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## Murder accused out on bail stabs youth to death

Shaikh Khuro, a murder suspect in his mid-20s out on bail, is accused of killing a neighbour by stabbing him multiple times over a petty dispute late on Monday in Jalna town. The youth was rushed to hospital, where he succumbed. Khuro is also accused of killing his brother with an axe. **P 6**

## UP waives regn tax on hybrids

UP govt is waiving registration tax on hybrid cars, a move that showroom owners said will bring their cost almost on a par with those running on petrol. **P 9**

## Mantralaya jump bid: Man held

A 55-year-old man threatened to jump off a 5th floor window ledge of the Mantralaya, triggering panic for a half-an-hour before he was detained by police. **P 5**

## 7 drown in UP's Terai belt floods

Seven people lost their lives in the Terai belt of UP as floods, caused by incessant rains in Uttarakhand, ravaged over 250 villages in various districts. **P 11**



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# Heart bleeds when innocent kids die in war: Modi to Putin

## Remarks After Outrage Over Hospital Attack

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A day after his hug with Putin sparked outrage in the West, PM Narendra Modi rapped the Russian president publicly as he told him peace talks could not succeed in the shadow of guns, underlining the need for an immediate ceasefire in Ukraine.

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Just over 10 days after showering sops worth Rs 96,000cr in the budget, DCM Ajit Pawar tabled supplementary demands — meant for sudden, additional expenses that arise beyond the budget — of Rs 94,889 crore in the

assembly. This is the highest ever demand and add to the state's debt. "The state is fooling the public. It has shifted a massive chunk of its budget expenses into the supplementary demands," said Jayant Patil of NCP (SP). **P 5**



President Putin confers Russia's highest civilian award, the Order of St Andrew the Apostle, on PM Modi in Moscow on Tuesday | **P 10**

"Let's take war, any conflict or terrorist acts. Any person who believes in humanity feels pain when people die, and especially when innocent children die... the heart simply explodes, and I had the opportunity to talk about these issues with you yesterday," Modi told Putin in the

Kremlin, in the presence of reporters, just before official summit talks. Ukrainian president Zelensky had called India's engagement with Putin a "huge disappointment and a devastating blow to peace efforts".

► 'Way to peace', **P 20**

## \$100bn trade, promise to free Indian 'fighters'

PM Modi and President Putin on Tuesday sought to further boost energy and trade ties and agreed to ramp up trade to \$100 billion by 2030 from the current \$65 billion. A joint statement said they would focus on increased supplies of goods from India to Russia to address the trade imbalance.

While the agenda for the 22nd India-Russia summit was mostly economic, Modi also strongly sought from Putin the release of Indians serving in the Russian army. Foreign secretary Vinay Kwatra said there was a "sense of promise" from Russia on the early discharge of 30-40 Indians who are there after being "misled" into joining the army. **P 10**

## A first: State council won't have a Muslim

For the first time in history, the state legislative council will not have a Muslim member when Congress's Wajahat Mirza and NCP (SP)'s Abdullah Durrani end their terms on July 27. For the council polls on July 12, neither MVA nor Mahayuti has fielded candidates from the community. Pointing out that Muslims comprise 12% of the state's population, SP MLA Rais Shaikh, in a mail to MVA brass, has said it's a matter of concern that they will have no representation in the Upper House in a progressive state like Maharashtra. **P 5**

## SC to govt: Appoint blind man who passed '08 CSE

New Delhi: Even after cracking the 2008 civil services examination, a 100% visually impaired person had to run from pillar to post for 16 years to get an appointment letter from the Centre, reports Amit Anand Choudhary.

Pankaj Kumar Srivastava's struggle came to an end on Tuesday with SC directing govt to appoint him along with 10 other similar candidates who were on CSE-2008 merit list against existing vacancies for physically challenged candidates either in IRS or in any other service within 3 months.

► Failed to implement, **P 20**

### IN THE COURTS

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- 'Harassed by Delhi cops', says NGO that moved SC on felling
- SC/ST court gives life term to 4 persons for burning a UP man to death over a land dispute
- Delhi HC junks plea for action under Pocco against Dalai Lama for kissing a child on his lips
- SC notice to Axis Bk over plea it refused to take demonetised notes worth ₹3.2 crore **P 7**

# Gunfight erupts in Doda amid manhunt for Kathua terrorists

## Forces Corner 2-3 Ultras In 4th Doda Shootout in 1 Mth

Sanjay Khajuria | TNN

Jammu: Security forces and terrorists clashed in a remote forest in the upper reaches of Doda district in J&K Tuesday, while helicopters, drones, dogs, snipers, and elite military commandos assisted search teams during a wide-spread manhunt for the suspected Pakistani gunmen in-

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volved in a fatal ambush on an Army patrol in Kathua district Monday afternoon, which left five soldiers from Garhwal Rifles dead.

"The gunfight started when security forces launched a cordon-and-search op in Goli Ghadi-Bhagwah forest following information about the presence of terrorists. The operation is ongoing and two-three terrorists have been cornered," an official source said.

This marks the fourth shootout in Doda district in a month. Three terrorists were killed on June 26. In two



Soldiers, aided by copters and drones, look for the terrorists, likely numbering 3 or 4, a day after they ambushed an Army patrol in Kathua

## Uttarakhand mourns its five bravehearts

A pall of gloom engulfed Uttarakhand over the death of five Army men from the state in Kathua. Residents of five villages where they hailed from were numb with shock, reports Kalyan Das. The wife of a Rifleman, one of the deceased, is pregnant and his father a daily wageer. Another Rifleman leaves behind his father, a farmer, and his brother who works at a restaurant. Villagers remember another, a Havildar, as being deeply concerned about the education of his two daughters, 3 and 5. **Flap Opp**

red," an official source said. This marks the fourth shootout in Doda district in a month. Three terrorists were killed on June 26. In two

incidents on June 12, five RR troopers, an SPO and a policeman were wounded.

► Elite unit deployed, **P 14**

# Hathras stampede: DSP, SDM among 6 officials suspended for negligence

Deepak Lavania, Mohd Dilshad & Pathikrit Chakraborty

Hathras/Lucknow: UP govt has suspended six officials — including Sikandra Rau DSP (circle officer), SDM, tehsildar, and two sub-inspectors — for negligence and dereliction of duty in the aftermath of the stampede at a religious event led by Surajpal Singh, also known as Bhole Baba, in Hathras that resulted in 121 deaths on July 2.

The action was based on a report submitted by a two-member Special Investiga-

## SIT clean chit to Baba, says suspended official

While UP govt has suspended six officials, Surajpal Singh, who was delivering a sermon at the venue, has not been implicated by SIT. "The SIT report has certainly given a clean chit to Bhole Baba," one of the suspended officials said. **P 10**

tion Team (SIT) formed to probe the incident. The report did not rule out the "pos-

sibility of a conspiracy" behind the incident.

Officials who faced action are DSP Anand Kumar, SDM Ravindra Kumar, Sikandra Rau SHO Ashish Kumar, tehsildar Sushil Kumar, Kachora police outpost in-charge (SI) Manveer Singh, and Pora outpost in-charge (SI) Brijesh Pandey. The SIT held the event organisers responsible and criticised police & administration for failing to manage the event.

► 'Did not follow', **P 20**



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## VILE PARLE MUDSLIDE: FIR AGAINST SRA CONTRACTOR; 14 FAMILIES EVACUATED

Uma Kadam



**Mumbai:** Vile Parle police have registered an FIR for endangering lives against a contractor for a 15-foot-deep and 60-foot-wide mudslide that occurred right at the entrance of National India Block LIC Society on Nehru Road in Vile Parle (East) on Monday. The complaint was filed by architect and resident PS Deshpande (74) of the ground-plus-two-storey building. Police said the mudslide was caused by a 60-ft deep excavation being carried out by the contractor appointed by Manav Infrastructure Company for a neighbouring SRA project. The contractor, identified as Rajubhai, has not been arrested yet.

All 14 families who resided in the building have been evacuated.

**Heavy rain led to the collapse of the**

**piling foundation at the underconstruction site, which saw the society's compound wall crash into the excavated area along with three bikes and a car, causing an estimated Rs 3.5 lakh loss.**

The contractor was booked under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita for endangering lives, personal safety and causing mischief. DCP (Zone VIII) Dikshit Gedam confirmed the FIR and said an arrest would be made based on a report from the structural engineer and another from the concerned authorities overseeing the project.

In his complaint, Deshpande said, "The SRA project started at the site where earlier Vasant Chawl existed which was in a dilapidated and dangerous state. In 2022, work began at the site and a 60-ft-de-

ep excavation was carried out. At 3am on Monday, due to heavy rain, suddenly the mudslide occurred and I heard a loud thud. The building compound and vehicles parked close to the wall fell into it. The incident occurred due to the piling work with sub-standard material."

Manish Walunj, assistant municipal commissioner of K-East ward, had said earlier that the mudslide occurred during shore-piling work at the SRA site.

Congress MP Varsha Gaikwad visited the site on Tuesday and interacted with residents. She has alleged that the incident took place due to unmindful digging and excavation being carried out by the builder of the neighbouring SRA project.

— V Narayan & Richa Pinto

## Bridge work led to flooding of Bhandup tracks, cancellation of 200 services: CR

Manthan K Mehta  
& Richa Pinto | TNN

**Mumbai:** Central Railway's (CR) investigation into Monday's flooding of tracks on the Bhandup-Nahur stretch has identified construction work for two bridges, one over a nullah, as the primary reason for it. The construction slowed the flow of water, leading to submergence of the tracks.

More than 200 services were cancelled on the Main line because of nine inches of water on the tracks between Bhandup and Nahur on Monday.

As Bhandup and Nahur

are not prone to flooding, no heavy-duty water pumps had been stationed on the stretch. A CR source said, "The construction of two new BMC bridges behind Menon School and Usha Nagar Nullah created an afflux, slowing down drainage of stormwater."

The first disruption occurred between 5:15am and 6am after heavy rainfall submerged the tracks between Bhandup and Nahur.

Although services resumed at 6am, a second disruption affected only the fast corridor tracks between 7:15am and 9am, halting fast services

between CSMT and Thane.

CR has informed BMC about the issue, and both agencies are expected to meet to prevent a recurrence of Monday's flooding incident. Civic officials confirmed that the railways requested immediate assistance following the waterlogging at Bhandup. Civic teams were deployed to assess the situation and facilitate receding of water.

"While our final conclusion is pending, our initial study indicates that the underconstruction bridges downstream obstructed the smooth flow of water from the

tracks. The reduced width for water flow likely contributed to the problem," said an official. Both the stormwater drain and the bridges department are working to address the issue and prevent a recurrence.

The bridge construction at Bhandup's Usha Nagar Nullah began after Oct 1, 2023. The nullah flows across the tracks downstream from the current construction site. A CR official said, "This incident was disheartening as we have cleared 1.5 lakh cubic metre of muck and garbage in May to June 2024 in comparison to 1.3 lakh cubic metre last year."

## Cloud patch over city brought triple-digit rainfall in two days

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**Mumbai:** In the 24 hours ended 8:30am on July 9, the city received an average rainfall of 154.2mm with some areas recording higher rain, such as Matunga 168mm, Chembur 161mm and Byculla 167mm.

The weather bureau had issued a red alert from the evening of July 8m, Monday, till 8:30am on July 9, Tuesday. It was downgraded to a yellow alert at 1pm on July 9.

While a yellow alert indicates very likely heavy rain activity at isolated places, weather forecasters said localised heavy rain pop-ups could not be ruled out.

The highest one-day rain for the season of 267.9mm was recorded in the 24-hour period between July 7 and 8. This was also the second-highest one-day July rain recorded in a span of 15 years.

Meanwhile, IMD's Colaba and Santacruz observatories on Tuesday recorded 3.2mm and 4mm rain, respectively, which is in the light category.

An IMD official said, "While we are expecting subdued rain activity on Wednesday, rainfall is again expected to pick up pace from July 11 and a yellow alert is in place. The reason for very heavy rain between July 8 and 9 was a cloud patch which moved northwards, giving many areas significant rainfall."

Rain activity over the city brought down minimum temperatures below 25 degree Celsius. On Tuesday morning, minimum temperatures recorded by the IMD's Colaba and Santacruz observatories were 23.5 degree Celsius and 24.3 degree Celsius, respectively.

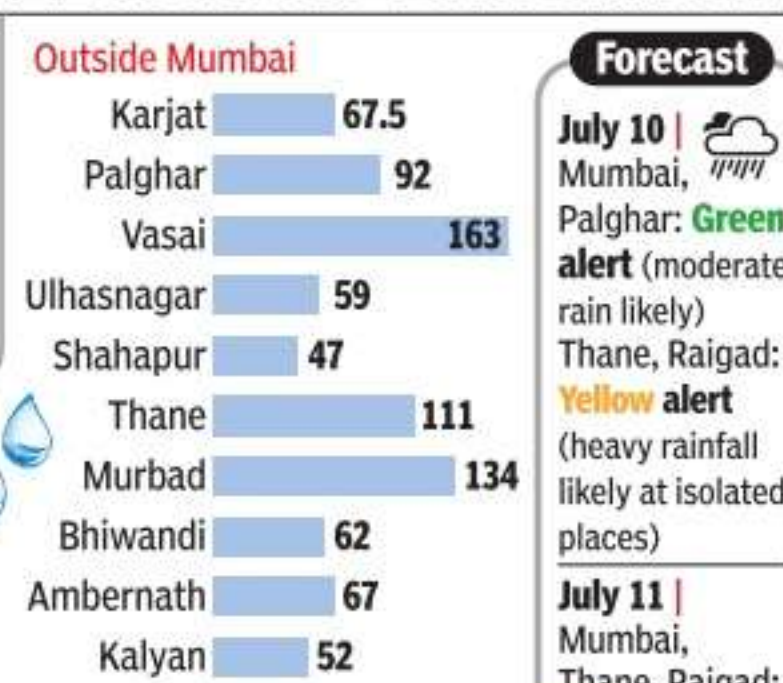
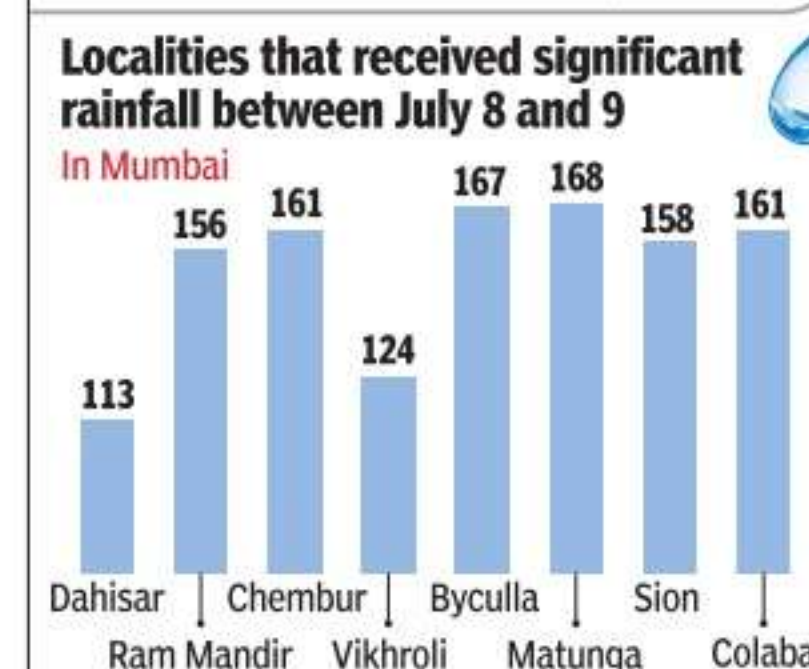
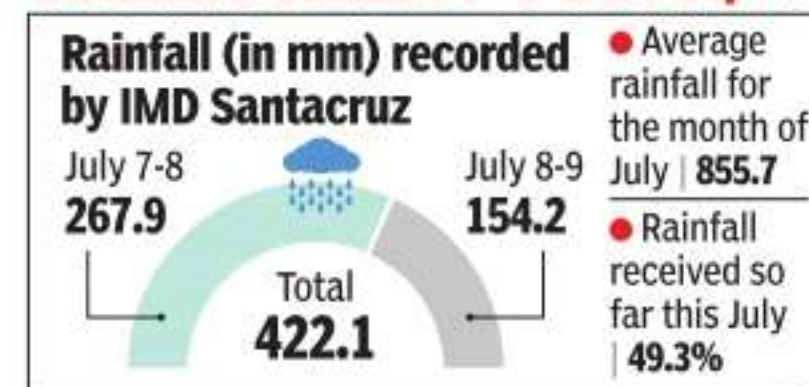
Speaking on what caused the heavy wet spell since July 7, officials said there was an offshore vortex which dumped a lot of rain only in Mumbai even as other parts of Mumbai Metropolitan Region saw comparatively less rain activity. "We had issued an alert for regions in South Konkan such as Sindhudurg. However, the weather system quickly moved northwards, giving the city intense rain activity," said an official.

Last year, too, Mumbai had surpassed the halfway mark of its monthly quota of rains within nine days of July. By July 9, 2023, it had recorded 494mm or 57% of its monthly quota of rainfall.

Ever since the onset of monsoon this year on June 9, Mumbai did not receive any extreme rain activity till July 7.

Meanwhile, there is an orange alert between July 12 and 13 for Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts.

### GREEN ALERT TODAY, YELLOW FOR TOMORROW



### Up marginally, water stock in lakes crosses 20% mark

**Mumbai:** Water stocks in the lakes that supply to Mumbai rose by a mere 1.75% rise in the 24 hours between July 8 and 9 when the city received significant rainfall. The total water stocks increased to 2.96 lakh million litre or 20.5% of the total requirement on Tuesday compared with 2.7 lakh million litre (18.7%) a day earlier. Major lakes that supply water to the city are located in areas that received little rainfall during the period.

Bhatsa lake situated in Shahapur, for instance, received 69mm rainfall between July 7 and 9 when Mumbai recorded 422.1mm rainfall. Bhatsa is the largest lake from where Mumbai gets almost 50% of its daily water supply.

By contrast, the massive rainfall in Mumbai benefited the two lakes situated in the city. Tulsi received 214mm rain and Vihar 196mm. Both these lakes are in Sanjay Gandhi National Park. These, though, are two of the smallest lakes which supply a mere 1.2% of the water required for the city.

Meanwhile, the total water stock in the lakes are still lower compared with the past two years as on the same date. In 2023, the total water stocks on July 9 stood at 3.3 lakh million litres or 23.1% of the requirement and in 2022 at 4.2 lakh million litres or 28.9%. A 10% water cut has been imposed in the city from June 10. The water cut will remain in force till satisfactory rainfall is received and the useful stock in the waterbodies improves, said the civic body. The lakes need 14.5 lakh million litre of water till Sept 30 this year for the city to go without a water cut till the next monsoon season arrives. The BMC also made an appeal to citizens to conserve water as much as possible. — Richa Pinto

### Parts of nullah wall crash at Gazdar Bandh

**Mumbai:** Portions of a 130-metre retaining wall along the Main Avenue nullah at Gazdar Bandh in Santacruz crashed at two locations on Monday and Tuesday.

Both the portions measured around 5m in width. The reafter, BMC shifted residents of homes situated along the two stretches to temporary shelters.

BMC officials said the retaining wall is old and had deteriorated over the years. BMC's storm water department is carrying out temporary measures to prevent any landslide. The department will rebuild the entire 130m wall. BMC has told residents of all structures along the wall to move out. Officials said many of the structures will have to be vacated once work on reconstructing the wall is taken up. TNN

## Lung cancer hits non-smoking Indians earlier than Westerners

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**Mumbai:** A lung cancer patient in India is likely to be 10 years younger than a patient in the West and possibly someone who avoids smoking, a lifestyle factor associated with it.

This typical, though unique, profile of an Indian patient has emerged in a special review of lung cancer cases in Asia in The Lancet, one of the most widely read medical journals in the world. Studies have shown that lung cancer presents approximately a decade earlier in India as compared to Western countries, with a mean age at diagnosis of 54-70 years.

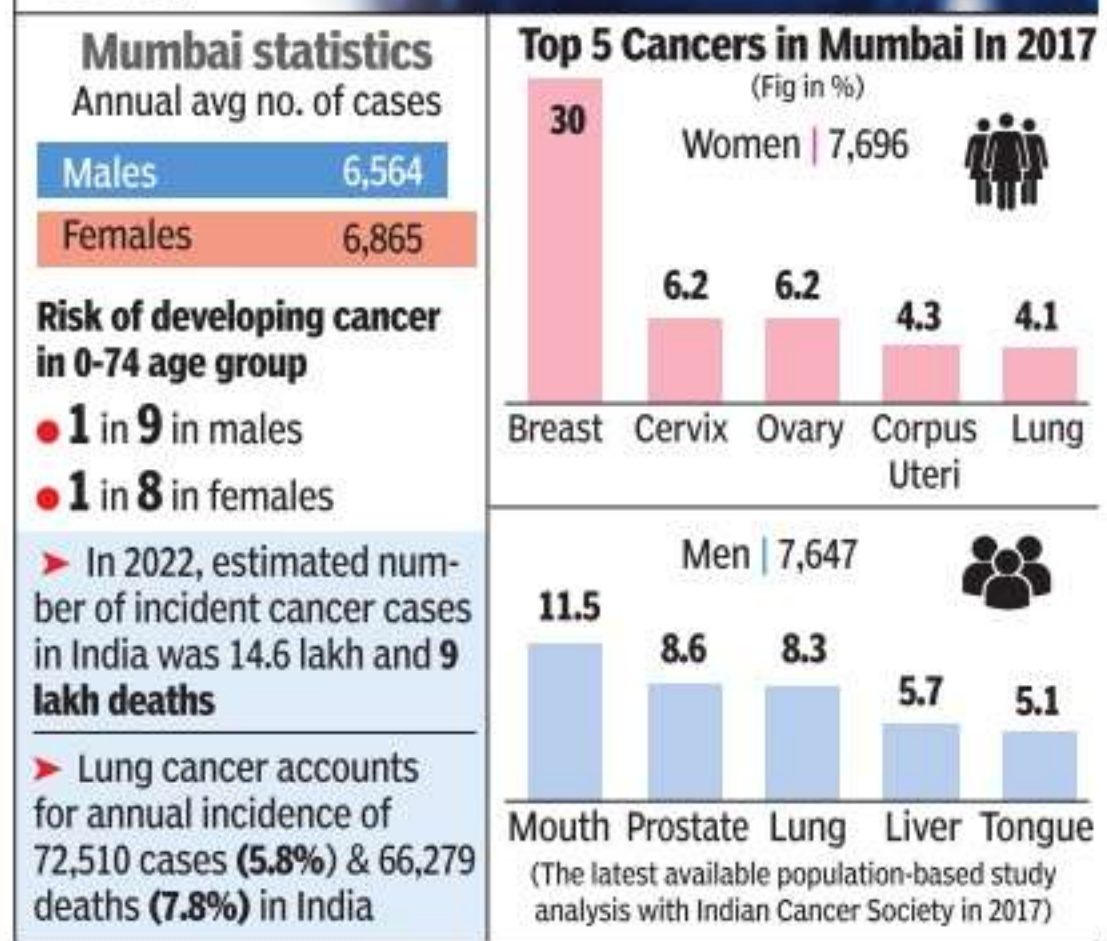
Written by a team of doctors, mainly from Tata Memorial Centre in Mumbai, the article, titled "Uniqueness of lung cancer in Southeast Asia", said lung cancer was the third most commonly diagnosed cancer (18.5 lakh new cases or 7.8%) in this region in 2020, but it is the commonest cause of cancer mortality, causing 16.6 lakh or 10.9% deaths. The corresponding global figures are 22 lakh new cases (11.6%), causing 17 lakh deaths (18%). In India, lung cancer accounts for an annual incidence of 72,510 cases (5.8%) and 66,279 deaths (7.8%) in 2022.

Highlighting the "uniqueness" of Indian patients, one of the authors, Dr Kumar Prabhakar from Tata Medical Centre's medical oncology department, on Tuesday told TOI that "over 50% of our lung cancer patients are non-smokers".

The study said the important risk factors for lung cancer in non-smokers included air pollution (especially particulate matter PM2.5), occupational exposure to asbestos, chromium, cadmium, arsenic and coal as well as second-

### STUDY: DISEASE CLAIMS 66K+ LIVES/YR

**Cancer is a disease in which some of the body's cells grow uncontrollably and abnormally and spread to other parts of the body**



hand smoke at home. Factors like genetic susceptibility, hormonal status, and pre-existing lung disease could also play a role in the rising lung cancer incidence in never-smokers.

Dr Prabhakar further said the proportion of cases here is lower than in the West. "The incidence rate of lung cancer in the US is 30 per 1,000, but it's 6 per 1,000 in India. Given our huge population, however, even the 6% works out to a huge number of patients."

Another uniqueness about India's lung cancer problem, he

said, is the high incidence of TB. "Diagnosis often gets delayed because of TB as both conditions mimic each other." In this regard, the authors said it's not easy to get access to newer treatment modalities and molecules. "Most treatments are developed abroad, and importing them adds to the cost." The biggest challenge is early identification and start of treatment. "Barely 5% of lung cancer patients seek help in time for surgical help. We need to increase this number to at least 20% like in the West," Dr Prabhakar said.

## Boulder falls on Mumbra Bypass Road

**Thane:** Traffic on Mumbra Bypass Road was disrupted on Tuesday morning after a massive boulder from Parsik Hills dislodged and fell on the primary carriageway towards Thane, said the authorities. No injuries were reported, they added.

The incident was reported around 10am, minutes after a municipal team operating in the vicinity to clear a waterlogged segment departed. An excavator was deployed to remove debris off a portion of the foothills, said a civic official. Right after the team vacated the spot, a boulder embedded in the mud got dislodged, perhaps due to the vibrations of the excavator. TNN

## 18-yr-old slips into nullah at Vasai, dies

**Mumbai:** An 18-year-old drowned in a nullah in Vasai (East) on Monday evening. Eyewitnesses told the police the deceased, Aryan Mahadik, was standing near the nullah when he accidentally slipped and fell into the water-filled channel during heavy rainfall.

The tragedy occurred around 7pm in Vasant Nagari. Locals said the municipality had constructed the retaining wall of the nullah earlier this year. They had requested the authorities to raise its height though, as people, especially children, often venture near the nullah. Mahadik, who resided in Nalasopara, was visiting Vasant Nagari with his friends. TNN

## Win for greens as state govt sets up panel to protect Nerul's flamingo lake

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**Navi Mumbai:** In a major victory for environmentalists, state govt has decided to conserve the 30-acre DPS Flamingo Lake in Nerul, which recently witnessed deaths of several pink birds.

A govt resolution issued by the revenue and forest department stated that a high-level committee, headed by the principal secretary of forest department, will study on how to protect the lake as a natural flamingo abode. Principal secretaries of environment and urban development departments, Cidco managing director, Navi Mumbai municipal commissioner, Maharashtra Maritime Board CEO, Thane district collector and BNHS chairman Pravin Pardeshi are members of the committee, while additional principal chief conservator of forest of the mangrove cell is the member-secretary.



Activists had recently organised a human chain to save the DPS Flamingo Lake in Nerul

With the currently active monsoon, the lake is full now, but it had been rendered dry in April and over 10 flamingos had died, NatConnect Foundation director B N Kumar said. Cidco's work on the access road to the now defunct Nerul jetty has led

to the burial of the major intertidal water inlet to the lake and the other three inlets along the bund on the eastern side were mysteriously choked, he added.

Activists had also lodged several complaints with the ministry of environment, forest and climate change and chief minister against the "violation" of the environmental clearance conditions for diversion of 0.46 hectares of mangroves for the jetty project in the Nerul coast. One of the conditions was that Cidco would not interfere with the tidal water flow. The jetty itself did not have the state's environmental clearance, information obtained using the RTI Act had showed.

Rekha Sankhala of Save Flamingos & Mangroves forum welcomed govt's decision. Supporting the activists' campaign, Ahroli MLA Ganesh Naik directed the civic body to clear all choke points and restore the DPS Flamingo Lake.

### 200 TONNES OF GARBAGE CLEARED FROM JUHU BEACH



The city's popular Juhu beach saw close to 200 MT being dumped along the shoreline. As many as 138 labourers had to be put on the job to clear the trash. Currently, there is no contractor in place for cleaning the beach and instead the cleaning duty is undertaken by civic labourers.

Officials from the solid waste management department said that the civic



body appointed labourers were put in shifts to ensure that the garbage was lifted at all times. "It is regular phenomenon that during monsoons larger quantum of garbage comes to the shore as compared to other times of the year. This is also garbage from the outfalls thrown back by the sea. We therefore ensure that there are enough labourers available to

clean the beach," said an official. Local residents in the area are alert and are known to immediately raise an issue with the BMC in case of the beach being unclean. On June 10, Andheri MLA Amet Satam, in a letter sent to the BMC, had criticised the civic administration for not appointing an agency on a timely basis for the cleaning of Juhu beach. TNN



Hubby prioritises friends, woman kills baby, self

**Mumbai:** A 23-year-old tribal woman allegedly strangled her four-month-old daughter before taking her own life by hanging herself in their home in Dahahu on Monday. Initial probe indicated the woman, Manisha Shisne, was upset with her husband Jayesh for not taking her for an outing.

The incident was discovered when Jayesh, who had been out with friends, returned home to find Manisha hanging from the ceiling and their daughter Anushree lying motionless on the floor. Jayesh, who works as a labourer on a fishing boat, is out at sea for extended periods but is currently at home due to the ban on fishing during monsoon.

Kasa police said the couple had argued on Sunday about Jayesh's intention to spend time with friends. It is believed that on Monday, when Jayesh left again to meet his friends despite Manisha dissuading him, she killed the infant and herself. **TNN**

Resident docs of BMC hosps threaten stir

**Mumbai:** Thousands of resident doctors working in BMC-run hospitals will go on mass leave from July 22 if their demands for adequate hostel accommodation and a hike in stipend and dearness allowance are not met.

This was announced by BMC MARD (Maharashtra Association of Resident Doctors) in a letter addressed to the BMC director of medical education, Dr. Neelam Andrade, on Tuesday. BMC MARD represents residents from BMC-run medical schools at KEM, Sion, Nair, and Cooper Hospitals. The doctors said there is an acute shortage of hostel accommodation due to the incoming batch of residents in Aug 2024. "The BMC has not yet implemented a cabinet-approved stipend increase of Rs 10,000 from March 2024 or updated the Dearness Allowance from 412% to 427% as per the GR issued on Nov 23, 2023," said the MARD representatives. **TNN**

Real estate co owner held for ₹67.5 cr fraud

**Mumbai:** The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the police has arrested the owner of Kamla Mills compound Ramesh Gowani for defrauding a businessman of Rs 67.5 crore.

Gowani, who has a real estate company called Amikrupa Land Developers, had bought a 2,204 square metre plot in Santacruz (West) from the complainant and promised to give Rs 20 crore, 10-flats and a shop in return. According to the allotment letter given to the complainant, seven flats were sold to third parties and two flats were mortgaged to a finance company.

The police filed an FIR of cheating and misappropriation of funds against Gowani and his wife, Nidharshana. Gowani will be produced in court on Wednesday. **TNN**

Three injured in floor collapse

**Mumbai:** Three persons were injured after a portion of the flooring of their fourth-floor flat, in Sky apartment, on Satya Nagar Road in Borivli (West), collapsed onto the flat below it in the few hours on Tuesday. The injured, including a 16-year-old girl, were sleeping at the time of the incident. The BMC has asked the society to conduct a structural audit and made the residents vacate the building. **TNN**

BMW hit-and-run: Aides' phones give away Mihir & kin's locations

Mateen Hafeez & S Ahmed Ali | TNN

**Mumbai** Mihir Shah, the 24-year-old accused in the BMW hit-and-run case, will be produced before a metropolitan magistrate's court in Sewri on Wednesday. Police said he was to be sent for a medical test Tuesday night.

Police had on Sunday arrested Mihir's father Rajesh Shah, a Shiv Sena functionary, and the family driver, Rishiraj Bidawat (30), who was in the car at the time of the accident. While Shah was granted bail on Monday, a court in Sewri on Tuesday extended Bidawat's police custody by two days.

Chilling details of the hit-and-run had come to light on Monday when the public prosecutor revealed how the victim, Kaveri Nakhwa, was first dragged for 1.5 km and then run over when the driver took over from Mihir at the steering wheel and momentarily reversed the vehicle.

Police sources said after Mihir Shah ran away from the accident spot near the Worli end of the sea link, his car got stalled at Kala Nagar in Bandra. While Bidawat then stayed back near the car, Mihir took an autorickshaw and went to his girlfriend's house in Goregaon, the police said.

A police officer said, "Mihir's eyes were swollen, and he told his girlfriend about the accident. She then called up Mihir's sister, who arrived there and took Mihir with her to their Borivli residence."

From there, Mihir along with his two sisters, mother and a male friend, left home. They travelled in two vehicles, including their family car, said the officer. The family had switched off their phones and their house was also locked. At this point, police checked mobile phones of some of Mihir's friends but those too had been switched off. During investigation, the police said, they found that after leaving the city, Mihir, his family and a friend stayed at a resort in Shahapur. On Monday night, Mihir and his friend left Shahapur and went to a hotel in Virar.

Initially, police got a tip-off that Rajesh Shah's other driver, Mohammed Hassan, was accompanying the family members on the run. "Technical analysis of Hassan's mobile helped police trace them to a resort on Shahapur-Murbad Road. When we searched the rooms, the resort owner denied anyone going by those names had stayed there as he had not made any entry in the records," a police officer said.

On Tuesday morning, Mihir's friend came out of the Virar hotel, walked some distance and switched on his phone.

'ALCOHOL CAN BE DETECTED IN 24 HOURS'

► **Mihir Shah** along with his friends visited a pub in Juhu at around 11 pm on Saturday and left from there at around 1.15 am

► **Worli police** have got CCTV footage from the pub and said it looks like Mihir had consumed alcohol

► **Police** have questioned three of Mihir's friends who told police Mihir had consumed alcohol, said a police officer

► **The effect of alcohol in a consumer's blood can generally be detected within 24 hrs, said an officer**

► **So is it late to determine if Mihir**



Husband and daughter of the victim



Police on Tuesday sealed the Juhu bar where liquor was served to 'underaged' (less than 25 years old) Mihir Shah and his friends

was drunk at the time of the accident?

► **Former IPS officer Y P Singh** said, "If oral evidence is clear and strong and if that is supported by documents such as the liquor bill, which is further supported by scientific evidences such as CCTV footage at the restaurant and on the roadside locations, and cell phone locations at various

points of time, in that case, lack of alcohol in blood sample because of belated testing would not materially affect the case.

► **Even the subsequent conduct of the accused will go against him, because under the new law, he is legally obliged to have taken victim for medical treatment and instead he absconded after dragging and crushing victim. By all accounts there is a foolproof case"**

Juhu bar sealed, its licence suspended; irregularities listed

**Mumbai:** The state excise department on Tuesday suspended the licence of the Juhu Tara Road bar that served hard liquor to Mihir Shah though he is not 25 years old yet. Only those 25 and above can be served or can drink whisky, rum, vodka or similar Indian-made foreign liquor (IMFL) in the state. The bar's premises has been sealed till the next hearing of the matter before the suburban district collector on July 19, said officials.

A notice issued by the suburban collector to the bar on behalf of the excise department has stated that it was found Dhruv Jawahar Dedhiya and three other persons, including Shah, had entered the premises and were served hard liquor on Saturday night.

The excise department has also found various irregularities by the bar, named Don Giovanni Restaurant (Jobel Hospitality Pvt Ltd). One is that on the cash memo or receipt, the bar has been named as Vice-Global Tapas Bar, with its location as Juhu Tara Road, opposite Juhu Church Road.

Other irregularities, authorities said, are selling of liquor to non-drinking permit holders in non-permitted areas, non-submission of licensed premises for inspection, mixing the permitted liquor-serving area with a non-permitted restaurant zone, difference in the liquor stock permitted against that not permitted, and lack of a liquor transport licence for a certain amount of liquor stock.

This is the first action by excise authorities in the case. Meanwhile, the BMC on Tuesday also carried out an inspection of the bar on Tuesday to check for any additions and alterations. - **Chittaranjan Tembhekar**

mobile tower location and with the help of CCTV footage tracked the person operating the phone to the hotel where they found Mihir.

Invoke murder charge in case, demands oppn in state

**Mumbai:** Shiv Sena (UBT) MLA Aaditya Thackeray and Congress's Varsha Gaikwad on Tuesday demanded the accused in the Worli hit-and-run case be tried for murder. "I have demanded Mihir Rajesh Shah be tried for murder and not just hit and run. Why was he allowed to be on the run for 60 hours? Who was shielding him?" Aaditya asked. Former home minister Anil Deshmukh pointed out through a point of information in the legislative assembly on Tuesday that Mihir Shah had been arrested after two days. "To ascertain whether he was drunk while driving, the blood sample needs to be taken within 5-6 hours of the incident. He is charged for negligent driving but now cannot be charged for drunken driving. Was there a plan to enable him to escape the blood test?" asked Deshmukh, pointing out police had secured bills of over Rs 18,000 spent by him. **TNN**

The officer said, "What Mihir Shah was doing in Virar, who was helping him, all this needs to be probed. He looks like he has not slept since the accident, tired as he has been running from one place to another. So, at present, there is no consistency in his statements."

Loan recovery centre owner, two others held for harassment

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**Thane:** The anti-extortion cell of the Thane crime branch has arrested three persons, including the owner of a loan recovery call center outsourced by banks, for issuing sim cards on fake documents and using it to harass citizens and their acquaintances with abusive and obscene language for loan recovery attempts.

Giving details of the scam, DCP, Crime, Shivraj Patil said that the entire racket was busted after the wife of a Marathi movie director received abusive and obscene calls from various mobile numbers. Subsequently, a case was registered with the Chitalsar police which was later transferred to the anti-extortion cell.

Probe by a special team revealed that the number used for harassment belonged to someone who denied any connection with the call. On further inquiry, this person named accused Rahul Dubey, 33, saying he had issued him

the sim card. Dubey, a mobile company representative, had obtained 25 SIM cards using fake documents and distributed some to call centers that worked for various banks.

"Dubey allegedly issued multiple SIM cards under customers names without their knowledge to a loan recovery call center," said the police officer.

Following Dubey's arrest, police raided a call center in Bhayandar, leading to the arrest of two more on July 5 — Shubham Kalicharan Ojha (29), the call center owner, and Amit Mangala Pathak (33), a telecaller. The accused reportedly had agreements with several financial institutions, including two top private banks as well as a financial institution. Police have seized electronic equipment worth Rs 77,300. The suspects have been remanded to police custody till July 10.

Thane city police chief Ashutosh Dumbre has urged citizens to report any instance of harassment or abusive calls from loan recovery agents to local police station.

Min: Govt trying to start 10 med colleges this year

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**Mumbai:** State's medical education minister, Hasan Mushrif, on Tuesday, claimed that the govt is trying to start 10 new medical colleges from this academic year, even as the permission to start one with a capacity of 50 seats has already been received from the National Medical Commission (NMC).

Mushrif said that the govt is in the process of fulfilling the deficiencies enlisted by the NMC. He added that the process of filling up faculty positions through the Maharashtra Public Service Commission is underway and the infrastructural requirements are also being completed. Some of the teaching posts will be filled on contractual basis, he said.

**TOI** had reported on Tuesday that 14 applications were sent to the NMC, including 10 for govt and four run by private management and deemed universities. Of these, only two — a govt medical college at GT Hospital

HC: Explain steps for disabled edu

**Mumbai:** Bombay high court on Tuesday directed the state govt to reply stating what steps it has taken to implement its decisions to strengthen the education of disabled students. The direction was passed on a PIL by NGO Anamprem. The state had informed that it would provide educational videos on YouTube but cited funds shortage. **TNN**

Mumbai and MGM Medical college Nerul — have been approved by the commission. Mushrif said the govt will file an appeal with the NMC for the proposed nine medical colleges. He said the govt will give an undertaking to the commission stating that the deficiencies will be removed. "The govt has proposed to start each of these nine colleges with an intake of 100 seats each. Currently, there are close to 5,000 seats in govt medical colleges in the state."

