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Can't find solutions on the battlefield, Modi tells Putin

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday raised Russia's missile strike on a children's hospital in Ukraine with President Vladimir Putin and again nudged him to return to the path of dialogue and diplomacy, saying no solution can be found on the battlefield.

Modi, on his first visit to Russia since the start of the war in Ukraine in February 2022, discussed the conflict at both a private meeting with Putin at his country home on Monday and at the annual summit in the Kremlin on Tuesday. He pointedly referred to the strike on the children's hospital in his opening remarks at the summit, hours after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy criticised the meeting between the Indian and Russian leaders.

"Whether it is war, conflicts, terror attacks, every person who believes in humanity is deeply affected when there is loss of life. But even in that, when innocent children are killed, when we see innocent children dying, then the heart is pierced and that pain is very horrible," Modi said, speaking in Hindi.

"As a friend, I have always said that peace is most necessary for the bright future of next generation. But I also know that no solution is possible on the battlefield. Between bombs,

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Russia's highest civilian award for Modi



President Vladimir Putin confers PM Modi with The Order of St Andrew the Apostle. ANI

STRENGTHENING TIES

Energy push: Cooperation in key energy sectors, including nuclear energy, oil-refining and petrochemicals

Trade impetus: Accelerating and sustaining growth in bilateral trade, and setting trade target of \$100bn by 2030

Nuclear sector: Hailing progress in building remaining units at Kudankulam, noting importance of talks on a 2nd site

Defence domain: Encouraging joint manufacturing in India of spare parts for maintenance of Russian-origin arms

Russia promises to release Indians fighting for its army in Ukraine war

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NEW DELHI: The issue of Indians recruited into the Russian Army and sent to the front lines of the war in Ukraine was raised "very strongly" with President Vladimir Putin by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who secured a promise that all such persons will be sent back speedily, according to top

Indian officials.

Following the death of four Indians while serving with Russian military units in the conflict zone, the families of other recruits mounted pressure on the government to facilitate their release and repatriation. The Indian side recently sought a "verified stop" to the recruitment of Indians by the Russian Army.

"The prime minister raised

this issue very strongly, that we should try and get all Indian nationals back to India as early as possible," foreign secretary Vinay Kwatra told a media briefing after the annual summit between Modi and Putin.

"There was a sense of a promise from the Russian side on that. Now, the two systems will work on it and see how exactly and expeditiously we

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DRUZHBA, DOSTI: PM CREDITS DIASPORA FOR DEEPENING TIES

NEW DELHI: India and Russia have a unique relationship based on mutual trust and respect that goes back several decades, and these ties have emerged stronger after every test, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in Moscow on Tuesday. "Russia is India's reliable friend, our Russian friends call this 'druzhba', and we call it 'dosti' in Hindi," Modi said. The Indian diaspora's contributions to Russian society have taken bilateral ties to new heights, Modi said. →P10

ZELENSKY UPSET AS MODI MEETS PUTIN AMID MORE UKRAINE DEATHS

NEW DELHI: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Tuesday criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's engagement with President Vladimir Putin at a time when Russia's military bombed a children's hospital in Kyiv. "It is a huge disappointment 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," he said. →P10

Gunfight in Doda a day after attack in Kathua

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JAMMU/NEW DELHI: An encounter broke out between security forces and terrorists in Doda district of Jammu & Kashmir on Tuesday, a day after terrorists killed five army personnel in an ambush in the nearby Kathua region, with President Droupadi Murmu and the Centre calling for a befitting reply to the attack.

According to police officers, the army launched a search operation in Goli-Gadi forest on Sunday after receiving inputs about the presence of terrorists in the area.

"The terrorists fired at the security forces during the search operations on Tuesday, resulting in a gunfight," a police officer said on condition of anonymity, adding that "two-three" terrorists were believed to be trapped in the area.

The operation was underway at the time of going to print.



Army personnel near the truck that was ambushed on Monday. PTI

The Doda gunfight erupted a day after terrorists lobbed hand grenades and opened fire with automatic weapons at an army truck passing through Badnora village, around 250km away from the Doda encounter site. Naib Subedar Anand Singh, Havaldar Kamal Singh, Rifleman Anuj Negi, Naik Vinod Singh and Rifleman Adarsh Negi — all residents of Uttara-

khand — were killed in the ambush. Five army personnel were also injured in the attack, which shattered the calm in a relatively quiet area of the Union territory at a time of heightened tension. The terrorists then fled the scene. Kashmir Tigers, a proxy of the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terrorist group, has

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Shinde Sena leader's son arrested after 2 days for hit-and-run

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MUMBAI: Local police on Tuesday arrested Mihir Shah, the son of a Shiv Sena leader from Palghar in Maharashtra, two days after he allegedly mowed down a 45-year-old woman, dragged her around for more than 2.5km, then pulled her off the bonnet and ran her over again.

Police also detained the boy's mother and his two sisters.

The 24-year-old, who was arrested with his friend Avadit from Murbad, a town in Thane, said police, adding that he allegedly changed locations several times to give investigators the slip.

His father, Rajesh Shah — a member of the Shinde faction of the Shiv Sena — was arrested hours after the accident on Sunday, along with their driver.



Mihir Shah

Rajrishi Bidawat, who was reportedly in the passenger seat of the BMW.

"Our teams detained Mihir Shah and Avadit," said a police officer, adding that the latter was allegedly in the Juhu bar where the suspect and his friends were partying hours before the accident.

Meanwhile, Bidawat was remained in police custody till July 11. →P15

AFTER GAP OF 46 YRS, JAGANNATH TEMPLE TREASURY TO BE OPENED

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BHUBANESWAR: Ratna Bhandari, the treasury of Jagannath temple in Puri that contains jewellery and other valuables will be opened on July 14, said retired judge of Orissa high court Biswanath Rath, head of the new high-level committee appointed by the Mohan Majhi government.

This will be the first time in 46 years that the inner chamber of the treasury will be opened, a move that should put to an end rumours that have swirled around the safety of the valuables stored within. To be sure, while the committee has recommended this, the government still needs to sign off.

Rath said: "The chief administrator of the temple has been asked to produce the key on July 14 before the committee. We hope that the government will provide necessary permission to us." →P10

SC raps ED for delay in Chhattisgarh case

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday found it "disturbing" that ED has not completed its probe in a 2019 case filed in connection with alleged corruption in the public distribution system in Chhattisgarh.

Hearing an appeal filed by the ED challenging an order of the Chhattisgarh high court granting anticipatory bail to the then managing director of the Nagrik Apurvi Nigam (NAN), Anil Tuteja, and then chairman, Alok Shukla,

the bench noted with concern about the time lag of five years since the filing of the case with no final investigation report forthcoming.

"Is it not disturbing that in an ECIR (enforcement case information report) of 2019, investigation is not complete for five years," the bench said.

Additional solicitor general SV Raju, for the ED, sought to rely on a sealed cover filed before the court, which relates to certain conversations between constitutional functionaries in connection with the scam. →P10

Stampede SIT pins blame on govt officials, organisers

LUCKNOW: The organisers of the satsang held in Hathras district of Uttar Pradesh last week were primarily responsible for the stampede that left 121 people dead, a special investigation team (SIT) probing the deadly tragedy has said, according to officials aware of the details.

The panel in its report to the state government on Tuesday, also flagged lapses on the part of the administration, which led to six officials being suspended, but did not rule out a "big conspiracy" behind the stampede. →P12



What the SIT said

- 'A big conspiracy' behind the stampede can't be ruled out
- Organisers concealed facts while obtaining permission for the event
- The organisers did not comply with the rules set by the local administration for the event
- The SIT is silent on the role of self-styled godman Suraj Pal, alias Bhole Baba
- SIT marked six officials for negligence, all have been suspended

APEX COURT SEEKS PROOF OF PATANJALI HALTING SALE OF 14 BANNED PRODUCTS

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed Patanjali Ayurved to provide proof that it has ceased the sale and advertisement of 14 products that were banned by the Uttarakhand state government's licensing department in April, seeking to verify Patanjali's claim that it issued directives to all store owners, media, advertising outlets, and social media platforms to adhere to the ban. →FULL REPORT ON P12

Rain cools, clogs Delhi



A waterlogged Vikas Marg near ITO, after a sharp spell of rain on Monday. →P6 ARVIND YADAV/HT

ASKED ABOUT RACE FOR WHITE HOUSE, JILL BIDEN LASHES OUT AT REPORTERS

TAMPA: United States First Lady Jill Biden on Monday rebuked reporters in Tampa, Florida who asked about escalating calls asking her husband President Joe Biden to exit the White House race.

"Dr. Biden, do you have any message to House Democrats who are calling for your husband to drop out of the race? How are you feeling about the state of the race?" a reporter is heard asking the First Lady as she leaves a coffee shop. "Why are you screaming at me? You know me. Don't scream at me, just let me talk," she responded, before leaving. →P17

GAUTAM GAMBHIR PICKED AS INDIA'S CRICKET COACH

NEW DELHI: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Tuesday announced the appointment of former opener Gautam Gambhir as the head coach of the Indian men's cricket team.

"India is my identity and serving my country has been the greatest privilege of my life. I'm honoured to be back, albeit wearing a different hat. But my goal is the same as it has always been, to make every Indian proud. The men in blue shoulder the dreams of 1.4 billion Indians and I will do everything in my power to make these dreams come true!" Gambhir said in a post on X.

Rahul Dravid's tenure as head coach came to an end after the team's victorious run at the T20 World Cup. →P21

{ MILESTONE FOR SUNNY } KAPIL DEV PAYS TRIBUTE

Gavaskar@75: All other teams just wanted his wicket; they felt if he got out, they'd get us all



Sunil Gavaskar and Kapil Dev in London in 1986. PA VIA GETTY IMAGES

Kapil Dev

I often joke with Sunil that he played for 20 years, but for 40 years, he has been talking cricket. And I would say, even as he turns 75, that it is anything but easy. It tells you so much about his knowledge and love for the game, and for a younger cricketer, there's still so much to learn from him.

To get big runs against the best fast bowlers; not just of that era but some of the best fast bowlers of all time, you

have to be a special talent. It may seem hard to believe now that it was an era when India did not have proper resources to plan and prepare but he still found a way to excel. And that tells you so much more about him than the numbers alone could.

A guide
As somebody who was senior to me, I often looked up to him as a God. I was like, 'Wow, someone who I admired so much as a kid, and I am getting to share the dressing room with him'. It was a great feeling. continued on →13

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NUMBER THEORY

Decoding the scale of economic challenges confronting Starmer

By Roshan Kishore and Auhona Mukherjee

The Labour Party under the leadership of Keir Starmer has won a landslide victory in the United Kingdom (UK) elections. However, the road ahead, both for the Labour Party and the UK, will be anything but smooth. Even if one were to ignore the now deep rooted social and ethnic fault lines in British and European politics at large, the economic challenges facing the country are perhaps the most difficult they have ever been in the history of the country. Here are four charts which summarise the enormity of economic problems facing United Kingdom.

1 Economic inequality in Britain is a legacy of the neoliberal project unleashed by Thatcher

Margaret Thatcher, who along with her US counterpart Ronald Reagan, is credited with unleashing the neoliberal revolution (or counter-revolution) in modern capitalism presided over the dilution of welfare capitalism, also known as the golden age of capitalism, which came into being in advanced capitalist countries after the end of World War 2. While the neoliberal turnaround helped protect macroeconomic stability in the advanced capitalist world — failure to do this was a major factor behind the collapse of the Soviet Union-led socialist camp — it led to a huge increase in income inequality in these countries. Data from Office for National Statistics (ONS) from UK shows this clearly. The Gini coefficient is among the most commonly used measures of inequality and its values range between zero to one where zero represents perfect equality and one perfect inequality. This can sometimes be shown as a percentage from 0 to 100%, called the "Gini Index". The Gini coefficient of income inequality increased by 10 percentage points between 1979 and 1990 — the years of Thatcher's prime ministership — in the UK. This number has largely stayed in this ballpark in the last three decades.

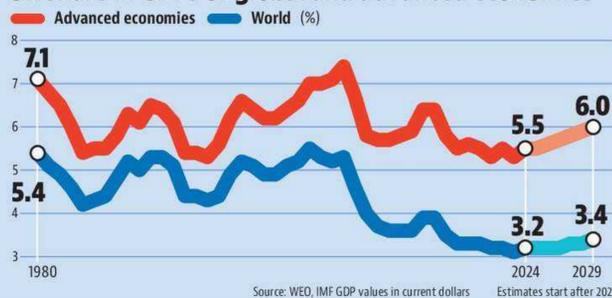
Gini coefficients for disposable income by household type, UK, 1977 to financial year ending 2022



2 And the collapse in GDP growth has made things worse for everyone

Economic growth is an important determinant of well-being even at similar levels of inequality. Data from IMF's World Economic Outlook (WEO) database shows UK's economic growth predicament clearly. Compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of UK GDP was 2.8% between 1980-90, 2.5% between 1990-2000, 1.5% between 2000-10, 1.9% between 2010-10 and is expected to be just 1% between 2019-29. When seen from the perspective of UK's share in global GDP, the 2008 Global Financial Crisis and 2016 Brexit have been the two most important blows for the UK economy which have seriously eroded its economic might in the world.

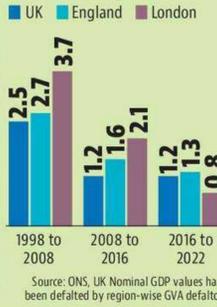
UK share in GDPs of global and advanced economies



3 Brexit: An act of economic schadenfreude for UK

"Brexit did reduce regional inequality, but did so by 'levelling down' — that is, damaging — prosperous regions more than less prosperous ones", Martin Wolf wrote in his Financial Times column published on July 8. A comparison of ONS data on regional GDP of UK for the periods between 1998-2008 (pre GFC), 2008-2016 (pre-Brexit) and 2016-22 (post-Brexit) shows this clearly. While the CAGR of GDP growth for United Kingdom, England and London has fallen continuously between these periods, what makes the post-Brexit period unique is that the London region lost its growth advantage over both United Kingdom and England during this interval unlike the earlier two time-periods. Given the fact that London region now accounts for almost one-quarter of UK's overall GDP — its population share is just 13% — any government trying for an economic revival will have to focus on boosting the finance, high value services dominated London economy. But its political popularity will depend on whether the non-rich parts of the country see such a policy as economically just.

CAGR of GDP at constant prices



4 Unless growth revives, the debt burden will keep inching towards becoming unsustainable

UK's gross national debt as a share of GDP breached the 100% mark in 2020, the year the pandemic erupted. IMF's WEO projections suggest that this is likely to cross 110% by 2029, the latest year for which these projections are available. A long-term look at the UK's debt-GDP ratio clearly shows the role played by the GFC in worsening the debt burden before the pandemic threw it off the rails. This number increased by 1.7 times between 2008 and 2016 when it stabilized for a while before showing a sharp spike during the pandemic once again.

The only feasible way to reduce the national debt burden without triggering a democratic backlash or an economic crisis is to increase GDP growth rather than unleash austerity or unhelped fiscal profligacy which can derail growth or fiscal balance further worsening the debt problem. It was the hara-kiri by Rishi Sunak's predecessor Liz Truss on this front that dealt the biggest blow to the governance credentials of the Conservative Party in the eyes of both the rich and poor electors in UK, which has culminated in its worst ever election defeat in the country. It remains to be seen whether Starmer can find a balance between the financial markets and UK's real economy to solve this problem and rescue it from its biggest economic crisis.

UK's general government gross debt as % of GDP



{ MY INDIA } CBI ACTION

Aspirant among two held over NEET leak



The CBI on Tuesday arrested two people from Bihar, including an aspirant who had appeared for this year's National Eligibility cum Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG), in connection with its probe into alleged paper leak in the medical entrance examination, people familiar with the development said. The suspects have been identified as Sunny Kumar, a resident of Nalanda, who appeared for the test, and Ranjit Kumar, a resident of Gaya, whose son also took the exam on May 5.

{ WORLD } NEAR ILLEGAL GOLD MINE

Indonesia landslide toll at 23, search on for missing 35



The death toll from a landslide near an illegal gold mine on Indonesia's central island of Sulawesi rose to 23, even as 35 are still missing, an official said Tuesday. The landslide hit a remote village in the Bone Bolango district of Gorontalo province late Saturday following intense rains. "As of this afternoon... 23 people died, 66 people survived and 35 people are being searched for," Gorontalo search and rescue agency official Ida Bagus Nyoman Ngurah Asrama said.

{ MY INDIA } DARA SINGH MOVES SC

Staines case convict files remission plea



The Supreme Court on Tuesday sought a response from the Odisha government on a petition by Rabindra Kumar Pal, also known as Dara Singh, the convict in the 1999 murder of Christian missionary Graham Staines and his two sons, seeking remission after 24 years in jail. Staines and his sons were burnt to death outside a church at Manoharpur village in Keonjhar district in 1999. Police arrested Singh in February 2000. An Odisha court convicted him with a life term in 2007. It was upheld by both the high court and SC.

{ SUNNY DAYS } CELEBRATING A BATTING LEGEND



The great Little Master

As Sunil Gavaskar — the greatest, the most technically accomplished and the most successful Test opener ever — turns 75, here's a look at the former India skipper's glittering career

125 Tests | 10,122 Runs in Tests | 34 Test tons

103* off 88 balls
His only ODI century, in India's win over NZ in the 1987 Reliance World Cup

Simply the best

The first batter to hit 10,000 runs, Sachin Tendulkar later overtook his record for the most Test hundreds. But statistics alone don't reveal what Gavaskar really meant for India. Facing the dreaded West Indies pacers without a helmet and scoring his most runs against them — 2,749 with 13 centuries and 7 fifties — Gavaskar's Test arrival merged with India's first Test series win in the West Indies.

Overall numbers

Span 1971-1987
Mat 125
Inns 214
NO 16
Runs 10,122
HS 236*
Avg 51.12
100s 34
50s 45

A fairytale Test debut

In a sport fixated with statistics and records, Sunil Gavaskar's colossal outing as a 21-year-old in his debut series against the mighty West Indies in 1970-71 remains a benchmark for greatness.

That 1970-71 series

1st Test at Kingston Injured, did not play
2nd Test at Port of Spain Gavaskar 65 and 67*
3rd Test at Georgetown Gavaskar 116 and 64*
4th Test at Bridgetown Gavaskar 1 and 117*
5th Test at Port of Spain Gavaskar 124 and 220

774

Gavaskar's total in his debut series

THE TON MAN

His 34 Test centuries, 18 of them away, and 45 half-centuries were enviable numbers. He represented Mumbai in 348 First-Class matches, amassing 25,834 runs with one triple century, 81 centuries and 105 half-centuries.

His Test runs around the world

	Mat	Runs	HS	Avg	100s	50s
In Australia	11	920	172	51.11	5	1
In England	16	1,152	221	41.14	2	8
In India	65	5,067	236*	50.16	16	23
In New Zealand	6	392	116	43.55	1	2
In Pakistan	11	1,001	137	58.88	3	5
In Sri Lanka	3	186	52	37.2	0	2
In West Indies	13	1,404	220	70.2	7	4

52% of the 18th Lok Sabha comprises first-time members across political ideologies, parties and regions. HT traces some of their journeys

A humble start, an abrasive campaign, a big upset and now, a seat at the high table

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KOCHI: One March night this year, then Palakkad legislator Shafi Parambil was in a movie theatre when his phone rang. He was forced to pick up; it was after all Congress general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal. "I'm calling to request you to run for Parliament from Vadakara," Venugopal told him.

It was a bolt from the blue. At the time, Parambil mumbled a reluctant acquiescence, but immediately began working the phones with colleagues within the Congress and its ally IUML, beseeching them to get him out of the contest. "To be frank, at that point, I was not ready to leave

its way. And "as a loyal worker, I heeded my party's instructions and prepared for the contest," he added. The contest in Vadakara was far from straightforward. Up against Parambil was KK Shailaja, the popular CPI(M) leader and former state health minister, who had earned plaudits for the state's response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Both the Congress and the Left had established votebanks and loyal workers, and for most local analysts, the battle was far too close to call. But when the results came in on June 4, it became clear Parambil had bested Shailaja, and it wasn't particularly close. He won 49.65% of the vote, and beat his CPI(M)

opponent by 114,000 votes.

And so, a 41-year-old, a newbie to the corridors of power in Lutyens' Delhi, a man who had never seen Parliament proceedings even from the viewing gallery, took oath on June 24 as a first-time MP in the 18th Lok Sabha.

Importantly, Parambil is one of only 24 Muslim MPs in the Lok Sabha, two fewer than in 2019. Of them, the Congress has nine Muslims, the TMC five and the Samajwadi Party four. The highest Muslim representation in Indian parliament was 49 in 1980. Parambil maintains that being Muslim is a personal belief, and not part of his "political identity." "I have not used it to get an advantage in my political career or to showcase it as someone else's disadvantage. My political identity is that I am a member of the Indian National Congress. I am a person who holds aloft secular values," he told Manorama News on June 15.

Born into a middle-class Muslim family in 1983, Parambil was a public speaker and debater in school, but by the time he arrived at the SNGS College in Pattambi for a bachelors in business administration, his interest in student politics had taken root. Most colleges in the state, including his, were bastions of the Students Federation of India (SFI) aligned with the Left Front, with rival outfits afraid to begin units or enrol members. Even in that atmosphere, Parambil's allegiances were clear. "From a young age, my belief was in the Congress because it is firmly rooted in the secular and democratic ideals of India. It is the only party that can take along everyone from all backgrounds



Shafi Parambil

and faiths under its umbrella. So at the college level, I along with few others began efforts to strengthen the KSU," said Parambil, referring to the Kerala Students Union, the student wing of the Congress.

Quickly, Parambil became a key member, playing a role in the formation of a union under the KSU banner in 2004. By 2006, he was the KSU Palakkad district president and the state chief by 2009, the first person in Kerala to be elected as such through an internal election process — an experiment championed by Rahul Gandhi across all NSUI units, only to be abandoned later.

By 2011, as a 28-year-old, Parambil was among a crop of young leaders — the others being VT Balaram in Thrithala, Hibi Eden in Ernakulam and Anwar Sadath in Aluva — who were given tickets by the Congress to contest the assembly elections. This was an attempt at party revitalisation of sorts, but came in seats where the CPI(M) was dominant. In Palakkad for instance, a seat with a majority Hindu population, the Congress had only won four of the 12 previous elections. But Parambil focused his campaign on the youth and women, and crisscrossed the constituency for weeks. On results day, Parambil

staged an upset, beating the experienced incumbent CPI(M) MLA by over 2,400 votes.

Balaram, a two-time MLA from Thrithala and the current Congress state vice-president said of Parambil, "Being youthful is a big part of his charisma. Through his communication skills, he can build a rapport with voters quite quickly and that's what makes him a crowd-puller. Vadakara, a hub of high-voltage contests, needed someone like that and Parambil came at the right time."

That Parambil, even as a debutant MLA, was able to get a medical college commissioned in Palakkad with the help of then Congress chief minister and his mentor Oommen Chandy endeared him to voters, said Balaram. "Its significance lies in the fact that CPM had three chief ministers elected from the district in the past and none of them could make it happen. And Parambil did it, as a first-time MLA."

Parambil won two more assembly elections from Palakkad, but in 2024, was air-dropped to Vadakara, 170km away, as part of a Congress strategy to counter both the CPI(M) and a rising Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The plan included shifting Vadakara MP K Muraleedharan to Thrissur to counter the BJP, days after his sister left the Congress to join the saffron party, and Parambil going to Vadakara. The first part of the scheme failed — Suresh Gopi of the BJP became the BJP's first ever MP in Kerala, winning Thrissur — but Parambil kept up his end of the bargain.

Contests in Vadakara, spread across two assembly segments in Kannur and five in Kozhikode have always captured the state's imagination. In the 2021 Assembly elections, the LDF won six of the seven segments. But when it

comes to Lok Sabha elections, the CPM has had a dry spell — winning the seat last in 2004. This time, it brought in MLA KK Shailaja, believing in her ability to lure voters, especially women and those from the minority community, beyond political lines. Muslims comprise around 35% of the electorate in the constituency.

The campaign was charged — there were communal undertones and provocative WhatsApp forwards that highlighted Parambil's religion; the killing of a CPI(M) worker in a bomb blast on April 5; even distasteful morphed videos of the CPI(M) candidate. Eventually, the constituency saw the highest voting percentage in Kerala at 78.41%, and on voting day, Parambil prevailed.

"I said right after the results that it was a 100% political victory. The campaign hurt me personally at times, because I was portrayed as someone belonging to a particular community, when I have always strived to rise above that. Even in the assembly, not a single line I have said has been struck off the record because I speak very carefully," Parambil said.

He said the people of the constituency took over the campaign from his party. "It was a purely people-led campaign. At one place, I found an elderly woman who waited on the side of the road to meet me for four hours. When I met her, she handed me a small cloth bag which had a tricolour imprinted on it and inside, there was a ₹100 note. She said I would need it for the campaign. It touched me deeply," he said.

Abdul Hameed, a 76-year-old paddy farmer in Vadakara, said, "He was born as Muslim, but that is not his sole identity. He is young, speaks plainly and shows humility. That's what we liked about him."

AGENCIES

MY DELHI

Proposal to shift RRTS route may affect Ggm Metro

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GURUGRAM: A proposed shift in the alignment of the Delhi-Gurugram-Alwar corridor of the Rapid Rail Transit System (RRTS) could lead to changes in the route of the upcoming Gurugram Metro rail line from Palam Vihar to Cyber Hub, officials aware of the matter said on Tuesday.

The RRTS Delhi-Gurugram-Alwar corridor is one of three priority corridors identified to be developed in the National Capital Region. The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) — the agency constructing the corridor — has proposed that the alignment of the corridor be shifted from along the Old Delhi-Gurgaon Road to along the Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway (NH-48). The proposal is under consideration of the Union government.

On Tuesday, Gurugram Metro Rail Limited (GMRL) officials said that they discussed the NCRTC proposal in a meeting last month, and may decide to change the Metro route so that it does not overlap with the RRTS

line and the maximum number of sectors can be serviced.

"Any change in Metro alignment will take place only after the RRTS route is finalised. The objective of the change would be to ensure that the maximum population along the Metro corridor is able to use services," a senior GMRL official said.

The Gurugram Metro is set to extend the existing Delhi Metro Yellow Line from Millennium City Centre Gurugram to Cyber Hub via Old Gurugram, Palam Vihar, Sector 22, and Udyog Vihar, covering 28.5km.

Separately, GMRL has put on hold a proposal to extend the Metro line from Millennium City Centre Gurugram to the Sector 43/44 station of the Rapid Metro line as it was not part of the original Gurugram Metro detailed project report (DPR).

"This project can be taken up whenever the next phase of Metro extension is taken up," the official quoted above said.

GMRL has also sent a tender proposal for a detailed design consultant back to the tender committee after it did not make any recommendation for allotment of tender.

Court refuses interim bail to Satyendar Jain

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NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Tuesday refused to grant interim bail to Satyendar Jain in the money laundering case registered against him by the Enforcement Directorate (ED). Jain approached the court seeking interim bail for four weeks on the ground that his wife has suffered a fracture in her leg, rendering her unable to follow her daily pursuits.

In his application, Jain said

that his younger daughter is also suffering from certain medical conditions, for which she is undergoing treatment and is constantly under heavy medication, including sedatives.

He added there is no one else to take care of them apart from him as his elder daughter has a seven-month-old child to take care of. After hearing the arguments of Jain as well as ED, special judge Rakesh Syal dismissed his application.

Jain was arrested by the federal probe agency on May 30.



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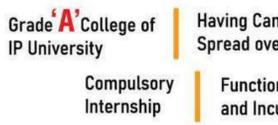
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Govt: Efforts to cover up felling of trees at Satbari

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NEW DELHI: Two of the three Delhi ministers, who are part of a fact-finding committee set up by forest minister Gopal Rai to investigate the illegal felling of trees in the Satbari area in south Delhi to construct a road to the AIIMS-CAPFIMS campus, on Tuesday visited the site and alleged that efforts were being made to cover up the unlawful razing down of 1,100 trees in the eco-sensitive zone.

The ministers claimed the road to the AIIMS-CAPFIMS campus could have been expanded from the opposite side by acquiring land from private farmhouses, rather than by illegally felling trees and widening roads.

The matter pertains to the illegal felling of trees in the reserve forest area. The Supreme Court, which is hearing a plea on the matter, has stated that lapses were committed by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and other authorities, including the forest department. The court also observed that the role of lieutenant governor VK Saxena needed to be ascertained.

The ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has jumped into the issue as part of its ongoing tussle with



AAP leaders at the site on Tuesday.

SANCHIT KHANNA/HT PHOTO

the LG's office and the Delhi bureaucracy, citing emails that allegedly show the chain of violations. As part of the case, Rai set up a committee comprising urban development minister Saurabh Bharadwaj, PWD minister Atishi, and food and supplies minister Imran Hussain to look into the matter.

On Tuesday, Bharadwaj walked through parts of the 2.3-km stretch of Satbari where trees have been felled, and said that work is on to hide evidence, despite the Supreme Court's orders to keep vigil and assess the damage done in the area.

"We can clearly see that there

are tree stumps, and a large area has been cleared just outside a dense forest, which is part of an eco-sensitive zone in the Ridge. Further ahead, parts of the road are under construction and work is still going on. This is happening only because tree stumps and barks must be visible to assess how many have been cut. However, if you remove everything and build over it, no assessment can be done about the actual number of trees cut," Bharadwaj said.

"When you enter this road, it is lined with farmhouses on the left with their boundary walls facing the road. These could

have been broken and their land could have been acquired to build the road, but trees in the Ridge were cut instead. This wide road in front of farmhouses will also benefit their owners, and we are sure that some monetary gain has happened... We have been told that land prices here have risen five times since construction of the road started," Bharadwaj said, adding that they were told that LG has visited the site "multiple times in the past".

Atishi, who arrived at Satbari a little later, said that the three-minister committee will submit its report to the Supreme Court, that is set to hold the next hearing in the matter on July 12.

In the evening, AAP shared a letter on X and alleged that several senior Delhi government officials accompanied LG on his visit to Satbari in February. "The SC has been asking for this exact information from DDA. Who all were present during LG's visit to the Ridge area where 1,100 trees were felled? Why were all the officers quiet?" posted AAP.

HT reached out to LG's office, but officials there did not comment on the AAP allegations. Delhi government officials did not comment on the matter. DDA has not responded to HT's queries since the apex court began hearing the matter.

IN HC, KEJRIWAL OPPOSES ED'S PLEA AGAINST HIS BAIL IN EXCISE CASE

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NEW DELHI: Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday opposed before the Delhi high court a plea by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) against the bail he was granted, arguing that discretionary orders of bail cannot be set aside merely on perceptions and fanciful imagination of the prosecution.

Kejriwal, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener, is currently in jail in connection with alleged irregularities in the Delhi excise policy 2021-22.

On June 20, a Delhi court had granted him bail, citing lack of direct evidence — an order that was halted by the high court on June 21. On June 25, a vacation bench of justice Sudhir Kumar Jain stayed the bail order, saying it was passed without appreciating material submitted by ED.

In a 91-page reply filed on the eve of the high court hearing the ED plea, Kejriwal raised questions regarding the maintainability of the ED plea. He said that the court, before granting bail to him, had clearly heard ED. Urging the court to reject EDs contention of not being heard at the outset, Kejriwal, in his reply filed through advocates Vivek Jain and Mohd Irshad, asserted that the city court asking the federal agency's counsel to be brief could by no stretch of imagination be construed as curtailing an opportunity of being heard.

LICENCE GRANTED } TO UBER AND AAVEG

Premium bus service may kick off in 2 weeks

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi government's premium bus service scheme is likely to be launched in the next two weeks after two private companies were granted licences to commence operations, officials said on Tuesday. Officials said that the date, number of buses and routes will be announced soon.

A transport department official, requesting anonymity, said that aggregators Uber and Aaveg were granted licences. "Uber is going to launch the service first with a fleet of 40-50 premium buses. The buses will be fully air-conditioned and no standing passengers will be allowed. Bookings can be done through the app and only those who have pre-booked tickets will be allowed to board. The buses are contract carriages, which means they will not stop at every bus stop. The premium buses are also going to run among Delhi, Noida, Gurugram Ghaziabad and Faridabad," the official said.

The launch of the bus service is part of the Delhi government's plan to rope in private players to run premium buses for commuters who do not wish to use public buses due to concerns over comfort and crowds. The government approved the Delhi Motor Vehicles Licensing of Aggregator (Premium Buses) Scheme, 2023, last October to pave the way for licensing and commencement of services.

Delhi transport minister Kailash Gahlot said: "Arvind Kejriwal envisioned premium bus service to make public transport more comfortable. It is good for the environment and will also play a role in reducing traffic

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congestion when more people leave behind their private vehicles. Two private players have been given the licence for it," Gahlot said.

The bus fare will be decided by the operator and be market driven, officials said, adding that the government will not have a say in it. "The only condition that the government has set for the fare is that it should be higher than the fare of the DTC buses, which is up to ₹25 for a trip. The reason behind the higher fare is that the premium buses should not be competing with public buses," the transport department official cited above said.

Dynamic pricing will be applicable to premium buses

and there will be no free rides for women, officials said.

An Aaveg official, requesting anonymity, said it is in the final phase of preparations to launch premium buses.

"We are working to launch 25-30 premium buses in July-August. All our buses will be electric and offer premium services," the official said.

Uber, in a statement in May after being granted a licence, said each shuttle would be able to accommodate between 19 and 50 passengers, and that the vehicles will be operated by local fleet partners using its technology.

Uber did not reveal any further detail about the bus service on Tuesday.

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Doctor, gang coerced Bangladeshi targets to donate kidneys: Cops

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NEW DELHI: For three years, a 55-year-old doctor from a Delhi hospital, her aides, and a group of Bangladeshi nationals allegedly lured people from the neighbouring country to hospitals in Delhi and National Capital Region (NCR), confiscated their passports, and transplanted their kidneys illegally. The gang also forged papers in the name of Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi to show that the victims came to India to donate their kidneys to a relative, as mandated by law, Delhi Police officers said on Tuesday.

