45 places to tied fourth spot at the Aramco Series London. Another Indian Tvesa Malik (73-77) was 4-over and T-41st, as top 60 and ties made the cut at the Par-73. AGENCIES

Scrapping exam totally will hurt lakhs of honest students: Centre

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It is submitted that in the absence of any proof of any largescale breach of confidentiality in a pan-India examination, it would not be rational to scrap the entire examination and the results already declared... In any examination, there are competing rights that have been created whereby the interests of a large number of students who have taken the examination without adopting any alleged unfair means must not also be jeopardised. Scrapping the exam in entirety would seriously jeopardise lakhs of honest candidates..." the Centre said in its affidavit.

NTA, too, has taken a similar stand, saying, "the alleged paper leak in Patna... the number of such candidates who have allegedly been helped in this manner against unlawful payment appears to be minuscule". "Cancellation of the entire examination has apparently and prima facie not arisen, hence the entire examination pan-India involving more than 23 lakh students does not require to be cancelled," it said.

"It is submitted that the present case is not a case wherein the entire examination process conducted across at 4,750 centres in 571 cities, including 14 cities abroad, has suffered systematic failures as it has not been vitiated by all pervasive factors of unfair means or paper leak etc," it said.

Referring to data analysis of results of the students who indulged in unfair means, NTA said that they did not make the mark despite irregularities and "would not be entitled for admission to medical colleges of primary importance".

As the allegations of paper leak and malpractices hit headlines, many students moved Supreme Court seeking direction to the Centre and NTA to quash the examination and conduct fresh tests. More than 100 students have filed petitions and counter petitions were also filed against re-test.

Maha plans 3-5 yrs' jail, ₹10L fine to curb govt exam leaks

Bill Follows Uproar Over Alleged Leak Of Paper For Talathi Job

Priyanka Kakodkar | TNN

Mumbai: Maharashtra govt on Friday tabled a bill to curb paper leaks and "unfair means" in competitive exams conducted by it, mainly for recruitment to govt jobs. This follows the uproar over allegations that the exam paper for 'talathi' (revenue official) posts had leaked since students scored more than full marks.

Titled the Maharashtra Competitive Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, the bill proposes stringent punishment for violators, including those involved in conducting such exams.

The bill mandates a jail term of 3-5 years and a fine of up to Rs 10 lakh. If the offence has been committed with the connivance of institution heads, including directors, management or leaders of service provider firms, they will be liable to a jail term of 3-10 years and a



Police personnel use water cannons on SFI workers to disperse them during a protest against NEET paper leak, in Thiruvananthapuram

fine of Rs 1 crore. However, institution heads are not liable if the offence was committed without their knowledge or they exercised due diligence to prevent it.

The bill states that service providers face a fine of Rs 1 crore and they will be debarred from the conduct of competitive exams for four years. The bill also recognises collusion in unfair exam practices as an organized crime. Those involved face a

jail term of 5-10 years and a fine of Rs 1 crore. Institutions or service providers involved in organised crime can have their property attached. All the offences are cognisable, non-bailable and non-compoundable.

Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde's statement said, "At present, there is no substantive law to deal with unfair means adopted or offences committed by various entities involved in the conduct

of competitive examinations. It is imperative that elements that exploit the vulnerabilities of the examination system are identified and dealt with by a comprehensive state legislation."

The bill aims to crack down on a wide gamut of "unfair means", including the leak of the exam paper or answer key, copying, impersonation, tampering with answer sheets, altering assessment, tampering with the computer network, conduct of fake exams and manipulation of seating arrangements. Also, tampering with security arrangements, disruption of the exam and threatening those involved in the conduct of the exam.

The bill is aimed for competitive exams conducted by the state including MPSC, exams for any govt department, the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) and Teacher Aptitude and Intelligence Test (TAIT). (With inputs by Yogita Rao)

2 students from 1997 batch were among NEET aspirants this yr

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Karnataka Examinations Authority oversees admissions to undergraduate professional courses in the state. The number of students who registered for NEET this year included 11,111 from the 2023 batch and 10,658 who cleared their Class 12 exams in 2022. Two students from 1997, too, appeared for NEET-UG this year, along with aspirants from 1999, 2000 and 2002.