Flyer smokes e-cigarette in plane, arrested

**Mumbai:** A passenger was allegedly caught smoking an e-cigarette on an IndiGo flight between Coimbatore and Mumbai on Monday. The incident occurred shortly after the flight took off at 9 pm. The e-cigarette was confiscated from the accused, KS Rajput (30), and he was arrested after cabin crew handed him over to the Airport police on landing at the Mumbai domestic airport. **TNN**

FDA inspector and aide caught taking bribe

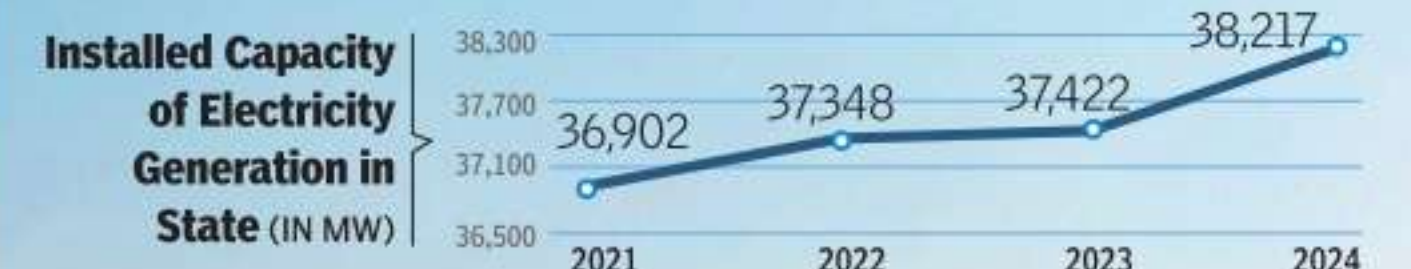
**Navi Mumbai:** A Thane FDA inspector and his accomplice, who is a medical store owner, were arrested by the Navi Mumbai anti-corruption bureau in a graft case on Monday. Shivraj Mhetre, ACB deputy SP, said the arrested accused drugs inspector has been identified as Sandeep Narwane, a class-2 officer, and his aide, S Chaudhary, is a resident of Kajyan. — **George Mendonca**

CLEAN ENERGY CAPACITY JUMPS 25% IN 3 YRS  
GROWTH IN SOLAR ALONE DOUBLES SINCE '21

The installed capacity of renewable energy, including solar, wind and hydro, has seen a 25% surge across Maharashtra over three years, spiralling from 9,846MW in 2021 to 12,271MW in 2024, revealed latest govt statistics. Growth in solar energy alone doubled in just three years from 1,917MW to 3,836MW. **Somit Sen reports.**

INSTALLED CAPACITY OF RENEWABLE ENERGY IN STATE (IN MW)

Source	2021	2022	2023	2024
Wind	4,998	5,011	5,011	5,209
Bagasse	2,301	2,339	2,407	2,582
Hydro	370	370	370	370
Biomass	215	215	215	215
Industrial waste	42	42	42	42
Urban solid waste	3	3	3	17



■ State ranks fifth in India after Gujarat, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka in terms of installed capacity of renewable energy

■ The share of renewable energy in total installed capacity in state has also increased from 26.7% to 32.1% over three years

■ Total installed capacity for electricity generation presently is **38,217MW**

**FEW OTHER GREEN INITIATIVES**

■ Govt has installed 5 lakh solar agriculture pumps, 10,000 solar water pumps, and rooftop and on ground solar power set of total capacity 260MW

■ It has also pushed for electrification of 50,000 new houses in state; introduced solar cooking in villages and set up 4,000 solar-based cold storages

**To increase share of renewable energy substantially by 2030, it has become necessary to use renewable energy sources as an alternative**

— A senior official, Energy Department

Why was Powai slum razed in monsoon, HC asks state, BMC

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**Mumbai:** Bombay high court on Tuesday sought to know from the State and BMC why residents of a slum at Powai, Andheri (E), were evicted and their houses demolished despite the state government's circular against demolition and eviction during monsoon.

"We feel, prima facie, something is amiss," said Jus-

tices Revati Mohite-Dere and Shyam Chandak while hearing a petition by 28 residents of Jai Bhim Nagar. They urged HC to direct registration of FIR against Powai police, civic officials and the developer under IPC sections, including voluntarily causing hurt and house trespass and under Scheduled Castes/Schedule Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. Also, an SIT headed by retired HC judge to ensure the "culprits

are brought to book."

The petitioners said they had been residing there for nearly 30 years and possessed relevant documents, including electricity bill and Aadhaar card.

Developer Hiranandani had sought to shift them out, but they had insisted on permanent alternate accommodation at the same place. On a complaint entertained by the State Human Rights Commission regarding unauthorised

construction, on June 3, BMC made a statement that it would take action against these structures. The petition said on June 6, while the police beat and chased them away, BMC demolished their homes.

Advocate Subhash Jha, for the petitioners, said the demolition happened in collusion and connivance of police officers, BMC as well as the developer. He referred to the state's government resolution not to demolish unauthorised struc-

tures or evict occupants during monsoon between June 1 and Sept 30. "650 families are thrown out in the open," Jha said.

The judges then asked public prosecutor Hiten Venegavkar to look into the matter because of the "nature of the allegations made".

"If there is a circular, nobody can be evicted. What has happened? You tell us," said Justice Mohite-Dere. The judges further said if there is

a circular in place regarding monsoon, no court can also pass any order. Seeking to know on what basis the houses were demolished, the judges questioned whether the police and BMC was unaware of the state's circular. They then remarked that something was amiss. BMC's advocate said "everything is demolished" and sought time to take instructions. The judges adjourned the hearing to July 19.

Betting app: Actor granted bail as court accepts defence view

**Mumbai:** In a detailed order granting bail to actor Sahil Khan in the Mahadev betting app case, a sessions court has said that it was in agreement with the submissions made by the defence lawyer. He was arrested from Jagdalpur in Chhattisgarh in April this year.

Khan's lawyer had argued that no material was collected by the investigating agency against Khan to make out a prima facie case. It was also argued that certain allegations in the FIR seem to be politically motivated to implicate senior politicians of the Congress by linking them with another accused, Saurabh Chandrakar. The lawyer also submitted that though there are several promotional videos uploaded by Bollywood actors, only Khan has been targeted, named in the FIR and arrested. **TNN**



## Cart operator at airport held for smuggling gold

Mumbai: The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) probing a gold smuggling racket, on Monday arrested a cart operator at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Terminus Mumbai. The accused was absconding after his name cropped up in the 7.5 kg gold smuggling case. The DRI arrested Nitesh Suresh Devkar (28), a resident of Vile Parle, a key accused who used to help a gold smuggling syndicate extract the hidden gold from the aircraft and handed it over to the syndicate. **TNN**

## Flyer arrested with gold dust & bars worth ₹1cr

Mumbai: Customs officials arrested a 28-year-old man from Karwar for allegedly smuggling in 1.7 kg of gold worth Rs 1.1 crore from Dubai. The Air Intelligence Unit (AIU) of Customs intercepted the passenger, Mohammed Suhail, at Mumbai airport after he arrived from Sharjah.

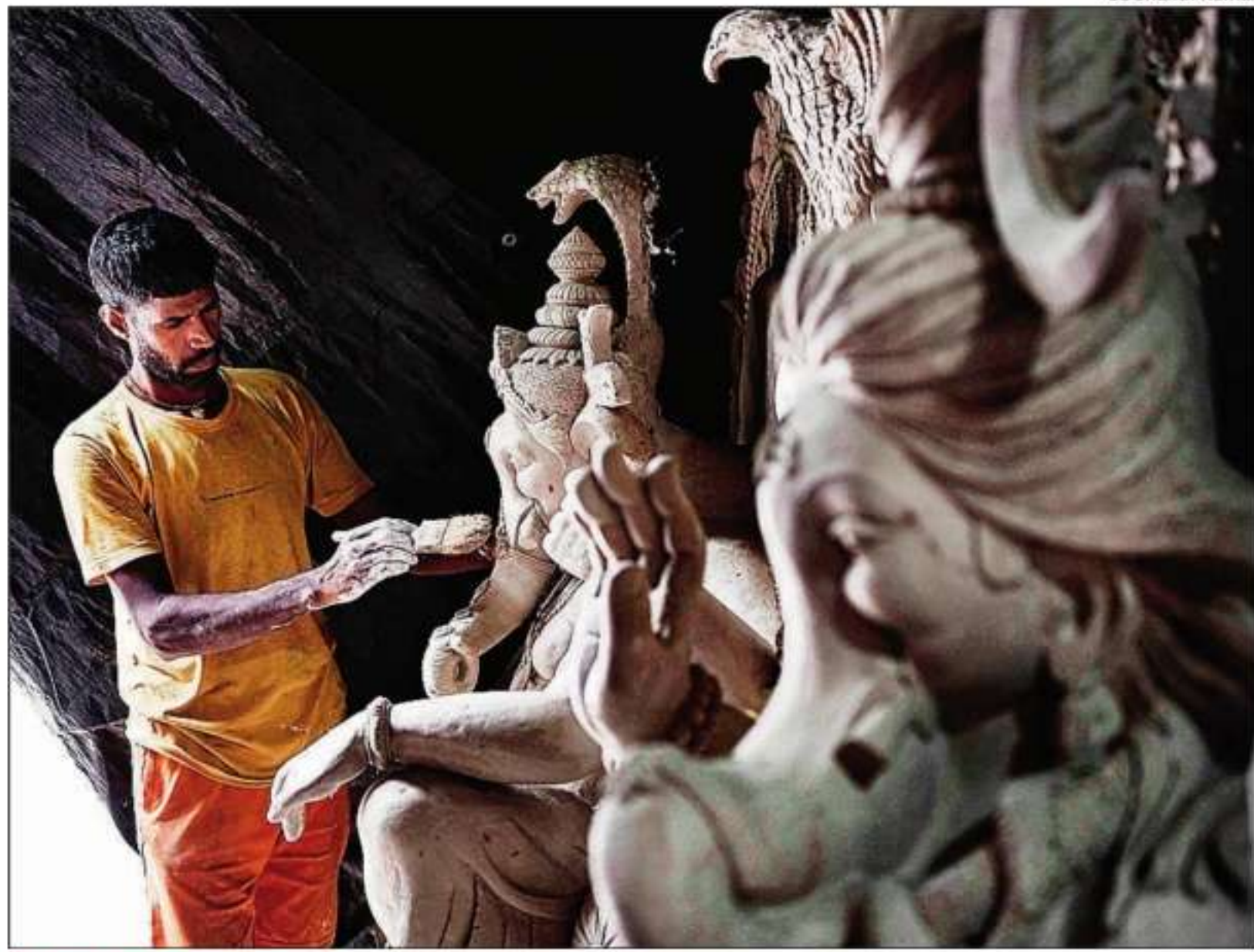
A search of his baggage resulted in recovery of gold dust. The officials also recovered eight gold bars weighing around 116gm worth Rs 7.3 lakh from him. Suhail said he received Rs 30,000 to smuggle in the gold. **TNN**

## Minor, 2 aides attack BMC employee; held

Thane: Railway police have nabbed a minor boy who along with his two aides allegedly assaulted a BMC employee with a sharp object in a packed suburban train, officials informed. "There was some quarrel between the accused and the victim over standing space in the crowded fast local near Ghatkopar. The two parties got into a scuffle with one of the minors brandishing a sharp weapon and tried to stab the victim. Luckily, the victim managed to ward off the attempt," said an officer. **TNN**

## FIRST BRUSH WITH THE LORD

SL Shanthi Kumar



**ON THE JOB:** An artisan works on Ganesh idols in Lower Parel on Tuesday. Ganesh Chaturthi is on Sept 7

## VoGo e-bikes withdrawn from BEST bus stops

Mumbai: BEST on Tuesday said that nearly 1,000 VoGo electric bikes that were introduced two years back for last-mile connectivity from bus stops, were recently withdrawn by the private company providing the service. BEST spokesperson Sunil Vaidya said: "We have not been provided any specific reason from VoGo EV bike operator." He said that BEST had not asked the company to withdraw their services.

A PR official from Chalo Mobility, which provided the e-bikes, refused to comment on the reason for withdrawal. "We have informed BEST officially about the withdrawal," she said. The e-bikes had maintenance issues while there were cases of people taking joyrides. But some people benefited from riding short distances and on feeder routes outside stations or near bus stops. Vaidya said there was no financial burden on BEST due to the bikes being withdrawn. **TNN**

## ₹3L for locksmith punched by cop, orders rights body

Vijay V. Singh at timesofindia.com

Mumbai: The Maharashtra State Human Rights Commission (MSHRC) has directed the government authority to compensate a locksmith with Rs 3 lakh for police atrocity. The locksmith was punched by a sub-inspector at Manikpur police station in Vasai for not accepting Rs 60 instead of the Rs 80 that he had charged for making a duplicate key for a railway police official.

The order, passed by MSHRC chairperson Justice K K Tated and member M A Sayeed, stated, "We have no hesitation to hold that the police machinery miserably failed to discharge their lawful duties and, in fact, maligned the very credit and reputation of the entire machinery by terrorising and humiliating an ordinary citizen. This citizen had the courage to demand payment for work done by him in the due course of his business and, very unfortunately, had to suffer grievous injuries over a meagre amount of Rs 20, which for him meant a lot as it is a source of feeding himself and his family members."

The MSHRC took suo motu action when the incident came to its attention in May and requested details from the state director general of police and Mira-Bhayandar Vasai-Virar police commissioner.

After the incident, a deputy commissioner of police conducted an inquiry against the sub-inspector, Rajshankar Salgar, and later a case of voluntarily causing grievous harm was registered against him.

Subsequently, police suspended Salgar. Police informed the MSHRC about these details and after going through their report, the commission passed the order to compensate the locksmith.

# 2 dupe merchant navy officer with 'currency card' con, held

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Mumbai: Two men were arrested for scamming a merchant navy officer while pretending to exchange his foreign currency for a 'currency card' at Mumbai Central Terminus recently.

The prime accused, Nazrul Shaikh, 32, was nabbed from his hometown in West Bengal. He admitted to his involvement in a string of similar offences across the country. Police said Shaikh would leave the city after committing a crime. In Mumbai, he was assisted by Iqbal Khan, 34, who has been arrested from his home in Khadavli, Thane.

The incident at Mumbai Central Terminus occurred on May 16. The merchant navy officer



cer who works in Egypt flew down to Mumbai International Airport. He then arrived at Mumbai Central Terminus to take the Golden Temple Express at 2 pm. While he was waiting at the ticket counter, the ac-

cused duo befriended him.

On finding out that he had foreign currency they inquired whether he had declared it to the Railways. Convinced that the Railways followed a process similar to airport Customs and nervous that he would get into unnecessary legal trouble, the officer asked them for a solution. The accused offered to get him a 'currency card' instead of foreign currency so that he would have no trouble with the police. They took his foreign currency and left to get the 'currency card' made. When they never returned, the officer realised he had been taken for a ride.

After a police complaint was registered, GRP crime branch went through CCTV footage and gathered that the

same accused were involved in three other cheating offences at Dadar GRP, Kurla GRP and CSMT GRP. Through technical surveillance, they traced the locations of Shaikh and Khan and arrested them. Police recovered Indian and foreign currency and cellphones, collectively worth Rs 3 lakh, from them.

"Shaikh used a somewhat similar modus operandi at various bus stations and railway termini after scouting for well-off targets. He has committed offences in several cities besides Mumbai. In some instances, victims have entrusted him with their ATM cards and UPI login/passwords," said GRP crime branch senior inspector Arshuddin S.

## Over 1.2k sign joint statement backing TISS faculty and staff

Mumbai: Over 1,200 individuals associated with different organisations and institutions across the country, and a few international ones, have come out with a public statement demanding reinstatement of the faculty and the staff members at the TISS' Advanced Centre for Women's Studies (ACWS), who were employed under UGC schemes.

The signatories have sought a sustainable solution for these staff members. While the institute had withdrawn the termination notices issued to 115 staff members, who were funded by Tata Trusts, the ones issued to the staff from women's studies, have not yet been recalled. The letter mentioned that 'the centre made significant contributions to the intersectional analysis of patriarchy, impacting many regions...', despite the instability and uncertainty over the staff's employment for over a decade and a half. The statement advocates for proper budgetary allocations and stability for faculty, ensuring permanent positions. **TNN**

## CM okays plan for 150-acre zoo in Thane: MLA

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Thane: The Thane city could soon get a botanical garden and zoo spread over 150 acres on the lines of similar facilities operational in Singapore and closer home in Byculla and Nagpur. Shiv Sena MLA Pratap Sarnaik said on Tuesday. He announced the development after his proposal was okayed by chief minister Eknath Shinde during a meeting held in Mumbai to discuss several developmental works in his constituency of Owala Majiwada.

As per plans, the project would be constructed abutting the Sanjay Gandhi National Park in Owale along the Ghodbunder Road, Sarnaik said. A joint survey will soon be done by the Thane corporation and the forest department following which the demarcation of the zoo will be done. While the land will be under the ownership

of the forest department, the state will bear the construction cost while the Thane municipal corporation will bear the operational and maintenance cost.

Sarnaik said majority area of the zoo will have bamboo forest and except for minimal safety enclosures required for animals and birds, emphasis will be on using timber for all type of constructions within the area as per forest department norms. An expert will be hired to decide the theme of the zoo along with details like type of animals to be brought in, plants to be grown here, among others.

"The CM has okayed my proposal for the zoo which can be turned into a one-day picnic and tourist spot for visitors from all cities in the MMR, largely benefit Thane city. The CM has asked principal secretary, forest dept and his team to start work at the earliest," Sarnaik said.

## 56-yr-old man gets 20 yrs' RI for sex assault of minor in '17

Thane: The Thane court has sentenced a 56-year-old man from Ahmednagar to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment for sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl in 2017.

The prosecutor, Rekha Hiwrale, informed the court that the girl's mother had abandoned her when she was 10 years old. Her father, employed as a cook at a hospital, resided with her in a chawl tenement.

In 2017, the girl's foster paternal uncle came to visit and subsequently started living with them.

In Sept 2017, while the girl's father was inebriated and asleep, the convict seized the opportunity and initially molested the girl as she slept.

The girl was sexually assaulted on multiple occasions, and when she resisted, the perpetrator threatened to kill her if she divulged the abuse to anyone.

Eventually, the incident was reported to the police, leading to the arrest of the accused. **TNN**

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Sl. No.	Name of the work	Approx. Amount put to bid (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document (Non-Refundable)
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1. Pre bid meeting will be held on 22.07.2024 at 15:00 hours in office of the Chief Engineer & Chief General Manager (Tech), BSWML, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru - 560052. 2) Tender bid submission date: on or before 16:00 Hours of 12.08.2024. The technical bid opening date on 13.08.2024 after 16:30 Hours. Further details can be obtained from KPP portal.

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**E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE**  
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**Note:-** (1) Tender on line can be submitted upto to 15:00 hrs. on 05.08.2024. (2) For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website [www.reps.gov.in](http://www.reps.gov.in). 1185/24(A)

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Bid availability Period : 10-07-2024 to 30-07-2024 upto 15.00 hours (IST)  
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Bid Submission Closing Date & Time : 30-07-2024 upto 17:00 hours (IST)  
Opening of BID-I & BID-II : 31-07-2024 at 12:00 hours (IST)

**Note:** All relevant details including any addendum/corrigendum/sale date extension shall be available in the e-portal website <http://tenderwizard.com/LIC>  
Date: 10-07-2024 Chief Engineer

**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**  
Office of the Executive Engineer,  
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No: EE/SN/TEND/02/2024-25 Date: 08.07.2024

**INVITATION FOR TWO COVER TENDER (IFT)**  
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The Executive Engineer (Shanthinagara) invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the works details in the table given below. The Tenderers may submit tenders for any or all of the works given in the table in appropriate class registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara palike / CPWD /KPWD / Railways / MES / any State or Central Govt organization.

Sl. No.	Name of the works
1.	Comprehensive Development of Roads, Drains, Culverts and Footpath in Ward No-166 and 167 of Shanthinagara Sub Division (Total 6 No of works, Govt SI No. 1,2,3,4,5 & 6) Package-01. <b>Approximate value of work ₹.550.00 Lakhs EMD: ₹.8,25,000/-</b>
2.	Comprehensive Development of Roads, Drains, Culverts, Footpath and providing Street Name Boards in Ward No-167 of Shanthinagara Sub Division (Total 6 No of works, Govt SI No. 7,8,9,10, 11 & 12) Package-02. <b>Approximate value of work ₹.550.00 Lakhs EMD: ₹.8,25,000/-</b>
3.	Comprehensive Development of Roads, Drains and Footpath in Ward No-169 and 170 of Dommalluru Sub Division (Total 6 No of works, Govt SI No. 13,14,15,16,17 & 18) Package-03. <b>Approximate value of work ₹.600.00 Lakhs EMD: ₹.9,00,000/-</b>
4.	Comprehensive Development of Roads, Drains Footpath and Improvements to Dohbi Ghat in Ward No-171 and 172 of Dommalluru Sub Division (Total 6 No of works, Govt SI No. 19, 20,21,22,23 & 24) Package-04. <b>Approximate value of work ₹.800.00 Lakhs EMD: ₹.12,00,000/-</b>

**Calendar of Events :** (1) Availability of RFP documents from 22.07.2024 onwards. (2) Pre Bid meeting will be held on 01.08.2024 at 3:30 pm in the Office of the Chief Engineer, East Zone, 18th Floor, Public Utility Building, Bengaluru - 01 Headed by Executive Engineer, Shanthinagara Division. (3) Last Date for Submission of tender documents on or before 05.08.2024 at 4:00 pm. (4) Technical Bids will be opened on 06.08.2024 at 4:30 pm.

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Date: 10-07-2024 Chief Finance Manager (Power Trading)

**Office of the Superintending Engineer, Chhattisgarh Rural Road Development Agency**  
Project Circle No. 01 Bastar

**E-Procurement Tender Notice**  
NIT No. 156 / TS 1679 / CGRRDA / 2024 Bastar, Date 08/07/2024

Superintending Engineer, Project Circle No. 01 Bastar on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh invites percentage rate bids for block wise zonal tenders in electronic tendering system for Patch repair/Maintenance/Renewal/Special Repair/Other Minor Work of Constructed Rural Road under PMGSY/MMGSVY in below mentioned district of the state, from the eligible contractors / Firms registered with unified registration system (e-registration) for the works mentioned below :-

S. No.	Work Name	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	Districts	Rate invited
01	Zonal Tender for Patch repair / Maintenance / Renewal / Special Repair / Other Minor Work of Constructed Rural Road under PMGSY/MMGSVY	1250.00	Bastar, Dantewada, Sukma, Bijapur	Percentage Rate on SOR 22.02.2018 issued by CE, CGRRDA Raipur

Detailed N.I.T. and other Details can be viewed on our website <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> on or after 10/07/2024, 05:30 PM. In future any related corrigendum would be seen in the notice section of the website.

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### State council OKs resolution to rename 7 rly stns

**Mumbai:** Legislative council on Tuesday passed a resolution recommending change of name for 7 Mumbai suburban railway stations. Currey Road will be renamed as Lalbaug, Marine Lines as Mumbadevi, Charni Road as Girgaum, Cotton Green as Kalachowkie, Sandhurst Road as Dongri, Dockyard Road as Mazgaon and King's Circle as Tirthankar Parshavnath. In assembly, Sena (UBT)'s Aaditya Thackeray sought an update on name change status of Aurangabad airport to Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj airport and Navi Mumbai international airport to Dina Patil airport. **TNN**

### Law to monitor pathology labs soon: Minister

**Mumbai:** Industries minister Uday Samant said on Tuesday that govt will soon introduce a law to monitor and control pathology laboratories in the state. "The law will look into registration, rules for operation and punishment," said Samant, adding that flying squads will be set up to scrap registration of labs working without registration under Maharashtra Paramedical Council.

The issue of unauthorised pathology labs in the state was raised in the assembly by BJP MLA Sunil Rane. **TNN**

### Panel to probe into scrapped BEST buses' sale

**Mumbai:** Industries minister Uday Samant announced on Tuesday a high-level committee probe into allegations of corruption in the sale of scrapped BEST buses. He said state had received Rs 86 crore from the sale of 2,831 buses since 2017 through e-auctions. The issue was raised in assembly by MLA Lahu Kanade who claimed the numbers related to the scrap sale did not add up. BJP MLA Ashish Shelar said material sold as scrap should include BEST Bhavans. Leader of Opposition Vijay Wadettiwar also raked up the issue. **TNN**

### Man threatens to jump from Mantralaya, held



**Mumbai:** A 55-year-old man threatened to jump off a fifth floor window of the Mantralaya triggering panic for about half-an-hour before he was detained by police. At around 3 pm, Arvind Patil, resident of Satara, entered the building went to its fifth floor, climbed a window ledge and sat there, demanding an inquiry into potholes and tree felling on the Karad-Chiplun highway, an official said. **TNN**

### FIR against reality show celebrity

**Mumbai:** The Mumbai police have registered a case against 'Dance India Dance' reality show's Season 1 finalist Jai Kumar Nair for allegedly duping a woman of Rs 20 lakh on the pretext of high returns on cryptocurrency, an official said. The complainant, Dipti Asija, met Nair via common friends. In November 2022, she gave him Rs 6 lakh, and then a total of Rs 14 lakh in two tranches. Nair had assured to give good returns on her investment, he said. **TNN**

## Hate speech offence invoked only against BJP MLA Nitesh Rane, state informs HC

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**Mumbai:** State on Tuesday told Bombay high court it invoked the offence of outraging religious feelings to only one of four FIRs related to hate speeches, including that which led to riots in January in Mira Road.

Justices Revati Mohite-Dere and Shyam Chandak were informed by public prosecutor Hiten Venegavkar that except in Mankhurd FIR regarding statements made against Muslims by BJP MLA Nitesh Rane, IPC Section 295A was not attracted in FIRs

## NCP assembly poll campaign takes off from Siddhivinayak

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**Mumbai:** NCP president and deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar kick-started his campaign for the legislative assembly election from the Siddhivinayak temple in Prabhadevi on Tuesday. Pawar was accompanied to the temple by NCP working president Praful Patel, state unit president Sunil Tatkare, deputy speaker Narhari Zirwal, and cabinet members Hasan Mushrif, Dilip Walse Patil, Dhananjay Munde and Aditi Tatkare.

Taking the lead in launching the poll campaign, the NCP started from Siddhivinayak on the advice of an agency selected to devise its poll strategy, said a party politician.

Sunil Tatkare confirmed the agency had been approached. "We have roped in an independent organisation. It will help us draft a new strategy for the upcoming assembly election," he said.

The agency founder has



Praful Patel, Dy CM Ajit Pawar and others at the temple on Tuesday

drafted the poll campaigns of senior politicians from Rajasthan and Karnataka in the past.

The assembly election is scheduled to be held in the last week of October. "We are seeking the blessings of the people. Siddhivinayak has blessed us with the symbol of victory. Ultimately, people are everything. We are approaching them to regain their trust. All

good work begins with the blessings of Lord Ganesh and since today is Angarki, I have come with my party's cabinet members, legislators for blessings," Pawar said.

On Monday, Pawar had a daylong meeting with officer-bearers from across the state to draft the election strategy. On the advice of the agency, it was decided that the first elec-

tion rally should be held in Pawar's hometown, Baramati, on Sunday.

After the Baramati rally, Pawar is expected to undertake a statewide campaign.

For Pawar, the outcome of the Lok Sabha election was a major political setback as his party could win only one seat. Sunil Tatkare was the lone winner, from Raigad. Even Pawar's wife, Sunetra, lost to his cousin, Supriya Sule of the NCP (SP), in Baramati.

An NCP politician said that Pawar felt that the party would improve its performance in the assembly election in view of a series of populist decisions taken by the Mahayuti government. "We expect that the CM Majhi Ladki Bahin scheme will be a game-changer. In addition, schemes drafted for farmers and the power concession plan will benefit the Mahayuti in a big way," the politician said.

With the help of the agency, a 90-day plan has been drafted to reach out to people.

### Pawar says MLAs of NCP in touch with his party

**Pune:** NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar on Tuesday said that some MLAs of the Ajit Pawar camp were in touch with his party state unit president Jayant Patil. His words were an added worry to his nephew and deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar ahead of the legislative council election on Friday.

Pawar was speaking to mediapersons in Satara. He was asked if any MLAs from the NCP were in touch with him. "Nobody is in contact with me and I do not get into it. However, I have information that some netas are in touch with Jayant Patil and the outcome of those meetings will be seen once the voting is over," the Baramati strongman said.

A total of 12 candidates are in the fray for 11 legislative council seats. Amid speculation of cross-voting from Ajit Pawar's party, the NCP chief took his MLAs to Siddhivinayak temple in Mumbai to project a united front.

— Anurag Bende

## Ajitdada tables ₹95,000cr supplementary demand

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unted to Rs 1 lakh crore.

The immediate consequence will be a rise in the revenue deficit projected at Rs 20,051 crore and the debt. "The revenue deficit will now rise to Rs 1.1 lakh crore. The fiscal deficit will be over 4% of GDP when the limit is 3%. The result is the state's credit rating will fall and it will be difficult to raise money. It will be charged a very high rate of interest," Patil said in the assembly. He said it would be tough to pay salaries.

Finance minister Ajit Pawar said the opposition should not malign the state's image. "Fiscal discipline has been maintained. The opposition should not scare investors," he said. He said the net burden of the supplementary demands would be Rs 88,770 crore.

Budget documents show the state proposes to raise loans worth Rs 1.3 lakh crore.

Officials though say states with a high debt burden are struggling to pay salaries and operational expenses.

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## For first time, Vidhan Parishad to have no Muslim legislator

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**Mumbai:** After Wajahat Mirza of the Congress and Abdulrah Khan Durrani of the NCP (SP) end their respective terms this month, the state legislative council will for the first time in history have no Muslim member.

Muslim politicians demanded that the MVA must ensure adequate representation for Muslims in the next election to the council. Samajwadi Party MLA Rais Shaikh wrote a letter to the MVA top brass — Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray, Cong-

ress state unit president Nana Patole, and NCP (SP) state unit president Jayant Patil — saying that despite Muslims comprising nearly 12% of the state population, they were not being represented in the council polls.

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## Oppn to gov: Order poll for council chairperson

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**Mumbai:** MVA MLAs and MLCs led by leader of the opposition in the legislative council Ambadas Danve met governor Ramesh Bais on Tuesday and urged him to direct the election for the chairperson of the council to be held before the ongoing monsoon session ends on Friday.

The chairperson's post has been vacant for over two years. Political observers said that the Mahayuti may hold polls to elect the chairperson since the BJP is keen to get its MLC Ram Shinde or MLC Pravin Darekar elected to the post ahead of the assembly election so that it can control the upper house even if the assembly results are in favour of the MVA.

The chairperson's post has been vacant since end of the tenure of Ramraje Nimbalkar of the NCP in 2022.

The Shiv Sena is also keen to get the post of the chairperson as the assembly speaker's post is with BJP. Shiv Sena MLC Neelam Gorhe is the deputy chairperson and has been discharging the functions of chairperson since there is no full-time chairperson. Party sources said that the BJP may pick Ram Shinde for the job if an election is held since he is from there Dhangar community. He was an MLA from Kar-

### PUNE PARTY HOPPER VASANT MORE NOW WITH UDDHAV THACKERAY



After hopping three parties in barely five months, Pune Lok Sabha election loser Vasant K More on Tuesday joined the Shiv Sena (UBT). More (51) was accorded a welcome by party chief Uddhav Thackeray, MP Sanjay Raut and others. Raut said More was a former Shiv Sainik and would now strengthen the party in Pune and its surroundings in the run up to the October assembly election. **IANS**

jat-Jamkhed but lost to Rohit Pawar of the NCP (SP) in 2019.

"The chairperson is the highest authority in the legislature and since this post has been vacant for the last two and a half years we feel that the upper house, which preserves the principles of democracy, is running without leadership. The ongoing one is the last session of the 14th legislative assembly. So this will be the last session of the legislative

council of this government. Keeping the constitutional post of the chairperson vacant for many years is against the customary tradition of the legislature and harmful to democracy. ... [I]t is requested that the date should be fixed during the ongoing session for the election of the chairperson," the MVA letter said.

The Mahayuti has 31 votes and MVA only 20 if a poll is held to elect the chairperson.

## Oppn skips Maratha-OBC quota meet; Fadnavis says it's deliberate

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**Mumbai:** Opposition leaders on Tuesday refused to attend the all-party meeting on the OBC-Maratha quota reservation controversy called by CM Eknath Shinde, forcing Dy CM Devendra Fadnavis to say that the opposition has no time for the Marathas. Opposition leader Vijay Wadettiwar, however, said in the legislative Assembly that the meeting was boycotted as the Maha Vikas Aghadi "was not taken into confidence" on the issue.

An all-party meeting was called by CM Eknath Shinde on Tuesday evening at 6.30pm at the Sahyadri state guest house. "The boycott was deliberate to keep Maharashtra burning and keep their political agenda (rajikiya poli bhajat aah) going... They have no time to speak on Maratha reservation issue, but sitting in

### Jarange: Beed rally despite all odds

Quota activist Manoj Jarange held a mega rally in Latūr on day four of his eight-day Marathwada tour on Tuesday. He reiterated his allegations against DCM Devendra Fadnavis and minister Chhagan Bhujbal for denying police nod to his 'peace and awareness' rally, and said the rally will be held despite it. **TNN**

Wadettiwar's home, they are meeting on elections. They have shown their political caste," said Fadnavis.

Wadettiwar, however, said the govt must make its stand clear in the House. "The discussions that were held, the assurances that were given must be informed to the House. The govt must give justice to both communities," he added.

NCP (SP) group leader Jayant Patil, too, said the opposition should have been briefed about meetings held on earlier occasions prior to the Tuesday's all-party meeting.

Congress' Nana Patole said the House was the best place to hold the discussion as people have a right to know about the issue. Dy CM Ajit Pawar said it was important that leaders Sharad Pawar, Uddhav Thackeray, Raj Thackeray and Prakash Ambedkar participate in the meeting which they cannot do if it is held in the assembly as they are not members of the House. Meanwhile, BJP RS MP Ashok Chavan said the clarification by govt on June 28 with regard to caste certificate for Maratha students and candidates had created confusion and though state had granted 10% quota to Marathas, the perception is the community has not got any reservation.

(promoting hatred and enmity among groups on grounds of religion etc). When petitioners complained that Section 295A was not added, Venegavkar had said the CPs will take a decision on it.

Senior advocate Gayatri Singh, for petitioner Aftab Siddique, said Section 295A was attracted in Rane's Ghatkopar speech, adding, "This was much more egregious". She said it identified "a particular community as persons who engaged in love jihad and as Rohingyas and Bangladeshis" and provoked Hindus to engage in violence asking if they will tolerate "an attack on our

religion". Venegavkar said Section 295A was not attracted in Rane's Ghatkopar speech as the intention of outraging religious feelings of Indians citizens is not there. "Here the reference is only to Rohingyas and Bangladeshis. It is an admitted position that too many of this population are here illegally," he said.

Venegavkar said chargesheet is filed in Mira Road FIR and will be filed in others in 8 weeks and sanction will also be taken from State for invoking Section 153A. Disposing of the petitions, judges said the petitioners can seek invoking of Section 295A even during trial.

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## MP ashram: Post 6 deaths, boy missing

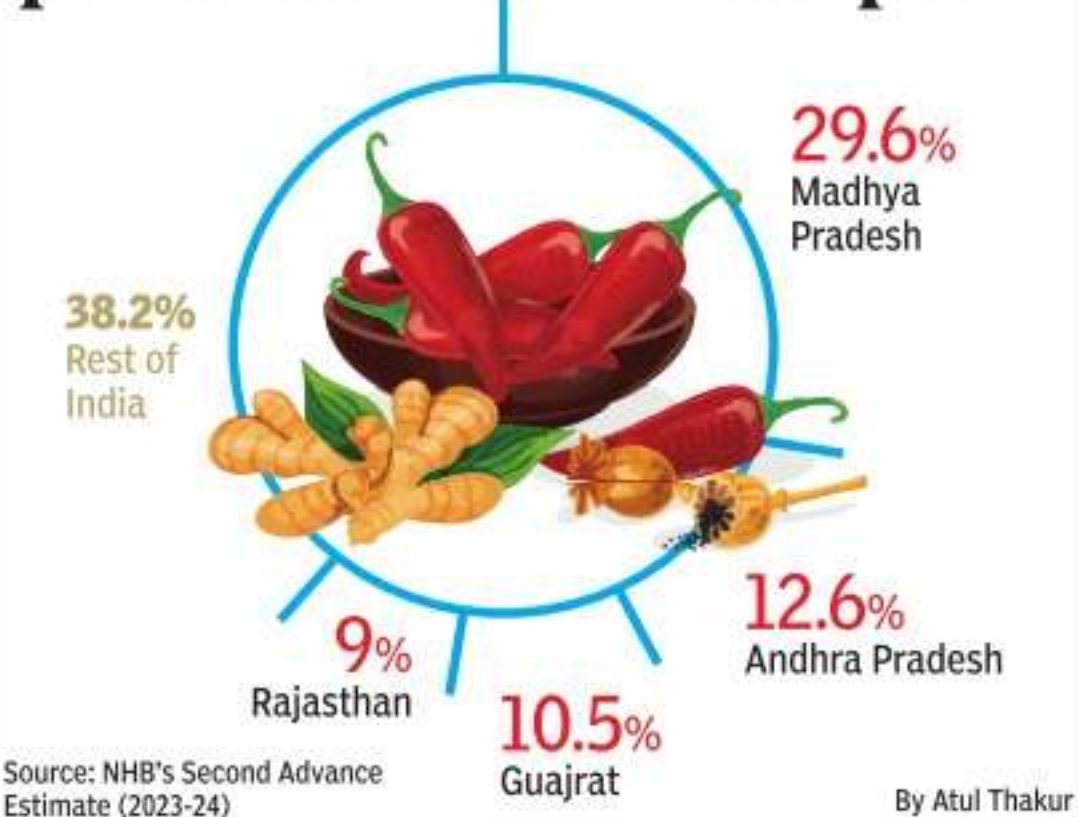
After six deaths, a mysterious disappearance. A 16-year-old boy of the Indore ashram, where six children died last week, went missing on Monday while being shifted to another shelter. Police have registered a case of kidnapping. The boy, identified as Anand from Harda district, suffers from a mental disability, heightening the urgency that he is found quickly. **TNN**

## Covid-hit flyers to get ₹2.5cr refund

Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has ordered online travel agency, Yatra, to refund Rs 2.5 crore to consumers for flight cancellations during lockdown. In a recent order, CCPA directed the agency to set up five dedicated seats at the national consumer helpline (NCH) to contact passengers whose refunds are pending. **TNN**

**STATISTICS** A slice of life in numbers

## Madhya Pradesh alone produces about 30% of spices



## Threatened by cops & accused, rape survivor & father end lives

**Ajmer:** A 16-year-old rape survivor and her 54-year-old father died by suicide in Nagaur district in Rajasthan on Tuesday morning, reports **Kshitiz Gaur**. In her suicide note, the minor said her rapist's accomplices came to her house on Sunday night and threatened to kill her, but local police failed to take action against them and instead threatened her and her family.

Villagers found the father and daughter hanging in their house, and informed police. The girl, who was abducted and raped on June 13, had named two persons—Motiram and Mangilal—in her police complaint, based on which a case was registered under the PoCSO Act on June 14.

The girl's cousin told **TOI** that Motiram raped the girl before setting her free. After an FIR was registered, the SHO and the accused started threatening family to withdraw the case, he said. Motiram was subsequently arrested, but Mangilal came to his uncle's house and threatened to kill the girl and her father.

# Adoptions at record high, SC warns states stalling process

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**New Delhi:** Frowning at states' indifference to its direction for creation of a specialised adoption agency (SAA) in each of the country's 760 districts by Jan 31, the Supreme Court on Tuesday threatened initiation of contempt proceedings against chief secretaries of defaulting states if the needful is not done by Aug 30.

Additional solicitor general Aishwarya Bhati presented statistics that reflected poorly on efforts of the states to comply with the Nov 20, 2023 order of the SC for creation of SAAs in each of the 760 districts and said long lapse of the deadline, SAAs have not been set up in 370 districts.

She said the states which did not have SAAs in more than 50% of their districts are Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Telangana, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Aru-

**From 29,000 in 2021-22 to 1.2 lakh in 2023-24, big jump in number of children in non-institutional care support**



Coverage of children in need of protection through 'non-institutional care' by way of sponsorship and foster care and 'after care' for those who leave institutional care upon turning 18 has shown a significant increase from 29,331 children in 2021-22 to 62,675 in 2022-23 and over 1.21 lakh in 2023-24, reveals data available with the ministry of women and child development. Highlighting these figures as a reflection of govt's efforts towards providing family-based care to all children in difficult circumstances, in a letter to chief secretaries of all states and UTs, WCD ministry has asked states to focus on implementation of the non-institutional care framework to ensure more and more children find a life beyond institutional care in children's homes, reports **Ambika Pandit**.

nachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Nagaland and Uttarakhand. She said Chandigarh, Goa, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Kerala have fully complied with the SC's direction and set up SAAs in each district.

A bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said it was unfortunate that the states have not complied with the Nov 20 order despite the court extending the Jan 31 deadline.

"We had warned of coercive steps in the event of non-compliance. We are now compelled to take it as despite repeated efforts, SAAs have not been set up in each district.

Chief secretaries of all defaulting states and UTs shall file compliance affidavits on or before Aug 30, failing which they shall remain present personally before the SC to explain why contempt of court proceedings be not initiated against

them," the bench ordered.

Bhati said since the intervention of the court, the process has picked up and the Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) has achieved a record 4029 adoptions by couples. In 2019-20, a total of 3,745 orphaned, abandoned and surrendered children were adopted through CARA. In 2020-21 it was 3,559, in 2021-22, it was 3,405, in 2022-23 it was 3,441 and 2023-24 a total of 4,029 such children were adopted.

## Howrah man thrashed on Kangaroo court order; TMC worker on the run

**Rupak Banerjee** | TNN

**Sankrail:** A businessman was beaten up, his house and garage vandalised, and bikes thrown into a pond during a kangaroo court session held to resolve his marital dispute in Howrah's Sankrail on Monday. Two persons were arrested on Tuesday.

Though police have lodged an FIR, the man who organised the court, Jujarsaha village panchayat deputy head and TMC functionary Khalel Ahmed, is absconding.

Victim Shahabuddin Sepai suffered swelling in his right eye and injuries to chest

## 2021 woman assault clip goes viral, 2 held

**Bengal police** arrested two persons and detained another on Tuesday after a 2021 video—of a woman being assaulted by members of a sporting club in North 24 Parganas—went viral. Police registered a suo motu case and started probe.

The clip was shared by BJP Bengal chief Sukanta Majumdar on Monday. According to cops, the woman was caught over an alleged bike theft and later handed over to them. Two persons seen in the clip, Subhas Das alias Suman and Abhishek Burman alias Chottu, have been arrested, while Bappa has been detained. **TNN**

and abdomen. He accused Ahmed of the assault conspiracy under the guise of mediation.