The racket was busted last month when a police head constable received a tip-off from a locality in Jasola village that a group of Bangladeshi men were staying in a small apartment. Locals told the head constable that the men came for kidney treatment, but hardly seemed to have the money to afford the treatment. Suspecting an organ transplantation racket, a team raided the apartment on June 16, and caught three Bangladeshi nationals — Md Rasel, Md Sumon Miyan and Md Rokon — along with a Tripura-based man, Ratesh Pal.

Further probe in the case led police to Dr Vijaya Kumari, a qualified kidney surgeon, who has been working with the

Indraprastha Apollo Hospital (IAH) for at least 15 years. She was arrested on July 1, a police officer said on condition of anonymity on Tuesday.

"Fifteen donors from Bangladesh, who were targeted by the gang, have been identified," said deputy commissioner of police (DCP) (crime) Amit Goel.

"Taking advantage of their financial background and exploiting them on the pretext of providing jobs in India, the accused lured these men to India and confiscated their passports. Rasel is the kingpin of the racket and would prepare forged documents in the name of Bangladesh High Commission of the donors and recipients to show a fake relationship between them. This was mandatory as only close relatives can be a donor," said Goel.

"Kumari had complete knowledge of all the wrongdoings and performed multiple surgeries for the gang," he added.

Police also arrested Kumari's personal assistant Vikram Singh and lab technician Md Sharique on June 23 for their alleged involvement in the racket.

Kumari was being paid ₹3-4 lakh for each operation. The Delhi Police Crime Branch are now investigating the role of three hospitals where she worked as surgeon and consulting doctor — IAH in Delhi and two other hospitals, police said.

34-YEAR-OLD MAN BEATEN TO DEATH WITH CRICKET BAT IN GURUGRAM

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GURUGRAM: A 34-year-old man was beaten to death with a cricket bat in New Palam Vihar Phase II in Gurugram early Tuesday morning following a petty dispute involving his friend's driver, police said.

The deceased, identified as Bhup Singh, was a manager at a noted real estate firm and resided in Block-E of New Palam Vihar. Police identified the prime suspect as Anish Kumar, who was apprehended in Baghera within six hours of the murder. Kumar worked as a driver for Singh's friend Pradeep Singh, a transporter for a logistics firm, police said.

Station house officer (Baghera) Inspector Ashok Kumar said that Bhup and Pradeep were close friends and neighbours. "On Monday night, the two, along with at least five other friends, had gathered at Pradeep's house for a party," he said.

Around 3.30am, as the group was leaving, Kumar advised Pradeep, who was drunk, not to go out, said the SHO. "It was at this moment when Bhup, who was also intoxicated, made a disparaging comment about Kumar being a driver and told him to stay in his limits and not interfere. This led to an altercation, and in a fit of rage, Kumar picked up a cricket bat and assaulted Bhup on the head multiple times before anyone could intervene," he said.

NOIDA } CRIME

20-yr-old who tried to rape toddler held after gunfight

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NOIDA: The Noida Police on Tuesday morning arrested a 20-year-old man wanted for attempting to rape a one-and-a-half-year-old child on Sunday evening, senior police officers aware of the matter said on Tuesday, adding that the suspect was held following a gunfight in Sector 42, Noida.

According to Praveen Kumar, assistant commissioner of police-1, Noida, on Sunday evening around 9pm, a complaint was received from a family living in Sadarpur colony, alleging that their neighbour tried to rape their toddler daughter.

"The child's mother told us that the child was playing outside the house while she cooked dinner and then the child suddenly went missing. The mother

THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE IN SADARPUR. THE SUSPECT THEN WENT TO HIDE IN A FOREST AREA IN NOIDA SECTOR 42

began to search for the child and found that their 20-year-old neighbour had lured her away to his home across the street. The mother saw that the man had undressed himself and was in an inappropriate position with the toddler. The mother immediately raised the alarm and picked up her daughter, while the suspect fled the spot," said the ACP.

An FIR was registered at the Sector 39 police station on the basis of the parents' complaint. "The toddler's father is a daily

wage earner while the suspect, identified as Udayveer, works as a gardener in a nearby high-rise society and lives in the same locality as the complainant. An FIR under sections 65 (2) rape on a woman under twelve years of age) of the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita and relevant sections of the Protection Of Children from Sexual Offences Act was registered against Udayveer (goes by single name)," said the ACP.

Police teams were deployed to nab the suspect, he added.

On Tuesday around 6am, during combing and checking operations in the locality, police spotted the suspect near a vacant area in Sector 42, said Manish Mishra, additional deputy commissioner of police, Noida.

"The suspect was hiding in the forest area of Sector 42, and when chased, he fired at the police team," said the ACP.

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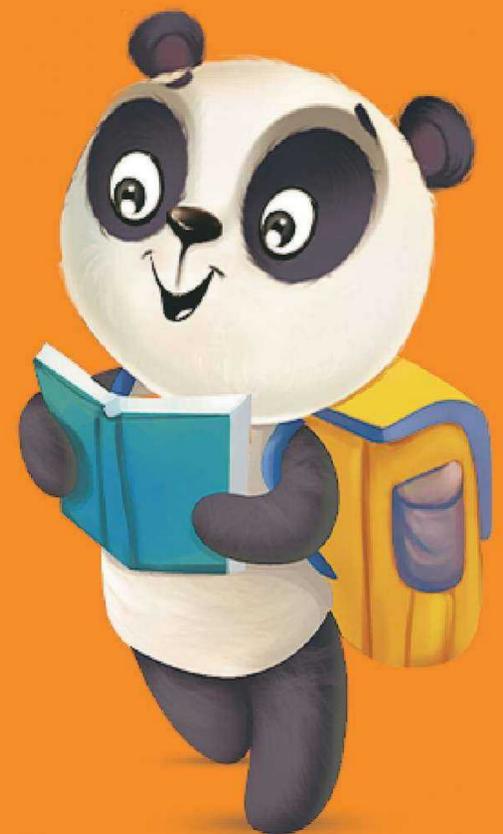
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Waterlogging woes after short, intense spell of rain

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NEW DELHI: A series of intense spells of rain in the first half of Tuesday disrupted afternoon traffic again, with several reports of waterlogging across Delhi, even as the showers handed the city another humid day, with relatively clear air on Tuesday.

Weather scientists said that a hazy morning, with a high relative humidity catalysed the formation of localised thunderclouds over Delhi and the National Capital Region (NCR).

The Safdarjung weather station, representative of Delhi's weather, received 30.8mm of rain between 8.30am and 5.30pm on Tuesday. Lodhi Road received 35mm during the same period; the Ridge station received 11.3mm; Delhi University 10.5mm, Palam 8.5mm, and Ayanagar received 8mm precipitation.

For Safdarjung, this was the second heaviest spell of the year so far, behind the 228.1mm rainfall recorded on June 28—the day the onset of the monsoon over Delhi was declared.

Since then, Delhi only recorded a cumulative of 19.3mm till Tuesday.

"In the morning, we had high moisture levels. Once the sun came out, we saw fairly quick formation of rain clouds. This led to localised rain over most parts of Delhi. We also had opposing winds converging over NCR—northwesterly and southeasterly, which also brought moisture," said Mahesh Palawat, vice president at Skymet meteorology.

The India Meteorological Department's (IMD) forecast for Tuesday was of "very light" to "light" rain, which means the weather agency made an incorrect prediction about downpour in the city yet again. The agency's officials did not comment on why they failed to predict Tuesday's downpour.

IMD had predicted an increase in intensity— "light to



moderate" showers— on Thursday and Friday. Palawat said an increase in rain activity is expected from Thursday, due to the monsoon trough returning closer to Delhi. "We may see a similar spell on Thursday and Friday now," he said.

Air quality remains satisfactory

Delhi's average air quality index (AQI) meanwhile stood at 84 (satisfactory) at 4pm on Tuesday, when the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) releases its daily national bulletin.

This was a deterioration from a reading of 56 (satisfactory) a day earlier—the lowest so far this year.

The average AQI is expected to improve once more, following Tuesday's showers.

An AQI of 51 to 100 is classified as "satisfactory", between 101 and 200 is classified as "moderate", between 201 and 300 is classified as "poor", between 301 and 400 is classified as "very poor" and over 400 is "severe" by CPCB.

Delhi's relative humidity oscillated between 74% and 98% on Tuesday. Delhi's maximum



People (top) walk amid rain at Kartavya Path on Tuesday; Commuters at a waterlogged bus top at ITO. RAJ K RAJ & ARVIND YADAV/HT

temperature stood at 33.2°C— three degrees below normal. It was 32.2°C a day earlier. The minimum meanwhile stood at 27.2°C, which was around normal for this time of the year.

Forecasts show the maximum should hover between 34-35°C till Friday, while the minimum will be between 25-27°C in the same period.

Waterlogging leads to traffic snarls

Meanwhile, Delhi government's Public Works Department (PWD) said it received over 35 calls for waterlogging across parts of Delhi. The major points where waterlogging was recorded included ITO, Indraprastha Marg, Azadpur underpass, Babarpur-Loni Road and

Rajdhani-Mundka road among others.

"All waterlogging was cleared by the evening, however, some water was still present on Mundka Road till the evening and was being cleared," said an official on condition of anonymity.

During a spot-check on Monday afternoon, HT found instances of waterlogging at the ITO bus stop, Rafi Marg, the roundabout near Press club, Majnu Ka Tilla, Magazine road, Masjid Moth and Khajuri Khas among other areas.

New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) officials said four waterlogging-related complaints were received from sites such as Shivaji Stadium, Minto Bridge and Purana Quila, however, the level of water accumulation was low and the problems were resolved quickly.

The MCD helpline received waterlogging complaints from 18 areas and parts of trees were damaged at seven sites. Tree uprooting complaints were received from areas like Kalkaji extension, Mayor Vihar Phase-2, M block in Greater Kailash, GK-1 Pocket-2, Dabri Mor, Barakhamba and Pandav Nagar, among others.

ED: AAP leaders asked for additional money over ₹100-cr kickbacks

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NEW DELHI: Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, his then deputy Manish Sisodia and former media in-charge of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Vijay Nair, asked for "additional" money "over and above" ₹100 crore for their election funding in Goa and Punjab, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has claimed in its charge sheet against Kejriwal and AAP, citing accused-turned-approver businessman P Sarath Reddy's statement.

The AAP and its leaders have denied all charges in the case.

A Delhi court on Tuesday also issued production warrants to Kejriwal in the money laundering case registered by ED while taking cognisance on the seventh supplementary chargesheet filed in connection with the liquor policy 2021-22.

ED also alleged that Vinod Chauhan, a "close associate" of Kejriwal, not only handled the transfer of ₹25.5 crore bribe money for AAP from Delhi to Goa but was "also managing postings of officers in the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) through the CM.

Reddy, promoter of Aurobindo Group, was a key member of the so-called South Group that allegedly gave ₹100 crore to the AAP in lieu of excise policy in 2021-22. Other prominent persons in this Group were Lok Sabha member Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy, his son Raghav Magunta and BRS leader K Kavitha (now in Tihar jail).

Sarath Reddy was arrested by ED in November 2022 but granted pardon under Section 306 of the criminal procedure code by a special court in Delhi as he agreed to turn an approver in the case.

Citing his statement, ED's charge sheet alleges that in November 2021, "there were issues like relaxation of payment of licence fee, non-opening of shops in non-conforming areas etc" and whenever Abhishek Boinpally and Arun Pillai (who represented South

AAP: ED's intention is to frame, arrest leaders and crush party

NEW DELHI: After a Delhi court on Tuesday took cognisance of the charge sheet filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the excise policy case, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) alleged that ED's intention from the very beginning of the "fake investigation" was to frame AAP, arrest all its top leaders and crush the party.

"BJP (Bharatiya Janata

Party) sees AAP as the biggest threat in the future and has deployed ED and CBI (Central Bureau of Investigation) to ensure AAP is finished. Over the last two years of this investigation, ED and CBI have framed a false case in the courts while BJP has run a false narrative in public against AAP and its leaders," said a statement issued by the AAP. **HTC**

Group) tried to discuss this matter with Vijay Nair, "he wouldn't respond properly".

At later stage, Covid-19 waiver was given to the retail zones, but Sarath Reddy's zones didn't get the expected amount of waiver. Regarding these issues, Sarath Reddy spoke to "K Kavitha, Boinpally and Pillai and he was told that over and above ₹100 crore, Nair, Sisodia and Kejriwal had asked for additional amounts for their election funding in Goa and Punjab, but they had refused it", the charge sheet alleges.

"This miffed the AAP and that's why after a point Nair didn't give much attention to their issues," it adds.

In his statement recorded on March 21, the day of his arrest, Kejriwal has told ED he "didn't know Sarath Reddy".

On Kejriwal's association with Vinod Chauhan, an accused allegedly involved in hawala transfers, the charge sheet says the latter was "responsible for transfer of ₹25.5 crore from Delhi to Goa which was received from Abhishek Boinpally i.e. a representative of the South Group who also handled cash transfer in the bid pro quo arrangement".

Asserting that Chauhan is "not unrelated person unknown or unassociated with the AAP leaders but is very much a close associate of the accused Arvind

Kejriwal", ED has attached their chats in the charge sheet.

In one of the chats, Chauhan is allegedly seeking time from Kejriwal for a meeting with a sitting judge, to which the CM replied "sure". "The acknowledgement by Arvind Kejriwal is proof he was closely associated with Vinod Chauhan," ED said.

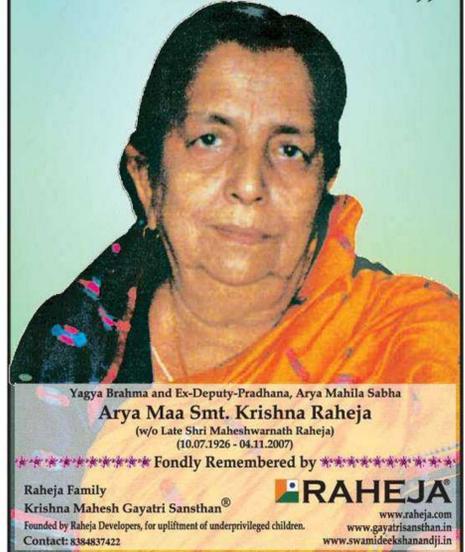
It further said "Vinod Chauhan's proximity is also visible from the fact that he was managing postings for officers in DJB through Arvind Kejriwal". It has cited a chat and a screenshot of an official note of the Delhi government which approved such posting. ED has also attached Kejriwal's statement, recorded on 11 occasions after his arrest, with the charge sheet.

In one of the statements, Kejriwal allegedly said that Vijay Nair reported to Atishi and Saurabh Bhardwaj and wasn't authorised to talk to any liquor businessmen. Asked if Nair was given responsibility either by Delhi government or him or any other leader of AAP in respect of formulation and implementation of excise policy, Kejriwal ostensibly replied "No, never".

According to ED, the CM also said in his statements that he "never discussed the excise policy with any of his officers or ministers apart from it being discussed in the Cabinet".

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Don't click on SMS links to pay power bill, advise discoms

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NEW DELHI: Power distribution companies BSES and Tata Power DDL on Tuesday advised consumers to pay their bills only through discom websites, official apps or QR codes on bills, highlighting a series of scams being conducted through fraudulent links on SMSes.

Highlighting electricity bill scams as a pan-Indian problem, discoms said a Delhi-based doctor was defrauded of ₹6 lakh after he received a call to update his information. He was asked to pay a nominal fee of ₹10 through his credit card, but found that over ₹6 lakh was charged to his account as the accused took control of his phone through remote access, according to a complaint filed with the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP).

Discoms also highlighted a fake SMS used in fraud, which read, "Dear consumer, your electricity power will be disconnected. Tonight at 6.30pm from electricity office, because your previous month bill was not update. Please immediately contact with our electricity office at 98635**** Thank you. (sic)"

A BSES spokesperson said,



"BSES urges its consumers to stay vigilant and exercise utmost caution when dealing with payment requests and only use bona fide BSES-authorized platforms to make payment of their electricity bills. Its officials will never ask consumers for their bank or credit/debit card details, CVV number, or OTP."

BSES said consumers could pay bills via WhatsApp, through the BRPL and BYPL applications, through the website—https://www.bsesdelhi.com/—through e-wallets like Google Pay, or QR codes on bills. Tata Power DDL also cautioned customers.

A Delhi Police cyber cell unit officer said, "If someone receives a message saying his electricity connection will be disabled, the person should always verify the same from service providers."

Challenge to AAP MLA's 2022 election in bypoll is triable: HC

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi high court has held that a petition challenging Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Durgesh Kumar Pathak's election in the 2022 assembly bypolls is prima facie maintainable and triable.

Pathak won the bypoll from the Rajinder Nagar seat.

However, Rajan Tewari, a voter from the constituency, sought to declare Pathak's election as void, alleging that the AAP leader had acted contrary to the provisions laid down under the Representation of People Act, 1951 and even his conduct

and declarations were in violation of the mandate of the Constitution and Model Code of Conduct, and that he misled the voters by hiding details about his income and committed an act of corrupt practice by overstating his net worth.

The AAP leader later moved the high court, seeking to dismiss the case.

Hearing the matter, a bench of justice Yashwant Varma rejected Pathak's application filed under order VII rule XI of the Code of Civil Procedure (CPC), saying that "at this stage", the court does not find any "justification" to reject the election petition.

Order VII rule XI of Code of

Civil Procedure deals with various grounds on which a court can reject a complaint.

To be sure, the provision comes into play when a court finds that allegations taken at their face value do not give rise to triable issues or questions.

"Consequently, although we have found in favour of the applicant insofar as the office of profit, disclosure of ITR (income tax returns) and overstatement of shareholding questions are concerned... we consequently find no justification to reject the election petition at this stage and on that score," the bench said in its verdict which was delivered on Monday.

Bring back bus marshals: AAP

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NEW DELHI: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) legislators Sanjeev Jha and Kuldeep Kumar on Tuesday appealed to lieutenant governor (LG) VK Saxena to restore jobs of bus marshals who were sacked last year and have since been repeatedly protesting the call.

In a press conference, Jha said that bus marshals came from poor families and it was difficult

for them to take care of family expenses. "Therefore, LG should restore their jobs on humanitarian grounds," he said.

"In February 2024, a proposal was passed in the assembly to continue the services of bus marshals and sent to the LG, but they were not reinstated," Jha said.

The LG's office did not respond to requests for comment.

The Delhi government deployed civil defence volunteers (CDVs) as bus marshals in 2015,

but the state revenue and finance departments, in early 2023, objected to it, noting that according to the Civil Defence Act, CDVs could only be roped in as volunteers during natural disasters.

BJP MLA Abhay Verma held the government responsible for "playing with careers of youth". "It is regrettable that now, when they are agitators for re-employment... legislators are trying to mislead the volunteers by showing fictitious sympathy."

{ PROPERTY TAX NET }

380K of 1.3mn properties join MCD's new geotagging scheme

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NEW DELHI: More than a week after the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) deadline to geotag commercial and residential properties ended, only 380,000 premises have been tagged by their owners, data from the civic body has revealed.

Geotagging of properties means assigning a unique latitude and longitude to a property on a geographic information system (GIS) map. MCD has made geotagging of properties mandatory, with the aim to bring more people into the property tax net— Delhi is estimated to have more than 3 million buildings, but only 1.3 million are registered with the corporation.

PEOPLE WHO TAG THEIR PREMISES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A 10% REBATE ON THE ADVANCE PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAX

People who tag their premises are eligible for a 10% rebate on the advance payment of property tax, but the civic body has received a tepid response so far.

On June 5, 2023, MCD launched a mobile app that enables property owners to geotag their property, and on December 7 that year, MCD set a target of completing the geotagging of 1,500,000 houses by the end of

January 2024, but the response was lukewarm. The deadline was then extended multiple times— first to February 29, then to March 31 and finally to June 30. However, as of July 4, only 386,591 properties were tagged by their owners.

An MCD spokesperson said that the proposed future steps in the geotagging project will be put up before the house of councillors in the next meeting, a date for which is yet to be finalised.

Separately, a senior MCD official, on condition of anonymity, said, "We are thinking about providing a 2% incentive on property tax with a maximum limit of ₹500 so that more people take up geotagging but the proposal will need approval from the house of councillors."

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NEW DELHI: Delhi Police have initiated a probe against fugitive gangster Monty Maan reportedly operating from a foreign country, either California in the USA or from Jordan, who has extorted several businessmen and realtors in Delhi over the phone since last November.

Police said that though the gangster's location was traced to California this year, when complaints about the extortions came in, his whereabouts are yet to be ascertained.

A senior officer, requesting anonymity, said, "It was found that Maan would use a single phone number, registered in the US, to make extortion calls using internet applications. He works

odd jobs there... such as a house-keeper and at grocery stores. Last month, he was in the US. We don't know if he is still here."

Besides extortions, Maan allegedly threatened a policeman investigating a case. He is a known associate of slain gangster Jitender Maan alias Gogi, who was gunned down in the Rohini court in 2021.

Police said a businessman approached the Alipur police on July 3, alleging he had been harassed by Maan and his aides for a month. The police asked the businessman to set up a meeting with Maan's aides on July 5 and duly arrested two of them, identified as Praveen Bhugda and Gurudev alias Kaala.

However, the duo got bail as the complainant turned hostile in court.

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2 in Mewat held for vehicle thefts, selling parts

NEW DELHI: Two people from Mewat were arrested for allegedly stealing vehicles from across Delhi-NCR, dismantling them in their workshop in Nuh and selling the parts in auto markets, police said on Tuesday. They recovered five stolen motorcycles, four driver cabins, five mini-truck engines, seven doors of different vehicles and four front bumpers with headlights. "Eleven cases of vehicle thefts in Delhi and Faridabad have been solved," said a police officer.

2 shot at while confronting criminals: Police

NEW DELHI: Two men who confronted two criminals in their neighbourhood were shot at by one of them in Seelampur, northeast Delhi, on Tuesday, police said. The incident occurred when the men noticed the assailants behaving suspiciously. One of the assailants who opened fire was caught by locals while the other managed to flee. The suspects, who have been identified, have a criminal history, said police.

4 logistics firm staffers held for shipment theft

NEW DELHI: Employees of a Bengaluru-based logistics provider firm were arrested for misappropriating at least 37 shipments, containing high-value electronic gadgets such as cellphones and other items, worth over ₹10.25 lakh, police said on Tuesday. The Delhi Police have recovered nearly 70% of the stolen items such as 15 mobile phones, two smart watches, two digital cameras, two premium smart watches and earbuds and other items. The remaining 30% items were sold, police said. **HTC**

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SC collegium suggests elevation of 3 HC judges

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court collegium on Tuesday recommended the elevation of three Delhi high court judges as permanent judges.

The collegium, comprising Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, and justices Sanjiv Khanna and BR Gavai, recommended the names of justices Girish Kathpalia, Manoj Jain and Dharmesh Sharma.

The three-page resolution stated that their names were recommended after the same was unanimously suggested by the Delhi high court collegium on March 12, 2024, and the members of the committee rated the quality of their judge-

ments as good.

"On evaluation of the judgments, the members of the Committee have rated the quality of judgments as 'good,' the resolution stated.

It added: "With a view to assess the merit and suitability of the above additional judges for appointment as permanent judges, we have scrutinised the material placed on record including the observations made by the department of justice in the file. On an overall consideration of the above proposal, the collegium is of the view that S/Shri justices (i) Girish Kathpalia, (ii) Manoj Jain, and (iii) Dharmesh Sharma, additional judges are fit and suitable for being appointed as permanent judges."

13K TULIPS SENT TO HIMACHAL FOR INDIGENISATION

NEW DELHI: The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has harvested and dispatched over 131,000 tulip bulbs to Himachal Pradesh under its project, aimed at the indigenisation of the flower imported from Holland every year. NDMC functionaries said on Tuesday.

Last winter, the civic body overseeing Lutyens Delhi planted around 200,000 tulip bulbs of seven different colours, with nearly 80,000 bulbs planted in the Shanti Path area alone.

NDMC member Kuljeet Singh Chahal said that out of the 200,000 planted bulbs, around 131,000 were harvested by the horticulture department and dispatched to Himachal Pradesh under the indigenisation project.

PARAS SINGH

AAP playing 'dirty politics' in teacher transfer saga: Lovely

NEW DELHI: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Arvinder Singh Lovely on Tuesday accused the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government of "dirty politics" in the teacher transfer saga.

Addressing a press conference at the Delhi BJP office a day after the Directorate of Education suspended the mass transfer of 5,000 teachers who completed 10 years in a particu-

lar school, he said that the director of education has the authority to make transfers, but the authority to create transfer policies lies with the minister.

Saying that the minister, Atishi, has claimed that she did not formulate any such policy, he said: "Without the transfer policy the transfer of 5000 teachers cannot take place. We have requested the LG to get a comprehensive transfer policy

framed."

He said: "The level of education has significantly declined in the last five years. A total of 177 educational institutions (schools) have been shut in the last five years."

The AAP government said in a statement that the chief secretary, in writing, informed the minister, Atishi, that the services were under the central government.

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- आवेदन के साथ रू0 10/- के स्टाम्प पेपर पर नोटरी द्वारा सत्यापित इस आशय का शपथ पत्र प्रस्तुत करना होगा कि सेवानिवृत्ति से पूर्व के विगत 10 वर्षों में उनके विरुद्ध किसी भी जाँच/विभागीय कार्यवाही में दण्डात्मक कार्यवाही (वृहद दण्ड/लघु दण्ड/सत्यापिका न प्रमाणित किया जाना) शासकीय अथवा विभागीय स्तर पर न हुई हो या दण्ड प्राप्त न किया गया हो।
- सेवानिवृत्ति एवं आयु के संबंध में नियमानुसार प्रमाण पत्र प्रस्तुत करना होगा।
- समस्त सेवानिवृत्तों की स्वतः प्रमाणित प्रतियाँ उपलब्ध करानी होगी।
- कोई सगा-सम्बन्धी पूर्व से ग्रेटर नौएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण में स्थाई/अस्थाई/दैनिक वेतन/मानवशक्ति आपूर्तिदाता के माध्यम से किसी भी पद पर कार्यरत नहीं है का शपथ-पत्र प्रस्तुत करना होगा।

उपरोक्त के संबंध में आवेदन पत्र का प्रारूप प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट <http://greaternoidaauthority.com> से प्राप्त करते हुए आवेदन पत्र निर्धारित प्रारूप पर सम्बन्धित दस्तावेजों के साथ इस सार्वजनिक सूचना के प्रकाशन की तिथि से 07 दिन के अन्दर डिप्टी कलेक्टर, कार्मिक, ग्रेटर नौएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के प्रशासनिक भवन प्लॉट नम्बर-1, नॉलेज पार्क-4, ग्रेटर नौएडा सिटी, जिला- गौतमबुद्धनगर स्थित कार्यालय में व्यक्तिगत रूप से अथवा डाक के माध्यम से आवेदन प्रस्तुत कर सकते हैं।

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

S. No.	Name of Post	Method of Recruitment	Scale of Pay	No. of Posts
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

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 (Under Recruitments Console SI. No. 9402/2024) for details and downloading Bio-data/Curriculum Vitae proforma. **Sd/- (Pranay Sinha) Insurance Commissioner (P&A)**

Government of Jharkhand
Department of School Education and Literacy
(Jharkhand Education Project Council, Ranchi)
JSCA Stadium Road, Sector- III, Dhurva, Ranchi-834004
Phone: 0651-2444501, E-Mail: jepcranchi1@gmail.com

e-Procurement Notice

JEPCC invites Separate Technical & Financial Bids through e-procurement method from eligible and interested contractors registered in appropriate class for Construction of Additional Class Room in Existing Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools located in 05 different Districts of Jharkhand. Interested and eligible bidders are requested to submit their proposal latest by 2:00 PM on 31.07.2024.

The details of tender documents can be seen and applied through website <https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> only. Tender notification & Tender document can also be seen (read only purpose) from departmental website <https://jepc.jharkhand.gov.in>. **Sd/- (Aditya Ranjan) Ref. No.: JEPCC/CIV/03/725/2022/Part II/2469 Ranchi, Date : 08.07.2024 State Project Director PR 283997 Jharkhand Education Project Council (24-25)_D Jharkhand Education Project Council**

PUBLIC NOTICE
GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE FOR INVITING e-TENDERS FROM GENERAL PUBLIC FOR ALLOTMENT OF REMAINING RETAIL LIQUOR ZONES IN NINETEEN (19) DISTRICTS IN THE STATE OF HARYANA FOR THE EXCISE POLICY YEAR 2024-25.

1. It is notified for the information of general public that e-tenders for allotment of 70 retail liquor zones of country liquor and Indian Made Foreign Liquor vends (L-2/L-14A) in 19 districts in the State of Haryana are hereby invited for the excise policy year 2024-25. The district wise detail of zones available for e-bidding is as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of District	Zone Code				
01.	Ambala	ZAMB01	ZAMB10	ZAMB37		
02.	Bhiwani	ZBWN40	ZBWN44	ZBWN65		
03.	Faridabad	ZFBD13	ZFBD16	ZFBD23	ZFBD43	ZFBD57 ZFBD73
04.	Gurugram (East)	ZGRE01	ZGRE08	ZGRE24	ZGRE31	ZGRE46 ZGRE52
		ZGRE55	ZGRE68			
05.	Gurugram (West)	ZGRW08	ZGRW77			
06.	Hisar	ZHSR01	ZHSR02	ZHSR05	ZHSR07	ZHSR21 ZHSR51
		ZHSR64				
07.	Jagadhari	ZJAG41	ZJAG42			
08.	Jhajjar	ZJHA22				
09.	Jind	ZJND03	ZJND20			
10.	Kaithal	ZKTL02	ZICTL06	ZKTL11	ZKTL29	
11.	Karnal	ZKNL03	ZKNL18	ZKNL21	ZKNL24	ZKNL25 ZKNL51
		ZKNL52				
12.	Kurukshetra	ZKKR01	ZKKR06			
13.	Narnaul	ZNNL18	ZNNL19	ZNNL28		
14.	Panchkula	ZPKL22	ZPKL23	ZPKL26		
15.	Panipat	ZPNP09	ZPNP15	ZPNP16	ZPNP25	ZPNP40
16.	Rewari	ZRWR04	ZRWR05	ZRWR14	ZRWR27	ZRWR31
17.	Rohtak	ZRTK05	ZRTK08	ZRTK18		
18.	Sirsa	ZSRS14	ZSRS15	ZSRS43		
19.	Sonepat	ZSNP61				

2. The schedule for submission of e-bids for these zones and evaluation thereof shall be as under:-

Starting date and time for placing e-tenders	From 11th July, 2024 (9.00 AM)
Closing date and time for placing e-tenders	Till 11th July, 2024 (04.00 PM)
Evaluation of e-tenders	11th July, 2024 (5.00 PM)

3. The reserve price and quota of these 70 zones for the purpose of e-tendering has been decided as per the provisions of clause 2.16 and other relevant provisions of the Haryana reise Policy 2024-25. The zone-wise detail of reserve price and quota of these 70 zones shall be displayed in the excise arrangement.

4. The e-tenders for these zones can be submitted online through the official website of the department i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in. The remaining terms and conditions of e-tenders and allotment of zones shall be same, as informed vide the Public Notice, published in leading newspapers on 18th May, 2024, for inviting e-tenders for allotment of retail liquor zones of all districts in the State of Haryana. The copy of Public Notice dated 18th May, 2024 is also available on the official website of department i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in. The detailed procedure of registration for participation in the allotment process and submission of e-tender's is also available on the official website.

5. The excise arrangements of these zones containing number of vends, liquor quota, location of vends, command area as applicable and reserve price thereof, as well as the venue for evaluation of e-tenders shall be conspicuously displayed in the office of DETCs (Excise) and DETCs (ST) of the districts concerned. These details shall also be available on the official website i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in.

6. All allotment(s) and grant of licence(s) shall be subject to the provisions of the Haryana Excise Act, 1914, the rules framed thereunder, orders/instructions issued by the competent authority and the Excise Policy for the year 2024-25. Any clarification regarding the procedure may be obtained from the office of DETCs (Excise) in any of the districts. The copy of Haryana Excise Policy for the year 2024-25 is available on official website of the department.

7. All allotments of licenses are subject to the approval of the Excise and Taxation Commissioner (Financial Commissioner). The ETC (FC) may reject, without assigning any reason, any allotment in public interest as the case may be, within 10 days of the date of allotment. In case no decision of Excise and Taxation Commissioner (FC) is conveyed within the stipulated period of ten days, the allotment shall be deemed to have been approved by the ETC(FC).

Excise and Taxation Commissioner Haryana

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HOLDING FOREIGN ASSETS/ BANK ACCOUNTS, ETC.?