Successful repeaters in NEET-UG 2023 included a candidate each from the 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2014 batches. At 4,600, the highest number of repeat candidates to land MBBS or BDS seats were from the 2022 batch. Another 1,640 were from the 2021 batch.

"Around 24 lakh students are vying for a lakh seats this year. Writing NEET is becoming like civil services, and cracking it at first attempt is becoming harder each year. Many bright first-timers lose seats to those who would have spent an extra year or two preparing for the test," said Sridhar G, founder of a coaching centre starting a batch exclusively for repeat candidates.

CBI probe into NEET-UG paper leak points to involvement of 'influential individuals'

Vishvendu Jaipuria | TNN

Hazaribag: Investigation into the NEET-UG paper leak case by CBI so far has indicated that an organised gang with "influential individuals," including a high-ranking govt official, could be involved and that their racket may well extend to other competitive exams for jobs.

CBI sources said custody interrogations in Patna of principal and vice-principal of Hazaribag's Oasis School — Ehsanul Haque and Md Imtiaz Alam — along with a journalist, Jamaluddin, hinted that the "influential individuals" could be working with equal stakes as the



CBI sleuths at Oasis School for investigation into NEET-UG case, in Hazaribag on Friday

arrested trio in Hazaribag. Call details of those in custody are being examined to uncover their identities, sources added.

Sources said the probe has revealed the hand of a high-ranking govt official

known to be close to Haque. The official is said to be hand-in-glove with the suspects in Hazaribag. "This gang could have been operating very cleverly for the past few years," sources said, adding that given these circumstances, the agency has now expanded its investigation to other competitive examinations.

Sources also informed that the agency took Haque, Alam, Jamaluddin and others involved in the case in its remand again to conduct further interrogation and cross-examination. The responses by the trio to CBI's questions have been allegedly guarded but the lifestyle maintained by Haque and

the other suspects hinted at wrongful monetary gains, indicating their possible involvement in the racket. Many of them have acquired substantial properties and own three to four flats in posh areas, sources said.

Aman Singh, another suspect in CBI custody following his arrest from Dhanbad two days ago, is also being interrogated by CBI officers who are said to be searching for his Hazaribag link. The agency obtained leads about Aman under interrogating the others under arrest.

The agency picked up one more person from Dhanbad on Friday and is on the lookout for Singh's brother.

CBI makes 2nd arrest in NEET case in Dhanbad

Dhanbad: CBI has made a second arrest in the NEET-UG paper leak case from Jharkhand's Dhanbad and detained two others, reports Anil Ashutosh.

Amit Kumar Singh alias Bunty was nabbed late Thursday and has been taken to Patna for further investigations. Sources said Bunty had been arrested based on a trail of funds allegedly collected from NEET-UG aspirants. The sleuths had zeroed in on Bunty on Wednesday but he gave them the slip. He was finally tracked down in the Jharia area the following night based on electronic surveillance.

UP introduces bar codes to plug loopholes in recruitment exams

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Prayagraj: To plug loopholes in recruitment examinations, Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission (UPPSC) has made some major changes, including introducing bar codes instead of series on answer copies. Besides printing different sets of question papers for the same recruitment exam from different printing facilities, the commission will decide which set will be given to the candidates just five hours before the exam.

For every exam, sources said, the commission is brainstorming on printing each set of question papers separately. Question papers of multiple series will be prepared in each set and questions under each series will have different serial numbers to negate the possi-

bility of cheating. Earlier, the commission would prepare the question booklet in four series and release the series-wise answer key after the preliminary examination. In the recently concluded assistant town planner preliminary examination, the commission — for the first time — implemented the bar code system instead of the series-based system on the question booklet.

In case a candidate has an objection to the questions and answers released, they would write the complete question in the prescribed format — mentioning the serial number of the question in the question booklet released — along with their proposed answer as per the answer and representation issued by the commission, UPPSC's examination controller Harsh Dev Pandey said.

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