About a month ago, Shahabuddin's wife left for her parental home after a dispute, leading to tensions between the two families. Shahabud-

din claimed that Ahmed contacted him posing as a relative of his wife's family to organize the mediation meeting.

However, Ahmed told journalists that he left the meeting as soon both the parties started fighting.

## Murder accused, out on bail, kills youth in Jalna

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**Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar:** A murder accused, out on bail, allegedly killed a youth late on Monday in Jalna district.

According to preliminary reports, the incident was a fallout of a petty dispute. The accused allegedly stabbed the victim, Sameer Shah, (25), multiple times. He was rushed to hospital, where he succumbed to injuries.

The incident took place in the vicinity of Miyanshab Dargah in Jalna town, following which an FIR was registered against the suspect at

Kadim Jalna police station.

Police said that suspect Shaikh Khsuro, who is in his mid-20s, and the victim resided in the same locality. Earlier, they had registered a non-cognisable offence against each other over some petty issue. Citing police records, another officer said that the suspect had allegedly murdered his elder brother Shaikh Sajid in Nov 2021 by attacking him with an axe. The suspect secured bail after remaining behind bars for a few months. Police sub-inspector Dnyandeo Nagre said that the exact reason for the suspect to stab the victim is not yet known.

## Woman IRS officer changes gender, govt updates records

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**New Delhi:** In probably a first in India's civil services history, a woman IRS officer, posted as joint commissioner in the regional bench of Central Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT), Hyderabad, would be officially regarded as a male civil servant from Tuesday.

Union finance ministry in an order on Tuesday said: "Ms M Anusuya, an IRS officer of 2013 batch, presently posted as Joint Commissioner in the office of Chief Commissioner (AR), CESTAT, Hyderabad, has requested for change of her name from Ms M Anusuya to Mr M Anukathir Surya and gender from female to male."

"The request of Ms M Anusuya has been considered. Henceforth, the officer will be recognised as 'Mr M Anukathir Surya' in all official records," said the order from the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, Department of Revenue.

After the April 15, 2014 judgment of SC in NALSA case recognised third gender and ruled that gender identity is a personal choice, whether or not a person undergoes sex reassignment surgery (SRS), a male Odisha commercial tax officer, five years after joining the Odisha Financial Services, had decided to change her gender to female in 2015 and got officially recognised as Aishwarya Rituaparna Pradhan. In the April 2014 judgment SC had said, "Sexual orientation refers to an individual's enduring physical, romantic and/or emotional attraction. Sexual orientation includes transgender and gender-variant people with heavy sexual orientation and their sexual orientation may or may not change during or after gender transmission..."

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## MP's Bhoj wetland runs risk of being taken off Ramsar Convention list

**New Delhi:** Bhoj wetland in Bhopal faces the threat of being delisted from Ramsar Convention's list of wetlands of international importance due to possible damage to its ecological character, reports **Vishwa Mohan**.

Responding to citizens' concerns over proposed road construction activities cutting through the catchment area of Bhoj wetland, the Convention secretariat in Switzerland has sought clarification from India on the issue.

This is the first step on delisting the wetland after analysing the possibility of any change in ecological character of the site due to pollution or human interference.

Many individuals have separately reported the matter to the secretariat which, in turn, asked the environment ministry to



Bhoj wetland is one of the 82 such sites in India on the list for conservation and management of wetlands under a globally accepted framework

respond to it. The ministry is expected to respond whether such proposed construction activity will change the ecological character of Bhoj wetland, which consists of two man-made reservoirs (Upper and Lower Lakes). Beom-Sik Yoo, senior advisor (Asia/Oceania) at the Convention secretariat, wrote to a complainant, "You may find an update of your report (complaint) on Bhoj wetland in the next report (of the committee)."

## Centre extends ban on SFJ for another 5 years

**New Delhi:** The Centre has declared pro-Khalistan outfit Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) as an 'unlawful association' for a further period of five years, citing it has continued its involvement in anti-India and subversive activities and for backing violent form of extremism in Punjab and elsewhere, with the prime objective of carving out a sovereign Khalistan out of Indian territory, reports **Bharti Jain**.

The notification stated: "The central govt hereby extends the declaration of the Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) as an unlawful association...for a further period of five years from 10th day of July 2024." SFJ's modules and their activities in India are controlled by foreign-based handlers.

## Hrs after Rahul visit, unrest in Manipur dist

**Guwahati:** Arsonists torched the home of a tribal leader in Manipur's Jiribam early Tuesday, stoking unrest in the district hours after Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's outreach in what is a new pocket of discord in the ethnic conflict that erupted in May last year, reports **Prabin Kalita**.

The destroyed house belonged to Seijathang Khangaisi, a former secretary of the influential Kuki Inpi Manipur, at Phaitol village. Kuki Inpi declared a 12-hour shutdown in all Kuki Zo-inhabited areas from 6am Wednesday.

In Kangpokpi, hundreds protested against the arrest of five men by forces. Three of them were taken into custody by central and state forces at Hengjol village. The other two were arrested in Jiribam.

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Dr. Vaidya was a preeminent clinical pharmacologist who shaped the growth of Reverse Pharmacology and Ayurvedic research in India. He is survived by his wife Dr. Rama Ashok Vaidya, his daughter Dr. Vidita Ashok Vaidya, his granddaughter Alina Vaidya Mahadevan, and an extended family whose lives he deeply inspired and impacted.

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## Delhi cops harassing, says NGO that moved court over tree felling

**New Delhi:** NGO 'New Delhi Nature Society', on whose plea the Supreme Court took cognisance of illegal cutting of hundreds of trees in the Ridge area in south Delhi and passed various directions including issuing contempt notice to the DDA vice-chairman, on Tuesday approached the apex court to allege that the organisation and its founder were being harassed by Delhi Police for pursuing the case, reports **Amit Anand Choudhary**.

Appearing for the NGO, advocate Manan Verma mentioned the issue before a bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih and sought an urgent hearing on the application. The bench agreed to hear the plea on Wednesday.

When contacted, the NGO's lawyer refused to divulge details of the alleged police harassment as mentioned in the application.

The NGO had brought to the court's notice illegal felling of trees which resulted in the DDA VC being slapped with a contempt notice.

## HC junks PIL against Dalai Lama over boy's 'molestation'

**New Delhi:** Delhi high court on Tuesday dismissed a PIL seeking prosecution of **Dalai Lama** for allegedly molesting a boy, as claimed to have been shown in a video clip that went viral last year. HC remarked that the religious leader was "being playful" and has already apologised for the incident.

In the video clip, the Dalai Lama was seen kissing the boy on the lips, which sparked a row on social media.

The petitioner, Confederation of NGOs, urged the court to pass directions to authorities to take cognisance of the alleged incident under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and ensure the identity of the child is retracted from news portals. A bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela said it was not a public interest matter and refused to entertain the plea. **TNN**

## Delhi cop running int'l narco cartel flees to SA, warrant issued

**New Delhi:** A Delhi court is learned to have issued a non-bailable warrant against an officer of Delhi Police's crime branch who was running an international narcotics cartel from the capital.

The cop has been on the run for the past few months and has reportedly fled abroad. The accused cop, Naresh Kumar, has escaped to South Africa via Nepal and Syria, cops suspect. A lookout circular has been issued against him. Interestingly, the cop has been filing bail applications while on the run.

"His bail application was recently dismissed by court and he is now learned to have filed a fresh plea," said a crime branch officer.

The accused cop is now believed to be running his drug-related operations from abroad, an intelligence officer said. He is also alleged to be in touch with a few officers of the crime branch through encrypted chat applications and virtual private network. **TNN**

# SC reverses WB min's order to cancel 10-year-old ad contract

## Warns Govt Bodies Against Wriggling Out Of Obligations

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**New Delhi:** Supreme Court on Tuesday quashed West Bengal urban development minister Firhad Hakim's "arbitrary and capricious" decision to cancel a 10-year-long advertising contract to a firm and cautioned public authorities at large against wriggling out of contractual obligations casually and whimsically.

A bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said in a classic case of arbitrary and capricious exercise of power, Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (KMDA), at the behest of the minister, cancelled the contract awarded to a firm for maintenance and advertising rights at Beliaghata and Swabhami underpasses on Eastern Metropolitan Bypass, for which the firm had spent substantial amounts.

Writing the 84-page judgment,



Bengal urban development minister Firhad Hakim personally instructed the officials to cancel the contract

Justice Pardiwala said, "None of the officials of KMDA suggested that the tender be cancelled, rather it was the concerned minister who did so... KMDA was reluctant to immediately cancel the tender for work and continued to insist on obtaining the opinion from its legal cell. Even though the opinion of the legal cell was yet to be obtained, KMDA, despite its initial reluctance, undertook immediate steps to cancel the tender after the concerned minister personally instructed the officials to do so."

Accepting senior advocate Shyam Divan's submissions, the bench said, "We are of the considered opinion that the litigation at hand is nothing but a classic textbook case of an

arbitrary exercise of powers by KMDA in cancelling the tender that was issued in favour of the firm and that too at the behest of none other than the concerned minister-in-charge and thereby rendering the Feb 7, 2023 notice of cancellation illegal."

Laying down norms for public-private contracts, the bench said, "The courts are duty bound to zealously protect the sanctity of any tender that has been duly conducted and concluded by ensuring that the larger public interest of upholding bindingness of contracts are not sidelined by a capricious or arbitrary exercise of power by the State. It is the duty of the courts to interfere in contractual matters that have fallen prey to an arbitrary action of the authorities in the guise of technical faults, policy change or public interest etc."

"We caution the public authorities to be circumspect in disturbing or wriggling out of its contractual obligations through means beyond the terms of the contract in exercise of their executive powers," the bench said, though it accepted that govts have power to cancel a tender only in bona fide public interest.

## HC: 2 ex-civic chiefs misused position in awarding contracts

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**Ahmedabad:** Terming it a 'tentative opinion', Gujarat high court on Tuesday said that two former municipal commissioners of Vadodara were guilty of dereliction of duty and misuse of their position in awarding contract of the redevelopment project of the Harni



The Gujarat HC accused the duo of not fulfilling their duties

the role played by two former municipal commissioners—HS Patel and Vinod Rao—in selection and award of contract for lake redevelopment to Kotia Projects on PPP model and opined that the firm was not qualified for the work.

**HARNI TRAGEDY**

Motnath Lake, where 14 people—including 12 school kids—died following a boat capsizing on January 18 this year.

In its interim order on a suo motu PIL on the Harni Lake tragedy, the bench of Justice Sunita Agarwal and Justice Pranav Trivedi referred to the fact-finding committee's report in detail and said that there was an apparent illegality in awarding the contract. It recorded

## Odisha govt's reply sought on release plea of Staines' killer

**Bhubaneswar:** The Supreme Court issued notice on Tuesday to the Odisha govt on a petition seeking premature release of Dara Singh (62), who has been serving a life term for the 1999 murder of Australian missionary Graham Staines and his two sons in Keonjhar district.

"Today I approached the Hon'ble SC on behalf of Dara Singh and requested for his premature release. He is under incarceration for the past 24 years and 5 months," Dara's advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain posted on social media, reports **Ashok Pradhan**. A group led by Dara had set fire to a vehicle in Keonjhar on Jan 22, 1999, killing Staines (58) and his two sons, Philip (10) and Timothy (6).

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## 4, including 3 bros, get life for burning man to death

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**Agra:** A local court in Mainpuri district in Uttar Pradesh sentenced four persons, including three brothers, to life imprisonment for burning a man to death over a land dispute four years ago, the prosecution said.

Additional district judge Jai Prakash on Monday held all the accused guilty of murder and sentenced them to life imprisonment along with a penalty of Rs 16,000 each, said ADGC Vishwajeet Singh Rathore.

He added, "The court ordered that Rs 40,000 from the penalty amount be paid to the wife of the deceased.

sed. The accused men, relatives of the victim, have been sent to jail following court orders."

On June 9, 2020, Ram Kishan, a resident of Shiv Nagar locality, was burnt alive by Ram Sharan, his brothers Manoj and Ram Vilas, along with Raj Kumar near Singhpur canal bridge. Ram Kishan's wife Sadhana lodged an FIR against the accused at Kotwali police station.

After investigation, police filed a detailed chargesheet in court.

The prosecution presented 10 witnesses, including the complainant, investigator, and a doctor, who testified in the case.

Based on the testimony and evidence compiled by police, the four accused were found guilty, the ADGC added.

## Bail revoked for cop who 'aided' bootlegger

**Rajkot:** A Gujarat sessions court has cancelled the bail of a woman constable accused of accompanying a notorious bootlegger in an SUV as they tried to run over cops who tried to nab them last month.

A magisterial court had granted suspended head constable Neeta Chaudhary (34) bail on July 3. The following day, the police challenged the bail order in the sessions court. She was arrested on June 30 along with bootlegger Yuvrajsinh Jadeja. The duo was booked for attempted murder, bootlegging and other offences. **TNN**

## SC notice to Axis Bank for not accepting demonetised notes

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**New Delhi:** One-and-a-half years after validating the Union govt's Nov 8, 2016, decision to demonetise Rs 1,000 and Rs 500 currency notes, Supreme Court has entertained a petition by a company which complained that Axis Bank had refused to accept demonetised notes worth Rs 3.2 crore in breach of RBI guidelines.

Appearing for the company, advocate Nalin Kohli argued before a bench of Justices B R Gavi and K V Viswanathan that it was not challenging the decision to demonetise certain currency notes but was aggrieved by the bank's arbitrary decision not to accept the deposit of Rs 3.2 crore in violation of RBI orders relating to demonetisation and despite the company being KYC compliant.



Rs 1,000 and Rs 500 notes were demonetised on Nov 8, 2016

RBI, through senior advocate Jaideep Gupta, said it was for Axis Bank to explain its refusal to accept the demonetised notes in Dec 2016. The Nov 8, 2016, notification had allowed deposit of demonetised currency notes in banks till Dec 30, 2016. Another notification issued on Dec 31, 2016, made it an offence to hold demonetised currency notes after Dec 30 and made the holder liable for penalty.

Kohli said apart from the bank being obliged to receive demonetised currency notes presented before it by the KYC-compliant

company, it was also obligatory for RBI to ensure that the company received the amount in exchange of valid currency notes as each demonetised note contained a written promise by the RBI governor to pay the bearer an amount specified on the currency note.

The bench issued fresh notice to Axis Bank and asked it to respond within three weeks after the RBI counsel said the court would have to hear the bank and find out whether it had a valid reason not to accept demonetised notes.

A bench of Justices S Abdul Nazeer, Gavi, A S Bopanna, V Ramasubramanian and B V Nagarathna had by four to one majority on Jan 2, 2023, validated the Nov 8, 2016, demonetisation decision carried out through an ordinance. Justice Nagarathna had dissented.

## Malegaon accused's plea to admit docus as evidence junked

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**Mumbai:** Observing that the documents were only photocopies and some were different from those submitted by the army's court of inquiry, a special court rejected Malegaon 2008 blasts accused Lt Col Prasad Purohit's plea to admit them as evidence. The judge said that the copies were collected from various army headquarters across the country.

"If they were certified copies, issued by various army headquarters, then the same would have reflected in the documents. But there are no such remarks. Hence, it is difficult to accept the submissions," special judge AK

Lahoti said.

The judge further said that as per the directions of an earlier judge, ministry of defence had submitted the court of inquiry papers, and some of the documents cited by Purohit do not match those. "The documents filed are incomplete as they aren't copies of the entire pages," the judge said.

Last month, the court had allowed Purohit to examine witnesses.

Opposing Purohit's plea, special public prosecutor Avinash Rasal said, "Original documents have not been produced for comparison. The copies have not been certified by the custodian of the documents. All of them are supposed to be photocopies."

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Gangapur police rushed to the spot after receiving information. Although the driver, Devchand Tidme, had fled the scene, he was tracked on the basis of the vehicle's registration number and arrested.

On Sunday, a 45-year-old woman was mowed down by a truck on the road linking Gangapur Road and College Road. Police said the deceased, Nidhi Ware, had stepped out to purchase vegetables around 6.15pm when she was hit. Based on a complaint by her relative, police have filed a case against an unidentified trucker under section 106(1)(2) of BNS for causing death due to negligence and rash driving. Police said they had the registration number of the truck and the driver would be arrested soon. **TNN**

Open court hearing  
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Such Petitions Decided In Chamber

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**New Delhi:** Senior advocates, well-versed with rules regulating adjudication of review petitions, took CJJD Y Chandrachud by surprise on Tuesday with their 'cart-before-the-horse' requests for open court hearing of petitions seeking reconsideration of SC's Oct 17, 2023, ruling unanimously denying legalisation of same-sex marriages.



Review petitions are decided in chamber without the presence of counsel. The bench, which had delivered the ruling, on being satisfied that the petitioners have pointed out "errors apparent on the face of the judgement", may allow open court hearing for review.

A number of senior advocates—A M Singhvi, N K Kaul, Mukul Rohatgi and Menaka Guruswamy—requested the CJI to place the pleas in open court. However, solicitor general Tushar Mehta said

since a five-judge bench had rejected legalising same-sex marriages, it was the prerogative of the reconstituted bench to decide in chamber.

The CJI said, "The Constitution bench is seized of the petitions, which will be heard in chamber on Wednesday. Everyone is aware of the rules governing chamber hearing of petitions. I hope you all are not arguing the pleas in open court even before the bench takes up the matter in chamber tomorrow [Wednesday]."

A bench of CJI Chandrachud and Justices S K Kaul, S R Bhat, Hima Kohli and P S Narasimha had declined LGBTQ members' pleas to legalise same-sex marriages. However, the CJI and Justice Kaul, in their minority view, had said queer couples should enjoy certain social rights. Justices Kaul and Bhat have since retired and the CJI has replaced them with Justices Sanjiv Khanna and B V Nagarathna on the bench.

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**Kolkata:** A Kolkata-based Odissi dancer who had in last Oct accused Bengal governor C V Ananda Bose and his nephew of rape has issued a statement categorically denying withdrawing the case but clarified

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The statement was issued to TMC functionary Kunal Ghosh, who shared it on social media on Tuesday. The dancer—who used to stay in the US—had accused Bose and his nephew of abuse in a Delhi hotel in

Jan 2023. She moved back to Kolkata after getting embroiled in the legal issue. It was this issue that had prompted her to approach the governor, and even led her to travel to Delhi after she was promised help,

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Officials said the exemption had come into effect from July 1. "The govt has decided to offer a 100% tax exemption for hybrid vehicle registration. However, the waiver is yet to reflect on Vahan portal," read a June 28 letter by chief secretary Manoj Kumar Singh to Deputy Secretary Shrivastava, the director of IT at National Informatics Centre, which handles the portal.

The exemption, it said, would apply to "hybrid electric vehicles, strong hybrid vehicles, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, series hybrid electric vehicles and series-parallel hybrid electric vehicles". PK Singh, regional transport officer in Ghaziabad, said the state govt was striving to promote eco-friendly transport.

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**Bareilly:** In a quick-fix solution, experts at Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI) in Bareilly used Fevikwik and blouse clasp (hook) to join the shattered shell of an endangered turtle that was run over by a car. The turtle is under observation at a centre in Budaun.



The endangered Indian Flapshell turtle, which had seven eggs in her womb, was run over by a car

The procedure was performed by Dr Abhijeet Pawde along with Dr Kamlesh Kumar and other members of IVRI. The Indian Flapshell turtle is listed as vulnerable in the IUCN red list of wildlife species. This particular one was rescued by activist Vokendra Sharma in Budaun and brought to Bareilly on Monday.

A veterinarian said, "The female turtle with seven eggs in her womb was brought to our facility on Monday. We needed adhesive used by orthopaedic

surgeons, which was not available here. As time was running out, we used the superglue as an alternative." The veterinarian added: "We used blouse clasps and fixed these on either side of the cracked shell. Then these clasps were fastened with orthopaedic wire to join the cracks..."

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

**e-Tender Notice No. 4509-GRC-CE-C-II-48-2024.** For & on behalf of President of India, Chief Engineer (CON)/I/GRC invites e-tender for the following work : Following tender has been uploaded on website **www.ireps.gov.in** The tender will be closed at 12:00 hrs. on due date. **Brief Description of Works :** Execution of Daily Maintenance work between Jharsuguda (Km 0.00) to Sardegga (Km. 50.30) of newly made double line under Chakradharpur Division of S.E. Railway. **Approx. Cost :** ₹ 3.14 Crore. **Bid Security :** ₹ 3,07,300/- **Completion Period :** 12 months. **Closing Date :** 30.07.2024. Interested tenderers may visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** for full details/description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these items will be accepted. **NB :** "Prospective Bidders may regularly visit **www.ireps.gov.in** to participate in all other tenders." (PR-358)

**JAWAHARLAL NEHRU PORT AUTHORITY**  
(PORT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT)

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**SHORT E-TENDER NOTICE**  
TENDER NOTICE No. PPD/DGM-I/PMC-FTB/T-15/2024 Dated: 04.07.2024

Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority invites e-tenders "ONLINE" in two bid system from 10.07.2024 to 30.07.2024 from experienced, reputed consultant fulfilling the Minimum Qualifying Criteria (MQC) as stipulated in the Tender for "Appointment of Project Management Consultancy (PMC) for Construction of Entrance Gate Building and Development of Surrounding Area at Landing Jetty in JN Port". Detailed Notice Inviting Tender and Tender Document is available on JNPA website "[www.jnport.gov.in](http://www.jnport.gov.in)" and <https://eprocure.gov.in> (CPP Portal). Chief General Manager (PP&D)

**PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**  
(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001  
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813  
Website : [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) (Contact number 96461 47777)

**TENDER ENQUIRY No TSQ-1154/TD-II/2024-25**

Dy. CE/TL (Design), B-1 Shakti Vihar, Patiala invites E-tenders for Manufacture, Testing, Supply & Delivery of 60 MT HTGS Earth Wire of size 7/2.24MM as per PSPCL Specification No. TSQ-1154/TD-II/2024-25. For detailed NIT and Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 10.07.2024 from 11.00 AM onwards.

**Note :** Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.  
C 412/24, DPR/PB : 76155/12/3082/2023/35465

**कर्मचारी राज्य बीमा निगम**  
(श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)  
**EMPLOYEES' STATE INSURANCE CORPORATION**  
(Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India)

**स्थापना शाखा-1, क.रा.बी.नि., मुख्यालय**  
**ESTABLISHMENT BRANCH-1, ESIC, HEADQUARTERS**  
पंचदीप भवन, सी.आई.जी. मार्ग, नई दिल्ली-110 002  
PANCHDEEP BHAWAN, C.I.G. MARG, NEW DELHI-110 002  
Website: [www.esic.gov.in](http://www.esic.gov.in)

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ESI Corporation invites application from Officers with outstanding track record to the post of Superintending Engineer (Civil) on deputation (including short-term contract) basis:

Sl.No.	Name of Post	Method of Recruitment	Scale of Pay	No. of Posts
1.	Superintending Engineer (Civil)	Deputation (including short-term contract)	Pay Band-4, Rs. 37400-67000+ Grade Pay Rs. 8700/- (Level 13, Rs. 123100-215900)	06

The advertisement giving full details has been published in the 22-28 June, 2024 issue of Employment News. Those who are interested may go through the issue for details or can log on to ESIC website [www.esic.gov.in](http://www.esic.gov.in) (under Recruitment, Console Sl. No. 9401/2024 dated 05.06.2024) for details and downloading Bio-data/ Curriculum Vitae proforma.

Sd/-  
(Pranay Sinha)  
Insurance Commissioner (P&A)

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1.	Executive Engineer (Electrical)	Deputation (including short-term contract)	Pay Band-3, Rs.15600-39100+Grade Pay Rs.6600/- (Level 11, Rs.67700-208700)	04

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(Pranay Sinha)  
Insurance Commissioner (P&A)

**ATTENTION TAXPAYERS!**  
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**PLEASE FILL THE  
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IN ITR**

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**IF YOU ARE**

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- HAVE EARNED FOREIGN INCOME DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR

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- Any other Capital Asset
- Any other Foreign Assets as held and prescribed in Schedule FA

**ATTENTION**

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**Tender Notice for Selection of Call Center Agency for Operation and Maintenance of Mukhya Mantri Seva Sankalp Helpline in the State of Himachal Pradesh**

Department of Digital Technology & Governance, Himachal Pradesh invites e-Tender from reputed, qualified and experienced firm for the Selection of Call Centre Agency for the Operation and Maintenance of Mukhya Mantri Seva Sankalp Helpline in the State of Himachal Pradesh. The e-tenders can be downloaded from <https://hptenders.gov.in> from 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 onwards. There is non-refundable fee of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) which can be submitted online through e-tender portal <https://hptenders.gov.in> or in the form of Demand Draft in favour of "Director, Department of Digital Technology & Governance, Shimla-171013" payable at Shimla, and is to be deposited prior to the last date of submission of bids. For more details, please download the tender document from the e-Tender portal.

**Director,**  
**Department of Digital Technologies & Governance,**  
**Government of Himachal Pradesh,**  
**IT Bhawan, Mehli Shimla-171013**  
**Phone and Fax: 91-177-2628914**  
**Email ID: [dirit-hp@nic.in](mailto:dirit-hp@nic.in), website: <http://himachaltdi.gov.in>**

Advt No. 0158/09/07/2024

**MUMBAI METROPOLITAN REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
T&C Division, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Old Building, Bandra - Kuria Complex, Bandra (E)  
Mumbai 400 051 E-mail: [shantanu.wagh@mailmmrda.maharashtra.gov.in](mailto:shantanu.wagh@mailmmrda.maharashtra.gov.in)  
Website : <https://mahatenders.gov.in/>

**e-TENDER NOTICE**

**Name of Work :** "Appointment of Contractor for Implementation of Multi-Modal Integration Facilities at 16 Metro Stations of Mumbai Metro Line 4 & 4A (Total Two Packages i.e Package 3 & Package 4)"  
(KfW Procurement No. for Package 3 : 511391 & Package 4 : 511494)

Package	Estimated Cost Put to Tender (In Rs.)	Cost of Blank Tender Form (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (In Rs.)	Bid document download From Date/Time To Date/Time
3	140,25,09,016 (Plus GST Applicable)	5,900/- (Incl. of GST)	70,12,600/-	10/07/2024 1500 hours To 26/08/2024 1500 hours
4	126,26,92,708/- (Plus GST Applicable)	5,900/- (Incl. of GST)	63,13,465/-	10/07/2024 1500 hours To 26/08/2024 1500 hours

**Last Date of Online Submission : 26/08/2024 1500 hours**  
**Contract Period : 18 Months (Including Mansoon) + 24 Months DLP**

**Note :-** The e-Tender can be downloaded from e-Tendering Portal : <https://mahatenders.gov.in/>. Any additional information, Corrigendum & help for uploading & downloading the e-tender, may be availed by contacting at the email id : [support-eproc@nic.in](mailto:support-eproc@nic.in) or call on 0120-4001002/05, 022-26597445 on working days between 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

Sd/-  
Director (Projects)  
Metro - PIU, MMRDA

Date : 10/07/2024  
Place : Mumbai

**C-178**

**Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation**  
ICOMC Tower, Unit-IX, In front of Satya Nagar Kali Temple on Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751022, Odisha, India.  
No: 27578/BMC DT. : 05.07.2024  
XXXXX-II-SWMPMV-129/2024-25

**NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

On behalf of the Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), Dy. Commissioner (Sanitation), BMC invites Request for Proposal (RFP) from the experienced and qualified interested Non-Government Organizations (NGOs)/Non-profit Organizations/Partnership firm/ Limited Liability Partnership firm/Proprietorship Firm registered under the relevant Act for "Design, supply, installation and commissioning of flower waste processing units to convert it into incense sticks and Gula with Operation and Maintenance for a period of three (3) years". The detail RFP document can be seen and downloaded from BMC website <http://bmc.gov.in> from 09.07.2024 (11:00 AM) onwards.

For queries, interested parties may contact the office of Deputy Commissioner (Sanitation), Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation at ICOMC Tower at Satya Nagar, Infront of Satya Nagar Kali Temple on Janpath, Unit-IX, Bhubaneswar- 751022, Odisha, India.

1. Schedule of Events :	
Period of availability of Tender Document in BMC website	From Dt. 09.07.2024 (11:00 AM) to Dt. 02.08.2024 (till 5:00 PM)
Pre-bid meeting (Physical & Virtual)	On Dt. 16.07.2024 (Time 12:00 AM)
Last date and time of receiving queries to be sent to email id: <a href="mailto:dc-sanitation@bmc.gov.in">dc-sanitation@bmc.gov.in</a> (Format for sending queries attached in Annexure-X of RFP document)	Dt. 17.07.2024 (by 5:00 PM)
Last date and time for submission of bids	02.08.2024 (till 5:00 PM)
Date and time for technical bid opening	03.08.2024 (4:00 PM)
Date, time and venue for technical presentation	Will be Communicated by BMC
Financial bid Opening	Will be Communicated by BMC
Address for submission of Bid	To The Dy. Commissioner (Sanitation) Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, BMC-ICOMC Building, Satya Nagar, Opposite Satya Nagar Kali Temple, Bhubaneswar-751 022

2. All amendments, Clarifications, time extension etc. will be uploaded in the website only interested parties should regularly visit the above website to keep themselves updated.

**By Order of Commissioner, BMC**  
Sd/-  
Dy. Commissioner (Sanitation)  
Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation  
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 Mob: 9867564075 / 7021316351

 Date : 10.07.2024  
 Place : Mumbai

**tender & notices**
**TENDERS**
**REDEVELOPMENT TENDER NOTICE**

Sealed Tenders are invited from financially sound Builder for Redevelopment of BALKRISHNA NIWAS CHS LTD., Jaywant Sawant Road, Dahisar West, Mumbai 400068.

The Plot Area as per Property Card is 747.20 sq. mts &amp; After 18.30 mt road cutting Net plot area i.e. 670.10 sq. mts

There are 24 residential members &amp; 4 shops in the society consuming about Existing occupied carpet area:

Residential Approx 920.19 sq. mts. flat and 73.49 sq. mts. shop.

Interested bidder can collect the Tender Documents from B-004, Balkrishna Niwas, between 10th July 2024 to 20th July 2024 Between 10 am to 1.30 pm and 4 pm to 7pm. Against Rs. 2,000/- (non refundable) Payable by Cash or DD drawn in favour of "BALKRISHNA NIWAS CHS LTD." along with request letter on intended bidder's letterhead.

Sealed tender shall be submitted only on 20 July 2024 between 11.00 am to 1.00 pm and 4 pm to 7pm. at B-004 Balkrishna Niwas CHSL.

The Society reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.

 Contact :-  
 MR. SAMIR MEHTA  
 Mob : 9022441144  
 MR. HEMEN PANDYA  
 Mob : 99209 17304

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Take Notice that, our clients i.e. Dotom Ultima Realty LLP are in the process of acquiring development rights from Jumbo Darshan Co-operative Housing Society Limited. ("Society") which is registered under the provisions of the Maharashtra Co-operative Societies Act, 1960 under registration no. BOM/HSG/3268 of 1979 and having its registered office at Jumbo Darshan, D-1/012, Jiva Mahale Marg, Off. Nityanand Marg, Andheri (E), Mumbai - 400069 in respect of their property described in the Schedule hereunder written and we are instructed by our clients, to investigate the Society's title to the said Property.

If any person or persons is/are having any claim to or any interest or disputes in respect of the said Property described in the Schedule hereunder written by way of sale, charge, mortgage, exchange, gift, lease, sub-lease, lien, tenancy, development agreement, joint venture, inheritance, easements or any boundary disputes or any other rights or otherwise whatsoever, should notify the same in writing to us with supporting documents, if any, at our office at 16, Rajabhadur Mansion (earlier known as Bansali Mansion), 1st Floor, 11, Horni Modi Street, Fort, Mumbai - 400001 within Fourteen (14) days from the date of publication hereof, failing which it shall be presumed that the said Society is absolutely entitled to the said Property described in the Schedule hereunder written and that the said Property is free from all encumbrances and the matter of investigation of title in respect thereof shall be completed without having any reference to such claim, if any, and the same shall be considered as waived and our clients shall proceed to complete the process of acquiring development rights from the said Society.

**THE SCHEDULE**  
**HEREINABOVE REFERRED TO**  
**(Description of the Property)**

All that piece and parcel of land admeasuring 328.95 square metres bearing C.T.S. No. 323/B and admeasuring 197.72 bearing C.T.S. No. 327/A (as per their respective current P.R. Cards) and admeasuring in aggregate 3486.67 square metres approximately of village Gundavali, Taluka Andheri and lying, being and situated at Jiva Mahale Marg, Near Regency Hotel, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400069 in the K (East) ward of Birmahmud Municipal Corporation and in the Registration District of Mumbai and Mumbai Suburban together with the buildings standing thereon.

 Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024

 Vivek K. Shiralkar  
 M/s. Shiralkar & Co.,

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

 SHRI NATH PRADIP PANDYA (Owner) has agreed to sell to one of our clients his Residential Flat Nos. 401 & 402 each admeasuring 1195 sq. ft. carpet area on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor in the building known as "AURUM" constructed upon land bearing CTS Nos. E/229-A of Village Bandra, Taluka Andheri, in the Registration District of Mumbai Suburban District situated at Plot No. A/7, Corner of Ahimsa Marg & Ramkrishna Mission Road, Khar (W), Mumbai - 400 052 ("Flats") along with 04 (Four) Car Parking Spaces bearing Nos. 201, 301, 403 in Block 'C' and 302 in Block 'A' of Puzzle Parking building ("Car Parkings") TOGETHER WITH 20 (Twenty) fully paid up shares of Rs. 50/- each bearing distinctive Nos. 61 to 70 (both inclusive) and 71 to 80 (both inclusive) encompassed in Share Certificate Nos. 007 & 008 respectively of Shantivan Co-operative Housing Society Limited ("Shares"), free from all encumbrances.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that if any person or party has any right, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever against the said Flats, Car Parkings and/or in the said Shares by way of sale, transfer, exchange, easement, possession, lease, lien, mortgage, charge, inheritance, bequest, release, gift, trust, tenancy, attachment or otherwise whatsoever are required to lodge their claims in writing along with documentary evidence therefor within 14 days from the date of publication hereof to the undersigned, failing which the claims if any shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned and my client shall proceed further to complete the transaction ignoring such claims.

 Dated this 09<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.

LILANI SHYAM &amp; CO. Sd/-

 SHYAM A. LILANI  
 ADVOCATE & SOLICITOR

 304, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Mangal Bhawa, Junction of P.D. Hinduja Marg & 14th Road, Khar (W), Mumbai 400 052

**CAUTION NOTICE**

 This is to inform the public at large that we, F2 Fun and Fitness (India) Pvt. Ltd. ("Company"), Master Franchisee for Gold's Gym Franchising LLC, USA and operators of health and fitness centers under the trademark "Gold's Gym", with registered office at 203, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Dhanthak Plaza, Makwana Road, Marol, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400059, has terminated its association on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 with Sub-Franchisee Gymbiotic Private Limited which operated Gold's Gym located at Shop No. 201, Tania Planet, Near D-Mart, Sander, Vasai West, Thane - 401201. The said Sub-Franchisee is no longer authorized to issue, sell or in any manner deal with membership cards or memberships for Gold's Gym in Vasai, Thane Maharashtra. The public is cautioned that anyone dealing with the said sub-franchisee shall be doing so at their own risk and consequences. The Company shall not be responsible for any loss or damage suffered as a result of such dealings. The company will not entertain any correspondence or any claims relating to recovery of dues or any transactions conducted with the Sub Franchise post termination. For any queries, please contact our registered office.

Dated 10th July 2024

F2 Fun &amp; Fitness (India) Pvt. Ltd.

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Director

**TO BOOK AN ADVERTISEMENT IN THIS SECTION CALL:**

ABHIJEET MISHRA 7710888884

**PMC REQUIRED FOR REDEVELOPMENT**

We hereby invite quotation for appointment of project Management Consultant (PMC) for intended Redevelopment of our society namely KRISHNA LEELA CHSL Located on free hold plot Admeasuring 4180.50 sq. mtrs Plot no. 17-C, Bearing CTS no. 1-A/153 of S. No 161 of Village Padhi, Goregaon (W) of P/S ward, Mumbai.

Contact Person: Shri Sanjeev Jain, Chairman

Contact no. 7666919991

 Last date of submission July 21<sup>st</sup> 2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

 NOTICE is hereby given that our clients have agreed to purchase from (i) Reema Vittal Shetty an adult Foreign Citizen, Indian Origin presently residing at 27, Ellertier Circle, Sommerest, New Jersey, USA and having permanent address at Flat No. A-1, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Plot No. 162, Chembur Ahirant Villa Co-operative Housing Society Ltd., 15<sup>th</sup> Road, Chembur, Mumbai-400 071 ("Owner 1") in respect of premises more particularly described in the First Schedule hereunder written, hereinafter referred to as the ("Premises 1") and (ii) Smt. Sukhalata Shetty an adult Indian Inhabitant of Mumbai residing at Flat No. A-2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Plot No. 162, Chembur Ahirant Villa Co-operative Housing Society Ltd., 15<sup>th</sup> Road, Chembur, Mumbai-400 071 ("Owner 2") in respect of premises more particularly described in the Second Schedule hereunder written, hereinafter referred to as ("Premises 2") with a clear and marketable title, free from all encumbrances and claims with vacant possession.

All persons having any claim against or in respect of Premises 1 and/or Premises 2 and/or any of them or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, family arrangement, partition, partnership, maintenance, bequest, possession, lease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, pre-emption rights, pledge, power of attorney, guarantee, easement, loans, advances, its pendens, injunction or attachment, or under any decree, order or award passed by any Court of Law, Tribunal, Revenue or Statutory Authority or arbitration or otherwise howsoever are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned hereinbelow also with a copy to email address mentioned hereinbelow within 14 (fourteen) days from the date hereof, failing which, the claim or claims, if any, of such persons shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned and not binding in any manner whatsoever and our client shall proceed with the transaction.

**THE FIRST SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:**

(Description of "Premises 1")

 ALL THAT 5 (Five) fully paid up shares of ₹ 50/- each bearing distinctive numbers 001 to 005 (both inclusive) comprised in Share Certificate No. 001 dated 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1996 issued by "The Chembur Ahirant Villa Co-operative Housing Society Limited" and Flat premises bearing No. A-1 admeasuring 600 Sq. Ft. (Built-up area) on the First Floor in the building known as "Ahirant Villa" together with the right to use area under still terrace and land adjoining to the said Flat lying, being and situate on all that piece of land situate lying and being at Chembur in South Salsette Taluka of Bombay Suburban District now in the Registration Sub-District and District at Bombay City and Bombay Suburban bearing CTS. Nos. 1019, 1019/1 and 1019/2 admeasuring 1058 sq. yards equivalent to 990 Sq. Mtrs. or thereabouts being Plot No. 162 15<sup>th</sup> Road, of Village Chembur, Kuria Taluka of Suburban Scheme No. III Chembur, Mumbai-400 071.

**THE SECOND SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:**

(Description of "Premises 2")

 ALL THAT 5 (Five) fully paid up shares of ₹ 50/- each bearing distinctive numbers 006 to 010 (both inclusive) comprised in Share Certificate No. 002 dated 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1996 issued by "The Chembur Ahirant Villa Co-operative Housing Society Limited" and Flat premises bearing No. A-2 admeasuring 500 Sq. Ft. (Built-up area) on the Second Floor in the Building known as "Ahirant Villa" together with the right to use area under still terrace and land adjoining to the said Flat lying, being and situate on all that piece of land situate lying and being at Chembur in South Salsette Taluka of Bombay Suburban District now in the Registration Sub-District and District at Bombay City and Bombay Suburban bearing CTS. Nos. 1019, 1019/1 and 1019/2 Admeasuring 1058 Sq. Yards equivalent to 990 Sq. Mtrs. or thereabouts being Plot No. 162 15<sup>th</sup> Road, of Village Chembur, Kuria Taluka of Suburban Scheme No. III Chembur, Mumbai-400 071.

 Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

**Law Point**

ADVOCATES &amp; SOLICITORS

 301, Vaidya Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Bandra, Kuria Complex, Opp. Income Tax Office, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400 051.

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RESIDENT OF: 120, SARASWATHINAGAR, VIJAYNAGAR, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA, PIN 560040, INDIA.

PRESENT ADDRESS: 1006 AL NASR SQUARE, OLD METHA, DUBAI, U.A.E AND MISS. CASMIRA FERNANDES DAUGHTER OF: GANGA SAGAR R NO 409, 4TH FLOOR, GANESH CHAWK, UMERKHADI, MUMBAI PIN: 400009, MAHARASTRA, INDIA

PRESENT ADDRESS: 1003, AL KAABI BUILDING, AL NAHDA 1, DUBAI, U.A.E ABOVE MENTIONED INDIAN NATIONALS ARE PRESENTLY RESIDING IN THE UAE HAVE GIVEN NOTICE OF INTENDED MARRIAGE BETWEEN THEM UNDER THE FOREIGN MARRIAGE ACT, 1969. IF ANYONE HAS ANY OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED MARRIAGE, HE/SHE SHOULD FILE THE SAME WITH THE UNDERSIGNED ACCORDING TO THE PROCEDURE LAID DOWN UNDER THE ACT/RULES WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE ON:

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Late. Mrs. Sheela Lialdhar Dudwadkar, owner of Flat No. 606, 6th Floor, Sindhu Apartments Co-operative Housing Society Limited, V. N. Purav Marg, Opp. Bawa Towers, Churnabhatti, Mumbai - 400022, expired on 24th August, 2019. Mr. Rakesh L. Dudwadkar and Mr. Rakesh L. Dudwadkar S/o. Late. Mrs. Sheela Lialdhar Dudwadkar have approached the society to transfer the Flat and shares in their joint name. They have submitted the Family Arrangement Agreement dated 6th July 2024 to the society office along with the application to issue Duplicate copy of the share Certificate. The legal heirs have informed the society that the Original Share Certificate is not traceable after the death of their Mother. In the absence of the original Share Certificate, the Society hereby invites claims or objections from other heirs or claimant/s or objector/s for the transfer of the Flat and the shares and interest of the deceased member in the said Premises within a period of 14 days from the publication of this notice, with copies of proofs to support the claim/object. If no claims/objectations are received within the period prescribed above, the society shall be at the liberty to deal with the Flat, shares and interest of the deceased member in the manner they deem fit.