PLEASE FILL THE FOREIGN ASSET SCHEDULE IN ITR

LAST DATE TO FILE ITR FOR AY 2024-25: **31ST JULY, 2024**

IF YOU ARE

- A TAX RESIDENT OF INDIA IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, AND
- OWN FOREIGN ASSETS OR BANK ACCOUNTS, OR
- HAVE EARNED FOREIGN INCOME DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR

FOREIGN ASSETS (FA) INCLUDE

- Foreign Bank Accounts
- Foreign cash value insurance contract or annuity contract
- Financial Interest in any Entity/Business
- Immovable Property
- Foreign Custodial Account
- Foreign Equity and Debt Interest
- Trusts, outside India, in which you are a Trustee, Beneficiary or Settlor
- Account(s) in which you have Signing Authority
- Any other Capital Asset
- Any other Foreign Assets as held and prescribed in Schedule FA

ATTENTION

A RESIDENT IN INDIA MUST FILL FA/FSI SCHEDULE FOR THE FOREIGN ASSETS/ACCOUNTS HELD AT ANY TIME DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023

1 You do not have any taxable income or your income falls within basic exemption limit

2 Same information is captured in any other schedule (like schedule AL)

3 The Foreign Asset is created/acquired from disclosed sources of foreign income or domestic income

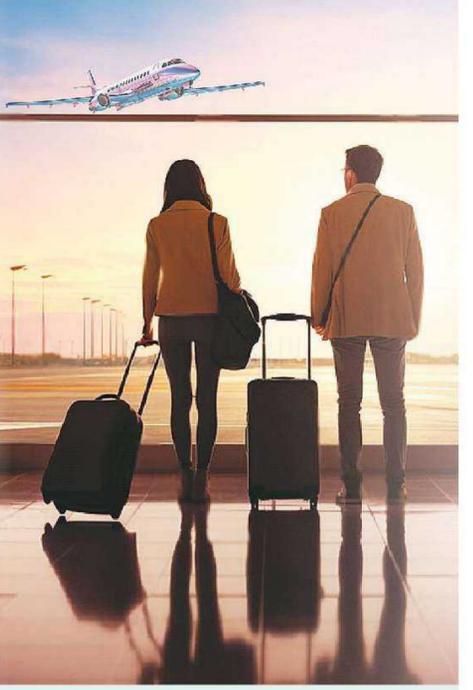
Please Note: Failure to disclose a foreign asset/income in the ITR can attract a penalty of Rs. 10 lakh, under the Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015, despite acquisition of foreign asset out of disclosed income.

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recoverynro@sebi.gov.in**

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF
IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES OF HBN DAIRIES & ALLIED LIMITED**

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order dated May 14, 2024 in the matter of C. A. No. 5089/2019 - Securities and Exchange Board of India vs. Rohit Sehgal & Ors., inter-alia permitted Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to sell the assets of the Corporate Debtor/ Respondent no. 35 - HRN Dairies & Allied Limited with active involvement of the Liquidator, Mr. Rohit Sehgal.

Pursuant to the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and the recovery proceedings initiated under section 28A of the SEBI Act, 1992 read with Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961 vide recovery certificate no. 1216 of 2017 by SEBI, bids are invited for sale of assets of HBN Dairies and Allied Ltd. and its directors namely Mr. Harmender Singh Sran, Mr. Amandeep Singh Sran, Ms. Manjeet Kaur Sran and Ms. Jasbeer Kaur through e-auction platform on **is is where is and whatever there is basis**.

Quirk Realty Private Limited (hereinafter referred to as "the Agency") has been engaged by SEBI to assist it in the e-auction. M/s. C1 India has been appointed as the e-auction service provider and online registration and e-auction will be conducted through www.quirkrealty.com/ **e-auction**

Intending bidders are invited to submit their bid(s) along with an amount equivalent of 10% of the Reserve Price as Earnest Money (EMD) for each of the properties to be paid through EFT/NEFT/RTGS for sale of the following properties. The Deposit has to be made in **SEBI's Bank of India (BOI) Virtual Bank Account number (i.e. 'SEBIRNCIS1216, IFS Code of BOI Virtual account is BKID00VAN04)**

Sr. No.	Brief Description of Immovable Properties	Area	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Date & Time of Inspection	Date of E-Auction
1.	302, Vardhman Chamber, Vikaspuri, New Delhi- 110018	52.95 Sq. Mts.	40,22,082/-	18th July 2024 10 am to 5 pm	August 13, 2024
2.	303, Vardhman Chamber, Vikaspuri, New Delhi- 110018	116.59 Sq. Mts.	88,56,176/-	18th July 2024 10 am to 5 pm	August 13, 2024
3.	Hotel Country Inn, Jassi Pau Wali Village, Bathinda Tehsil & District, Punjab-151001 #	Land-9559 Sq. Yds. BUA 2,47,903.26 Sq. ft.	32,18,40,000/-	18th July 2024 10 am to 5 pm	August 13, 2024
4.	Peninsula Mall, Bathinda-Amritsar Highway, Batinda Tehsil & District, Punjab - 151003 #	Land-8,116.68 Sq. Yds BUA-1,66,973 Sq. Pt.	31,18,40,000/-	18th July 2024 10 am to 5 pm	August 13, 2024
5.	227A, 2nd Floor, Trade Centre South Tokogunj, Gali no. 1, Indore, Madhya Pradesh - 452001	123.095 Sq. Mts	64,10,787/-	19th July 2024 10 am to 5 pm	August 13, 2024
6.	301, 2nd Floor, Garima Arcade, MLB road Nagar, Lashkar Pragna, Gwalior Madhya Pradesh - 474002	88,28 Sq. Mtrs	22,07,000/-	19th July 2024 10 am to 5 pm	August 13, 2024
7.	FF-432 to 435 on Fourth Floor Vraj Siddhi Tower, Palace Road, Sultanpura, Vadodara, Gujarat 390001 #	176.00 Sq. Mts.	62,04,000/-	20th July 2024 10 am to 5 pm	August 13, 2024
8.	First Floor, Sakhalia Arcade, Nashik - Pune Road, Samta Nagar, Nashik, Maharashtra - 422006	131.93 Sq. Mts.	56,97,067/-	22nd July 2024 10 am to 5 pm	August 13, 2024

The properties mentioned at Sr. No. 3, 4 and 7 are having outstanding dues which are deducted while calculating the reserve price

The complete description of the properties along with Reserve Price, EMD, date of inspection, remittance details, date of e-auction, contact details of Agency engaged to assist in the sale, detailed terms and conditions of e-auction etc. are available on the website of Quirk Realty Private Limited i.e. www.quirkrealty.com/e-auction. SEBI's website i.e. www.sebi.gov.in under Enforcement > Auction Notice under Recovery Proceedings and Liquidator's website i.e. www.hbnliquidation.com

The intending bidder is required to submit its EMD on or before August 06, 2024 up to 5.00 pm in favour of **SEBI's Bank of India (BOI) Virtual Bank Account number (i.e. 'SEBIRNCIS1216, IFS Code of BOI Virtual account is BKID00VAN04)** followed by an intimation at Email ID: auctions@quirkrealty.com, auctionsnro@sebi.gov.in and recoverynro@sebi.gov.in

For any further clarification, you may contact Quirk Realty Private Ltd. on 9930504931; 9176197676, 9321575329 and Email IDs: auctions@quirkrealty.com and winnie.manoj@quirkrealty.com and write to SEBI on Email IDs auctionsnro@sebi.gov.in and recoverynro@sebi.gov.in

Note: The intending bidders should make their own independent enquiries regarding the encumbrances litigations, attachments, acquisition liabilities of the properties title survey number(s)/plot number(s) and claim/rights/dues etc. in respect of the properties put on auction, prior to submitting their bid. The auction advertisement does not constitute and will be not deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of SEBI/the Agency. The properties are being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances, whether known or unknown to SEBI/the Agency. SEBI/the Agency shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims /rights dues, etc on the properties put on auction.

Sd/-

Kshama Wagherkar

Deputy General Manager & Recovery Officer
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA

Place: New Delhi
Date: July 04, 2024
CBC 15204/11/0059/2425

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

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1.	HARYANA SCHOOL SHIKSHA PARIYOJNA PARISAD	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SCHOOL BUILDING IN GMSSS MODEL TOWN KARNAL + 7 WORKS	04.07.2024 12.07.2024	9.74 CRORES	www.hsspp.in	9467807464 civilbranchssa3@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaaprocurment.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in
RO No. 13/2025/40/27634/1/19/7

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1.	HSAMB JIND	SPECIAL REPAIR OF INTERNAL ROAD AND PARKING IN NGM AT JIND + 3 WORKS	CLOSING DATE 14.07.2024	7.73 CRORES	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01681252003 eejind37.hsamb@gmail.com

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1.	PANCHKULA METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPORARY DRIVER AND STORE ROOM IN PMDA CAMPUS SECTOR-3, PANCHKULA	08.07.2024 15.07.2024	EMD 7500/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9468434344 xenpmdahry@gmail.com

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पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतु लोक सुनवाई के लिये सूचना

मैं हंस्रौम माइन्स एण्ड मिनरल्स, ग्राम उडिया, तहसील दुगनाकुरी, जिला बागेश्वर द्वारा ग्राम उडिया, तहसील दुगनाकुरी, जनपद बागेश्वर में प्रस्तावित सोपस्टोन माइनिंग (क्षेत्रफल-4.698 हे०) की पूर्व पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतु लोक सुनवाई का प्रस्ताव उत्तराखण्ड प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, देहरादून के समक्ष प्रस्तुत किया गया है। प्रस्ताव के लिये राज्य स्तरीय पर्यावरण समन्वय निदेशन प्राधिकरण (SEIAA) द्वारा Terms of Reference निर्धारित किये गये हैं, जिनके अन्तर्गत प्रस्तावक के द्वारा ड्राफ्ट पर्यावरण प्रभाव मूल्यांकन रिपोर्ट एवं पर्यावरण प्रबन्धन योजना तैयार कर प्रस्तुत की गयी है। पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार द्वारा जारी ई.आई.ए. अधिसूचना 14.09.2006 (यथासंशोधित) के अनुसार उक्त प्रकार की परियोजनाओं के क्रियान्वयन से पूर्व लोक सुनवाई का प्रावधान है, जिस हेतु 30 दिनों का नोटिस समाचार पत्रों के माध्यम से जन साधारण के संज्ञानार्थ दिया जाना आवश्यक है। लोक सुनवाई हेतु "पैनल" की संरचना उक्त अधिसूचना के अनुरूप निम्नवत् है :-

- जिलाधिकारी, जनपद, बागेश्वर या उनके द्वारा नामित/अधिकृत प्रतिनिधि जो जिला स्तरीय अधिकारी हो- लोक सुनवाई के अध्यक्ष।
- उत्तराखण्ड प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड के प्रतिनिधि।

प्रस्ताव से सम्बन्धित जमा समस्त अभिलेख (i) क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, 25-सुभाष रोड, देहरादून (ii) मुख्यालय, उत्तराखण्ड प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, गौर देशी पर्यावरण भवन, 46-की, आर्डीओ पार्क, सहस्त्राचार रोड, देहरादून (iii) क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, उत्तराखण्ड प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, आवास विकास कॉलोनी, हल्द्वानी, जनपद नैनीताल (iv) कार्यालय जिलाधिकारी, बागेश्वर (v) कार्यालय, जिला पंचायत, बागेश्वर (vi) जिला उद्योग केंद्र, बागेश्वर में उपलब्ध है। जिनका कोई भी इच्छुक संस्था/ व्यक्तित्व अवलोकन कर सकता है। ड्राफ्ट पर्यावरण प्रभाव मूल्यांकन रिपोर्ट एवं सारांश की प्रति www.ueppcb.org.in पर भी उपलब्ध है।

मैं हंस्रौम माइन्स एण्ड मिनरल्स, ग्राम उडिया, तहसील दुगनाकुरी, जिला बागेश्वर द्वारा ग्राम उडिया, तहसील दुगनाकुरी, जनपद बागेश्वर में प्रस्तावित सोपस्टोन माइनिंग (क्षेत्रफल-4.698 हे०) की पूर्व पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतु लोक सुनवाई दिनांक 12.08.2024 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे से परियोजना स्थल में तत्समय कोविड-19 के संदर्भ में विद्यमान SoP के अधीन सार्वजनिक हिस्टोरिक, आवश्यक रूप से मार्क का प्रयोग, थर्मल स्क्रीनिंग एवं हैंडवाश व सेनेटाइजर तथा अन्य सुरक्षात्मक उपायों के साथ निर्धारित की जाती है।

अतः सर्वधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि सम्बन्धित परियोजना के प्रस्ताव के सम्बन्ध में अपने मौखिक, लिखित, सुझाव, टीका टिप्पणियों एवं आपत्तियों इस कार्यालय अथवा बोर्ड के क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, उत्तराखण्ड प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, आवास विकास कॉलोनी, हल्द्वानी में इस सूचना से सम्बन्धित विज्ञापन प्रकाशन की तिथि से 30 दिनों के अन्दर प्रेषित कर सकते हैं अथवा लोक सुनवाई के समय भी प्रस्तुत कर सकते हैं।

सदस्य सचिव
उत्तराखण्ड प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड

पत्रांक : यू.के.सी.बी./ए.ओ./Noc(PH)-7968/2024 दिनांक: 09.07.2024

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समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधित संवेदकों से प्रतिशत दर/मद दर निविदा (केवल ई-टेंडर पद्धति वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in के माध्यम से)

- विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता : कार्यालय अभियंता (Tech), आधारभूत संरचना विकास प्राधिकरण, प्रथम तल, उद्योग भवन, गांधी मैदान के पूरव, पटना-800004
- निविदा डाउनलोड करने की अवधि एवं समय : दिनांक 16.07.2024 से 23.07.2024 को 17:00 बजे तक (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
- प्री-बिड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान : दिनांक 19.07.2024 को 15:00 बजे आधारभूत संरचना विकास प्राधिकरण, प्रथम तल, उद्योग भवन, गांधी मैदान के पूरव, पटना।
- निविदा अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 24.07.2024 को 17:00 बजे तक (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
- अग्रिम राशि की मूल प्रती अथवा इलेक्ट्रॉनिक भुगतान का : दिनांक 25.07.2024 को 15:00 बजे तक पीओबी/0 शाखा, प्रमाण और परिमाण विवरण मूल भुगतान का प्रमाण जमा करने आधारभूत संरचना विकास प्राधिकरण, प्रथम तल, उद्योग भवन, गांधी मैदान के पूरव, पटना-800004
- तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 25.07.2024 को 15:30 बजे तक (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
- विशेष बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : तकनीकी बीड के निष्पादन के पश्चात। (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) 120 दिन
- निविदा वैधता की अवधि : 90 दिनों का निश्चय -

क्र०	कार्य का नाम	प्राकृतित राशि (₹00 में)	अग्रिम की राशि (₹00 में)	परिमाण विवरण का मूल्य (अग्रवर्षपरिणीय ₹00 में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि (माह में)
1	(Re-Tender) Construction of Boundary wall and installation of Solar Streetlight at Industrial Area Damodarpur (Ext.), Muzaffarpur (Phase-II)	10,67,15,804.00	20,67,500.00	11,800.00	06 Months
2	(Re-Tender) Construction of Investors Facilitation Center at Pandaul, Madhubani	4,40,72,099.00	8,81,500.00	11,800.00	06 Months
3	(Re-Tender) Construction of Building, Boundary wall, UG tank including Fire-Fighting, PHE, Land Development at Primary Processing Center, Darbhanga	5,80,54,894.00	11,61,500.00	11,800.00	06 Months

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

**Office of the Superintending Engineer,
Chhattisgarh Rural Road Development Agency
Project Circle No. 01 Bastar
E-Procurement Tender Notice**

NIT No. 156 /TS 1679/CGRDA/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, CGRDA 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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S-40725/3

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान
अनुसंधान खण्ड, उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान, नई दिल्ली, दिल्ली गढ़वाल
जल संवय Email: eeujstehri@gmail.com, Tel- 01376 232154 जीवन संवय

पत्रांक 1342/ई-निविदा/2024-25/85 ई-निविदा सूचना दिनांक: 08.07.2024

मुख्य महाप्रबन्धक, उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान, देहरादून की ओर से जनपद टिहरी गढ़वाल की शाखा नई दिल्ली के अन्तर्गत निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा (डबल बिड सिस्टम) के अन्तर्गत निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र. सं.	कार्य विवरण	घरोहर धनराशि (₹)	निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड करने की तिथि एवं समय	ई-निविदा द्वारा निविदा प्रपत्र जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	प्री-बिड मीटिंग की तिथि एवं समय	कार्य की अवधि
1	नई टिहरी पम्पिंग पेयजल योजना के अन्तर्गत स्थापित विभिन्न पम्पिंग प्लांटों के वर्ष 2024-25 हेतु वार्षिक संचालन एवं रख-रखाव एवं तत्सम्बन्धित कार्य।	63,000/-	11.07.2024 From 17:00 p.m	26.07.2024 upto 17:00 p.m	27.07.2024 at 15:30 p.m	19.07.2024 at 11:00 a.m	8 months

अहंता- पम्पिंग पेयजल योजना के संचालन हेतु उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान में E&M work Category में "डी" एवं उच्चतर श्रेणी के अन्तर्गत पंजीकृत ठेकेदार/ फर्म ही निविदा में प्रतिभाग कर सकते हैं।

ई-निविदा से सम्बन्धित समस्त जानकारियां व शर्तें उत्तराखण्ड की वेबसाइट www.uktenders.gov.in पर ऑन लाइन देखी/प्राप्त की जा सकती हैं।

अधिशासी अभियन्ता

MAHATRANSCO
Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/14-2024-25

Tenders are invited through e-Tendering in SRM system from the registered vendors for Supply of following:

Tender No. & Description of Material	Estimated Amount (in Rs. Lakhs) Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Due Date & Time (Hrs.) for Submission & Opening of Tender
SP/T-0515/0724 [RFx No.5000001261] (Two Bid System) Procurement of 315MVA, 400/220/33kV, 3-φ (01 No.); 200MVA, 400/220/20kV, 1-φ (02 Nos.) & 167MVA, 400/220/33kV, 1-φ ICT (16 Nos.) alongwith New Uninhibited High Grade Mineral Insulating Oil for Augmentation Scheme under Karad; Nashik; Pune & Vashi Zone [Including 9x167MVA, 400/220/33kV, 1-φ ICTs Tendered against SP/T-0502/0124 (RFx5000001184)] 1 st Call vide SP/T-0508/0324 (RFx 5000001219)	16550.81 Lakhs 25,000.00	22.07.2024 Up to 16:00 Hrs. at 16:15 Hrs.

Contact Person: Office of the Executive Engineer (Gr.P&C)
Tel. No. : 022-69852720/69852717/08329909813
Email: eegrp5@mahatransco.in, eepe@mahatransco.in
For further details visit our website <http://www.srm.tender.mahatransco.in>
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पत्रांक : वाई.ई.ए./ मूलेख /343/2024 दिनांक : 09.07.2024

सार्वजनिक सूचना

मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी महोदय के अनुमोदन दिनांक 05.07.2024 के क्रम में निम्नलिखित भूमि का यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा अतिरिक्त प्रतिकर वितरण किया जाना प्रस्तावित है:-

चिन्हित पॉकेट का विवरण	पॉकेट के अंतर्गत पड़ने वाले ग्राम/गाटा
प्रयोजन	ग्राम गाटा संख्या
फिल्म सिटी	मौहम्मदाबाद खेडा 412 व 416

- यदि मूल कारखाने की मृत्यु हो गई है तो उनके वारिसों द्वारा निर्धारित प्रक्रिया पूर्ण करने व मूल कारखाने का मृत्यु प्रमाण-पत्र, वारिसान प्रमाण-पत्र, परिवार रजिस्टर की नकल, हिस्सा दर्ज खतौनी की नकल, परिवार सदस्यता प्रमाण व शपथ-पत्र, अनुबंध पत्र, पहचान पत्र / आधार कार्ड व ब्याज आदि जमा करने पर RTGS / NEFT के माध्यम से वारिसानों के नाम Transfer किया जायेगा।
- वर्तमान में कारखानों को RTGS / NEFT के माध्यम से भुगतान किया जा रहा है। कारखाने सुसंगत पहचान पत्र जैसे - आधार कार्ड, पैन कार्ड, मतदाता पहचान पत्र आदि व अन्य आवश्यक अभिलेख जैसे - शपथ-पत्र, अनुबंध पत्र आदि तैयार करा लें। बैंक खाते व प्राधिकरण में उपलब्ध अभिलेखों में कारखाने का नाम एक समान होना चाहिए अन्यथा RTGS / NEFT के माध्यम से भुगतान में अड़चन आ सकती है। अतः बैंक खाते में नाम भी सही करा लें ताकि भुगतान में कोई अड़चन न आवे। तालिका में शामिल गाटा संख्या के कारखाने उक्त अभिलेख 15 दिन से पूर्व ही प्राधिकरण में जमा करा दें ताकि उनकी समय से जाँच हो सके तथा भौतिक कब्जा सत्यापन उपरान्त उनका भुगतान RTGS / NEFT के माध्यम से यथाशीघ्र कराया जा सके।
- भूमि के अतिरिक्त प्रतिकर वितरण किये जाने में यदि किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपत्ति है तो वह लिखित रूप में प्रकाशन के 15 दिनों के अन्दर सी०आर० सेल / तहसीलदार, यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे प्राधिकरण के समक्ष अपनी आपत्ति प्रस्तुत कर सकता है।

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'New probe totally altered the course of school murder case'

Book on the 2017 murder in a school in Gurugram captures what happened behind the scenes in a shocking case that raised some key questions about juvenile crime in India

The CBI formally took over the Gurugram school case on 22 September 2017, and thus began an investigation that altered the course of the case entirely. The investigative agency appointed Ajay Kumar Bassi as the IO, handing over all documents to him. Bassi was thought to be one of the most honest and hard-working officers of the CBI.

On the morning of 23 September, when Bassi entered his office, his mind was busy with the details of the new case he had been assigned. In his 18 years of service in the CBI, he had cracked cases of kidnapping and molestation of foreign tourists, the Telgi counterfeiter stamp paper scam, cases involving explosives, narcotics, passport offences and so on. But this case was a category unto itself. It was one of the toughest cases he had ever dealt with.

As Bassi began going through the intricate details of the case, he realised that he needed to begin his investigation by re-looking at the CCTV footage, questioning the witnesses that the CCTV footage revealed and also going back to the crime scene to re-gather forensic evidence. He was trying to work out the facts and view them from a perspective different... Essentially, he would start from scratch.

Bassi walked up to the LED screen in his room and turned it on. He started watching the CCTV footage which had been handed over to the CBI by the Gurugram Police the previous day. According to the CBI charge sheet, this is what the footage reveals:

At 8.00.04 a.m. CCTV 6 captures Prince entering the school building through the 'wooden gate' used by the students. All those entering and exiting

the wooden gate are captured by CCTV 6.

The water cooler gallery itself turns left on to another corridor called the 'washroom gallery', which has the entrance to the boys' bathroom where Prince was found. At the end of the washroom gallery is a 'T point'. All those entering and exiting the washroom gallery from the T point are captured by CCTV 5.

At 8.00.34 a.m. Prince, along with a class 11 student, is seen exiting the washroom gallery in CCTV 5. The older student apparently knew Prince well as they were both heavily involved in the school's music group.

At 8.01.03 a.m. Prince is captured re-entering the washroom gallery by CCTV 5. This was the last time Prince was seen alive.

At 8.01.23 a.m. the class 11 student seen earlier is captured re-entering the washroom gallery. At 8.01.58 a.m. Harjot the gardener is seen entering the wooden gate and heading to the washroom. As Harjot is about to enter the washroom, the class 11 student comes out and tells him that there is an injured child inside, referring to Prince.

At 8.02.35 a.m. Harjot exits the washroom gallery to get help for the injured Prince.

The only other persons who were in these two galleries at the time of Prince's murder were Amit Kumar, the bus conductor, and Jairaj, a school bus driver. Amit was seen entering the water cooler gallery at 7.53.43 a.m. According to the CBI charge sheet, at the time of the murder he was outside the bathroom, at the water cooler, where he was chatting with Jairaj. This

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was confirmed by Jairaj.

So who was this class 11 student? And what could he tell us about Prince's death? According to the CBI timeline, he was the last person seen with Prince. He was also the first person to have discovered Prince injured and alerted Harjot. Perhaps he could tell the authorities something valuable that would help them crack the case?

The student's name was Bholu. And even earlier on the morning of Prince's murder, the CCTV cameras had seen Bholu hanging about near the bathroom and the water cooler. He had repeatedly entered and exited the area that morning.

Bholu's statements were recorded by the Gurugram Police on 15 September 2017 at his residence and again on 19 September 2017... Bholu had told the police that he had met his friend Tarun earlier that morning and that they had agreed to meet later near the water cooler.

Bholu further told the police that he entered the toilet on the ground floor when he heard vomiting-like sounds coming from there. When he entered, he saw an injured Prince in a pool of blood. He rushed out and told Harjot who happened to be walking towards the washroom that there was an injured child inside.

When he gave his statement to the police, Bholu did not mention anything at all about Amit Kumar or having seen the conductor in the toilet where he had found Prince in an injured condition.

Bassi reflected on the footage and on the statements given to the Gurugram Police till then. In his office, Bassi picked up the phone and made a few calls. Bholu and Tarun were called to the CBI office the next day, 24 September 2017.

On 24 September, Tarun and his uncle and Bholu and his father duly arrived at the CBI office at the appointed time. It is a time-honoured tactic to make persons about to be interviewed wait for some time. This could scare them and make them less resistant to authority, more forthcoming, less likely to lie.

Bassi finally called Bholu and Tarun into the room together. The two young boys walked in, introduced themselves and stood there, staring at Bassi.

'How can you call me like this, without any explanation?' Bholu allegedly asked Bassi. 'Don't try and tell me how to do my job,' replied Bassi sternly. In his statement to the Gurugram Police Bholu had mentioned that, on that terrible day, Tarun and he had met in the morning and that they planned to meet again at the water cooler - that's why he was hanging around that area. But Tarun denied this point-blank - either that they had met earlier that morning or that they had plans to meet near the water cooler.

According to the CBI, the CCTV footage would support Tarun's contention. Tarun entered the school building through the wooden gate at 7.54.24 a.m.... Tarun was then spotted by a CCTV camera on the second floor at 7.56.10 a.m. But Bholu would only enter the school building through the wooden gate at 7.58.04 a.m. and would stay on the ground floor throughout the time in question.

This seemed to be an odd little inconsistency. So why had Bholu been hanging around the water cooler? And why did Tarun's and Bholu's stories not match?

The names of the victim and the accused were changed in the book, in accordance with court guidelines

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PUBLIC INTEREST

Its construction began in May 1639, it was completed almost a decade later in April 1648 - Delhi's Lal Qila, the seat of the Mughals.

This Lal Qila, however, is in New Delhi and will be complete in just two days. Manoj is giving finishing touches to his monument.

"I am," he says matter-of-factly, responding to a query if he is an artist. Attired for the intensely humid afternoon in workday shorts and a T-shirt, the Faridabad dweller's current studio happens to be a roadside pave near Bharat Mandapam in Pragati Maidan. The canvas is an outer wall of a busy underpass, the road underneath echoing with the steady hum of traffic.

Manoj has been commissioned by an art academy to paint the entire stretch of the wall with Delhi's Unesco world heritage monuments. "Yesterday I completed Humayun's Tomb." He waves his brush-holding hand towards the adjacent painting. (The original Humayun's Tomb was completed over a period of eight years). Working on the site for two days, Manoj hopes to complete the current job in a few days. "I started the Lal Qila last evening."

Smiling lightly, he says, "I never miss a chance to visit Delhi's monuments... I have been inside

the Red Fort many times" He pauses to critically stare at his work-in-progress. "I'm not making this Lal Qila from memory alone... For drawings of monuments, you have to consult references so that every single detail is accurate."

Manoj's Lal Qila shows the Red Fort's most recognisable aspect: the outer ramparts with Lahori Gate at the centre, where the Prime Minister delivers the annual Independence Day speech. The detailing includes the national flag, too. "I have to make two more world heritages... Delhi has four... Qutub Minar bhi hai, Jantar Mantar bhi hai."

Lal Qila's interiors were severely damaged during the uprising of 1857, but it is still left with many exquisitely beautiful structures within. Naturally, they cannot be represented in this drawing, which focuses on the façade of the palace-fort.

Meanwhile, the afternoon is becoming cloudier. It might rain any moment. Manoj continues to work. He had arrived at 12 noon and will work until seven in the evening.

Responding to a query, he remarks that he makes his living through his art. "My most recent exhibition was held in Lalit Kala."

Minutes pass. Manoj starts to apply his brush on the sky above his Lal Qila (see photo). The depiction is accurate only upto a point. This is smoggy Delhi after all, the sky is never this blue.



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General Manager (Admin)

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that one woman **Namely: Ahsan Fatma, W/o: Sh. Toffeq, R/o: Safekhan Sarai, Sambhal, U.P., Sex: Female, Age: About 35 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Fair, Built: Normal, Face: Round, Wearing: Green Colour Suit-Salwar, Yellow Colour Dupatta and Slippers in Feet** has been missing since 07.07.2024 from LNJP Hospital, Delhi. In this regard **DD No. 50A, Dated: 07.07.2024** has been registered at **P.S.: IP Estate, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing woman but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing woman. Please inform to the following.

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For General Manager

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After historic visit, Modi and Putin unveil \$100bn trade target by 2030

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday set an ambitious India-Russia trade target of \$100 billion by 2030 even as the New Delhi focused on measures aimed at ensuring predictable and assured supplies of Russian crude, fertilisers and nuclear fuel for the Kudankulam power plant.

The new goal for trade aims to build on a recent surge in two-way commerce, already worth more than double the earlier target of \$30 billion set for 2025. Bilateral trade ballooned to \$65.7 billion in 2023-24, largely because of India's uptake of discounted Russian crude after the imposition of Western sanctions, but concerns have grown in New Delhi about trade being skewed as Indian exports are worth less than \$5 billion.

In his opening remarks at the annual bilateral summit, Modi said Indian citizens faced no difficulties with the supply of petrol and diesel amid a global fuel crisis because of Putin's cooperation. Putin noted in his remarks that two-way trade had grown 66% in 2023 and by another 20% in the first quarter of 2024.

"The world will have to acknowledge that the agreement between India and Russia on fuel played an indirect role in giving market stability... to the world," Modi said, speaking in Hindi and referring to India's increased purchases of Russian energy after the start of the Ukraine conflict.

Russia has emerged as an important partner in meeting India's energy needs, supplying more than 80 million metric tons of crude last year. Indian officials said securing affordable energy supplies to keep inflation and price rise under check was an important part of the discussions in Moscow.

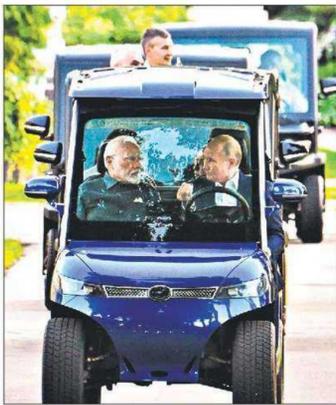
Modi also said that at a time when the world was passing through a crisis of food, fuel and fertilisers, he was able to address the concerns of Indian farmers over the supply of fertilisers because of Russia's cooperation. "We are committed to protect the interests of farmers in the coming times too, and we want our cooperation with Russia to increase even more for the interests of the farmers," he said.

Russia remains a key supplier of fertilisers, providing more than 4.8 million tonnes of the commodity last year. This supply is crucial, especially during the ongoing Kharif season and the Rabi season starting in October, officials said. The two sides agreed to continue cooperation on the sustainable supply of fertilisers to India through company-to-company long-term contracts.

The two sides discussed a range of measures aimed at both growing bilateral trade and making it more balanced, especially in view of trade being currently skewed in Russia's favour. Foreign secretary Vinay Kwatra told a media brief-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with a Russian cultural troupe after a programme in Moscow on Tuesday.



ing after the summit that the economic agenda had dominated the discussions between the two leaders, who discussed in detail the challenges to the trade and investment partnership.

Modi raised the need to broaden India's trade basket and sought greater market access for Indian goods. The discussions also centred round making India's trade basket more sustainable, Kwatra said.

A joint statement on developing strategic areas of Russia-India economic cooperation up to 2030 outline nine key areas for cooperation, including elimination of non-tariff trade barriers and dialogue for liberalisation of bilateral trade, including the establishment of a Eurasian Economic Union-India free trade area.

As part of the trade target of \$100 billion by 2030, the two sides will cooperate to increase the supplies of Indian goods to achieve balanced trade and reinvigorate investment activities within the framework of special investment regimes. They will also develop a bilateral settlement system using national currencies and introduce

digital financial instruments into mutual settlements, the joint statement said.

Russia will work to increase cargo turnover with India through the launch of new routes of the North-South International Transport Corridor, Northern Sea Route and Chennai-Vladivostok sea line. Customs procedures will be optimised by using intelligent digital systems for barrier-free movement of goods, the joint statement added.

In an apparent move to overcome the impact of Western sanctions, a separate joint statement issued after the 22nd India-Russia Summit said the two sides will continue consultations for "interoperability of their financial messaging systems". The two sides also "noted the importance of finding mutually acceptable solutions for issues of insurance and reinsurance" to further enhance bilateral trade.

The two sides also confirmed their intention to broaden cooperation in nuclear power, including fuel cycle, life cycle support for operating the Kudankulam nuclear power plant.

Key agreements signed during PM's Russia visit

India and Russia inked nine MoUs and agreements on several areas during PM Modi's high-profile visit to Moscow. Highlights of the pacts

On climate crisis

MoU between India's ministry of environment, and the ministry of economic development of the Russian Federation, under which a joint working group on the issues of climate change and low-carbon development will be set up



On promotion of trade

MoU between the Trade Promotion Council of India and All Russia Public Organisation "Business Russia" to promote bilateral trade and investment, organise B2B meetings, and business promotion events



On trade, and joint investment

The two inked a programme of bilateral cooperation in trade, economic and investment spheres in Russia's Far East for the period from 2024 to 2029, as well as of cooperation principles in the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation



On scientific research

MoU between India's National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research and Russia's Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute on cooperation in research in polar regions



On industrial cooperation

Agreement between the Indian International Arbitration Centre and the International Commercial Arbitration Court which aims at facilitating the settlement of civil law disputes of a commercial nature



India to open two new consulates

PM Modi announced that India will open two new consulates in Kazan and Yekaterinburg cities of Russia in a bid to further boost travel and trade with the country



Cooperation on nuclear energy

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In other areas

MoUs between Survey of India and Russia's Federal Service for State Registration, Cadastre and Cartography; Prasar Bharati and TV Novosti; and Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission and Russia's Federal State Budgetary Institution



PM receives Order of St Andrew, visits Tomb of Unknown Soldier

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday received the Order of St Andrew the Apostle the First-Called, Russia's most prestigious civilian honour, from President Vladimir Putin during a ceremony at the Kremlin in Moscow.

Putin presented the award to Modi in St Andrew Hall within the Kremlin at the conclusion of the annual India-Russia Summit, which was held after a gap of two years. The formal ceremony was held five years after Putin signed a decree conferring the award on Modi in 2019.

The award recognises Modi's outstanding contributions to developing the special and privileged strategic partnership between Russia and India, and fostering friendly ties between the people of the two countries.

THE AWARD RECOGNISES PM MODI'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEVELOPING THE TIES BETWEEN RUSSIA AND INDIA

Modi, the first Indian leader to receive the award, said in a post on X: "Honoured to receive the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle. I dedicate it to the people of India." While accepting the award, Modi also dedicated it to the traditional bonds of friendship between India and Russia.

Putin said that, with Modi's personal support, the two countries are implementing joint projects in trade, defence, nuclear and fossil energy, high technology and space. "One can hardly overestimate your contribution

to forming a solid foundation for Russia-India cooperation in the international arena, where both our countries defend the principles of multipolarity and strict adherence to international law, work together to ensure stability and global and regional security, and cooperate closely within BRICS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation," Putin added.

Earlier on Tuesday, Modi laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the wall of the Kremlin. The war memorial is dedicated to Soviet soldiers who died during World War 2.

"A solemn homage to the brave!...", external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said on X. The red granite monument is decorated with a bronze sculpture of a laurel branch and a soldier's helmet laid on a banner. In front of it is a five-pointed star with the "Eternal Flame" at its centre.

At diaspora event, Modi hails mutual trust, respect in ties

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NEW DELHI: India and Russia have a unique relationship based on mutual trust and respect that goes back several decades, and these ties have emerged stronger after every test, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in Moscow on Tuesday.

Speaking at an interaction with the Indian diaspora in the Russian capital, Modi announced that India will open new consulates in the Russian cities of Kazan and Yekaterinburg to facilitate trade and travel. This will take the number of consulates in Russia to four, including the ones in St Petersburg and Vladivostok.

Modi, who was speaking ahead of a summit with President Vladimir Putin, played up India's role as a "vishwa bandhu (friend of the world)". Without directly referring to the conflict in Ukraine, he said that the whole world listens when India talks about peace, dialogue and diplomacy.

India and Russia are "walking shoulder to shoulder" and the Indian diaspora's hard work, honesty and contributions to Russian society have taken bilateral ties to new heights, Modi said, speaking in Hindi. After decades of this unique relationship, the first words that come to an Indian's mind on hearing the name of Russia are a "companion in happiness and sorrow", he said.

"Russia is India's reliable friend, our Russian friends call this 'druzba', and we call it 'dosti' in Hindi," Modi said, adding that no matter how low the temperature dips during a Russian winter,

THE INDIAN DIASPORA'S HARD WORK, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO RUSSIAN SOCIETY HAVE TAKEN BILATERAL TIES TO NEW HEIGHTS, PM MODI SAID

India-Russia relations have always been warm because they are based on a foundation of mutual trust and respect. These ties have been tested several times and have always emerged stronger, he said, hailing the role of Putin's leadership in strengthening ties between the two sides for more than two decades. Modi noted this was the sixth time he was visiting Russia in a decade, and he had met Putin 17 times during the same period. "All the meetings increased trust and respect," he said.

Modi cited the lyrics "Sar pe laal topi Russi, phir bhi dil hai Hindustani (I wear a red Russian cap but my heart is Indian)" of a song from Raj Kapoor's 1955 film *Shree 420* and said they express "evergreen sentiments".

Pointing to the India House established in the 17th century at Astrakhan, where Gujarat traders had settled, Modi highlighted the importance of new connectivity initiatives such as the International North-South Trade Corridor and the Chennai-Vladivostok eastern maritime corridor. The Ganga-Volga dialogue of civilisations, he said, is helping the two sides "rediscover each other".

'Huge disappointment': Zelensky on Modi visit

NEW DELHI: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Tuesday criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's engagement with President Vladimir Putin at a time when Russia's military bombed a children's hospital in Kyiv.

Ukraine's main paediatric facility, Ohmatdyt Children's Hospital, was targeted in a wave of Russian missile strikes. Thirty-nine people, including two at the hospital, were killed and over 150 were injured.

Referring to "Russia's brutal missile strike" on Ukraine, Zelensky said in a post on X that a missile struck the largest children's hospital, "targeting young cancer patients". He added, "It is a huge disappointment 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." Zelensky's comments were a reference to a video between the two leaders. Modi had embraced Putin when the latter welcomed him to the dacha.

There was no immediate reaction from Indian officials to Zelensky's comments.



Volodymyr Zelensky

Earlier, when asked about the timing of Modi's visit to Russia coinciding with a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Nato) Summit being hosted by Washington, US state department spokesperson Matthew Miller said: "We would urge India, as we do any country when it engages with Russia, to make clear that any resolution to the conflict in Ukraine needs to be one that respects the UN Charter, that respects Ukraine's territorial integrity, Ukraine's sovereignty," Miller said.

People in the Indian administration, who asked not to be named, said that India has always called for respecting the UN Charter in the context of the Russia-Ukraine conflict. **HTC**

CENTRE EXTENDS BAN ON SIKHS FOR JUSTICE BY FIVE MORE YEARS

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NEW DELHI: The ministry of home affairs on Tuesday extended the ban on pro-Khalistan group Sikhs for Justice (SFJ), founded by US-based lawyer Gurbat Singh Pannun, by five years for its anti-India activities.

In a notification issued on Tuesday, the MHA said SFJ was declared a banned organisation five years ago under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act for its anti-national activities.

The notification said the Central government is of the opinion that the SFJ continues to indulge in the activities which are prejudicial to the integrity and security of the country and is involved in anti-national and subversive activities in Punjab and elsewhere, intended to disrupt the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India.

It said that the SFJ is in close touch with the militant outfits and activists, and is supporting violent form of extremism and militancy in Punjab and elsewhere to carve out a sovereign Khalistan out of territory of India.

The MHA said the government feels that if the unlawful activities of the SFJ are not curbed and controlled immediately, it is likely to escalate its subversive activities.

SC raps ED over delay in C'garh 2019 PDS case

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday found it "disturbing" that the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has not completed its investigation in a 2019 case registered in connection with the 2015 Nagrik Apurti Nigam (NAN) case concerning corruption in the public distribution system in Chhattisgarh.

Hearing an appeal filed by the ED challenging an order of the Chhattisgarh high court granting anticipatory bail to the then managing director of NAN, Anil Tuteja, and then chairman, Alok Shukla, the bench noted with concern about the time lag of five years since the filing of the case with no final investigation report forthcoming.

"Is it not disturbing that in an ECIR (enforcement case information report) of 2019, investigation is not complete for five years," a bench of justices AS Oka and Augustine George Masih said.

Additional solicitor general SV Raju, appearing for the ED, informed the court that the agency has found material to show how the two former IAS officials misused the bail granted to them by the high court on August 14, 2020. He sought to rely on a sealed cover filed before the court, which relates to

THE COURT HAS ADJOURNED THE MATTER BY TWO WEEKS, GRANTING TIME FOR THE AGENCY TO FILE ITS AFFIDAVIT AND POSTED THE MATTER FOR AUG 2

certain conversations between constitutional functionaries made in connection with the scam.

The court adjourned the matter by two weeks, granting further time for the agency to file its affidavit and posted the matter for August 2. The state government represented by senior advocate Mahesh Jethmalani and advocate Ravi Sharma objected to the sealed cover proceedings. "We should all be given the document," Jethmalani said, adding that much of the documents are already in public domain and is serious in nature.

The lawyers for the accused, Arshdeep Khurana and Malak Manish Bhatt, wondered how the state was privy to what was submitted by the ED in sealed cover. "If everything is already in public domain, then why file it in a sealed cover?" Khurana asked.

He informed the court that on seven occasions, when they have been summoned by the ED, the accused have cooperated with the probe and there was no ground to disturb the pre-arrest bail in their favour.

The ED began investigation into money laundering charges after a case was registered by the anti-corruption bureau/economic offences wing (ACB/EOW) of the state in February 2015 against 27 people, including Tuteja and Shukla. Both were accused of corruption and criminal conspiracy as during investigation it surfaced how they earned illegal enrichment worth crores of rupees during their tenures in NAN between May 2014 to February 2015.

It was further alleged that during this period, the duo developed a system of illegal collection of money as NAN officials and quality inspectors posted in all districts collected bribe for procuring poor quality rice from millers.

The ED registered a case in January 2019 and issued summons to the two former NAN officials in March 2020 against which they obtained anticipatory bail from the high court apprehending arrest. The high court noted the fact that the summons were issued more than a year after registration of the ECIR.

Ratna Bhandar in Puri may open on July 14

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BHUBANESWAR: Ratna Bhandar, the treasury of Jagannath temple in Puri containing jewellery and other the valuables will be opened on July 14, said retired Orissa high court judge Biswanath Rath, head of the new high-level committee appointed by the Mohan Majhi government.

This will be the first time in 46 years that the inner chamber of the treasury will be opened, a move that should put to an end rumours that have swirled around the safety of the valuables stored within. To be sure, while the committee has recommended this, the government still needs to sign off.

Rath, who was last week appointed head of a new 16-member



Jagannath temple

panel that would oversee the much-awaited inventory of the treasury, said: "The committee reached a consensus that whether the key is available or not, or whether it functions or not, Ratna Bhandar will be reopened... The Chief Administrator of the temple has been asked to produce the key on July 14 before the committee."

Over last week there has been confusion over the opening of the Ratna Bhandar with the state's

new Bharatiya Janata Party government scrapping the old panel headed by former judge of SC, Arijit Pasayat. The old committee with 12 members set up by the Naveen Patnaik government in February this year had met twice.

Though the outer chamber of the Ratna Bhandar is opened for various rituals, the inner chamber has not been opened since 1978. The Jagannath Temple Act states that there has to be an audit of valuables in the inner chamber every three years. That has not happened.

Justice (retired) Rath said the audit process is a time-consuming affair there is a need of competent persons who can identify old ornaments some of which are over 1500 years old. "A group of goldsmiths and metrologists

One booked over 'deepfake' video of Sitharaman in Guj

AHMEDABAD: The Gujarat Police have filed an FIR against one person for allegedly creating and sharing a "deepfake" video of Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on social media. Deputy superintendent of police (DySP) of Crime Branch, Bharat Patel, said the FIR was based on a complaint filed by BJP Yuva Morcha leader Mayur Patel. Deepfake videos are synthetic media created using Artificial Intelligence (AI), which generate convincing looking fake images, videos or audios not usually discernible to someone not trained in spotting them.

Complaint against K'taka CM's wife in MUDA land scam

BENGALURU: A police complaint has been filed against Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah's wife, Parvathi, along with two others, in connection with alleged irregularities in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority. The complaint accuses Parvathi, her relative Mallikarjuna Swamy, and Devaraju, the alleged owner of disputed land, of fabricating documents to defraud crores of rupees from MUDA. The controversy centres around Parvathi's land, which spans about three acres and 16 guntas in Devanur 3rd Stage layout in Kesare, Mysuru.

Dozen injured in Puri after idol of Lord Balabhadra falls

BHUBANESWAR: A dozen servants sustained injuries when the idol of Lord Balabhadra fell on them during a post-Rath Yatra ceremony in Odisha's Puri. The incident occurred as the three idols were being transported from the chariots to the Adapa Mandap of the Gundicha temple on Tuesday. After the three chariots with the three deities reached the Gundicha temple on Monday, they were carried to the Gundicha temple by the servants. When Lord Balabhadra was being taken the makeshift staircase gave way following which the deity fell on the servants injuring at least a dozen of them.

SIT blames organisers for Hathras stampede

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LUCKNOW: The organisers of the "satsang" that was held in Hathras district of Uttar Pradesh last week were primarily responsible for the stampede, which left 121 people dead, a special investigation team (SIT) probing the deadly tragedy has said, according to officials aware of the details.

The two-member probe panel headed by Agra zone additional director general Anupam Kulshrestha, in its report submitted to the Yogi Adityanath-led government on Tuesday, also flagged several lapses on the part of the local administration, which subsequently led to the suspension of six officials, but did not rule out a "big conspiracy" behind the stampede — the deadliest in India since 2008.

The report, the officials said, did not make any mention of Suraj Pal, known to his followers as "Bhole Baba" or Narayan Hari Sakar, who hosted the event and earlier alleged the involvement of "anti-social elements". "SIT has submitted its report to the government," director of information Shishir said, without revealing the contents of the report.

At least 121 people, most of them women and children, were killed in the stampede on the afternoon of July 2 as they attempted to leave the religious gathering hosted by "Bhole Baba", a former cop who has never been named in a criminal case nor questioned over the incident. The event was held at a partially covered field in Phulari Mughal Garhi, a village roughly 200 km from Delhi, and far from any major centre with medical facilities to handle a mass casualty event. It saw the participation of 250,000 people as against the permitted limit of 80,000, officials said earlier.

The stampede was the deadliest in India since 2008, when 162 people died in a similar incident in Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh.

While the state police filed a first information report (FIR) against the organisers of the event, it did not name Pal in the case. Police earlier said Pal will be summoned for interrogation if required. Eleven people, including 'mukhya sevadar' (head volunteer) and key accused Devprakash Madhukar, have been arrested so far.

Chief minister Yogi Adityanath had ordered the formation of SIT, also comprising divisional commissioner Chaitra V, for a probe.

According to the officials cited above, SIT has held the organisers responsible for the stampede, claiming they did not make

Key takeaways from SIT report on tragedy

An SIT report into the Hathras stampede has held the organisers and the local administration responsible for the tragedy that claimed 121 lives

Organisers responsible

- Took permission to hold the event by hiding facts
- Conditions applicable for permission were not followed
- Did not make adequate arrangements

Tehsil-level admin guilty

- Local officials guilty of negligence in discharging duties
- SDM granted permission without inspecting the venue; did not inform senior officials

Lax security

Given the huge crowd, no barricading or passage arrangements were made when the stampede erupted; members of the organising committee fled the spot

'Big conspiracy' behind tragedy

SIT did not rule out a "big conspiracy" behind the incident. On July 6, lawyer of "Bhole Baba" alleged "some poisonous substance" sprayed by "some unidentified men" triggered the stampede

arrangements to manage the crowd. "In its preliminary investigation, SIT has held the event organisers primarily responsible for the stampede on the basis of eyewitnesses and other evidence. The panel did not rule out any big conspiracy behind the incident and has stressed on the need for a thorough investigation," one of the officials said, seeking anonymity.

"The organisers took permission to organise the programme by hiding facts. The conditions applicable for permission were not followed. The organisers did not make adequate and smooth arrangements by inviting an unexpected crowd. Nor were the conditions of permission given by the local administration for the program followed," the official added.

People associated with the organising committee have been found guilty of creating chaos, the official

said, adding that they engaged volunteers without proper police verification. "The organising committee misbehaved with the police. An attempt was made to stop the local police from inspecting the event venue," the official added.

A second official, who also declined to be named, said Pal was allowed to meet the crowd without any security arrangements. "Given the huge crowd, no barricading or passage arrangements were made and when the accident occurred, the members of the organising committee fled from the spot," the official said.

SIT also found the tehsil-level police and administration guilty, the second official said. "The SDM of Sikandrarao granted permission for the event without inspecting the venue and did not even inform the senior officials. SIT recommended action against the con-

SC may hear case on July 12

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court is expected to hear on July 12 a public interest litigation (PIL), demanding appointment of an expert committee under the supervision of a retired apex court judge to investigate the Hathras stampede in Uttar Pradesh that claimed 121 lives on July 2.

Advocate Vishal Tiwari, who mentioned the matter before Chief Justice of India Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud, was informed that the CJI had already directed for listing the case. The petition calls for the appointment of a five-member expert committee under the supervision of a retired Supreme Court judge to investigate the stampede. The unfortunate event occurred during a prayer meeting held by self-styled godman, Narayan Saakar Hari, in Hathras. "Several questions brewed up from this horrific incident of stampede thereby questioning the duty and lapse of State Government and Municipal Corporations. Apart from the failure of maintaining and administering the supervision, the authorities have also failed in controlling the crowd gathered for the event," the petition said. HTC

cerned officials posted in Sikandrarao," the official said. Following the submission of the report, Sikandrarao SDM Ravindra Kumar, CO Anand Kumar, tehsildar Sushil Kumar, station officer (SO) Ashish Kumar, in-charges of Kachora and Pora outposts, Manveer Singh and Brijesh Pandey of Sikandrarao police station, respectively, were suspended for "negligence". A third official said "though SIT has held the organisers responsible, it made no mention of Pal in their report". The probe committee recorded the statements of 125 individuals, mostly administrative and police officials, and eyewitnesses, before submitting its report. "Additionally, copies of news articles related to the incident, on-site videography, photographs, and video clipings were reviewed," the second official said.

Provide proof that banned items are not being sold: SC to Patanjali

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed Patanjali Ayurved to provide proof that it has ceased the sale and advertisement of 14 products that were banned by the Uttarakhand state licensing department in April, seeking to verify Patanjali's claim that it issued directives to all store owners, media, advertising outlets, and social media platforms to adhere to the ban.

The order, by a bench led by justice Hima Kohli, was passed despite a later affidavit by the Uttarakhand government, informing the court that the ban imposed on April 15 was revoked by another state department on procedural grounds, following which fresh show cause notices were issued to Patanjali on July 8.

To be clear, Patanjali's lawyer told HT that the company has not yet received any official communication regarding the revocation of the ban, and until such communication is received, Patanjali remains bound by the Supreme Court's orders. During the court proceedings, Patanjali's lawyers accepted the directive of the bench, also comprising justice Sandeep Mehta, that mandated the firm to submit an affidavit confirming whether the instructions have been followed and if the 14 Ayurvedic drugs have indeed been withdrawn from sale. The affidavit must be filed within two weeks, and the case is scheduled for a hearing on July 30.

"The respondent 5 (Patanjali Ayurved Limited) shall state on



SC has been considering contempt action against Ramdev (left) and Balkrishna for continuing to issue misleading advertisements.

affidavit whether the request to intermediaries has been acceded to and whether the 14 Ayurvedic formulations have been withdrawn," stated the court in its order on Tuesday.

Speaking to HT, Gautam Talukdar, advocate-on-record for Patanjali Ayurved in the Supreme Court, said: "The order revoking the suspension passed by the Uttarakhand government is not communicated to Patanjali so far. Patanjali came to know of it through the affidavit filed by the state in the Supreme Court. Till any official communication is received, Patanjali is bound to comply with the suspension imposed on 14 products by the Uttarakhand state licensing authority on April 15."

The bench was hearing a petition filed by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) which had challenged the misleading advertisements endorsed by yoga guru and entrepreneur Ramdev and issued by Patanjali in alleged violation of several laws. The top court has been considering contempt action against Ramdev and Patanjali's managing director Balkrishna for

continuing to issue misleading advertisements despite previous court orders. The court is also addressing the broader issue of ensuring proper regulation of drug licensing authorities and misleading advertisements.

The court was not satisfied with the company's affidavit claiming to have written to its franchise stores, distributors and advertising agents for immediately stopping sale and advertisement of the 14 medicines banned by Uttarakhand licensing wing on April 15. The ban was ordered as the medicines promised cures for ailments prohibited under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 and the corresponding rules.

The company's previous affidavit, filed on May 16, claimed that it had directed its 5,606 franchise and exclusive stores, as well as its e-commerce platform, to withdraw the banned products. Senior advocates Mukul Rohatgi and Balbir Singh, representing Patanjali, also stated that instructions were sent to all media platforms to stop broadcasting advertisements for these products. IMA, represented by senior advocate PS Patwalia, sought time to verify Patanjali's compliance claims but informed the court about Uttarakhand's decision to cancel the ban.

Issue of self-declaration certification

Various organisations also raised the issue of self-declaration certificates becoming mandatory for all advertisements. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Internet and Mobile Service Providers, said,

"The orders passed by this court have a great impact on online industry. Till the Centre takes a position on it, we should not be made to suffer." Senior advocates Arvind Datar and Siddharth Dave appearing for Broadband India Forum and association of radio broadcasters vented similar concerns pointing out that they are already regulated by rules framed by government.

Responding, the bench said: "Focus of these proceedings is only to ensure there is a legal regime which operates efficiently. Our intention is not to harm any industry." The court directed additional solicitor general KM Nataraj to convene a meeting of all stakeholders and file suggestions within two weeks. The bench further appointed advocate Shadan Farasat as amicus curiae to assist it in the matter, as the case involved many issues.

IMA president apologises

IMA president RV Asokan was present in court as he, too, faced contempt proceedings for an interview given to a news agency where he made objectionable comments on the pending court proceeding.

Patwalia informed the bench that IMA has published full-page apologies for comments made by Asokan against the court. "IMA has a monthly publication and a full page ad says that it expresses regret and furnished an unconditional apology by making such statements to the press. If the IMA website is opened, there is a pop up of this apology and PTI also published it along with economic times etc.," Patwalia submitted.

SC CLOSES PETITION CHALLENGING A CRPC PROVISION AS BNSS TAKES EFFECT

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NEW DELHI: Noting that the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) has eliminated the discriminatory provision, the Supreme Court on Tuesday closed proceedings in a petition challenging the validity of a Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) law that allowed only an "adult male member" to accept summons on behalf of a family member who could not be found.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud acknowledged a statement by Attorney General R Venkataramani that BNSS, the new law that replaced the CrPC and took effect on July 1, has removed the anomaly.

Section 64 of the CrPC required that summons be served to "some adult male member of his family residing with him" if the person concerned could not be found. The BNSS's section 66 has removed the term "male," allowing any adult family member to receive summons.

Recording that Parliament has addressed the petitioner's grievances through the new provision, the bench, which also included Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, disposed of the writ petition filed by Kush Kalra in 2022. Advocate Jyotika Kalra, representing the petitioner, praised the government's move, noting that the new legal provision removes the discriminatory language of section 64 of the CrPC. The court admitted the petition in November 2022, seeking a response from the Centre on the issue.

Stalin meets slain TN BSP chief's wife; political slugfest intensifies

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CHENNAI/NEW DELHI: Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin on Tuesday visited the family of slain Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) state chief K Armstrong and assured them of bringing perpetrators to justice, even as opposition parties intensified their attack on the DMK government over the law-and-order situation, alleging atrocities against Dalits have risen in the state under the current regime.

Stalin met the wife and other family members of Armstrong, who was hacked to death by a group of unidentified men near his residence at Perambur in Chennai on July 5. The chief



Chief minister MK Stalin with BSP Tamil Nadu president K Armstrong's wife P Porkudi.

minister expressed his condolences to Armstrong's widow, K Porkudi, and also paid floral tributes to the slain Dalit leader.

"I assured Sister Porkudi (wife of Armstrong) that murderers would be brought before the law for severe punishment. Our government is determined to find and punish whoever is

behind the murder," Stalin wrote in a post in Tamil on X.

So far, 11 suspects have been arrested.

Following the incident, opposition parties have been attacking the DMK government over deteriorating law and order in the state. "No one in Tamil Nadu is safe under the DMK rule," AIADMK general secretary Edappadi Palaniswami alleged on Tuesday.

In Delhi, BJP leader and Union minister L Murugan on Tuesday alleged that large-scale atrocities were taking place against the Scheduled Castes (SC) in Tamil Nadu, adding that even political leaders were not safe in the state under the DMK government.

AJL moves appellate tribunal after ED attaches properties

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NEW DELHI: Associated Journals Limited (AJL) has challenged the Enforcement Directorate (ED)'s move to attach its properties and the subsequent confirmation of such attachment by an adjudicating authority under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), calling it arbitrary and mala fide, people familiar with the development said.

ED had, on November 20, provisionally attached assets worth over ₹751.9 crore (₹661 crore immovable and shares worth ₹90 crore) of AJL and Young Indian (YI), alleging that a criminal conspiracy was hatched to give control of properties worth "hundreds of crores of rupees" of AJL to the "beneficial owners" of YI, Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi.

The attachment was confirmed by the adjudicating authority under PMLA on April 10. "The decision has been challenged by AJL and YI before the appellate tribunal for forfeited property (ATFP), New Delhi. The tribunal has listed the matter for arguments on August 1 and final hearing on August 12," said a person cited above.

ED, an officer said, has already filed its written reply to the AJL's appeal, detailing the evidence based on which the action was taken.

There was no immediate comment from the Congress. AJL and YI have countered the allegations, saying PMLA proceedings are not maintainable, arbitrary and initiated in a mala fide. Both have contended that they have not committed any scheduled offence or the offence of money laundering and are not in the possession of any proceeds of crime.

As first reported by HT on January 6, ED has identified proceeds of crime in the case worth

ED, ON NOVEMBER 20, PROVISIONALLY ATTACHED ASSETS WORTH OVER ₹751.9 CRORE (₹661 CRORE IMMOVABLE AND SHARES WORTH ₹90 CRORE) OF AJL AND YOUNG INDIAN (YI)

₹988 crore. This includes real estate and other assets worth ₹755 crore, shares worth ₹90 crore, and rent of ₹142 crore earned since 2010-11. The rent was earned by AJL from its prime properties in Delhi, Mumbai, Indore, Panchkula, Lucknow and Patna since YI took over the company in financial year 2010-11, ED has claimed.

ED has alleged that AJL, which got land in various cities at concessional rates to run the National Herald, but closed the newspaper in 2008, relaunched its news operations around 2016 "just to show that it is still engaged in publishing of newspapers" after investigation was started into company's affairs by various agencies.

The Congress earlier denied the charges and described the case as a "witch-hunt".

Established in 1937 by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, AJL published the National Herald, Quami Awaz in Urdu and Navjewan in Hindi. It was given land in various cities of India for the purpose of publishing newspapers. But it closed operations in 2008 and offered voluntary retirement to all employees, which was accepted by them; by then, the debt on its books had risen to ₹90 crore. It was taken over in 2010 by Young Indian (YI), a company in which Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi together hold 76%.

Rahul at AIIMS, Rae Bareilly



Congress MP and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi at AIIMS in Rae Bareilly on Tuesday.

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NEW DELHI: Similar to trends in the past few years, extreme rainfall in July is wreaking havoc over certain parts of the country, but some others, particularly the rice-growing region in eastern India, continue to record deficient rain.

The southwest monsoon intensified this month, following a weak start in June, leading to unprecedented rainfall over the western Himalayan states of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and the Konkan region. Baheri in Bareilly recorded 460 mm of rainfall on Sunday; Banbasa in Uttarakhand's Champawat recorded 430 mm, Chorgalia in Nainital recorded 310 mm; Panjim in Goa logged 360 mm; Tala in Raigad 290 mm; and Mumbai's Santacruz recorded 270 mm in 24 hours between Sunday and Monday morning.

Some of this is unusual. The India Meteorological Department categorises over 200 mm rain to be "extremely heavy" and most of the rain at these stations was not only beyond the weather

bureau's "extremely heavy" category, but was recorded in a span of a few hours. On the other extreme, eastern regions like Gangetic West Bengal continued to record 52% deficiency since June 1; Jharkhand 49%; Chhattisgarh 25% and Odisha 27%. Kerala also has a 26% deficiency.

"Some stations have recorded exceptional amounts of rain. There was an intense wet spell over Uttarakhand, west Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh from July 5 to 8. Then there was another active spell over Goa and Maharashtra, which started on June 5 and is still continuing," said RK Jenamani, senior scientist at the weather office.

"There is a shear line over the northern peninsula and an active circulation over central Bay of Bengal. The monsoon trough is active and considerably south of its normal position now. There is another active circulation over Gujarat," the meteorologist said. "All this together is causing the current spell over the west coast."

"Over Uttarakhand and west Uttar Pradesh, extreme rainfall was mainly due to convergence of winds from the Arabian Sea

Monsoon makes up for shortfall, but brings deluge of problems



A flooded market in Maharashtra's Ratnagiri district.

and Bay of Bengal," Jenamani added. "We expect active monsoon conditions to continue, and very heavy spells are likely over northeast India now."

Heavy to very heavy rainfall with isolated extremely heavy falls is likely over northeast and adjoining eastern India in next two to three days, the Met department warned. Isolated extremely heavy rainfall (over 200 mm) is very likely over sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim till July 11; and Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and

Meghalaya on July 10. Extremely heavy rain and active monsoon conditions are expected to continue through July as per weather models. A pickup in the rains in July so far has expanded the sowing of summer crops, whose area planted stood at 37.8 million hectares on July 9, up 14% compared to the corresponding date a year ago, data from the agriculture ministry show. Acreage figures showed rapid expansion of key crops like rice, pulses, sugar-

cane and oilseeds. The area under pulses, whose prices have been elevated due to short supply, has jumped by over 50% at 3.6 million hectares, compared to 2.3 million hectares during the same period a year ago. Pulses are mostly grown in rain-dependent farm belts. Farmers have planted rice, the summer staple, in 5.9 million hectares, against five million hectares during the corresponding period a year ago.

Severe rainfall, as is being seen in many parts of the country, can hurt newly sown crops, experts said. "The best way to tackle this, especially in pulses, soy and corn, is to ensure adequate drainage of extra water," said Vijay Rawat, former scientist with the Indian Agricultural Research Institute.

"There is a growing trend in monsoon rainfall characteristics. It rains in fewer hours, but when it rains, it will be heavy rains. This is mainly attributed to increasing temperatures and associated changes in cloud characteristics. The so-called cloud efficiency has increased," said M Rajeevan, former secretary at the ministry of earth sciences. "We should expect

more rain. Models are showing monsoon is still picking up strength. It will be active till the end of this month."

Although models did not indicate the quantum of rain received in some parts of Maharashtra, the weather department had assessed the situation based on synoptic features and issued nowcast warnings hours in advance, Jenamani said.

As on July 9, there is 1% excess rain over the country with 3% deficiency over east and north-east India; 5% deficiency over central India; 9% excess over northwest India and 12% excess over Peninsular India.

In its agromet advisories, the weather office has recommended that the northeastern states, sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim, Bihar, east Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Kerala, Karnataka, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Telangana should make provision for draining out excess water from farms to avoid water stagnation, postpone transplanting of rice and finger millet in Konkan and Goa and provide mechanical support to horticultural crops and staking to vegetables.

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CAN'T FIND SOLUTIONS

guns and bullets, solutions and peace talks are not successful, and we have to find the path to peace through the medium of dialogue," he said.

Ohmatdyt Children's Hospital, Ukraine's largest paediatric facility, sustained major damage when it was hit in a wave of Russian missile strikes on cities across the country. Thirty-nine people, including two at the hospital, were killed and 140 others were injured in the strikes.

Modi noted he extensively discussed this matter with Putin during their meeting at the Russian leader's dacha on Monday evening, which lasted "four to five hours", and reiterated India's call for a return to dialogue and diplomacy to end the war.

"I am happy we both were able to discuss our views on the issue of Ukraine with an open mind and at length, and we attempted to listen and understand each other's views with a lot of respect," Modi said. He added he also presented the Global South's expectations for global peace to Putin.

Modi said he was satisfied that Putin talked very openly at their meeting on Monday, with no covering up, and that "many interesting ideas" and a "new thinking" had emerged from these talks. He gave no details of these ideas.

India, he said, stands ready to provide all possible help for restoring peace. "I assure you and the world community that India is in favour of peace...and I have a new hope in my mind after hearing the views of my friend President Putin yesterday," he added.

Putin, whose opening remarks were briefer, said he was grateful to Modi for the "attention you pay to the most pressing issues, including your efforts to find ways to resolve the Ukraine crisis, primarily through peaceful means".

Modi's remarks that no solution can be found on the battlefield build on his earlier comments—that "today's era is not of war"—made at his last face-to-face meeting with Putin on the margins of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Samarkand in September 2022.

India's position also reflects the diplomatic tightrope walk it has engaged in over the conflict, especially in view of the expectations of Western partners such as the US and France, who believe New Delhi should press Moscow to end hostilities. These Western partners have also pushed India to convince members of the Global South, which are on the fence, to back efforts to end the conflict.

Modi's meeting with Putin coincided with the start of a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Nato) Summit in Washington that is being attended by Zelenskyy. Indian officials have played down the timing of

Modi's visit to Moscow, saying the engagement should be seen in a bilateral context.

Foreign secretary Vinay Kwatra confirmed at a media briefing that the Ukraine conflict figured at Monday's private meeting and Tuesday's summit. "In terms of the death of the innocents yesterday [Monday], Prime Minister was very clear and categorical in expressing his concern and regret at the loss of these innocent lives, including in particular the children yesterday," he said.

Kwatra said Modi made it clear India is willing to "offer all possible support, contribution and cooperation required to address this particular challenge of the Russia-Ukraine conflict and find peaceful solutions".

India has not publicly criticised Russia's invasion of Ukraine or voted in favour of numerous UN resolutions against Moscow's actions, though it has repeatedly called for a return to the path of dialogue and diplomacy to find a solution to the conflict. India's top leadership also stayed away from a peace summit on Ukraine hosted by Switzerland last month, and the country didn't sign on for the joint communication issued after the meeting.

Russia has emerged as one of the main suppliers of energy to India after New Delhi snapped up discounted Russian commodities such as crude oil and fertilisers after the imposition of Western sanctions following the invasion of Ukraine.

INDIANS FIGHTING

can get them back to the country," he said.

Both India and Russia have never given official figures for the total number of Indians recruited by the Russian Army. Kwatra said the Indian side anticipated the number to be "roughly between 35 to 50". Out of these, 10 Indians were brought back to India in "partnership with the Russian system", he said.

Some reports, however, have put the number at more than 100. The Indian nationals, mostly lured to Russia by recruitment agents with promises of jobs in other sectors, were recruited into the military as support staff, including cooks and helpers, people familiar with the matter said on condition of anonymity.

When their units moved to the front lines, they were given limited military training and made to fight, the people said. Besides the four deaths, several Indians were injured in the fighting.