Date: 10.07.2024

Place: Mumbai

**For & on Behalf of**

Sindhu Apartments Co-Operative Housing Society Ltd.

V. N. Purav Marg, Opp. Bawa Towers, Churnabhatti, Mumbai - 400 022

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given to the Public that MR. LOVEEN GURMUKHDAS ISRAANI, is negotiating to sell the Flat and One Covered Parking Space, more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written, to our client and informed that the original documents are lost/ misplaced.

1. Agreement between Helicopter Services Private Limited, therein referred to as the Seller and Mr. Ramesh Savlani &amp; Mrs. Ratna Savlani, therein referred to as the Purchasers.

2. Agreement dated 21st September, 1977 between Mr. Ramesh Savlani &amp; Mrs. Ratna Savlani, therein referred to as the Sellers and Mrs. Raju Israni, therein referred to as the Purchaser.

ALL PERSONS having any claim in respect thereof by way of sale, exchange, gift, mortgage, charge, trust, inheritance, possession, lease, lien or otherwise howsoever are hereby requested to inform about the same in writing to the undersigned their Office at 501, Niranjan, 99, Marine Drive, Mumbai 400 002 within 14 days from the date hereof failing which, the claim or claims, if any, of such persons or person will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned.

**SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY**

Interest in 5(Five) Shares of Rs.50/- each embodied in Share Certificate No. 30 bearing distinctive Nos. 146 to 150 (both inclusive) dated 30th June, 1978 and incidental to that right to use and occupy Flat No. 305 admeasuring 1706 sq. ft. built-up area on the 5th floor together with One Covered Parking Space No. 1 in the building known as SAMUDRA MAHAL of Samudra Mahal Premises Co-operative Society Ltd. situated at Dr. Annie Besant Road, Worli, Mumbai-400 018, bearing City Survey No. 2(Part) of Worli, Division, and the building constructed in the year 1977. The building consists of Ground + 28 Floors with 6 lifts.

Dated the 10th day of July, 2024.

NIRAJ PUNMIYA

ADVOCATE

# Modi, Putin agree to ramp up trade to \$100bn by '30

**Russia To Free Indians In Its Army, Slams Kathua Attack**

TIMES NEWS NETWORK



Modi and Putin during a meeting. With the West disappointed over India not cutting off economic engagements with Russia and keeping a wary eye on Modi's Moscow visit, the two sides signed 9 agreements, including one for facilitation of investment by Russian firms in the Indian market

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin reaffirmed commitment to the resilient India-Russia relationship against the backdrop of a challenging and uncertain geopolitical situation, as they sought to further boost energy and trade ties and agreed to ramp up trade to \$100 billion by 2030 from the current \$65 billion. A joint statement by the two leaders said they would focus on increased supplies of goods from India to Russia to address the trade imbalance.

While the agenda for the 22nd India-Russia summit was mostly economic, Modi also strongly sought from Putin the release of all Indian nationals serving in the Russian army. Foreign secretary Vinay Kwatra said there was a "sense of promise" from Russia on the early discharge of about 30-40 Indian nationals who are still there, after being "misled" into joining the Russian army.

With the West keeping a wary eye and disappointed over New Delhi not cutting off economic engagements with Moscow, the two sides also signed nine agreements, including one for facilitation of investment by Russian companies in the Indian market.

Modi said the world should recognise that India-Russia co-operation in the energy sector ensured stability in the world market. "In many countries of the world, people face problems with fuel, diesel, but thanks to our agreements with you in this area, in the energy sector, we were able to provide

our citizens with fuel. And not only did we provide it, we were able to keep inflation under control and also ensured stability to you," he told Putin.

Kwatra said India was also looking at energy deals with Russian giants like Rosneft. "The two leaders, when they spoke of cooperation in energy, they did focus on how exactly to strengthen that partnership...how exactly India in particular through the government route could also build partnerships with Rosneft and other energy entities," he said.

While discussing regional and global issues, the two leaders expressed deep concern on the situation in Gaza and called for unhindered delivery of humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian civilian population throughout the Gaza Strip, while also seeking immediate and unconditional release of hostages.

On the Ukraine issue, the joint statement by Modi and Putin highlighted the imperative of peaceful resolution of the conflict "around Ukraine" through dialogue and diplomacy including engagement between both parties.

Like in the past, the leaders unequivocally condemned terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations including the cross-border movement of terrorists, and terrorism financing networks and safe havens. "They strongly condemned the recent dastardly terrorist attack on an Army convoy in Kathua area of Jammu and Kashmir on July 8, in Dagestan on June 23 and on the Crocus City Hall in Moscow on March 22 and stressed that these terrorist attacks are a grim reminder for further strengthening cooperation to combat terrorism," said the joint statement.

Modi also raised with Putin the need to address the delay in supply of spare parts for Russian-origin defence equipment. According to the India-Russia joint statement, both sides agreed to encourage joint manufacturing in India of spare parts, components, aggregates and other products for arms and defence equipment under the Make-in-India programme through transfer of technology and setting up of joint ventures for meeting the needs of the Indian armed forces.

**PM: World needs confluence, not influence; India can play key role**

Narendra Modi on Tuesday addressed the Indian diaspora in Russia for the first time in his third term as PM and said the world had seen an "influence-oriented global order" for long but today's world needed "confluence more than influence" in which India could play a pivotal role, reports Akhilesh Singh.

"When I came here in 2015, I had said that the 21st century will belong to India. I was saying this then, today the world is saying this. There is no longer any dispute on this subject among all experts of the world. Everyone says that the 21st century is India's century. Today, India is giving new confidence to the world. India's growing capabilities have given hope for stability and prosperity to the whole world," Modi said.

He said India was seen as a strong pillar in the new emerging multipolar world order and when India talked about peace, dialogue and diplomacy, the whole world listened. "Whenever there is a crisis in the world, India becomes the first country to reach," he said.

**PM indicates import of fertilisers & crude oil unlikely to stop**

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In an indication of India continuing import of fertiliser and crude from Russia, PM Narendra Modi on Tuesday said friendship between the two countries ensured that farmers faced no shortage of the soil nutrient and it protected the common man from difficulties.

**REMARK DAY AFTER US RAISES RUSSIA 'ISSUE'**

Modi said the bilateral cooperation has played a huge role in ensuring adequate availability of fertiliser and "we are committed to the interest of farmers". Russia has emerged as a major supplier of fertiliser to India, with the import increasing by more than 300% in the past three years—from 1.26 million tonnes in 2021-22 to 5.23 million tonnes in 2023-24. In value terms, fertiliser imported during last financial year was around \$ 2.1 billion, compared to \$ 773.5 million in 2021-22.

Import data also show that the quantity of value of shipment of crude has risen 1



# Clean chit for Baba as SIT blames admin, organisers

## Action Against Him Could Incite Unrest: Official

Deepak Lavania  
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**HATHRAS HORROR:** A witness said Baba could have used a mic to ask devotees to stay calm

**Hathras:** While Uttar Pradesh govt has suspended six officials for the July 2 stampede that resulted in 121 deaths in Hathras, self-styled godman Surajpal Singh alias 'Bhole Baba', who was delivering a sermon at the venue, has not been implicated by the Special Investigation Team (SIT). The SIT said the tragedy was caused because of satsang organisers' fault and negligence by police and administration.

"The SIT report has certainly given a clean chit to 'Bhole Baba' in the incident. Action has been taken against officials and organisers; mostly 'sevadars' (volunteers) have been arrested. Several people interviewed by SIT blamed 'Baba', but he has not been named in the SIT report," one of

the suspended officials said. Another senior official noted, "Bhole Baba has significant influence among the Dalit community... There could be apprehension in taking action against him. Besides, action against Baba could incite unrest. For now, he faces no charges at all."

One of the eyewitnesses had said, "He ('Baba') could have used a microphone to ask his devotees to stay calm. Instead, he got into his car and left the venue."

Outside 'Bhole Baba's' Kasganj ashram, Mukesh Verma, a follower, said on Tuesday, "Baba connects with the poor and underprivileged. While he is not politically aligned, action against him will be politically costly for govt."

# 7 drown as floods ravage UP's Terai belt

Kanwardeep Singh & Keshav Agarwal | TNN

**Bareilly/Pilibhit:** Seven people lost their lives in the Terai belt of Uttar Pradesh as floods ravaged over 250 villages in various districts. The flooding, caused by incessant rainfall in Uttarakhand that resulted in the swelling of the rivers, forced residents to flee to higher ground on Tuesday. Crocodiles entered residential areas, and 22 train

services were disrupted. Four people drowned in Bareilly's Faridpur tehsil. In Lakhimpur Kheri district, a man trying to cross a flooded road was swept away and found dead while one six-year-old girl drowned while playing with her friends in Malkhana village. Another drowning occurred in Pilibhit district, where an 11-year-old boy was swept away while playing in floodwaters in Bisalpur tehsil. Flood control

rooms were established in all three districts.

**Assam flood toll rises to 79** With seven more deaths in the past 24 hours, the death toll in Assam floods rose to 79 (since May), even as CM Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday said the state is on the path to recovery as water levels of the Brahmaputra and its tributaries are below danger levels in most parts, reports Kangan Kalita.



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**Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Limited**  
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**RFQ - MAHA PREIT invites Request for Qualification (RFQ) for Shortlisting of Agencies/Contractors cum Developers for the Construction of Mass Housing and Development of Infrastructure for the Implementation of Cluster Development under Urban Renewal Scheme in Thane.**

Interested Agencies/Contractors cum Developers may submit their documents on or before **12-08-2024 up to 03:00 PM**. Details of the RFQ can be viewed at <https://mahapreit.in>

**Executive Director**




**SRM Re-E-TENDER (2<sup>nd</sup> call) NOTICE**

MSETCL EHV PC O&M Zone, Karad invites online bids from reputed and registered bidders on Mahatransco SRM E-Tendering website <https://srmetender.mahatransco.in/> for following works:-

Supply of Equipments/ Material, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of installation of 1 x 125 MVAR, 3 Phase, 400 kV Bus Reactor (Shunt Reactor) and bay at 400 kV R.S. Dn., New Koyana S/Stn under Karad Zone, against MBR No. 166/19 Dtd. 19.01.2024 on Turnkey basis., RFx. No. 7000031737. The Estimated amount for the said tender is **Rs. 8,86,08,446.59** (Including Taxes) and due date for submission is 23.07.2024, 10:00 Hrs.

For further details visit our above said website.

**Chief Engineer, EHV PC O&M Zone, Karad.**



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Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001  
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Website : [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) (Contact no. 96461-17604, 96461-17659)

**Tender Enquiry no. 1680/EMC/O&M/PC-2566 Dated : 08-07-2024**

Chief Engineer/O&M (P&P Cell-II), GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat, invites E-tender for the **Procurement of Leakage Current Analyzer for Surge Arrestor**, Quantity as per NIT. For detailed NIT & tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from **08-07-2024** from 17:00 hrs. onwards.

**Note : Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>**


GHTP-52/24, DPR/IB: 76155/12/3080/2023/3462



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File no. 3(10)JCA/2024/222 Date:- 05/07/2024

**NOTICE INVITING BID**  
Tender ID No. 2024-C/NAV-402606\_1  
Bid for Hiring of a Multi Engine Mid Size Jet Aeroplane on lease basis with a seating capacity of 10 passengers (excluding crew) for a period of 02 years for Travel of VIPs (estimated value of INR 80.00 Crores) is invited from interested bidder upto 11:00 hrs. on or before 16-07-2024. Other particulars of the bid may be seen on the procurement portals (<https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>) or <https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in/>).  
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Director



**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS: HYDERABAD**  
Notification No.002158/Advt./Agency/2024, Date: 08.07.2024.

**Notification for Empanelment  
INS Advertising Agencies - 2024**

It is proposed to empanel the INS Accredited Advertising Agencies in Information and Public Relations Department for the year 2024 to 2027.

Empanelment will be in the following (3) Categories:

- Empanelment of agencies for carrying out large-scale and multi-media publicity campaigns.
- Empanelment of agencies for tactical campaigns and one-off occasion-based advertisements.
- Empanelment of agencies for releasing tender & classified advertisements.

The applicant should obtain the tender schedule from advertisement section on or before **20-07-2024 upto 5-00 PM** by paying Rs. 2,000/- in shape of DD from a Nationalised Bank in favour of **Asst. Accounts Officer, I&PR Dept., Hyderabad, Telangana**. The Completed application form along with necessary documents as prescribed in tender schedule are to be submitted to Deputy Director (Advt.), Junior Assistant (Advt.), I&PR Dept, Hyderabad, Telangana on or before **22-07-2024 upto 3.00 PM** and same would be opened at **4.00 PM on 24-07-2024**. Applications in sealed cover superscribed as "Application for Empanelment of INS Advertising Agencies DIPR-2024". For further details contact Mr. Y.Venkateswarlu, Deputy Director (Advt.), Cell. No.99439531683/ Mr. A.Chiranjeevi, Junior Assistant (Advt.), Cell.No.995179799.

Sd/-  
M. Hanumantha Rao  
Spl. Commissioner

R.O. No. : 66-DP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2024-25

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that at the instruction of our client, we are investigating the title of **GAJAJANAN PROPERTY DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED** (formerly a partnership firm under the name and style of M/s. Gajanan Builders), a company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and having its registered office at 201, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Nivan, CTS No. E/751, S. V. Road, Opposite Poddar International School, Khar (West), Mumbai - 400 052 ("the Developer") to T04 (one-hundred and four) sale units described in the **First Schedule** hereunder written ("the said Units") presently under construction, by utilization of free sale component admeasuring 4,234.78 square meters of built up area, in the Composite Building No. 3 registered as 'Arkan' ("the said Building") with Maharashtra Real Estate Regulatory Authority ("MAHARERA") with Project Registration No. P51800031563 vide Certificate dated 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 issued by MAHARERA (earlier registered under the name of "Business Bay" with MAHARERA) and the said Building is presently being constructed on a portion of the land described in the **Second Schedule** hereunder written ("the said Land").

All persons having or claiming any share, right, title, estate, claim or interest against or to the said Units or any part thereof and / or the structure thereon or any FSI or development potential of the said Units or any part thereof, whether by way of sale, transfer, exchange, assignment, lease, sub-lease, tenancy, sub-tenancy, leave and license, license, care-taker basis, mortgage, inheritance, share, gift, devise, lien, charge, maintenance, easement, trust, will, bequest, beneficiary/ies, possession, release, relinquishment or by way of any other method through any agreement, deed, document, writing, conveyance deed, development agreement, letter of intent, devise, bequest, succession, family arrangement / settlement, litigation, decree or court order of any Court of Law, any contracts, any agreements, development rights or FSI consumption or TDR or encumbrance or otherwise howsoever and/ or against the Developer, are required to make the same known, in writing and along with documentary proof, to the undersigned at their office at **Wadia Ghandy & Co. (Mumbai), Advocates & Solicitors, N. M. Wadia Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 123, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Mumbai - 400 001** with all notices marked to the attention of **Mr. Nitesh Ranavat** at [nitesh.ranavat@wadiaghandy.com](mailto:nitesh.ranavat@wadiaghandy.com) within a period of 7 (seven) days from the date of publication hereof, failing which any such purported claim, right, title, estate or interest shall be disregarded by our client and shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned and our client may proceed to complete the transaction with the Developer, without regard to any such alleged right or claim.

**THE FIRST SCHEDULE REFERRED HEREINABOVE**  
(Description of the said Units)

Sr. No.	Wing	Floor	Unit No.	Carpent Area (square feet)	Sr. No.	Wing	Floor	Unit No.	Carpent Area (square feet)
1.	A	12	1201	300.00	53.	B	15	1517	300.00
2.	A	12	1202	300.00	54.	B	15	1535	300.00
3.	A	12	1212	300.00	55.	B	15	1536	300.00
4.	A	12	1213	300.00	56.	B	15	1537	300.00
5.	A	13	1301	300.00	57.	B	15	1538	300.00
6.	A	13	1302	300.00	58.	B	15	1539	300.00
7.	A	14	1401	300.00	59.	B	15	1540	300.00
8.	A	14	1402	300.00	60.	B	15	1541	300.00
9.	A	14	1412	300.00	61.	B	15	1542	300.00
10.	A	14	1413	300.00	62.	B	15	1543	300.00
11.	A	15	1501	300.00	63.	B	16	1601	300.00
12.	A	15	1502	300.00	64.	B	16	1602	300.00
13.	A	15	1512	300.00	65.	B	16	1603	300.00
14.	A	15	1513	300.00	66.	B	16	1604	300.00
15.	B	12	1214	300.00	67.	B	16	1622	300.00
16.	B	12	1215	300.00	68.	B	16	1623	300.00
17.	B	12	1216	300.00	69.	B	16	1624	300.00
18.	B	12	1217	300.00	70.	B	16	1625	300.00
19.	B	12	1235	300.00	71.	B	16	1626	300.00
20.	B	12	1236	300.00	72.	B	16	1627	300.00
21.	B	12	1237	300.00	73.	B	16	1628	300.00
22.	B	12	1238	300.00	74.	B	16	1629	300.00
23.	B	12	1239	300.00	75.	B	16	1630	300.00
24.	B	12	1240	300.00	76.	B	17	1701	300.00
25.	B	12	1241	300.00	77.	B	17	1702	300.00
26.	B	12	1242	300.00	78.	B	17	1703	300.00
27.	B	12	1243	300.00	79.	B	17	1704	300.00
28.	B	13	1327	300.00	80.	B	17	1705	300.00
29.	B	13	1328	300.00	81.	B	17	1706	300.00
30.	B	13	1329	300.00	82.	B	17	1707	300.00
31.	B	13	1330	300.00	83.	B	17	1708	300.00
32.	B	13	1331	300.00	84.	B	17	1709	300.00
33.	B	13	1332	300.00	85.	B	17	1710	300.00
34.	B	13	1333	300.00	86.	B	17	1711	300.00
35.	B	13	1334	300.00	87.	B	17	1712	300.00
36.	B	13	1335	300.00	88.	B	17	1713	300.00
37.	B	14	1414	300.00	89.	C	12	1230	300.00
38.	B	14	1415	300.00	90.	C	13	1322	300.00
39.	B	14	1416	300.00	91.	C	14	1430	300.00
40.	B	14	1417	300.00	92.	C	15	1530	300.00
41.	B	14	1435	300.00	93.	C	16	1609	300.00
42.	B	14	1436	300.00	94.	C	16	1610	300.00
43.	B	14	1437	300.00	95.	C	16	1611	300.00
44.	B	14	1438	300.00	96.	C	16	1612	300.00
45.	B	14	1439	300.00	97.	C	16	1613	300.00
46.	B	14	1440	300.00	98.	C	16	1614	300.00
47.	B	14	1441	300.00	99.	C	16	1615	300.00
48.	B	14	1442	300.00	100.	C	16	1616	300.00
49.	B	14	1443	300.00	101.	C	16	1617	300.00
50.	B	15	1514	300.00	102.	C	16	1618	300.00
51.	B	15	1515	300.00	103.	C	16	1619	300.00
52.	B	15	1516	300.00	104.	C	16	1620	300.00

**THE SECOND SCHEDULE REFERRED HEREINABOVE**  
(Description of the said Land)

All those pieces and parcels of land collectively admeasuring approximately 38,990.94 square meters bearing CTS Nos. 410C/1(part) and 446C/2(part) lying, being and situate at Village Oshiwara in Taluka Andheri in Mumbai Suburban District and at Relief Road, Jogeshwari (West), Mumbai 400102, and bounded as follows:

On or Towards North : Partly by 27.45 meters wide Relief Road (CTS No. 410B of Village Oshiwara) and partly by land bearing CTS No. 410C/2, 410C/3, 410C/4 and 410C/5 of Village Oshiwara;

On or Towards East : Partly by land bearing CTS No. 445 of Village Oshiwara and partly by remaining area from land bearing CTS Nos. 446C/2 and 441 of Village Oshiwara;

On or Towards South : By existing Navpada Road; and

On or Towards West : By remaining area from land bearing CTS No. 410C/1 of Village Oshiwara.

**DATED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2024**

For M/s. Wadia Ghandy & Co.,  
Mr. Nitesh Ranavat  
Partner



**SANT SHIROMANI RAVIDAS  
GLOBAL SKILLS PARK, BHOPAL**

**OPPORTUNITY TO TRANSFORM MADHYA PRADESH INTO THE SKILL CAPITAL OF INDIA**

Global Skills Park, Bhopal, a flagship initiative of Department of Technical Education, Skills Development & Employment, Government of Madhya Pradesh with financial assistance of Asian Development Bank and technical support of ITEES Singapore is the first multi-skills park in India, which will introduce technology-oriented skill courses and impart advanced job-ready skills training of international standards. Global Skills Park will consist of core advanced training institutes- Center for Occupational Skills Acquisition (COSA) TVET support services, such as entrepreneurship development, training of trainers and skill related research.

Global Skills Park Society is inviting applications for the various positions and is looking for experienced, dynamic talented skilled leaders for the following positions at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

**NON-TECHNICAL POSITION (CONSULTANT)**

**1. Life Skills Trainer**

Last date for applications to reach us is **14<sup>th</sup> July 2024**. For Qualification, salary for above posts, detailed information and application process, please visit: <https://globalskillspark.in/>

**How to Apply** - Interested applicants have to send filled-in application form along with updated CV and scanned supportive documents to [careersrsgp@gmail.com](mailto:careersrsgp@gmail.com). (Mail size should not be more than 25 MB). Only applications received through this email will be considered. Applications sent to other email addresses or through other means will not be considered.

Sd/-  
**RAM RAMALINGAM**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Sant Shiromani Ravidas Global Skills Park,  
Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal (M.P.)

G-13147/24



**Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation**  
Notice No-27672  
File No. BMC/Mechanical/XXX-VI-62-2024/2024/54  
Dt: 06/07/2024

**CORRIGENDUM-1**

**REVISED REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR ANNUAL RATE CONTRACT FOR HIRING OF VARIOUS TYPE OF HEAVY VEHICLES, EARTH MOVING MACHINERIES, ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE AND OFFICIAL VEHICLE FOR BHUBANESWAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (BMC)**  
(Notice No-23657/BMC/ Dt: -07/06/2024)

Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) hereby issues this notice for the attention of all potential bidders that the last date for submission of proposals shall be till 04:00 P.M. on 16/07/2024. The technical proposal shall be opened at 05:00 P.M. on 16/07/2024. The detailed Revised Request for Proposal document with the response to Pre-Bid queries can be downloaded from BMC website i.e. [bmc.gov.in](http://bmc.gov.in). Bids shall be submitted through registered/speed post or courier service at the address mentioned in the revised RFP. Please refer to the revised RFP documents for further details.

BMC reserves the right to cancel this invitation and / or invite fresh RFP with or without amendments to this invitation, without liability or any obligation for such invitation and without assigning any reason. BMC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Sd/-  
Deputy Commissioner (Vehicle & IT),  
Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation  
OIPR-13002/11/0032/24-25

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT**  
**WEST BENGAL**  
**BHABANI BHABAN, ALIPORE**  
**KOLKATA - 700 027**

Criminal Investigation Department, West Bengal is going to recruit some Software Personnel in CID, West Bengal on contractual basis.

Sl. No.	Name of the Posts	Number of Posts	Remuneration per month
1.	Mobile Forensic Expert	02	Rs. 1.5 Lakh
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3.	Malware Forensic Expert	01	Rs. 1.5 Lakh
4.	Cloud Forensic Expert	02	Rs. 1.5 Lakh
5.	Crypto Analysts	01	Rs. 1.5 Lakh
6.	Disk Forensic Expert	02	Rs. 1.5 Lakh

For details please visit <https://cid.wb.gov.in> The advertisement will be uploaded in CID, WB website shortly.

Dy. Inspector General of Police (Spl)  
CID, West Bengal

ICA-N304(2)/2024

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited (TGIC), the nodal agency of Government of Telangana intends to develop Times Square as a major tourist destination soft green and a micro urban lung with vibrant urban Spaces, entertainment hub, collaboration zone and commercial intersection place where people could congregate for various events to celebrate local spirit from impromptu concerts to organized events, and hence, invites Proposals from reputed Architect Cum Transaction Advisor firms with relevant experience for Development of Times Square at Raidurgam, Hitec City, Hyderabad, Telangana, India.

The RFP can be downloaded from [www.tgic.telangana.gov.in](http://www.tgic.telangana.gov.in) from 10-07-2024. Last date for submission of Proposals: 09-08-2024, 15.00Hrs (IST). Further updates on this tender will be available in this website only.

Regd. Office : "Parisrama Bhavanam", 6th Floor, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad - 500 004, Telangana, India.  
Tel : 040-23237625, 23238290, Web : [www.tgic.telangana.gov.in](http://www.tgic.telangana.gov.in)  
CIN : U99000TG2014SGC095514

R.O. No. : 168-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2024-25  
Date: 09-07-2024

Sd/- Vice Chairman & Managing Director



**Aeronautical Development Agency**  
(Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India)  
**PB No. 1718, Vimanapura Post, Bangalore-560017**

**ADA:ADV-126** **09-07-2024**

**WALK-IN INTERVIEW/ WRITTEN TEST : RECRUITMENT OF PROJECT ASSISTANTS ON TENURE BASIS**

ADA invites applications for **Project Assistant-1** from meritorious Indian Nationals. Candidates who fulfil the educational qualification from a Government recognised University (in the subject/Disciplines as mentioned below) & other requirements may attend the **Walk-In Interview / Written Test** with duly filled-in application and testimonials. The Walk-In Interview / Written Test schedule is given below:

(A) Schedule of Walk-In Interview:

Sl. No.	Qualification	Subject / Engineering Discipline	Date of Interview
1.	B.E / B.Tech / M.E / M.Tech / B.Sc (CS/IS/IT) PLUS M.Sc (CS/IS/IT)	Computer Science / Information Technology / Information Science & Engineering	23-07-2024 to 24-07-2024
2.	B.E / B.Tech / M.E / M.Tech	Mechanical Engineering / Material Science & Engineering / Metallurgy / Production Engineering	27-07-2024, 29-07-2024 & 30-07-2024
3.	B.E / B.Tech / M.E / M.Tech / B.Sc (Electronics/Telecomm) PLUS M.Sc (Electronics/ Telecomm)	Electronics & Communication / Telecommunication / Electronics & Instrumentation	29-07-2024 & 30-07-2024
4.	B.E / B.Tech / M.E / M.Tech	Aeronautical / Aerospace Engineering	31-07-2024 & 01-08-2024
5.	B.E / B.Tech / M.E / M.Tech	Electrical & Electronics/Electrical & Instrumentation	01-08-2024
6.	B.E / B.Tech / M.E / M.Tech	Civil Engineering	01-08-2024

**Eligibility:** Candidates having qualification as B.E / B.Tech in First Class with a valid GATE Score OR B.E / B.Tech PLUS M.E / M.Tech both in First Class OR B.E /



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**No. KMSMCL/DRUGS/RETND(U)/NCD PROTOCOL DRUGS/03/2024-25 Date: 09/07/2024**

**TENDER NOTIFICATION**

- Tender Notification No. KMSMCL/DRUGS/RETND(U)/NCDPROTOCOL DRUGS/03/2024-25, Dated: 08.07.2024 (IND 0131).**
- Tender Notification No. KMSMCL/DRUGS/RETND(U)/NCD/GRIHA AROGYA/AMLODIPINE TABLETS/13/2024-25, Dated: 09.07.2024 (IND-0132).**
- Tender Notification No. KMSMCL/DRUGS/RETND(U)/NCD/GRIHA AROGYA/AMLODIPINE TABLETS/14/2024-25, Dated: 09.07.2024 (IND-0133).**
- Tender Notification No. KMSMCL/DRUGS/RETND/2022-23 AI/ PARACETAMOLTAB/08/2024-25, Dated: 09.07.2024 (IND-0134).**
- Tender Notification No. KMSMCL/DRUGS/RETND/2022-23 AI/PARACETAMOL TAB/09/2024-25, Dated: 09.07.2024 (IND-0135).**

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

- Re-Tender for the supply of NCD Protocol Drugs under Annual Indent 2022-23 Budget (IND-0131).
- Re-Tender for the supply of Amlodipine Tablets 5mg under NCD-Griha Arogya Project 2023-24 (IND-0132).
- Re-Tender for the supply of Amlodipine Tablets 5mg under NCD-Griha Arogya Project 2023-24 (IND-0133).
- Re-Tender for the supply of Paracetamol Tablets 500mg under Annual Indent 2022-23 (IND-0134).
- Re-Tender for the supply of Paracetamol Tablets 500mg under Annual Indent 2022-23 (IND-0135).

Details regarding EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> from **08.07.2024** & **09.07.2024**. The eligible tenders shall submit their e-tenders under e-procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office.

Sd/- Managing Director,  
KMSMCL, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/849/Zen/2024-25

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that under the instructions of our client we are investigating the right, title and interest of: (1) **Shree Aditya Finwealth Private Limited** (CIN: U65990MH1955PTC009465) (earlier known as Aditya Textile Industries Private Limited), a company incorporated under the Indian Companies Act 1913, and existing under the Companies Act 2013, having its registered office at C.T.S. No. 832, Safed Pool, Andheri-Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai 400 072, to its property described in the **First Schedule** hereto ('SAFPL Property'), and (2) **Harshdeep Textiles Private Limited** (CIN: U17299MH2003PTC140176), a company incorporated under the Companies Act 1956, and existing under the Companies Act 2013, having its registered office at 304, Prabhu Kutir, 15, Altamont Road, Mumbai 400 026, to its property described in the **Second Schedule** hereto ('HTPL Property'). Our client is negotiating with Shree Aditya Finwealth Private Limited and Harshdeep Textiles Private Limited to acquire the SAFPL Property and HTPL Property respectively.

All persons having any right, title, interest, benefit, claim or demand, whatsoever, in, or to, the SAFPL Property, and/or the HTPL Property, or any part thereof, and/or the floor space index/floor area ratio, transferable development rights and development potential thereof, or any part thereof, and/or the possession, use, occupation, and enjoyment thereof, or any part thereof, and/or in respect of the development thereof, or any part thereof, by way of sale, conveyance, transfer, allotment, exchange, gift, assignment, mortgage, lien, charge, security interest, trust, lease, sub-lease, tenancy, sub-tenancy, license, caretaker rights, occupancy, release, relinquishment, acquisition or requisition, encumbrance, inheritance, bequest, succession, family arrangement/settlement, suits or proceedings, will or testamentary instrument, probate, letters of administration, easement, maintenance, development rights, joint development, sub-development, project management, development management, joint venture, collaboration, partnership, or under any order or judgement (interim or final), or decree of any court of law or other authorities, or under any agreement/contract, or otherwise howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known in writing, together with notarially certified true copies of all documentary proof in support thereof, to the undersigned, at Khaitan & Co, Advocates, One World Centre, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tower 1C, 841 Senapati Bapat Marg, Prabhadevi, Mumbai - 400 013, within 14 (fourteen) days from the date of publication hereof, or else the purported right, title, interest, benefit, claim, or demand, if any, of such person or persons, will be considered to be waived and/or abandoned.

**The First Schedule Above Referred To:**  
(Description of the SAFPL Property)

Land admeasuring in the aggregate 19,448.90 square metres (as per city survey records), and approximately 15,985 square metres (as per physical measurement) bearing: (1) C.T.S. No 832A, admeasuring approximately 14,487.9 square metres, (2) C.T.S. No 832/1, admeasuring approximately 2,122.50 square metres, (3) C.T.S. No 832/2, admeasuring approximately 15.90 square metres, (4) C.T.S. No 832/3, admeasuring approximately 22.70 square metres, (5) C.T.S. No 832/4, admeasuring approximately 21.30 square metres, (6) C.T.S. No 832/5, admeasuring approximately 22 square metres, (7) C.T.S. No 832/6, admeasuring approximately 21.70 square metres, (8) C.T.S. No 832/7, admeasuring approximately 15.50 square metres, and (9) C.T.S. No 832/8, admeasuring approximately 2,719.40 square metres of Village Mohli, Taluka Kurla, Mumbai Suburban District and corresponding to Survey Nos 6/2, 6/1-B, 50/5, 50/6/B, 50/8/B, 50/10/1/A, 50/10/1/A, 50/10/2, 50/13 (part), 50/13/B/1, 50/14/1/2, together with the buildings and structures thereon (excluding the HTPL Property described in the Second Schedule hereto), situate, lying and being at Safed Pool, Andheri-Kurla Road, Mumbai 400 072, and bounded as follows, that is to say:

On or towards North : by lands bearing C.T.S. Nos 805, 806 and 807;  
On or towards South : by the land bearing C.T.S. No 840;  
On or towards East : partly by lands bearing C.T.S. Nos 807 (part), 810, 810/1, 832B/1, 832B/2, 833, 834 and partly by a 21.35 m wide municipal road; and  
On or towards West : by lands bearing CTS Nos 804, 813, 814, 830, 831.

**The Second Schedule Above Referred To:**  
(Description of the HTPL Property)

All the units and buildings/structures described in the table below, standing upon a part of the lands bearing C.T.S. Nos 832A, 832/1 to 832/8 of Village Mohli, Taluka Kurla, Mumbai Suburban District, situate, lying and being at Safed Pool, Andheri-Kurla Road, Mumbai 400 072:

Sr. No.	Description	Area (in square feet)
1.	The building known as Corduroy Building (part) (earlier known as NIT Building) bearing unit Nos A1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 (including shed) on the ground floor	18,502
2.	Second Floor of Corduroy Building (part) (earlier described as a Vacant Shed)	3,888
3.	Ground floor of Corduroy Building (part) (earlier known as the Pentax office)	1,365

Dated this 10th day of July, 2024.

For Khaitan & Co  
Sd/-  
Harsh Parikh  
Partner

**CAD-505**

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**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (P&C) IDCO, IDCO TOWER, BHUBANESWAR**  
Tender Call Notice No File No.: HO/P&C/EST/E-2596/04/2024/ 19881 Dated: 06.07.2024

**Bid Identification No.: P&C/EST/E-07/2024-25**

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER THROUGH e-Procurement**

**Name of the Work:** SITC of IBMS & EMS System with 5 years of Operation and Maintenance at Office Cum Commercial Complex at Badmal, Jharsuguda.

**Tender Value: Rs.2,22,07,772.00 (Excl. GST)**

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Period of completion	Availability of Tender on-Line for Bidding
1	2	4	5
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, IDCO Tower, Bhubaneswar	Bid Identification No- P&C/EST/E-07/2024-25	04 (four Calendar Months)	17:00 Hours of dt: 10.07.2024 To 17:00 Hours of dt: 05.08.2024

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal [www.Tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.Tendersodisha.gov.in) and Corrigendum if any will be published in newspapers and can only be seen in the e-procurement portal as well as in IDCO website.

Sd/-  
Chief General Manager (P&C)  
IDCO, Bhubaneswar  
OIPR-14003/11/0016/24-25

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**GeM Bid No.: GEM/2024/B/5000282**

GETRI invites Gem Bid (online) for the work of "Biennial Rate Contract (BRC) for Catering Services for external faculties/members & Officers/Employees of GUVNL & its subsidiary Companies at GETRI, Vadodara". The bid documents are available on <https://gem.gov.in> (for view, download and online submission) and [www.guvnl.com](http://www.guvnl.com) & [www.getri.org](http://www.getri.org) (for view and download only). Interested bidders may download the said bid & are requested to visit the above mentioned link/websites for any other corrections / amendments / modifications / extensions till the date of submission / opening of bid.

DIRECTOR (GETRI)

**CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS**

**OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE**

The following e-Tenders can be accessed under the link [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in). Offers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in) → login → E-Tender Stores/Supply. Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or IREPS related information if any, Dy.CMM/HQ/CLW/Chittaranjan, 6341-2525594 or SMM/CON/HQ, 6341-2535631. Office Address: Office of the PCMM /CLW/ Chittaranjan.

[A] No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162 Date: 05/07/2024. Sl. No.: Tender No.: Brief Description of Item; Quantity; Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees); Tender Closing Date & Time (IST) are as follows: [I]: 83240866; Balance Weight Kit (Scheme-II) Rotor For Three Phase Reaction Motor Type 6FRA-6068) Specn. No. 4TMS.096.083 Rev-1 DRG.NO. 4TWD.096.173 ALT-2, STR. No. CLW/TM/18219 Rev. 1 [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; 820.00 Set; ₹ 0.00; 29/07/2024 at 11:00 AM. [2]: 75243825A; Rubber Stop (Lateral & Vertical) For WAG-9HC As Per CLW'S Specn. No. CLW/MS/3/010, DRG. NO.1209.01.315-021, Alt-1 and 1209.01.315-022 [Each Set Means Loco Set Consisting of 02 Items As Per Set Details Attached] [Warranty Period: 36 Months after the date of delivery]; 895.00 Set; ₹ 53230.00; 24/07/2024 at 11:00 AM. [PRI-513] PCMM/CLW/Chittaranjan Like us on: [www.facebook.com/clwrrailways](http://www.facebook.com/clwrrailways)

Rev.0 1209-01.411-020 & 021 Alt-1 [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; 5226.00 Set; ₹ 2000000.00; 31/07/2024 at 11:00 AM. [3]: 83240366; Motor Suspension Unit For WAG-9 LOCO As Per Drg. No. 1209-01.111-004 & 1209-01.011-018, Specn. No. CLW/MS/3/201 ALT-2 [Warranty Period: 72 Months after the date of delivery]; 4850.00 Set; ₹ 5000000.00; 01/08/2024 at 11:00 AM. [B] No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162 Date: 05/07/2024. Sl. No.: Tender No.: Brief Description of Item; Quantity; Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees); Tender Closing Date & Time (IST) are as follows: [I]: 83240866; Balance Weight Kit (Scheme-II) Rotor For Three Phase Reaction Motor Type 6FRA-6068) Specn. No. 4TMS.096.083 Rev-1 DRG.NO. 4TWD.096.173 ALT-2, STR. No. CLW/TM/18219 Rev. 1 [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; 820.00 Set; ₹ 0.00; 29/07/2024 at 11:00 AM. [2]: 75243825A; Rubber Stop (Lateral & Vertical) For WAG-9HC As Per CLW'S Specn. No. CLW/MS/3/010, DRG. NO.1209.01.315-021, Alt-1 and 1209.01.315-022 [Each Set Means Loco Set Consisting of 02 Items As Per Set Details Attached] [Warranty Period: 36 Months after the date of delivery]; 895.00 Set; ₹ 53230.00; 24/07/2024 at 11:00 AM. [PRI-513] PCMM/CLW/Chittaranjan Like us on: [www.facebook.com/clwrrailways](http://www.facebook.com/clwrrailways)

**Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike**  
O/o Executive Engineer, Infra Division-RI, N.R Square, Bengaluru-560 002

**No. EE/RI/TEND/07/2024-25 Dated: 08/07/2024**

**INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)**

(Turnkey Lump Sum Fixed Price No Variation Contract (Two Cover System) (Through GoK KPP Portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> only)

Executive Engineer, Infra Division-RI, Room No. 307, 3rd Floor, Annexure-03 N.R Square, Bangalore 560 002 BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers on turnkey, lump sum, fixed price, no variation and no escalation basis for the Construction Work detailed in the table below.