Modi took up the matter with Putin during their private meeting at the Russian leader's dacha or country home in a Moscow suburb on Monday evening, the people said. The Russian side agreed to discharge and facilitate the

return of all Indians working in the Russian Army, one of the people cited above said.

The Indians are expected to be released from various Russian military units within weeks, the people also added.

As pressure from the recruits and their families mounted, the issue was taken up by the Indian embassy in Moscow and the external affairs ministry with the Russian mission in New Delhi. External affairs minister S Jaishankar also raised the matter with his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov at a meeting on the margins of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Astana last week.

Russia's ambassador to India, Denis Alipov, told the media in Moscow that the Russian side has been "very open" in its dialogue with India on this issue and "very attentive to Indian concerns". "Of course, we don't want to see the Indians dying on the battlefield... This particular problem is primarily a problem involving those agencies, mediators, some shady people who misled the Indian nationals in the first place...," Alipov said.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) recently busted a human trafficking network spread across several states that lured gullible men through social media channels and agents with the promise of highly paid jobs in Russia.

GUNFIGHT IN DODA

claimed responsibility for the attack.

President Murmu, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, extended condolences to the families of the deceased personnel and called for "firm" counterterrorism measures.

"The attack on a convoy of Army personnel in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir by terrorists is a cowardly act that deserves condemnation and firm countermeasures," the President wrote on X. "My sympathies are with the families of the bravehearts who laid down their lives in this ongoing war against terror in its all forms. I pray for the speedy recovery of those injured."

Defence secretary Giridhar Aramane said the killing of the five army personnel "will not go unavenged". "Their selfless service to the nation will always be remembered & their sacrifice will not go unavenged, and India will defeat the evil forces behind the attack," Aramane was quoted as saying in a post on X by the defence ministry's principal spokesperson.

Defence minister Rajnath Singh said counterterror operations were underway in the region and the army was determined to restore peace.

"My deepest condolences to the bereaved families, the

Nation stands firm with them in this difficult time. The Counter Terrorist operations are underway, and our soldiers are determined to usher in peace and order in the region," he wrote on X.

Joint teams of the army, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and J&K Police launched a massive search operation in Kathua and also pressed helicopters, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and sniffer dogs into service to locate the terrorists, officers aware of the details said.

"A massive joint search operation has been launched by the army, special operation group of the Jammu and Kashmir Police and CRPF in Machhedri, Badnota, Kindli and Loi Malhar villages? to track down the terrorists responsible for the attack on the army truck," a second police officer said, requesting anonymity.

Officers aware of the details said the search teams were moving cautiously due to the topography of the region. "The area is hilly with dense forests. The security forces are moving cautiously into the woods to trace and eliminate the attackers," the officer added.

Director general of police (DGP) RR Swain conducted an aerial survey of the area and reviewed the ongoing operations, the officer said.

"Efforts are on to track down and neutralise the terrorists. The joint search parties have fanned out from all sides," another police officer said.

The perpetrators of the Kathua attack are believed to have recently infiltrated into the Union territory from across the international border, HT has learnt.

According to officers aware of the details, the terrorists behind the ambush were also linked to the April 28 Basangarh attack, in which village defence guard Mohammad Sharief was killed. A team of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) reached the ambush site on Tuesday to extend support to the police in its investigation, officers aware of the matter said. People aware of the matter said that the agency was likely to take over the probe into the incident by next week. Officials familiar with the development said that the federal anti-terror agency will also "look for a pattern and common links in

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terror attacks on the security forces and civilians in Jammu region since January last year".

Terror activity in areas south of the Pir Panjal mountains, including the Rajouri and Poonch sector, has spiked during the last two years. To deal with this resurgence of terror, the army earlier took a raft of measures, including sending more troops to the Rajouri-Poonch sector, reorienting its units operating there, and strengthening the intelligence network for conducting counterterror operations effectively.

Security officials have also red-flagged an apparent shift in strategy by terrorists from across the border. In July 2023, HT reported that Jammu, Rajouri, Poonch and Reasi were fast becoming clear targets for Pakistan-based terror groups, and security forces were "recalibrating their responses".

Seven soldiers were killed in counterterror operations in the Kashmir Valley last year compared to 20 in the Rajouri-Poonch sector. A total of 71 terrorists were killed in J&K in 2023, including 51 in the Kashmir Valley and 20 in the Rajouri-Poonch area. Figures for this year?

The Kathua attack came on the heels of twin encounters in the Kulgam district of Kashmir, in which six terrorists and two soldiers were killed. The encounters began on Saturday and concluded on Sunday.

After Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his council of ministers took oath early last month, the Jammu region was rattled by four back-to-back terror attacks in as many days. Home minister Amit Shah last month directed the administration and security forces in Jammu & Kashmir to adopt similar tactics in Jammu region as they did in Kashmir to contain terrorism. He has also stressed on the importance of using modern technology to strengthen local intelligence networks, locate tunnels used by terrorists and deal with the drone intrusions, underlining that security forces and intelligence agencies need to work on "mission mode" and streamline coordination.

On June 9, armed terrorists attacked a pilgrims' bus in Reasi leaving nine people dead and 42 others injured. The bus was returning from Shiv Khori shrine to Katra.

On June 26, three terrorists were killed after a gunfight broke out between terrorists and security forces in the Gandoh area of Doda district.

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I still remember the first advice he gave me when we were playing in the Wills Trophy. Even though we were opponents in that match, he came up to me and said, "Kapil, when you bowl from close to the wicket, I find it dif-

icult to pick your outswing. When you bowl away from the crease, I can see the ball coming in and moving."

To get a compliment from a great player when I was just starting out was a great boost. You knew it mattered because it was something that even coaches would not be able to spot.

Lone ranger

The early years weren't easy for him though. We had our wins in 1971 (West Indies and England) but unfortunately, when Sunil started, I felt we didn't have a team to win matches regularly. This also meant that he had to prioritise not losing and would often have the biggest contributions in such causes. It took a while, but gradually, things began to change.

A measure of his greatness could be seen in how the opposition would plan for him. Ninety percent of their time was spent in framing a strategy to get Gavaskar out. They would feel, 'Get Gavaskar, and you can get the team'. And that is the pressure and responsibility he played with. But the little genius would always know how to handle the big guys.

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Personal relations

I personally feel, Sunil should have been the captain in the 1983 World Cup. He was more mature and senior. Later, it was equally wrong that they threw me out as captain. That was when I was learning more about the game and captaining a side. The way things were handled from the outside, it was sad.

It never came in the way of our performance for the team. It does not matter who is leading. You are representing your country. When I was playing under Sunil, I was still representing India and the same was true for him as well. The team always came first.

All I would tell Sunil today is, "Friend, enjoy your 75th well with your family and friends. You have done more than any other cricketer would for our country." (As told to Rasesh Mandani)

Arbitrary termination of contracts leads to unpredictability: SC

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday cautioned public authorities against arbitrary terminations of contracts, noting that such actions create uncertainty and unpredictability, discouraging public participation in the tendering process. The court emphasised that failure to protect the binding nature of lawful and valid tenders would erode public faith in contracts and tenders, ultimately harming public interest.

A bench, comprising Chief Justice of India Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud, and justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, reinforced the importance of maintaining the sanctity of public tenders in public-private partnership procurement processes.

The judgment, authored by justice Pardiwala, highlighted the crucial role of transparency, competition and fairness in the allocation of public resources, emphasising that these principles are fundamental to upholding the "doctrine of public trust".

"Public tenders are a cornerstone of governmental procurement processes, ensuring transparency, competition, and fairness in the allocation of public resources. It emanates from the 'doctrine of public trust', which lays down that all natural resources and public use amenities & structures are intended for the benefit and enjoyment of the public. The State is not the absolute owner of such resources and rather owns it in trust and as such it cannot utilize these resources at its pleases," said the bench.

As a trustee of the public resources, the court noted, the state owes a duty to ensure that community resources are put to fair and proper use that ensures to the benefit of the public along with an obligation to not indulge in any favouritism or discrimination with these resources.

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S.N.: 01 Tender No.: 2024-11, **Name of work:** Construction of 2 lane ROB (End to end including approaches) in lieu of Level Crossing No 19 at km 203/0- 2 on CAR-CPU section in Prayagraj Division of North Central Railway., **Completion period:** 18 Months,
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By Order Sh. Ayush Sharma Metropolitan Magistrate Room No. 113, 1st Floor, Rohini, Delhi DP/8319/RD/2024 (Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C. Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Rahul Goutam, S/o Narender Kumar Sharma, R/o: H. No. 998 B, Shikshak Colony, PS Mandi, Mujaffar Nagar, UP has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 88/2006, Dated 10.04.2024, U/S 279/304 A IPC, P.S. Harsh Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Rahul Goutam cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Rahul Goutam has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

By Order Sh. Sukhjeet Singh Metropolitan Magistrate-03 Room No. 22, North-East District Karkardooma Courts, Delhi DP/8631/NE/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C. Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Harsh S/o Mohd. Yakub R/o 1/289, Gali No. 3, Sunder Nagari, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence case FIR No. 543/21 at P.S. Kalyan Puri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Harsh cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Harsh has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

By Order: Ms. Preeti Agarwal, Metropolitan Magistrate (East), Court No.29, Karkardooma Court, Delhi DP/8662/ED/2024

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I. MEERAN Devi M/o Hav Balinder Singh R/o Village Soud, Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh - 176111, have changed my name from Meeran Devi to Meera Devi for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. HITHERTO known as Harish Kumar alias Harsh Kumar Daudar S/o Gopal Dass R/o 58, Ground Floor near Keshav Vatika, Surya Nagar, Phase-2, Sector-91, Faridabad, Haryana-121013 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Harish Singh.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. BIKRAMIT Singh S/o Surinder Paul Singh R/o Flat No.306, CGHS, Plot No.1, Sector-48, Faridabad, Haryana have changed my name from Bikramjit Singh Kohli to Bikramjit Singh S/o Surinder Paul Singh for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. SAMEER Sahu R/o I, Sahi Lane, Ashok Vihar Phase-2, Gurgaon have changed my minor daughter's name from Paavni to Paavni Sahu.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. HARISH Kumar S/o Mohinder Singh, R/o H.No. D-83/2, Durga Enclave, Punjab Xhor, Delhi-110081, have changed my name from Harish Kumar to Harish Deva for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. CHAIN Singh F/o No. 4201955H Nk Jeevan Singh R/o Vill-Gorwa, PO-Gorwa, Teh-Tonkikhord, Dist-Dewas, Madhya Pradesh-455116, declare that I have changed my name from Chain Singh to Chain Singh Patel for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. MANOJ S/o Chandeshwar Chaudhary R/O E-37 Ganesha Nagar Delhi -92 have changed my Name as Manoj Choudhary.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. AMITKUMAR Nikrishna Paul S/o Nikrishna Chintanar Paul (Father's Name) & Maya Nikrishna Paul (Mother's Name) R/O X817 Jalvayu Vihar Pocket P4 Greater Noida - 201310, U.P. have changed my name to Amit Kumar Paul S/o Late Nil Krishna Paul (Father's Name) & Maya Paul (Mother's Name), for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. TARUNA Kumari Khurana W/o. Mr. Sanjay Khurana R/O. D- 65/66, Hind Fiagar, Hari Nagar, New Delhi-110064 have changed my name to Taruna Kumari Khurana to Taruna Khurana for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. CHANDER Parkash Singh S/o Mahinder Singh R/O D-436/12, J.J. Colony, Phase-2 Madanpur Khadar, South Delhi-110076, I have changed my name from Chandar Parkash to Chander Parkash Singh for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. RAHUL Thakur S/o Sh. Ranjeet Singh, R/O Village Patli Khurd, PO Baghola, Distt Palwal Haryana have change my name from Rahul to Rahul Thakur for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

IT IS for general information that I Sarat Kumar Senapati S/o. Shri Dharmapada Senapati R/o, F-6 First Floor, F-154, Lado Saral, New Delhi-110030 declare that name of mine and my wife have been wrongly written as Sarat Senapati and Kavita Senapati respectively in my minor son's namely Vivek Kumar Senapati, aged 16 years in his educational documents and birth certificate registration No. 22831. The actual names of mine and my wife are Sarat Kumar Senapati and Kavita Senapati respectively which may be amended accordingly.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. BABITA Singh W/o Deepak Kumar R/O H.No.A-5, 1st Floor, Ashoka Enclave-2 Sector-37, Amanagar, Faridabad, Haryana-121003 have changed my name after marriage from Babita & Babita Rajara to Babita Singh for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. KIRAN Giri W/o JC-734629K Sub S/O Ram Kumar R/O Vill-Nayyagar Mathwa, PO-Hasan Bazar, Teh-Ara, Dist-Bhojpur, Bihar-802024, declare that I have changed my name from Kiran Giri to Kiran Devi for all future purposes vide affidavit before Public Notary Delhi dt: 09-07-2024

CHANGE OF NAME

I AMAN Preet Kaur W/o Bikramjit Singh R/O Flat No.306, CGHS, Plot No.1, Sector-48, Faridabad, Haryana have changed my name from Amanpreet Kaur to Aman Preet Kaur W/o Bikramjit Singh all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. SUBHASH Gupta S/o Tara Chand Gupta R/o 8-8/24, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi-110089 have changed my name from Subhash Chander Jindal to Subhash Gupta for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. SIYA Devi W/o Sh. Karan Singh Bais R/O H.No. 251, Gali No. 6, New Karhera Colony, Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201007. Changed my name from Siya Devi to Siya Devi Bais for all future purposes

CHANGE OF NAME

I. AMIT Rubela R/o Flat No.HH3-1003 Block-H Raj Nagar Extension Ghaziabad, have changed the name of my minor daughter Shriya Rubela to Mukta Rubela She shall hereafter be known as Mukta Rubela in Future

CHANGE OF NAME

I. AMOLE Saini R/O D-183, XU-2, Greater Noida-201310 (UP) Father of Ansh Saini, Change his name from Ansh Saini to Amav Saini for all purpose in future.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. SALEEM Khan S/o Chhida Mistry R/o Khari Kuan, Dabri, G.B.Nagar U.P.-203207 have changed my name to Saleem Saifi for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. ARUN Kumar S/o Sh. Raj Kumar R/O H.No. 2105, Janta Flat GTB Enclave Delhi-110093, have changed my minor daughter's name from Kanishka to Angel for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. NANAK S/o Sh. Laxman R/O Bada Mohalla, Village Charhat, District Palwal, Haryana-121012 have changed my name from Nanak to Nanakchand for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. DHEERAJ Kumar Bansal, S/o Late Subhash Chand, R/O H.No.12, Paschim Vihar Extension, West Delhi-110063, declare that Dheeraj Kumar Bansal and Dheeraj Bansal both are one and same persons for all future purposes

CHANGE OF NAME

I. SAWAN Jindal S/o Subhash Gupta R/O 8-8/24, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi-110089 have changed my name from Sawan Kumar Jindal to Sawan Jindal for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. MITHLESH Rai S/o Rajender Rai R/O H.No.1270, K-Block, Mangolpuri, Mangolpuri N Block, North West Delhi-110083, have changed the name of my minor son Chietu Kumar aged 16 years and he shall hereafter be known as Siddhant Kumar for all Purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. DINESH Kumar S/o Late Narayan Dass Mittal, R/O 15/2/9, Shriyans Nagar, New Delhi-110043, have changed my name from Dinesh Kumar to Dinesh Kumar Mittal for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. KM Anu W/o Amit R/o Village sadikpur sinoali Tehsil Baraut District Baghpat My name Anu is registered in my husband's service record which is wrong. my real name is km Anu who should be registered in husband's service records.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. ASHOK Kumar S/o Prakash Chand Verma R/o 5-8 Plot No 9/7 Balaji Apartment Sector-3 Rajendra Nagar Sahibabad Ghaziabad U.P. 201005 have changed my name from Ashok Kumar to Ashok Verma for all future purpose

CHANGE OF NAME

I. NAJMA D/o Munshi R/o Khari Kuan, Dabri, G.B.Nagar U.P.-203207 have changed my name to Nazma for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. SURENDRA Singh S/o Shri Jagdish Singh R/O Vill- Jon Samana, Dabri, G B Nagar have changed my Name from Surendra Singh to Surender Singh Khari for all future purposes.

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I. MOHAMMAD Qwais S/o Sh. Faizul Islam, R/O R-173-A, Gali No. 7, Badli Masjid, Ramesh Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092. My father name is wrongly mentioned as Fuzail Islam in my passport bearing No. P8379247. That Faizul Islam and Fuzail Islam is on same and single person. This is my true and correct statement.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. SUMEGH Jalwalkar R/O B/7/41/2nd floor sadarganj enclave extension, new delhi 110029 have changed my minor daughter's name from Jheel mishra to Ananya Kiran for all legal and official purposes

CHANGE OF NAME

I. RENU W/o JC-391081P Nb Sub Anil Kumar R/o 38-A, Lucky Garden, Babay, Ambala Cantt, Haryana-133005, declare that I have changed my name from Renu to Renu Singh for all future purposes vide affidavit before Public Notary Delhi dt: 09-07-2024.

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I. ANIKA Chaturvedi, D/o Adarsh Chaturvedi R/o 6/2/34 Ground Floor, Vaishali, Sector-6, I.E. Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201010, my name is wrongly mentioned as Anika Chaturvedi in my passport whereas the correct name is Anika Chaturvedi for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. RICHI Seth W/o. Shri Sandeep Kapoor R/o. 360, Rose Apartment, Sector-18B, Dwarka, New Delhi have changed my name to Richi Seth to Richee Seth for all future purposes

CHANGE OF NAME

I. SOMA Amitkumar Paul W/o Amit Nikrishna Paul R/O X817 Jalvayu Vihar Pocket P4 Greater Noida U.P. -201310, have changed my name to Soma Paul W/o Amit Kumar Paul, for all future purposes

CHANGE OF NAME

I. FUL Manda Bai M/o No. 4201955H Nk Jeevan Singh R/o Vill-Gorwa, PO-Gorwa, Teh-Tonkikhord, Dist-Dewas, Madhya Pradesh-455116, declare that I have changed my name from Ful Manda Bai to Phil Bai for all future purposes vide affidavit before Public Notary Delhi dt: 09-07-2024

CHANGE OF NAME

I. HITHERTO known as Shanti Devi W/O Army No. 41953481 sep Khajan Singh R/O RZ-1-23 and 24 207,3rd Floor, Gali No.-5, Indraprastha Park, West Sagarpur South West Delhi-110046 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shanti Bangari. It is certified that I have complied with other legal Requirement in this connection

CHANGE OF NAME

I. SALEM Saini R/O D-183, XU-2, Greater Noida-201310 (UP) Father of Ansh Saini, Change his name from Ansh Saini to Amav Saini for all purpose in future.

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Shiv Sena leader's son held after 2 days

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MUMBAI: Police on Tuesday arrested Mihir Shah, the son of a Shiv Sena leader from Palghar in Maharashtra, two days after he allegedly mowed down a 45-year-old woman, dragged her around for more than 2.5km, then pulled her off the bonnet and ran her over again. Police also detained the boy's mother and his two sisters.

The 24-year-old was arrested with his friend from Virar, a town in Palghar, 65km from Mumbai, police said, adding that he allegedly changed locations several times to give investigators the slip.

His father, Rajesh Shah — a member of the Shinde faction of the Shiv Sena — was arrested hours after the accident on Sunday, along with his driver, Rajrishi Bidawat, who was reportedly in the passenger seat of the BMW.

"Our teams detained Mihir Shah and his friend Avadit," said a police officer, adding that the latter was allegedly in the Juhu bar where the suspect and his friends were partying hours before the accident.

Mihir, Avadit and the others left the Juhu bar at lam in the former's Mercedes car, which was driven by Bidawat.

All the friends, including Avadit, were dropped off at their residence.

After dropping off his friends, Mihir returned to his home and took the BMW 5-Series out for a ride.

Around 4am, he and Bidawat took the car to Marine Drive for a joyride, which Mihir began driving the car.

Investigators said Mihir's BMW 5-Series crashed into the scooter on Annie Besant Road in Worli around 5.30am on Sunday, knocking off and injuring Pradeep Nakhawa (50), even as the car was driven till the Bandra-Worli Sea Link, dragging Kaveri Nakhawa (45) on the bonnet.

Then, Mihir and Bidawat stopped the car and disintegrated Kaveri from the car's tyre. Bidawat then took the driver's seat, ran the car over her while



Worli hit-and-run victim Kaveri Nakhawa's husband Pradeep and daughter Amrutha

Police custody of driver extended

MUMBAI: A Mumbai court on Tuesday extended the police custody of Rajesh Shah's driver, Rajrishi Singh Bidawat, in the Worli hit-and-run case until Thursday, July 11.

We have to interrogate Mihir and the driver together. We need his custody because he takes drugs and was present at the time of the accident. They ran over a woman with the car," Mumbai police said while arguing in the court on Tuesday.

Juhu bar visited by accused sealed

MUMBAI: The excise department sealed the Vice Global Tapas Bar in Juhu, which was visited by the main accused, Mihir Shah, the night before the Worli hit-and-run incident.

Before the incident, Shah had a party there with his four friends. After the party, he left the bar and was seen in CCTV footage going with his friends in a car.

The excise department also questioned the bar's owner and staff as well.

How the crash unfolded

ON JULY 7

5.25am: BMW, allegedly being driven by Mihir Shah, rams into a bike. Pillion rider Kaveri Nakhawa falls on the bonnet of the car

5.30am: Pradeep Nakhawa hires a taxi and chases the BMW for around a km but then gives up as the car is nowhere to be seen.

5.45am: Pradeep reaches Worli police station to report the incident.

Between 5.45am and 6am: Just before Bandra Worli Sea Link, Mihir and Rajrishi Bidawat pull the woman off the

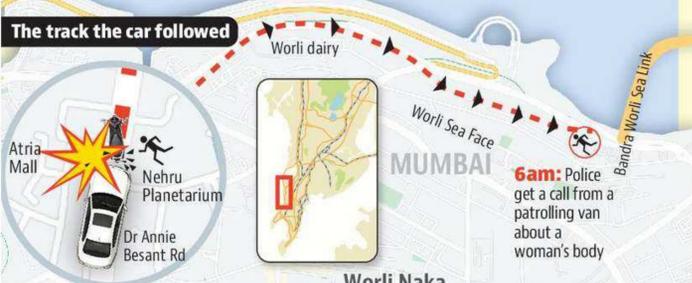
bonnet, place her on the road, Bidawat takes the wheel and mows down the woman while reversing

6am: Police get a call from a patrolling van about a woman's body found near Worli Bandra Sea Link

Between 6am and 6.20am: The car breaks down near Kala Nagar, Mihir calls his father, Rajesh Shah, who reaches the spot and tells Mihir to escape

6.20am: A police team spots the damaged BMW in Kala Nagar, Bandra, from where Bidawat is taken into custody

7am: Rajesh Shah and Bidawat are brought to Worli police station for further investigation.



ON JULY 8

Mumbai court grants bail to Shiv Sena leader Rajesh Shah, after the court noted that the charge of culpable homicide did not apply to him

ON JULY 9

Mumbai police arrest Mihir from Virar

reversing, and then fled, according to police.

Investigators said Mihir then took a taxi to his girlfriend's house in Goregaon, roughly 25km north from the Sea Link. There, he and his elder sister Pooja drove 26km to Thane, where they were joined by Mihir's mother, his second sister Kinjal and some of his friends. Then, they all split up.

Mihir's family went to Nashik, 150km away.

Meanwhile, the suspect and Avadit went to Shahpur, 70km northeast, and then to Virar, roughly 67km west. The two meet a third friend.

At this point, Avadit allegedly switched on his cellphone, giving investigators a window to track their location down.

Crime branch officials tracked their locations based

on "technical" details and apprehended them. They were then handed over to the Worli police for further investigation.

Police detained Mihir's mother Meenal, and sisters Pooja and Kinjal.

"We are verifying their roles, and a decision will be taken regarding their arrests depending on the details that surface during further probe," said the officer quoted above.

A Mumbai court on Monday granted Rajesh Shah bail, even as Bidawat was on Tuesday remanded in police custody till July 11.

The order came after public prosecutor Suresh Patil pointed out that the driver was in the vehicle when the accident took place.

Police said that soon after the incident, Bidawat called

Rajesh and informed him about the accident.

"Rajesh Shah told him to take responsibility for the accident and asked Mihir to flee the spot. Their SUV broke down near Kala Nagar in Bandra. Mihir fled the scene. Rajesh then reached Kala Nagar, where Bidawat was waiting in

the car," said a police officer.

"Despite her husband, who survived the accident, asking them to stop, they kept on speeding, killing the woman. We want to confront the main accused, Mihir Shah, and the driver," Patil said in Dadar court.

"Bidawat has been mislead-

ing us. The number plate needs to be recovered. We need to check whether they consumed liquor or drugs. The driver has played an active role in the crime for culpable homicide not amounting to murder. If maximum police custody will be given it will give peace to the soul of the deceased," he added.

MP colleges to have uniform dress code

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BHOPAL: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government in Madhya Pradesh has directed all government and private colleges in the state to implement a uniform dress code for their students, while restricting any other kinds of clothing, state's higher education minister Inder Singh Parmar announced on Tuesday.

The uniform code will come into effect from the new academic session, set to start later this month, Parmar said.

"We are trying to bring uniformity among college students. Through the dress code, they will learn discipline and will get equal treatment. As they will wear similar dress, all the students will look alike and students would not be differentiated," the minister added.

Discussions on a possible uniform dress code began in January, an official in the higher education department said, request-

ing anonymity. "But now, it has been made compulsory for all colleges to implement the uniform dress code. Each college has been given liberty to choose on its own the colour and type of uniform for students," the official said, referring to the government order issued to all colleges.

A second official said only 50% colleges in the state had a dress code. "Clothes such as burqa, hijab and saree were creating differences among the students, so chief minister Mohan Yadav and higher education minister Inder Singh Parmar decided to implement dress code in all colleges," the officer added.

The opposition slammed the BJP over the move. "The BJP government hasn't learnt from Karnataka where it made ban on hijab a big issue before assembly elections and lost the polls. Now, they are distracting students from education and demand of jobs by bringing issue like dress code," Congress spokesperson Kunal Chaudhary said.

Govt allows IRS officer to change name, gender

NEW DELHI: The ministry of finance on Tuesday allowed 35-year-old senior Indian Revenue Service (IRS) Officer M Anusuya to change their name to M Anukathir Surya, and their gender from female to male, in an order issued on Tuesday. To be sure, it is not immediately known whether this is the first time such an order has been passed.

According to the order signed by Shireesh Kumar Gautam, under secretary to the government of India, "Ms M Anusuya", currently posted as joint commissioner in the office of the chief commissioner of Customs Excise and Service Tax Appellate in Hyderabad, had requested "for change of her name from Ms M Anusuya to Mr Anukathir Surya", and gender from "Female to Male".

The order said: "The request has been considered. Henceforth, the officer will be recognised as Mr M Anukathir Surya in all official records."

A 2013 batch officer, Surya studied electronics and communication at the Madras Institute of Technology, and has a PG diploma in cyber law and cyber forensics at the National Law Institute University, Bhopal. He has previously served as both assistant commissioner and deputy commissioner in Chennai.

Hailing the move, RTI activist and member of Telangana State Welfare Board for Transgender Persons, Vjayanti Vasanta Mogli said: "This is a welcome move by the government but I wouldn't consider it anything exceptional. I am, however, glad that they have regarded the Supreme Court orders and have not chosen to reject or sideline such an appeal by an IRS officer."

"Each individual has a right to determine their gender like everything else. I must congratulate individuals in our office who choose to affirm their gender," HRC

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that a unidentified dead body of a male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown found dead on 03.07.2024 at 10:22 AM on Park in front of Parmanand Hospital, Kashmere Gate, Delhi.** In this regard DD No. 41A, dated 03.07.2024 has been lodged at Police Station Kashmere Gate, Delhi. Identification of unidentified male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: About 18-20 Years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Without Shirt and Blue Colour Jeans Pant.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi Ph.: 8750870123

DP/8841/N/2024

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विज्ञापन संख्या-22/2024
अध्यापक नियुक्ति प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा (TRE-3.0)

विज्ञापन संख्या-22/2024, शिक्षा विभाग के अन्तर्गत वैसे अर्थात् जिन्होंने केवल विशेष विद्यालय अध्यापक (कक्षा 9-10) के अन्तर्गत सामाजिक विज्ञान विषय के लिए आवेदन किया है, वैसे अर्थार्थियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि वे दिनांक-09.07.2024 से 16.07.2024 तक को अवधि में अपने प्राप्त Username एवं Password से Login करने के उपरंत सामाजिक विज्ञान विषय के अन्तर्गत विषय समूह का चयन करेंगे।

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Administrative Building, Sector-5, Noida G.B Nagar, (U.P.)
Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

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

Sr. No.	Job Number	Name of Work	Amount (Rs)	Publishing
(1)	07/SPE/PE(PH-I)/E-T/2024-25	Integrated Mechanical and Manual Sweeping of various main roads of PH-I area (Package -1) Length 71.59 km in Noida	58,66,28,188.20	11nd Time

The above tenders can be uploaded From dated 10.07.2024 to 16.07.2024 upto 5.00 PM. The Pre-Qualification shall be opened / downloaded on dated 18.07.2024 at 11.00 AM.

Dy. GM/Sr. Project Engineer (Public Health) Noida.

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Notice for Invitation of Tender (NIT)

Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/Fur. Prog. for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. RCF-MECH-PS-SWTC-24-25. Closing Date/Time 02.08.2024 at 11.00 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through payment modes available on IREPS portal like Net Banking, Debit Card, Credit Card etc. as applicable. Manual payments through Demand Draft, Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

A) Tender No.: RCF-MECH-PS-SWTC-24-25; **B) Name of Work :** "Top Coat Painting on Side Walls of LHB Shells"; **C) App. Cost :** ₹ 32,27,971.95/- (Rs Thirty Two Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy One and Paise Ninety Five Only); **D) Tender Doc. Cost :** ₹ 2,000/- (Rs Two Thousand Only); **E) Earnest Money :** ₹ 64,600/- (Rs Sixty Four Thousand Six Hundred Only); **F) Completion Period :** 24 Months; **G) Quantity of Work :** 691 Shells; **H) Tender Closing Date & Time :** 02.08.2024 at 11:00 hrs.; **I) Tender Opening Date & Time :** 02.08.2024 after 11:30 hrs.; **J) Website Particulars :** www.ireps.gov.in; **K) General & Special Conditions and instructions to tenderers:** 1. The tenderer should upload proof of registration with the Employees Provident Fund Organization under "Employees Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act-1952." A copy of code number allotted by the Organization should be uploaded with the tender documents. If the code number is awarded, the copy of application (self attested) for allotment of registration number should be uploaded with the tender documents. Without above, the tender will be summarily rejected. 2. Security/Earnest Money Deposit: The bid must be accompanied by a sum of ₹ 64,600/- as earnest money deposited in cash or in any of the forms as specified, failing which the bid will not be considered. However, EMD will be exempted for startup Firms registered by DIPP. Labour Cooperative Societies shall deposit only 50% of above earnest money deposit. The tenderer must submit documentary evidence for the same.

Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/Fur. Prog.

Dy. CPE-III acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. 1. MECH-MH-OT-24-07A-PGMS and 2. MECH-MH-OT-24-11-Small-Comp Closing Date/Time 30/07/2024 at 14:45 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender documents cost and earnest money, only through payment modes available on IREPS Portal like net banking, debit cards, credit cards etc. Manual payments through Demand Draft, Banker Cheque, Deposit receipt, FDR etc. are not allowed.

A) Tender No.: 1. MECH-MH-OT-24-07A-PGMS and 2. MECH-MH-OT-24-11-Small-Comp; **B) Name of Work :** 1. Comprehensive AMC of Pentax Gas Monitoring System installed at LPG yard for 02 years as per scope of work at Rail Coach Factory Kapurthala. and 2. Comprehensive AMC of 18 nos. small air compressors installed with critical machines for 02 years at Rail Coach Factory Kapurthala.; **C) App. Cost. 1 :** ₹ 371620 (Rs. Three Lakh Seventy One Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Only) and 2. ₹ 37,37,748 (Rs. Thirty Seven Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Eight Only); **D) Tender Document Cost:** Nil.; **E) Earnest Money:** 1. ₹ 7400/- (Rs Seven Thousand Four Hundred Only) and 2. ₹ 74,800/- (Rs Seven Four Thousand Eight Hundred Only); **F) Completion Period:** 02 Years; **G) Tender Closing date/Time :** 30/07/2024 at 14:45 hrs.; **H) Tender Opening date/Time:** 30/07/2024 at 15:00 hrs.; **I) Website Particulars.:** www.ireps.gov.in; **J) Validity of offer:** 90 days from the date of Opening of Tender; **K) Availability of Tender Documents for view and download:** From 16/07/2024 to 30/07/2024 on website www.ireps.gov.in

Dy. CPE-III

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that this Girl (depicted in the photo) namely **Shikha Chauhan D/o Late Sh. Manoj Chauhan R/o Khasra No. 35/22, Monu Chauhan ka Makan, Goyal Wali Gali, Bakhtawarpur, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped from her residence since 11.12.2023 at 07:30 AM. In this regard a FIR No./DD No. 864/2023 U/s 363 IPC, dated 26.12.2023 has been registered at PS Alipur, Distt. Outer North, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this girl but no clue has come to light so far. Her physical description is as under-

Sex: Female, **Age:** 13 years, **Height:** 4' 11" feet, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Checkered Suit & Badami colour Salwar and black colour shoes in feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following address and telephone numbers:-

SHO PS: Alipur, Delhi Ph.: 011-27202265 Mob.: 7065036325 DP/4956/ON/2024

Website: http://cbi.nic.in E-mail: cbi@cbi.gov.in Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Fax No.: 011-24368639

NORTHERN RAILWAY

invitation of tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T No 11(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J) 24-25/WE

(A) Repairs to unpopular quarters in the S/o SSEW/DKZ-II under /ADEN/E-IV.

(B) Repair to Roof to prevent seepage in Block No. 70-76. 87-95. 101-103 & other repair flooring, Door/Window etc. in the S/o of SSEW/DKZ-II under ADEN/E-IV.

(C) Heavy Repair to plastering, Roof leakage and other repairs block no. 76 Wazirpur in the S/o of SSEW/DKZ-II.

(D) Improvement to toilet, bathroom, kitchen & provision of floor tiles in room/verandah in Block no. 158-173, 87-95 and 101-103 at DKZ Railway Colony in the S/o SSEW/DKZ-II under ADEN/E-IV.

(E) Repair to damaged SCI stacks of toilet, bathroom, damaged shaft with plastering mummy, staircase etc. B.No.158 to 173 & other block at railway colony/DKZ-II in the S/o SSEW/DKZ-II under ADEN/E-IV/DLI.

(F) Repair work through the various process of super plastering non-shrink RCC treatment chemical anchoring for cracks are worn out surface and treatment of all reinforcement with an anti-carbonating coat protection in repair to worn out Damaged RCC CH/LG tanks at Bin/BN/PSF Dayabasti and Repair to Balcony, sunshade, parapet wall, beam & ceiling at Punjabi Bagh, Rampura, DBSI and RPSF/RPF lines Dayabasti in the S/O SSEW/IF. Bagh under ADEN/E-II.

(G) Repair to outside plastering, sunshade, balcony, parapet wall, leaky roof, approach road, sewer, replace the broken door window & SCI stacks, providing safety doors, tile in kitchen, bath & lav and development of common area in Bl. No. 1 to 6, 8, 13, 14 and Health unit at Rty. colony, P. Bagh in the S/O SSEW/P Bagh under ADEN/E-II.

(H) Repairs to leaky roofs, replacement of corroded pipe line and replacement of broken and worn out doors at block no. 143,144,146,148,149,150 & 151 at MNTB and IE to 19E Mata Sundari Place, IE to 13 E, 28E to 36E Mahabat Khan road in the S/O SSEW/MNTB under ADEN/E-II.

(I) Improvement of Lat, Bath, Kitchen and provision of floor tiles in rooms, and provision of safety doors & replacement of damage SCI pipes in the section of SSEW/T.H under ADEN/E-I.

(J) Repair to roof leakage to block 140, 245 etc., provision of rain water harvesting, and improvement to facade of block 243, 244 254 etc. at PK road railway colony in the section of SSEW/WPG under ADEN/E-1

Approx. Cost of work	EMD amount	Completion period of work	Date and Time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Website particular notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc
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128-W/269/OET/24-25/WE/NIT/11(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J) Dated:-09.07.2024 2093/2024

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EXCISE, ENTT. AND LUXURY TAX
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NEW DELHI-110002

No. F.10(210)/EX./IMFL/2011-12/PI. File/954-971

Dated: 02.07.2024

ORDER

In pursuance of the provisions of Rule 52 of Delhi Excise Rules, 2010, it is hereby ordered that the following dates shall be observed as "Dry Days" in the National Capital Territory of Delhi by all L-1, L1F, L-2, L-3, L-4, L-5, L-6, L-6FG, L-6FE, L-8, L-9, L-10, L-11, L-14, L-18, L-18F, L-23, L-23F, L-25, L-26, L-31, L-32, L-33, L-34, L-35 licensees of the Excise Department and opium vends located in Delhi:-

SL. NO.	OCCASION	DATE	DAY
1.	Muharram	17.07.2024	Wednesday
2.	Independence Day	15.08.2024	Thursday
3.	Janmashtami	26.08.2024	Monday
4.	Milad-un-nabi or Id-e Milad (Birthday of Prophet Mohammad)	19.09.2024	Monday

In addition to above, all L-16, L-16F, L-17, L-17F, L-19, L-19F, L-20, L-20F, L-21, L-21F L-22, L-28, L-28F, L-29, L-29F P-10 and P-13 licensees shall observe only the following day as dry day:-

SL. NO.	OCCASION	DATE	DAY
1.	Independence Day	15.08.2024	Thursday

The licensees shall not be entitled to any compensation on account of any changes effected in the above list.

The restriction of sale on liquor on dry days mentioned above shall not apply to the service of liquor to residents in case of hotels having L-15 & L-15F License.

All the licensees shall exhibit this order at some conspicuous place of their licensed premises.

The business premises of a licensee shall be kept closed on dry day.

(KRISHNA MOHAN UPPU) COMMISSIONER (EXCISE)

DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0119/24-25

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Ramesh Kumar S/o Chandu Lal R/o H.No.-734, Shora Kothi, Ghanta Ghar, Subzi Mandi, Delhi**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 462/2020 U/s 325 IPC P.S.: Subzi Mandi Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Ramesh Kumar**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Ramesh Kumar**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Ramesh Kumar**, accused of **FIR No. 462/2020 U/s 325 IPC P.S.: Subzi Mandi Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **30.08.2024**.

By Order
Sh. Chatinder Singh, Ld. MM-07, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/8783/N/2024 (Court Matter)



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OUR TAKE

Reading caste in political murder

Murder of BSP leader exposes a fault line within the social justice narrative in Tamil Nadu politics

The murder of Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) Tamil Nadu chief K Armstrong, allegedly the fallout of a gang war, has created ripples in state politics. Most of the men caught on CCTV in the act of murdering the Dalit leader have surrendered to the police. The murder has put the ruling DMK in a spot with its ally, the Viduthala Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK), the most influential Dalit outfit in the state, claiming that the real culprits who killed him have not been nabbed. This signals a lack of trust in the state police claim that linked Armstrong, 52, to a criminal gang involved in a multi-crore gold fraud case, and ruled out any political or caste angle in the hacking of the BSP leader. Opposition parties in Tamil Nadu have said the murder of the state head of a national party outside his home in Chennai points to the collapse of law and order.

The truth about the case will have to wait for the police to complete their probe. However, the incident shines light on the ongoing churn in Tamil Nadu's politics and political economy, where new forms of political assertion are visible. Tamil Nadu's long tryst with social justice politics successfully marked caste emancipation as central to the democratisation process, but its limitations in transcending, or annihilating caste, are now unravelling. Reservations in employment and education, and a slew of state-sponsored welfare schemes have radically transformed Tamil Nadu's development indices, but social inclusion and fair access to economic resources remain incomplete goals at the lower rungs of society. Political assertion is often met with violence as the political mainstream negotiates the contradictions in ideology and persisting inequalities at the ground and shuts the doors on new players who want their voices to be heard. The latter are forced to engage with the underbelly of the political economy, which, in turn, casts a shadow on their political ambitions. In rural parts of the state, social and economic assertions by Dalits have been met with violent retaliation, especially from most backward communities. This is the backdrop of the high rate of violence against Dalits in Tamil Nadu.

Though the Dalits account for 21% of Tamil Nadu's population, their presence in leadership positions in big political parties is minuscule. The VCK, despite the presence of intellectual-politicians such as Thol Thirumavalavan and D Ravikumar, both Lok Sabha MPs, needed to align with the DMK to stay electorally relevant. In recent times, the BJP has been eyeing the Dalit vote, no monolith of course, even though it goes mostly to the Dravidian parties. Armstrong's murder threatens to burst this bubble, exposing a new fault line in the state.

The desperate need to protect Aravallis

This newspaper has reported that the Aravallis are witnessing a disconcerting rise in illegal construction activity, belying the stance of the Haryana administration. Turning a blind eye to vandalism in the Aravallis will destroy the National Capital Region's only buffer to extreme air pollution. The oldest mountain range in India is also a biodiversity hotspot and major groundwater recharge site.

Unfortunately, Haryana, despite its forest cover being a mere 3.63%, has tried to dilute the conservation of the Aravallis. In 2017, Haryana, in its submission to the National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB), sought to limit the "Aravallis" to the stretches in Gurugram. A current draft Regional Plan 2041 policy, if approved, can lead to large-scale land-use change and destruction of the mountain range in Haryana. The plan being considered by the NCRPB does not even mention the Aravallis and tributaries of the Yamuna in "natural zones" that are to be conserved whereas under the existing NCR Regional Plan, which is in force since 2005, nearly the entire Aravalli range in Delhi, Haryana and Rajasthan is protected, with nearly no construction allowed in the area. Similarly, recent amendments to the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Act, 2023, which exempts unrecorded deemed forests from its ambit, could enable realtors to exploit the Aravallis further.

The well-being of around 64 million people in the NCR is linked to the health of the Aravallis. The NCRPB should withdraw its draft that dilutes the protection of the Aravallis and the Haryana government must declare the whole of the range as forest. The most precious real estate in NCR belongs to all citizens and natural life.

Imagining a second Trump presidency

Donald Trump will be disruptive in many ways. But on climate and democracy, his actions will weaken the US and should concern India

Joe Biden's disastrous debate performance and his refusal to give way to a new Democratic candidate has made Donald J Trump the clear frontrunner to win America's presidential election.

Biden has been a good president. But the debate clearly showed his age-related physical and mental vulnerabilities to be more debilitating than had been known, or disclosed by his aides and interlocutors. This has severely dented the credibility of the White House and the Democratic Party and made it hard for any Democrat, in good faith, to ask a voter to trust that Biden can run the United States (US) for four more years. But, like any other politician, Biden doesn't want to let go of power. Like any other politician, Biden is being incredibly vain by proclaiming that only he can defeat Trump. Like any other politician, he is now blaming the media and elites for being against him.

But even as the focus is on what Biden will or won't do, it is time to seriously consider the meaning of a second Trump presidency. This will be a disruptive outcome in several

ways, all of which merit deep examination, but let us discuss two issues and ask what India should look out for.

One, climate. America's historic and current contribution to the climate crisis is stunning in its scale. The US remains the world's most irresponsible power that, for long, resisted making any substantial public investments in reducing emissions. It remains the world's most conspicuous consumerist economy, marked by excess and waste. It is deeply hypocritical, for it expects countries which need to lift millions out of poverty to make developmental compromises way beyond their historic responsibilities even as Americans refuse to change their way of life. And the US is deeply unjust because, for all its historic sins, it is unwilling to even provide modest financing to those who need it the most and are suffering.

Both the Democrats and Republicans are to blame for this. But, under Biden, the US returned to the Paris accord, passed a climate legislation, set ambitious domestic targets, pushed multilateral development banks (MDBs) to expand their remit to include the climate crisis, and made at least tokenistic noises about its responsibility. Trump will do none of the above, and just like his first term when he walked out of the Paris accord, pretend that climate isn't his problem at all.

It would be tempting for India to

think that this will help reduce the pressure that Delhi encounters from the West on climate issues. But that is myopic. Climate is a global problem. The US has played a big role in creating this problem. But there is also no solution without the US. Trump's approach will worsen the climate crisis. It will allow China to both position itself as a responsible climate power and continue its dominance over green technologies. It will cripple MDBs such as the World Bank working on climate. It will disincentivise American private capital from investing. And it will leave countries that have been promised climate finance with even fewer options.

Two, democracy. America is a flawed democracy in many respects. Take its judiciary that combines the worst of two worlds. Judges, due to the permanence of their tenure, have zero accountability; judges, due to their executive-nominated and legislative-confirmed appointment process, are totally partisan and ideologically driven. This has created a thoroughly compromised branch of government that is limitless in its power while being beholden to ideological patrons. Or take the American electoral system that, unusually for a presidential form, has no correlation between popular vote and outcome. It allows politicians to gerrymander electoral constituencies. It allows for a corrupt politics-big donor nexus to thrive due



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to a flawed political financing regime. And, after 2020, even though the election was fair, half the country questions the legitimacy of the electoral process and even the peaceful transfer of power is uncertain.

Some of this is due to the US's peculiar constitutional design. But the democratic deficit can be exacerbated by who is in power. Trump's nomination of three judges to the Supreme Court has already led to a reversal of basic human rights such as the woman's right to choose to have an abortion and given the President's unchecked power. A win may allow him to nominate more judges. Trump's victory will also inaugurate a period of political impunity where politicians will believe that challenging election results, committing crimes and being convicted are no bar to office. It will also lead to a partially racist and substantially Christian nationalist ideological and social agenda, especially if Trump's possible win is accompanied by a Republican takeover of the Senate (very likely) and retention of the House (possible).

It would be tempting for India's political dispensation to think that Trump's return will reduce the pres-

sure that Delhi encounters in the West on the quality of its own democracy. But that is myopic. There is a bigger problem. The more the functioning and legitimacy of American institutions come under strain, the more the American polity gets unstable, the more its society gets divided into feuding political tribes which don't accept the common rules of the game, the more its political formations turn extreme, the greater is the possibility of internal conflicts in the US and the more insular, isolationist and weaker the US is likely to get. One can be a ruthless critic of America's domestic and foreign policy adventurism and misjudgments. But at this time, a weaker and divided US at war with itself benefits China strategically and ideologically. It is also bad for America's immigrant communities, including Indians who have thrived in an open, liberal, multicultural setting.

Next week, Donald Trump will become the official Republican nominee for President. Whether he becomes the President will determine the future of the world's climate and politics.

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Friction in Parliament reflects political reality

As expected, the short first session of the 18th Lok Sabha marked a sharp deviation from the last two Lok Sabhas. From 2014 to 2024, we had seen a Parliament where there was little deliberation and even less accountability. Critical legislation was pushed through without meaningful scrutiny from a dispirited Opposition and the committee system was largely bypassed. With an assertive Opposition that now has 234 seats, the optics and dynamics of Parliament have already dramatically changed.

Perhaps the most visible sign of the changed situation was the appointment of Rahul Gandhi as the Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha, a post that lay vacant for the past decade due to the inability of any party to meet the minimum threshold. Gandhi's debut speech as LoP during the motion of thanks to the President's address was also a sign of the changed times. It was combative and raised some of the burning national issues, such as the mishandling of the NEET examination. He did not shy away from taking Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi head-on. Gandhi's speech had as much to do with the increased numbers behind him as also the diminished numbers of the treasury benches behind Modi.

That Gandhi's speech had made an impact was apparent from the repeated interjections by several Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) members, including ministers, during the speech. In what was probably a first, Modi rose from his seat twice to dispute Gandhi.

The next day, Modi predictably responded with an even longer speech which was continually interrupted by the Opposition benches. Much of his speech was a continuation of his election pitch rather than a presentation of his government's agenda for the next five years. Just as during the campaign, the Congress and its failings occupied centre stage and not his government's achievements. While there were references to the government's future agenda, a chunk of the speech was devoted to running down the Congress and mocking Rahul Gandhi.

The tenor of the PM's speech, however, gave the impression that he and the BJP have not acknowledged their diminished strength in the House. The speech made it clear that the government was unwilling to yield to any of the Opposition demands. This had been

apparent in the way the ruling BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) handled the Opposition's demand for the deputy speaker's position that has been vacant since 2019. While there is nothing in the rulebook that says the Opposition should get the deputy speaker's post, this was a convention put in place in 1977 when the Janata Party offered the deputy speaker's position to the Congress. Since then, the deputy speaker has by and large been from the Opposition.

The decision by the Opposition to contest the Speaker's post stemmed partly from the NDA's intransigence on the deputy speaker. It had also something to do with the renomination of Om Birla, someone who has not endeared himself to the Opposition by suspending as many as 100 members in one session of the last Lok Sabha. In this session, too, he expunged several portions of Rahul Gandhi's debut speech. This is not unusual since, with rare exceptions, Speakers of the House have seldom been above party affiliations in the Indian Parliament. Arvind Datar, a prominent lawyer, summed up this paradox: "A Speaker who continues to be a member of the ruling party is like an umpire being appointed by the batting side." Coming back to the PM's speech, the Opposition shouted slogans in the Lok Sabha while he was speaking, and in the Rajya Sabha, the Opposition walked out during Modi's speech. There has been much handwringing about this both within and outside Parliament.

However, we must not get too sanctimonious and forget that disruptions have a long history in Parliament, as do walkouts. Indeed, as early as 1963, a member tried to disrupt the President's address to the two Houses. From the 1970s, disruptions became fairly common. Legendary parliamentarian Hiren Mukherjee noted in a report in 1972 that normally no one would "like to disturb an occasion like the President's address" but if "circumstances happen to be somewhat abnormal in the country" it might be "the duty of Opposition parties in Parliament to focus attention on the people's discontents even on such an exceptional occasion". Similar sentiments were voiced much later by the BJP's Arun Jaitley to justify the 2G protests that paralysed Parliament over the 2G scam in 2010-11. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, on the other hand, made a distinction between walkouts and disruptions saying that the "most effective way to oppose someone is a walkout" and it should be considered the "highest form of opposition or antagonism".

Going ahead, we are likely to see considerable friction between the ruling party and the Opposition. While it's a given that the treasury and Opposition benches must cooperate in Parliament, the onus is much more on the ruling party to run the House smoothly. That spirit has been missing in the past 10 years and continues to be so in the new Lok Sabha. A popular news channel recently made a distinction between a robust and a rowdy Opposition. That's a false dichotomy. The Opposition can be both as long as it does not stall Parliament. In a noisy and cacophonous democracy, such as India, it is unrealistic to expect otherwise.

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Russia must understand that they're not able to wait us out. They'll need to sit down and accept a solution where Ukraine prevails as a sovereign independent nation

In Amazon story, need to rethink efficiency norms

The recent incident at an Amazon warehouse in Haryana, where workers were pushed to make a pledge to forego breaks until meeting targets, has ignited widespread outrage, and rightly so. Amazon's response—admitting to "lapses" while labelling this an "isolated" incident and swiftly disciplining a supervisor — is a textbook example of PR-driven damage control designed to deflect attention and evade accountability.

The testimony of a woman worker at the facility, as cited in news reports, cuts through Amazon's corporate-speak. She revealed that on the day of the incident, workers struggled to meet a higher-than-usual target, possibly due to a sale event requiring products to be moved to a different warehouse on the same day. This exposes the systemic nature of the problem, rooted in Amazon's operational demands rather than the misguided actions of a single supervisor. By scapegoating a low-level supervisor, Amazon attempts to sidestep the glaring structural issue at hand — the crushing pressure of fulfilling untenable top-down targets imposed on workers.

Amazon's track record speaks for itself. Just last month, the company was slapped with a nearly \$6 million fine by the California Labour Commissioner for an almost identical issue. It was found violating California labour standards by relying on a peer evaluation system that "exposes workers to increased pressure to work faster [which] can lead to higher injury rates and other violations by forcing workers to skip breaks". This comes on the heels of Amazon's earlier false denials about working conditions where some of its drivers in the US were forced to urinate in bottles. If these violations can happen in the US, the Amazon India Workers Association reporting working conditions remaining dire even after this incident came to light, with persistent complaints of insufficient facilities and excessive hours, should not surprise.

At the same time, it is crucial to note that this issue is not unique to Amazon, especially in India. Whether it is warehouse workers at Amazon or drivers or delivery workers for quick commerce apps, a common thread emerges: The relentless pursuit of efficiency and profit at the expense of worker well-being. High unemployment, coupled with lack of job security and the pressure to meet unrealistic targets, has led to the erosion of worker rights across the e-commerce and gig economy sectors. Before the Amazon incident, there were news reports of the ill effects of Delhi's brutal heat on quick commerce delivery workers. Gig workers across services have mobilised in protest against top-down arbi-

trary measures and lack of grievance redress. These incidents force us to confront uncomfortable truths about the new economy. Once revered for their innovation and internet-enabled scale, tech companies are increasingly revealing a darker side. The efficiency and productivity gains of many of these companies are not solely the fruits of innovation, but also of exploitation. In these cases, technology often provides a veneer for the power imbalance in the new economy that facilitates this exploitation. While Amazon's owner ranks among the world's wealthiest individuals, and the founder of an Indian quick commerce company boasts of reaching a ₹20,000 crore valuation in just three years, it is clear that these astronomical riches are not solely the product of innovation and efficiency, but also of worker exploitation.

These issues are too complex for a simple, bulleted list of solutions. However, we can draw lessons from the contrasting responses in California and India. The gig economy, touted as the future of work, often operates in a regulatory grey area, leaving workers vulnerable to exploitation facilitated by opacity. As a first step, we urgently need transparency. Clear, publicly available data on labour productivity expectations, working conditions, and surge capacity management is essential. These expectations of productivity should be vetted to ensure that they do not impede compliance with basic employee rights such as meals, rest periods, and access to bathroom facilities.

The history of repeated violations followed by denials and scapegoating of low-level employees makes it clear that companies are unlikely to reform on their own. We thus need robust regulation which mandates transparency and gives workers a fighting chance in a skewed power equation. Companies above a certain employee threshold must be subject to rigorous third-party audits to verify on-ground realities.

Finally, we need a fundamental shift in corporate culture. The relentless pursuit of efficiency and profit maximisation cannot come at the cost of basic human dignity. Companies must internalise that worker welfare is not just a compliance issue but a fundamental aspect of sustainable business practices. This shift requires more than policy changes — it demands a re-evaluation of how we measure corporate success. It is time to incorporate metrics of worker well-being and fair labour practices into our assessments of corporate performance. Only then can we hope to build an economy that truly works for all.



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Jill Biden
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ASKED ABOUT BIDEN'S PREZ RACE, U.S. FIRST LADY REBUKES REPORTERS

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FLORIDA: First Lady Jill Biden admonished reporters in Tampa, Florida on Monday for "screaming" at her as one questioned her about increasing calls asking her husband President Joe Biden to exit the White House race.

"Dr. Biden, do you have any message to House Democrats who are calling for your husband to drop out of the race? How are you feeling about the state of the race?" a reporter shouted. "Why are you screaming at me? You know me. Don't scream at me, just let me talk," Jill Biden responded before entering her vehicle without addressing the questions.

The First Lady made three campaign stops across North Carolina, Florida, and Georgia on Monday to support her husband's re-election campaign.

These events are part of the Biden administration's ongoing efforts to counter concerns from media pundits and Democratic colleagues about the President's mental fitness since his first debate against Donald Trump back in June. "As commander in chief, President Biden wakes up every morning ready to work for you. That's what this election is all about. You. For all the talk out there about this race, Joe has made it clear that he's all in," Jill Biden stated during her North Carolina event.

Jill Biden has recently received increased media attention, especially after reports suggested she has significant influence over the President's decision to stay in the race.

In US, Nato at 75 grapples with crisis

The US summit will see enhanced aid to Ukraine and a set of bilateral security agreements that Nato members will enter into with Kyiv

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WASHINGTON: The West has come to Washington. To celebrate 75 years of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (Nato) — the Trans-Atlantic military alliance formed during the Cold War to take on Soviet Union — American, European and a set of Asian leaders are congregating in downtown DC this week at the same site where the alliance was founded.

But the summit of celebration is turning into a summit of crisis as the US-led bloc confronts both an existential internal political challenge from the rise of the political Right at home and deepening external challenge from the China-aided Russian advances in Ukraine at its borders. The twin challenges have created a sombre mood among leaders, officials, and experts. But they also believe that the summit offers an opportunity, possibly the last one, given the political mood in the US and the battlefield dynamics in Ukraine, to insure the alliance against future shocks.

The possibility of Trump's return to the White House
Every discussion on Nato, both among the bloc's leaders and officials and among experts, now revolves around the man who will not be present at the summit: Donald Trump. The increasing possibility of Trump's return to the White House after Joe Biden's disastrous debate performance, the rise of the political Right in Europe itself, and the diminished appetite in much of the West to continue supporting Ukraine has complicated Nato's planning in three respects.

One, the former US president has drawn a firm redline and categorically said that if Nato members don't step up their financial contribution, the US will not meet



A reporter works in the media centre at the Nato Summit in Washington, DC, on Tuesday. Nato is holding its annual summit in Washington this week to mark the 75th anniversary of its founding. American, European and Asian leaders are congregating in downtown DC for the summit this week.

the bloc's Article 5 commitment that provides for collective defence, which is based on the premise an attack on one Nato member is an attack on all. At a campaign rally earlier this year, Trump said that a president of a "big country" had asked him if the US would protect the country from Russia if his country didn't pay. Trump said he had told the president, "No, I would not protect you. In fact, I would encourage them to do whatever the hell they want."

Nato officials and leaders have factchecked Trump, pointing out that 23 of the 32 alliance members spend more than two percent of their budget on defence, with some spending even more. On this issue of "burden-sharing", those committed to the alliance believe that there is meeting ground with a possible Trump administration.

Two, Trump has repeatedly claimed that if he was in power, Russia would not have attacked

Ukraine. In an interview in June, Trump categorically laid the blame for the Russian invasion on what he termed President Biden's "provocative rhetoric" on including Ukraine in Nato. This isn't entirely accurate, for Biden had said in the run-up to the war that Ukraine's entry into Nato wasn't on the avil.

But since the war started, Ukraine has made a strong push to join the bloc and the Washington summit is expected to make a set of announcements outlining a "bridge" that will bring Kyiv to the bloc over the next decade or so. The summit will see enhanced aid to Ukraine and a set of bilateral security pacts that Nato members will enter into with Kyiv. While this appears to be a move to "Trump-proof" any future arrangement involving Ukraine, it will also make a peace deal with Russia more complicated.

And finally, Trump has said that if he wins the elections in

November, he will ensure a peace deal in Ukraine before he takes office in January 2025. Trump hasn't made clear the terms of the deal, but his statement has sparked fears among Nato leaders that a Trump-engineered deal will be on terms that will be favourable to Russia.

This, they fear, will involve a division of Ukraine, shut the doors on Kyiv's possible participation in European political architecture and Nato's security architecture, and embolden Russian President Vladimir Putin to target Nato members, especially Baltic states, next.

The military threat from Russia-China-N Korea axis
This three-pronged internal crisis is accompanied by dual external crisis for Nato.

And that crisis stems from the fact that a Ukrainian counter-offensive failed last summer, Russia has made significant military

and territorial gains, the Russian economy remains resilient despite unprecedented western sanctions, and Putin today is stronger than he has been at any point since February 2022.

And one major reason for this is China's steady support for Russia, in a sign of how the Indo-Pacific and European theatres are getting integrated into a common front for the West.

In an interview with CBS News over the weekend, Nato secretary-general Jens Stoltenberg said, "The war in Ukraine demonstrates how closely Russia and China and North Korea and Iran are. China is the main enabler of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. President Xi and President Putin, they all want Nato, the US, to fail in Ukraine. And if Putin wins in Ukraine, it not only would embolden Putin but also Xi. As the Japanese PM said, what happens in Ukraine today can happen in Asia tomorrow.

It demonstrates that Nato is also important for the US in addressing China."

Both US secretary of state Antony J Blinken and the head of American intelligence apparatus, Avril Haines, have also said that China's support to Russia is among the primary reasons for the shift in the battleground dynamics. The fact that Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand will be present at the Nato summit for the third year in a row is evidence of how both the US, but also its Indo-Pacific treaty allies, have begun to adopt a common frame to view the Russia-China-North Korea axis.

How the Washington summit addresses this conundrum of low morale among Nato members, the political uncertainty at home especially the US, and the enhanced strategic threats from a set of West's adversaries working in coordination with each other will be the alliance's real test.

MOURNING IN UKRAINE AS DEATH TOLL FROM RUSSIAN STRIKES RISES TO 42

KYIV, UKRAINE: Rescue workers continued clearing debris as Ukraine observed a day of mourning of Tuesday, after a deadly Russian strikes shattered a children's hospital in Kyiv and sparked international condemnation. The death toll from the strikes rose to 42, officials said.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on the social platform X that 64 people were hospitalised in the capital, as well as 28 in Kryvyi Rih and six in Dnipro — both cities in central Ukraine. It was Russia's heaviest bombardment of Kyiv in almost four months and one of the deadliest of the war, hitting seven of the city's 10 districts. The strike on the Okhmatdyt children's hospital, which interrupted open-heart surgery and forced young cancer patients to take their treatments outdoors, drew an international outcry.

The 10-story hospital, Ukraine's largest medical facility for children, was caring for some 670 patients at the time of the attack. Okhmatdyt's director-general, Volodymyr Zhovniir, said on Tuesday. The missile hit a two-storey wing of the hospital. "The building where we conducted dialysis for children with kidney failure or acute intoxication is ruined entirely," he told reporters, estimating the overall damage to the hospital at \$2.5 million.

Danielle Bell, the head of a UN team tracking human rights violations in Ukraine, said at least two people were killed at the hospital and some 50 people were injured, including seven children. The casualty figure would have been much higher if patients hadn't been taken to a bunker when air raid sirens first sounded, she added.

The Russian attack was roundly condemned by governments across Europe and North America, with Pope Francis voicing "grave sorrow" over the strikes.

France's Left appeals to Macron allies to get edge in coalition talks

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PARIS: France's Socialist party extended an olive branch to some lawmakers of Emmanuel Macron's movement as political jockeying gained steam in the aftermath of a messy vote that left parliament divided. "We are clear-sighted but not sectarian, so those who want to meet us on these bases — I'm thinking, notably, about left-wing Macronists — we'll be open," Johanna Rolland, the Socialists' chief negotiator and mayor of Nantes, in western France, told France 2 radio on Tuesday.

She cited the lack of doctors and local police as consensual topics a new majority could work on, suggesting parliament could agree on legislation on a case-by-case basis.

The push shows that the left-wing alliance — which includes the Socialists, the Greens and the far-left France Unbowed — is seeking to take the initiative after their surprise win in Sunday's parliamentary elections. The vote created a complex split in the National Assembly, which opens the door to unprecedented deal-making to form a ruling coalition.

Rolland cautioned that talks among members of the New Popular Front to propose a candidate for prime minister — which Macron isn't obligated to accept — could last for a while. Her assertion indicates the complexity of the discussions, as others on the left have said the aim was to make a proposal this week or early next week.

After pushing his country into political disarray with snap elections, the choice for prime minister is nearly intractable. Macron needs to find a candidate who can survive no-confidence votes in a divided lower house of parliament. His power base though has shrunk further, squeezed between Marine Le Pen's far-right National Rally and the resurgent left.

Despite its surprising comeback, the left is more than 100 seats short of a majority and needs to expand its reach to other parties if it wants to have



France's newly elected Members of Parliament for the La France Insoumise (LFI) party of the leftist coalition New Popular Front pose for a picture at National Assembly in Paris on Tuesday.

MACRON NEEDS TO FIND A PRIME MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE WHO CAN SURVIVE NO-CONFIDENCE VOTES IN A DIVIDED LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT.

a shot at ruling the country. But far-left lawmakers are unlikely to agree to work with Macron, who has called France Unbowed extreme and accused the pro-Palestine group of alleged anti-semitism.

On Tuesday, Rolland ruled out France Unbowed's controversial leader, Jean-Luc Melancon, for the prime minister post. "No one at the New Popular Front can say, by decree, it will be this person or that person — we need appeasement and discussion," she said, adding that there would be a vote for the alliance's premiership candidate.

While the Greens and Socialists gained seats compared with the previous elections in 2022, Melancon's France Unbowed was flat, raising questions over his momentum and his ability to appeal to moderates. Late Mon-

day, the 72-year-old appeared to moderate his aggressive stance, saying that ratings agencies and Franco-German relations are important. "We need stability," he told LCI television, papering over differences within the left alliance over his personality and even with the centre over the New Popular Front's programme.

Lawmakers could find compromises on some measures like the wealth tax, Melancon said, while also reaffirming that the New Popular Front still stands. In its campaign, the alliance promised an increase in the minimum wage and higher taxes on businesses and wealthy people.

Francois Bayrou, a Macron's ally and head of the MoDem centrist party, also said last night on LCI that the contours of a government should span the left without France Unbowed and the right excluding the National Rally. He reiterated his position that the France Unbowed program is "dangerous". Prime Minister Gabriel Attal, who will serve in the role until a successor is appointed, was to meet party members on Tuesday amid expectations that Macron's group will seek to forge a centrist coalition with elements of the New Popular Front and the centre-right. His room to manoeuvre though may be limited.

INVESTIGATORS PROBE LE PEN'S 2022 PRESIDENTIAL POLL FINANCES

PARIS: French investigators are looking into far-right presidential candidate Marine Le Pen's 2022 campaign finances for an election she lost to President Emmanuel Macron, prosecutors said on Tuesday.

A probe was opened on July 2 to examine allegations of embezzlement, forgery, fraud, and that a candidate on an electoral campaign accepted a loan, the Paris prosecutor's office said, giving no further details.

A national commission in charge of scrutinising campaign finances called the CNCCFP had alerted the prosecutor's office last year. Le Pen, then head of the far-right National Rally (RN) party, had invested around €11.5 million (\$12.4 million) in her third bid for the presidency in 2022, the second time she faced Macron in the run-off and lost to him.

In December 2022, the CNCCFP had objected to expenses linked to putting up and taking down campaigning material on twelve buses, describing it as "irregular". The RN leader had appealed but then dropped the case. AFP

At least 29 dead in Israeli strike on southern Gaza

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CAIRO/GAZA STRIP: Twenty-nine Palestinians were killed by an Israeli strike that hit tents housing displaced families outside a school in the town of Abassan east of Khan Younis in southern Gaza on Tuesday, the director of the Hamas-run Gaza government media office told Reuters.

Meanwhile, heavy Israeli bombardment shook Gaza City on Tuesday as thousands of fleeing Palestinians searched for shelter and medical facilities were forced to shut down in the latest offensive in the territory's north.

Israel's new ground assault in

Gaza's largest city is its latest effort to battle Hamas militants regrouping in areas the army previously said had been largely cleared. Large parts of Gaza City and urban areas around it have been flattened or left a shattered landscape after nine months of fighting.

Much of the population fled earlier in the war, but several hundred thousand Palestinians remain in the north.

Also, a source with knowledge of the talks said CIA director William Burns and Israel's Mossad chief David Barnea would travel to Doha on Wednesday and also meet the Qatari prime minister, a key mediator.

Pak govt authorises ISI to intercept calls for security

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan government on Tuesday formally authorised the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), the country's premier spy agency, to intercept and trace calls for national security. The Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication issued a notification under the Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organisation) Act, 1996 to this effect.