S.N.	Name of the work
1	Providing Junction Improvement Works Under SURAKSHA-75 In Arterial and Sub Arterial roads at Minsk Square Junction, Basaveshwara Circle, Hennur Cross, Trinity Circle, LH Circle, Windsor Manor and SJP Road Junction in East Zone. <b>Cost of work Proposed : Rs.783.64 Lakhs (including GST). EMD : Rs.11.75 Lakhs.</b>
2	Providing junction improvement works under SURAKSHA-75 in Arterial and Sub Arterial roads at Summanahalli Junction, Kengeri Bus Terminal Junction, Nice Road Kengeri Road Junction & Jayanna Circle at Kanchanahalli Road in RR Nagara Zone. <b>Cost of work Proposed : Rs.584.96 Lakhs (including GST). EMD : Rs.8.80 Lakhs.</b>

**Calendar of Events**

- Availability of tender documents in E-Procurement Portal: 09/07/2024 onwards.
- Last date of Receipt of queries: 20/07/2024 upto 16.00 hrs.
- Date of Pre bid meeting: 20/07/2024 upto 16.00 hrs.
- Last date of submission of tenders: 23/07/2024 upto 16.00 hrs.
- Date of Opening technical bid : 24/07/2024 upto 16.15 hrs.
- Date of opening of financial bid : will be intimated to qualified tenders

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Infra Division-RI

**OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL PROJECT DIRECTOR-IV, DPMU-II WEST BENGAL MAJOR IRRIGATION AND FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROJECT JALASAMPAD BHAWAN, 9TH FLOOR, SALT LAKE CITY, KOLKATA - 700 091**  
E-MAIL :- [apd2019dpmu@gmail.com](mailto:apd2019dpmu@gmail.com) Tel:- 033-23341232

**NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement**

**Procurement Notice for India - P162679**  
**West Bengal Major Irrigation & Flood Management Project - IN-IWD-141571-CW-RFB (Funded by World Bank, AIB & Government of West Bengal)**

RFB No.	Contract Title	Bid Security* (Rs.)	Cost of Document (Rs.)	Period of Completion
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
RFB No. : 02/ WB/MFMP/ APD-IV NCB/23-24/ RR/TRUSS/2nd	"Construction of proposed Truss and Reconstruction of existing physical model at the river Damodar & Mundeswari near Beguahana within the lower Damodar sub-basin at River Research Institute, West Bengal, I & W Dte, Mohanpur, Nadia"	INR 1,75,000.00 [Indian Rupees One Lakh Seventy Five Thousand only]	NIL	244 days including rainy and all other seasons

**Procurement Officer** **Availability of Bidding Document**

**Additional Project Director-IV, DPMU-II WB/MFMP, I&WD, Govt. of WB** The bidding document is available From 10.07.2024 at 10:00 hours (IST) To 07.08.2024 upto 13:00 hours (IST) online on <https://wbttenders.gov.in>

**Note:** (i) The bidders are required to submit (a) original bid security in approved form; and (b) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document with **Additional Project Director-IV, DPMU-II, WB/MFMP, 9th Floor, Jalasampad Bhawan, Western Block, Bidhanagar, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700091, West Bengal** before the bid submission deadline, either by registered post / speed post / courier or by hand, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive and will not be opened. (ii) The eligibility criteria for selection of Agency/Firms are provided below: (a) The bidder should have a minimum construction Cash flow requirement as follows: **INR 0.32 Cr.** (b) The bidder should have a minimum average annual construction turnover for the best five financial years within the last seven financial years i.e. from FY 2016-17 to FY 2022-23 as follows: **INR 1.26 Cr.** (c) The bidder should have satisfactorily, as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or sub-contractor completed at least one similar nature of work or one contract having minimum value between 1st April 2016 and bid submission deadline as follows: **INR 0.68 Cr.** (d) The bidder should have completed minimum quantity for **M.S. Structural Works conforming to IS Codes minimum 22.33 M.T** as per SEC-III, Clause 4.2 (a) & 4.2 (b) of RFB.

Further details & Corrigendum if any can be seen from the website: <https://wbttenders.gov.in>

Sd/-  
Additional Project Director-IV,  
DPMU-II, WB/MFMP, Government of West Bengal

**Prayagraj Nagar Nigam**  
1, Sarojini Naidu Marg, Prayagraj-211001 Uttar Pradesh

**E-TENDER NOTICE, 3rd Call**

**Nit No / 236 ENV / 2024-25 Date: 09.07.2024**

This is to inform to all prospective bidders having the required qualification mentioned in the RFP document that Municipal Corporation Prayagraj invites Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of Agency for Miyawaki Plantation and Maintenance in Baswar Solid Waste Plant, Prayagraj.

**Schedule For Tender**

S.no	Activity	Date	Time
1	Tender Document Availability	09/07/2024	14:00 hrs onwards
2	Last date of Bid submission	16/07/2024	upto 15:00 hrs
3	Technical Bid opening Date	16/07/2024	16:00 hrs onwards

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

(Uttam Kumar Verma)  
Environment Engineer  
Prayagraj Nagar Nigam

**PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**  
(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001)  
Corporate Identification No. : U40109PB2010SGC033813  
Website : [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) (Contact 9646118773)

**Tender Enquiry No. : Q-4025/24-25/PO-T/CE-MM**

Chief Purchase Officer/MM, Central Purchase Organization PSPCL, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Multi Storey Building, The Mall, PSPCL invites E-tender of 12360 Nos., Single Phase, 10kVA, ISI Marked EEL-1, oil immersed, CRGO/Amorphous core, Aluminium wound, distribution transformers complete with fittings as per PSPCL specifications & conforming to IS 1180 Part-1 (2014) & IS 2026 (with latest amendments). For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 10.07.2024 onwards.

**Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>**  
C-41024, DPR/PL: 76155/12/308/2023/35460

**U.T. Administration of DNH & DD**  
O/o the Food & Civil Supplies Department,  
At the premises of District Panchayat,  
Moti Daman- 396 220.

**No.4-166/CSD/DMN/e-Tender/Part-III/2024-25/08, Date:03/07/2024**

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The Director (F & CS), DNH & DD invites tender for Transportation of Government Foodgrains for the Financial Year 2024-25 for the Food and Civil Supplies Department, Daman.

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Last date of receipt of Tender is 19/07/2024 Till 15:00 hrs.  
No. IP/DMN/25/2024-25/408 dt: 8/7/2024

For more details visit the on-line e-tender on <https://dtdenders.gov.in>

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**E-TENDER NOTICE**

No. ECR-SPJOSTRIP(REP)/441/2024 Dated: 05.07.2024.

Sr. DMM (Admn.)/ECR/SPJ on behalf of the President of India "Open e-Tender Notice" from the eligible and experienced agency or contractor for e-Tender on Tender No. 72254488 particulars are as under:-

**Name of Items :** 110 v 120 AH MF valve regulated Lead Acid (VRLA) battery for train lighting application for 110 V system consisting of 19 mono blocks of 6 V. Quantity : 200 Set.

AMM/DSL/ECR/Samastipur PR/00659/SPJ/Store/T/24-25/20

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**OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE**

The following e-Tenders can be accessed under the link [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in). Offers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in) → login → E-Tender Stores/Supply. Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or IREPS related information if any, Dy.CMM/HQ/CLW/Chittaranjan, 6341-2525594 or SMM/CON/HQ, 6341-2535631. Office Address: Office of the PCMM /CLW/ Chittaranjan. [A] No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162 Date: 04/07/2024. Sl. No.: Tender No.: Brief Description of Item; Quantity; Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees); Tender Closing Date & Time (IST) are as follows: [I]: 75244061; Bolster Assy. for WAG-9 HC to SPEC. No. CLW/MS/3/154, Alt.2 [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; 371.00 Set; ₹2000000.00; 02/08/2024 at 11:00 AM. [2]: 75244021; Side Sill Assy. For WAG-9HC As Per Spec. No. CLW/MS/3/154, Alt.2 (as per set details attached). [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; 384.00 Set; ₹1888360.00; 20/08/2024 at 11:00 AM. [3]: 75243724; (i) Secondary Helical Spring for WAG-9HC as per Drg. No. IB011-00842 ITEM-3 & IB011-00842 ITEM-1 specn. CLW/MS/3/SPEC./ELDO-BOGIE/004, Alt.1 [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; (ii) Primary Helical Spring for WAG-9HC as per Drg. No. IB011-00843 ITEM-3 & IB011-00843 ITEM-1 Specn. CLW/MS/3/SPEC./ELDO-BOGIE/004, Alt.1. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; (i) 741.00 Set, (ii) 741.00 Set; ₹2000000.00; 26/08/2024 at 11:00 AM. [B] No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162 Date: 04/07/2024. Sl. No.: [I]. Tender No.: 91241013A. Brief Description of Item: Set of Stator Chamber DE AND NDE (CNC Machined), Drg. No. ITWD.096.017 ALT-B and ITWD.096.016 ALT-B. Spec. No. -4TMS.094.059 REV-1. STR. NO. RDSO/2007/EL/STR/0021. REV-1. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]. Quantity: 1433.00 Numbers. Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees): ₹ 1646980.00. Tender Closing Date & Time (IST): 31/07/2024 at 11:00 AM. PR8/512 PCMM/CLW/Chittaranjan Like us on: [www.facebook.com/clwrrailways](http://www.facebook.com/clwrrailways)

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**E-Tender Notice**

**No. SGBAU/1/GAD/137/4-364/2024 Date : 06/07/2024**

E-Tenders are invited on [www.mahatenders.gov.in](http://www.mahatenders.gov.in) from experienced Registered contractor/service provider for the following tenders separately.

- Tender No.01/2024 for providing security services (watch and ward)
- Tender No.02/2024 for providing House Keeping and cleaning in University premises services.

Details of E-Tenders are also available on [www.sgbau.ac.in](http://www.sgbau.ac.in) Right to reject any tender (part of full) without assigning any reason is reserved by the University

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Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University

**PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**  
(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)  
Corporate Identification No. : U40109PB2010SGC033813  
Website : [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) (Contact number 964611-47777)

**OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY NO. TSQ-1153/7D-III/2024-25**

Dy. CE/TL (Design), B-1 Shakti Vihar, Patiala invites E-tenders for Design, Manufacturing, Supply, Testing, Laying & Commissioning of 66 kV single core XLPE (Aluminium/ Copper) U/G Cable along with accessories on Turnkey Basis for the works as per PSPCL Specification No. TSQ-1153/7D-III/2024-25. For detailed NIT and Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 09.07.2024 from 11.00 AM onwards.

**Note :** Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.  
C 411/24, DPR/PL: 76155/12/308/1/2023/35464

**MPIDC MP INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPN. LTD.**  
(Government of Madhya Pradesh Undertaking)  
**SECRETARIAT FOR SINGLE WINDOW SYSTEM, CIN : U51102MP1977SGC001392**  
21, Arera Hills, Bhopal-462011 M.P. (India), Tel. : (91)-0755-2571830, 2575618, 3523555, 3523505, E-mail : [helpdesk@mpidc.co.in](mailto:helpdesk@mpidc.co.in), Website : [www.invest.mp.gov.in](http://www.invest.mp.gov.in)

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

**MPIDC/CE/Tech-RFP/2024/173 Date : 09.07.2024**

M.P. Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (MPIDC Ltd.) invites online percentage rate bids from registered contractors and firms for the following work:

S.No.	NIT No.	Name of Work	District	PAC (in Rs. Cr.)
1.	173	Development of Industrial Area Tajpur, distt. Ujjain (Ill Call)	Ujjain	11.98

The Tender documents can be downloaded from the e-procurement Portal- <https://mptenders.gov.in> - MPIDC HO.  
M.P. Madhyam/115290/2024

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

**JHANSI SMART CITY LIMITED**  
Regd. Office - Jhansi Nagar Nigam, Jhansi 284001  
CIN - U75230UP2016SGC087873 | Email.id- [jhansismartcity@td@gmail.com](mailto:jhansismartcity@td@gmail.com)

**Ref No.:- JSCL/ACEO/24-25/3102 Date:- 06<sup>th</sup> July, 2024**

**Short Notice Inviting Tender**

Jhansi Smart City Limited (JSCL) Jhansi invites online bids through e-procurement portal <https://etender.up.nic.in> from eligible bidders in accordance with the National Competitive Bidding:

S. No	Name of Work	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Period of Engagement
1	Selection of Vendor for Installation of Smart Solution and Operation & Maintenance of Multi-Level Car Parking Near Elite Circle in Jhansi City	2,00,000/-	5 Years

- Detailed NIT & Bid Documents can be seen at the websites <https://etender.up.nic.in> from 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
- Tender Fee: **2360/- (Rs. 2000+GST@18%)**
- Last Date of Bid Submission will be mentioned in the RFP.
- Above Project costs are tentative. Final cost will be reflected in the RFP uploaded.

Additional Chief Executive Officer  
Jhansi Smart City Limited

**MAHATMA PHULE KRISHI VIDYAPEETH, RAHURI-413 722.**  
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**Office of the University Engineer**  
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Web: [www.mpkv.mah.nic.in](http://www.mpkv.mah.nic.in) Email : [uniengineermpkv@gmail.com](mailto:uniengineermpkv@gmail.com)

**No. MPKV/WRK/TC/1621/2024 Dated 09/07/2024**

**E-Tender Notice**

The University Engineer invites online e-tenders from the Qualified Contractors for the following works at Central Campus MPKV, Rahuri, Tal. Rahuri, Dist





## How Stories Shape Careers

Madame Curie & Albert Einstein have inspired generations to pursue science. In recent years, Google CEO Sundar Pichai & Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella have encouraged youngsters... Can you too be a storyteller of your profession?

By Abhijit Bhaduri

Boxing was traditionally male-dominated until Mary Kom showed the route map from Manipur to the Olympics. Her story not only highlights an individual's triumph but also makes the sport appealing to many who previously never considered it.

Courtroom dramas inspired me to study law. After I spent time shadowing a lawyer in his chamber, I realised that a typical day in a lawyer's life was very different from what I had seen in movies. I did not have the eye for detail that makes a lawyer successful. Storytellers can challenge our biases and assumptions.

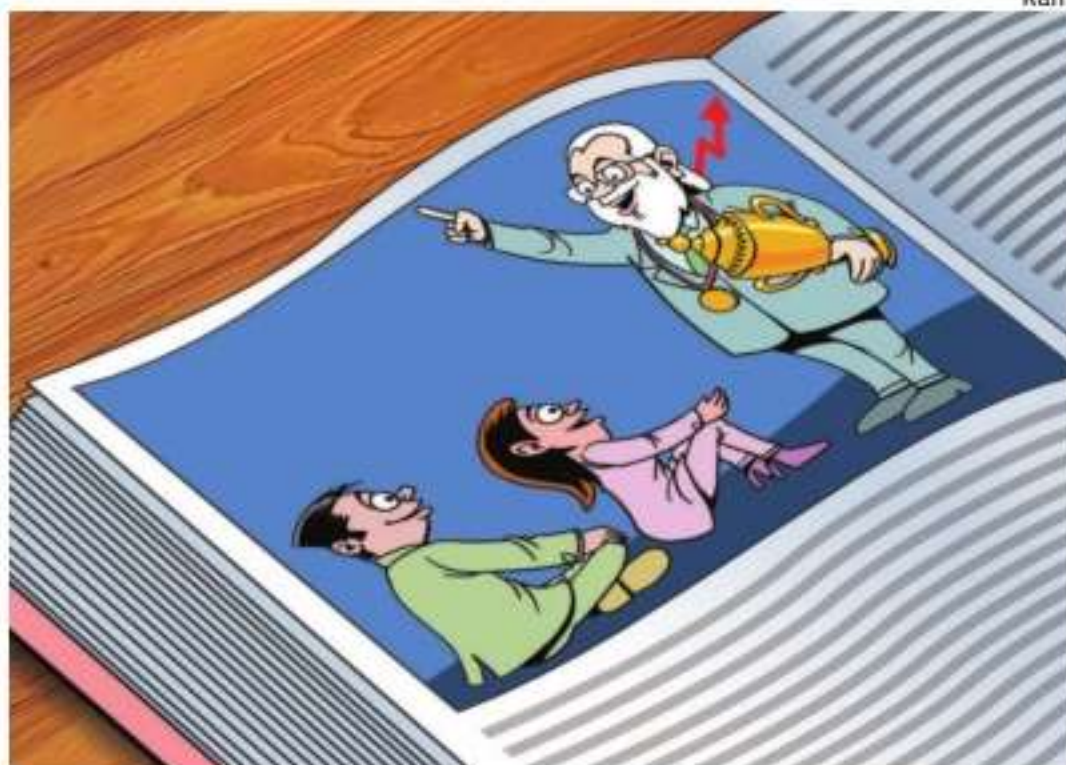
Every profession has a story waiting to be told. Whether you're a doctor, a chef, or an engineer, your experiences can inspire others. Share your journey, your challenges, and your triumphs. Take your audience behind the scenes to tell them

what it takes to spend 24 hours in your profession. People don't just want to see the glamour and success, they want to see the tears and disappointments too.

How & what to share: It is natural to worry that your storytelling might not resonate. But here's the trick: Your stories must be relevant and relatable. Tie them to real experiences and learnings that everyone can connect with. Every job has its unique stories and moments that can inspire others. It's all about how you tell it. Turn a routine job into an inspiring tale.

**Find The Extraordinary In The Ordinary:** Look for those little moments of success, humour, or learning that happen every day. Maybe it's solving a problem that's been bugging you for weeks or helping a coworker out in a pinch. These are the stories that make your job relatable and real.

**Highlight The Impact:** Even the most mundane tasks have



an impact. Show how what you do contributes to a bigger picture. Your work might be a small cog in a large machine, but without it, things wouldn't run as smoothly.

**Share Your Growth:** Talk about how you've grown or what you've learned in your role. Personal development is a journey many are on, and hearing about yours can motivate others.

**Be Genuine:** Authenticity is key. If you're honest about

the highs and lows, people will connect with your story more deeply. It's not about glamorising your job but sharing it in a way that's true to you.

Remember, inspiration doesn't require a thrilling job; it comes from a thrilling way of looking at any job. Your perspective can turn everyday into something extraordinary.

(The writer is former GM, global learning & development, Microsoft)

### Indian Banks' Association Recruitment of Senior Vice President

Indian Banks' Association (IBA) is inviting applications for recruitment of Senior Vice President.

For details, please refer to "What's new" section of IBA website: [www.iba.org.in](http://www.iba.org.in) Chief Executive 10.07.2024

**Advvt.No.- NEEPCO- 03/2024 Dt.08.07.2024**

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3.	Manager (IS Auditor)	4	MMGS-III	Regular
4.	Deputy Manager (IS Auditor)	7	MMGS-II	Regular
<b>Advertisement No.: CRPD/SCO/2024-25/11</b>				
5.	Deputy Manager (Marketing- Financial Institutions)	4	MMGS II	Regular

Eligibility criteria (age, educational qualification, experience, job profile etc.) vacancy details, requisite fee and other details along with a link for online submission of application and online payment of application fee are available on Bank's website <https://bank.sbi/web/careers/current-openings>. Candidates are advised to go through the detailed advertisement and ensure their eligibility and other details before applying and remitting fee.

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## Teen abducted, drugged & raped in UP, rescued after 10 days

Agra: Ten days after a 16-year-old girl was abducted and abused in captivity by three persons in Aligarh, police rescued her and apprehended four accused, including a minor and a woman, cops said on Tuesday, reports **Deepak Lavania**.

The perpetrators had allegedly held the teenager captive in their room, force-feeding her multiple sleeping pills every day to render her unconscious, and then raping her. During this period, they even called the girl's family and demanded a ransom. Subsequently, a team of 24 police personnel traced the mobile location and reached the accused on Monday.

### 4 ACCUSED, INCLUDING ONE MINOR, NABBED

The father of the survivor had filed the kidnapping on June 29, reporting the kidnapping of his minor daughter.

"Apart from the three accused boys, a 22-year-old woman was also involved in the crime. These individuals made multiple calls to the victim's family, demanding ransom. They threatened to kill the girl if the money was not paid and mentioned selling her. The police were monitoring all the calls and tracking their location. The accused were then arrested from a flat in the Sangwan city area," ASP Amrit Jain said.

"All the accused adults have been sent to jail. The minor accused has been sent to the juvenile home of Agra. The accused are part of a criminal gang," the officer added.

## Amid K'taka tribal corpn 'scam', DKS admits funds were misused

### 'Mantris, MLAs Not Involved, Spoke To Them'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Bengaluru:** After the Karnataka govt was hit by allegations of a scam in the State Valmiki ST Development Corporation, deputy CM D K Shivakumar on Tuesday admitted that officials had misused and misappropriated corporation funds. He, however, gave MLAs and ministers involved with the corporation a clean chit.

"It is true that there was misuse and misappropriation of funds. We spoke to our ministers and corpora-



DK Shivakumar said minister B Nagendra resigned voluntarily

tion chairman, who is also an MLA. They clarified they are not involved," he said. He added ST welfare minister B Nagendra resigned voluntarily as it was "not good to face an investigation while being a minister."

He was speaking after an audio clip—allegedly of a conversation between the corporation's MD and seventh accused in the scam, Padmanabh, and account-

### Panel seeks report on SC/ST fund 'diversion'

National Commission for Scheduled Castes has sought a detailed report within seven days from the Karnataka govt over the alleged diversion of SC/ST funds. It took suo motu cognisance of the issue based on a media report. In a letter to the Karnataka chief secretary, the commission said the state govt had reportedly decided to reallocate Rs 14,730 crore, originally earmarked under SCSP and TSP, to implement various welfare schemes known as the 'five guarantees'. **TNN**

tant Parashuram, the eighth accused—emerged. In the clip, Parashuram is heard saying should bring the matter to the notice of the chairman of the board, Congress MLA Basavaraja Daddal. Padmanabh purportedly asked Parashuram to stay mum. Padmanabh also claimed to be under pressure.

BJP has been demanding Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah's resignation, alleging he

is directly involved in the scam and that Rs 187 crore of the board's money was used to fund elections in Telangana and other states.

The special investigation team (SIT) on Tuesday grilled B Nagendra for five hours. He resigned on June 6 after the corporation's accounts superintendent Chandrasekharan P died by suicide on May 26 and implicated him in a death note.

## 'Army's Para unit deployed to conduct surgical strikes'

Sanjay Khajuria | TNN

**Jammu:** In Kathua district, a concerted search operation is underway in Machedi-Bil-lower area, where five soldiers, including a junior commissioned officer (JCO), were killed in an ambush on Monday. The fallen soldiers, all natives of Uttarakhand, were Naib Subedar Anand Singh Rawat from Rudrapur, Naik Vinod Singh and Rifleman Adarsh Negi from Tehri, Havildar Kamal Singh and Rifleman Anuj Negi from Pauri. Five other soldiers are undergoing treatment at the military hospital in Pathankot. The slain soldiers' remains have been sent to their homes.

"Members of the Army's elite Para unit have been deployed to conduct surgical strikes against the terrorists in specific areas," an official source said. The search teams, backed by helicopters, drones, military dogs, snipers in ghillie suits, and metal detectors, are focusing on dense forest areas. There is concern about improvised explosive devices planted by fleeing terrorists.

The search has expanded to adjoining districts of Udhampur and Kathua, including Basantgarh, Seoj, and the upper reaches of Bani, Daggar, and Kindli. Sources believe three to four terrorists executed the ambush and are part of the same group that killed a village defence guard in Udhampur's Panara vil-



UNDER ATTACK: Jammu has seen a rise in terrorist activities

### Govt not taking terror strikes seriously: Cong

With yet another terror attack and army casualties in J&K, Congress Tuesday blamed "lack of seriousness" of the part of the Modi govt for growing terror aggression in the UT, underlining there have been five outrages in one month including the one which was carried out during PM's oath ceremony. Congress demanded a statement from the PMO or the govt. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi condemned the "cowardly attacks on our army" and called for "strong action". **TNN**

J&K DGP RR Swain visited the Kathua site, where evidence of the attack and counter-offensive was visible—including bloodstains, helmets, bullet-riddled vehicles, and flattened tyres. The attack occurred around 3.30pm when terrorists ambushed the convoy when it was negotiating a bend on Machedi-Kindli-Mal-

### NIA team sent to Kathua to probe attack

**New Delhi:** National Investigation Agency has joined the probe initiated by Jammu and Kashmir police into Monday's terror ambush on an Army convoy. An NIA team has been dispatched to Kathua to assist UT police as it probes the terror conspiracy behind the attack, sources said. NIA will also probe last year's terrorist attack on an Army convoy in Poonch that had left five personnel dead, officials said on Tuesday. The process to take over the investigation into the matter has started and a case will be registered soon, they said. The probe will ascertain any "common angle" in the April 20, 2023 attack—in which an Army vehicle caught fire, killing five personnel—and the terrorist strikes in J&K over past couple of years, including those in Dhangri village of Rajouri district in Jan 2023. **TNN**

## BRS braces for legal battle against defections

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**New Delhi:** Having lost several of its legislators to Congress following its defeat in assembly polls and after the parliamentary polls and failing to win a single Lok Sabha seat from Telangana, Bharat Rashtia Samithi (BRS) is preparing for a legal battle against its legislators who have switched sides. Slamming Congress for the "unconstitutional" defections, BRS working presi-

dent K T Rama Rao (KTR) on Tuesday said that apart from approaching all constitutional authorities, his party was planning to file a petition in Supreme Court against the defecting members.

Accusing Congress of "taking an unconstitutional path while talking of saving the Constitution", KTR, son of party chief and former Telangana chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao, said, "The way Cong-

ress is engineering defections from the BRS camp in Telangana, it goes against the anti-defection law."

He said a petition against the defected BRS members was pending in Telangana high court, while stressing that as per an SC order of 2020, the assembly speaker has three months to decide on the status of the defected party members. "If the speaker does not do justice, we will knock on the door of the

Supreme Court. We are here for the last two days consulting with legal experts," he added. Down to four MPs in Rajya Sabha, the BRS leadership plans to approach the President, the vice-president who is also chairman of Rajya Sabha, the Election Commission and finally the SC on the defection issue. "We will meet all those who are custodians of the Constitution," KTR said.

BRS's aggressive move comes in response to a recent wave of defections.

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### Judge who gave death to 38 over blasts to head Guj prosecution

**Ahmedabad:** Ambalal R Patel, a retired sessions judge who handed down 38 death sentences in the 2008 Ahmedabad serial blasts case, was appointed on Tuesday as Gujarat's director of prosecution. Never before in independent India had so many people been given the capital punishment in one go. Patel's new posting comes almost a year after his retirement from subordinate judicial service. He had delivered the blasts case verdict in Feb 2022. He had jailed 11 others in the case for life. The blasts had killed over 55 people and wounded more than 200.

Patel also briefly presided over the criminal prosecution initiated against social activist Teesta Setalvad, former DGP R B Sreekumar and former IPS officer Sanjiv Bhatt. **TNN**

### Girl falls to death after teacher drags her to construction site

**Raipur:** A schoolgirl (15) allegedly fell to her death from the second floor of an under-construction building in Kondagaon district of Chhattisgarh's Bastar division on Sunday after her teacher "forced" her to accompany him there.

The girl's death has sparked protests. Police are looking for the teacher Vinod Shardul. Initial autopsy report shows the girl died due to a fall from a height. But her parents have demanded another autopsy to check if she was sexually assaulted.

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# Mess Gets Neeter

Official, judicial conversations on NEET are missing the main point, which is not retest but wholesale reform

The way ahead for 2.4 mn medical aspirants looks rocky. Deliberations on entrance test NEET's question paper leak are slipping into a maze. SC said a retest is an "extreme last resort" – only in play if leaks were "systemic", compromised the entire test, and if it was not possible to identify how many, and who, benefitted from the breach. Nodal test agency NTA says breach isn't systemic, didn't compromise the test at the all-India level, and was limited to centres of Godhra and Patna. Its claims are curious. In today's always-online world, it's near-naïve to imagine that question papers would be confined to geographical origins of said leak. The scary part is that weeks after revelations of the breach, the only "solution" on the table is a retest, which is a non-starter. Everyone agrees with this, yet the idea lingers.

**Students left hanging** | Measures taken so far have been drops in the ocean of overhaul required. Ninety-three candidates have been debarred, and an SC-directed re-test was conducted to correct NTA's very own grace-marks fiddle. In the uncertainty, counselling, the next step of allotting colleges, has been indefinitely delayed. That means 1.3 mn candidates who qualified have been left high and dry. The academic calendar indefinitely delayed, it's clear that NEET, introduced as a reform, has plunged medical education into chaos.

**Logistics one part** | SC requires NTA to establish the extent of the breach. CBI will need months to do that, and it should not limit itself to investigating only the paper leak, for it will stumble upon more anomalies. What till then? It's been long suggested NEET-UG follow the JEE system of computer-based offline exams, with less outsourcing of examiners. NTA's overhaul too will not be overnight. A committee largely of technocrats headed by a space scientist is reviewing its functioning. The limitation is that both are really dealing with *logistics* and *security* of exams.

**Reboot both NTA & NEET** | Faults at NTA are not about conduct of exams alone. It is equally about govt's approach to assessment for professional and higher education. What is unfolding this year with NEET-UG – there's no end in sight for students' anxiety – is making it more than evident that centralisation of tests can derail an entire academic year, and future of students. That is the conversation that must also be renewed.

# Let Them Bid

Fancy number plates are fun. More seriously, auctions are best way to allocate scarce national resources

Delhi's transport department is raking it in. Its auction for the coveted 0001 vehicle licence plate in March fetched a staggering ₹23.4L. Figures for other fancy registration numbers are almost as impressive. It's time Trai took the cue and sought its pound of flesh from telcos for vanity numbers they have been auctioning.

**Auctions make things fair** | But auctions do far more than just feed vanities of the rich. They have emerged as the best form of allocation of precious resources for the state. Efficiency and probity are not characteristics we regularly associate with govts. Remember 2G scam? The flawed manner in which telecom licences were handed out by UPA govt led to SC mandating in 2012 auctions for spectrum allocation. By providing a level playing field, auction of scarce resources maximises revenue for the state, ensures profits for winners and benefits consumers, who gain from private investment and tech upgrade.

**Process all-important** | But they must be done right. Auction theory has fetched several individuals Nobel prizes. What the 2020 laureates, Paul Milgrom and Robert Wilson, said is most important. How auctions are designed is critical to bidding outcomes. Symmetry of info among bidders is another pre-requisite for a fair process. For, there is always the danger of "winner's curse", or a successful bidder overpaying, which can hurt the sector.

Besides telecom, sectors like mineral and oil & gas have seen auctions in India, with some notable results. To take one example, the biggest gas find in India, KG-D6, happened after bidding was introduced under NELP in 1999.

It's true every public good cannot and should not be auctioned. But even for those that can, the state can keep social considerations in mind while hammering out terms and conditions for successful bidders. It is the owner of the resource, after all.

# Polls apart

Elections show that Britain and India are separated by a common democracy

Jug Suraiya

I happened to be in London during the British elections in which Labour Party scored a landslide victory over Rishi Sunak's Conservative govt.

A day before the polls I went to my local pub as usual. On leaving, I told the publican I'd see him the day after tomorrow.

Oh, going to some other pub tomorrow, then? he asked. No, I replied, adding that the next day his, like all the other pubs in the country, would be closed.

He looked horrified at the thought of all the pubs in the country being closed for a day. It was the end of civilisation the way he knew it. Why would all the pubs be closed? he wondered.

I explained that during elections all places serving alcohol were shut in India. He looked puzzled, and said that in Britain during polls pubs were even more open than usual. Those whose party was winning would celebrate with a drink, and those whose party was losing, would drown their sorrows in the same.

Will there be a lot of security bandobast? I asked. Security Bandobast? he said. Is that the name of a new pop band? I don't think I've heard of it, he added.

How about booth-capturing? I ventured. He looked bemused. Booth-capturing? he queried.

Why on earth would anyone want to capture a public phone booth when we all have our cell phones? he asked. Anyway, all the phone booths have long been vandalised and no one's going to bother to capture one, he added.

How about EVM tampering, then? Is there a lot of that? I asked. Is EVM a new food-delivery app? he responded. Why would anyone tamper with a food-delivery app?

What about horse trading? I wanted to know. Will there be a lot of horse trading after the polls? he frowned in deep thought. Well, Ascot's already over, where we do have horse racing, but I dunno about any horse trading. And why would anyone want to trade horses, anyway? he said.

I realised that while Britain and India both have democracy, the two are poles apart. Or polls apart.

# Why Jammu Is Terror's New Kashmir

One small ambush is no Uri or Pulwama, but a series of small attacks can build fear as effectively as a large one. India must strengthen Jammu's counter-terror grid. It's currently less effective than Kashmir's

**Syed Ata Hasnain**

A series of terrorist attacks have occurred in recent months in the Jammu division of J&K. Monday saw yet another attack on an army convoy in the densely forested tracts north of Kathua and well south of Doda (where Tuesday saw a new encounter), with five soldiers killed in action. This adds to the substantial casualties suffered over the last year or so. The question is why such terror attacks are escalating now. Hadn't the back of Pak sponsored terror groups been broken after 2019?

**Why have terrorist attacks increased in Jammu?**

Terrorism is like water. It flows wherever there is less resistance. For many years Pakistan concentrated on Kashmir because that is where its focus always has been. But after Indian security forces (SF) and intelligence agencies effectively neutralised the terror networks in Kashmir after 2019, Pakistan began losing its relevance as a stakeholder here.

Lack of high-profile terrorist activity, low levels of violence and absence of even street demonstrations meant a shrinking Pak ability to demonstrate its hold over J&K.

It has invested too much over 35 years to become irrelevant. If it does not demonstrate an intent of continuing to sponsor separatism now, it would be extremely difficult to revive any kind of resistance in later years.

Pakistan can see an asymmetry emerging in almost all domains with India's undoubted rise.

This means that with time, India's economic development will inevitably lead to the integration of J&K. Pakistan aims to offset this ambition by upsetting the apple cart.

**Is there a specific calculation behind the timing?**

Absolutely, yes. It is becoming almost impossible for the deep state sponsors from Pakistan to execute large-scale terror attacks such as Pulwama. The recent killing of six terrorists in the Kulgam area of Kashmir represents how attempts to hit large targets such as the ongoing Sri Amarnathji Yatra, are no longer succeeding.

SF domination of the Valley has ensured timely neutralisation of bigger terrorist actions. Pakistan is thus left to execute smaller acts. Of course, these terrorist actions are also timed to create obstacles in the path of upcoming assembly elections in the UT.

**Why are the attacks being executed at such high frequency?**

Smaller events executed frequently have the near impact of a large one.

One small ambush of a convoy with even a few fatalities inflicted does not measure up to an Uri or Pulwama. However, a series of such events in a given geographical area is a demonstration that the deep state has effective control over the initiation of violence.

It gives the planners a high in their scheme of things and emboldens them. Beyond this, the intent is definitely to make India defensive, force deployment of more troops on protection duties, tire out all SF and project Pak's abiding relevance.

**In what way is Kashmir better defended than Jammu?**

Kashmir has been Pakistan's centre of gravity. The terror campaign commenced there in 1989 and only for some years did Doda, Udhampur, Rajouri and Poonch from Jammu division become very active. Thus, Kashmir has had a near permanent counter-terrorism (CT) grid, reinforced from time to time.

Jammu division's grid was reinforced by formations from Eastern Command and Northern Command reserves, which moved back once the area became relatively quiet by 2008-9. In 2020 a light division worth of troops was detached from Reasi and redeployed to Ladakh in view of the renewed Chinese threat.

Lower footprint and density of boots on the ground means the area is perceived as more 'doable' for terrorists. Infiltration here results in easy access to the National Highway Jammu-Pathankot. It also allows a quicker melt into the Pir Panjal tracts where jungle hideouts abound.

**Are there any operational lacunae?**

Frequency of casualties is sometimes indicative of some lacunae in drills, and CT operations have a lot to do with effective drills. This is not to say that the army has been found wanting but that the earlier infrequency of active operations in Jammu in comparison to the very active grid in Kashmir may have taken a toll.

Movement of single vehicles, inadequately equipped quick reaction teams, and a poorly oriented intelligence grid can result in negative trends. This happens to the best of CT grids but full efficiency can also be quickly regained. Adequate resources to reinforce the grid have already been deployed. It should take just one major success of the CT grid for a positive trend to automatically commence.

**What do we do about it?**

We have faced such situations before. We cannot have troops guarding every inch of territory. That is wasteful. Precautions have to be taken especially in the remote areas of Jammu division. Of course, intelligence has to be sharpened. Local population has to be taken on board. Village defence committees have to be revived. Success will come with perseverance, but it will be a hard grind.

Pakistan and separatists want to push back the assembly elections. To thwart them, to neutralise the fear psychosis, assembly elections must be held with full determination.

The writer is former commander of Indian army's 15 Corps in J&K

# Searching For The Peace Concerto In Vienna

As an EU but non-Nato nation, Austria is the perfect destination for Modi after his Moscow visit. He will get an idea of what a moderate European state thinks of his relationship with Putin

**TP Sreenivasan**

Much thought must have gone into the selection of Austria for Modi's visit after a potentially controversial visit to Moscow and the wide-ranging agreements signed there. Austria, together with Ireland, Cyprus and Malta, is a member of EU but not of Nato, which is likely to take a dim view of the warm reception that Modi got in Moscow. Modi may reiterate the call for peace and not war, but Nato countries would want him to condemn Putin for his aggression in Ukraine.

**Old friends** | Austria, on the other hand, has memories of India-Soviet relations proving beneficial to it during the difficult days of the occupation of Vienna after WWII. Following the 'Khrushchev Thaw' in Europe, Nehru intervened during negotiations in June 1953 on the Austrian State Treaty, which ended the Allied occupation of Austria and restored its sovereignty. India's good relations with the Soviet Union were a factor in the new arrangement, which entailed the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Vienna. It is customary on bilateral ceremonial occasions for Austrian leaders to thank India for the role it played in the liberation of Vienna.

**Trouble-free ties** | Even otherwise, India has enjoyed excellent relations with Austria ever since diplomatic relations were established in 1949. During my time in Vienna, there were hardly any

bilateral issues between us and I could spend much of my time dealing with our complex relations with IAEA as a non-NPT signatory, together with Pakistan and Israel. Several countries have multiple ambassadors, one for bilateral matters, one for multilateral matters and another for Opec.

**Some differences** | On international political issues, India and Austria were on the same page, except on the universality of self-determination for all peoples. Austria was unenthusiastic about nuclear power for peaceful uses because of the dangers involved, even though the IAEA is located in Vienna. Austria had built a nuclear power plant despite its rich hydro-electric resources, but never commissioned it because of popular opposition to nuclear power. Austria was not positive about an expansion



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# Calvin & Hobbes



# It Is Easy To Invite Joy Into Your Life

**Narayani Ganesh**

Something good happens to you – you cleared an examination, your blood test results are great, you just got that long-awaited promotion at work – and you feel overjoyed. You radiate that happiness to all around you and life is generally on a roll. The moment all that's listed above happens to someone else – and you have failed the exam, your cholesterol is high, and you did not get the raise or promotion you expected at work – you start burning with jealousy, you are angry, and you radiate all these negative feelings, making yourself and those around you miserable. Why is it so difficult to feel happy for your colleague or friend who managed to achieve those things?

When you take delight in the happiness of others, the Buddhists call it *mudita*. It means sympathetic joy. Physician turned mindfulness and

dharma teacher Christiane Wolf writes of the Buddha's exposition of the four brahmaviharas, the highest qualities of the heart. They are, metta, loving-kindness; karuna, compassion; upeksha, equanimity and mudita, sympathetic joy. Of these, mudita is perhaps the most challenging as it requires you to feel happy at the achievements of others. Jealousy among colleagues and even strangers is somewhat comprehensible but to resent the success of one's own sibling or parent, or even child, is something that is really gross. Instead of feeling joy and love, you feel violated, that how come this is not happening to you, and why is it happening to them? Why not me, why them?

The first step towards cultivating the quality of *mudita*, to feel joy at the

happiness of others, is to learn to look at your own self more sympathetically. Appreciate your good qualities, your plus points and maintain a decent degree of self-esteem. Uncover your strengths. Once you do that, there will be no room for feelings of insecurity and inferiority because you are beginning to realise your own worth. Once this is done, you will find it difficult not to feel joy for others, because you have begun to learn the art of inviting joy into your life. Because you know now how to feel joy within yourself. So, feeling happy for others is only the next step.

Once you have stopped being a party pooper, always seeing the negative side of things, so critical and ever complaining, you will see that all of these have been preventing you from experiencing what you really deserve,

to feel wonder and joy at your own self and in your life. These positive feelings will begin to radiate outside of you as well, and naturally, when something good happens to others, you, too, feel elated. You are no longer a drag, held back by dark thoughts that prevent you and others from participating in the euphoria of life.

The four brahmaviharas mentioned earlier, also known as the immeasurable, are all inter-connected, and once you are in the process of cultivating them, you will find it very difficult indeed to keep joy out of your life. This is aptly summed up in the following Sanskrit prayer: "Lokah samastah sukhino bhavantu." That is, once we strive to end our own suffering and have good thoughts for ourselves and others, we will wish happiness for everyone in the world. It's an ancient but timeless affirmation.

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Those who are not looking for happiness are the most likely to find it, because those who are searching forget that the surest way to be happy is to seek happiness for others.

Martin Luther King Jr





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Foreign banks have emerged as the largest investors in India's trillion dollar sovereign bond market in recent weeks, attracted by the nation's economic prospects and a stable currency. They've bought more than Rs 50,000 crore (\$6 billion) of debt since June 1, according to data from the Clearing Corp of India. That far exceeds about Rs 20,000 crore of net inflows into index-eligible bonds in the period, and suggests global banks that typically buy as clients' custodians have also been snapping them up for their own accounts. **BLOOMBERG**

**Khadi sales rise 9.3% to ₹6,496cr in FY24**

Khadi sales rose 9.3% to a record Rs 6,496 crore during the last fiscal year, with khadi and village industries adding over 10 lakh jobs during the financial year, KVIC chairman Manoj Kumar said. KVIC sales are estimated to have crossed Rs 1.5 lakh crore. **TNN**

**Fin Comm sets up advisory panel**

The 16th Finance Commission has set up a five-member advisory council comprising economists D K Srivastava, Neelkanth Mishra, Poonam Gupta, Pranjal Bhandari and Rahul Bajoria. Gupta will be the beneficiary of the panel that will assist the Finance Commission headed by Arvind Panagariya. **TNN**

**Ashwin Sheth group plans public issue**

**Mumbai:** Luxury real estate developer Ashwin Sheth Group is looking to launch a public issue over the next 18-24 months and foray into new markets. The group, which reported revenue of Rs 1,486 crore in the last financial year, plans to expand its business in the MMR region and is foraying into Bangalore, Delhi (NCR), apart from Hyderabad, Chennai and Goa. It announced a new brand identity on Tuesday. **TNN**

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# Govt may offer guarantee under NPS to allay fears

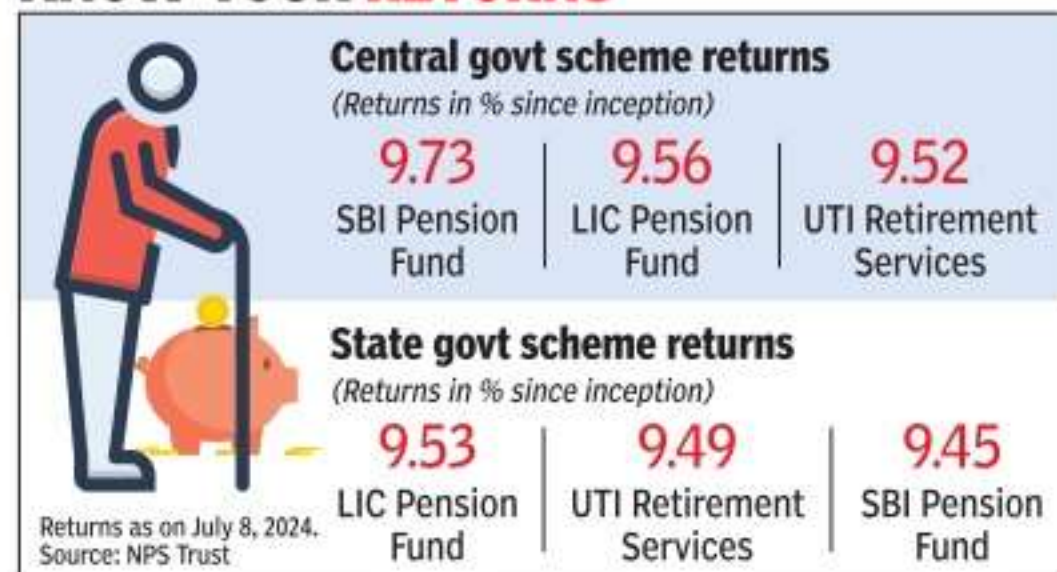
**Employees Likely To Get 50% Of Last Pay Drawn As Pension**

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**New Delhi:** Govt is looking to assure central govt employees who are part of the National Pension System of 50% of the last pay drawn as pension as it seeks to address their concerns over the payout. This is despite the scheme for those recruited from 2004 currently offering high returns for those who stay invested for 25-30 years.