It also states that the government will prioritise and have precedence in the telecommunications system over any licensee to safeguard national defence or security against foreign threats. "The federal government in the interest of national security and in the

apprehension of any offence is pleased to authorise the officers [...] to be nominated from time to time by ISI to intercept calls and messages or to trace calls through any communication system," the notification read.

Sources said that the notification followed after the government of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif formally decided at the Cabinet level to allow the ISI to trace and record calls. The decision appears to be a part of the government's efforts to tighten the noose on social media platforms as the opposition Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) used them to approach its supporters despite the narrowing of space on the traditional media. PTI



Alec Baldwin
REUTERS

Alec Baldwin's trial begins with jury selection
NEW MEXICO: Alec Baldwin's trial in the shooting of "Rust" cinematographer Halyna Hutchins in October 2021 was set to begin on Tuesday with the selection of jurors who will decide whether the actor is guilty of involuntary manslaughter. AGENCIES

Greece records hottest June in over six decades

ATHENS: Greece recorded in 2024 its hottest June since 1960, a researcher said on Tuesday. While June temperatures in Greece normally do not exceed 30-31°C, the nation had temperatures this year of 35°C and a heatwave in mid-June with temperatures of over 40°C. AFP

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In Peru, remains of wealthy pre-Inca people unearthed at ancient capital

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LIMA: Archaeologists in Peru have discovered the remains of what is believed to be wealthy members of the Chimu civilisation, a pre-Inca society that thrived for centuries in arid plains nestled between the Pacific Ocean and Andes Mountains.

The remains of eleven individuals, estimated to be around 800 years old, were found buried with necklaces, earrings and bracelets, according to lead archaeologist Sinthya Cueva.

"These were probably members of the Chimu's governing class," she said, pointing to the adornments found with them. Cueva did not detail the materials used to craft them. Chimu-era jewellery unearthed in other excavations was often made of bronze or gold. The discovery was made in the Chimu capital of Chan Chan, a short distance north of the modern Peruvian city of Trujillo. The ancient capital is known for its elaborate mud-brick architecture that once formed one of the largest adobe



The remains of what archaeologists believe to be wealthy members of the Chimu civilisation in Trujillo, Peru.

cities in the world.

Cueva said the remains had been "disturbed" and showed signs of violent death, adding they were located in a part of the city that does not have the common characteristics of a cemetery. The discovery was made as part of an excavation that began in April and which aims to restore the perimeter walls of a palace complex. The Chimu flourished along

the coastal plains of northern Peru, from around 800 AD through the 1400s, and are famed for their ornate art, including ceramics, metalwork and textiles, in addition to their use of highly productive terrace agriculture and long-distance trade networks along the Pacific coast.

They were subjugated by the Inca in the late 1400s, several decades before Spanish invaders conquered the Inca in 1532.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Open E-Tender Notice

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work.

Name of Work	Rag-picking along track in the section of SSE/PWay/NDLs under ADE/NDLs.
Approx. Cost of work	₹ 79,77,612/- (Rupees Seventy Nine Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Five Hundred Twelve Only)
Earnest Money to be Deposited	₹ 1,59,600/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Only)
Cost of tender document	₹ 0.00/-
Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender	02.08.2024 at 15:00 Hrs.
Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in
Allocation	04-200-32

*The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system.
*For all terms and conditions please refer tender document.
*No manual offers are acceptable.
*Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.
No. 128-W/280/e Tender Notice/NIT/22/2024-25/W-3 Dated: 09.07.2024 2085/2024

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JAIPUR VIDYUT VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED
Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhawan, Jyoti Nagar, Jaipur 302005

Office of the Superintending Engineer (IT)
3rd Floor, Data Centre Building, Old Power House Ram Mandir, Jaipur-302006
energy.raajasthan.gov.in/jvnl, email: selt@jvnl.org, 0141-2209972

TENDER INVITING NOTICE

The E-Tender is invited for "Repair/Replacement of defective SCADA/DMS equipment's, AMC of healthy equipment and Facility Management Services (FMS) to upkeep the functionality of complete SCADA/DMS System installed in Jaipur City for the period of two years" against TN-102. UBN-VVN2425SLOB00320. All the details regarding tender are available on website www.energy.raajasthan.gov.in/jvnl, www.sppp.raajasthan.gov.in and https://eproc.raajasthan.gov.in. In future, corrigendum/ extension, if any, shall be published only on above websites.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (IT)
IPR-2867 (2024)
RajSamwad/C/24/1931 For Electricity Complaints Toll Free No. 1800 180 6507

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, सा.नि.वि., वृत्त-ग्रामीण, जयपुर
पी.डब्ल्यू.डी. कैम्पस, जैकब रोड, जयपुर क्लब के सामने, जयपुर
फोन: 0141-2223527, E-mail: se@rajpur.pwd@rajasthan.gov.in
E-mail: seruraljaipur@gmail.com

क्रमांक: निविदा सूचना संख्या: 01/2024-25 दिनांक:

ग्रामीण वृत्त, जयपुर अंतर्गत बजट घोषणा वर्ष 2024-25 की धारणा में विद्यमान श्रेणियों में रा.स. 5.00 कोटि के नीचे-पेचबंद निविदा लिखित सूचनाओं का निम्न कार्यों हेतु प्रत्येक निविदादाताओं द्वारा निम्न 23.07.2024 को रा.स. 06.00 बजे तक निविदाओं का जमा है। निविदा से संबंधित अन्य विवरण राज.को. उपरान्त पोर्टल (http://eproc.raajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) एवं विभिन्न वेबसाइट http://pwd.raajasthan.gov.in पर देखे जा सकते हैं। उपरान्त की अनुमति कुल खर्च रा. 431.68 लाख है।
UBN No. PWD2425WSOB01936

अधीक्षण अभियन्ता
सा.नि.वि. ग्रामीण वृत्त-जयपुर
फोन: नं. 0141-2223527

Diprc/5526/2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT) No: 04/EE/Divn.III/PWD(R&B) / 2024-25, Dt. 09.07.2024

The Executive Engineer, Agartala Division No.III, PWD(R&B), Agartala, West Tripura on behalf of the "Governor of Tripura", invites online percentage rate e-tender for the following work:

- Name of work: Construction of B+G5 storied Court building at District & Session Judge Court Complex, Agartala/SH: Building portion including Internal water supply, Sanitary Installation, Sewage & Drainage works, Internal Electrification Works, Fire fighting system, Advance lighting arrester, LAN connectivity, CCTV, Lift and HVAC works.
- Estimated Cost: Rs. 48,65,85,213.00
- Bid Fee: Rs. 10,000.00
- Last date & time for online Bidding: 16.08.2024 upto 3:00 PM

Note: The bid forms and other details including online activities should be done in the e-procurement portal https://tripuratenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer
Agartala Division No. III, PWD (R & B)
Agartala, West Tripura

ICA/C-882/2024-25

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Procurement Tender Notice No: E.TD/C.N.B./2024-25/14 Date: 08.07.2024

E-Procurement Tender Notice

On behalf of the President of India, The Senior Materials Manager, E.T.D./Kanpur invites the following e-procurement tender.

Tender No.	Description	Qty.
57245119B	DOUBLE ROTARY ASSEMBLY AS PER PART NO. H16A OF MECONWAY & TROLEY DRG NO C-50675 OR EQUIVALENT FOR WAP-7 LOCOMOTIVE H-TYPE CBC TIGHT LOCK COUPLER (ITEM SHOULD BE INTERCHANGEABLE WITH FAS MAKE H-TYPE TIGHT LOCK COUPLER).	70 Nos.
57241112B	T.Max Facing unit. Drg. No. Left hand Drg. No L-177-32-3219-19. Make: Sandvik/Indicarb/Widia or equal genuineness certificate.	12 Nos.
57245135A	NVR for HIKVISION make CVVRS for electric loco conforming to spec.RDSO/2105/EL/spec/0118/Rev.1	02 Nos.
57245070B	Plug DO 5P/14 coupler 5 pin Temperature Sensor coupler ABB Part Number-HBT8A15399P0022 & as per CLW Spec.No.CLW/ES/3/0124.AII-0 or latest.	25 Nos.
57245105A	KI brand snap on terminal socket size 2.5 sqmm with insulation with metal reinforcement to cat no KI-5748 conforming to CLW specn no CLW/ES/C/0643.AII-C	5000 Nos.
57245095A	Supply of connection removal tools as per model 210-722 wago make consisting of 3 item in a set for wago terminal with partially insulated shaft of following blade size similar to wago make Size (1) 2.5 x 0.4 mm (part No. 210-719) (2) 3.5 x 0.5 mm (part No. 210-720) (3) 5.0 x 0.8 mm (part No. 210-721) make wago or similar	80 Set

All Tender Opening Date: 29.07.2024 All EMD: NIL

Note: 1. The Complete information of above E-Procurement Tender are available on IREPS website i.e. http://www.ireps.gov.in 2. Bids other than in the form of E bids shall not be accepted against above tenders for this purpose vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS Website along with class III digital signature certificate issued by CCA and IT act 2008. 3. Rates entered into financial rate page is duly signed digitally signature shall only be considered rates and any other financial entry in any other form/letter had if attached by vendor shall be original straight way ignore and shall not be considered. 1194/24(DG)

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tender No.: JHS-ENGC-C-2024-141 Date: 05.07.2024

E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Works) N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

Description of Work: VGLJ-CNB Section: Provision of limited height pedestrian subway at various trespassing locations. (15 No. subway in PRN- CNB Section).

Approx. Cost: ₹ 32795896.15, Earnest Money: ₹ 1789800.00, Date of Closing Tender: 05.08.2024 at 15:00 hrs., Date of completion / period from issue acceptance letter: 12 Months.

Note:-(1) Tender on line can be submitted up to 15:00 hrs. on 05.08.2024. (2) For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in. 1185/24(A)

National Council of Science Museums
Ministry of Culture, Government of India
33, Block-CN, Sector-V, Bidhan Nagar, Kolkata-700 091

Advertisement No. 05/2024

Applications are invited from eligible officers working in Central Govt./State Govt. and other Govt. Autonomous organizations for **01 (one) post of Senior Controller of Finance & Accounts; 01 (one) post of Senior Controller of Stores & Purchase** in the Pay Matrix Level-13 (₹123100 - ₹215900) on *deputation/absorption* basis. The posts carry usual allowances as admissible to Central Government employees.

For details, please log on to www.ncsm.gov.in. Completed applications in the prescribed format should reach the Controller (Admin), National Council of Science Museums, Kolkata latest by **13.09.2024**.

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala)
Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in
(Contact No. 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>
C414/24 35465

बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग
15, नेहरू पथ (बेली रोड), पटना-800001

आवश्यक सूचना

विज्ञापन संख्या 28/2024 के अंतर्गत श्रम संसाधन विभाग, बिहार के निरंत्रणधीन औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्थानों में उप प्राचार्य एवं समकक्ष स्तर के कुल 76 पदों पर नियमित नियुक्ति हेतु ऑनलाइन आवेदन करने वाले उम्मीदवारों को सूचित किया जाता है कि उक्त विज्ञापन हेतु लिखित (कतुनिष्ठ) प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा का आयोजन दिनांक 02.08.2024 को सम्पादित है। अपरिहार्य कारणों से परीक्षा की तिथि में परिवर्तन हो सकता है। परीक्षा का विस्तृत कार्यक्रम बराबर आयोग के वेबसाइट www.bpsc.bih.nic.in पर प्रकाशित किया जाएगा।

अपर सचिव-सह-परीक्षा नियंत्रक,
बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग, पटना

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tender No.: JHS-ENGC-C-2024-141 Date: 05.07.2024

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GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
AYURVEDIC AND UNANI TIBBIA COLLEGE & HOSPITAL
KAROL BAGH, NEW DELHI-110005

F.3 (212)/2019-TC/407-409 Dated: 08.07.2024

Notice

Whereas, Government of India has allotted 33.5 acres (1552 feet x 940.245 feet) land to the Board of Trustees of Ayurvedic and Unani Tibbi College, Delhi, forever, for the operation of Ayurvedic and Unani Tibbi College (now known as Ayurvedic and Unani Tibbia College & Hospital, Karol Bagh, New Delhi), through a Registered Permanent Lease Deed dated 15.07.1925, after payment of full Premium Money. The said land is bounded in North by New Rohtak Road, in South by other land belonging to lessor (GOI), in East by West Park Road (presently known as Ajmal Khan Road) and in West by Darhaliya Road (presently known as Maharana Pratap Road).

AND Whereas, Ayurvedic and Unani Tibbia College & Hospital is being run on the said land since allotment. The College has been taken over by Government of NCT of Delhi vide Delhi Tibbia College (Take Over) Act, 1997 (Delhi Act No. 6 of 1998) on dated 01.05.1998.

Whereas, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 14 of the said Act, Government of NCT of Delhi has notified Delhi Tibbia College (Takeover) Rules, 2006. Under provision of rule 3(h) of the said rules, the Director has to ensure that properties (moveable and immovable) of the College or relatable to the College are taken in the control of the Government.

Whereas, in pursuance of above, a General Notice No. F. 3 (212)/2019-TC/243-246 in three languages (English, Hindi & Urdu), was published in local newspapers on 14.12.2023 and one was pasted on site on 14.12.2023; giving an opportunity of being heard to all the occupier(s) of the property/properties of the College or relatable to the College, under the provisions of rule 7(1) and 7(2) of Delhi Tibbia College (Takeover) Rules, 2006 and informing them to submit their representations, if any, within 60 (sixty) days of the publication of the notice.

Whereas, in response to this General Notice, representations from the occupiers of the property/properties have been received and many of them have requested to provide them an opportunity of Personal hearing.

Now, Therefore, an opportunity of Personal Hearing is given to the occupier(s) of the property/properties of the College or relatable to the College, who had sought Personal hearing, to establish their lawful possession and produce documents to establish as to whether they have any right in the property/properties of the College or relatable to the College. They are advised to bring their original Allotment Letter/Lease deed/Sale deed or any other document issued by the Board of Trustees of Ayurvedic and Unani Tibbi College or Tibbia College Board along with the Terms & Conditions of their allotment. The Personal hearing is scheduled from 16th July 2024 to 26th July 2024 at the office of Director, A & U Tibbia College and Hospital, Ajmal Khan Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi. The detailed schedule of Personal hearing, mentioning specific date and time for each representation is available on the college website <https://autch.delhi.gov.in/> and is pasted on the college notice board and it is also being sent individually through speed post. In case of failure to attend the Personal Hearing on specified date and time or non-production of valid documents as required; it shall be considered that there is nothing to be furnished by the claimant in the said property and no further opportunity of hearing shall be provided and such representations shall be decided accordingly as per rules.

(Dr. Yogita Munjal)
Director
A and U Tibbia College & Hospital
Karol Bagh, New Delhi

DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0120/24-25

INDIAN RAILWAYS
PATIALA LOCOMOTIVE WORKS
PATIALA-147003
Tel.: 2396000, 2396001 Fax No.: 91-0175-2306413

E-TENDER NOTICE

Dy. Chief Engineer/PLW, Patiala acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders on website www.ireps.gov.in. Bidders will be able to submit their original revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against the tender towards earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

N.I.T. No.	CE/PLW/T-14/2024-25/PTA Dated: 09.07.2024
Name of Work	Construction of New Sports Hostel Near Existing Sports Hostel In Colony No. 2, PLW, Patiala, 2024-25.
Advised Value (₹)	₹85,85,721/-
Earnest Money (₹)	₹1,71,800/-
Period of Completion	05 Months
Closing Date & Time of Tender	09.08.2024 at 15:00 hrs.
Opening Date & Time	09.08.2024 at 15:05 hrs.

Note: 1. Credentials/Documents received from the tenderer after opening of the tenders shall not be given cognizance. 2. The eligibility criteria for NIT No. T-14 can be viewed on the website www.ireps.gov.in. 3. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.

No.: PLW/WWW/AA/CS/1879/No-III Dated: 09.07.2024 2086/2024

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GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN
Directorate of Local Bodies, Rajasthan
(G-3, Rajmahal Residency, Near Civil Lines Railway Crossing, Jaipur)
No. F.15(G)PD/DB/DAY-NULM-CB&T/HR/23/7708 Date: 03.07.2024

Notice Inviting Bid (NIB)
Code DLB2425A0723

The Directorate of Local Bodies (DLB), Government of Rajasthan intends to hire as HR Agency as service provider (for Procurement of Technical Experts (TEs) at State Level & all 33 District Headquarter cities, Community Organiser (Cos) in all Cities of the State for implementation of DEENDAYAL ANTYODAYA YOJANA - NATIONAL URBAN LIVELIHOOD MISSION (DAY-NULM).

Directorate of Local Bodies invites online bids from HR agencies, which have requisite experience in this field as detailed in the bid document, which can be downloaded from the State E-Procurement website www.eproc.raajasthan.gov.in or from the state procurement portal www.sppp.raajasthan.gov.in or from department website www.lsg.urban.raajasthan.gov.in & www.emar-india.org from 02.07.2024 the bids can be submitted online on State E-Procurement website www.eproc.raajasthan.gov.in up to 01.08.2024 by 4.00 PM.

UBN No. DLB2425SLOB02301 Director & Joint Secretary
Directorate of Local Bodies
Diprc/5690/2024

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

OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY NO. TSQ-1153/TD-II/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/TD-II/2024-25. For detailed NIT and Tender Specification please refer to <http://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>
C411/24 35464

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/TMCL/Line, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-tender under one Packet System for the under noted work:-

1. Name of work and location	POH of Track Machines UTV, 2001, 2002, 2004, 3061 and 10072 at TMCD K/KE, LKO and TKD working under Dy. CE/TMCL/Line/NR
2. Completion period of the work	08 Months
3. Approx cost of work	₹ 24641384.55
4. Earnest Money amount (to be deposited online)	₹ 273200.00
5. Cost of Tender Document (to be deposited Online)	Rs. Nil
6. Date & Time for Submission of E-Tender and opening of tender	Tender document remain available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 10.07.2024 upto 15:00 Hrs on 31.07.2024 Tender Bids may be uploaded from 17.07.2024 & upto 15:00 hrs on 31.07.2024 on IREPS web site. The tender will be opened soon after 15:00 hrs on 31.07.2024
7. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document	The detailed tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in . Above tender document will be available for online submission of offer on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 17.07.2024 to 31.07.2024. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

Tender Notice No. 1-W-Dy.CETMCL-UTV-06-24-25 Dated: 09.07.2024 2088/24

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बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग
15, नेहरू पथ (बेली रोड), पटना-800001

आवश्यक सूचना

विज्ञापन संख्या-22/2024, अध्यापक नियुक्ति प्रतियोगिता पुनर्परीक्षा (TRE-3) के कतिपय अर्थार्थियों का उनके द्वारा ऑनलाइन आवेदन में अपलोड किये गये फोटो एवं हस्ताक्षर का ईमेल असष्ट/अपठनीय एवं रिक्त है। वेसे अर्थार्थियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि वे निम्नलिखित कागजात/साक्ष्य, परीक्षा की तिथि तिथि 19.07.2024 से 22.07.2024 तक की परीक्षा के लिए संबंधित परीक्षा केन्द्र के केन्द्राधीक्षक को समर्पित करना सुनिश्चित करेंगे:-

- अर्थार्थी आयोग के वेबसाइट www.bpsc.bih.nic.in पर उमलख्य घोषणा पत्र को पूर्णरूप से भरकर उनके निर्दिष्ट स्थान पर किसी राजपत्रित पदाधिकारी से अभिप्रायणित सीन फोटो चिपकायेंगे एवं निर्दिष्ट स्थान पर अपना हस्ताक्षर हिन्दी एवं अंग्रेजी में करेंगे।
- राजपत्रित पदाधिकारी से अभिप्रायणित दो सीन फोटो में से एक फोटो अर्थार्थी अपने ई-प्रवेश पत्र में निर्दिष्ट स्थान के बमल में चिपकायेंगे। दूसरा फोटो ई-प्रवेश पत्र के कार्यालय प्रति में संबंधित परीक्षा केन्द्र पर केन्द्राधीक्षक के समक्ष चिपकायेंगे।
- अर्थार्थी पहचान के लिए ऑनलाइन आवेदन में दर्ज किये गये पहचान पत्र के रूप में आधार कार्ड लाना सुनिश्चित करेंगे।
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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.: 05-Elec/G/PJRY/24-25 Dated: 06.07.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

Senior Div. Electrical Engineer/Gen/N.C.Ry/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following E-Tenders as prescribed form for the following works up to 15:00 hrs. on 12.08.2024. The details of the tenders are as under:-

S. N.: 01 Tender No.: ELG-09-2425
Name of Work: Prayagraj Division: Provision of 4.5 MWp Solar Power Plant over the Prayagraj Division.
Cost of Work (In Rs.): 234433553.05 Bid Security (In Rs.): 1322200.00

S. N.: 02 Tender No.: ELG-10-2425
Name of Work: Prayagraj Division: Provision of 2.5 MWp Solar Power Plant over the Prayagraj Division.
Cost of Work (In Rs.): 132114331.80 Bid Security (In Rs.): 810600.00

Duration of completion: 06 Month, Tender Opening Date: 12.08.2024, 15:00 Hrs. Note: 1. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tender is available on Website www.ireps.gov.in upto 15:00 hrs. on the due date of tender opening. 1193/24(ADM)

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Nivida No.06 of 2024-25 CORRIGENDUM NO.1

Following rectification is made in Tender Notice No.06 of 2024-25 of Executive Engineer, Ver-II Project Division, Yara PINCODE NO.394650. Phone No.2626-222090, Dist. Tapti.

Sl. No.	Event	Old Date	New Date
1	On line Tender upload date.	04/07/2024 to 05/08/2024 Up to 18.00 Hrs.	08/07/2024 to 06/08/2024 Up to 18.00 Hrs.
2	Submission of Document date.	Up to Dt.16/08/2024 at 18.00 Hrs.	Up to Dt. 16/08/2024 at 18.00 Hrs.
3	Pre-bid Conference Date and Address	Dt.18/07/2024 at 12.00 Hrs. Office of Committee Room, Block No.9 Fourth Floor, Sachivalay, Gandhinagar.	Dt.22/07/2024 at 12.00 Hrs. Office of Committee Room, Block No.9 Fourth Floor, Sachivalay, Gandhinagar.
4	P.Q. Bid Opening Date & Time	Dt.06/08/2024 in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Ukai Circle (Civil), Ukai at 12.00 Hrs.	Dt.07/08/2024 in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Ukai Circle (Civil), Ukai at 12.00 Hrs.

All other conditions remain unchanged No.:Mahiti-Surat/269/2024

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 07/2024 dated 09.07.2024

Tender Notice

On behalf of President of India, Divisional Material Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj invites the E-procurement tenders.

Tender No	Description	Qty.	Tender Opening date
19246206	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of waterless urinal system as per RDSO FRS No. RDSO/2023/EL/FRS/0034 Rev.-0 issued in Feb-2023 for electric locomotive.	80 Set	30.07.2024

Note: 1. The complete information of above E-Procurement Tender is available on IREPS website i.e. <https://www.ireps.gov.in>. 2. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tender, for this purpose, Vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with class III Digital signature certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2008. 3. Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entry in any other form/letter had if attached by vendor shall be straight away ignored and shall not be considered. 4. Documents being attached should be signed on their body. The above tender notice has been uploaded on <https://www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in>. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the IREPS website may be approached. 1197/24 FA

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

No. NIT-44-24-25-W/I Dated: 09.07.2024

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-II, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work.

1	NIT -44 Name of work: Provision of Ballast less track (BLT) for line nos. 1 & 4 at MDNR -44 station in the section of ADE/MUT under Sr.DEN-II. Approx cost of work: As per NIT or IREPS, Earnest Money to be deposited: As per NIT or IREPS
2	Date & Time of opening of tender 06.08.2024 15:00 Hrs.
3	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen www.ireps.gov.in

* The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. * For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. * No manual offers are acceptable. * Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only. 2091/24

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RBI's decision on futures curbs sparks rush for SGX

Rupee-dollar futures volumes fell on NSE post central bank's regulation

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MUMBAI: The Reserve Bank of India's decision to allow trading in exchange-traded currency derivatives has helped an unintended beneficiary some 4,000 km away—the Singapore Exchange, or SGX.

Volumes of rupee-dollar futures on the Singapore Exchange have surged since RBI's restriction—which came into effect on 3 May—crimped volumes on India's National Stock Exchange. Earlier, NSE enjoyed a 94% share in India's exchange-traded currency derivatives segment.

Market experts had warned that RBI's decision to allow trading in exchange-traded currency derivatives on NSE and BSE to only those with underlying contracted exposure would end its use to hedge foreign exchange risks.

The rule, announced in Janu-



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ary, implied that only those with foreign currency exposure could trade in exchange-traded currency derivatives. Earlier, users having positions of up to \$100 million each in any exchange-traded currency derivatives contract involving the rupee didn't need to have an underlying position.

Currency market experts attribute the increased trading of rupee-dollar futures on the Singapore Exchange to foreign institutional investors shifting to the island nation for such hedges, apart from the Indian rupee's recent depreciation. After remaining stable for months at

between 81.5 and 83 to the US dollar, the rupee fell to 83.6 in June. FIIs previously had the option of arbitraging dollar-rupee futures contracts on both NSE and SGX, with the same currency pair on the offshore non-deliverable forwards market (NDF). Now they have recourse only to SGX and NDF, said Jayesh Mehta, vice chairman and chief executive of DSP Finance.

"Earlier, FIIs could arbitrage between NSE dollar-rupee and NDF dollar-rupee. Now that option is only available between SGX and NDF, which is one of the reasons for the volumes on

SGX rising in the June quarter," said Mehta.

The average daily turnover of rupee-dollar currency futures on the Singapore Exchange jumped 28% from \$1.45 billion in the March quarter to \$1.85 billion in the June quarter, show data from Bloomberg and the stock exchanges.

In that same period, the average daily turnover of NSE's currency futures tumbled 73% from \$3.39 billion to \$912 million.

While currency derivatives liquidity has dried up on NSE, the share of foreign institutional investors in gross futures turnover has also dropped—to 4% in May from 8.8% in 2023-24, NSE data show. Retail investor share on NSE slumped to 5.6% in the June quarter from 15.2% in the January-March period. But the share of proprietary traders has jumped to 80.2% from 66.6% of the turnover on India's largest stock exchange.

Currency market experts explained that as RBI doesn't allow resident individuals trading through the liberalized remittance scheme on overseas markets to use leverage, the FIIs who hedged their residual currency risk on NSE moved to SGX.

Single licence may power critical minerals mining

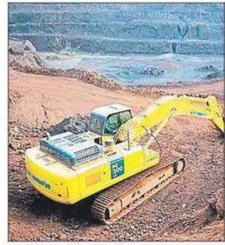
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NEW DELHI: The Centre may issue so-called composite licences to find and extract critical minerals, in an effort to end the fragmented nature of licensing, and to tempt mining giants, which passed up the blocks that went on auction last year.

Critical mineral auction is currently a two-step process. In the first step, exploration licences are auctioned, and the bidder agreeing to share the lowest amount with a future miner wins the licence. Once a discovery is made, another bid is called, and the miner offering the highest revenue share to the government wins the right to mine. This model has discouraged mining giants and the government is now considering merging the two licences into one, two officials said.

"Combining the two would make sense for big exploration companies and will help India discover and mine more. It is not financially lucrative for companies to focus only on exploration and then bid separately for carrying out mining of discovered resources," one of the two officials said on the condition of anonymity.

Critical and strategic minerals



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are key to many sectors, including high-tech electronics, telecommunications, transport and defence. Of particular significance is lithium, a key component in rechargeable batteries used in electric vehicles and storage systems. While China controls 75% of global lithium refining, India's lithium imports were disrupted by the war in Ukraine. Besides, India imports its entire requirement of nickel, used in stainless steel manufacturing. In fact, Jindal Stainless Steel recently acquired a 49% stake in an Indonesian company to secure nickel supplies.

Yet, miners were cold to India's four auctions of critical and strategic minerals. The government had to annul 14 out of 18 blocks offered in the second

tranche due to few or no bidders. The few blocks awarded also did not see participation from global or Indian mining sector giants. The first auctioned lithium block in Chhattisgarh went to Maiki South Mining Ltd.

A composite licence will require an amendment to mining laws, and the proposal is being discussed at various levels in the government, a second official added. The discussions are part of the new policy initiatives that the government wants to bring in its third term.

The government named 24 minerals as critical and strategic minerals last year, after amending the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulations) Act. The amendment allows the Centre to grant concession of these minerals so that it can prioritize their auction in view of national requirements. The entire auction premium and royalty for these minerals, would, however, be paid to the state governments.

"Allowing successful explorers to progress to the mining stage provides economic incentives that can attract investments from both larger companies and specialised smaller exploration firms," said Rajnish Gupta, partner, tax and economic policy group, EY India.

An email sent to the mines ministry remained unanswered.

SENSEX, NIFTY HIT ALL-TIME HIGHS ON GAINS IN AUTO, FMCG SHARES

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MUMBAI: Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty rebounded on Tuesday, hitting their fresh record closing levels on the back of gains in auto and FMCG shares and foreign fund inflows.

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 391.26 points or 0.49% to settle at a new closing peak of 80,351.64. During the day, it jumped 436.79 points or 0.54% to hit a new lifetime high of 80,397.17.

The NSE Nifty went up by 112.65 points or 0.46% to 24,433.20 -- its record closing high. During the day, it surged 123.05 points or 0.50% to hit a new record peak of 24,443.60.

"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, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

Among Sensex shares, Maruti Suzuki India jumped over 6% amid reports that the UP government waived registration taxes on hybrid cars as part of its initiative to promote environmentally friendly vehicles in the state.

Mahindra & Mahindra, Titan, Sun Pharma, ITC, Nestle and Tata Motors were the other big gainers. Reliance Industries, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Bajaj Finance and JSW Steel were among the laggard.

Investors are eagerly awaiting the first-quarter earnings results, which will guide market direction, Nair said, adding, "Additionally, continuous positive FII inflow contributes to the prevailing positive sentiment".

In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge climbed 0.36% and smallcap index went up by 0.22%.

Among the indices, auto jumped 2.17%. Consumer durables (2.01%), realty (1.23%), consumer discretionary (1.21%), healthcare (1%) and utilities (0.76%) also closed higher.

Telecommunication, capital goods and tech were the laggards.

PLI scheme in works for making shipping grade containers

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NEW DELHI: The government is working on a production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for manufacturing shipping-grade containers to improve its domestic availability and cut large scale import as, especially from China, said two officials in the know, seeking anonymity.

In view of the growing concern among Indian exporters and importers over a global shortage of containers amid the Russia-Ukraine war, the government has decided to play a decisive role in addressing the problem, the above-mentioned officials said.

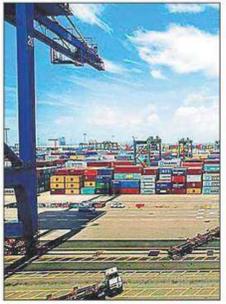
Besides, the Centre has also been trying to lower its import dependence on China for containers. China is the largest container supplier globally accounting for 90-95% world-wide market share.

"A PLI scheme is under consideration. According to the requirement, the incentive amount will be considered to woo private players, and make India self-sufficient in manufacturing containers," the first among the above mentioned two officials said.

A high-level committee has been formed to promote local container manufacturing and bring it under PLI and cluster-based manufacturing system. The scheme may be announced in the budget for FY24 as part of the government's initiative to introduce PLI projects for several new sectors with high level of import dependence, this official said.

Queries emailed to the ministries of ports, shipping and waterways, commerce & industry, finance and the department for promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT) did not elicit an answer till press time.

The need for a steady supply of containers is also key to the



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Centre's efforts to boost domestic cargo transportation through inland waterways and coastal shipping. Besides, the structural weakness is expected to be addressed through the scheme that has been hurting goods exports since the outbreak Covid-19 pandemic.

The sanctions imposed on Russia by the European Union and US following its invasion of Ukraine have led to an acute shortage of containers, which in turn has increased freight rates and impacted global trade. In the past two years, Covid, too, has disrupted manufacturing and supply of containers globally.

"There are apprehensions about a glut in container demand. To some extent, it may sound convincing, but what about the scarcity of containers when demand for them rises unexpectedly?" the second official said.

"India has emerged as a promising market for fulfilling global goods demands. Our exports are increasing and as we strive to become the world's third-largest economy, it is crucial that we reduce our dependence on others for containers to meet global demands," this official said.

No changes to MGNREGS outlay; top-up only if needed

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NEW DELHI: The national rural job guarantee scheme that keeps millions of Indians out of penury is unlikely to see a higher allocation in this year's Union budget, two officials said.

Allocations to the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) are likely to be similar to estimates in the interim budget, one of the two officials said. "These allocations can be increased later as per the requirement and demand for

jobs in the rural regions," the person said on the condition of anonymity.

Initial estimates for MGNREGS stand at ₹60,000 crore and ₹86,000 crore for FY24 and FY25, respectively. However, spending overshoot estimates in FY24, indicating high demand for rural jobs. While the revised FY24 estimate for MGNREGS stood at ₹86,000 crore, the actual spending touched ₹1.06 trillion, according to data from the rural development ministry.

Approximately 34.25 million individuals sought work under the scheme in June, a 22.5%

decrease from a year earlier. Around 27.19 million sought work in May, 14.3% lower than the corresponding period last year. Guaranteed rural jobs are finding takers given stagnant consumption and weakness in FMCG growth in rural areas, according to economists.

"One of the reasons for consumption being lower in rural areas than urban is that when we are looking at consumption, we are looking at it more from the point of view of what people are consuming, and 80 crore (800 million) people getting free foodgrain leading to some disparity. There is a weakness when we look especially at rural consumption and FMCG growth in rural areas. As far as the budget is concerned, we have a conflicting signal. MGNREGS job demand went down-y-o-y in May and June, which suggests that activities in rural areas are catching up," said Devendra

Pant, chief economist at India Ratings & Research.

Separately, the budget may announce adding more women to the Lakhpati Didi self-help group (SHG) list, the first person added.