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A committee headed by finance secretary T V Somanathan had been set up after an announcement by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman. While the Centre has ruled out a return to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS), it kept the window open to provide a certain level of comfort at a time when Congress was announcing a reversal

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of a decision taken by the Manmohan Singh govt.

OPS is a defined benefit scheme, offering half the last salary drawn as pension for life and subject to adjustments in line with pay commission recommendations. In contrast, NPS is a defined contribution scheme where a govt employee provides 10% of the basic salary as his/her contribution and the Centre provides 14%.

While the Somanathan

committee has looked at the global experience, as well as the results of the tweak undertaken by the Andhra Pradesh govt, it has also carried out extensive calculations to gauge the impact of providing an assured return. Although it is possible for the Centre to offer 40-45% guarantee, politically, it does not address the concern of employees who work for 25-30 years. As a result, there is growing acknowledgment within the govt of offering a 50% guarantee. Which means in case of a shortfall, the govt will fill the gap.

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## TechM fills 70% roles from talent within

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**Bengaluru:** Tech Mahindra has significantly increased its internal hiring to fill vacant positions, with the company's annual report showing that 70.2% of the total vacancies in the 2023-24 financial year were filled internally, up from 60% in the corresponding period last year. This was despite a decrease in the average training hours per employee to 48.9 in the 2023-24 financial year compared to 56.6 in the corresponding period last year.

Since CEO Mohit Joshi took charge in June last year, Tech Mahindra has prioritised internal hiring as part of its cost-optimisation strategy. Its CHRO Richard Lobo, said, "We aim to harness the capabilities of our internal talent through targeted skilling, proactive placements, and strategic planning. We believe that a combination of internal talent and selective external hiring best meets our ongoing requirements, and our employees are responding positively to this approach." Industry experts suggest that the increase in internal hiring reflects Tech Mahindra's emphasis on profitability rather than filling vacancies.

## Sebi mandates new AIF norms

**New Delhi:** Sebi on Tuesday outlined the filing requirements for alternative investment funds (AIFs) schemes that opt for a dissolution period to deal with their unliquidated investments. The move aims to provide flexibility to AIFs and their investors in managing such investments that are not sold due to lack of liquidity. Sebi said AIF schemes entering into dissolution period must file an information memorandum with it through a merchant banker before expiry of the liquidation period or additional liquidation period of the scheme. **AGENCIES**

## Banks' 'internal' a/cs being used for frauds: RBI

**Central Bank's Dy Guv Urges Closure Of Unnecessary A/cs**

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Mumbai:** RBI has raised concerns again over misuse of 'internal' accounts in some banks. The central bank's inspections have revealed that some internal accounts — which are used by a bank for its own operations — have been used as a conduit for fraud and 'evergreening' of loans, RBI deputy governor Swaminathan J said on Tuesday.

Noting that some banks have opened lakhs of internal accounts without valid reasons, RBI has asked CFOs of these banks to close unnecessary accounts.

These accounts are not meant for customer or external transactions, instead they are largely opened for operational efficiency. Internal accounts are also used to manage a bank's liquidity, track fee income and to monitor certain activities.

In Sept 2019, RBI had told lenders to conduct an internal appraisal of such accounts which might have been used to hide bad loans through evergreening, where funds lie in an internal account for a few days before being credited to the actual beneficiary. The central bank had said that the funds in such transitory internal risk being misused by a branch manager to fund

unauthorised overdrafts.

"Internal accounts are high risk in nature on account of its potential for misuse. I therefore request the CFOs to have them rationalised completely, bring them down to the essential minimum and exercise greater control through periodical reconciliation and a proper reporting to the audit committee of the board," said Swaminathan. The deputy

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governor was addressing statutory auditors and CFOs of commercial banks and financial institutions.

Swaminathan said that it was the duty of CFOs to familiarise auditors and supervisors with the nuances of the bank's operations. "It is imperative to eschew the notion of hiding, withholding, or providing incomplete information to these teams. Transparency is key; by sharing comprehensive and accurate data, CFOs not only facilitate a smoother audit and supervision process but also reinforce the bank's commitment to integrity and compliance," he said.

## 'Unfair' job cuts: Labour ministry notice to Paytm

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Mumbai:** The labour ministry has issued a notice to Paytm for alleged forced termination of employees without a fair exit process, industry and employee sources told **TOI**. The notice, understood to have been sent over the weekend, has been issued by the regional labour commissioner, Bengaluru.

The Noida-based fintech, which came under regulatory scrutiny following persistent non-compliance at its banking unit, has been allegedly forcing employees to voluntarily resign without giving them any prior notice of such a move, denying severance pay and asking employees to pay back their joining and retention bonuses to the company, **TOI** had reported earlier. Several of the firm's employees had filed complaint against the company's unfair employee practices with the labour ministry's Samadhan portal.

"We value the contribu-

tions of all our employees and remain humbled by their dedication. The decision to transition some employees has been a difficult one for all parties involved, and was made only after careful consideration of all available options. As an organisation committed to providing the best for our teams, we have strived to provide the best possible support to our transitioning employees and ensure fairness and transparency throughout the process," a Paytm spokesperson said in a statement, adding that the company will attempt to resolve any issues expressed by those affected and are actively listening to their feedback.

The labour ministry has asked representatives of the company's management and the complainants to appear before the department with relevant records. Earlier this year, RBI imposed severe restrictions on Paytm Payments Bank (PPBL) due to persistent non-compliance.

## Sensex hits life high of 80,397 pts on auto, FMCG

**Mumbai:** The sensex and Nifty rebounded on Tuesday, hitting their fresh record closing levels on the back of gains in auto & FMCG shares and foreign fund inflows.

The sensex climbed 391 points to settle at a new closing peak of 80,352. During the day, it jumped 437 points to hit a new lifetime high of 80,397.

Nifty went up by 113 points to 24,433 — its record closing high. During the day, it surged 123 points to hit a new record peak of 24,444.

"Both domestic and global factors continue to drive the market momentum. Currently, consumption sectors like FMCG and auto are leading the gains, buoyed by progress in the monsoon and kharif sowing," said Vinod Nair of Geojit Financial Services.

Among sensex shares, Maruti Suzuki jumped over 6% amid reports that UP govt waived registration taxes on hybrid cars as part of its initiative to promote environmentally friendly vehicles in the state. Mahindra, Titan, Sun Pharma, ITC, Nestle and Tata Motors were the other biggains.

The market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms on Tuesday hit a fresh lifetime high of Rs 451.3 lakh crore (about \$5.4 trillion). In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo and Shanghai settled higher while Hong Kong ended lower. European markets were trading mostly lower. US markets ended mostly lower on Monday. Foreign investors bought equities worth Rs 61 crore on Monday, according to exchange data. **AGENCIES**

## After cement deal, Kesoram to pare debt

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Kolkata:** The top priority of B K Birla Group firm Kesoram will be to reduce debt to stay afloat after the demerger of the cement business to UltraTech last year. At the first AGM after the demise of Kesoram chairman Manjushree Khaitan, CEO & wholetime director P Radhakrishnan said the company will focus on rayon and transparent paper business. The demerger of cement is pending with NCLT.

Radhakrishnan said Kesoram now has no operating business but its subsidiary Cygnit Industries has rayon and transparent paper business. Cygnit Industry has a debt of Rs 220 crore. "Our priority is to reduce debt," he added. Cygnit has signed an agreement with Futumera of Japan for transparent paper business as well. According to Radhakrishnan, rayon and transparent paper business taken together has a turnover of Rs 300 crore and the potential to go up to Rs 500-600 crore. Last Nov, Kesoram had decided to demerge its cement business and merge it with UltraTech, the country's largest cement producer, through a share-swap deal.

## At Boeing, it's a battle to win back airlines' trust

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**Seattle:** "IT'S TIME TO EARN IT BACK!!!" Reads the last line (in screaming all capital letters) of a notice board at Boeing's Renton final assembly line (FLA) in Seattle where the ill-famed MAX version of the once best-selling B737s are rolled out. It reminds technicians at work here that "737 conformance rate for multiple (assembly) processes has dropped below confidence level" and that the goal is to "ensure a conforming product (for) our customers."

With Boeing agreeing to plead guilty to a criminal fraud conspiracy in the US, the old slogan "if it's not Boeing, I am not going," is a distant memory for now. Amid enhanced oversight by America's Federal Aviation Administration, Boeing is trying hard to win the trust back. It recently opened the doors of



Checks &amp; balances return

its single (737) and twin (777) aisle FLAs in Seattle to a section of the world's media. The senior management admitted lapses in recent years, while assuring corrective steps are being taken.

Clearly, there's a lot of work to be done to regain the confidence. Multiple aerospace industry insiders in the US who worked for Boeing said the focus in last few years had shifted from engineering excellence to financial performance.

The final straw proved to be the recent MAX scare —

Jan 5, 2024, door plug blowout on an Alaska Air B737-9 MAX in the US. Elizabeth Lund, Boeing's senior VP (quality) says the company's first reaction "was to take immediate action to ensure that no airplane ever leaves our factory that could cause an accident. I will tell you very transparently."

Jason Clark, VP & GM of the B777 programme and Everett site leader, said "employee involvement (EI) — where workers discuss production issues regularly — has been brought back. "It was done away with as there was a lot of overlap. By doing so, we lost the voice of the mechanic. Now we have again created groups for mechanics to discuss and fix problems," Clark said.

The increased focus on safety and checks has meant Boeing is churning out lot less planes.

(The reporter was in Seattle at the invitation of Boeing)

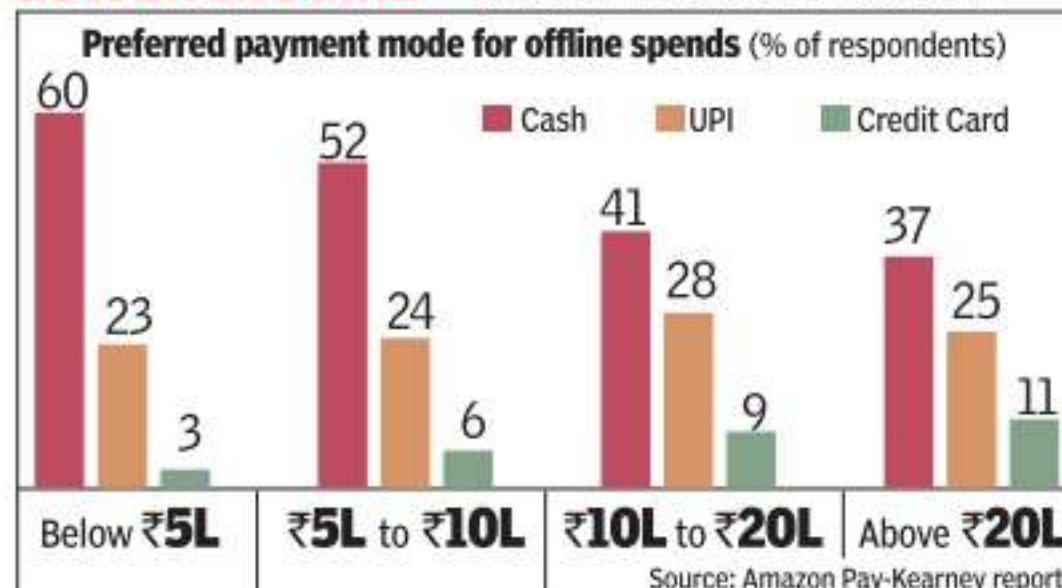
## E-pay flavour but cash is king for offline buys

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Mumbai:** Digital payments may have made inroads into every nook and corner of the country but cash is still the king when it comes to offline purchases.

About 60% of the 'aspiring' class (annual income up to Rs 5 lakh) and 52% of the middle class (Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh) use cash to make offline transactions, finds a survey. This compares with about 37% and 41% of affluent and upper middle class income segments respectively paying cash for offline purchases, says the report by Amazon Pay and management consulting firm Kearney.

"For offline purchases, the preference of digital modes of payment increases with higher income levels,"

**LOWER INCOME = HIGHER CASH USAGE**

analysts said in the report. Beyond UPI, which has become ubiquitous, the well-heeled also use credit cards and digital wallets. In fact, as transaction size increases, a higher percentage of the consumers in the upper income segments prefer credit cards.

The survey has studied re-

sponses of more than 6,000 consumers and 1,000 merchants across 120 cities. Buyers of high value categories such as electronics show more inclination towards using credit cards and buy now pay later (BNPL) options to make such purchases both offline and online. "...many credit cards co-

me with cashbacks, rewards and loyalty points, which incentivise consumers to use them for higher value transactions....the affluent segment leads the adoption of BNPL with about half of respondents indicating that they use this mode of payment, closely followed by the upper middle class," analysts at Kearney said. In contrast, about 18% of respondents in the aspiring segment are unaware of BNPL while 36% who are aware are not very keen on using it.

In all, affluent consumers lead the digital payments space using online modes for 80% of transactions. The aspiring segment, though lagging, is fast catching up. The segment uses digital payments for about 67% of the transactions currently.

With smaller cities still

under-penetrated in terms of usage of payment modes like credit card — accounting for only 5-6% of transactions in these regions and BNPL, there is potential for higher digital adoption in these towns.

Analysts said that the next wave of digital payments growth is expected to come from small towns and cities. Consumers in cities like Bhopal, Jaipur, Indore and Lucknow are open to experimenting with new methods — these cities demonstrate a digital payment adoption comparable to their large metro counterparts despite their relatively lower retail potential. "With digital transactions penetrating even street vendors and smaller towns, we are at an inflection point," said Vikas Bansal, CEO at Amazon Pay India.





'THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA' SEQUEL IN WORKS, TO FOLLOW MIRANDA PRIESTLY BATTLING DECLINING PRINT MAG BIZ

HE WHO OBTAINS HAS LITTLE. HE WHO SCATTERS HAS MUCH — LAO TZU



CARA DELEVINGNE REVEALS SHE FIRST GOT DRUNK AT AGE 8: 'I THOUGHT DRUGS & ALCOHOL HELPED ME COPE' WITH SADNESS

## All Eyes On Biden As Nato Summit Opens

Prez Re-Run In Doubt On Growing Perception He's Aging Rapidly; At 81, He's Older Than 75-Yr-Old Bloc

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

**Washington:** The world's most formidable military alliance began a three-day meeting in Washington DC on Tuesday, ostensibly to strengthen partnership on its 75th anniversary and pledge greater support to Ukraine in its war with Russia. At the same time, all eyes are on the host, US Prez Joe Biden, whose re-election bid is in jeopardy on the growing perception that he is infirm and aging rapidly, and the looming shadow behind him of his Republican rival Donald Trump, who has often threatened to dismantle Nato and is seen in many quarters as unhinged.

The global geo-strategic gathering against the backdrop of domestic US political drama came even as PM Modi's visit to Moscow attracted adverse notice. A US state department spokesman said Washington has "made quite clear directly with India our concerns about their relationship with Russia". But a sharper reaction came from Ukraine's prez Zelensky, who posted photos of a children's hospital in Kyiv that was struck by a Russian missile on Monday. "It is a huge disappointment



'PASS THE TORCH': A Democrat volunteer holds a sign that reads 'Pass the torch Joe' during a July 5 event in Wisconsin. Following the incident, the volunteer was asked to part ways with the election campaign

and a devastating blow to peace efforts to see the leader of the world's largest democracy hug the world's most bloody criminal in Moscow on such a day."

For the moment though, Nato leaders are more concerned with outcome of the struggle the US prez is waging to salvage his re-election bid against critics in his own party and liberal elites beyond. That ongoing tussle witnessed further drama on Monday when it was disclosed that a neurologist specialising in Parkinson's disease had visited the White House eight times in the last eight months.

The White House eventual-

ly explained that the neurological specialist, Dr Kevin Cannard, had indeed examined Biden during each of his annual physicals, but not beyond that. Many of his visits related to regular neurology clinics at the White House Medical Unit (WHMU) in support of other personnel, president's physician Dr Kevin O'Connor said. "Many military personnel experience neurological issues related to their service, and Dr Cannard regularly visits WHMU as part of this," he said. O'Connor stressed that Biden's last physical found no signs of Parkinson's, which he

### Shouting match at WH briefing over prez health

The White House briefing room devolved into shouting Monday as the press secretary, Karine Jean-Pierre, repeatedly dodged and refused to answer questions about the prez's health, and whether visits to the White House by a Parkinson's doctor were about the prez. Jean-Pierre cited unexplained "security reasons" and at other times said that the doctor deserved a "measure of privacy", even though the White House had already released his name and made the visits public in visitor logs. "You're not answering a very basic, direct question," Ed O'Keefe of CBS News shouted. "I am telling you he has seen a neurologist three times," Jean-Pierre insisted. "Every time he has a physical, he has had to see a neurologist. So, that is answering that question." "No, it's not," O'Keefe replied. "No, it is. It is," Jean-Pierre said as the two talked over each other. After the exchange, Jean-Pierre said she took offence at the way she was being questioned. "Personal attacks were not OK. I just want to be very, very clear here." NYT

detailed in a Feb 28 letter, and that the prez "has not seen a neurologist outside of his annual physical". The clarification did little to assuage concerns of Biden critics in the Democratic ecosystem who are convinced that the 81-year prez will cede White House, and possibly the Senate and House too, to a more physically vigorous Trump.

TV networks on Tuesday wheeled out doctors specialising in Parkinson's. One physician told NBC News that Biden was showing "classic features of neurological degeneration", including word-finding difficulties; rigidity, including loss of

arm swing; standing up robotically; and low, hypotonic monotone voice. There will be minute scrutiny for any of those symptoms over the next three days during which Biden — older than the Nato alliance itself — will appear in public several times. Even Biden supporters are wishing for a more forceful and energetic leader to lead them, but it is not certain the 81-year-old prez can pull it off even if he wants to. Any verbal and physical misstep will be magnified by TV cameras, potentially leading to the end of Biden's re-election bid — and possibly of Nato too if his rival wins in Nov.

### Russian court orders arrest of Alexei Navalny's wife in absentia

**London:** A court in Moscow on Tuesday ordered Yulia Navalnaya, the widow of late Russian opposition politician Alexei Navalny, arrested in absentia for two months. The court accused Navalnaya, who lives outside Russia, of participating in an "extremist" group. The decision means she would face certain arrest if she set foot in the country.

Navalnaya has stepped into the spotlight following her husband's death in an Arctic penal colony in Feb and said she will continue the fight for what Navalny called the "beautiful Russia of the future".

Writing on X on Tuesday, Navalnaya told her supporters to focus not on the court order against her, but on the battle against Russian Prez Putin. "When you write about this, please don't forget to write the main thing: Vladimir Putin is a murderer and a war criminal," she wrote. "His place is in prison, and not somewhere in The Hague, in a cozy cell with a TV, but in Russia — in the same (penal) colony and the same 2 by 3 metre cell in which he killed Alexei." The Kremlin has denied ordering Navalny killed. REUTERS

## Far-left firebrand eyes PM post. Is France ready for the other extreme?

**Paris:** Emphatic, pugnacious and demanding: The style met the moment in far-left leader Jean-Luc Melancon's speech to a fired-up crowd of thousands celebrating victory in Sunday's French legislative elections. Standing before supporters in the working-class 20th arrondissement of Paris, Melancon addressed himself to Prez Macron, and not politely: "The president should either resign or name one of us PM," he declared.

Other leftist leaders have said there should be "discussions" about the future of the country. Not this one. Melancon's tone and headline stance have given him a devoted, youthful following — the only leftist leader with one — and made him both adored and hated, marginalised and central in French politics. Now he is at the centre of the discussion of what might lie ahead for France: his brand of leftism or the milder form represented by his critics within the winning leftist coalition, the New Popular Front. His party, France Unbowed, won most seats in parliament, 75, in the coalition.

He has said the person chosen to lead the govt should be himself. Unlike the others on the left, he has come close to the presidency nearly making it to the runoff two years ago. He told France 5 television on June 22 that "very obviously" he was ready to be PM. "I intend to govern this country."

It is a prospect that even members of Melancon's own coalition have vowed will never happen. "If he really wants to help the New Popular Front, he should put himself off to the side," said Francois Hollande, the mild-mannered ex-prez, a Socialist, two weeks ago. "He should just shut up." He is not going to, and that is both a source of his support and his major problem with



In France, more people have a negative opinion of far-left leader Jean-Luc Melancon of France Unbowed, than they do of Marine Le Pen of far-right's National Rally. But he also attracts large crowds who hang on his every word

the others in the leftist coalition that almost immediately threatens to fracture despite its narrow victory Sunday. "He makes a real union of the left impossible. He's very provocative. The left is totally disunited," said Gerard Grunberg, a political scientist.

Melancon fights with the media, targeting individual reporters, professes hate for the US and love for leftist Latin American dictators whose prolixity he shares. He has offered praise for authoritarian regimes in China, Cuba and Venezuela. He has refused to condemn Hamas as a terrorist organisation, has fought publicly with the leaders of Jewish organisations in France and is regularly accused of antisemitism, which he denies.

One of his longtime heroes is Maximilien Robespierre, the most bloodstained of the French revolutionaries, and during the campaign he showed his own authoritarian side, purging five members of his France Unbowed party who had often disagreed with him. "Our democracy deserves better than you," Francois Ruffin, an independent-minded deputy and party member who was not one of those purged, posted on social media. NYT

## In aging Senate, nobody wants to nudge Biden aside

**Washington:** For some time, Senate Democrats knew there was an issue with their aging colleague, but they hesitated to publicly criticise or question someone they considered one of their own. This person was a legend in the party, after all.

Besides, many senators were not much younger themselves, and nudging aside someone whose age was showing would prompt uncomfortable self-reflection. Even when the issues reached a point where they were too obvious for anyone to ignore, no party leader, including Senate majority leader Chuck Schumer (73), wanted to be the first to start a public campaign to push out a friend and ally.

The dilemma Democratic senators are now facing regarding what to do about Prez Biden's teetering campaign is a familiar one for members of the aging chamber, who have watched many of their colleagues — including Biden, who served in the Senate for three decades — hold onto positions of power as they grow older. According to an article by Axios, there are four octogenarians and one nonagenarian in the US Senate, where more than half of the chamber is over 60.

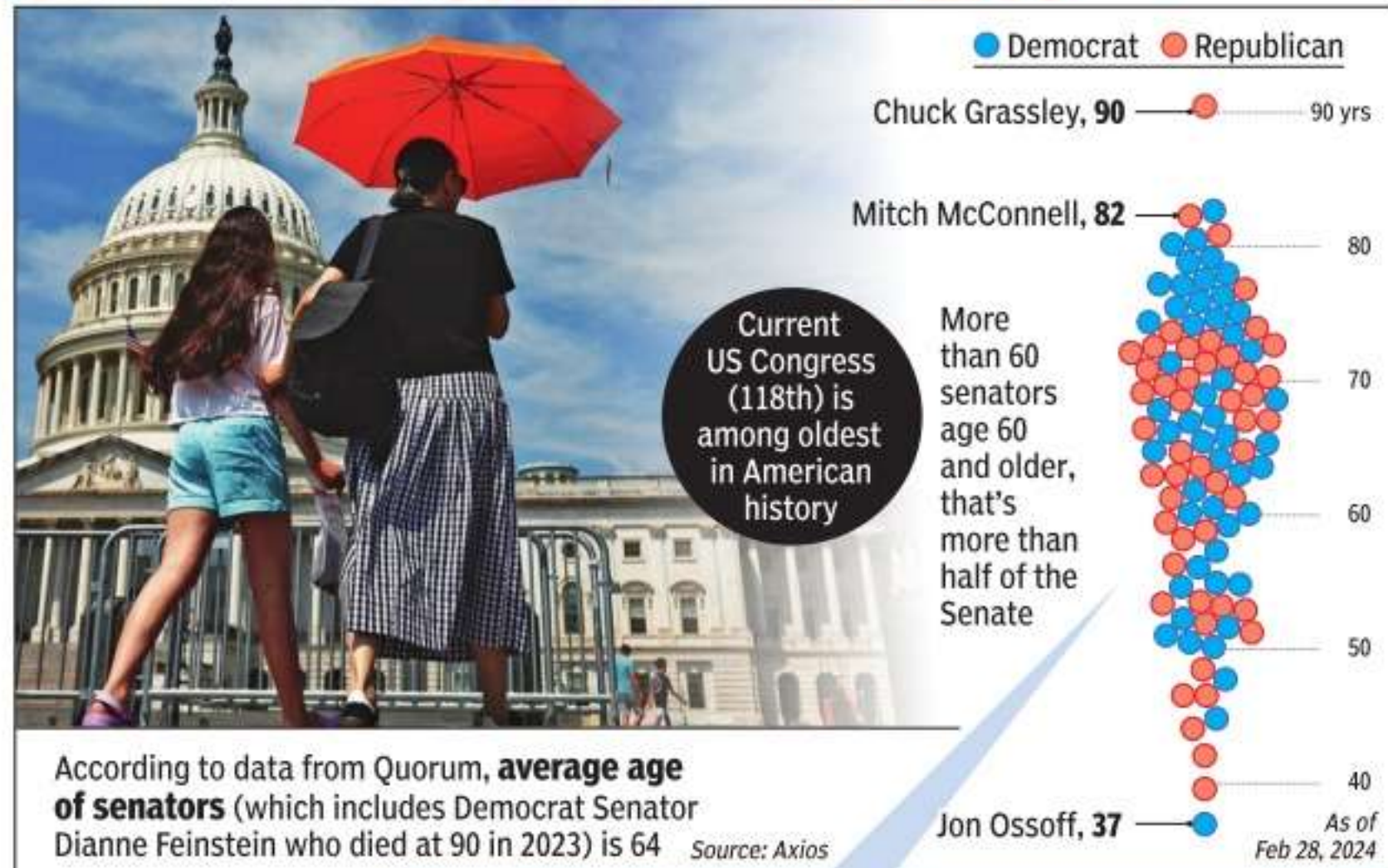
Ex-senator Dianne Feinstein died in office at 90 last year. Her condition was much more clear-cut than Biden's; as it ad-

vanced, Feinstein began using a wheelchair and, by all accounts, was clearly in the later stages of dementia, unable to carry out daily tasks on her own.

Biden's precise health status is not known and he appears able to perform many elements of his job. Biden aggressively played that hand on Monday. "If any of these guys don't think I should run, run against me," he said. "Challenge me at the convention." It was reminiscent of Feinstein's defiance in the face of questions about whether she should stay in the Senate. Feinstein refused to engage in any conversations about stepping down before the end of her term, despite being dogged by serious questions about whether she was fit to continue representing the 40 million residents of her state. "I continue to work and get results for California," she said at the time.

And just as Biden is now doing, Feinstein dared her fellow Democrats with concerns to publicly come at her and call for her to step aside. They never did. Some Democratic senators have, however, begun to openly suggest that Biden needs to at least consider standing aside. On Monday, Senator Jon Tester (67) said Biden "has got to prove to the American people — including me — that he's up to the job for another four years." NYT

### 4 US SENATORS OVER 80 AND 1 OVER 90



Mitch McConnell, the longest-serving GOP Senate leader, said on Feb 28 he would step down in Nov. He had two public episodes where his face briefly froze while he was speaking

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- 1 Senator Chuck Grassley (Republican), 90
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  - 3 Senator Mitch McConnell (Republican), 82
  - 4 Senator Jim Risch (Republican), 80
  - 5 Senator Ben Cardin (Democrat), 80

Dianne Feinstein, longest-serving woman in US Senate, faced a lot of scrutiny too. In later years, she used a wheelchair and, by all accounts, was in the later stages of dementia, unable to carry out daily tasks on her own



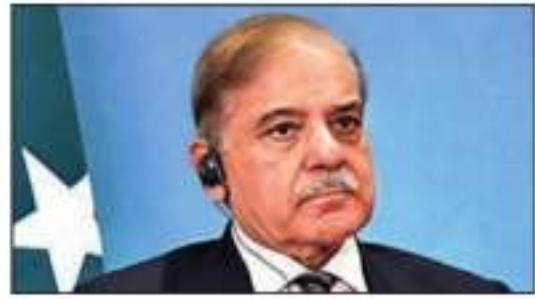
## Pak govt authorises ISI to intercept calls and texts 'for national security'

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

**Islamabad:** Pakistan's ISI has received a carte blanche from the Shehbaz Sharif govt to intercept phone calls and messages "in the interest of national security" amid nationwide outrage over the allegedly unbridled powers the spy agency already enjoys.

The authorisation to tap calls and messages was issued Monday by the ministry of information and telecommunication, citing multiple complaints about people mysteriously going missing in the troubled provinces of Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

"In exercise of the powers conferred under law, the federal government, in the interest of national security and in the apprehension of any offence, is pleased to authorise the officers not below the rank of gra-



Pak PM Shehbaz Sharif

de 18, to be nominated from time to time by the ISI, to intercept calls and messages, or to trace calls through any telecommunication system as envisaged under the Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organisation) Act," the order states.

The move comes in the wake of criticism by some Pakistani judges, journalists, opposition politicians and supporters of jailed former PM Imran Khan about the Shehbaz administration allowing ISI to breach citizens' rights in the name of national security.

In March, six HC judges ac-

cused the spy agency of interfering in judicial matters and taking recourse to "intimidatory" tactics such as secret surveillance, abduction of targets, installation of cameras in bedrooms, and torture of their family members.

Although intrusive surveillance by spy agencies isn't uncommon in Pakistan, not many spoke up against it until purported audio clips, including those of Imran and his wife Bushra Bibi, were leaked in the lead-up to this year's general elections. Last Dec, Imran's wife had filed a petition in Islamabad HC, challenging "unauthorised" surveillance and privacy violations.

During the course of the hearings, it was revealed that the Pakistan Telecommunications Authority had mandated telecom firms to finance, import, and install a mass surveillance system to access public data.

## Student from Andhra drowns in US waterfall

A 25-year-old student from Andhra Pradesh accidentally slipped into Barberville waterfall in Albany, New York, and drowned, reports Samson Raj.

Gadde Sai Surya Avinash was from Chitayala village in Andhra's East Godavari district. He left India about 18 months ago to pursue an MS degree in the US. On Saturday, Avinash was visiting his relative's place as he had a three-day holiday. Around 4pm (IST), he went to the waterfall with his friends. His friends said they were standing near the waterfall when Avinash slipped and fell. By the time help arrived, he was dead.

His father is a farmer while his mother is a homemaker. This is the second loss in the family in recent times. Three months ago, a relative from the same village died in the US after suffering seizures.

## Rare Florida cactus is first US species lost to sea rise

**Washington:** A rare species of tree cactus has gone extinct in Florida, in what is believed to be the first species lost to sea level rise in the US, researchers said on Tuesday.

The Key Largo tree cactus (*Pilosocereus millsapaughii*) was restricted to a single small population in the Florida Keys, an archipelago off the south-



An image released by the Florida Museum of Natural History shows thick hair and spines blanket parts of the Key Largo tree cactus

hern tip of the state, first discovered in 1992 and monitored intermittently since then.

But salt water intrusion caused by rising seas, soil erosion from storms and high ti-

des, and herbivory by mammals placed significant pressure on the last population.

By 2021, a once-thriving group of roughly 150 stems in an isolated mangrove forest had dramatically declined to six fragile, struggling fragments, which researchers relocated for off-site cultivation in a bid to ensure their survival.

"Unfortunately, the Key Largo tree cactus may be a bellwether for how other low-lying coastal plants will respond to climate change," said Jennifer Possley, the director of regional conservation at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden.

Key Largo tree cacti continue to grow on a few scattered Caribbean islands, including northern Cuba and parts of the Bahamas. These plants can reach heights exceeding 20 feet and feature cream-coloured flowers with a garlic scent that gleam in moonlight. AFP

## Singing about body image is a pop taboo. These stars are breaking it

Taken together, the first two song titles on Billie Eilish's third album, "Hit Me Hard and Soft", form a provocative pair: "Skinny" and "Lunch." "People say I look happy/Just because I got skinny," Eilish sings on the opener, her melancholic croon accompanied by a single, murky guitar. "But the old me is still me and maybe the real me," she adds, "and I think she's pretty." That lyric is a gut punch. It's also indicative of a subtle shift among the current generation of female pop stars, who have been acknowledging — often in

stark, striking and possibly triggering language — the pressure they have felt to look thin.

Taylor Swift, who first opened up about her past struggles with disordered eating in a powerful sequence in her 2020 documentary, "Miss Americana", sings about it on her 2022 track "You're on Your Own, Kid", a compassionate ode to her younger self. "I hosted parties and starved my body, like I'd be saved by the perfect kiss". Last month, in a guest appearance on the remix of Charli XCX's "Girl, So Confusing", Lorde confessed that fluctuat-



NO MORE TH-INSPIRATION: Billie Eilish, Taylor Swift, Lorde, Lizzo & Sza are among those who are revealing, in their music, the pressure to look thin

tions in her weight had led her to stay out of the public eye.

For several years, conversations about weight in mainstream pop have centered around an artist bold enough to speak up about it and absorb the stinging backlash: Lizzo. In her lyrics, on social media, and in

her shapewear line, the singer and rapper has played up self-love, becoming a face of the body positivity movement. Earlier this year, however, she told NYT: "I'm not going to lie and say I love my body every day."

SZA, speaking to Elle about her plastic surgery to enhance

buttocks (which she sang about on 2022 album, "SOS"), said, "I didn't succumb to industry pressure. I succumbed to my own eyes in the mirror." In "Homecoming: A Film by Beyonce", she detailed how she restricted her diet to lose the weight she'd gained while pregnant with twins: "I'm hungry," she said.

These songs have been exceptions. A broader stigma around discussing disordered eating — and fears of discussing it in imperfect language — has led to a stifling culture of silence. On its face, this is a musical moment of unapologetic femi-

nine power and shattered norms. But it is simultaneously a time of especially punishing beauty standards, heightened by the rise of image-forward social media platforms like Instagram and TikTok. Over the past two years, as diabetes drugs like Ozempic have become a powerful weight-loss tool, scores of celebrities have been looking noticeably slimmer. For the young singers now toeing up to one of pop music's last true taboos — singing about eating disorders and body dysmorphia — the pressure to be thin can be overwhelming. NYT

### AROUND THE WORLD



WEDDING FOR THE FRAME: Unable to get married legally in Japan, LGBTQ couples are celebrating their bond with elaborate 'photo weddings'. Studio Onestyle offers photo weddings for over 2,000 couples a year, and up to 5% of them are those identifying as LGBTQ

### Beware sinners! S'pore hell theme park is dead serious about afterlife

Gory grottos with demons impaling sinners on stakes and people drowning in a pool of blood are not part of your average theme park experience. But at Hell's Museum in Singapore, visitors are welcomed to a kitschy, air-conditioned hell on Earth. Inside a sprawling park complex with over 1,000 statues and dioramas showcasing Asian culture, faiths and philosophy, Hell's Museum exhibits various religious views on the afterlife. Visitors are encouraged to learn about the 10 Courts of Hell through intense depictions of punishments for earthly sins. At court number two, for instance, corruption gets you frozen in ice while rapists at

court seven are thrown in boiling oil. The hellish attraction is a top draw for tourists. But not for all. One Filipina visitor told AFP while leaving that she won't be returning anytime soon. "It's very scary," she said.

**Missing for 22 yrs, climber found mummified in Peru**  
The preserved body of an American mountaineer, who disappeared 22 years ago while scaling a snowy peak in Peru, has been found after being exposed by climate change-induced ice melt. William Stampff was reported missing in June 2002, aged 59, when an avalanche buried his climbing party on the mountain Huascaran, which stands over 22,000 feet high. Stampff's body, as well as his clothes, harness and boots had been well-preserved by the cold. His passport was found among his possessions, allowing police to identify the body.



## TECH I'D LIKE TO SEE

## AI: OUR HEALTH SUPERHERO?

Imagine a world where AI acts like a superhero for our health. It sees the signs of sickness before we even feel them. Consider diabetes, a silent giant affecting millions globally. What if AI could raise a red flag early on, giving us a crucial head start to fight back? What if, using data from wearables and routine checkups, AI could predict its onset years in advance? This early warning system could revolutionise healthcare, allowing for preventive measures and potentially



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extending lifespans. Yet, here lies the crux: AI's prowess hinges on our ability to share our health data. Regular internal body stats sharing with AI models is difficult work and that's a roadblock for this. But I believe it's not a distant future with smart devices and computer vision. That's the future I want to see — where technology isn't just for work or entertainment, but it's saving lives every day.

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Almost Artificial

Sunil Agarwal &amp; Ian Baker



## IBM is at the forefront of quantum computing tech

The company has built over 70 quantum computers, with about 20 continuously available through cloud access

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In the sprawling landscape of technological innovation, few frontiers are as tantalising—or as complex—as quantum computing. At the forefront of this revolution stands IBM, a company with the greatest number of quantum machines in the world.

Jay Gambetta, IBM fellow and VP of IBM Quantum, is one of the experts at the helm of the ambitious endeavour to build the most sophisticated quantum computers. “We’ve been working on quantum itself for a long time. Actually, IBM dates back to the early creations of quantum information,” Gambetta explains.

The journey began in earnest in 2016 when IBM placed a quantum computer on the cloud, making it accessible to researchers and enthusiasts worldwide. Since then, the company has built over 70 quantum computers, with about 20 continuously available through cloud access. The impact has been significant: users have run approximately 3.2 trillion quantum circuits, resulting in some 3,000 scientific papers, says Gambetta.

These aren’t your typical computers. Gambetta describes them as superconducting qubit-based



Jay Gambetta (7th from top left) with IBM's quantum team in India

“The future is going to be classical and quantum working together. Quantum is the first time the actual model of computation has changed. The math on a quantum computer is new math. Once you’ve created something that can scale a new type of mathematics, it’s actually hard to come up with algorithms. That’s why we love the field. We see a great future in quantum computing because a lot of interesting problems exponentially blow up when we try to map them to classical computers. Quantum gives us a way of looking at those problems with a new type of math. In my opinion, it’s going to be just as hard to solve the algorithms as it is to build the hardware.”

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machines that operate at temperatures “a thousand times colder than outer space.” Their latest reliable quantum chip boasts around 100 qubits and can perform up to 15,000 gates—quantum operations that manipulate the qubits.

But the hardware is only part of the story. The real challenge, according to Gambetta, lies in making these powerful machines useful and accessible. “How do you actually make them easier to use? How do you create the software? How do

you create the mixing of classical and quantum together?”

The future, as Gambetta sees it, isn’t about quantum replacing classical computing. Instead, he envisions a world where “bits, neurons, and qubits” work in concert, with CPUs, GPUs, and QPUs (quantum processing units) functioning as an integrated system.

This vision is already taking shape. IBM has built its first quantum data centre in the US, with a second underway in Europe. They’ve

also installed systems in local data centres in Japan, Canada, Spain, and at the Cleveland Clinic, a non-profit academic medical centre in the US, with plans for one in South Korea and a second installation in Japan.

However, the path to widespread adoption is fraught with challenges. “It’s the first time the actual model of computation has changed,” Gambetta notes. This paradigm shift means that even basic mathematical operations function differently in the quantum realm.

“How do you debug a quantum computer? Even answering that question is a really hard technical challenge because you can’t just go in the middle of a quantum computation and stop it, because then you kill all the quantum coherences (the qubits are sensitive and can get scrambled easily).”

To bridge this gap, IBM created Qiskit, an open-source quantum computing framework. It’s become a cornerstone for quantum educa-

tion and development, with India emerging as the second-largest user base globally.

As quantum computing inches closer to practical applications, the need for skilled professionals grows. Gambetta emphasises the importance of a blend of mathematical prowess and coding skills. “We’re at the stage where we’re actually re-writing how computing is done,” he says, underscoring the unique opportunity this presents for aspiring quantum engineers.

Looking ahead, Gambetta says IBM’s roadmap aims for quantum error correction machines by 2029, a milestone that would allow for quantum computations involving hundreds of qubits and billions of gates. Yet, Gambetta is quick to point out that the timeline for industry-wide adoption remains uncertain. “The uncertainty of when this is going to have a huge inflection in the industry depends on when the algorithms are discovered,” he explains.

The people that discover the algorithms will end up creating their own companies, adds Gambetta. “That’s what happened in the classical computing world.”

In India, IBM’s quantum team has been actively collaborating with academic institutions and government bodies, contributing to the national quantum mission. “The biggest thing is the ecosystem work we have done,” Gambetta notes, highlighting the importance of bridging academia, industry, and government in advancing quantum technologies.

As the quantum computing landscape continues to evolve, one thing is clear: the race is on to harness this transformative technology. With IBM at the forefront, the quantum future may be closer than we think—a future where the once-impossible becomes routine, reshaping industries and pushing the boundaries of human knowledge.

## INDIA'S QUANTUM COMPUTING RESEARCH NEEDS A BOOST

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With the union government’s ambitious Rs 6,000 crore National Quantum Mission to support the research and development of quantum technologies and applications, the state of quantum technology R&D in the country and how we compare with others has come to the fore.

A recent report by Ithaaasa, a non-profit co-founded by Kris Gopalakrishnan, shows that India lags when it comes to publishing research papers on quantum technologies.

Data analysis shows leading educational institutions and national labs in India have published 1,711 research papers on various quantum technologies between 2000 and 2018, ranking 10th globally. This pales in comparison to the US which ranks 1st with 13,489 papers and China which ranks 2nd with 12,100 papers.

If only the top 10% most cited papers are considered, then the US ranks first, China third, and India twentieth. On the patents front, Ithaaasa’s analysis, based on machine learning, shows India stands at 9th with 339 patents in quantum technologies. China leads the pack with 23,335 patents, and the US stands 2nd with 8,935 patents to its kitty.

N Dayasindhu, co-founder and chief executive of Ithaaasa Research and Digital, said since the technology is in the developmental stage, and India has renewed its focus with the National Quantum Mission, it is possible for us to catch up.

But he said the country’s quantum research should assess the local needs of the country and make sure the average citizen benefits from it. “Our focus should address the needs of the population—like finding treatment for a disease which may not be attractive for other countries,” he said. Dayasindhu said the National Quantum Mission should prioritise building an ecosystem which includes constructing physical experimen-

## HOW INDIA COMPARES WITH TOP PLAYERS

Estimated quantum  
investments of select  
countries (in bn \$)

China	15
UK	1.3
US	3.75
Germany	3.8
India	1



## Publishing stats:

- Between 2000 & 2018 India published 1,711 papers (rank 10) in the quantum computing field, while China published 12,110 papers (rank 3), and the US published 13,489 papers (rank 1).
- If only the top 10% most cited papers are considered, the US ranks first, China third, and India twentieth.

## Research talent in India:

Currently, India has 110 to 145 principal investigators working on quantum technologies in top institutions. These PIs support about 75 to 100 post docs & about 300 to 400 PhD students.

Source: Landscape of Indian R&amp;D in Quantum Technologies by Ithaaasa Research and Digital

tal facilities and labs, alongside training students and attracting global talent to jumpstart research and development in the country. “We have to ensure the research translational gap is plugged with development of devices and products and licensing IPs.”

He also stressed the need for central experimental facilities with lithography equipment for fabrication and testing centers.

Bijoy Krishna Das, chief investigator of silicon photonics centre of excellence (CoE-CPPICS), said India is quickly catching up by learning from the existing scientific literature. He stressed the need for technical know-how in building quantum technologies for India to be a serious player in the field. “Tomorrow if the technology is ready, we still need foundries for fabricating devices and testing them. We are working with Malaysia-based semiconductor foundry SiTerra.”

Das also said that a multi-disciplinary research approach is crucial in the field of quantum technologies. “Putting people together from different competencies

to work, making a plan together, and creating an ecosystem are all challenges, but nevertheless needs to be done.”

Sunil Gupta, co-founder and CEO of Qnu labs, a Bengaluru-based quantum cryptography startup, said he faced numerous difficulties in his early days when he founded the company in 2016. He said his initial job was evangelisation of the technology itself, rather than bringing commercial products to the market and thinking about product-market fit.

The company now has three product offerings in quantum cybersecurity and works with government agencies like the Army and Navy, along with telecommunication and financial service companies and banks. They also have seven patents in the field of quantum technologies and are awaiting approval for a dozen more.

Sunil Gupta said the demand for quantum-based cybersecurity products is coming from enterprises, apart from governmental agencies, and puts the quantum-based cyber security market size at \$200 million in India, based on a study commissioned by the startup.

simultaneously. This ability to be in multiple states at once provides quantum computers with significant computational power, especially for tasks like cryptography, optimisation, and simulating quantum systems. Another crucial property of qubits is entanglement. When qubits become entangled, the state of one qubit is directly related to the state of another, no matter how far apart they are. This entanglement allows quantum computers to process

complex information more efficiently than classical computers. Changes to the state of one entangled qubit will instantaneously affect the state of its partner, enabling faster and more powerful computation.

Qubits are typically implemented using physical systems such as atoms, ions, photons, or superconducting circuits. The precise control and manipulation of these systems allow qubits to perform complex calculations. However, qubits are highly

sensitive to their environment, and maintaining their quantum state, or coherence, is a significant challenge in building reliable quantum computers.

In summary, qubits are the fundamental units of quantum computing, leveraging superposition and entanglement to perform complex computations far beyond the capabilities of classical bits. Their unique properties hold the key to the future of advanced computing technologies.

## IIT-M is chasing the quantum realm with diamonds

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The largely dark research lab at IIT Madras is gleaming red and green as lasers pass through diamonds. The lab is part of the research centre at IIT Madras focusing on developing hardware for quantum applications, including quantum computing and communications using diamond materials.

As India places strategic importance on developing quantum technologies with the National Quantum Mission, hardware is one of the key parts of the puzzle. Despite best efforts, efficient and large-scale quantum computers are not available at present in the country.

Researchers at the centre, officially called the Quantum Centre of Excellence for Diamond and Emergent Materials (QuCenDiEM), aim to develop materials, devices and instruments for various quantum technologies including quantum computing systems.

“India missed the boat when the silicon revolution happened. We missed a big chunk of the (electronics) hardware market. We need to focus on the material aspect to make sure that when quantum technology comes about, we are not left behind in the hardware sector,” says Vidya Praveen Bhallamudi, assistant professor at the physics department at IIT-M.

## But why diamonds?

The centre at IIT Madras chose to focus on diamonds because diamonds have applications across sectors, including electronics. But more importantly, quantum objects, or qubits as they are called, lose quantum properties like entanglement and phase of their superposition state when they interact with the environment—but when isolated, they can be controlled and utilised for computation tasks. “Diamonds provide a unique platform for isolating and controlling quantum objects or qubits,” says the professor.

In order to utilise the diamonds, the researchers first create defects in them called nitrogen vacancy centres. “Defects act as an artificial atom sitting inside the diamond lattice. You can isolate them well. They have magnetic and optical properties which can be utilised for quantum (devices),” says Bhallamudi.

The Quantum Centre also does research on the superconducting properties of diamonds. The researchers have developed a new Boron-Doped Diamond (BDD)-based granular superconductor. MS Ramachandra Rao, principal investigator of QuCenDiEM, and a professor of the physics department at IIT Madras, says that their aim is to further the existing studies to other BDD granular-phases and use them in quantum device fabrication.

DIVERSITY  
TRENDS

GCCs have today become the gold standard in many areas of the Indian IT and technology industry—and indeed, of corporate India. That includes HR practices—what they provide in terms of leaves, child-care centres, insurance policies, diversity policies. Yet, even in GCCs, women representation in the workforce is less than 30%, and the number in leadership positions is much lower. Our webinar, in association with Nasscom, brought together three of the most accomplished GCC leaders to discuss the best strategies to address this.

Veda Persad, who has spent 20 years at Northern Trust and who is now its country executive for India, said it needs to start at the recruitment stage—to ensure large numbers of women enter the workforce. “We’re human beings, we will have affinity biases, and be attracted to people who are more like us. So we need to make sure that we have panels that are diverse, and we demand this from our talent acquisition team,” she said. This is a practice that is now a core part of leading GCCs.

While this is ensuring significant women numbers at the junior levels, there’s a huge drop-off of women from the workforce especially when they have children. A variety of initiatives are being used to stem this.

Sindhu Gangadharan, who has been with SAP for 25 years and took over as MD of SAP Labs India five years ago, said one of the key practices in the company’s diversity & inclusion policy—which has be-

## Mentorship is invaluable

She also underscored mentorship and sponsorship programmes as absolute game changers. “When you talk about advancing women’s careers, it becomes super important that you pair experienced leaders with high potential women. And it really helps when mentorship programmes have clear objectives, and where you can track progress,” she said.

Structured programmes, Veda said, take the learnings that they themselves have benefited from, and institutionalise it, so that they can help the next wave of women. Lalitha said it would be best to encourage mentorship from more successful women leaders who are around you, “because it’s important to foster a sense of belonging to reduce stress.”

Veda said they actually encourage people to find a mentor who’s not the same as them. “While there are absolutely learnings that I can take from a woman that’s gone ahead of me, and raised children while having a career, I can also learn a lot from the perspective of someone who isn’t in my same place. And that could be a woman who’s never gotten married and never had children, it could be a man, or someone anywhere on the gender spectrum, different from me,” she said.

Veda said Northern Trust also makes sure there’s equal balance and proper representation among people being promoted, and the ratings they get. “It’s onerous to do, but it’s important, and it builds trust,” she said.

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## QUBIT

A qubit, or quantum bit, is the basic unit of information in quantum computing. Unlike a classical bit, which can only be either 0 or 1, a qubit can exist in a state that is a combination of both 0 and 1 at the same time. This property is known as superposition. In superposition, a qubit holds information in a way that allows it to perform multiple calculations



# GAMBHIR ERA BEGINS IN INDIAN CRICKET

Ex-India Opener Is Perceived As The Ideal Choice By BCCI; Vikram Rathour Candidate To Succeed VVS Laxman At NCA

► From P 1

In the preceding two years, Gambhir had mentored Lucknow Super Giants into the IPL playoffs.

Ex-India opener WV Raman was the only other candidate interviewed by the BCCI's cricket advisory committee (CAC). It is understood that Gambhir will bring with him a support staff of his choice.

Names like Abhishek Nayar, Lakshmi-athya Balaji and Vinay Kumar are doing the rounds and BCCI will invite applications soon. It is also learnt that Rathour is seen as a potential candidate to succeed VVS Laxman at the National Cricket Academy.

"It is with immense pleasure that I welcome Gautam Gambhir as the new head coach of the Indian team. Modern-day cricket has evolved rapidly and Gautam has witnessed this changing landscape up close. Having endured the grind and excelled in various roles throughout his career, I am confident that Gautam is the ideal person to steer Indian cricket forward," BCCI secretary Jay Shah posted on X.

"His clear vision for Team India, coupled with his vast experience, positions him perfectly to take on this exciting and most sought-after coaching role. BCCI fully supports him as he embarks on this new journey," Shah added.

Gambhir, India's top scorer in both the 2007 T20 World Cup final and 2011 ODI World Cup final, said, "It is an absolute honour to serve my tricolour, my people, my country. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Rahul Dravid and his team of support staff for their exemplary run with the team. I am honoured and excited to take on the role of head coach.

"I have always taken pride while donning the Indian jersey during my playing days and it is going to be no different when I take up this new role. Cricket has been my passion and I look forward to working closely with the BCCI, head of cricket Mr VVS Laxman, the support staff, and, most importantly, the players, as we work towards achieving success in the upcoming tournaments," he added.

Known for his serious demeanour during matches, Gambhir recently addressed the issue by saying, "I am not here to entertain. I am here to win matches. That's my job as a professional."

Gambhir's leadership skills came to the fore in 2012 when he led KKR to their maiden IPL title before repeating the feat in 2014. It was during this phase that he also assumed captaincy of Delhi Ranji team after being dropped from the Indian setup. Gambhir's outlook was simple. He did not bemoan the axe from India selectors. He wanted to win titles, both with KKR and

Delhi. One of the major decisions he took was to play Delhi's home Ranji Trophy matches on lush green tracks at Roshanara Club instead of the Ferozeshah Kotla. He didn't care if he didn't score heavily. He wanted result-oriented games which could help Delhi move ahead in the competition which looked improbable on slow pitches at Kotla then. He isn't someone who is afraid of going against the grain.

Backed likes of Suryakumar, Saini

While the cricket world celebrates Suryakumar Yadav's T20 prowess, it was Gambhir who backed Surya's promise at KKR when he was going through uncertain times with Mumbai in 2013-2014.

"One needs to remember the pitch at Eden Gardens was very slow. It was more so for those who batted in the lower middle-order. Suryakumar consistently played those crucial knocks to take us over the line and that's why he caught the eye of people. You give players like him more responsibility. He was groomed as leader and he was announced as vice-captain of KKR for some matches in the following seasons," Vijay Dahiya, who has been Gambhir's trusted aid at KKR, LSG and Delhi as a support staff, told TOI.

It was in the winter of 2013 that Gambhir shook the Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA) when he handed Navdeep Saini a first-class debut. Saini hadn't played any formal cricket in Delhi and it sparked protests. Gambhir took a firm stand and went against voices like Bishan Singh Bedi and Chetan Chauhan. A season later, he took on DDCA again to —dropping Delhi stalwarts Mithun Manhas and Rajat Bhatia because he wanted to play youngsters like Nitish Rana.

'No superstar culture'

When Gambhir first spoke to the owners at LSG, he clearly spelt out that he didn't want to build a team just for a couple of years. "He had said it was important to pick players who will serve the franchise for over a longer period of time," sources close to Gambhir told TOI.

People close to Gambhir would tell you that he felt let down when KKR decided to let him go. He believed he was coming into his own as a leader at the time and wanted to leave behind a team which could serve KKR for another five years.

For Gambhir, an Ayush Badoni will be as valuable as KL Rahul. He decided that every unheralded player will be judged through the same lens. He also backed his scouting team and decided to rope in pacers like Mayank Yadav and Mohsin Khan.



FIRST ASSIGNMENT Sri Lanka tour starting at the end of this month which comprises three ODIs and three T20Is.

## COACHING EXPERIENCE

► Was Lucknow Super Giants' mentor during 2022, 2023 IPL and in both seasons he helped them qualify for the playoffs.

► In 2024, under his mentorship, Kolkata Knight Riders went on to win the IPL title. He had also captained KKR to two IPL crowns (2012, 2014).



With a knock of 97, Gambhir was top-scorer in the 2011 WC final

### GAUTAM GAMBHIR'S STATS

Format	M	R	HS	Ave	SR	100s/50s
Tests	58	4154	206	41.95	51.49	9/22
ODIs	147	5238	150*	39.68	85.25	11/34
T20Is	37	932	75	27.41	119.02	0/7

—Stats: Rajesh Kumar

## Rohit pens emotional note for 'work wife' Dravid

New Delhi: India's T20 World Cup-winning skipper Rohit Sharma has penned an emotional farewell note to the team's former head coach Rahul Dravid, expressing "gratitude" for his man-management skills and for leaving his baggage of stardom outside the dressing room.

"My wife (Ritika Sajdeh) refers to you as my work wife and I am lucky to get to call you that too," Rohit wrote about

his first international captain on his Instagram page.

Rohit's tribute was also an indicator of how the player-coach equation works in the dressing room. "I have been trying to find the right words to properly express my feelings on this but I'm not sure I ever will," Rohit wrote.

"You are an absolute stalwart of this game but you left all of your accolades and achievements at the door and



## Focus on Jaiswal's batting position ahead of 3rd T20I

Harare: India will find it tough to choose between Yashasvi Jaiswal's seemingly effortless flamboyance and Abhishek Sharma's uber-cool aggression at the top when they rejig their combination to make space for World Cup-winning squad members in the third T20I against Zimbabwe on Wednesday.

The arrival of Jaiswal, Sanju Samson and Shivam Dube, all of whom were part of the title-winning run last month, gives the Indian team a formidable look in the most important game of the series as visitors look to press home the advantage after a series-levelling 100-run victory in the second match.

Abhishek, the left-handed opener, did enough to live up to his pre-series hype with a 46-ball century in only his second game and did look the part opening the innings.

However, Jaiswal, with a handsome strike rate of 161 plus in 17 T20Is, including a hundred and four fifties, does have the first claim to be skipper Shubman Gill's opening partner by virtue of being the reserve opener of the first-choice T20 team. Although rare but it is not uncommon for batters to be dropped in the very next match after a milestone innings.

But skipper Gill is unlikely to let that happen with his best friend since their U-14 days and who scored his first international ton with a willow borrowed from the former. So, it could well be a case of one of the two southpaws batting at one drop. Sanju Samson might come in at No. 5 while Ruturaj Gaikwad will drop to No. 4. PTI

## Anderson keen to leave on a high

London: It doesn't matter if James Anderson takes a bunch of West Indies wickets for England in the first Test at Lord's from Wednesday.

The series opener will be Anderson's 188th and last Test and he will transition into England's fast-bowling mentor:



Veteran England pacer James Anderson will be playing his 188th and last Test from Wednesday

### 1ST TEST VS WI

He was pensioned off by England managing director Rob Key, coach Brendon McCullum and captain Ben Stokes. They met him at a Manchester hotel in April to say he wasn't in their plans for the 2025-26 Ashes Series in Australia.

This was a month after Anderson returned from India, where he took 10 wickets at an average of 33.50. That series was lost 4-1 but on the last morning of the last test in Dharamsala, Anderson became the first seamer in history to take 700 wickets.

He spoke then of being in the best shape, liking where his game was at, and being really excited for this summer, when he will turn 42 at the end

of this month.

This week, he said he was surprised at how calmly he took the news from Key, McCullum and Stokes. He understood their decision, adding, "I've sort of made peace with that."

Chris Woakes returns for his first Test since he was the player of the series in last year's Ashes. Stokes was back as an allrounder, allowing for offspinner Shoaib Bashir to make his home Test debut after taking 17 wickets in India.

The West Indies plays its first Test since the extraordinary eight-run victory over Australia in Brisbane in January, after a 10-wicket thrashing in Adelaide. AP

## Pooja dazzles as India draw series

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Chennai: Facing a must-win situation to deny South Africa women a series victory, India brought their 'A' game to the park in the third and final T20I here on Tuesday.



Radha Yadav (left 3-6) and Pooja Vastrakar (4-13) decimated SA

### WOMEN'S T20IS

India decimated SA by 10 wickets in an utterly lop-sided contest at the MA Chidambaram Stadium. The Harmanpreet Kaur-led India thus drew the series level 1-1.

On a Chepauk surface that offered bounce, pacer Pooja Vastrakar punctured SA's hopes of returning home with a trophy, finishing with career-best figures of 4-13 (3.1 overs) to help bundle the visitors out for a mere 84. Left-arm spinner Radha Yadav (3-6 off 3 overs) put the cherry on

top of the cake, while the rest of the bowlers too did just what the doctor ordered.

Chasing 85, the hosts completed the formalities and knocked off the runs with an unbroken 88-run first-wicket stand between half-centurion Smriti Mandhana (54 not out off 40 balls, 8x4, 2x6) and Shafali Verma (27 not out off 25 balls, 3x4).

**Brief Scores:** South Africa 84 in 17.1 overs (Pooja Vastrakar 4-13, Radha Yadav 3-6) lost to India 88-0 in 10.5 overs (Smriti Mandhana 54\*).

## SIT: Organisers did not follow conditions set by Hathras admin

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The 300-page report of the SIT, led by additional DGP Anupam Kulshreshtha and divisional commissioner Chaitra V, prepared after recording statements from 125 individuals — including police and administrative officials, eyewitnesses, and the public — and reviewing news articles, videos and photographs related to the incident revealed severe lapses on part of both the organisers and the local administration. Statements from Sikandra Rao SDM and CO, Hathras DM Ashish Kumar, and SP Nipun Agarwal were included in the report.

"SDM of Sikandra Rao granted permission for the event without inspecting the venue and did not inform senior officials. Other officials recommended permission without verifying arrangements at the venue. The said officials did not take the programme seriously," it said.

The report accused the organisers of failing to follow the conditions set by the administration and failing to make arrangements despite expecting a large crowd. It added, "Organisers obtained permission for the event by concealing facts & did not comply with the conditions set by the administration. Individuals whose proper police verification wasn't done contributed to the disorder."

A senior officer said, "The committee misbehaved with police and tried to block them from inspecting the venue. The 'satsang' performers mingled with the crowd without any security measures in place. Despite the large turnout, no barricades or passage ways were arranged. When the stampede occurred, the organisers fled."

Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath had earlier called for a thorough probe. He also ordered a judicial inquiry into the incident. Until Tuesday, 11 volunteers, including key accused Devprakash Madhukar, main organiser and fundraiser of the satsang, have been arrested.

## PM to Putin: Solutions can be found through talks, not war

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PM Modi Tuesday made clear India's stance on the war in Ukraine, and as he raised concerns about the impact of the conflict on Global South, the PM softened his message, saying he had heard Russian prez Putin's "frank" views on peace, which inspired hope in him.

"As a friend, I've always told you that peace is essential for our future generations. But I also know that no solution can be found on battlefield. Solutions and peace talks will not be successful under the shadow of guns, bombs and bullets. We must find a way to peace through dialogue," Modi told Putin, adding that fresh ideas and a new thinking had emerged from his talks with the Russian president on Monday.

Modi's remarks followed an unprecedented blowback from Ukraine and US to his embrace of the Russian president. US state department said it had raised concerns with India about



Prime Minister Narendra Modi receives a ceremonial guard of honour on his arrival in Vienna, Austria on Tuesday

Russia-India ties and that it wanted Modi to ask President Putin to respect Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

While reiterating all possible support and contribution for any peace effort, Modi said he wanted to assure both Russia and the world that India was in favour of peace. Modi's comments about children are of particular significance as Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky had used the at-

tack on the hospital — Russia has denied any role in it — to attack the Indian PM. Foreign secretary Vinay Kwatra later said Modi was "categorical" in expressing concern at the loss of lives in the attacks Monday, particularly of children.

According to Indian govt sources, Modi's overriding message to Putin was that there couldn't be a solution on battlefield, much like his "this isn't the era of war" remark before Russian president in Samarkand in 2022.

In his remarks, Putin said he appreciated Modi's efforts to find ways to resolve the crisis through peaceful means. Modi's emphasis on peace talks sans violence is also important as it doubles down on the international community's call for an immediate ceasefire in Ukraine. India remains the only major country, apart from China, to not have condemned Russia's actions in Ukraine.

That Modi was looking to soothe frayed nerves in the West was obvious when he said the world was focused on the meet and was drawing meanings from it. The PM's remarks before Putin seemed aimed at correcting the imbalance, as perceived by the West, in India's position following its decision to skip ministerial-level participation in Swiss peace summit and its refusal to endorse a declaration underlining Ukraine's territorial integrity as basis for any peace process.

## Govt to refine NCERT's rules on bagless days

New Delhi: The education ministry reviewed National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) guidelines on implementing bagless days in schools and announced plans to refine them. The PSS Central Institute of Vocational Education, a unit of NCERT, had developed comprehensive guidelines to make learning in schools more joyful, experiential and stress-free for students.

"Various suggestions were discussed during the meeting, including sensitising students about the local ecology, teaching them to test water purity and visiting local monuments. Based on this review, PSSCIVE will finalise its guidelines," a senior education ministry official said. TNN

## '16% of women now benefit from income transfer schemes'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: After Maharashtra's decision to launch Ladki Behen, nearly 16% of the country's adult female population across 10 states will now benefit from income transfer schemes.

An analysis by Axis Bank has estimated the total spend of the states, ranging from Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal to Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, at Rs 1.8 lakh crore, which is 0.8% of the combined gross state domestic product (GSDP) of these states, and 0.6% of India's GDP.

While there have been suggestions that a similar scheme be launched nationally by Centre, given that Modi govt announced PM-Kisan for farmers in 2019, Axis Bank economists led by Neelkanth Mishra said it is unlikely as states are already doing it. "A national scheme would also add to inflationary pressures," they said in a note.

The suggestion for a national scheme had intensified after Congress promised Rs 8,500 monthly payment in the just concluded general polls.

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Andhra was the first off the block announcing a scheme in Jan 2020, followed by Assam in Feb 2021 and Himachal and Delhi announcing similar schemes earlier this year. Delhi is likely to roll out the income transfer scheme for women later this year, ahead of assembly polls in early 2025. "While states' expenditure quality does get affected, so long as capital expenditure continues, re-routing revenue expenditure to these schemes that have lower administrative overheads makes spending more efficient," Axis Bank said.

Telangana, which makes the largest payout of Rs 2,500, also has the highest outgo, 19% of total expenditure, followed by Karnataka at 8.3%. In contrast, Himachal will see the least with the spending pegged at 0.8% of the state's expenditure.

## 'More may be involved in techie trafficking'

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Princeton police officers arrived at their residence in Ginsburg Lane, Collin County, on March 13 after they were tipped off about a "welfare concern". "It was found that the women were forced to work for Katkooi as programmers in shell companies owned by him and his wife Dwaraka," police said in a statement issued Monday.

During the search, police found multiple laptops, cell phones, printers, and fraudulent documents and seized them. Police said they also came across forced labour of

victims, including adult males, at multiple locations in the Princeton, Melissa and McKinney regions. More gadgets and documents were seized subsequently from these places.

"Once all electronic gadgets were examined and details of the operations confirmed, arrest warrants were issued on Monday," police said. Princeton police said the investigation is continuing and there could be more people involved.

Police, however, have not revealed where the women came from or whether they were part of the racket.

## SC: Gross default on Centre's part in implementing provisions of Act

► From P 1

SC rapped govt for not implementing the provisions of Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 1995 in true spirit and said it is a "sorry state of affairs". Justices Abhay S Oka and Pankaj Mithal invoking Article 142, which gives extraordinary power to the SC to do complete justice, in this case. The judges agreed with senior advocate A Mariarputham and lawyer Rohan Alva who appeared for Srivastava.

SC said, "In this case, affidavits filed by appellant, Union of India, bring a sorry state of affairs on record. It (govt) failed to implement RPwD Act provisions... Respondent (Srivastava) has been made to run from pillar to post to get an appointment, though there's a large backlog of vacancies in various RPwD categories."

"Several backlog vacancies exist for VI (visually impaired) categories in IRS (IT). It is accepted that from CSE-2014, VI category candidates are being selected for IRS (IT). Thus, the total vacancies of RPwD posts for IRS (IT) are 75. By applying the principles governing Section 36 of the RPwD Act, 1995, the cases of respondent no.1 and other 10 candidates who are above him in merit could've been considered, especially when there is a gross default on the part of Union of India in promptly implementing provisions of RPwD Act. Unfortunately, in this case, at all stages, the appellant has taken a stand that defeats the very object of enacting laws for the benefit of persons with disability. If the appellant had implemented the RPwD Act, 1995, in its true letter and spirit, respondent no.1 would not have been forced to run from pillar to post to get justice," Oka and Mithal said.

Srivastava had to file a legal battle from the Central Administrative Tribunal to Supreme Court. Though the petition regarding the case is still pending in Delhi high court, SC decided to bring the litigation to closure instead asking the parties to go back to HC after noting that the candidate had been fighting the case since 2009.



# CONSERVATIVE OR LIBERAL?

Final Beckons: It's Either Restrictive England Or A Netherlands Finally Hitting Their Stride

**Dortmund:** England have a first ever major tournament final on foreign soil in their sights in Wednesday's Euro 2024 semifinal when they face a Netherlands side hitting their stride in Dortmund. The Three Lions are aiming to match their run to the Euro 2020 final, when they lost in heartbreaking fashion on penalties to Italy at Wembley.

England's only ever major tournament triumph also came on home soil at the 1966 World Cup. Gareth Southgate's men are out to end 58 years of hurt and have shown remarkable resilience, if not the quality expected of one of the pre-tournament favourites, in Germany.

Twice England have stared down a humiliating early exit to fight back against Slovakia and Switzerland to reach the last four: Individual moments of brilliance from Jude Bellingham and Bukayo Saka have kept them alive with late equalisers before beating Slovakia in extra-time and Switzerland on penalties.

Those were flickers of the individual talent at Southgate's disposal, even though his side had failed to hit top gear at the tournament so far. The 53-year-old was pelted with beer cups after a 0-0 draw against Slovenia in the group stages and has faced a backlash for his perceived negative tactics with a richly-talented squad. "I think we continue to give people fantastic memories. So we'll keep grinding," Southgate said.

Southgate is expected to stick by the 3-4-2-1 system used against Switzerland with Marc Guehi returning from suspension to replace Ezri Konsa.

The England boss has bristled at suggestions his side ended up on the kind side of the draw, away from France, Spain, Germany and Portugal. Yet, the Dutch can count themselves even more fortunate for their path to the final after finishing third in Group D behind France and Austria.

The Dutch team have produced nearly double the number of goals as England's, despite playing 60 minutes less. In Liverpool's Cody Gakpo and Burnley target man Wout Weghorst, Ronald Koeman's side have a variety of different tools to create havoc at the other end, leading to hope of a more entertaining, higher-calibre clash. Koeman's men produced their best display of the tournament in sweeping aside Romania 3-0 in the last 16 before battling back from a goal down to beat Turkey 2-1 in front of a hostile crowd in Berlin.

Coming up against a raft of Premier League stars will hold little fear for the Netherlands, who boast their own impressive crop of talent plying their trade in England's top flight. "If you see the quality of players from both teams, you can expect the rhythm and level of the game will be really high," said Tottenham defender Micky van de Ven.

The Dutch have had to wait 36 years since their own sole major tournament triumph, the last time the Euros were held in Germany. That is also the only time they have ever made a European Championship final.

But they will fancy their chances of being in Berlin on Sunday unless England suddenly click into gear. AFP

**Dutch travel to Dortmund disrupted:** The Netherlands had their travel to Dortmund on Tuesday for the semifinal disrupted and were forced to abandon their original plans to travel by train, the Dutch football association (KNVB) said. They will now fly to Dortmund from their base in Wolfsburg. "The train service was cancelled due to a blockage on the route," the KNVB said.



## DID MESSI BAPTISE BABY YAMAL? PHOTOGRAPHER SHEDS LIGHT ON VIRAL PICS

**Barcelona:** When Joan Monfort took photos of Lionel Messi with a baby for a charity calendar almost 17 years ago, he knew the long-haired young man would make it big in football. He could not have imagined the little boy would as well.

The baby in the photos — which have gone viral — was none other than Lamine Yamal, the Spanish wunderkind, who at

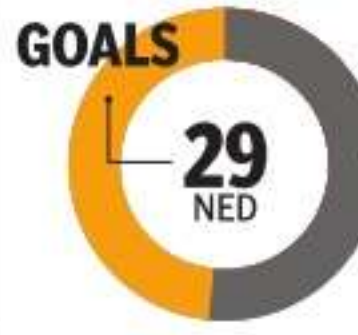
16 is showing such promise. One of the forgotten photos from 2007 resurfaced after Yamal's father posted it with the text "the beginning of two legends."

Monfort, 56, who works as a freelance photographer for The Associated Press, said the photo

Messi, 20 then, is introverted, shy. He suddenly finds himself in a locker room with a plastic tub full of water and a baby in it. It was complicated. He didn't even know how to hold him at first."

—Joan Monfort, PHOTOGRAPHER

## SEMIFINAL 2 NED vs ENG



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Goals  
3

Assists  
1

11 GAKPO

1 The Netherlands haven't reached a Euro final since their maiden win in 1988 and were last a semifinalist in 2004

We analysed the entire match (against Türkiye) with the group, not just the last ten minutes, to discuss what went well and what we should improve upon. Although, yes, the end of that game did demonstrate the mentality of our team and how we can all work together."

—Micky van de Ven, NETHERLANDS DEFENDER

Goals  
1

Assists  
1

SAKA 7

### KEY BATTLES

**DUTCH LEFT V ENG RIGHT**  
Liverpool winger Cody Gakpo, with three goals, is Netherlands' key attacking threat. Most of their dangerous moves rely on his involvement, but in England right-back Kyle Walker he faces a tough defender to get the better of. Walker can match Gakpo for pace and Southgate will instruct Bukayo Saka to track back. At the other end Saka faces a familiar foe in City's Nathan Ake, who has fared well against him at club level.

**BELLINGHAM V SCHOUTEN AND REIJNDERS**  
Jude Bellingham has played a decisive role at key moments for England. Netherlands will be looking to their deeper-lying midfield duo Tijani Reijnders and Jerdy Schouten to keep him under wraps. The Dutch pair have fared well together.

**TRIPPIER V DUMFRIES**  
Southgate's decision to play with Kieran Trippier on the left of defence has drawn criticism for being too defensive. However if there is any match where his presence could prove vital it is against the Netherlands. Dutch right-back Denzel Dumfries leapt to fame for his buccaneering runs down the right in Euro 2020 and he has been a menace again.

**KANE V VAN DIJK**  
Finishing the season with a back problem, Harry Kane clearly is nowhere close to his physical peak and now must tussle with Liverpool defender Virgil van Dijk. The Dutchman has not been at his best either but like his team, has improved in the knock-out rounds.

### NED'S EURO SEMIFINAL RECORD IS W1 L4

1976	L	1-3 v Czechoslovakia (aet)
1988	W	2-1 v West Germany
1992	L	2-2 v Denmark (aet, 4-5 pens)
2000	L	0-0 v Italy (aet, 1-3 pens)
2004	L	1-2 v Portugal

### ENG'S EURO SEMIFINAL RECORD IS W1 L2

1968	L	0-1 v Yugoslavia
1996	L	1-1 v Germany (aet, 5-6 pens)
2020	W	2-1 v Denmark (aet)

## CLASSIC CLASHES

For the 23rd time in their long and illustrious history, the Netherlands and England will clash in a men's football match on Thursday. Only a few of their previous clashes have held as much significance as this one.

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Euro 1988:  
Eng 1 Ned 3

In the 1988 Euros, also held in Germany, the Netherlands emerged victorious with a 3-1 win over England in their second Group 2 match. Marco van Basten's (above) hat-trick proved decisive, overshadowing Glenn Hoddle and Gary Lineker's efforts that struck the post. Despite Bryan Robson's equalizer, Van Basten's brilliance sealed the deal for the Dutch. This defeat remains one of England's heaviest international losses and one of the most famous performances of the Dutch.



World Cup qualifiers 1994:  
Ned 2 Eng 0

England have failed to qualify for just one World Cup since the 1970s, and it was the Dutch who denied them a place at USA 94. Graham Taylor's England had a poor campaign, taking just one point from two games against Norway, who topped the group. They squandered a two-goal lead at home to the Dutch at Wembley, but when they went to Rotterdam for the return fixture, England still had qualification in their own hands as they were above the Dutch. With Paul Gascoigne suspended, England fell behind to a free-kick just after the hour mark by current Dutch coach, Ronald Koeman — who the visitors felt should have been sent off earlier on for a clear penalty area foul on David Platt (above) — before Dennis Bergkamp sealed a 2-0 win. England beat San Marino in their final game but a Dutch win in Poland ensured they qualified instead, and reached the quarter-finals in the US.



Euro 1996  
Eng 4 Ned 1

In one of their finest performances, England dismantled a star-studded Dutch side with a 4-1 victory at Euro 1996. In front of a passionate home crowd at Wembley, Alan Shearer and Teddy Sheringham both scored braces, showcasing England's fine movement and intelligence under Terry Venables. Current manager Gareth Southgate (above) impressed in defensive midfield. Patrick Kluivert got a late consolation goal, but home fans were over the moon.

### Nations League 2019 Ned 3 Eng 1

The most recent encounter, with Southgate and Koeman both present on the touchline, was a story of redemption for a Dutch defender. Matthijs de Ligt, who had conceded a penalty in the first half, allowing Marcus Rashford to convert, rose above his opponents to head the Dutch level with 17 minutes remaining, forcing the game into extra-time. John Stones was responsible for a Kyle Walker own goal in the 97th minute. With just six minutes of extra time remaining, Stones exposed Ross Barkley with a back pass. Depay squared the ball for Promes to score. England went on to defeat Switzerland on penalties in the third-place playoff, while the Netherlands were beaten by Portugal in the final. AFP



## Bielsa's stamp on new Uruguay

### La Celeste confident against Colombia

**Charlotte:** Uruguay, who eliminated Brazil after a shoot-out on Saturday, will face Colombia, a team that is unbeaten in 27 matches and defeated Panama 5-0 in their quarterfinal.

Argentina and Uruguay, both currently holding 15 Copa America titles, are striving to break the tie and become the tournament's most successful nation in history. Colombia have a single title from 2001, while Canada are participating in the tournament for the first time.

Under Nestor Lorenzo's guidance, Colombia continue to make a strong impression, with James Rodriguez's late-career resurgence providing

a creative spark to the team.

Uruguay are in high spirits after ousting Brazil in a physical encounter in Las Vegas. However, they will be without the suspended Nahitan Nandez and have injuries to defender Ronaldo Araujo and wing-back Matias Vina.

Veteran Argentine coach Marcelo Bielsa has instilled his signature direct, hard-running style into the Uruguayan team, promising a high-tempo game. Colombia will be dangerous on the counter-attack, thanks to the speed of winger Luis Diaz. "The match against Colombia will be just as demanding (as playing Brazil) because they are a team that has been devel-



oping a lot match by match," Bielsa said. "Like Brazil, they have important strikers in every position, but we are confident," he added.

No team has scored more goals in the tournament than Uruguay, who netted nine times in the group stage. But three straight clean sheets have also helped Uruguay book a semifinal berth and Bielsa was quick to praise his squad's

**WHO'S IN CHARGE?** During the penalty shootout in the quarterfinal, Bielsa (L) dictated the Uruguay proceedings while Brazil coach Dorival (R) was a peripheral figure ignored by the players

mentality rather than take credit for their defensive record. "I am a bit more drawn to the offensive than the defensive game, but in a match that was as tight as this one, we created one more opportunity than our opponent and we defended well," Bielsa added. AGENCIES



**Sao Paulo:** When Brazil were knocked out of the Copa America quarterfinals by Uruguay on Saturday night in Las Vegas, Neymar wept for his distressed teammates while at a samba concert in Brazil.

The squad and its all-time leading scorer weren't all that

focused on the Copa when it started, but they will desperately need each other in two years if they want a different outcome at the next World Cup.

Neymar was never going to the Copa after he ruptured the ACL in his left knee last October. Vinicius Junior, Brazil's top scorer in the Copa with two, missed the Uruguay quarter-final because of a suspension. And teenage sensation

Endrick didn't find the net. Brazilian pundits, former footballers and analysts say the team can regroup, but wonder whether coach Dorival Junior — who has had the job only since January — is the right man to lead that process.

They also regard Neymar as wasting his talent in Saudi Arabia and overly focused on his private life. They also point to Brazil wasting a full year under interim coach Fernando Diniz, allegedly because CBF executives were waiting for Carlo Ancelotti to quit Real Madrid. "We need to speed it up because we are starting (World Cup preparations) now," said pundit Junior, who played for Brazil's 1982 World Cup team. Nostalgic fans point to 2001

to believe Brazil can turn things around quickly. That year, Brazil under new coach Luiz Felipe Scolari was dumped from the Copa quarterfinals by Honduras. That embarrassment made supporters believe Brazil had no hope for the 2002 World Cup in Japan and South Korea. Brazil's then-star Ronaldo missed that Copa but recovered from his second ACL injury to lead the team to its fifth World Cup star.

In his recovery from the ACL injury, the 32-year-old Neymar has become an even more divisive figure at home. But following the team's poor showing at the Copa, Brazilian analysts say Neymar was the biggest Brazilian winner and remains key to the team's future. AP

## 'Lost' Brazil look to Neymar and history for fresh hope



# ‘CONCENTRATION WAS A GOD-GIVEN GIFT’

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Long before India became a cricketing superpower and long before Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli arrived, the country's mood barometer fluctuated depending on the answer to the question: "Gavaskar out hua, ya khel raha hai?" Braving some of the most fear-some attacks in world cricket in the 70s and early and mid-80s, Sunil Gavaskar single-handedly gave Indian cricket the steel, spine and respect. Post retirement, he transitioned into a TV commentator, who called a spade a spade. Even as the country is still dealing with the hangover of India's T20 World Cup win, it also bows down to Sunil Gavaskar on his 75th birthday. The master batter was the first to score 10,000 Test runs (10,122), and the first to score 30 Test hundreds (34). In an exclusive interview with TOI, Gavaskar shares his thoughts on turning 75, his glorious career and issues that matter to cricket.

### How does it feel to turn 75?

I was a new-ball bowler, so I didn't turn anything! Even the two international wickets I have were of straight deliveries which the batter thought would turn but didn't!

### What keeps you so fit at this age? You travel around the world for commentary assignments, and are still heavily into broadcasting?

I don't know about being fit. I have a shoulder and a lower back issue, so can't say I am fit. I've had issues with shin splints since my playing days. I can't run and can only do brisk walking as exercise. Till last year, walking 10,000 steps every day was the aim, but now it's been brought down to 7500, though actually I end up doing more than that. I owe what I am to cricket and Indian cricket, so covering the games India plays is hardly a job.

### Apparently, such were your powers of concentration that you could read a Jeffrey Archer novel even in a crowd. Were you always like that? What did you do to harness those powers?

Concentration was a God-given gift, and thankfully, it is still there. The only problem is that often, I am so engrossed in what I am reading or listening to music that I end up offending people who are trying to talk to me as I get totally wrapped up in reading or listening on my ear plugs.

### What made you so fearless as a batter? You faced some of the best fast bowlers without a helmet.

Look, I have been vertically challenged all my life, so from school days, all the opposition new-ball bowlers tried to scare the beejammies off me. So, I got used to that, though I must confess that in my first series against West Indies in 1971, to see the ball being delivered from that height was a new experience!