"There is a proposal to include 1.1 million SHG members as Lakhpati Didi in the next five years under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana," said the second official cited above.

The rural development ministry's Lakhpati Didi scheme aims to empower women and transform SHGs into sustainable income-generating producer organizations.

Moody's maintains India's 2024 growth forecast at 6.8%

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NEW DELHI: Rating agency Moody's on Tuesday kept India's economic growth forecast for calendar year 2024 unchanged at 6.8%, while predicting a 6.5% growth for 2025.

Moody's Rating said increasing domestic and overseas demand supports GDP growth in emerging markets (EM), with wide variation by country.

"We have revised our aggregate EM forecast to 3.9% for 2024 and 2025, up slightly from our previous forecast, to reflect faster-than-expected growth in some of the largest EM economies in the first half of this year," it added.

In its Global Macro Outlook 2024-25 published in March, Moody's raised its forecast for India's GDP growth in 2024 from 6.1% to 6.8%, reflecting both global and domestic optimism in the country's economy on the back of robust manufacturing activity and infrastructure spending.

"India is likely to remain the fastest-growing among G-20 economies over our forecast horizon," it said.

Gross domestic product



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(GDP) for fiscal year 2024 expanded at 8.2%, ably supported by January-March 2024 quarter growth of 7.8%, according to data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation in May. Both figures were significantly higher than the 6.2% (revised) recorded in Q4 of FY23 and 7% registered in the previous fiscal. The push for GDP growth came from key sectors including manufacturing, construction, mining and services.

Moody's said headline inflation has slowed mainly because of lower food prices in India, but price volatility remains an issue. "Headline inflation is decreasing in EM Asia and is near or

below central bank targets in most countries in that region alongside generally tepid wage trends, although India and Vietnam are reporting stronger wage gains of over 5% year on year," it added.

Moody's expects inflation in India to ease to 5.2% in 2024 and 4.8% in 2025 from 5.7% in 2023.

According to the latest data from the statistics ministry, retail inflation based on the consumer price index (CPI) eased to 4.75% in May from 4.83% in April, the slowest pace in a year, aided by a more moderate rise in prices of food items such as meat, fish, milk products, vegetables, and spices. Inflation has stayed below 5% since March.

However, food inflation, which accounts for almost 40% of the overall consumer price basket, rose 8.69% year-on-year in April. Food prices have remained elevated for over a year due to the uneven and below-normal monsoon rains last year. Food inflation has consistently stayed above 8% since November.

The Reserve Bank of India could 'hold for longer' on interest rate cuts, Moody's said in its latest report.

Govt wary of GST cut on fertiliser raw materials

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NEW DELHI: The government fears that any reduction in Goods and Services Tax on sulphuric acid and ammonia specifically for manufacturing fertilisers may lead to large-scale diversion of the two key raw materials for producing detergents, paints, dyes, plastics, artificial fibres, explosives and refrigerants, officials aware of the development said.

While GST on fertiliser is 5%, its inputs such as sulphuric acid and ammonia attract 18% tax, leading to so-called duty inversion for fertiliser manufacturers. But any duty reduction in these inputs would create a problem for several other sectors, disadvantaging their man-

ufacturers, two officials said requesting anonymity.

This is an old issue that requires urgent attention now as businesses are unable to claim input-tax credit (ITC) because of higher levies on raw materials (or inputs) compared to the finished goods.

Inverted duty structure is a situation in which inputs are taxed at a higher rate than finished goods. The inverted duty structure in the fertiliser sector was discussed at the 45th (September 2021) and 47th (June 2022) meetings of the GST Council, but no decision could be taken on the matter ; the issue came up again after the Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers on August 9, 2023 recommended reducing GST on both fertilizers and their



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"One solution is to give end-use exemption, reducing GST on inputs for specifically fertiliser manufacturing (sulphuric acid and ammonia) from 18% to 5% or lower. But, the government's policy is to move away

from end-use exemptions as they are prone to misuse," one of the people said.

The domestic fertiliser industry wants the government to bring down GST on raw materials of Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers such as sulphuric acid and ammonia to the level of the finished product at 5%.

The GST Council in its 53rd meeting last month referred the matter to the Group of Ministers (GoM) on rate rationalisation, which will take a holistic view on this issue, the second official said.

The GST Council is the apex decision-making body on indirect taxes, chaired by the Union finance minister and represented by states through their respective finance ministers. Barring one instance related to

taxation on lottery, its decisions have been unanimous since its inception in July 1, 2017.

The GoM, which is headed by Bihar deputy chief minister Samrat Choudhary, is also tasked to consider the standing committee's proposal to reduce GST on micronutrients from the existing 12-18%, the first official said. "The GoM now has new head, who will take time to review the progress made in the process of rate rationalisation. It is likely to present an approach to the matter in its next Council's meeting and subsequently make its recommendations. However, the final decision on rates on various goods and services will be taken by the Council," he added.

Micronutrients are essential plant nutrients such as zinc, manganese, copper and boron.

{ THE CROSSWORDS }

CRYPTIC CLUES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mother's involved with plan for making bombs (6)
 - 4 Coming in last after me she gets caught (8)
 - 9 Names include a famous soprano (6)
 - 10 One may put his suit in a case - or vice versa (8)
 - 12 Headland or loch (4)
 - 13 Cheat people (5)
 - 14 Ring starts involuntary movement of the ear (4)
 - 17 As found in the doll's hospital? (5,7)
 - 20 An incoming charge (9,3)
 - 23 Can recall Napoleon's exile (4)
 - 24 Gain favour with a hot dish (5)
 - 25 Withdrawal of 101 meeting points (4)
 - 28 Charge too much? (8)
 - 29 He takes orders to break the circle (6)
 - 30 Easy opponent to beat and knock to the floor (8)
 - 31 An indication of cold perhaps (6)

DOWN

- 1 Common title for Satan? (8)
- 2 A friend has new ideas for building a fence (8)
- 3 Heavy rule for an actor (4)
- 5 Small cutters one may find extremely useful (4,8)
- 6 Issue of time off (4)
- 7 Something good to drink to (6)
- 8 The cad is out to break the engagement (6)
- 10 Go over - to the enemy once more? (7,2)
- 11 Lose one's footing on a piece of glass (5)
- 15 Mint bar? (5)
- 16 Naturally it's to do with a series of lectures (2,6)
- 19 Perhaps I'd come about something commonplace (8)
- 21 About to take successful action to recover (6)
- 22 A sailor girl with unmarried sisters in her care (6)
- 26 A voice raised in a loyal toast (4)
- 27 Large family; many in jail (4)

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QUICK CLUES

- ACROSS**
- 1 In addition (2,4)
 - 4 Self-satisfaction (8)
 - 9 Special aptitude (6)
 - 10 Exaggerated praise (8)
 - 12 A part of speech (4)
 - 13 Causing laughter (5)
 - 14 Extend across (4)
 - 17 Inspired (4-3-5)
 - 20 Pompous bore (7,5)
 - 23 To harvest (4)
 - 24 Quite impossible! (2,3)
 - 25 Thin streak of smoke (4)
 - 28 An aromatic spice (8)
 - 29 Manage with what there is (4,2)
 - 30 Balanced proportions (8)
 - 31 Stiffening strip in a sail (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 Right of self-government (8)
 - 2 Intentionally (8)
 - 3 Connecting element (4)
 - 5 Many-sided (12)
 - 6 Number of spectators at game (4)
 - 7 Free from liability (6)
 - 8 Adage (6)
 - 11 Solemn promise (4,2,6)
 - 15 Precipitate (5)
 - 16 Be vaguely aware of (5)
 - 18 Embrocation (8)
 - 19 Resign from a position (4,4)
 - 21 Plant of iris family (6)
 - 22 Large wine bottle (6)
 - 26 Get on (4)
 - 27 Factual information (4)

MONDAY'S SOLUTIONS (16907)



QUICK



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- Paksha, 04
- Samvat 2081
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- Moonrise: Wednesday at 09:21 am
- Moonset: Wednesday at 10:26 pm

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EURO 2024

England eye repeat; Dutch a revival



HARRY KANE

A Saka-Gakpo contest could light up semi-final as England look for second successive Euro final berth

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KOLKATA: Assuming one is needed, redemption, strictly speaking, is still two wins away. But relief there was for Bukayo Saka and it showed in his reaction: a big smile, tongue out and putting his hands behind ears. After he had missed the penalty in the Euro 2020 final, there had been a torrent of racist abuse. Yet Saka said he had chosen to put himself in this position. "Takes courage," said Gareth Southgate and he is an England manager with subject matter expertise.

Saka took six penalties for Arsenal in the 2023-24 Premier League but, as Southgate has pointed out at the European championship, "these are not normal football matches" but "national events with huge pressure" on young men.

Saka may be needed in the tie-breaker again on Wednesday (early Thursday in India) when England play Holland in the semi-final. Even though he has not always got the ball in areas that would allow him to make runs he does at Arsenal, even though he has not had players he can combine with like he does at his club, Saka has been one

of the bright spots in a listless campaign. In five matches, as per UEFA, Saka has made nine runs into the penalty area. That is eight more than Harry Kane. He has had seven attempts, one assist and one goal. The goal against Switzerland was typical Saka, cutting in and aiming for the far corner. Defenders know what he will do and yet, like Arjen Robben, they can't often stop it. For tormenting and subduing Michel Aebischer, for runs past the defence, that ball intended for Kobbie Mainoo and the goal, Saka, used as right wing-back, was adjudged player of the match in the quarter-final.

Barring Kane, no one in England squad has as many international goals as Saka (12 in 38 matches; 6 assists). Jude Bellingham is next with four in 34. Saka came to the tournament with 20 goals and 14 assists in 47 club games in 2023-24. It was the third successive season where he notched up club goals in double digits.

Saka was left-back for some time in the Round of 16 and though it is a position he hadn't played in since May 2021, he put in a competent performance including finding a pass that Declan Rice smashed into the upright. This no-fuss slotting into an unfamiliar role and yet not looking out of place makes Saka a coach's favourite. But with Luke Shaw back in business, Saka should be on the right in Dortmund.

And that could make for an interesting contest with Cody Gakpo who has lit up the left side of the Netherlands' front three. Like in the 2022 World Cup, Gakpo has three goals in Germany. No one has as many among the teams remaining. Only Johnny Rep and Dennis Bergkamp have scored three or more in two majors for Holland. Gakpo also has one assist and it was because of his pressure that Turkey's own-goal happened in the quarter-final.



England's Bukayo Saka during training in Blankenhain.

Gakpo is 25, Saka, 22. Like Gakpo, Saka also scored three goals in Doha, won a penalty against France and gave Theo Hernandez a hard time in the quarter-final. And he helped England get the equaliser in the Euro 2020 semi-final.

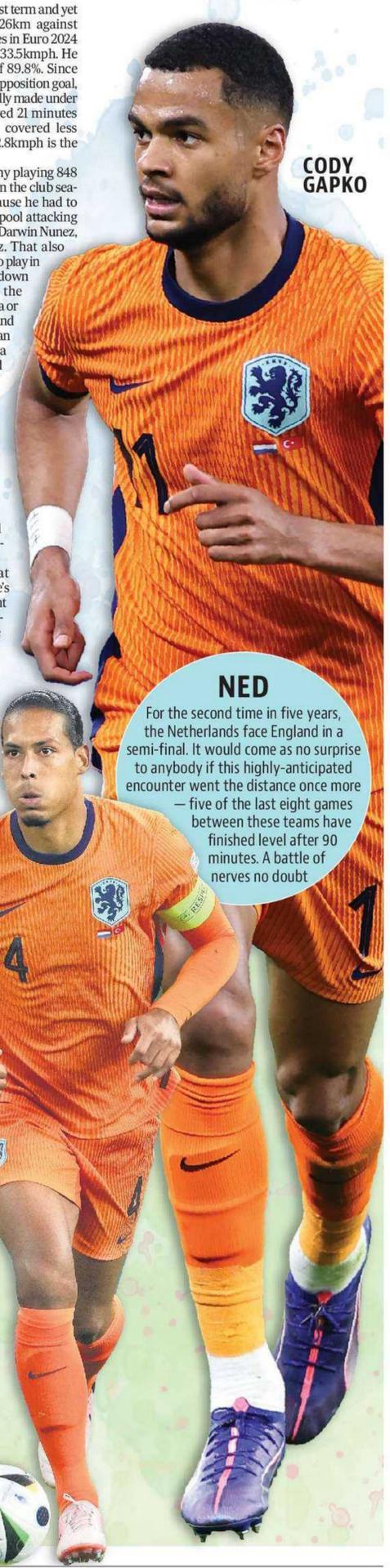
Used to being double-teamed against Switzerland sometimes had three on him - Gakpo and Nathan Ake are likely to be marking Saka. England's bid to rein in Gakpo would need Saka to be smart in deciding when to move up, smarter in tracking back so that Kyle Walker is not left alone. "He (Gakpo) is really dangerous if he comes one-on-one with the right-back. Inside, outside, he has his qualities, he's strong," Holland coach Ronald Koeman was quoted as saying by AFP.

Saka played 52 games last term and yet has covered 50.4km, 13.26km against Switzerland, in 456 minutes in Euro 2024 registering a top speed of 33.5kmph. He has a passing accuracy of 89.8%. Since they happen closer to the opposition goal, most of the passes are usually made under pressure. Gakpo has played 21 minutes less in the tournament, covered less ground (46.24km) and 32.8kmph is the fastest he has run.

Gakpo came to Germany playing 848 fewer minutes than Saka in the club season. Part of that was because he had to fight for a place in a Liverpool attacking line-up that had Mo Salah, Darwin Nunez, Diogo Jota and Luis Diaz. That also meant Gakpo would need to play in midfield and sometimes, down the middle. He did but the results were not like in Doha or in Germany. Sixteen goals and six assists in 53 matches is an underwhelming stat for a forward Liverpool paid \$45m to PSV Eindhoven in January 2023.

"I was a left winger before, so that's always been my preference. I think in the last one-and-a-half years the coach (at Liverpool) needed me to play somewhere else and that's what I try to do the best I can," AFP quoted Gakpo as saying on Tuesday.

"He's playing at a great level at this tournament. He's maybe the (most) important player until now," said Koeman. Saka is among those who could change that.



CODY GAKPO

NED

For the second time in five years, the Netherlands face England in a semi-final. It would come as no surprise to anybody if this highly-anticipated encounter went the distance once more - five of the last eight games between these teams have finished level after 90 minutes. A battle of nerves no doubt



{ SEMI-FINAL 2 }
ENG vs NED

AT DORTMUND TIME: 12:30AM

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KEY MATCH-UPS

GAKPO VS WALKER

Liverpool winger Cody Gakpo is the joint-top scorer at the Euros with three goals and has been the Netherlands' key attacking threat. But in England right-back Kyle Walker, he faces a tough defender. The Man City man can match Gakpo for pace and Gareth Southgate will no doubt instruct Saka to be diligent in his tracking back too

KANE VS VAN DIJK

England striker Harry Kane has endured an underwhelming tournament, far from the goal machine he proved in his first season at Bayern. Kane is nowhere close to his physical peak and now must tussle with Liverpool defender Virgil van Dijk. The giant Dutchman has not been at his best either but like his team, has improved in the knock-out rounds

FORMATION



ENGLAND FORMATION
3-4-2-1

NETHERLANDS FORMATION
4-2-3-1

England's likely line-up

- Jordan Pickford 1
- Ezri Konsa 14
- John Stones 5
- Kyle Walker 2
- K Trippier 12
- Declan Rice 4
- Kobbie Mainoo 26
- Bukayo Saka 7
- Jude Bellingham 10
- Phil Foden 11
- Harry Kane 9

Netherlands's likely line-up

- 1 Bart Verbruggen
- 4 Virgil van Dijk
- 6 Stefan de Vrij
- 5 Nathan Aké
- 14 Tijjani Reijnders
- 24 J Schouten
- 22 D Dumfries
- 13 Cody Gakpo
- 7 Xavi Simons
- 25 S Bergwijn
- 10 M Depay

Gambhir to take over as India coach from SL tour

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MUMBAI: From Rahul Dravid's ice-cool demeanor to the fierce competitor in Gautam Gambhir. From the process-driven methodical head coach to the furiously result-driven successor. That's the adjustment the Indian dressing room will have to make.

An open secret for the past two months, BCCI made Gambhir's appointment official on Tuesday.

Twice a World Cup winner as a player and the strategic brain behind IPL 2024 winners KKR, Gambhir will be joining the Indian team for the upcoming white-ball tour of Sri Lanka, starting July 27.

"Gambhir has been a fierce competitor and a brilliant strategist. We believe he will bring the same tenacity and leadership to his role as Head Coach. His transition to the role of Head Coach is a natural progression, and I believe he will bring out the best in our players," BCCI secretary Jay Shah

said in a statement.

"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," Gambhir said in his statement.

Gambhir's statement seems to suggest that Laxman who is currently overseeing the young Indian T20 team in Zimbabwe will share the coaching burden in the lead up to the Champions trophy, scheduled for February. Gambhir will soon be joined by his own set of support staff. Former India player Abhishek Nayar who worked with Gambhir as assistant coach at KKR is likely to be one of the new appointments. T Dilip, India's fielding coach under Dravid is likely to get an extension.

It is learnt, Gambhir's appointment is for three years until the 2027 ODI World Cup. Rohit Sharma has been reappointed captain until the conclusion of the World Test Championship, next June.

Much like Dravid, Gambhir is well acquainted with today's sport, having been an active commentator and mentor with IPL teams - first with LSG and later KKR. But unlike Dravid who came through the ranks coaching U19 and India A, Gambhir does not have a body of work (as coach) to fall back on. As a player, his winning contributions in both the 2007 T20 World Cup final and the 2011 ODI World Cup final as well as his epic match saving second innings 137 in the Napier Test against New Zealand are performances that speak for his big match temperament. Coaching though is a management exercise too. And to that end, the manner in which Gambhir coaches some of the bigger names of Indian cricket will be closely watched.

Form and fitness permitting, Virat Kohli may have a good three years of ODI and Test cricket in him. The two Delhi icons have had their share of on-field stormy moments in the past. That and his equation with captain Rohit will decide if he can take Indian cricket to achieving more peaks.

With Dravid, Rohit had slowly established a strong bond which he summarized in an Instagram post, hours before the Gambhir announcement came.

"You are an absolute stalwart of this game, but you left all of your accolades and achievements at the door and walked in as our coach and came on a level where we all felt comfortable enough to say just about anything to you," Rohit wrote on Dravid. "My wife refers to you as my work wife and I'm lucky to get to call you that too."

Gambhir has a backer in R Ashwin. "Gambhir is a misunderstood person. It's all about perception. He is a competitor. His desire and hunger to win is unbelievable," Ashwin said at his book launch.

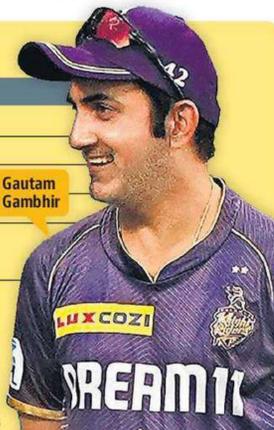
Gambhir as player

Format	Tests	ODIs	T20Is	IPL
Matches	58	147	37	154
Runs	4,154	5,238	932	4,217
Best	206	150*	75	93
Average	41.95	39.68	27.41	31.24
100s	9	11	0	0
50s	22	34	7	36

Gambhir in IPL

Gambhir led KKR to two IPL titles, in 2012 and 2014. Back to KKR as mentor he guided them to their third title in 2024.

Before joining KKR in November 2023, Gambhir had been mentor at Lucknow Super Giants during IPL 2022 and 2023, helping them qualify for the playoffs in both seasons.



INDIA BEAT SA BY 10 WICKETS TO LEVEL T20I SERIES

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CHENNAI: India produced an all-round show to outclass South Africa by 10 wickets in the third women's T20I on Tuesday.

Opting to bowl, Pooja Vastrakar and Radha Yadav shared seven wickets between them as India bundled out South Africa for 84 runs in 17.1 overs. Shafali Varma (27) and Smriti Mandhana (54) then overhauled the target, scoring 88/0 in 10.5 overs to level the series 1-1. Pooja (4/13) and Radha (3/6) were simply sensational as India produced a disciplined effort.

For SA, Tazmim Brits was the top-scorer with a 23-ball 20, while Anneke Bosch scored 17 and Marizanne Kapp made 10. Brief scores: SA Women 84 all out in 17.1 overs (Tazmim Brits 20; Pooja Vastrakar 4/13). India Women 88/0 in 10.5 overs (Smriti Mandhana 54*). India won by 10 wickets.

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[SUNIL GAVASKAR] HT INTERVIEWS THE CRICKET LEGEND

'I am what I am because of cricket'

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MUMBAI: The original 'Little Master' of Indian cricket turns a sprightly 75 today. Through the years, he's faced some of the fiercest fast bowlers without a helmet, earned respect for India with his feats, become an iconic commentator and never stopped loving the game. And when he does get some time, he loves nothing more than inspiring a new generation of cricketers. It helps him stay relevant even in 2024. Excerpts:

Milestones are part of cricket. You are touching one such in life with your 75th birthday. How does that feel?

When I was playing, I didn't even know when I would reach 75. On 50, people would applaud. When you are closer to 100, there would be anticipation. With 75, if you guys wouldn't tell me, I wouldn't even know that I have touched 75.

The Indian cricket team has given you the ideal birthday gift with the T20 World Cup...

Oh, I couldn't have asked for a better gift than what Rohit Sharma and his boys gave me. I am still on a high. People ask me if I am over the moon. No, I am still in orbit. The consistency they showed even in the ODI World Cup and now again. Any team that plays that well has to be the best. And it's India's team. My team, your team.

Unlike today, the Indian cricket board wasn't strong during your playing days. It was almost intimidating for many players, but you always took a stand...

It wasn't easy because you were given pitches which were so much in favour of fast bowlers. Today when they complain about spin-friendly pitches, it makes me laugh. People quickly forget. Now we have quick bowlers, so such pitches aren't prepared. Even then, once Kapil came along, they were forced to think. But when you were playing for India, you wouldn't want to take a backward step in a confrontation. We wouldn't initiate but we gave it back. We were a post-independent generation and there was no awe of the British or the Australians. There was admiration when they played well.

We saw the reception India's World Cup winners got last week in Mumbai. Does it

MOST TESTING SPELLS HE FACED

1976 "One by Richard Hadlee in Christchurch where he was making the ball talk. Hadlee was almost bowling fast leg-breaks. I got a 70 and Vishy (G Viswanath) too got a 70. We managed to save that match."

1979 "Against Imran Khan in Delhi... He bowled only a few overs before he pulled up with a side strain. But it was an incredible spell. I had taken so many blows on the gloves, he was getting the ball to rear up from length."

1983 Andy Roberts during my 200 in Chennai... From 170 till I reached 200, he must have bowled some of the fastest overs I have faced. In follow-through he was finishing just a few feet away from me."



Sunil Gavaskar bats during the third day of the fifth Test against West Indies in Kolkata on December 12th, 1983.

GETTY IMAGES



Derek Underwood was one of the toughest spinners I handled. Tauseef Ahmed and Iqbal Qasim bowled marvelously in that Test that India lost (1987).

SUNIL GAVASKAR, on the toughest spinner he faced in internationals

amaze you watching the love the Indian cricket fan gives?

Cricket is one sport that has been in the hearts of Indians all these years. The videos I saw, to see the common man brave the rain to see the bus which was carrying the players, it was heart-warming. It's a blessing for Indian cricket. When we came back after the 1971 win against England, our celebration was more subdued. The 2007 T20 World Cup celebration was great. After the 2011 ODI World Cup win, the Mumbai streets were choked, a good 4-5 hours after the win.

Can you tell us what explains your zest for life at 75?

I am what I am because of cricket. I still love watching others play and to be able to talk about the game is a blessing. The moment I find it tedious to watch, I will stop. But now, I still look forward to new magic from a Jasprit Bumrah or a batter, every time I go to a stadium.

How have you stayed relevant for so long?

As the game has evolved with T20 cricket, you have to look at it from a completely different perspective. There are no quiet overs in T20s unless you have a Bumrah. Again, with Bumrah, every ball is an event — a bouncer, a slower yorker, a quick yorker, incoming

ball, outgoing ball. It keeps you involved as the game unfolds. I am fascinated by the shots that the boys play — the scoop, the ramp, the switch hit. I know that a lot of people of my generation don't like T20. But I absolutely love it for the entertainment it provides. That's why I feel comfortable commenting in that format as well.

England tried some of these shots in Tests, which didn't work here. But you seemed to have enjoyed it...

Because they were playing a different brand of cricket. Yes, they found a match in an India team who had learnt their lessons after the first Test of the last series. They were not able to implement it. But while they were at it, it was entertaining. It was like going all guns blazing even when you are about to be knocked over.

When you look at Tests only India, England and Australia play 5-Test series. Is that half glass full or empty for Tests?

I look at it as half full. Because only these countries have the talent, energy and resources to play

all formats. The other boards don't quite have the wherewithal. Today, it's only when these countries play, Test cricket excites you.

Can you tell us something about your philanthropic work over the years...

I am involved heavily for the Heart To Heart foundation where we do free surgeries on children suffering from congenital heart problems, most of whom come from financially challenged sectors. Our success rate is almost 99%. The other is the CHAMPS foundation where we have been helping those Olympians who have had to struggle financially after retirement.

We are waiting for your book on the technical side of cricket?

(Laughing) The technique from early days... I mean it's still there but there have been new layers which have been added. Somebody who has played all these formats, today can write. Maybe Sachin (Tendulkar) can write.

'He played world's best attacks with lot of skill and guts'

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MUMBAI: Last month, as India played Pakistan in the 2024 T20 World Cup in New York, a video of a different kind went viral on social media.

Microphone in hand, Sunil Gavaskar broke into a jig during the pre-match show, while the DJ blasted 'Lungi Dance' at the stadium. His infectious energy rubbed off on co-commentator Wasim Akram too. The Pakistan legend joined the Indian great in showing off a few impromptu dance moves, and the two finished with a high-five.

The great, grooving man celebrates his 75th birthday on Wednesday. His enduring zest for life continues to astonish everyone.

"We were very good friends right from the first day when I met him at The Oval when India beat England. I was the first one who went and met him. He was a huge name at the time and had scored a double century in the West Indies. I call him 'Master'. We were in the world XI team together. He is like a brother to me," said Pakistan batting great Zaheer Abbas.

"It's nice to

know that he has turned 75. I wish my friend the best. Happy birthday to him."

Dilip Vengsarkar, who has shared many partnerships with Gavaskar, sees him as a batter who could score hundreds at will.

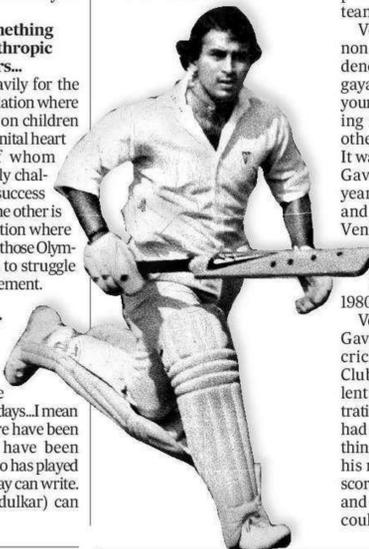
"He has played against the best attacks in the world. In the 1970s and 1980s, every team had quality bowlers. He faced those bowlers with a lot of skill and guts, it was quite exemplary, especially after fielding one-and-a-half days. On the second day when everybody was tired and the bowlers were fresh, he handled it beautifully. It was top class."

Gavaskar's senior, Chandu Borde, has witnessed how the opening batsman's performances helped change the world's outlook of Indian cricketers.

"As a batter he showed courage and sound technique. In those days there were no helmets, bowlers could cross the front foot line because (front foot) no-ball was not there that time. The way he faced pace bowlers was amazing!," exclaims Borde, who was one of India's leading players in the 1960s, playing 55 Tests from 1958 to 1969. "Because Gavaskar performed so well it helped his teammates too."

Vengsarkar concurs. "The non-striker also gains in confidence. Agar samne wala darr gaya toh doosra bhi hiltai hai (If your batting partner is not playing with confidence, then the other batter also gets affected). It was a huge plus (to play with Gavaskar) in my formative years in international cricket and for Mumbai as well," says Vengsarkar, who played 116 Tests for India and was a No 1 batter in the world for a long time in the mid-1980s.

Vengsarkar, who played with Gavaskar right from his club cricket days at Dadar Union Club said Gavaskar had excellent temperament. "His concentration was phenomenal, and he had a great hunger for runs. The thing is he always played within his means, that's why he could score all those runs, taking risks and once he was in the zone, he could score a hundred at will."



Medvedev outlasts Sinner in five sets; to face Alcaraz in semi-final

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MUMBAI: It was undoubtedly the marquee last-eight encounter across the men's and women's singles draws at Wimbledon. Jannik Sinner, the newly-crowned world No.1, had a monumental challenge on his hands as he took on fifth seed Daniil Medvedev in what was a repeat of this year's Australian Open final.

Besides the six-year age gap, there was little to choose between the two. Both players had one Grand Slam title to their names — on hard courts — and their best result at the All England Club had come last year when they made the semi-finals. In terms of their head-to-head record too, Medvedev only had a slight 6-5 advantage.

The point worth remembering, though, was that Sinner had emerged victorious in each of their last five matches. In January, the 22-year-old had fought back from two sets down to defeat Medvedev in the final at Melbourne Park, before earning a dominant straight-sets win over the Russian in the Miami semi-finals two months later.

However, all that momentum the Italian had gathered wasn't enough as Medvedev produced an inspired performance under a closed Centre Court roof on Tuesday. The 28-year-old won 6-7, 6-4, 7-6, 2-6, 6-3 in exactly four hours to set up a semi-final showdown with defending champion Carlos Alcaraz, who also bounced back from a set down to beat American Tommy Paul. Alcaraz had beaten Medvedev in straight sets in the Wimbledon semi-finals last year.

The first set ended up deliver-



Russia's Daniil Medvedev reacts during his quarter-final against Italy's Jannik Sinner.

REUTERS

ing exactly the sort of tennis one would expect from a Sinner-Medvedev duel, with lung-busting rallies and neither player giving an inch from the baseline. There wasn't a single break point through the set before Medvedev took a 3-1 lead in the tie-breaker after a brutal 33-shot exchange. He then had a set point at 6-5 but made consecutive unforced errors, and finally suffered a tame end to the opener by hitting a double fault.

Medvedev didn't take long to put that disappointment behind

him and broke early in the second set to take a 2-1 lead. And despite squandering consecutive break points to pull further ahead, he remained composed on serve and drew level in the match.

This way and that

Just like the second set, Medvedev broke to take a 2-1 lead in the third too as Sinner hit three forehand unforced errors in that game. Things then went bad to worse for Sinner as he called for a trainer and gestured with his

finger that he was perhaps feeling dizzy. He had his blood pressure checked and buried his head in his hands before leaving for an off-court medical timeout that lasted for 11 minutes.

Upon resumption of play, Sinner moved gingerly on court and used an ice towel between games. He kept hitting drop shots in search of shorter points and it seemed his physical struggles would get the better of him. But somehow, he began feeling a lot better and broke back when Medvedev was serving for the set

at 5-4. Out of nowhere, it felt like the tide had turned and Sinner would regain his lead in the match. Medvedev, however, showed grit to save two set points and end Sinner's streak of winning nine consecutive tie-breakers.

Ready for decider

The twists and turns of this fascinating battle weren't done, though, as Sinner stormed through the fourth set. Medvedev, having been broken early, played a number of loose points and it seemed evident that he was saving his energy for the decider. Although Sinner was striking the ball cleanly like he usually does, it was anybody's guess which way the match would head.

But once again, it was Medvedev who drew first blood and took a 3-1 lead. Sinner, perhaps still not at his best, pushed hard to break back and took the fifth game of the set to deuce five times. But Medvedev hung on before closing out a memorable win that he can take immense confidence from going forward.

"I knew if I want to beat Jannik, it needs to be a tough match. He's not a guy that you can beat easily anymore," said Medvedev on court after his win. "It was a great match with great points and I'm really happy with my game. It's actually very tough because at one moment I could feel he wasn't moving that well, so it's always tricky because you want to play more points to make him suffer a little bit more, in a good way, but at the same time you know he will decide to go full power at some point, which he did and had set points. In a way, I would maybe prefer to not have this situation. But all's well that ends well."

HOTEL FIASCO IN
BHOPAL FOR INDIA
SHOOTERS BOUND
FOR OLYMPICS

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NEW DELHI: Paris Olympics-bound rifle shooters training in Bhopal had to face major inconvenience on Tuesday due to an administrative mess related to their accommodation. Without prior notice, the shooters were asked to shift hotels with their luggage, giving them just around 20 minutes for packing.

To make it worse, the shooters have been told they will have to come back to the same hotel on Wednesday morning.

It has been learnt that shooters are upset with the situation and complained to NRAI top officials about why things were not organised properly when it was known that the national camp will be held in Bhopal. The pre-Olympics camp started on July 7 and will continue till July 13, after which they will travel to France on July 14.

"There was lot of confusion regarding their accommodation from the first day. Today evening when they came back from training at around 3pm, the shooters and support staff were told they will have to immediately vacate the hotel," said a person aware of the development.

Another person said that being a wedding season, there was a paucity of hotel accommodation. NRAI officials were not available for a comment. A record number of 21 Indian shooters have qualified for the Paris Olympics.

India women lose
1-2 to Myanmar

YANGON: India women lost 1-2 to Myanmar in a football friendly on Tuesday. Win Theingi Tun (14') and San Thaw Thaw (74') scored for the winners. Pyari Xaxa reduced the margin. This was India's fifth defeat to Myanmar in six matches.

Nagal moves into
second round

BRAUNSCHWEIG: 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. The Olympic-bound Nagal, seeded second, will take on Argentina's Pedro Cachin in the round of 16 on Wednesday.

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