### You fought with BCCI in the 70s for cricketers to be paid better. How satisfying is it to see today's cricketers earn well?

It is terrific to see today's cricketers get duly rewarded for it is they who bring in the crowds and the sponsors. Thanks

for remembering and informing the 'Internet Generation' that way back in the 70s, we took up cudgels on behalf of the players for better match fees and allowing our wives to travel and stay with us. We did that at a risk to our spots in the team. The thing that I am proud of is a representation made by Chetan Chauhan (former India opener) and me to the then finance minister to consider not taxing match fees for playing for India. In fact, we asked for exemption for all sports, not just cricket. He responded by giving a standard deduction of 75% on Test fees of Rs 5000 then and zero tax on ODIs. We hardly played two or three ODIs in a year then and for a fee of Rs 1000. So, there was hardly any loss to the exchequer. That notification was valid till 1998, when India was playing around 30 ODIs and getting one lakh per game. So Rs 30 lakh was tax free!

### Apart from commentary, what is it that keeps you busy?

I am also quite involved in a couple of foundations. One is the 'Heart2 heart' foundation which is creating awareness about the problem of congenital heart diseases in children and raising funds for their free surgeries. The other is the CHAMPS foundation, which is the acronym for Caring, Helping, Assisting, Motivating, Promoting Sportspersons. We just celebrated 25 years of the foundation, which has been sending monthly cheques since 1999 to those international sportspeople who gave everything for Indian sports and may not be in the best financial health now.

### Your five favourite Test knocks?

117 not out at Barbados when we had to save the Test (fourth Test of the 1971 series against West Indies). The 220 in the last Test in Trinidad, where again we needed a draw to win that series. I got a 57 at Old Trafford, on a fast, grassy bouncy pitch in wet, freezing cold conditions (against England in 1971. India drew that match and famously won that series 1-0) and I didn't wear a sweater because of superstition, so felt the cold a fair bit. This is my best innings in Test cricket. In 1974, at Old Trafford again, in similarly cold conditions, I scored 101. It restored my self-belief as that was the first ton after 1971.

The 86 out of 102 at Port of Spain, when we chased down 404 to win the Test against West Indies in 1976. By the end of Day Four, I was 86 not out. It is my most fluent innings. The next morning, I struggled for an hour to score the next 16 runs. That's how cricket can be!

### What about knocks of other batters?

97 not out by Gundappa Viswanath at Chennai versus West Indies in 1975. His hundred against West Indies in 1978 at Chennai. 175 not out by Kapil Dev against Zimbabwe at Tunbridge Wells in the 1983 World Cup. Sachin Tendulkar's 114 in the Perth Test versus Australia in 1992 and Virender Sehwag's 293 against Sri Lanka at the Brabourne Stadium in 2009. These are knocks I personally saw. There are others too, like VVS Laxman's 281 vs Australia in Kolkata in 2001, but I wasn't in the stadium to witness it.

13 Number of hundreds against the West Indies is a record by a batter.

1 Gavaskar was the first to score a hundred in each innings thrice. 124 and 220 vs WI at Port Of Spain in 1971, 111 & 137 vs Pakistan at Karachi in Nov 1978 and 107 & 182 not out vs West Indies at Kolkata in Dec 1978.

2749 Runs at an average of 65.45 in 48 innings (27 Tests) is a record by any batter against the West Indies.

“My love for Arsenal was because of two people. Arsene Wenger, who looked like my hero ML Jaisimha, and Thierry Henry, who made goal-scoring look like a piece of cake.”

“Over the years, the expectations of Indian sports lovers have gone high and I am no different. I am praying that we get at least twice as many medals than what we won in Tokyo (7).”

“Even now, Parle G goes with Sunny G on every trip! In fact, most TV companies know that, and their production guys very sweetly arrange a packet or two at every game.”

“What fascinates about current players is attention to their hair. Even if a hair is not out of place, they will still pat it or give it shape while walking back or after taking the helmet off.” —Sunil Gavaskar

“It would be great if the boundaries were increased to give the bowlers a bit more space. The lower half of the LED boards can be made of foam, to absorb the blow of the fielders sliding into it.”

PERFECTION: Sunil Gavaskar was a master of technique and focus



Promoting cricket

CATCHING THEM YOUNG: Sunil Gavaskar passed on the baton of batting greatness to Sachin Tendulkar, also seen here with Vinod Kambli (L). (Right): Sharing a light moment with son Rohan



SUNIL GAVASKAR'S TEST, ODI AND FIRST-CLASS CAREER RECORD									
Format	M	I	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	
Tests	125	214	10122	236*	51.12	34	45	108	
ODIs	108	102	3092	103*	35.13	1	27	22	
FC	348	563	25834	340	51.46	81	105	293	—Rajesh Kumar

3 He remains the only batter with three double hundreds against West Indies. 220 at Port of Spain in April 1971; 205 at Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai in Dec 1978 and 236 not out (a career-best while batting at No.4) at Chennai in Dec 1983.

# His enthusiasm for badminton was huge

Uday Pawar

I first met Gavaskar during the All England Championships in the early eighties, when he had come to watch his close friend Prakash Padukone in action and also cover the event for a magazine.

All the players in the Indian badminton team were amazed at how humble and friendly he was. Instead of sitting in the Royal Box, he would watch the matches by sitting with the Indian players and his enthusiasm for badminton was evident by the searching questions he asked and the tactical understanding he had for the game. While watching the men's doubles match, he was so fascinated with the speed and power of the rallies that he had commented that it's like two West Indies fast bowlers bowling at each other!

I came to know him better as a person at Bombay Gymkhana where he played badminton every afternoon with childhood friend Gautam Thakkar. He would play badminton like he did in cricket — well-planned, precise and tactically smart. While he was playing badminton at the Bombay Gymkhana, I noticed that he approached each session seriously — doing proper warm up, taking a long knock up and displaying rapt

concentration, anticipating his opponents' shots and constantly using tactics to outsmart his sparring partners.

His love for all sports, his sense of humour and his ever-willing desire to help young needy sports persons are the special qualities for which I admire him the most. He prefers to do all his charitable work without seeking any publicity and that is what makes him great.

As a cricketer, he was the backbone of the Indian team and his bravery and success (without a helmet or protective gear) against the top fast bowlers including the mighty West



SHUTTLE TALK: Gavaskar with Prakash Padukone (L)

Indies, makes him a true 'Bharat Ratna'. His records may be broken, but there may never be another cricketer like him.

Happy Birthday Sunil Rao. (Pawar, a four-time National doubles badminton champion and 1982 Asian bronze medalist has been Gavaskar's close friend. He spoke to Gaurav Gupta.)

# Gavaskar's batting reflected his character

Asif Iqbal

I could never ever forget Sunil's birthday.

I remember it from 25 years ago when his birthday fell on the day after my (elder) son's (Omar Iqbal) wedding. A secret birthday bash was being planned for his 50th, because of which he could not attend the wedding. So, every time my son's wedding anniversary comes along, I know that there are celebrations taking place the next day somewhere else as well!

Sunil has moved from 50 to 75 in the same seamless way as he did on the cricket pitch, although there, once he got to 50, he moved much beyond 75! As the technically most perfect batsman of my era, that would not be a surprise to anyone who saw him play; and those who did not have that privilege missed seeing a display of the essence of batsmanship.

There was a calmness, a serenity and an effortlessness about his batting that brought it as close to perfection as is perhaps humanly possible. There are those who say that

cricket reflects the moods and vagaries of life itself and Sunil's batting proves that hypothesis so marvelously. The perfect harmony in his batting reflected the harmony in his character which produced the perfect gentleman.

For a man who achieved such heights, it is rare to be without pride or hubris of any sort, and yet Sunil was such a man. The balance in his batting is reflected by the balance and fairness in the man, the dedication and insight he brought to his batting being reflected now in his second incarnation as a TV pundit.

Sunil has been an outstanding sportsman, but much more importantly, he has been an outstanding human being. It has been a privilege to have shared a cricket field with him, and an even greater privilege to have him as a dear and valued friend. And given the ease with which he so often moved from 75 to 100 on the field, the next 25 years should be a doddle for him.

Happy Birthday, Sunil. Looking forward to the 100th! (The former Pakistan Test skipper spoke to Gaurav Gupta.)

## SNAPSHOTS

### Test of time for Gukesh in blitz

World Championship challenger D Gukesh will look to improve his billing in the faster version as Vidit Gujrathi joins him for the Superunit rapid and blitz chess tournament. Gukesh has repeatedly proved his superior ability in the Classical format. But when it comes to faster version, the Indian is yet to find his place amongst the world elite. PTI

**Nagal moves to second round in Germany:** Tennis player Sumit Nagal moved to the second round with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Brazil's Felipe Meligeni Alves in the Braunschweig ATP challenger on Tuesday. PTI

**Indian women lose 2-1 to Myanmar:** India conceded a late goal to suffer a 2-1 defeat at the hands of Myanmar in a women's football friendly. The hosts scored both goals from set pieces with Win Theingi Tun giving them a 14th minute lead. Pyari Xaxa scored for India. PTI

**Bellamy hired as Wales coach:** Former Wales captain Craig Bellamy was hired to coach the national team until 2028 on Tuesday. Bellamy has most recently been assistant coach at Burnley. This will be his first senior coaching role. AP

## ACTION TODAY

**CRICKET:** India vs Zimbabwe, 3rd T20I, 4 pm (Sony Sports); England vs West Indies, 1st Test, Day 1, 3.30 pm (Sony Sports)  
**FOOTBALL:** Euro 2024, Serbia, Netherlands vs England, 12.30 am Thursday (Sony Sports)  
**TENNIS:** Wimbledon, 3.30 pm (Star Sports)

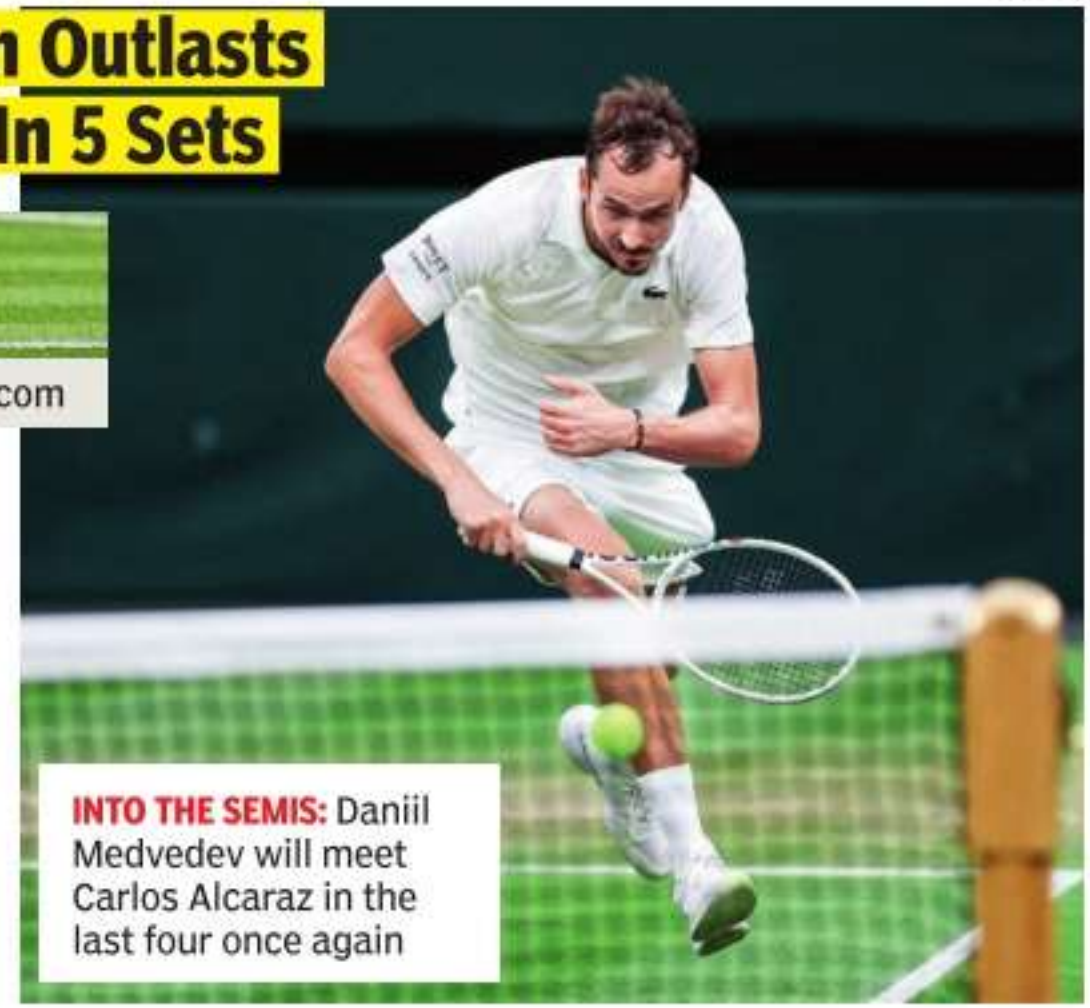
# MEDVEDEV FLIPS THE SCRIPT

## Maverick Russian Outlasts Top Seed Sinner In 5 Sets

TIMES AT WIMBLEDON  
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London: Daniil Medvedev wasn't whining, wasn't questioning calls, he wasn't taking on spectators or sparring with the chair umpire just because he had the time. By no means was he playing his tidiest tennis, but he was sticky, as solid as a slab of concrete and completely centered. He was the immovable object. And whoever thought the maverick Russian was capable of that.

In a rematch of this year's Australian Open final—where Jannik Sinner recovered from two-sets-to-love down to win in five sets—the lanky Medvedev, built more like a high jumper than a tennis player, came through to make his second successive Wimbledon semifinals with a 6-7 (7), 6-4, 7-6 (4), 2-6, 6-3 win. There was no celebration from Medvedev after he wrapped up the win on Centre Court, he simply looked at



INTO THE SEMIS: Daniil Medvedev will meet Carlos Alcaraz in the last four once again

his box — where his coaches Gilles Cervara and Gilles Simon and wife Daria — were on their feet clapping at the end of the four-hour contest. The first of the men's singles quarterfinals between world No.1 Sinner and the No.5 Medvedev, their 12th meeting, with the Russian winning the first six and the Italian locking up the next five was about many things in the first four sets, including illness. Sinner was forced to

take a medical timeout as he was overcome with dizziness. The deciding fifth set, however, was all about nerve. Medvedev broke the top-seed in the fourth game and didn't look back.

"I knew if I wanted to beat Jannik it needs to be a tough match," Medvedev said. "He's not anymore, a guy you can beat easy. At one moment he was not feeling that good

and this can get away, but he started feeling better. I'm happy that I managed to stay at a high level." Medvedev said it wasn't easy to go up against an opponent who was clearly struggling. "It's always tricky, you want to play more points to make him suffer in a good way, but at one point, he will go, 'ok I can't run anymore' and go full power. That's what Sinner did."

In a repeat of last year's semifinals, Medvedev will play defending champion Carlos Alcaraz, after the Spaniard saw off American Tommy Paul 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 in the second quarterfinals.

**Vekic into maiden Slam semis**  
In women's action, Donna Vekic of Croatia made her first Grand Slam semifinal in her 43rd start at a major when she put New Zealand's Lulu Sun to shade with a 5-7, 6-4, 6-1 win on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, it has been raining every day at this south-west London suburb, more so in the last few days, where play on the outside courts (read not Centre and No.1 both of which have roofs) has been erratic. On Tuesday, it was as late as 4 pm

4 Daniil Medvedev is now just the fourth player in this century to beat the world No. 1 on three or more occasions at Grand Slam events along with Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Stanislas Wawrinka.

## QF RESULTS

**Men:** 3-Carlos Alcaraz (ESP) bt 12-Tommy Paul (USA) 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; 5-Daniil Medvedev (RUS) bt 1-Jannik Sinner (ITA) 6-7(7), 6-4, 7-6(4), 2-6, 6-3. ricard (FRA) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2. **Women:** 4-Donna Vekic (CRO) bt Lulu Sun (NZL) 5-7, 6-4, 6-1; 7-Jasmine Paolini (ITA) bt 19-Emma Navarro (USA) 6-2, 6-1.

when action on the outside courts started. Consequently, first rounds of the mixed doubles is yet to be played, forcing organizers to move the final from Thursday to Sunday.

All the rain has made the courts slippery, on Monday Novak Djokovic slipped a few times on Centre Court, but it has been far worse on the outside courts. On Sunday after going down to Tommy Paul on Court No.2, Roberto Bautista Agut said, "the conditions today were not good to play good tennis. It was very cold, windy and some rain."

# Zverev irked by out of box comments

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London: If it was a one-strike contest, then social media influencer Morgan Riddle was flaunting form. That was until she hit the delete button.

No sooner had her boyfriend Taylor Fritz two-handed winner punctuated the fourth-round contest 4-6, 6-7(4), 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-3 against the fourth-seeded Alexander Zverev, and Riddle was at work. "When ur man wins 4 the girls," she said in her story. Riddle, a style maven, in another story said, "cheer loud ladies".

Zverev had settled last month in an assault case pressed against him by his former partner Brenda Patea, the mother of his child. He had denied the charge. After their Centre Court clash Zverev talked at length to Fritz, who he has known since his junior days. "His team is extremely respectful," Zverev said. "There's some other people that maybe are in the box, who are not maybe from the tennis world, they were a bit over the top. But no issues with Taylor: I think Taylor is a great guy."

Fritz asked Zverev to identify who

was loud in his box. "I don't really hear my box when I'm playing," he said. "I didn't hear anyone being extremely loud. He's totally allowed to be annoyed if they were being annoying."

Riddle deleted her 'story', blaming it on media reactions. "Regarding my stories yesterday..." she wrote. "I took them down as soon as I realized the misunderstanding and how blown out of proportion they had become by the media. They were not about anything that has happened off the tennis court & there's no bad blood between anyone."

# ‘Ruuuu’ rings in Djokovic's ears

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London: For a little over two-hours Novak Djokovic, going for an eighth title on Church Road, was forced to listen to the crowd in the Wimbledon fourth-round clash against Dane Holger Rune.

The cadence was gnawing. The 24-time major winner wasn't happy. Perhaps it was the 'Ruuuu' misconstrued as 'boooo', or it might've been the salt in the air: There was really no telling, but Djokovic was in no mood to listen. He had heard too much for too long. That the 37-year-old won in straight sets was incidental.

"To all those people that have chosen to disrespect the player; in this case me, have a gooooooood night," he said, letting it resonate through the grounds. When on-court interviewer Rishi Persad tried to explain it to the Serbian, he wouldn't listen. "I know they were cheering for Rune, but that's an excuse also to boo," he said. "I've been on the tour for more than 20-years, so I know all the tricks, I know how it works." Djokovic had a message for Centre Court fans.

"I've played in much more hostile environments, trust me. You guys can't touch me," he warned. During his post-match media interaction, Djokovic backed himself, but admitted there was little that could be done. "I don't know



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—Novak Djokovic, LAYING INTO A SECTION OF CENTRE COURT FANS IN HIS ON-COURT INTERVIEW

what Wimbledon can do about it. The crowd paid for their tickets, they have the right to be there and cheer the way they want to cheer," he said. "They choose how they behave or who they support. You're not going to take out the whole section of the crowd or stadium because they're misbehaving or showing disrespect."

Then there is the question of what really is disrespect? "Fans are actually one of the biggest reasons why we are here, why the tournament is so important historically," Djokovic acknowledged. "But if somebody steps over the line, I react. That's basically what it was."

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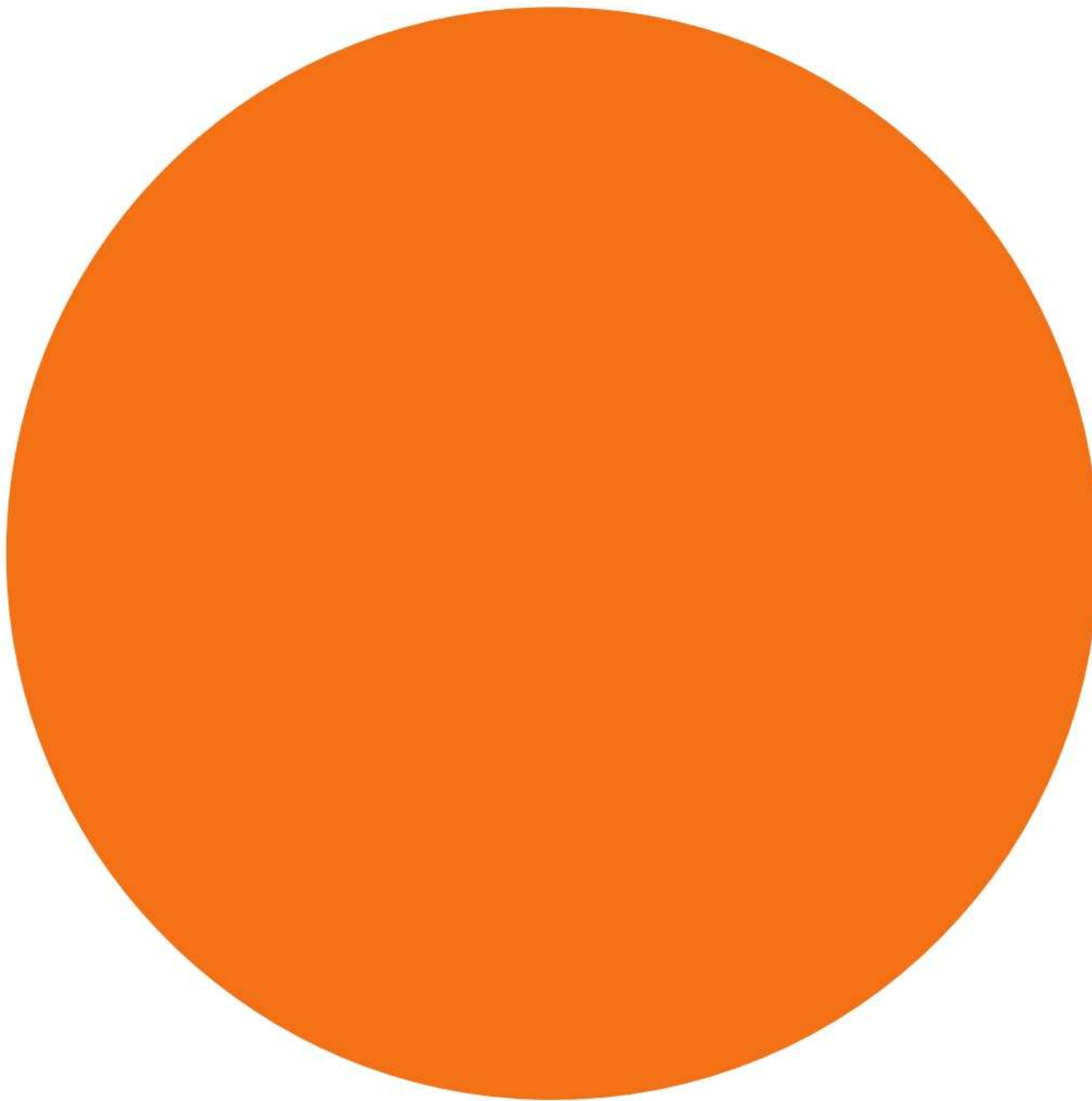


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**Harry Kane**-led England and **Virgil van Dijk**'s Netherlands set up a blockbuster clash in the second semifinal of 2024 Euro in Dortmund on Wednesday



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FIFTH-SEED MEDVEDEV EDGES OUT WORLD NO. 1 SINNER IN A 5-SET BATTLE (6-7 6-4 7-6 2-6 6-3) TO ENTER WIMBLEDON SEMIS FOR 2ND YEAR **22**

## BMW hit-and-run: Neta's son arrested from Virar 60hrs on

Mom, 2 Sisters Picked Up From Shahapur Resort

Mateen Hafeez & S Ahmed Ali | TNN

**Mumbai:** For just a couple of minutes, a friend of Mihir Shah, the 24-year-old accused in the BMW hit-and-run case in Worli, switched on his phone early Tuesday. That was enough for police to trace the location of Mihir, son of a Shiv Sena functionary, and arrest him from a hotel in Virar in the afternoon, almost 60 hours after he rammed a two-wheeler and killed a woman, Kaveri Nakhwa (45). Mihir, his mother and two sisters had been on the run from early Sunday morning and their mobiles were switched off. Police however had

### PHONES OF 2 AIDES, 2 LOCATIONS

➤ **After running over Kaveri Nakhwa** in Worli, Mihir Shah & chauffeur Rishiraj Bidawat flee, but **BMW stalls in Bandra**

➤ Mihir takes auto and goes to girlfriend's house in Goregaon

➤ **She calls up his sister** who comes, takes him to their **Borivli home**

➤ **Mihir, mother, sisters and a friend head out** in 2 vehicles, including an



own car with a chauffeur

➤ First they **check into a resort in Shahapur**. Having switched off phones, they communicate through common friends

➤ **Mihir and friend go to a hotel in Virar** Monday night

➤ Crime branch **find family by tracking cell of chauffeur** accompanying them

➤ **Mihir tracked down** by Worli cops after his **friend switches on mobile**



➤ **Juhu bar sealed, its licence suspended P 3**

➤ **2 killed in hit-&-run cases in Nashik, P 9**

tracked down numbers he had called regularly and noted down numbers of a few friends he dialled regularly. Their phones too were switched off, but one of the numbers suddenly came alive on Tuesday morning, resulting in the arrest.

The friend, whose identity

is unclear, has been detained for questioning. Mihir's mother and sisters were detained by the crime branch as police said they were shielding him, but later allowed to go. The mother and sisters were found staying in a resort in Shahapur.

➤ **Kin's location, P 3**

Victim's hubby, daughter seek death for culprit

Calling it a murder, the husband and daughter of the BMW crash victim Kaveri Nakhwa have demanded justice for her and the death penalty for the accused, Mihir Shah. "I told him (Shah) to stop, yet he didn't, he ran away. She must have been in so much pain. There is no one for the poor," Pradeep Nakhwa, the husband, lamented. Stating that not a single neta had visited them, he said, "Who is there to support us or get us justice? Today, Shah will be sent to jail. Tomorrow, he will be out on bail. Politicians don't care for us. He has money. We have nothing." He demanded to know why Shah was on the run for 2 days if he was innocent. **TNN P 3**

Govt orders conservation of flamingo lake

In a major victory for environmentalists, state govt, in a recent GR, has decided to conserve the 30-acre DPS Flamingo Lake in Nerul, which recently witnessed deaths of several pink birds, by setting up a high-level committee to study how to protect the lake as a natural flamingo abode. Cidco's work had led to the burial of the major intertidal water inlet to the lake. **P 2**

3.5km stretch of Coastal Rd to open

The BMC is likely to open up another 3.5 km stretch of the Mumbai coastal road's northbound section upto Worli's Bindu Thackeray chowk on July 11. It is being done to reduce the congestion at Haji Ali. **P 3**

Arson in quiet area in Manipur

Arsonists torched the home of a tribal leader, Seijathang Khangsai of Kuki Inpi, in Manipur's Jiribam early Tuesday, stoking unrest in the district hours after Rahul Gandhi's outreach in what is a new pocket of discord in the ethnic conflict. **P 6**

Abducted, raped teen rescued in UP

Ten days after a 16-year-old girl was abducted, force-fed sleeping pills and sexually assaulted in captivity by three boys in Aligarh, police rescued her and apprehended the accused, among them a minor and a woman, officials said Tuesday. **P 14**

Cop running int'l narco cartel flees

Delhi court is learned to have issued a NBW against a Delhi police crime branch officer, who was running an international narcotics cartel from the capital, and has reportedly fled abroad to South Africa. **P 7**

SC order not out, yet colleges in TN start med admissions

**Chennai:** Several private medical colleges in Tamil Nadu have begun the undergraduate admission process though Supreme Court hearings over NEET-UG 2024, including the possibility of a re-test following reports of paper leak during the May exam, are on.

While some colleges are doing it on the sly, others have put out posters on admission, reports **Pushpa Narayan**.

➤ **EDIT: Mess Gets Neeter**

They have started 'booking' seats on 'advance' payments of Rs 2-3 lakh.

The process becomes evident when parents seek admission details. "Parents are asked to meet authorities on campus and are instructed to le-

**CUET-UG results expected this week**

The National Testing Agency is likely to announce CUET-UG results by the end of this week with the deadline to challenge the exam's provisional answer key, which was released after a delay, ending on Tuesday night. The final answer key is expected to be out on Thursday. **TNN**

ave behind mobiles and other gadgets," said student counsellor Manickavel Arumugam, adding, "All of them have a plan and talk to you only if you are a bona fide student."

➤ **NMC warning, P 20**

Intense showers dump 422mm rain in 48 hours, half of city's avg for July

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**Mumbai:** After a mostly dry June, intense rain activity saw the city receive nearly half of the month's average rainfall in just 48 hours. Between July 7 and 9, as much as 422mm rain or 49% of the monthly requirement of 855.7mm was recorded.

Usually, the four monsoon months from June to September bring 2,318.8mm rainfall. The city has already received 38% or 889mm of that quantum.

Moderate rain is forecast for Wednesday for Mumbai and Palghar. For Thane and Raigad, a yellow alert (heavy rain likely at isolated) is in place. In its five-day forecast, the weather bureau issued a yellow alert for Mumbai between July 11 and 13.

➤ **Cloud patch over city, P 2**

Four PIOs held in US for trafficking, forced labour; 15 women 'techies' rescued

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**Hyderabad:** Four months after federal police stumbled upon an alleged human trafficking racket and a "forced labour" scheme, four people of Indian origin, including a couple, have been arrested in Princeton, Texas. As many as 15 women were found to be working as forced labour for the accused. The nationalities of the women have not been disclosed.

The accused have been identified as Santhosh Katkoori (31), his wife Dwaraka Gunda (31), Dasireddy Chandan (24), and Anil Male (37). Three of them, including the couple, are of Telugu origin. Princeton police said they were charged with trafficking of persons and second-degree felony.

A police investigation be-

18-yr-old slips into Vasai nullah, dies

An 18-year-old Nalasopara youth spending time with his friends drowned in a nullah in Vasant Nagari area of Vasai after he accidentally slipped and fell in during heavy rain on Monday evening. **P 2**

➤ **Bridge work floods tracks, hits 200 services, P 2**

➤ **SRA contractor booked for Vile Parle mudslide, P 2**

Sea tosses 200MT trash on Juhu beach

Two days of heavy rain saw 200 metric tonnes of garbage deposited on Juhu beach instead of the usual 40MT daily. As many as 138 labourers had to be pressed into service to clear it. **P 2**

### PEST CONTROL ALERT

➤ In March, a **pest control team** is called to a residence in Collin County, Texas, to control a bed bug infestation

➤ They alert cops after finding **women confined** in each room, sleeping on floor

➤ Four Indians held & charged with **trafficking and second-degree felony**

➤ Women were forced to work as **programmers in shell cos** owned by 2 of them

gan in March after a pest control company was called to Katkoori's home in March to tackle a bed bug infestation. The pest control team grew suspicious after noticing that five women were accommodated in each room, and sleeping on the floor.

➤ **Cops yet to reveal, P 20**

Govt recognises IRS officer's gender change

In perhaps a first in India's civil services history, a woman IRS officer posted as joint commissioner in the regional bench of Customs Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal, Hyderabad, will officially be considered a male with the Union finance ministry accepting her request for a change of gender and name. M Anusuya will henceforth be recognised as M Anukathir Surya in all official records. **P 6**

₹3L for locksmith punched in face by cop over ₹20

Slamming police atrocity, MSHRC ordered Rs 3 lakh govt compensation for a locksmith punched in the face by a Vasai sub-inspector, a station house officer,

➤ **HC: Why evict slums in Powai during monsoon? P 3**

➤ **Hate speech charge only in 1 case: State to HC, P 5**

following an argument over Rs 20 with a railway cop in May. The victim had sought Rs 80 for making a duplicate key, but the railway cop insisted on paying Rs 60. **P 4**

Battered turtle's luck turns after superglue surgery

In a quick fix solution, experts at Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI) in Bareilly used Fevikwik and blouse clasp (hook) to join the shattered shell of an endangered turtle which was run over by a car. Since adhesive used by orthopaedic surgeons was unavailable and time was running out for the turtle, superglue was used as an alternative to fix the multiple cracks in the shell. The turtle is now under observation at a rehab centre in Budaun. **TNN P 9**

Gambhir makeover for India? Gautam is new head coach

After a month of speculation, Indian cricket board (BCCI) Tuesday announced, as expected, Gautam Gambhir as the new head coach of Team India across formats.

Known to be a headstrong and outspoken character right from his playing days, the gutsy Gambhir takes over the coaching reins from the more reticent Rahul Dravid, who ended his term with the T20 World Cup win last month, reports **Arani Basu**.

Gambhir, an ex-BJP MP from 2019-2024, opted out of active politics before the Lok Sabha elections this year. He subsequently mentored his former IPL team Kolkata Knight Riders all the way to the title, a campaign which

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➤ Played **58 Tests** (4,154 runs, avg 42); **147 ODIs** (5,238@ 39.7) & **37 T20Is** (932@ 27.4)

➤ **ICC Test Player of Yr, 2009.** Led India in 6 ODIs

➤ **Top scored in 2007 T20 WC & 2011 ODI WC finals** that India won. Led KKR to 2 IPL titles, & one as mentor **P 20**



significantly boosted his chances of replacing Dravid.

➤ **Gambhir era, P 20**



# U'khand villages plunge into gloom after Kathua killings

## State In Collective Mourning As All 5 Soldiers Were Its Sons

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**Dehradun:** A day after the terrorist attack on an Indian Army convoy patrolling in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand is engulfed in sorrow over the death of five soldiers from the state who were killed in action.

The dead soldiers, who were serving in the Garhwal Rifles regiment, include Naib Subedar Anand Singh Rawat (41) from Rudrapur, Rifleman Anuj Negi (25) and Havildar Kamal Singh Rawat (28) from Pauri Garhwal district, and Rifleman Adarsh Negi (26) and Naik Vinod Singh Bhandari (33) from Uttarakhand's Tehri Garhwal district.

On Tuesday evening, their mortal remains arrived at Dehradun's Jolly Grant Airport, where a wreath-laying ceremony was held to pay tribute to the



Army personnel during a counter-terror operation in Kathua on Tuesday

fallen soldiers with traditional military honours. Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, Haridwar MP and former CM Trivendra Singh Rawat, cabinet ministers Ganesh Joshi and Premchandra Agrawal, General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Uttarakhand sub-area, Major General R Prem Raj, state DGP Abhinav Kumar

and other senior Army officers were present.

Condemning the terrorist attack, Dhami said, "It was a cowardly act. The entire nation and the state stand in solidarity with the grieving families. Their supreme sacrifice won't go to waste. Those involved in this dastardly act will not be spared, nor those who pro-

vided shelter to the terrorists. The govt will provide every possible support to the families of the fallen heroes."

Lt Col Manish Shrivastava, public relations officer, defense (Dehradun), said, "Of the five soldiers who died, the mortal remains of Naik Bhandari were handed over to his family members, who performed his last rites in Dehradun. The bodies of the two soldiers from Pauri Garhwal were airlifted to Kotdwar city in a chopper and will be transported to their native villages by road for the final rites."

He added, "Due to unfavourable weather conditions on Tuesday, the bodies of the two soldiers from Tehri Garhwal will be airlifted to Srinagar in Pauri Garhwal on Wednesday morning. From there, they will be taken to their respective villages by road for cremation with full military honours."

## Among dead, a son worried about his labourer dad, a father his girls' school

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**Dehradun:** Rifleman Anuj Negi, 25, was one of the five soldiers from Garhwal Rifles who lost their lives when armed terrorists ambushed their convoy in Kathua district of Jammu & Kashmir on Monday. Hailing from Dobariya village in Pauri Garhwal district, Negi was the "financial backbone of his family". He got married in November last year and is survived by his wife, who is two months pregnant, and parents. His father, 50, works as a daily wage in the local forest department office near the village.

Talking to TOI, Nandan Singh Rawat, Anuj's uncle who lives in the same village, said Negi joined the Indian Army six years ago with the intention of improving his family's financial condition while serving the nation.

"Anuj was a devoted family man. During his last visit home, he was making efforts to plan his sister's marriage, but unfortunately he made the ultimate sacrifice before he could witness her wedding," Rawat said.

Sateshwari Devi, another villager, said, "Anuj's wife is two months pregnant. He was overjoyed upon learning the news and was excited about his new role in the family. However, fate had dif-



ferent plans for him."

She added, "The women of the village have decided to look after his pregnant wife, ensuring she delivers a healthy baby. We will also assist her in raising the child and share the heroic stories of the father when the child grows up. The entire village stands united with the grieving family during this difficult period."

Among the other soldiers who were killed in the terrorist attack was Rifleman Adarsh Negi, 26, from Thatti Dagar village in Tehri Garhwal district. The youngest of three siblings — a brother and a sister — Adarsh left his BSc course after two years to join the Army in 2019. His father is a farmer while his elder brother works at a restaurant in the district.

"When Adarsh cracked the Army recruitment test, he decided to leave his studies midway. His decision was driven by the need to financially support his family. He last visited his village in April to attend his cousin's wedding. His sacrifice has made him an inspiration for the youth of the village," said Nandan Singh Rawat, one of his family members.

In another village, Papri in Pauri Garhwal, residents remembered Havildar Kamal Singh Rawat, 28, as being deeply concerned about the education of his two daughters, aged 3 and 5. His elder daughter is in class 1, while the younger one is in LKG.

"That's all he spoke about," said village resident Rajpal Singh Gusain. "Kamal was determined to provide better education to his daughters but it was difficult in his village as it is in a remote, hilly area. Due to this, he moved his family, including his wife and mother, to a rented accommodation in Kotdwar city, approximately 70 km from his village."

Naib Subedar Anand Singh Rawat, 41, was the only junior commissioner of ficer (JCO) among the dead. From Kanda-Bhardar village in Rudrapur district, he had built a house in Dehradun three years ago, where he lived with his wife and two daughters, aged 13 and 15.

## Anything can happen over dinner, even a heart pump

### How Chennai Surgeon And Australian Bioengineer Took Sketches Made On Paper Napkins To The Lab And Produced An Affordable Heart Pump

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Nearly a decade ago, K R Balakrishnan, a heart-lung transplant surgeon in Chennai, and Pete Ayre, a bioengineering professor at University of New South Wales, met for dinner in a Chennai hotel. When the discussion turned to artificial heart pumps, they borrowed pencils from the waiter and scribbled some designs on paper napkins.

Soon, the drawings from the dining table made it to labs and, in five years, out came some prototypes. A couple of them — one for the left side of the heart and a smaller one for the right — are now being tested in sheep in Australia. If things go as planned, the team — it has patented the technology — will start clinical trials on humans in India and Australia by Dec 2024.

#### A Pocket-Friendly Device

"We never thought we'd get this far," said Balakrishnan, who heads the heart and lung transplant department at MGM Healthcare. "Our discussion started casually. When I left the hotel, I never thought anything would come of it. I was surprised when Pete called me a week later; and things started happening." The two have founded a company called Cardiobionic.

Their plan was simple: To build a heart pump that would be a long-term and affordable solution to heart failure. Heart pumps available in the market now cost US\$100,000 (more than 80 lakh). The team wanted to make one that cost one-fourth of that. "The ones available



**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** Dr K R Balakrishnan and bioengineer Pete Ayre photographed about 10 years back, when they came up with the heart pump idea at a dinner meet

now are bulky, almost the size of a cricket ball," said Ayre. "While surgeons may place pumps outside the chest cavity, it is not suitable for petite people and children."

Moreover, pumps today support only one chamber of the heart, the left ventricle. Several people who are given these pumps end up in intensive care for life support when the right side of the heart fails.

But just when laboratory studies and designs began to show promise, the team hit its first roadblock. "We need funds," said Balakrishnan. "I spoke to more than 50 businessmen from across the world. Two Indian investors, whose details I cannot reveal now, agreed to invest. That's

when the project took off."

#### Seeking A Lasting Solution

In five years, they developed a bi-ventricular assist pump that supports both sides of the heart with one console and a smaller device, which would cost about a fourth of the existing device.

The pump is made of titanium and inside there's a non-contact impella — a device that pulls blood from the ventricle and pushes it out into the aorta, delivering oxygen-rich blood to the rest of your body. "It floats on blood and spins continuously. That means it may be a permanent solution and not just a bridge to a transplant," said Ayre.

Several heart failure patients across the country die

waiting for an organ. "There are many hurdles in organ transplant. With better awareness, we are getting organs from brain-dead patients. But not all hearts are utilised because we don't have the network to transport them within its shelf life of four hours. In most parts of the world there are no programmes for heart transplant," he said. "This pump could prevent many deaths."

A smaller pump that supports the right side of the heart in adults can be used as an LVAD, or left ventricular assist device, for a child. "There are no pumps specifically for children now," said Balakrishnan. However, more research is needed to understand why some hearts fail despite having an artificial pump.

#### Connected Care

The team, meanwhile, is working to convert the pump into a remote monitoring device so that patients can be tracked from anywhere using the internet. They are also looking to make the entire system wireless. "Now, we have a driveline that connects the implanted pump to an external console via a cable across the skin. This can increase chances of infection," he said.

Doctors are pushing the team to make the pump work as efficiently as the human heart. "The heart can increase output by up to 50% during pregnancy, exercise, or emergency. We want to build pressure sensors that help the pump do this," Ayre said.

While the trials in Australian sheep are showing promise, the team is trying for product approval in India, US and Europe.



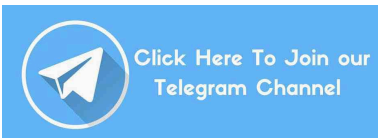


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